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# SIDELINES

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## MTSU police investigate, plan ahead

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News editor

*Editor's note: This is part  
two of a two part series*

Campus police officials are investigating the recurring fires in Corlew Hall and have possibly found a cheaper alternative to the proposed campus security phones.

"We are currently investigating the fires that have been occurring in the trash room at Corlew," said Chief Jack Drugmand. "It has happened twice within the last week and we do have some possible suspects," he said.

He added that when the responsible person is caught, they would be prosecuted to the fullest

extent of the law. There is a reward being offered for information.

"When this person is found, we will prosecute to the fullest. This is no longer a joke. A fire in that dorm is putting a lot of lives in danger. We also have been told that the Tennessee Arson Hotline is offering a reward for information that leads to the conviction of the guilty person," Drugmand said.

Drugmand also suggested a cheaper alternative to the telephone security system proposed by the ASB.

"We have found a system that is made by a company out of Norfolk, Va. It is really impressive and it was designed for the very purpose for use on

campuses," Drugmand said.

He said that the security radios were originally designed for Virginia Wesleyan University and they have been estimated to cost much less than the originally suggested telecommunications system.

**"A fire in the dorm  
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lives in danger"**

**-Chief Jack Drugmand**

"This system was designed to be used for just the purpose that we need. The first telephone system we looked at has now been estimated to cost close to

\$90,000. This system will be much less and I believe much better," Drugmand said.

A new horse-mounted police officer has been planned for the next year, according to Drugmand.

"Officer Vergena Forbes has taken the job to ride our horse next semester. She will go to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy on May 5, and then she will continue training on the horse with Anne Brzezicki of the MTSU Horse Science Program," Drugmand said.

He went on to say that the horse will add "mobility and high visibility" to the force.

"The horse, which is a Tennessee Walker, will add to our mobility. The horse and officer

will be able to go where a car cannot and faster than a foot patrol. Plus, people love to pet the horse and it is just a high visibility position," Drugmand said.

He also added that as book thefts grow as the semester closes, students need to be aware of where their books are placed.

"Our students need to remember to be aware. That is why our campus crime is not that high. Students can not be naive about the chance of crime. The proximity to Nashville and the large number of possible victims here on this campus makes us a good target [for book thefts and crime in general]," Drugmand said.

## Former Tennessee governor receives flak over minority scholarship policy

(CPS) — Amid congressional hearings and a student lawsuit that claimed schools discriminate against white people, the U.S. Department of Education came full circle in its view of minority scholarships March 20.

Now it is OK again for campuses to have special scholarships set aside for minority students.

In one of his first acts as U.S. secretary of education, Lamar Alexander advised schools to ignore all changes made in the department's policy on race-exclusive scholarships before he took office on March 18.

But just a day after former Tennessee Gov. Alexander approved race-based scholarships, a group of students filed suit to force public campuses to stop offering them.

The controversy has been brewing since December when a department official sent a memo noting that "minority-only" scholarships in effect discriminate against white people and could cost schools their federal funding.

Since then the Education Department — which oversees

most federal college programs — has issued a series of clarifications.

The clarifications, however, have confused the issue of what the department considers discriminatory, many campus aid officials say.

At a March 20 press conference in Washington, D.C., Alexander promised to end the confusion, adding a committee will review the policy over the next six months.

"Colleges and universities should keep doing whatever they're doing," Alexander said. "Work with us to develop a policy. Then we'll have a policy, and we'll work with them to help them make any adjustments at that time."

Yet six months is too long for seven white students who sued the department March 21 to try to force it to bar tax-supported colleges from awarding minority scholarships.

The six students are from the universities of California at Los Angeles, Iowa, Virginia, Texas and Southern California and Mercy and Macalester colleges.

Their lawsuit, filed in U.S.

District Court by the conservative Washington Legal Foundation on the students' behalf, said minority scholarships violate the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars awarding financial aid "based solely on the race of the recipient."

"I think this administration would like this issue to go away," the students' attorney, Richard Samp, told the Associated Press.

The students are upset that Alexander reversed the decision announced by Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights Michael L. Williams on Dec. 4, 1990.

In a letter to Fiesta Bowl officials in Arizona, Williams warned that the "minority-only" scholarships offered by the two schools participating in the Fiesta Bowl violated the Civil Rights Act.

He said schools that awarded race-based scholarships could lose their federal funding.

A political outcry followed, as campus officials and civil rights groups worried the policy would hamper efforts to recruit more minorities to college.

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## SITTING IN THE SHADE



Amy Adkins/photographer

**STUDYING FOR A TEST:** and hiding from the sun's rays, Sonya Thompson enjoys the weather that Murfreesboro has been experiencing the past week.

### 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 15 at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall room 107 with Robert Hunt speaking on "Civil War: The Experience of the Common Soldier."

**IBM Fun Day** is April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Phillips Bookstore. IBM will have a display of PS2 computers for students to drop by and see. Popcorn and information for everyone.

**The Criminal Justice Society** is sponsoring a Food Drive for hungry children in Tennessee. Drop-off points will be in the Greenland parking lot and behind the KUC during the week of April 22-26. Call 898-2630 for more information.

**The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity and Sigma Club Honor Fraternity** wish to thank those who came out to the Quiz Bowl on March 7. The Middle Tennessee

Student Christian Center came in first place.

**The Theological Alternatives Organization** (primarily Neo-Pagan religion/philosophy) will have an organizational meeting on Thursday, August 11. For more information call Dagmar at 898-4477.

**Bicycle the Natchez Trace Parkway with Campus Recreation.** The trip will be May 12-19 and the cost is \$50 per student. A sign-up meeting will be held on April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in AMG 201.

**The Tennessee State Appaloosa Horse Club** will be hosting a competitive trail ride on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. in Percy Warner Park. The entry fee is \$10 before April 20 and \$15 on the day of the trail ride. All breeds are invited to participate. For more information call Peggy Burgin (367-7740 or 833-2862) or Danny Gregory (795-4226).

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

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**Career Placement Orientation** for seniors and graduate students will be held at 3 p.m. in the KUC 328, Career Resource Center.

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**April—15** Humana, Inc., Tennessee Dept. of Finance, and Vanderbilt University. For more information about the interview calendar, contact the Placement and Student Employment Center, KUC 328, 898-2500.

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**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.

**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.

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**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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**Murfreesboro Young People's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 601 Bell St. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information (or a ride) call Rick, 898-3190.

**MTSU Students Ambassador** applications are now available and can be picked-up in the Office of Public Relations, Room 205, Cope Administration Building. The deadline for turning in applications is Monday, April 22.

The **Anthropological Society** will have a speaker meeting Fri., April 12 at Peck Hall 318. The speaker will speak on a revitalization movement in Nigeria. All interested people are welcome.

The **Honors Awards Reception** will be held April 26 at 3:30 in Dining Room C of the JUB. All "Honors Program" students, faculty, administration and supporters are invited.



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On Dec. 18, Williams announced campuses were free to award scholarships on the basis of race if the money for the grants came from private gifts, not public tax funds.

Alexander negated Williams' Dec. 18 reinterpretation of the Civil Rights Act at this press conference, held the same day Williams testified before a house Government Operations Subcommittee investigating the whole controversy.

At the hearing, Williams reacted angrily when Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., suggested Williams' aide, Richard Comer, had written the controversial Fiesta Bowl letter.

"I am the person responsible for that office," Williams said. "I am the person who signed the (letter). I can interpret the law."

Meanwhile, Alexander tried to calm the fears of those who say the department is trying to keep poor students, often minorities, from attending college by changing scholarship rules.

"When we get right down to it, even a casual look at this suggests that there are dozens of ways for university presidents to help disadvantaged Americans go to college," he said at his press conference.

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## Educators neglecting basics: Seeman

### From Staff Reports

It's rare to watch television news or read a newspaper without seeing a story about attempts to improve Tennessee's education system. Potential solutions to education problems in Tennessee and the nation could come from the Japanese.

Esther Seeman, director of the Japan Center of Tennessee at MTSU, thinks American educators are neglecting the basics—reading, writing, and arithmetic.

"We need to not only put a greater emphasis on the basics but find out a better way to teach them," Seeman said.

For example, she recalls how a Japanese consul and she were in a parking lot in New Orleans and the consul gave the parking attendant a \$100 bill. The young American parking attendant could not make change. Seeing this, the consul helped her make the transaction.

This is one of the first lessons we could take from Japan, notes Seeman. It's one of math, math, math. She stresses how Japanese high school students "have the equivalent of two years in college" by the time they graduate.

"Their students are much better prepared. Even assembly line workers have to be trained in statistics," she says.

In fact, Seeman emphasizes the fact that nationwide reading and writing of Japanese is part of the Japanese national agenda. They feel it is necessary for their country's survival.

"Another thing the Japanese have going for them is a strong expectation that every child can do. Compare that to the U.S. where doing mathematics is a talent," Seeman says. "You have a lack of expectation."

But the American system is not without its own strengths, Seeman continues, and we do not

need to totally adopt the entire Japanese education system for our own.

"The emphasis on initiative and creativity we want to keep in as part of our system. The Japanese system is exam-run, which doesn't provide a very good mental health outcome. If we go too far and take out art music and P.E. then the trade-off is not all that great," Seeman said.

But once American and Japanese students are past high school, it's the American educational systems that wins hands down.

In comparing the Japanese system to the American system, Seeman says that the real problems "how to take the bad out of our system without losing what we have. It's ironic that the Japanese are trying to change their education system and put in some American ways, more creativity."

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# Opinions

## Keep an eye out for depressed friends

Just as the number of suicide cases tends to increase during the holiday season, the phenomenon also occurs with college students around the end of the school year.

Increased stress levels associated with final exams and the failure to meet expectations during the semester can lead to depression. How well the depression is dealt with is vital. The least successful way is, of course, suicide.

During this time, it is important to look out for friends who show signs of depression. People who exhibit a major change in behavior, low self-esteem, withdrawal and extreme irritability may be experiencing this mental state. They might also attempt to moderate their feelings with drugs or alcohol.

If you know of someone with these symptoms, it is important that you talk to them or better yet, just listen to them. Let them ventilate their feelings and identify the source of the problem. If it is you who is experiencing the depression, don't hesitate to reach out for a friend. If the problem is more than you can handle, there are several services in the area that can help.

On campus, the Guidance and Counseling Center in KUC room 329 (899-2670) offers free counseling services to students. Also, the Rutherford County Guidance Center (893-0770) and the Nashville Crisis Line (244-7444) have counselors available 24 hours a day to lend an ear to someone in need.

Let's all keep an extra eye out for each other during this stressful period and take the term "friends" literally.



## Letters to the Editor

### Candidate speaks out

I just wanted to explain some things reported in the Monday, April 1 edition of *Sidelines* since I was not allowed a rebuttal before the run-off election on the following day. Two of my thoughts about the "ASB scandals" were misrepresented in the article and I just want to make sure you know I am not the terrible person that article made me out to be!

First of all, Todd Abner quoted me as saying I didn't want to split the "white vote", purposely turning this campaign into a racial issue. *Sidelines*, knowing that I denied this remark, placed his "racial" quote in a large quote box on the front page and unfairly positioned my denial of this remark on the second page.

For those of you that are not familiar with the way you organize a campaign, let me explain. You look at the voters in blocks of votes; you don't divide them into the broad category of race!

Since race-based votes are too broad, you look in the more defined blocks such as residence halls, athletics, Greeks, religious organizations, etc. This way you can focus your efforts on a variety of students. I was not concerned about splitting the white vote, but the Greek vote since Abner and I are Greek.

After discussing my concern with over 10 of my campaign workers about the potential Greek split, we decided to just ask Abner and see what he said so the voters wouldn't have to go to the polls twice and we wouldn't have to be out there hassling students with flyers again!

In the Letters section of Thursday, April 4 edition, someone asked why I didn't step

down if I was so concerned about the Greek split and thought I had neglected the individual students.

If Abner had more experience or more support of the Greek system, yes, I would have withdrawn from the race, but you see that was not the case. I already had nine Greek organizations' total support. Two of those organizations even hosted campaign meetings at their fraternity houses for me.

What I asked Todd Abner was a politically smart thing to do: I was trying to condense my voter base. I did not approach him in a disrespectful way at all, I just honestly told him of the support I already had in not just the Greek system, but other "blocks" I listed above.

Being a public relations major, I have learned how important it is to answer questions in the "socially correct" way, keeping a respectful company image. And being myself, I know I misrepresented again, which leads me to my second correction.

*Sidelines* made me sound like a little "WITCH" when they misquoted me as saying the only reason Abner threw his support to Shawn is because he lost!! I never said that.

When I was on the phone with the reporter, a classmate of mine was in hearing distance and confirms that I said, "I'm sure it is hard to lose and I hope I don't have to experience it, but that is not a reason to throw support. If Todd (Abner) thinks Shawn can do a better job, then his support is justified."

Now, to address the biggest scandal of them all: WHAT ABOUT JOHN Q STUDENT? I want to just thank the following students for their input and time during the campaign. I feel like I

reached a lot of these John Q Students that had no clue about the student government, most of which I found in the residence halls.

Thank you to the following groups that allowed me to speak about my ideas and gave input about what you want from MTSU: baseball team, rugby team, the 60 people I graduated from high school with that I contacted about ideas, the basement of Monohan, the first four floors of Cummings, the Baptist Student Union, the soccer team/club, Middle Tennessee Student Christian Center, the Greek System, all of Gore Hall residents, all of Judd Hall residents and half of Deer Hall residents. And most importantly all the people I met on the sidewalks during the three days of hassling you all with flyers.

I told people that I would stay involved regardless of the outcome and I plan on pushing the book swap, luncheon forum and some of the other very critical ideas through with legislation. Another thing I told people: there are only three executive officers representing the ASB. Find out their office hours and raise some — if they aren't doing things for you.

We cannot read your minds and cannot get to all 16,000 students. Communication is a two-way street. Most of the people I spoke to have good ideas and deserve the chance to voice them, but don't even know where the ASB office is located, so go visit the office in room 304 of the KUC or call.

Thanks again!  
Cathy Miller  
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## SIDELINES

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**Letters**

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**Quit whining**

To the Editor:

I am referring to the article about the Hispanic student who complained that there were no set-aside scholarships for Hispanic students. I am sick and tired of this nonsense. I feel, as an Asian-American, that MTSU should not have set-aside scholarships or special treatment for any minorities. If they got that, what about the white kids from poor families?

They also deserve the same treatment any other person receives to get a scholarship and financial assistance.

Those people who cry and whine that they need a scholarship or special treatment and need money for their education should not cry to Uncle Sam that they need this or that. Get a bank loan and pay your tuition and learn to be independent. We don't need those special kinds of treatments in this great country. You can be anything you want to be as long as you have great determination. No one can stop you from achieving your goals.

So let's stop this mamby-pamby whining act and make this country strong and more competitive in the 21st century. God bless America!

Jay Goonetilleke  
Box 2604

**Editorial missed mark**

To the Editor:

Frustration, confusion and disgust. These are some of the feelings I had after reading your "Paper explains its policies" article in the April 8 edition of the *Sidelines*. By including Brad Kuester et al in this article, it

seems you were giving something of an answer to Brad and Lance Johnson's letter. If so, I believe you missed their point and motives entirely.

Please let it be known that I do not wish to condemn the *Sidelines* or carry on the "anti-Greek" issue. In a discussion with Brad, I fully understand their comments.

The point I received from their letter was that the *Sidelines* should use positive, or negative, articles covering Greek actions on MTSU's campus, not from somewhere in Wisconsin. Fraternities and sororities do many worthwhile activities in and for Murfreesboro, and deserve a fair commentary now and then.

Realizing that several factors can cause the *Sidelines* staff to use articles from outside sources, I see where a dilemma could occur. But why must you use disturbing and troubling instances of hazing, racism, or gay bashing? Especially when these instances take place in other states?

The National College Newspaper supplement does this quite effectively enough. Is it too much to ask for articles or events in Murfreesboro (on a city basis) or across the state? To many students, MTSU is a temporary home and such articles could help them relate directly to other areas surrounding them.

I hope you will consider or expand on such an idea. You said, "There is nothing worse than old news". Wrong. Pointless, unrelated and foreign news is not only worse and boring, but uncalled for.

One final thing I wish to add is this: if the *Sidelines* appreciates the mail you receive, why slander those who supply those opinions?

My personal opinion is that the

article and cartoon was a childish backlash upon Brad and Lance. I hope once you receive this letter, Brad's and maybe others, an apology will be made.

As for Alice in Blunderland, it is a blunder no matter what the subject. The greek based cartoons were actually some of the best ones, and I'm a Kappa Alpha also. So the comment on Alice in Blunderland wasn't Greek based, but instead an all around opinion of humorless writing.

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# Features

## University Theatre presents "Tracers"

Even though the Vietnam War ended almost 20 years ago, Americans are still trying to figure why we were there and how the war changed us.

"Tracers," this season's last performance from MTSU's University Theater, looks at those questions and others from the

### Chris Bell Play Review

viewpoint of the men who fought the war. Director Deborah Anderson, the nine-member cast and the production crew should be praised for their well-executed treatment of a powerful, if uneven, work.

While a virtual avalanche of media attention has fallen upon the war in recent years, it still remains a little cloudy to many of my generation. Even the firsthand accounts I've heard vary wildly.

The football coach at my high school was a Marine during the war. Helicopters flew him out to combat most days then picked him back up when it was over. He had hot showers, steaks and beer. When he talked about the war, he didn't glorify it, but he didn't seem to hate it either. To me, it sounded like summer camp. With guns.

A lawyer I worked for at the same time saw the war from the other end of the 'scope. His platoon was almost wiped out in an ambush that left him with about a pound of shrapnel in his hip. They couldn't pull it all out and 20 years later it still causes him intense pain at times. It's a cliché, but for him the wounds from that war have literally still not healed.

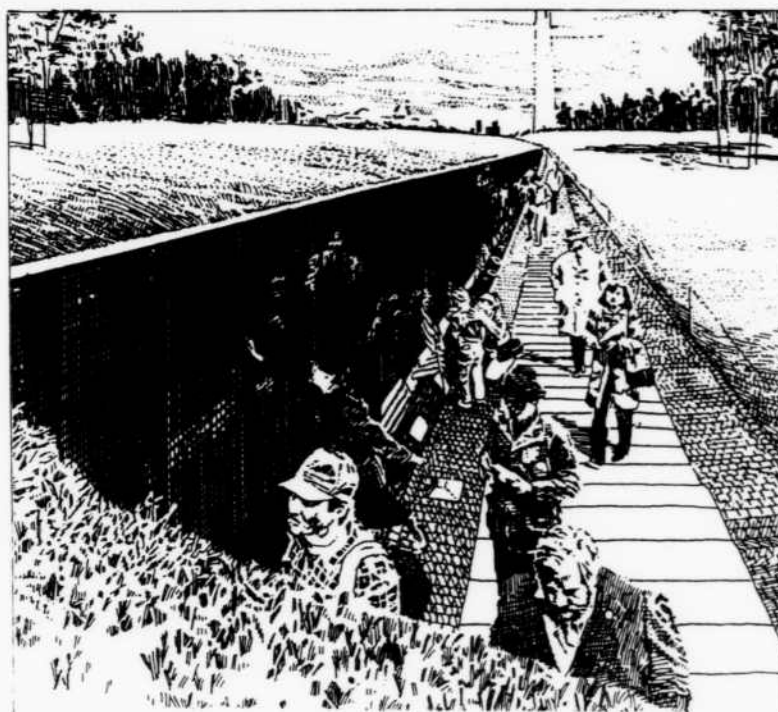
"Tracers" succeeds in being a believable examination of the war because it is not a "message" play. It isn't about the Vietnam War or war in general. It is about the men who have to fight wars. Men like my coach and my boss.

Written by actual Vietnam veterans (who also acted in the initial performances in L.A.) it illuminates what happens to men (and the boys rapidly forced to become men) brought together by battle. From boot camp, onto the field and back home again, the play follows the American soldiers through a wide variety of experiences and emotions.

The ensemble work of the nine-man cast was usually quite convincing. The level of the performances was very consistent for a college production (perhaps since the cast trained like an actual platoon during rehearsals) with nice work from all nine cast members (Wil Houseman, M.E. Saltalamachia, Richard Browder, David O'Flaherty, Bill Williams, D. Tracy Smith, Jamie Webb, Daryl Phillipy and Steve Street).

Both costumes and set were kept simple in appearance. The actors wore military pants and boots, but had casual tops for

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## TRACERS

A play conceived by John DiFusco and written by the original cast

## Fraternity hopes fundraisers will reach an all-time 'peak'



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

**ARE WE THERE YET:** "Pike's Peak Week" kicked off with a bike race that was held last Sunday afternoon. The event raised over \$400 for the fraternity's two national charities.

### ANGELA BONDS Features Editor

The Eta Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha is currently hosting its 20th annual Pike's Peak Week on MTSU's campus and two national philanthropies will benefit from all of the fun.

Pike's Peak Week is a week-long program that is held by most PKA chapters in the Cumberland Valley Region.

All of the events that take place during the week amount to one giant fund raiser for the fraternity's philanthropies, Big Brothers of America and Cerebral Palsy.

"Pike's Peak" kicked off with a bike race that was held Sunday afternoon. With 44 bikers competing, the event raised over \$400.

A golf tournament was held on Monday at the VA Golf Course. Kevin Luter and Alan Beasley won the scramble that collected about \$150.

Other events for the week included a dart tournament, Fight Night, and a party that will be held at the Pike House tonight. The \$2 cover will also be donated to the charities. Phil Vasser is slated as the entertainment for the

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## International Banquet offers food and fun

### ANGELA BONDS Feature Editor

Where can you find exotic food, world-wide performers, and ethnic exhibits on display?

At an international banquet sponsored by the Office of International Student Services, that's where.

Everyone is invited to join in the festivities on Saturday night.

MTSU president James Walker is the feature speaker for the event.

"The purpose of the day is cultural awareness and international education," explained Tech Wubneh, director of International Student Services.

But the event promises to be more than educational, it promises to be fun.

Some of the entertainment will include dancers, both professional and students, performing Polish dances, Hungarian dances, the Zulu dance, the Chinese dance and the Balalaika.

There will also be exhibits featuring national costumes, a display of international flags and other ethnic displays as well.

The exotic menu will include spaghetti carbonara, teriyaki chicken, beef with broccoli, sweet and sour pork, rice pilaf, spiced potatoes, different salads, taboulah, roeta, pita bread and English truffles.

You will find all of this entertainment and food Saturday night, April 13, in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m.

Most importantly, you must make reservations. Tickets will not be available at the door. The tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students, and they can be purchased in the International Student Services Office, room 202, in the Cope Administration Building. For more information call 898-2238.

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some civilian scenes. The basic set, camouflage canvas placed over a rotating turntable, served as a number of locations. Both of these moves were a little disconcerting at times, but since the script roams wildly through various times and places, they proved an effective way of suggesting setting without rigid realism.

I was especially impressed by the use of music in the play. The linkage of rock 'n roll and Vietnam has become standard by now, but sound designers Christian Haseleu and Rick Jensen selected songs that capture the times without sounding like an episode of "The Wonder Years" (including a great juxtaposition of "Billy Don't Be a Hero" and "The Ballad of the Green Berets" as well as the long version of "Light My Fire," complete with solos).

"Tracers" suffered from the weakness of most written scripts. It rambled in spots and the sum of the parts was greater than the whole. Despite this, the questions it addressed are still important today and the work of the cast

and did it justice.

The University Theater production of "Tracers" continues through Saturday. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight and Friday and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday in the Tucker Theater. Tickets are \$3.50 for general admission, but are free for MTSU students with a valid student ID. Reservations can be made by calling the theater box office from noon to 5 p.m. at 898-2716.

Note: the "adult language" warning is not hype. Parents should consider this before allowing grade-school-aged children to attend.

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slated as the entertainment for the party.

The week's main event, Fight Night, was held last night at Riverdale High School. This was the second consecutive year the Fights were held off campus. The Fights consist of 15-20 amateur boxing bouts and all participants are MTSU students. Pi Kappa Alpha donated \$1 from every ticket sold to the Riverdale football program.

"So far, moneywise, this has been the most profitable 'Peak Week.' We also want to thank everyone who has helped with or participated in any of our events," commented Mike Wagner, "Peak Week" chairman.

All in all, the Pikes hope to raise over \$3,000 for Big Brothers of America and Cerebral Palsy. The chapter will conclude the week's events when they leave tomorrow for their "Dream Girl Formal" to be held in Fontaine, N.C.

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# Sports

## Big Blue splits in Kentucky

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

The day after the Blue Raiders' first OVC loss in over a year, they retaliated.

The Big Blue, who lost both games of a doubleheader to Eastern Kentucky Saturday, turned the tables on the Colonels Sunday by defeating them 12-6.

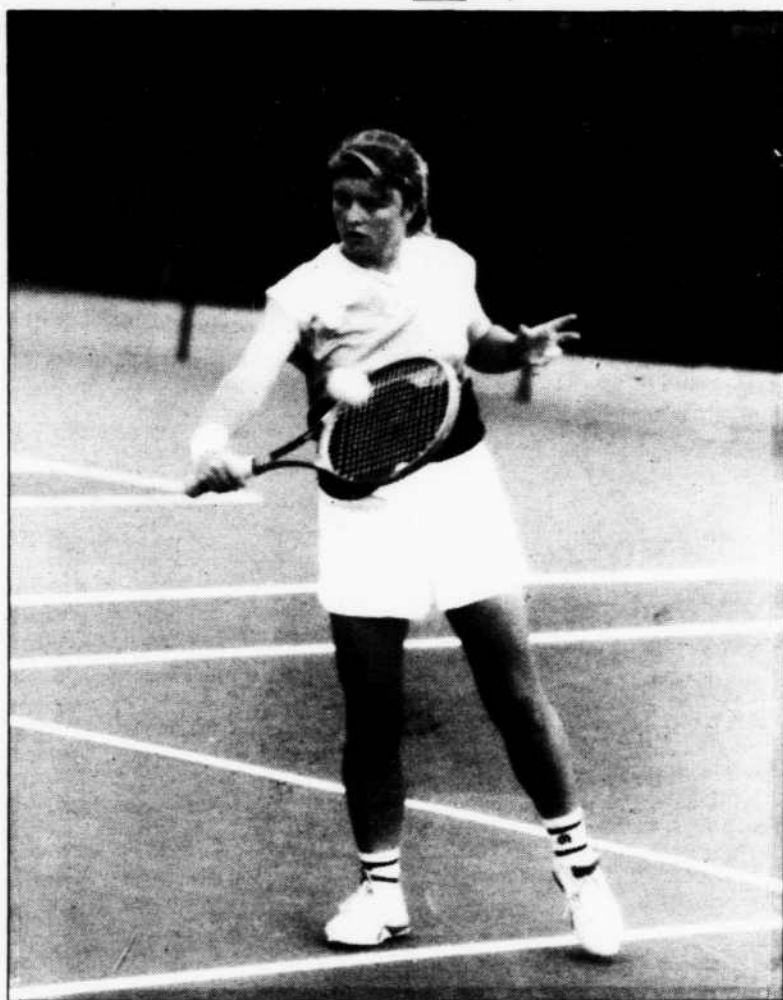
Chris Price provided the spark with a grand slam along with an RBI double to drive home five runs on the afternoon.

MTSU jumped ahead in the opening inning by batting around and scoring five runs.

Corey Watkins and Jeff Brown each singled to open the inning and after a Dwight Robinson walk, they crossed the plate when Gary Myers hit a one-bagger into the outfield.

With two outs, and the bases loaded, Cale Lawson cleared the bases with a double.

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Chris White/photographer

**TOUCH:** MTSU Lady Raider tennis player Carol Macpherson came to the U.S. less than a year ago. Today, she plays No. 5 singles for the defending OVC champions.

## Record setting weekend Track members produce lifetime best

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA  
Staff Writer

MTSU's men's and women's track teams produced lifetime best performances and broke school records this weekend at the 10th Annual SE Motion Relays at Southeast Missouri State University.

In the men's competition there were 26 teams. MTSU's men continued to remain strong and solid in the relays. The 4 x 100 meter relay of Chris Layne, Roland McGhee, Carlos Gupton, and Tom Hampton ran their fastest time this year of 41.2 to place third.

Layne, Kevin Armstrong, Gupton, and Hampton teamed up for the 4 x 200 meter relay and finished fourth with 1:26.1. The same foursome also ran the mile relay (4 x 400) and placed third with their fastest time of 3:13.2.

There were two heats in the mile relays, but MTSU's men were not able to get into the last heat, which was the faster heat. Although the men won their race, two teams in the faster heat (SE Missouri and the University of Missouri) ran better times only by a tenth of a second, which knocked the men into third place overall.

Coach Dean Hayes was very pleased with the solid relay performances.

"I was very happy with the mile relay. The men ran a good competitive race, and everyone ran their best times. I was especially happy with Tom's 48.1 and Carlos's 46.7," said Hayes.

In the individual events, Hampton also ran his lifetime best in the 400-meter hurdles to place fourth in 53.6. All-American long jumper Roland McGhee won the long jump by a quarter inch with a 25' 7 1/4" jump which was his lifetime best as

well. McGhee also qualified for the finals of the 100 meters, but did not compete due to groin trouble.

MTSU's women's team also competed against 26 schools, and were able to break four school records.

The 4 x 800 team of Sharon Smith, Karen Barnes, Dianne DeOliveira, and Leigh Weathers placed second in 9.21 and broke the school record. Hayes was especially pleased with the anchor performance of Weathers.

"Leigh ran her lifetime best of 2:13.7. She looked very competitive and when she finished, she didn't even look worn out. It comes easy when you do something good," commented Hayes.

The distance medley relay of Barnes, Nadrian McGill, Smith, and DeOliveira also finished fourth.

Latonia Jackson, Jennene Cody, Shawna Wells, and Michelle Welch teamed up for the 4 x 100-meter relay and broke the school record for the second week in a row with 46.7 to place second.

The 4 x 400 relay of Weathers, McGill, Jacquie Brown, and Welch placed fourth overall with 3.49 and also broke the school record.

In the individual events, Brown and Welch placed third (19'-9") and fourth (19'-7") in the long jump. Welch also placed fifth in the finals of the triple jump with 38' 10 1/2". Jackson ran her best time of 63.67 to place third in the 400-meter hurdles and set the school record of 63.89 held by Marsha Cleveland. She also placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with 14.45. McGill finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles, and Wells came in seventh in the finals of the 100-meter dash.

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## Tasmanian adds spice to MTSU

*Macpherson sold on tennis team*

MELANA BOSCIO  
Special to Sidelines

She'll ask you to taste her vegemite. "It's an Australian spread you put on toast," she explains as she prompts you to "stick your finger in it and try it."

Attempting to swallow your sample graciously, you notice that the room contains, among other oddities, a Crocodile Dundee style hat and a poster of Tasmania. You soon realize that this person is not a typical MTSU student.

She is Carol Macpherson, the latest Australian addition to MTSU's women's tennis team.

Consisting of two Australians, two South Africans and two Americans, the women's tennis team has seen its share of international students. Like many of her teammates, Macpherson is oceans away from home. She is from Launceston, Tasmania, the smallest Australian state, but one of the most intriguing.

Much like the state she grew up in, 18-year-old Macpherson is very inviting and interesting. She speaks openly of her youth and her early yearning to play tennis.

"My whole family has played tennis since time began," she laughs. "I suppose I wanted to fit in when I was little. When

everyone played tennis, I said, 'What the heck,' so I picked it up."

Tennis does run in the family. Macpherson's brother, David, is a professional player in the United States and is ranked in the top 40 in the world in doubles competition. It was David who eventually led Macpherson to MTSU.

A good friend of Macpherson's who lives in North Carolina acted as a catalyst. Macpherson recalls, "He said, 'Well, listen, are you interested in a scholarship?,' and I said, 'Sure.'"

She admits, "Then I thought, well, why don't I try for a step better? Why don't I try to get something in Florida so I could be closer to David?"

"David spoke to a guy in Florida, and he looked into the University of Tampa. Well, they had a pretty strong line-up, and their teams was already full," she continues.

"So then he got that guy to [talk to] Coach [Dale] Short here. They only had five players at the end of last semester, and they needed six," she adds.

Macpherson points out that without even seeing her play, "Dale said, 'Okay, we'll get her

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## MTSU tennis teams roll past Tennessee Tech

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

Tennessee Tech possesses one of the most prominent men's tennis teams in the OVC.

Wednesday night, however, observers may have seen the changing of the guard.

MTSU's men found the heart and muscled their way past Tech 7-2. The Eagle's had won nine OVC matches in a row in addition to 22 out of their last 23.

"It was a big win for us," head coach Dale Short admitted. "I think the big thing about it though is how it's going to help us mentally."

"We knew going in that we were as good if not better than they were. We knew what we had to do."

"I'm proud of our guys for going into this strange territory and pulling off the win. The match's were closer than the scores indicate."

Two wins in particular lighted the coach's eyes.

Nick Sheumack handed the two time OVC Player of the Year, Chris Hedman, a tough 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 loss.

Also Rick Stoller beat one of the more highly respected players in Glenn Sugita 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

"They were some big wins for our guys and they played some

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cleared the bases with a double. He scored the final run when Ken Hamilton plated him with a single.

EKU cut the lead by a run, but in the fourth Watkins and Browning each singled again and Robinson drew another free pass bringing up Price who delivered the knockout slam.

But one day later, it was a different game.

The Raider traveled to Lexington to play the host Kentucky Wildcats and fell 6-3.

The Wildcats scored a pair of runs in the second and three in the third as MTSU committed three errors.

Middle committed a fourth error in the seventh leading to another run.

Mike Severance led the Raider attack with a school record, tying three doubles in the contest.

Doug Philpot was tagged with the loss allowing nine hits but only one earned a run.

The Raiders currently stand at 15-16 with a 4-2 OVC mark

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Hayes was pleased with the overall solid performances.

"The women are solid enough. We are doing well in a variety of events as well as a large number of events. This will help get us ready to try and win

the outdoor OVC title," concluded Hayes.

This weekend the track team will travel to Birmingham, Alabama to compete in the Magic City Relays.

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tough players," Short said. "But we've got to keep our mind right and stay focused because we still have some tough opponents ahead.

"We've got to remember what got us there."

The Lady Raider tennis squad also found success by swamping the Eagles 9-0.

But, after making mince meat out of the Cookeville natives, the coach is already

getting focused on the upcoming weekend.

Friday, they will travel to Tennessee State and Saturday they host UT-Chattanooga, a team which has already defeated them.

Murray State will be the opponent Sunday.

"The women have a real big weekend," Short says. "We've still got some tough teams and it's not going to be easy."

The men (now 16-8, 3-0 in OVC) also return to action this weekend playing at TSU and hosting Austin Peay Saturday at 2 p.m.

**WOMEN'S RESULTS**

MTSU 9 - TTU 0

No. 1 Singles: Lorinda Weiss (MT) downed Emily McCracken 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 Singles: Yael Soresman (MT) downed Jill Jenkins 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3 Singles: Angie Leake (MT) downed Maggie Walpole 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4 Singles: Jenny Oliveria (MT) downed Krista Smith 6-0, 6-2.

No. 5 Singles: Carol Macpherson (MT) downed Krista Beverly 6-0, 6-1.

No. 6 Singles: Katrina Beuchler (MT) downed Lori

Robbins 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 Doubles: Weiss and Leake (MT) downed McCracken and Walpole 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 Doubles: Soresman and Oliveria (MT) downed Jenkins and Beverly 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3 Doubles: Macpherson and Beuchler (MT) downed Robbins and Smith 6-0, 6-0.

**MEN'S RESULTS**

MTSU 7 - TTU 2

No. 1 Singles: Nick Sheumack (MT) downed Chris Hedman 7-6, 6-7, 7-5.

No. 2 Singles: Craig Haslam (MT) downed Al Campos 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3 Singles: Paul Gobel (MT) downed Ed Gonzales 6-4, 7-6.

No. 4 Singles: Johan Sporse downed David Thornton (MT) 6-3, 6-2.

No. 5 Singles: Rick Stoller (MT) downed Glenn Sugita 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

No. 6 Singles: Johan Franzen (MT) downed Todd Lackey 6-2, 7-5.

No. 1 Doubles: Haslam and Gobel (MT) downed Hedman and Campos 7-5, 7-5.

No. 2 Doubles: Sheumack and Thornton (MT) downed Gonzales and Lackey 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3 Doubles: Sporse and Sugita downed Stoller and Williams (MT) 6-3, 6-1.

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Carol Macpherson

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to take the ACT.' "

Just as Short was easily convinced of her ability, Macpherson was easily sold on MTSU.

"The team here won the OVC last year, so they're obviously a pretty strong team within the conference," she reasons.

Although this logic is convincing, questions may linger in one's mind about why Macpherson so eagerly left her native Australia to play tennis here.

"In Tasmania, if you're good at a sport, you've gotta get out. If you want to make it, then you've got to get out to improve," she explains. "Otherwise, you sort of stagnate."

Her eagerness to improve at tennis, however, does not occupy all of Macpherson's time, and there are times she misses certain things about "Tassie", as she refers to home. Besides her "soapies", or soap operas, she admits, "I miss Australian music."

She also misses her family and friends and the alluring landscape of her native country. Notes Macpherson, "Tasmania is a very beautiful place."

She adds, "Our summer is in December, January, and February," pointing out that this year she missed her summer Down Under — quite a sacrifice when you're fresh out of high school.

She doesn't seem to mind, though. In fact, Macpherson even marvels at things which are quite ordinary to us. She explains that Australians watch a lot of American television and thus see cultural differences between the two countries.

"You see some show where kids are in the cafeteria, and you this it's not really like that. I walked in the cafeteria and thought, 'this is just like television,' " she recalls.

Scholastically, Macpherson has encountered only some minor hurdles. She cites an example, "Spelling is different here. I had to tell my professors, 'Listen, it's not that I don't know how to spell.' " She explains that Australians spell many of their words like the British do.

Although she is growing accustomed to the ways here, it looks doubtful that Macpherson will always remain in the United States. When asked if she hopes to follow in her brother's footsteps and play professional tennis some day, she quickly responds, "No way."

A freshman majoring in physical education, Macpherson plans to return to Australia to teach.

"I'm a homebody. I'm not someone who likes to travel a lot," she confesses. "I want to live in Launceston — well, at least Tasmania."

Return to Tasmania she might, but for now Macpherson is busy studying and practicing, and is enjoying learning new things about our culture. While she admits that due to television, she understands most things, she concludes, "I have said things that people have just not understood."

"I haven't said 'Good day' a lot here, simply because I know people would stop and go 'huh?' " she notes. "I don't want to attract any more attention than I have to."

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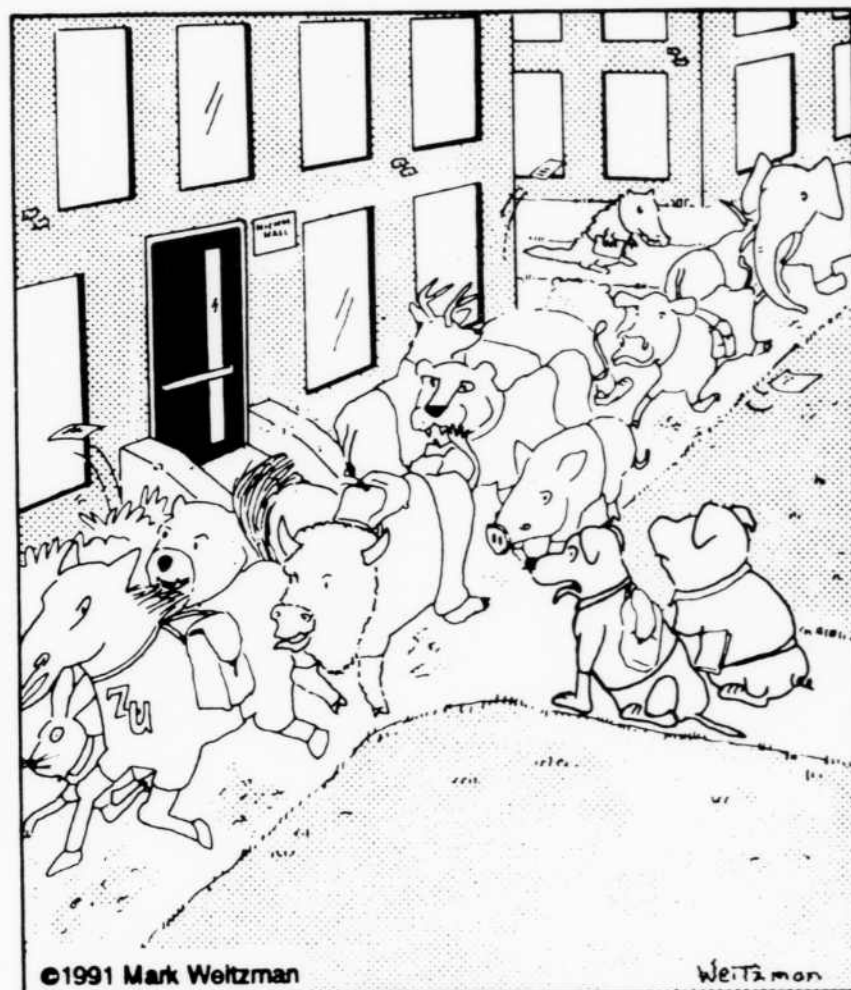
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