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Task Force findings presented

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More than half of MTSU's student body leaves campus every weekend because there is a poor sense of campus community, according to survey results from the President's Task force Weekend Activities.

Changes in the make-up of the student body also contribute to the fact that 57.1 percent of the population leaves every weekend during a one month period and that no more than 29 percent

remain on campus during an average weekend.

Students listed community reasons and lack of activity on the campus as their primary reasons for leaving campus.

Twenty percent said a lack of services and activities on campus resulted in them leaving and 38 percent specifically listed being with friends as their reason.

An additional 11 percent said activities at home draw them away from MTSU while six percent said church attendance was their reason for leaving.

Task force studies also indicate that 80 percent of students have one or more jobs and 3,600 list a Nashville/Davidson County address as their home, factors which call students away from the university during weekends.

An increase in the amount of non-traditional students, many with dependent children, is also impacting the number of students who stay on campus, according to the study.

The task force presented its findings and proposed solutions

to President James Walker on Thursday.

Task Force member and RIM professor Geoff Hull said part of the blame for students leaving lies outside of the student.

"Some of this is passed to students by us," Hull said.

The university does not offer many classes on Friday afternoons and cuts movie showings off on Thursday, Hull said. He said this indicates to students that they are expected to leave on the weekends.

"I think this is an accurate

picture of our students on campus," said Task Force Chairman Harold C. Smith.

More than 5,000 students — one third of the total student body — responded to the "Workings" survey in October. Questionnaires were given to students living in residence halls last summer, and new students completed the "University Link-Up" survey during summer orientation sessions.

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New students give Admissions office negative marks in survey

SAM GANNON
News Editor

In many of its relations with students, the office of Admissions leaves a negative impression, a recent survey of new students said.

Cliff Gillespie, director of the survey and dean of Admissions and Records said the survey results did not surprise him. He said that the basic findings had not changed since the last survey was taken several years ago.

In the survey, students ranked telephone conversations with the admissions office as one of the most negative influences of MTSU. Written correspondence with admissions, campus tours, and college fairs were also listed in the top ten most negative influences of MTSU.

Many students who listed telephone conversations to be negative mentioned that they had had difficulty getting through to the person who could answer their questions.

"Calls to the admissions

office resulted in repeated transferring and non-information," one student wrote.

However, many students ranked telephone contact with admissions and campus tours as one of the most positive influences.

"Telephone and written correspondence with potential students are high priority for us," Gillespie said. "We're looking for higher quality."

Since the survey was taken, a part-time staff person has been hired by the admissions office to act as a router. That person's job is to direct calls to people who should have the answers to questions about the university, Gillespie said.

A new computer system will help in getting out admissions letters and organizing the office's mailing list, Gillespie said.

"We just went on-line with this system last week," Gillespie said. "It should make it all much easier."

The dean said his office sends out between 30,000 and



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Survey of New Students
50,000 admissions letters in a year's time.

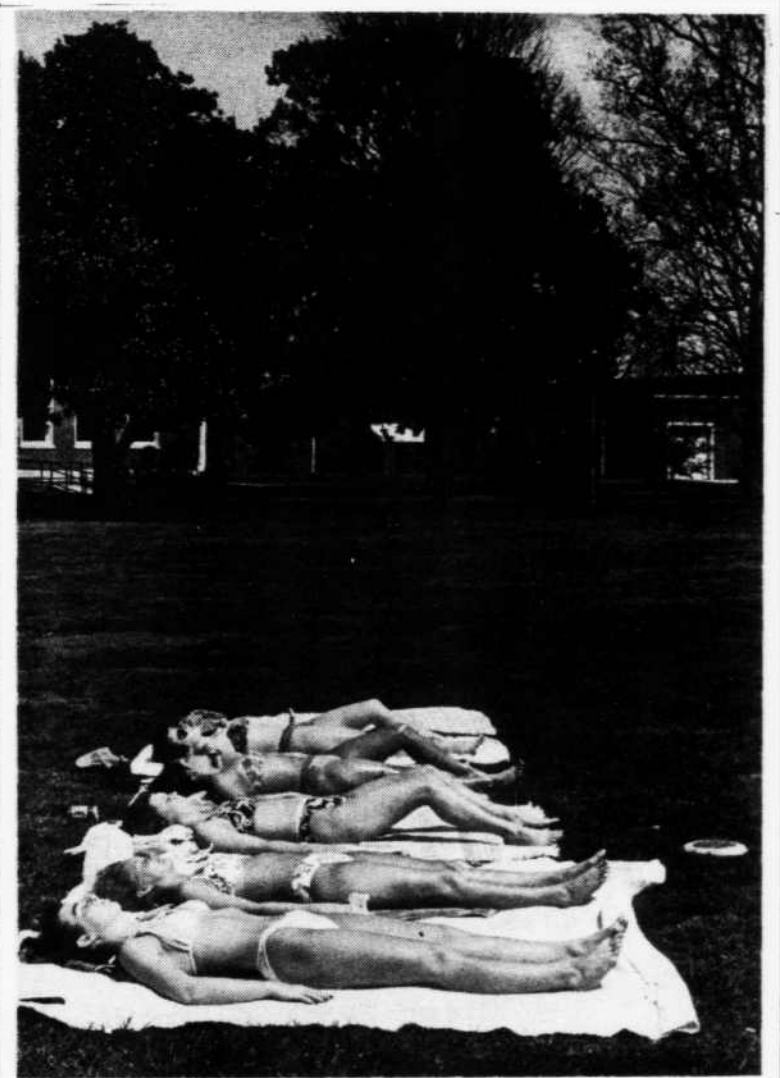
He also said there is a standard series of tours university recruiters go on to reach as many Middle Tennessee students as possible.

"We want to recruit more of the better students," Gillespie said. "We are sending letters to everyone with top ACT scores from the Middle Tennessee area."

New students listed campus tours as a "very positive influence" of MTSU.

Gillespie said that the campus tour program has been very successful.

Gillespie said he thinks the workers in the records and admissions offices are of "outstanding quality." He went on to say that although he does not have enough staff, the staff he does have are highly trained and educated in their jobs.



Shelley Mays/Photographer

SUMMER TIME: Several Rutledge Hall residents try to catch some rays Saturday. Weather forecasters say there's more summer-like weather and possibly some rain on the way.

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Task force makes suggestions on campus weekend activities

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In a meeting with Dr. Walker last week the President's Task Force on Weekend Activities made many suggestions to keep students on campus on the weekends.

Proposed solutions included everything from encouraging student organizations to schedule more weekend activities and organizing a separate task force to work on community events to locating a pub with live entertainment on campus and legalizing alcohol.

Solutions were grouped according to ease of implementing, cost, and necessary legislative action.

Some of the proposals are already being organized.

Spaces for convenience shops and a coffee house style pub which would feature live entertainment are already being measured out and considered to be placed in the main levels of several residence halls, said Housing Director Ivan Shewmake.

Solutions are being taken into consideration and students can expect to see action soon, Walker said.

"I want students to know that we are taking their needs into consideration," he said.

The surveys questioned students about their lifestyles, whether they stay on campus or leave on the weekends, and what services can be improved to keep students on campus.

Other results of the study include:

- Forty-four percent of the students surveyed said they return to campus to study;

- Graduate students said extended administration access would most influence them to return to campus;

- Undergraduate students said big name concerts would most influence them to return to campus;

- Women surveyed said increased services such as increased bookstore, post office, and health services availability would influence them to stay on campus;

- Men surveyed said athletics would influence them to stay on campus;

- Black freshmen living in residence halls are less likely leave campus than their white counterparts.

Survey outcomes were coupled with studies of existing weekend services/activities, studies of other college campuses and input from department heads and community leaders.

"You do get into the chicken and egg argument when you try to locate the problem," Hull said.

Studies of other colleges show that MTSU is not unique in having students leave campus.

The University of North Texas reported to the task force that they consider students leaving campus on the weekends a "fact of life."

Inquiries at the University of New Hampshire show that the school raised its student activity fee to generate \$250,000 for student programming in order to influence students to stay on campus.

Task force recommendations:

HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Build other activities around major weekend activities (i.e. barbecues after sports events, dances after concerts).
- Encourage student organizations to have weekend activities.
- Promote more community events.
- Study the staff and resources at institutions with a defined sense of community.
- Expand weekend visitation hours in residence halls.
- Expand weight room availability.
- Initiate student programming for weekends.

INTERMEDIATE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Locate a club/pub on campus.
- Locate a fast food franchise on campus.
- Locate a convenience store on campus.
- Plan monthly social activities for residence hall students (i.e. campus-wide mixers with local bands, drive-in movies shown on residence hall outside walls).
- Expand graduate class offerings on weekends.
- Offer more big-name concerts on weekends.
- Offer weekend movies and matinees.

LONG-TERM OR LOW PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Build additional housing on campus.
- Legalize alcoholic beverages on campus.
- Expand scheduling of nationally ranked teams in athletics.
- Develop a fraternity row.
- Hire full-time, professional residence hall directors.
- Develop strategies to expand academic and support services (i.e. longer library, health clinic and bookstore hours).



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Wrong number almost lands student in jail

(CPS)--A University of Nebraska at Kearney freshman simply dialed the wrong number--but the mixup nearly got him arrested.

The student newspaper, The Antelope, reported that Eric

Kohles inadvertently dialed the sheriff's office on Jan. 16 when he was trying to reach a friend.

When a woman answered the phone, "Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, may I help you," Kohles said he thought his friend was playing a joke.

Kohles responded, "I just killed some people on the sixth floor of CTW (his dorm)."

Kohles said he hung up after he realized he really was speaking with the sheriff's department. A few minutes later, Kohles said he walked down the hall to tell his friends what had happened and was police officers walking toward him.

"These guys in suits came up and asked me if I'd heard gunshots," Kohles told The Antelope.

Kohles told the officers what happened, but said he was questioned for about 45 minutes. Kohles said six officers and two resident assistants responded to his call.

"It was just a one out of a million chance thing," Kohles told the paper. "My advice to other people is to be careful when you dial. It's pretty easy to get confused."

The sheriff's office did not file charges.



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Tuesday, April 21

JFK-Mark Lane, Plausible Denial, 8pm, Murphy Center

Wednesday, April 22 EARTH DAY

JFK-Jim Moore, A Conspiracy of One; and Edward Sinker, An Objective Perspective, 8 pm, Murphy Center.

Phi Epsilon Kappa meeting, 5 pm, Murphy Center student lounge.

Thursday, April 23

Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, 8 pm, Tucker Theatre.

Percussion Ensemble, 8 pm, Wright Music Hall.

Criminal Justice Society meeting, 6:30 pm, Keathley University Center, call Michael Cristoph 893-5966.

Deadline for Softball Tournament entries, call 898-2104.

Sigma Tau Delta organizational meeting, 4:30 pm, Peck Hall 107.

College of Liberal Arts annual

awards reception, 5 pm, Alumni Center, call 2640.

Other Campus Events

Pre-Law Society, display of trophies won in regional and national competitions, first floor lobby of Cope Administration building.

Criminal Justice Society Canned Food Drive, 8-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Greenland Drive parking lot and Keathley University Center.

Greek Week, April 20-24, Volleyball, Olympics, etc.

Food Drive, April 22-23, 8 am-3 pm, Kuc and Greenland Dr., call Michael Cristoph 893-5966.

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Sorority sponsors 'Big Sister' program

VICKI NEAL
Assistant News Editor

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta are giving special attention to minority students by sponsoring a "Big Sister" program at Mitchell-Neilson Primary School, said Chontel Grimes, a senior at MTSU and coordinator of the sorority's program.

The program is presently being offered to students in kindergarten to second grade, but there is a desire to expand the program.

"We would love to have older children in the program because all children need positive role models, especially teenagers who may need someone to tell them that it's okay to say 'no' to the negative peer pressure that bombards them everyday," said Erika Matthews, a senior at MTSU and volunteer in the program.

Grimes added that they are working with students whose parents may still be at work when

they leave school for the day.

With activities including pizza parties, going to restaurants to eat, going to the park and other recreational activities, the sisters have been trying to give the girls some fun, positive things to do. The sisters also help students with their homework and spend quality time with the children.

"Lots of kids aren't used to going out to eat," Grimes said. "We're just trying to be a positive role model for them."

So far seven children are involved in the program.

Teachers from Mitchell-Neilson love the program and have noticed improvements in the

behavior and work of the children involved in the program.

"All the teachers love it [the Big Sister program]," Grimes said. "The teachers have seen a big improvement in some students' work."

Grimes also added that she has noticed a positive difference in the young girl she has been working with one-on-one.

Delta Sigma Theta is wanting to contribute something positive to the community, Matthews said.

"The sisters are really excited about this," she said.

"We want to give something back to the community."

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More minorities seek college education

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Minority enrollment at MTSU has shown an increase over past years, but efforts must be stepped up to keep them in school according to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Director of Admissions and Records George Gillespie said 263 of the 1,923 students enrolling as freshmen in 1991 are black, but blacks only make up 9.2 percent of the total student body.

"That tells us that we are enrolling blacks as freshmen," Gillespie said. "But we have a long way to go as far as retention."

Gillespie said it is difficult to determine the number of Native Americans and Asians enrolled at MTSU, since many Asians are exchange students and "not all Native Americans classify themselves as such."

"We are interested in a cosmopolitan enrollment at MTSU, representing all races and backgrounds," Gillespie said.

Totals from the MTSU Affirmative Action report that out of 15,673 students enrolled in Fall 1991, 1,441 were Blacks, 96 Hispanics, 253 Asians, 39 American Indians, and 15 Unclassifieds.

The number of minority

Racial composition of MTSU

	Men		Women		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
White	6,497	41.5	7,332	46.8	13,829	88.2
Black	624	4.0	817	5.2	1,441	9.2
Hispanic	47	0.3	49	0.3	96	0.6
Asian	129	0.8	124	0.8	253	1.6
American Indian	21	0.1	18	0.1	39	0.2
Unclassified	7	0.0	8	0.1	15	0.1

TOTAL 7,325 46.7 8,348 53.3 15,673 100.0

Source: Institutional Research

Brian Rogers/Staff Artist

students in Fall 1991 reached 1,844 or 11.8 percent, an increase over 1,700 out of 14,865 students, or 11.4 percent, in Fall 1990.

Director of Minority Affairs Ralph Metcalf said increases at MTSU can be attributed to program reputations and the convenience of the university.

"It's inexpensive and close to home," Metcalf said.

There are numerous four-year schools within a 50-mile radius of this area, Metcalf said, making it the "educational hub of the state."

Metcalf said minority students tend to gravitate towards Mass Communications, Criminal Justice, and Aerospace majors.

"These (majors) are very well known and respected in this area," he said.

Requirements for numbers of minorities enrolled are being met by MTSU, Metcalf said, though the enrollment of black students is five-tenths of a percentage point lower than it is supposed to be.

"We have met and are exceeding our goals," Metcalf said.

The number of minority faculty members have also increased from 68 or 12.2 percent in Fall 1990 to 77 or 12.5 percent in Fall 1991.

Affirmative Action reported 46 Black faculty members, 7 Hispanics, 19 Asians, and 5 Native Americans in Fall 1991.

Metcalf said the numbers of minority faculty at MTSU are not surprising, since many minorities choose not to pursue a teaching career.

"The pay scale is not as attractive as in other fields," Metcalf said.

But for those who choose to teach, there are numerous opportunities and increasing demand, he said.

"It's very competitive for universities and colleges to get great minority personnel," Metcalf said. "They are very high in demand. Usually, they will follow the dollar signs."

The demand for minority faculty tends to keep them from becoming tenured as they move from one job to another more prestigious and often higher-paying job, Metcalf said.

Enrollment figures double on national level in 1980's

(CPS) -- The number of minority students attending American colleges and universities grew from 5.1 percent to 10 percent in the late 1980s, says a report by the American Council on Education.

The Tenth Annual Status Report on Minorities in Higher Education, released Jan. 20, presented data on high school graduation rates, college enrollments and degree attainment.

Between 1988 and 1990, enrollments by white students rose by 3.8 percent, while black and Hispanic enrollments rose by 8.2 percent and 11.5 percent. Asian enrollment rose by 11.7 percent, and Native Americans increased by 10.8 percent. Altogether the total minority enrollments nearly doubled during that two-year period, growing from 5.1 percent to 10 percent.

The report states that black men made a strong showing, with a 7.4 percent gain in enrollment, topping that group's previous high recorded 10 years ago.

The report also calls for "sustained efforts to be made to boost college participation and graduation rates" among minorities and notes that the recession is threatening such activities.

A special section of this year's report reflects ethnic trends in academic employment.

While blacks, Hispanics and American Indians reflect small gains as faculty members in U.S.

colleges, the proportion of Asian faculty members rose sharply.

Asian representation rose from 2. percent to 4.7 percent, the report said, and Asians now outnumber blacks among college faculty.

The report also reflects that many of the Asians are not U.S. citizens, with only 2.8 percent of all college faculty members American-born or naturalized Asian Americans.

The overall minority faculty percentage rose from 17.7 percent in 1979 to 20.3 percent in 1989.

The study said that blacks showed the least change proportionately. About 4.5 percent of full-time faculty members were black in 1989, compared with 4.3 percent in 1979.

However, 47.7 percent of black faculty members are employed at black colleges, which in 1990 enrolled 248,687 of the nation's 13.7 million college students.

Hispanic faculty representation rose from 1.5 percent to 2 percent; Native Americans, from 0.2 percent to 0.3 percent.

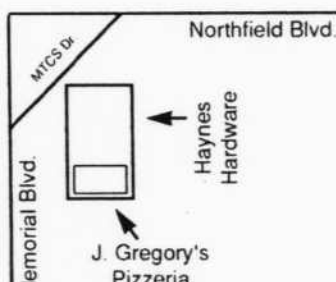
According to the report, tenure rated for full-time minority faculty has improved little in the past 10 years, showing an increase of only 0.4 percentage points, from 60.3 percent to 60.7 percent.

In contrast, tenure rates for whites increased from 68.9 percent to 71.9 percent.

The report states that an analysis of faculty positions by rank presents a "bleak commentary" on the progress of minorities into senior posts in the nation's college and universities.

The study also says affirmative action and targeted hiring should be strengthened during the next decade to increase representation of minorities in college faculties.

The nation's higher education officials "must understand that continuous and sustained efforts are needed to attract and retain more minority faculty and this does not mean hiring one or two minority faculty candidates and then returning to business as usual," the study says.



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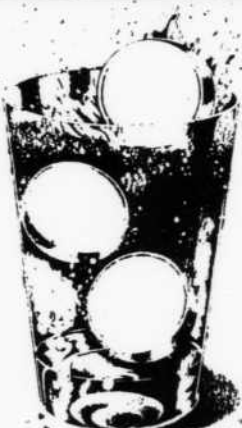
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Campus Briefs

Student wins Miss Black Lincoln County

An MTSU freshman recently captured first place honors at a Lincoln County beauty contest.

Saphana McLier, who is from Fayetteville, Tenn., was crowned "Miss Black Lincoln County." The first annual pageant consisted of eight



Saphana McLier

contestants age.

Besides being a freshman, the 19-year-old accounting major currently works in the university's Affirmative Action office.

"She's a pleasure to work with," said Barbara Gray, a secretary in the office. "She's a great worker."

Gray added that McLier is a hard worker also.

"She's my legs and my arms in this office," Gray added.

McLier not only won the contest, but she also placed first in the pageant competitions including sportswear, career-wear, talent and evening gown, for which she received certificates.

SGA holds annual banquet

New Student Government Association President Toby

Gilley was inducted into office Wednesday night at the SGA Banquet in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Also inducted were Ray Lentz, new Speaker of the House, and Larry Beaty, re-elected Speaker of the Senate, as well as other various other Senators.

New Student Ambassadors were installed at the banquet as well.

The Minority Affairs presented various awards to People of the Year. They are as follows:

- Faculty: Dr. Erise Doss, Psychology.
- Advisor: Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson, English.
- Athlete: Quincy Vance, basketball.
- Student Leader: Shawn Burgess, SGA.
- Fraternity: Alpha Phi Alpha.
- Sorority: Alpha Kappa Alpha.
- Student Organization: NAACP.
- Administrator: Winston Wrenn, Financial Aid.

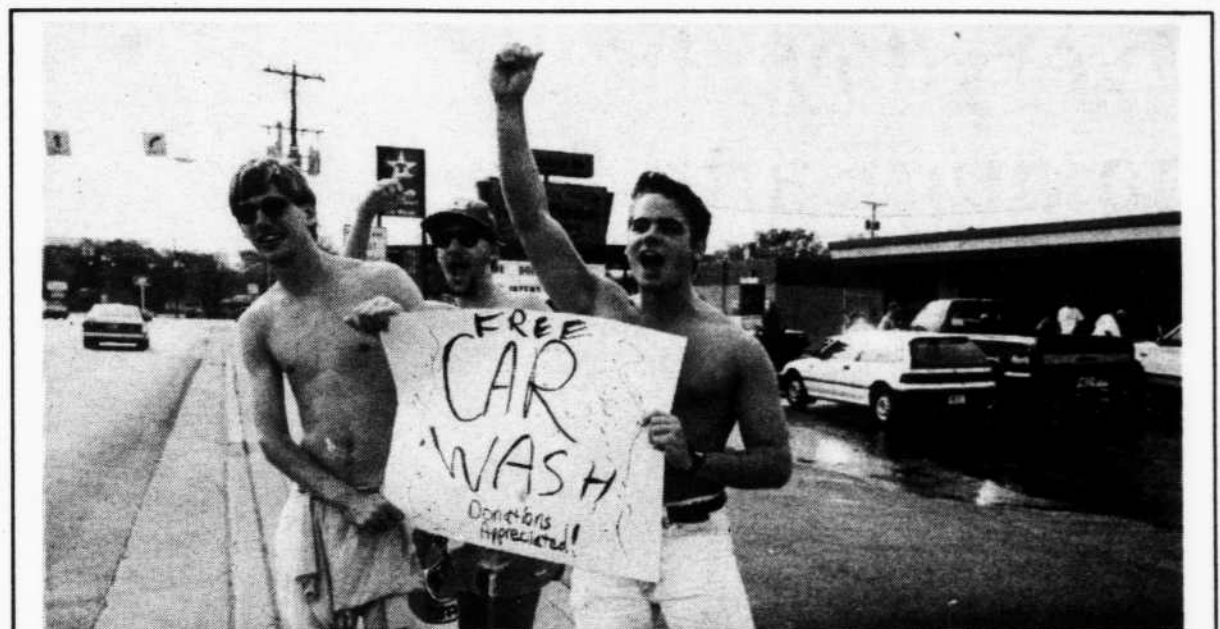
Those in Who's Who were honored and Cheerleader awards were given out.

--Sam Gannon
News Editor

Response time faster with phones

The twelve security telephones that were installed on campus last semester have effectively provided easy access to campus police in emergency situations, said a spokesperson for the department of Public Safety and Security.

Unlike other telephones on



Alan Jasenovic/Photographer

WASH YOUR BLUES AWAY: The TKE fraternity sponsored a free car wash at the 'Boro on April 16. Donations collected were for the MTSU scholarship fund. Seen above are Tommy Thorburn, left, David Chard, and Chad Hutson enticing passers-by to take advantage of their service.

campus, the emergency phones are linked directly to the campus police office, allowing officers a faster response time to calls of distress.

"Two car accidents occurred on East Main near an emergency phone," said Chief Jack Drugman director of Public Safety and Security, "one [of the accidents] had injuries. Security arrived quicker than they would have on a regular phone."

Although the emergency phones could be a deterrent to crimes committed on campus, Drugman said that the campus is not a high crime area and there have not yet been any crime-related calls.

"A lot of calls are made for jump-starting or unlocking cars," said Drugman.

Locations for the phones were near the greatest areas of

foot traffic, especially the south side of campus.

--Fred Jones
Special to *Sidelines*

Mobile Grill may be back on campus

Many may have been wondering what happened to the mobile grill which roamed the campus last fall, but the mobile grill will remain inactive until May 11 unless someone is found to manage it, an ARA spokesperson said.

"We are still looking for personnel to operate it," said David McCallie, director of ARA services.

The mobile grill has been inoperative this semester because the weather has been so questionable from day to day, he said.

Now that the weather seems

to be warming up for good it would seem likely that the grill would roll into action.

"We will be able to use full time personnel by May 11," McCallie said, "because some of the other (ARA) operations (on campus) will be closing down," said McCallie.

The mobile grill will definitely be here in the summer, McCallie said, but in the meantime it will not be here the last few weeks of this semester.

McCallie also added that ARA is looking for a bigger mobile grill to use this summer, but have not had much luck.

--Tripp Ballard
News Writer

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Everyday should be our Earth Day

Does anyone remember Earth Day '90? Sure you do. It was the big 20th anniversary celebration. Actors, bands and politicians came out of the woodwork to show their support for the environment, and everyone followed suit.

Now, just two years later, popular concern for environmental issues have declined. Our "Environmental President" now refuses to attend the International Earth Summit in an election year where public support is vital. If the majority were still involved, he would have no choice but to go.

Don't misunderstand us, there are still a number of dedicated "earthniks." The faithful have not forgotten the importance of the cause. But overall support is much deeper than it is wide. Saving the Earth no longer commands the broad appeal it once did.

This is both an unfortunate and unnecessary occurrence. The Earth is certainly in no better condition than it was two years ago. The problems that existed then are still here today and, in most cases, have even worsened. So what's our problem?

It's simple but sad. For anything to maintain popular support it has to be perceived by the masses as "fashionable." Once the environment lost its hip appeal, the fair weather Greens jumped ship leaving an enormous burden on the truly concerned environmentalists.

We can no longer allow this serious problem to go unheeded. Lives are literally at stake. We encourage everyone to celebrate Earth Day '92 on April 23, but do not let it stop there. We must all do our part to see that Earth Day is everyday.



Letters to the Editor

Students deserve to be heard

Kudos to Terry Massey and Christina M. Taylor for their response to Dr. Stephen Lewis's column. While not quite foaming at the mouth, I also believe Dr. Lewis missed the boat. Ostensibly, his column is about the proper relationship between the students and the administration—not about the condom issue (though he teasingly tells us he does, in fact, have an opinion).

Dr. Lewis's view of the administration is of the "father knows best" variety. After all, the administration is comprised of professionals. Because of their age and experience, they are endowed with infinite wisdom, and while students may duly register their grievances, the administration is not obligated to take these seriously. Students should stick to getting an education (in the academic sense only, of course) and let administrators do empathize with those who run this university; it is difficult enough to oversee an educational institution faced with budget cuts and skyrocketing enrollment without having to deal with pesky students who should be in the library studying.

So it is. That's why administrators get paid.

Dr. Lewis's opinion may be understandable—even commendable—if the stakes weren't so high. We aren't talking about convenient parking spaces or some other trivial issue that MTSU students like to rave about. Although it is a well-worn cliché, it's true: it is a matter of life and death. The students have overwhelmingly voted to install condom machines in their dormitories—not in Dr. Lewis's

office. Student leaders now need to negotiate and compromise with administration officials, not on whether to install condom machines, but on the best way to do it.

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Bureaucrats should wise up

To the unthinking bureaucrats of the world:

It infuriates me to think that the very country that was found on innovation and common sense is so asinine in its decision making. I was appalled when I read that the family planning clinic on campus is being closed after spring semester. It seems the "budget" people would rather save a few pennies now and spend a few dollars down the road. I say this for three reasons. First being that some students here simply can not afford or will not pay a \$0 visit to a doctor for a routine pap smear. Pap smears are very crucial in determining certain deadly but curable diseases (if caught in time [cancer for example]). Secondly, the clinic provided STD testing. With the crisis of AIDS and other STD's, it seems to me that available testing would be a major factor in stopping the spread of the disease. If people do not know they have "it" then they may unknowingly give "it" to someone else. My third point would not be available. You may say use a condom but as much as we hate to believe it, some people just don't bother. You've heard all of the excuses before - I'm embarrassed, didn't want to ruin the moment, etc. - and besides condoms aren't going to be readily available anyway. It seems to me that keeping a

woman on birth control for four years of college, where upon graduating if she did get pregnant odds are that she could support herself and the child, would be more economically beneficial than the alternative. The alternative being more women getting pregnant in college, more women dropping out of college to try to support themselves and their children, and more tax payers dollars being used for them and their children for welfare for the next fifty to sixty years. Fifty years of paying for welfare versus four years of paying for birth control - well, it sure seems simple to me. Please stop thinking about short term benefits and start looking into the future. That's why our country is in the shape it's in now.

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Take the 'apathy challenge'

"What does apathy mean?" is what someone asked me when this whole get involved movement started. This question was posed by a fellow colleague of mine. My response at the time was a hearty laugh at his superior intellect, however, after I noticed that his expressionless face indicated that he really did not know, I started to feel like I did not know either. As the president of the Catholic organization on campus I decided to welcome anyone who feels that they are lackadaisical and need something to do to participate in some of our activities. So the next time you catch yourself looking at someone and thinking "Man that dude is weird. Why is he doing that stuff down in the KUC." Think about it again. This could have been you.

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Students respond to Lewis' column

Father knows best, my ass

I must take umbrage at some of the more anile ideas Professor Stevens has expressed.

Professor Lewis' comments are certainly understandable in light of his position in the university; after all, what person in authority wants to see that authority eroded, even the slightest bit? Why, slavers in pre-civil war southern states expressed much the same feelings of Professor Lewis, as did anti-suffragists prior to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Progress, through history, has been solely the domain of those who were unwilling to let their "betters" make the decisions for them. Our whole society embodies the idea that merely being in a position of authority does not make the office holder right.

While many of the Professor's ideas are, by themselves correct, the Professor has failed to see the logical progression of most of his thoughts.

The first and most important point I wish to raise is that of responsibility. "They [the taxpayers] are responsible to you (the students), to your parents, to the faculty and staff; and yes, probably most importantly, to the taxpayers who pay the bills."

I would remind you sir, that I am one of those anonymous taxpayers, and have been so since I was fourteen years old. Moreover, I (as a taxpayer) am not a minority. Since almost every student on this campus works to pay for the privilege of attending university, then, by your logic, the school is very much responsible to us for its actions. Unlike the faceless majority, we are in a position to address the university directly. Shouldn't then, our feelings on issues be addressed proportionately?

To address further the subject of working students, I would like to point out that every student I know, and I myself, work long, hard hours to pay for our education. A fifteen hour work day is the norm for me, and I suspect most students. Every

MARK T. GIBSON Guest Columnist

penny I make goes to MTSU, and I must go into debt for the next fifteen years or so to get more pennies. I am allowed no excuses for failing to maintain my university work. Past work aside, you show me a faculty member or administrator that puts in as much work for the privilege of remaining employed as I do, and I will concede that administrators are equally (although not "eminently") qualified to make decisions which concern me."

Professor Lewis seems to feel that the possession of a degree somehow confers upon its holder special knowledge. I would like to point out to him that an advanced degree is, first and foremost, a union card to academia, and everybody but academicians seems to understand this point. While I respect any person who has put in the hours and work for an advanced degree, I refuse to concede that a doctorate in, oh say, Business Administration necessarily makes a person "eminently qualified" to make decisions on whether I have easy access to a condom.

The Professor seems to think that an education consists merely of term papers and books. While they certainly are integral to an education, only a fool (or a business drone) would suggest that they are all that we are here for. The university's purpose, in part, is to "promote development of the individual and to provide an atmospheres conducive to acquiring an education which will be relevant to everyday living and which will provide experiences to develop wholesome, productive citizens." I don't think an attitude of "just shut up and let your betters made the decisions" could possibly be constructed as wholesome or productive.

Our university officials are hired by our elected officials, and thus by extension us, to work in our name. I submit that the administration is required to do a lot more than "consider" any "input" that we as students may

Editor's note: The response to Dr. Stephen D. Lewis' column "Who's running the university?" has been incredible. We have received a number of letters and columns exoressing outrage over his comments concerning the condom machine issue. In order to allow for the free exchange of these ideas, I am dedicating this page to these humorous and rather tough rebuttles, along with a cartoon that I feel strikes close to the heart of the issue. Enjoy!

wish to suggest. As a taxpayer, veteran, and member of the "real world", I refuse to let the government get away with such a "father knows best" attitude; if I won't allow my elected officials to patronize me like that, what makes Professor Lewis feel that I should let university officials do so? I wonder if the professor will, in the future, simply allow the administrators to dictate to the faculty whatever terms they wish? By Professor Lewis' logic, administrators are eminently qualified to administrate, and teachers should just keep out what they don't understand.

I feel that the Professor's attitude is one shared by many university officials, who wish that we (the public) would just get off of their back and let them do their job. I would point out that in a free society, public servants (and I use that term deliberately) are required to listen to the public (those ungrateful bastards) and do as the public desires. If university officials feel that this is too much to ask, they are invited to take themselves to the private sector, where they may ignore public opinion to their heart's content. However, I feel that if the majority of our administrators and faculty were required to produce the results in academia that they would be in the private sector, then a lot of faculty would be working as gardeners.

And if slinging manure were the only qualification for gardening, I know of at least one faculty member who would be "eminently qualified."

Older does not equal wiser

TERRY BOHANNON Guest Column

tioned. I wonder, if the administration felt that it was necessary to cut each professor's salary by \$5,000, if Dr. Lewis would stand by his views and accept that what the administration had done because they were "older and wiser!" I somehow believe he would perhaps form a different opinion than that of the administration and petition against it.

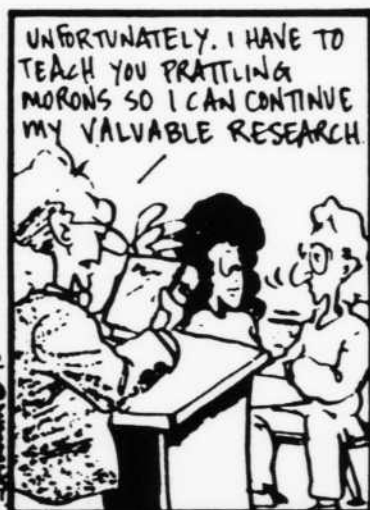
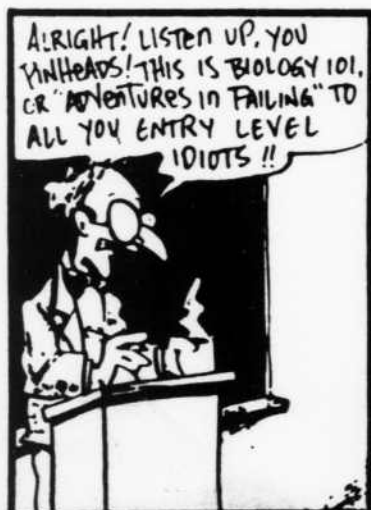
I don't see why these condom machines are causing so much trouble for the students. This is 1992, not 1952, and yes, people are more promiscuous sexually. It's a fact of nature and I doubt it's going to change anytime soon. If the students feel that having a condom machine within accessibility will help prevent them from contracting AIDS or other STD's, then what's the hassle?

Dr. Lewis states that the university's administration is responsible for the students, parents, faculty, and the taxpayers. In this condom issue it seems that the students are being put last on the administration's responsibility checklist. This worries me since I make up three of their areas of responsibility (student, taxpayer, parent) and, according to Dr. Lewis, should not have any part in the process. I'm not saying that decisions be left up to students, but a student's opinion should not be merely shrugged off as insignificant.

If these condom machines could prevent even one student from contracting a deadly disease, isn't it worth it? AIDS is a serious problem and it's not going away. We need to stop all the moralizing and get in the fight against this killer. If that means condom machines on phone poles, school buses, or wherever the hell else we can put them, then let's do it so maybe we'll have a "next generation."

Professor Lewis, wake up!! This is college, you know, where people go to engage in a free exchange of ideas. College is supposed to open our eyes to either accept, reject, or improve the status quo. Your suggestion of just "going along" is a sad commentary on what college is all about. I certainly hope that this article is not a reflection of your teaching methods where speaking out against what you believe is discouraged. If so, perhaps we can merge the condom issue with the university name change issue and rename this institution to your standards, "Stephen D. Lewis State University," where the graduates will be spineless, non-thinking, useless members of society.

In summation, I would just like to say that if Professor Lewis is an example of "older and wiser," then I think I prefer to be "younger and dumber."



Features

Rescue on the river banks

Moldy baby diapers, muddy tires, a dilapidated picnic table, a beaten Buick hood, corroded mufflers, a slimy garden hose, faded baseball cards, rat-infested mattresses, fungus-found aluminium cans.

What do all these items have in common? No, it's not the county dump, it's the Stones River.

The Stones River is becoming the Slum River. It's 21-mile bank and its once clean, clear water are being polluted.

Take a Sunday walk along the Stones River and you will not only see a wonder of nature but also the environmental sin of man.

However, there's some good news to this sad story.

There are still heroes to save us. And the hero of this story is an MTSU student.

Psychology graduate student Kevin Reeder took that Sunday walk and was so disgusted by what he saw that he decided to do something.

Calls were made and posters were hung. River Rescue was formed.

At 10 a.m. Saturday mornings, students, faculty and residents meet with their trash bags to pick up garbage in and along the Stones River.

"The river is a beautiful historical and economical significance to our community," says Reeder. "People are taking it for granted."

On the same banks where trash collects, the Confederate and Union armies faced each other 130 years ago preparing for battle. An army band started a patriotic tune. Then from the other side of the river came a rival tune. "Dixie" was drowned out by "Yankee Doodle." Then one of the bands began playing "Home Sweet Home," and thousands of American soldiers, northern and southern alike, joined in singing.

On the same banks where trash piles up today, endemic species of plants have been declared endangered, like the Tennessee cone flower. The cedar glades (an open space in a forest) are a distinctive environmental feature in this area. The vegetation is of special interest to botanists because it's found nowhere else according to Dr. Elsie Quaterman, formerly of Vanderbilt University.

"We think it's great what the volunteers are doing," expresses Teresa Warnack, administrator officer of Stones River Battlefield because of federal budget cuts.

In fact, I have experienced River Rescue. It was like a scene from the movie "The Day After." My mouth opened, my heart weakened, my eyes did believe. On a small island in the middle of the river, I counted 18 automobile tires that extended out of the water and on the land.

Why? What murderer had done this?

"People are not aware of what they are doing. They are dumping their personal trash because they would have to pay to get county trash pick-up," says Warnack.

MTSU public relation student Karen Detwiler commends River Rescue.

"My boyfriend and I went fishing at the river and not only was there trash everywhere but a deer carcass. People are not taking pride in a river that enhances our community," says Detwiler.

River Rescue volunteer and MTSU aerospace major Mike Pablo was amazed at all the different items he found when cleaning.

"There were enough Taco Bell condiments to restock the whole store and enough car parts to open a shop," explains Pablo.

The group is small right now, but it doesn't matter because they're doing a big thing.

"Cleaning up the Stones is a peaceful and silent way to protest," says Reeder.

Perhaps someday our children will see clean water, healthy plants, clean soil to walk on and wandering wildlife along the banks instead of diapers, tires, and cans.

SHELLEY MAYS
Special to Sidelines

RIVER RESCUE PROJECT



Shelley Mays/Photographer

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: MTSU business major Dennis McKelvy lends a hand to the Stones River Rescue project. If you're interested in becoming involved with River Rescue, crews meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Greenland Drive parking lot near the recycling bins.

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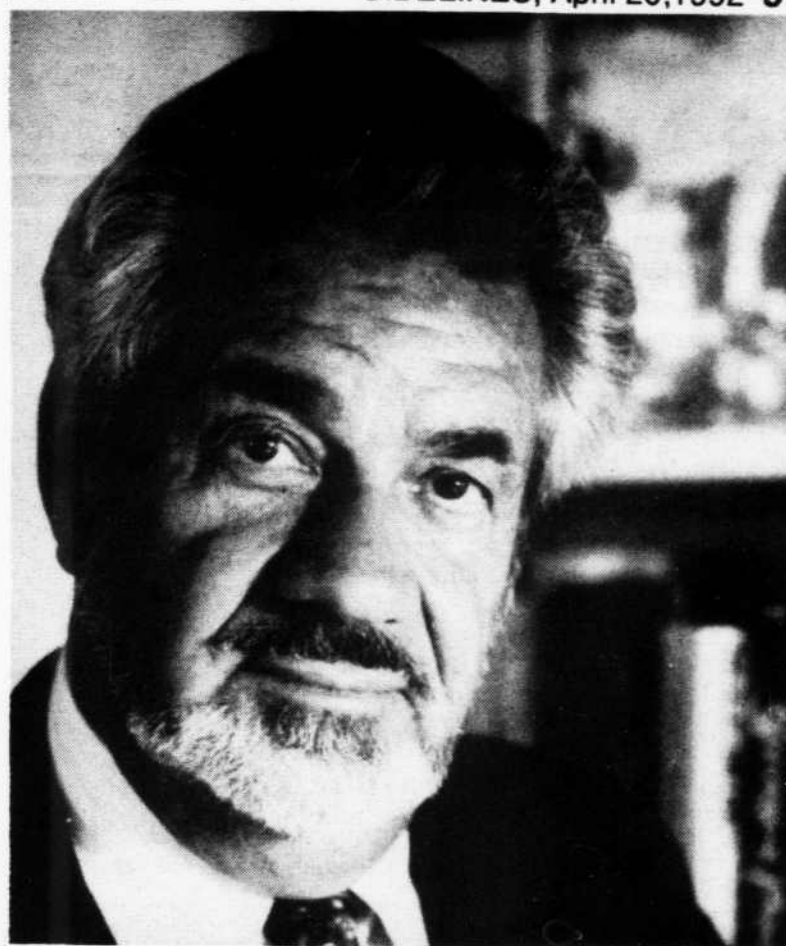
FROM STAFF REPORTS

As an author, lawyer, teacher, legislator, lecturer, political organizer, activist, and filmmaker, Mark Lane has continually asked and often answered the questions many would not dare too address.

His eight contemporary books include "Code Name Zorro", an analysis of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "The Strongest Poison", an account of the facts surrounding the Jonestown massacre, and "Conversations with Americans", a critique of military excesses in Vietnam, which was adapted for an award-winning film.

Lane's most acclaimed book yet, "Rush to Judgment", is a critique of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. As a number-one best-seller in both hardcover and paperback, "Rush to Judgment" was subsequently translated into 23 languages. Norman Mailer has called "Rush to Judgment", "an heroic and historic contribution," and Bertrand Russell believes, "Lane's work is greater than Zola in the Dreyfuss case."

Mark Lane began a 25-year pursuit of the facts behind the Kennedy assassination when he began work on "Rush to Judgment". And in those years, he has co-produced and appeared in a documentary based on the



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book, directed by the filmmaker Emile de Antonio. Together with Donald Freed, he wrote the screenplay for "Executive Action", starring Burt Lancaster. Lane also directed, produced, and appeared in the documentary "Two Men in Dallas". And Lane's book "A Citizen's Dissent" addressed both the Kennedy assassination and the inner workings of the news media.

Lane was a Campaign Manager for John F. Kennedy's

New York City presidential race in 1960. He served as an executive assistant to the United States Congressman, and was, himself, a member of the New York State Legislature. He has lectured throughout the United States and Europe.

It is clear that Mark Lane's passion for the truth and a strong sense of justice has permeated every aspect of his multifaceted career and more particularly inspired the fervor with which he has pursued the facts in the Kennedy assassination.

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What have you got to lose?

Seniors with senioritis speak up

BETHLYN ANDERSON
Feature Writer

The symptoms are obvious. Anxiety accompanied by a severe desire to leave MTSU can mean only one thing to graduating seniors: senioritis.

Senioritis can attack in varying degrees. Some seniors may want to graduate as soon as possible, while others may not want to leave so soon to face the "real" world.

"I always told my mother I wanted to be an 'adult' when I grew up," recalls Suzy Wilson, a senior elementary education major. "But I used to always play school with my friends and I wanted to be a teacher."

Graduating finance and insurance major Twyla Greer says, "I wanted to be a lawyer

when I was little but I changed my mind after I got to college because there's not much demand for lawyers and I can get a better job doing what I'm doing now."

Greer started her college career at MTSU in the fall of 1987 and stayed until the spring of 1990 when she moved to California to get married. She reluctantly returned to MTSU last semester to finish her education and get her degree.

"If I could have done my last semester in California, I would've," Greer points out. "The only reason I did come back was because I was told that I would have to spend two more years in school out there to get what I could get in one year at MTSU."

Greer has less than kind

words to say about MTSU, particularly its on-campus housing. "Things have not changed from the time I left until I came back," Greer says. "The faculty is okay, but housing sucks to the extreme!"

In explaining her dislike for MTSU housing, Greer points a critical finger at the dorm resident assistants and housing staff as the source of her discontent.

"No matter what the issue is,

"We have teachers that say at the beginning of the semester that they are going to give us F's and that there is nothing we can do about it because they have tenure."

-Janet Chamblee, Senior

the area coordinator always sides with the RA (resident assistant)," Greer claims. "There is no fairness between the residents here and the housing staff and there is strong favoritism between the staff and some of the residents."

Greer also says that there is an alleged racial tension in the dorms involving the residents and the hall staff which has caused her to "have less respect for those in housing positions."

Many seniors say that if they could relive their entire experience at MTSU, they wouldn't. Senior business management major Janet Chamblee is one such person.

Chamblee transferred to MTSU to continue her education after she graduated from Motlow Community College in 1990.

"I have mixed feelings about this place," she says after pausing to think. "On the one hand, I value the friendships that I've made here and I've enjoyed being away from home. On the other hand," Chamblee says, "academically this college stinks!"

Chamblee credits poor allocation of funds as being one of her major complaints. "Funds are being given to increase the size of the Grill, while the family

inking of a job prospect."

"I want to take over a TV station and make a million dollars. I want to hire Pat Sajak for \$20,000 and hire Gumby as a weather man!" Fitts jokes.

Instead of an instant job opportunity after graduation, Fitts expects he'll be moving back home with his parents for awhile. When asked what he thinks will become of his degree and how it will be used, he says, "Would you like fries with that?"

Fitts describes MTSU as "not bad," but wishes loop drive would be made into a two-way street.

In his last will and testament, Fitts says he would leave water skis and hip boots "to get around campus when it rains."

I would leave a big blue condom for the big blue screw," he chuckles. "I wouldn't want any diseases to be transferred."

Fitts says he won't be leaving a forwarding address for the Alumni Association. "I'm not giving MTSU any more money," Fitts says adamantly. "They've already got enough of mine. I don't want them hounding me after I graduate for money I'm never going to make."

The experiences of graduating seniors vary, as do the adjectives they use to describe their experience. We can only hope that it's senioritis talking and that years from now, MTSU will actually conjure up good memories.

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WAIT A MINUTE: A Blue Raider batter attempts to hold up his swing during Saturday's opening game against Austin Peay.

Big Blue splits in thrilling double header at Reese Smith Field

GREG ADKINS
Sports Writer

MTSU's Blue Raider Baseball team was on top of the OVC standing for about two hours Saturday night.

In a six-hour, two game marathon the Blue Raiders captured a breath taking 2-1 victory over the Austin Peay Governors to take a half game lead in the OVC standing. Shortly after the rousing victory Austin Peay stole the lead back with a Raiders 7-6 win.

"The first game was a heck of a pitchers duel," MTSU head coach Steve Peterson said, "but nobody offensively was doing much of anything. In the second game we were struggling along, and not doing much. The game went back and forth and we lost."

Going into the last inning of each game, it appeared as if the eventual loser would be the apparent winner which provided excitement and disappointment for the large crowd on hand.

The first game of the night was a pitching battle in which Austin Peay managed only one run and the Raiders were scoreless until the seventh.

In Middle's half of the inning, Jamie Hicks led off with a double followed by a walk to Chris Price. Craig Reavis moved the runners with a sacrifice bunt and Ken Finley was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Senior Philip Edwards stood in with a chance to be a hero with a hit but his keen eye produced a walk which forced a run in. Finally, the last stand was answered when designated hitter Mudcat Brewer stepped up with a solid single giving the Raiders the conference lead.

"He pretty much had my number, he kept jamming me in," Brewer said. "I just went to the plate determined to get a hit or a sacrifice fly to score the runner. If you're good enough to know you can do it, you can do it."

MTSU was not so lucky in the second half of the double header.

A double dose of two-run homers was issued in the fifth by MTSU's Jason Maxwell and Chris Price to set-up the 6-3 lead and it appeared as if Middle would have a solid hold on the conference lead.

However, just as Middle did in the opener, Peay clawed its way back and left a Raider crowd stunned.

The rally started when Scott Quade delivered a one out single followed by a double from Troy Hayes off Raider pitcher Doug Philpot.

Jamie Birkofer took the mound for Middle and hit a batter to load the bases before giving up a decisive grand slam home run to Randy McDermott.

"Philpot was going good and then it appeared to me he was getting tired," Peterson said. "When it [the count] went to 3 and 0, I felt very confident in bringing in Birkofer."

"If I had to do it again I would go to Birkofer. He hung a slider right there and the guy took him out of the yard. They were both big wins for the respective teams. Nothing really got settled tonight."

"I wouldn't have done things differently, I wouldn't have changed a thing."

The Raiders are now a half game out of first place with an OVC record of 8-5. Austin Peay is th

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MTSU track teams come up short in bid for conference crown

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

Although MTSU's men's and women's track team had a number of outstanding performances and several first place finishers, it wasn't enough to win the Ohio Valley Conference Championship meet this weekend.

The depth of Murray State's men, the defending champions, was too much for the young Blue Raider team as the Racers won 109 to 59.

"Taking second as a team was about all we could expect because it's only our second year with a men's team," coach Dean Hayes said. "Hopefully with the athletes we've signed for next year, we'll have a better team. Some of the other teams in the OVC will get a lot stronger which will help us because we are better off in a quality meet. We have quality people more than anything."

That "quality" was demonstrated as MTSU's men ran away with six first place performances.

"Tom Hampton had the outstanding performance in the 400-meter hurdles," Hayes said, "He won that

event in 51.7 which is his best time ever."

Hampton's time was just four tenths of a second shy from qualifying provisionally for the NCAA meet.

"I really wanted to win because I pulled my hamstring last year and I didn't get to run," Hampton said. "I was kind of expecting to win. I knew there really wasn't anybody out there, so I wanted to run for time and try to qualify for the NCAA's."

All-American Roland McGhee was able to defend his titles in both the long jump and the 100-meter dash, but said he was a little pessimistic about the 100.

"I wasn't expecting to win the 100," McGhee said. "I hadn't planned on running it because I cramped up in the triple jump. I wasn't even going to finish the meet, but I forced myself to run it. I didn't care whether or not I won. I just wanted to see if I could do it."

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Raiders limping down stretch, ready for OVC tournament

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

With the Ohio Valley Conference Championships right around the corner, the MTSU tennis teams can ill afford a slump right now.

Last week, the men traveled to Murray State to take on the Racers. It was a highly touted match between the OVC frontrunners and the winner was expected to take the conference crown. Murray won the match and the loss couldn't have come at a worse time.

However, head coach Dale Short found something positive out of the defeat.

For starters, the Racers have a new rubberized court which favors the home squad considerably. Next the crowd factor played a role. It was large and boisterous which some of Short's players were not used to but next time they'll be ready.

"They were up for us and they had a lot of people come out," Short said. "A few guys were intimidated by the noise and crowd behavior."

"The courts were a rubberized surface and unless someone plays on them for a while, there's no way to play to your potential."

Yet Short also realizes his troops didn't play as well as they possibly could as well.

"Murray won the close matches and the big ones," Short said. "In Nashville, on a neutral court, I think we can do a lot better."

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MTSU to field women's softball team this fall

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Beginning this fall, Middle Tennessee will add a new women's sport and that sport will be fast-pitch softball.

In order to comply with new NCAA rules, MTSU must have seven women's sports by 1994 and it currently has six.

Athletic Director John Stanford announced Tuesday that softball will fill the seventh sport and the team will begin competition next spring.

"This is a good area for it," Stanford said. "The Middle Tennessee area is known for good softball and it should be an exciting sport."

The Ohio Valley Conference has voted to make women's softball a championship sport in 1994 since several of the conference schools already have a program. Those which do not are either

adding it like MTSU or adding another sport such as track to fulfill the NCAA rule.

Scholarships will be provided and a field will be built on campus for the program which is beginning to take stride under interim coach Janet Ross. Ross, who is a women's basketball assistant, will assume

the role until July 1 when a head coach is announced. It is expected that Ross will vie for the head position as well.

"This is the heart of the recruiting season so we needed to get someone fast," Stanford said.

"Campus planning is looking for places to build a field and that should be started shortly. We will put some scholarships in it this year and hopefully we'll put more in next year."

In addition to scholarships, a operating and travel budget are also in the works.

Anyone interested in participating on the women's softball team should contact Janet Ross at 898-2450.

Upcoming draft can make and break dreams of reality

Will MTSU's Campbell, Burns be taken in NFL draft?

On April 26 and the 27th, over 900 college football seniors will know their future of becoming professional football players. These two days are the days in which the National Football League picks its future stars. This will be the highlight of a lot college players dreams, and for some a rude awaking of reality. Players, coaches and sports fans will be watching to see where the college stars are going and to what NFL teams.

I have researched and I have read predictions from top sports magazines and I feel I can make some predictions of what might happen.

First of all, several top name football players will be traded to other teams. Names being mentioned are Denver runningback Bobby Humphrey, San Francisco quarterback Steve Young, feared 49er linebacker Charles Haley, Steve Berlein, Dallas Cowboy quarterback, and Chicago defensive end Richard Dent.

If there is no moving of teams draft positions I feel this is what could happened.

No.1) Indianapolis Colts: Steve Emtman, 6-4, 289 pound defensive tackle, University of Washington. He is considered by far the best player in this years draft. Emtman dominated against every player he faced last year.

No. 2) Indianapolis Colts: Desmond Howard, 5-9, 185 pound wide receiver, Univ. of Michigan. He was this years Heisman's Trophy winner and he

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has 4.38 speed in the forty yard dash.

No. 3) Los Angeles Rams: Troy Vincent, 6-0, 192 pound cornerback, Wisconsin. He is big and he is fast, 4.31 in the 40-yard dash.

No.4) Cincinnati Bengals: Alonzo Spellman, 6-4, 280 pound defensive end, Ohio State. This guy looks like Hercules in pads.

No.5) Green Bay Packers: Terrell Buckley, 5-9, 175 pound cornerback, Florida State. He has six career interceptions for touchdowns and he can run 4.3s in the 40-yard dash.

No.6) Washington Redskins: Quentin Coryatt, 6-3, 240 pound linebacker, Texas A&M. He is big, fast, strong and plays with reckless abandon.

No.7) Miami Dolphins: Sean Gilbert, 6-4, 315 pound defensive end, Pittsburgh: This guy weighs over 300 pounds, and he fills a need for a bad defense.

No.8) New England Patriots: David Klingler, 6-2, 210 pound quarterback, Houston. Pats need a leader for their offense.

No.9) Cleveland Browns: Bob Whitfield, 6-5, 291 pound tackle, Stanford. Cleveland needs protection for QB Bernie Kosar and Whitfield is the best offensive tackle available.

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'Mudcat'

A name, and bat, that speak's for itself

GREG ADKINS

Sports Writer

There are many differences between professional baseball today and professional baseball yesterday. Today there are designated hitters, helmets for batters, million dollar salaries and a severe lack of players with nicknames.

Most fans critique professional baseball as a sport which has lost its roots. Some fans have given up on the sport because old values are long forgotten.

College baseball is a sport which has changed, but still depends on its traditions more than the pros.

MTSU is not on the forefront of many fields, but in baseball nicknames we have got one of the best around. Buford 'Mudcat' Brewer, the Blue Raiders designated hitter, is proud to be part of a dying trend.

"When I was a kid my Grandmother was into baseball," Mudcat said. "She came up with the name. There was a professional ball player named

Mudcat Grant."

My Grandmother and Dad were both big on baseball and I've been playing baseball since I was real small, Mudcat said. I guess they were responsible for the name starting and sticking.

A nickname can be as much a hazard as an asset. Whenever Mudcat comes to the plate he gets more than his share of cheers and

"I'm just a country player," Mudcat said with broad grin.

The nickname agrees with Mudcat's baseball skills he is among league leaders in extra base hits, home runs and batting average. In high school at nearby Smyrna, he was one of the most feared players around. Maybe the inspired shouts and team support help him to these heights. The name is in his blood.

"I've had the name since I was playing T-ball, about four or five years old," Mudcat said. "Most of today's players don't make things like

nicknames a priority. "Every player on the team has a nickname. Most of them don't use their's as much as I use mine."

Sports today could take a lesson from players at MTSU. If you don't care for the game why be a part of it.

With too much talk of player strikes in the big leagues maybe we could use a few more nicknames. Surely Dizzy Dean, Catfish Hunter and Stan 'The Man' Musial would be proud.

"Nobody forgets that name. They don't know whether I'm popular or good, but they don't forget the name."

-Mudcat Brewer

boos. Fans love to yell 'Go get em' Mud' or 'Knock it out Mudcat'.

"Nobody forgets that name," the sophomore said. "They [the fans] don't know whether I'm popular or good, but they don't forget the name. I like the attention."

Mudcat likes to think of himself as a old time sandlot player. He is a player who loves to be part of the game, not part of a business.

Little Rock squad handed Murray's Racers a devastating loss on a neutral court.

Middle bounced back to hand Eastern Kentucky a 8-1 defeat Saturday so the team wasn't affected drastically and it host Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State Tuesday afternoon.

"Not all our players are playing up to their potential and we don't want to overlook Tech," Short said. "They have three or four good players and we can't let them sneak up on us. We need a win to go into the tournament on."

Meanwhile, the women are trying to tune up for their third consecutive run at the OVC crown this Friday and Saturday

but their having a hard time.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga was supposed to come in for a weekend match but the threat of rain kept them away leaving the women with no competition.

"We feel like we're in good shape and we're the favorite going into the tournament," Short said.

However, without senior Lorinda Weiss, the Lady Raiders just aren't the same team. Weiss has missed the past few matches with a groin injury along with a illness. They were hoping to get her involved in some action this



Dane Herndon/Photographer

MUDCAT BREWER

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The Championships will be this upcoming Sunday and Monday in Nashville and it is still expected to be up for grabs between Middle and Murray State. But perhaps the Blue Raiders should be considered the favorite despite the head-to-head loss.

Not only will the large home-court advantage not play a factor, the Blue Raiders are the defending OVC champions. They also can look at the non-conference schedule and see a bright spot. Earlier this season, Middle handed Arkansas-Little Rock a handy defeat while the

weekend but UT-Chattanooga didn't show up although she is expected to play Tuesday when Tech and State come to town.

"We were hoping to get Lorinda some competition," Short said. "I anticipate her being 70-80 percent Tuesday and hopefully she'll be 100 percent on Friday."

Both the Blue and Lady Raiders start with Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. with Tennessee State following at 7 p.m. on the Murphy Center Courts.

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Micoh Otis had an excellent day in four events. He placed second in the long jump behind McGhee, second in the 110 hurdles, ran the anchor leg on the winning 4 x 100-meter relay, and won the 200-meters.

"Micoh ran a good 200," Hayes said, "because the guy he beat (from Murray State) is an automatic qualifier for the NCAA in the 400-meters. It was a quality race in terms of competitiveness between somebody. That was probably the best race we had."

"I wasn't worried about the guy from Murray," Otis said, "He was in front of me and I just decided to pass him before we came out of the curve and cruise the last 100. I was just going to beat him, I didn't care who won."

The Raiders 4 x 100 relay of Chris Layne, McGhee, Terry Townsend, and Otis out-sprinted Southeast Missouri for first place in 40.68. Otis said his teammates did all the work, and he just cruised in.

In the distance events, Jeff Lingwall easily won over a Racer the 10,000-meters and finished seventh in the 3,000.

"I just stayed behind the leader," Lingwall said, "Nobody took charge, so with three laps to go I just kicked it in."

Other notable performances were: freshman Rob Holston's fourth place in the long jump, Hampton's fourth place in the 110 hurdles, Boo Collins fourth place finishes in the shot put and discus, Everett Jolley's fifth place in the 400 hurdles, and Townsend and Layne's fifth and sixth finishes in the 400-meters.

MTSU's Lady Raiders were not able to defend their co-title with Murray State this year. The women finished third with 64 points while Eastern Kentucky and the Racers tied for first place with 74 points.

"It was close all the way through until the very end between Eastern, Murray, and us," Hayes said, "They built it up all along. Murray got us in the 200 and Eastern got us in the 3,000."

Despite losing the Lady Raiders gave several honorable performances. Jacqui Brown was able to defend her titles in both the long jump and triple jump, Veronica Tipton defended her title in the high jump, and Latonia Jackson was a new champion in the 100-meter hurdles.

"Winning was something I had to do," Brown said, "When you know you have to do something there's no feeling, you just do it. It was like a task more than anything. I wasn't happy with my distances because they were the worst I've jumped in both events outdoors."

Jackson said she wasn't expecting to win the hurdles.

"I just wanted to do my best and try to fight the wind," she said, "I was a little worried about a girl from Eastern because I don't underestimate anybody."

Several Seniors ended their season on a good note. In the distances, Lea White placed second in the 10,000-meters, Sharon Smith placed fourth in the 5,000, and Karen Barnes ran good performances in both the 3,000 which she placed fourth in, and the 1500 which she placed third and ran her best time.

Linda Brewer had excellent performances in the 400. She placed fifth and ran her fastest time (56.57), then ran the second leg of the mile relay and ran her fastest split ever in 55.9.

Other solid performances were given by Koko Rowley who finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and third in the high jump, Nadrian McGill who also placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and sixth in the 400 meter hurdles, Leigh Weathers who placed fourth in the half mile, and Trevy Matthews who placed sixth in the quarter mile.

The 4 x 100 team of Brewer, Brown, Jackson, and Rowley also placed third in 46.89.

"We had a lot of Seniors this year, so we just have to hope that we can recruit a solid group of freshman for next year," Hayes said, "We're also trying to get a few people from junior colleges to even out the scholarships over the next four years. We have to get about ten to twelve new athletes in which we only have about five at this point and maybe two or three others."

A few members of the track team will compete in the Penn Relays, a high quality meet, this week at University of Pennsylvania.

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No.10): Seattle Seahawks: Vaughn Dunbar, 5-10, 205 pound runningback, Indiana. Seahawks need a fast runningback to be able to keep defenses from centering on fullback John L. Williams.

No.11) Pittsburgh Steelers: Dana Hall, 6-2, 200 pound safety, Washington. He is a big, aggressive cornerback who will play safety in the pros.

No.12) Miami Dolphins: Steve Israel, 5-10, 181 pound cornerback, Pittsburgh. His big claim -to- fame is that he chased down Raghib "Rocket" Ismail from behind.

No.13) Dallas Cowboys: Marquez Pope, 5-11, 188 pound cornerback, Fresno State. He is a headhunter and he can run in the 4.3 range.

No.14) New York Giants: Carl Pickens, 6-2, 206 pound wide receiver, Tennessee. The Giants need a receiver who has speed and one that's not afraid of the middle.

No.15) New York Jets: Tony Smith, 6-1, 215 pound runningback, Southern Mississippi. The Jets need a back because Blair Thomas is a disappointment while Freeman MacNeill and Johnny Hector are getting too old.

No.16) Los Angeles Raiders: Eugene Chung, 6-4, 296 pound guard, Virginia Tech. He is a Ex-Judo champ and he seems to fit the mold of a Raider.

No.17) Atlanta Falcons: Bill Johnson, 6-4, 302 pound defensive tackle, Michigan State. Glennville wants pass-rushers for his Black-Wave defense.

No.18) San Francisco 49ers: Matt Darby, 6-2, 210 pound safety, UCLA. The 49ers are still hurting from Ronnie Lott's departure.

No.19) Atlanta Falcons: Chuck Smith, 6-2, 238 pound linebacker, Tennessee. He puts more pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

No.20) Kansas City Chiefs: Matt Blundin, 6-6, 224 pound quarterback, Virginia. Dave

Krieg's signing is only for Blundin to be able to get some experience before he is the starter.

No.21) New Orleans Saints: Darryl Williams, 6-1, 189 pound safety, Miami. They're only picking a safety over tight end Derek Brown because of Plan B departures and a neck injury to safety Vince Buck.

No.22) Chicago Bears: Derek Brown, 6-6, 252 pound tight end, Notre Dame. The Bears will jump all-over the Saints for not picking Brown.

No.23) San Diego Chargers: Kevin Smith, 5-11, 178 pound cornerback, Texas A&M. The Chargers have problems defending the pass.

No.24) Dallas Cowboys: Leon Searcy, 6-3, 296 pound tackle, Miami. Cowboys need somebody who can protect Troy Aikman's blindside.

No.25) Denver Broncos: Ray Roberts, 6-6, 312 pound tackle, Virginia. The Broncos need a cornerback, but Roberts is too good pass up.

No.26) Detroit Lions: Dale Carter, 6-1, 188 pound safety, Tennessee. Carter is a very talented player, but he seems to have a attitude problem.

No.27) Buffalo Bills: Ed Blake, 6-3, 323 pound guard, Auburn. Blake is very massive and Buffalo needs a legitimate guard to play besides Jim Ritcher.

No.28) Washington Redskins: Johnny Mitchell, 6-3, 258 pound tight end, Nebraska. Mitchell could be a ALL-PRO or a complete bust.

The NFL Draft will be shown at 11AM central time on ESPN starting April 26, which is on a Sunday.

And for those of you asking about MTSU's Joe Campbell, Chris Burns, and all of the Blue Raiders senior stud football players? They will get picked, and they will do great! See you guys on T.V. and thanks for all the great memories!

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league leader with an OVC record of 9-5.

MTSU plays North Alabama at 7:30 today at Reese Smith Field, and Vanderbilt at the same time Tuesday. The next OVC game will be played Saturday when the Raiders go head-to-head with Murray State for a 5:30 double header at MTSU.

Results on Sunday's single game were not available at press time.

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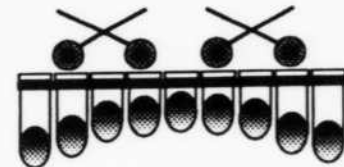
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