

# SIDELINES

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## Scandal rocks ASB elections *Abner throws support behind Shawn Burgess*

**TONY KIRK**  
News Editor

With the ASB run-off election scheduled for tomorrow, scandal and rumors of illegal campaigning have been reported from both campaign camps.

Tuesday's election will give the voters a choice between current ASB Speaker of the Senate Shawn Burgess and Todd Burnett's executive assistant, Cathy Miller.

Students will also have the choice of Brian Taylor and Larry Beaty on the ballot for speaker of the senate.

However, two rumors of alleged wrongdoing involving Burgess and Miller have brought concern from the general student population.

It has been reported that Burgess had received a mailing

list from the Computer Information Service here on campus, while saying the list was for ASB purposes.

Miller, in a phone interview on Friday, said that she had been approached by some of her supporters who claimed Burgess had received a list of minority students, claiming he was representing the ASB office.

"A guy I know said that when he [Burgess] filled out the papers for the list, that Shawn told them it was for the ASB offices," Miller said. "I'm not sure if I will file a complaint, but I'll have to wait and see."

Burgess denied in a phone interview Friday that he ever said the mailing list was for the ASB offices.

"The story is not true! Anyone can look on the papers

that I had to fill out and see that in no way did I say that the list was for anyone except myself. I even had to have Dean Gillespie and Dean Cantrell sign the papers to get the list," Burgess said.

Both Gillespie and Cantrell could not be reached for comment. David Hays, associate dean of students, commented on the matter.

"I can't really say if the list was obtained in a wrongful manner, but if Cantrell and Gillespie signed the papers for him [Burgess] then I really can't say," Hays said. "We will have to wait and see if Cathy files a complaint, and then investigate."

Former candidate Todd Abner has announced that he is throwing his support behind Burgess and also confirmed a recent story that Miller and

current ASB president Todd Burnett had tried to persuade him against running in late February.

"I have decided to give my support to Burgess and I hope that the people who voted for me will vote for him in the run-off," Abner said. "I really gained a lot

**"...they told me they didn't want [me] to split the white vote."**

**-Todd Abner**

of respect for Shawn during the campaign and he kept his campaign clean."

When asked to confirm the reports that Miller and Burnett had asked him to withdraw from

the campaign, Abner said that the two had indeed spoken with him.

"On Feb. 26 I had got a message on my answering machine from Cathy. She said that she wanted me to meet with her and Burnett on the 27th at five that afternoon," Abner said.

After hearing the message, Abner returned Miller's call to see what the planned meeting was about.

"When I called her, she said that they wanted to talk to me about withdrawing from the race. I asked her why they [Burnett and Miller] wanted me to get out of the race, and they told me they didn't want [me] to split the white vote," Abner said.

He also added that Miller had promised him a position in the

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Amy Adkins/photographer

**CAMPAGNING FOR OFFICE:** Todd Abner talks with students during last weeks ASB elections. Abner who finished with 318 votes (18.1 percent) has now announced that he will help support Shawn Burgess in the ASB presidential run-off election to be held on Tuesday. He has also confirmed reports that Cathy Miller and Todd Burnett had tried to get him drop out of the race because it would split the white vote.

## Official reports no structure damage to Murphy Center

**TONY KIRK**  
News Editor

Reports that structural damage to Murphy Center was caused by Murfreesboro Fire Department vehicles are not true, according to an MTSU official.

"The fire department responded to a fire alarm here at Murphy Center around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night," said Bill Smotherman, a Murphy Center building supervisor. "There was never any actual flames, but some fire-resistant insulation had started to smolder in some of the mechanical areas."

When the fire department arrived, they pulled their trucks onto the upper level of the sidewalks. It is this suspended structure that was reported to have been damaged.

"The fire officials did not know that their trucks were heavier than the weight that we allow to be placed on the sidewalks. We have not found any damage caused by the fire department," Smotherman said.

He also added that the fire department had to come back Wednesday morning to help with some more problems with the insulation.

"We had to call them back because the insulation holds the heat and we thought we had cooled them down enough. On Wednesday they came back and helped us remove some of the insulation that was still causing problems," Smotherman said.

The reports of the damage stemmed from students observing mass amounts of water coming down on the track in Murphy Center.

"Yes, we have had some leaking in the roofs. But the roof is

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# Campus Capsule

**Campus Master Plan** presentations will be made Wednesday, April 3, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. These presentations are open to anyone wishing to find out about the proposals and to react to the plans for the campus.

**Free Income Tax Help for Desert Storm Families.** Internal Revenue Service employees and trained volunteers now offer free tax assistance for military personnel of Operation Desert Storm or their families. For specific locations and dates where help is offered, taxpayers should call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 and identify themselves as being involved in Desert Storm.

**The Spring Honors Lecture Series** continues April 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall room 107 with Tom Strawman speaking on "War Protest Literature."

**The Society for Human Resource Management** will

be holding a meeting on **Job Search Information** on April 1 at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, 109. SHRM will be presenting Wayne Faust from Metro City Government in Nashville speaking on where and how to find information when looking for a job in today's market.

**Applications for Outstanding Seniors** are now available in the ASB office, KUC 304. Any senior (90 hours or more) who feels that he or she has had an outstanding college career should stop by. The deadline is April 3.

The ASB will hold a **Joint Session Meeting** for all Congressional Members on April 3 at 6 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room. Legislation will be presented and must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. on April 1 to the ASB office, KUC 304. Attendance is required.

A special interest group is forming in hopes of re-colonizing the ETA NU chapter of ALPHA TAU

OMEGA at MTSU. Anyone interested in joining or any Alpha Tau's from other colleges are asked to call Tony Kirk at 898-3196 or 898-2336 or write P. O. Box 9165.

The **Association of Secretarial/Clerical Employees** will hold its Easter bake sale on March 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the KUC, front of the bookstore.

**Career Placement Orientation** for seniors and graduate students will be held Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4, at 3 p.m., KUC 328, Career Resource Center.

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For more information about the interview calendar, contact

the Placement and Student Employment Center, KUC 328, 898-2500.

**Students for Environmental Action** will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 315.

**Looking Forward**, an on-campus support group for sexually abused women, is holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

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**The Tennessee State Appaloosa Horse Club** will be hosting a competitive trail ride on Saturday, April 20, 1991 at Percy Warner Park. The trail ride will start at 10:00 A.M. If you would like to enter before the day of the ride, the entry fee is \$15. If you wait until the day of the ride, the fee is \$15. ALL BREEDS are invited to participate in the trail ride. For more information contact Peggy Burgin (367-7740 or 833-2862) or Danny Gregory (754-4226).

**Campus Capsule** is open to the MTSU community for public service announcements and meetings of general interest. To have an item included, bring typed or printed copy to JUB 310 by 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Items will be included as space permits and with timeliness taken into consideration.

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ASB office if he were to pull out of the race.

"I'm not sure how she was going to get me a position and what she had in mind, but that is what she offered," Abner said.

He also added that he believed Miller has been very unethical in the way she has been running her campaign and that he believes that Burnett has done too much for her.

Miller, however denies ever saying that she did not want to split the white vote and also claims that in no way has Burnett campaigned for her.

"Yes, I did go to Todd [Abner] and ask him to pull out, but Todd Burnett was not with me and I just told him that I didn't think that we should split the Greek vote," Miller said. "I already had a lot of the Greek support on campus." (Miller is a member of Chi Omega and Abner is a Kappa Sigma member.)

She went on to say that there was nothing she could see wrong with suggesting Abner pull out of the running, and that the only reason why Abner is supporting

Burgess now is because he lost.

"He didn't get the support he thought he would and the Greeks were not behind him," Miller said. "He is just mad at me for winning the Greek support and I'm sorry that he feels that way.

"He is just trying to say that Todd [Burnett] helped me to make it look like I had extra help," Miller said.

Burgess added to his comments that he was not going to exclude the Greeks from Homecoming, contrary to rumors that he was. He also agreed that Burnett had indeed helped Miller's campaign.

"I'm not sure who said that I was taking the Greeks out of the homecoming, but that is not true at all," Burgess said. "As for Burnett helping Cathy, that is a known fact. Just yesterday [Thursday] I was in the ASB office and I heard Burnett tell someone that he was going to do whatever he could for Cathy. He later came to me and tried to explain himself, but I had already heard him."

Burgess said that he also believes Burnett may have tried to railroad Abner's campaign in the same fashion that Mike Rowan's campaign was handled.

"If Abner gives me his support, then that is great, I'm just really upset in the way things have turned all of the sudden," Burgess said.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and close at 6:30 p.m.. There will be only two voting booths operating in this election. They will be located in Peck Hall.

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is under warranty with the Firestone Co. We did have some water coming down on the track this week, but that was caused by the air conditioning. When they came this week, the drip pans were clogged and the condensation had nowhere to go," Smotherman said.

He added that there was not any financial loss to the university caused by the fire and that they will continue to check the sidewalk and structure for any damage.



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# Opinions

## Silent majority should be heard

Last week's ASB elections were a model of democracy in action. Voter turnout was 30 percent higher than the 1990 campaign. Dean David Hayes was "excited about the number of students that showed up at the polls" and credited the "three fine candidates for ASB president" for the increase in voters.

Don't believe the hype.

Only 1,756 students, or approximately 12 percent of the student body, chose to go to the polls. Four people became ASB senators with single-digit write-in ballots, two of them with two votes each. It has been revealed some candidates were approached by other candidates to drop out of the race. Accusations are abundant, ranging from vote-rigging to vote-splitting. The elections were a joke.

Ask the 88 percent of the students who did not vote why they stayed away from the polls and you'll hear something to the effect of "my vote can't make a difference," or "All the candidates are the same," or "ASB doesn't do anything anyway."

This year, however, your vote can make a difference by writing in someone for president who is definitely different from the other ASB candidates and cannot be accused of inactivity. His name is Read Ridley.

Ridley ran for president in both 1989 and 1990 on a platform of bucking the system. He feels the whole ASB system is cosmetic and impotent and wants to use the position to make some waves and let the administration know how we, the students, feel. Not exactly your run-of-the-mill politician.

He decided not to run this year because no one seemed interested in his different approach or, for that matter, in the ASB in general.

We feel that Ridley's platform is exactly what the school needs to add some life to the student community. If we're not getting what we need from the university, let's have a president who's not afraid to raise a little hell.

Unfortunately, Read's name will not be on the ballot in tomorrow's run-off election and they probably will not count write-in ballots. But, if you do not intend to vote for either of the candidates, you can still make a point. Stop by Peck Hall, pick up a ballot, write "Read Ridley" across it and drop it in the box. You can let the new ASB president know what you want and the silent majority will have spoken.

Write in Read Ridley.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Time to focus on domestic issues

To the Editor:

Violence is as American as apple pie. The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee report on March 12 stated, in part, that the United States is "...the most violent and self-destructive nation on earth..." How sick and morally weakened we are is shown in the resurgence of flag-waving and self congratulations, to the effect that we have regained our pride and are "Walking Tall," now that we again responded to world problems with violence, won yet another war and killed thousands of people. Like the Roman Empire before us, we hail our military successes as the society decays from within.

The Rodney King beating was not an "aberration." Our social body is sick. The human body, when it has a blood borne staphylococcus infection, accumulates multiple skin abscesses throughout the body; physicians recognize that the multiple skin abscesses are only the surface manifestation of the septicemia and that treatment must be directed to the whole organism. Likewise, when police mete out punishment, it is only the surface manifestation of our nation's sickness and the healing must be directed toward the whole society. The Los Angeles beating was only one abscess of many across the nation.

As long as we support the

current hysterical drug craze and divert tremendous sums toward continuation of the so-called "War Against Drugs," (which in reality is a War Against People), we show that we expect police action to solve social problems that are our collective responsibility. Police are people too. When they are assigned an impossible task, what do you expect? We asked for it; we got it. Even with the adoption of more severe and heroic means, their efforts are failing and they become more frustrated and reactive.

The drug war has not achieved its intended effects. The supply of illegal drugs is greater than ever. Half of all crimes are drug-related, according to the American Correctional Association. Teenage dealers, defending their turf, continue to murder each other. If you can't keep drugs out of the penitentiaries, does it make any kind of sense to think, by enacting more and more laws and appropriating still larger sums of money, that you can keep drugs off the streets and out of the schools? The drug war has separated families and undermined parental authority. The kind of profit a teenager makes dealing drugs is clearly unnatural and not normally associated with a legal market. The drug war draws law enforcement resources away from other endeavors, such as protecting people and their homes

from violent invasion, and ties up the court system so that victims of crime cannot get a hearing. The notion that everything we disapprove of should be illegal should be rejected, as it does not differentiate between vice and crime. To put the government in charge of all morality is to abdicate our individual responsibility and to weaken the moral authority of our religious institutions.

The War Against Drugs should be terminated immediately and a sane drug philosophy should be adopted. We have been advised this by many social, economic, judicial, medical, and scientific experts and men of vision, but their advice has been ignored because it did not sound like common sense to our collective mind, which is certain that there always must be a war and that there is a simple solution to complex problems. If it were not for our vanity, this war could have been stopped long ago. In 1985, the U.S. incarcerated a larger percentage of its people than any other country except South Africa; in 1989, the U.S. surpassed South Africa and now is the world's leading prison state, because of drug laws and the drug war. So don't point your finger at the police. They're only trying to accomplish an impossible task for us.

Our constitutional freedoms are being eroded by enforcement of unwise immoral draconian

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laws and by the increased leaning toward the right by the Supreme Court, which also responds to our drug craze pressure. Our legislators offer still more laws and our chief executive can only bring in another drug czar who can only recommend building more prisons and filling them with people.

The drug war must be ended, not because we approve of drug abuse, but because to do anything about it is impossible as long as the war escalates. The drug war cannot be won and Prohibition has failed—again.

H.T. Simpson, M.D.

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## Vote or shut up

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all the students who cared enough to go out and vote in the ASB elections on March 26 and 27. I was disappointed with the low numbers. Approximately 1,700 students out of 14,000 actually voted. This says a lot about the spirit students have for this school and it does not sound good.

These elections are very important in developing a university that works for the students. The people voted into office will be presenting their views on campus life to

university officials. This system only works when the ASB officers actually represent the feelings of the majority of students. This cannot be assured when only 12 to 14 percent of MTSU students are voting. Less than 13 percent of the students will be represented by the student government in the coming year.

I often hear people complain about certain aspects of university policy. I believe it is safe to assume that a lot more than 13 percent of the students voice these complaints. People who don't make the time to vote really have no right to complain. If they really cared about changing those policies, they would go out and vote for the

person who could best get the job done. Anyone who did not vote in the recent election and has complaints within the next year really has no one to blame except himself.

Now, if you are worried, good. That means you will probably take this opportunity to rectify the situation. In the elections held March 26 and 27 there were two races in which the majority vote was not reached. What this means is that a run-off election will be held Tuesday, April 2 for these two offices. Cathy Miller and Shawn Burgess will be running for president, while Larry Beatty and Brian Taylor will be running for

speaker of the senate. I encourage everyone who turned out for the last election to turn out this time. However, I am more concerned about the rest of the student body. If you want your views and feelings to be represented by the ASB, get out there and vote!

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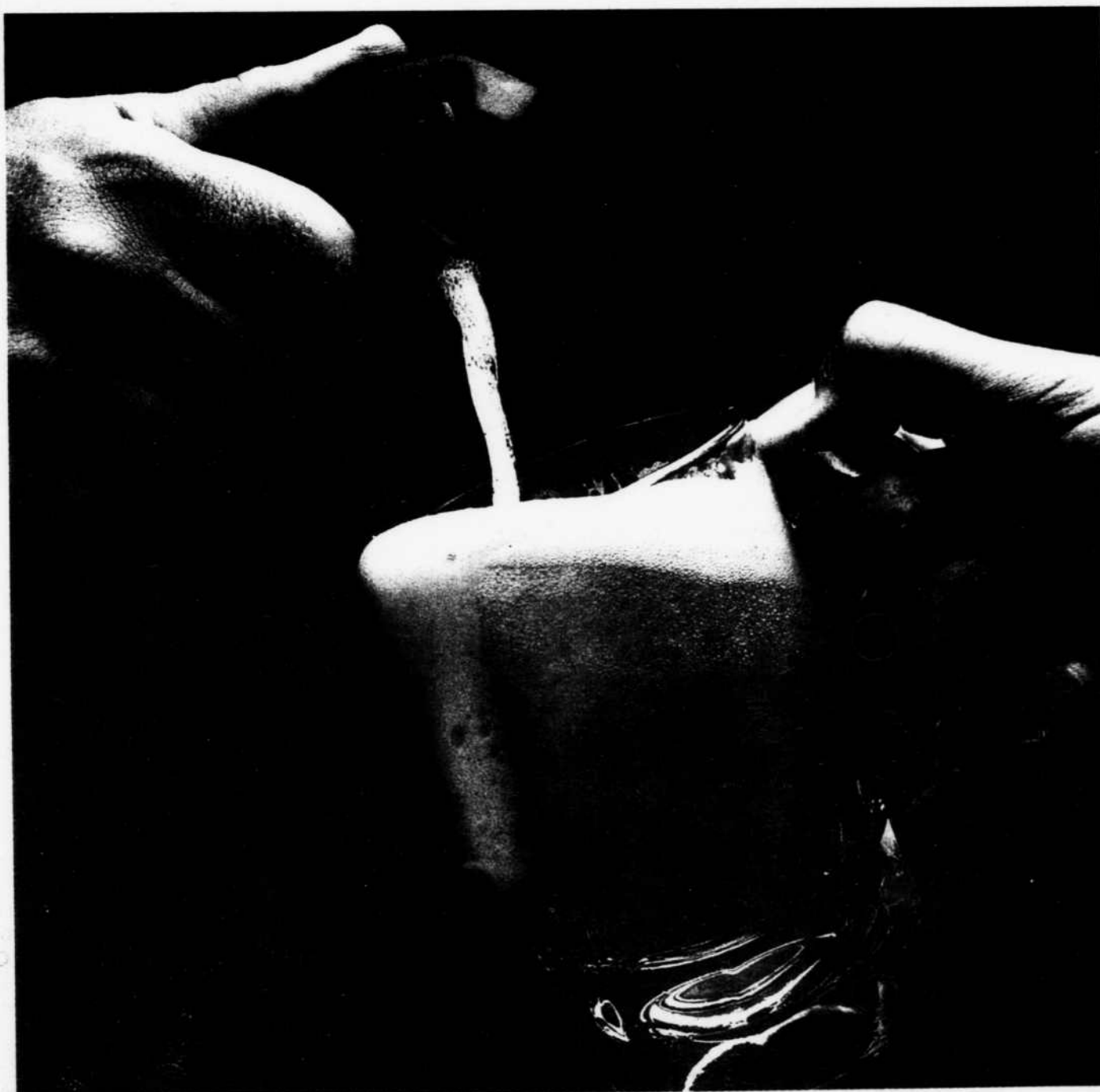
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# Features

## Many students juggle class, work, family

**PAM HADAWAY**  
Special to Sidelines

*Editors note: This is the first article in a two part series.*

A sick child, a business trip that conflicts with class, mortgages and home repairs are just some of the problems that complicate life for the non-traditional student.

"Is it more important to stay home and study or go to my son's basketball game?" Melinda Lickiss, 37, asks, citing the example of a judgement call she makes regularly. "I don't want my going to school to disrupt the whole family, but it's difficult to balance it all."

Dale Arwood, 33, a mother of three whose husband is also a student at MTSU, expresses a similar sentiment.

"We spend a lot of time with the kids and not enough time studying. It's very stressful. The big picture is overwhelming, so I have to take just one day at a time."

Graduate student Bonita Ross, 23, feels her life is over-regimented as a result of the many "hats" she wears. She works full time and attends classes at night.

"I feel like I'm on a schedule all the time," Ross explains. "I'm on a schedule at work, I'm on a schedule at school, and I'm on a schedule at home. If I weren't, I wouldn't get anything done. I have to schedule time for personal things like visiting my family and that annoys me."

Rita Phillips, 24, also a working graduate student, describes a scene from her life:

"My husband works, but he's not a student so he doesn't have homework responsibilities. He'll say, 'Let's go to the movies,' and I'll say, 'I can't. I've got too much homework.' In addition, our schedules conflict. He works nights and I work and go to class most of the day, so it's hard."

Rebecca Rice, director of the MTSU Women's Center, hears

these frustrations and others voiced frequently in her office when she counsels non-traditional students. Rice claims they have more responsibilities than their traditional counterparts who are attending college on the heels of high school and who often live in a dorm or at home.

"We're beginning to define the non-traditional students as the adult learner, although it includes others such as handicapped students," Rice explains.

Twenty-six percent of MTSU students are 25 and older. Most of these students have major responsibilities in the form of work and family commitments.

"They don't need to be taking a whole bunch of credit hours," Rice adds. "I'm not confident that our entire faculty realizes that adult learners overdo. Many adult learners feel they are behind, but they're not. They've lived their lives, gained wisdom, have families, and may have leadership

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Angela Bonds/Photographer

## Final photo exhibit on display

Middle Tennessee State University Photographic Gallery will conclude its exhibition schedule for the academic year with two of the most famous photographers, Paul Strand and Ansel Adams.

The exhibition, titled "Paul Strand and Ansel Adams: Native Land and Natural Scene," was curated by Mike Weaver and Anne Hammond for the Center of Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tucson,

Ariz..

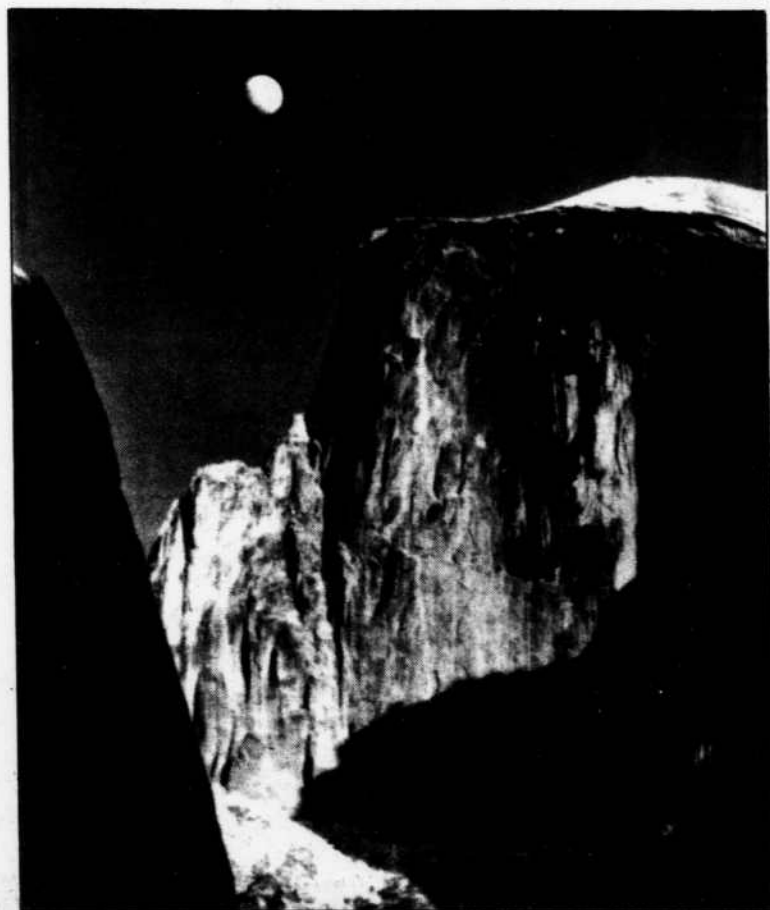
These two men, Strand and Adams, carried on what might be called a professional relationship from the time of their first meeting in Taos, N.M. in 1930 until Strand's death in 1976. "There were a lot of similarities between the two photographers, and this exhibition brings out these similarities by pairing their photographs which point out basic philosophical divergence between them," comments Harold Baldwin, director of the Gallery.

"Strand was, in theory, a collectivist who believed men and women are defined by their capacity for work. Adams, in principle, is an individualist who believed that people are better defined by their relationships with nature. But in practice, Strand was often aloof in his relations with people, while Adams was a born teacher," the director continues.

"This exhibition has many of Paul Strand's and Ansel Adams' original prints, which we feel very fortunate to have in the Middle Tennessee area. You should not miss this highly valued exhibition," Baldwin assures.

The first section of the exhibition, **Crossroads**,

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**"MOON AND HALF DOME":** This reproduction of an original photograph by Ansel Adams is one of many fascinating photographs now on display at the MTSU Photographic Gallery in the LRC. The exhibition, "Paul Strand and Ansel Adams: Native Land and Natural Scene" will run through May 2.

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS:** When it comes to finding time to study, many non-traditional students often find there aren't enough hours in the day. Fern Greenbank, a senior at MTSU, is just one non-traditional student who juggles a full-time class load along with a full-time job.

## Hazing incidents continue to hinder Greek system

(CPS) We've all heard the rumors of secret rituals, hideous activities with animals, and harsh treatment given to pledges, but the hazing saga continues to amaze Greeks and Independents alike. These tales are especially disturbing to the Greeks who follow the rules by the book. However, the 'bad apples' continue to cause problems for everyone.

More campuses punished fraternities for hazing last month, leaving chapters devastated and reformers wondering what to do next to stop the practice.

"We're sharing our message every way we can," said Jonathan Brant of the Indianapolis-based National Interfraternity Council, which has campaigned to stop hazing. "Somehow people still make bad decisions."

Since Feb. 1, for example, fraternities at Alfred State, Baylor, Vanderbilt and Seton Hall universities as well as at Whittier

College have been disciplined for hazing.

Sororities and fraternities themselves also have tried for many years to end hazing, defined as the physical or mental abuse of a person or persons by others in a group.

"We are encouraging our member fraternities to do whatever is appropriate to eliminate hazing," said the NIFC's Brant.

Some fraternities, including Zeta Beta Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon, have eliminated the pledge period altogether, when most hazing incidents occur.

A similar plan has been proposed for societies at Whittier College in California.

"We recognize there are certain affiliation ceremonies that are meaningful," explained Joe Price, a religious studies professor who was on the committee, but

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## Exhibit

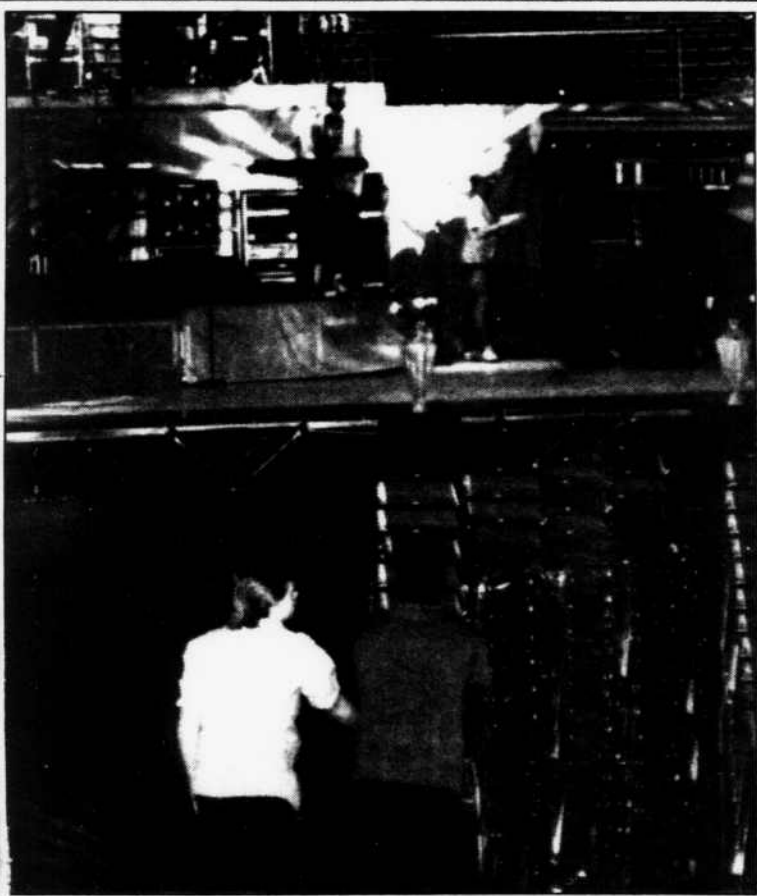
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compares Adam's "Taos Pueblo" photographs with Strand's seminal "Mexican Portfolio." **Parallel Paths** consists of paired images, demonstrating differences and similarities of composition, technique, emphasis, and philosophy. **Separate Ways** shows where the photographers and their work diverge, offering a

number of well-known—and not so well-known—images characteristic of their makers' different intentions.

The Photographic Gallery is located in the LRC and the exhibition will be on display through May 2. The exhibition hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

## Setting the stage



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

**A FUNKY, "MENTAL" SHOW:** The Special Events Committee was hard at work preparing for the Bell Biv DeVoe concert held in Murphy Center last Thursday night. Over 7,500 fans were on hand for what proved to be exciting performances by Johnny Gill, Keith Sweat, and BBD.

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roles in their communities. They haven't been vegetating and they don't need to view themselves that way. That's a real tough problem."

Lickiss illustrates this with an example from a class she took in which most of the students were young freshmen.

"There was another 'older' student, a guy who was 25. He called himself the dinosaur of the class. I thought, 'I'm 10 years older than him. I wonder what that makes me!'"

Because many are in a hurry, non-traditional students may want to sign up for 16 hours, Rice says, but they should probably be advised to take 12 or less. Rice suggests it may be more appropriate to take six and see whether they can handle it.

"And they do great!" she adds with enthusiasm. "The research is absolutely conclusive that the adult learner has a higher grade point average."

Rice attributes this to strong motivation. "They're not here to party or find themselves."

Auther Harris, an instructor in the Developmental Studies program and president of the Association for Non-traditional Students (ANTS), agrees. He describes non-traditional students, and especially older adults returning to school, as having a "certain positive ambition about them. They are very positive, very ambitious, but in the same breath they're also very impatient. At times that impatience can lead to anxiety and burnout—knowing each day counts and that each class counts."

"Many have an 'I cannot fail' attitude because that means time

and money, that means my family. I often say that some non-traditional students want everything yesterday. And while that works as a tremendous incentive, it can be a source of tremendous anxiety if they run into some barrier."

Many of the students in Harris' evening study skills classes are of the non-traditional sort. "I encourage them to do well, but not put their ego on the line," he explains.

Harris' concern is evident and is what led him to accept the position of ANTS president. He envisions the organization as becoming a strong advocate for the non-traditional student as well as a way for them to have input regarding their needs.

ANTS also serves as a referral network regarding information about financial aid, housing, etc. Harris points out a stack of

financial aid packets.

"Many of the night students can't make it to the financial aid office during business hours," he explains. "Now I can give them the information myself."

In addition to the stress of juggling it all, non-traditional students at MTSU are handicapped in other ways. As Harris pointed out, the business office and other services are unavailable to night students who arrive on campus after 4:30 p.m. In an attempt to better accommodate these students, the Phillip bookstore has extended its hours on Monday and Tuesday evenings until 6 o'clock.

Both day and night non-traditional students face scheduling problems. These include parents who must cram all of their classes in during the day while children are in school and

night students trying to meet degree requirements. They also need to factor in significant time for commuting if they travel a distance to attend MTSU.

Dr. Rosemary Owens, dean of the Continuing Education program, cites the lack of a centralized office for the non-traditional student as a major drawback.

"There needs to be a centralized office available to assist them," Owens' insists. "They don't have time [to run all over campus] tracking down information... and many simply do not know who to call to get anything done." It is obvious that Owens is yet another champion of the non-traditional student.

Harris and Rice agree that a central office for the adult learner is very important. Along with Owens, they rank the needs of these students as a high priority.

These administrators are committed to enhancing the educational environment and services for the non-traditional student and for 26 percent of the MTSU student body, that should come as good news.

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"attempts at reform (in the pledging process have not been successful," he continued.

A final decision on whether to ban pledging will be made by Whittier President James Ash later this year.

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# Sports

## The Media Man *MTSU's Given has unique system*

**MICHAEL BREWER**  
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The office is cluttered with fact sheets and press releases. A 1987 Babe Ruth calendar hangs among sports schedules. A stuffed groundhog wearing a baseball cap sits overlooking it all.

This is where Ed Given, MTSU sports information director, hangs out.

"The stuffed groundhog came from the biology department," Given recalls with a laugh. "The baseball railbirds hold a luncheon to kick off baseball season and it's always on Groundhog Day. We started borrowing it from the biology department for the event. They eventually gave it to me."

Given has been at MTSU for eight years and is in charge of gathering all the necessary facts for sports events.

"I have basic information on hand before all the games. This includes statistics, pre-game guides, and fact sheets for the media. I have to have enough for everyone," Given reports.

"The bottom line is, I have to act as a liaison between the media and the university."

His work takes him far beyond that. He must report everything during the sports event, which requires fast-paced reporting, and after the event a well.

"I have to provide play-by-play statistics and official statistics after the game. I also have to fax information to the media that wasn't attending the game," Given points out.

Covering sports at MTSU is a time-consuming effort. The sports information director rarely finds time.

"The trouble is I have my 40-hour week in by Wednesday," Given admits. "I work seven days a week through fall and winter schedules with a lot of 12-16-hour days."



**Ed Given**

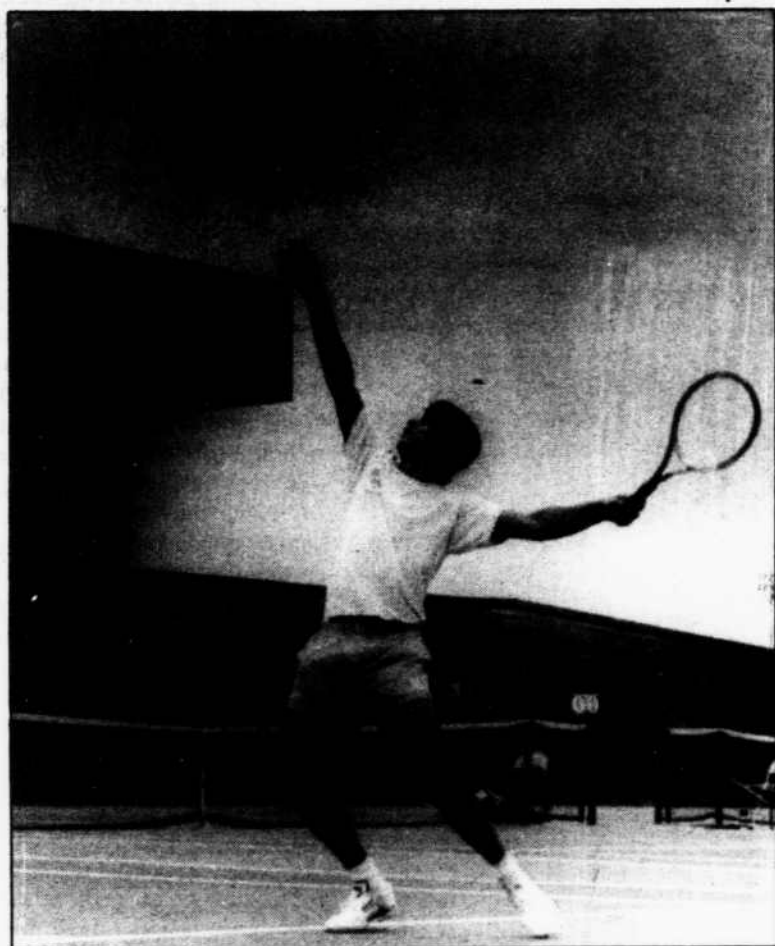
"I try and travel everywhere with teams, which requires a lot of time. A person has to eat, breathe, and sleep sports to be here."

Given holds a BA in history from Union University in Jackson and an MA in education from Western Kentucky University.

He started as a sports writer for the Nashville Banner, then went to Western Kentucky University as sports information director for more than five years.

"Western Kentucky University was a lot like MTSU. It was a small town with a college

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**Matt Woodard/photographer**

**COME BACK HERE:** MTSU tennis star David Thornton appears to be reaching for a tennis ball but in fact he is preparing to hit a serve against Bowling Green Thursday afternoon. Middle, who has been unbeatable of late, won the match rather easily, 6-0.

## Raiders whether storm but Vandy fizzles out

**TONY J. ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

MTSU's men's tennis team kept their winning streak alive with victories last week.

After building up steam in matches at Hilton Head, South Carolina last week, the group returned to the hard courts beside Murphy Center for a little home cooking.

Perhaps that should be reframed to dishing out a little home cooking after downing Bowling Green University 6-0 Thursday and Carson Newman 9-0 Saturday afternoon.

But, despite the wins, it was a match that was supposed to be played that stole the thoughts of Raider head coach Dale Short.

Middle was scheduled to play Vanderbilt at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. However, due to the cold weather Vanderbilt proposed that they either play at Vandy Saturday night or not play at all.

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## MTSU thumps Cards

**TONY J. ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

Wow!

That's the reaction the MTSU Blue Raider baseball squad left on the faces of Louisville players last Wednesday.

Middle pounded out 22 hits while sending six balls out of the park in a 25-8 thrashing. The win also gave the Raiders a 11-11 record.

Designated hitter Gary Myers led the attack with five hits in five appearances at the plate. He pounded two homers and picked up five RBI's.

Dwight Robinson hit his seventh homer of the year and compiled a 4-for-6 night with four RBI's.

Jason Maxwell, Corey Watkins and Jeff Browning also

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## Raiders roll in 'bama *Produce solid performances at relays*

**DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA**  
Staff Writer

MTSU's men's and women's track teams competed in their first outdoor meet last weekend at the University of Alabama relays in Tuscaloosa.

Both teams have carried the success of their indoor season by continuing to produce solid performances. With only four bodies, the men were able to put together a few strong relays.

Coach Dean Hayes was especially pleased with the third place finish of the 4x200 relay of Chris Layne, Roland McGhee, Carlos Gupton and Tom Hampton. The same foursome also ran their fastest time in the mile relay to place fifth in 3:15.27.

McGhee also completed in the long jump and placed third

with a 24-foot 11 1/4-inch jump.

With such a small number of members, the men are looking forward to the recruits for next year's team.

"The guys are still keeping their heads up and competing hard, while anticipating for next year. Our goal this season will be to try and win the outdoor OVC Championship," Hayes said.

Although the women's team does not have any outstanding individuals, it has maintained its solidity, especially in the relays.

The shuttle hurdle relay of Nadrian McGill, Marsha Cleveland, Koko Rowley and Latonia Jackson competed tough enough to place third in 59 seconds and also break the school record.

Jackson, Treva Matthews, Jennene Cody and Michelle

Welch finished fourth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 47.33, and the 4x200 relay of Cody, Matthews, Jacqui Brown and Welch grabbed sixth place and broke the school record with a time of 1:39.19.

In the distance relays, the 4x1500 team of Karen Barnes, Sharon Smith, Dianne DeOliveira and Kiya Thomas placed second to get a new school record of 19:57.23. The distance medley of Smill, McGill, Barnes and DeOliveira also finished third in 12:37.31.

In the individual events, Veronica Tipton placed third in the high jump at a height of 5 feet, 7 3/4 inches. Welch and Brown also finished seventh and eighth in the long jump, while

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Short opted to play.

"It will mean a lot," Short said referring to the Vandy match. "They're a big rival and are probably our main rival right now."

"We're about even in the match's we've played but them playing at home and on indoor courts gives them the advantage."

"Hopefully we've got some confidence with the ones we've won and we're semi-rested and

we'll just have to wait and see."

Unfortunately, the results were not available at press time due to the movement of production so that everyone could enjoy Easter.

MTSU's women's team, who was supposed to see action late last week was rained out. They're next match will be Wednesday against Austin Peay.

Peay, who has already downed the Lady Raiders once this year, is expected to give the Raiders a run for the OVC

crown.

The men will not see action again until Friday when they play OVC foe Eastern Kentucky.

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knocked dingers for Middle. MTSU tallied four runs in the first, three in the third and seven in the fourth to take a 14-0 lead.

Louisville scored there first run in the fourth but the game was already out of reach.

Steve Benefield gave up five runs on eight hits throughout six innings. The performance earned him his first win of the season.

Friday's game with Nicholls State was rained out and a double-header was scheduled for Saturday.

Complete results of that series will be in Thursday's issue.

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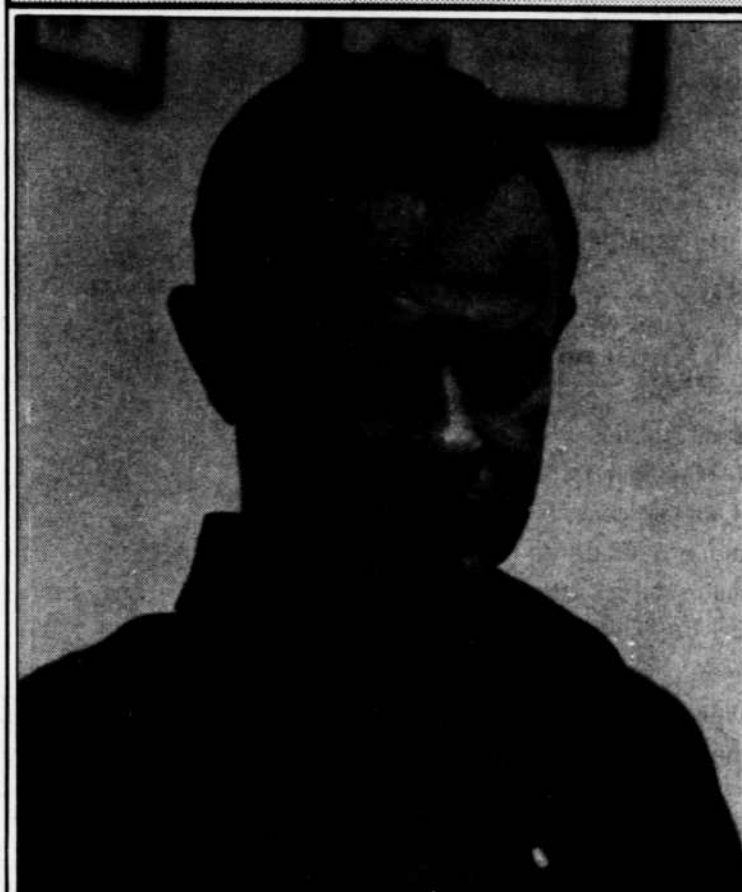
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After leaving Western Kentucky, he ran a private business for four years before coming to MTSU.

Given is no stranger to actual participation in sports.

"I played sports all my life. In college, I played varsity basketball and baseball, and I loved the competition," he declares.

The spirit of competition is the reason Given moved from writing at the Banner to sports information director.

"Having participated in sports, I miss the competition. For the Banner, I would go to the game and report the scores. Here, I can feel bad if we lose or glad when we win," he proclaims.

Given wasn't a stranger when he came to MTSU. He knew some persons in the

administration including Coach Boots Donnelly, head football coach.

"Ed Given has known me since I was 14 years old playing in the Babe Ruth baseball league," explains Donnelly. "He even covered me in some of my events while he was at the Banner."

Sports reporting is not the only thing in Given's life. He has five children and seven grandchildren and finds time for extra activities as well.

"I probably have too many hobbies," he confesses. "I love fishing and woodworking. When I find the time, I like to work on my old truck."

In covering sports, Given is knowledgeable and accurate. He has set guidelines for young people seeking work in the sports field.

James Horten, a work study student for Given during the last two years relates, "He is a great

example for anyone to follow. It's a great learning experience for me because I have a great deal of respect for him and he loves what he's doing.

"His office seems disorganized, but he has a system. He knows exactly where everything is when he needs it. I know the system now," Horten adds.

A picture-perfect office isn't necessary for a sports information director. An office with a lots of sports INFORMATION is.

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Jackson finished eighth in the high hurdles with her best time of 14.37.

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