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## Recreation Center plans complete

AIMEE TRIGGS  
News Editor

The schematic design phase for the new Student Recreation Center was completed last week by the Campus Recreation Department.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August or September, according to Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation.

"The building is supposed to open in December of 1994," he added.

There will be two floors constructed in the center which will include: six basketball courts, a three-lane indoor running track, six racquetball courts, a juice bar, a wellness/fitness center, locker rooms, equipment check-out and an NCAA regulation indoor pool for students.

"In the schematic design phase we've become more detailed," Hanley said. "The Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Building Commission should approve this plan later this month."

There have been some minor

adjustments made to the previous plan.

"We've had to cut down on the indoor pool [from 50 meters to 30 meters] and cut out the outdoor pool altogether for now," Hanley said.

"After the design development in April, the architects will start doing the construction documents which will be finished in July, then it will go out for bidding," he added. "Whoever brings in the lowest bid will be awarded the construction."

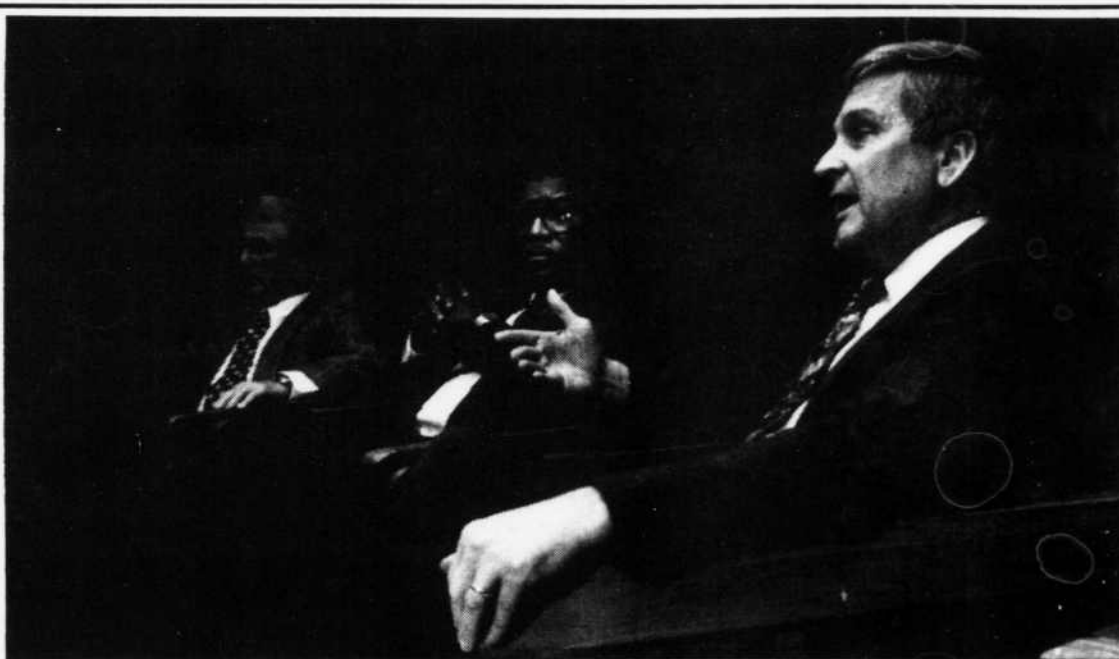
Paul Cantrell, Dean of Students, has been meeting with faculty concerning the Rec Center.

"We spend a lot of time and effort in talking with people in campus recreation finalizing the roughest of sketches," Cantrell said.

The Rec Center will be located east of family housing and behind the Mass Communication Building.

"It will have 120,000 square feet and we're operating on a \$12

See CENTER, Second Front



George L. Walker, IV/Photographer

ANY QUESTIONS? Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance (right), President James Walker (center) and Director of the University Center Dallas Biggers (left) field questions from students during an open forum Monday night in Smith Hall.

## Walker fields students' questions at open forum

HEATHER SMITH  
News Writer

MTSU President James Walker spoke to students at an open forum Monday night in Smith Hall about everything from ventilation in the smoking section of the Grill to the reputation of the campus.

The forum allowed students to address their concerns directly to President Walker, Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs and Dallas Biggers, director of the University Center.

Brooks Drescher, a sports therapy major and resident of Smith Hall, organized the forum.

Drescher said he was disappointed in the small turnout and that it showed how few people really care about the university and what is going on. He said the SGA should not be the only ones to speak for the students.

"I'm tired of the SGA trying to be a messenger boy for the students," Drescher said. "The SGA just doesn't say what the students want to say."

The students at the forum asked about what was being done to improve conditions in the smoking area of the Grill.

Walker said the staff would look into it and see what they could do about it.

The students also brought up the issue of increased library hours to the faculty. A bill to

increase the hours circulated through SGA for months until it was vetoed by Toby Gilley, SGA president.

Walker addressed this issue by explaining that funds were too limited to keep the library open, but he would take this concern into consideration.

Another question students brought up was what could be done about making scholarships and government money more accessible to the students.

The administrators responded by saying that there are a lot of rules and regulations imposed by the government that the school has nothing to do with, and that it was unfortunate there was not enough money available to all students.

Students also wanted to know what was being done to improve the reputation and public opinion of MTSU.

Walker said they [administration] are talking to guidance counselors and advertising in magazines. He said they are emphasizing accomplishments by former MTSU students, such as one former student who won a Nobel Peace Prize.

Walker said he enjoyed talking to the students at the forum.

"It is always a great opportunity to talk to students and listen to what's on their minds," Walker said. "It is a great opportunity for all of us to get some great feedback."



Kelly Hood/Photographer

PRETTY WOMAN? 'Madelynn' explains why he chose cross-dressing as a profession to Dr. Jeannette Heritage's Psycho/Sexual Adjustment class last Tuesday

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Use your Amex, feed the hungry

American Express student members who use their charge cards between March and April will be helping to feed the homeless, officials with the financial and travel company said.

The program, Million Meals, will last from March 15 to April 30. Every time college students use their American Express charge cards to purchase anything, the company will donate a meal to Share Our

Strength, a Washington, D.C.-based hunger relief organization.

American Express hopes to be able to donate enough money to pay for 1 million meals, said Andy Sibert, senior manager for the American Express student

### New SAT exam planned

The Scholastic Aptitude Test may have a new name when a redesigned form of the test is introduced in spring 1994.

Critics say that the word "aptitude" misleads high school students and their parents into believing the test is analyzing something innate or immutable when they take the college entrance examination, said

Robert Seaver, spokesman for The College Board.

Additionally, an academic study recommended a new name because the redesigned test won't include the antonyms section and will have a longer reading section that requires students to come up with conclusions. In the math section, the students will have to

generate their own answers instead of picking an answer.

Suggestions for the new name include the Scholastic Achievement Test and the Student Assessments for Transition. Seaver said no decision has been made yet on whether to rename the SAT.

### Students leave school after murder

Three students dropped out of the University of West Florida after a junior was abducted from a campus parking lot, raped and strangled.

Additionally, six students who were taking night classes switched to day classes despite improved lighting and a campus

security phone system that has been installed, reported the student newspaper, *The Voyager*.

Susan Leigh Morris, 21, a communication arts major who lived with her parents in Pensacola, disappeared from a campus parking lot on Jan. 12 while walking to her car after a

night course. Her body was found in a wooded area on campus the next day. She had been beaten, raped and strangled, officials said.

A suspect, Eric Scott Branch, was charged with murder, sexual battery and grand theft.

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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### TODAY

**Tennessee Right to Life** will have a booth on the first floor of the KUC, students will be asked to sign a petition against the Freedom of Choice Act which attempts to codify Roe V. Wade. New members will also be solicited.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

**Rutherford County Young Democrats** will have their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom which is upstairs in the Courthouse. State President Beth Hickman will be the guest speaker. For more information call Kim Harris, 896-1986.

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

**Students for Environmental Action** will meet at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. For more information call Andy, 895-5384.

**Honors Lecture Series** will have Harold Whiteside, Psychology, to discuss "Psychological Issues in Freedom, Responsibility, and Obedience to Authority" from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in PH 107.

The Division of Continuing

Studies will have a free seminar for adults, **So You Want to go to School**, it will be at 5 p.m. in KUC 322. Topics will include: What You Need to Know about Enrolling at MTSU, Tips for Re-entry to College, and Opportunities in Evening School and With Off-campus Courses. Refreshments will be provided. Call ext. 2462 for more information.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

The Division of Continuing Studies will have a free seminar for adult students, **Survival Techniques**, at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 322. Topics will include The Balancing Act, Study Skills, and Stress Management. Call ext. 2462 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**Student Member Section of Human Sciences** will have a meeting at 3 p.m. in room 106 of the Ellington Human Sciences Building. All human sciences majors and minors are invited to attend.

The Foreign Language Department and the Honors Program present **The Second International Women's Poetry Reading** in celebration of Women's History Month: Women's Voices from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. in PH 109A.

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## POLICE REPORTS

Ronnie Martin reported on February 23 that his vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the Baird Lane lot and his stereo was stolen. It was apparent from evidence that an attempt had been made to steal the vehicle.

On February 23, Keith Shetton's vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the Baird Lane Lot. Nothing was missing from the vehicle. Damages were to the driver's door lock assembly.

On February 23, John Carr reported that his vehicle had been damaged while it was parked in the Baird Lane Lot. Damage consisted of the

driver's door being cut open under locking mechanism.

On February 23, Paul Ellis left his gym bag on a bench in the Alumni Memorial Gym. A student patrol officer noticed someone rambling through the bag and run away. All property was returned to the victim.

Toni Sebastian reported on February 24, that someone had broken her window out at her dorm room in Deere Hall.

On February 24, Edward Sodeman and Calvin Allen were issued Written Trespass Warnings after being found in McHenry Hall.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993

### Information Table

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., KUC basement

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## State legislature considers passing open container bill

WARREN WAKELAND  
Special to Sidelines

Drinking while driving or riding in a car or truck may soon be against the law if the latest open container bill is passed by the state legislature.

Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) is sponsoring a bill in the Senate that will make it illegal to "transport, carry, possess, or have any alcoholic beverage or beer within the passenger area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state in any container other than the manufacturer's unopened original container."

The bill excludes passengers, but not the driver, on chartered buses or motor homes.

Violating the law will be considered a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by no more than 30 days in jail, \$50 fine or both.

McNally said getting the bill through the Legislature will be tough.

"The alcohol lobby is very strong," McNally said. "They oppose any measure that will restrict people from drinking alcohol."

McNally said students will be one of the groups most affected by

passage of the bill.

"Young people don't think when they get drunk and drive a car," McNally said. "We want this law to make them think."

McNally wants police to be able to liberally enforce the law.

"I hope the police will be able to see people drinking a beer in the car and be able to pull them over," McNally said.

Bill Williams of the Tennessee Malt Beverage

one should be drinking anything while driving. That's dangerous in itself."

Linda Berryman of Mothers Against Drunk Driving said that their group is promoting passage of the open container bill.

"We want to separate the consumers of alcohol from the vehicle," Berryman said. "The bill should apply to the entire compartment of the car."

Berryman said MADD

'No one should be drinking anything while driving. That's dangerous in itself.'

Bill Williams

Tennessee Malt Beverage Association

Association doesn't feel that the Legislature should even be considering the bill.

"In Tennessee, every city may adopt their own open container law," Williams said. "The efforts of the Legislature need to be turned to something else."

Williams said drinking anything while driving shouldn't be attempted.

"Drinking a beer behind the wheel is no more dangerous than drinking a cup of coffee behind the wheel," Williams said. "No

would like to see the more stringent Administrative License Revocation law enacted in Tennessee.

According to Berryman, this law says that should a driver be stopped for driving under the influence, they lose their license on the spot. If convicted, the driver automatically loses his or her license for one year. ALR is currently the law in 32 states in America.

Sen. McNally said the open container bill should go in front of the Senate Transportation Committee sometime next week.

## Students miss boast for Campus Rec trip

KAY KINGSLEY  
News Editor

A canoe trip offered by Campus Recreation during spring break has left some students feeling like they missed the boat.

Liz Wilburn, a student who wished to go on the trip, said she and some others attended a meeting advertised in *Sidelines'* Campus Capsule. She said they were told in the meeting there were no spaces left and noticed that some spaces had been taken by people who did not attend MTSU.

"Campus Rec is always complaining about no one participating, and when they [students] do get interested, they limit it to 15 people," Wilburn said. "Half of the people going are people not affiliated with the school."

Charlie Gregory, assistant director of Campus Recreation, said 14 people are going on trip during spring break. Gregory said two are staff members [himself and Campus Recreation director Glenn Hanley], one is a professor, one is a spouse of a student, two are "guests" and the remaining eight are students.

He said five people are on a waiting list.

"We try to accommodate students," Gregory said. "It is on a first come, first serve basis. We feel

like if a spouse or boyfriend wants to go, we should let them. Who pays first gets to go.

"We have to limit the size," Gregory said. "We need to be able to look after the group. All of our trips are limited because of transportation, safety management and environmental concerns. The school vans only carry 15 people."

Gregory said other trips are offered throughout the year, but they are limited also because of supervision and transportation.

"We have about eight or nine trips in the spring and fall [combined]," Gregory said.

Gregory said the trips include backpacking, snow skiing, white water rafting, canoeing and kayaking.

"We can only take 25 people rafting," he said. "We only have a certain number of rafts and you can't fit 100 people on a raft that fits six. We don't take all our rafts on our trips because we don't have enough guides."

Wilburn said she felt the limitation on the canoe trip and the fact that non-students were allowed to go were unfair.

"I don't have time to go to Daytona, and this looked like something fun and inexpensive and I can't go," Wilburn said. "If it looked like too many people [were going], they should have called and put it back in the paper that it was

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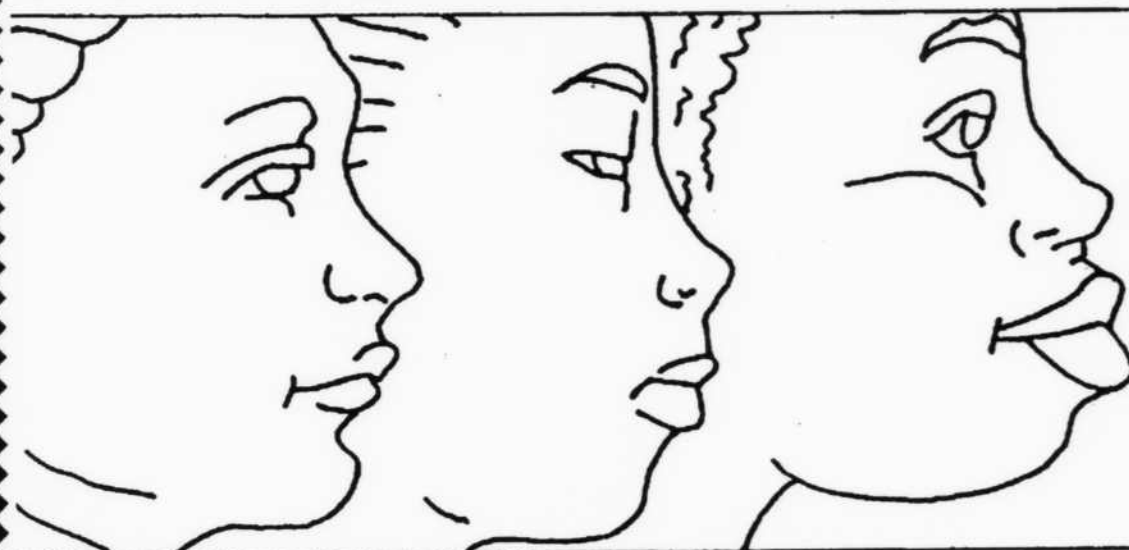
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# OPINIONS

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Spring break should be a break

Spring break is almost here. As you scurry across the campus between classes, listen closely and you can almost hear a collective sigh of relief.

The first two weeks of March are filled with papers, midterms and stress, so releasing the pen from your tightly curled fist takes all the energy that you have left.

You may have noticed that caffeine no longer has the same effect. In fact, you're sure that someone has been slipping illegal substances into your Diet Coke. Just a few more days, you think to yourself, and then I can relax.

People often underestimate the amount of stress that college students are under. Certainly life in the 'real world' is not easy, but college life is not a picnic.

Spring break exists for more than hedonism on Daytona Beach. It is not a week to devote your entire life to one class.

It is a break. Period.

I don't mean to whine. I took some time off and worked in the 'real world,' but the stress I experienced at work could generally be forgotten at 5 p.m. With college it's different. Many students work in addition to taking classes. By mid-March, our mental and physical capabilities are exhausted. We need a break. So do professors.

You don't have to sit and 'veg' in front of the television. There are plenty of constructive, different things you can do. Try and get a break from your normal routine and you will probably have a much better attitude towards the rest of the semester.

Life is short. Enjoy it already, just be careful. Remember that we would like to see you back on March 22.

Incidentally, the next issue of *Sidelines* will be out on Thursday, March 25. We need a break, too.

—Galyn Glick

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Look to God for happiness

To the Editor:

Controversy is abundant in our society, largely because we're all unique individuals with different ideas of what will make us happy. In recent issues of *Sidelines*, there has been a great deal of controversy over homosexuality.

It seems that lots of folks are looking to a homosexual lifestyle to make them happy. In the same way, people look to other things to make them happy such as money, sex, fame, success, friends, Mr. or Miss right, etc.

Often what happens is we'll try one thing and it will work for a little while, but then the satisfaction wears off, leaving us with an empty feeling inside. So we try other things, hoping to find something meaningful that will fill our hearts and satisfy us for good. Until we find it, we are all in the same boat—we're all trying different methods to get the same results. We want to find a lasting, meaningful happiness.

On your journey to find this, I would like to suggest what has worked for me. Jesus Christ. I spent my life looking for true happiness and, honestly, God is the only one who could satisfy me. I gave Him a chance and he proved that He loves me and that He loves every person on earth.

Would you agree that the greatest friend you could ever

have is someone who is willing to die for you? Jesus already did that. He proved His love by providing the pathway to salvation. And you can find that by asking Jesus to forgive your sins, come into your heart, and change your life. And not only will you have the 100% assurance of eternal life in heaven, but you will also have the God who created this world to help you with any problems you face in it. And you can know Him personally as your best friend.

That's my suggestion. I hope you'll give Jesus a chance in your life. But I promise not to judge you regardless, because we're all sinners and none of us is righteous on our own.. only through God's grace.

Thank you for your time,

S. Kelly Davis  
Box B-269

P.S. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13

### Dorms are roach motels

To the Editor:

Okay, I've heard enough about homosexuals, and I've heard enough about the SGA. It's time we spoke about something really important.

Mainly, I'm referring to University Housing.

A typical morning consists of me waking up and saying hello to all the cockroaches in my room. Cockroaches? Yes, cockroaches, I've got a bunch of 'em. I've even named them all.

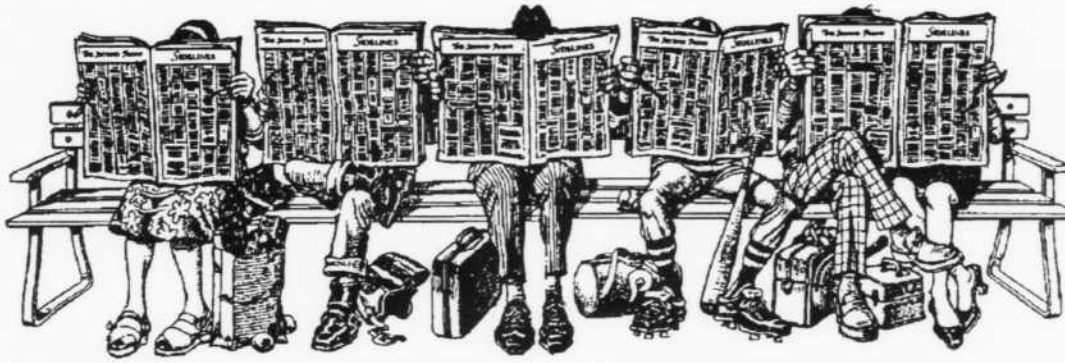
University housing is horrible. When things break and need to be fixed, one is lucky if it's fixed before the end of the semester. Is it that they don't care what conditions we are living in? Well, let's see....

There is a conspiracy lurking somewhere around here. I will not name names, but I have it on good authority that the reason that housing is so sub-standard is that several members of the faculty delve into local real estate, i.e. apartment complexes, rental houses, etc... If they keep housing like it is, students will become fed up with it, and they will move out into apartments and such, thus usually paying higher rent that directly benefits the members of the faculty who own these properties.

Is this true? I don't know, but I'm sure it is. The University is in no hurry to make on-campus housing any better. Is it financial? Definitely. Drive the dorm-living people off campus so they can live in higher rent apartments. By the way, I know they spray for bugs in these dorms, but something's got to be done besides a few quick squirts of the bug-death fluid. Maybe they

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## Letters

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could issue roach motels to the students as they check in....

Brian Fitts  
MTSU Box 8035

### Family values keep country united

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Brian Drake's article, "Family Values' a catch phrase" which appeared in the Viewpoint section of the March 4th edition. I'm sincerely sorry that Brian has never had "warm fuzzy" feelings in his family background. I'm also sorry that "Leave It To Beaver" and "The Waltons" are far below Mr. Drake's superior mental capacities. Maybe a "lobotomy" would help Mr. Drake to overcome the bitterness he feels toward the majority of Americans who consider "family values" to be an important issue.

I know that a major motive for the writing of this article was to elicit angry responses from adamant conservatives so that *Sidelines* could select a "chosen few" of them for publication. This of course would make your newspaper seem open-minded,

but in actuality it would simply serve to promote the liberal views which the rest of *Sidelines* so loudly proclaims. Yes, I know I started off this letter using the very same tactics that seem to be the norm in most letters to the editor, but I think I've made my point, and now I'll attempt to say something meaningful instead of simply insulting those who oppose my views.

"Family values" to me, is an issue which tries to get at the heart of many of the problems which plague our country today. Like many political platforms, it has been used and abused by countless politicians to further their political careers, but this issue speaks much truth if one can see through the rhetoric, (which is becoming increasingly more difficult).

The "free love" of the sixties, the indecisiveness of the seventies, and the self-centered attitudes of the eighties have led to rapidly increasing divorce rates which of course has caused the general disintegration of an institution which used to be fairly stable.

Families are by no means,

perfect, but I believe that the continuing tendency to just "give up" on them rather than deal with the intense feelings which family problems inevitable conjure up is just another example of the selfishness which probably led to the original problems. Two wrongs don't make a right, and if future generations continue to turn their backs on cohesiveness and trust in exchange for individual fulfillment, then economic collapse and total social chaos are the "bright" outlooks for our future.

"Family values" prick at a light which if exposed, could begin to revitalize our country and give it a stability that it has never had before. But if we as Americans continue to revel in the darkness of hedonism rather than the self-sacrificing unity which the "family values" issues represents, then the United States should become the Divided States once again, and we should all go out and get wasted and forget about it.

Sincerely,  
Darin Robinson  
Box 7898

## VIEWPOINT

### Don't lower men's standards

JOHN CONKLIN  
Staff Columnist

Last week, MTSU had the unique opportunity to hear former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick (a Republican) speak at the Tucker Theatre. I was pleased to see so many people witness what will undoubtedly be a prime highlight for the year here in the 'Boro. Her speech, in conjunction with National Women's History Month, brought to mind several ideas.

I believe women are, and should be treated as, intellectual equals with men. It has only been in fairly recent history that they have been allowed the opportunity to prove this. I am well aware that women have long been treated as second class citizens for most of our history but this situation will not be corrected overnight.

The message Ms. Kirkpatrick relayed was that women can achieve full equality with men by striving to make themselves the best individuals they can be. I don't think she advocates tearing men down to a lower level to achieve equality, as some groups of feminists do.

The prime example was her statement that America will elect a woman president when there is a large enough pool of qualified women willing to put forth the effort and make the sacrifices.

Indeed, the choices of qualified women, at present is too small, to field a completely realistic candidate. Off the top of my head, I can only think of Ms. Kirkpatrick and former Sec. of Labor Lynn Martin for the GOP and Pat Schroeder. For the other side, maybe Sen. Diane Feinstein in a few years. I think these women were on par with the most recent group of candidates, and more qualified I think, than wackos like Jerry Brown and Bill Clinton.

The point of the "pool" is that the only way it will develop is for women to seize every opportunity to educate themselves and gain serious, meaningful and intense expe-

rience in their field. Ms. Kirkpatrick did not become an ambassador by "getting by" in school, but because she put forth a supreme efforts throughout her career. Nor did she get there overnight. To be honest, any man could use her as a work ethic role model, myself included.

Equality will not be brought about by tearing men down, as stated earlier. Liberal policies seek equality by penalizing achievement, conservative policies promote it, but that's a fact I will prove another day.

By lowering standards for men, women are not inspired to excel. Why should they, when all they have to do is just enough to get by in order to succeed? If performance levels are lowered to achieve equality, then we all lose out. Think about it.

There's another point I'd like to make. A few years back, students at a women's college went ballistic when they learned their commencement address would be delivered by Barbara Bush. Why isn't she a role model, she was a full time mother who didn't work outside the home and got to where she was thanks only to her husband. Consider this: Maybe her husband got to where he was thanks to her? Who raised George's kids when he was a young Congressman from Texas?

The point is, don't tell a full-time mother she doesn't have a career. She is, in fact, contributing to the advancement of tomorrow's society. If that's the career a woman chooses, it's just as honorable of a career as that of a lawyer, regardless of what the feminists say. It does not devalue the role of women in society. All I can say.

Men and women alike could use Kirkpatrick and other like her as examples of what any person can achieve when they educate themselves and apply themselves to the fullest extent. When everybody does this, then there will be true equality between men and women.

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**MUDDIN' IT UP:** Mud Brother Ralph Weyant at the Monday night's show at the 'Boro.

## GET in the MUD

CHRISTIAN ROCCO/PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The last time that I had seen Mud Brothers was sometime in the middle of last semester. At that show there were something like nineteen or so people on stage with them and dozens of video screens showing tripped out images and other assorted visual stimulations. Thankfully, Mud Brothers decided to play this show with no unnecessary extras, just pure four-piece muddy madness!

Just to give you a basic idea of what the show was like, the band only played one set. Of course the set was twenty-seven songs and lasted about three hours, but who's counting? I think the closest thing to a break that they had was when the guitarists walked off-stage for about three minutes to buy a couple of beers. During the guitarists' departure, the rhythm devils, made up of bassist Ralph Weyant and drummer Marcus Bellar, carried a funk groove and didn't miss a beat as they smoothly went into the next song.

The show was filled with almost two dozen originals that showed the band's songwriting and musical talents. Even though the band covered a few Grateful

Dead songs, their originals showed that they had quite a few more influences. Mud Brothers played some extremely heavy grooves that were far from anything the Dead would play and actually they were more complicated at times. For lack of a more appropriate term, Ralph played a most thundering bass during the entire show, unlike that old guy in the Dead. What's his name, Phil Leech or something like that?

I'll make just one more mention of the Dead and Mud Brothers and that's that Mud Brothers pull off the Dead covers better than anyone, but Mud Brothers are not a Dead cover band. The band's originals are going to be enough to establish them in the future and will be what gets them signed to a label. Mud Brothers' live performance is one of the most energetic around and if you weren't there, it was your loss. Mud Brothers will be playing around soon, but they're going to be too big for any of M'boro's clubs before you know it. Go out and be muddy!!!

## Author reveals secrets of writing

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE / BOOKS

**K**urt Vonnegut, the best-selling author of such novels as "Slaughterhouse Five" and "Cat's Cradle," is not shy to reveal the secret that has made his work so successful.

"It was literate," he said. "My sentences were complete, so I could write better than most people."

On the telephone at his home in New York, Vonnegut at first seemed tired of talking about his sold-out presentation, "How to Get a Job Like Mine," that he gives at universities.

He answered questions patiently, breaking up ordinary common-sense answers with the deadpan one-liners that are his trademark. At times he even laughed at his own jokes, and 10 minutes into the conversation he was as cordial and informal as any famous author could be.

But don't expect Vonnegut to spill the beans on the content of his speech, not seriously anyway.

"It's a kidding speech, really,"

Vonnegut said. "I talk about how to make the big bucks and make the women crazy about you and have no boss."

"At any given time there are probably about 300 of us who make a living at storytelling," he said. "There is no such profession. There are probably more professional baseball players and football players than there are professional writers."

Aside from being a noted writer and sociological gadfly, Vonnegut has also spent time as a public-relations man, a car salesman, a prisoner of war and Geraldo Rivera's father-in-law, and he frequently lectures at college campuses cross the country.

"It's a terrific way to see the country and what not," he said. "When I was teaching at Iowa, Saul Bellow was there and had just had a best-selling novel. I asked him why he was spending time lecturing and he said he was in great danger of seeing nobody. We're like that. In our profession

we have to do everything ourselves."

Themes of human frailty and shortcomings that appear throughout most of Vonnegut's work may not be viable topics in the future, he said.

"Did you know my daughter was once married to Geraldo Rivera?" Vonnegut said. "What he does every afternoon they're trotting out people who have suffered and what not. We had to find something different to do."

"It seems that writing novels now with movies and TV competing, what the writers of books must do is find new ways of looking at things and new things to look at. I think I look at things differently than (Republican) Sen. Bob Dole does, for instance."

"There are a lot of critics who don't like me, and the conventional slander is that I write for kids, but the correspondence I receive comes from adults," Vonnegut said.

So it goes.

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# Tonight, tonight, go see the show tonight

JASON SPARKS/THEATRE REVIEW



Don Goins/Photography

**YEAH RIGHT:** Bernardo (Todd Higgins) attempts unsuccessfully, to lay down the law to Anita (Stephanie Steward) in a scene from the Music Department's production of "West Side Story."

I knew that Leonard Bernstein was so bad he needed to be in detention when I was lucky enough to see him conducting the New York Philharmonic in a transcendental rendition of Handel's "Messiah."

I was intrigued to find that our opera company was mounting a rendition of "West Side Story," in which he also employed the skills of White Way Wunderkinds Stephen Sondheim and Jerome Robbins.

I encourage you with all passion to go see it. And while you will, surrender to the wiles of the Cliche Harlot, leave humming one of the tunes. You will not have been given a simple evening's entertainment. If you are anything resembling human, you'll have been moved deeply.

The plot is a modern adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet," in which the Capulets and Montagues are replaced by the Sharks and the Jets, rival gangs in 1950's New York. The Sharks are Puerto Rican, and the Jets aren't. Tony is a Jet, and Maria is the sister of the head Shark. Sure, you see where it's headed, but it's worth the trip.

To get the bird's-eye low-down on the show, I attended a dress rehearsal, which is as interesting as seeing the finished product, and often more so, in that you see the production process (which is usually confused yelling. It can be like laws and sausages—if you like them, don't watch them being made).

Even in rehearsal, the show is already tight. The

choreography, original work by Ann Carroll, is smooth but passionate; you're watching coiled springs, not dancers. As for the acting, Joe Lampasone and Terri Richter show pure conviction and passion as Tony & Maria. Stephanie Steward fills her character with a vibrance and wit; no need for the Rita Moreno comparison. Geoff Smith and Todd Higgins, as the rival gang leaders, smartly play off of each other. And pardon my French, but the musical numbers, among them "Tonight, Tonight," "Somewhere," and "Maria," are pure displays of cajones. Don't get upset, but not even Streisand can take the reins of a song the way these folks do. Tricia Andress' rendition of "Somewhere" will leave you saying, "Barbara Who?"

That brings me to the most important point about "West Side Story." Why can't an established crooner do these numbers justice? Why do the stilted performances of the adults in the cast still seem to add to the piece, in an avant-garde way? It's because this piece is about being young. It's high drama, it's passionate, it's as far from the realm of "safe" musicals as it was when it premiered. Baby Boomers were moved by it, and now it can win over our psychotic peer group, here in elusive Generation X (you know, that generation no one understands but there have been a kiloglut of magazine articles about).

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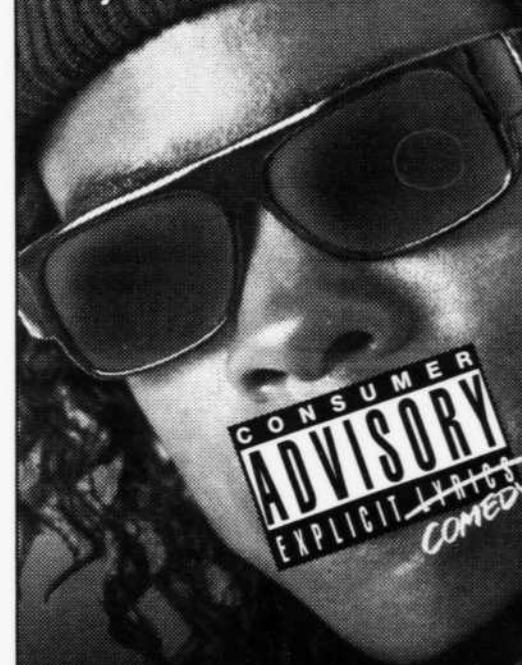
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# 'Heart' warms cockles

LOUIS BURKLOW/MOVIE REVIEW

Love stories today do not excite moviegoers as they once did. Since so many stigmas have disappeared (like marriages between people of different social classes or religions), it is next to impossible to make an original, entertaining romance.

For this reason, "Untamed Heart" comes as a pleasant surprise. This film features up-and-coming stars Christian Slater, Marisa Tomei and Rosie Perez. Usually such casting choices mean a stupid movie that everyone will hate.

That is not the case here, however. The young actors here turn in affecting performances. With the aid of a sentimental, but never too sweet story, they create an affecting old-fashioned romance.

A sepia-tinted opening scene introduces Adam, a little boy in an orphanage. Suffering from poor health, he never gets to play with the other children. Before long this lonely boy must have open-heart surgery.

A few years later, Caroline (Tomei) is dumped by her boyfriend. Again. To say her

luck with men is bad is an understatement. Cindy (Perez), her best friend, tells her she has "too good a heart."

Caroline fears falling in love or making any kind of commitment. The best she can do is to work as a waitress in a cafe. Living a life of false starts, she cannot bring herself to trust anyone.

At this point Caroline finds she has an admirer. Adam (Slater), now grown, works as a busboy in the diner. He rescues her from a dangerous situation one night.

Trying to thank Adam, Caroline learns how lonesome a life he leads. Her sympathy for the busboy slowly turns to love. Both having been hurt too often, they circle each other warily.

Before long, this pair realizes they can trust each other. The story of their budding romance remains interesting even after they realize they are in love.

"Untamed Heart" manages to tell an original love story without boring the audience. This film should do much to stop the declining popularity of romance with moviegoers.

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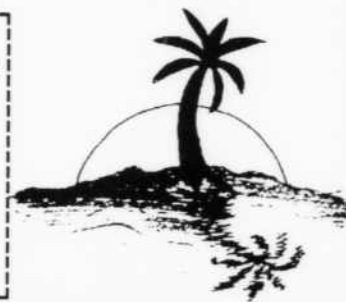
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# Tech banishes NCAA hopes

## Lady Raider basketball season ends in conference finals loss

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders proved that they could beat Tennessee Tech earlier this season when they dealt the Lady Eagles a 77-71 defeat, marking the first time Middle achieved a victory over Tech since 1989.

But in the OVC Tournament championship game Tuesday night, Tech got its revenge.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the NCAA Tournament with an 80-73 win over MTSU. Meanwhile, the Lady Raiders finished the season with a respectable 21-7 record.

"We just got started a little late," said MTSU coach Lewis Bivens. "We played a lot harder in the second half but it was too little, too late as they say."

After jumping out to a 5-0 lead, it looked as if the night might be MTSU's.

It didn't happen.

Tech, sparked by four consecutive 3-pointers, two from

Dana Bilyeu, went on a 16-0 run over the next six minutes. By the time Middle had neutralized the run, Tech had out scored the Lady Raiders, 28-5, and they trailed 28-10.

"Bilyeu just cut our hearts out early," Bivens admitted. "They had eight three's, and they were all big."

And while Tech was popping

'Bilyeu just cut our hearts out early. They had eight three's, and they were all big.'

—MTSU Coach  
Lewis Bivens

from the outside, MTSU couldn't even knock down its own free throws. As a team in the opening half, it connected on just three of seven attempts.

But the second half was different. Down, and just about out, MTSU bounced off the ropes and fought back.

"We talked about it at

halftime," Tech mentor Bill Worrell said. "Middle was going to make a run. Middle was going to make a run!"

With 11:49 remaining in the game, the Lady Raiders trailed 61-42.

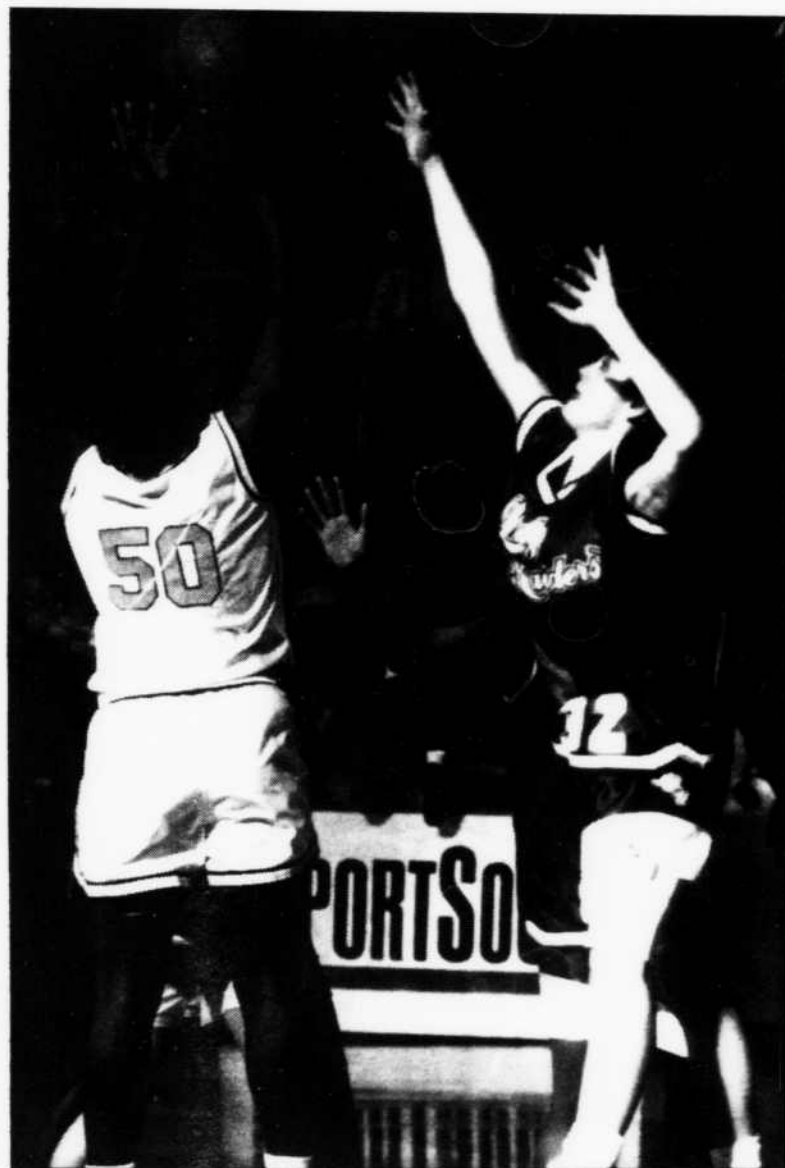
Senior guard Kristi Brown started the comeback with a jumper that was followed by 3-pointers from Julie Morrison and Sherry Tucker. Over the next five minutes, the defense tightened up and the score was whittled away.

Heather Prater knocked down a trey with 6:21 left that narrowed Tech's margin to five at 68-63, but that's as close as the Lady Raiders would get.

"Tech did a good job making us work for our shots and hats off to them. When it got down to it, they made the big plays," Bivens said. "At the end, we didn't get the shots to go."

And MTSU had its chances to get the shots to go. After trimming the lead to five, the

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Tony Arnold/Photographer

JACKSON IN ACTION: MTSU's Michelle Jackson attempts to block Rochelle Vaughns shot Tuesday night.

## MTSU involved in 'March Madness'

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

"March Madness" is here and MTSU will make an appearance in the "Big Dance."

But this year it isn't the NCAA basketball tournament, it's the sectionals for bowling teams across the United States.

For the first time in its 20 year existence, the MTSU bowling squad has made the 49 team sectionals and will compete in Columbia, S.C. March Saturday and Sunday. If the squad finishes one of the top two, the next, and final, step will be the nationals.

"We're really up about it," said Tom Davis, who is the team's three-year veteran. "This is as excited as I've seen them since I've been with them, but it's for a good reason."

"We've been mediocre, at best, up until last year, and we started showing signs that we were getting more competitive."

In order to get this far, Middle had to win its division which included teams from Tennessee, Murray State, Alabama-

Huntsville, UT-Chattanooga and the University of North Alabama.

The team has traveled to places like Chicago, Atlanta and Huntsville to participate in tournament action, but it hasn't been an easy road.

MTSU's bowling team is a club team. It's open to anyone at MTSU, and it isn't university funded.

"Basically, we have an open try-out. It's open to anyone interested in the team," according to coach Kelly Marlin.

But a quick view of the team roster reveals that you might not only need be a good bowler but a colorful person with a nickname.

The seven-man roster includes Tom "Soul Train" Bates, Justin "Spike" Billings, Victor "Hit Man" Marsh, Jerry "Pepence" Pugh, Ken "Terminator" Turner, Roger "Roy Hobbs" Burrham and Sean "Call Me Chuck" Berry.

Getting members isn't the hard part, though. Getting money is.

"We've gotten \$430 dollars this semester from the university, and our budget was

\$3,000," said Marlin. "We have to come up with the rest of it on our own. We have fundraisers for part of it, and part of it comes out of our own pocket."

The members have shown that they are willing to pay the price, though. The game isn't easy—contrary to the belief of some.

"Sports Illustrated" rated bowling as the 'hardest sport to master' and that speaks for itself," Marlin said. "You wouldn't think that."

Usually such games that require the skill to master take up too much time for the average person.

Not bowling.

Bowling remains one of the nation's favorite sports. The parking lot is full at the local alley on weekends and leagues are overflowing.

"Anyone can throw a strike," Davis admitted. "You can go out there and throw the ball down the center. However you throw it, you're going to get some strikes."

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### Robinson on All-OVC team

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

For the third consecutive year, MTSU junior forward Priscilla Robinson has been named to the All-OVC first team.

Robinson averaged 18.8 points and 7.5 rebounds for the Lady Raiders this season.

Rochelle Vaughn (Tenn. Tech), Bev Smith (Morehead), Carolyn Aldridge (TSU), and Jennifer Parker (Murray State) joined Robinson on the first team.

MTSU's Michelle Jackson earned honorable mention honors while Heather Prater was named to the All-Freshman team.

Vaughn was named OVC Player of the Year. Teresa Phillips (TSU) was Coach of the Year, and Connie Swift (TSU) was the Freshman of the



# Shorts Blue Raider tennis team pulls off upset on home-ground

SHANE SCRUTTON  
Sports Writer

In college tennis, a popularly-held theory says the team with the home-ground advantage is the team that will end up the victor.

After the Blue Raider tennis team defeated Florida International University and a competitive Louisville team at home on Sunday, MTSU head coach Dale Short would probably agree.

"We were underdogs but playing at MTSU really helped us because we have had some tough losses on the road and playing at home gave us the confidence we needed to break through," he said.

The Blue Raiders scored their best victory of the Spring campaign, and avenged last year's loss, when they accounted for FIU at Murphy Center courts by winning all three doubles and

closing out three singles matches in a decisive 4-1 upset. Canadian Keith Harrietha continued his fine form of late by winning the decisive No.2 singles and combining with Paul Goebel to capture the No.1 doubles.

Short was pleasantly surprised with the result in light of FIU's season record that has included wins over 20th ranked Clemson, South Florida and Arizona, and MTSU's previous losses against Arkansas-Little Rock and Ole Miss.

"Going into the match I thought they had an advantage in singles but our guys responded very well to the challenge and they played some inspired tennis to defeat a very tough team," he said.

Rain forced the MTSU-Louisville match to be played indoor at the Wildwood Indoor Tennis Center at Nashville. With only an hour break, the Blue

Raiders appeared to suffer a mild let-down, losing the opening three doubles matches before winning four straight singles.

"I think the guys were still on a bit of an emotional high from the earlier match, but they bounced back and although Louisville has had much more experience indoors, we responded well to the conditions," Short said.

Goebel, who didn't play singles against ETSU on Friday, marked a welcome return to form with a convincing win against Louisville at the No.1 position.

"We have been struggling in singles lately but with Paul and all the guys playing well, I think we have the potential to be competitive against anyone," said Short.

Australian Dominic Hannan voiced a similar attitude, and is hoping the success will build some much-needed momentum as

the season progresses.

"Everyone stepped up their play to another level, but we have to build on that now because we have some tough matches ahead and we can't afford to relax now," he said.

The next match will be tough - against 25th ranked Virginia Commonwealth University in the first round of the Fifth Annual O'Charley's Tennis Classic at UT-Knoxville.

Once again Short will be relying on doubles to get MTSU off to a good start.

"We do have an edge in doubles against most teams and we're going to have to do well so we can get off to a good start going into the singles," he said.

If MTSU defeat VCU and the winner of the Tulsa-Michigan State clash, the Blue Raiders may face 5th ranked Tennessee in the finals.



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# Bowling

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But to be consistent, there is an art which needs to be discovered.

"The revolution of the ball and the way you throw it have a lot to do with getting the optimum pin carry," Davis said. "The angles which the ball's coming in has a lot of effect on the percentage of getting a strike."

"You have to approach it from a percentage basis and try to find an angle that will carry strikes the highest percentage of the time."

Obviously, MTSU has found its angle.

The team's participants average 190 and above. On a good day, they'll bowl 200. And in order to make the next step up, that's something it'll probably have to do.

"The competition is outstanding, and we've got our work cut out for us," Davis said. "We've got a really good team, but there are teams there that have been there for a long time,

and we need to all be on." But that's not an impossible feat, and MTSU isn't backing down from the so called big boys, Davis said.

"I think we're more of a Cinderella team to the other schools than ourselves," Davis commented. "We've surprised some people that were used to a mediocre MTSU team. The key for us is to overcome our first time and not get overanxious."

"We've made it this far because we earned it and belong here. Period. We must remember that and believe in ourselves. We can do it."

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## Tech

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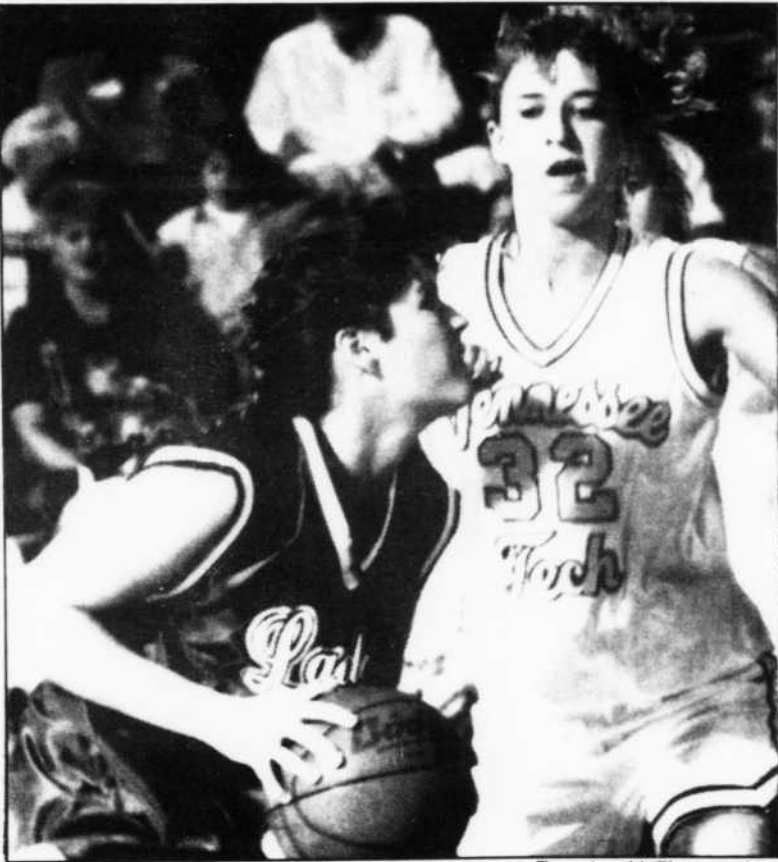
Lady Raiders came up empty on several trips down the floor. In fact, the team hit one field goal over the next five minutes.

That in itself, sealed its coffin.

Other stats that didn't help were the fact that Middle shot 39 percent from the field, 26 percent from 3-point range and 62 percent from the free-throw line.

Michelle Jackson led the team with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Priscilla Robinson had 14 points. Morrison, also a senior, scored 13 while dishing out five assists and Cherrita Williams had 12.

Jackson and Robinson both earned spots on the All-Tournament team.



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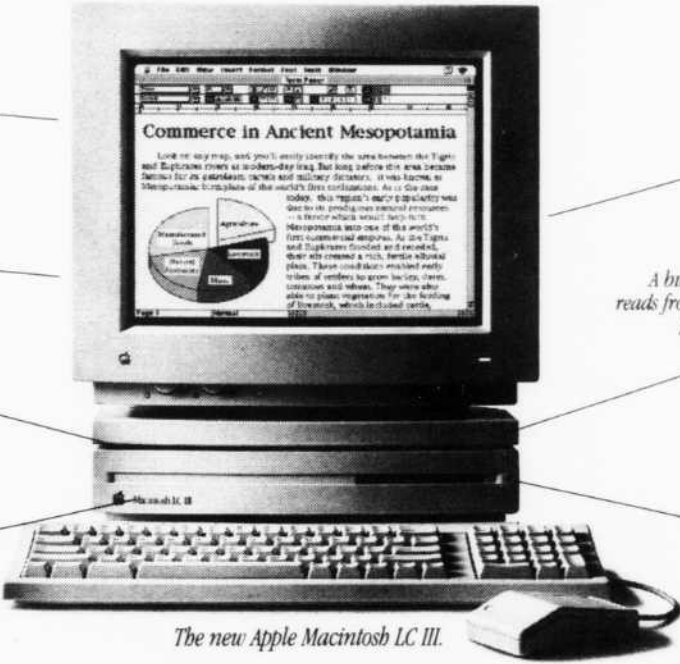
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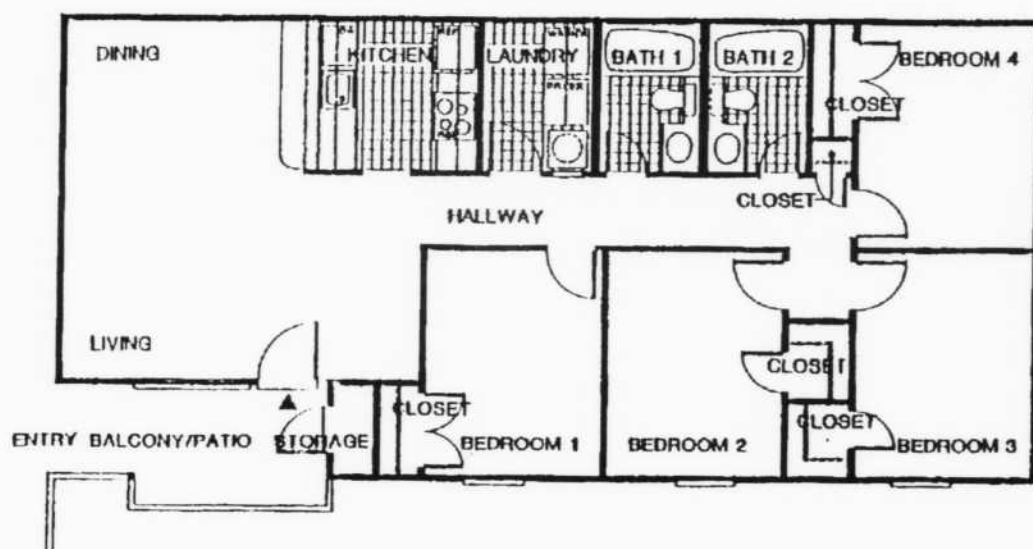
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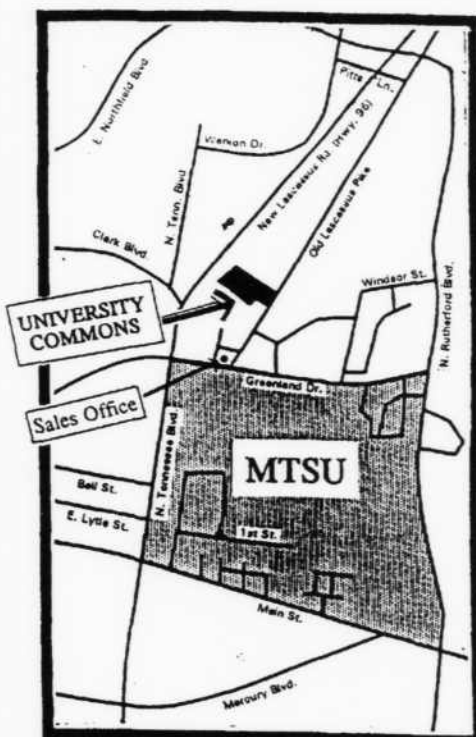
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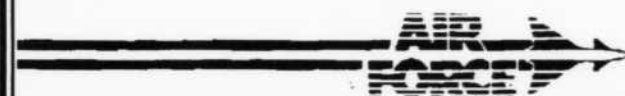
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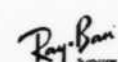
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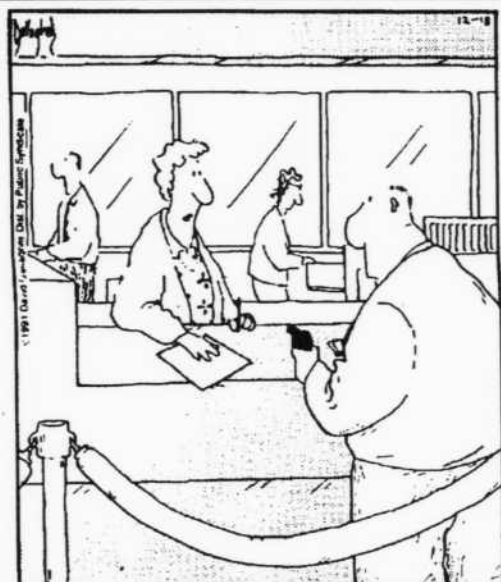


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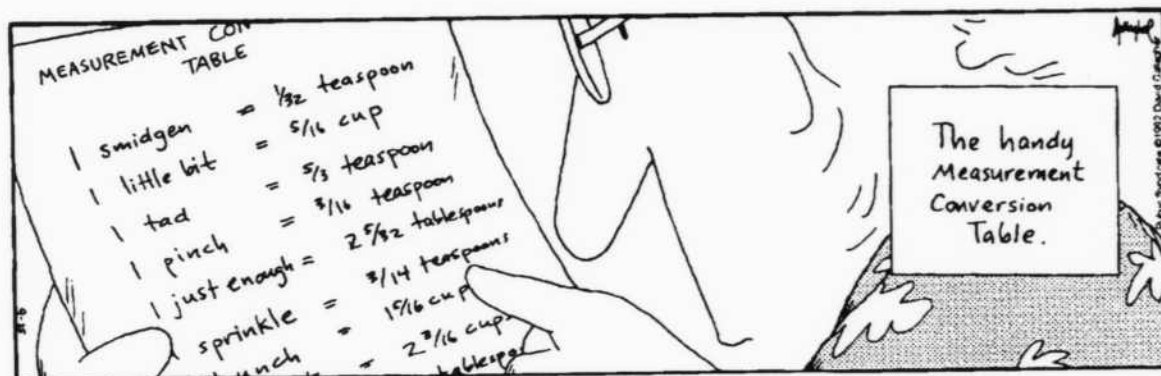




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## Students volunteer for break

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Thousands of college students are trading in bathing suits and suntan lotion for sweat labor in community volunteer positions both in the United States and abroad during this year's spring break.

Officials at several volunteer organizations said they are heartened with the response from college students this year who want to donate their time and energy in community service operations that range from building homes in hurricane-devastated Miami and New Iberia, La. to working with the poor in the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia and Kentucky.

While the beaches and ski slopes will still be popular vacation spots, more and more students are bypassing those trips and donning work clothes during the midterm hiatus.

"The main thing is that students have been given this choice of volunteerism," said Mike Magevney with Break Away, a student volunteer

### Guide to volunteer organizations

Want to try working in Mississippi or Miami? If you're interested in volunteering your time for community service, you can contact the following national organizations, or contact the volunteer services coordinator on your campus.

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- Habitat for Humanity International  
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"We're giving students a choice and see that it is a great learning experience, as well as giving something back to the community. I don't think it's a fad. I think volunteerism will continue to grow. I bet a lot of people would be willing to take one spring break out of four years and volunteer."

Officials said spring break lasts from around the end of February to the beginning of April. While many colleges and universities nationwide have their own volunteer programs that involve working at off-campus sites during term breaks, some service organizations are looking for student volunteers for spring break.

## Center

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million budget," Hanley said.

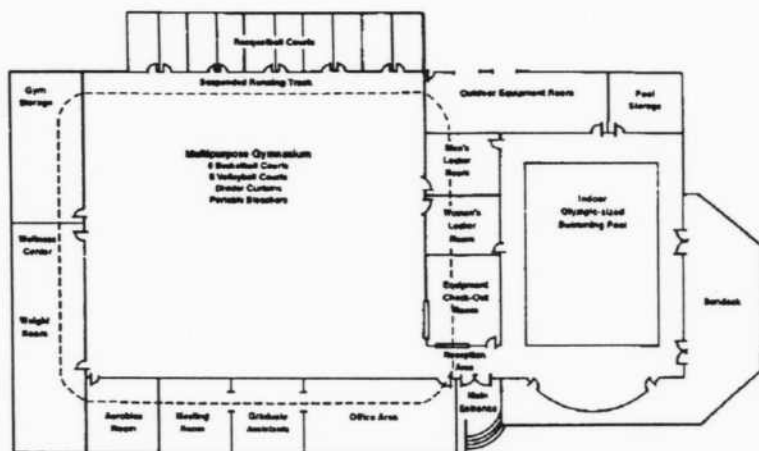
Ivan Shewmake, Director of Housing, said he had been working with Hanley by pre-testing some of the equipment in the new aerobics center for women located in Cummings Hall. If approved, some of the same types of equipment will be used in the Rec Center.

"Hanley and I have worked primarily on that part of the 'Recreation Center,'" Shewmake said.

Hanley said the Rec Center would allow various opportunities for students on campus.

"On the second floor we will have a dance aerobics area open for group meetings and for use by martial arts people as well as an administrative suite," Hanley said.

"We'll be employing a lot of students," he said. "This will give students the opportunity to



nake money."

"We hope to attract students to stay around instead of going home on the weekends," he added.

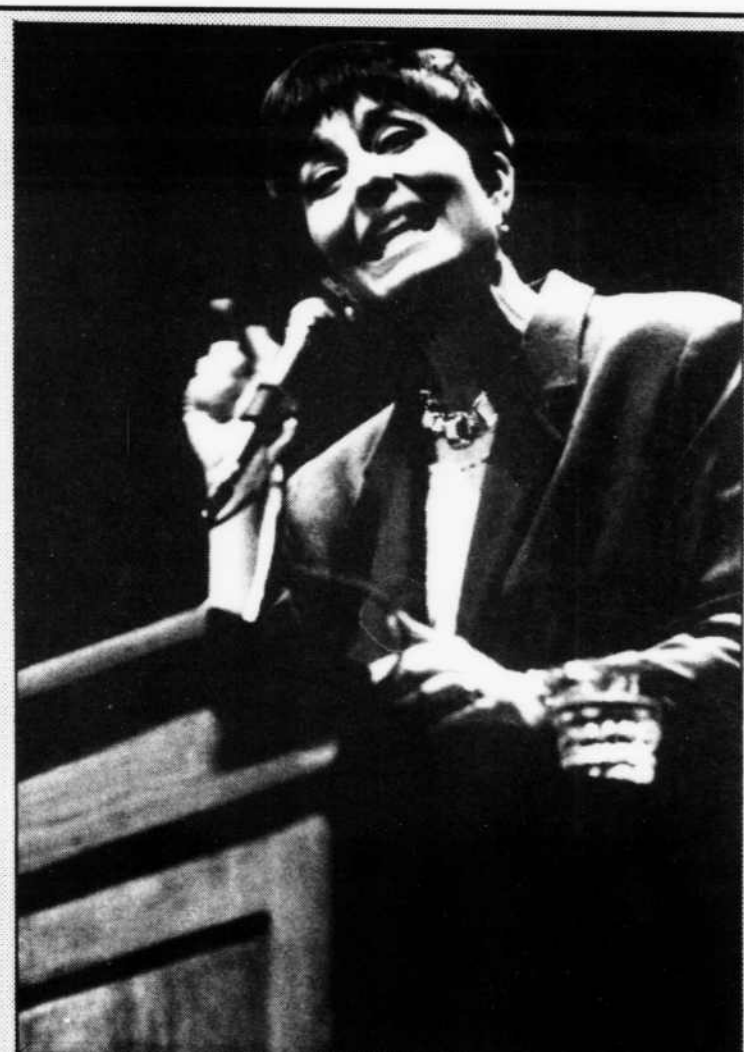
There will only be one exit in and out of the building, which will cut down on security, Hanley said.

"We've had problems with people stealing things out of the locker rooms in the past, he said.

"This should help with the security problems we're having."

Exits will be controlled by an alarm system with fire stairs provided for emergency exits of the building, according to Hanley.

A tentative schedule of hours will keep the recreation center open 6 a.m. to 12 a.m., and will be open during the week as well as on the weekends.



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SUSAN ROOK

## CNN anchor shatters 'glass ceiling' in lecture

KELLIE RUSS  
Special to *Sidelines*

CNN anchor Susan Rook discussed professional barriers facing women in today's business environment in her lecture at MTSU Wednesday.

As part of National Women's History Month, Rook's presentation, "Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling," focused on the "invisible but real barriers" present in today's male dominated business world.

A graduate of George Mason University in Virginia, Rook said she still faces sexism in the work place and it angers her.

As a means of confronting this issue, Rook served as one of three panelists in last year's third presidential debate in which she questioned the candidates about the small percentage of corporate positions held by women and minorities.

"Women and minorities should have a much larger share of the professional world since they compose 85 percent of the population," Rook said.

Women composed two percent of top corporate

executives in business 25 years ago and today they total six percent of this group, she said.

Rook said one in three women own their own businesses today and by the year 2000, half of U.S. businesses will be owned by women.

"These female-owned businesses generate \$300 billion annually and employ more people than most Fortune 500 companies," Rook said.

Women are gaining professional power with small incremental changes in the business society, Rook added. Women today are a part of these changes.

Rook said women with adequate professional skills are being overlooked for upper management positions within companies.

"This is a waste of talent and resources," she said.

Rook's advice to women searching for that perfect professional career is to be one's self and not parallel society's definition of the "working woman."

"Develop your own value system and do not let society do it for you," Rook said.