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Student aid more difficult for fall

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News Editor

Students who were eligible for financial aid loans in the past may not be able to get their fall semester student loans, because of new requirements enacted by the federal government.

One of the new conditions for receiving financial aid requires that a student must be born before Jan. 1, 1970 to be considered an independent. According to last semester's conditions, a student who worked full time for at least 30 weeks during the previous year, would be able to apply.

"A lot of the people who were independent last year won't be independent this year because they don't ask [on the student loans] if your parents have claimed you the last two years,"

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**—Celia Bradley
Financial Aid Coordinator**

said Celia Bradley, MTSU Financial Aid Coordinator.

A recent conference for student financial aid was held on campus to inform students of some of these new changes in policy.

"In the past, we had just given students written notice, but the government has given us new federal regulations through THEC [Tennessee Higher Education Commission] to inform students of this new process," Bradley said.

"We want to make sure that everyone that has loans knows their responsibility and they're given an opportunity to ask questions," she added. "During the conference, we showed them a video about TSAC [Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation], then we gave them a check-off list about their loans and if they don't understand something, they

can ask questions."

David Butera, an MTSU Junior and Marketing major, who came to the conference, said he came in because of a letter he had received in his mail box.

"I wanted to come to find out the difference between the SLS [Supplemental Loan for Students] and the GSL [Guaranteed Student Loan, now referred to as the Federal Stafford Loan]," Butera said. "I also heard that some students had to make interest payments while in school."

David Chambers, who works in Systems Analyst Research, helped to provide information about financial aid to students. He helped answer Butera's questions.

"The Stafford Loan is subsidized by the government, which means the government pays the interest while the student is in school at least half time," Chambers said. "The new loans [SLS] that were finalized in October, are unsubsidized, which means the student has to pay the interest while they are in school."

Bradley recommends the Stafford Loan.

"I don't encourage the SLS if a student can possibly go without it," she said. "Everyone can get a loan regardless of their income, but they may have to pay the interest as in the SLS."

"The government wants to make sure that the people that are the most eligible get the loans," she added.

Bradley said there was no place in the new 1993-94 financial aid forms for a student's 1993 income, which was one of the problems that needed looking into.

"If someone has excessive medical expenses, unemployment, or a change in marital status, then they need to come and see us at the financial aid office and we will have them fill out a special form to see what we can do to help them," she said.

**LeAnn Sensing, a Financial
See AID, Second Front**



George L. Walker IV/Photographer

HEY REF, HOW MANY FINGERS? MTSU Blue Raider Coach David Farrar disagrees with a call made during Monday night's game with Murray State. MTSU finished its season with a record of 10-16 for the year.

Aerospace 'Pork Barrel' project examined by U.S. Representatives

DAVE CHINN
News Writer

MTSU's half-million dollar airway science program is one of 50 projects being examined by the U.S. House of Representatives as a "pork barrel" expenditure and as a means of eliminating inefficiency in government.

This program, introduced and supported by U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Murfreesboro, has been approved to receive about \$550,000 from the federal government. But, the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology is investigating this and similar projects in an effort to see how and why monies are allocated.

The chairman of the committee, U.S. Rep. George E. Brown of California, said in a Feb. 17 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* "that the committee will send out surveys to the universities to receive detailed information of these projects' intentions."

According to Dr. Wallace R. Maples, chairman of the Aerospace Department, the money that will go to the airway-science program will be used for the

construction of a new aerospace complex. Target for construction of the complex is set for 1995.

Maples also said the university is in no danger of losing the allocation unless matching funds are not found. This federal allocation has to be met, dollar for dollar, by the university. State monies cannot be used as matching funds, so the university has to look for private donations and grants.

Brown said he is concerned about the growing number of projects such as MTSU's, even though most of them have merit.

projects of the other universities that the \$556,000 is not a great deal to talk about."

Other universities and projects being examined are: the University of Alabama, biomedical research facility, \$10 million; University of Georgia, ultra-violet radiation center, \$700,000; University of South Carolina, estuary management, \$672,000; Auburn University and Clemson University, consortium textile center, \$7.48 million

The Aerospace Department has contacted Gordon's office about the allocation.

'Pork is the way Congress does business.'

**—Dr. Wallace R. Maples
Chairman
Aerospace Department**

Even though most of the projects have good purpose, there are too many inefficiencies in the funding process, Brown said. Pork barrelling for academic and other special interest projects is the allocation of funds based primarily on political patronage.

"Pork is the way Congress does business," said Maples. "I feel that in comparison to the other

"Congressman Gordon requested an open hearing on the allocation of funds for the aerospace program," said Steve Rogers of Gordon's office in Washington.

"I know that the present system for allocating projects is not perfect, so I feel that Congressman Brown's committee plans are worthwhile," Rogers said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Grads develop more skin cancer

As if getting a college degree is not hard enough, now there's evidence that its benefits could be lethal.

Male college graduates are 2.6 times more likely to develop a type of deadly skin cancer known as malignant melanoma than a male who never graduated high school, according to a study by Dr. Peter Lee and Dr. Mark

Silverman, both formerly of the New York University School of Medicine.

The finding, reported in a recent newsletter of the Skin Cancer Foundation, comes from a survey of 1.2 million Americans from 1982 to 1988 that divided participants into seven educational levels.

According to the study, the more education a survey

participant received, the more melanomas they suffered. Silverman noted that college-educated people with high incomes tend to work indoors in offices and are not regularly exposed to the sun, except on weekends.

Intermittent sun exposure to untanned skin can result in severe sunburn, which is a major risk factor for melanoma.

Ole Miss fraternity suspended

A University of Mississippi fraternity was suspended and its members ordered to perform community service after a brawl in a Virginia bar in which some fraternity members yelled racial slurs, officials said.

The Kappa Sigma members were in Charlottesville, Va., for an annual retreat when they got involved in a fight in a bar, Ole Miss officials said. Kappa Sigma headquarters is in Charlottesville, as is the

University of Virginia.

"Initial reports indicated that the violence which occurred had been instigated by racial motivations on the part of Ole Miss students," a university statement said.

The 90-member fraternity is suspended until Aug. 1, 1993, and the suspension includes banning all group activities on or off campus. The members also have to perform a minimum of 600 hours of community

service and write formal apologies to the city of Charlottesville, the University of Virginia and to Kappa Sigma chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

They must also present to Ole Miss a program of fraternal education on multiculturalism, human relations, personal development and values and scholarship.

NEWS BRIEFS ARE FROM THE COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

CAMPUS CAPSULE

TODAY

Society of Professional Journalists will have a general interest meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Room 103, refreshments will be served.

MTSU Racquetball Club will hold a challenge court from 6 to 8 p.m. in Racquetball Court A on March 4 and 11. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Andrew Rawlins at 849-8872.

Stones River Chamber Players will perform at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. For more information call Jerry Perkins at 898-2476.

Tennessee Right To Life will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall room 317. Annual elections will be held, and everyone is invited to come.

Placement and Student Employment Center will have an Interview Skills Seminar at 2 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 318. It will be presented by Marlene Aiken and Myra Wheeler of First American Bank. All students are invited to attend this seminar to learn the do's and don'ts of effective interviewing. Please sign up in Kirksey Old Main, Room 322. For more information call Martha Turner at extension 2500.

Tennessee Association of Political Science Students will meet at 7:30 p.m. at O'Charley's Lounge. For more information, call Scott Mitchell, 848-0764.

MTSU-Society for Human Resource Management will meet at 4 p.m. in PH 227. There will be an election of new officers, and pictures will be taken of the SHRM members. The speaker will be Andy Hooper, VP of Sports Services at Jesse Holman Jones Hospital, and the topic is "Human Resources in Transition Management."

African-American Music Makers will have an interest meeting at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm 101. All African American students interested in networking and forging careers in black music should attend.

For more information call Darryl Jones at extension 5868.

Women's Political Action Group will meet at 5 p.m. in the KUC student lounge and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Carla 895-0522.

FRIDAY

International Women's Day Breakfast is for all students, staff and faculty sponsored by the concerned faculty and administrative women from 7 until 8 a.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The cost is \$7 and reservations must be received by March 1. Send check payable to CFAW, Box 79, or call 5902 or 2193 for more information.

NIGHTLY

The Wesley Foundation will perform the play "FOOLS" by Neil Simon at 8 p.m., \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Show dates are March 4, 5, 6, and 7. On March 6, dinner will be served with the play. \$10 for meal and show.

SUNDAY

Clinical Psychology Club will have an organizational meeting from 6 until 7:30 p.m. in KUC 315.

ONGOING

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will consist of Bible Study on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in KUC 314. Prayer on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in Rutledge and in the Mass Comm on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For more information, call Michael Moore, 898-4722 or Paul Hood, 849-9663.

Student Catholic Center will have Mass every Sunday at 7 p.m. located across from the Villager Apt. on W.Tenn. Blvd. Check the sign in front yard for weekly events. For more information, call Brett Beauregard, 896-5752 or Mike Pablo, 896-5074.

Murfreesboro Chess Club meets on Friday nights at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 811 E. Clark Blvd. MTSU students interested in chess are invited to check it out. Please bring a chess set if you own one.

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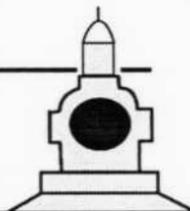
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Council studies bottlenecks

KENNETH HOLLOWAY
News Writer

Local News



A preliminary study to improve the entrances at the Greenland Drive parking lot and eliminate bottlenecks after special events at Murphy Center was approved last week by Murfreesboro City Council.

Council members were told at the Feb. 25 meeting that concerts held at Murphy Center can make traffic tie-ups a mess along Greenland Drive.

Some relief may be in store as early as this summer, however.

"We would close those access points (to the parking lot) along Greenland" to put a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Lascassas Road and Greenland Drive and would make a new entrance and exit to the MTSU parking lot at that intersection, said city traffic director Dana Richardson.

"If it's cost effective we do plan to go ahead with it," he said. "It could possibly be done this summer."

MTSU may have to donate

some right of way which could delay construction because the university would have to go through the Tennessee Board of Regents to get approval for such a measure, added the traffic director.

The traffic signal at the intersection of Greenland Drive and C Street would remain, Richardson said.

"We have a history of working with the city" on projects such as this, said Bill Smotherman, the director of MTSU's Physical Plant.

The council approved \$8,500 for the initial survey of the proposed project, with the survey to be conducted by Neel-Schaffer Inc.

Smotherman said MTSU is obligated to pay half of the \$8,500.

The director said the university can pay the \$4,250 from either the parking projects fund or the unexpended physical plant funds.

The unexpected physical plant funds will be the most likely source, he added.

Other possible improvements to Greenland Drive include the addition of an east bound through lane to C Street to feed traffic into the MTSU parking lot and adding left turn lanes on Old Lascassas Road and Greenland Drive.

Neel-Schaffer has 60 days to complete the preliminary study and report their findings to City Council.

Greenland Drive, past the C Street intersection, will remain a two-lane, Richardson said.

"We'll just have to wait and see if it does alleviate the congestion along Greenland Drive. However, it is encouraging to see that the university is addressing the traffic problem," said Darren Scoggins, a senior at MTSU who uses the parking lot along Greenland Drive.

"I think it's silly.... it won't solve the traffic problems. It may cause them to have even more traffic problems," said Robert Stutts, another senior who uses the parking lot along Greenland Drive.

Japan Center granted \$177,000

DANIELA GOPPERT
News Writer

MTSU's Japan Center of Tennessee recently netted a five-year \$177,000 grant from the Japan Center for Intercultural Communication.

Funded annually for \$35,400, the grant is subject to renewal after five years.

"The Japan Center for Intercultural Communication is a private organization in Japan which gets funds from government and private sources," said Esther Seeman, Japan Center director.

"There are 100 Japanese

companies or joint ventures which employ over 23,000 people and invest over \$4.5 billion in Tennessee, so the reason for receiving this grant may simply be regional," said Seeman.

The grant will enable the center to increase its bi-cultural activities and publications, as well as provide use of a computer, fax machine, laser printer, telephone lines to Tokyo and an employee to be in charge of the desk.

Lara Darden, a Vanderbilt graduate who attended Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan, in 1988-89, has been hired for the job. She also completed an internship with a member of the Japanese

Parliament House of Councillors through Princeton University.

"We handle information requests for students about Japan and requests by Japanese about Tennessee," said Darden.

"The grant gives us access to the database of a Japanese information network which gives us access to government reports and surveys and gives us more current information," said Darden.

The center has been open for 11 years and seeks to inform businesses and individuals about the culture and society of contemporary Japan through activities such as exhibits, newsletters and workshops.



Al Waldon/Photographer

STONES RIVER BATTLEFIELD

Battle re-enactment held this weekend

CHARLES ALY
Staff Writer

As many as 7,000 people are expected to participate in a re-enactment of the Battle of Stones River in Smyrna this weekend.

The Battle of Murfreesboro Re-enactment Association Inc., a private organization, is sponsoring the event for March 5-7 on 1,200 acres of federal property near Percy Priest Lake.

"The only thing you miss is people blowing apart," said Dr. Robert Hunt, MTSU associate professor of history.

The Battle of Murfreesboro, as it was known to the Confederates, began on Dec. 31, 1862 and ended Jan. 2, 1863 in Union victory.

"It was one of the bloodiest battles in terms of percentage of troops killed," Hunt said.

Murfreesboro was a key railroad hub between Nashville and Atlanta during the Civil War. The Confederate loss provided the Union with a route into the heart of the South.

Dr. Andrew Gulliford, Chairman of MTSU's Preservation and Public History Department, plans to attend the event.

"It will be very exciting for participants and observers," he said.

Re-enactments are a great way to see what combat was really like during the Civil War era, Hunt said.

"Massive formations of men trying to move is not neat and clean," he said. "There are smoke and bullets in the air; it's rather chaotic."

Hunt has participated in re-enactments at Stones River National Battlefield, though on a smaller scale.

The federal government does not permit re-enactments like the one planned for this weekend on national battlefield sites, according to Chief Ranger Gibb Backlund of Stones River National Battlefield.

Adverse impact on the property and the intention of participants to fire blanks towards one another are primary reasons for prohibiting use of the battlefield, Backlund said.

There are other prohibitive factors, however.

"Seven thousand re-enactors are expected and I've got 28 parking places," he said.

Public safety officials expect as many as 40,000 spectators for the three-day event. One-day admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children between the ages of 6 and 12. A weekend pass is \$18 for adults and \$7 for children.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In Monday's issue of *Sidelines* the photo credit for page three was omitted. The photo of Fern Greenbank was taken by Belinda Butler. *Sidelines* regrets this error.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

College aid plan a good idea

Education is a right, not a privilege.

Unfortunately, the cost of higher education has made that right prohibitive to many.

Fortunately, we have a president who understands that strengthening the country and restoring hope lies in educating people. President Clinton's plan to make college a possibility for all who desire it is progressive and necessary.

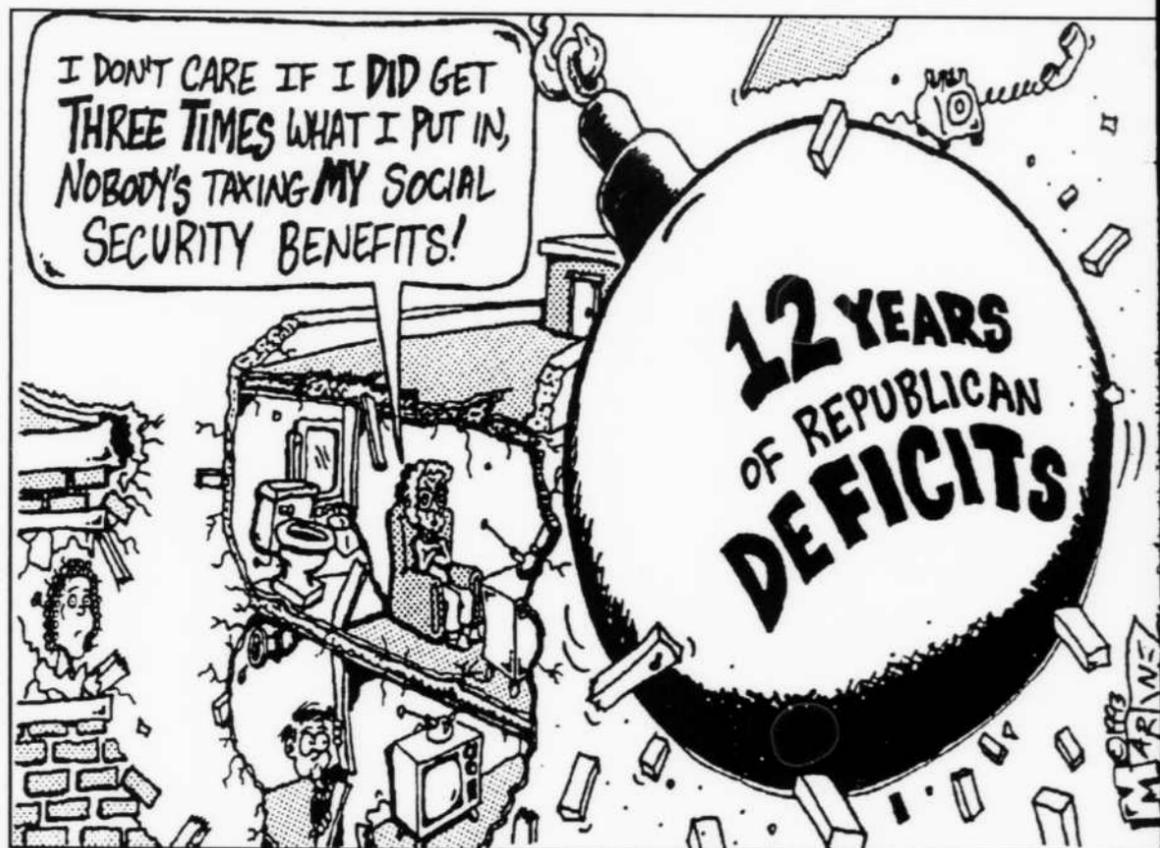
The college aid plan will eventually make it possible for former, current and future students to pay for their educations with loans that are not based on financial need but the desire to learn. The low-interest loans can either be repaid through public service work or at a rate based on income, rather than what one owes.

While funding for the plan is estimated at \$7.4 billion, it would eventually save at least that much through benefits gained.

Currently, students who have borrowed money are forced to take jobs that can cover the fixed repayment rate. Public service jobs are low paying and, as a result, don't top many graduates' lists of desirable jobs. However, as social problems continue to increase, so does the need for public service employees. Clinton's plan would help solve that problem.

Some who would have perhaps worked in those fields are discouraged by the amount they owe on student loans. If public service is not a possibility, repaying loans based on income rather than amount owed would certainly lessen the number of borrowers defaulting.

Education should not be a privilege of the wealthy alone, nor should it force people into debt for the rest of their lives. Offering a workable plan that is based on desire, will ensure that we all have equal access to that right.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baer apologises to all

To the Editor:

I apologize for insulting all of those people with my previous letter. I believe that I struck out blindly, and perhaps unfeelingly, to those people who are unwillingly to accept those whose lifestyles are different from their own. This stems from a personal belief that no one has the right to place their own moral standards on others, especially in a democratic society. However, those who do seem to prefer a theocratic government over a democratic one. Fortunately, people this extreme are few in number.

As with everyone else, my political and moral positions are influenced by religion as well. I was brought up as, and continue to be, a Reformed Jew. While attending services and Sunday school, I do not remember any mention of homosexuality or other religions in a negative manner. This upbringing allows me to accept people as they are, and not to make judgements based on other factors, like religion.

Without this upbringing, I would never have met my fiancée, who is the daughter of a Baptist minister. Kristi's parents have reluctantly accepted me, but have not stopped protesting to her about the difference in religion. They do not understand (as my parents do) that we are bound

together by the strongest force on the planet: love. Both Kristi and I strongly believe in our religions, and would never attempt to convert each other. This is because we have respect for each other's religion.

I don't know if any of my friends are homosexuals, and I really don't mind if they are. I will not cast them out of my circle of friends if they are, which has become a disturbing tendency in this day and age.

This is the last letter I will write to *Sidelines* concerning religion. A friend recently reminded me that theological arguments are circular and only serve to agitate problems, not cure them. I apologize again for stirring up something which I cannot change. The only changes a person can make to themselves comes from within, not externally. I hold nothing against those who responded to my previous letter in the 2/22/93 edition of the paper, and hope they harbor no ill feelings toward me.

This is not an apology for my beliefs. It is one for those who were morally insulted through my angry, unthinking response to Mr. Goddard's letter of 2/8/93.

Donald Baer
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SGA not all Greek

To the editor:

I have read, with interest, the

past few issues of *Sidelines*. Reading the war of words between SGA President Toby Gilley and "Viewpoint" columnist Charles Aly has been like watching a poor man's "Point-Counterpoint." I would like to address one of the issues with which I have been involved.

Before I begin I will let you know that I am not a Greek though I have many friends that are. I am a traditional adult student. Traditional because I live on campus, adult because I am 35-years old, though is not each student above and including the age of 18 adult also?

I have knowledge of many of the issues under debate because I was chairperson of the Constitutional Revision Committee. You remember us the bad guys who started all the problems. Throughout the fall and spring, as charges were hurled between Ray Lenz and Toby Gilley, I was amazed that not once were the members of the Committee approached to explain our thought process to the student press and through them to the student body.

In Mr. Aly's column on February 25, 1993, he states that the Greeks control 32 percent of the Senate and 16 percent of the House. If my bad math serves me well, that leaves 68 percent of the Senate and 84 percent of the House non-Greek. Those are hardly dominating numbers. Mr.

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VIEWPOINT

'Family values' a catch phrase

BRIAN DRAKE
Guest Columnist

Family values.

There's a nice vague term. What does it mean? The only time I've ever heard it used is when some windbag of a politician opens his mouth. Yes, I know there are female politicians as well, but I'm willing to make the arrogant assumption that women are smarter than men and aren't going to stoop to such rhetoric in the majority of the cases. If we use George Bush's definition of family values, it's "The Waltons." Do we really want that in America?

People forget that America was founded on diversity. Our Founding Fathers didn't agree on every issue that came up, they just agreed on the most important one: "That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States." The accounts we have of both the Continental Congress and later the constitutional debates detail how it was almost impossible for all the opposing sides to agree on much more than that.

The things we consider so important about our government, and that many in the world envy, could only have come about through diversity.

If we all think alike, then there's no need for the First Amendment. No one will ever feel the need to censor us or deny us our religion. Why? Because there would not be any difference between us. There

would be no difference between any of our politicians. Worst of all, we'd like them! Auugh!

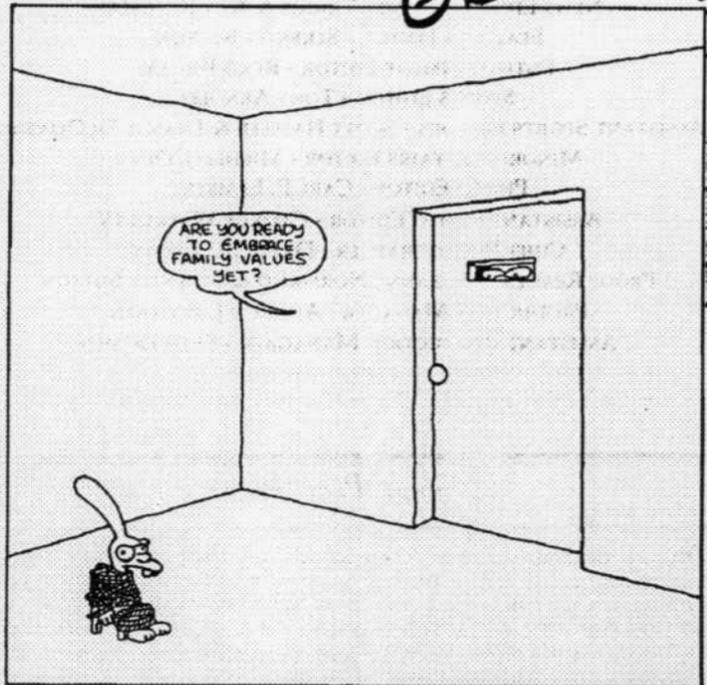
A family that does little more than annoy and harass one another is what I'm used to. It is what got me out into the world and started me thinking. I never would have done anything but sit at home and have warm fuzzy feelings. That is not a life: That is a lobotomy!

"Family values" is nothing more than a catch phrase to get mindless idiots who think "Leave It To Beaver was a cool show, to vote for some even more mindless idiot. Conservatives like it because it gives them an excuse to meddle in every single aspect of an individual's life. If you have the nation saying it wants "family values," then you can get them to do anything you want.

Why? Because according to them anything that is not family oriented must be eliminated. Even a Republican president could issue a decree that most conservatives don't like. The more extremist conservatives didn't like the idea of Bush's New World Order; they probably consider it to be a sign of the Apocalypse. If Bush were still president and able to issue a decree stating that a Pro-New Order was a Pro-Family Values issue, then he'd offend even Pat Robertson.

However, a national family values agenda violates one of the most sacred values we have: The right to raise your family in the manner which you see fit.

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Letters

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Aly also states that the Greeks wanted to dismantle the House. Actually, the committee I chaired made that suggestion and there were only two members of the committee that I know of who were Greek.

The actual idea came out of talks with Shawn Burgess, SGA President in the Spring of 1992. Mr. Burgess was a black independent who defeated a Greek candidate. So perhaps it is not as difficult for an independent candidate to be elected as Mr. Aly would have us believe.

Charles, I hope you don't mind me calling you Charles, I have read almost every one of your columns. While I have disagreed with most of your writings, I recognize that controversy can have a positive effect: it makes us think. We can all use the brain exercise. And anyone who likes baseball and Andre the Giant can't be all bad.

I also recognize the difference between opinion editorials and newswriting. But lately you have started to sound like a press agent for Ray Lenz. If this is your future plan, I applaud you. But Charles please make a choice. An independent opinion editorialist loses his independence when he doesn't choose between the two.

Don Fox
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Miller responds to accusation

To the editors:

I deem it necessary to respond to the accusation that I am a liberal. A label I find quite offending (not to mention false). Mr. Travis Brown sowed his wild conservatism in the March 1 edition of the Sidelines that serves as the typical Caucasian response to an attack on its establishment. Unbeknownst to Mr. Brown, I am white. Sad, but true.

First of all, I in no way support or affirm homosexual activities. I accept the fact that there is no way to stop them but I in no way endorse them.

Secondly, the Republican platform is so completely misguided as to what this country needs that there simply has to be an alternative that covers a larger cross-section of the American public. No matter how many Clarence Thomases are appointed, the GOP still stands for rich, white, upper middle class Americans. "If the truth hurts then you'll be in pain"-Sister Souljah.

Thirdly, socialism does have a

practical place in our society. Medical expenses, car expenses, and other insurance related fields make the average worker's knees take the full bend when it comes to collecting the bill. If it would be possible to take all of the money that doctors paid their bills with and regulate insurance companies so that the common individual does not have to spend the greater part of their check on insurance then and only then would I want to interject socialism.

I do not believe Bill Clinton can save this place. He has already went back on his promise to tax the middle class. He supported sending troops to Bosnia. The situation in Bosnia is internal—roughly, that means that it is not our country's business. Neither was the Gulf War. If we weren't so dependent on foreign oil, no one could give a flying flip about Kuwait. Something about "entangling alliances."

Now to Mr. Shimasaki, who also wrote back. Is it false to say that the average citizen does not get involved unless an issue is about to seriously damage their civil rights? It takes a cattle prod to get people to stand up for what they believe in.

As far as me being spoiled by my parents, I have had to work my ass off to get where I am and if I use a little humor to spark controversy and make someone think a little then so be it.

You say socialized health care won't work. What we have now does not work. Our country has the highest number of people in the industrialized world without health care. You give a better solution and I'll consider it.

As I said before, this country was based on high ideals that are great. The system that is "working" today is not great. If you care to take issue with that statement my address is at the bottom.

If this country can drag itself out of its complacency and reform what doesn't work I will humbly retract my comments. But if this country continues down the road to moral depravity and inability to deal with; people who see views different from their own—hand me my ticket. I hear a bottle of Tequila calling me South of the Border.

Brian Miller
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Rollins' music moves listener

To the Editor:

This letter will probably seem strange amid the controversy in the

paper, but I would like to respond to Don Carr's music review. (Feb.25).

I agree completely with Mr. Carr about Henry Rollins. I was at the Atlanta show on the 25th and as I sit here wearing my Rollins shirt and still smelling like smoke, his voice booms in my head.

I started listening to the Rollins band almost a year ago after I saw several TV interviews. Ever since then, my husband and I have never stopped being amazed by Henry Rollins. I have never heard or read a more honest and intelligent person, especially in the public eye. There seem to be so many sides to him, but they all make up one incredible person. Sitting there last night, I felt that this clothed person was another dimension of the bare-footed, bare-chested man who spits and screams his life's pain. The man all in black that I listened to (front row center!) was much calmer than the one I saw elbow, grab and push people (who somehow got the idea that he wanted them on stage too.)

He was funny, very funny, but at the same time he touched on some really sensitive subjects, like death, love, aids and some things that I rarely hear spoken of: the unfair treatment of women due to magazines, etc. and how stupid drugs and alcohol are. Listening to Rollins isn't being preached at in any way. Calm or screaming, he is passionate. And even when he's just talking about the hilarious things he and his friend Ian have done, his energy seems to touch and inspire people more than he could possibly know. I have never laughed so hard at anything. But when he began talking about the pointless murder of his best friend, Joe Cole, I know many other people there responded as I did; with tears in their eyes.

Everything about Rollins is real and sincere, and it made me extremely happy to hear someone speak to young people against drugs, alcohol, suicide and for safer sex. (It only makes me sad to think that many of the people were too drunk to hear his wise words).

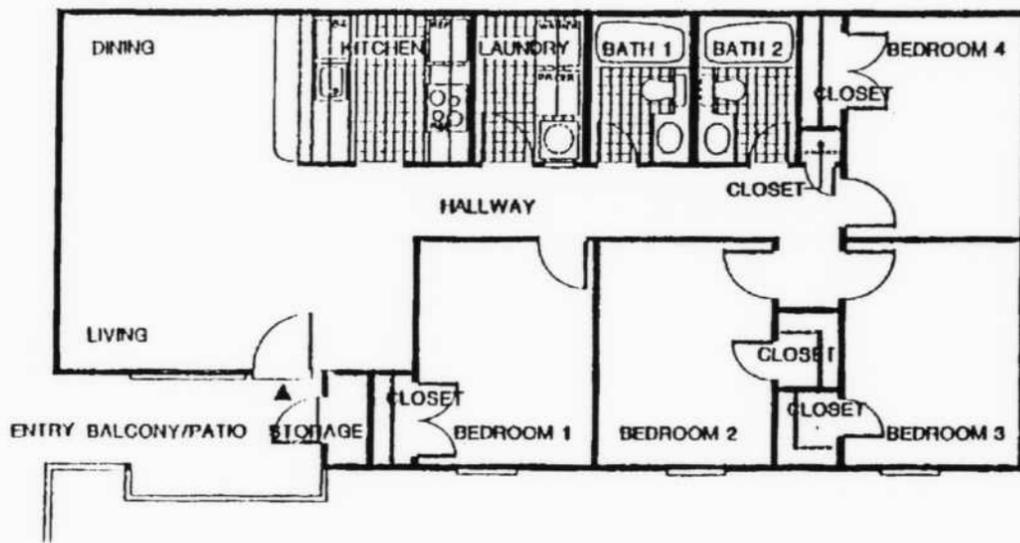
These days, Henry Rollins seems rare among the bulls*** being shoved down our throats. We are being taught to have sex and everything else without worrying about it. Rollins, even though he probably doesn't try to be, is a good role model for people of any age. He has built a life for his pain and knowledge and just

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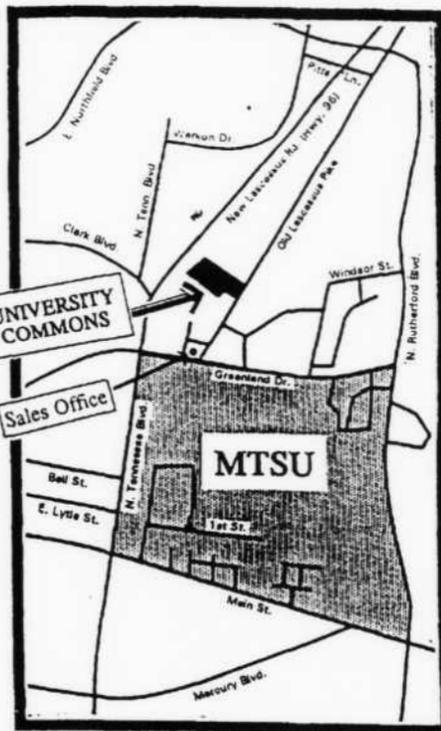
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tells the truth. He said himself we should be in awe of no one because we each have problems and we all have potential. We just have to go out and do whatever we can. And to the person who says, "But I'm just a brick layer," his reply is, "Then lay bricks. Laying bricks is cool."

Well, to me Henry Rollins is cool. And what I have learned from him, I hope to never forget. Listening to him, being moved and inspired by him were well worth the drive and the six hour wait and all the smoke, and no matter what Rollins thinks, he sure as hell is worth the standing ovation he received.

P.S. Some people are gay, some are black, Jewish, atheist, etc. and some are just plain stupid. So why does every paper have to reiterate these facts? Can't we just drop it and leave each other alone?

Mary Elisabeth Pound
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Thinking for self a rush

To the Editor:

You're [Brian Miller] one to talk about the extremist views of others! I am, by no means, conservative - but it sounds like Mr. Miller has simply jumped on the bandwagon of "liberalism" without thinking first. If he had actually thought about a few of the premises he so boldly states as fact, he would see that:

1) if ol' Billy Joe Jim Bob "couldn't give a hoot'n' holler" about politics anyway - how is it he is so oppressed by Big Bucks? If there's something you want changed, and get enough people interested, you can make a difference. I simply do not buy this oppression theory.

2) The American people are really exploited by the pharm-

aceutical industry and insurance companies - not doctors and hospitals. The insurance companies are making a killing from malpractice insurance alone since doctors always need to protect themselves, but insurance companies seldom have to sue out for actual malpractice suits.

Doctors and hospitals have to cover costs in order to stay afloat. I admit, a few go overboard, but they are the exception, not the rule. Drug prices are set by the company that produces them. Most doctors have no idea how much a particular drug costs until they need it themselves. I hope you don't buy that malarkey about physicians' deals with drug companies?! PLEASE!

I worked with a doctor's office for ten years and it infuriates me whenever I hear someone who knows nothing about all about medicine and all it entails say something such as Mr. Miller said as if it were fact (!).

3) Abortion sure as hell better be a choice! I agree precautions should be taken. What about those who have taken precautions? (Birth control isn't 100% effective). Should they have to pay for something that was no one's fault? Or women who were raped and can't afford an abortion? Are they to be saddled for the rest of their lives with a reminder of the horror they endured? Adoption, you say. Even nine months is too long to endure - pregnancy is a pretty obvious thing. - Rape is not something you really want to share with everyone, you know?

Please, Mr. Miller, try thinking for yourself for a change and you'll find it's quite a rush!

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Campus group brings AIDS benefit to Mainstreet

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Five local bands will take the stage at Mainstreet on Monday night for a Nashville Cares benefit. Nashville Cares is an organization that helps people who have contracted the HIV virus. The event is being organized by Stacie Moore, the bassist for Camp.

"I was like, apathetic. I never met or knew anyone that had HIV. Then I meet a friend that showed me photos of two of her friends that have been diagnosed as having AIDS. This person is very special to me and this changed my whole perspective," said Moore. Moore is a RIM student at MTSU and wanted to implement the knowledge she has learned.

"If we all do our part, at least that will get us somewhere," said Moore. She admits that organizing this event has been exhausting. Even more exhausting perhaps is the musical challenge Moore faces; being a member of an all female band.

"I think people, without seeing or hearing us, perceive us as being whippy or cheesy just because we're a female band," said guitarist Carrie Scoggins. Scoggins is

a veteran of several female bands and admits it's a hard road to travel.

"I think frat guys discriminate against me more than they do long-haired guys because I'm defenseless against them. If a frat guy treated a long-haired guy the same way most frats treat me, the frat would probably get the s*** beat out of him."

Scoggins, who designs and makes most of her clothes worn on and off stage, mentions the backlash of being different in the local music scene. "I don't want them to stare at me like I'm weird or a freak just because I have a strange taste in clothing." Scoggins focuses this inner rage into her music.

Four other bands are scheduled to play the benefit. Camp, the female group comprised of bassist Moore, guitarist Scoggins, drummer Debi Crowell and vocalist Jerry Parker, is scheduled to take stage at 8:30. The event is sponsored by the Lambda Assoc. of MTSU and all proceeds will go to Nashville Cares. The cover charge is \$3 for those over 21 and \$5 for those of 18-20 years of age.



Carl Lambert/Photographer

STACIE MOORE AND CARRIE SCOGGINS OF CAMP

A tale of two cellos

A REVIEW BY FLETCHER MOORE

In the last few days, Middle Tennessee has been flooded with cellists. Well, two cellists at any rate. Friday and Saturday saw the performance of Lynn Harrell with the Nashville Symphony at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, while Monday brought the playing of MTSU faculty cellist Kevin Hekmatpanah with the Middle Tennessee Symphony in Tucker Theater.

I have it on good authority that Mr. Harrell began immediately to practice after his performance of William Walton's Cello Concerto No. 1 with the Nashville Symphony.

This level of dedication can be frightening - there are scores of stories of

musicians locking themselves away to practice for 12 hours a day - but one of the blessings (or perhaps curses) of the 20th century is that as listeners, we can be removed from the mountains of technical details which haunt these poor souls and simply listen to the music.

In the end, it looked so easy. Music poured from Harrell's cello as freely and effortlessly as rain from the sky. His playing was a flawless synthesis of every conceivable detail that could be brought to bear: phrasing, dynamics, and articulation were all handled with overwhelming confidence and perfection. Above all else, however, his superb tone rose like cream to the top of his performance. Hurrell's sound was remarkably warm and marvelously

fluid. He drew an avalanche of applause and brought the audience to its feet.

The Nashville Symphony performed three works separate from Mr. Harrell. These were Ralph von William's "Fantasy on a Theme by Thomas Tallis", a very melancholy, ephemeral piece for string orchestra; Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol", a very colorful, pictorial work, and of most particular interest was a relatively new opus by. This piece contained a spectacular first movement in which two choirs of strings, brass, and percussion passed a rather odd rhythmic motif back and forth with considerable force and even violence. This activity was punctuated by striking clusters of notes for



KEVIN HAKMATPANAH

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Night filled with songwriting, musical talent at the 'Boro

CHRISTIAN ROCCO / PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Before the show even started I was in a bad mood thanks to the date that I had to cancel in order to do this article. I spent a few minutes bitching about my editors and slamming the entire journalistic society in America, but then it was time for music.

Junkbox was on stage first and unfortunately they started their show off with more relaxed songs than I had expected. I have seen these guys a few times and I expected more power from the start, but they waited for a few songs until they really pumped out the power funk that they're known for.

Once they found their groove, they just couldn't lose it. Guitarist Jim DeBlanc, bass player Boyd LeFan, and drummer Jeff Black made up a tight rhythm section that would make the most soulless punk dance. Jim DeBlanc was more than a rhythm guitarist and he proved it by playing some smoking solos that were accented by the guitar rig he was playing through. A Stratocaster through a Marshall amp just gives such a pretty sound, especially when the guitar lines are as tasteful as Jim's were.

The rest of their fifteen song set was made up of almost all originals. Even their bizarre version of Black Sabbath's "Sweet Leaf" was original at times, with

lead singer Darren Darnell's interesting bits of wisdom inserted throughout the song. Darren successfully managed to piss off 95% of all of the women there in just twenty or so seconds. I thought it was pretty damn humorous myself, but I guess you had to be there.

Junkbox played a together set that showcased their songwriting potential and highlighted their abilities as musicians. With a heavy funk sound that isn't smothered in the "I wanna be a Chili Pepper" attitude that most funk bands have these days, I have a feeling that Junkbox will have an excellent future in alternative music. Go out and see them.

Now it's Janie Grey's turn. When the band got on stage, there was a disco ball hanging over the stage that lit up the entire room and helped to create a very surreal image before they even started playing. They started their first set off with something that started off by resembling Deep Purple's "Hush" and ended up sounding like Janie Grey. Lead guitarist Denny Presley showed what a mix of the blues and rock is supposed to sound like. Denny showed bits of a Jerry Garcia influence without sounding like a Grateful Dead rip-off. His voice wasn't as sharp as it's ever been though. After about five minutes into the first song, Ben Eller got on-stage and

proceeded to blow everybody's mind with his harmonica playing. Funny, I didn't think he looked like John Popper, but he sure as hell sounded like him at times. Ben's harp was the thing that got the crowd and the band moving.

After the first song, Ben unfortunately left the stage, but he made a few more appearances as the night went on. This guy was worth the price of admission alone, and he isn't even in the band, but Janie Grey was the reason we were all there and they proceed to remind us of that fact for the rest of the night.

A few weeks ago I was praising guitarist Jackie Pearson from The Nationals and just how awesome he was. This is the week that I tell everyone about the best bassist in the area. Janie Grey bassist Eric Brown is just that person. This kid is only twenty years old and he is already showing the kind of chops that made John Entwistle famous. During the entire show, Eric laid down some of the best bass lines that I've ever heard from anyone close to his age, and he's only going to get better. With drummer Kyle Walsh, Eric was part of a monstrous rhythm section that helped to support the band during the entire show, not that they really needed any support.

Janie Grey showed that this area doesn't just have good country song

writers, but it also has good rock and roll songwriters. The songwriting duo of Denny Presley and singer/rhythm guitarist Tony Keats have created their own unique style of blues and southern rock that can only be remotely compared to something resembling Drivin' and Cryin' and The Rolling Stones.

After proving their abilities through about the middle of the second set, it was time for some covers and some fun. Ben joined the band once again to help the band with a bunch of songs ranging from some Stones songs to some Dead songs to their own songs.

Towards the end of the show, Janie Grey played a few more of their originals and showed that they could get serious even after the preceding free-form jam. With "Hard on," and a reprise of their opening song "Inside," the band once again proved their abilities as talented songwriters and as excellent musicians.

Janie Grey and Junkbox played an excellent show Saturday and they managed to show their abilities as songwriters and as musicians. If you're a local rock musician or if you're just a fan, go out and support these bands the next time they're playing out. These two are definitely worth the time.



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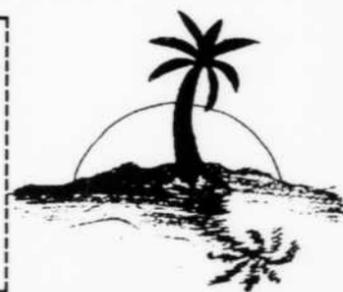
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THE CAST OF "FOOLS"

MTSU Wesley Players bring Neil Simon's 'Fools' to campus

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The MTSU Wesley Players will present Neil Simon's comedy "Fools" on Mar. 4, 5, 6 and 7 at the Wesley Foundation. The performances will start at 8 pm except for the Saturday dinner theatre which starts at 6:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee which starts at 3 p.m.

"Fools" is a play about a mythical Ukrainian village of "long ago" whose residents all live under an evil curse of stupidity. It is a comic fable which is lighthearted and very humorous.

The village butcher sweeps dirt into his store instead of out. A housewife, when asked if she dusted an important book, says yes, she put dust on it just yesterday. The task of breaking the village curse falls upon a young teacher, Leon Tolchinsky, played by MTSU

areospace major Shaun Sammons. Unless he can instill the rudiments of education in the local doctor's dumb, but beautiful daughter, the curse will remain.

"Fools" opened on Broadway in 1981. Other notable works by Neil Simon include "Come, Blow Your Horn", "Barefoot in the Park", "The Odd Couple", "The Sunshine Boys", "Brighton Beach Memoirs", and "Biloxi Blues".

"Fools" is being directed by senior theatre major Jeff Gibson. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults and \$10 for the Mar. 6 dinner theatre. Anyone needing additional information can call the MTSU Wesley Foundation at 893-0469.

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notes for the whole ensemble. The Nashville Symphony handled all of these beautifully, and in my opinion any criticism would be spurious.

Hard on the heels of Mr. Harrell and the Nashville Symphony came the performance of Kevin Hekmatpanah and the Middle Tennessee Symphony. I must admit, I feared mightily for Mr. Hekmatpanah in light of the lofty and unavoidable standard which had so recently been set by Mr. Harrell. Fortunately, my fears were groundless - Hekmatpanah held his own via his own distinctive features as an artist. His playing is very dramatic, often to extremes. He juxtaposes sensitivity with an almost reckless abandon, which gives his performance a gripping flair. Hekmatpanah performed on two works: "Kid

Nidrei" by Max Bruch, a slow, ethereal piece of a very solemn nature, and the jubilant "Variations on a Rococo Theme" by Peter Tschaikovsky, a piece which seems to have been written expressly for Hekmatpanah, as a vehicle for the expression of his impressive technical skills, with its virtuosic passage work and spectacular cadenza. If there was a downside to Hekmatpanah's playing, it would be that he sometimes becomes a bit too reckless. However, he seems to enjoy what he is doing, and I certainly enjoy hearing it.

The remaining works were performed admirably by the Middle Tennessee Symphony. This seems to have been a program chosen for its novelty and familiarity, as it included three short works by Aaron

Copland - one of which caused a person behind me to remark excitedly, "Hey, that's the music from the Kroger commercial!" Also, Paul Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice", which of course caused many audience members to think of Mickey Mouse, and the last work on the program was Respighi's "Pines of Rome". This piece, depicting scenes of ancient Rome, climaxing with the triumphant march of Roman soldiers on the Appian Way, was brilliantly performed and may well have been one the Middle Tennessee Symphony's best showings in a long time.

All things considered, both concerts were the best of times for those involved, and I am afraid that for those of you who stayed home, it may well have been the worst of times. I pity you.



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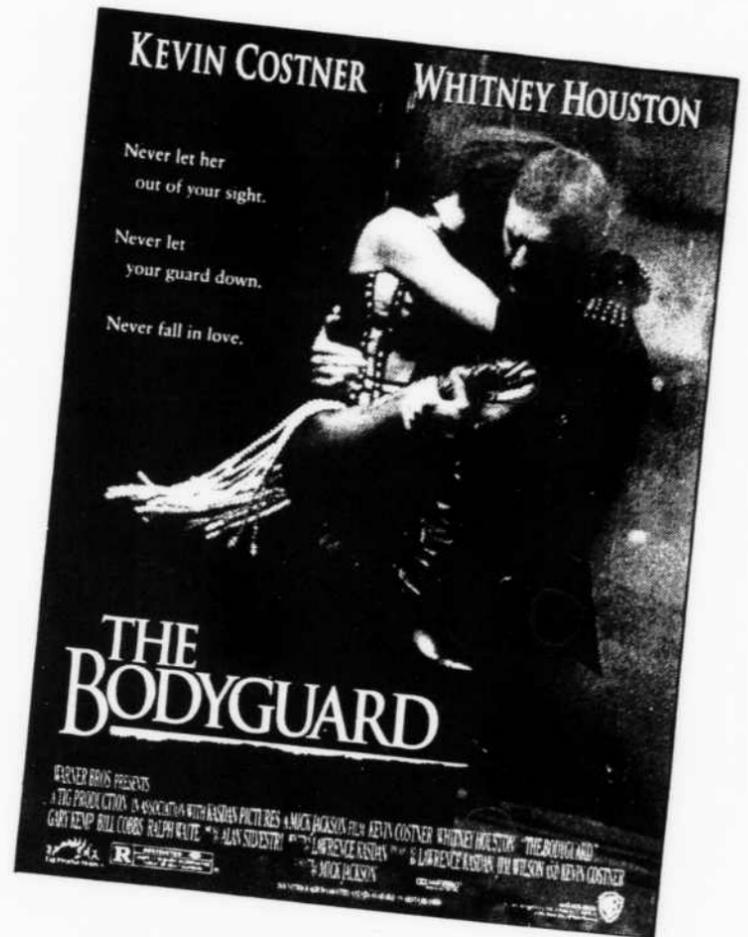
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Seniors go out in style

Streak ends as Middle downs Murray State in overtime, 79-74

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After a seven-game losing streak, the Blue Raiders had to be wondering if they were ever going to have any good luck.

Luck returned Monday night when the Raiders defeated Murray State 79-74 in overtime to close out the season. In the process, they closed out the careers of three Raider seniors.

Ramond Davis, Warren Kidd and the injured Robert Taylor made their last appearances in front of the home crowd, and all three celebrated during the Raiders' victory party.

However, senior night began like hell night for the boys in blue. The Raiders spent most of the first half chasing the Racers. At the half, the Raiders found themselves down by five, 42-37. The Raiders shot a respectable 47 percent from the field in the first half, but Murray shot an even better 54 percent from the field.

Kidd spent most of the first half on the bench. With 9 minutes left in the first stanza, Kidd picked up his third foul and took a seat. It looked as if senior night was going to be spent on the pines for Kidd.

In the second half, Murray looked as if it was going to run

'I thought we'd win it. I might not of thought it when we were down 18 or 19. But, we've had bad luck; we've had bad fortune.'

— MTSU Coach David Farrar

away with the party favors on this festive night. The Racers quickly ran out to a 16-point advantage and looked poised for victory.

Kidd would not be denied though. He scored MTSU's first eight points of the half to keep

the Raiders within striking distance. With 10 minutes remaining in the half, the Raiders went on the attack.

Kidd and freshman Tim Gaither brought the Raiders back into the game with a 16-0 run. Kidd had seven of the 16 unanswered points, while Gaither added six. Gaither also hit several critical free throws, including the ones putting MTSU ahead 66-65 with 4:55 left to play.

"I thought we'd win it," Raider Coach David Farrar said. "I might not of thought it when we were down 18 or 19. But, we've had bad luck; we've had bad fortune. But, we've worked hard all year, and I believe these kids could win almost every time we've played."

The Raiders fought for a tough comeback and went into overtime for a second game in a row. Kidd fouled out with 2:06 left in regulation, and it looked as

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HOT ROD: Blue Raider point guard Rob Pryor drives to the basket Monday night.

MTSU trio leaves mark on Big Blue program

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Every year during the last game of the basketball season, the Raiders celebrate "Senior Night" to recognize the seniors who are leaving the program.

Monday night's version of the event was probably one of the most special.

Warren Kidd, Ray Davis and Robert Taylor said goodbye for the last time to the home fans and then gave the fans a going away victory to cherish.

All three have made their impact on the Raider faithful at one time or the other. All three are now going on to bigger and better things.

Kidd closed out his career with 22 points and 19 rebounds. Davis added seven points, three rebounds and three assists. And because of an injury, Taylor was forced to cheer from the bench and offer support.

Kidd had perhaps the biggest impact on the final game of his

career. He played with unlimited energy and grabbed every loose ball. He showed the fans during his last game that he wasn't content to go home with a loss.

"We came out for this game very emotional because we know that three people won't be playing anymore," Kidd said. "We gave it our all, our best, and we won."

"He's such a great kid and such an unbelievable rebounder," coach David Farrar said of Kidd. "You just want him to do well every time he goes out. We're awfully fortunate tonight that he can leave this place on a positive note."

"He's been a very positive influence on any and everybody at this university."

Kidd leaves the halls of Raiderland as the all-time leading rebounder in school history. He is also the only person ever to score more than 1,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds during a career. He has also been on the

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Corrections

The *Sidelines* Sports staff would like to apologize for two blatant errors that occurred in the March 1 issue.

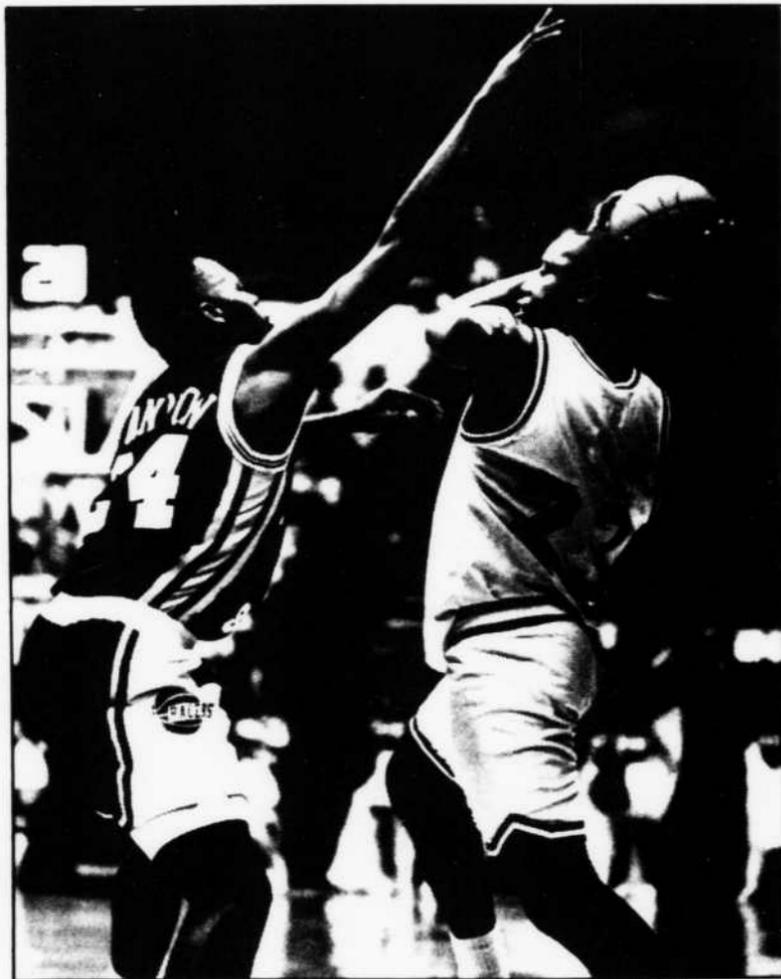
• In our women's game story, we incorrectly printed that if Tennessee Tech were to lose either of its final two OVC games and the Lady Raiders won Monday night, which they did, MTSU would be the host for the OVC tournament next week.

However, the information we received from sports information was incorrect. Tech would have to lose both its games for MTSU to host.

Tech was victorious Monday meaning the womens tourney will begin next Monday in Cookeville.

• We also owe the readers and MTSU point guard Tim Gaither an apology. Some corrections were made to the page before it went to print and we neglected to look at the jump page, therefore we repeated several paragraphs.

We apologize for these errors and are working to prevent them in the future.



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KEY FACTOR: Ray Davis looks to pass over Murray's Maurice Cannon. Davis' 3-pointer gave Middle the lead for good.

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Blue Raiders use team (e)Racer to rid streak

Teamwork outruns Murray's Racers to finish

TONY J. ARNOLD
 Sports Editor

Monday night in Murphy Center seemed like old times. If no one knew the records of both Murray State and Middle Tennessee, you might have thought it was the conference title game.

But as we all know so well, deep down, it wasn't. But then again, deeper down, it was.

An uncharacteristic 10-16 overall record has followed the Raiders like a dark rain cloud in the monsoon season. Fans have been down on the team, yet the team hasn't been down on itself.

With all the NCAA junk hampering the 1992-93 campaign, Middle Tennessee State could have given up. Those thoughts had to enter the mind of the team after working so hard, trying to prove something to everyone but continuously falling short.

Monday night, they proved that no one had given up. A bit of the old 'Murphy Magic' was back in the Raiders' shoes. Murray State was in the house, a team which had beaten Middle Tennessee six consecutive times; a team which had won five straight OVC championships; a team which, along with Middle Tennessee, dominated the decade of the '80s.

Two old warriors with fresh new faces battled to the bitter end.

And what a storybook ending

to the season it is.

All seemed to be bleak when the Blue Raiders trailed by as many as 16 points in the final half of play. Yet, once again, the team didn't lay down and die. It fought back with vengeance.

Warren Kidd, playing his final game in Murphy Center, arguably played his best game as a Blue Raider. The 6-9 senior not only rebounded like a machine, he scored, too. Every time a loose ball was off the rim, Kidd was there. Every time he had the ball down low, the ball was in the hole.

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Kidd, who ended the night with 22 points and 19 rebounds, was the man Monday, and his understudies obviously learned a lesson.

Milton Dean is usually known for his scoring. Against Murray star Frank Allen, he was known for his defense. Dean limited Allen to a mere seven points. He also chipped in 12 himself.

Perhaps it was only fitting that senior Ramond Davis hit the basket that put MTSU ahead, a 3-pointer with 2:19 remaining in overtime.

And the list of great performances could go on and on. It would be unfair to leave out

Bobby Clark's sudden burst of 13 points. How about Tim Gaither stepping to the line and hitting 9-of-10 free throws?

You can't forget Chad Wampler, either. The freshman had some big shoes to fill when Kidd fouled out with 2:06 remaining in regulation.

I felt like I was stuck in the movie *Hoosiers* when the ball went to the little guy, Ollie (I think), in the big game, and he dribbled it off the side of his leg. Well, the ball went in to Wampler and bounced off his legs out of bounds, turning the ball over to Murray in the closing minutes when it was nip-and-tuck.

Instead of letting it get him down, though, Wampler shrugged it off, tightened up defensively and came through. Four points doesn't sound like a lot, but add four rebounds, a block and a game-high four assists, and it adds up to a major contributor.

Then there's the contribution from the player who never played. Robert Taylor had to watch his team while it matched up with Murray's Racers with a cast on his leg. Accustomed to pouring in 3-pointers like those same rain clouds in the monsoon season, Taylor was limited to cheerleading on the bench. But, you can't help but think that having to play against him in practice hasn't helped the healthy

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Raiders let lead slip away

SHANE SCRUTTON
 Sports Writer

"If it were a basketball game we would have been up by 10 with a minute left to play, and we would have lost by a point. We were that close."

That was the disappointed reaction of MTSU head tennis coach Dale Short after last Friday's fiercely contested 5-2 loss to 15th ranked Ole Miss that began the squad's weekend road-trip to Mississippi and Arkansas. The squad returned with a 1-2 record (1-4 for the season) after a lone win against Southern Mississippi (5-4) and a (4-1) loss to University of Arkansas-Little Rock on Saturday.

After Keith Harrietha scored an impressive straight-set victory at No.1 singles and MTSU won two of three doubles matches to lead Ole Miss 2-0, the team lost three 3-set singles matches to fall painfully short of securing an upset victory.

"To nearly beat a team like

that shows what we are capable of. It's just difficult to handle when we know we could have won," said MTSU's David Thornton.

"We've been knocking on the door of success against these tough teams and we know it is very possible to beat them. We just haven't been pulling out the close matches we needed to win," he said.

That point was evident in the loss to Arkansas-Little Rock when MTSU blitzed the opening three doubles matches (worth only one match under the new NCAA format) but lost four bitterly contested singles to end a disappointing road-trip.

Now it's acid test time for the Blue Raiders.

The men's squad faces East Tennessee State University on Friday at home in a match Short hopes will be influenced by the home-ground advantage. It is MTSU's first home match of the season.

"We lost to them last year in a match that could have gone

either way and hopefully this time playing on our home courts we can do better," he said.

On Sunday, the Blue Raiders face Florida International and Louisville, also at home.

"We have played three top 20 teams and we have had realistic chances to win all three; so hopefully if everyone on the team is healthy, we can really show our potential on the weekend," Short said.

The MTSU Lady Raiders also travelled to Arkansas on the weekend, defeating Arkansas-Little Rock in a thrilling 5-4 victory and Northwestern State, 5-3.

After trailing 4-2 in singles, Jenny Oliviera and Angie Green battled chilly conditions and sickness to score a dramatic 3-set victory at the decisive No.2 doubles, robbing Arkansas-Little Rock of an expected team victory.

Oliviera celebrated her 21st birthday in fine style, partnering

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Southern Who?

Just call them win number 20 for Lady Raiders

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Southern Indiana wasn't just a name last night in Murphy Center, it was a win; a big win.

MTSU's Lady Raiders pulled off a 89-77 victory that propelled them to their 20th win of the season.

Middle, which finishes the regular season at 20-6, eclipsed the 20 win barrier for the first time since 1989 when it was 21-6 and the OVC Champion.

"It was a good win and it was good to get number 20," said head coach Lewis Bivens following the game. "I thought we played well for about 25 minutes, and we slipped down to their level the last 10 or 15 minutes.

"But we got it and I hope it gives us some momentum going into the tournament."

However, the night could have been better. If Tennessee State could have upset Tennessee Tech, the Lady Raiders could have earned a share of the OVC crown. However, TSU fell short.

The scenario of wins and losses in the final night of action means that Middle will play Eastern Kentucky Monday night in the

opening round of the OVC tournament. Tennessee Tech, which host the tournament in Cookeville, will host Tennessee State again.

Middle and EKV will tip-off at 5:30 at Tech's Eblin Center.

While that game is still a few days away, last night, the Lady Raiders tipped-off with vengeance marching out to a 16-6 lead largely due to the inside presence of Priscilla Robinson who took charge in the pain.

Oddly enough though, the same Robinson

'It was a good win and it was good to get number 20.'

- MTSU Coach Lewis Bivens

that poured in 17 points and helped guide the Lady Raiders to a 51-32 halftime lead, grabbed no rebounds.

But somehow, everyone knew that stat wouldn't stand for long.

Middle marched out of the lockerroom, pumped its lead to 69-45 and Robinson even grabbed a few boards.

The Screaming Lady Eagles refused to

give in though, chipping into the lead ever so slowly as SIU's Jeanette Elkin began draining 3-pointers.

At one point, the lead was narrowed to 85-70 with just enough time for a miracle. It didn't happen though as the Lady Raiders sealed the coffin and the season with the win.

Robinson led all scorers with 29 points in the game. She also grabbed four rebounds.

Her four rebounds marked the first time in five games she hasn't ripped down double digits off the glass. But, she became only the second MTSU player, both men and women, to score 1,500 points in three seasons. Kim Webb, MTSU's all-time scorer, holds that mark.

Michelle Jackson rounded out the season with a 16 point performance and Cherrita Williams added 11.

Robinson and Julie Morrison each dished out six assist and MTSU as a team had a total of 29.

Sherry Tucker led the squad with seven rebounds on the night.

TSU and Tech will square off after Middle game Monday and the winners will play for the championship Tuesday night at 7:30.

MTSU club volleyball team places second

SCOTT A. DYE
Special to Sidelines

The MTSU Men's Volleyball Club had its highest tournament finish ever this past Sunday in Athens, GA. The team finished in second place in the tournament, which was sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association. The tournament consisted of two four-team pools of round-robin format, which determined the seedings for the playoffs.

The Blue Raiders remained undefeated during pool play, with scores of 15-4, 15-13; 15-6, 15-6; 17-16, 15-13. Consistent passing by the team and some remarkable hitting from junior Scott Johnson were keys to the Raiders' success. One noteworthy game in pool play saw the Blue Raiders rally back from a 4-13 deficit to eventually win the game 17-16.

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if the Raiders were in for a tough time of it in the extra session.

But one senior wasn't done yet. Ray Davis, who has been a role model for his four years at MTSU, stepped into the spotlight and filled the big shoes of Kidd. Davis scored the Raiders' first points in the overtime with a 3-pointer and then converted a crucial free throw to ice the game.

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on the All-OVC team and currently leads the nation in rebounding. He has been among the nation's field goal percentage leaders in each of his three seasons.

But senior night was not just for Kidd. Another senior made sure that Monday night was a success. Ray Davis hit the 3-pointer to start the Raiders toward victory and then hit the free throw to put the game away. Davis likes to keep things in perspective about his performance and his future.

"I enjoyed myself here, but I'm kind of glad it's over," Davis said of his last game. "It's time to let the young guys have it. I was hoping I could get in the game and get an exit like I did. I feel good. I feel good for Warren because he's going on to bigger and better things. I feel real good because we won the game. But life goes on, and it's time to start a career."

Last, but definitely not least, is Robert Taylor. Taylor's season has been over for eight games now, but the emotions were still high for this last farewell.

"Unfortunately, I couldn't play tonight, but I'm happy that they won and that gave them a lot of momentum for next year," Taylor said.

Taylor suffered a broken bone on the arch of his foot while playing against UT-Martin just a couple of minutes after becoming MTSU's all-time leading scorer. But for Taylor, the season really didn't end until the Tennessee Tech game a couple of days later.

"That's when it really hit," Taylor added. "That's when I realized I wasn't going to be in there anymore. The doctor told me it was real serious and that they were going to wrap it up."

Since the injury, Taylor has been head cheerleader for the Raider bench.

"I've tried to convince the players that they can win. I've tried to help them with their defense. You know the things that you would tell your players to do."

Taylor may have started a coaching career while on the bench, but he will be most remembered for his playing time and long-range bombs.

Taylor leaves with the highest point total of any Blue Raider in history, 1,622. He also holds the record for most 3-pointers attempted (619) and made (222) during his career, as well.

"I just want to get in the game and do what I've got to do to help the team win the game," Davis said. "I feel comfortable shooting the three's, and I was open, so I took it. Our defensive pressure was up, high intensity defensive pressure, and our shots were falling. I knew we were going to win the game."

The Raider defense was

indeed intense. Murray could muster only free throws in overtime and scored three points in the extra five minute session.

Finally, as the horn sounded, the Raiders had won a game and what a fitting way to send out three seniors. MTSU finished the season at 10-16 overall and 5-11 in the OVC.

Club

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The Raiders breezed through the first two rounds of the playoffs, winning 15-8, 15-4 in the quarterfinals and 15-7, 15-8 in the semifinals. In the finals, the Blue Raiders faced the team that had given them the most trouble during pool play. This time, however, the Raiders could not stage a comeback as they did in pool play, losing in two games—4-15, 11-15.

A solid lineup was a factor in the team's outstanding performance Sunday. John Luttrell and Patrick Johnson played in the middle blocking positions. Scott Johnson played in one of the swing hitting positions, while Brad McGaha and Chris

"Juice" Padilla shared time between the swing hitter and defensive specialist positions. Setter Neal Jennings and opposite hitter Scott Dye rounded out the lineup for the team.

The Volleyball Club, in its second year of existence, sponsors two teams. These teams play in USVBA tournaments and in intercollegiate tournaments. Past intercollegiate victories for the Volleyball Club have included Bryan College, Vanderbilt, and Kentucky. The Volleyball Club's "B" team plays this weekend in a USVBA tourney in Knoxville.

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players play better.

Aside from the players, the coaches deserved the win as well. The staff has come under fire from the fans, yet they've continued to give it their all, just like the players.

Coach David Farrar perhaps said it best, though. Following the game he said that coaching only prepares players for a game. Ninety percent of what happens on the floor comes from the players' willingness and ability to perform. In essence, the coach was giving his players credit for the win, not himself.

Now, it's all said and done

and another season is in the books. We've seen Taylor drain his last trey, Kidd corral his final rebound and Davis hustle on the floor. We'll see more of Clark's clutch jumpers, Wampler's big boards and Gaither's free throws.

But that's another year down the road. For now, it's time to savor a season ending win, and that's not something many teams get to do.

Despite an overall losing record, MTSU went out as a winner. For the three seniors and all they've accomplished, Kidd, Davis and Taylor are going out as true OVC champions.

Tennis

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Green to overcome a 2-5 final set deficit and playing inspired tennis to win the last five games with the loss of only five points.

"We just went for it in the last set and it really paid off because we really had nothing to lose," she said.

Junior Carol MacPherson attributed the doubles success to some key doubles coaching.

"The best thing coach Short has done for the team is teach us doubles strategy, because most other teams don't concentrate on doubles, and that was the reason we won today," she said.

After defeating Northwestern State, Assistant Coach Amy

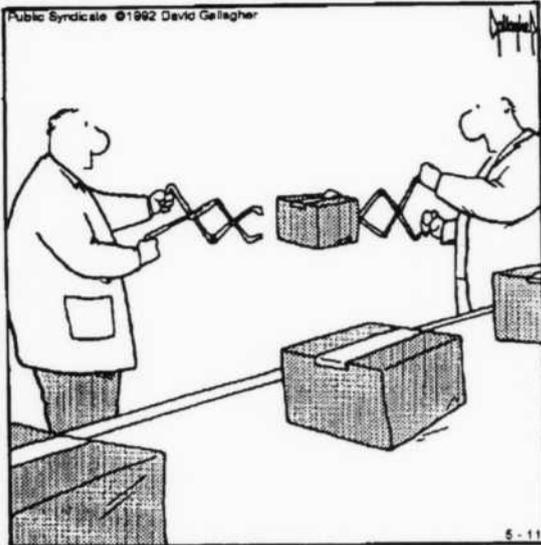
Lalance noted that it was the fifth straight win for the Lady Raiders after dropping its opening two.

"It was another great performance and, if we keep up a positive attitude, I think we can dominate the rest of the season," she said.

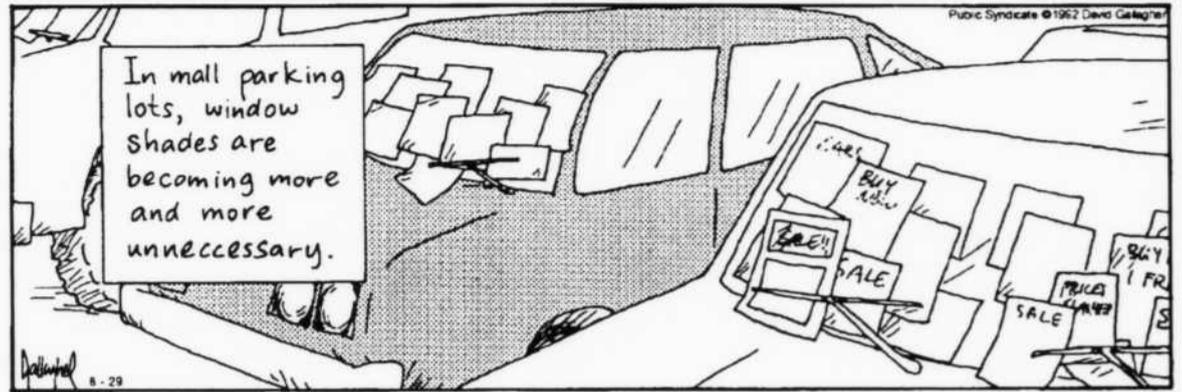
The Lady Raiders also host ETSU on Friday, a match-up Coach Short has special incentive towards.

"ETSU was our worst loss of the season last year, and although we have a few injuries at the moment, I think we can really make amends on our home ground," he said.

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SGA presidential candidate assaulted by masked intruder

SCOTT TRAVIS
University of Alabama--Tuscaloosa
The Crimson White

A masked assailant apparently entered University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa SGA Presidential candidate Minda Riley's home the night of Jan. 30 and physically assaulted her.

Riley, who stayed overnight in Russell Student Health Center has a golf-ball-size bruise on her cheek, a busted lip and a knife wound on the side of her face, according to brother Rob Riley and campaign manager Scott Batey.

Batey said Riley's two roommates had just gone out at around 8 p.m. when Riley heard the front door open. He said Riley called out a roommate's name, then encountered a white male with panty hose stretched over his head. Batey said the man attacked her, yelled "You f--- with the wrong people, you get f---ed."

Riley's father called Vice President for Student Affairs Harry Knopke, and both escorted Minda to the Tuscaloosa police station. Batey and Campaign director Eric Pruitt also went, Bailey said.

Knopke confirmed that Riley was assaulted and said he accompanied Minda and Rob Riley to the police station and the health center. He said he also contacted the University of Alabama Department of Public Safety.

At 3 a.m. Feb. 1, Rob Riley was staying with his sister at the health center. He said Minda was

not feeling well and could not talk to the press.

"She's emotionally drained," Rob Riley said. "She's in pain due to what the cowards did to her tonight."

Rob Riley, who was the Machine-backed SGA president in 1987, said he has "no doubt" that the Machine or a Machine-backed candidate was responsible for the assault.

"I was in the Machine. I was endorsed by the Machine for president. At that time, it was just a political organization," Riley said.

The Machine is an all-white

will not affect his sister's decision to run for SGA president.

"Neither Minda Riley, nor anyone in her family is going to let hot shots like these people intimidate her out of the SGA presidential race," he said.

Riley campaign spokesman Brian Jackson said if Riley's health permits, she will attend the scheduled debate at the Ferguson Center ballroom tonight.

"We're sickened and outraged this type of action could even take place at this point in time," Jackson said. "We have no evidence substantial enough to accuse anyone of this crime, but the only

'Neither Minda Riley, nor anyone in her family is going to let hot shots like these people intimidate her out of the SGA presidential race.'

coalition of select fraternities and sororities designed to influence campus politics.

"Today the Machine is a little club of thugs and cowards. I wouldn't be associated with the Machine today for any price and don't blame my sister for not wanting to associate with this group either," he said.

Batey said the assailant was not wearing any Machine paraphernalia at the time of the incident.

After assisting Riley, Pruitt said he found a receptacle full of trash on top of his car but knew of no damage to the car.

Rob Riley said this incident

parties that could possibly benefit are members of the Machine and members of Neil Duthie's campaign."

Duthie, however, said he had no part of the incident, and said he doesn't believe the Machine was responsible either.

"(The Machine) hasn't done anything like that since I've been on campus," Duthie said. "I think it's really horrible it happened."

Batey said Riley was hesitant to call the police, because some people accused her of staging a recent incident where a cross was burned on her lawn. Rob Riley said he convinced her to notify the police.



Photo courtesy of Debate Team

THE MTSU MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

Mock Trial teams bring home gold

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MTSU's two Mock Trial teams brought home the gold last weekend in a competition with 96 universities at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Gold and Championship teams placed third and seventh, respectively. The Gold Team was ranked third in the nation, while the Championship Team got seventh in its division.

"What the teams did is equivalent to making the Final Four of the NCAA and having somebody in the Top 10 of the NIT," said Dr. John Vile, Political Science chairman.

Vile and Dr. Thomas VanDervort, Political Science professor, have coached the teams since last September, through the invitational and regional competitions.

"The best you can do in the regional competition is send a team to Championship and a team to Gold, and that's what we did," Vile said. "All of the top five teams in the regional tournament placed in the national competition, so we went through probably the strongest (regional) tournament in the country."

The Championship Team, ranked third in the nation, was one of the top four teams with a 7-1 loss/win record. They placed ahead of Rhodes College by three points. Rhodes, considered to be a friendly rival by MTSU team members, has won the national championship for the past two years.

The Championship Team

consisted of eight students, three of whom received individual awards; Mary Katharine Harvey, Lance Alvis and Al Wilkerson.

Harvey was the No. 1 witness in the competition, and Alvis was the ninth top witness.

Wilkerson was named the second top attorney in the competition.

"I really did not expect to win," Wilkerson said. "I just wanted to help the team. I've been competing for four years, and seeing as this is my last year, it was really great. It's been a long, hard road, but it was worth it."

Wilkerson added that they received a lot of help from professional attorneys as well as the Political Science Department.

"Dr. [Larry] Brandon's advice helped us a lot," Wilkerson said. "So did Don Ash and John Drake." All three are attorneys in Murfreesboro.

Harvey, the top witness, said a lot of work and preparation went into the competition.

"We had practices twice a week, usually for two hours at a time," she said. "I was thrilled to win. It was worth all the work I put into it."

MTSU's Gold Team placed seventh in its division with a 6-2 win/loss record. The team consisted of nine students, two of whom received awards.

Darren Scogging was awarded as one of the top witnesses, and Kim Miller received an award for being one of the top 10 attorneys.

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Aid clerk, said there were a lot of new federal regulations going into effect in the fall 1993 semester for undergraduates, and in the spring 1994 semester, for graduate students.

"This is all part of the Re-authorization Program that the federal government has been doing," Sensing said.

Stafford Loans for the 1993 fall semester will increase for everyone except freshmen who will be eligible for the same amount as in past years, of \$2,625. Sophomores can receive up to \$3,500, [which used to be \$2,625], while juniors and seniors will be able to get up to \$5,500 instead of the \$4,000 they used to receive.

According to Sensing, aggregate maximum limits have increased for both graduates and undergraduates. These limits represent the total amount of

money a student may borrow with their loan.

"The aggregate maximum limit for undergraduates used to be \$17,250, and is now up to \$23,000," Sensing said.

For graduate students, aggregate maximum limits are a combination of undergraduate and graduate student loans, according to Sensing. In the 1994 spring semester, graduate students will be able to receive up to \$65,500 in financial aid.

Graduate students' yearly loans will also increase according to Sensing.

"It will go from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for two semester periods, or one year," she said.

On the SLS the aggregate maximum amount increased for both graduates and undergraduates as well. Freshman and sophomore limits stayed at \$4,000, while

juniors and seniors can now borrow up to \$5,000, compared to their original limit of \$4,000. Graduate students can get up to \$10,000 [as compared to last year's \$4,000], starting in the 1994 spring semester.

"It sounds like a big increase, but if you think about it, it's not really," Sensing said.

Bradley estimated that between 100-110 people had come to the two-day conferences out of the 4,900 students who had received loans during the two previous semesters.

Federal regulations require that all Stafford checks for first-time freshmen borrowers be held 30 days from the first day of class. Processing of the applications takes four to six weeks.

The deadline to turn in all financial aid information is March 15.