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SGA run-off election necessary

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Christin Baker, with 467 votes, and Chad White, with 385, will compete in a run-off election scheduled for April 23 for the position of Student Government Association (SGA) President.

Ryan Durham and Jennifer Jones will compete for speaker of the senate on Tuesday as well. Durham received 491 votes and Jones received 407.

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Susan Guin was elected speaker of the house with 672 votes. Scott Davis was elected election commissioner with 644 votes.

About 8 percent of the total student population, 1,333 students, voted last Wednesday and Thursday, up from the 939 students that voted last year.

"Since elections were held in April, students had more notice before the elections," said Election Commissioner Ginger Sullivan. "We had a big turnout at Peck Hall, and I think that was because a lot of people were out that day because the weather was nice."

Two polling locations will be open for the run-off elections. The KUC Lounge polling location will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Peck Hall location will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"The most important thing now is letting people know that there is even a run-off," Baker said.

Also on the run-off is the final position for College of Graduate Studies senator. Brady Witt and Nathan Farrar tied for the position with one write-in vote each. The SGA office is still trying to contact both candidates to confirm whether or not they want to appear on the ballot.

Senators for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences are: Kandy Evans, with 161 votes; Heidi Gonzalez (Raider), with 148 votes; Carl Badgley (Raider), with 144 votes; and Joshua Abramson (Raider), with 132 votes. The new president will have to appoint the fifth senator because only four candidates ran in the election. The appointee must then be approved by the Senate.

Senators for the College of Business are: Dale

SPRING 1996 SGA ELECTION RESULTS

President:

Christin Baker- 467
Chad White (Raider)- 385
Jaime Gross-294
David Weber-169

Speaker of the Senate:

Ryan Durham- 491
Jennifer Jones- 407
Tony Matthews-389

Speaker of the House:

Susan Guin- 672
Brian Lewis-583

Election Commissioner:

Scott Davis- 644
Matthew H. James-576

College of Basic and Applied Sciences Senators:

Kandy Evans- 161
Heidi Gonzalez (Raider)- 148
Carl Badgely (Raider)- 144
Joshua Abramson (Raider)- 132
one senator to be appointed

College of Business Senators:

Dale Parker- 102
Stephen Flatt- 75
Bobby Purcell (Raider)- 64

David Gregg- 63

College of Education Senators:

Susan Green- 176
Michael Grantham (Raider)- 124
Dawn Throneberry (Raider)- 121
Nefertitti Washington (Raider)- 115
Stephanie Rutherford- 1

College of Liberal Arts Senators:

Katie Davis (Raider)- 146
Michael Kelley- 121
Kelly Guy- 119

College of Mass Communication Senators:

Jessica Van Eyck (Raider)- 100
Joe Legge- 79
Philip Crabtree (Raider)- 79

College of Graduate Studies:

Fred Colvert (Raider)- 14
Jonathan Malcolm (Raider)- 11
Brady Witt- 1
Nathan Farrar-1
run-off for last position

Undeclared/ Non-Degree Seeking Senators:

Tanisha Buttry (Raider)- 83
two senators to be appointed

Parker, with 102 votes; Stephen Flatt, with 75 votes; Bobby Purcell (Raider), with 64 votes; and David Gregg, with 63 votes.

Senators for the College of Education are: Susan Green, with 176 votes; Michael Grantham (Raider), with 124 votes; Dawn Throneberry (Raider), with 121 votes; Nefertitti Washington (Raider), with 115 votes; and Stephanie Rutherford, with one write-in vote.

Senators for the College of Liberal Arts are: Katie Davis (Raider), with 146 votes; Michael Kelley, with 121 votes; and Kelly Guy, with 119 votes.

Senators for the College of Mass Communication are: Jessica Van Eyck (Raider), with 100 votes; Joe Legge, with 79 votes; and Philip Crabtree (Raider), with 79 votes.

Senators for the College of Graduate Studies are: Fred Colvert (Raider), with 14 votes, and Jonathan Malcolm Lampley (Raider), with 11 votes. The final seat will be filled after the run-off election.

Tanisha Buttry (Raider) was uncontested in the Undeclared/Non-Degree Seeking category and received 83 votes. The two remaining positions will be appointed by the new president. ●

Sexual orientation issue up to each school: TBR

By Kris Wetzel / staff

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) passed a resolution last Monday to leave the decision to include a sexual orientation statement in A non-discrimination clause up to individual universities.

The sexual orientation task force was formed under the Student Affairs Sub-Council in February to evaluate whether the sexual orientation statement should be adopted into a system-wide policy. The Student Affairs Sub-Council consists of the highest administrators in the office of Student Affairs from each university in the TBR system.

The task force also passed a resolution to include the issue of sexual orientation in the Student Disciplinary Rules, which governs violations of student conduct, at the University of Memphis.

"It's basically a value statement," said Michael Grantham, chair of the Union Equality Committee (UEC). "It does not outline any line of action. It does not say, 'If this happens, then this will follow.'"

Grantham said the UEC plans to continue their campaign for the formation of a Presidential Task Force, a group of students and faculty that would assess the campus climate towards sexual orientation.

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

Solaraider to participate in national car competition

By Dylan Ross / staff

MTSU has received an invitation to build a solar-powered vehicle to participate in the Sunrayce '97 solar car competition, said Basavapatna Sridhara, assistant professor of Industrial Studies and faculty advisor for the project.

A proposal submitted to the Sunrayce '97 review committee describing the design, fabrication and testing of the car won MTSU a \$2,000 award for the project and was judged among the top 30 proposals.

Sunrayce is a biannual event organized by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Universities from across North America design and build solar-powered cars to compete in

the race.

The 1997 race will involve more than 50 universities, some of them among the most prestigious technical and engineering schools in the nation, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Yale and the University of Michigan.

Sunrayce '97 will be held next June, with competing cars traveling from Minneapolis to Boulder. The proposed time for the race is 10 days, Sridhara said.

MTSU is the only Tennessee university submitting a car design to the race. The car will be called the Solaraider and is an improvement on the design used by MTSU in the 1995

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MTSU student arrested for alleged accident, marijuana

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

An MTSU student was found smoking pot in his dorm room April 17 when police went to arrest him for a hit and run incident earlier in the day.

Matthew Kyle Freeman was arrested Wednesday night for leaving the scene of an accident. Also arrested was Alhaj Lahal Massaquoi, 2207 Nickajack Trail, for criminal trespass.

Freeman was arrested by Officer Dustin Miller after a computer check revealed his identity. Freeman was identified from the Vehicle Information Number (VIN) of his car. The Ford Tempo had been identified by Justin Holt, the victim of the hit-

and-run.

Holt reported to MTSU police that he and his roommate had seen the white Ford strike his car on 1st Street, near Nicks Hall. Holt was able to identify the car but not the driver. Police confirmed that the hit and run vehicle was a Ford from a reflector found on the street at the scene of the accident.

Approximately 20 minutes after the report was broadcast to police, Miller said that he was approached by Holt, who said he had found the offending car.

"The car was parked on the

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Brian G. Miller/staff

Study time

A student spends yesterday afternoon studying in Todd Library. Exams begin May 1.

Beat poet Cohen to give presentation

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

Ira Cohen, a New York poet and photographer, will give a multi-media presentation titled "Who Am I? Where Have I Been?" at 4:30 this afternoon in the Alumni Center.

Cohen, who has been

associated with the Beat movement, is a poet, editor, filmmaker, photographer, and compiler of indigenous music.

Cohen's photography has appeared in *Life* and *Avant-Garde*. He has exhibited his photographs in: New York; Brussels, Belgium; Dublin, Ireland; London; Tokyo; Fort

Worth, Texas; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Kathmandu, Nepal; Paris; Prague, Czech Republic; and Portland, Oregon.

His psychedelic film, *Invasion of Thunderbolt Pagoda*, has been considered an underground classic, according to Allen Hibbard, assistant professor of English. ●

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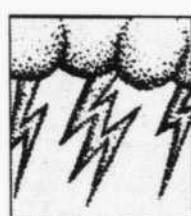
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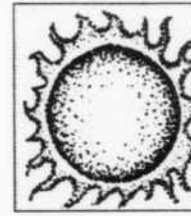
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Low: 55



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sunny

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Low: 45



SPORTS

Lady Radriers win outdoor track title

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SOLAR: car has new design

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race. Last year's vehicle was disqualified from the race as the result of a broken rear axle.

According to Sridhara, one improvement to the new vehicle is weight reduction due to the extensive use of strong but lightweight composite materials and carbon fibers in place of steel and fiberglass. The new car will use components from the old vehicle, including the electric motor, batteries and solar cells.

The Solarraider uses energy from sunlight to charge its batteries, which provide power for the electric motor. If adequate sunlight is unavailable, the batteries can take over completely for a short time. The car is expected to be capable of attaining a peak speed of 45-50 mph.

MTSU's entries into the Sunrayce competitions are completely designed, built and tested by a team of student volunteers. At present, the team consists of 10 members.

"We are always looking for new team members," Sridhara said. "Any student interested is encouraged to volunteer, no matter what their department

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Basavapata Sridhara
Assistant professor of Industrial Studies

courses; and senior projects in industrial studies.

The preparation of the Solarraider for next summer's race is divided into design, fabrication and testing phases. Each team member is responsible for designing and building a particular part of the car, including main frame, shell, body, solar array, suspension, canopy, driver seat and rollage, electric motor, and electrical system.

The parts of the car are assembled by students in the on-campus machine shop. Construction of the vehicle should be complete by the end of the year, Sridhara said.

Testing of the Solarraider will occupy a three-to-four month period next year.

The Solarraider project is supported by many corporate, commercial and individual sponsors. These sponsors are requested to make cash donations and gift-in-kind contributions.

The Industrial Studies Department is confident these organizations and individuals will be able to provide the funds needed for the project, approximately \$40,000, Sridhara said. ●

ARREST: no possession charges filed

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opposite side of campus from where the accident had occurred," Holt said. "It was parked so that the damaged area was not visible from the street."

"The license plate had been removed from the car, and the VIN [Vehicle Identification Number] had been covered up. So we ran a check on the green parking permit hanging from the rear-view mirror."

"The parking permit led us to family housing, where we woke a couple up," Holt said. "It turned out that their parking permit had been stolen from their car the previous week so we were back to square one."

"We returned to the car, and, since it was unidentified, we made the decision to tow it. While conducting an inventory of the car's contents, we were able to uncover the VIN and run it through the computers."

The VIN check revealed that the car was registered to Freeman. A further check confirmed that he is a student and resides on campus in Nicks Hall.

Miller said he went to Nicks Hall and, as he approached the room, smelled what he identified as marijuana smoke.

"I called for some help at that point so that whoever was inside wouldn't be able to run out through the other side of the quad [room]," Miller said. "We also called housing so that they could do an administrative search of the room."

"I probably waited too long because when we did get inside there was little marijuana left, it had apparently all been smoked. But we did confiscate the paraphernalia."

In the room with Freeman as Alhaj Massaquoi. According to police reports, Bernice Hughes of the Housing

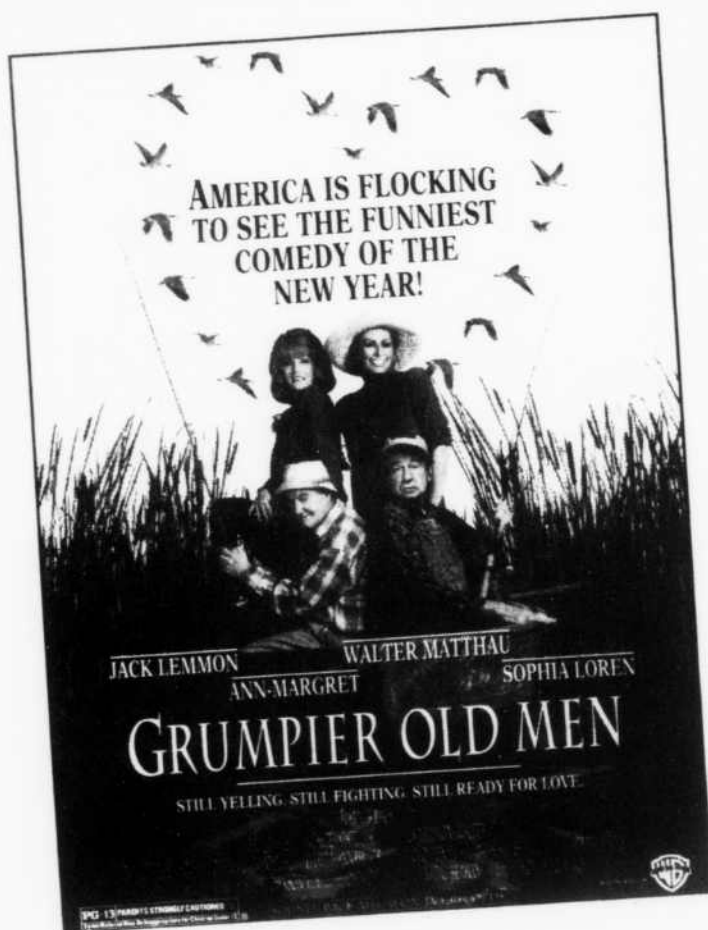
Office confirmed Massaquoi had been barred previously from campus housing under any circumstances. Massaquoi was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

Freeman and Massaquoi were transported to the Department of Public Safety. Freeman was read his rights and signed a waiver under which he agreed to talk to police.

Freeman confessed to driving the car in the hit and run. Afterward he and Massaquoi were transported to the Rutherford County Jail where they posted \$1000 bail bond each.

The issue of marijuana in the dorm will be dealt with through the Housing Office, Miller said, so possession charges were not filed.

Freeman is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on May 13 and Massaquoi on June 4. ●



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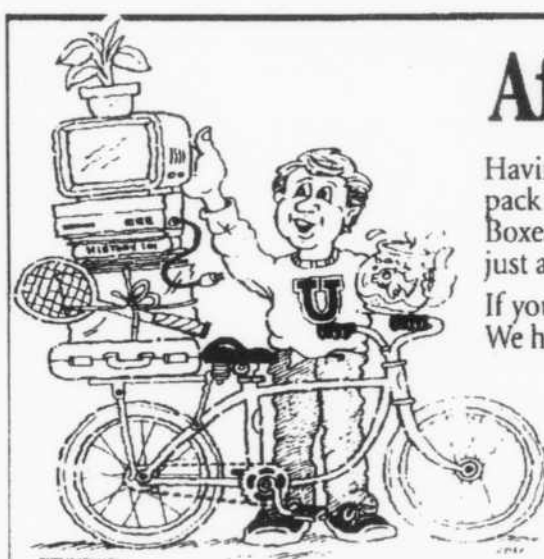
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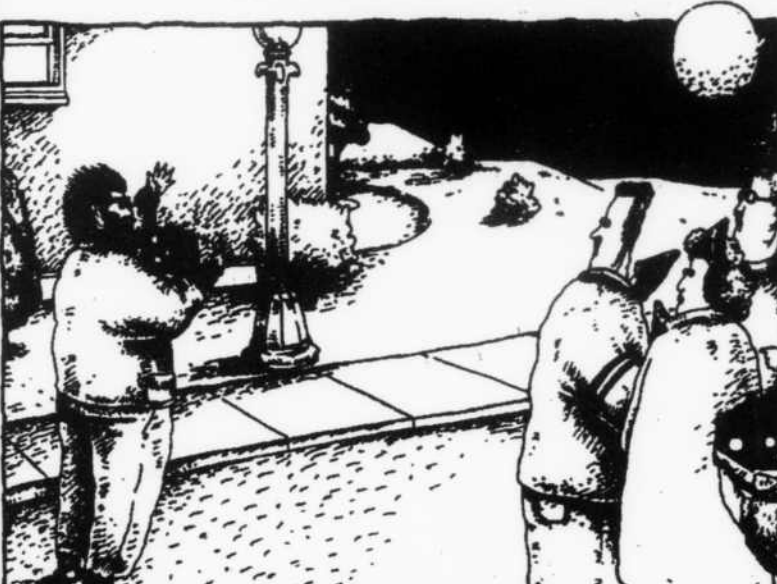
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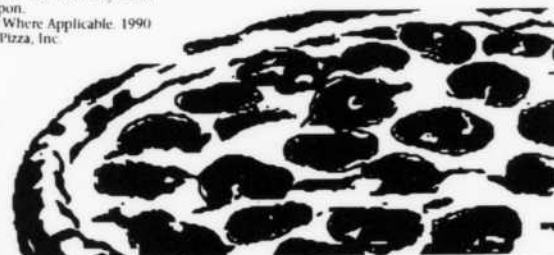
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Presidential candidates



Chad White (Raider): "As Student Government President, I pledge to seek out the concerns of all students on campus, not just those I am familiar with. One person cannot know the needs and concerns of all students, therefore I plan to create a cabinet composed of a diverse group of students to keep me informed of what's going on within their groups. After this, I plan to actively work to see that the administration really listens and responds to students needs. As the SGA President, it will be my job to really work to see that what the House and Senate passes is enacted by the administration. We need someone who's willing to fight for what the students want, not simply back down when administration says no. Students have rights and needs and in order for those to be

upheld, they need someone who's willing to fight diligently for them."

"The three most pressing policy issues that SGA can deal with are safety, parking, and housing. These are perennial issues that the House and Senate have dealt with, but are never fought for by the Executive Officers of SGA. We would like to implement a color coded parking system so residents could park closer to their dorms. Increasing lighting on campus and adding more call boxes are some of the things we can do to increase safety on campus, but we have to lobby for those things and fight to see that that happens. We are looking into dorm and commuter parking and the parking garage to see that the funding for that is fair. We want to regulate the Raider Xpress and possibly get more buses or at least space the bus routes farther apart. Our main issue is more housing and better housing. Our concern was when we are putting students in a hotel room there's not enough housing. We want to see new dorms

built. Greek row is one possible solution and also possibly co-ed housing and more student apartments, because I think that is what the students want more of. We want more computer facilities in dorms, such as an extra phone line for computers. To get things like all night visitation we have to go to TBR, but we can do that and go through the proper channels. We are concerned about maintenance in housing. During the snowstorms there was ice on the steps. We also need to expand day care."

Bio: Senior Mass Comm (RaTV)/Political Science from Chattanooga, TN; TBR Student Member of THEC; Speaker Pro-Tem of SGA Senate this year, SGA Freshman, Sophomore, Junior; Treasurer of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Member of the Tennessee Council of Student Presidents; Treasurer and founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; MTSU Debate team; Founding member of the Raider Party.



Christin Baker: "I think from being Speaker of the Senate and being so close to the office I feel that I could do a good job. It is something that I always wanted to do as far as being a part of the MTSU community even since I was I a freshman. I know I can do the job well and I work well with the administration."

Baker's platform includes the following issues: Safety on campus- better lighting in parking lot areas, more call boxes on campus, continue to encourage the use of the escort service; Schools spirit- work with the athletic committee to encourage more attendance at games, work with housing to program during weekends; Communication- the SGA newsletter out monthly and deliver it to the dorms, talk with information services to get all senators and e-mail address; Chamber of commerce-

encourage the businesses in the chamber to take a more active role with MTSU, work with the businesses to help sponsor MTSU events and support the campus, discuss the possibility of using Raider Funds to purchase things off campus.

"I think students are concerned with the safety around campus with all the construction. Making sure the campus is well lit, putting more safety call boxes in key areas are some of the more important things, as well as getting more of a college atmosphere like having more programming on weekends and getting things to stay open on weekends or at least having different hours that are more convenient for students and increasing attendance at sport games."

Bio: Junior Mass Comm Major from Nashville, TN; Speaker of the Senate; Two year Senate member; Best Senator award Sophomore year; member Zeta Tau Alpha; Order of Omega; Soccer Club; Gamma Beta Phi honor fraternity.

CAMPUS CAPSULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

There will be a Lost and Found Sale in the KUC second floor lobby area from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Hiroki Sugihara will speak on *Visa for Life*, the book written by the widow of the late Japanese Consul Chiune Sugihara at 3 p.m. in room 100, James Union Building. The Japan Center of Tennessee will co-sponsor this event with the Holocaust Committee. For more information please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Psi Chi/Psychology Club presents "Undergraduate Research Poster Competition." Poster's will be displayed in the Jones Hall Lobby from 1-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

The City Council of Cannonburg invites you to attend Cannonburg's Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration and Rededication. The pioneer village that brings to life the early southern lifestyles, hosts old time artisans and good cooks to bring skills and finished products for demonstration, display and trade or sale at Pioneer Day

from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Booth space is free. Call Mrs. Giblin at 893-0214.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

MTSU Right to Life will be sponsoring a presentation by "Today's Choices" at 7 p.m. in KUC 322. The program will include a video and sharing of personal experiences by three women who have had crisis pregnancies. For more information call 848-0445.

The Native American Heritage Society will hold a general meeting May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. in KUC Room 322.

The Toshiba Philharmonic Orchestra from Tokyo, Japan will be performing at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville on May 3 at 8 p.m. If interested in tickets, please call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229 or Toshiba America at 615-444-8501 extension 0.

The MTSU Women's Chorale is recruiting new members. All MTSU Women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. Members are not required to be music majors, in fact, women from all majors are welcome. No formal audition is required. WC meets on T/R from 1:40-2:55 in SFA 117 for 1 hour credit. To register sing-up for Chorus 0370-01, call number 03122. For more information call 2487.

Speaker of the Senate candidates



Jennifer L. Jones: "I would like to have a better attitude to be shown on MTSU campus. I'd like to see more pride and school spirit in our student body"

"I feel that safety and security, booth on campus and in the future for all students are issues that are important to students. We need to be unified in obtaining our goals so we can function in the real world."

Bio: Sophomore Broadcast Journalism Major from Hixson, TN; Alpha Delta Pi; Gamma Beta Phi; Channel 8; SGA senator; Traditions Committee; Student Alumni Association



Ryan Durham: "Several factors are of great concern for me here at MTSU. I plan to work with administrators and move importantly

the various student groups to help develop a 'college atmosphere'. I want to see this university develop a strong sense of tradition that will someday be a source of great pride for all of us as alumni."

"I feel the major issues now facing MTSU students are increased campus security, improved housing conditions

(including the scalding water and other inconveniences), increased involvement in school athletics (school pride), the sometimes confusing parking system and the rapid growth of both student numbers and campus."

Bio: Sophomore Mass Comm Major from Summertown, TN; Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; SGA Traffic Court; SGA Committee on Students with Disabilities; Sigma Delta Sigma; Intrafraternity Council Scholarship Chair and Constitutional Revision Committee Member; Beta Theta Pi Chapter Parliamentarian, Scholarship Chair, Awards Chair.

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Take some time this week and participate in student government.

Why? Because the Student Government Association is the organization that channels and magnifies the will of the student body. It is a ready-made action group that takes orders from us. It is our method of airing and improving student concerns. This is why we should make informed choices and elect the best students to service.

Last week's election resulted in a run-off election which is scheduled to take place tomorrow, Tuesday, April 23. Voting booths will be open at Peck Hall (8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.) and the KUC Lounge (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

You can find the platforms of those in the run-off on page three of this paper.

Take some time, read the platforms and vote.

IS THIS THE LINE FOR THE BATHROOM?



When the SGA voting booths get the 'big rush' of voters

Sidelines displays bias in election on front page

To the Editor,

Is it not "slightly" biased of *Sidelines* to put one of the presidential candidates for SGA on the front page and his name in bold print on election day?!!

Don P. Coleman
Senior, Political Science

Student urges Clinton to reconsider abortion ban

To the Editor,

The following is a letter which I e-mailed to the President in response to his veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Please publish this letter in *Sidelines*.

Dear Mr. President:

As a voting citizen, I am disappointed, at best, with your veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Bill.

You have insured the killing of human lives at a helpless stage of development — lives that are guilty of no crimes. The reality of a human life's existence is no different at the fetal stage than at the infant stage in the birth canal, the infant stage outside the womb, early childhood, adolescence or adulthood. These very young women and men can feel the pain of the torture of their unwarranted executions, and mothers become victims of accompanying pain and side effects.

Your disregard for the life of the unborn and of those being born is appalling. Even if the life of a mother is threatened, we should not be guilty of insuring the death of either the mother or the child. To allow for late-term abortions insures that one party will die, while outlawing abortion

allows for the possibility that the mother and the child will live in spite of a physician's diagnosis. Only God has the right to decide how and when people, innocent of crimes to mankind, die. To claim this authority would be foolish, humanistic arrogance.

I hope you will reconsider your position and represent citizens like me who stand for the right of all men, women, born and unborn children to have a chance to live, even if your own moral convictions on the matter are questionable.

Late-term abortions are wrong and should not be legal. Please stand with America in reverence and respect for life.

Again, I ask you to eliminate the federal funding of all abortions inside the United States and in other countries. I want no part in supporting the industry of murdering the innocent, and neither does the majority of other Americans. Such policies violate the moral and religious convictions of citizens by forcing them to support death with tax dollars. Our red federal budget should not be burdened with controversial and immoral programs. The Tenth Amendment makes that clear. Your support of the line-item veto indicated that you aim to prevent unnecessary spending. I wholeheartedly recommend that you start here.

I will keep you in my prayers.

Adam Valle
Senior, Computer Information Systems

Anti-abortion folks should put actions before words

To the Editor,

This is in response to Todd Whitney's letter on abortion (*Sidelines*, April 15). Perhaps one of the things that might influence a pregnant woman's attitude toward new life is if the population of this country could work constructively on its attitude toward death. Selfishly, all too many of us refuse to let go of those we love. Instead

we visit upon their bodies the physical substance of their worst nightmares.

Go to any hospital and look upon those people who have terminal irreversible disease. One or several organs are so reduced in function that the body cannot be sustained except artificially. Neurologically, there may be extensive damage. Though recovery is totally unrealistic, we spend millions of dollars, use space and time and people resources and energies to make these bodies continue to have vital signs for weeks, months, even years, in absolute and cruel distortion of nature and compassion. We inhumanely push our doctors to "save" our elders and our profoundly ill and injured of any age at any cost.

This is not life. This is nothing more than prolonged death.

Old age, irreversible disease and death are facts we must learn to accept, and we must learn that letting go in a timely way is an act of love. Perhaps if we can learn not to intervene in natural death, we will begin to free up enough of our nation's economic, time, space and people resources to give healthy mothers-to-be more options to care for themselves and their healthy children, and help them to find a functioning and independent place in society.

During the Prohibition Era, there was a strong moral movement opposing prostitution. At one women's meeting of a "moral" faction, it was suggested that each woman take one young prostitute into their home and provide a stable and secure environment for them, directly intervening and providing for these prostitute's medical care, education and rehabilitation. There were no volunteers.

An attitude of morality is more than a talking mouth. Perhaps if those of you who oppose abortion were to open your homes, give shelter and support for one of these mothers-to-be, and to her children born and unborn, and help her find independence, you could make real progress in perpetuating your anti-abortion beliefs and policies.

Jake Mullin
Senior, Journalism/English

Ex-professor finds fault with tone of evolution debate

To the Editor,

I would like to add a few reflections on the discussion of the bill dealing with the teaching of evolution, which was recently voted down in the Tennessee legislature.

First, let me say I am a bit surprised at the methods employed by Dr. Charles McGhee in his letters. This is not a matter of who has the most years of experience, or who has the most prestigious degrees. It has to do with the search for truth. Dr. McGhee's use of sarcasm and comedy is completely out of place in a matter as critical as this one. His reference to "big dogs and little puppies" is particularly out of place. He left the impression with me, and I think probably with many others, that he considers Mr. Arnold, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Dowell and Mr. Link as "little puppies" and that they ought not to

take issue with a "big dog" like himself with his thirty years of study and his terminal degree in the field of biology.

It seems that Dr. McGhee sees this entire controversy as political in nature. To him it is an effort upon the part of religious fundamentalists to infringe upon the academic freedom of biology teachers. He deplores the injection of quotations from the Bible into the discussion. He is apparently quite uncomfortable with the thought that human credentials might be subjected to comparison with the divine.

This is far more than a matter of infringement on academic freedom. It involves two vastly different world views. It has to do with the greatest questions facing man. What is man's nature? Why does he exist? What is his destiny? If man is uniquely created in the image of his Creator, he is a quite different entity than he is if he is simply the product of millions or billions of years of evolution. If the purpose of man is merely to perpetuate his genes in the biological gene-pool, he should take a quite different course than he would take if his purpose on earth is to serve and glorify his Maker. If man's ultimate destiny is to see corruption in the grave and to find every dream of all mankind melted away in the heat death of the universe, he will act in a quite different manner than he will if he is determined to prepare his soul or spirit to exist in the presence of a perfectly holy God forever.

These are the sorts of things that bring about the heat and light associated with the recent bill. Let us not treat such ideas with comedy and ridicule.

How then should a high school biology teacher conduct himself or herself in dealing with the chapter in the biology text dealing with the age of the earth, the appearance of life on earth, the history of man and efforts to produce life from non-life. After all, the bill was defeated. The teacher does not have to worry about being fired for teaching evolution as a fact. What then is the responsibility?

It seems to me it would be inadvisable for the person who rejects human evolution from inanimate matter, through lower life forms, to man in his present condition to utterly ignore these chapters. The students are living in a world where these ideas are having a great impact upon human society. Regardless of the convictions of the students, they should be aware of what others are thinking. That does not mean the teacher must accept every statement in the biology book. When he arrives at a statement that it required a billion years for earth to form from a swirling mass of gas, or when he comes to a series of pictures showing the supposed development of man from *Australopithecus afarensis*, living four million years ago to modern *Homo sapiens*, he will point out that these are suppositions rather than proven statements. Dare I even suggest that he be allowed to pick up his Bible and read from the first chapter of Genesis to allow the students to get a comparison of views? If such comparison is made without an effort to proselyte the students, I think it is unthinkable that this comparison be denied. God help this world if such rejection is our understanding of the separation of church and state! Even

if the teacher will not be dismissed for teaching the most extreme forms of evolution, he or she does have a responsibility to truth itself, and to society as a whole, to distinguish between proven fact and generalized hypotheses.

Before I close, I would like to present a bit of food for thought with respect to the Bible as a source of truth. Does the Bible really have a right to be heard in the present controversy? The first verse of Genesis is the most amazing combination of seven words ever written in any age. I know the English translations which we commonly read do not have seven words. However, the original Hebrew does have seven. Each of the Hebrew letters represent numbers, just as the Roman I = 1, V = 5 and X = 10. Seven is a very important number in the Bible. It is particularly important in this very first verse.

I make the claim that no man or group of men could possibly be the source of the verse. Let me give you some indication of the reason for my statement.

1. There are seven words in the sentence.
2. There are fourteen letters in the first three words.
3. There are fourteen letters in the last four words.
4. There are twenty-eight letters in the entire verse.
5. The middle word and the one before it contain seven letters.
6. The middle word and the one after it contain seven letters.
7. The sum of the numerical values of all letters in the three nouns, God, heavens and earth is 777.
8. The sum of the numerical values of the first and last letters of the first and last words is 497 which equal 7 x 71.

The above is but the beginning. Do you think you could duplicate such a feat, using the English or any other language, and at the same time produce a statement with the depth of meaning this verse has??

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Leading the not-so-glamorous life

MTSU alum Nise Davis would rather be a career mom than a career model

By Yanetra Mitchell / staff

Iman Abulmajid added beautiful diversity to the cover of American fashion magazines doing it during the late 1970s. Sweden native Marcus Schenkenbergh graced ads in Calvin Klein underwear doing it in 1991. Linda Evangelista still does it on the runways in New York and MTSU alumna Nise Davis promotes it to aspiring people from an office in Brentwood. What is it? Modeling, of course, and as owner of Advantage Models & Talent, Davies strives to produce and book ambitious models and actors, young and old, on jobs in cities around the world - from New York and Atlanta to Paris and London.

Since modeling and acting are such competitive fields and require a degree of talent, job seekers usually find it difficult to get their first big break. At Advantage Models & Talent, Davies alleviates a few of the problems her predominantly southern clients sometimes encounter trying to get jobs in the crowded fields. The agency staff - booking director Craig Segars, New Faces director Betsy Briggs, assistant Elaine Essary and bookkeeper Mary Tounette - works together to book and place clients on jobs. From a choice of five different courses available at Advantage, future models and television actors can learn how to audition and be successful at a shoot or audition.

Operating from a Christian perspective, Davies' agency also serves as a "bodyguard" for clients who are asked, against contract rules, to model topless or nude. The agency does not promote clients to appear in music videos with demonic or cult-related overtones. However, if clients choose to take these jobs, Advantage does not endorse them.

"We try to protect our models," Davies says. "If she doesn't want to do it, I'll back them."

She adds, "I wish I had had Advantage as my mother agent when I was modeling."

But the personal reward of Advantage Models & Talent would not come along until the late '80s for Davies. The advantages of modeling in high school and college came first. Davies began modeling in high school at 16. After being spotted in a shopping mall one day in 1978, she was signed to appear in an issue of "Seventeen." Then, at 17, she won fourth runner-up in the Miss Tennessee pageant.

Davies thought of several possible professions to pursue when she entered the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1979, but settled on broadcast journalism with a minor in dance and theater. To gain some insight into her chosen field, Davies

called WSMV anchorwoman Sharon Puckett in Nashville to show her around the studio.

A goal-oriented person since the third grade, Davies often transferred her goal from her head to paper - a ritual usually performed on New Year's Day.

"If you don't have [goals] written down, it's an accident if something good happens to you," she says.

Due to the high tuition at UT-K, Davies transferred to MTSU in 1979, maintaining her modeling career all the while. She kept her same major, but set her goals to minor in speech and history. She attended classes and modeled for Cain-Sloan Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and traveled to Atlanta to model on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As a freshman, Davies entered the Miss MTSU pageant. Every consultant needed a sponsor to conform to pageant rules, but Davies didn't have one. When she walked into the office of the Handicapped Student's Association to ask how to get a sponsor, she discovered the contestant the HSA planned to sponsor had dropped out, so it agreed to sponsor Davies. Out of 25 young women, Davies won first place. During the same week as the MTSU pageant, she entered the Tennessee Lady pageant and won. The leader of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the pageant's sponsor, wasn't happy about Davies' victory.

"They weren't planning to have a freshman win," Davies says.

Davies dedicated nearly every year to a different pageant. As a sophomore, she replaced her fourth runner-up rank with a first runner-up in the Miss Tennessee pageant.

The following year, she won the pageant and became a semi-finalist in the Miss USA Pageant. When it was Davies' turn to answer a routine question, host Bob Barker struck a familiar chord. He asked Davies to pretend she was giving a live report from the pageant, and she used her in-class news broadcasting experience to improvise a statement. One

positive, yet unexpected, outcome was the phone call Davies received from Dan Rather's agent, asking to represent her after graduation.

Despite the national attention, Davies changed her mind about pursuing a broadcasting career after a summer internship at WKRN. Observing the 12-hour days they worked, Davies knew she didn't want to give up her activities away from the camera.

The internship was a turning point that changed the course of Davies' life. She had long-term goals for a family, but she felt she wouldn't have time to pursue these goals if she worked 60 hours a week in a television studio.

"I wanted to stay home with my children and not ship them off to daycare," Davies says. "I wanted to be a stay-at-home mom."

So when WKRN offered her a job, Davies stuck with her goals, turning it



down and signing with an agent for an overseas modeling contract.

"It seemed foolish to spend all that time paying your dues," Davies says. "By the time I really made it, it would be time to quit. I knew I wanted to be a good mother and stay home with my children. I had a really long list of qualities I wanted from a man, and I was really picky."

The long list of qualities became valuable when she began dating Vanderbilt football player and model Brad Davies in 1981. By her standards, Brad was comparable to Adonis - handsome and perfect in every way. The two met at a swimsuit ad for Cain-Sloan during Davies' sophomore year and they began dating after the Miss USA Pageant.

When Davies neared graduation in 1983, she discovered she was 10 hours short. However, a history teacher came to her aid and offered her a student tour to Europe and Africa that would fulfill the missing 10 hours.

It was also around this time that Davies reached yet another turning point in her life. While conducting a photo session in Japan in 1984, Davies realized she didn't want to model anymore. She returned to her long-term goals and began adding to them. While continuing to model in Atlanta and Tennessee, Davies decided she wanted to live in the South and marry a man from the same region.

"I wanted to move onto something else ... wanted to get married," she says.

Besides marrying Brad in 1985, one of Nise's new ventures included teaching aspiring models. A businessman she knew in Brentwood permitted her to use his office, and Davies taught self-improvement and modeling to a few ambitious clients. She enjoyed seeing how the skills influenced the individual and led to a positive change. Davies even sent one model to a Japanese agency she had once worked for.

Unfortunately, Davies was unaware of a Tennessee law prohibiting teaching modeling without accreditation. Following a threat from another agency to turn her in to the state, Davies halted all modeling classes and began the accreditation process.

In the fall of 1987, Davies opened Advantage Training, a place that taught modeling and acting skills. When students' demand for job

placement increased, she changed the scope of her business and opened Advantage Models & Talent in 1989.

"I wanted to be the best," Davies says. "So I wanted to place ... men and women, promising models and actors in New York and Paris, or wherever I thought they could work."

Since the first year of opening, Advantage Models & Talent has grown considerably. For the last five years, the agency has won the National American Modeling Association Award, receiving the title "Agency and School of the Year." As a member of the Better Business Bureau, Advantage is recognized by the Ethics Committee in Convention. It is also a sponsor of the Miss Tennessee USA Pageant.

In addition, Davies' students can be seen nearly everywhere. Children to adults appear in McDonald's commercials, music videos, Service Merchandise and Target ads, as well as on many national and international magazine covers. Moreover, they model for an array of different fashions, including Calvin Klein.

"We've had such great success developing and placing these models and actors," Davies says of herself and her staff.

Recently, Advantage conducted a couple of model searches in Nashville. On March 30, the agency held an open model search at Hickory Hollow Mall. It also just finished a four-day appearance at the Southern Women's Show, where it set up a booth to attract and answer questions from ambitious models and actors.

Like her agency, Davies has grown over the years. Now 34 with a husband and three children, Davies has achieved international success as a model, appeared on the covers of seven magazines and acted in over 100 commercials. She was also recently elected president of the American Modeling Agency. Although she no longer models - unless upon the special request from a client - Davies spends most of her time teaching the professional modeling course at her agency and placing students on international jobs.

"I would never have thought I would have all these connections," Davies says. "I knew I had a special destiny, but I didn't know what I would be doing ... I literally wake up every morning saying 'Thank you, Lord.'"

in Nashville and from that, the group Take 6 got a recording deal.

"People ask me how I got into the business and I have to say, 'I don't know; it wasn't my plan,'" Hamilton said.

Hamilton used her success as a manager to make the transition into producing, another area of interest, and became a huge success there as well.

"I was fortunate enough to have doors opened to me in other areas where I was interested, and I just walked through them," Hamilton said.

Hamilton urged students to always be on the lookout for new things to learn. In fact, she told them that producing albums isn't her ultimate goal, either: she eventually wants to produce a documentary film.

She had three suggestions for students aspiring for careers in the music business.

First, she said to read as many

trade and industry publications as possible and try to attend conferences and seminars in the area.

Next, she said to find a mentor.

"To learn anything, you need to find someone who knows a lot more about it than you do," Hamilton said.

Finally, she emphasized the need for extreme patience.

Hamilton said she enjoys speaking on campuses and tries to do so as often as possible because she feels she has a duty to share her knowledge with students.

"When we're in a position to open doors for others, we should," Hamilton said. "Information should be free."

Hamilton closed the meeting by playing a few selections from the upcoming "A Place of Hope" project and asked the NABJ members to critique them.

"It's important to me to be involved in projects that will still mean something 10 years from now," Hamilton said.



The Internet by Joe Legge

Nashville Oilers on-line

Typically, November is the time when elections take place. Not this year. Next month, we get the opportunity to decide whether Tennessee will continue with progress, or fight it.

The referendum election to decide whether or not to bring the Oilers to Nashville is May 7. The "Unofficial Vote Yes" page (<http://www.hammock.com/voteyes>) is a valuable resource to newly registered voters who may not be familiar with their voting locations. Although this site is unofficial, it still acts like the real thing offering information on upcoming "Vote Yes" rallies, how to get bumper stickers, T-shirts and signs, and interesting stories from "Vote Yes" constituents who tell what they have done to help the campaign.

If you're just curious, or want to actually educate yourself before voting on this issue, a complete listing of the contract is available at <http://www.wwns.com/oilers>. This site is a perfect example of the Freedom of Information Act put to use. Want to know if your best friend bought a Personal Seat License (PSL)? All you need to do is scan through the list of everyone that has purchased a PSL. To counter this, the website's maintainer promises to have a list of everyone who signed the petition for the referendum on-line soon.

The "Vote No" campaign isn't really organized on the Internet, but there is discussion in their favor on the Usenet newsgroup alt.general.nashville. However, there is always discussion on both sides of the table

at alt.sports.football.pro.houston-oilers. And if you want to keep up with the current news in the fight to bring the Oilers here, try joining a mailing list, by e-mailing oilers-request@wnns.com with "subscribe" as your subject.

The last useful resource for this event is at <http://tnnet.com/STADIUM/NFL/NASH.HTM>. Not only is there a computer-generated graphic of what Nashville will look like after the stadium is built, but there is voter registration information. One of the hardest, but easiest things to do in this country is register to vote and, luckily, there are kind souls out there that don't mind sharing this information with you. PSL Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are answered on this site (so which is it ... Personal Seat License or Permanent Seat License?) There is also a link to the Nashville Arena - where you can keep up with events coming to the arena, construction progress and what teams are already signed on to play ball (didn't know Nashville had an Arena Football team on the way?).

So whichever side you take on this issue, the resources are available to ensure that your vote means as much as it can. I urge everyone that can to vote in this election, because it could quite possibly be the most important decision Nashville makes to ensure its future.

* Questions or comments should be e-mailed to legman@knuth.mtsu.edu. Back columns are available for reading at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~legman>.

Producer/Manager Gail Hamilton speaks to NABJ

By Joey Butler / staff

"It is very important to have your mind open and be alive and be curious."

That was the advice distinguished producer and manager Gail Hamilton gave members of the MTSU chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists during their meeting Thursday.

Hamilton is the president of Choice Management Inc., as well as a Grammy Award-winning producer for Take 6 and various album projects, including "Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration."

Her latest project, "A Place of Hope," is a collaboration of South African and American artists to celebrate the birth of the new South Africa.

Hamilton's own introduction to the music business was an unexpected one. She was developing public

"When we're in a position to open doors for others, we should. Information should be free."

Gail Hamilton

relations for the Nashville chapter of the Urban League when a friend told her he felt she would be successful in the music business. Following that advice, she began organizing gospel groups to perform at Summer Lights



The Leprechaun's Pot
/Sean P. O'Toole

NBA referees may be taking contact a bit too seriously

What is going on with all this craziness in the NBA?

Now, I don't really like the NBA, because the Pistons haven't had a good team since Dennis "freaky-freaky-freaky" Rodman left, and Bill Laimbeer retired, and...do I really HAVE to say the Pistons suck!

Now, I know what you are all thinking... "Why, if you are a leprechaun, do you not like the Celtics, and you like the Pistons?"

Well, fans, I'm a Detroit leprechaun, so that separates me.

Anyways, I REALLY don't like the NBA because the Bulls are just too damn good, and most of the games aren't interesting until the fourth quarter anyways.

So, I ask you, why are all the NBA superstars resorting to referee violence? First, Dennis Rodman tries to headbutt a referee, which I think was half intentional and half accident.

Second, Nick Van Exel charges a ref and elbows him in the spleen.

And third, and in my opinion most embarrassing, Magic Johnson bumps a zebra and gets slapped with a three-game suspension and a fine.

What's next, the flying bodysplash, or maybe the power bomb, or how about putting a referee in a figure-four leglock?

Now granted, touching the referees in any way, shape, or form should not be tolerated. But on the other hand, don't you think the refs have just a LITTLE bit of an itchy trigger finger?

At times like this, I am led to the words of Rodney King...

"Can't we all just get along?"

And that brings me to my second topic, Hockey. For those of you that follow the best thing going, I have a few words of advice for you.....

RED WINGS ALL THE WAY!

And then, that brings us to the first report of the baseball season.

What is wrong with the Red Sox? I mean, I know I picked you guys to finish third in the division and miss the playoffs, but I didn't want you to go out and commit SUICIDE!

And what has gotten into the Braves? The last time the Braves got beat consistently by the Padres, Phil Niekro was the man, Pete Rose had the spread sheets hid in a GOOD place, and Ronald Reagan could still remember what clothes were his.

Now, to get back to the NBA/WWF for a second.

After Nick Van Exel's Randy "Macho Man" Savage impersonation on the referee, he told a few reporters after the game that he "heard racist comments from his mouth, and that set me off!"

Now come on Nick, I know that you're upset about being out several thousands of dollars, but do we have to get into the O.J Simpson trial once again?

Being called a racist today is like being called a communist during the McCarthyism era....It's a bunch of B.S. and there is nothing you can do about it.

As far as Magic's "brush" with the ref is concerned, I really do think that this was just a misunderstanding. Magic Johnson is hardly the hothead that both Rodman and Van Exel are, and he did not even touch the referee, just barely nudged him with his chest.

And if you watch that tape again, you'll see that the ref gave a better presentation of "what to do when you are trying to pick up a charge" than I have seen any player do in recent memory.

So players, DON'T TOUCH THE REFS!

And refs, calm down a little. Just because of the unfortunate incident with John McSherry in baseball, you have all become more paranoid than a bunch of Secret Service men standing in the middle of Jerusalem right now. ●

Women's track wins outdoor title, men take second

By Rob Nunley / staff

The Lady Raiders offered further proof this weekend that they are the dominant force in Ohio Valley Conference track when they won the OVC outdoor title Saturday in Cookeville.

MTSU's women's team won 11 out of 18 categories at the meet for a team score of 180 points, 18 1/2 ahead of the defending champions from Southeast Missouri.

Nekeya Ralls, Nadia Graham and Shelley Johnson each won two

categories at the meet. Johnson took first place in both the shotput and the discus, while Graham won both the 100 and 200. Ralls won the 100 meter high hurdles and the long jump, and took third place in the 100 meter dash.

"We felt pretty confident about winning [the championship], even though we were down after the first day," Ralls said. "Even though we don't have any distance runners, we have so much depth in the field events and sprints that we can do well. We knew we were loaded in the sprints and jumps and our competition

wasn't."

Melanie Hall won the 400, and finished third in the 200. Sarah Dunmore finished first in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, and took third place in the 100 meter high hurdles. Rachel Parrish finished second in the 400 meter dash.

Mia Florence had her usual strong outing in the jumps, tying for first place in the long jump and taking second in the triple jump. Bianca Conley took third in the long jump.

The Lady Raiders' relay teams won their respective events. Hall,

Graham, Tyjuana Phillips and Kim Watson's time of 46.84 seconds was good enough to win the 4 x 100 meter relay. Parrish, Dunmore, Phillips and Hall won the 4 x 400 with a time of 3:50.97.

The Lady Raiders' victory completes a sweep of the OVC track season, as they won the indoor championship this February at Murphy Center.

"We really wanted to come back and win the outdoor this year," Ralls

Please see TRACK on page 7

MTSU men's tennis team captures 6th straight title

By Joel Frey / staff

And the beat goes on for the Blue Raider tennis team.

Coach Dale Short's squad won its sixth consecutive OVC crown Saturday at Nashville's Centennial Sportsplex with a convincing 4-0 win over UT-Martin in the championship match.

MTSU's storm through the OVC tourney, which also included a pair of 4-0 wins over Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech, upped the Blue Raiders' overall record to 24-4.

Middle now awaits a berth into the NCAA Region 3 tournament which will be held May 10-12, most likely on the campus of Louisiana State University.

The winner of the regional earns a spot into the 16-team NCAA tournament, to be played the following week at the University of Georgia.

Short said his 26th-ranked Blue Raider team could be seeded as high as two at the regional tournament, depending on the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll.

"Hopefully we will move up somewhere between 17 and 21 in the next poll," Short said. "That should make us a two or three at regionals, but we could get burned and wind up a four."

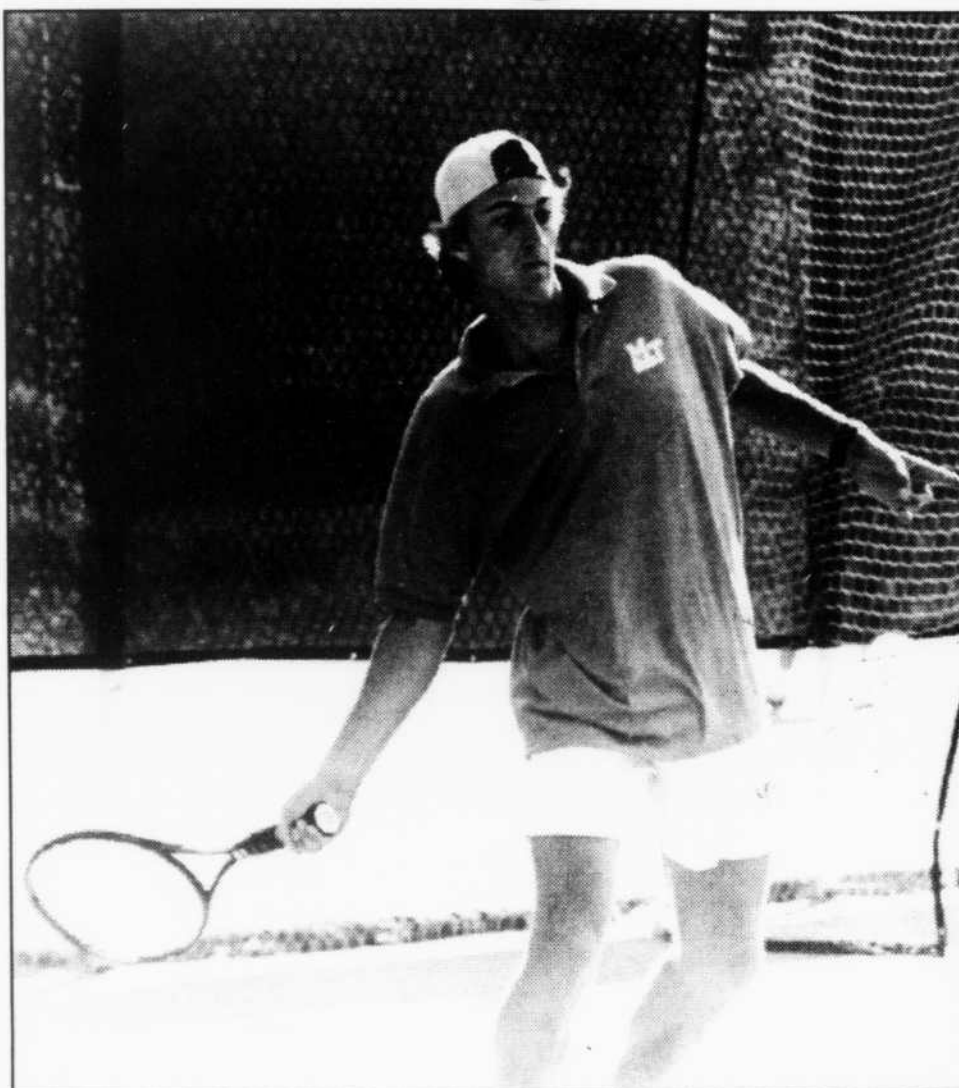
The top eight teams in the nation are exempt from regional play and receive automatic bids into the NCAA tourney.

Raider netters are also likely to see post-season action in the NCAA individual tournaments in Athens, Ga., May 18-21.

Short said he anticipates junior Fred Niemeyer and sophomore Anthony DeLuise, who together shared OVC player-of-the-year honors this year, to gain bids into both NCAA singles and doubles tournaments.

"Freddie and Anthony should definitely get into the doubles draw and I would be disappointed if both of them didn't get into the singles as well," Short said.

Besides the accomplishments of Niemeyer and DeLuise, Blue Raider teammates David McNamara, Julius Robberts, Marshall Brown and Mark



Brian G. Miller/staff

Anthony DeLuise returns a shot during a recent match. DeLuise and teammate Fred Niemeyer were named OVC co-players-of-the-year.

Follett were named to the all-conference team.

Also for the sixth consecutive year, Short was named OVC coach-of-the-year.

Coupled with the team's on court success, Robberts was named MTSU student-athlete-of-the-year last Wednesday at the Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy Awards Dinner.

"I was completely surprised to hear my name called out," the South African native said. "To get this award is a big honor."

Robberts also commented on the Raiders' run to national prominence this season.

"When I decided to come to MTSU one of things I really wanted to do was help make us into a top-20 contender," he said. "Now that we've almost accomplished that goal we really have our sights set on winning the regional and making it into the final 16."

Short said the team will take the next few days off and then hit the practice courts hard in preparation for the post-season.

"This is what we have worked for all season long," he said. "We won't be happy with just getting there this year. We feel we have the talent to win. It's a whole new season now." ●

Raiders take one of three from Govs; fall to second place

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

Coming into the weekend, the Blue Raider baseball team was holding onto its half-game lead over visiting Austin Peay with a death grip.

Unfortunately, this weekend the death grip was loosened a little.

After a series that saw them lose two out of three games, the Blue Raiders (25-20, 12-6), have slipped to a half-game behind Peay (32-15, 12-5).

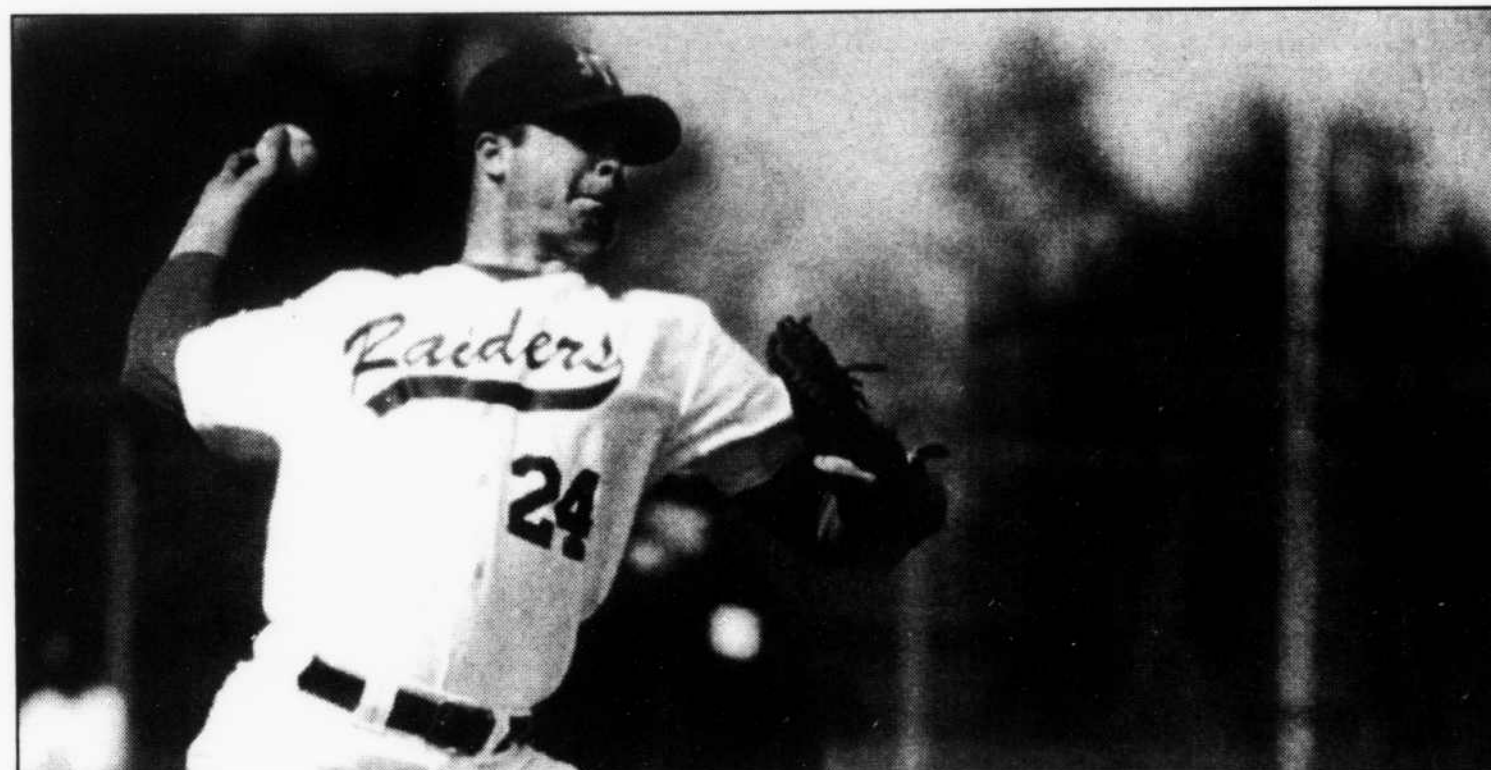
"We've got our backs to the wall now," said head coach Steve Peterson after the third and decisive game on Sunday.

The Blue Raiders opened up the weekend in impressive enough fashion, winning the first half of Saturday's twinbill, 7-2.

Jason Stanton pitched his fifth complete game in conference play, going the seven-inning distance, allowing just two runs (one earned) and five hits along the way while striking out five, improving his record to 7-2 on the season.

The Raider offense was fueled by Doug Barner's 15th homerun of the season, which ended a spurt of seven runs over the final three innings.

Saturday's game-one victory put the Raiders a full game-and-a-half above the Govs, but that lead came back down in the second game, as the Govs put together three consecutive singles in the top of the eighth to break a 4-4 tie and give them the lead.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Blue Raider reliever Chad Kirby delivers a pitch during yesterday's 10-5 loss to Austin Peay. The Raiders will travel to Birmingham this Tuesday and Wednesday for a two-game series with the Blazers from UAB.

The Raiders' Jamie Hill led off the bottom of the eighth with a triple, but was stranded by the other Raider bats, who were shut down by winning pitcher Greg Longhurst.

Doug Barner hit his 16th homerun of the season, but it was to no avail as the Raiders found themselves once

again just one half game ahead going into Sunday's rubber match.

In the rubber match, the Raiders sent Jamie Hill (2-3 coming in) to the mound to oppose the Govs.

With the bags juiced in the top of the first, Govs' DH David Sloan belted a grand slam, giving the Govs an early

and distant 4-0 lead.

The Raiders got as close as 6-5 after five innings, but the Govs added a run in the sixth and three more in the seventh to pace the 10-5 win.

Hill, who lasted just an inning and

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Women's tennis to face Tech for OVC title today in Nashville

Staff Reports

The Lady Raider tennis team will play for the OVC crown today at Nashville's Centennial Sportsplex against arch-rival Tennessee Tech.

Weather permitting, Middle is scheduled to take the court with the Lady Eagles at noon.

The Lady Raiders entered this weekend's tournament action as the number one seed.

Tech is the tournament's second seed and reached today's final with wins over Austin Peay and Murray State on Sunday.

Coach David Thornton's squad earned its way into the championship round with wins yesterday over Morehead State and Southeast Missouri.

Today's action will be a rematch of last Tuesday's 8-1 MTSU victory over TTU.

In that match, the Lady Raiders used a blistering three-match sweep in doubles in setting the pace for the win.

Lady Raider freshman Jennifer Bryans said she anticipates a hard-fought struggle from Tech despite last week's lopsided win.

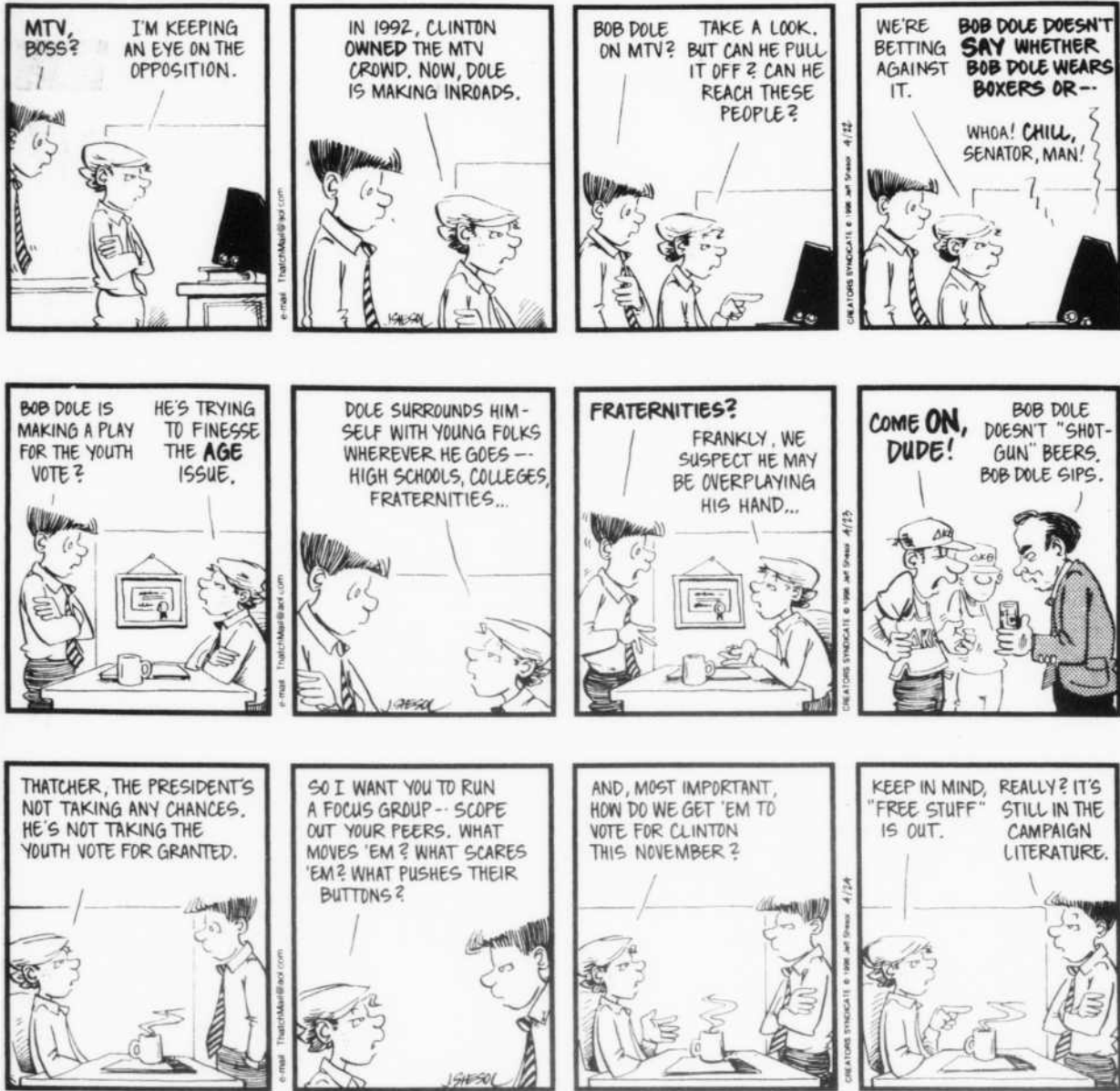
"We played one of our best matches of the year last week," Bryans said. "They will definitely be pumped up to play us and we can't afford to let down our guard at all. We have to play with confidence."

Teammate Amy King, too, said confidence will be important for the team.

"We have shown increased maturity over the last month and if we want to bring home the OVC title, we will have to show we have grown once more."

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THATCH by Jeff Shesol



SGA Run-off Elections Tuesday, April 23rd
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GOVS: Raiders half-game out of first

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two-thirds, picked up the loss, dropping his record to 2-4 on the year.

Seth Massey, who brilliantly got out of every jam the Raiders attempted in the final four innings, improved his record to 6-1 on the year, after lasting the full game, giving up five runs on nine hits and striking out five.

The Raiders fell back a half a game behind the Govs following the defeat.

In addition to Sloan's grand salami, Benji Zimmerman and Ryan Bennett also added home runs for the Govs, with Zimmerman belting twoout of Reese Smith Field on the day, to improve the Govs record to 32-15, 12-5 in the OVC.

"You have to give Peay some credit," Peterson said. "They lost and won two difficult games yesterday, and they came out here and got on us real quick."

In reference to the domination by Massey, Peterson remarked, "really thought we'd get to him late in the game, but he could really smell it toward the end, and he just shut the door on us."

Doug Barner also belted a ding-dong on the day, giving the senior third baseman from Paris, TN, 17 long-balls on the year.

"(Doug) Barner is just having a tremendous year for us," said Peterson. "He got off to a slow start defensively, but everything is in sync right now, and he just keeps getting better and better."

Next on the schedule for the Raiders is a trip to the University of Alabama at Birmingham this Tuesday and Wednesday. The Blazers made mincemeat out of the Raiders in March, 12-2 and 17-6.

Peterson said of his opponents, "They (UAB) are probably the best team we have played all season long, so we had better be ready."

The Raider coach left Reese Smith Field with one final comment...

"We're down, but we're not out!"

TRACK: men place second

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Lamonze Hunter and Kenden Maynard took home second place finishes in the 200 and 400, respectively. Atiba Tucker finished second in the long jump, and Bo Collins took second in the shot put. Carlos Clardy finished third in the 100 meter high hurdles.

Rashad Haynes finished third in the high jump, and Torrence Riley finished third in the triple jump.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Maynard, Lawrence Barham, Dele Ekadi and Shane Heavener finished second with a time of 3:16.52.

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