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## Candidates speak out on the issues



George L. Walker IV/Photographer

**CAMPAIGN '93:** Woody Ratterman, candidate for SGA President, discusses the issues at Wednesday's Speak-Out in the Keathley University Center Grill.

**MIKE REED**  
Managing Editor

In a televised debate Tuesday night and a "speak-out" at the grill yesterday, candidates for the offices of SGA president and speakers of the SGA House and Senate declared their intentions for bettering life at MTSU.

The candidates for these offices, all currently involved with student government, spoke on issues ranging from parking and library hours to quality of food on campus.

The two events were held to expose students to the platforms of the respective candidates.

Presidential hopefuls include: Scott Hamilton, a member of the ROTC and the SGA House of Representatives; Ray Lentz, current speaker of the House; and Woody Ratterman, a member of the SGA Supreme Court and chairman of the SGA food committee.

A major theme of the debates was funding for campus organizations.

Lentz, during the televised interview on MTSU TV 12, promised to work with the administration and students to ensure that organizations receive sufficient notice of appropriations meetings.

"I will work with the Dean of Students to make sure that all organizations get four notices," Lentz

said.

Hamilton said he hoped to get the word out by notifying deans of the various departments.

"If I had to call each organization, I would," he added.

Ratterman said he wanted to work closely with students for better understanding of the appropriations process.

"They [campus organizations] were really angry that they got no explanation why they didn't get their money," Ratterman said. "I will make sure they get an explanation."

Candidates for Speaker of the Senate are Brian Hopper, junior senator and vice president of the College Democrats and Thomas Mercer, speaker pro-tem and president of the College Democrats.

Hopper's platform is based on his previous experience in the SGA Senate.

"I've been a senator for two years," he said. "I've been working under Larry Beatty [current speaker of the senate] I'd like to continue where he left off."

Mercer said patience and an ability to listen to students were his main attributes.

"I would definitely handle all the loose ends outside meetings," he said.

Mercer promised to make himself available to See **ISSUES**, Second Front

### Walker abandons request

## No alcohol at MTSU

**AIMEE TRIGGS**  
News Editor

MTSU administrators have decided to abandon their request to serve alcohol in the Alumni Center.

"President Walker made the request in conjunction with various groups on campus," said Earl Thomas, executive assistant to the president.

"It was for very specified occasions and purposes," he added.

Thomas said Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Otis Floyd decided not to present the full request to the board of regents, and to pull it from the board's agenda.

"I don't know if it will get further consideration or not; that's up to Chancellor Floyd," Thomas said.

There were objections to the alcohol request by the Bellwood Baptist Church and Third Baptist Church, following a story in last Sunday's *Daily News Journal*.

TBR Vice Chancellor Rich Rhoda said the board was not

aware of the protests by local churches when Floyd decided to pull the alcohol request from the agenda.

"I don't think that was the reason Chancellor Floyd decided that," Rhoda said. "There would not be support by the board due to a lack of information on the request."

"It's not a general practice [to reject proposals due to lack of information], but it is not unusual," he added.

The board denied a request by MTSU for an exception to this policy to serve alcohol during special events, such as visiting dignitaries, said Thomas in a March 23 article in the *Daily News Journal*.

"Dr. Walker is not going to resubmit the request to serve alcohol in the Alumni Center," Thomas said.

Marie Kirk, director of Alumni Relations, said the center was not involved in the alcohol request.

"The request did not come through the Alumni Center," Kirk said.

## Blizzard disrupts spring break

**CHARLES ALY**  
Staff Writer

The "storm of the century" disrupted the first weekend of MTSU's spring break as it plowed through Middle Tennessee.

According to the National Weather Service, Nashville International Airport received only three inches of snow, but icy conditions left many students' travel plans in shambles.

Junior Accounting major Crissa Brice planned to leave Saturday for Gulf Shores, Ala. "My tires were frozen to the ground for two days," she said.

David Martin, junior Finance major, stopped in Gatlinburg on his way to a Bahamas vacation, and found himself stranded.

"I was snowed in for five days," he said. "The snow was chest-high."

Most students left Friday afternoon and avoided being stuck on campus, much to the Safety and Security department's benefit, said Officer John Wagoner.

"Everybody was gone," Wagoner said. "Had it been during the week, it would've been a mess."

There were few weather-related problems on campus, other than a few cars that needed to be pushed out of snow drifts.

The TSSAA girl's state basketball See **BLIZZARD**, Second Front



Don Goins/Photographer

**SNOW!** A Family Student Housing resident and her children take a walk in last week's blizzard.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Air Force cadet sexually assaulted

A female cadet was sexually assaulted at the Air Force Academy by three to five men, officials said.

The cadet is still on campus, but spokesman Will Ketterson wouldn't say whether she was hospitalized or was back in class after the Feb. 14 attack. The cadet, a freshman, was assaulted around 10:30 p.m. in an area where cadets live.

The woman could not

identify her assailants and didn't know if they were fellow students or civilians, Ketterson said. Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Bradley Hosmer met separately with female and male cadets to discuss the incident.

The sprawling campus, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, is open to the public during the day, but at night everyone driving onto the

campus is stopped at the school's two gates for identification, Ketterson said.

If the suspects are civilians, they will be charged by the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, and if they are cadets, could face a general court-martial, Ketterson said.

The academy has 4,312 cadets, 503 of whom are women.

### Harvard students enjoy gourmet fare

Harvard University students can enjoy gourmet meals from fine restaurants this spring—without ever leaving the campus.

Under Dining Services' new "visiting chefs" program, executive chefs from about six Boston-area restaurants will plan and oversee one dinner in a designated dining hall, The

Harvard Gazette reported.

The series of dinners will begin March 23, and students must make reservations for each meal.

Michael Berry, director of Dining Services, cooked up the visiting chefs program after reading an April Fools' issue of the Harvard Crimson shortly after he arrived on campus two

years ago.

The spoof issue announced that Berry had hired a celebrated Los Angeles restaurateur to plan dining hall meals.

"I walked into my office (the day the paper came out), and people on my staff were upset," Berry said. "But I thought, 'That is a clever idea.'"

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Jeffrey Buntin-President and Creative Director of Buntin Advertising, Inc. and Buntin Public Relations Company will be coming to speak to students in Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing at 6:30 p.m. at Shoney's Inn off S. Church St. and Exit 81-B.

### FRIDAY

**International Programs and Services** will have an International Student Coffee Hour from 9:30 until 11 a.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room in the JUB. For more information call Kevin Gormley ext. 5797.

**Wesley Foundation** will have an animation party at 6 p.m., come in costume if you want, there will be games, movies, and music. For more information call 893-0469.

### SATURDAY

**International Program and Services** will have an income tax workshop at 10 a.m. in KOM 101. For more information call Kevin Gormley ext. 5797.

**Kappa Delta Sorority** will

sponsor a Kappa Delta Golf Classic beginning at 10 a.m. at the Old Fort Golf Course, cost is \$35 per player and the proceeds go to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. For more information call Jennifer ext. 4320.

### ONGOING

Weekly College Worship sponsored by **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday, 9-10 p.m. at PSF house across from Alumni Gym.

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## CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In the March 8 issue of *Sidelines* the story "Former dean discusses forces shaping society," was attributed to Ellie Ross. The story was written by Kellie Russ. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

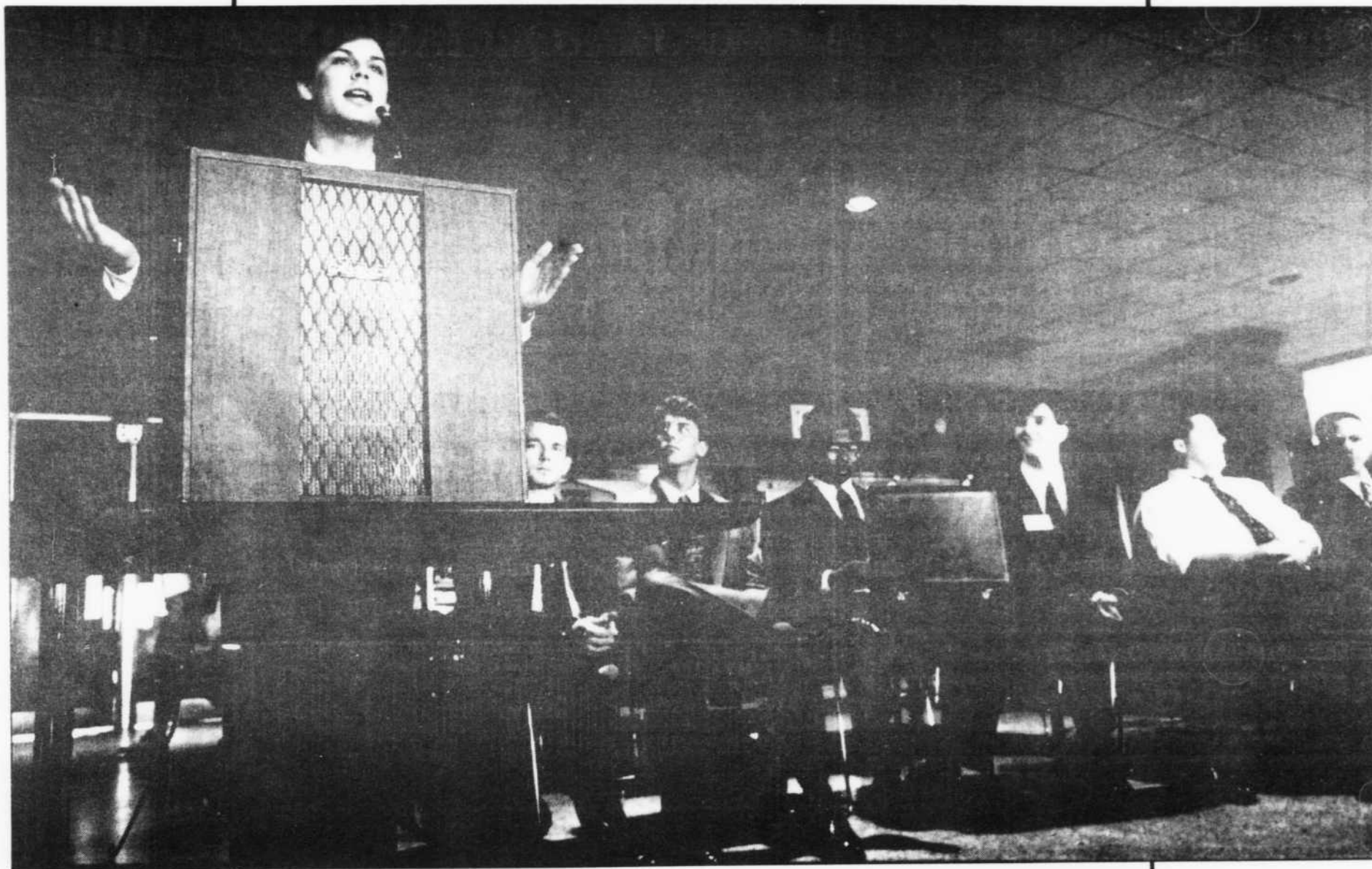
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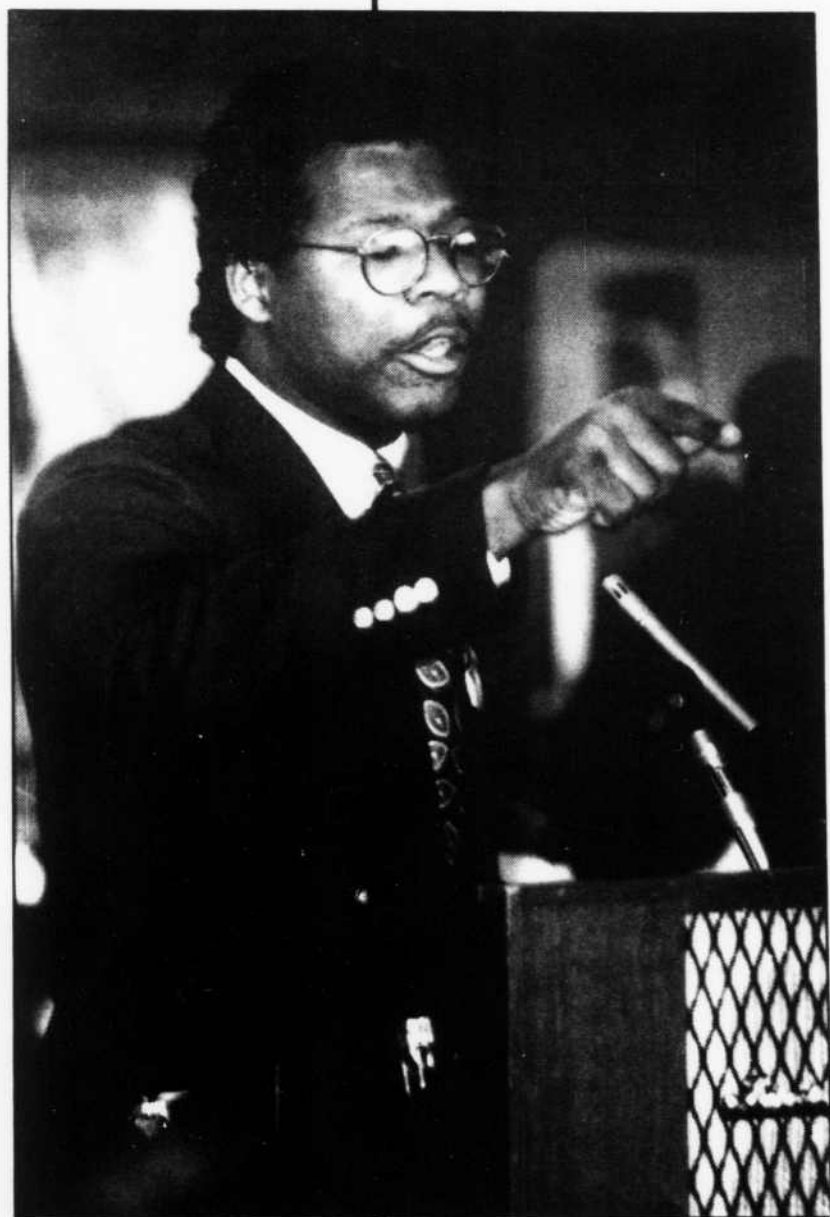








## The Great Debate



Students get an opportunity to question candidates on important issues before the election scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Brian Hopper, candidate for Speaker of the Senate (top), states his platform. Presidential hopeful Ray Lentz, (left) explains his views to Jason Klatt (above).



# Adjunct RIM professor dies in one-car accident

WARREN WAKELAND  
News Writer

An adjunct professor in the Recording Industry Management Department died Monday in a one-car accident north of Murfreesboro.

According to police reports, Bob Griggs, 25, was traveling west on Jefferson Pike about two miles past U.S. Highway 231 at approximately 8:40 a.m. when he lost control of his car and struck a utility pole, causing his car to tumble at least four times before coming to rest on its wheels.

Griggs was rushed to Middle Tennessee

Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 1:55 p.m. by emergency room physicians.

Griggs taught Concert Promotion in the RIM Department, led guided tours of the facilities for prospective students, and assisted Department Chairman Dr. Richard Barnett helping students obtain internships in the music industry in Nashville.

"He was probably one of the most upbeat, optimistic people I've ever met," Barnett said. "He was a warm, friendly person. He was very detail-oriented, very organized, very professional. We'll really miss him."

In addition to his work in the RIM department, Griggs was a well-known

musician. He had performed in many of Murfreesboro's night clubs and had written a musical score for a short story entitled "Mad Annie," about a mute girl who was born in a hill community.

Sue Mullin, the student who wrote the story, said she had approached Griggs to write the musical score to go along with it.

"He gave extraordinary creativity and talent and sensitivity to the story," Mullin said. "The art and the genius in Bob was an inspiration to me."

Dr. David Anderson of the Speech and Theatre Department oversaw Griggs' work on the score and planned to do more work with him this spring.

"Bob was a very generous person in terms of giving of his time and energy," Anderson said.

The funeral will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Woodfin Funeral Chapel with graveside services at 2 p.m. in Lewisburg.

Griggs is survived by his wife, Kellie Reed, his father, Otis Griggs and a sister, Kathy, both from Franklin.

The Robert E. Griggs scholarship fund has been established by the RIM department in his memory. Contributions to the scholarship, in lieu of flowers, should be sent to the Robert E. Griggs Scholarship, MTSU Foundation, P.O. Box 109, and contributions may also be sent to the RIM Department, P.O. Box 21.



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**UP, UP AND AWAY:** Staff Sergeant Todd Lally (top) is equipped with life-support and is ready for an air drop. A C-130 Hercules (bottom) refuels in Croatia before flying back to Sarajevo.

# Spring break in war-torn Bosnia

KAY KINGSLEY  
News Editor

While the majority of students were in Florida or somewhere else partying during spring break, Senior Aerospace Major Todd Lally participated in air drops over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Lally is a staff sergeant with the Kentucky Air National Guard and has been with them for more than four years. Fifty-five members of the Kentucky unit were sent to Germany to help with air drops over Bosnia in early March.

Since the breakup of Yugoslavia about a year ago, its former territories, Bosnia and Serbia, have been at war over ethnic differences. Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, is virtually destroyed, Lally said.

"There are a lot of casualties and people wandering around without food all over Bosnia," Lally said. "In Sarajevo, you'd see overturned cars, fires burning, buildings riddled with bullet holes with the roofs bombed out and people running from building to building to avoid sniper fire."

Lally went on two missions as a "load master." He was responsible for the dropping bundles of food and medicine out of a C-130 airplane at an altitude of around 12,000 feet.

"We dropped to different towns—we

didn't favor anybody," he said.

Lally said he took off from Germany on one air-land mission. The C-130 actually landed in Sarajevo and was unloaded by the United Nations team.

"In eight minutes, the UN team unloaded somewhere between 15,000 and 18,000 pounds of flour and sugar," he said. "The pace was so fast because the airport frequently came under mortar fire and it was paramount that we got airborne as soon as possible."

This relief effort by the United States and the UN is the first time Switzerland, a neutral territory, allowed military flights in its airspace. It is because the mission is a humanitarian one, Lally said.

No one from the Kentucky Air Guard was hurt on the mission, he added. Lally arrived back safely to the U.S. last Sunday night.

"I was reading *Time* magazine on a commercial flight on the way home and saw an article about what we were doing in Bosnia," he said. "It showed the bundles we dropped on the ground with needy people gathered around smiling that relief had finally come their way. It was very satisfying."

The Nashville-based Tennessee Air National Guard will send between 50 and 75 members of its unit to participate in the relief effort sometime in April, Lally said.

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# Feds crack down on loan defaulters

FROM STAFF REPORTS

If you have defaulted on a student loan and concealed that fact to obtain another, you may face criminal charges under a new federal crackdown on fraud.

A statement from Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., noted that the crackdown by the Education Department, the FBI and the U. S. Attorney's office could save taxpayers as much as \$300 million per year.

"This crackdown is just one of the changes needed to improve a program that has been beset by problems, leaving millions of students from working families squeezed out of the aid they need to get skills training or a college education," Gordon said.

Gordon spent over two years studying the student loan system and found that an outdated records system allowed many students to obtain loans after a

previous default.

The congressman authored 15 provisions that were passed last year as part of the Higher Education Authorization bill.

One of the provisions proposed a database that the Education Department could use to access the Social Security numbers of students who had previously defaulted on loans.

Such a system should prevent the kind of fraud that was recently exposed in Montana.

Twenty Montana residents have been indicted for defrauding the government of over \$300,000 in aid, and as many as 800 residents may face charges.

"That's a lot of people, and money, in a state with only 800,000 residents," said Gordon.

Those convicted of committing fraud face up to five years in prison and fines up to \$250,000.

# University names Westwick to chair

MIKE REED  
Managing Editor

MTSU has named a researcher to hold the National Healthcorp Chair of Excellence in Nursing.

Carmen Westwick will replace Ella Kick, who stepped down from the position last December.

Westwick began teaching health care research at MTSU in January. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Denver in 1972. She has been dean of Nursing at the University of New Mexico College of Nursing, as well as the Boston University School of Nursing.

"This is all wonderful and exciting," Westwick said of being named chairholder. "I'm thrilled to death, but I'm working hard to orient myself so I can be up to speed with the position."

Basic and applied sciences dean Earl Keese is pleased with the appointment.

"She's quite a capable person," Keese said. "She has an outstanding record at many schools. We think that she will fill that chair the way it was intended to be filled."

There are three major roles for Westwick to address in her



DR. CARMEN WESTWICK

new position. She will act as education coordinator, current trends monitor and community health care network liaison. These roles entail keeping in touch with new research in the field as well as new methods of education health care specialists.

One of Westwick's first priorities, however, is a visit from three professors from Tokyo.

"They are from Tokyo Women's Medical College," she said. "They're due to arrive on March 22 and are looking to develop a long term relationship with MTSU."

# Scott Hamilton Stands for these issues:

**\*The responsibility of the administration to provide a safe and healthy environment.**

Proper storage of hazardous materials, cleaning all asbestos from University buildings, especially residence halls.

**\*Cleaning up the SGA**

Ending interfactionary bickering: breaking legislative gridlock. Making the SGA accountable to the student body.

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**\*The rights of the student.**

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**\*Why SGA isn't working.**

SGA congress is embroiled in gridlock between two factions trying to organize the SGA under their respective philosophies.

SGA is out of touch with the student body. Legislators are not speaking for the student body, they are speaking on their individual ideas with little student input.

SGA is ineffective in dealing with the administration because it is too engrossed in internal bickering to focus on issues, and leadership has taken a confrontational relationship with the administration that accomplishes nothing.

**\*How can these problems be resolved?**

Bring the formal and informal leadership together at a negotiating table to find common ground and focus on pertinent student issues.

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**The SGA must work with the administration to accomplish anything, or nothing can be resolved.**

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Election process causes hives

I hate this time of year. My allergy to SGA elections is acting up again. Walking from Peck Hall to the KUC makes me break out in hives, and I sneeze ferociously at anyone who cries: "Have you voted yet?"

This reaction has nothing to do with my feelings regarding the SGA, but rather the election process itself.

Candidates have one week to make themselves known to a student body of approximately 16,000—small wonder, then, that only about 1/10 of the student body votes in these elections.

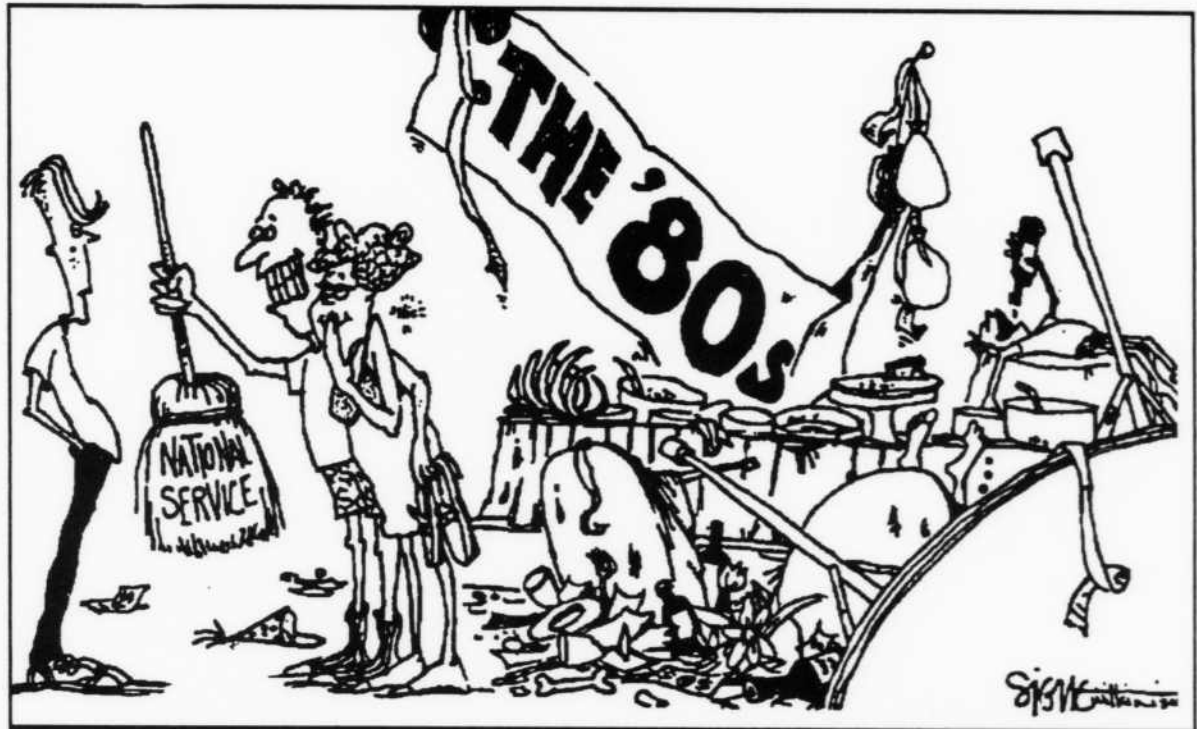
Generally the only time the student body is aware of activity in the SGA is the week before the election, and the rabid intensity of that week drives me crazy! I find myself walking behind the KUC to avoid being accosted by overzealous campaign workers.

After they ask me if I voted, these busy bees spread dozens of promises which are heaped upon me like a golden honey. The promises frequently sound alike and are hard to attach to names. Rather than honey, the promises are like some sort of horrid pollen, and make me react all the more violently.

We should extend campaign time to two weeks instead of one. While your first reaction may be one of dismay, hear me out. One week is not enough. Students barely have time to learn who's running, and previous SGA presidents have probably been elected by the aesthetic appeal of their names.

If I had more time to learn about the candidates through several debates, rather than having to rely on their supporters' fervent vows of greatness, then my 'allergy' wouldn't get so aggravated, and I would proudly say: "Yes, I voted."

—Galyn Glick



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Condemn gays more, understand less

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to several things written lately in the "Coming Out of the Closet" editorial pages. First, everyone is missing the boat on the issue of homosexuality. There is a bottom line that has failed to be mentioned. Watch out, this is going to hit you right between the eyes. *God does not create sin.* We make a choice to sin because of a sinful nature that comes from Satan, not God. Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 clearly state that homosexuality is a sin. For anyone to say that God makes gay babies is blasphemy. In regard to Barbara Broads' letter on judging, I am not judging anyone by reading the Bible and determining what is sin. I am only stating what God's word says. If I said that everyone in Lambda had a special place in hell, then I would be judging them. I hope you can see the difference.

Someone please give Brett Miller a wake-up call. Mr. Miller thinks that David Duke is the spokesman for the Republican Party. The reason I choose to support the Republican Party is because it has not compromised its belief in traditional values. The Republican Party does stand for an individual's right to personal freedom and self-determination, with a minimum of governmental interference. This does not mean any one group should have special rights. I consider the million aborted babies each year to be individuals that deserve the same rights you and I do. I also believe that self-determination is

not achieved through a quota system. Self determination is achieved through a commitment to excellence that each of us must strive for. Mr. Miller, am I a racist ready for the KKK because I want everyone to be their best?

I am so tired of being called intolerant because I hold conservative, Christian views. Liberals are quick to scream intolerance, bigotry, homophobia, and racism when conservatives disagree with them. Now tell me, how tolerant are these groups being of my opinions and beliefs. How tolerant were the protestors that ran Pat Buchanan out of the Tucker Theater? These people need to practice what they preach.

British Prime Minister John Major summed it up by stating, "I feel strongly that society needs to condemn a little more and understand a little less." I do too.

Don Vanatta  
MTSU Box 7581

### Societal forces help cause inequality

To the Editor:

Equality stems from the belief in it.

I believe all people are equal to me. I believe I am equal to all people. Others say they are equal, yet do not believe it in their very soul. Therefore they feel inferior. This feeling is translated to resentment of those they feel inferior to. Still others say all are equal to them, but they do not believe either. Therefore they feel superior. This feeling is similarly translated to resentment of those they feel superior to. There are even still others who openly share they're disbelief of equality for all. They resent all who are

different.

How odd that these discrepancies are encouraged by our very society, a society that feels if it gives special privileges to some of those who feel inferior, it will somehow make them equal? This serves only to justify the resentment of those who feel inferior and increase the resentment of those who feel superior. Thus the attempt made by society to equalize results in a furthering of the problem.

My worth as a human being should not be judged by my race, gender, age, or any other demographic factor. Special privileges should be given to no one on the basis of any demographic factor. If we are indeed all equal, and I believe we are, we need to stop acting as though we are not. Until this happens, equality for all will not be achieved.

I challenge you to look deep within yourselves, to look at the actions and the reasons for the actions of those around you, and to look at the heart of the forces of our society which causes the perpetuation of inequality. I suspect that you will find that we have not come as far as we think.

So, open your eyes and take some action.

Scott Link  
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### Sexuality complex, not easily understood

To the Editor:

In response to the article "Homosexuals are individuals," I would like to inform the vice president of the Lambda Association, Darrell Melton, of a

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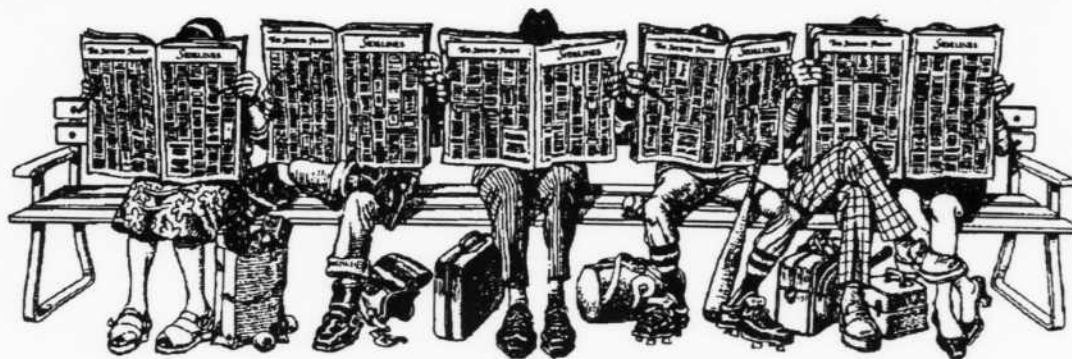
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few things. First of all, if you would like the heterosexual community to accept homosexuality, it is necessary to provide an explanation of that behavior or lifestyle pattern. It seems that you want to force your lifestyle upon the heterosexual community. However, that infringes upon my individual freedom of thought. I do not have to accept homosexuality.

Secondly, in general, the heterosexual community fears homosexuality because we don't understand that lifestyle and can not obtain unbiased information on the hows and whys of that lifestyles. It is a contradiction of thought to expect acceptance without understanding and explanation. You are correct in thinking that there are straight males who have fears of being hit on. Those fears may be unfounded, but the reasons for those fears are not, as you said, stupid.

Fear is only one part of the scenario and is not limited to the heterosexual community. Freedom of thought and sexuality is a major consideration in this issue. It is necessary for both communities to realize that the issue of homosexuality vs. heterosexuality is very complex and can not be solved through force or by stereotyping one or another. It is my belief that heterosexuals can accept the person but not the behavior. The same is true vice-versa.

Jeanetta Ware  
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### Conklin should think, not quote Rush

To the Editor:

Occasionally, people will miss the point, make a mistake, and make an ass out of themselves. Rush Limbaugh has made a career out of it, and John Conklin raises it to an art form.

Poor, misguided John - can you not think for yourself? When you decided to write your column on the Family Leave Act, did you do any investigation of the circumstances surrounding the passage of the act? Or did you simply listen to your idol, Mr. Limbaugh, and swallow the sound bites like some well-heeled dog at his masters' table?

Let me be very succinct: The Family Leave Act **does not** allow you to take a 12-week vacation at

the expense of your employers' productivity as you seem to believe. What it **does** do is allow you to have up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave available for **emergencies**. It allows you to take that time, if you **absolutely have to**, without fear of losing your job. That is the essence of it-protecting jobs. And allowing families to help themselves. Silly me. I always thought conservatives were screaming about protecting jobs and "family values" because they meant it.

Should you continue to write your column, Mr. Conklin, I suggest you think very long and hard about the subject of which you write. The Family Leave Act column was a miasma of misconceptions, misinformation, and flawed logic. Let me point out a few things.

1) You imply that since the Act doesn't affect everyone, it is of no value, and, therefore the Clinton administration is wasting time trying to help some people who really need it (as opposed to previous administrations helping a few [the rich] who didn't need it). This all-or-nothing mentality is wrong. There are more than two possible solutions to most problems.

2) I seriously doubt that many businesses, large or small, really care about their employees. We live in an age of mass production and mass consumption where workers are primarily unskilled or marginally skilled, jobs require little training, and employees are as expendable as last week's garbage. Most employers are not compassionate enough to give leave to their workers.

3) Very few people can afford to take 12 weeks off without pay. But if they must take the time to tend to a sick family member or a newborn child, should they be further penalized by losing their jobs? The Act prevents this. It helps those in need.

4) Of course "the average, prudent person" would try to get back to work as soon as possible.

5) Your complete ignorance of the situation is pointed out by the statement "I would hate to think my employer could get along without me for 12 weeks. Somebody might be able to do the job better than me." If someone can do the job better than you, that's just tough shit for them.

Because of this act, you would still have your job when you went back.

6) "Symbolism over substance" - are you trying to create your own sound bite or did you steal that from your role model? Having rationally explained how your column had no substance, let's take a look at what was actually there. You made comparisons to "wannabe hippies," decrying the desire for world peace, saying it was symbolism over substance. What could be more substantial than world peace? It is obvious from the examples you give in the column that you don't comprehend the issue. I'll grant that your examples are without substance, but they are incorrect examinations of the substance of the Act. Being wholly insubstantial, your column becomes merely symbolic of your ignorance.

I have been reading your column since you started writing it. Initially, I was amused. I thought that I could at least get a good laugh from time to time. However, that though quickly disintegrated as I read column after column of poorly written, half-finished thoughts that blatantly ignored facts. I applaud your efforts and the time you spend on your column, but it disturbs me to think that there are uninformed people who will readily accept things presented in your column as factual. For future reference, learn about your subject before you sit down at the typewriter - it only makes you look foolish if you don't. And put some substance in your column instead of spouting useless, uninformed rhetoric about subjects that you probably heard about from someone else in the first place. And finally, please try to look at all sides of an issue so you may have a rational basis for forming your opinions.

Remember: Knee-jerk reactionism is not rational thought.

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### Collage censors 'non-abstract' artists

To the Editor:

There is a great danger to the artistic community that seems to be well established on our campus. This danger is the vile

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## VIEWPOINT

### Voters should keep eyes open

MIKE REED  
Managing Editor

Well, kiddies, spring break is history and MTSU has dug its way out of the "storm of the century." The second ice age that swooped down on our little hamlet was both refreshing and a stark contrast to the hustle and bustle of a campus gearing up for an election.

Instead of carving out mountains and digging up valleys, the glaciers left behind a plethora of campaign signs, posters, buttons and cards.

Everywhere you look messages of encouragement are plastered. I am inundated with flyers telling me that I can make a difference if I just vote for brand X over brand Y.

Aahh, politics.

It's democracy's last line of defense against communism on campus. 'Tis the season to kiss babies and press flesh.

'Tis also the season for dirty tricks, media leaks, back room deals and political shakedowns.

We're just a few days into campaigning and the accusations are flying, the misinformation is flowing and rules are being broken all over campus.

I can understand how this might happen. It's a short campaign. You *need* to take advantage of whatever edge you can. It's dog eat dog out there. No one really cares about these elections anyway. It's all just a popularity contest. The election commissioner just makes up these rules to exercise his crayon hand.

That's garbage. I know it and I'm just a member of the press. Surely the candidates know it. But for some reason, a few of them seem to ignore it.

An election is one of the few sacred things left in our society. We get to choose who represents us. The student body has a fundamental responsibility to keep informed on campus issues. They need to learn which candidate best represents their needs and elect them.

It all seems pretty simple. It would be, if the various factions would follow the rules and run a campaign that reflects how they plan on running their administrations. Surely the candidates know this.

I know it and I'm just a member of the voting student body.

Banners have been torn down, accusations of false information being given to the press and campaign regulations have been broken at every turn.

Is it possible that the candidates are unfamiliar with the rules? Is it possible that the political machine feels it is unfettered by regulations or scrutiny? I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt and chalk it up to ignorance.

I hope that I'm wrong about this, but I'm going to assume that one or two of you don't know the regulations. It is in this vein that I thought I might take a little time and familiarize the campus with some of the rules that apply to this campaign. Don't bother to thank me, I'm here to please.

1. Signs in breezeways of Peck Hall are not to be placed on any vending machines or any doors.

2. Signs in the KUC Grill are not to be placed on the outside of the doors or on the posts with new paint.

3. There shall be no campaigning done in the KUC Period.

4. Campaigning around Peck Hall may be only across the road going toward the library, across the road toward KOM, and across the road toward JUB.

5. Campaigning between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building shall be done only past the halfway point between the two buildings.

6. All campaign literature must have the name of the candidate, office they are seeking, and the dates of the election (March 29 and 30).

They seem pretty straightforward. There doesn't seem to be anything too tricky or complicated, so why don't we all try to get along with each other so we can make it through Tuesday? Like I said before, it's a short campaign. You need every edge you can get.

These rules came from election commissioner Don Gandy, Jr in a memo to *Sidelines*. I know them and now you do too. Now it is up to the students to keep this election clean and simple. If you see a violation, report it. If not to the SGA or Dean Cantrell, then to *Sidelines*.

There is no reason why this election should get underhanded if the students will keep their eyes open.





Love your mother.  
GET INVOLVED. RECYCLE. IT WORKS.



"One is not born a woman, one becomes one."

— Simone de Beauvoir

"Whatever women do, they must do it twice as well as men to be thought half as good."

Luckily, this is not difficult."

--Charlotte Whitton

National Women's History Month

## Letters

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existence of censorship. Although this may seem harsh, it is nonetheless true.

The artists of this campus have the opportunity to publish their works in the campus fine arts magazine *Collage*. This semester, the photography students were promised the magazine would publish color photographs. As can be expected the *Collage* office received a fair number of color photographs and slides. The magazine has decided to retract this decision and publish in black and white instead. It would be more appropriate if the magazine would comply with the promises it makes.

In a fine arts publication one would usually expect to find an abundance of art works. This semester we can expect to find no examples of art work. The Art Director has superseded the operating procedure of the magazine to have his way. Normally, a submission must be submitted mounted, with a cover sheet containing several pieces of information and signature, and be submitted before the deadlines. This apparently applies to all those who are not personally acquainted with the Art Director Tom Lee. This issue was to contain only one piece. It would also interest the art community to know that this piece

was submitted unmounted, rolled up, with no cover sheet, and after the deadline. This caused such a furor with other members of the staff, he isn't even going to publish this example.

It would also interest artists that there is only one type of art that is acceptable in the eyes to the art director. That type is abstract art. Last semester, there were only six art pieces printed. Two pieces were necklaces, one piece was a sculpture and the other three pieces were done by two different people. What is alarming is that one of these people submitted two pieces, late, and had the assistance of Lee in the making of the submission pieces. With this information as a basis, one can't help but reach the conclusion that Lee is guilty of censor against any piece of art not done by his friends and anything not of the abstract category.

Lee is also padding his opinion in another manner. Usually a judging of something is done by a panel of judges. Not so with Lee. There is only one judge who sat on the judging panel for the art submissions. This judge was Jane Burgunder of the art department. Not to detract from her, she is certainly qualified to judge art, however, she is well known as being of an abstract art mentality. If an instructor who

prefers abstract art is the only judge, there is going to be only one type of art chosen. Even though this is questionable enough, there is still even more. In spite of what the judge may decide on, Lee will still have the final say as to what may or may not be published.

In fact there were several pieces submitted that Lee did not agree with so they got scrapped. If this is the standard procedure, then it seems that even having a judge to decide the best pieces is an irrelevant gesture.

The staff of *Collage* obviously has some house cleaning to do. It would be a good idea to start with Tom Lee. Remember there is no one person in the world so important he can't be replaced by someone else. It would also behoove the *Collage* to add some diversity. It may come as a surprise to some people, but most of us out here find very little attraction to abstract art. Certainly it has a place in art, but it is not, nor should it be treated as, the only acceptable form of art. There is not one acceptable reason why this kind of activity should be allowed on this campus, and certainly no reason why this activity should be allowed to continue.

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## Priority Registration for Summer/Fall 1993 is Here!

Registration materials are available in student's post office box (if full time) or permanent address (if part time). Currently enrolled students who do not receive registration materials should contact the Scheduling Center.

Summer 1993 schedule books are available. Arrival notices have been placed in the post office box of all full time students. The notice should be presented to post office personal to receive a copy of the class schedule book.

All other students may obtain a copy of the class schedule book from the Scheduling Center or the Adult Services Center, peck Hall # 101 (4:30 - 6:30).

Fall 1993 class schedule books will arrive prior to registration and will follow the same procedure.

# Exercise your rights.

## Vote in the SGA election

### Monday, March 29 or

### Tuesday, March 30



We're humans from Earth.  
Where the air is fresh and the  
water is clear. You have  
nothing at all to fear. I think  
we're gonna like it here.  
--T-Bone Burnett

If you're not recycling,  
you're throwing it all away.

"We are the children of our  
landscape."  
-- Lawrence Durrell



"The nation that destroys its  
soil destroys itself."  
--Franklin D. Roosevelt

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## Rave On!

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

**W**ant to be the first on your campus to set the trends? Well, take a power nap, down a smart drink, slap on your clogs and prepare to "rave on" in 1993 to the newest fads springing up around the nation.

One of the most intriguing trends sweeping the nation is the new night life off-campus. Raves have blossomed at warehouses and other large hideaways as spontaneous underground parties that are often advertised on fliers just hours before the fun begins. Party promoters, known as "crews," put on shows featuring hypnotic, pulsating music, ranging from hip hop to house to techno music.

The trend, which originated in England, has spread to the West and East Coasts and other major metropolitan cities in the United States.

While many ravers simply dance and enjoy the music, others combine the experience with the illegal psychedelic drug called ecstasy. The drug supposedly adds to the atmosphere of the

**'G**ood events or things are "dope." Bad events or things are "weak sauce."

event, which can be fairly bizarre. Often, raves can last all night long, with the dancers spinning themselves into a state of altered consciousness. In fact, some ravers use the word "spiritual" to describe the group experience.

"This one rave I went to was called 'Shiva's Erotic Banquet,'" said Tina Farahnik, 18, a sophomore at California State University, Northridge. Farahnik paid \$20 for the experience. "There was a whole bunch of people. There was a dance room, strobe light rooms, a body paint room, a Timothy Leary reading. There were people going around trying to feed you fruits and grapes."

Raving apparel may vary, although stocking caps, whistles around the neck, black outer wear, bell-bottom jeans, platform shoes — anything with the '70s look — are common. The experiences, on the other hand, usually are not, although they may be hard to recall in

the morning.

"I went to (a rave) that was outside at a farm," said one student, who asked not to be identified. "I think there were cows or something. I really don't remember much."

Raving is not the only fad to surface recently. To help rejuvenate those memory cells, young people have begun to guzzle "smart drinks," a new trend in beverages that contain amino acids and other natural ingredients designed to induce chemical reactions in the brain that are supposed to make you think clearer.

While some dismiss the idea as a "pet rock" type trend that will fade, others are taking it more seriously. "I have a friend who wants to open a 'smart bar,'" said Beatrice Makabeh, 19, a student at Cal State, Northridge.

Another new drink that is appealing to student's natural instincts is "Zima," a clear, filtered malt liquor that tastes like citrus-flavored mineral water.

Perhaps the best thing about many of the new trends is that they don't cost a lot of money. Many are new twists on "reverb" (reverberation) trends from the past.

Fashion is one of those categories, particularly when it comes to shoes. While shoe stores across the country are ordering Birkenstock sandals to catch up with last year's trend, some females are digging into their parent's closets and pulling out their old platform shoes, go-go boots and clogs from the 1970s.

"The '70s is totally in now," said Brooke Haber, 19, a Cal State, Northridge student who sports a black winter coat to match a sexy "beatnik"-style long black haircut and rose-colored lipstick.

For futuristic-minded pedestrians, rollerblades not only remain popular, they have evolved into a sport. Rollerblade hockey leagues are springing up on California campuses.

And if that's not enough of a kick for an athlete, fans of "hackey sack," a melon-sized wicker ball, may soon have something to jump for joy about — again. Sepak takraw, a Far Eastern Game of hackey sack volleyball, is drawing in young athletes. Played with a low net, the game lets players literally kick with their feet, butt with their heads



— whatever it takes — to get the ball over the net without using hands or arms.

Another foreseeable trend is less painful and more practical. If you are one of those who has problems reading your own class notes, get ready for the next brainstorm in artificial intelligence. Available sometime in 1993, students can buy a small, portable electronic notepad that translates your scribbles into the English language. It even translates graphics for those pie charts your instructor always draws on the chalkboard.

"I think that's going to be a killer item. It's one of the things I think students are going to like," said Danny Marder, 22, a salesman at a computer store that caters to college students in Los Angeles.

Sometimes, translating notes is not half as hard as translating the trendy, new slang words. Some California students provided us with a taste of slang words that are now catching on, although, thanks to MTV, you may have already heard some of them.

The new slang could be particularly handy for social occasions. Beautiful women, for instance, are now complimented as "nectar." Handsome males

are "fine" or "freaks." Unattractive people are "to the curve." Flirting is "workin' it." Making out is "mashing" or "grinding."

The new slang words also describe good and bad events. Good events or things are "dope." Bad events or things are "weak sauce." "Right on" is "that's sweet." "That's awesome" is "that's the bomb." "That's awful" is "that's trifling." People who "got dogged" had an embarrassing moment. When something is stolen, someone "jacked" it.

If this trendy forecast feels too overwhelming to remember it all, don't get "frusty" (a new slang for frustrated). In fact, there's a new California trend that can help you cope with this stress, as well as many of the other stresses of being a student. It's called the "power nap."

"Power-napping is a big thing," said a 21-year-old student at California State University, Chico, who identified himself only as Jason.

Taking 15- and 30-minute snoozes during the day is definitely a trend, according to Jason. "You've been in class, you've got a break, you go home and take a nap and you feel better. That's along the wellness theme. That's definitely a '90s type of thing."



# Brain Sex

## Is your brain male or female?

GERI ROBINSON

*Editor's note: this quiz was taken from the book Brain Sex: The real Difference Between Men and Women by Anne Moir and David Jesser.*

Why can't a woman be more like a man," goes the exasperated lament. Science is still searching for an answer to this hauntingly mysterious question. Researchers have presented some of the more intriguing possibilities that are somewhat closer to reality. Men and women are different, as theory goes, because of the way our brains are put together. Each sex processes information in subtly different ways.

That might be why men generally perform better than women in tests of spatial ability. Boys tend to outperform girls in math involving abstract concepts of space, relationships and theory. Girls on the other hand, usually say their first words and learn to speak in sentences earlier than boys.

What, you say, causes this to be true? Researchers have found that in women part of the corpus callosum, the bundle of fibers linking the left and right hemispheres, is bigger in relation to the overall brain weight than in men. This might allow more information to be exchanged between the two sides.

If so, this theory would mean that man's left side of the brain is more specialized for verbal abilities than it is in women. Men seem to use the right side of their brains when working on an abstract problem. Women on the other hand use

both sides. This might influence masculine and feminine modes, but science has yet a clue. Just many, many theories. Science does know that the brain development is in fact affected by hormones as well as genetics. So which way do you use your brain? Do you think like a male or do you think like a female?

The following quiz, based on surveys of some 2000 people, could help you find out how male or female your brain is:

**1. You hear an indistinct meow. Without looking around, how well can you place the cat?**

- A. If you think about it, you can point it out.
- B. You can point straight to it.
- C. You don't know if you can point it out.

**2. How good are you at remembering a song you've just heard?**

- A. You find it easy, and you can sing part of it in tune.
- B. You can do it only if it's simple and rhythmical.
- C. You find it difficult.

**3. A person you've met a few times telephones you. How easy is it for you to recognize that voice in the few seconds before the person identifies himself?**

- A. You find it quite easy.
- B. You recognize the voice at least half the time.
- C. You recognize the voice less than half the time.

**4. You're with a group of married friends. Two of them are having an affair. Would you detect this?**

- A. Nearly always.
- B. Half the time.
- C. Seldom.

**5. You're introduced to five strangers at a large social gathering. If their names are mentioned the following day, how easy is it for you to picture their faces?**

- A. You remember most of them.
- B. You remember a few of them.
- C. You seldom remember any of them.

**6. In your early school days, how easy was spelling and the writing of essays?**

- A. Both were quite easy.
- B. One was easy.
- C. Neither was easy.

**7. You spot a parking place, but you must reverse into it—and it's going to be a fairly tight squeeze:**

- A. You look for another space.
- B. You back into it—carefully.
- C. You reverse into it without much thought.

**8. You've spent three days in an unfamiliar village and someone asks you which way is north:**

- A. You're unlikely to know.
- B. You're not sure, but given a moment you can work it out.
- C. You point north.

**9. You're in a dentist's waiting room. How close can you sit to people of the same sex as yourself without feeling uncomfortable?**

- A. Less than six inches.
- B. Six inches to two feet.
- C. Over two feet.

**10. You're visiting your new neighbor, and the two of you are talking. There's**

**a tap dripping in the background. Otherwise the room is quiet:**

- A. You notice the dripping sound immediately and try to ignore it.
- B. If you notice it, you probably mention it.
- C. It doesn't bother you at all.

### Scoring the Test

**Males:**

- For each (A) answer, give 10 points
- For each (B) answer, give 5 points
- For each (C) answer, give 5 points

**Females:**

- For each (A) answer, give 15 points
- For each (B) answer, give 5 points
- For each (C) answer, give 5 points
- Unanswered questions count 5 points.

Most males will score between zero and 60. Most females will score between 50 and 100. The overlap scores between 50 and 60 indicates a thought compatibility between the sexes.

Males who score below zero and females' scores above 100 points to a brain very differently "wired" from that of the opposite sex. Male scores above 60 may show a bias to female mental attributes. Females who score below 50 may show a brain bias to the male thought processes.

I got this little test out of the book and tried it myself. I'm just curious on how they came up with the scoring, for I seem to have fallen off the page. How did you do?

# Crystal signs on to emcee Oscars while 'Unforgiven' promises to sweep awards

LOUIS BURKLOW/EVENT PREVIEW

As Monday's Academy Awards ceremony approaches, one question looms large: what costume will host Billy Crystal wear for his entrance this year? In years past he has ridden in on a horse dressed like Kevin Costner in "Dances With Wolves" and been wheeled in wearing a straitjacket, as was Anthony Hopkins in "Silence of the Lambs."

The best news of the 65th Oscars is that Crystal did decide to return as emcee. His talents keep the show from growing too serious or self-important. Better yet, they help the ceremony to avoid running too long.

Last year's show revealed Crystal's abilities at their best. Junking his prepared material, he made a night of lampooning "City Slickers" co-star Jack Palance after his one-armed push-ups on stage.

Because of the quality of his 1992 performance, Crystal considered going out on a high note. But some not-so-subtle persuasion by Oscars ceremony director Gilbert Cates helped him change his mind. reportedly, Crystal reconsidered after

Cates sent him a fake horse's head.

So now that the host is settled, what outfit will he make his entrance in? The trend in Crystal's past costumes is toward movies that appear destined to win many awards.

If the tendency continues this year, expect Crystal to amble in dressed as a scarred, scraggly, aging gunfighter. The western "Unforgiven" seems destined to be this year's big winner on Oscar night.

This movie has everything going for it (in the Academy's viewpoint). It was a successful film that combined mass appeal with a sophisticated approach to an old film genre. Best of all, it stars a beloved legend who has yet to take home one of the little statuettes.

In the past few years, Clint Eastwood has become one of Hollywood's most creative filmmakers. Although he continues to churn out action fare that has served him well as a stock in trade, he makes off-beat, less commercial pictures that illustrate a willingness to expand his talents. All the

critics who try to deride him for his commercial films have trouble doing so with pictures like "Bronco Billy," "Bird" and "White Hunter, Black Heart" also to his credit.

Next Monday should provide the crowning glory to Clint Eastwood's long acting career. On that night, he will pull off the unprecedented feat of winning a Best Actor and Best Director Oscar for the same movie.

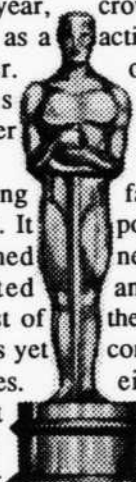
This prediction is based on two factors. First is Eastwood's enormous popularity and the basic fact that he has never won (or even been nominated for) an Academy Award; this will win him the sentimental vote. Also, his strongest competitors in the acting category have either won Oscars previously or are nominated in other categories.

Of the other four nominees for Best Actor, it seems highly unlikely that Robert Downey, Jr. will win for "Chaplin" or Stephen Rea for the import "The Crying Game." This leaves three contenders: Eastwood, Denzel Washington ("Malcolm X") and Al

Pacino ("Scent of a Woman"). Washington has previously won a Best Supporting Oscar for "Glory." This, combined with the fact that he made a film with Spike Lee, the Academy's favorite person to snub, should rule him out.

This leaves Pacino, who, like Eastwood has never won an Oscar. Pacino is also nominated for Best Supporting Actor for his work in "Glengarry Glen Ross." In past years, the Academy tends to honor actors or actresses nominated in two categories with the supporting Oscar. Eastwood will win Best Actor, Pacino Best Supporting Actor.

The Supporting Actor category tends to be a lifetime achievement award. In past decades it has been won by Palance, Don Ameche and Sean Connery. This makes Pacino the favorite over previous winners Gene Hackman (nominated for "Unforgiven") and Jack Nicholson ("A Few Good Men"). Jaye Davison of "The Crying Game" and





# Actors feel trauma of alien abduction

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Was Travis Walton really abducted by aliens as depicted in the film, "Fire In The Sky?" If you ask the celebrities involved in the film, and Travis Walton himself, there are too many reasons not to believe the story.

According to the film, Walton was a member of a logging crew in Snowflake, Ariz. As the crew was heading home on the night of Nov. 5, 1975, they spotted a UFO.

Walton jumped out of the pickup to look at the UFO, then was struck by a blast of light. The rest of the crew panicked and drove away. The crew leader, Mike Rogers, then drove back in search of Walton, but he was gone.

The crew returned to town with their story. Without Walton, allegations of murder soon were flying. Walton was found five

days later, naked and claiming to have been abducted by aliens.

"When I read (the script) I was real skeptical, of course," said Henry Thomas, 21, the former child star from "E.T.," who plays one of the loggers. But after shooting the film, Thomas said, "I believe this. It's too much trauma involved for it not to be true."

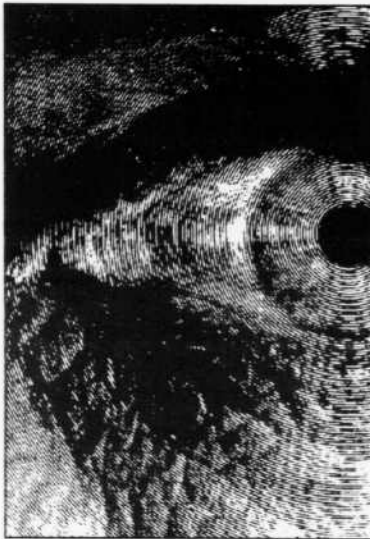
For Thomas and the other actors, the traumas of the event began to surface during the shooting of the film, where they learned the fate of the people they were portraying.

A straight-laced Mormon, played by actor Peter Berg, was one of those who changed dramatically after the UFO experience.

"After the incident on the hill, my character left his hometown, left his church and is now living in Mexico," Berg

said.

Another member of the logging crew resurfaced in early March and told cast members of a habit he developed after the



UFO encounter.

"He said he won't go out at night," Thomas said.

But the most haunting story was the one told by Walton

himself. Seventeen years after his experience, Walton was brought to the set in Oregon. To many members it was Walton who opened their minds to the possibility that the abduction actually occurred.

"You really spend time with a guy like Travis Walton, it becomes hard to discredit," Berg said.

Indeed, Walton does not come off as a publicity hound. With his red hair and mustache, blue jeans and "US" belt buckle, this father of four emits an image of the ordinary American, except when you look into his eyes. There, you see something that makes the back of your neck tingle.

For Walton, relating his experience to the actors was not easy. "To talk about this experience—it's a gut-wrenching sort of thing," Walton said, eyes

looking down and often mumbling. "The terror was something I was not able to talk about."

Instead, Walton's terror was evident when he joined the cast for a screening of the film in February. "When the abduction scene came on, he kind of curled up and held onto his wife," Thomas said.

But for Walton, the greatest test may be yet to come. After going without a telephone for 10 years to keep away prying reporters, he must now again deal with reaction to his story.

The actors wonder if the story will be questioned again.

"I think that we're conditioned to discredit the story," Berg said. "Until Manhattan experiences a UFO, until it lands on the World Trade Center, until it lands in Central Park, people aren't going to believe it."

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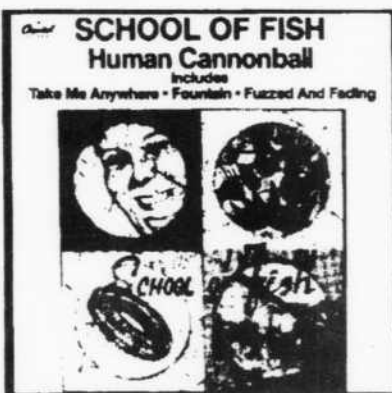
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## Oscars

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David Paymer of "Mr. Saturday Night" round out the field.

The awards for actresses are much more difficult to handicap. This is because 1992 was an especially bad year for women in movies. For a time it was wondered if five suitable performances could be found for Best Actress.

The quintet finally settled on consists of Michelle Pfeiffer ("Love Field"), Susan Sarandon ("Lorenzo's Oil"), Emma Thompson ("Howard's End"), Catherine Deneuve ("Indochine") and Mary McDonnell ("Passion Fish"). An application of some of the unwritten rules of Academy voting can narrow the field. Foreign films rarely if ever win, so cross off Deneuve and Thompson. Neither do more artistic small-budget films, which

eliminates McDonnell.

This leaves us with Pfeiffer and Sarandon. As far as I am concerned, Pfeiffer was nominated for the wrong role. Her performance as Catwoman in "Batman Returns" was the kind of show-stealing work that deserves awards. "Love Field" is a rather weak film that will not win her the Oscar she will one day take home.

Yes, this means that Susan Sarandon will finally win the little statuette. Her work in "Lorenzo's Oil" was not seen by much of the public, but it has earned this honor.

Best Supporting Actress is a bit easier to predict. Using the lifetime achievement rule, plus the fact of her excellent performance, Joan Plowright should win

for "Enchanted April." She long ago emerged from the shadow of her late husband Laurence Olivier as a star; this honor will cement that status. She should not have much trouble with Vanessa Redgrave ("Howard's End"), Judy Davis ("Husbands and Wives"), Miranda Richardson ("Damage") and Marisa Tomei ("My Cousin Vinny").

Best Director will not be so easy to pick. With old pros like Robert Altman, Martin Brest, and James Ivory in the running, along with Neil Jordan, the mind behind "The Crying Game," this category is full of talent this year. But the pick here is Eastwood, both on the basis of his skills as a filmmaker and the recent tendency to give directing Oscars to actors, such as Costner, Beatty and Robert Redford.

For Best Picture, Clint Eastwood will complete his sweep. "Unforgiven" will win over "The Crying Game," "A Few Good Men," "Howard's End" and "Scent of a Woman." This western offers everything the Academy looks for in its best film of the year: action, drama and decent box-office receipts.

The best analogy for the 65th Academy Awards is last month's Grammy Awards. Clint Eastwood will be filling the role of Eric Clapton. As with Clapton, Eastwood will win these awards not only for the work nominated but for his long-standing, immense popularity. It will provide just the right mix of artistry and mass appeal that will assure good ratings for the telecast. The Oscars ceremony will air Monday night on ABC.

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## Raider season in full swing

### MTSU has 6-9 record Peterson's dismay

SCOTT HASSLER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU baseball team is again in full swing with the season well under way. Unfortunately, the season isn't exactly the way many fans want it to.

The men in Blue tried their best against Tennessee on Tuesday night and fell short 7-5. The Volunteers led most of the game, but despite a late comeback attempt by the Raiders, UT had them in control for the most

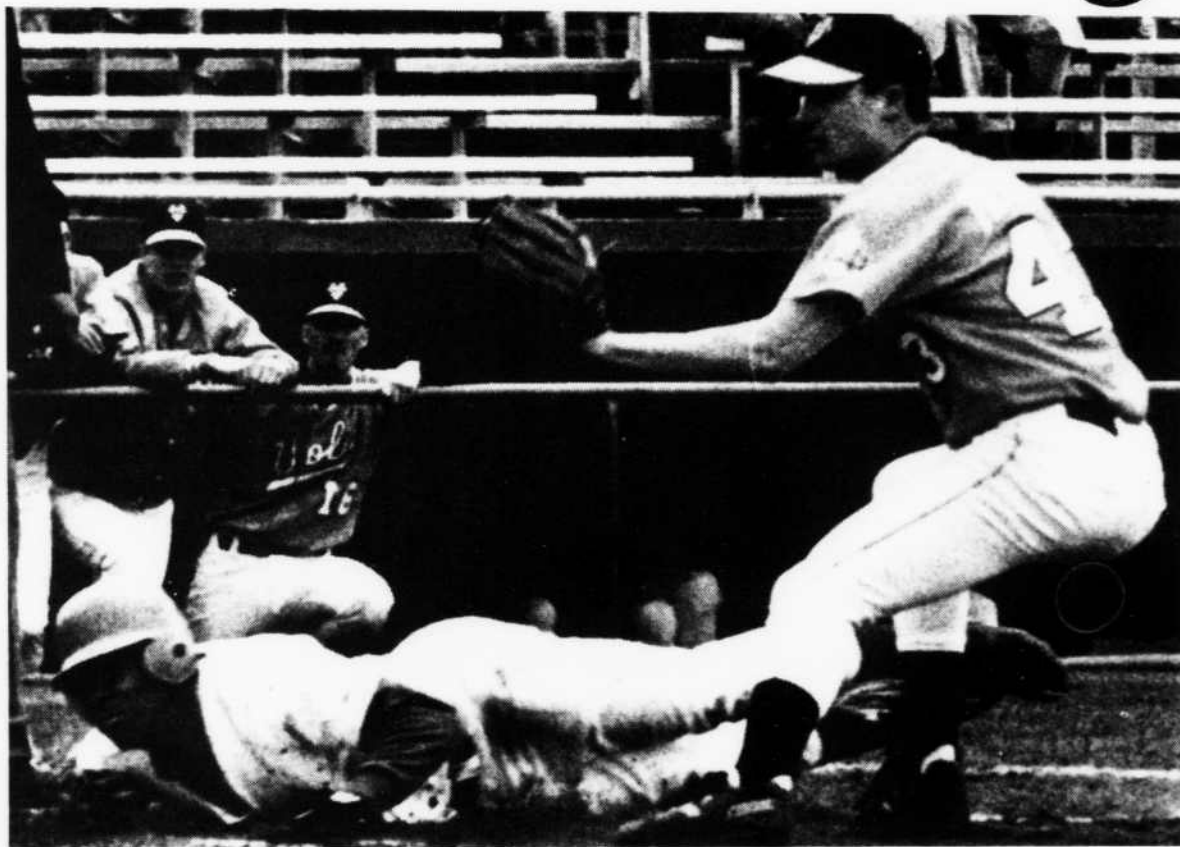
MTSU jumped out to an early lead against the Volunteers, in part to left fielder Chris Price. Price started the Raider game with a base hit in the first

inning which allowed first baseman Craig Reavis to score. Price then stole second base and eventually scored as well. The Raiders had pulled out to an early 2-0 lead.

The lead cost the Raiders the services of Price, though. On his first at bat, Price swung and missed a ball. He then complained of something popping in his shoulder. He completed the at bat but was replaced after the first inning due to stiffness in his shoulder. The extent of his injury is unknown.

Despite Price's absence, the Raiders appeared to be sailing along until the fifth inning. The fifth was when one pitch just

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Don Goins/Photographer

**THE PRICE IS RIGHT:** Right in there at home plate that is. MTSU's Chris Price slides in and scores after a passed ball during action Tuesday.

### Bowling Sectionals proved disappointing

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

MTSU's bowling team suffered a disappointing loss in its first of Sectional competition March 13-14.

For the first time in its 20 year existence, the team earned the right to go to the sectionals and once there, the pressure may have been on them.

"We did a good job to get there but I think we were nervous the first day and that hurt us," said coach Kelly Marlin. "The second day, we settled down and did better. We beat a lot of the teams that were ahead of us the second day, but we were already far down."

The MTSU squad finished sixth out of the eight team competition. Florida State took first while North Carolina State took runner-up honors. Both of these squads will now advance to the nationals, which will determine a national champion.

Marlin's team didn't leave without a victory though. Not only did the team achieve a moral victory by even competing, it won the 'Baker Game' during the second day of competition by bowling a

The 'Baker Game' is where the number one bowler bowls the first frame, then the number two bowler bowls the second frame and so on," Marlin explained.

Each team has five participants and a bowling game has ten frames. Once the fifth bowler is through with the fifth frame, the sixth frame starts and the rotation is completed again.

"Everyone bowled in the 190's but we just weren't good enough to get over that one little hump the first day," Marlin said. "Everyone did real well and we've had a great year."

Anyone interested in participating on the bowling team can contact Marlin at 896-4512.

## Runner-up blues

### Tennis team falls at O'Charley's Classic

SHANE SCRUTTON  
Sports Writer

The conditions were unfamiliar, the weather atrocious, and the competition tough as the MTSU men's tennis team finished runner-up in the consolation event of the O'Charley's Tennis Classic held March 12-14 in Knoxville.

MTSU fell in the first round of the tournament to 25th-ranked Virginia Commonwealth (3-2), and rebounded to defeat Tulsa University (8-1) before falling 3-2 to South Florida.

Had circumstances been different, head coach Dale Short believes his squad could have inflicted just as much damage as the unexpected, inclement weather.

"The new format put us at a real disadvantage in our first match against VCU because we only played the first four singles matches and one of our strengths is that we have so much depth at

the five and six positions," Short said.

"It was just a matter of the breaks going their way instead of ours, and I think the fact that we played indoors put us at a further disadvantage because we have

**'It was just a matter of the breaks going their way instead of ours, and I think the fact that we played indoors put us at a further disadvantage because we have been practicing so well outdoors.'**

**— Tennis Coach  
Dale Short**

been practicing so well outdoors," he added. "We really weren't expecting to get snowed in."

VCU was the eventual winner of the tournament, surprising a fifth-ranked and heavily favored Tennessee squad 3-2 in the final.

"It would have been interesting to play Tennessee because we played VCU closer than they did, and I think we would come very close to beating them, even if they are ranked fifth in the nation," said Short.

Against USF - a team with two recent wins over top 20 teams - Short was encouraged by the narrow loss, noting key injuries to No. 1 Keith Harrietha hampered MTSU's chances.

"I think had we played them outside we could have won and even though Keith's mobility really hurt him in his singles, the match was nip-and-tuck all the way," he said.

"Considering the problems we had with the weather, I felt it was a pretty good effort overall and we should be in good shape for the OVC season."

MTSU's record now stands at 5-6, and the next home matches are this Saturday against Mobile College and Southern Illinois.



## Six MTSU equestrian riders qualify for regional competition

BRENDA WOLFE  
Special to *Sidelines*

Six MTSU equestrian team riders qualified for regional competition recently during the district show at the Tennessee Livestock Pavilion.

More than 15 schools from Tennessee and Kentucky participated in the show sponsored by MTSU, in which the riders were judged on horsemanship skills and equitation—the position and communication between the horse and rider, said equestrian team president Faye Lynn Murray.

In all intercollegiate horse shows, the sponsoring school provides all horses for the participating riders, so the

competition is based entirely on the skill of the rider, according to team manager Leannah Moore.

The six regional qualifiers scored the required points in their classes.

Those riders who qualified in hunt seat division are Faye Lynn Murray and Jennifer Ezzo, intermediate; Shannon Swider, novice; and Lisa Melton, advanced walk-trot-canter. In stock seat division, Leannah Moore qualified in the beginner class.

The six riders will compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's

regional competition at Murray State University Sunday against riders from schools in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois as well as Tennessee, said Moore.

Hunt seat riders who place in the top four of their class at regionals will go to zone competition at Midway College in Kentucky. The winners at zone competition will then go to nationals which will be held at Lake Erie College in Ohio in April, said Moore.

Stock seat rider Leannah Moore will go directly to nationals if she places first or second in her class.



## Spring break a disappointment for Lady Raiders tennis team

SHANE SCRUTTON  
Sports Writer

The MTSU Lady Raider tennis squad returned from an eventful spring break with not only a disappointing 1-2 record, but a cancelled trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C. because of the snowstorm that prevented MTSU from participating in three key matches.

In three matches that were played in Greenville, N.C., MTSU lost 6-1 to Furman University, defeated UNC-Charlotte 8-1 and fell 5-4 to Charleston College.

The squad also returned with an unfortunate injury problem — Jenny Oliveira's ankle.

Oliviera, MTSU's No. 4 singles player from Sydney, Australia, injured her ankle against Furman University in the first dual match in North Carolina and is not expected to play for at least the next three weeks.

"It is a big blow for us because Jenny is also one of our

best doubles players and the loss against Charleston College the next match," said coach Short.

Short was referring to the loss that he described as "most disappointing of the season," a defeat that dropped the Lady Raiders' overall record to 4-4.

Junior Carol MacPherson attributed the decline in performance to a lack of preparation, though she expressed optimism for the upcoming matches which begin Saturday against Mobile College and Southern Illinois.

"We suffered from a slump after not playing the Head tournament and it hurt us that we didn't play a few days because we didn't like we were really fired up," said MacPherson.

"But I think we can bounce back because our goal is to win the OVC for a fourth time this year and we are determined to accomplish that."

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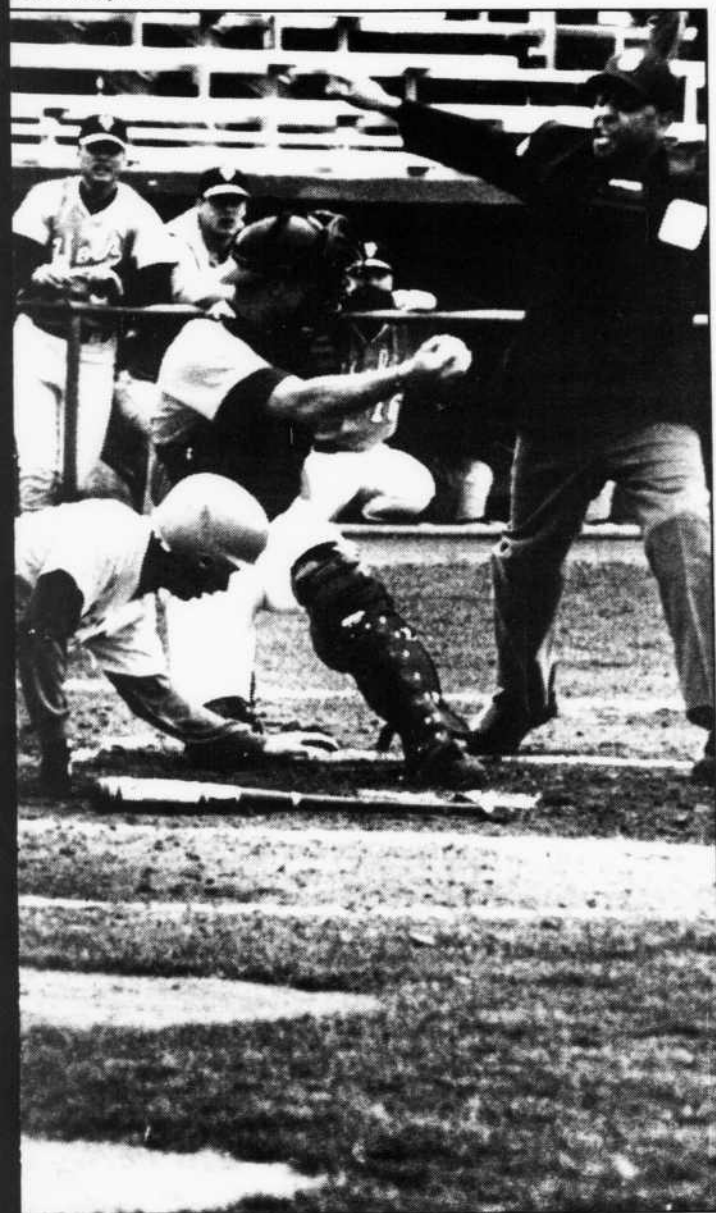
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**SAFE!!!** Craig Reavis slides in at home to the dismay of the onlookers. The catcher got the last laugh though, as his team defeated the Raiders 7-5.

## Baseball

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...so high. That lone pitch was promptly over the right field wall by Todd Helton off of MTSU's pitcher. "If you throw a change, you leave it up," Birkofer said. "Nobody could've hit that though. I kind of served it up on a golden platter. With a hitter you can't do that." The two-run homer by Helton tied the game and then a single by Foster gave UT the lead. After Helton's homer, third baseman Jeff Foster tripled. Then a few pitches later, Foster homered. That gave UT the lead and it never relinquished it. The lead was increased to 7-2 in the eighth inning to make the score 7-5.

MTSU currently has a record of 6-9 on the year and is in an early season slump, according to coach Steve Peterson. "We're a struggling ball club and we're not playing real well right now. But we played a lot much better (Tuesday night). We're a 6-9 ball club, three under .500 and that's bad," Peterson added. "We're not a

.500 club yet, but we'll get there. And when we do get there, I think we'll start playing better."

One positive note for the Blue Raiders is the success they have enjoyed in early conference play. Last weekend the Raiders swept Murray State in a three game series. That sweep is something Peterson will try to build on.

"What's important is that we won three games," Peterson added. "Murray isn't exactly the type of competition that we have faced early this year, but you've got to win the conference games because anything can happen. Three other teams also swept in their games. Eastern Kentucky, Morehead and Austin Peay all have 3-0 records (in OVC play); so if we hadn't of won, we would be chasing already."

This weekend the Raiders play arch-rival Tennessee Tech at Reese Smith Field in a double-header on Saturday starting at 4 p.m. The single game is on Sunday at 3 p.m. Preceding those games is another home game this afternoon against the University of Kentucky. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

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# What's in a nickname anyway

*From Carolina's Tar Heels to Indiana's Hoosiers, colleges have them*

TONY DeMATIO  
Sports Writer

What's in a name?

Or to be more specific, what's in a nickname?

What is a "Tar Heel" anyway? The result of walking through a mechanic's garage?

And "Hoya?" Sounds like something a person using Karate would say while breaking a board in two.

This nickname business is pretty strange stuff.

Fortunately, there are still schools with traditional mascots such as Columbia, Princeton and Maine, who, respectively, are the Lions, Tigers and Bears.

It used to be you'd have to go to a zoo to see gators, elephants, bengal tigers, razorbacks, wildcats and gamecocks all in the same place. Now, all you have to do is go to the SEC tournament (although, on second thought, it'd be a lot easier and cheaper to go to the zoo).

Anything can happen in college

athletics. Genetic miracles are commonplace. Where else, except maybe the wonderful land of Oz, can you see Golden Gophers, Crimson Panthers and Purple Eagles, besides Minnesota, Florida International and Niagara? Talk about a horse of a different color.

When it comes to nicknames, for colleges like Indiana, the question is not hoosier mascot, but what?

But getting two people from Bloomington to give you the same explanation is about as likely as Bob Knight sending thank you cards to Big Ten referees for a job well done.

One explanation has to do with a contractor named Samuel Hoosier who, in 1825, built the Ohio Falls Canal. Seems he thought that the men from the Indiana side of the river were better diggers, and consequently hired mainly Indianans. The men were known as Hoosier men and later just Hoosiers.

Those not faint of heart might prefer author James Whitcomb Riley's version of how the name originated, which is that early settlers of Indiana were vicious fighters who occasionally resorted to mayhem. The story goes that a settler saw a severed ear on the floor of a bar after a bad night and, having grown accustomed to such violence, pushed it aside and asked, "Whose ear?"

## Sports Editorial

Switching from head to toe, the origin of North Carolina's nickname, the Tar Heels, can be traced to the Civil War.

During a particularly brutal battle, a group of Confederate backup troops decided to retreat to safety, while the men of North Carolina stayed on to fight and win the battle. They later met up with the deserters, one of whom asked, "Any more tar down in the old north state, boys?"

"No, not a bit. Old Jeff's brought it all up," replied a North Carolinian, referring to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

"Is that so? What's he going to do?" asked the troops.

"He's going to put it on you" to make you stick better in the next battle," answered the Carolina soldier.

When Robert E. Lee heard of the incident, he laughed and said to an officer, "God Bless the tar heel boys."

Many people would also be in a situation if asked what George Hoya's are. Actually, the name comes from a cheer—hoia saxa—which is a combination of Greek and Latin words which mean, "What rocks!"

Still confused?

One of Georgetown's early teams was known as the Stonewalls. The bulldog mascot, it just happened to be the favorite choice of an early Georgetown alum.

Of course, North Carolina and Georgetown have two of the more famous college nicknames. Generally, when it comes to college nicknames, it's a jungle.

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Animal nicknames dominate. The two most popular nicknames among Division I teams are Bulldogs and Tigers, with a dozen schools each. The next most popular names are Eagles, with 10 schools, and Wildcats, with nine.

The NCAA includes schools with just about every nickname you can think of, from the Aggies of Texas A & M to the Akron Zips. There are some really nutty nicknames, like the Buckeyes of Ohio State. Some are just a lot of hot air, like the Iowa State Cyclones and Miami Hurricanes. From the ridiculous to the slime, there are the Santa Cruz, Calif., Banana Slugs. And of course, it wouldn't be polite to mention the Centenary Gentlemen.

But if you're searching for a unique nickname with a simpler explanation, look no further than your own back yard.

It seems that in MTSU's early days, the school football teams went by such exciting

nicknames as the Teachers, Normalites and Pedagogues. No wonder that in 1934 the Murfreesboro *Daily News Journal* ran a contest to find a more exciting nickname. The winner of the contest was none other than Charles Sarver, a football player on the team that season. Sarver admitted that he borrowed the "Blue Raiders" nickname from the Colgate Red Raiders, substituting MTSU's official color, blue.

So at least when it comes to nicknames, there's no place like home. MTSU's are the only Blue Raiders in the NCAA.

There is one school in the NCAA, though, that knows no alias. Once known as the Indians before such political incorrectness was scorned, Siena College is now singing, "If we only had a name."

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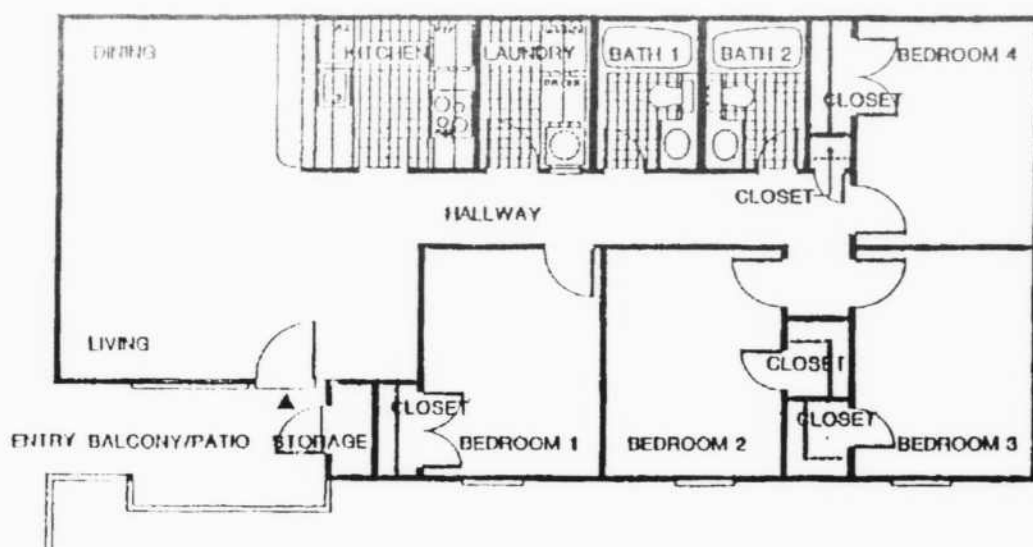
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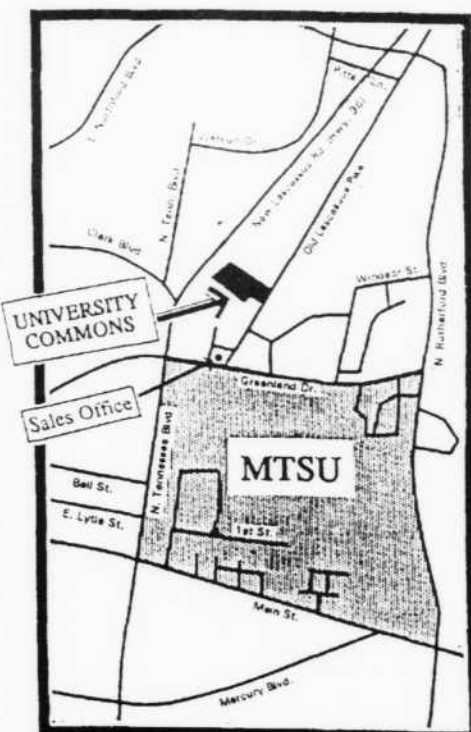
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## Clinton introduces national service program for students

### COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Asking the nation's youth to join him in a "great national adventure," President Clinton has outlined a broad-based service program that eventually would offer up to 100,000 college students a chance to get education aid in exchange for community work.

"National service is nothing less than the American way to change America," Clinton said March 1 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. His speech was greeted with loud cheers by the students who packed the university's gymnasium.

Among other tasks, students in the service program would help rebuild neighborhoods, clean up the environment and counsel children, Clinton said. In the process, they would earn tuition vouchers or forgiveness of student loans and set in motion a new national commitment to service.

Students also would have an option to repay college loans by deduction a percentage of their salaries after graduation.

The president likened his program to the GI Bill after World War II and the Peace Corp in the 1960's. One difference is that Clinton said his program would allow for substantial local autonomy.

"We make progress when people and their government work at the grassroots in true partnership," he said. "I want to empower young people and their communities, not empower a new bureaucracy in Washington."

Clinton provided only modest budget detail of his proposal, which would cost an estimated \$7 billion during the next four years. It would begin this year with a "summer of service" for 1,000 young people who would receive leadership training, work at jobs throughout the nation and then

"When people give something of invaluable merit to their country, they ought to be rewarded with the opportunity to further their education," Clinton said. The president later made the case for his program to a nationwide audience on MTV.

Clinton said the program would probably be built on many existing community programs but also would allow for some "entrepreneurship" in which students could submit their own innovative service proposals for consideration.

**'It's another hoop poor students may have to jump through ....It makes a distinction between a middle-income student and a poor student.'**

meet at the end of the summer for a Youth Service Summit.

The government would fund this \$15 million summer program through the president's short-term economic stimulus package announced last month. Clinton asked students interested in this program to send him a postcard at the White House marked "national service."

Students would generally trade one or two years of community service for financial assistance with college. A cap will be set on the loan amounts that will be forgiven by the federal government.

However, not everyone is enthusiastic over the national service plan.

"It's another hoop poor students may have to jump through," said Arnold Mitchem, who has helped build support for programs that recruit low-income and minority youth for college.

Mitchem, who heads the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, said he had "mixed feelings" about the plan because the neediest students are most likely to participate.

"It makes a distinction between a middle-income student and a poor student," he said.

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students with problems.

"I'll stay to 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock, whenever," he said. "And that's the kind of Speaker MTSU needs."

In the Speaker of the House category, Drew Bergman, a member of the SGA House of Representatives, and Henry Williams, also in the House, are vying for election.

Bergman wants to help student organizations by holding a student fair.

"Hopefully every organization can have a booth set up

and they can recruit new members," he said.

Williams said increasing participation in House meetings is one of his main goals.

"We have a tremendous problem of people not going to meetings," he said. "If organizations don't want to attend, they should lose the funding."

SGA elections will be held March 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Peck Hall and Keathley University Center.

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championship Saturday night might have presented some problems, but highway closings throughout Tennessee kept spectator turnout under 5,000.

Murfreesboro's motels filled quickly and local churches did house some stranded travelers. Many local businesses closed, but the home-bound could find relief from cabin fever in the form of a freshly delivered pizza.

Dominos, Pizza Hut and Papa John's delivered during the storm, with Papa John's staying open for delivery the longest. Although deliveries to campus were few, they could be treacherous.

"It was a solid sheet of ice," said Papa John's manager Tom O'Grady, speaking of the Family Student Housing parking lot.

Aside from ordering pizza, snowed-in students found many ways to keep themselves occupied.

The storm was a chance for many to catch up on much needed sleep or neglected house cleaning.

"It was a great chance to do nothing and sometimes that's better than being drunk on the beach," confessed Brice.

Most students, however, found the storm rather uneventful. Many worked, when they could, and most others got out of town in time to get home to family.

Everyone, it seems, had a friend stuck in Chattanooga or Georgia.

"I didn't get to go out the first weekend," said David Rucker, a freshman marketing major, "but my friends were stuck in Chattanooga anyway."

The storm also allowed MTSU to implement its snow removal contingencies.

"What snow removal?" joked Wagoner, "We wait for the sun to come out and melt it all!"

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