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Assault leaves police looking for suspect

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

Police have issued a Campus Crime Alert regarding a sexual assault which took place between Sims and Smith Hall at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Thursday.

Chief Jack Drugmand of the Department of Public Safety said the attack, which took place in broad daylight, should serve as proof that no place is completely safe, and students should remain cognizant of their surroundings, regardless of location.

The victim, whose identity remains protected, was fondled by a man she did not know, according to the Campus Crime Alert flyers posted across campus. She was unhurt, and called police within minutes of the

The victim described the assailant as male, race unknown, approximately 5' 10" tall.

He was wearing gray sweat pants, gray hooded sweat shirt, black high top shoes, black ski gloves, and a black square faced digital watch with a plastic or rubber band and with guards over the face, she told the police.

She described the assailant as "muscular."

Drugmand said that the attack occurred when many people were at lunch, and there were no eyewitnesses.

The assault took place in an area known to be difficult to view. Brick walls block sight of that area from several angles. Other assaults are alleged to have been committed there, including an armed robbery, according to Drugmand.

"The foremost thing in my mind is the public safety," Drugmand said. "Students absolutely need to be cognizant of their surroundings. This happened in broad daylight, a condition which many people don't associate with potential danger.

The Campus Crime Alert was posted across the campus by the next morning. Anyone with information about the assailant should contact campus police at 2424.

Information can also be reported to Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. All calls will be kept anonymous, and anyone who gives Crime Stoppers information may be able to collect up to a reward of up to \$1,000. ●

Meeting facilitates dialogue

Administrators field student questions about campus life

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

A small crowd of about 40 people showed up at the Lyon Hall Lobby to speak with MTSU's President James

Unfortunately, Walker was not one of them.

Pleading illness on the president's behalf, Earl Thomas, vicepresident for Executive Affairs. mounted the hot seat and fielded a wide range of questions ranging from the Republican's plans for student aid to making Lyon Hall handicap accessible.

About half of the students who showed up were housing employees, several of whom told Sidelines that they had been told to show up to boost the attendance.

Dean of Student Life Tom Burke, Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance, Housing Director Deborah Sells and Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs John Hays were present to help answer

Editor's note: Since it is difficult to accurately identify the students who asked questions, the following is done in a Q & A format. Questions and answers have been edited for brevity.

DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

Area II Residents Beasley, Gracy, Judd, Sims,

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. SMITH HALL LOBBY

Family/Student Housing Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. FAMILY STUDENT HOUSING CENTER

Area III Residents Corlew, Cummings Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m. CORLEW HALL LOBBY

Area IV Residents Abernathy, Clements, Deere, Ezell, Felder, Gore, Nicks, Wood Tuesday, Febuary 6, 6:30 p.m. Wood/Felder Lobby

Q: Why can't students purchase white parking passes, since the white slots are often empty during the day and always during the evening? If students are willing to pay extra for them, why can't they?

LALANCE: The SGA has passed an act to allow students the opportunity to buy into the white spaces, I think from 5 in the afternoon to 7 in the morning. It has been submitted through the bureaucracy. It goes in our annual submission to the Board of Regents, who will deny or approve it, and it goes to the State Attorney General's Office, and finally the Secretary of State, who will do a formal rules change. It's my understanding that the change will be effective next fall, no earlier than that. You'll have to pay a little extra

THOMAS: I'd like to add that parking is a nice problem to have problems...it ends up that the

growing student body and progressive program, so it's a nice problem to have, unless you're late for class and looking for a place to park; then it's not so nice. We're looking at putting a faculty/administration parking lot across from the Cope Building, and that might give some relief.

Q: Why can't we have parking spots for commuters and separate parking spots for residents? It's not fair that people who live in Nashville, or wherever, are taking up the spots next to where I live, which means I have to park all the way across campus, away from where I live.

LALANCE: This has been discussed many times in my years here. We've gone different directions on it. Several different times there have been parking spaces especially for residents only. There are several because that means that we've got a residents did not like keeping their

vehicles only in those areas. You cannot have a place reserved for you and then get out in the morning and drive to a place closer to your building. That's what started to happen. Commuters would start pulling into the residential spaces, a lot of tickets were written, and we had a lot of people who were very unhappy because this was going on. The students eventually gave us feedback which said, "We'd like to have open parking." That feedback came from students just like you four, five, six, seven years ago. We have students on the Traffic and Parking Committee that review this, and they have an opportunity for input. Also the SGA has an opportunity to comment on this.

Q: Is anyone looking at turning the Bell Street parking lot into a parking garage?

BURKE: We've held lots of discussions about getting a parking deck, but no one has talked about the Bell Street lot, no. The problem with a parking deck is that they're very expensive. The campus I came from charged students \$75 to park in the parking deck, and some campuses tell me that they pay \$105. That's regular parking, and the parking deck [permit] is in excess of \$200. Like anything else, if you want something like that, you have to pay for it.

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Author Nikki Giovanni to speak

By Dustin Schrimpsher/ staff

Acclaimed African-American author Nikki Giovanni will speak Wednesday night as a prelude to African-American History Month.

Giovanni is a professor of English at Virginia Polytechnic. She entered the literary world in 1965 at the height of the black arts movement and quickly rose to prominence.

Praised for her poetry, children's stories, and work in support of African-American arts, Giovanni has been the recipient of several honorary doctorates in Literature and Humane

Giovanni is the first of several speakers scheduled for the February

History Month. Her appearance is set in January to enable her to keep other February commitments.

m some of Giovanni's most recent works including a book of poems, "Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni," and a children's book, "The Genie and the Jar," according to Cheryl Ellis, professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and co-chair of the planning committee for African-American History Month.

Ellis co-chairs the African-American History Month planning committee with Bonnie Shipp, assistant professor of English.

Shipp said that planning for

celebration of African-American February's events began in the summer of 1995.

The university has tried to acquire a variety of inspirational speakers for The lecture will probably come February that "the community and the student body will be enhanced by and be interested in," Shipp said.

"Ms. Giovanni will also speak before a small group of students, faculty, and community members informally at 3 p.m. in Dr. Shipp's class before the lecture," Ellis said.

Nikki Giovanni will speak in Wright Music Hall at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Best-selling author Maya Angelou will speak Feb. 1 as the official kick-off event for African-American History Month.

Power outage affects clocks

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

Power was out campus wide for about 40 minutes Friday morning, and as a result, many clocks on campus may be unreliable.

Building Supervisor Don Zlotky said that the power outage was caused when a high frequency trap installed on a pole on Womack Avenue failed.

"It didn't just fail. It completely

burned out," he said. The unit, one of three, was crucial to a system used to synchronize all

clocks on campus. "The Clock Corrections System (CCS) sends out a high frequency signal to keep all of the clocks on campus synchronized. Now, because of the power outage, they're all wrong, and we aren't sure if we'll be able to get the system back up at all," Zlotky

The unit which failed was one of three used to keep the CCS signal locked into the MTSU campus and away from the Murfreesboro city grid. The system is common for universities, hospitals and other large

In order to get the electricity back online, the frequency traps had to be bypassed from the system entirely. Even though clocks may be reset, there is no guarantee that they will remain uniformly correct without

synchronization. 'We're still assessing the damage. It may be a while before we can say with certainty what all of the effects of the power outage were," Zlotky

The clocks which are suspect are those mounted on walls in buildings like KOM, Peck Hall, and the KUC. Personal clocks and digital clocks are not affected by the CCS

Zlotky was unable to estimate the replacement cost of the failed unit and isn't sure if it will be replaced.

"The unit was installed in 1967. We are in the process of redesigning the entire campus electrical system anyway, and if the replacement is too expensive, this may just hurry the redesign along."

All that jazz

The MTSU Faculty Jazz Quartet playing Wednesday at the Wright Music Hall with guest vocalist Connaitre Miller. The quartet is composed of Dana Landry on piano, Erik Applegate on bass, Drew Landry on drums and Leonard Foy on trumpet.

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Billiards ace comes to campus

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Brian G. Miller/staff

<u>Sports</u> Lady Raiders win 10th straight

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We've looked at it, but the bottom line is that the parking garage does not pay for itself.

Q: Where does the money from parking tickets go?

THOMAS: It goes to pay for the parking office, the Raider Xpress, their staff, parking lots, etc. We came close to raising parking fines to help convince people to park where they belong, but President Walker vetoed that idea.

Q: I'm an overnight RA (resident assistant), and I sit here all night. Often, when people call for an escort after 10 p.m. to get to their car or across campus, it takes as much as twenty minutes for someone to show up. I'd hate to be standing in an empty parking lot at midnight next to a call box waiting for someone to

THOMAS: We were notified in December that we've received a federal grant which will allow us to hire eight more police officers. They'll be funded by the grant for three years, and we hope to be able to find the funds to keep them after that. The new officers will help.

BURKE: Part off the problem is that the student officers who do the escorts are also responsible for locking up buildings, and during that time frame, when they're called, they have to finish the building they're doing before they can go over to do the escort, so it's

"I will put this issue on the desk of the people who can fix the problem."

> Robert LaLance Vice President for Student **Affairs**

going to take them awhile

sometimes.

STUDENT COMMENT: I know for a fact that if you call them ahead of time and tell the police you're going to arrive in a parking lot at such and such a time, they'll meet you there so that you don't have to wait.

Could we "neighborhood watch" composed of students to do those escorts? THOMAS: Well, you'd have to talk to the SGA about that. I'm not sure if we could allow that due to potential liability issues, but it could be looked at. Students provide the majority of the escorts now, with the Department of Public Safety. LALANCE: I will put this issue on the desk of the people who can fix the problem.

Q: What will happen to our plans to go to I-A football if we

THOMAS: If Dr. Walker were here he'd be positive and say don't even think that. I'll say the same thing. We'll get our students and our university community here, and they'll be excited to see us play some stronger teams than we usually see with OVC competition. I'm not so sure that I can stand here and say we have a backup plan, but if it doesn't work in 97, maybe it can work in '98.

Would we become I-A independent?

THOMAS: We're not sure. We will have to move from the OVC, the Ohio Valley Conference, for football only. We'd hope to stay in with the rest of the sports. Football would be nice to go to conference, but otherwise we'd have to be independent. We might have to be independent for a year or two; we've talked to some other conferences. We've even talked to some schools about creating a new conference. We're looking at all kinds of possibilities, but that's probably not in our best interests to do for a long period

Q: We filled out some housing surveys last semester about a new dorm, and they asked for our suggestions about a new dorm. I wrote on the back of that before we build a new dorm we should make these halls [Lyon & Miss Mary] handicap accessible.

don't average 17,000 people per BURKE: To make renovations to the halls we would have to borrow money from the state bond authority. That is part of the package of looking at the new residence hall.

THOMAS: We probably will proceed concurrently with something new and something in the way of renovations. We can look at retrofitting some of the buildings that we have. This building [Lyon] may eventually be selected to be made handicapped accessible, but no one is able financially to support making every facility on campus disabled accessible. The law doesn't require it. Since you have to pay for it, it would significantly increase rental fees. If people have a need, a personal need or a member of the family who needs access, we'll place that individual in a building that meets their needs and deal with the problem.

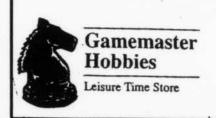
Q: Is Congress cutting student

THOMAS: That is a question that is just fraught with technicalities and a chain of moving targets that I am not really qualified to answer. The current administration is trying to shift the burden from subsidies to loans. I don't think you'll see the loans disappear or a time come up where you can't get a loan, but there is less help in terms of deferring interest while you're in school, but loans are still available.

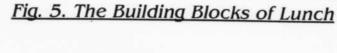
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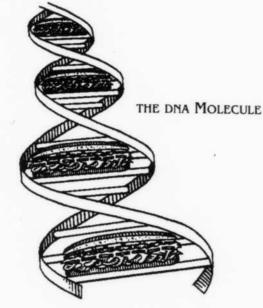
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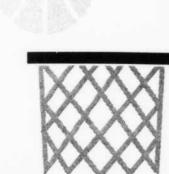
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MTSU Campus Recreation



Day Care Lab trying to expand facilities, programs

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

The MTSU Day Care Lab may be expanding its facilities.

An ad hoc committee is discussing the effects of increasing the program to care for older citizens and more children. They are also discussing the inclusion of academic departments in the services offered through the Day Care Lab.

"[The committee] has started looking into short and long term goals," said Nancy James, director of the Day Care Lab. "It is a big job, and it's going to take a lot of information gathering first, but

it's progressing."

According to Karla Hughes, chairperson of Human Sciences, such an expansion in the facility would benefit individuals "across the life providing intergeneration care for family members of students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community.

"[The program] would not be equivalent to a nursing home, [senior citizens] would interact with children and other adults," added Hughes.

The committee will then bring in consultants to evaluate the current services offered by the Day Care Lab and to

services are limited. [The Day Care Lab could serve more."

> **Earl Thomas** Vice President of **Executive Affairs**

determine what is needed to facilitate inter-generational care. Only then will the committee be able to recommend any definite long term plans. According to Earl Thomas, vice president of Executive Affairs, it is very likely that committee recommend larger facilities for the Day Care Lab.

"Now the services are limited. [The Day Care Lab] could serve more," Thomas said. "But, the program would pay for itself and not use state funds. The University would use their funds if any were needed."

children, between the ages of 3-5, are serviced in the Day Care

The third goal of the committee is to discuss the role of academics as compared to the service to the community the program would provide.

The proposed program would provide students of nursing, psychology and gerontology to work with people in these areas while studying the disciplines in the classroom. This could create a need for an increase in faculty, Thomas

"The committee members represent different constituents

As of September, 24 across campus who are deliberate in trying to determine what is best for the campus and best for the community," Thomas said.

Hughes stressed that the committee is purely advisory. All of their recommendations will be turned over to the vice president in charge of Development who will in turn present these recommendations to President Walker.

"Right now we are focusing on needs assessment, based on what information we get from students, faculty, and staff," Hughes said.●

MEETING: residents discuss cons of freshman meal policy

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Q: One of the biggest problems I've run into as a hall director is that students often fail to receive information they need from this school. They go to the administrative people they are supposed to go to, but they either get the wrong information or they get blown off, and then they come to me. My staff does the best they can, but they're RA's, not administration. department, in general, is not doing there job. Is there anything we can do as students to encourage departments to give out information they need? THOMAS: No. I understand your frustrations. Sometimes someone comes to my office, and I get frustrated too. I know this sounds like a shallow answer, but we work at it constantly. It is a challenge. We try to be more open at communications. We work at sending messages from the president down, we try to be service/customer oriented. The president tries to be open, from senior staff on down. But at the

rip...when someone comes to my office and tells me that six other offices on campus should have answered their question.

HAYS: If you have specific instances where someone comes to you and says they need information they can't get, send them to me, to the vice president's offices, and I assure you we will get the problem solved. Part of the problem is we have so many offices on campus, people may not know where to go. But if problems can't be solved, send them to me, and I will deal with it

THOMAS: We also have a student ombudsman who can help get problems solved.

HAYS: One of the biggest problems we face out here is the advising process, but we want to constantly improve our advising whether it's in the academic arena or otherwise.

Q: Can we get an outgoing mail box on this side of campus [near Lyon Hall]?

THOMAS: under consideration.

same time I get madder than Q: I'm a freshman, and I seldom get to eat on campus. Why do I have to buy the freshman meal plan?

> THOMAS: Can't you take your meal plan over to the grill? Many students answered at once, saying "No."

Q: You lose money because if you miss a meal you can't eat it later or get your money back, you just lose it.

LALANCE: This comes up every year. The proposition of the freshman meal plan has been looked at regularly. Nine times out of ten, the parents are paying your bills here. Parents are telling us just as regular as clockwork that they want this plan, and we make no apologies for listening to their wishes. Students have the choice to not live on campus, but if they do, they will have the opportunity to be fed.

The university gets a bid percentage from the successful vendors, and it's not very much money, so the university is not in the business to make money. The fact that you miss meals and can't make them up gives a

margin to the food service people to set prices lower than what they would have to be than if you didn't have a missed-meal factor. That may be a benefit you don't agree with or don't like or would prefer not to have, but the fact is if we had a non-mandatory plan where 10 percent of the freshman living on campus chose not to participate, then the food service people would have to do things to compensate, and it wouldn't be a successful business venture. Several people complained there hat they had been unable to eat during the hours of operation, and that the hours were poorly chosen, especially during finals last semester.

Q: I'm a pedestrian, and I'm a freshman. On the weekends, I go hungry.

BURKE: Let me ask you this. If access is the problem, is 4:30 p.m. too early [to open], and what would you reasonably consider a good time to close the cafeterias?

Many voices: Eight o'clock p.m. BURKE: What time would you

open if you closed at eight? Many voices: Five.

Q: The prices in the JUB are way too high, especially if you're on the freshman meal plan. I would challenge anyone here to eat at JUB on the \$3.75 you're allowed and walk out

LALANCE: You can extend several different ways beyond the freshman meal plan if you wish. You can get the 19 meal plan. There are several options available to freshman that go beyond that basic plan.

Q: I was in class and could not get to the cafeteria during meal

LALANCE: If you go to Aramark and show them your class schedule, that you can't be there, they will give you a of our agreements with them compensation, something such, until the end of our contract so that you can eat at other period when we can rebid times. But you have to go to them, they don't know what your schedule is.

Q: I think that the freshman meal plan is a great deal, but the problem is that the hours

are very inconvenient.

THOMAS: I think that there needs to be some consideration given as to a different time frame to eat. . . some of those hours I can see probably are a problem, but I also think you need to show some selfdiscipline. If the cafeteria is open from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., you just need to force yourself to go eat between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. . Give us a chance to look into that. I think that the evening hour needs to be looked at.

LALANCE: The university has contracts with food vendors that run in five year cycles. I can't tell you which year of our current cycle we're in, but I can promise you that there won't be any substantive changes in any things.

In the fifth year we can probably make some changes in the freshman meal plan, but in the second, third or fourth year,

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The department of New Student Orientation has extended its' deadline until Jan. 22, to accept applications for anyone interested in applying for a Student Orientation Assistant or SOA. Anyone who is interested can come by the KUC, room 122 and pick up an application.

Golden Key National Honor Society will have an information table set up Jan. 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in front of Phillips Bookstore, for anyone interested in joining the organization.

Tuesday, Jan. 23-Wesley Foundation will be Drama Troupe at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wednesday, Jan. 24-College Republicans are holding an open meeting, Monday, Jan. 24, at 7:00 p.m. room 313 KUC

Thursday, Jan. 25-The King-Hampton Award Luncheon, honoring Mrs. Faye

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The National Association of Black Journalists will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Mass Comm room 151. We will be planning spring activities such as guest speakers, seminars, volunteer programs and fund-raisers.

The College Democrats will hold their spring organizational meeting at 5:00 p.m. in KUC 314. We will have t-shirts for sale and be planning upcoming events.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be selling tickets for the Miss MTSU Scholarship Pageant from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the bottom of the KUC, on Jan. 25 and 26. Tickets in advance cost \$6, \$7 at the door

Friday, Jan. 26-The Middle Tennessee

Symphony will present Cabaret Pops "Romance and Lace", featuring Julie Wolf, soprano. The concert will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 8 p.m. preceded by a dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, reservations close Jan. 19.

Wednesday, Jan. 31-You are invited to become a

member of Phi Beta Lambda! Meet the members of Phi Beta Lambda in the KUC room 305 on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Phi Beta Lambda is open to all College of Business Majors/Minors and has no GPA restrictions. Come join us in a relaxed atmosphere and casual attire to discover what Phi Beta Lambda can do for you. For more information contact: Penny Hunter-Davis at 895-0072, Taylor Thompson at 898-3709, or Dr. Robert B.

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Resume Writing Workshop, Wednesday Feb. 7, 2:00 p.m., KUC 318. Presented by the MTSU Placement Center KUC 328, 898-2500. Resume critiques available anytime.

Interview Preparation Workshops, Thursday, Feb. 8, 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., KUC 318 Presented by the MTSU Placement Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Upcoming Events-Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society is meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the Red Rose Cafe. In addition to a social time we will be discussing the short story "Cathedral" by Ray Carver. Any interested students are welcome. For more information call Candace Moonshower at 646-4527.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Japanese Netsuke Exhibit through Feb. in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8: a.m. to noon.

Women's Leadership Conference will be held at MTSU on March 8. Featuring Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, the conference will also include workshops, a luncheon, and the 1996 Tennessee Women of

Achievement Awards. Registration deadline is Feb. 15 with a conference fee of \$15; late registration is due on March 1 with a late fee of \$18. Registration forms and additional information is available at the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206, call 898-2193.

Application deadline for the Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

1995-95 MTSU Student Handbooks are available in KUC 122 and KUC 128.

Ongoing events-

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., room 109. ACOA is a 12 step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, faculty, nonstudents, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

Intervarsity Christian

Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

Sure I Can Cope! is a support group for adult women students sponsored by the JAWC. Issues such as balancing family, finances, school, and other topics will be discussed. The group will meet Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. starting Jan. 25. Bring your lunch! Facilitated by Lydia Sun, a Psychology Graduate student. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Confidentiality in groups is encouraged.

Looking Forward is a group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Topics such as safety, boundaries in relationships, effectiveness of coping skills, and ending isolation will be covered. Meets Wednesday 2 to 3 p.m. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. All inquiries are confidential and confidentiality in groups is encouraged. Sponsored by the JAWC.

Seniors and Graduate Students: create your resume with Resume Expert Plus Software and register with the Placement Center in one easy step! Contact Placement and Student Employment Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

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Spades	Jan. 11-17	5:30, Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Dart	Jan. 11-16	5:30, Jan. 16	Jan. 20
Badminton (S/D) (M,W,CR)	Jan. 12-22	5:30, Jan. 22	Jan. 23-31
Racquetball (S/D) (M,W, CR)	Jan. 12-22	6:00, Jan. 22	Jan. 22-30
Water Polo (Innertube) (Open) (limit 20 teams)	Jan. 15-23	5:30, Jan. 24	Jan. 25-March
Indoor Soccer (M,W,CR) (Sunday League)	Jan. 16-30	5:30, Jan. 31	Feb. 4
Waliybali (Open) (limit 20 teams)	Jan. 30-Feb. 12	5:30, Feb. 13	Feb. 14-March
Wrestling (weigh-in February 11-12)	Feb. 1-8	5:30, Feb. 12	Feb. 13
Tennessee State Extramural Basketball	Feb. 1-29	9:00 a.m., March 2	March 2-3
3-Point Contest	Feb. 19	5:30, Feb. 19	Feb. 19
Horseshoes (M,W,CR)	Feb. 29-March 18	5:30, March 19	March 20
Softball (M,W, CR)	March 4-20	5:30, March 21	March 25
Sand Volleyball (Open)	March 18-27	5:30, March 28	April 1
Flag Football (5-on-5) (Open)	March 25-April 16	5:30, April 17	April 18
Ultimate Frisbee	April 18-23	5:30, April 24	April 25-May 1
Bowling (Open)	April 22-29	6:00, April 29	April 29-May 2
Billiards	April 22-29	6:00, April 29	April 29-May 2
NBA Basketball-Atlanta Hawks vs. Houston Rockets vs. Chicago Bulls		12:45, Jan. 22 12:45, Jan. 22	Jan.22 Feb. 22

6-8 p.m., Jan. 21-22 6-8 p.m., March 18-19

7 p.m., Tuesday, April 30



Old textbooks collected for schools

By College Press Service

When the fall semester ended, many students traded in their textbooks for a lot less than they paid for them at local

bookstores The only thing worse than getting next to nothing for your book is finding out that the bookstore does not even want to buy it back because new editions have been published or the professor has changed books.

These books usually end up in the trash or as door stops. But thanks to the Lorax Environmental Club at North Carolina State, unwanted textbooks now can be relocated to a place where they will be appreciated.

Club members have collected some of the books that longer wanted after the semester ended. The club will number of places that will be happy to use them.

"We plan to donate most of the textbooks that have been collected to high schools, correctional institutions or libraries," said LEC President Steve Garrett. "It is a shame to see so many books go unused. Some students may keep their textbooks for reference material, but others only throw their old textbooks away.

Street Hillsborough Bookstore worked with the LEC to collect the textbooks this past

"They put a box next to their buy-back table and explained to students that they could choose to recycle their old

students could not sell and no books," said Afsaneh Pirzadeh, a club member.

Pirzadeh said the club did distribute the books to a not get all the textbooks that the Hillsborough Street Bookstore refused to buy back.

"Some students chose to keep their books or tried to see if other bookstores would buy them back," Pirzadeh said.

Vice President Todd Padenich said the club categorized the collected books over winter break and then created a committee to contact local high schools and other places that could use the old textbooks.

"This semester we collected between 50 and 60 textbooks," Garrett said. "Next semester we hope to incorporate other surrounding bookstores in recycling old textbooks."



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> The journal of the creative arts at Middle Tennessee State University

Net reform legislation challenged

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON-What does a Renaissance painting of a nude figure and a college newspaper article containing four-letter words have in common?

If both were posted on the Internet, they may be considered indecent, say some free speech advocates, who worry that legislation designed to curb pornographic materials on the Net may restrict free speech boundaries.

Recently, as part of a bill to reform telecommunications laws, negotiators with the House of Representatives agreed with the Senate to use the term "indecent" to describe material that should be banned. Many representatives had been pushing for a less restrictive standard that would have outlawed material that was "harmful to minors."

Soon, anyone who publishes material deemed indecent could be punished by a jail term or a \$100,000 fine. That's if the Telecommunications Reform Legislation, still being worked on by Congress, becomes a law.

According to Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, the growing number of college

government is proposing to regulate the free exchange of ideas."

> Electronic Frontier Foundation

newspapers on the Web would be hit hard by such a law.

"College newspapers are a little more adventuresome in their content," he said, giving examples that ranged from the use of four-letter words to sex education features. "They're likely to be the first people selected for prosecution."

Student journalists might also be hindered in their attempts to gather online research for stories on AIDS, abortion and other important issues. If the law passes, some Internet providers might

restrict access to people over 18, and possibly to people over 21, Goodman said.

While measures as the Communications Decency Act were introduced to curb pornography, the vagueness of what "indecent" material is concerns free speech advocates.

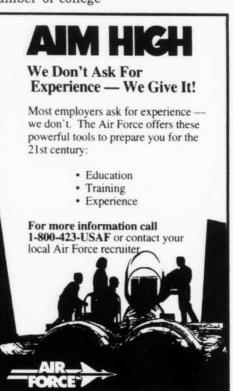
The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit civil liberties organization, hosts an online site packed with editorials against Communications Decency Act.

"Our government is proposing to regulate the free exchange of ideas," reads one editorial.

The ACLU considers the Telecommunications Bill unconstitutional and has threatened to sue Congress if it becomes law. "Congress is making it ever more clear that we will have to turn to the courts to uphold free speech in the promising new medium of cyberspace," ACLU Associate Director Barry Steinhardt said.

Goodman agrees. "The bottom line is within a matter of days after this law is passed...it will constitutionally challenged in the courts," possibly even by a college newspaper, he said.

The final committee vote is expected in late January.



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Congratulations, MTSU.

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President James Walker and other members of the administration have set up a series of meetings where students can ask about absolutely anything related to MTSU.

During the first meeting last week, students asked questions about the move to division I-A in football, parking, meal plans and student loans, among other things.

The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday, Jan. 23) at 6 p.m. in the Smith Hall Lobby. The complete list is printed on page one.

The administration's action is laudable. As the university continues on its dynamic route, communication between the big dogs (students) and the people who work for us (the administration) is essential.

They need to know how better to serve the student body. These meetings can give them this knowledge.

At the same time, it is good for students to know the challenges MTSU faces while building a better university.

If students understand what obstacles obstruct certain goals, we can more easily live with the shortcomings produced by rapid growth and higher standards of excellence.

For example, a parking garage with plenty of room on Bell Street would be nice, but the cost makes it prohibitive. In the meantime, we have the Raider Xpress and security escorts.

Logical people in a civil society work together to identify and accomplish established goals. This is happening here at MTSU.

This is how you build a great university.

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How a great university is built

Letters to the Editor

UEC member responds to criticism of resolution

To the Editor,

As a member of the Uniform Equality Committee, I am very pleased to see the beginnings of a discussion concerning equality for all MTSU students.

In response to the Letter to the Editor by Mr. Nichols [Sidelines, Jan. 18], I would like to clarify some confusion one might have received through reading his

"interesting points of contention." The first of many unrelated, or at the most, quasi-related points made by Mr. Nichols was the definition of sovereignty that he happened across, while reading his dictionary. I do not believe semantics fit into an intelligent discussion. Sovereignty, in this discussion, is that of MTSU's according to legal counsel. The TBR has made this determination,

Mr. Nichols suggested the absence of a precedent set by federal law means, somehow, States do not have the sovereignty to legislate for the better of their OWN people. That sounds like

centralized government. The harassment. Addressing these Republican Congress is trying to move us away from that.

States and their respective agencies and institutions have recognized their rights to enhance policies about the minimum standards set by the federal government. If the minimum standard of the federal government is that of no policy, that still constitutes a minimum standard upon which States and their agencies may and have enhanced.

The next concern Mr. Nichols voiced was his false assumption of the UEC's intentions of ending discrimination with a single policy change. This is not the case. The UEC, in fact, does not believe that any change in policy will ever end ANY form of discrimination, or change personal views.

protected category does not pretend to end racism or related acts of violence. What its inclusion does allow is a process of recourse for the victim. The inclusion of protected categories is the first step in addressing discrimination and

issues is the first step in ending

A further belief held by Mr. Nichols is that since he does not "care too much for the Dallas Cowboys," he is therefore prejudiced. I would hope he and the rest of society value human life and liberty much more than the games we play.

In closing, the statements made by Mr. Nichols amount to what he himself describes as "a great cloud of confusion." It is in fact those who refuse to listen to reason and compassion or open their eyes to truth who create and maintain these clouds of confusion.

The Uniform Equality Committee stands behind its very name. Our efforts at improving campus and work life is for the The inclusion of race as a University community as a whole. Equality does not create special rights nor does it establish a superiority. Equality is Civility.

> Devon J. Wlodyga Freshman, Physics

Professor thanks students for support during illness

Dear Students,

Welcome back! The semester is upon us. As a sociologist I am excited about the upcoming semester. There are many worthwhile social issues for us as a academic body to think about, debate, and become active in throughout the year. Get informed, take sides, question authority and speak out!

As some of my students and former students know, I have been on leave throughout the fall semester. I have had a lengthy and serious illness. I am writing this letter mainly to reach the many of you that I have not been able to busy lives to "check in" on my

contact during the last few months. While I have been given generous support from my colleagues and the administration, I truly have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of care and concern that I have received from the students of MTSU. The countless phone calls, letters, cards, prayers, tapes and encouraging messages of hope that I received from you has inspired and rekindled my faith in the goodness of humanity (those of you who know me understand that I have a "little" penchant for cynicism!). This issuance of goodwill and fellowship from those of you who took time out of your

progress has lessened my burden and. I believe, facilitated my wellness. My wife and I are grateful for this show of support.

I am aware that it is easy to get lost in the cold of getting (and providing) education an "bureaucratic style" in such a large institution. Yet, it has been your humanity that has proven that there is warmth to be found in the morass of life's vicissitudes. I am happy and proud to have made such acquaintances.

Sincerely,

Professor Timothy Rouse Sociology

Officials in Washington should get moving

By Todd Cruse

The United States has always been looked upon as one of the most stable and powerful countries in the world. Our government has been admired by many other countries because it was made for the people, by the people.

Therefore the budget problem that we are experiencing at this time is going to leave a serious mark on our government. Granted this problem is nothing that should be taken lightly, but should it have caused thousands of people that literally keep this government moving their jobs for the holiday season?

The big question in Washington does not seem to be how are we going to fix this problem, but more or less who's job is it to fix the problem?

It seems that the officials keep

"Passing the Buck" so to speak. Both parties are waiting for the other party to "give." The problem with this waiting period is that it comes at the expense of the unemployed, the veterans that served this country, and the working class that depend on the government run facilities for work to support their families. The two parties are sending the same message to the American people. The message being: "It is not my job to give, it is the other party's."

There once was this story by an unknown author called "Who said they would do it":

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because after all it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but, Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

This story sums up our duly elected officials at this time of crisis and shutdown. It is not just one person's job to fix this problem that is occupying our government. It is their job as a whole to work together and come to a quick and beneficial

Todd Cruse is a junior Journalism student.

'The Color of Money' it ain't

Pool player strives to change the game's image

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billiards is

not about

gambling.

It's about

competitive

and having

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spirit, a desire

for excellence,

Scott Lee

pocket



By Joey Butler / staff

When most people think of professional pool players, an image somewhat akin to Newman's character in "The

Color of Money" is conjured up. While it is very common for most billiards players to make a career out of smoke-filled rooms and hustled money, Scott Lee prefers to

do it on college campuses. Lee, a renowned billiards player and trick shot artist, had his fill of the gambling life long ago and is spending all of his time promoting

the sport he loves. "I prefer to play the game for the sport it is, not just for gambling," Lee said.

A nationally certified instructor, Lee spends nine months of the year on the road, bringing his "Traveling College of Billiards Knowledge" to college campuses, local pool halls and just about anywhere he can scrape up a few yards of green felt. He will be displaying his billiards expertise at the KUC Game Room today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"My love for the game comes out in my presentation," Lee said.

Lee's presentation, other than shot-making basics and some fancy cue work for oooh's and aaah's, includes a billiards history lesson.

"There is evidence indicating billiards was played as for back as 1500 BC.," Lee said. "Evidence of some type of billiards was even found in the pyramids."

A love for the game led Lee to leave the pro circuit 15 years ago to pursue an exhibition career, citing lack of financial stability and lack of competitive spirit among billiards pros as his reasons for bowing out.

Lee claims that most pool tournaments lack big corporate sponsorship because of the hustling



image associated with the game, therefore, it is difficult to maintain living simply playing tournaments.

that many tournaments don't have a large enough purse for anyone other than that women are assuming a the first place winner to cover their dominant role in the world of registration fees, which could be as

much as \$500, and their traveling expenses. That, Lee said, is the r e a s o n professional billiards players wind up gambling

acknowledges that money is a way of putting pressure on players to perform at their peak level, but he thinks there are too many people who think of money as the only reason to play at

Big money or no, Lee believes prize money has ruined the competitive spirit of billiards.

"Playing pocket billiards is not about gambling. It's about competitive spirit, a desire for excellence and having fun," Lee "Many players develop egocentric attitude and won't play unless money is involved. I play because I love the game."

He is quick to point out the fact professional billiards. In 1995, the

HEATURES

top seven money winners were all women.

Women don't seem to get held back by the bad attitude that dominates profession," Lee said. "They've really come a long way and are

being taken more seriously. Lee's passion for

billiards began during his freshman year of college, when famous trick shot artist Jack White performed exhibition on Lee's campus.

Lee said he was awestruck by White's performance. He hit White up for some pointers and White even suggested some

books for improving his technique. That began a professional and personal relationship that has lasted for 25 years. White not only became Lee's mentor, but the godfather of his son as well.

White, who made a living on the professional and exhibition circuit,

has passed the torch on to Lee.

"I am lucky to have the opportunity to step into Jack White's shoes," Lee said.

Thanks to his connection with White,

Lee has been able to book himself into 80-100 colleges for exhibitions and is currently on a 38 state tour. the He eventually plans to tour

> So what does Lee do when he's not on the road? He happens to be an avid skier, which is the only activity that rivals his passion for billiards. Outside of skiing, he is a private billiards instructor. He even buys and sells pool tables and cues!

> "I want to see more people play the game that I love," Lee said. "I aspire to be one of the preeminent teachers in the world.

> Lee's students are a source of pride to him. In fact, one of his students just placed first in a national amateur tournament.

> Of course, the obvious question is whether or not Lee goes to pool halls anonymously and takes everybody's money, but he swears that he doesn't.

> "I play for fun. If someone challenges me to a game for money, I just inform them that I'm a professional and would be happy to play them, but I won't gamble," Lee

"But every once in a while, I run into someone who insists that they can beat me. If they're that adamant, I'll go ahead and take their money. That's their own fault. Of course, when you take someone's money, they tend not to like you very much."

Lee is doing his best to dispel the image of the hustling pool shark, promoting instead a love for the game.

"Movies like 'The Color of Money' and 'The Hustler' reinforced interest in billiards, but that image just exis anymore."



Serious ammunition for the 'apple-a-day' theory

By Dave Barry / syndicated columnist

I will frankly admit that I am afraid of medical care. I trace this fear to my childhood, when as far as I could tell, the medical profession's reaction to every physical problem I developed, including nearsightedness, was to give me a tetanus shot. Not only that, but the medical professionals would always lie about it.

"You'll hardly feel it!" they'd say, coming at me with a needle the size of

As a child, I was more afraid of tetanus shots than, for example, Dracula. Granted, Dracula would come into your room at night and bite into your neck and suck out all your blood, but there was a positive side to this: namely, you could turn into a bat and stay out all night. Whereas I could see no pluses with the tetanus

Of course today I no longer have this childish phobia, because, as a mature adult, I can lie.

"I just had a tetanus shot this morning!" I can say, if the issue ever arises. "Eight of them, in fact."

But I'm still afraid of medical care. And I'm not encouraged by TV medical dramas such as "E.R." If you watch these shows, you've probably noticed that whenever some pathetic civilian gets wheeled into the hospital emergency room on a stretcher, he or she is immediately pounced upon by enough medical personnel to form a hospital softball league, all competing to see who can do the scariest thing to the victim. Apparently there's a clause in the standard Television Performers' Contract stating that every character in a medical drama gets to take a crack at emergency patients:

F I R S T DOCTOR: I'll give him a shot!

SECOND DOCTOR: I'll pound on his THIRD

DOCTOR: I'll stick a tube way up his nose! FOURTH DOCTOR: I'll an unoccupied

section of his body and cut it open for no good reason! JANITOR: I'll wash his mouth out with a toilet brush!

Now you're probably saying: "Dave, you big baby,

those are just TV SHOWS. In real life, bad things do not happen to people who fall into the hands of medical

Excuse me for one second while I laugh so hard that my keyboard is short-circuited by drool. Because I happen to be holding in my hand a bulletin-board notice that was sent to me by a Vermont orthopedic surgeon named either "David H. Bahnson M.D." or "Oee Bali," depending on whether you're reading his letterhead or his signature.

Dr. Bahnson told me, in a phone interview, that he found this notice over the "scrub sink," which is the place where doctors wash their hands after they operate so that they won't get flecks of your vital organs on their Lexus upholstery.

No, seriously, the scrub sink is

. . . as far as I could tell, the medical profession's reaction to every physical problem I developed, including nearsightedness, was to give me a tetanus shot.

Dave Barry

hands BEFORE operating, and Dr. Bahnson said that this notice had been prominently displayed there several months. It is entitled-I am not making this up-"EMERGENCY PROCEDURE; FIGHTING FIRE THE SURGICAL PATIENT."

Yes, you read that correctly. Dr. Bahnson told me that, although it has not happened to him, fires sometimes break

out on patients during surgery, particularly when hot medical implements accidentally come into contact with surgical drapes.

The bulletin-board notice discusses two types of situations: "small fire on the patient" and "large fire on the patient." There are step-by-step instructions for dealing with both of these; Step 3 under "large fire on the patient," for example, is: "Care for the

I was surprised that the procedure was so definite. You'd think that, what with all these medical lawsuits, the instructions would call for more caution on the part of the doctors. ("Mrs. Dweemer, we think you might be on fire but we won't know for sure until we have a specialist fly in from Switzerland to take a look.")

Now, before I get a lot of irate mail

where they wash from the medical community, let me stress that not all surgical patients catch on fire. Some of them also explode. I am referring here to a November article from The Medical Post, sent in by alert reader Lauren Leighton, headlined: "BEWARE EXPLODING PATIENTS." This article states that nitrous oxidewhich is sometimes used as an anesthetic in stomach surgery—can get mixed up with intestinal gases, which have been proven to be highly combustible in countless scientific experiments conducted in fraternity houses. If this mixture is ignited by a spark from a surgical implement such as an electric cautery, the result can be what the article refers to as "intraabdominal fires.

In what could be the single most remarkable statement that I have ever read in a medical article, one expert is quoted as saying-I swear this is a real quote-"Patients aren't exploding all over, but there is the potential for

Ha ha! I certainly am feeling

No, really, I'm sure we're talking about a very small number of patients exploding or catching on fire. So if you, personally, are scheduled to undergo surgery, you needn't give this matter another thought, assuming that you have taken the basic precaution of having a personal sprinkler system installed on your

No, seriously, I'm sure your operation will go just fine. And even in the unlikely event that you do explode, you may rest assured that, no matter how many pieces you wind up in, every one of those pieces will, in accordance with modern medical standards, receive a tetanus shot.

Digital movie formats on the **Internet**



The Internet by Joe Legge

Taking a moment to recap where we left off, over the course of last semester, we delved into the wonders of the Internet. Last year, we explored the uses of MTSU's "frank" system, discussions of Internet legislation in Congress and specific sites to further your bookmarks. This year, we will continue where we left off and hopefully discover new entities in the every growing, ever changing cyber world.

There has been a lot of talk about

the MPEG/MPG and its various formats. MPEG stands for Moving Pictures Experts Group. The Motion Picture Industry has fought to make it a standard digital movie format. "Forrest Gump" is set to be the first movie released on MPEG. The reason MPEG appears better than, say a Quicktime Movie, is due to its compression rate, which is better than 10 to one. I'm not an expert in MPEG, but I have dabbled in the medium a bit and it is better. An MPEG-2 audio player is available ftp.iuma.com/audio_utils/mpeg_player s/. It can play a four-minute song at high compression (44.1 Khz, 16 bits stereo) without skipping a beat. In addition, a minute of sound only takes up one megabyte. If it were a wavtable file (.wav), it could run upwards of eight to 11 megs. The MPEG video players (http://wwwplateau.cs.berkely.edu/mpeg/mpegptr. html#audio-resources) do much of the same. The video is crisp compared to Quicktime and runs smoother.

Not to knock Quicktime, but on the surface it would seem that Apple, the company behind Quicktime may be on its last leg. Recent lay-offs, revenue shortfalls and decreased sales are leading some to believe that the "other" computer maker could be in for some rough waters. Nonetheless. Apple has taken Quicktime to the next level with Quicktime VR (http://quicktime.apple.com) Although it has been available for some time, it just recently became free to the public. Quicktime VR allows a user to explore the panorama of a picture. It's not really a new technology, but an alteration of ideas used on CD-ROMs such as "7th Guest" and "Myst." With the click of a mouse, a 360-degree view can be seen on the photo while also moving up and down about 90 degrees. I can't say that it is all that interesting, and the amount of space a file can take up on your hard drive makes it hardly

Over the next few weeks, this column will address how to go about building your own webpage. We will hunt through the best tools to help you create your own cyber-home away from home and the guides you will need to learn the HTML language. If you have an MTSU "frank" account, you will be able to follow along easily. If not, you can obtain one by taking your MTSU ID to the INFS department located in the basement of the Cope Administration Building. They should be able to hook you up right there with an account and information on how to access the "frank" system. You'll then be ready to roll with the rest of us.

Questions and/or comments be directed legman@knuth.mtsu.edu.

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Symphony moves to off-campus office

By Corrie Cron / staff

While University Housing had their Great Move Day last Wednesday, the Middle Tennessee Symphony, a combined university and community orchestra, made their own Great Move to a new off-campus office the Tuesday

After 15 years on campus, the symphony is moving to a bigger office that will be "more comfortable and . . . more accessible to the community," says conductor Dr. Laurence Harvin. "[The move] also freed more space at the university.

Dr. Harvin, who also conducts the student symphony, will continue to keep regular office hours as well as overseeing things at the new office. When asked how difficult that will be, he laughed and said. "Piece of cake! No. it'll

just mean I'll spend more time on the road [between the two offices].

The 433 square foot office is up and running and planning an open house in late February to coincide with the next performance in the series. Now, however, they are busy preparing for Cabaret Pops 'Romance and Lace" with soprano Julie Wolf on Friday, January 26. The performance will be in the Tennessee Room of the JUB, showing that nothing has really changed.

"The only difference is the office is moved off-campus. It is still a cooperative effort between the university and the community," Dr. Harvin emphasizes.

The Middle Tennessee Symphony's new office is located in Suite 433 of the Suntrust building in downtown Murfreesboro and can be reached at 898-1862.

Film festival features hard-to-find flicks

Associated Press

All of a sudden there are as many movie people in this ski resort town as there are snow drifts.

The Sundance Film Festival, the nation's leading showcase of independent film, is expected to attract 9,000 filmmakers, film buyers and film lovers over its 10-day run - and yield a lot of winners and losers in the fight to reach theaters.

Founded by actor-director Robert Redford in 1981, the which started festival. Thursday, has become the premiere showcase American movies made outside the studio system. It's also something of a huge minor league baseball team where the Hollywood scouts look for fresh talent.

Culled from 700 entries. there are 34 films in competition for awards in dramatic and documentary fields. In a new category, 20 first-time directors are having their work showcased, although the films are not eligible for the top awards. Trophies will be presented Saturday, and the festival concludes Sunday.

Among the films having their world or U.S. premiere are "Shine," about the Australian pianist David Helfgott; "Losing Chase," the directorial debut of actor Kevin Bacon; "Looking For Richard," with Al Pacino behind the camera in a Shakespearethemed story; and "It's My Party," an AIDS drama

starring Eric Roberts

Even though the festival has become an event for movie people who pay little attention to independent film, festival organizers are trying to keep Sundance anchored by art, not commerce

"I don't want our festival to driven by requirements," Redford said Saturday. "When the issue of size comes against quality, we will always vote for quality. If we were interested in size alone, we'd be using the advisory staff of Walt Disney."

Many of the films here are in search of a company like Miramax, Fine Line or Sony Classics to buy the distribution rights, market the film and ship it to theaters across the country.

For quite a few filmmakers, Sundance is the best way in the nation to generate interest from distributors and audiences in new movies.

The festival's Friday night showing of "Walking and Talking" was announced as canceled because bad weather had kept the film's print stuck at a New York airport. Alert film buyers, ears affixed to cellular phones, heard that the film somehow made it through the snow, and the story about female relationships started 40 minutes late.

The producers of "Walking and Talking" were besieged with interest afterward, and by the time the sun came up Saturday a tentative distribution deal appeared

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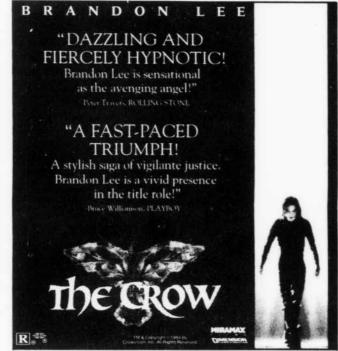
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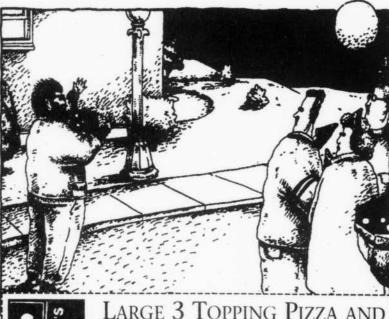
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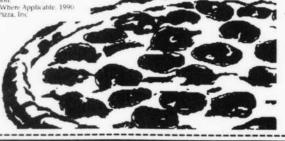
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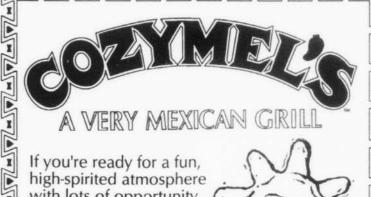
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. Lady Raiders win 10th straight at EKU

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

It was not very pretty, but by the time the buzzer sounded in Richmond, Kentucky Sunday afternoon, the Lady Raiders had another 'W'

Led by superb bench play for the second straight game, the Lady Raiders took the best the Lady Colonels had to offer, and threw it right back at them for a scrappy 74-55 victory.

"They came out and played very physical," coach Lewis Bivens said. "We did not play our best, but we got the win, and this is our third straight road win, which is very big.

The Lady Raiders tenth consecutive victory, which improves their record to 15-1 (6-0 in the OVC), was sparked by the sensational play of substitutes Carlita Elder and Nikki Edwards, who both came off the bench to pour on the points when the Lady Raiders needed them most.

"We have created a monster with our offense. Jonelda (Buck) had a slow night, but Nikki did a big job, and the bench played big again," Bivens added.

Elder led the Lady Raiders with 14 points and 7 rebounds, while Edwards followed her efforts with 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Coach Bivens said of Edwards. "Nikki is a point guard in a post player's body. She is big and strong and she helped us a lot tonight."

Heather Prater added 13 points, and Jessica Beaty threw in a near double-double with 9 points and 11 rebounds.

But Jonelda Buck had a very un"Buck"-like night, as she struggled from the field and ended up with just eight points and five rebounds on 2-of-7 shooting.

"She (Buck) made a few very

uncharacteristic mental errors tonight, but she is a tough kid, and she will come back strong on Saturday," Bivens said. "I think that it is a real testament to our team when she only scores eight points and we still win by this margin.

The Lady Colonels had a sort of psychological edge coming into this game due to the fact that they pulled out a comeback win in the last matchup between these two teams.

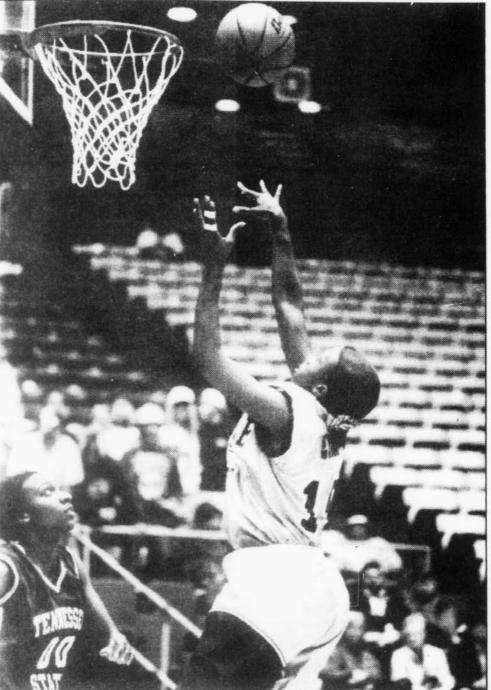
Even though they weren't able to get away with another upset, Eastern was able to take full advantage of the opportunities given them by Buck's sub-par play. The tandem of Lisa Pace, Samantha Young and Laphelia Doss combined for a total of 36 points, with Young leading the way with 13 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. She also shot a fantastic 7 of 8 from the free throw line.

MTSU is now just five more wins away from tying the all-time streak by any Lady Raiders team, which was set at fifteen by the 1987 squad.

The Lady Raiders now get to take a break before inviting the UT-Martin Lady SkyHawks into "The Murph" for a showdown on Saturday Night.

"Everyone is gunning for our heads," Coach Bivens said. "I could not have written a better script to our season. But now we have to take the best of what everybody has, and hope we can keep this thing going.

Tip-off for Saturday night's game with the Lady Skyhawks is scheduled for 5:30, and admission is free to students with a valid ID.



Lady Raider guard Carlita Elder lays in a shot during a recent game. The Lady Raiders will return home Saturday night to face UT-Martin.

MTSU basketball teams split pair at Morehead

Blue Raiders defeated 68-59, drop to tie for second place in **OVC** standings

By Rob Nunley / staff

The Blue Raider men's basketball team dropped out of a first-place tie for the Ohio Valley Conference lead Saturday night with a disappointing road to the last-place Morehead State Eagles.

The 68-59 defeat dropped the Raiders' record to 3-2 in OVC play (8-6 overall), placing coach David Farrar's club in a three-way tie for second with Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

For Morehead, the win stopped a four-game losing streak and improved their record to 7-9 (2-4 OVC), lifting them out of the conference cellar. Conference leader Murray State's 80-68 victory over UT-Martin Saturday night gave the Racers sole possession of first with a 4-1 record.

An uncharacteristically poor offensive performance was the major factor in the Morehead loss. After shooting a blistering 56 percent from the field in last week's home win over Tennessee State, Middle only managed to connect on 38 percent of its shots last night, including going 0-for-nine from 3-point range. The Eagles, who lead the conference in 3-point attempts, shot 42 percent from the floor and canned eight treys, including five in the first half.

"My reaction to the game is that we completely dominated them defensively for the first six-and-a-half minutes of the game," Farrar said. "But our offense took us out of our defense. We shot so quickly and took such poor shots that we had to defend to often.

"We had an opportunity to win that game, and we didn't execute the enthusiasm and the technique that you would have to do to get that done."

Morehead took a 30-24 lead into halftime, but the Raiders went on a 6-0 run to tie the score at 30.

But the Eagles retook the momentum of the game behind a Mike Scrogham jumper with just over 17 minutes remaining in the game. Scrogham's basket sparked an 8-2 Eagle run over the next four minutes, and Morehead never looked back. Morehead never led by more than nine points in the second half, but the Raiders could only get as close as two points before Morehead would once again take control.

Scrogham came off the bench to



Blue Raider forward Nod Carter gets set for a put-back during recent Blue Raider action. Carter had 12 points in the Raiders' loss to Morehead Saturday night. MTSU will face Eastern Kentucky tonight.

lead the Eagles with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Aylton Tesch led the Blue Raider scoring attack, posting 16 points and 10 rebounds. Nod Carter and Roni Bailey had 12 points each in a losing effort.

"It wasn't a real fun evening," Farrar said. "It's very unfortunate, because we had our opportunities and even playing poorly we had a chance to come back in the last two minutes and

That would have been nice, and even then I think our players would've been disappointed in the approach we took to the game.

We shot poorly, we shot quickly, we did not execute," Farrar added. "Our attitude of competitiveness was not what it has been in other games."

The Raiders return to action tonight when they will face the Eastern Kentucky Colonels at Lexington's Paul S. McBrayer Arena at 6:30. Middle will return home this Wednesday night to face Southern University. Tip-off for Wednesday's game is scheduled for 7:30.

"We have 12 games left in the season, and we better win eight of them if we want to be a championship team," Farrar said. "You don't like to ever think in terms of losing any, but the realism is you're going to lose some. "But we better make up our mind tomorrow night to try to win every single one we can, when we can, because there's no guarantees at home or on the road." •

Buck's 20 points leads Lady Raiders in 108-74 drubbing

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

Coming into Saturday night's matchup with Morehead State at the Ellis T. Johnson Arena in Morehead, Ky., the big story in the Ohio Valley Conference was the powerful MTSU Lady Raider offense.

It is still the big story in the OVC Led by Jonelda Buck's 20 points and the sensational play of the MTSU bench, the Lady Raider powder-keg offense broke out early and often. They finished off Morehead early in the second half on their way to a 108-74 victory.

Before Saturday night's game, the majority of the Lady Raiders offense had come from the threesome of Heather Prater, Jessica Beaty, and Jonelda Buck. The MTSU bench had been somewhat of a non-factor. That changed Saturday.

Sparked by Cortney Neeley's career-high 19 points and Nikki Edwards's 10, the great play of the MTSU bench allowed Coach Lewis Bivens to rest his starters early, and staving rested allowed Middle to pound the weak and shallow Morehead Lady Eagles more and more as the game went on.

Keyed by Neeley, the Lady Raiders opened up a 23-14 lead midway through the first half.

Neeley said of her career night, "I am sure Coach Bivens would say it is about time. It was a good feeling tonight to play well and keep playing well as a team."

"Kim (Francis) and Nikki (Edwards) started that 11-0 run for us, and Cortney Neeley showed us a lot tonight," Coach Bivens told The Daily News Journal. "I told our bench that we have not played very well at all. But tonight, they played exceptionally, exceptionally well.

One of the keys was the way the Lady Raiders dominated all facets of the game. MTSU not only outrebounded Morehead 45-30, but they also forced 20 turnovers, while committing only 12, a area that had been a problem in the past few

"It was a complete game for us," Bivens said. "I thought that we played about as well as we could have

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Lions' defeat puts damper on Motown holiday



The Leprechaun's Pot/ Sean P. O'Toole

Well, how was everybody's vacation?

Probably the usual drab melting of grandparents and football, or maybe it was a visual euphoria of what Christmas should be. Nevertheless, the new year is upon us, and now that the visions of sugar plums have danced OUT of our heads, it is time to reenter the world of the Leprechaun, and that means sports.

Fellow Sidelines confidant Rob Nunley was not the only one shedding NFL tears over the holiday. I traveled back to my homeland, Michigan. In the city where auto machines run day and night, the talk of the state was not the annual 4" of snow on the ground, or even the normal chat in my small town, which is usually boring anyways. In stead, the hot topic was my beloved Detroit Lions, and all ears were on Offensive Tackle Lomas Brown, who guaranteed a Lions victory at Philadelphia.

Well, Lomas, you are stupid. Even after the Eagles went up 7-0, everyone in the comfy little sports bar I attended services at still had high hopes of a Lions victory. And when the Lions tied it 7-7, we were smelling comeback. By the middle of the second quarter, we all realized that it was not comeback we were smelling.

By the time it was all said and done with, the Eagles handed out a first-class butt-kicking, 58-37. I had no more interest in the NFL playoffs. But all that changed last week with a little team just south of Michigan called the Indianapolis Colts.

I love a good Cinderella story. And I thought that the Kansas City Chiefs were overrated all season. And do not even get me started about Lin Elliott. My Dad says to me, "He is a good kicker. Watch and see. make the kick, even in that cold weather." Strike one. Strike Two. Strike Three. You're out, Lin. It's Kicking 101, look into it. Until then, live with the unchangeable memory of a man called NORWOOD.

I wish the Colts had lived the

dream, though. Watching the AFC title game this past Sunday, even the harshest critic of Football would be amazed at the heart and determination shown by the two teams. In the final seconds, as I sat and saw that small mesh of Pigskin and stitches fall through Aaron Bailey's hands, I remembered back to other great memories. Immaculate Reception. The ICE The aforementioned BOWL. Norwood's kick at Super Bowl XXV. I felt bad for Aaron Bailey. He more than likely went home and watched the videotape. If it was any closer, he would have caught it.

I just pray to god the Pittsburgh Steelers find a way to destroy "Slime Time" Sanders. What will it be, "Slime"? Broken Leg or Pulled HEAD? Let us all hope he says both.

You've got to like the Steelers' attitudes. Linebacker Kevin Greene vowed not to cut his hair until they won the Super Bowl, and Quarterback Neil O'Donnell vowed not to shave until that happens, either. If the Steelers DO NOT win the Super Bowl, I would not want to walk into the Steelers locker room this time next year. It will look like a Doobie Brothers reunion.

But back here on the MTSU campus, the talk of the town is basketball. The Lady Raiders are so hot I would say they have a better than average chance of making it all the way to the NCAA tournament. Barring major injuries or a slump (the latter of which seems highly unlikely), Coach Bivens and his Lady Raiders are headed to OVC title town.

And who can stand in their way? Tennessee Tech? Don't bet on it. Austin Peay? Please. The Governors basketball players are all physical therapy majors, and don't want to get hurt. SEMO, you say? Don't make me laugh. Let them come up with a decent name for their mascot, then we'll talk about the Otahkians.

Well, that is all for now. Until next time, I travel on the other side of

the rainbow.

Track teams compete at UK meet

By Rob Nunley / staff

The MTSU men's and women's track teams turned in some impressive performances in their first meet of the semester.

The Blue Raider and Lady Raider teams traveled to Lexington, Kentucky to take part in an open meet this weekend. Other teams

participating in the meet, hosted by the University of Kentucky, were Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Michigan State, and University North Carolina -

Asheville. Blue Raider Jaz Salahuddin turned in one of the more outstanding performances for Middle Salahuddin won the triple jump, meeting provisional standard consideration for

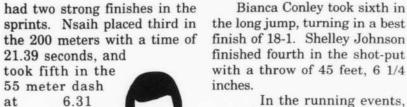
the NCAA meet with a leap of 51 feet, five inches. Salahuddin also placed fifth in the high jump with a mark of 6-8.

Torrence Riley also placed in two events, taking second in the triple jump with a mark of 47 feet, nine inches, and finishing fifth in the long jump at 22 feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Other Blue Raider athletes finishing strong in the jumps were Rashad Haynes, who took fourth in the triple jump (43-6), and Atiba Tucker, who finished second in the long jump with a leap of 24 feet and 3/4 of an inch.

Newcomer Christian Nsaih high jump with a leap of 5-6.

had two strong finishes in the sprints. Nsaih placed third in the 200 meters with a time of 21.39 seconds, and



Nadia Graham finished third in the 400 meters. Graham finished with a time of 55.66 seconds. Also, the women's mile relay t e a m finished second with a time of 3:54.78. The relay team was made up of Hall, Melanie Tyjuana Phillips, Rachel Parrish and Saran Dunmore. Haves was very

satisfied with how both his teams performed at the commenting their scores were particularly impressive when taking consideration their

competition and the fact that this was the team's first meet after the holiday vacation.

"Considering who all was in the meet, I was pretty pleased with our performance," Hayes said. "And we're really pleased with how well our newcomers did."

MTSU will host their first indoor meet of the season this Saturday at Murphy Center, where they will take on teams from Arkansas State, Alabama-Birmingham, Memphis and Western Kentucky. The meet with a mark of 39 feet, 4 1/2 is scheduled to begin at inches, and took fourth in the 11:00. •

Brian G. Miller/staff

Takin' it to the hole

Senior guard Trella Thomas drives in for a lay-up during a recent Lady Raider victory. The Lady Raiders' overall record stands at 15-1, and they lead the OVC with a conference record of 5-0 at the halfway point of the season.

Buck: Bivens sets all-time wins record

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played and it was great that we did it the entire game.'

Another one of the Lady Raiders strong points coming into the game was their ability to shut down the high-scoring stars of their previous opponents, and that trend did not stop with Morehead State. Coming into the contest, the Lady Eagles superstar, Megan Hupfer, had been averaging 18 points and nine rebounds. But

with the constant pressure forcing her to kick the ball out to other players, she was held to just eight points and one rebound.

The victory improved the Lady Raiders record to 14-1 on the season (5-0 OVC). With the win Coach Bivens became the winningest coach in Lady Raider history with a career record of 162-78.

Bivens surpassed the career record of Larry Inman, who coached at Middle Tennessee from 1978 to 1986, leading the Lady Raiders to five OVC championships during his tenure. Ironically Inman, who now coaches the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels, fell to Bivens again on Sunday, when the Lady Raiders defeated EKU 74-55.

If the Lady Raiders can keep their winning streak going Sunday Night, the nickname of this road trip will go from "Death Valley" to "Easy Win Valley" for the Lady Raiders.

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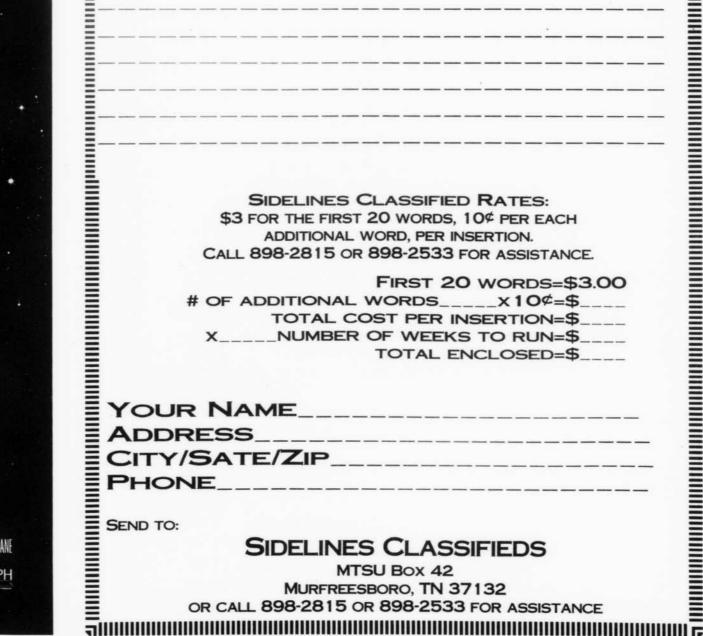
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- 2. BAPTIST THEOLOGY TODAY: ESSENTIAL OR IRRELEVANT? Is there a place for distinctively Baptist theological beliefs in modern Christianity? Four Baptist distinctives will be studies: Bible freedom, soul freedom, church freedom and religious freedom --- and their application to contemporary issues. Teacher: Dr. Ircel Harrison. Class begins February 16.
- 3. ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE A study of how archaeology relates to the Bible historically, sociologically, etc. How does archaeology happen? Does archaeology support the Bible, or does it need to? What role does faith play? Teacher: Jean M. Alley. Class begins March 22.

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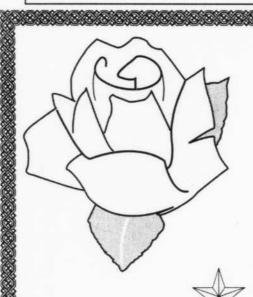
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