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# SIDELINES

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## War with Iraq begins



George Bush

**JASON HUNT**  
News Editor

Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm at 6 p.m. CST Wednesday.

A squadron of U.S. Air Force fighter bombers, F-15 Eagles, attacked Baghdad, Iraq, from the America's largest military base in Saudi Arabia. The aircraft were loaded with bombs and underwing fuel tanks. They were also armed with cannon and air-to-air missiles for self-defense.

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun," said press secretary Marlin Fitzwater, shortly after the attack began.

President Bush addressed the nation at 8 p.m. CST Wednesday and said, "Kuwait will be freed."

"Now, the 28 countries with forces in the Gulf area have exhausted all reasonable efforts to reach a peaceful resolution. We have no choice but to drive Saddam from Kuwait by force," Bush said.

"As I report to you, air attacks are underway against military targets in Iraq. We are determined to knock out Saddam Hussein's nuclear bomb potential. We will also destroy his chemical weapons facilities. Much of Saddam's artillery and tanks will be destroyed...targeting Saddam's vast military arsenal.

"We will not fail," he declared.

U.S. troops led the joint-forces attack on Iraqi military in both Iraq and Kuwait.

The objective was to shut down as much of Iraq's central military

operations as quickly as possible, giving Saddam Hussein a taste of what is to come if he does not pull out of Kuwait today, an ABC correspondent said while broadcasting from Baghdad last night.

At MTSU, Maj. Lewis Rhodes, executive officer of the ROTC detachment, said that he believes that all the units necessary [to Desert Shield] have already been placed on alert or standby.

"We're hoping they will be allowed to remain here....Those that have not been called up or deployed we hope are safe," Rhodes said.

Eyes were glued to the evening news last night when the first indications of war were broadcast as they occurred.

ABC correspondent Gary Shephard reported from Baghdad there were "flashes in the sky" over the city and that it appeared tracer bullets were coming up from the ground.

It was uncertain at first whether the Iraqi troops were responding to an actual attack or whether the nervous troops had fired prematurely.

"It appears there is some sort of light coming toward the hotel," Shephard reported.

"Now things have quieted down again and the sirens have subsided," he reported.

The reports came one day after the Tuesday midnight deadline for U.N.-approved action against Iraq for the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

## MTSU has lowest staff-to-student ratio

**JASON HUNT**  
News Editor

MTSU operates with the lowest staff-to-student ratio in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, according to recent TBR figures.

The ratio represents the number of students served by each administrative and clerical/support position.

"We are the leanest university in the TBR system," said Jerry Tunstall, vice president of business and finance. "We serve the most students per individual in administration."

MTSU currently serves 65 students per administrator, 28 per clerical/support position, and 20 per faculty member.

Austin Peay State University, another TBR university, serves 39 students per administrator, 20 per clerical/support position, and 20 per faculty.

Tennessee State University, in comparison, serves 35 students per administrator, 16 per clerical/support position, and 16 per faculty member.

TSU has the highest staff-to-student ratio.

The average for universities in the TBR system without MTSU is 42 students per administrator, 18 per clerical/support position, and 18 per

"The money we save can be channeled into the academic program"

**Jerry Tunstall**  
vice president of  
business and finance

faculty member.

MTSU's lower staff-to-student ratio benefits the student in two ways, Tunstall said.

"We can react more quickly because there are fewer levels to go through," he said.

"The money we save [by employing fewer staff] can be channeled into the academic program," he added.

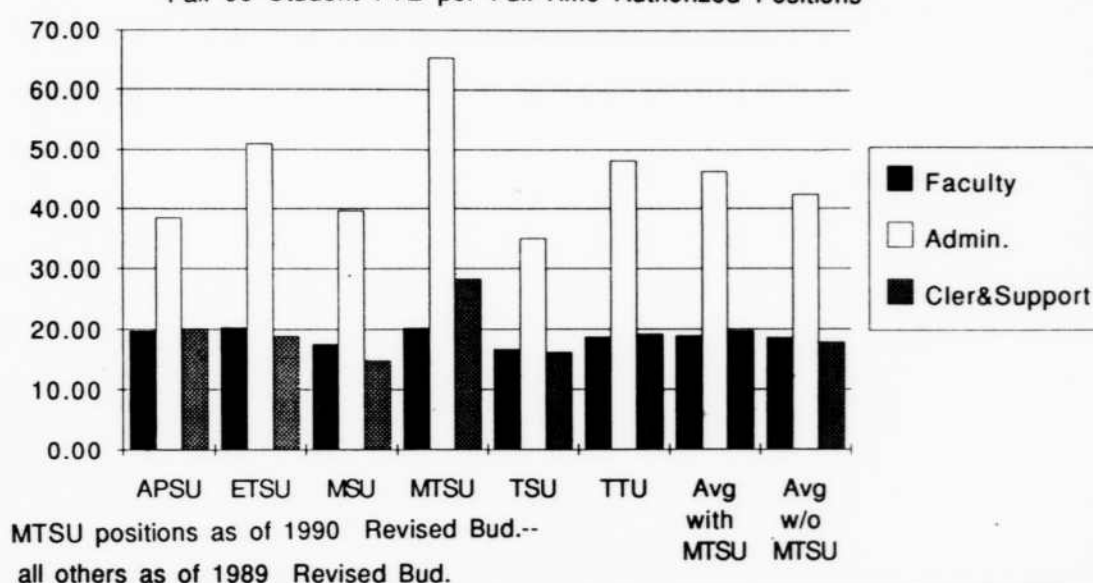
MTSU could add 106 administrative and 264 clerical and support positions, and it would be at the average staff-to-student ratio for the rest of the TBR, Tunstall said.

"We only add positions when we need them," he added.

The disadvantage of MTSU's low staff-to-student ratio is that administration lacks "depth" as a result, the vice president said.

"If someone gets sick or goes to Saudi Arabia, we feel it," he said.

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## Budget impoundment expected

**JASON HUNT**  
News Editor

MTSU is anticipating a 5 to 7 percent impoundment of its 1991 budget and has drafted three plans to cover the best through worst scenarios, according to Jerry Tunstall, vice president of business and finance.

"We're expecting to get a call anyway now," Tunstall said.

According to Tunstall, the state of Tennessee expects to experience a shortfall in sales tax revenue for 1991. Although the end-of-the-year figures are not yet in, December sales are expected to be down,

Tunstall added.

"You don't have to be an economist to predict this one," the vice president said.

In case of a shortfall or other contingencies, MTSU leaves 3 percent of its budget unallocated, 1 percent more than the TBR requires of its universities, Tunstall said.

MTSU will have to come up with the remaining 2 to 4 percent by trimming the present budget, he added.

Each department will have "autonomy" in deciding where to trim its own budget, he said.

Travel and operating expenses

as well as equipment purchases will probably be cut first, the vice president said.

"For example, we might have to repair instead of replace an old printer," Tunstall said. "Perhaps we will send fewer people to train and let those people pass on the information."

"Some departments may have to postpone filling a position," Tunstall added, "but only as a last resort."

"With the best scenario, this should not have much impact on the academic programs," Tunstall said.



# Campus Capsule

**Christian Music Society (CMS)** is having a back-to school party Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's. BYOB (buy your own buffet). Afterward, there will be Christian music videos on the big screen television.

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**Nacel Youth Exchange Program** is looking for families to host teen-agers from Spain, France and Germany and other countries this summer for four weeks (mid-July to mid-August). If you are interested, contact the local NACEL representative: Rita-Marie

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The **ASB joint session of Congress** will conduct an open meeting on Jan. 30. Members are expected to attend to discuss student issues. The meeting will be held in KUC 322.

Student organizations desiring to make applications for **Activity Fee Funds** for the Spring semester should secure application forms from Room 126 KUC. The completed forms must be turned in to the Dean of Students Office by Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1991, at 4:30 p.m.

**Continuing Education** Classes beginning next week include: Introduction to Word Processing w/Microsoft Word; A "Hare" In Time (For Easter); Power Plant Accessory Overhaul; Test-taking Techniques for Children (Grades 5-12); a variety of gymnastics for toddlers and youth; Introduction to Microcomputers/PC's. For more

information, contact MTSU's Office of Continuing Education, 898-2462.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship** meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m.

**Lambda Association of MTSU** is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

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# Opinions

## King's dream for everyone all races, all nationalities

*"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'free at last! free at last! thank God almighty, we are free at last.'"*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

As you read this, the situation in the Middle East may very well have deteriorated into war. And as with other wars this country has fought in the past half century, we will be facing an enemy of vast ethnic and cultural differences. There is no doubt that we, as a nation, will exploit those differences.

In World War II, we named our enemy "Japs" and "Krauts." In Vietnam, we battled "gooks" in their own homeland. Today our enemy has not escaped the obligatory nicknames.

We've all heard the names "camel jockeys" and "sand niggers" used to degrade the Arab peoples. Even though they live a quite different way of life than Americans, in essence, we are more alike than we differ. We all strive for a better life, we all want a better life for our children, we all face obstacles in our day-to-day existence.

One aspect of the American way of life is racism. The vast majority of African-Americans still have not waded out of the centuries of degradation and humiliation. But now racism has a new face--the face of the Arab people.

When Martin Luther King Jr. put his life on the line, he did not do so for just African Americans, he did so for all people who have been disgraced because of their skin color or their religion.

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## Our support needed in time of war

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

These were the words of Presidential Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater at 6:05 last evening. The worst of our fears are now realized.

Operation Desert Storm was unleashed on Saddam Hussein with a flurry of air strikes in the hope that this will drive him out of Kuwait. President Bush, in an address to the nation last night, asserted that the allied forces will accomplish that goal.

Pres. Bush stated that sanctions have been tried for almost five months, and all to no avail. Secretary of State James Baker visited Geneva in an effort for peace, and was rebuffed. He met again in Baghdad to give peace another shot, and Saddam Hussein refused to pull out of Kuwait. Every attempt for peace made by the

United Nations has been met with contempt.

Pres. Bush has promised that when our troops have finished in the Persian Gulf, every effort will be made to bring them home as soon as possible.

As far as what will happen next is anyone's guess. Israel could be pulled in at the drop of a hat (or the drop of a SCUD missile).

A draft could be reinstated, or another wave of reservists and guardsmen could be called in.

Regardless of what happens, and regardless of our own personal opinions on this crisis, it is imperative that we stand behind our government and our military as they fight for the freedoms which should be afforded all people, regardless of their nationality, religion, or race.

## A Letter from the President

If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted and then announced the house was now theirs -- no one would hesitate about what must be done.

And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must be done halfway around the world: in Kuwait.

There is much in the modern world that is subject to doubts or questions -- washed in shades of gray. But not the brutal aggression of Saddam Hussein against a peaceful, sovereign nation and its people. It's black and white. The facts are clear. The choice unambiguous.

Right vs. wrong.

The terror Saddam Hussein has imposed upon Kuwait violates every principle of human decency. Listen to what Amnesty International has documented. "Widespread abuses of human rights have been perpetrated by Iraqi forces... arbitrary arrest and detention without trial of thousands... widespread torture... imposition of the death penalty and the extrajudicial execution of hundreds of unarmed civilians, including children."

Including children. There's no horror that could make this a more obvious conflict of good vs. evil. The man who used chemical warfare on his own people--once again including children--now oversees public hangings of dissenters. And daily his troops commit atrocities against Kuwaiti citizens.

This brutality has reverberated throughout the entire world. If we do not follow the dictates of our inner moral compass and stand up for human life, then his lawlessness will threaten the peace and democracy of the emerging New World Order we now see: this long dreamed-of vision we've all worked toward for so long.

A year after the joyous dawn of freedom's light in Eastern Europe, a

dark evil has descended in another part of the world. But we have the chance--and we have the obligation--to stop ruthless aggression.

I have been in war. I have known the terror of combat. And I tell you this with all my heart: I don't want there to be war ever again. I am determined to do absolutely everything possible in the search for a peaceful resolution to this crisis -- but only if the peace is genuine, if it rests on principle, not appeasement.

But while we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are putting their own lives on hold in order to stand for peace in our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of them. Doing tough duty for something they believe in.

Let me tell you about one of the soldiers over there, S.F.C. Terry Hatfield, a young man from Georgia. He sent me a Christmas card. And this is what he wrote.

"Mr. President, I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do whatever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are separated from family, friends, loved ones, we will do what must be done... We stand ready and waiting. God bless you and the U.S.A."

Terry understands the moral obligation that has compelled our extraordinary multi-national coalition to make this stand in the Gulf. To look this international terrorist straight in the eye and say: no concessions. To proclaim for now and for the future: no compromises. To bear witness by our presence to the fact that aggressions will not be rewarded.

Terry waits thousands of miles from the White House, yet we share

the same thoughts. We desperately want peace. But we know that to reward aggression would be to end the promise of our New World Order. To reward aggression would be to destroy the United Nations' promise as international peacekeeper. To reward aggression would be to condone the acts of those who would desecrate the promise of human life itself.

And we will do none of this. There are times in life when we confront values worth fighting for. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day for Iraq's forces to dig deeper into their stolen land. Another day Saddam Hussein can work toward building his nuclear arsenal and perfecting his chemical and biological weapons capability. Another day of atrocities for Amnesty International to document. Another day of international outlaws, instead of international law.

I ask you to think about the economic devastation that Saddam Hussein would continue to wreak on the world's emerging democracies if he were in control of one-fifth of the world's oil reserves. And to reflect on the terrible threat that a Saddam Hussein armed with weapons of mass destruction already poses to human life and to the future of all nations.

Together, as an American united against these horrors, we can, with our coalition partners, assure that this aggression is stopped and the principles on which this nation and the rest of the civilized world are founded are preserved.

And so let us remember and support Terry Hatfield, all our fine servicemen and women, as they stand ready on the frontier of freedom, willing to do their duty and do it well. They deserve our complete and enthusiastic support - and lasting gratitude.



# Features

## King holiday celebrated

### Staff Reports

Twenty-eight years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told a captive nation about going to the mountain top and having a dream of justice and equality for all people — particularly the Black people of this country who had been treated as second-class citizens for so long.

The "Dream" speech has served as inspiration to the generations of Black people — and to peoples of all colors — since. "Keeping the Dream Alive" is the theme of Martin Luther King Jr. Week which begins Monday with the national holiday honoring the slain reverend and civil rights activist.

Students here have scheduled a full week of events to celebrate the King holiday which will pave the way for Black History Month in February, said Ralph Metcalf, director of minority affairs.

"We are really pleased with our King program and think we are putting together a good slate of events for February," Metcalf said.

A candlelight vigil is scheduled Monday night to honor King and also



January 16-20

Martin Luther King Week

Living The Dream

to serve as a memorial for students deployed to the Middle East as part of Operation Desert Shield, Metcalf said.

The vigil begins at 6 p.m. at the Keathley University Center Theatre. Michael McDouals, an MTSU alumnus, will be the keynote speaker and ROTC Capt. Reginald Beatty will also be featured.

The event is sponsored by the MTSU Chapter of the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha and the United Student Association.

"Dr. King is most remembered for his 'I Have a Dream' speech," said Lucas Johnson, an Alpha Phi Alpha member who is coordinating

the program.

"We think it is important to keep that dream alive and have centered the program around that.

"But we also feel that we should remember our brothers in arms during this time of crisis and imminent war," Johnson said.

During the rest of the week, campus sororities will sponsor film

presentations from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily and set up displays in the university center, Metcalf said.

The presentations will range from films about King to tracing stereotypes and prejudices, Metcalf said.

Johnson said McDonald was asked to be a part of the program because he was the first Black ASB president at MTSU. McDonald will discuss unity among all people.

"He will also place an emphasis on the need for Black people to stay in school and get good educations," Johnson said.

King was born on Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. After graduating from Morehouse College, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, King obtained a bachelor of divinity degree from Crozier

Theological Seminary and a doctorate degree from Boston University.

The reverend was most known for his non-violent approach to civil rights activism. He was elected president of Montgomery Improvement Association after the arrest of Mrs. Rosa Parks who launched the Montgomery bus boycott.

On Aug. 23, 1963, King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington; and because of his efforts, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10, 1964.

King was assassinated four years later on April 4, 1968, in Memphis where he had gone to intervene in a local garbage worker's strike.

## Local rock band bound for fame

### CONCERT REVIEW

Andy Bostaph

by the Rolling Stones. Eleven 59's resurrection of the classic hit even blew recorded versions of the same song covered by other artists out of the water.

Their original tunes were equally impressive. "The Politics of Music" was their opener and immediately grabbed the attention of the audience. Songs like "Sunshine Rain" and "So Sentimental" kept all eyes focused on the band during the entire set.

Although they tap in to some music theory, they learn most of their music by ear. The band has also

been heavily influenced by a variety of bands including the Beatles, R.E.M., and the Sex Pistols.

All of the members, David Hart (lead vocals, guitar), Brian Bickel (lead guitar), John Alexander (bass and vocals), and David Prince (drums), are talented performers and songwriters. Most of the writing is done by David Hart with help from the rest of the band.

Eleven 59, who has been together for over three years, hopes to someday be nationally distributed and perform on the road. Until then, the band has all of their original work copyrighted with BMI.

This is one local band that deserves some recognition and the fortunes of success.



**ON THE WAY UP:** From left, David Prince, John Alexander, Brian Bickel, and David Hart make up the uprising local band, Eleven 59. The band has been rocking together for over three years and their original tunes are showing real professional flair. Expect to hear big things from these hardhitters in the future.

It was a typical Friday night at Mainstreet. There was an average size crowd awaiting the entertainment. Small groups of fans gathered around the tables in their own separate worlds.

But, when Eleven 59 took the stage, everything came together. Sparks began to fly and the music began to pound.

Eleven 59 was in rare form last week when the group opened for the regionally well-known band, Government Cheese.

The music was tight, the band was visually impressive, and they displayed an extreme professionalism that was right on cue.

One impressive cover was the band's rendition of "Paint It Black"



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Thirty minutes pass. Finally, I'm inside. Within seconds my eyes become unbelievably large. This is

### Concert Review Angela Bonds

my first visit to the Cannery, and this is my first experience to anything like THE DAYS OF 103 MUSIC FESTIVAL.

The air is thick with smoke and the plywood floor vibrated under my feet. Stage hands and coordinators rushed around frantically, making sure the next band made their cue. And the hardhitting music herded fans from stage to stage every 20

minutes.

For three days straight, a total of 103 bands performed at the Cannery. This was the largest musical festival of its kind in the world. Before this, 70-80 bands were the largest number of bands to perform under one billing.

And, for a \$1.03 each night, you could see it all. Bands from all over the country including New York, Nebraska, Florida, Georgia, and many others gathered with numerous rockers from Tennessee to showcase this rock extravaganza.

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The music, ranging from heavy metal to alternative to classic rock and roll, was intense and entertaining.

And the diverse crowd was a show in itself. This was one event worth the wait and the money.



# Sports

## Second half collapse proves fatal

### Raiders lose big lead, plunge to 0-2 in OVC

**DAN STURM**  
Staff Writer

Heavily favored Murray State invaded Murfreesboro Monday night to battle the up and coming Blue Raiders.

Led by All-American candidate Popeye Jones the Racers weathered a tremendous defensive effort by Bruce Stewart's Raiders to escape Monte Hale arena with a 70-66 victory.

As a Raider crowd of 7,500 looked on, Murray State used an extremely patient offense to build a 26-15 lead with just under 11 minutes remaining in the first half of play. As the hometown crowd roared its approval the youthful Raider cagers turned up the heat with a tenacious man-to-man defense that held the senior-led Racers to a meager six points over the remainder of the first half.

In the meantime the Raiders used a balanced attack featuring the post play of super sophomore Warren Kidd and the relentless hustle of junior guard Tim Corder to scratch and claw their way back into the

contest. With six minutes left in the first half sophomore Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor drained a 3-point basket to cut the Racer lead to six. Taylor then proceeded to close out the first half scoring with a short jump shot to give the Raiders a 33-32 half time advantage.

In the second half the Raiders sustained their defensive pressure and began to increase their lead. During the first five minutes of the half the Raiders outscored the Racers 13-6 using a balanced attack in which all five Raider players scored.

With 14:59 showing on the Murphy Center clock, junior guard Kelvin Hammonds swished a 22-footer from the left corner to give the Big Blue a 46-38 advantage. Murray State coach Steve Newton screamed for time!!

After the timeout Murray State showed why they have been picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference. The Racers used patience and maturity in running their offense, constantly pushing the ball inside,

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Amy Adkins/Photographer

**BLOCKED SHOT:** Murry State center, Scott Adams, 34, blocks Blue Raiders center, 43, Warren Kidd's shot shortly after his drive along the baseline. With 7,500 fans looking on, MTSU took a half time lead of 33-32. Despite tenacious play and an incredible defensive outing the Blue Raiders fell to the heavily favored Murry State Racers in a 70-66 loss at Monte Hale arena.

## Murray can't handle pressure Lady Raiders cruise by 95-72

**TONY ARNOLD**  
Sports Editor

When the facts were laid out on the table Monday night, one stood out loud and clear.

Murray State simply couldn't handle the pressure.

A torrent defensive effort by the Lady Raiders forced 29 Racer turnovers, 19 alone in the opening half, and the inside play of freshman Priscilla Robinson shined bright once again as she tallied a career high 29 points in MTSU's 95-72 victory.

"I'm extremely pleased with this win," Lady Raider mentor Lewis Bivens later commented. "We did a good job handling the ball and we got after it pretty good. We just went out and played really hard tonight all the way around."

Although the Raiders held a commanding 47-29 lead at the half, things didn't appear to be going their way early.

As Robinson tallied her eighth point with 16:34 left in the half, the Lady Raiders were trailing 12-8. For the next five minutes they continued to gain ground but as soon as they would come close, they would slip and fall behind again.

Finally Stephanie Capley eased in the lay-up at the 7:37 mark to give the Lady Raiders a 23-21 lead. At that point, the full court pressure kicked in and MTSU coasted further ahead point by point.

"They really had a lot of trouble with our pressure tonight and that forced a lot of turnovers," Bivens commented. "But we also had to score and our guards are doing an excellent job getting the ball inside."

Getting the ball inside has been a little easier lately with the arrival of Mary Smith who transferred to MTSU this season but didn't become eligible until the Christmas break. The junior has been showing some impressive leadership skills from the point and is a threat from the 3-point arc. When she was finished dishing out her talents Monday she had five assists and 10 points while hitting all of her field goal attempts.

"Mary Smith did another excellent job tonight," Bivens said. "She's making our other guards work harder because she works hard."

"I call her 'the clutch' because she's a clutch player."

really hard during the off-season and Being so successful so quickly has not surprised Smith. "I worked

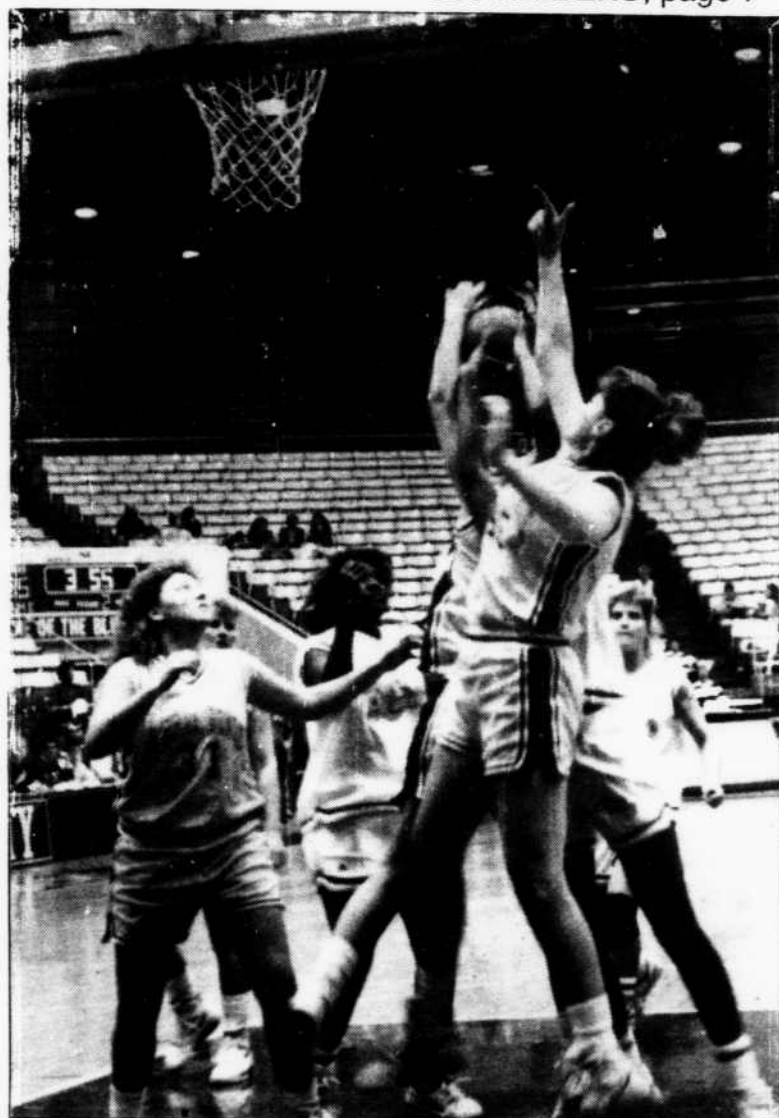
the first half I sat out," she explained. "I'm not used to playing the point, but if that's where they want me, that's where I'll play. All I want to do is win."

Murray attempted to mount a comeback by knocking down 51 percent from the floor but the balanced MTSU attack was never threatened and rolled to 2-0 in the OVC.

Besides Robinson and Smith, Capley and Kristi Brown also finished the game with double figures by scoring 14 apiece.

Now MTSU will make the "Death Valley" trip as they march to Eastern Kentucky to pop the Colonels Saturday. On Monday evening they will be in Morehead facing the Lady Eagles. Both games are scheduled to begin at 5:15 (EST).

"We've got to wipe this one out," Bivens said referring to the Murray win. "Now we've got to go to ECU and Morehead."



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**WHO'S GOT THE BALL?:** Murry State freshman forward, Melissa Shelton, 31, looks on as members of the MTSU Lady Raiders and Murry State Lady Racers fight for a loose ball.



## Raiders

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setting screens and controlling the boards.

With 10:00 remaining in the game the Racers had literally pushed and shoved their way to a 54-50 lead. The Raiders refused to fold; Taylor exploded for five quick points to put Middle back on top with just over eight minutes left to play.

Jones came into the game averaging 51 percent from the floor yet he was completely shut down by Raider defensive specialist Quincy Vance. With seven minutes left to play, Vance, along with help from Jeff Clifton and Chris Ingram, had frustrated Jones, holding him to less than 20 percent from the floor.

As soon as Taylor's bucket had given the Raiders the lead Popeye took over. Jones scored the Racers' next eight points and with a couple of free throws from senior guard Greg Coble, Murray raced to a 66-60 lead with 1:37 remaining.

Taylor answered 17 seconds later with a 26-foot jump shot from the top of the key to cut the Racer lead to three. In desperate need of some Murphy Center magic the Raiders went to a 1-2-2 full court press. After a scramble for a loose ball Corder came out firing. He saw an open "Cat Eye" in 3-point land and passed the ball slightly beyond Taylor's outstretched hands and out of bounds.

With only 54 seconds remaining, the Raiders were forced to foul. Murray's experienced players calmly sank four free throws to put the game out of reach 70-63.

Corder capped the Raider scoring with a forty-foot-plus jump

shot from the left side allowing Murray State to escape with a 70-66 victory.

Taylor led the Raiders with 13 points, followed by Hammonds who tossed in 12. Clifton returned to action and muscled in 10 points while Kidd pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds to match his 10-point total.

The Raiders held Murray to 39.7 percent from the floor while connecting on a chilling 38.5 percent. The scoring difference in the game

## Tennis team rolls forward

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

MTSU's men's tennis squad completed competition by nailing down fifth place in the O'Charley's Classic in Knoxville with an impressive victory over South Florida Sunday evening.

The men managed to meet the Florida squad after dropping a hard loss to host Tennessee. To get to Tennessee, however, the Raiders rolled by a very impressive Georgia Tech team.

"It really gives our program a shot in the arm," head coach Dale Short explained. "This is a very prestigious tournament where the top 25 teams are usually invited."

Although the Raiders are not currently listed in the top 25 but they are ranked 15th in the Southeast Region and their trip to the O'Charley's Classic is the first time an OVC squad has been invited to the tournament.

was at the charity line where the Racers were 19 of 27 for 70.4 percent, while the Raiders were 6 of 11 for 54 percent.

MTSU's Blue Raiders are 10-4 for the year, 0-2 in OVC action.

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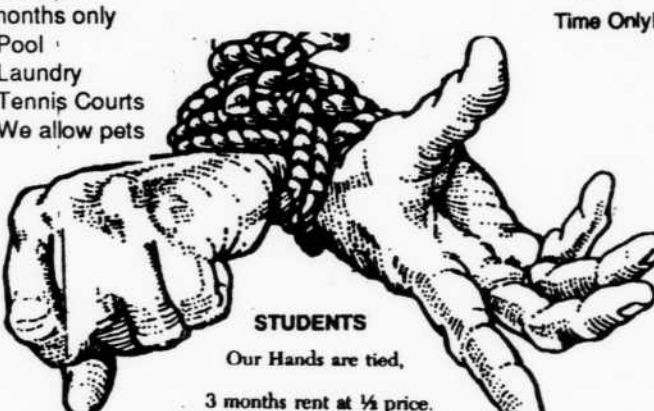
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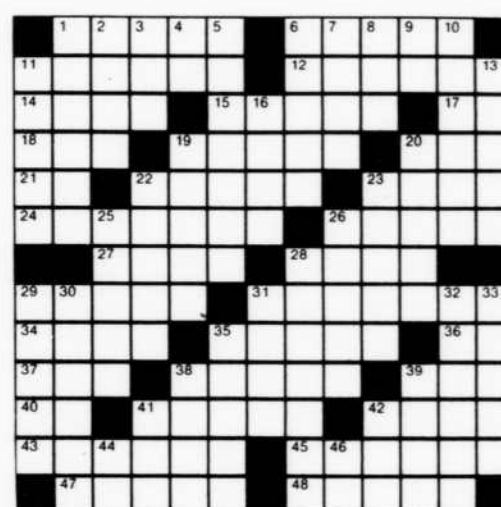
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