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Fraternity houses almost completed



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Construction should finish soon on the fraternity houses on Greek Row. MTSU officials said the groups would be ready to move in next month.

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

MTSU fraternity members anticipate the opening of Greek Row, which is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2000. MTSU officials also hope to plan the building of sorority houses in the near future.

The eight fraternity houses on Greek Row will be located on Rutherford Boulevard, near the recreation center and the new intramural fields. The fraternities building houses are Alpha Gamma Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu.

"We were hopeful when we started this project that it would improve campus life, especially on the weekends," said James Walker, president of MTSU. "This will be a very nice place to live and showcase the fraternities."

The fraternity houses were paid for by university state bonds, which each fraternity will be responsible for paying back over a period of 30 years.

Many of the fraternities plan to pay for their houses with monthly rent and fraternity dues.

Walker said plans for the sorority houses were put on hold because the members could not come up with the finances to pay for them.

There are rumors that sorority houses are illegal in Tennessee, but Walker said that is not the case.

"There is no such law," Walker said. "I think that sorority houses would make an excellent balance with the fraternity houses," said Bob Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs.

"I am hoping that will be the next phase."

Each fraternity house cost approximately \$1 million to build, with the most expensive costing \$1.4 million, according to Vic Felts, director of Greek Life.

The houses hold anywhere from 20 to

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40 men, bringing about 230 more residents to campus

Each house will have a house manager, similar to a dorm resident assistant to make sure the rules of the house are being followed. These managers will be required to attend resident life training and crisis management training, Felts said.

Fraternity members will be expected to abide by the university's no-alcohol policy.

"The same policies apply to Greek Row as to the other campus facilities and residence halls," Walker said.

Walker said that he discussed this with each fraternity before Greek Row construction and that they all agreed it would not be a problem.

"Any party that a fraternity has involving alcohol will have to take place off campus," Felts said.

"I think people are getting used to the idea that you don't have to have alcohol to have fun," said Jason Goforth, a member of Sigma Nu.

"It's plain and simple. It's a dry campus so Greek Row will be dry," said Eric Clement, president of Beta Theta Pi.

However, some fraternity members have a slightly different opinion about the issue.

"MTSU is a dry campus, but everybody knows that people drink in

dorms," said Wes Marsh, a member of Sigma Chi. "If there is alcohol [in the fraternity houses] I know that it will be very well-contained because risk management will be enforced."

Felts said that violators of the alcohol policy will be dealt with in the same manner as those living in the residence halls.

Kevin Travis, member and former president of Beta Theta Pi, said that he has spoken with members of fraternities at other dry campuses, and they rent clubs off campus to have parties involving alcohol.

Marsh also said that his fraternity will probably rent clubs for parties.

"This will also promote more control to stop underage drinking," Marsh said.

"We've got a couple of brothers who will allow us to have parties at their houses," said Marshall Campbell, member of Kappa Alpha. Campbell will serve as president of Kappa Alpha next year.

Members of each fraternity were responsible for creating the floor plans for their new homes.

The Kappa Alpha house is the only house that offers all single rooms, and it has a built in <None>DJ booth above the floor in the social room.

Nick Levin, member of Pi Kappa Alpha, said that their house's backyard is large and has a porch. The Pi Kappa Alpha house will provide living arrangements for 28 men.

Many of the fraternity members hope to form closer relationships not only with their brothers, but also with members of other fraternities.

"I plan to get a lot closer to my brothers and get to know [members of] other fraternities," Levin said.

"I think you'll have some differences between fraternities, but once we get into these million dollar houses, I think we'll mature and appreciate what we have," said Clement.

"This will be a real learning experience for all of us," Travis said. ■

Warning system to be tested

Staff Reports

Those won't be Christmas bells you hear ringing Thursday afternoon.

The university will be testing its new tornado warning system at 12:20 p.m., according to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration.

The test consists of a 15-second siren, followed by an oral message, "Attention! This is a test of Middle Tennessee State University's emergency warning system. This is only a test."

It will be the first test since the siren was

installed behind the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center earlier this semester.

The system will be tested monthly, at 12:20 p.m. on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months and at 11:10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

Smotherman said the tests will be conducted on such a varied schedule to allow a larger number of students, faculty and staff to hear the tests.

According to Smotherman, several personnel will be stationed around campus to evaluate the loudness of the siren and the

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Theft of bicycles up on campus

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

Bike theft is a favorite activity of campus criminals, according to crime statistics released by the MTSU Public Safety.

Reported incidents of bicycle theft are on the rise since 1996, when only 21 bike thefts were reported. Last year, Public Safety officials recorded 26 cases of bicycle theft, totaling a loss of over \$6,000 for the victimized students.

Since July, 15 cases have been reported to Public Safety, which accounts for 22 percent of theft activity on campus, according to a Sidelines statistical analysis. However, the risk of bike theft can be reduced.

Public Safety offers a registration system for bicycle owners. The serial numbers of

bicycles are recorded to make identification and recovery of stolen property easier.

Bicycle racks are provided on campus for bike security.

Officials recommend securing bikes to the racks with a U-bolt style lock or large chain. Such security devices are offered commercially for around \$35.

Some bicycle manufacturers offer integrated locks on their products.

Cyclic Systems of California developed a patented locking mechanism that is part of the bicycle's frame.

It would be necessary to cut the frame in a theft attempt, making the bike useless to the criminal.

Public Safety officials urge students to secure their bicycles regardless of where they park them. A majority of campus bike thefts occur near dormitories. ■

Rejected!



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Nick Collins blocks Dale Thomas' shot during the Blue Raiders game against the Kansas Jayhawks Sunday. The Raiders lost 99-77. For more photos and a story of the game, see page 10.

Students eligible for scholarship

Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

MTSU biology professor Patrick Doyle said he hopes to nominate six eligible sophomores or juniors for scholarships worth up to \$5,000 for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Doyle serves as the liaison between the university and the Morris K. Udall Foundation, said the Udall Foundation.

He designed a scholarship specifically for sophomores or juniors who have outstanding potential and who study the environment and related fields and/or Native Americans and Alaska Native students who are also sophomores or juniors who have outstanding potential and are in fields related to the health care or tribal public policy.

"This scholarship is for students who are interested in making policy changes in the government," Doyle said. "No one from MTSU has been a recipient of this scholarship."

Udall was a U.S. Congressman for three decades whose "legacy has impacted this nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources" and who also "championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and used his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance," his biography in the application stated.

Authorized by Congress in 1992, the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation honors Udall and his "legacy of public service" by awarding 75 Udall scholars with scholarships up to \$5,000 or the cost of tuition, fees, books and board, whichever is less.

Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of support per application and selected sophomores may be renominated one more year. Junior nominees will not be renominated.

The Udall Foundation will consider the student's field of study, career objectives, and the extent to which that

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

Dec. 6-7

Student Athletic Trainers Association is holding a silent auction. Bid sheets will be posted throughout campus and support is greatly appreciated. Contact Dr. Malissa Martin at 898-8187 for more information.

Dec. 6-10

Applications are available for next year's Up 'Til Dawn planning committee in KUC 306 or by calling Kealie Frazier at 904-8270. The deadline for applications is Dec. 10 at 4:30.

The Panhellenic Council will be celebrating "The Week of the Scholar." An awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Contact Jocelyn Howard at 217-6066 for more information.

Dec. 7

MTSU Women's Chorale will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in WMB Music Hall.

Jan. 3-9

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoeing trip to the Florida Everglades. The cost is \$125 for students and \$160 for guests. Only 10 participants will be accepted. Sign up at the Recreation Center or contact WT, Mitch, or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

ONGOING

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food, and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly

meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscm.org

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

Lambda Association invites everyone on campus to attend meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact the president, Tony Gowell, at 867-3658 for any questions or concerns, or visit the web site at www.mtsu.edu/~in.lambda.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings are held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings are held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

Project HELP is expanding its program to include typically developing one to three year old children. Parents interested in enrolling their child may get an application and additional information by calling Debbie Estes at 898-2837 or the Project HELP office at 898-2458.



World News

31 killed in Christian-Muslim clashes in Maluku

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A fresh wave of violence between Christians and Muslims in the Maluku Islands in eastern Indonesia has left at least 31 people dead, officials said Sunday.

Sectarian violence erupted late Thursday and lasted until Saturday, a police spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Both sides used guns and petrol bombs to attack dozens of houses in Maluku, an island chain about 1,100 miles east of Jakarta.

The Maluku Islands, formerly known as the Moluccas, have been plagued by religious violence. Police sources have said the fighting in Maluku has claimed more than 700 lives since it first broke out almost a year ago. More than 100,000 people have fled or lost their homes in the escalating violence.

Human rights activists say more than 1,000 people have died since January.

69 dead in central Vietnam after heavy rain

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Rescuers scrambled to get food and life vests to inundated areas in central Vietnam after a new round of flooding left 69 people dead, government officials said Sunday.

Four days of heavy rain has unleashed 5 1/2 feet of water on some parts of the region, which is still struggling to recover from massive flooding in November.

The military has responded with emergency assistance, deploying more than 5,000 soldiers based in the region to help. On Sunday, helicopters made a total of 10 airdrops of food and supplies to stranded flood survivors.

Weather forecasters were predicting more rainfall over the next several days, and officials expected casualties to rise.

The National Committee for Flood and Storm Control put the initial damage estimate at \$14.3 million.

Castro demands that Cuban boy be returned

HAVANA (AP) — President Fidel Castro demanded Sunday that the United States return a boy rescued at sea to his father in Cuba within 72 hours, warning that the Cuban people were losing patience and soon would begin mass demonstrations.

Castro accused the U.S. government of kidnapping 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was found clinging to an inner tube floating off the coast of Florida. He promised a "battle for world opinion" to bring the child home.

In an unusual move Sunday, the Cuban government stationed several dozen soldiers outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana — the American government's Cuban mission.

The reason for the move was not clear; generally there are only about four soldiers outside the mission. Calls requesting comment from the mission were referred to Washington.



National News

Private prisons improve, but some flaws continue

ATLANTA (AP) — The state Department of Corrections is "concerned" that two private prisons in south Georgia still fail to adequately treat the medical needs of state inmates.

The concern about Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America's 11-year-old facilities in Coffee and Wheeler counties surfaced in an audit report that follows up on problems discovered in a September review.

Officials say the two prisons have improved medical care and security at the two prisons, but remaining problems leave the company outside of compliance with the contract.

The report noted continuing problems with the system that sets off an alarm if an inmate tries to climb perimeter fences, short staffing in a cellblock and a lack of inmate discipline at both prisons.

The report said CCA has improved medical care and security at the two prisons, but it provided few details on remaining concerns.

Man pulling parade float runs over mother

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A man towing a Christmas parade float full of children accidentally pulled it over his 74-year-old mother, killing her.

Police said Lela Brandon was standing between her son's pickup truck and the float Saturday when the parade briefly stopped.

Mrs. Brandon was talking with a relative on the float and her son, whose name was not released, did not see her there when the parade resumed, Officer Hank Perry said.

Mrs. Brandon, who died at a hospital following the accident, was the owner of a day care center that sponsored the float.

Church building drive-through Christmas story

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In a nation of fast food restaurants, cash machines and even drive-through liquor stores, the city's First Church of the Nazarene is finding people like their religion quick and convenient as well. This week, the church is closing its parking lot to set up a drive-through Nativity scene for those who want to experience the "true meaning of Christmas," but don't want to leave their cars.

"I suppose some people will feel it is tacky, and I suppose intellectually it is," said Carla Johnson, professor of communications at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. "But from the standpoint of they have a message that they want to get to as many people as they can ... it's a really good idea."

The church expects about 10,000 people to take the 15-minute drive, said Jane Krutz, a member of the church's board of directors.

Since the church started the tradition 12 years ago, the five-day exhibit has grown to about 140 costumed characters and a stable full of animals, from donkeys to hens.



State News

Officials say body found is missing Chicago student

EADS, Tenn. (AP) — Hope turned to despair for a Chicago family when they learned their daughter's body was found in a field about 25 miles east of Memphis.

The Shelby County, Tenn. medical examiner's office on Saturday positively identified the body as that of Hilary Johnson, 24, a University of Memphis graduate student who has been missing since Nov. 20, Memphis police Lt. Dave Martello said.

Martello said the medical examiner will not rule on the cause of death until further tests have been conducted, probably no later than Monday.

He would not say what condition the body was in or whether it was concealed when it was found Saturday morning, citing the ongoing investigation.

The body was found about a mile off U.S. Highway 64, about 50 miles from Tipton County, Miss., where Johnson's white Hyundai was found last week, authorities said.

Firefighters battling blazes in Cherokee National Forest

ETOWAH, Tenn. (AP) — Three fires burned more than 700 acres in the Cherokee National Forest.

The three fires, two of which burned together, were contained Saturday, said Mary Dotson, a spokeswoman with the state Agriculture Department's firefighting division.

Dotson says the fires are in and near the Gee Creek Wilderness, a couple of miles southeast of Etowah. She said no homes or buildings are threatened.

Firefighters are burning off vegetation between the fire lines and the fire in hopes of stopping the blaze.

The fires were probably caused by people, Dotson said. But she said it was not clear if the fires were arson or if a campfire went out of control.

Federal government to clean up former ammo plant

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers this month begins cleaning up two contaminated dumps at a former ammunition plant which made the explosive TNT.

Some 70,000 pounds of spent vanadium pentoxide, a metal used to make trinitrotoluene, or TNT, will be removed from the 6,372-acre Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant site, the Corps said Friday.

The Corps also plans to drain and seal five concrete reservoirs that contain an oily liquid laced with TNT and other dangerous compounds.

contamination is the byproduct of decades of ammunition production at what was once the world's largest TNT plant. Before it was shut down after the Vietnam War, the plant was the area's biggest employer.

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Honors College hosts conference

Kyle Hamlett
Special to Sidelines

MTSU's University Honors College will host the annual Tennessee Honors Conference, a meeting of all the honors colleges and programs in the state Feb. 18 and 19.

"The meeting will be beneficial for everyone involved," said John Paul Montgomery, dean of University Honors College. "The students will gain valuable experience while interacting and sharing ideas."

Students will submit writing and research projects that reflect the conference's theme, "Ideas in Conflict." Students whose work is selected will have an opportunity to showcase their ideas in small forums or breakout sessions with other students.

"Every conference has a theme," Montgomery said. "The particular theme of 'Ideas in Conflict' allows for much diversity and will hopefully bring a number of topics to the conference. Most any paper that aims to resolve a conflict or moves towards a specific point would qualify."

A lot of graduate work includes attending and participating in conferences, said Becky McLaren, secretary of University Honors College.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the students," she said.

The Rogues, a Celtic band, will provide the musical entertainment during a luncheon for students, said Montgomery.

Montgomery has asked the Rogues to give the history and explanations of their music and instruments, and said he hopes that the students will learn something about Celtic music and its heritage.

This year is MTSU's second with an honors college, as opposed to the honors program that started in 1973. This year is MTSU's first to host the conference.

In years past, David Lipscomb University, Tennessee Technological University, and Freed-Hardeman University, among others, have all hosted the conference.

For more information, visit the Tennessee Honors Conference Internet site at www.mtsu.edu/~honors/THC2000/thc2000.html.

Technology that works

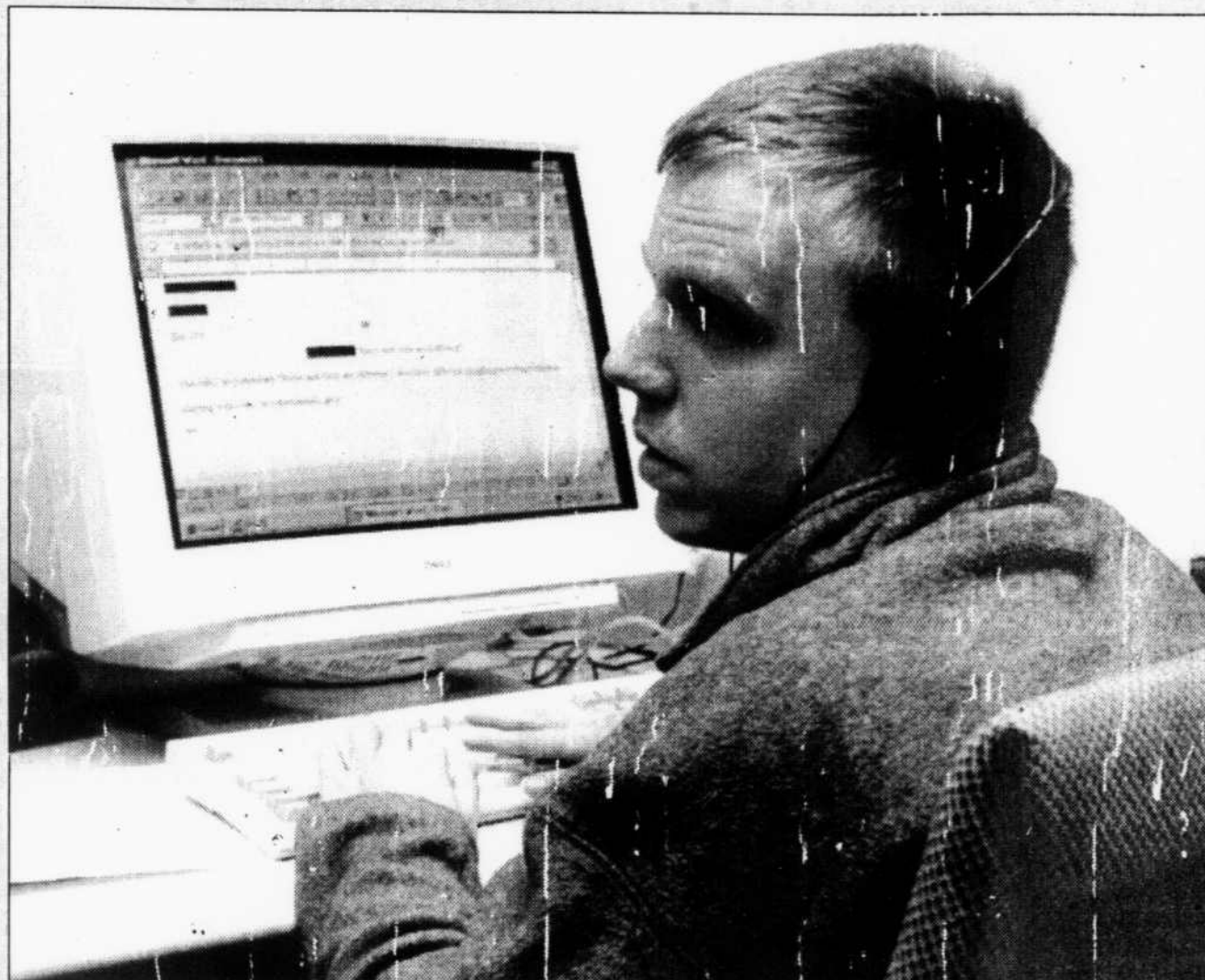


Photo provided
Jason Ellsworth, a recording industry major who is blind, demonstrates equipment in the Adaptive Technology Center in the University Library during a recent open house. The computer Ellsworth is using has a voice activator, which communicates audibly with the keyboard operator.

Court rules U. of Texas can't be punished for use of affirmative action policy

Staff Reports

AUSTIN (TMS) — The University of Texas at Austin can't be punished for using an unconstitutional affirmative-action policy to reject a white applicant so long as the applicant would have been rejected anyway and the policy is no longer in use, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday.

University officials said they considered grades, standardized test scores and other factors — including race — when deciding which 20 students admit to a Ph.D. psychology program during the 1996-97 academic year. Francois Daniel Lesage, one of 223 applicants, said he was rejected because he was white.

The nation's highest court disagreed. Its unanimous decision reversed an earlier ruling

by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which said the university could be sued for rejecting Lesage because it used an impermissible affirmative-action program.

But the Supreme Court essentially found that Lesage was a poor candidate — a decision bolstered by university evidence revealing that at least 80 applicants had a higher undergraduate grade-point average than he did, and 152 had higher test scores. Seventy-three had stronger records than Lesage on both counts, the university reported.

"If the government has considered an impermissible criterion in making a decision adverse to the plaintiff, it can nonetheless defeat liability by demonstrating that it would have made the same decision absent the forbidden consideration," the court's ruling stated.

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individual has the commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field. Students must also have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

The application requires a 600-word essay discussing a significant public speech, legislative act or public policy statement by Congressman Udall and its impact on the student's field of interest.

"The Udall Foundation is committed to educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage by establishing programs to encourage the continued use, enjoyment and exploration of our nation's rich and

bountiful natural resources; by training Native Americans and Alaska Natives in the areas of health care and tribal public policy; and by training professionals in environmental policy," the application stated.

Feb. 15 is the deadline for all nominations to the Udall scholarship review committee.

The committee will meet in April to discuss applicants. The committee will announce the Udall scholarship recipients in May.

The deadline for submitting applications at MTSU is Feb. 1.

For more information about the Udall scholarship, contact Doyle at 898-2069, e-mail him at pdoyle@mtsu.edu or visit him at the Davis-Science Building, Room 126.

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clarity of the message. The siren will be monitored from both outside and inside buildings.

Other than the monthly test, the siren will be used only for tornado warnings announced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The actual tornado warning consists of a three-minute siren, followed by a message, "Attention! A tornado warning is in effect. Seek shelter now. A tornado warning is in effect. Seek shelter now."

Smotherman said he is glad the university has the system in place.

"MTSU looks forward to having a device on campus to provide this kind of valuable communication to the university population," he said.



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Republican candidates gear up for next debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes said Sunday he has been clear in letting voters know what he stands for, unlike front-runner George W. Bush, and hopes for "a real interchange" among the six candidates in Monday's debate so people can judge for themselves.

Scheduled to join Forbes and Bush in Phoenix are Gary Bauer, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Alan Keyes. The state's senior senator, John McCain, will participate via satellite from New Hampshire, where he is campaigning.

McCain led Bush 39 percent to 31 percent in Arizona in a late October poll by the Media Research Program at Arizona State University, but 18 percent of the voters were undecided.

Bush, in his debate debut, drew fire Thursday night from his rivals during a candidate forum in New Hampshire on Social Security, abortion and tax cuts. Forbes hopes to keep up the pressure.

"I do want a campaign of issues and ideas and I think I've got some very exciting ideas out there and I hope that we have a chance in these future forums and debates," he said on ABC's "This Week."

"I hope we have more flexibility so we can have a

real interchange so the people can see what we stand for. I've put out there ... what I stand for and I wish that George Bush on some of these issues would do the same, and I hope that will come out in these future debates."

Keyes, appearing on "Fox News Sunday," said he took heart from the candidates' performances Thursday.

"The one thing I saw the other night that was clear," he said, was that "Bush does not stand out in this field."

Compared to the other folks who are out there, he does not have any special quality or ability that makes him an outstanding choice for the Republican Party. Nothing.

Bush skipped a November debate in Arizona attended by the other five GOP contenders, but said afterward he would be available in December. On his behalf, the state Republican Party arranged Monday's debate.

The schedule was so last-minute that McCain is having to appear by television from New Hampshire, where he already had committed to a series of campaign appearances. ■

Cooperation pays off



Photo provided
Computer science professor J. Mack Thweatt, right, receives the 1999 Edwin S. Voorhies Award for his support of the MTSU cooperative education program. Presenting the plaque is Edwin Voorhies, former chair of the industrial arts department and former dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

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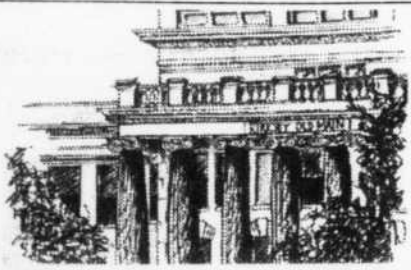
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999

OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Classes in KUC not that big a deal

This may not be the time to worry about something so trivial as the issue raised in the "SGA Opinion" article on page 7.

In the column, Andrae Crismon, president of the Student Government Association, complains that university administrators are ignoring that student union buildings, such as the Keathley University Center, should be used only for Student Affairs and not for classes.

This means that Student Life offices, such as the offices of Greek Life and Multi-cultural Affairs, should have more space and academic departments should not schedule classes to meet in those buildings.

It's clear there's a space problem on campus even in the KUC, something obvious to anyone who's ever crowded into the Housing and Residential Life office.

The same problem led to the closing of the KUC game room, which was mentioned in a "Sidelines" article on Oct. 4. Students lost what had been a popular hangout because more space was needed for those offices.

The space problem is not going to go away. Enrollment projections say there could be 20,000 students at MTSU by the year 2004.

It's also clear that with the state's budget situation, the university doesn't have a whole lot of money to spend on constructing extra classroom space. But the growing problem won't be solved by evicting academic classes.

The Spring 2000 schedule book lists dozens of courses scheduled for the James Union Building, another student union building. The meeting location of countless others are -- for whatever reason -- to be announced.

Where should these classes meet? The Art Barn? It doesn't seem like that would work out, when the building itself could tip over if someone pushes hard enough.

In the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building? Classes there sometimes meet in lobbies and stairways.

I believe the issue Crismon has raised is less one of unjust space allocations than it is one of broken promises. I don't know what promises MTSU President James Walker has made, and I'm not commenting on that portion of Crismon's column.

But given the other problems the university is facing now, I think the best thing might be for us to just squeeze in, go to class wherever it's held and make the best of it.

Randall Ford
News Editor

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Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Lack of water problem for 21st century

It's now a month before the millennium, What's the world's most valuable resource? Gold? Plutonium?

No, it's water.

The World Commission on Water for the 21st Century cited pollution and human overuse among the problems that have brought water supplies to crippling lows.

The United States is not helping the problem. The western United States has dramatically increased water in a very dry climate. Blame the plains states for most of the water shortage. Farmers exploit the river for

irrigation purposes and have destroyed the ecosystem of the Colorado River. Now the mouth of the river has turned into a salty, polluted marsh.

The worst water shortage is in Africa, where over half the population has no access to safe water.

In the Middle East, pessimists fear that wars will be fought over water, not oil, by 2025.

Some areas of China's Yellow River stayed dry for over 200 days, or 61 percent, of 1997.

Surprisingly, the two continents with the greatest reserve water supply are Europe and South America.

In Europe, water quality is the issue, not the amount of water.

While in South America, no major problems will occur through the first quarter of the century.

So, what does this mean for the Tennessee area? Well, we'll have virtually no water problems in the next 25 years, save an occasional drought.

The dams along the Tennessee River, however, have hurt the ecosystem of the state. The problems, while minor now, will certainly cause problems for our children.

In fact, land east of the Mississippi River has virtually no

water problems, with the exception of water quality in Florida and the northeast industrial regions.

Still, questions have to be raised about the increasing population on the globe. When will it stop? Is it time to control population, as unethical as it might seem?

However, there are few "right" answers. Large groups of people will perish simply because they lack the resource that's found over 70 percent of the continent.

If technology was able to desalinate massive amounts of water, then millions, if not billions, of people would be saved.

It needs to happen. Soon.

However, large companies believe that this process is a long shot. It's not "marketable." Therefore, they see no reason to devote research and development to it.

Saving lives is not as important as making money. That is today's culture, and if you can't fathom it, you've become obsolete.

There is a natural selection in nature — money.

That's the view from the crowd. E-mail me at MTSUViews@email.com with comments on whatever is on your mind. ■

Income tax annoying but necessary

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

I do not want to pay a state income tax. This should not be a surprise. I have yet to meet anyone who wants to pay a state income tax. Actually, I do not want to pay sales tax and property tax either.

However, I also do not want to pay higher tuition at MTSU. I do not want to graduate with a degree that means nothing because all the best teachers were driven away by low salaries and huge classes.

I want to know that Tennessee children are getting the best education possible and that corporations are not deciding against locating here because of the quality of our public schools.

I do not want to graduate with a degree that means nothing because the best teachers were driven away by low salaries and huge classes.

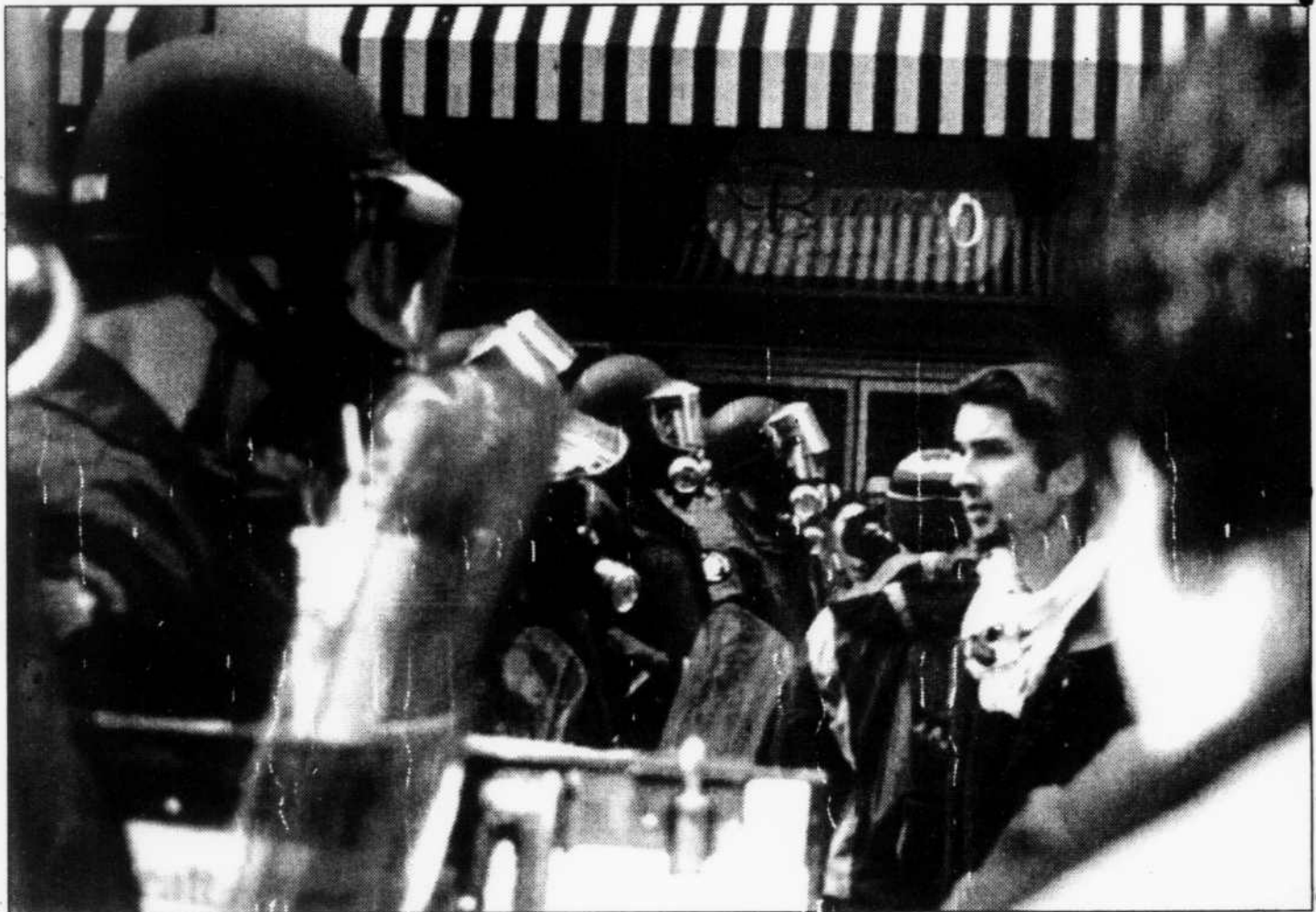
I want to know that poor people have access to medical care. I want this because I am a caring person.

I also want it because I know that if the poor do not have access to preventative care, they will wait until their health care needs become acute and then go to an ER which is obligated to serve them. The hospital will then tack the cost of their care onto my bill when I use their facilities, and insurance costs will go up.

Not only is sales tax revenue not keeping up with the needs of the state, it is evaporating in the wake of the movement to e-commerce. Our governor has recognized that Tennessee must enter the new millennium with a tax structure that can meet her needs.

The rest of state government is rushing headlong into disaster blinded to the dangers by political ambition.

It is time for legislators to set politics aside and do what they were elected to do — to make Tennessee the best that she can be. ■



Police confront protesters disrupting a meeting of the World Trade Organization in downtown Seattle Tuesday.

Free trade: is it worth the cost?

Anjee DiSanto
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Unless you've been living under a rock, you've probably noticed that some chaotic events have been coming out of Seattle.

This week, the city, ironically rated one of the safest in the country, is host to the World Trade Organization's talks on international free trade -- not to mention the wealth of violent and nonviolent protests surrounding these talks.

Globalized free trade. A good idea in theory, no doubt. But just what are we willing to sacrifice for such a thing? Food safety? Endangered species? Human rights? The environment of our planet?

Dozens of labor unions and public interest groups from across the country have come out to speak their minds on how the W.T.O. should go about its

business -- or if it should be allowed to at all.

Most all of these groups come bearing a good cause and peaceful motives, making it even more unfortunate that their actions were interrupted by the needless rioting of anarchist groups and the now constant involvement of the National Guard.

No matter how noble the W.T.O. may try to make its cause seem, the organization cannot ignore the issues that these protesters suggest.

Here are just a few:

•Steel workers seek to keep the W.T.O. from allowing foreign steel to be "dumped" into the United States at prices below the market.

•Labor unions want issues such as child labor and labor rights to be resolved before free trade is allowed with some of the world's poorer countries.

•The W.T.O. forced the United States to amend a ban on imported shrimp. The

original rule required that shrimp boats use nets, which allow sea turtles to escape.

•The W.T.O. puts free trade above food safety in issues such as the one in which it ruled that Europe could not ban importing of U.S. hormone-treated beef.

These are just a few of the issues at hand, but perhaps the most heavily disputed factor is the secrecy with which the W.T.O. performs its business.

An organization with this much power and this much global impact should have its decisions and decision-making process constantly open to the public.

The notion by some protesters that the W.T.O. should be dissolved is perhaps a bit too drastic, but without a doubt there needs to be some reforming of the organization's practices.

Not to mention some thought on just how much we're willing to sacrifice for free trade. ■



SGA OPINION

Classes don't belong in the KUC

Andrae Crismon
SGA President

I don't usually advocate using pen and print but as a last resort. To write in a fashion of protest to the masses for me means that every level of patience has been exhausted.

Keathley University Center is currently being used to teach academic subjects.

First of all, this was not the intended use. The KUC is a student building. Student desires for this center should take priority.

Secondly, our esteemed university president, Dr. James Walker, whom I greatly admire and respect, affixed his signature to MTSU's policy agreeing to this.

I must admit after conferring with Dr. Haskew, vice president of Academic Affairs; Dr. Jones, associate vice president of Academic Affairs; and Dr. Walker, our university president, I am utterly and thoroughly disappointed at their lack of vision concerning this effort. All hesitated to speak up for students because they feared taking the classes out of the KUC for student use would cut enrollment. I cannot comprehend this concept.

Shall we increase quantity and sacrifice quality? Are numbers of such a great importance that needs, services and space availability are overlooked?

The administration to me should be an example of professionalism and ethics. My father has taught me to follow through on that which I promise, sign my name or give my approval. When I am inconsistent in my chores, my parents scorn me. When I am inconsistent in my

schoolwork, my teachers mark my grade level down. When I am inconsistent with my friends, I lose a portion of their trust. Where is the accountability from our leadership concerning this "taking" of our student center?

If enrollment jumps to 20,000 undergraduates, will Phillip's Bookstore, the KUC grill and the SGA office correspond their service hours between class time?

How much shall we as students take? Or, more appropriately, how much shall we as students give up?

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Murfreesboro, TN

'Millennium Meltdown'

A review of the fall dance show



Anika Waters
Staff Reporter

Whether you enjoy music by Destiny's Child or Tool, you could find something to suit your tastes at the MTSU Performing Arts Company fall dance recital held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Tucker Theatre.

Students in the dance department and members of the company provided the audience with a taste of many dance and music styles as they presented "Millennium Meltdown," a recital choreographed and performed by students and sponsored by dance instructors Angela Armstrong and Anne Holland.

There was a wide variety of dance and music. Dance styles included Latin, modern, jazz, hip hop, tap and belly dancing. The Circus Club also performed acrobatic and juggling acts choreographed by Keith Burroughs.

The music used in the show included songs by Dianna Ross, Will Smith, Michael Jackson and Mariah Carey. The costumes were simple, but every costume fit both the music and choreography perfectly. The lighting was excellent and made each dance more dramatic.

As a big fan of tap, I really enjoyed "Copper Girls," choreographed by Lisa Lewis, and "Strong and Proud," choreographed by Seanna Parrish and Amberly

Sharp. "Strong and Proud" was unique because the dancers tapped to music by Lenny Kravitz and incorporated some jazz dancing as well.

Another one of my favorites was "Pay Up," a hip hop routine choreographed by Henry Lawson, which featured the popular song "Bills, Bills, Bills" by Destiny's Child. The dance was fun, and the technique of the dancers was superb.

A crowd favorite was "Red, Hot and Latin," choreographed by Cindy and David Clemans. Set to music by the popular Enrique Iglesias, the audience seemed to love the very seductive movements and dips.

The finale of the show was performed to "Will2K" by Will Smith and included all the performers. The finale was fun, and the crowd seemed to enjoy all the energy that came from the dancers.

The dancing ability and technique of the students involved in the performance were spectacular. As the first show produced by the new dance department, the recital presented a perfect opportunity for students and faculty to see how important and how good the department can be.

This performance was the best I have seen in the three years I have been at MTSU. With such dedicated students, the future performances are sure to be even better. ■



Photos by Zack Millican
(Top) Angela Armstrong gives the dancers words of encouragement moments before performing. This pre-show ritual ends in a group hug. (Bottom Left) Christy Rose, a senior majoring in English and Philosophy, makes sure her hair is just right. Stage makeup and hair aid in creating stage presence. (Bottom Right) Members of the MTSU Performing Arts Company perform in the opening jazz routine. This dance was choreographed by Vida Whipple, an MTSU alum.



A photograph from the Birney Imes's exhibit "Mississippi Photographs."

Photographer depicts hometown setting

Birney Imes photo exhibit in Baldwin Photographic Gallery

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

The works of Birney Imes in a photography exhibit titled "Mississippi Photographs" is like the light from a keyhole that filters into a dark room.

The light draws one closer and closer until the light particles give way to an explosion of rich colors and deep images.

It is the skill and artistic eye of the self-taught photographer, Imes, that has captured the passion of everyday southern life. His photographs of both color and black-and-white immortalize the rapidly vanishing lifestyle of the people and places of social gatherings in rural Mississippi.

In this particular exhibit, the color prints are part of the collection "Juke Joints," and the black-and-white prints are from the work of "Partial to Home."

The entire exhibit has such a mysterious aura that it seems as if a juke joint could be as close as a shanty along a lonely highway or as distant as a building hidden along a winding dirt road.

Faces with the look of great intensity jump off the prints, wrapping the viewer into the thoughts and feelings of the photographs' subjects.

All the images evoke an overwhelming sense of mystical charm, especially the pictures of the juke joints which abound in rustic warmth. Overflowing with such incredible character, the

pictures of the juke joints exemplify the cliché, "If these walls could talk."

Although the walls may not be able to tell stories, the photographs speak. In every picture there are visible and invisible images.

The visible images are what can be seen: the ragged floorboards and dingy windows.

The invisible images are what cannot be seen, but what can be felt: the many dancers who over the years made the floorboards ragged and the thick smoky air from many cigars or cigarettes that made the windows dingy.

Through all of Imes work a whole other world is opened.

His pictures have been collected and published in three books: Juke Joint, Whispering Pines and

Partial to Home.

He has exhibited in solo shows in the United States and Europe, and his work is included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum in New York, The Art Institute of Chicago and The Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

Imes also received the photography award from the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters three times and has been the recipient of two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The exhibit can be viewed until Dec. 9, in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery of the Learning Resource Center. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ■

E-mail links career women with students

Diana Kunde

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Gina Weibel felt encouraged as a youngster to pursue her budding interest in science and math.

Outreach programs aimed at getting more girls into science classes "were successful in proving to me that science was interesting, research is fun, and I have the potential to be an excellent scientist," said Weibel, who is pursuing a doctorate in materials science at Cornell University.

Nothing, though, prepared Weibel for the isolation she experienced once she hit the upper levels of science education, where women are still very much in the minority.

"Practically nothing has been done at the Ph.D. level or professorial level to promote equality for the sexes," she said.

Weibel broke through that

barrier with the help of a group that links students with women already in science careers by using Internet technology to bridge the gaps in distance and time.

MentorNet, as the nonprofit group is called, is the brainchild of Dr. Carol Muller, a former associate dean of engineering at Dartmouth College who decided that e-mail might be the perfect way to link women students with successful graduates.

Even though women make up 46 percent of the U.S. work force, they are only 9.6 percent of engineers and 22.4 percent of mathematical and computer scientists.

"Mentoring has been shown over and over again to be an effective mechanism for retaining women," said Muller, who was in Dallas recently for the Tech99 conference on women's careers in technology.

One problem is that students often are miles away from large employers. And women balancing

demanding careers and family responsibilities may find it difficult to carve out time to be mentors.

The Internet seemed uniquely capable of solving those challenges, Muller figured.

She has been proved right. MentorNet, founded three years ago in San Jose, Calif., now has 1,200 mentor-student pairs who talk weekly via e-mail. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M participate.

The mentors and students are linked through a sophisticated software program that pairs career women with students who have like interests, educational goals and fields of study.

"We define mentoring as a sustained relationship over time," Dr. Muller said.

An information-packed Web site at <http://www.mentornet.net> contains applications and tips on how to develop the mentoring relationship.

Weibel developed a friendship with her MentorNet match, Dr. Jennifer A. Sees, a chemist on the senior technical staff at Texas Instruments Inc. in Dallas. Their yearlong conversation was, she said, a godsend.

"Living in an isolated place like Ithaca, N.Y., doesn't afford me many opportunities to rub shoulders with working scientists," Weibel said in an e-mail interview. "With crazy phone bills and hectic schedules, I don't believe there's any way other than e-mail I could have established or maintained a relationship with my mentor."

Sees, a widowed mother of two small children, agreed. "If I had to get in my car and drive to another building for a one-hour meeting once a week or so, I just flat out couldn't do it," she said.

E-mail may still seem impersonal, but it's really a "stealth technology" that breaks down walls between people, Muller

said. "If I'm a little tongue-tied, I don't have to rely on the first thing that comes out of my mouth," she said.

Weibel valued her e-mail relationship because of its safety. "I didn't have to play the role of the dedicated, enthusiastic student deserving of collaboration and funding," she said. "I could tell her when I felt overworked and behind schedule and unsure of myself."

Sees said the technology allowed her to give back to another woman some of the encouragement and guidance she had in her own career — and to do it by logging on to her personal computer at home, after the kids were safely in bed.

Mary DuVal, an electrical engineer in digital imaging at TI, talked with her student protegee at the University of California in Los Angeles about everything from time management and stress to swing dancing.

"Since she's nearing the end of her undergrad, she was trying to decide, Do you start working? Or do you go ahead and get your graduate degree?" Ms. DuVal said.

Students surveyed at the end of each MentorNet program year have given e-mentoring high marks. And with funding from Ford Motor Co., Microsoft Corp., the Intel Foundation and others, Dr. Muller said she hopes to have 2,500 mentoring pairs by the 2001-02 academic year.

What's next? MentorNet just got a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to set up mentoring pairs for community college students.

"A lot of community college students are the first generation in their families to go to college. That means a little less access to the networks," Dr. Muller said. "Yet one-third of all engineering degree graduates get started in a community college." ■

Art Museum dedicates sculpture to Vietnam veterans

William Mullen
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A converted warehouse on the Near South Side, the 3-year-old National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum is relatively little known in Chicago, drawing only a thousand or so visitors a month. But with the recent unveiling of an unusual and pertinent sculpture, it will become only the second memorial in the nation honoring veterans with representations of their names, all 58,219 American men and women who died in the Vietnam War.

The sculpture will incorporate replicas of the metal identification dog tags worn by the war's casualties.

The other site that displays the names of those killed is, of course, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the capital's most-

visited monument.

The small Chicago museum, at 1801 S. Indiana Ave., came to be the focal point of a second memorial through the efforts of Jan Scruggs, president of the private, non-profit agency that maintains the wall memorial in Washington.

Scruggs said that during a visit two years ago to the art Chicago gallery, he and members of his agency's board were so impressed, they urged museum officials to find a way to incorporate names of the war's dead as a permanent memorial here.

"That museum is a very thoughtful and provocative place," Scruggs said. "Through its art, it already is a striking memorial. It just seemed like the perfect place to use the names as they are used on the wall."

"Using dog tags, I think it ... is a very clever and effective artistic device in the context of that

museum," he said.

The sculpture will be hung from the ceiling of the building's two-story atrium entrance.

Founded by local artists who are veterans of the war, the museum has had a low profile in the city's cultural scene since it opened in August 1996.

It has gained an international reputation for its collection, more than 700 paintings, sculptures and photographs that represent intensely personal reflections of the artists on the divisive, unpopular war they fought.

Though it started with local artists, the collection now represents work from 117 veterans from all over the United States, Vietnam and other nations that fought in the war, including Australia and Thailand.

"The sculpture should be complete in time for Veterans Day 2000," said Joseph Fornelli,

executive vice president of the museum.

The finished sculpture, designed by two museum officials, will cover an area 10 feet by 40 feet. It will consist simply of the metal tags, issued to all military personnel and worn on chains around their necks, stamped with the owner's name, military serial number, religion and blood type.

For purposes of the sculpture, the information on the tags will be slightly altered, Fornelli said, giving the name, branch of service and date of casualty for each of those killed in Vietnam.

The dog tags will be suspended on thin lines from the ceiling, spaced an inch apart arranged in straight lines resembling a military formation. By hanging independently, the dog tags will move slightly with shifts in the air, an effect intended by the artists to give the piece a shimmering

quality.

Computer kiosks on the floor will allow viewers to call up the names and information about each of those represented on the tags. A laser-light pointer will help locate individual tags.

The museum hopes to cover the still undetermined cost of the installation by getting donors to sponsor individual tags at \$25 each. Donors would receive a replica tag.

"There should be something very spiritual about it when you look up and see this shimmering mass, a sort of floating, monolithic shape with each one of those little tags representing somebody who made the supreme sacrifice for our nation," said Ned Broderick, president of the museum, and, like Fornelli, one of the founding artists of the institution. He and Richard Steinbock, the museum's board director, created the design.

The museum grew out of efforts more than 20 years ago by Fornelli, Broderick and a few other local artists who served in Vietnam and began doing art, often as acts of personal catharsis, reflecting on their experiences in the war.

After a couple of early exhibits of their work garnered widespread attention, other Vietnam veterans began contributing works from all over the country. Eventually, the collection grew so large and was deemed so compelling that the city, through Mayor Richard Daley, in 1996 donated \$1 million to convert a three-story warehouse into the museum building.

"It's amazing the number of lives that Vietnam touched. With this new sculpture, we have something that will make a visit here more personal for people who have a family member whose name is in the sculpture, or a friend," Fornelli said. ■

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Murfreesboro, TN

Kansas proves too strong

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

After 40 minutes of basketball, the Kansas Jayhawks proved to MTSU why they are one of the best teams in college basketball.

The Jayhawks started slow but managed to build a 15 point halftime lead, a lead which they never relinquished. The Hawks flexed their muscles the whole game. The depth and pressure wore down the Raiders and eventually beat them. However, MTSU never gave up. They fought until the end but still lost 97-77.

"They kept competing, and that's going to help Randy as he goes through his season," Kansas head coach Roy Williams said.

Kansas was led by Kenny Gregory, who poured in 22 points, and Eric Chenowith, who scored 16. The Jayhawks blistered the nets by shooting over 30 percent from the floor and 36 percent from three point land.

The Raiders, on the other hand, featured Ron McKnight, off the bench, and Fernando Ortiz. The Raider's dynamic duo scored 19 and 18 respectively. Although MTSU committed 22 turnovers, they forced 19 with their pressure.

"If you look at the stats, you might think I have more to be happy about," Williams said. "Right now we are getting by on talent. We are definitely not getting by on coaching."

"They had us rattled a whole lot," Cedrick Wallace said. "Once we got into the second half, we started taking care of the ball and putting points on the board."

Early in the game the KU pressure seemed to effect MTSU, forcing the Raiders to make several turnovers on successive possessions. The Raiders came out of the gates shooting well, but the early turnovers prevented MTSU from getting shots off.

"We just wanted to try to attack them and get some easy baskets early," Kenny Gregory said. "It helped cover our mistakes later in the game."

Coming off the tough loss against Eastern Illinois, the Raiders wanted to come out and redeem themselves against the No. 1 team in the national rankings. The Raiders did just that early in the game when they claimed a 3-2 lead just one minute into the game. That would be the only lead they would have. Following a couple of Eric Chenowith and Lee Nosse baskets, the Jayhawks went on a 15-2 run over the next six minutes. That run would give the Jayhawks a comfortable 23-10 lead.

MTSU, however, continued to battle. The Raiders scratched and clawed their way to within 10 points of the Jayhawks. However, Kansas went on another spurt, not quite as devastating, but stretching the lead. On the next play Jeff Boschee missed a jumper and Gregory skied above the Raiders and dunked the ball, making the lead to 29-17.

Moments later, Ron McKnight set it up and knocked it down from the left corner. It was a three pointer that would pull MTSU to within nine. However, the Jayhawk defense would



Ron McKnight lays it in during Sunday's loss to Kansas.

allow only one other Raider field goal for the last four minutes of the half. The Jayhawk lead was 45 at intermission.

MTSU came out strong in the second half and worked the backboards hard, getting three possessions, offensive rebound after offensive rebound and a three pointer by Ortiz.

"That was very frustrating, because we are more gifted, and we are bigger," Williams said.

The second half was more of the same struggle for both teams. The Raiders began to shoot the ball better, and players like McKnight,

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Lady Raiders start 2-0 in OVC

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

For the second time this season the Lady Raider basketball team surrendered a second half lead and went into overtime.

Unlike the first time—when the Lady Raiders lost to Alabama-Birmingham 70-67—the Lady Raiders defeated Southeast Missouri 85-81 Saturday at the Murphy Center.

"I'm really proud of this team," MTSU head coach Stephany Smith said. "We fought for our lives and came out on top. We did a good job in the first half of hanging on. We don't have a lot of experience. I thought we fought for our lives."

Led by Kelly Chastain's nine points and Joanne Aluka's eight points, the Lady Raiders took a 35-30 halftime lead. The Lady Raiders played tough defense in the first half, forcing fourteen turnovers, while outrebounding SEMO 17-13.

The Lady Raiders led by as many as nine in the first half at 27-18, but Pam Iversen led SEMO on a 9-0 run, tying the score at 27 with 5:56 remaining in the half. Chastain responded with a three-pointer, which gave the Lady Raiders a 30-27 lead. SEMO scored the next three points, tying the game at 30.

Jessica McClure led the Lady Raiders on a 5-0 run in the last 1:31. She had four points and an assist during the run.

"MTSU's post players really ate our lunch," SEMO head coach Ed

Arnzen said. "We didn't match up well with them. We really dug ourselves a hole with 14 turnovers in the first half."

Chastain led the Lady Raiders on a 10-0 run to start the second half with eight points in the first 2:22. The 45-30 lead was the largest the Lady Raiders would enjoy.

SEMO would get no closer than eight until the 7:34 point when Lori Chase cut the lead to seven, at 63-56, on a jumper by Lori Chase. The Lady Raiders were able to hold SEMO off until Jessica McClure fouled out at the 4:32 mark.

Paula Corder-King and Pam Iversen led SEMO back. SEMO tied the game at 70 on a three-pointer by Corder-King with 1:52 left to play. SEMO took the lead with 1:15 left on a jumper by Pam Iversen.

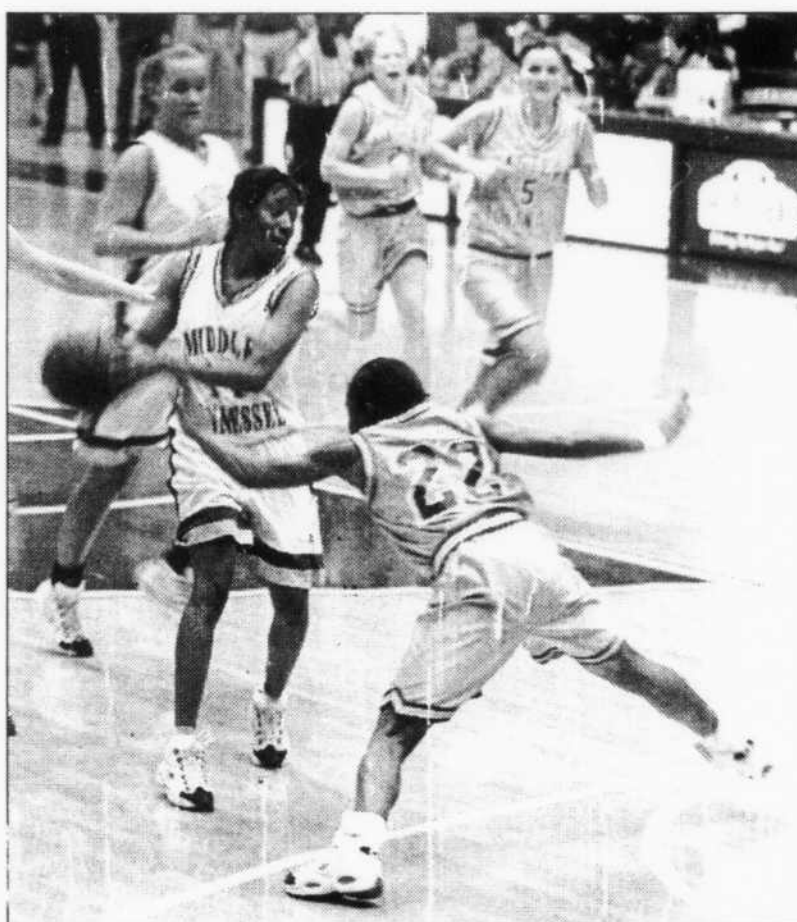
Chastain tied the game with 12 seconds remaining on a jump shot.

"The lead slowly diminished," Chastain said. "I don't know what happened. It could've ended in several different ways, but I'm glad it ended the way it did."

"You have to give us credit; we pulled together in the second half. Hopefully the momentum will carry over."

Arnzen thought that Chastain and Paula Penttila played big for the Lady Raiders during crunch time.

"We had the ball late in the game but Kristy Roherty got called for an offensive foul," Arnzen said. "Chastain stepped up and hit a pressure jumper. Paula Penttila played big for them. She broke us



Jessica McClure leads the team upcourt during the Lady Raiders 63-43 victory over Eastern Illinois Thursday.

down by getting the ball to the inside players."

Lady Raider forward Joanne Aluka also thought that Penttila played well down the stretch.

"We had foul trouble, but Paula (Penttila) came in and played a great game," Aluka said.

With the score tied at 76 during overtime, Jamie Thomatis put the

Lady Raiders up for good with a jump shot.

The Lady Raiders improve to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while SEMO falls to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the OVC.

The Lady Raiders will next compete in the University of Arizona Tournament against Indiana University Dec. 10. ■

Track cleans house

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

The Middle Tennessee track and field team jumped out to an impressive start today at the Blue Raiders Invitational at Murphy Center, then ran away from the competition.

In their first competition of the indoor season, the Blue Raiders outscored all of the competition - with only Murray State challenging them. And, the Blue Raiders still outscored the Racers 62-46.

Along with the Blue Raiders and the Racers, Austin Peay, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee State, Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky took part in the event.

"We did a real good job," Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes said. "We've got some things to work on, but it's early and that's to be expected."

First place finishers for the Blue Raiders were Rob Jordan, Haneef Sharif, one-mile relay team and Tanko Braimah. Both Jordan and Braimah collected two first place finishes.

"Tanko did a good job along with Albert [Agyemang]," Hayes said. "[DeJun] Spann did real well for us too."

In fact, the Blue Raiders had four of the top five finishers in the 55-meter high hurdles and the top four in the triple jump.

"Godfrey Herring had a :46.7 to anchor the relay," Hayes said. "That's one of the best times of his career. ■"

Track and Field Results

These are the results for the Middle Tennessee State University students which competed in the Blue Raider Invitational I which took place Saturday at the Murphy Center.

Men's 55 Meter Dash			
2 Tanko Braimah	Middle Tenn.	6.34	2
4 Albert Agyemang	Middle Tenn.	6.40	1
14 William Smith	Middle Tenn.	6.72	3

Men's 200 Meter Dash			
1 Tanko Braimah	Middle Tenn.	21.54	1
3 Albert Agyemang	Middle Tenn.	21.67	1
5 Rob Jordan	Middle Tenn.	22.04	2
6 Boniface Amuzu	Middle Tenn.	22.54	3
11 Jasper Demps	Middle Tenn.	22.81	4
13 Kareem Bland	Middle Tenn.	22.90	3
14 Haneef Sharif	Middle Tenn.	22.93	2
15 William Smith	Middle Tenn.	23.16	1

Men's 400 Meter Dash			
2 D.J. Spann	Middle Tenn.	49.22	1

Men's 800 Meter Run			
2 Godfrey Herring	Middle Tenn.	1:53.57	1
11 Bryan Picklesimer	Middle Tenn.	2:09.18	2
15 Mike Krisle	Middle Tenn.	2:14.24	2
16 Kyle Brown	Middle Tenn.	2:18.76	2
- Mario Paul	Middle Tenn.	NT	1
- Kareem Manley	Middle Tenn.	NT	1

Men's 1 Mile Run			
6 Josh Carroll	Middle Tenn.	4:40.97	
12 Josh Cormier	Middle Tenn.	4:53.96	
14 John Everett	Middle Tenn.	5:02.94	
- John Cheek	Middle Tenn.	NT	

Men's 3,000 Meter Run			
- Jason Smith	Middle Tenn.	NT	

Men's 55 Meter Int Hurdles			
1 Haneef Sharif	Middle Tenn.	7.46	1
2 Jasper Demps	Middle Tenn.	7.61	1
6 Steve Reid	Middle Tenn.	8.19	1

Men's 1 Mile Relay			
1 MT	Middle Tenn.	3:16.30	
2 MT	"B" Middle Tenn.	3:18.32	

Men's High Jump			
2 Haneef Sharif	Middle Tenn.	6'02.00"	1.88m

Men's Long Jump			
2 Rob Jordan	Middle Tenn.	24'07.25"	7.50m
4 Boniface Amuzu	Middle Tenn.	23'01.75"	7.05m
5 Steve Reid	Middle Tenn.	22'03.50"	6.79m

Men's Triple Jump			
1 Rob Jordan	Middle Tenn.	49'06.50"	15.10m
2 Steve Reid	Middle Tenn.	47'11.00"	14.61m
3 Kareem Bland	Middle Tenn.	46'05.25"	14.15m
4 D.J. Spann	Middle Tenn.	45'06.50"	13.88m

Women's 55 Meter Dash			
1 Willisa Heintz	Middle Tenn.	7.08	1
2 Bethany Brent	Middle Tenn.	7.20	1
4 Doreisha Davis	Middle Tenn.	7.25	1
6 Tiffany Purham	Middle Tenn.	7.36	2

Women's 200 Meter Dash			
1 Willisa Heintz	Middle Tenn.	24.89	1
5 Kelly Smith	Middle Tenn.	25.73	2
6 Bethany Brent	Middle Tenn.	25.75	1
9 Doreisha Davis	Middle Tenn.	26.16	1
10 Tori Blander	Middle Tenn.	26.21	1
15 Alicia Moore	Middle Tenn.	26.94	2

Women's 400 Meter Dash			
5 Kim Freeman	Middle Tenn.	58.11	2
7 Jameka Collins	Middle Tenn.	1:00.44	1

Women's 800 Meter Run			
1 Kapreia Kirk	Middle Tenn.	2:15.05	1
3 Sabrina Smith	Middle Tenn.	2:17.88	1

Women's 1 Mile Run			
- Megan Mayes	Middle Tenn.	NT	2

Women's 55 Meter Int Hurdles			
1 Kelly Smith	Middle Tenn.	8.21	1
9 Tori Blander	Middle Tenn.	8.72	2

Women's 1 Mile Relay			
4 MT	Middle Tenn.	3:56.86	1
5 MT	"B" Middle Tenn.	4:01.37	2

Women's High Jump			
5 Amanda Forrester	Middle Tenn.	5'04.00"	1.63m

Women's Long Jump			
2 Stephany Reio	Middle Tenn.	18'06.25"	5.65m
3 Lashon Kennedy	Middle Tenn.	18'05.00"	5.61m
4 Jameka Collins	Middle Tenn.	17'10.75"	5.45m
5 Tiffany Purham	Middle Tenn.	17'09.50"	5.42m
- Kim Freeman	Middle Tenn.	ND	

Women's Triple Jump			
1 Andreja Ribac	Middle Tenn.	40'01.00"	12.22m
2 Jameka Collins	Middle Tenn.	38'04.50"	11.70m
3 Stephany Reid	Middle Tenn.	37'11.00"	11.56m
5 Tiffany Purham	Middle Tenn.	37'10.00"	11.53m
9 Lashon Kennedy	Middle Tenn.	36'06.50"	11.14m

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Ortiz and Wallace stepped into the spot light. MTSU began to see hopes of an upset when the Raiders cut the Kansas lead to 11 with 8:19 on the clock. However, 6-foot-10 inch small forward Luke Axtell stepped up and hit a three pointer to extend the lead back to 15 with 3:38 remaining.

The Raider battled to the wire, but the Jayhawks were too much for them. The second half featured the Kansas lead growing no more than 20 and shrinking no more than 11. Kansas was the better team on Sunday.

"We kept fouling them and putting them on the free throw line," Williams said. "We couldn't stop them."

"I think we played exceptionally well. We came out and played 40 minutes, instead of 30 minutes against Eastern Illinois," Cedrick Wallace said. "Our intensity was great. The players on the bench came off and supported. They played like starters also."

The intensity for the Raiders was high for all 40 minutes of the game. However, as MTSU fans saw after the North Carolina game a year ago, a let down can occur after a well-played game against a highly touted team like Kansas. The question is can MTSU sustain 40 minutes of intensity for the remainder of the season.

"It's going to stay up. I'm going to make sure it'll stay up," Wallace said. "Me being a senior, I'm going to tell them the intensity has to stay up against any team not just against a ranked team."

"I like going against the best. It helps show us what we can do."

"Today I feel good about how hard we played," Randy Wiel said. "If we can play like we played today in our conference, I think we should be ok. I like our chances."

"I've seen a lot of top teams, but Kansas is playing the best. They

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Photo by Derrick Wilson

Cedrick Wallace throws down a thunderous dunk during Thursday's 76-72 loss to Eastern Illinois.



are deep and tough. They don't have anybody that you would say 'he's moderate.' They have 10 guys that are basketball players.

"We didn't have any answer for their size. Kansas has six guys that are 6'9" or better. They all can play."

"They got a lot of second shots, but they had to battle for all the shots they got. That's all I can ask from my team."

The Raiders will head to Knoxville, with a 2-2 record, and will be going against a Tennessee team that has not lost. The next home game is against Martin Methodist Dec. 20. ■

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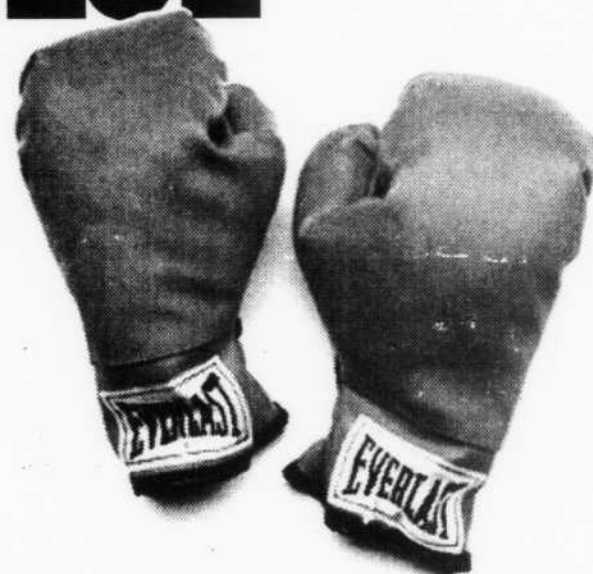
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