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## The more things change ...

MTSU, SEMO, EIU remain tied for OVC lead after playing 'musical title' over the long weekend

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

# Sidelines

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## Bus victim now home recovering

By Gregg Mayer and Susan McMahan/ staff

An MTSU student is recuperating at home after being struck by a Raider Xpress shuttle last Wednesday. She was released from the Middle Tennessee Medical Center on Friday.



Melony Peden

Melony Peden, 24, a pre-med sophomore, was banging on the side of the shuttle, trying to get driver Diane Morton's attention, according to Public Safety, when she slipped off the curb under the bus and her left leg was "crushed."

Morton said she could not hear or see the student chasing alongside the vehicle.

Peden was rushed to the hospital, where doctors ran tests and found she had no broken bones. Doctors said she must continue to wear a splint for the next six weeks until they complete tests for torn ligaments and tendons.

"I haven't been able to leave my home," Peden said.

Peden said she did not want to discuss specifics about the accident at this time. She declined comment when asked about legal recourse.

"I've been taking my medicine and keeping my leg propped up and not thinking about too much else," she said.

Morton said Peden is not the only student who "doesn't realize how dangerous it is" to chase after the shuttles.

"She could have prevented all of this by waiting for another bus," she explained. "We have three buses for this route, so it wouldn't have been more than a few minutes before the next one to come. A little common sense could have prevented this."

Peden, originally from Wabash, Ind., moved to Murfreesboro two years ago with her family. She currently lives in family housing with her three-year-old son Cody.

## Student link allows faster access to Net

By Jamie Evans/ staff

Student Access is up and running again — it was shut down for part of December because it was being upgraded to a faster link — and it has brought a few new changes with it.

"We never received one complaint about connection last semester," says Student Access staff member Vince Guerra. "We moved to faster and more reliable connection to allow for more control over the site. The faster link was an upgrade move to a higher network class. We are now a class A domain instead of a class C. We can run multiple servers on the site now, this was not possible before."

A new mail server has also been implemented into Student Access.

"Mail accounts such as 'username@student-access.com' can now be issued to students who would like one," says Vince Guerra. "For now though, mail accounts are only being issued to Student Access staff members and administration personnel."

Another new feature is a section for local bands, where students will be able to check out the music scene before they perform.

"We will be showing 30 second video spots of local bands that are coming online to this area," Guerra says. "Users will be able to download a 'mini movie' so to speak of the band

they want to see. Short real time audio clips of a bands music will also be available."

Guerra also says that, "The chat house is still out because the program we have requires that everyone be running the latest netscape and that the browsers they are running be 100% JAVA compatible. The main concern is real-time chat, and this will be implemented over the next month. Some browsers will be able to use it fine, others will not see the chat window scroll."

"Student input on the system is what makes this site a great communication tool for every student on campus who has access to the web,"

Guerra says.

Guerra has aspirations that in time the message boards on Student Access could replace the overloaded student paper information boards that hang at various places around campus.

"We do feel that we may be a few years ahead of our time though, not in technology, but in how much today's student depends on the web and e-mail as a main tool for communication. As younger students come up through the ranks, they will already have a fuller understanding and use for the technology available today. Unfortunately some current students do not have this capacity yet."

## TIMBERRRRRR!



Brian G. Miller/ staff

A student's car parked in a green lot facing South Tennessee Blvd. across from Rutledge Hall was crushed by a tree that apparently fell due to high winds last Thursday.

## New term enrollment up from '96

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Student enrollment at Middle Tennessee State University this spring has risen 2.3 percent since last year, from 16,263 to 16,639.

"MTSU is in a growth mode," said Cliff Gillespie, dean of the office of admissions and records. "The numbers have been rising for the past couple of years and I think it will continue."

Gillespie cited four major reasons for the increase: good academic programs, low price, convenient location and a spreading academic reputation.

Traditionally, freshmen register in the fall. The majority of new students who register in the spring are transfer students. In the past academic year, 125 transfers and 300 freshmen were added to the list of students presently attending. Of the total enrollment, 43 percent of students have transferred from another university.

New students' interests are generally spread throughout the different fields on campus, but certain colleges are attracting more attraction, including Recording Industry, Aerospace, Business and the pre-professional programs in Biology and Chemistry.

"There is always more demand than seats in the classrooms," Gillespie said. "But we have worked with the faculty really hard to fix that problem." Gillespie said admission standards are becoming higher as the university grows.

"Standards have been revised to be much tougher," said Gillespie. "Students are starting to see us as much more selective."

The requirements for admission were revised in 1989 and 1993. According to the 1995-97 undergraduate catalog, a student must have completed the following for guaranteed enrollment: the required 14-unit high school courses and have a minimum ACT score of 20 or a 2.8 GPA.

## SGA mulls over agenda

Jamie Evans/ staff

SGA is in full swing again this semester with a few goals in mind for the future.

The Senate met last Wednesday, Jan. 15, to set up its administrative duties for the semester.

According to Ryan Durham, "We want to publish the earnings of the Auxiliary Enterprises around campus. This includes parking, AOA, housing, and the bookstore."

The house met last night, Jan. 22, to talk about new business.

Assistant Dean of Student Life Tom Burke told the house that, "MTSU wants to initiate more honoraries on campus for students with grade point averages of 3.0 and higher."

SGA elections are April second or third, and the run-offs will be the ninth or tenth, said SGA President Christin Baker. Petitions are due March 19 which is during spring break. The office will be open, but if students are leaving, they need to have them in the Friday before spring break.

## Development office hires new director from Cal Poly

### Staff Reports

Steve Shockley has been hired as MTSU's new director of development, a position for raising money for university.

Shockley replaces former director Chris Beard, who moved to Martin Methodist University in Pulaski, Tenn.

"I was already aware of MTSU and the TBR system, having worked at East Tennessee State University," Shockley said. "But when I walked the campus, it was like someone threw out a nice fat worm and I was a big bass and I grabbed that hook. I just felt really good about this institution."

"We are delighted to have Steve join our advancement team," said Dr. Linda Hare, vice president for development and university relations, who hired Shockley after a formal recommendation made up of several university administrators.

"He brings extensive experience in working with alumni and friends

who support a university," Hare added.

In the early '80s, Shockley served as director of Alumni Relations at ETSU, and after five years, he went to California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo, where he was director of Alumni Relations and executive vice president of the school's alumni association. He spent nearly 12 years there.

Having graduated from the University of Alabama, with a major in marketing and minor in public relations/ advertising, he remained fond of the South and the warmth of its people. The decision, therefore, to interview for the position at MTSU



Steve Shockley

and possibly return to this area was not a difficult one, he said.

Shockley's wife, Nancy, who teaches middle school social studies near San Luis Obispo, and his daughter Allison, who is majoring in psychology at Cal Poly, will join him in Murfreesboro at the end of the school year. Allison will continue her studies at MTSU.

Shockley's interest in the field of advancement was sparked when he was at the University of Alabama and working as chapter advisor for a fraternity.

"I mentioned to the president of the university that I was interested in working in a public relations type activity, and he said he'd been thinking about the same thing," he said. "A new director of Alumni Relations had just been hired, a friend of mine, so I ended up being his associate director and director of chapter development."

"You don't go to school to major in

development or fund raising. Most people get into this field by accident. You learn this business by doing. You have to be able to write, talk, present yourself to audiences...know how to ask for a gift and how to be good at thanking people for their gifts."

"Stewardship is very important — to recognize people for their participation and investment."

Shockley encourages students who are interested in the field of advancement to gain experience by working at the university alumni, development, or public relations office.

He also encourages students to participate in the spring phonathon, which begins Feb. 3 and goes through April 10. Students should call the development office at 898-2502 for more information.

"Whether it's an alumni body, foundation, or corporation, you have to create a situation where they feel good

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## Womack to speak at first Honors Series Lecture

By Randy Ford/ staff

The spring 1997 Honors Lecture Series is set to begin next week. The theme for this semester's series is "Tough Choices."

State Senator Andy Womack is scheduled to be the first speaker. His lecture, "Current State of Tennessee Legislative Issues," will be presented Monday, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in room 107 of Peck Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Womack said he wants his listeners to understand the long-term issues that he thinks are important to the state, such as education and

corrections reform.

"They are the voters. In fact, it is important for anyone of voting age to begin learning these issues."

Womack added that he wants his listeners to be involved in his lecture.

"I never prepare a lot to say [at lectures]. I much prefer question-and-answer sessions," Womack explained.

Womack said he will focus the majority of his discussion on education reform, specifically discussing the continued funding for the Education Improvement Act of 1992, which Womack calls

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-Andy Womack

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## SHOCKLEY:

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when they are asked to invest in the university," Shockley explained. "This is done by having good chapter programming, on-campus events, alumni weekends, and festive homecomings. Especially in a state institution where much of the cost of education is borne by the public, you have to educate alumni and others that private dollars are still very much needed.

"We need to look at who's hiring our graduates and create partnerships where they feel good about giving back to the university. You have to 'friend-raise' before you fund raise," he said.

Hare concluded, "The university as well as the foundation are glad that he is here." •

# On Campus



### January 1 through 31

Nashville's multi-media artist group is hosting an introductory exhibit during regular gallery hours at the Rutherford County/Murfreesboro Center for the Arts.

### January 18 through February 22

Hypnagogia—multi-media art show based on a dream theme opening 7:00-9:30 Parthenon in Nashville. Gallery hours: 9:30-4:30 Tues. -Sat. Admission adults \$2.50, children (4-17) and seniors (62+) \$1.25. For more information contact Michael Durham: 262-2806

### THURSDAY, Jan. 23

Fashion show auditions will be held from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Rec Center Aerobics Room for the March 3rd Fashion Show. A table will be set up Thursday, January 23, in front of the KUC Grill from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. with information. For further information call James Cessna at 898-3240.

### FRIDAY, Jan. 24

The Japan Center of Tennessee announces a performance by the Tokyo

String Quartet from Tokyo, Japan at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) in downtown Nashville at 8 p.m. in the Polk Theatre. Call TicketMaster at (615) 255-9600 for tickets.

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29

Summer Jobs Fair will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at KUC Rooms 322 and 324. For more information call Temple Bennett, 898-2500.

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society will hold a writer's workshop for present and prospective members at its next meeting. 3:30 in Peck Hall 108. Call Dr. Strawman for membership information: 898-2659.

College Republicans Personal Responsibility Day: a forum of free independent thought on the responsibilities inherent in a free society. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. outside the KUC Grill in the 2nd floor lobby. For more information call Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

### TUESDAY, Feb. 4

Campus Crusade for Christ meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass. Comm. 103. Contact Janelle Cox for more

information at 867-3054.

### February-March 1997

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN. Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

### GRADUATING SENIORS

All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: March 4, 5, and 6. On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

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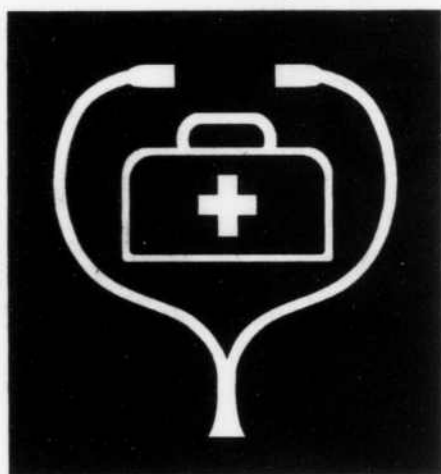
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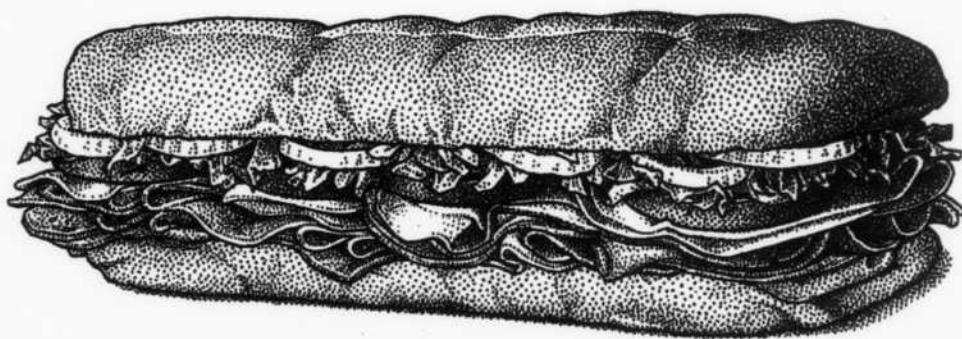
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## Stadium groundbreaking scheduled

### Staff Reports

A formal groundbreaking for the expansion of Johnny "Red" Floyd Football Stadium at Middle Tennessee State University will be held Friday, Feb. 7, at 9 a.m., in Murphy Center on the upper track level overlooking the stadium.

Sports Information Director Ed Given, Jr., will be master of ceremonies, and

those offering remarks will include MTSU President James E. Walker, Athletic Director Lee Fowler, Coach Boots Donnelly, and SGA President Christin Baker.

Representatives from Turner Construction of Nashville, and Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon Engineers Architects & Planners of Nashville, will also be present.

The event will include a brief

video fly-through presentation and other displays. Refreshments will be served.

Due to several on-campus construction projects, attendees from off campus are encouraged for their convenience to park in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot (off Greenland Drive) and ride the shuttle bus designated "stadium groundbreaking" to Murphy Center. •

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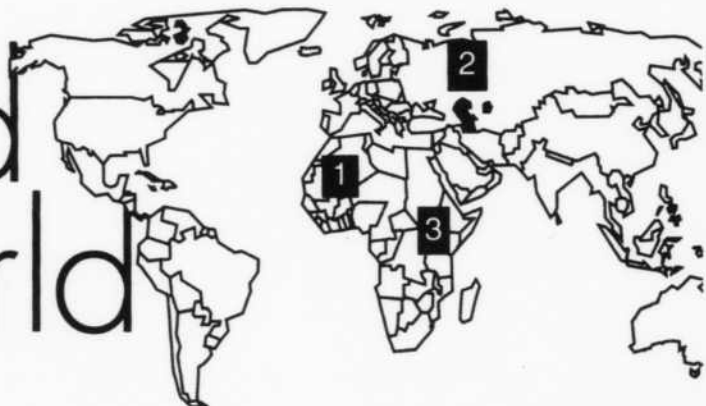


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# Around the World



## Car bomb kills five more in Algiers

**1** ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A bomb exploded Wednesday at a market south of the capital, killing five people a day after car bombs believed set off by Islamic insurgents fighting the security forces left 18 dead in Algiers.

Residents of Blida, site of a major military base and known as a stronghold for Muslim fundamentalists, said Wednesday's attack caused considerable damage and that about 15 people were wounded.

Villages in the mountainous Blida region about 30 miles south of Algiers have been the sites of brutal massacres that have left whole families dead, sometimes hacked to death.

On Tuesday, two car bombs rocked Algiers. Both exploded in the hills above the city, less than a mile from one other. On Sunday, a car bomb killed 42 people in another Algiers neighborhood.

The militants threatened stepped-up attacks during the Muslim holy month, and nearly 150 people have been reported killed since Ramadan began 13 days ago.

"The war will continue and intensify during the month of Ramadan," said a statement signed by the leader of the radical Armed Islamic Group, Antar Zouabri.

"We have the means and

the men to punish those who are not on our side. Except for those who are with me, all the others are apostates and merit death," it read.

The statement was made public Friday, distributed and pinned to mosque walls around Algiers, then published this week by the French-language newspaper *El Watan*.

There has been no claim of responsibility for any of the attacks, but suspicion has fallen on the Islamic militants who have been fighting security forces in this North African country for five years.

## Yeltsin makes surprise visit to the Kremlin

**2** MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin showed up at the Kremlin on Wednesday for the first time in two weeks, a surprise appearance that took the wind out of a parliamentary move to oust him because of his poor health.

The Communists — who sponsored the long-shot bid — failed to win enough votes to end Yeltsin's presidency and call for new elections.

The appearance clearly was timed to quell claims Yeltsin is too sick to govern, although officially he went to the Kremlin for what aides said was a working meeting with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The visit was reported by the presidential press service, but it said no photographs or

video footage of Yeltsin's return to work were made. Neither were there any reports of journalists or other witnesses seeing Yeltsin enter the Kremlin.

The president, who had heart surgery in November, hasn't been seen in person or in pictures since he fell ill with pneumonia on Jan. 6.

## At least 14 Burundian refugees killed in camp

**3** DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Police recovered the bodies of at least 14 Burundians buried near a refugee camp in northwestern Tanzania, a government-owned newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Daily News said authorities in Ngara believe the victims had been buried alive. The killers later built a bonfire over the gravesite to camouflage it. Police reburied the victims properly, the newspaper said.

The discovery prompted authorities to increase security in the seven camps holding 200,000 Burundian Hutu refugees, and to move some refugees as an additional precaution, the paper said.

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# Opinions

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## In our view

### Throwing caution out the door

If there is one thing that last Wednesday's unfortunate bus accident tells us about this campus's parking and transportation habits, it is that many students and faculty members do not know how to conduct themselves in a safe manner while rushing to get where they need to go.

Melony Peden was injured by a Raider Xpress bus when she slipped in an attempt to catch the driver's attention. Like most students who are running late or are about to miss their ride, she probably didn't think through the possible consequences of her actions. Unfortunately for Ms. Peden, the risks proved to be all too real.

Rather than letting caution prevail, too many students and faculty members put themselves and, more importantly, those around them at risk by acting carelessly. In the case of the Raider Xpress routes, bus drivers have experienced a number of instances where people have chased alongside their vehicles in much the same fashion as occurred last Wednesday. Subsequently, it wasn't a question of if such an accident could happen, but when and to whom.

Pedestrians are not the only people on campus who have acted recklessly, however. Many commuters and other drivers speed through campus much faster than is safe, often rolling through stop signs and ignoring busy crosswalks. The situation was getting so out of hand, in fact, that it was one of the primary reasons university officials decided to reduce the speed limits to 15 m.p.h. this semester.

In retrospect, it is likely that Ms. Peden wishes she had been more careful last Wednesday. Hopefully, the rest of us will learn from her experience and do the same.



## Letters to the Editor

### Further thought on name change urged

To the Editor:

Over the holidays I saw two articles—first in the Tennessean and then in Murfreesboro's Daily News Journal—that discussed ways the MTSU administration is considering to improve its image, including a change in name. One idea being floated is to change the name from

Middle Tennessee State University to the University of Middle Tennessee, or UMT.

Isn't anybody listening? MT=EMPTY. Whatever name change may be considered, we MUST separate those two letters or move to another name all together (say, the family name of some prospective, generous donor—preferably, one who cares

about the arts).

Try this: say "UMT" several times and see whether it projects a "better image," one that (in the words of the Tennessean story) "will attract more students, draw more funding, and command respect."

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Prof. of Art History

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To be honest, I had completely forgotten that in a former life I was Mozart. You know how certain things tend to slip your mind, like where you left your car keys, or the fact that you used to be a brilliant Austrian composer who died in 1791? Well, that's exactly what happened to me.

I was reminded of my former life recently when I received a book called *Spirit at Work*, by Lois Grant, who has had a number of former lives. (I realize that some of you may be skeptical about the idea of reincarnation but there's a lot of evidence that it's real. Exhibit A is Vice President Al Gore, who obviously, at some point in his previous existence, was a slab of Formica.)

Besides having been reincarnated, Lois Grant is in close personal touch with many spiritual entities, including her deceased cat, Fluffernut, and the Archangel Michael, who has written a nice blurb for the cover of *Spirit at Work*, which he calls "a key to the rebirth of the planet." (I myself have never gotten a blurb quite that positive, although one of my books was described as being "heavy on the booger jokes," which is similar.)

Anyway, it turns out that one whole chapter of *Spirit at Work* is devoted to some correspondence that Lois Grant and I had back in 1991. It began when she wrote me a long letter, in which she said that she had been asking herself the question—I bet you've asked this question many times—"Where is Mozart now?" So she decided to contact Joya Pope, who serves as a "channeler" for a spiritual entity named Michael, who is "a group

of 1,050 souls who have completed their cycle of lives on the Earth." (Sounds like the U.S. Congress!)

Through Joya—who according to the book "is available for channeling by telephone"—Lois Grant asked Michael about the current



Dave Barry

Syndicated Columnist

whereabouts of Mozart. The answer was: "He is a writer living in Florida." On a hunch, Lois Grant sent Joya a photograph of me from the newspaper, and the answer came back that the current reincarnation of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is none other than—you guessed it—Wayne Newton.

No, seriously, according to Lois Grant, Joya/Michael says that I used to be Mozart. I was quite surprised to learn this, and you would have been, too, if you had seen me take piano lessons. This was in 1956, when the piano teacher, a woman named Mrs. Ugly Old Bat, used to come to my house every Saturday on her broom and point out to my mother that I apparently had not been practicing.

This was, of course, true. I was 9 years old, and I had better things to do with my time than sit around staring at a music book filled with tiny inscrutable black marks and trying to figure out which ones corresponded with which specific keys on the piano. As far as I was concerned, our piano had WAY too many keys on it anyway. I would have much preferred a piano with a total of two large keys, one white and one black; or maybe even just one really large gray key, so you'd never have any doubt which one you were supposed to hit.

But our piano had THOUSANDS of keys, stretching out for approximately a mile in either direction, and if I didn't hit exactly the right one, Mrs. Bat would make a federal case out of it. She'd stand over my shoulder and harangue me about sharps and flats for an HOUR—and in those days a Saturday hour was the equivalent of 53 weekday hours—until finally she'd give up and go outside to catch moths for dinner.

In other other words, I was not a natural piano student, in stark contrast to Mozart, a brilliant musical prodigy who by the age 9 had already composed his classic work "Porgy and Bess." I did eventually take up the guitar, and I even played in a band in college, but we didn't play complicated music. We played songs like "Land of 1,000 Dances," which only has one chord, namely, "E." In fact, a lot of our songs basically consisted of "E." Usually we'd play "E" for an hour or so, then we'd take a 15-minute break, during which we'd change over to "A." So even though Lois Grant seemed to be a nice, sincere person, I frankly doubted that I had ever been Mozart, and I pretty much forgot about our correspondence until I received my copy of *Spirit at Work* and saw the chapter in there about me. I began to wonder: What if I really was the reincarnation of Mozart? I mean, I don't want to get to spiritual here, but if Joya/Michael is correct—if I really am the embodiment of one of the greatest musical minds in history—then anytime anybody plays any Mozart music, I should get royalties, right? So just to be on the safe side, if you use any of my songs—"The Marriage of Figaro," "The Magic Flute," "Summertime," "Happy Birthday," "Mony Mony," etc.—I'd appreciate it if you'd send me a check. Make it out to Dave "Wolfgang" Barry. •

## CORRECTION

In the Thursday, January 16 issue of *Sidelines*, Col. James Parks was incorrectly identified as a former MTSU faculty member. While Mr. Parks did have a distinguished career in the military, he was never in fact an instructor. His daughter, Nancy Bertrand, is a current faculty member in the department of Elementary & Special Education. *Sidelines* regrets the error and apologizes for any misunderstanding.

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# Features

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Now in its 29th year, *Collage*, MTSU's student literary magazine, is

## Literally A Work of Art

By Adam Smith/ staff

Students seeking a forum to display their creative faculties have long had an ally in *Collage*. Since Lynn Small produced its first edition in 1968, the student-produced literary magazine has provided the most available showcase for student artwork, photography and creative writing on campus.

Through *Collage*, several students who would otherwise have been deprived of an outlet for their creativity have been able to display their work. The fall 1996 edition of the publication received the Fourth Place Best of Show Award at the Associated Collegiate Press national convention in Orlando, Fla., last November. In addition, *Collage* received a First Class Rating with one mark of distinction in Photographic Art and Graphics from the Associated Collegiate Press.

But *Collage's* noble purpose and critical praise often have been undermined by problems throughout its history. Lack of exposure, lack of resources and overwhelming apathy among the student body have long plagued the magazine.

"There is a lot of apathy," says Melissa Hoover, who has worked for *Collage* for 4 semesters and is currently the editor. "We tend to get more submissions in the spring than in fall. I think it's because a lot of the art and literature students haven't done much during the summer, whereas in spring they have work from the fall semester, and it's fresh on their minds."

Fortunately, student apathy has usually been offset by support from faculty, Hoover said.

"Faculty have been extremely helpful. If I call up a professor, with very few exceptions, they've just been overly willing to do whatever they can to help."

*Collage* has also suffered from poor printing.

"We got a lot of dissatisfaction from students about the poor reproduction of artwork," Hoover said. "We really weren't happy with our last printing company, but we've recently changed

companies. We're now with Ambrose Printing Company in Nashville, and they're great! Some of their reproductions have looked better than the originals."

Hoover added that she hoped the printing improvements will attract more artwork submissions, because art is a very important part of the magazine.

The fall 1996 edition of *Collage* will be distributed throughout campus next week. Students can find a copy near the *Sidelines* distribution stands in the JUB, the Mass Communications Building, Todd Library, Peck Hall, the KUC, the Art Barn and Cope Administration Building.

Submissions for the spring 1997 edition, which will come out in late April, will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 14. All submissions must follow the guidelines, which can be picked up outside the Student Publications Office on the third floor of the JUB.

For more information about *Collage*, students may call the *Collage* office at 898-5927. *Collage* also welcomes comments about its publications. Students may send comments to MTSU Box 42. •



Artwork courtesy of Carolyn Ford

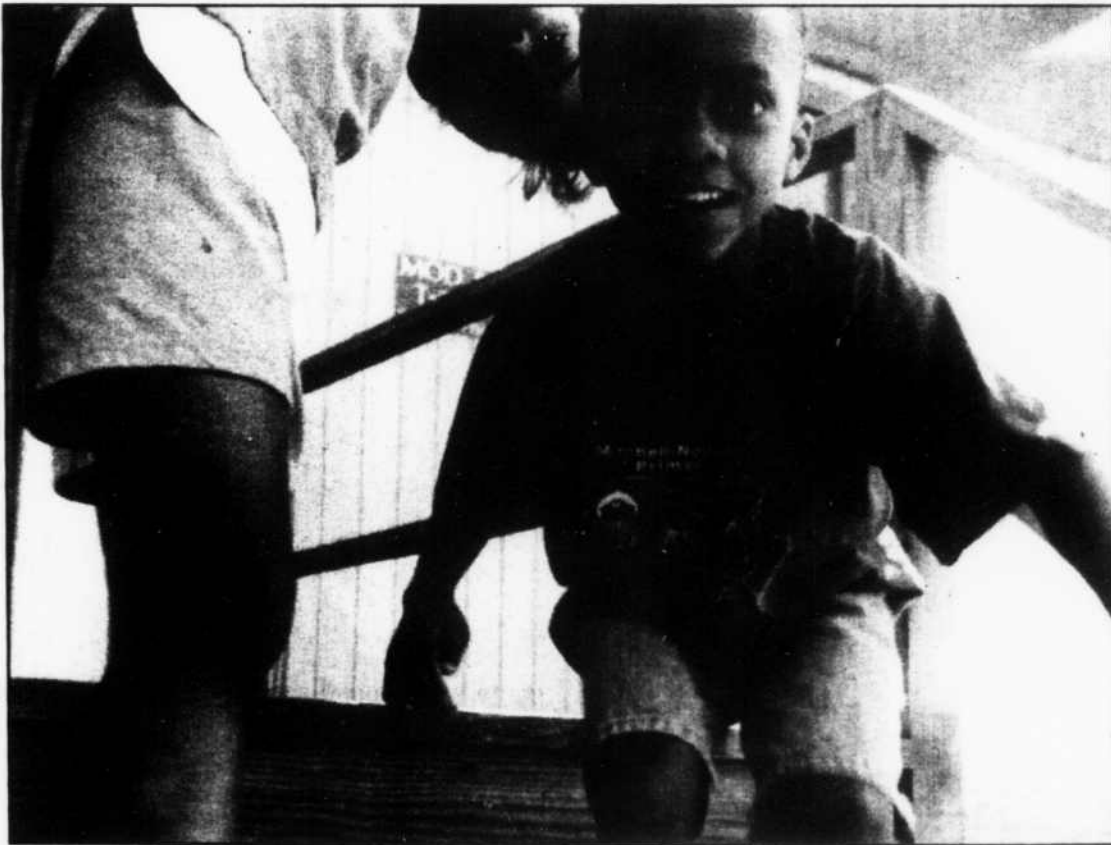


Photo courtesy of Ki Young Hong

Two student pieces featured in the fall 1996 edition of *Collage*. Top: "Meditation of St. Martin" by Carolyn Ford. Above: "Are You There?" by Ki Young Hong

## HPER class designs Project HELP playground

By Rachel Bailey/ staff

Richard Lalance's Planning Parks and Recreation Areas class was given the opportunity to gain class credit while making a significant contribution to the new Project HELP facility. The new facility was in need of a playground area to benefit the children assisted by the program, so Lalance's class was called upon to act.

The project began with a call to Lalance from Ann Campbell, a professor of elementary and special education and director of Project HELP — a program that works with developmentally delayed children from birth to age 3. These children needed a playground area to aid in the development and enhancement of their physical and mental skills, so Lalance's class was called upon to put their skills to the task of creating the proper facility for these children.

"Ann contacted me initially last spring and said she was going to need some help with the playground," said Lalance, who, in addition to being a professor of health, physical education, recreation and safety, is a nationally-certified playground inspector. "I asked her if I could involve my class."

Campbell agreed to the suggestion, and the students took the field, or

rather the playground.

"I divided the class into six groups and put each one on a research project," Lalance explained. The students' research would provide the basis for them to work with a manufacturer to produce a suitable playground. These research areas included walkway accessibility, surfaces, layout, site analysis, and lighting and general surroundings.

The biggest problem facing the students proved to be the cost.

Christie Whitticker, a senior, was put in charge of accessibility. She researched the best kind of surface pathways from the main sidewalk to the playground equipment. "The most difficult thing about the project was the money," Whitticker said. "Every time we chose a surface or equipment, it didn't matter — it cost too much."

The students did find ways to work within the budget, such as substitution of the more expensive timber borders of the area with less expensive PVC pipe. This gave the students savings of as much as \$6 per linear foot.

"There was a lot of redoing and moving equipment around," said Mark Rooker, who was responsible for coming up with the design draft. "The hardest thing was to space

everything in a limited area and still make everything accessible."

Monica Gregory, a recreational therapy major, was given the task of deciding which type of equipment would be the safest and most supportive for the children.

"My specific project was to find a swing for these children," Gregory said. "The one I found has a pommel seat and a headrest on the back of it for kids who don't have proper neck muscles to support their head."

All the students agreed that the biggest challenge was creating the playground as economically as possible. Lalance said Dean Hayes, MTSU track coach, volunteered to donate a 120-foot roll of latex synthetic track surface to provide more softness to the pathways throughout the playing area.

Lalance feels his students worked hard to create the Project HELP playground. "They did a good job. We have a lot of material to cover in the course, and this project was over and above their regular work."

The students of Lalance's class have fulfilled classroom duties while providing a service to our community. Hopefully, the installation of the playground will take place this spring and MTSU students will again be involved in that effort. •

## Pageant contestants vie for Miss MTSU title

By Adam Smith/ staff

Once again, Tucker Theatre will be filled with the hopes and dreams of young women hoping to rise to the top and catch the eyes of the nation as a representative of MTSU and Tennessee.

Ten women will compete for the titles of Miss Middle Tennessee State University and Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider during the 21st annual scholarship competition to be held in Tucker Theatre Friday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant, which selects a state representative from one of the 28 regional competitions to compete in the nationally-televised Miss America pageant which will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., in September.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sponsors the production of the Miss MTSU/Miss MTBR pageant, but several local businesses also contribute to the program.

"We are again serving as sponsors of the pageant this year because we believe it provides a valuable contribution to the university and to the young ladies who will enter the competition," said Aaron Zawislak, executive director of the pageant and spokesperson for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

"We believe it serves the community well because it focuses attention on the high caliber of young ladies who are students of MTSU and we believe it serves youth well because it provides the opportunity for the young ladies who compete to gain added maturity through participation in a community program," Zawislak added.

The 10 contestants of this year's pageant are: Alison Hatcher, Andrea Holland, Morgan High, Courtney Doyle, Brooke Bowman, Jeanine Clark, Anne Croutch, Stephanie Jones, Casie McNeely and Jeana Leyhew.

In order to be eligible to compete in the Miss MTSU/Miss MTBR

pageant, contestants must be full-time students at MTSU, between 17 and 24 years old, and unmarried.

"If you place, just having the chance to get a scholarship was an incentive for me to get involved," said Jeanine Clark, a sophomore fashion merchandising major. "But, the main reason I'm competing in the pageant is because my sister asked me to do it." Clark also mentioned that she had recently competed with 18 girls in the Miss Nashville pageant, which is also a preliminary to Miss Tennessee.

"I really have no idea what to expect, because I'm so new to this," said Anne Croutch, a freshman music education major. "But I think it will be a good experience."

Crouch is not the only contestant with mixed expectations, several of this year's contestants are new to the pageant experience.

"My sorority put me up for nomination," said Jeana Leyhew, a sophomore vocal performance major. "I really didn't see myself as a pageant person. I'm not even thinking about the next level yet. I'm going to try to tackle Miss MTSU first, and if I win that, then I'll concentrate on Miss Tennessee."

Courtney Doyle, another first-time contestant, also expressed mixed emotions toward the pageant.

"I'm nervous, but I'm confident too," said Doyle, a sophomore early childhood education major. "I think it would be an honor to go to Miss Tennessee. I think it would be really exciting, just to know I was chosen to go."

The total scholarship money available to the contestants is \$3,000, said Betsy Drewry from the University Queens' Committee. Winners of each competition will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the remaining money will be divided among the finalists.

Tickets for the pageant will be on sale for \$5 in advance in the KUC, and \$7 at the door. For more information, contact Aaron Zawislak at 867-2724. •

## Hungry for the spotlight? Audition for NABJ show

By Adam Smith/ staff

Have you ever wanted to display your hidden talents? Have you ever wanted to make use of the endless piano or dance lessons your mother made you take when you were a kid? Have you ever wanted to have your moment in the spotlight? You may soon get your chance.

The National Association of Black Journalists will hold auditions for its first talent competition on Friday, Feb. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the McWhorter Learning Resources Center Room 221.

"The competition will be open to anyone in the communities of Murfreesboro, Smyrna, Lavergne and Nashville," said Njeri Jackson, president of NABJ. "We're trying to get a hold of other schools and colleges to let them know of it."

There will be two categories for the competition: the Junior/Senior category is for contestants age 11 to 18, and the Collegiate category is for contestants age 19 and older.

## Nashville to get new 28-screen theater

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An Alabama group is hoping to get the go-ahead to build what is being called Tennessee's largest movie theater complex.

Cobb Theaters of Birmingham, Ala. is awaiting word from a Thursday Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in Nashville. The board will consider a conditional use permit for Cobb to build and operate the proposed complex.

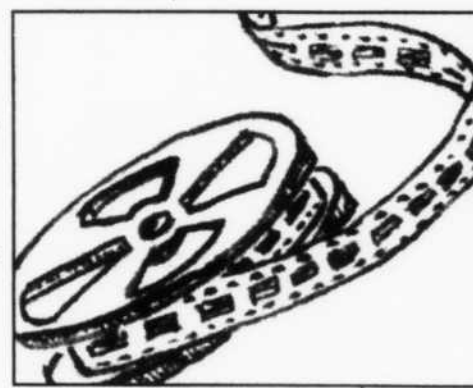
If approval is granted, construction would immediately begin on a 100,000 square-foot building that would house the 28-screen theater complex. Plans call for the complex to open by Labor Day.

Morris Thomas, vice president for Belz Enterprises, which owns the property where the complex will be located, said it would be the largest movie complex in the state.

It would be larger than a 14-screen complex already in Nashville and a proposed 16-screen theater that Regal Cinemas plans to build in the city.

Thomas said the theater complex would feature "stadium-style seating" that would allow moviegoers to sit in seats so they can see the screen without any obstructions.

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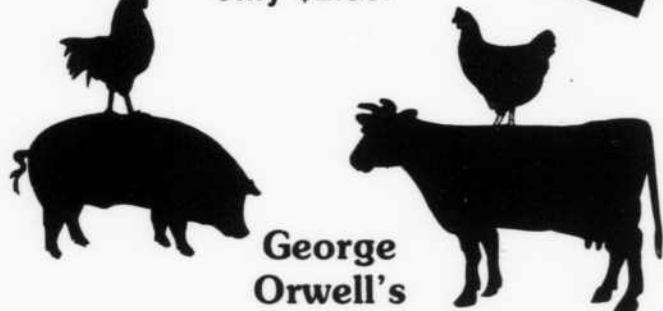
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## Inaugural Balls leave attendees grumpy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some free advice for the Inauguration Day ball planners in 2001:

Don't tell people the balls end at 2 a.m. if one of the main draws won't show up until later.

And don't lure party goers to remote parking lots by offering free shuttle service to the ball and back "until the event ends," when that really means until 2 a.m., when revelers are still partying hard.

And beef up the coat-check systems.

Things got so bad at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, site of the Mid-Atlantic Ball, that police were called to calm a horde of weary dancers eager to claim their wraps.

"We want our coats — now," the guests chanted two hours after President and Mrs. Clinton had left the Omni. With 6,000 wraps to be claimed, police eventually allowed the revelers in a few at a time to pick up their coats. Some simply walked away coatless.

Too many coats, too little space, explained the contractor running the coat check.

"Everybody wanted to leave at the same time," lamented the hotel's general manager, Jose Campo. "We apologize for the inconvenience."

Long lines and long waits were among the grumpy morning-after complaints Tuesday as this city cleaned up and rested up from a long weekend of inaugural ceremonies and celebrations.

Cranes hoisted bulletproof glass out of President Clinton's reviewing stand. Technicians coiled thousands of yards of cable on the National Mall.

"This is kind of the downhill side," said telephone technician Russell Perkins, who was removing cable that had been laid along the Mall for telephones and TV signals.

"The crowds have

disappeared, the excitement has gone," complained Erin Mumford, as she and fellow high school students from San Francisco set out on a museum tour.

"We're worn out," said classmate Gina Woodside, who parted late at a teen inaugural ball.

Many people were. When President Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, arrived at the Southern Ball at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday the crowd was thrilled. Many were also a bit surprised.

They had heard it on "very good authority" that the Clintons weren't scheduled to get there until 2 a.m. by the earliest rumor.

Then, after the Clintons left, Vice President Al Gore, perhaps forever ditching his reputation for stiffness, bounded onto the stage with a svelte Tipper Gore about five minutes after the witching hour of 2 a.m.

Several times during Billy Ray Cyrus' hit, "Achy Breaky Heart," Gore suddenly brokey stock still staring blankly into space.

Then without warning, he threw his hands in the air and burst into something akin to Steve Martin's happy feet meet the Blues Brothers.

When the nation's second couple danced off the stage about 2:15 a.m., reality hit the ball goers.

Those who had come by Metro knew the trains, although running later than normal, would stop at 2 a.m.

Those who had stashed their cars in parking lots a half-mile away at the National Zoo, were met by hapless Sheraton employees telling them the bad news: The shuttles had also stopped at 2, before the Gores had even arrived.

Take a taxi, they said. At the time, there were almost none.

"Don't complain to me," one said. "Complain to the inaugural committee." •

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# Sports & Recreation

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## Blue Raiders skin Eastern Illinois Panthers by 11

Doug Malan/ staff

Middle Tennessee rebounded from a tough loss to SEMO by knocking off Eastern Illinois, 83-72, Monday night and regaining a share of first place in the OVC.

The Blue Raiders chipped away at an eleven point deficit in the first half before taking the lead at halftime and trailing for only 20 seconds the rest of the game.

"This was a game we had to win following Saturday's loss," coach Randy Wiel said after his Raiders (12-5, 5-2) fell into a three-way tie for first place due to SEMO's loss at Tennessee Tech. "It's human nature to brood over losses and not enjoy the wins. It was a good thing we played this soon."

Eastern Illinois was riding the emotional wave of a five game winning streak following a win Saturday at

Tennessee Tech. "When you get an eleven point lead on the road, you've got to pull it out," Panther coach Rick Samuels said after his team dropped to 8-7 overall and 5-2 in the conference. "I'm not happy about our weekend split. When you win one, you want to win the other."

Five Blue Raiders scored in double figures led by Nod Carter's 21 points and five rebounds; Freddie Martinez netted 15 points in 18 minutes and Roni Bailey had 13 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Richard Duncan and Torrey Moore each finished with ten points.

The Panthers began scorching the nets early in the game and built a 27-16 lead at the 7:29 mark of the first half behind the unconscious shooting of Marc Polite. The silky left-hander finished with 26 points, after averaging only 6.6 points per game

prior to Monday.

"Maybe he was a little more explosive tonight than he has shown," Samuels said, "but he's been a consistent scorer for us all season."

Wiel's team responded with an 18-6 run where seven different Raiders knocked down shots. In the wake of the surge, Middle Tennessee led 34-33 with 1:36 to play in the half, and what followed may have been the factor in sending the flow of momentum to Blue's bench.

On the ensuing inbound play, Eastern point guard Chad Peckinbaugh (10 points, nine assists) worked against single-man pressure from Richard Duncan, who tapped the ball away and came away with a steal. With an open lay-up in his sights, Duncan shielded Peckinbaugh with his body and went up on the left side before being sent to the floor from a

hard foul. The Raider guard slammed his head against the floor, where he lay writhing in pain.

Immediately, a chorus of boos rained down on Peckinbaugh, who from that point on became the target of fans' indignation, and an intentional foul was called.

A dazed Duncan left the court under some assistance and Kent Ayer came in and missed the two free throws. With possession of the ball, Middle converted on a Roni Bailey three-pointer from the right wing.

"That got the crowd into it and really made it an emotional game," Carter said.

The Raiders went into the break with a 39-37 lead.

"In the first half we were doing what we wanted," Eastern guard Rick Kaye (17 points) said. "We just got content in the second half and didn't

do what Coach wanted. We were outplayed."

Despite being outrebounded 38-30 for the game, Middle Tennessee's defense and much-improved shooting allowed them to twice extend leads to eleven points after halftime.

"We mixed up our looks in the second half by alternating man-to-man and pressure defense," Wiel said after his team forced 17 turnovers and shot 43-percent from three-point range, 47-percent overall.

The Panthers acknowledged the defensive adjustments. "We didn't counter their switching very well," Samuels said. "We were really out of synch in the second half."

However, Polite, Kaye and Conya Robinson (13 points, nine rebounds) sparked a serious challenge late in the

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## Lady Raiders plagued by injuries, lose in OT

By Doug Malan/ staff

Working overtime has certainly failed to benefit the Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders of late.

After falling 95-86 to Furman Wednesday night in triple overtime, Lewis Bivens' squad suffered another extra-session loss Saturday night, losing 74-73 to Southeast Missouri State in overtime.

The only other time the Lady Raiders played back-to-back overtime games was in 1992.

Middle Tennessee played without guards Carlita Elder (hip) and Tanika Smith (ankle), who were injured in the Furman game. Combined, the two average 17 points per game.

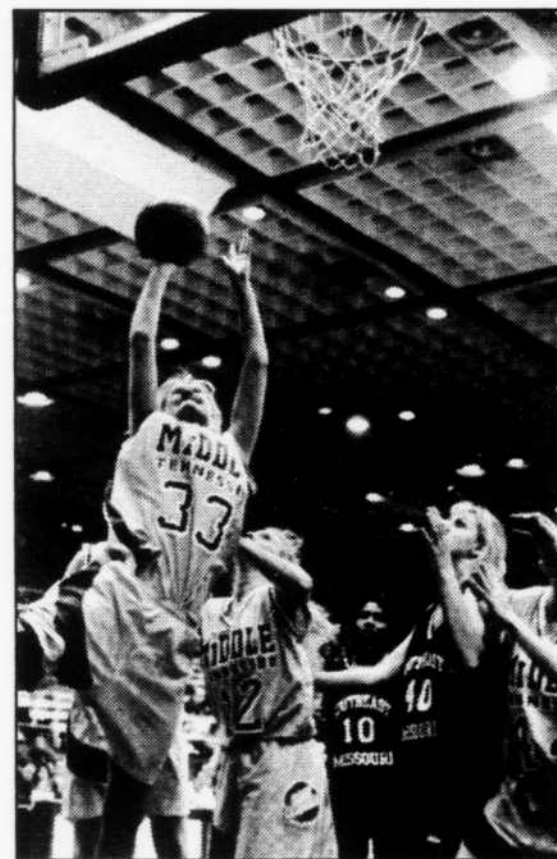
Otahkian forward Jamie Koester scored six of her 19 points in overtime

as SEMO (3-11, 2-4) handed Middle (5-11, 3-3) a stinging loss. Koester also grabbed 20 rebounds in the game.

Lady Raider center Jonelda Buck led her team with 18 points and 10 rebounds and guard Cortney Neeley added 16 points, four assists and four steals.

Freshman Chandra Bowman, who was making her second start of the year, hit a jumper on the right baseline with under a minute to play in overtime and MTSU trailed 74-73. But Bowman missed a potential tying free throw with 18.9 seconds left and SEMO played keep away as the clock ran out.

The Lady Raiders led 64-61 at the 2:04 mark of the second half after Jessica Beaty (11 points, 12 rebounds) hit a lay-up on the left side. However, they couldn't hold back SEMO, who tied the game with 22 seconds left on a basket-and-a-foul conversion by Sarah Frazier (game-high 20 points). The Otahkians then took control in the five minute overtime.



Brian G. Miller/ Staff

Senior forward Jessica Beaty tries for two during Saturdays 74-73 loss to Southeast Missouri State.



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Senior guard Roni Bailey goes for two more in Saturday's battle with SEMO. Bailey was second in scoring with 20 points. Nod Carter led scoring with 28 points but the Raiders fell in the final seconds losing 78-76.

## MTSU defeated by SEMO at buzzer

By Doug Malan/ staff

While they may not necessarily live by the "3", the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders certainly died by the "3" Saturday afternoon against Southeast Missouri State.

Tepid free throw shooting (18-31) and twelve turnovers aided in their sickness, but the horrid 6-33 shooting performance behind the arc did them in.

In suffering their first loss at the Murphy Center in eight games this season, the Raiders saw SEMO get a steal and the dunk off a missed shot at the buzzer to win 78-76 and drive a stake through the heart of their first place aspirations.

Nod Carter scored 28 points and Roni Bailey netted 20 in the pulsating atmosphere of a game that left Middle (11-5, 4-2) with a hold on second place in the OVC, not to mention a bitter taste in their collective mouth. SEMO left Murfreesboro tied for first place at 5-1 in the OVC, 8-9 overall.

"It was the biggest game of the year for us," Bailey said. "It would've put us on top of the conference."

"This is the biggest loss for me," said Carter, who also tallied eight rebounds.

The Indians were paced by Calvert White's 25 points and Richard Lyte's 17 points and seven rebounds. Lyte's dunk off an Allen Hatchett miss won the game.

"This was a great win for us," SEMO coach Ron Shumate said. "I

just kept telling our kids to believe we could win."

After building a 22-12 lead in the first half, Middle Tennessee trailed by three points at the break and wouldn't lead again until the 3:07 mark of the second half.

"I was surprised we had a chance to win," head coach Randy Wiel said. "We didn't shoot well today. Our defense kept us in it."

With SEMO on top 66-55 with 8:40 to play, a feeling of desperation gripped the Blue Raiders with the threat of losing quickly becoming reality.

"At that point, we had to turn up the defense and get some easy buckets," Bailey said.

The result was a 22-8 run ignited by a Richard Duncan steal and Bailey lay-up that ultimately gave Middle a 75-74 lead with just over three minutes to play.

All but two of the points during the spree were scored by Bailey and Carter, including a jolting alley-oop from Roni to Nod.

After a lay-up by White gave the Indians a 76-75 lead with 1:21 to go, Malachi Allen came up with a steal and Roni Bailey was fouled.

The senior forward stepped to the line with 32.5 seconds on the clock and converted his first free throw after the ball hit the front iron and rolled in. The second free throw missed, but Torrey Moore got to the ball and tipped it out to a teammate with the game tied.

However, in an ironic twist, Duncan drove the lane and turned the ball over to White, whose outlet pass to Hatchett resulted in a missed shot followed by Lyte's game-winning dunk with 0.6 seconds left. Team backing the run that got his team back in front, Middle Tennessee's point guard ultimately contributed to its demise with one errant pass.

"Duncan was to penetrate and kick it out to Nod," Wiel said of MTSU's final possession. Instead, SEMO came up with the steal and a share of first place with Eastern Illinois (as of Sunday night).

Wiel went back to his offense in assessing the damage of the game. "We forced turnovers, we just couldn't convert," he said. "And if we made our free throws, we would've had a bigger lead earlier in the game."

Middle shot 37-percent from the field. Defensively, the Blue Raiders forced 26 turnovers and controlled SEMO center Bud Eley, holding him to 12 points and seven rebounds. Middle Tennessee also came away with a super-stealthy 18 steals.

Although the post-game press room was showered with Wiel's assurances of a Raider bounce-back, the heaviness of his team's defeat lingered.

"They had 26 turnovers," the dejected coach said quietly as he dropped the stats sheet in his lap. "Wish we would've won."

He knew the game and first place had been there for his team's taking.

## Raiders make run on nation's hottest track teams at UK meet

By Rachael Parrish/ staff

The Blue Raiders had a chance to compete against some of the nation's hottest teams in the Kentucky Track and Field Invitational, the first meet held since Dec. 8.

Long time coach Dean Hayes felt that this particular invitational was a good experience for the team.

"The biggest thing," he said, "was to not only get the conditioning in, but to get the mental part together, too. We need to be mentally tough for the meets scheduled ahead."

Scoring the team's first points was OVC triple jump champ, Bianca Conley. Her leap of 5-2 1/4 placed

her in third and was also a personal best.

In the long jump, Nekeya Ralls topped the Miami Hurricane's Robin Beecham and Vansha Johnson with a jump of 19-04 for the second place finish. Ralls was also second in the 60m hurdles.

The only sweep of the day for MTSU came in the men's long jump with Jahez Salahuddin (24-04), Atiba Tucker (24-00), Boniface Amuzu (23-07) and Rashaad Haynes (23-06) placing first through fourth respectively.

Establishing his come back on the runway, Sophomore Torrence Riley (47-05) placed a well deserved first in

the men's triple jump competition. Freshman phenomenon Tabitha Pyles (34-05) placed third in that event while Oley was fourth.

In the women's shot put, OVC champ Shelly Jonson, along with Sophomore Nicole Mathis went head to head with SEC giants Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Jonson (44-05) was third while Mathis (35-07) was seventh.

For the men's 60m dash, Olympic competitor and NCAA qualifier Christian Nsiah blew out the competition with a first place time of 6.71. Clocking in for the women's 60m were newcomers Bethany Brent (7.87) and Trina Weddington (7.87). Both

tied for sixth place.

Darrell Arvin (8.31) was sixth in the 60m hurdles.

Running his 400m indoor personal best was Senior Kendan Maynard with a blazing third place time of 47.62.

"I was sort of surprised about the time," confesses the Virgin Island native. "But I have been training for it and I would really like to go much lower."

In the women's 400, Sophomore Rachel Parrish placed fifth (58.02).

In the 800m event, runners Sonja Ewing (2:24) and Saran Dunmore (2:25) each ran times.

"I ran the time that I wanted to

run and I actually felt myself running the race," Dunmore said. "I felt really alive the entire time."

In the final event of the day, the 1600m relay, The Lady Raiders ran two squads. Claiming the fastest splits were Senior TiJuauna Phillips (57.5) and sprinter Kim Watson (58.5). Anchor Trina Weddington felt the relay team has a lot to work on, but is quite confident about the future.

This weekend, look for the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders to better their times against Arkansas State, Austin Peay, UT Chattanooga, Samford, Memphis, and W. Kentucky. The meet kicks off in the Murphy Center at noon.



# Lady Raiders drop weekend heartbreaker to Eastern Illinois Panthers at Murphy Center

## Beaty nets 22 in loss

Doug Malan/ Staff

The women's basketball team is struggling to tread in uncharted waters.

For the first time since the 1993-94 season, the Lady Raiders have lost four consecutive games, following Sunday afternoon's 69-59 defeat at the hands of the Eastern Illinois Panthers.

Only one player- Jessica Beaty, who was a freshman at the time- on this year's team has ever encountered such a dry spell in her MTSU career.

"This team needs physical and mental rest," head coach Lewis Bivens said after his team dropped to 5-12 overall and 3-4 in the OVC. "We've hit the bottom so we can only go up from here."

The Panthers (8-7, 4-3) exploded in the first five minutes as they built a 17-4 lead and held off two Middle Tennessee runs during a game the Lady Raiders never led.

Middle, paced by Beaty's game-high 22 points, shot 33-percent for the game and lost the battle of the boards, 42-34.

The Panthers placed three players in double figures as guard Nora Hendrix (20 points, seven rebounds) and forwards Barbora Garbova (19 points, nine rebounds) and Sarah Probst (13 points, 10 rebounds) consistently burned the Lady Raiders at crucial times.

"It was important for us to get off to a fast start," EIU coach John Klein said, "because we came in with confidence from our win against Tech."

After calling a timeout to subdue Eastern's initial point splurge, the Lady Raiders outscored the Panthers 28-16, a run which left them down 33-32



Brian G. Miller/ Staff

Freshman guard Kay Francis drives around a Semo defender in Saturdays overtime loss to SEMO. The Lady Raiders will play at home again Feb. 1 at 5:00 against Morehead St.

with 1:41 to play in the first half.

But five points by Garbova and a lay-up by Angela Patzner at the end of the half kept MTSU from crawling over the hump, and they trailed 40-32 at intermission.

Freshman guard Kay Francis drilled two three-pointers during the Raider run, but said, overall, "our shots weren't falling and they couldn't miss." EIU shot 56-percent in the first half and 48-percent for the game.

Out of the break, the Lady Raiders found themselves down 50-39 with 12:54 remaining before launching their second, and last, serious attack at the Panther lead.

Middle went on 17-8 run that left them within two points of Eastern Illinois with 4:31 to play. During that span, senior Amanda Bevis sparked the offense by scoring all eight of her points off lay-ups from offensive rebounds.

However, Garbova, a native of Slovakia, answered the run with a three-pointer at the top of the key and the Panthers converted their free-throws down the stretch for the final margin of victory.

Despite the loss and his team's current tailspin, coach Lewis Bivens was surprisingly optimistic, if only slightly.

"I thought Beaty had a good game and we need her to produce," he said. "The bench

did a good job, too." Francis and Bevis combined for 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

"But were down to seven players now because (guard) Alice Jackson injured her hip," Bivens continued, noting the earlier injuries to Carlita Elder and Tanika Smith. "The good thing is . . . the two through seven spots in the OVC standings are still wide open."

With a road game at Austin Peay looming Thursday, Beaty says the team has to get their confidence back. "This has been hard for all of us," she said. "But we still have a chance. We're not going to give up."

# Raiders head north to face Governors

Doug Malan/ Staff

The Middle Tennessee basketball program will face a stern test Thursday night when the women's and men's teams travel to Austin Peay to face the Governors.

At 5:45 p.m., the women start the doubleheader with the Lady Raiders looking to break a four-game losing streak, their longest since 1994. The Lady Govs (9-7, 5-2) have lost two conference games by a total of seven points. They are coming off a 67-62 loss at Tennessee State.

Peay features a formidable one-two punch in 6-2 junior Amanda Behrenbrinker and 5-8 senior Simone Caldwell. Behrenbrinker is the team's leading scorer (17.9), rebounder (9.2), ball thief (36 steals) and shot blocker (10 total), while Caldwell is second in points per game (15.3) and first in assists (34 total).

Forward Colleen Polzin has made 13 starts this season and averages seven points and seven rebounds per game. Guard Tracey Drechsel has started 14 games and averaged

nearly six points per contest.

The Lady Govs are 3-1 at home this season.

On the men's side, the feature attraction has been the return of all-conference member and future-NBA'er Bubba Wells, who missed the first 12 games with a stress fracture. Since his return, the 6-5 forward has averaged 34 points and almost seven rebounds per game.

"Wells' presence makes them better," men's coach Randy Wiel said. "Not many guys named Bubba are bad at anything. If you're named Bubba, you gotta know something."

Austin Peay (7-10, 4-3) also utilizes sweet-shooting guard Joe Sibbitt (13.4 points) and 6-7 forward Reggie Crenshaw (12.8 points and a team-high 9.3 rebounds).

Forward Mike Witherspoon (7.8 points) and guard Colby Pierce (6.9 points) also see considerable time for Dave Loos' team.

The men's game is scheduled to begin around 7:45 p.m. •

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game as the trio finished by scoring all but four of Eastern's 35 points in the second half.

The visitors outscored Middle 20-11 during an eight minute stretch that cut the Raider lead to 68-66 with 4:12 to play.

After getting jumpers from Bailey and Malachi Allen, Wiel's team sealed the victory with a Nod Carter three-pointer with one second on the shot clock and 1:14 remaining in the game.

"That was a set play," Nod said of his shot that gave his team a 75-67 edge. "I throw it to Roni, get a flair screen and

hit the shot."

Six consecutive free throws gave the Raiders their final margin of victory.

"I'm very proud of the way our kids bounced back from the loss," Wiel said.

"We got a good effort tonight and we're very fortunate to win," Carter added. "Our confidence is really high because we're back on top of the conference. This team won't get down after a loss. We'll come back."

Middle Tennessee will play on the road for the next three games starting Thursday night at Austin Peay, followed by a Saturday evening game at Murray State and Monday night at UT-Martin. •

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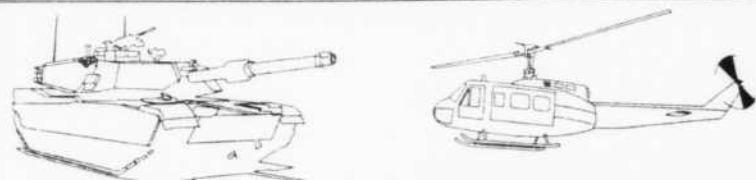
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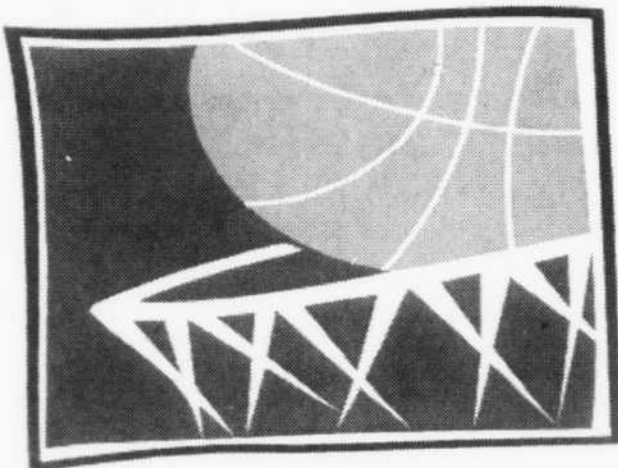
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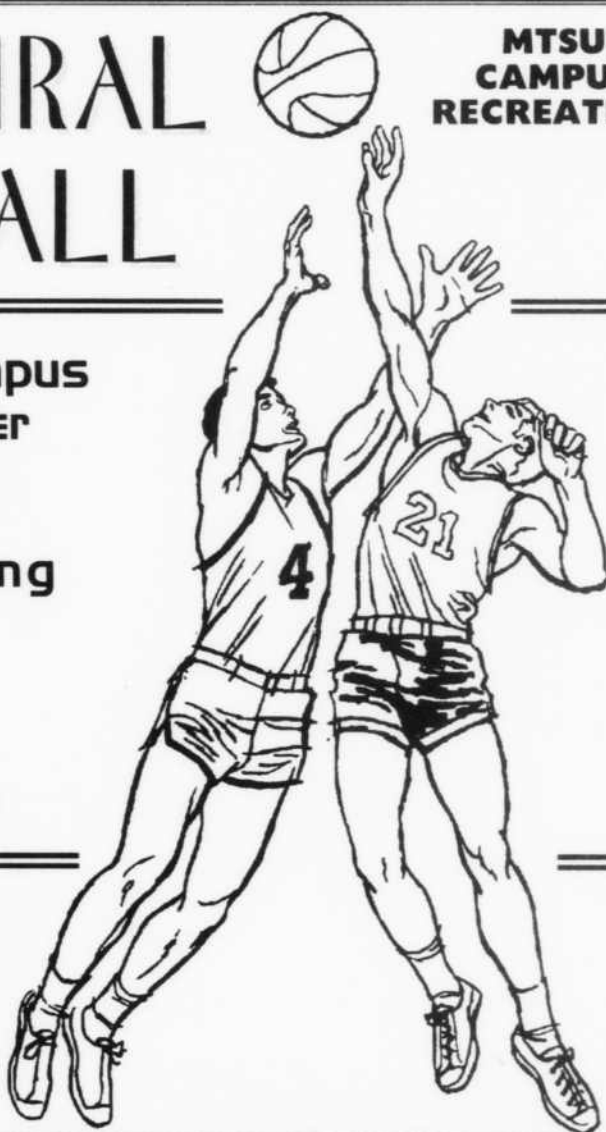
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