



## Students to decide fate of SGA House

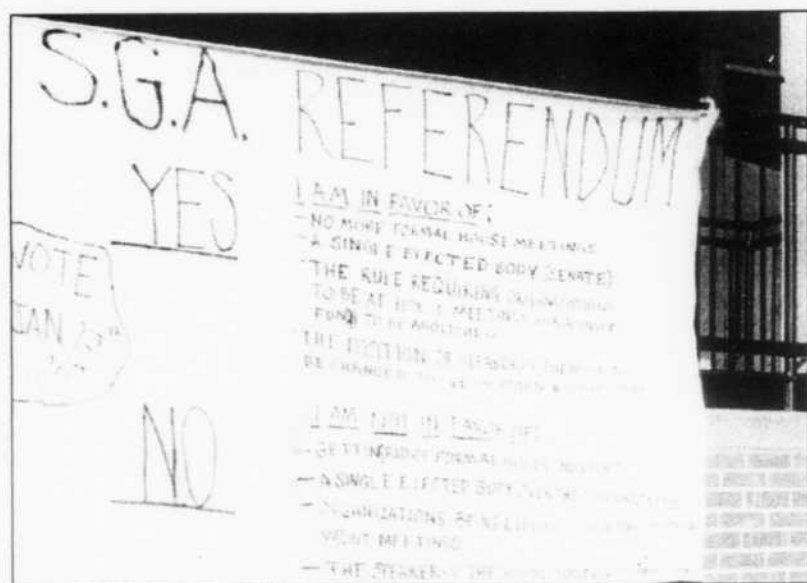


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A banner hanging in front of the KUC explains the issue on this week's referendum ballot.

Mary Anna Brown  
SGA Reporter

The debate is heating up over the upcoming student referendum vote, which begins Tuesday.

The Student Government Association is proposing that revisions to the "MTSU Constitution of the Student Government Association" be made in an attempt to better serve all students.

The proposed revisions to the Constitution include a transformation from the current bicameral system to a unicameral system.

The proposal also outlines a change in the process of how the activity fund is allocated to campus organizations, as well as changing the position of speaker of the House to the vice president of Public Relations.

Currently, the SGA is made up of two governing bodies, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The SGA consists of four primary offices including president, speaker of the Senate, speaker of the House and election commissioner. Forty other senators complete the Senate body, five coming from each of the university's academic colleges and five at-large seats open to all students.

If the referendum passes, plans will be made to expand the number of open Senate seats to anyone wishing to run for them.

The House is composed of one representative from each of the recognized and officially-established campus organizations.

House members are required to attend bimonthly SGA meetings in order to receive their allotted portion of the activity fund.

Under the new proposal, the House would be dissolved and would no longer be required to attend the meetings but would still receive their portion of the activity fund, providing they attend an organizational workshop at the beginning of the semester.

## Margie Boutwell passes away, survived by former professor

Staff Reports

The University Community is saddened by the passing of Mrs. Margie Boutwell on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 1 pm in Montpelier, Vermont after an extended illness.

Mrs. Boutwell received her Masters Degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State

College in 1952 and taught at Campus School for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband, Lane Boutwell, Professor Emeritus in Speech and Theatre, who was on the MTSU faculty from 1947 to 1974.

Local memorial service information is incomplete at this time. ■

## Wiping off a win

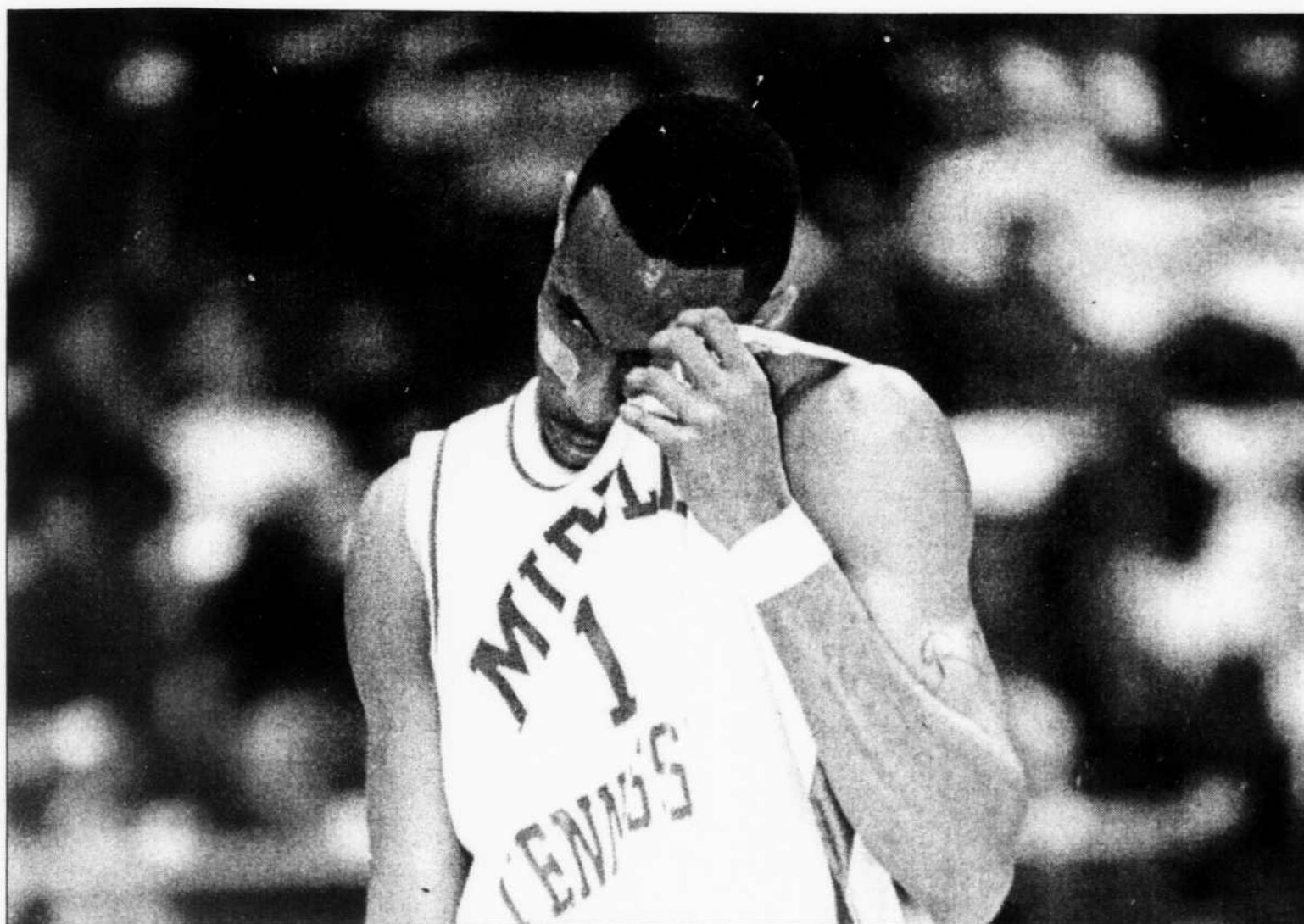


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Ron McKnight takes a breather during Saturday's Blue Raider win over TSU. See page 7 for a story and more photos.

## Fair to present students with job, internship opportunities

R. Colin Fly  
Staff Reporter

Representatives from government agencies, local businesses, camps and parks will be on hand to take applications and speak to students Jan. 26 at the Summer Jobs and Internships fair.

The ninth annual event will give students a chance to apply their skills while networking with employers in their fields, according to Janice Bowling, assistant director of Student Placement. "The fair is geared for juniors and seniors meeting employers," said Bowling.

"However, we also have many more job listings in the Placement Office."

The fair has outgrown its former location in the Keathley University Center and will take place in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

"The fair became so large that last year we had representatives lined through the halls of the third floor," Bowling said.

At the fair, many employers seek interns for future growth in their respective companies.

Joey Davenport of Northwestern Mutual Life/Baird Securities, who graduated from MTSU in 1995, helps coordinate the Northwestern Mutual Life/Baird Securities internship program.

"Our MTSU interns compete against other teams across the country as well as Vanderbilt and Tennessee," said

Davenport. "MTSU's program has historically been top 10 in the nation out of 132 teams over the past few years."

"Students do very well after completing the program. In fact, one in three students work full-time at Northwestern," Davenport said. "They also have a 50 percent higher production and retention rate than those who do not participate in the program."

While the fair will showcase internships and summer jobs, the Placement and Student Employment Center at MTSU has a wide variety of services to offer, including current part-time jobs, other types of summer employment and internships, mock interview sessions and resume writing workshops. The

center is located in KUC Room 328.

"We recommend students register with the Placement Office and use the resume referral service," Bowling said. "The software, Resume Expert, is available at Phillips Bookstore for \$20."

The center is also participating in Teacher Recruitment Week Feb. 21-25 at Vanderbilt University as well as the Nashville College and Career Fair on Mar. 21 at the I-24 Expo Center.

The fair will take place from noon to 3 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

For more information, contact the Placement and Student Employment Center at 898-2500. ■

## Horse coliseum plans move forward

Staff Reports

MTSU Campus Planning officials are finally continuing the process of building the Tennessee Miller Horse Coliseum.

The university received a \$20 million gift — the largest ever to a state university in Tennessee — in May 1994 from the Mary Elizabeth Miller Trust.

Miller, the widow of John "Tennessee" Miller, died in Lewisburg days before the announcement of the gift. According to the terms of her Trust, the funds were to be used for the construction of a horse arena.

Unexpected difficulties have caused the amount to be lowered to \$18.5 million for the coliseum, which will be built near the MTSU Foundation House on Thompson Lane.

It will be used for horse shows as well as horse science courses.

Patti Miller, director of Campus Planning, said the facility will feature three buildings: a coliseum, a 500-stall barn and a

horse science academic facility.

"The adjacency of the horse barn to the arena will give the horse science program a dynamic it does not have here on campus," Miller said, "because they'll have the facilities, the fields, everything that they really need to have a fully functioning horse science program out there. It's really exciting to see that dynamic happen between the two."

Paul Wright, architect and project manager, said the academic facility "is being funded by the USDA grant of \$2.5 million."

The facility includes faculty offices, classrooms, master classrooms, a library, reception areas and men's and women's locker rooms for equestrian students.

It has a farrier's lab and a breeding lab with a state-of-the-art observation area. We have designed offices for the chairs of excellence."

Wright said that, depending on how long the bidding process takes, construction on the Tennessee Miller Coliseum could begin as early as March. ■

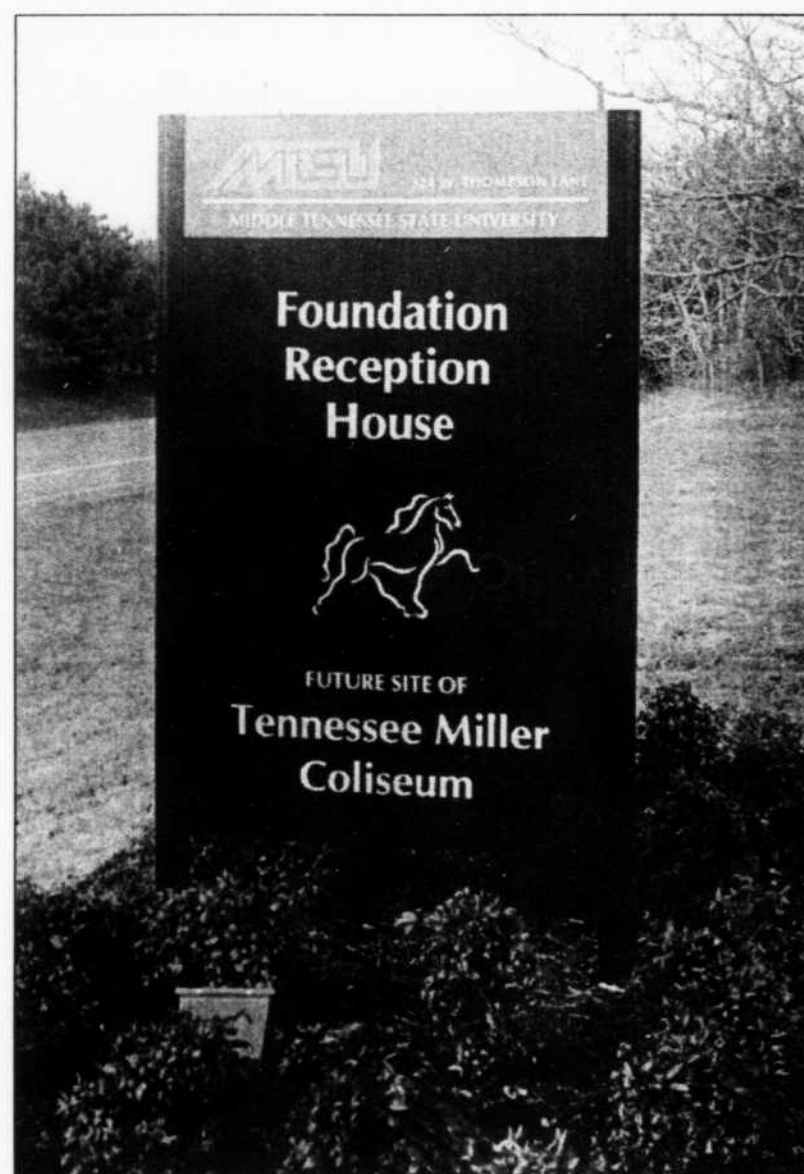


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The new \$18.5 million coliseum will be by the Foundation House.



## On Campus

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

### Jan. 24

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Name the Band Contest" from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Submit your favorite name — the winner receives \$50 added to his or her budget card.

Golden Key National Honor Society will have information tables set up in the Keathley University Center across from Phillips Bookstore from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Perspective members and those interested are invited to stop by.

### Jan. 25-26

Campus Recreation will host a kayak-roll clinic from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$12 for students and \$16 for guests. Space is limited to eight people. Contact Mitch, Sean or W.T. at 898-2104 for more information.

### Jan. 26

The Placement and Student Employment Center will sponsor a Summer Jobs/Internships Fair from noon to 3 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Participating employers will be hiring students of various majors for summer jobs and internships. The roster of participating employers can be viewed at [www.mtsu.edu/~career](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career).

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Battle of the DJs," beginning at 7:30 p.m. The DJ with the most votes gets the Wednesday night gig for the rest of the semester.

### Jan. 27

The University Committee on General Studies will hold an open forum for discussion of the second draft of the General Studies Mission Statement from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S128. For more information, contact William Badley at 898-8416.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff (men are also welcome). Appointments to speak with

an attorney can be made by calling Candi Russell at 898-2193.

The African American Student Association will meet at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. Contact Genora Reed at 898-4085 for more information.

### Jan. 31

Entries are due in the Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards contest. Newspaper, magazine, TV and radio journalists may enter, as well as photographers. For information and an application, contact Kevin Koelling at 904-8193.

### Feb. 11

Entries are due in for the Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Awards in Journalism. Newspaper, magazine, TV and radio journalists may enter, as well as photographers. For information and an application, contact Kevin Koelling at 904-8193.

### March 25-31

Campus Recreation will host a ski summit to Colorado for spring break. There will be a pre-trip meeting on March 14. There are two price packages available. A \$200 deposit will reserve a spot. For more information call Mitch, Sean or W.T. at 898-2104.

### Ongoing

The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for further information.

The deadline for 2000 Homecoming Director applications is January 28 in KUC 208. Please come by the SGA office in KUC 208 or call 898-2464 for applications or questions.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Open Mic Night" every Monday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

# Civil rights activist, scholar to speak tonight

## Staff Reports

Murfreesboro- She jousts windmills and wins.

That's what President Ronald Reagan found out when he fired Mary Frances Berry as commissioner on the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights for criticizing his civil rights policies. Berry sued and won reinstatement in federal district court.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the Commission, and President Bill Clinton, in 1993, designated her chair of the Civil Rights Commission. Sandwiched in between those appointments, Berry made waves and headlines.

Berry is one of the main headliners during this year's African American History Month celebration. Speaking at 7 p.m. tonight in Tucker Theatre, the Nashville-born activist and author will address the topic

"Heritage and Horizons: Reflections on Civil Rights in America." This year's overall theme for AAHM is "Heritage and Horizons: The African American Legacy and the Challenges for the 21st Century."

Today, Berry is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches history and law. She attended Pearl High School (now Martin Luther King High Magnet School), and later received bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University, in Washington, D.C. She received her doctorate in history from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Berry is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

A guest on numerous TV news programs, including "Nightline," "Crossfire," and

"The Today Show," Berry is a co-founder of the Free South Africa Movement, which instigated protests at the South African Embassy in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. She was arrested and jailed more than once for her activism.

Berry served as assistant secretary for Education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare during the Carter Administration. She supervised nearly \$13 billion of federal education programs.

Prior to her HEW position, she served as provost at the University of Maryland, College Park, and as chancellor at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

In addition to 27 honorary degrees, Berry has received the NAACP's Roy Wilkins and Image Awards, the Rosa Parks Award of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Ebony Magazine Black Achievement Award. She is one of the 75 women included in "I

Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America." The Women's Hall of Fame named her one of "America's Women of the Century."

Berry has written seven books, among which are "The Pig Farmer's Daughter and Other Tales of American Justice: Episodes of Racism and Sexism in the Courts from 1865 to the Present (1999);" "Long Memory: The Black Experience in America" (co-authored with John W. Blassingame); "The Politics of Parenthood: Child Care, Women's Rights and the Myth of the Good Mother;" and "Black Resistance/White Law: A History of Constitutional Racism in America."

Berry's appearance at MTSU; sponsored by AAHM 2000 and the Distinguished Lectures Series, is free and open to the public. For more information, call MTSU Student Programming at 615-898-2551. ■

# Graduate students granted access to Vanderbilt Library.

## Staff Reports

To expand the research capability of the MTSU Library for graduate students, MTSU and Vanderbilt University Libraries have arranged for graduate students to have access to the Vanderbilt Libraries.

MTSU purchased special identification

cards that will open the turnstiles of any of the Vanderbilt Libraries and will allow graduate students to use the resources of that library. Materials may not be checked out, however.

Graduate students may borrow the special ID cards at the MTSU University Library.

The cards are loaned for a two week peri-

od, and the loan may be renewed as often as necessary if the card is not needed by other graduate students.

As with other materials checked out of the MTSU Library, students will have to have their MTSU ID card to borrow the Vanderbilt Library Access Card.

For more information, contact Ronda Sullivan at 898-5897. ■

## Lipscomb player loses legs to meningitis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Doctors at St. Thomas Hospital have amputated the legs below the knee of a David Lipscomb University women's basketball player suffering from meningitis.

Freshman Kaia Jergenson, 18, was listed in critical condition following the surgery Wednesday. She has been hospitalized since Jan. 4.

The family said in a statement released by the hospital that Kaia's doctors "are confident that she has suffered no brain damage and has the poten-

tial to make a complete neurological recovery."

Jergenson is one of Lipscomb's top players this season. She won the Class AAA Tournament MVP while playing for Gallatin High School last year.

She is sedated and on a ventilator. Doctors believe the disease also has damaged her right hand.

The hospital said the disease, which affects the covering of the brain, is spread by coughing and sneezing. ■

## TVA cleaning up dump near Tellico Lake

LENOIR CITY, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Valley Authority plans to remove hundreds of vehicle battery casings near Tellico Lake on TVA land that used to be a dump.

A hunter found the casings last year behind South Holston Church off U.S. Highway 321.

TVA spokeswoman Barbara Martocci said officials believe the casings have been there for more than 30 years.

Soil at the site is contaminated with lead and also will be removed.

TVA began cutting a road to the land last week and should begin cleanup by next week.

The cleanup is expected to take two weeks, as TVA follows environmental regulations to discard the casings and soil.

TVA also will recontour and replant the land. ■

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## Murphy Center to host bridal fair Jan. 30

Mary Anna Brown  
Staff Reporter

MTSU will host the seventh annual Cherished Moments Bridal Fair Jan. 30 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Murphy Center.

The theme of this year's fair, "A Thousand Years of Romance," reflects a millennium of romance from the courts of the Middle Ages to the turn of the last century.

"The Cherished Moments Bridal Fair gets bigger and bigger every year," said Lee Rennick, event coordinator.

"We outgrew Smyrna Town Center last year and are excited to be working with the staff at Murphy Center."

Booths circling the upper ring of Murphy Center will display the newest ideas in bridal wear, honeymoons, gifts, photography, caterers, entertainment and other

wedding-related business from all over the Middle Tennessee area.

Many vendors will have samples of the goods and services they offer.

Wedding experts will help future brides find a florist, a wedding planner and other specialists useful in creating the ideal wedding regardless of the bride's budget.

In addition to the booths, a fashion show will take place at 1:45 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m.

The "Daily News Journal" Ambassadors and American Tuxedo Modeling Board will show the latest fashions in wedding dresses, bridesmaid and junior bridesmaid dresses, tuxedos and flower girl dresses for the entire wedding party.

Prize packages will be announced throughout the two fashion shows.

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Sports will give away a complete wedding package, including a wedding and reception at Daytona International Raceway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The special grand prize package, provided by Franklin Travel Services, will be announced at the end of the second show.

Other prizes include tuxedo rental, toasting glasses, make-overs and gifts.

Brides may pre-register by calling 893-5860, ext. 109, or filling out pre-registration forms at participating businesses.

The fair is open to the public with a three-dollar admission charge.

"I have been looking forward to the bridal fair ever since I found out about it," said bride-to-be freshman Stacey Carvell. "Hopefully, I will be able to get ideas that will help me plan the perfect wedding." ■

## Winter weather hits South

Snow causes traffic, electricity problems

### Carolinas, Georgia residents lose power

James Pilcher  
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Rain and freezing temperatures spread a coat of ice across parts of Georgia on Sunday, knocking out electrical service to more than a half-million customers.

Many of those households and businesses could be without power until at least Tuesday as crews struggle over slippery roads to reach downed lines and ice-coated tree limbs continue to snap, pulling down more.

"This is the worst storm since Hurricane Opal came through in 1996, and it took six days to get power fully restored for that one," said Georgia Power spokeswoman Becky Blaylock.

"If it keeps raining and it freezes again ... we could be looking at more people without power. We're in for a long haul."

Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes declared a state of emergency Sunday for six northern counties, and the Red Cross opened eight shelters around the state for people who had no heat.

and freezing rain also fell in other parts of the southern Appalachians, and locally heavy rain fell across coastal areas of Georgia and the Carolinas as the storm pushed eastward and out to sea. Up to 3 inches of snow fell in some areas of North Carolina.

The rain had been forecast to end late Saturday in Georgia but was still falling Sunday afternoon. Temperatures in the Atlanta area didn't warm above freezing until the middle of the day.

Ice accumulated a half-inch thick on trees in parts of northern Georgia, and the weight of the ice on power lines pulled down utility poles.

More than 340,000 home and business customers of Georgia Power lost service statewide, 290,000 of them in the metropolitan Atlanta area, Ms. Blaylock

said. At least 175,000 customers of electric membership corporations also were blacked out.

Hundreds of utility repair crews were put to work in Georgia.

"It's just the sheer volume and massive nature of the problem that makes us go from one spot to the next to the next."

"We fix one, and another tree breaks, and causes another outage," said Pat Kerley of the Jackson Electric Membership Corp.

North Carolina's major utilities reported approximately 20,000 customers without electricity Sunday after parts of that state got a mixture of sleet, rain and snow. However, Carolina Power & Light spokeswoman Sally Ramey said not all of the outages could be blamed on the weather.

Fallen branches and power lines closed about 20 roads in northern Georgia, State Department of Transportation spokeswoman Vicki Gavalas said.

"If my neighborhood is any indication, they're snapping like matchsticks," she said.

Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport remained open, but many flights were delayed or canceled as crews tried to de-ice the planes.

Late Saturday, a U.S. Airways jet that had landed at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas International Airport slid onto a grassy area as it turned onto a taxiway.

No injuries were reported.

In central Tennessee, where 3.5 inches of snow fell Saturday, a de-icing truck nicked the wing of a Northwest Airlines DC-9 at Nashville International Airport. No one was injured, said Northwest spokeswoman Mary Beth Schubert.

Parts of South Carolina got up to 6 inches of snow late Saturday, and traffic on parts of Interstate 85 came to a standstill in several spots because of slippery pavement and accidents. ■

### Tennessee dodges worst

Tennessee dodged the worst of a winter storm that covered Georgia with ice, getting mostly snow and little a freezing rain as the precipitation moved out of the Volunteer State and temperatures rose on Sunday.

At least two people died in weather-related traffic accidents Saturday, but officials said the worst weather missed Tennessee.

"It wasn't an ice storm. It was snow more or less, so we didn't get any reports of power outages," said Russ Haynes, an operations officer for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol reported all roads open Sunday, although drivers were still urged to take care on bridges, overpasses and some secondary roads.

The National Weather Service says a drizzle of freezing rain was still falling in the Smokies and Northeast Tennessee, but most of the perception was gone.

There was snow on the ground in East Tennessee, with Morristown reporting 5 inches Sunday morning and 2 inches in Cookeville. But most parts of the state were forecast to have highs at or above freezing and sunny skies were forecast for Monday.

Saturday, near Jonesborough in East Tennessee, 35-year-old Cesar A. Acosta-Zamarron of Johnson City was killed when he lost control of his 1986 Oldsmobile on the curve of a rural road, state troopers said.

His car struck an embankment, overturned and went into a field at about 9:15 a.m. CST.

About an hour later in Wilson County, a trucker was killed on Interstate 40 in Wilson County when another tractor trailer struck him. Department of Safety spokeswoman Dana Keeton said Gregory Major, 35, of Wilmington, N.C., had parked his truck in the emergency lane and was walking toward the back of his rig when another truck jackknifed slightly, hitting Major with the right rear corner of the trailer.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The truck did not stop. Keeton said police are treating it as a hit and run.

Nearby, she said, 12 cars were involved in minor collisions. ■

## President to ask Congress for equal pay wage funds

Kevin Galvin  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the support of a women's soccer star, President Clinton plans to ask Congress on Monday for \$27 million to bolster federal laws requiring that employers pay men and women equal wages for equal work.

"We want to make sure that the employers and employees all understand their rights and responsibilities on equal pay," White House Domestic Policy Adviser Bruce Reed said Sunday. Officials also want to beef up enforcement of equal pay laws.

Women earn an average

of 75 cents for every dollar men are paid, a disparity Clinton has pointed to in the past as evidence of social injustice.

"When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her," he said in a radio address last January. "It hurts her family, and that hurts America."

Clinton was being joined at a White House event by Michelle Akers, who with her teammates has been boycotting training in a compensation dispute that erupted after the U.S. women's World Cup championship last season.

"Millions of women who are working for less than men don't have the whole country pulling for them the way the World Cup team

does," Reed said. "But they should."

As part of his \$27 million initiative to close the wage gap, Clinton will seek \$10 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Those funds would train as many as 3,000 employers about equal pay laws and 1,000 EEOC staff inspectors.

A similar, \$14 million initiative failed in Congress last year.

It would represent the first time since the EEOC took responsibility for enforcement of equal pay laws in 1998 that the agency had funding to train inspectors in the area. The EEOC also would produce public service announcements on the subject. ■

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## From the Staff

## SGA unfairly pressing issue

A student vote Tuesday and Wednesday will decide whether to revise the Student Government Association Constitution with a shift to a unicameral SGA. This would, in effect, dissolve the House of Representatives. (See story on page 1.)

Students, however, have not been fairly informed of the situation and what it could mean for the representation of student organizations.

A banner that hangs in front of the Keathley University Center encourages students to be educated on the issue before entering the booth to vote. But the banner's message is biased, telling students a vote of no means the student is "not in favor of: getting rid of formal House meeting; a single elected

body over the current system; organizations being eligible for activity fund dollars without attending meetings; speaker of the House position becoming something else."

The banner makes no mention of how students' interests could be affected or how student organizations would fare from the change.

"The Student Government Association Informer," a newsletter distributed at a House of Representatives meeting last week, also offers a subjective description of the issue in an article whose author is unclear.

"Why not have an SGA that is more efficient?" the newsletter asks. "Why not have one body of students elected by students, to repre-

sent the needs of students? Why not break away from traditionalism and habit when new vistas await exploration? Why not take a chance on change instead of maneuvering under the chains of mediocrity?"

We are not opposed to the proposal being put to a student vote. We support discussion of any idea that could make SGA more efficient and productive. But we think the discussion should be presented objectively, so that students can truly weigh the possible consequences of such a decision.

We encourage students to vote on the issue, which could have a major impact on how things run in the future. Before they do, though, we hope they take the time to really understand the issue.

## Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

## Mascot rivalry

Stanford Tree stumbles through the '90s

This is the story about a Tree and a Bear.

The great rivalry began over 100 years ago when Stanford University and the University of California-Berkeley were born.

To understand the rivalry, one has to notice the differences in the two academic institutions.

Stanford is private. Berkeley is public. Palo Alto is near Menlo Park, Calif.

Berkeley is 40 miles from Stanford around Interstate 80, just north of Oakland.

Both schools are very prestigious academically, but Berkeley strives to have a "laid back" image. Berkeley students think Stanford students are backwards and Stanford students think even less of Berkeley students.

The rivalry extends throughout the schools from academics to athletics.

In fact, one of the top five plays in college football history unfolded in 1982 between the schools. Stanford, leading 20-19, kicked off with 4 seconds left and a certain win in hand.

The Stanford band thought the game was over and began pouring onto the field.

However, through a series of laterals, Kevin Moen of Berkeley picked up the ball, zigzagged through the band members at the Stanford 15-yard line and barreled over Stanford's trombone player for the game-winning touchdown.

However, this story is not complete without talking about the mascots.

Stanford's nickname is the Cardinal, not Cardinals, and refers to the color, not the bird. Since the campus is near the great Redwood forests, they picked a tree as the mascot.

Berkeley's mascot is Oski the Bear.

It hasn't been a good decade for the Stanford Tree.

In 1995, the action on the basketball court was nothing to the action off the court as the Stanford Tree and Oski the Bear had to be physically restrained by the police after a brawl which left both mascots suspended for one game each by their universities.

In 1996, after Stanford thrashed the Bears 42-21 on the football field, students from Berkeley decided to "cut down" the tree. They shredded the costume to thousands of pieces. Fortunately, Chris Cary, the student inside the costume got out with only some bumps and bruises.

"The costume is very cumbersome and in order to stand up, you have to have ideal conditions," Cary said in an interview with the Stanford Daily. "Ideal conditions do not include drunk Cal fans pummeling you."

In 1997, Stanford's Tree was disqualified from the "Battle of the Mascots" competition on ESPN.com because students at Stanford found a way to flood the server, therefore not allowing any other organizations to cast their vote.

In 1998, a group calling themselves the Phoenix Five stole the Tree from Stanford.

The group, with ties to UC-Berkeley, didn't want to hurt the Tree but only wanted to take the Tree on a road trip, saying it was too uptight.

Chronicled by pictures, the Tree costume crossed California and spent a few days in the Grand Canyon.

The Tree was returned, but not before the threat that Oski the Bear would not be allowed to roam the sidelines again that season.

Just last month, the student who was the Stanford Tree this year was arrested on a drunk driving charge a few weeks before the Rose Bowl game against Wisconsin. His license was restricted and he was sentenced to community service to begin this month.

Oski the Bear, meanwhile, has received cult status among students at Berkeley.

Ben Braun, Berkeley's new head basketball coach, quipped in an interview on whether he had met the Bear, "Once I can get Oski off the Stanford tree, we're planning to sit down with him and have a cup of tea. He's not much of a conversationalist, but he's a heck of a listener."

That's the View from the Crowd. E-mail me at MTSUViews@email.com.■

## Letters to the Editor

### Vote no on SGA referendum

There comes a time when a person finds himself standing alone against the inevitable.

At this point, the individual must choose whether to stand his ground and fight or to succumb to his adversity.

I find myself alone, and I have chosen to fight for the organizations facing termination in the upcoming referendum.

SGA leaders claim that the constitutional changes proposed will increase the efficiency of the SGA by only having a single student Senate, that organizations do not really wish to be a part of the SGA, and that the newly created Vice President of Public Relations will increase the visibility of and student involvement in the SGA. This is all true . . . in a sense.

The SGA at MTSU holds a unique position in the realm of college student governments.

Our institution is one of the few remaining with a two-house legislature.

Many schools have already adopted a system of a single legislative house and an executive council that mirrors the structure of a corporation more than a government. Our SGA offers students a hands on learning experience of pure government.

Therefore, leaders produced by our SGA carry with them the knowledge of how real government works.

In regards to efficiency, the framework of government that comprises the federal government and most state governments is designed to be slow so as to insure that quality is produced.

The supporters of the referendum also claim that the organizations do not actually wish to be involved in the SGA.

Actually, the results of a straw poll conducted during the House meeting on January 18 concluded that every organization present wanted to remain an active participant in the SGA.

However, it was only a straw poll.

The vote carried no bearing on the referendum since the authors of the amendment chose to bypass the House and its right to vote on its own fate.

Instead, the referendum is coming to the student body by way of petition.

Finally, the referendum supports wish you to believe that a Vice President of Public Relations will keep the SGA more in touch with the student body.

The fact is that there already exists a cabinet position for Public Relations that has been ineffective for years.

If the SGA is concerned about representing the student voice then consider this: each SGA Senator represents 750 students (How many of you know who your Senator is?) while House members answer directly to members of their organizations.

I will let you decide which person is more in touch with the students they represent.

The SGA House of Representatives is not perfect, no institution is.

What is needed is reform, not abolishment. Please vote NO to the referendum.

Bobby Toy

### Tatum needs to rethink his argument

I don't usually waste my time giving consideration to those who make illogical and unsound arguments, but I think that the sheer idiocy that spills forth from the mouth of Chris Tatum begs to be responded to.

Chris, you happen to believe that life begins at conception — congratulations, you have an opinion that has no basis in fact. A zygote can't support itself or live aside from the mother (remember her, the individual who decides whether she should have "glorious children"?).

And he asserts that the right to an abortion and its continual practice destroy the lives and self-esteem of womyn. Hmmm, sounds like a proper-hoc fallacy to me...

The uterus, like all other less sanctified parts of the body, belong to the womyn.

Your appeal to the sanctity of the womb is a weak excuse for continuing the objectification and domination of womyn by men. The ability of a womyn's uterus to support life does not mean that it does in every instance, or should. I am in favor of a womyn's right to choose; yet that doesn't mean that I agree with partial birth abortions or abortion as a serial form of birth control.

I guess this means that Tatum's narrow view of reality isn't quite wide enough when matched with the actual opinions of those who he attempts to essentialize and vilify.

Interesting that he defends the right of unborn "children" to "decide" that they want to live, yet he is perfectly willing to limit the ability of verifiably living individuals in favor of rescuing some amorphous moral order.

Terrance L. Bond

### WMTS money came from other sources

A few additions need to be made to the article, "Radio station changes studios."

The money raised for the purchase of the new studio furniture came from many different sources.

1) WMTS worked concessions this summer at First American Music Center. This was a substantial source of income.

2) There were a number of benefit shows held during the fall semester. All of the bands performed for free, and all money went toward the station.

Here is a list of a few bands that performed: Utopia State, Highstrung, The Features, Junk Buddha, Silvero, Holtzclaw, Kill Devil Hills, The Falling, Rockets Red Glare, The Ramblers, Slack, etc.

The article implies that Highstrung and Kill Devil Hills were the only ones who played for free and raised money. This is completely false.

It also implies that Jon Eaton raised the money by himself. This is also false.

Every member of WMTS did his or her part by coming to the benefit shows, playing in the band's performing, and working at First American Music Center.

The members of the station raised the money.

Thanks for your time, Andrew Seward Station Manager/WMTS

*Editor's note: Sidelines regrets the errors, which were the fault of the editor and not of staff reporter Kipp Cavalier.*

## Drug office sneaks message into prime time

Joanne Jacobs  
Knight-Ridder Tribune

**TROUBLED LOSER:** "Want to try some illegal drugs?"  
**SERIES REGULAR:** "I'd rather play sports and perform community service."

**TROUBLED LOSER:** "Oh no! I've just flunked out of school, gone to jail, lost my friends, hurt my family and wrecked my kitchen due to my illegal drug use."

**SERIES REGULAR:** "I see that drug abuse has had consequences. I'm going to have a heart-to-heart talk with my parents."

**SERIES DAD:** "Your mother and I think that drugs are wrong."

**SERIES MOM:** "Your father and I think that drugs are dangerous, too."

**SERIES REGULAR:** "Drugs are for troubled losers."

This is your favorite TV show. This is your favorite show on anti-drug money.

This is "Beverly Hills 90210," "ER," "Chicago Hope," "The Drew Carey Show," "Seventh Heaven," "The Practice," "Home Improvement," "Sports Night," "Promised Land," "Cosby," "Trinity," "Providence," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," "Boy Meets World," "General Hospital" and

others.

But when the credits roll at the end of the show, something's missing: White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey, the secret scriptwriter, won't be listed.

After a six-month investigation, the online magazine Salon (www.salon.com) has reported that the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy is financially compensating networks for inserting its anti-drug message into prime-time programming. It's payola for propaganda.

In late 1997, Congress funded a five-year, \$1 billion anti-drug media campaign, demanding that broadcasters provide one free ad for every ad paid for by the government. Regular ad sales were slow, so the five major networks — ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and WB — went along.

But the buy-one, get-one-free deal quickly soured when e-commerce exploded, writes Daniel Forbes for Salon.

Dot-com advertisers were willing to pay full price for the time networks were giving away to community service ads.

In the spring of 1988, a payola deal was struck: The networks would turn selected sitcoms and dramas into anti-drug commercials. In exchange, they'd get back some of the ad time they owed the government and be able to resell it.

Most networks have been send-

*While the drug czar's office claims to want realistic portrayals of substance abuse, they really mean 100 percent negative portrayals.*

ing a copy of anti-drug scripts to the drug czar's office for approval or rewriting, according to Salon. In most cases, writers and producers didn't know their network bosses had sold script control.

The May 19 episode of "Smart Guy," a WB sitcom about a 10-year-old genius in high school, is an example, Forbes reported.

A WB executive requested a drugs or drinking script, so the producer revived a previously rejected script in which the main character, T.J., drinks beer to impress two popular older boys at a party. It showed T.J. getting drunk, acting stupidly, spilling soda on a girl he wanted to impress, suffering a hangover and getting in trouble with Dad.

The drug czar's consultants insisted that the older boys could-

n't be portrayed as popular or cool. They were turned into clownish losers; T.J. recalled one was in the "slow reading class."

Their beer drinking was moved from the main party to a utility room to suggest shameful secrecy.

T.J. was required to take a dose of the "anti-drug," a heart-to-heart talk with his father.

By contrast, no deal was struck with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," which features a college freshman who battles adolescent angst and the ubiquitous spawn of Satan.

The drug message wasn't "on-strategy," according to a drug policy officer who nixed the script. "It was otherworldly nonsense, very abstract and not like real-life kids taking drugs."

Buffy's struggle against the soullessness of her peers is very relevant to the choices young people face.

But subtlety is not the strong suit of the anti-drug campaign.

While the drug czar's office claims to want realistic portrayals of substance abuse, they really mean 100 percent negative portrayals, even if those don't ring true.

In real life, drinkers are sometimes popular and cool, and don't hide in the utility room at parties. Fast readers experiment with drugs out of curiosity — they've heard so much about it in drug ed — and usually don't become addicts.

The reasons people use drugs

and alcohol are complex; the consequences vary depending on the person and the drug. "On strategy" is off reality.

Prime-time TV isn't promoting drugs, according to a Mediascope study released last week by the drug czar's office.

Only a few episodes show illicit drug use, and nearly all show negative consequences, the study found. Underage smoking and drinking also is rare, though adult drinking is often portrayed as — horrors! — "a positive experience."

I don't mind if TV writers and producers choose to send simple messages through their shows: Say no to drugs. Talk to your children. Fasten your seat belt. Love thy neighbor — but use condoms.

It violates the movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn's advice: "If you want to send a message, try Western Union." But it's only TV, after all.

What's alarming is when the government becomes the scriptwriter, manipulating public opinion with the public's money. The secrecy makes it more sinister: If it's OK to have the drug czar approving scripts, how come nobody knew about it till Salon broke the story?

"Big Brother is watching you," George Orwell warned in "1984."

As it turns out: You're watching Big Brother.■

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# FEATURES

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## Giving it all she's got

Aspring MTSU model shows potential

Rob Evans  
Staff Reporter

The life of a model is not just bright lights and flashy photo shoots.

Just ask Angela Gooch.

She has been working on her dream of becoming a model for as long as she can remember.

Gooch first started appearing in milk advertisements for a local dairy before moving on to ads that have run in a local newspaper.

But there have been many highlights in her career, including an appearance on Channel 5's "Talk of the Town," a talk show that puts the spotlight on Nashvillians attempting to reach their dreams.

Gooch contends that being a model may look glamorous, "but it is hard work and so time-consuming. I took five months off of school to learn to become a professional model."

Gooch currently works for Advantage Model and Talent agency.

"I have also been to many conventions all over the country where there are representatives of agencies that can send you all over the world," Gooch said. "Also my twin sister and I were almost in the Doublemint chewing gum T.V. commercial."

On one modeling trip Gooch met many people from the Ford Modeling Agency in New York.

She said it was cool meeting many of the people she read about but added that she wasn't star-shocked.

"It's not like it was unexpected," Gooch said.

Now Gooch is back at MTSU working toward her degree.

Gooch said modeling "is not a promising industry. I am not basing my life on being a model. My back-up plan is to own my own business or talent agency. That is why I am back at school."

She is currently a second-semester freshman.

Aside from last Thursday's "Talk of the Town" appearance, there are many other places where she can be found.

"I am going to appear in a fashion show here at MTSU on the 30th of this month, and I am going to audition for other college shows and do a few more photo shoots in the coming month. I am supposed to be on a billboard somewhere, but I am not sure if it is up."

In today's world of people struggling to reach their dreams, there is something reassuring about Gooch's outlook on her potential career.

"If it happens it happens. You can only be a model for so long anyway. It would be great to become a professional model, but once you're older, it is over anyway. At least I can say I had a shot."

Photo submitted

Angela Gooch, freshmen, moonlights as a model while attending MTSU. Her experiences have included a trip to the Ford Modeling Agency in New York and an appearance on Channel 5's "Talk of the Town."



## Character, not economy, behind voter choices in 2000

Ron Fournier  
Associated Press

BOONE, Iowa (AP) — The economy is sizzling, and the Cold War has thawed. So what are voters looking for in a president this year?

It's their character, stupid.

"The lack of an overwhelming issue has made personality and character traits a more important part of the campaign," said Republican pollster Ed Goas of Alexandria, Va.

Recognizing the change in voter attitudes since 1992, presidential candidates this year are defining their character with policies and promises. "I pledge to uphold the dignity of the office," Republican national front-runner George W. Bush says at every stop, his right hand raised in the air.

Vice President Al Gore, the leading Democratic candidate who is trying to emerge from President Clinton's scandal-tinged shadow, says of his boss' involvement with a White House intern: "I wouldn't have done that."

Interviews with more than two dozen voters in Iowa and New Hampshire suggest the phenomenon cuts across party lines, though Republicans and Democrats are looking for slightly different qualities in the next president.

GOP voters cite integrity, honesty and even fidelity as key ingredients. Democrats mentioned the same characteristics in unusually high numbers, but seem more inclined to want experienced leadership.

Voters in both parties say Clinton's impeachment embarrassed the nation and is a major reason for their anxiety about who will occupy the White House.

"I feel Clinton betrayed my trust," said one Democrat, Cynthia Onigman, 74, of Manchester, N.H. "That's something I don't think we'd have to worry about with Bill Bradley," Gore's sole rival.

Mike Fank's sigh left a trail of white vapor in the frigid Iowa air. "I just want a president who won't lie to me," the Republican said as snow piled atop his box of bakery-fresh

*"I just want a president who won't lie to me. Is that too much to ask?"*

Mike Fank, Republican

donuts. "Is that too much to ask?"

This may be the legacy of the two-term president whose 1992 campaign tapped the fears of recession-weary Americans, particularly in New Hampshire. "It's the economy, stupid," read the sign posted in Clinton's Arkansas headquarters.

Exit polls from that election showed honesty far down the list of values that mattered most when people picked a president; at the top was "bringing change."

When things changed and the economy soared — when New Hampshire's high-tech industry replaced struggling textile mills as the symbol of that state's economy — the public's emphasis on values shifted, too.

In 1996 exit polls, honesty was tops along with "shares my view of government" in personal qualities that mattered most when choosing a president.

A year after Clinton's trial, a Los Angeles Times poll shows that nearly three-quarters of Iowa caucus-goers say they were supporting their candidate because of a personal trait rather than his stance on issues.

"Honesty and integrity are it for me," said Barbara Lund of Polk City, Iowa. "Health care and all that is important, but nothing they promise means much if they're lying about it."

Susan Henning of Boone, Iowa, watched through a storefront window as Steve Forbes boarded his well-appointed campaign bus. She only wanted to know one thing about the GOP candidate: "Is he faithful?"

"If you're not faithful in your marriage, you won't be faithful to the people," she reasoned.

Sallie Klum, 65, a Republican from

Hollis, N.H., does not know who she wants to be president but she knows what she wants.

"I think when you give someone the right to provide the leadership for your country, for your future and the future of your children and grandchildren, that's a huge gift of trust," she said.

Honesty and integrity are important to Bob Connert, but the Democrat said he is "mainly looking for somebody who has the ability and knows how to run this country."

Greg Lewis, who had been shooting the breeze with Connert at a Des Moines union hall, said the next president "needs to keep things on track."

Both backers of Gore, their sentiments reflect polls that show the vice president is a rare candidate whose supporters don't cite character issues as their No. 1 attraction.

"Morality/Integrity/Honesty" ranked third, well behind his experience and education policies.

Democrats as a whole were only slightly less likely than Republicans to cite a character trait as the reason for choosing their candidate.

GOP pollster John McLaughlin said policy issues still are important in the 2000 election, especially when candidates use them to highlight character traits.

Bush pledges to cut taxes for low-income Americans, then calls himself a "compassionate" conservative.

Forbes accuses Bush of breaking his no-tax pledge as Texas governor, an obvious attempt to raise doubts about Bush's integrity.

Bradley says his campaign "has been one of respect for people." And he will not let polls guide his actions, Gore's rival says, because that would be dishonorable.

Gore did not just question the math behind Bradley's health care plan, he suggested he was out to hurt minorities.

One Republican even slapped a character trait on the side of his campaign bus: The "Straight Talk Express" rolls through New Hampshire and South Carolina with Arizona Sen. John McCain aboard. ■

## Bored to tears

Plurality of college freshmen were disengaged in high school, survey finds

Anjetta McQueen  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — College freshmen say they often were bored as high school seniors, coming late to classes or missing them entirely, evidence of what university researchers call "academic disengagement."

These students also worried about how to pay for college and one-quarter indicated there was "some" or a "very good" chance they would have to work full time while in school.

The 34th annual American Freshman survey questioned first-time, full-time college freshmen last year about their habits and attitudes during their final year of high school.

More than 260,000 students at 462 two- and four-year schools participated in the research by the University of California, Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute, primarily during summer orientation or in the first few weeks of college.

A record 40 percent of the students said they were "frequently bored" in high school classes, compared with the one-quarter who answered yes when the questions first was asked in 1985.

More students also reported they were late to classes or skipped them.

College and universities "need to make sure if the students are already feeling disengaged in high school that they are going to get the support, mentoring, tutoring and other services they need to make it through college," said Jennifer Lin of the United States Student Association, a Washington-based group serving 3.5 million students.

Linda Sax, a researcher who directed the survey, said the rapid advances in today's high-tech world may make it harder to hold students' attention.

"This is a reflection of an increasingly fast-paced society, made more so by computers and other media," Sax said.

"Students tell us anecdotally that they love it when teachers use more

interactive tools. But not all teachers do it."

Also, 30 percent of respondents said they often felt "overwhelmed by all I have to do" — the highest percentage since the question was first asked in 1985, when 16 percent felt that way.

Students increasingly are worried about the cost of higher education.

A record 25 percent of students said there was "some" or a "very good" chance they would work full time while in college.

Just 16 percent answered that way in 1982, the first year that question appeared.

More college-bound students rate themselves as above average academically, 59 percent, compared with others their own age.

Thirty-four percent reported earning an A average, more than in previous years.

About half expect to earn at least a B average in college.

Sax said there is evidence that some students could be disappointed with their college report card.

Corresponding performance on standardized tests and remedial course work suggest grade inflation.

"The expectations of students are very much at odds with the reality that the faculty feel they are facing with students," she said.

Among the other findings in the 1999 college freshman survey:

—Students are a bit older and are taking longer to finish high school.

—More aspire to be teachers and performers.

—While a record number of students did volunteer work as seniors, the percentage of those who thought it very important or essential to "influence social values" dropped to 36 percent, its lowest point since 1986.

Also declining was an interest in participating in community programs or becoming a community leader.

The survey was adjusted to represent the 1.64 million freshmen entering in the fall of 1999.

The margin of error was less than 1 percentage point. ■



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## Raiders snap losing streak

Michael Edwards  
Men's Basketball Reporter

MTSU's men's basketball team left the Murphy Center with a 80-73 win over Tennessee State University Saturday, the first Blue Raiders win since Jan. 12.

After winning only three games since Nov. 27, the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team conducted a player's-only meeting Friday, just a day after their 10th loss of the season.

Only the players know exactly what was said during the meeting, but whatever it was it worked, at least for one game.

"We had to get it out in the air," said Cedrick Wallace, who — along with Johnny Cobb — called the meeting. "Everyone had to get the chip off their shoulder and come together as one."

The Raiders picked up only their second Ohio Valley Conference over hated rivals. Fernando Ortiz and Ron McKnight led the way in scoring with 16 apiece, while Wallace added eight points and eight rebounds. Iiro Tenngren also came off the bench along with Ortiz to add 11 points, while Jonathan Whitworth scored a season high 14 including four three-pointers.

"Today we penetrated and got wide open shots," MTSU head coach Randy Wiel said. "I could tell by the look in their eyes that we were going to win this game. We played with confidence."

The Raiders started a little slow but managed to battle back and take their largest first-half lead of eight with 12 minutes left in the first half. However, the Tigers never quit and tied the game at 25 after

four straight points by Kyle Rolston. Terrrick Brown answered again for the Tigers as he put TSU up by two with just over five minutes left in the first half. The excitement climaxed when Dale Thomas and Kevin Samuel wrestled on the ground, but the rumble was quickly broken up.

A 7-2 run by TSU claimed a five-point lead for the Tigers, but the Raiders fought back thanks to the big three — McKnight, Ortiz and Wallace — cutting the lead to one, just as the half closed.

"We passed the ball, shot the ball and everybody seemed happy out there," Ortiz said.

TSU started the second half with a Ralph Martin dunk, but McKnight came right back for the Raiders and scored on a lay up. TSU ran up a three point lead when Lee Nosse came from no where to score seven points in less than two minutes to ignite the Raider rally.

McKnight slashed to the basket for MTSU and cut the five-point TSU lead back to three just before a timeout. The basket started a 17-4 run for the Raiders, which would put them ahead 66-58.

TSU ran off on a 9-1 run, tying the game at 67. The big Raider three came up big again when they scored seven unanswered points to put MTSU up by seven with 5:35 remaining. The lead would be large enough for the Raiders to hang on and win by seven.

"It was real important for us to bounce back," Wallace said. "We needed this real bad. It was hurting everybody. Once we won this game everybody's head was up high. We are going to be playing like we should be playing from the get go."

Leading the Tigers in scoring for most of the season has been Jamie Roberts, but the Raiders

held Roberts to 10 and only two rebounds. He came in averaging 17 points and five rebounds, but the lack of scoring was due to early foul trouble. Martin and Samuel led TSU with 17. Martin also had 10 rebounds.

"We really need to get back to basics," TSU head coach Frankie Allen said. "I really feel that once we get a solid week of practice we'll be a much better team."

The Raiders at 2-6 in the conference are in ninth place in the OVC. Only the top eight teams even get to vie for a chance to go to the NCAA tournament by way of the OVC tournament.

"I've seen the standings, we are just about last in everything," Wallace said. "We want to come out and be on top or in the middle of this OVC so we can make a run at the OVC."

The team's poor performance has been pinned on a number of things including Coach Randy Wiel. However, Athletic Director Lee Fowler said publicly that his job is not in jeopardy. However, fans need something to blame the problems on and usually it's the coach.

"It's not Coach Wiel's fault. It's not the coaching staff's fault at all. It's the players' fault at all. We had our heads up our butts," Wallace said. "We didn't want to come together at all. We are behind him 100 percent. He's a great coach."

"I don't want to be a loser any more," Wallace said. "I'm trying to put it on everyone else that we all can be winners."

The Raiders are 2-6 in the conference and 6-10 overall, while TSU drops to 2-15 overall and 1-6 in the conference. ■

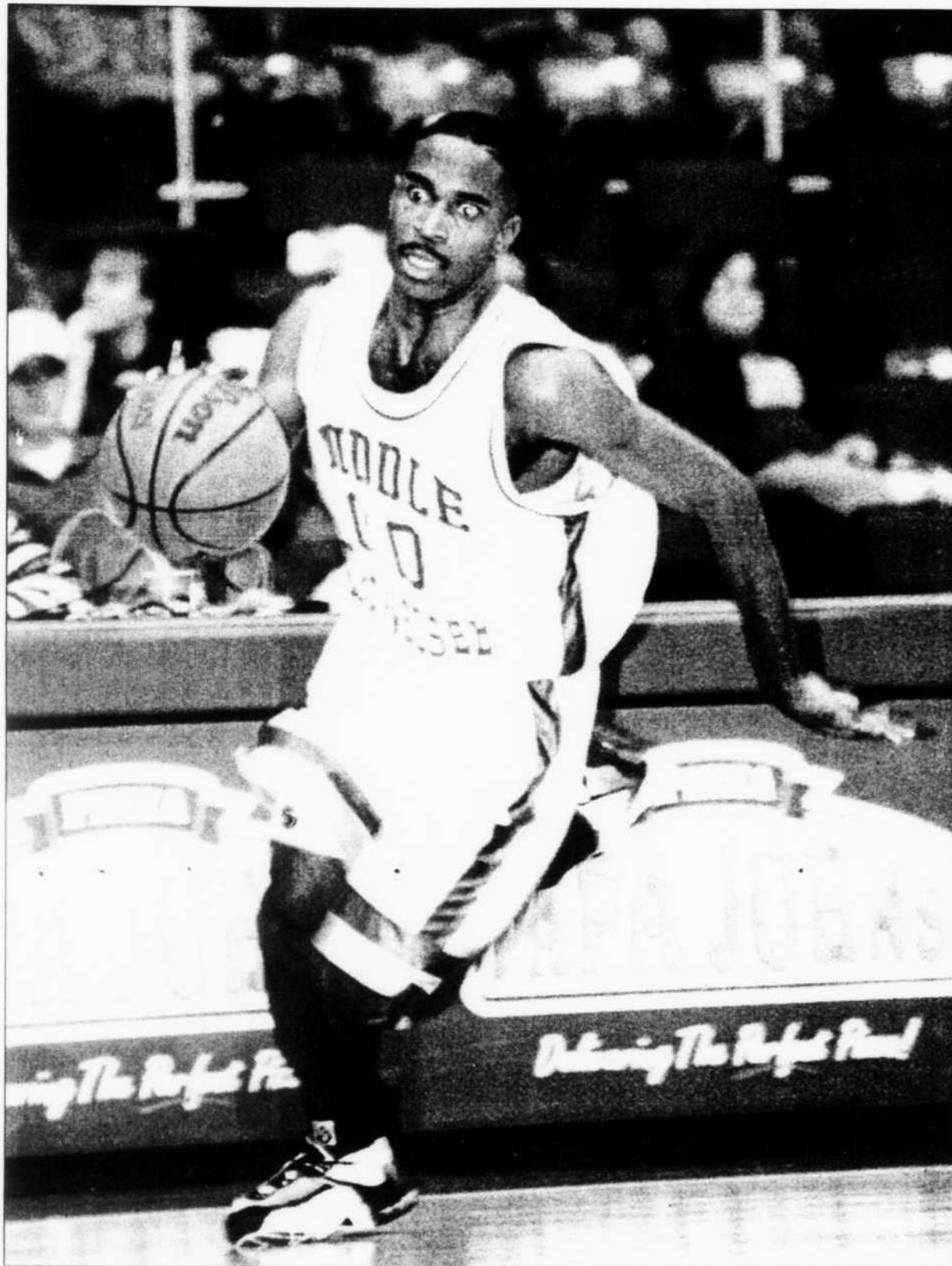


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Jonathan Whitworth brings the ball down the court during Saturday's win over TSU.

## Lady Raiders tame TSU Lady Tigers

Josh Ezzell  
Sports Editor

The Tennessee State University Lady Tigers ended the Lady Raiders basketball team's run at the OVC Tournament championship last season at the Murphy Center.

Saturday the Lady Raiders got revenge with an 84-66 win over TSU.

"We had a loss against Austin Peay on Thursday, and we needed to come out and get a win tonight," MTSU forward Chrissy Davenport said. "We played with more enthusiasm tonight, and our hearts were in it. It was a really good game physically and mentally for us."

Led by Erica Lufkin and Keturba Chastain, the Lady Raiders jumped on TSU early and never trailed. Lufkin finished with a team high 17 points, while Chastain scored 11 points and snagged seven rebounds.

TSU shot only 40 percent from the field and 9 percent from three-point range.

The Lady Raiders shot 47 percent from the field and 39 percent from three-point range.

The Lady Raiders outrebounded TSU 43-33.

"We had fun today, and everybody played together," MTSU guard Paula Penttila said. "We had a team meeting this morning where we talked about what everybody needs to do to get ourselves to play better."

The Lady Raiders went up 8-0 to start the game and led by as many as 16 in the first half. Led by Taurus Pyles — who finished with a game high of 19 points — TSU rallied and tied the game at 24 with 4:47

remaining in the first half.

"We got off to a good start, but we lost our focus after we got a double figure lead," MTSU head coach Stephany Smith said. "We need to be more mature in that aspect and stay focused. I thought we got a little loose with the basketball and played a little frivolously."

The Lady Raiders answered with a 14-3 run, making the halftime score 38-27. TSU shot only 31 percent from the field in the first half and failed to hit a three-pointer.

"We have a bad habit of coming out to a slow start," TSU head coach Teresa Lawrence Phillips said. "Digging that hole came back to get us because they made another run, and we didn't have anything to give back to them."

"It's tough to play at Middle, but they have to come to our place, and we're fully loaded," Lawrence added. "We can play with them."

Pyles kept TSU within striking distance for much of the second half, but the Lady Raiders pulled away in the last 5:45.

With the score 70-60, Chastain scored six of the last 14 points for the Lady Raiders en route to a 14-6 run to close out the game.

"I thought we played pretty well as a team," Smith said. "Our team was ready to play this basketball game. They're ready to make a commitment to turn the tables and get us back on the right track."

The Lady Raiders improved to 8-8 overall and 5-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference. TSU is now 6-9 overall and 4-4 in the OVC.

The Lady Raiders play Thursday at Murray State. ■

## WOMEN'S 1999-2000 SCHEDULE

11/9	Freestyle Express (exh.)	W, 89-73
11/15	NWBL (exh.)	W, 106-51
11/19	UAB	L, 67-70
11/23	at Auburn	L, 51-93
11/27	MONTEVALLO	W, 85-50
12/2	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 63-48
12/4	SEMO*	W, 85-81(OT)
12/10	vs. Indiana	L, 68-81
12/12	vs. Texas Southern	W, 76-55
12/16	at Ole Miss	L, 44-76
12/21	UNC-ASHEVILLE	W, 74-61
12/29	at Cincinnati	L, 54-63
1/6	at Eastern Kentucky*	L, 70-90
1/8	at Morehead State*	W, 96-59
1/15	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 60-77
1/18	at Eastern Illinois	W, 73-64
1/20	AUSTIN PEAY*	L, 68-74
1/22	TENNESSEE STATE*	W, 84-66
1/27	at Murray State*	5:30 PM
1/29	at UT Martin*	4:00 PM
2/3	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	5:45 PM
2/5	MOREHEAD STATE*	4:30 PM
2/8	at Southeast Missouri*	5:30 PM
2/12	TENNESSEE TECH*	5:45 PM
2/17	at Austin Peay*	5:45 PM
2/19	at Tennessee State*	5:45 PM
2/22	at Belmont	5:30 PM
2/24	MURRAY STATE*	5:45 PM
2/26	UT MARTIN*	5:45 PM
2/29	First Round of OVC Tournament	
3/4	Semi-Finals of OVC Tournament	
3/5	Finals of OVC Tournament	

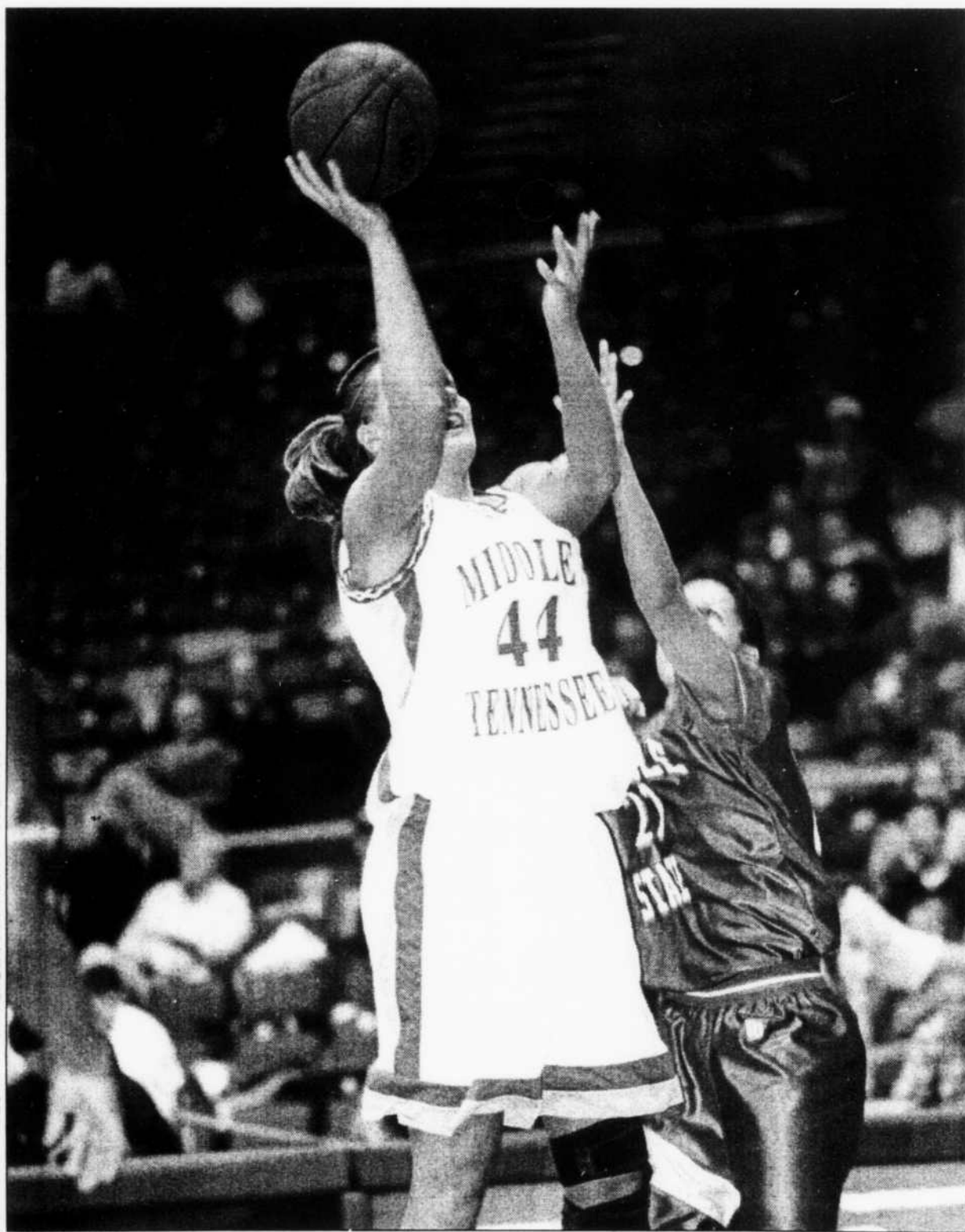


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Chrissy Davenport puts up a shot during Saturday's victory over the Lady Tigers.



# Track teams dominate competition

Adam Sparks  
Staff Reporter

Despite several distractions and stiff competition, the MTSU track teams had another successful meet Saturday afternoon.

A glitch in the computerized timer forced coaches to clock runners manually, while snow and ice kept some runners from reaching the Blue Raider Invitational II. Runners from both UT-Chattanooga and Western Kentucky were unable to get to the meet because of the wintry weather.

"The manual timing was kind of distracting," said Willis Heintz, a member of the women's track team. "And we didn't have a lot of competition like we would have if it hadn't have snowed."

The results for MTSU, however, didn't reflect any of these distractions.

Heintz was one of the brightest spots for the team. The freshman phenom from Richardson, Texas, swept the women's 55-meter and 200-meter dashes for the third consecutive meet, remaining undefeated in her brief college career.

Naomi Ansah also had a big day as she won the 400-meter dash and ran a strong leg as the women's team dominated the

mile relay. In the triple jump, Andreja Ribac finished first and Tiffany Purham third. Purham placed second in the long jump, as well. Other top three women's finishers include: Dorisha Davis, second in 55-meter dash; Kim Freeman, third in the long jump; Kelly Smith, second in the 55-meter hurdles; Kapreia Kirk, second in the 800-meter dash; Bethany Brent, third in the 55-meter dash.

On the men's side, Jasper Demps won the 55-meter dash and Albert Agyenmang ran an unbelievable 55-meter trial in 5.9 seconds. Godfrey Herring mirrored Ansah's performance as he won the 400-meter dash and ran solid in the one-mile relay.

Steve Reid set his new season's best as he triple-jumped 50 feet for a victory and also got third place in both the long jump and 55-meters. Haneef Sharif and Mario Paul won the high-jump and 800-meter run, respectively. John Cheek edged out as runner-up in the mile run, as did Tanko Braimah in the 200-meter dash and Odongo Mbanda in the 3000-meters. Jason Smith was third in the 3000.

With this strong showing, the MTSU teams showed their emphasis on consistency and progress.

"There's always room for improvement," said head coach Dean Hayes. "A lot of what we're doing now is just staying solid, working hard and keeping our heads straight."

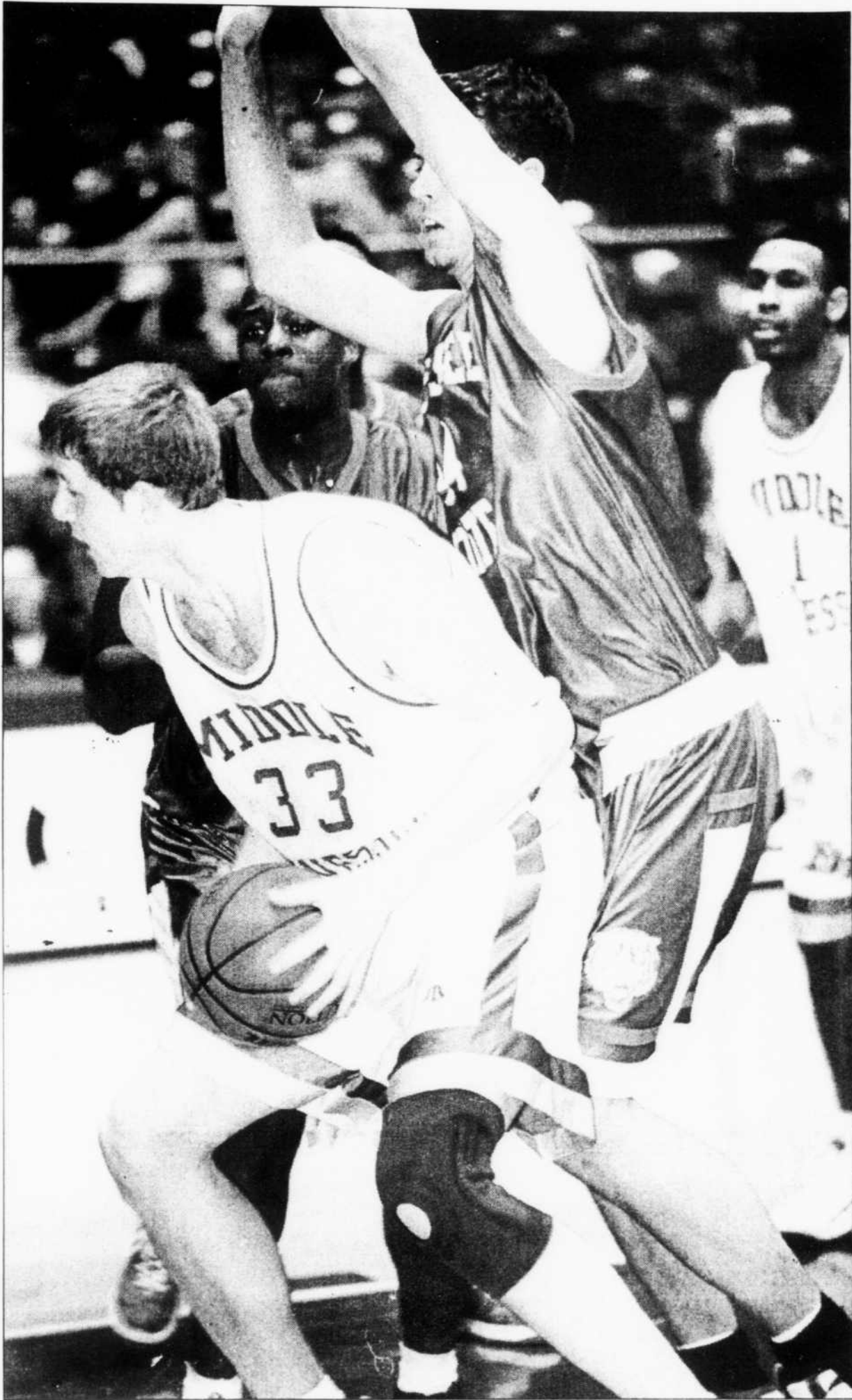
The coaches were quick to point out that points in these type of invitational meets do not matter, especially considering that some runners were absent. Nevertheless, MTSU outscored the second-place team by more than ten points.

Looking ahead to this weekend's track meet in Johnson City, Coach Hayes has nothing but good things to say about his team.

"This group has been a really good group to deal with — both competitively and just attitude-wise," Hayes said. "We need to keep that mental toughness for the OVC."

## 2000 Track Schedule

- January 28 and 29:**  
IKON Invitational;  
Johnson City, TN; TBA
- February 4 and 5:**  
Indiana Invitational;  
Bloomington, IN
- February 12:**  
Blue Raider Invitational III;  
Murphy Center
- February 27 and 28:**  
OVC Championships;  
Murphy Center
- March 4:**  
Last Chance Meet; Ames, IA
- March 11 and 12:**  
NCAA Championships;  
Indianapolis, IN
- March 17 and 18:**  
Florida State Invitational;  
Tallahassee, FL
- March 25 and 26:**  
Alabama Relays;  
Tuscaloosa, AL
- April 1:**  
SPEC Townes Invitational;  
Athens, GA
- April 7 and 8:**  
Texas Relays; Austin, TX;  
TBA and  
SEMotion Relays;  
Cape Girardeau, MO
- April 14 and 15:**  
Sea Ray Relays;  
Knoxville, TN
- April 15:**  
Arkansas State Invitational;  
Jonesboro, AR
- April 22:**  
Jas La Coste Invitational;  
Starkville, MS; TBA
- April 27-29:**  
Penn Relays;  
Philadelphia, PA; TBA
- May 5 and 6:**  
OVC Championships;  
Murfreesboro, TN



Lee Nosse looks to take it to the basket against TSU.

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