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## High-tech tickets hit MTSU campus

## RUSTY GERBMAN

Assistant News Editor
If you think you will always be able to get away with parking in that handicapped spot, you're mistaken.

Campus security is going high-tech in the ticket-writing business.
The purchase of new hand-held computers for the use of writing tickets has been approved for campus security, making the process faster and more efficient, said Jack Drugmand, chief of security
"We will place our bid for the computers in a few days," Drugmand said.

The mini-computers will enable the officer or student ticket-writer to find out if the car has any other present citations or if the vehicle has ever had a citation, said Drugmand. The computer will also be able to print out the ticket and the bill at the same time.
"It's like a grocery slip," Drugmand said.
Instead of the familiar pink slip, the violator will find an envelope, containing both the ticket and the bill, on the vehicle's windshield. The violator will be able to pay for the ticket by sending the envelope, with payment, through the mail to the Cope Administration Building instead of going through the hassle of the crowds at Cope, Drugmand said.
"We think it will improve compliance of the people," Drugmand said.

MTSU will be one of 27 other universities across the nation with such a system, Drugmand said.
"It is the technology of today," said Drugmand. "It will cut down a tremendous amount of man-hours.
The total cost of the system is estimated at around $\$ 42,100$. About $\$ 19,500$ is for the system hardware, and $\$ 22,600$ is for the hand held computers and their software, according to Drugmand.

The new system should be fully operational in the fall, Drugmand said. -

## Upcoming bad weather season spurs safety tips for tornado alley

This is the second part of a series looking at how prepared MTSU is to deal with an emergency and what the campus community should do in the event of specific emergency. This segment deals with tornadoes.

## DENA MASH <br> Staff Writer

Eleven tornadoes, resulting in six deaths, occurred in Tennessee last year, according to the National Weather Service.
Rutherford County and Middle Tennessee are in a prime location for tornado formation, known as the "tornado belt," according to Don Young, chairman of a 1986 committee for mass casualty planning on campus.
The prime time for tornadoes is the spring months of March, April and May, during the afternoon and early vening, but a tornado could occur at any time, according o the National Weather Service.
"We would probably know ahout it if a tornado hit cam-
pus," said Jack Drugmand, director of security. "In the event of an emergency, students should call 2424 [campus security]."
A "tornado watch" means that tornado development is possible in an area as large as several states, according to a tornado spotter's guide issued by the National Weather Service. A "warning" is issued, usually for one or two counties, if a tornado is spotted.
"A tornado is a violently rotating column of air" descending from a thunderstorm and making contact with the ground, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. "Wind speeds. . are usually around 100 miles per hour, but can approach or exceed 300 miles per hour:"

Advance planning is the key to saving lives, according to the National Weather Service. Safety pamphlets and other tornado information can be obtained by contacting the Nashille office at (615) 361-4887 .

## A night for environment

Lead vocalist, Steve Taylor, and guitarist, Lynn Nichols, of Chagall Guevara vocalize their talents on stage at the recent Greenpeace Benefit at 527 Mainstreet. Chagall Guevara joined other bands such as Jerry Dale McFad-
den, Victor Wooten and Stop the Car on Thursday night. The packed fundraiser raised an estimated $\$ 1,100$ for the activist environmental group, according to student organizer, Jennifer Van Gelder.

## Tornado myths, realities <br> - Myth: The safest place in a house or building is the

 southwest corner.- Reality: If a storm cellar or basement is not available. a small room or closet in the center of a home or building, offers the best protection. External walls should be avoidec as most damage results from the force of the tornado's winds on the windward side of the structure.
- Myth: When a tornado approaches, it is best to flee in your automobile.
$\bullet$ Reality: Tornadoes travel at speeds as high as 70 miles per hour. The tornado's direction and speed may be erratic, and your escape route may be blocked. Never leave a sturdy building in an attempt to outrun a tornado in your car.
- Myth: Windows should be opened to reduce damage from the tornado's drop in atmospheric pressure.
- Reality: Opening the wrong window can actually increase damage. It is best to stay away from windows because of the danger of flying glass.


## TORNADO from page 1

- Myth: High winds and flying debris are the only dangers associated with tornadoes.

Reality: Tornadoes are frequently accompanied by severe lightning. If you are outside with no time to get inside a building, go to a low place and avoid tall, isolated trees, farm equipment, motorcycles and other metallic equipment.

## Additional tornado facts

- In homes or small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom, on the lowest level. Get under something sturdy - a heavy table or bed
- In mobile homes or vehicles, abandon them and go to a sturdy structure. If there is no structure near enough, lie flat in a ditch, ravine or low spot with your arms shielding your head. Be aware of possible flash floods.
- In large buildings, such as schools, factories, and shopping centers, go to interior hallways on the lowest floor or a predesignated shelter area. Stay away from rooms that are large in area, because they have weakly supported roofs.
- In high rise buildings, go to interior rooms or hallways.
- Stay away from windows. Opening windows will make little difference to the structure. It will only waste time and cause unnecessary risk from flying glass.
- Based on information provided by the National Weather Service. -

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## Campus Briefs Minimum wage increases <br> STUART MILLER

Special to Sidelines
MTSU student workers will receive a salary increase April 1 due to federal legislation that raised the minimum wage, according to Director of Financial Aid Winston Wrenn.
"Minimum wage will increase fron $\$ 3.35$ per hour to $\$ 3.80$ per hour," Wrenn said.
The 45 cent wage increase will affect all

## 2,100 student workers regardless of the de-

## MTR obtains

## RUSTY GERBMAN <br> Assistant News Editor

Middle Tennessee Radio, the proposed all-student radio station, is back on track with the addition of a new staff advisor, William Jackson, professor of mass communications.
Willams main concern right now is for the students to decide whether or not they want the station to become independent from the campus or not.
"They [MTR] have to decide which direction they want to go," Williams said.
Scott Hooper, the station's operations director, thinks that the station would be bet-
partment they are employed by Wrenn said "Between Apr. 1 to July 1 the increase will cost MTSU $\$ 12,000$," Wrenn said.
While many companies have complained that the mandatory increase will cause employee layoffs, no layoffs will take place at MTSU, according to Wrenn.
"Departmental budgets will be increased to accommodate the salary increases,"

## Wrenn said.

## new advisor

ter off in the long run if it were a separate entity from the campus.
"The station is filing for independence from the Society of Broadcast Students," said Hooper.
At this point, Williams feels that the station needs to be organized more efficiently. He also wants to find out what interest there is for a student-run station, and the interest wider than a few broadcast students.
"We are going to run a survey so that we will have a better idea of what MTSU wants from a radio station," Hooper said. $\quad$.

## Lights proposed for campus

## DAWN BEALL Special to Sidelines

Thirty-four new lights will be added to MTSU's campus in the near future, according to Director of Security Jack Drugmand, if the recommendation is approved.

The new lights will be installed outside Todd Library, Peck Hall, Stark Agriculture Center, the Art Barn and behind Cope Administration Building.

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Currently, these areas are only dimly lit. The new lights, which are able to shine approximately 40 feet each direction, will serve two purposes, according to Drugmand. One is to discourage crime and the other is to add to the beauty of the campus by illuminating the buildings and landscape. The lights, which would be funded by MTSU's general operating budget, will cost $\$ 33,000$.


## FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL <br> 893-1500

## Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is a service provided by Sidelines for campus non-profit groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in Campus Capsule, please bring a typewritten sheet with the information to our offices, James Union Building, room 310. Items must be received by Wednesday at noon for Thursday's paper and by Friday at 6 p.m. for Monday's paper Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on space available.

The Blue Raider Soccer Team meeting for the 1990 seasons will be March 8 at 5 p.m. in the Davis Science Building, room 121. All players from the fall season are required to attend and any interested full-time students are invited to attend. A women's team will be started if there is enough interest. For information, contact Coach Hodge at 898-2847.

Students for Environmental Action will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the KUC, room 305. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Japanese meetingwill be today at 4 p.m. in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, room 307
Attention all nursing students: Check your mailbowes if you are anticipating entering junior-level nursing courses in fall 1990 or in spring 1991. Please respond to memo regarding your proposed admission. If you do not receive a memo in your campus box or at your home address, please come by the nursing office (SAC, room 221) or call 898-2437.

Have a Talent for Trivia? The Sigma Club will hold its semi-annual Quiz Bowl, co-sponsored by Gamma Iota Sigma, March 12 and 13. For more information, contact Scotty Tucker at Box 543 .

ARMS is also accepting tapes for Musicfest III, to be held April 12 and 13 . Send tapes to ARMS Box 625, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.
The MTSU Kool Club is meeting today at 7 p.m. in the KUC, room 315. All members are encouraged to attend.

The MTSU Distinguished Research Award nominations are due today. For more information, contact the Graduate Office.

Career Placement Orientation meetings for seniors and graduate students will be March 6 at 11 a.m., March 7 at 2 p.m. and March 8 at 3 p.m. Students should attend to register with the Placement Center and to participate in the campus interview program. For information, contact the Placement Office in the KUC, room 328.
"Beyond the Veil: Victorian Travelers and Middle Eastern Women" will be the topic of the today's lecture in the Honors Lecture Series. It will be presented by Dr. Charisse Gendron at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, room 107. All are invited to attend.

Campus Recreation has several upcoming events scheduled including a Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip on March 18-23, a Kayak Skills Clinic April 3-8, a White Water Canoe Trip April 14-15 and an Ococe Rafting Trip April 28-29. For more information, call the Campus Recreation Office at 898-2104.

An Al-Anon Family Group. Adult Children of Alcoholics will hold group support meetings every Wednesday at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, come find serenity. For information, contact Thelma Schrader at MTSU P.O

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## Pike Fight denied support

## STEPHANIE FARIS <br> Staff Writer

Pike Fight Night, an annual event for Pi Kappa Alpha, has been denied support from campus administration due to the activity's allegedly violent nature.

The event, a boxing match for anyone interested in fighting, which takes place in the spring, during the Pike's "Peak Week," was originally scheduled for April 18.
For a fee, participants can choose who they would like to fight out of a group of fraternity members and other participants. It is an activity many students enjoy, according to Pi Kappa Alpha member Chuck Ward.

When members of the fraternity applied to his office for approval of the Pike Fight last fall, Dean of Students Paul Cantrell told them he would have to deny support for the activity.
"Boxing is an unsafe activity to be engaged in," Cantrell said. "It could produce extreme impairment, and there might be liabilities." According to fraternity president Sean Brasili, there have been no major injuries
in the past 15 years that the event has been held. He said that he had personally seen only one knock-out during the fights.
"We have professional referees, and if there is a bloody nose, they call the fight," Brasili said.

The action was appealed by fraternity members to Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs on Feb. 19. LaLance upheld Cantrell's decision to deny support.
"Boxing is not an educationally sound activity," LaLance said. "Why should MTSU and Pi Kappa Alpha continue to be a part of it?"

According to LaLance, the NCAA discon-
tinued boxing as an intercollegiate sport years ago, and a Tennessee law was enacted in November that outlawed amateur boxing.
"We donate $\$ 1,000$ every year to a national philanthropy from this," said Brasili. "We feel this is inconsistent, inexplicable and without just cause.
"We are still trying to negotiate and we will appeal to someone higher," the fraternity president said. "It's a worthy cause.

## Professor receives award

Staff Reports
Dr. Jill Austin of the Department of Management and Marketing was recently elected as the "Most Outstanding Professor in the School of Business" for 1989-1990.
The election was sponsored by Omega Chapter of Gammma Iota Sigma (GIS) insurance fraternity and the Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) economics fraternity.

The election was in the lobby of KOM from $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The electorate included those students who
are juniors or seniors in the School of Business.

Voters were able to cast their ballot for any teacher in the School of Business holding instructor or professional rank who is a fulltime employee. A list of all eligible teachers was made available at the polling station.

Dr. Austin will receive an appropriately worded plaque from President Bogle at the Gamma Iota Sigma Initiation Banquet on Apr. 26.


## The problem is not Forrest, it's racism

Ever since classes began for this spring semester the only issue that has been debated by students has been something that under ordinary circumstances wouldn't raise even the most skeptical of eyebrows: the listless debate over the Nate Forrest sculpture.

It is an issue that is embedded in something much deeper and dangerous. This controversy is a well constructed mask that hides something much uglier than we would dare admit. The problem isn't Nathan Bedford Forrest; the problem is racism.

There is a great deal of apathy on this campus surrounding this issue and we cannot begin to find an answer why. Apathy is hatred's longstanding companion.
Some people of this campus, students and alumni, are very concerned about this non-issue; they say our southern heritage is at stake. Our heritage was displayed 25 years ago when the freedom marchers led by Martin Luther King travelled into Selma, Ala. to meet fierce and ignorant resistance. This version of Southern hospitality was viewed by people all across the country.

There is a great need to recognize this issue. If we don't stop now and consider future race relations instead of transmitting those hostilities over a lifeless mass of bronze, the Forrest debate will drag painfully on, and on, and on...

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## The handshake is a Southern tradition

W. Andrew Turman<br>Guest Columnist

Something which I have come to behold and cherish. something that is almost sacred to me is the handshake exchanged between men, especially between Southern men. This is not meant to be a sexist remark; yet it does reflect a regional bias. Women simply do not know how to shake hands. I must add, however, that with the rise of women to their rightful equal status, this is rapidly changing. Also, southern men do have a certain amount of honor when it comes to the clasping ritual that no other regional group possesses. Throughout my travels, to various and sundry cities and countries, it seems to me that a good handshake is to be found nowhere but the South.

In other countries, the handshake is supplanted by other methods of displaying respect. For example, in parts of Europe, kissing is often displayed and socially acceptable behavior, even between males.
Many American men titter and scoff upon viewing a news photo of two foreign leaders pecking each other on the cheek. This may be a sign of individuals insecure and uncomfortable with their own sexuality, but that must be taken up at another time.

Americans, you see, are uncomfortable with any display of emotion or vulnerability. The oriental pathos is one taken a step further. They neither kiss, nor do they shake hands. They simply bow and nod their heads. To touch would be unspeakable, yes, even unthinkable, except among the most kindred of souls.

When handshaking originated is uncertain. Some trace it back to the days of the caveman. Upon approaching a stranger, a homo sapien extended his right arm and hand, in a show of friendliness. The right hand, used by most for fighting, would exhibit to the other good will, and lack of ill intent. However, distance would be maintained in case the other happened not to be friend, but rather, foe.

It was discovered by the Western world, or at least in Rome, that hugging could lead to death. This in the sense that Caesar met his death by trusting his close companion. Et tu, Brutus.
Man, or many men, have a strong disdain for the act of hugging. This is especially true when it involves another man. Kissing among American men, at least among the conservative majority, is considered deplorable and even downright homosexual. A few men, including myself, have gotten over this masculine ego stumbling block. My closest men friends, at crucial or desperate junctures in our friendships, feel no qualms about sharing and affection in the third most intimate shows of affection. (The second is kissing and the first...)

My original message, before the tangential direction of thought, was the import of the Southern handshake. It is a remaining vestige of our animal nature, an atavistic one to be sure.

The only thing worse than a clammy, cold, limpwristed, dead fish between one's fingers is an overbearing son-of-abitch who insists on crushing one's hand until it crumbles into dust, leaving the stump numb for several hours.
The correct delivery of a handshake is essential and often an art. The hands must glide along each other until (one finds no quarter?) Only then does one clasp firmly. Often an overeager, neurotic type will close too soon upon one's hand, making one feel cheated and inferior. I immediately demand a rematch.
Boxers, the last real gladiators/cavemen of our species, always shake hands before and after a bout. It is a display of good sportsmanship, which can also be found elsewhere in the sportsworld.
The handshake exhibited among Southern gentlemen, is a sacred ritual. Whether used to close a business deal, extend a spiritual show of friendliness, or even as a final salutation, the handshake has become an icon of manhood.

If you are a woman, this is something you may not understand.

Don't worry. It is a guy thing, you can't understand.

# Letters to the Editor 

Editorial "reeks of racism"

To the Editor:
The editorial by David Randolph in the February 26, 1990 issue of Sidelines was, without a doubt the most outrageous example of half truths and misrepresentation of facts I have ever witnessed.

Nathan Bedford Forrest did become wealthy through real estate, livestock, and slave trading. All of which were legal and honorable professions at the time. Who knows, 125 years from now the tobacco industry may be illegal and immoral. As for now, no one is condemning the store owner who is selling tobacco.
As for the great lie at Fort Pillow, foraging activities of the Union regiment amounted to nothing less than pillage and persecutions of the local Southern civilians. This action caused General Forrest to telegraph General Polk that, "There is a Federal force of five or six hundred, at Fort Pillow which I shall attend to in a day or so."

Black men were not massacred because they were black and white men were not massacred because they fought beside the blacks. They were killed because they refused to surrender and were unsuccessful in their attempt to be reinforced by the transports Liberty and Olive Branch and the gunboat New Era.
These truths are well documented facts. Anyone who wishes to study the reports of the Congressional Committee can see how the white-washing of history was officially documented and whose presidential campaign benefited from these lies.

General Sherman, on orders from General Grant, made his own investigation of these allegations and concluded that retaliation was unjustifiable.

For a while, Forrest headed the Ku Klux Klan which was formed as a deterrent to carpetbaggers but he withdrew from the organization when it threatened to become an instrument of personal vengeance.

General Nathan Bedford Forrest has no equal as a natural military leader. His bravery, courage, and patriotism to his country was without question. His men idolized him.

Nathan Bedford Forrest was a devoted son to his mother, a loving provider for his orphaned brothers and sisters, a caring and loving husband and father.

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Mr. Randolph gives us the description of racism and social injustice. For him to call General Nathan Forrest a racist is the pot calling the kettle black. His editorial reeks of racism.

Horace D. Phillips
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## Vandalism mars campaign

## To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my utter outrage at the mysterious disappearance of the vast majority of Kathy Harrigan's campaign signs and banners the first morning of elections. It is absolutely pathetic that a person can spend such a large amount of his or her time and money on a campaign and then have it ruthlessly vandalized on the first day of elections.
The potential damage this could have on her campaign was immeasurable, as I'm quite sure the vandals themselves also knew.

The fact that this even happened displays a great deal of immaturity, cruelty, and an inability to campaign fairly on the part of the perpetrators. There are many other ways to fairly express one's support or disdain for a candidate.

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# Wesley Players to present 'Bus Stop’ 

## JOHN MOSELEY <br> Staff Writer

One way to encapsule William Inge's three-act romance, "Bus Stop," would be romance that aims to expose the base of human nature. But John Yost, director of The Wesley Players' presentation of Inge's work, also promises a good helping of satirical humor - with a touch of reality - that will leave your sides sore.

After starring in the Wesley Foundation's productions of "Two x Two" and "Godspell," the play has given Yost his first shot at being a director
"Directing is harder," says Yost. "The director has to keep up with so many different aspects of the production - all the characters, all the actors playing those characters, and everyone's lines.
Yost explains that "Bus Stop" is set in an out of the way diner in the Midwest, located along a major bus route somewhere between Topeka and Kansas City, and centers around a cast that that is an unlikely mixture of roguish, refined, naive and ambitious characters.
Bo Decker, played by John Shelton, is a rodeo cowboy on his way back home to Montana who falls in love with Cherie, (Lea Logue), a singer from Kansas City.

Dr. Lyman is a hopelessly romantic professor who was dismissed from his university position teaching philosophy due to his overt interest in his female students. The character is played by Chris Westbrook, who has mastered the art of imitating an increasing intoxication.
Grace Hoylard (Dionndra Foster), the divorced owner of the diner, sheriff Will Masters (Jim Cacy), Elma Duckworth (Dianne Nagy), the bus driver Carl (Todd Bush) and Virgil (Paul Smith) round out the play's cast of characters.


From left: Jim Casey, Todd Bush and Dionndra Foster are among the stars in the Wesley Players' production

This unusual assortment of characters all come together in a snow-bound diner (with no working phone and the only available bathroom outside in the blizzard) and interact with each other.

The Wesley Foundation will present "Bus Stop" from March 8-11. Performances are at 8 p.m. every night with
of William Inge's 'Bus Stop.' The play is being directed by John Yost and will run from March 8-11
a dmmer theater at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and an additional performance at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Reservations should be made as soon as possible for Saturday's dinner theater.
For tickets, contact the Wesley Foundation at 893-0469. Prices are $\$ 2$ for students with I.D., $\$ 4$ for adults and $\$ 8$ for the Saturday dinner theater. -

## Hulan captures Miss MTSU crown

DARRYL ATHANS News Editor
Senior Leah Hulan walked away with top honors in the Fourteenth Annual Sigma Alpha Epsilon Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant held on Thursday at Tucker Theater.

Hulan captured the Miss MTSU crown as well as being selected Miss Congeniality and tying for first place in the talent competition with Kimberly Beasley.
"I had such a good time last year that I had to do it again this year. I didn't think I was going to win, said Hulan.
"Since I was in it last year, I was prepared to lose again, so it was a real shock - but what meant the most to me was winning Miss Congeniality."
Hulan will receive a \$1,200 scholarship, a wardrobe by D. Swain Clothiers and an opportunity to attend the Miss Tennessee Pageant, according to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. member John Crisp.
the Speech and Theater department, served as Master of Ceremonies for the pageant.


Leah Lorine Hulan $\star$ Leah Lorine Hulan Featured performances were given throughout the evening by Elizabeth Sanford, Kelly Brewer and Chris Jacobs, who did everything from singing to dancing to baton twirling.

The first part of the pageant was the evening gown competition, in which contestants
$\star$ Christina Leanne Baker (People's Bank, Seat Studio and Jerry W. Taylor)
$\star$ Rhonda Denise North (Alpha Delta Pi)
$\star$ Gina Denise Cantwell (Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae)
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(Delta Zeta)
$\star$ Tiffany Claire McClintock (Alpha Omicron Pi )
$\star$ Crystal Sue Coleman (Chi Omega)
$\star$ Shannon Hope Stavely (Tau Kappa Epsilon).
-The evening gown com-
the talent contest. The "Most Talented" title was shared by Beasley, who performed "Somewhere" by Barbara Streisand, and Hulan, who clogged the Tennessee Buck Dance.

Crisp notes that the "best sport" award goes to Stavely, who was stranded on stage for nearly five minutes because of a "mechanical failure."
Runners-up for the 1990 Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant were: Coleman (fourth runner-up), Stavely (third runner-up), McClintock (second runner-up) and Beasley (first runnerup).

Judges for the pageant were Todd Buse, Senior Coordinator of Special Events at Reuben M. Smith Associates, Eve Vaupel, Public Relations Director for ASCAP, Chris Miller, founder of the Miller Talent Group, Shelly Mangrum, hostess for "Video Country" on the Nashville Network, and Ralph Vaughn, Executive director of the Rutherford County

## Wilma Dykeman to speak at MTSU

## From Staff Reports

Author and historian Wilma Dykeman will present a lecture entitled "The Tall Woman" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The lecture is being presented as part of Women's History Month.
Dykeman was born in Asheville, N.C. and graduated from Northwestern University. She currently resides in Newport, Tenn.
The most pervasive subject in Dykeman's novels, biographies and histories is life in the Appalachian South. Her novels have tackled numerous social issues, including race relations, the social role of mountain women, the Protestan movement, and how technology threatens the environment. Her first novel, The French Broad, was published in 1955.
Other works include Neither Black Nor White (1957), The Tall Woman (1962), The Far Family (1966) and Tennessee: A History (1976).
Dykeman has also been published in numerous magazines, including New York Times Magazine, Harper's Reader's Digest and New Republic.
The author and historian has been the recipient of numerous literary honors, such as the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Trophy and the Hillman Award.
Dykeman was also honored as Tennessee Outstanding Speaker of the Year by the State Association of Speech Arts Teachers and Professors.
Tonight's lecture is being co-sponsored by the MTSU June Anderson Women's Center and funded by the Student Ideas and Issues Committee and the MTSU English

## Ask Mike \&Scott



Dear Mike and Scott:
A little while ago, some girl wrote in about how there aren't any decent guys on campus. I'm one of those decent guys. It's because there are no decent girls on this campus! They're all self-centered, petty, materialistic, teeny-bopping snobs! So if a guy doesn't look like Mr. Universe, drive a Porsche and have money coming out of his a--, the girls won't have anything to do with him. Can you honestly blame us for being jerks? - Mr. Realistic

Dear Mike and Scott:
I have been in Sidelines before. My letters can be recognized because they usually take up 129 column-inches. Maybe not quite 129 , but here is another counterpoint from me in response to a letter you answered in the Feb. 19 issue.
I am a single white male having been enrolled at MTSU for 3 1/2 years. As long as I've been here, $I$ have never once met an "available" female I would consider for a girlfriend. All my past girlfriends - or should I say girlfrauds - were only out to use me in every conceivable way; to my knowledge, no girl has ever given a s--- about me. Obviously, I have cooled at the thought of attempting a long-term relationship, but I try to remain open-minded.

I don't expect a potential girlfriend to look like she just stepped out of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, and I'll never be People's "Sexiest Man Alive." I don't care whether a potential girlfriend is white, black, Hispanic, Asian, Polynesian, or Martian.

I believe cheating on a girl is one of the worst nonviolent things I could do to a girl, but I expect full reciprocity (I never get it). I go to school to prepare for my career. I have taken "excessive" courses just because I deemed them interesting and/or useful. My G.P.A. is consistently above a 3.0 , and I have missed only 10 class sessions in $31 / 2$ years.
Assuming the letter to which I am responding is true, it has (thank God) disproved my theory that Tennessee has become completely void of single women who are worth knowing. I am not asking you two to take any specific action on my behalf. I merely believe Sidelines should report both sides of the story. There are two sides. - A senior who reads Sidelines (and writes long letters)

Dear Mr. Realistic and Senior:
To begin, let us make it clear that neither this column nor the Sidelines office is here to serve as a dating service for the MTSU student body. However, we will address the issue one last time, since it is apparent that many people here share the same problem.
Patience is the key factor in getting through the situation. If you have patience, then the right person will come along.
"Senior" said that you have met "acailable" women, but never considered any of them for a girlfriend. Maybe you're not taking advantage of your opportunities. Aren't these women good enough for you?

Even though you both claim to not be "Mr. Universe" or the "sexiest man alive," you must have your good qualities. By using these qualities to your advantage, you will help end your search for the right woman. - Mike and Scott


## Catholic Center to offer 'Search 29

BETHLYN ANDERSON Staff Writer

Grimes suggests that participants bring sleeping bag, pillow and casual clothes for The MTSU Catholic Center and St. Rose two days. Food will be provided.
Catholic Church are co-sponsoring a "You bring yourself and a few necessities. weekend religious retreat called "Search 29 " says Grimes, "and we'll supply the on March 9-11. The Search will be held at friendship, new people, new ideas and a bet St. Rose, which is located on 1603 N . Tenn- ter sense of purpose.
essee Blvd.
The retreat is the twenty-ninth search in
The retreat is open to anyone between 15 years. Searches are held once each the ages of 18-35, and people from all religi- semester in the St. Rose Cum.
ous backgrounds are welcome. Search 29 costs $\$ 20$ to nricipate in ( $\$ 5$
"No denominational boundaries are to reserve a place and $\$ 15$ for food costs) crossed or stressed," explains John Grimes, which can be paid any time until Search co-director of Search 29. "Search is an op- Anyone needing transportation to the re portunity to retreat from all the distractions treat should call the MTSU Catholic Centel of the modern world and truly find yourself at 896-6074

- the good and the bad.
"The younger and sooner someone tries
Grimes says he hopes that the retreat will to seek self-understanding," notes Grimes
be able to attract people from all walks of "the happier and more successful in life they life, not just one specific type of person or will be. We're always changing and alway clique. searching." $\quad$


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## Horror novel takes

DENA MASH Staff Writer
"The Bad Place" in Dean R. Koontz's latest novel is death, a weapon this author has strategically wielded to terrify readers in his past works. His latest endeavor is a far-out story of super-

## Book Review

natural powers that frightens and expands the mind with addictive prose.
The novel begins with Frank Pollard, first-born of a pack of freaks, crouching in an alley oblivious to his past but not to his pain. Frank relies on several
tricks privy to those outside the law to escape his pursuer, but senses he is not running from police, but from something far more frightening.

After he awakens in a hotel bed covered with blood, he decides to seek help from Dakota \& Dakota Investigations. A freakish family affair then spreads to the lives of unwary outsiders.

Frank's twin sisters, Verbina and Violet, possess powerful telepathy to influence living matter, including the sea of cats that flow at their feet. Frank's

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As in his earlier novel, Watchers, Koontz shapes the most endearing characters from minds least understood by "normal people." In his current novel, the drawing card is a victim of Down's Syndrome who makes "picture poems" and dreams of sunshine and "flutterbys." In Watchers, readers' heartstrings were tugged by an extremely intelligent golden retriever
named Einstein.


In both books, Koontz uses his love of the innocent and simple, not to mention compassion for dogs and handicapped children, to make the readers cheer for the unlikeliest of protagonists.

He also exposes the ominous perceptions sea-
red in Thomas mind by capitalizing the phrases "DO THE RIGHT THING," "THE BAD PLACE," and "GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR YOUR OWN GOOD" if you "LOSE CONTROL" throughout the book.

Koontz has a healthy control of thriller language. "As if it was the gelid ectoplasm of a slothful ghost, a sluggish current of cold air slid inward across the few jagged points of the glass that had not already fallen.
This writer is at his best, however, when he sticks to bare-bones storytelling.

Even his most minor characters enjoy simple, yet descriptive dialogue. Clint, the Dakotas' right-hand man is propositioned by a buxom blonde secretary who becomes an unusual source of colorful language. "The sun makes me feel...full of energy, but a lazy energy, sort of the way a lioness walks - you know?"

Koontz also repeatedly interjects the cryptic phrase "fireflies in a windstorm" as an omen of eerie events to come.

The plot is well-constructed and fast. The au-

## thor makes a mistake to-

 ward the end of the book, however. Frank takes Bobby on a teleportation trip to another world painted in detail. It is tempting to skip over these descriptive obstructions to trace the plot and in doing so, miss chunks of wellcrafted prose. Koontz accelerates to breakneck speed and then tries to test the brakes.The strange planet the men visit is inhabited by metallic roaches that eat black sand and excrete red diamonds. Here the plot loses some of its scary grip by reaching too far. The most frightening of tales are strange, yet plausibly explained. Koontz never resolves this otherworld, perhaps because there could be no believable connection between it and the rest of the novel.
Koontz tells an engaging tale full of fright and mystery and, predictably, blood. The book is worth $\$ 19.95$ for the characterization of Thomas alone. Be forwarned - the author stretches the plot a bit far in some places, but scares the daylights away in others. the

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# Lady Raiders smash Cardinals 


ntensity at its best...
ady Raider freshman Yael Soresman prepares to return against Ball State's Kristi orman in No. 3 singles action Saturday morning. Soresman was one of six Lady aiders to win in Saturday's competition.

## Raiders bow out of tourney <br> TONY J. ARNOLD <br> In the early going, the

Assistant Sports Editor MTSU's Blue Raiders Il to the Eastern Kentucky blonels $65-52$ in first und OVC tournament acon Saturday evening.
The Colonels, who deated MTSU twice during e regular season, reverted their familiar slow-down fense to post the victory. ith the win, EKU adnces to the semifinals ainst Murray State next ains
Raider Head Coach uce Stewart found it difult to match his club up ainst a team which he felt the best the OVC has to er.
"In our eyes, this is the st team in the OVC," said ewart. "They're a big, ong, physical team. Their and strength wore us wn tonight."
Although the Colonels sily humbled the Raiders ring the regular season, ey had a much harder ne disposing of MTSU e third time around.
game seesawed back and forth. MTSU led by no more than three and trailed by no more than six during the first period. At the half, Eastern led 31-29.

The Raiders returned from the locker room and took the lead from the Colonels at the 18:50 mark as senior forward Kevin Wallace hit a three-pointer.

The Colonels proceeded to go on a 13-4 tear. With 11:29 left in the contest, EKU led 48-38.

MTSU managed to cut the gap to two with 4:53 remaining, but could not overcome the Colonels. MTSU ultimately fell by the wayside as Eastern pulled away in the closing minutes.
The Colonels ended the game shooting 50 percent from the field. Most impressively, EKU hit 23 of 24 free throw attempts and six of seven three-point attempts.

The Raiders hit on 46 percent of their shots and
connected on only 64 percent of their free throw attempts. Eastern held the Raiders to only 11 charity attempts on the evening, and kept the Raiders off the line altogether during the second half.
Wallace and Chris Ingram paced the Raiders with 12 points each. Senior Gerald Harris finished the game with 11.
The Raiders ended the season with a 12-16 record. The record marks the first losing season since Stan Simpson's Blue Raider squad finished 11-16 during the 1983-84 campaign.
The loss also marked the end of the collegiate careers of Raider seniors Wallace and Harris. *
"Both of them gave it their all and I hate to see them go," said Stewart. "That is the nature of basketball. It's been a tough season, but now we need to realize what to do to get back where the Raiders have been in the past." ■

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor
After two months of waiting for the season to begin. MTSU's Lady Raiders stormed the tennis courts of Murphy Center Saturday morning to demolish the Ball State Cardinals 8-1.
"We've been practicing so long," said Lady Raider coach Sandra Neal. "They played real good.

Good indeed. The visiting Cardinals, having logged impressive victories over Eastern Kentucky, Western Carolina and OVC-favorite Austin Peay, landed in Murfreesboro Saturday hoping for another victory over an OVC team. The Lady Raiders, however, put their foot down early and proceeded to grind Ball State to dust under their heel.
Sophomore Lorinda Weiss got things started for the Lady Raiders with a 6-4, 6-0 drubbing of BSU's Margaret Musgrave in No. 1 singles.
"I was a little nervous at first," said Weiss. "I was a little tentative, but I put a
little pressure on her, I settled down a little and I got her in the second set.
Weiss teamed up with freshman Yael Soresman to steamroller Ball's team of Diana Porter and Lisa Belsky in No. 1 doubles, 61, 7-6 (7-4).
In No. 2 singles, sophomore Kelly Williamson ousted Porter 6-4, 7-5. Williamson and freshman Angie Leake defeated Musgrave and Kristi Dorman in No. 2 doubles 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.
In No. 3 singles, Soresman battled Dorman for nearly two hours before posting a 6-1, 7-5 victory.
"It gives you a bit of confidence." said the freshman of her first victory as a Lady Raider. "It's good to start off on a positive note. You've got to think tough; you've got to be tough."
In No. 4 singles, senior Lynn Dillard defeated Belsky 6-2, 6-3. In No. 5 singles, Leake crushed BSU's Christine Nading 62, 6-1.

Ball's Kim Kluck defeated MTSU sophomore Katrina Beuchler in No. 6
singles 6-4. 6-2. Benchler gained a measure of revenge later in the meet. however. The sophomore teamed up with Dillard to whip Kluck and Nading in No. 3 doubles 6-4, 7-6(7-4).
"This was Ball State es first outdoor meet, so we had an edge on them" said Neal. "Every day it hasn't been wet, we ve been outdoors.
"They re very young. but this team is strong all the way down. Were very deep."

Neal and her Lady Raiders will have a chance to prove just how strong and deep they are when the take their 1-0 record to Orange Lake, Fla. on Wednesday. The Lady Raiders will be competing against Syracuse, Eastern Carolina, Eastern Illinois and James Madison in Orange Lake over the weekend.

The Lady Raiders will be on the road until March 30. when they return home to take on OVC rival Tennessee Tech. $\quad$


MTSU senior Gerald Harris (14) goes up for a shot against Eastern Kentucky.

## Lady Raiders look to settle scores in OVC tournament

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor
MTSU's Lady Raiders travel to Cookeville, Tn. tonight for the second time this season to take on the Murray State Lady Racers in the first round of the OVC tournament.

The Lady Raiders, who on January 20 were 4-11 and $0-3$ in conference play after falling to Murray State in Murphy Center 79-61, have turned things around dramatically since then.

The Lady Raiders finished 7-5, a run which included a 7-2 conference stretch. MTSU wreaked vengeance on the Lady Racers for the earlier loss, whipping Murray in their final home game of the season 71-65

The Lady Raiders enjoy a commanding lead in the series between the two, having posted victory in 29 of 35 meetings. Last year however, Murray shattered MTSU's hopes for a seventh-straight appearance in the OVC conference tournament championship by electrifying the

Lady Raiders in the first round of the tournament 73-66.
"I would just love to put them down again," said junior Stephanie Capley. "When we went up [to Murray] to play them, they thought they were going to beat us like they did down here. And we put it on them."

## Tennessee

Tech will not beat us again. God, just talking about it gets me pumped up. Christy Scruggs

If the Lady Raiders defeat Murray tonight, they will advance to the OVC championship round tomorrow night to take on the winner of the Tennessee Tech-Tennessee State game.

Tech is undefeated
against TSU in seven meetings, and crushed the Lady Tigers in two meetings during the regular season.

On the average, the Lady Raiders have played Tech three times per year since the 1979-1980 season, the last time they lost to the Golden Eaglettes three times in one season.
"We can beat Murray," said senior guard Christy Scruggs in an earlier interview. "[Tennessee Tech] will not beat us again. God, just talking about it gets me pumped up."

The last time the Golden Eaglettes lost an OVC game on their home court was during the 1983-1984 season. In that year, the Lady Raiders defeated Tech in Cookeville, 70-66.

Tipoff for tomorrow night's game in TTU's Eblen Center is scheduled for 6 p.m. Should the Lady Raiders advance to the championship round, they will play on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. $\quad$ -

## Poor attendance at Lady Raider games a mystery

It's pretty sad to think that in this modern-day world of equal opportunity, liberal thinking and sexual revolution, some things never change.
Take, for instance, attendance at Lady Raider basketball games.
The Blue Raiders averaged about 6,800 in attendance this season. To say that the Lady Raiders averaged 600 per game might

## Davedreamin' By David Lee Gregor

be stretching it. Indeed, I once counted 84 persons at an MTSU women's basketball game.
I once actually took time to ponder the inequity of this situation. After all, the Lady Raiders have more pennants hanging from the Murphy Center roof.
Furthermore, the Lady Raiders actually have a better winning percentage than the Blue Raiders do. MTSU's Lady Raiders are 284-140 in the 15 years they have been playing, which computes into a winning

Blue Raiders, on the other hand, have posted a record of 271-173 in the same time period. This record computes into a winning percentage of 61.0

Still mystified, I decided to poll the MTSU campus in an effort to determine the reason for such poor fan attendance at Lady Raider games.

Of those surveyed, 94.4 percent said that they would rather go to a men's than a women's basketball game at MTSU. When asked what their reasons for this choice were, 72.2 percent responded that men's basketball was more exciting than women's basketball.

Most of those responding stated that they preferred the men's games because guys can dunk the ball easier than girls can, making for more game excitement. One coed responded that she found the men's team more interesting because she liked to watch the guys run up and down the court in their shorts. Reasonable enough.

One MTSU member told me that sh wouldn't give a nickel to se the Lady Raiders play be cause they were boring Boring, hmm..

Obviously, these foll have never seen Julie Mor rison steal a basketball, slic downcourt and lay it in a crucial basket. Perhap they have never seen Coac Bivens get so worked u over bad officiating that $h$ gets red in the face.
Surely, they have neve seen Kristi Brown leave or ponents flatfooted with ho quick-release three-poir ters, or Pippa Gipson clea ing it out underneath as sh pulls down rebounds.
I wonder what it mu feel like to walk out onto basketball floor after wor ing so hard all week, on to find that a mere handfi of people are present support you. I wonder those precious few sou who do take time out come watch the Lady Rai ers realize just how speci they really are.

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## MTSU stuns Ole Miss

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor
Warning to all OVC baseball teams: the MTSU Blue Raiders have serious designs upon winning the conference championship.

The Blue Raiders went 2-$0-1$ over the weekend, and pulled off a stunning twogame sweep of Mississippi. In so doing, the Raiders improved their season record to 4-1-1.

MTSU battled Western Kentucky Thursday. Catcher Jay Owens, who secured a victory in the bottom of the ninth with a three-run homer in the previous day's game, once more answered the call for the Raiders.
Owens scored right fielder Darius Gash on a sacrifice fly in the first inning to give MTSU a 1-0 lead, then slammed a three-run homer over the fence for the Raiders in the third to stretch the lead to 5-2.
WKU came on in the late going to tie the score at six runs. The game was called on darkness, and ended in a 6-6 tie.
On Saturday, the Blue Paiders traveled to Oxford, Miss. to take on the first of four SEC teams they will face this season in the Ole Miss Rebels.
MTSU pitchers Chris Crabtree and Rob Angell combined for a three-hit shutout of Ole Miss on Saturday. Crabtree pitched $6 \% / 3$ innings, allowed only one hit and struck out eight. Angell pitched $21 / 3$ innings, allowed only two hits and
picked up his second win in three tries.
The Blue Raiders scored the only run of the game in the eighth inning when shortstop Phil Edwards singled in third baseman Dwight Robinson. The 1-0 victory marks the first shutout of the season for the Raiders.

On Sunday, MTSU defeated the Rebels in a wild, high-scoring affair, 10-8.

MTSU scored two runs
in their half of the first. Ole Miss answered with two runs in the bottom of the first to knot the score at two runs.
In the third inning, junior John Mason scored off a wild pitch to give the Raiders a 3-2 lead. Owens followed with a two-run double and was subsequently scored himself. First baseman Mike Severance smacked a RBI single in the fifth to up the score to 6-2.
Ole Miss answered with 4 runs in the fifth to tie the score at six. Once more, Owens came to the rescue with a three-run double in the sixth inning, and was scored on an error the next play to make the score 10-6. Ole Miss scored their last two funs in the bottom of the sixth.
With the victory, MTSU pitcher Tom Wegmann picked up his first win of the year.

MTSU will be in road action again Wednesday against Columbus College of Georgia. -

## MTSU football players flex muscles for fans

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor

A crowd of approximately 100 MTSU students and staff got their first glimpse of the 1990 MTSU Blue Raider football team Friday.

The Blue Raiders performed for their fans however, not on the gridiron but in Murphy Center in the athletic department's annual Night of Champions powerlifting competition.
"It's a nice change for the kids," said MTSU strength and conditioning coach and sponsor of the event E. J. "Doc" Kreis. "It's a nice break in routine for them before we start them back
in on what they re here for: football."

The Blue Raiders will take the field for spring practice beginning today.
Middleweight ( 165 lbs. ) -1 . Brian Harris, 850 lbs. 2, Matt Crews, 635 Ibs . 3. John L. Conner, 350 lbs .
Light heavyweight ( 181 llbs .) 1, Orlando Crenshaw, 815 lbs . 2 , Kenny Donaldson, 590 lbs
Heavyweight ( 198 lbs .) -1 . Wade Johnson, 885 lbs . 2, Ricky Martin, 565 lbs .
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## Rifles finish ninth

DAVID LEE GREGOR Sports Editor
The Blue Raider Rifles, MTSU's NCAA small-bore and airgun marksmanship team, recently finished impressively at the 12th Annual Mardi Gras Rifle Match sponsored by Nichols State University.
This year's competition marks the second straight appearance for the Rifles in the invitational. MTSU finished third in Division B competition a year ago, and moved up to Division A this year. The Rifles finished

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I wonder how many Lady Raider supporters will show up in Cookeville, Tn. this evening to cheer the Lady Raiders on as they square off against Murray State in the first round of yet another OVC tournament.

With the Blue Raiders losing Saturday to Eastern Kentucky, it is ironic that MTSU's only hopes for post-season glory now rest on the relatively small shoulders of the Lady Raiders.

Should the ladies defeat

Murray State tonight, they will once more advance to the championship round of the tournament, just as they have done for six of the past seven years. They may once more have a chance to battle arch-rival Tennessee Tech for the OVC crown, just as they have done in five of their last six championship game appearances.
Whatever happens this evening, the Lady Raiders will most likely go on just as they have in years past: quietly and with the support of the few, the prond. the loyal MTSU Lady Raider fans. -

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