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THEC approves new library

Plans to be finished by
Oct., building to be
completed by 1997-98

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

The Tennessee
Higher Education
Commission
approved funding
Friday for the 20
projects on their
capital list for fiscal
year 1995-96
including \$25.7
million for the
construction of a new
library at MTSU.



CRAIG

Money for the new library will be
available if THEC's capital list is
adopted into the governor's budget
and approved by the state
legislature.

MTSU has been requesting money
for the new library for 6-7 years,
according to Librarian Don Craig,
and the recent attainment of 13th on
the THEC priority list secured good
hope that the money would be
awarded.

According to Craig, the new
library will be 2.5 times larger and
designed for the convenience and
service of the student. It is planned
to contain 48 small group study
rooms that would accommodate
intimate groups. The CD-ROM
center, currently standing at 15
computers, will be extended to 60
computers.

Craig is also interested in
installing several extended-hours
study rooms which would be located
outside the main doors of the library
and be accessible to students 24
hours a day. These rooms will not be
staffed, but Craig hopes that there
will be windows placed so that
Campus Security can monitor the



A map of the MTSU campus, with the location of the new library marked with an "X."

rooms from their patrol cars.
"This has been requested by the
students for some time," Craig said.
"It has been tried at other state
universities and has worked well."
Even after the new library is
complete, Craig expects that it will
still retain some space in Todd
Library because fewer funds were
granted than the university

requested. Originally, the new
library was expected to accommodate
all the library holdings including the
extended collections located in the
LRC. The usage of the remaining
space in Todd library is undecided.

"It all depends on how effectively
the new library is designed," Craig

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Rec Center to open by June

Student-funded
facility to be open
seven days a week

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

The new MTSU
Recreation Center is
scheduled to be completed
by June 1995.

The recreation center is a
multipurpose recreational
facility to be used by MTSU
student, faculty, staff, and
other recreation center
members. MTSU alumni
may get to use the 120,000
square-foot center for \$70 a
semester.

According to general
contractor Horace Young,
the center was scheduled to
open in March, but bad
weather and other factors
delayed the opening until
June.

The recreation center
will be the largest health

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CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

It's Getting There

Workers from the Southern Glass Co. are installing glass to the front portion of the new Recreation Center last Tuesday. The opening date has been moved back from March to June due to bad weather and other factors, according to Horace Young, the general contractor for the project.

Enrollment on the rise for Spring

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

Enrollment for the
spring semester stood at
15,414 as of Jan. 11, with
37 more students enrolled
than in Spring 1994.

On the first day of the
spring semester, 15,377
students were registered.
These figures rose to 16,054
for the official count. Cliff
Gillespie, Dean of
Admissions, said that he
expects the enrollment to
increase before the final
semester total is taken on
Jan. 24.

"Enrollment is a rolling
process. Someone enrolls in
Columbia in the morning
and some else drops this
afternoon," Gillespie said.

Admissions waits until
the 14th day of the
semester to count the
official total because
students continued to

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MTSU NEWS

London/Paris trip offering academic credit for students

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

The Political Science department is offering academic credit to participate in an eleven day trip to London and Paris.

The 11 day trip takes place during the first summer session, beginning on May 22 and ending on June 1. It is not a lecture course, and the persons participating in this trip will get 3.0 hours of credit for participating. Anyone is invited to attend.

The package price is \$1,825 dollars per person for double occupancy, and an additional \$295 will be added to the cost if a person does not wish to have a roommate. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is required by Feb. 1 to ensure a reservation. The final payment is due on April 1.

The planning of the trip was done by Dr. Mark Byrnes, Assistant Professor of Political Science. In the past, Byrnes has held two trips abroad, one in London in 1993 and Ireland in 1994.

"The whole point of this trip is to take students abroad, to better educate them on different cultures. This trip should be educational and, at the same time, fun," Byrnes said.

"What Byrnes is doing is doing gives people the opportunity to experience different cultures," according to David Curry, Assistant Director of International Programs and Services. "We appreciate faculty such as Byrnes that are willing to devote their summer to educating students."

Most U.S. students find cost of traveling abroad the biggest obstacle. As a result, only two percent of all undergraduate students study abroad.

"The main effort of the university is to encourage international education," Byrnes said "This trip will also give them a chance to ride the channel tunnel in

London."

There are a number of abroad programs available through MTSU, including exchanges in Equador, Moscow State University, Kansai Gaidai, Japan, University of Caen, France, and the Corporate Center for Study in Britain.

For more information on the London/Paris trip, students may pick up an application and itinerary from Dr. Byrnes in Peck Hall 247 or call at 898-2351.

The package price includes:

- Round trip airfare Nashville/London
- Five nights accommodation at a three star hotel in London
- Four nights accommodation at a three star hotel in Paris
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- Return London Waterloo Station/hotel transfers with professional English speaking assistance.
- Return Paris Nord Station/hotel transfers with professional English speaking assistance.
- Half day panoramic sightseeing tour of London with professional Blue Badge guide.
- Full day excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford with Blue Badge guide.
- Theater tickets to one of London's top shows
- Return coach transfers to the theater.
- Second class Eurostar train ticket London/Paris return
- Half day panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris with English speaking guide
- Full day excursion to the Loire Balley with English speaking guide including entrance fees to two chateaux
- All local government taxes and service charges where applicable.
- Europa Travel Incentives Corporate Support. ■



BYRNES

Campus Capsule

THURSDAY JAN. 19

The Public Relations Society presents Rick Spence of Lawrence, Spence, and Associates to discuss his experience as a lobbyist and a political campaign coordinator at 4:30 p.m. in room 151 of Mass Comm Bldg.

TUESDAY JAN. 24

Alpha Kappa Psi, the Co-ed Professional Business Fraternity announces its Spring 1995 Interest Meeting in KUC room 316, Jan. 24 and 25 at 4:30 p.m. If you have a major or minor in the College of Business, please stop by to find out how you can get a step ahead of the competition with AKPsi.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 25

Thinking International: Activities & Simulations, an intercultural workshop by Dr. Ronald D. Eckard of W. Kentucky U. is being held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dining Room C of the JUB.

THURSDAY JAN. 26

The King-Hampton Award Luncheon, honoring Dr. Esther Seeman, will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Hazlewood Dining Room. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved with the Sponsored Program Office. Please reserve by Jan. 24.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

The Best Parking Space on campus could be yours if you can help the Facilities/Services Dept. of MTSU create a slogan for our campaign to make this campus litter free. Send you slogan and/or artwork to Clean-up Campaign c/o Facilities/Services: Box 32 or call 2414. Deadlines for entries Feb. 10.

MTSU's Division of Continuing Studies is offering courses in Basic Horsemanship (Thursdays, Jan. 26-march 2 from 6-7 p.m.), Basic Horse Care (Mondays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m.), Dressage class (Tuesdays, Jan. 24-Feb. 28 from 6-7 p.m.), and AutoCAD level I (Saturdays, Jan. 21, 24 and Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). Contact the Division of Cont. Studies at 898-2462 for more info.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appt.

SURE I CAN COPE! is a support group for adult women students sponsored by the JAWC. The group will meet Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. starting Jan. 24. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register.

WRITER'S BLOCK: Graduate students are invited to join this weekly support group designed to discuss problems in writing a thesis or dissertation. The group will meet Mondays, 11 a.m.-Noon beginning Jan. 23. Call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Sponsored by the JAWC.

LOOKING FORWARD is an on-going group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Meets Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 25. Call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Sponsored by the JAWC.

FOR MEN ONLY: MTSU men are invited to join an informal group to discuss issues including expectations of males; healing father-son relationships; relating to our mothers, friends and lovers. Meeting Wednesdays, 12-12:50 p.m. starting Jan. 18. Call Mark Large at 890-6512 to register. Sponsored by the JAWC.

Sigma Tau Delta meetings are postponed until Wed., Jan. 25. Please contact Candace Moonshower for new time and location: 646-4527.

The Honors Student Association Movie Night is being held every Friday night in room 108 of Peck Hall. The first movie begins at 5 p.m. and the second one begins at 7 p.m. Movies to be shown will be posted on the bulletin board in the Honors Lounge from Wed. until Fri. night. All HSA members are welcome and may bring one guest.

The MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION is a local support group for bisexual, gay and lesbian students, faculty and community members. LAMBDA meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Mass Communication Building Room 149. For further information please call the hotline at 780-2293

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer the statewide Parent

Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with Parenting Classes, or to assist with childcare during parenting training. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

International Student's Association meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Dancing Poetry and Buzzing Poetry will be in concert at the Wesley Foundation on Fri. Jan. 27. Free.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times vary). Contact the MTSU Christian Student Center at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer at 848-3216.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information call Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

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MTSU NEWS

Multi-cultural affairs and ΑΦΑ host King memorial program

MARK BLEVINS
Asst. News Editor

A Martin Luther King Jr. memorial program co-sponsored by the Department of Multi-cultural Affairs and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was held Monday night at the KUC Theater.

The program featured the Baptist Student Union choir, poems and thoughts about King, a candlelight vigil and key-note speaker Derrick Young.

"I challenge each of you here tonight to ask yourself what you are doing to keep

the Dream alive," said Michael James who introduced Young.

Young's speech centered around the idea that the individual's relationship with God is a means to keep the Dream alive.

"Here's my question MTSU: What were we supposed to overcome?" Young said referring to King's famous words, "We shall overcome."

"We were supposed to overcome evil itself," Young said answering his own question. Young went on to say that racism, crime and

poverty are parts of "evil" and that this is where the battle lays.

Throughout the religiously-overtone speech, Young stressed the importance of the individual to make the changes necessary to realize the Dream.

"I thought it was very well put together," Tanisha Harris, early child education major, said. "I wish more students would have come out."

About 60 people attended the program which lasted about an hour and a half. ■

Stanford offering students financial incentives to walk, bike, leave cars at home

PALO ALTO, Calif. (CPS)- Officials at Stanford University are paying students to leave their cars at home.

Stanford's Clean Air Credit offers a \$70 transportation credit to anyone who does not purchase a parking permit. Those students who walk, carpool, bike or ride public transportation to their classes can use the \$70 credit towards a variety of items, including one-day parking permits, bus and train tickets and items from local businesses.

"It's basically an incentive for people not to drive," said Pete Rapalus, a university spokesperson. "If we'll help foot some or all of the bill for bicycle repairs or train tickets, we should be able to comply with the state's new policies."

California's Clean Air Act requires employers at large businesses and institutions to reduce the number of cars on their location.

Originally, Stanford officials geared their program toward carpools, offering free permits to students who drove others to school. The

practice had to be discontinued, however, because of false applications from people.

"Carpools are a hard thing to police," said Rapalus. "How can a school constantly check who is riding alone and who is riding with others when they come onto campus each morning?"

Rapalus said that the new incentive plan offers students more flexibility and options. "We're helping them make a decision," he said. "We want to encourage our students to find alternatives to get to school." ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Southern Japan rocked by earthquake; survivors desperate for supplies

KOBE, Japan (AP) — Some hungry survivors got a single rice ball, a makeshift morgue did without coffins and hospitals struggled to find antibiotics and blood.

A few survivors were pulled from collapsed buildings Wednesday, but hopes faded for more than 600 still missing from Kobe's earthquake disaster.

As the death toll topped 3,000 in Kobe's earthquake disaster, thousands tried to flee what was once a sleek and efficient city of 1.4 million people, many of them bandaged as they limped past huge piles of rubble and collapsed buildings.

New fires erupted in downtown Kobe on

Thursday. Firefighters appeared helpless to stem a raging blaze that had broken out at the block-long sannomiya market.

Rescuers, often working with bare hands, sifted through the ruins looking for survivors from the 7.2-magnitude quake. But the likelihood of finding survivors faded with each passing hour for 634 people still listed as missing.

Police weren't giving up the search for the living, and said they wouldn't be able to dig out the dead until all hope was lost. Some survivors kept vigil outside destroyed homes where loved ones lay buried.

An 85-year-old man was

pulled from the rubble of the his house in Mishinomiya on Wednesday, 33 hours after the quake but his life had still collapsed. His 83-year-old wife died waiting for help.

"If they had just come earlier, my wife would have lived," Kaoru Azuma told the Asahi newspaper. She died 30 minutes after the quake, as her husband gripped her hand to give comfort as they lay pinned by furniture.

By early Thursday, Japanese police reported that 3,081 people had been killed in the quake. More than 14,672 were injured and more than 20,000 buildings heavily damaged or destroyed. ■

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Application Process

- Pick up an application and 3 reference forms from KUC, room 122.
- Complete the application and reference forms.
- Set up an interview with the CUSTOMS staff.

THEC

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the new library is designed," Craig said.

The new library will be located between the Mass Comm building and Deere Hall with the new Business/Aerospace Building at the north end of the street by the LRC and Corlew Hall. Craig estimates that the construction of the building will take two years, placing the completion date in 1997-98. The joint team of architects, C. Thomasson and Thomas Miller & Associates, expect to have the plans completed by October 1995.

"As the plans get more defined, we will be able to release more specific information about the facilities and volume count," Craig said.

Todd Library currently stands at 591,000 volumes

with 4-6 small group study rooms and 15 CD-ROM computers.

THEC approved \$197.7 million to cover the 20 approved projects on the capital list. Projects under number 20 have been postponed until next year, including building plans for Roane State, Walters State, Dyersburg State and Motlow State. THEC is also asking \$54 million for the construction of new technology centers in state schools, an endeavor that can be phased in over time.

"We knew we were high on the board's list. It's been moving up the list in recent years. With the recent growth in enrollment and more libraries being built across the state, it was really time for a new library," Craig said.

"After the Business/Aerospace Building, it is the most desperately needed building on campus.

We were hoping they would recognize that and approve the building."

"We are pleased to have received planning money for the library in this year's state budget, and we are pleased that plans are moving forward to make this most important project a reality for our students, faculty, staff and the university community," President James Walker said.

"I have long been frustrated with the lack of seating and limited resources in the library," Ann Summers, a sophomore English major, said. Many students need the library in the middle of the night. Maybe it is because they have pushed a project off too long or because they forgot something while at the library during the day. A new library is long overdue." ■

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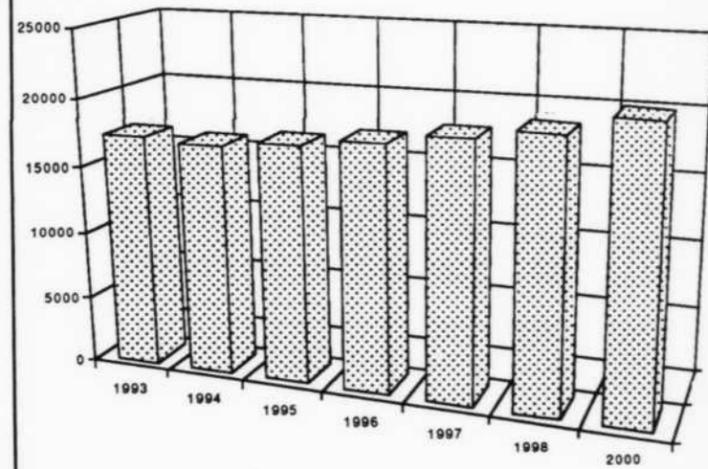
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register through TRAM and at several off-campus sites through Jan. 12.

MTSU 1994 fall enrollment dropped slightly, from 17,383 in 1993 to 17,120. The difference is attributed to the tighter admission standards adopted in Spring 1994 that requires freshman to have a G.P.A. of 2.8 and an ACT score of 20.

"We're up just a smidgen. It's very encouraging, especially since we were down a little in the fall," Gillespie said. ■

MTSU ENROLLMENT COMPARISONS & PROJECTIONS



SOURCE: Cliff Gillespie

Graphic by Robin Dixon

CENTER

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facility in the county and one of the largest university health facilities in Tennessee.

The facility will contain an indoor pool, six basketball and volleyball courts, six racquetball courts, a weight room large enough for 300 people, an aerobic room with a suspended wood floor large enough for 100 people, a cardiovascular room with computerized equipment and an indoor jogging track. There will also be a sun deck with a secure sunbathing area and four lighted sand volleyball courts. The sun deck will be accessible to bands for special events.

A high indoor climbing wall is being built for rock climbing. This wall was designed by the same company that designed the American Gladiator's wall.

Also being built are four multipurpose softball/flag football fields and one soccer/rugby field.

The \$11.75 million facility is funded entirely by MTSU

students through a \$50 debt service fee charged in past semesters. The University has covered the cost for faculty and staff.

The recreation center will be open seven days a week, up to 18 hours per day. This allows students to use the facility before, in between,

"It will also give students and staff a chance to interact in a fitness environment"

-Charlie Gregory, Manager

and after classes. This helps to provide adequate recreational hours for those commuting.

"I think the new recreational center is a big step for MTSU," said Kristen Russell, senior education major. "Hopefully the building and its programs will help the University move away from being called a

suitcase college."

The facility is completely accessible to people with disabilities. The center will be also be available to campus groups who want to reserve parts of the facility for special purposes.

Students have had a major input into the design of the recreation center. Student jobs as well as full time positions for MTSU graduates have been created in order to operate the facility.

"The new building will help to get students on campus more involved with one another," explained Facility Manager Charlie Gregory. "It will also give students and staff a chance to interact in a fitness environment instead of an academic setting."

According to Gregory Campus Recreation will be the only department housed in the new facility.

The official grand opening for the MTSU Recreation Center is set to be held around homecoming next fall. ■

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

College students suffer from lack of sleep

MELISSA RAMSDALL
College Press Service

The clock on the computer center wall seems to speed up as you try writing about T.S. Eliot's influence on paradigms of deconstructionism. Next thing you know, the sun's coming up over the clock tower. You print your paper out and reach your professor's office just as the bell chimes nine times.

That day in class, your psych TA catches you snoozing in the back row. Or worse, you skip the rest of your classes in favor of a well-earned 12-hour nap.

Yes, the all-nighter is a fact of college life. But researchers say sleep deprivation is bad for you. "At some point the sleep debt has to be paid," said Dr. Max Hirshkowitz, a sleep researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Eventually the brain will demand sleep."

Problems associated with lack of sleep range from decreased productivity and reduced mental sharpness to increased risk of accidents. The National Commission on Sleep Disorders and Research

estimates that sleep-related accidents cost a total of \$46 billion each year.

Research shows that college students are chronically sleep-deprived.

For example, Bryan Marenstein, a University of Washington student, says he usually makes it to bed between 3 and 4 a.m., averaging six or less hours of sleep per night.

"Earlier in the quarter, I got a lot of sleep in the library—on the couches, the chair, the ground—anywhere I could find a place to lie down," Marenstein said. "I got so much sleep at night that I was really tired during the day."

Most research experts agree that young adults need an average of seven to nine hours of sleep a night.

"But for whatever reasons, maybe a combination of academic, social and work demands, students end up getting five to six hours on the average," said Michael Vitello, associate director of the University of Washington Sleep and Aging Research

Program.

He cautioned against using caffeine, sleeping pills or alcohol as a crutch. "If you ever have a double espresso each morning, in a couple of hours you may find yourself lower than before," Vitello



said.

Follow these pointers from the University of Montana's Health Services to get a good night's sleep:

- Go to bed and rise at about the same times every day. Establishing a schedule helps regulate your body's inner clock. Also try to establish a

"sleep routine" by following the same bedtime preparations each night, thereby telling yourself it's bedtime before you get in bed.

- Make sure your sleeping conditions, including your bed, are as comfortable as possible. If you are sharing a bed with a snoring, cover-stealing or restless partner, make separate, temporary sleeping arrangements until you re-establish a satisfactory sleeping pattern.

- Wear loose-fitting nightclothes. The more comfortable you are, the better you will sleep.

- Keep your bedroom darkened. If the street lights shine in your room or if you must sleep during the day, buy room darkening shades or blinds.

- Keep your bedroom as quiet as possible. If you can't block outside noise, "cover" it with a familiar inside noise such as the steady hum of a fan or other appliance.

- Avoid alcoholic drinks—including beer or wine—

before bedtime. When alcohol wears off during the night you might wake up.

- Avoid too much mental stimulation during the hour or so prior to bedtime. Read a "light" novel or watch a relaxing TV program; don't finish homework or office paperwork or discuss finances with your family, for example.

- Avoid using your bedroom for working or watching television. Learn to associate that room with sleep.

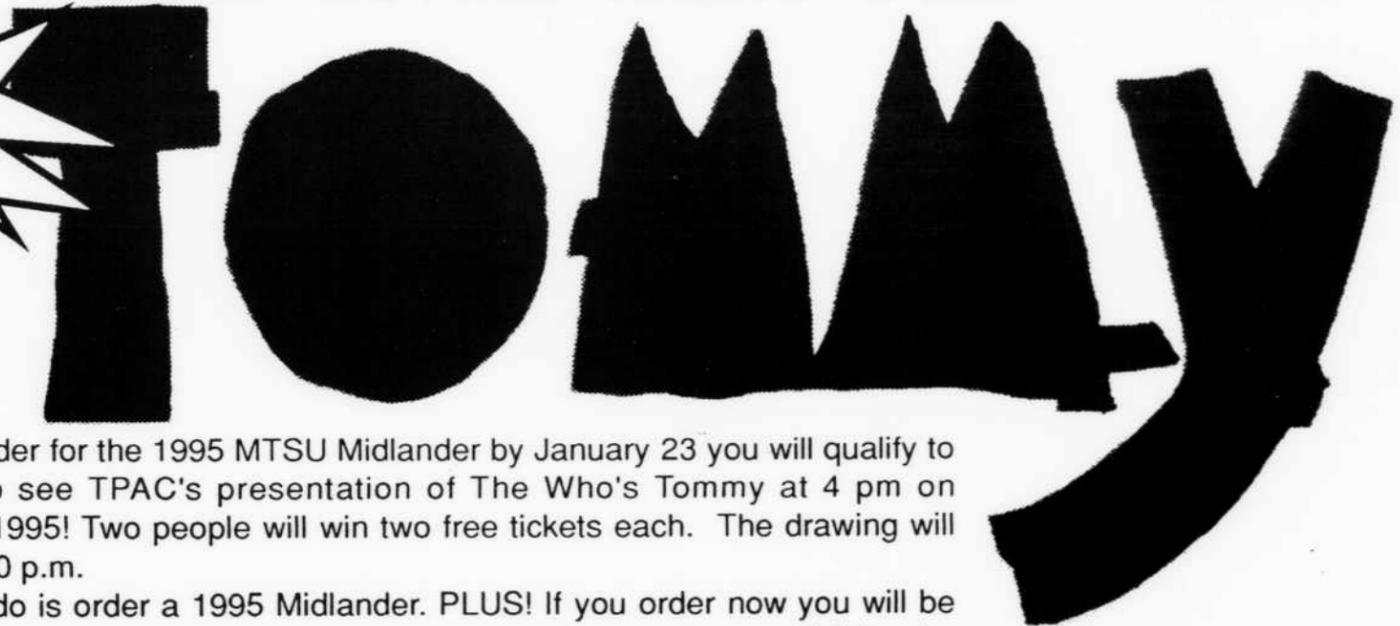
- If you can't sleep, get up and pursue some relaxing activity—such as reading or knitting—until you feel sleepy. Do not lie in bed worrying about getting to sleep.

- Avoid daytime napping, which tends to fragment sleep at night.

- Avoid all caffeine-containing beverages after lunch. Remember that many soft drinks, as well as coffee and tea, contain caffeine.

- Try to get some exercise each day. Regular walks, bicycle rides or whatever exercise you enjoy may help you sleep better. However, avoid vigorous exercise later than three hours before bedtime. ■

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THE NATION & WORLD

Second bombing in Chattanooga area rocks high school

WHITWELL, Tenn. (AP) — Classes were canceled at Whitwell High School on Wednesday following an overnight fire which police believe was started with a homemade bomb.

Patrolman Todd Brown noticed the fire about 9 p.m. at the front entrance of the Marion County school located 30 miles north of Chattanooga.

After calling the fire department, Brown put out the blaze with an extinguisher.

Brown estimates he just missed the bomb being thrown since the fire had not spread further than the front entrance.

Two juveniles and an adult were arrested, but identities and further details were not immediately available.

Whitwell police chief Jim Uselton was at the school most of the day and was not available to return phone calls.

The incident is the second in the Chattanooga area this month involving a school and homemade bombs.

Eight pipe bombs were found Jan. 6 at Red Bank High School after a gym teacher noticed four cylinder-shaped devices protruding from a student's book bag.

Following a police search of the building, three more bombs were found in a stairwell and another student had one in his book bag.

One 15-year-old student confessed to making nine bombs with pipe, black powder, fuses and adhesive.

He told police he detonated one to see if it worked before taking the other eight to school.

Two other students were charged with possession of prohibited weapons.

"It's bad enough kids are carrying guns; now they're carrying bombs," Red Bank police chief Ronnie Dodd said. "It concerns us."

Dodd said information on how to build such bombs is readily available through books found at Army surplus stores, ammunition shops, even the public library.

"Our suspect said he learned how to make them from a book, but the information is also available through computer networks and magazines," he said.

He said the two incidents do not appear to be related.

"In our case, the kids were just experimenting and made a stupid mistake by bringing them to school," he said. "There was no damage or fire like they had in Whitwell." ■

Pope visits Australia, calls for harmony

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Flanked on stage by Protestant, Orthodox, Islamic and Jewish leaders, Pope John Paul II appealed Wednesday for religious and ethnic harmony throughout the world.

During an evening address, the pontiff called for further "ecumenical dialogue" with an aim to fill Christ's wish at the Last Supper that "all may be one." The event was the highlight of a day that included a flight from Papua New Guinea.

John Paul also praised the freedom, justice and tolerance that has contributed to Australia's multicultural society. The Pacific nation's growth has been fueled by immigration, first from Europe and more recently from Asia. Now, one-third of its people come from a non-English-speaking background.

"In a world where unity is increasingly threatened by ethnic rivalry and racist attitudes, you must continue to be firmly grounded in the

ideals of harmony and solidarity based on respect for the inalienable dignity of every human being," the pope said.

More than 3,000 people gathered at Kingsford-Smith International Airport to greet the pope on his arrival from Papua New Guinea. He told them much has changed since he visited Australia in 1986, with reduced tensions between East and West.

"Yet ... new sources of tension and conflict have appeared," John Paul said. "There exists a cultural and spiritual crisis which leaves many, especially young people, confused regarding the meaning of their lives."

"At the very heart of modern culture, there is a growing sense of the need for a moral and spiritual renewal: the need for a new attitude, one in which people will have more importance than things, and human dignity will take precedence over material gain." ■

THE NATION & WORLD

L.A. ordered by court to pay Rodney King lawyers \$1.6 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge ordered the city of Los Angeles to pay \$1.6 million to the attorneys who won Rodney King a \$3.8 million judgment for his videotaped beating by police.

The amount, set Friday and disclosed by attorneys Tuesday, was less than half of the \$4.4 million King's lawyers had sought for representing him in his civil lawsuit.

Milton Grimes and Steven Lerman, King's two most prominent lawyers, received \$456,000 and \$221,000 respectively. Grimes had sought \$2 million and Lerman \$1.2 million.

The most common reasons cited by U.S. District Judge John Davies for diminishing the amounts sought by more than a dozen lawyers were duplicated work and overstaffing. Since jurors

declined to award King punitive damages from the officers who beat him, his lawyers could not ask the city to pay the fees incurred while working on it, Davies wrote in a 48-page decision.

Under federal law, attorneys who successfully argue civil lawsuits are entitled to have their legal fees paid by the defendants.

The 1991 beating of King, videotaped from a nearby balcony, set off a chain of events that resulted in the 1992 riots and the convictions of two police officers of federal civil rights violations.

Davies criticized the attorneys for asking for too much, including reimbursement for representing King at media events or appearing on television talk shows. ■

Columbia/HCA tax break official

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville's Metro Council voted 39-0 for a \$26 million tax savings package to help lure the Columbia-HCA Healthcare Corp. from Louisville, Ky.

The vote is final. Only Councilman Kwame Leo Lillard abstained, saying he was not satisfied about minority hiring by the giant health care company.

The vote means Columbia-HCA will pay no property taxes for a decade on its campus. Taxes also will be waived for 10 years on Summit Medical Center and Memorial Hospital, both in

Nashville.

Council members made the concessions based on expectations the headquarters will bring to town 1,600 jobs and a corporation with an annual revenue exceeding \$16 billion.

Columbia-HCA will employ about 175,000 workers nationwide after it completes its merger with Nashville-based HealthTrust. It will own 315 hospitals and 125 day-surgery centers in 37 states.

Louisville-based Columbia and Nashville's Hospital Corp. of America announced

their merger in October 1993. It was completed several months later.

Louisville had won the headquarters last February partly because of a \$25 million contract for Columbia-HCA to manage University Hospital at the University of Louisville. Columbia-HCA officials later became disenchanted with the contract, and last week the move to Nashville was announced pending the tax breaks.

Dallas and Florida also sought the headquarters. ■

Transatlantic swimmer halfway home

PARIS (AP) — A Frenchman trying to swim the Atlantic Ocean has reached the halfway mark after a month of solitude, shark encounters and jellyfish stings, supporters said Wednesday.

Since leaving Cape Verde off the northwest African coast Dec. 16, Guy Delage has covered close to 1,240 miles, his Paris-based team said. The complete journey will cover about 2,340 miles.

The 42-year-old swimmer is expected to reach his Caribbean destination in about a month, his support team said.

Delage's journey has been criticized or

ridiculed by some scientists and athletes because he will spend two-thirds of his time drifting on a raft packed with supplies and communications equipment.

Delage says he is making the journey as a scientific and human adventure, not to set an athletic record.

He has been plagued by equipment failure. He lost his fax machine and computer, is no longer able to transmit data to his support team and has only a radio to communicate. Equipment designed to measure his pulse and body temperature hasn't worked because Delage's wet suit has acted as a shield. ■

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Toys aren't just for kids anymore

MTSU junior Ben Rodgers considers toys 'timeless treasure'

JASON YOUNG
Feature Writer

For Ben Rodgers, toys are a timeless treasure. Ben loves toys. He loves to buy them. He loves to play with them. He loves to get them at Christmas. He loves to get them for birthday presents. He will turn 23 on his next one.

Ben has been into toys for a long time.

"I quit playing with them a little older than everyone else," Ben said. "I stopped collecting at around 14, when everybody started driving, but I started collecting again when I turned 17."

For most people toys are more than playthings—they become bridges to forgotten childhoods. The same is true for Ben, but the difference is that Ben didn't burn his bridges.

One step into Ben's room and you could swear it was a storage warehouse for Toys R Us. Unopened packages hang on his walls like diamonds buried in the side of a cavern.

His collection includes over 200 toys, including an Erector Set from 1954.

But don't think that Ben's collection is limited to old toys that sit in his closet and collect dust. Some of Ben's favorite toys are the very same toys most kids want today—except for Power Rangers.

"I think they're a bit idiotic," Ben said. "It's a good concept, but I just don't know. The costuming is good, but the screen play is bad and the acting is bad. It has been done many times before. I like *Star Wars* because it's more meaningful, there is a lot more behind it. It pertains to everybody; Power Rangers are geared for children."

Ben should know about *Star Wars*: Some of the most prized pieces in his collection are *Star Wars* toys. These are the items he wouldn't dream of trading or selling. Just watching Ben cuddling his X-Wing Fighter is reminiscent of a parent bonding with a child.

When asked if he would part with his collection if someone offered him \$100,000 for it, Ben said he wouldn't sell.

"There was a time in my life when I had to leave my toy collection because of personal problems. I promised myself that I would never leave my collection



JASON YOUNG

MTSU junior Ben Rodgers poses in his living room surrounded by some of the items from his toy collection. Many of the estimated 2000 toys in his collection are toys that any ten-year-old kid would enjoy, but he said he thinks Power Rangers are "a bit idiotic."

again," he said.

Ben gets his toys from many different sources. Most of the new toys come from new toy stores, but his favorite places to look for old ones are garage sales and flea markets. He said a lot of the time people don't know the value of what they're selling.

Some of Ben's most unusual toys include an old rubber duck, a shrunken

head, and a fake foot. He also has a broad collection of toys from various "kid meals" offered by fast-food restaurants.

If forced to choose one toy to take to a deserted island, Ben said he would take his full-sized Batman mask. He keeps it on a rack in the corner of his room, like an athlete would house a sacred trophy.

Some people may think

that Ben is a little wacky, including his roommate Tony Richardson.

"I've known him for six years," recalls Richardson. "I thought he was an absolute lunatic, and that's one reason we became roommates."

Some children grow up and put away childish things. Well, Ben is grown up—he just doesn't want to leave the toys behind. ■

Nine Inch Nails tickets still available for Jan. 30 show

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

Students who want to go to the Nine Inch Nails/Pop Will Eat Itself show on January 30 can still get theater seats in Murphy Center, according to MTSU Promotions Coordinator Georgia Dennis.

The show, which is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m., will feature opening acts Pop Will Eat Itself and the Jim Rose Circus. Though general admission floor seating sold out on Saturday soon after the tickets went on sale, cushioned theater seats are still available.

"We still have some good theater seats here on campus," Dennis said, adding that the show is on

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Kappa Alpha member visits sponsored child in South America

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

A member of Kappa Alpha Order traveled to Quito, Ecuador this past summer to visit with a five-year-old child the fraternity began sponsoring last May.

Chris Buckles, a senior political science major, went to Ecuador on a political science trip sponsored by the university. Buckles spent a few hours in Quito visiting Miguel Morales, Kappa Alpha's sponsored child. Children International, the organization which established the sponsorship, provided Buckles with transportation, a translator and a photographer while visiting the small village in Ecuador.

"It was great to meet Miguel and actually see what our sponsorship does for him," Buckles said. "It's



CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL STAFF PHOTO

Kappa Alpha member Chris Buckles went to Quito, Ecuador last summer and spent several hours with sponsored child Miguel Morales

really sad to see a family living in such poor conditions."

According to Buckles, Miguel was very excited about his new Kappa Alpha t-shirt, provided by the

chapter, and Kappa Alpha received a letter from Miguel and his family this semester thanking them for their support. The sponsorship will continue until May. ■

Led Zeppelin alumni to begin North American tour Feb. 26

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Plant and Jimmy Page will be generating more than generating when they hit the road together again next month.

Their 35-city North American tour will benefit Second Harvest, a nationwide network of food banks.

Tour sponsor Miller Genuine Draft will donate at least \$100,000, and Plant and Page will autograph more than 50 guitars for auction.

The ex-Led Zeppelin duo will also donate front-row tickets to local food banks for auction and encourage concert goers to donate canned goods.

The tour begins Feb. 26 in Pensacola, Fla., and runs through May. ■

FEATURES

Trapped in Tunica

At last, the slots at Treasure Bay pay off for diligent couple

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

We left Circus Circus casino feeling giddy, glad we came to Tunica County and not wanting to leave. I drove toward what I thought was the town of Tunica for a while, but decided after about ten minutes of farmland and long, straight highway that maybe Tunica wouldn't be worth the effort it was going to take to get there. It certainly couldn't be half as much fun as the casinos we were passing on both sides of the road.

I turned onto a road that led toward one of these, Fitzgeralds, and was surprised to see small green signs lining the road that said nice things like "smiles, not angry looks," and "appreciation, not apathy," Fitzgeralds was promising all sorts of good things for customers, and I decided to become one.

But Ginny—my wife and lucky gambling partner—didn't want to go in.

"Come on, baby," I said, coaxing her with my sweetest voice. "We'll get lucky this time, and get back the \$5 we lost at Circus Circus."

"That's what they all say," she said, looking skeptical.

I agreed with her on one level, but on another level I didn't care. I was craving the lights, colors and one-armed-bandits of the casino. I wanted excitement, the chance to win big. I wanted to watch the cherries and other symbols rotate on the slot machine screen after I pulled the lever on the side, lining up in neat rows of three and maybe causing lots of quarters to plink plink plink into my winnings tray like gold coins spilling out of a ripped-open treasure chest.

I wanted to win. "Okay," I said as we approached the parking lot of Fitzgeralds, "we won't go here. But look how cool Treasure Bay is. Let's go there."

I pointed to Treasure Bay, another casino nearby. It was built like a monstrous pirate ship and sat on a three-foot-deep creek. It looked like our

lucky spot.

"You talked me into it," Ginny said. "We'll go to Treasure Bay. But we can only lose \$10 each." I could tell that she wanted to play the slots as much as I did, but was only trying to be rational and save us some money. Someone had to be our reasonable half.

"Deal," I said, driving away from Fitzgeralds and the bright green signs with happy sayings to the parking lot of Treasure Bay. We parked the car and went inside, through a doorway in the side of the ship. Inside, it looked almost the same as Circus Circus: on one side of the room were the tables, the roulette wheels and the big-spenders; on the other side were the neat rows of slot machines that we were looking for. We traded cash for quarters at the cashier's window, and made ourselves comfortable in front of two machines.

Soon we had the rhythm again, hands moving from quarter-cup to coin-slot to lever and back to our quarter-cups again, starting over, both of us using two quarters at a time and not feeling the least bit guilty about it. We were having a blast. When a cherry landed on one of our paylines, we both smiled and looked happily at each other, loving the way the coins sounded when they hit the winnings tray.

And then it happened. Three matching symbols stopped on my payline, and two-hundred quarters began to flow out of my machine—plink plink plink plink plink. I listened to this as I tried to clear my mind enough to figure out how much money two-hundred quarters was.

"That's \$50," Ginny said, finishing the math before me as usual. "We've only been here 10 minutes, and we won \$50. That's eight hours of work. Let's go before we lose it."

After some consideration, I reluctantly complied. I didn't want to go. I couldn't think of anyplace else in the world that could be half as much fun. But I also knew that I won it fast, and I could lose it faster. We left the casino and Tunica County and headed back to Memphis. On the way home, Ginny figured out that it only cost us \$7.50 for the whole day's fun, including gas and lunch.

We couldn't wait to get a chance to go to Las Vegas. ■

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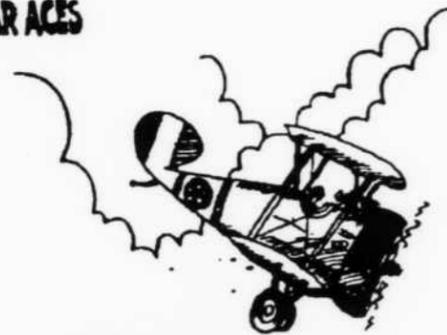


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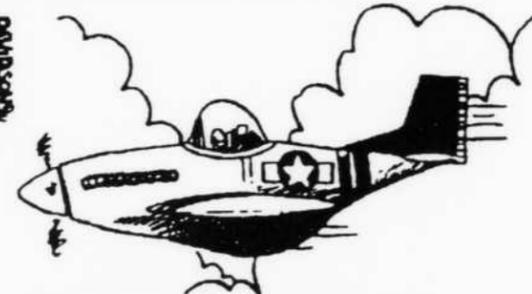
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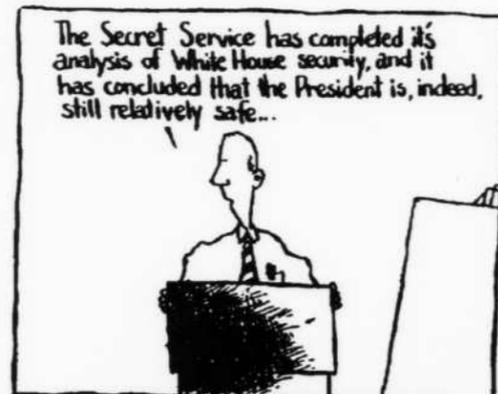
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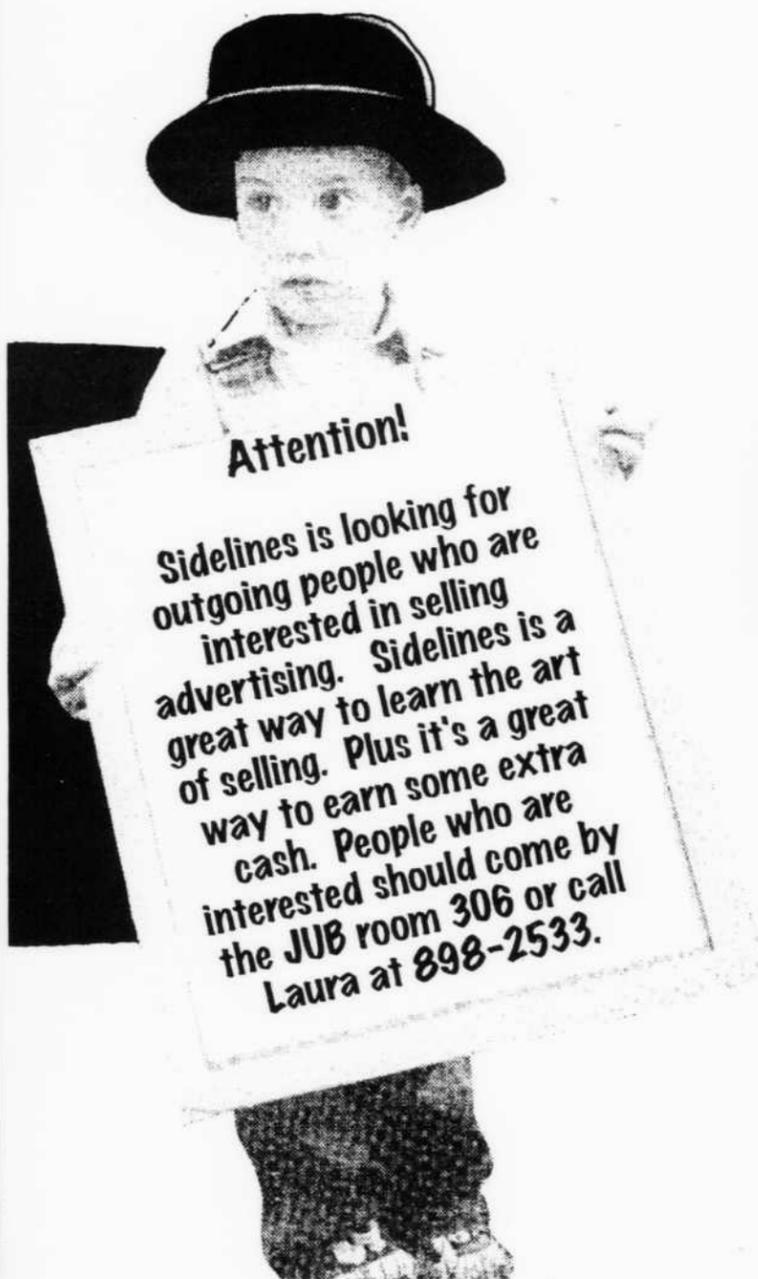
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FEATURES

Music reviewer shares insight into meaning of music

ANDY SPRAGGINS
Music Reviews



From catharsis to transcendental experience, music serves to give the spirit flight. Energies deep within are focused to flow through instruments to transmute into something humanity has come to regard as awesome, for music is as timeless and as beautiful as the soul.

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perspective of humanity of the most subjective thing there is--reality. The realization of this unity is a balance point which helps to transcend the fear of change or difference in music.

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'Heart to Heart' column to listen to student problems, answer serious questions

Heart to Heart will be a new feature offered by *Sidelines*. In order to work though, this feature depends on you, the readers. Whatever issues you are confronting as students, and as men and women in this ever-changing world, this is a place for you to write. *Heart to Heart* offers a forum for you to bring subjects you want to celebrate, and subjects that are causing you sorrow. It is a place to come when everything is going right, and it's a place to get angry when things are not working as you think they should. *Heart to Heart* will listen to your personal problems as well.

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OPENS JANUARY 20TH EVERYWHERE

NAILS

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Monday, a school night, and that Nine Inch Nails recently played at Vanderbilt.

"We're about half sold out [at student programming]," Dennis said.

Ted Mankin, president of Cellar Door Productions of Atlanta, said that the show was "one of the best live shows on the road right now," and added that the

Vanderbilt show sold out in three days.

According to Mankin, Nine Inch Nails will use video to enhance the concert experience during several songs. He also said that the show will most likely sell out.

Students wishing to purchase tickets can get them at Student Programming, with a \$4 discount on the first two tickets bought, or by calling TicketMaster at 737-4849. ■

Do you have interesting photographs of campus life? Submit to Photo of the Week Contest, C/O Brent Andrews, MTSU Box 42.

Lady Raiders sink SE Missouri 73-64

MTSU wins seventh in a row; raises record to 9-4

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

A small yet vocal Murphy Center crowd cheered on the Lady Raiders Monday night as they remained undefeated in conference play by defeating the Otahkians of Southeast Missouri State 73-64.

Although conference standings and series records seemed to indicate that Middle would have no trouble with SEMO, the 7-4 Otahkians forgot about statistics and decided to give the Raiders a bit of a scare.

MTSU took the lead from the opening tip-off and kept it for the entire first half. The Lady Raiders' tight defense kept their opponents confused and forced turnovers while long-range shooting accuracy, including three 3-pointers from senior guard Sherry Tucker, helped them expand their lead to as many as fourteen points.

With just under six minutes remaining in the half, SEMO regrouped, capitalizing on Raider turnovers, and went on a 13-5 run.

"We were in command and threw it away about three times in a row," Coach Lewis Bivens said. "That's something you can not do."

The Otahkian scoring frenzy was capped off by junior forward Gray C. Harris

converting a three-point play with two-tenths of a second remaining in the half, cutting the Raiders' lead at halftime to 38-34.

Harris led all scores in the first half, contributing twelve points and two assists. For the home team, Sherry Tucker's eleven first half points, as well as ten from junior guard Trella Thomas kept the Raiders on top going into halftime.

In the second half Gray C. Harris continued the quality of play that has made her one of the most respected players in the OVC, scoring nine consecutive points as her Otahkians took their first lead of the game five minutes into the half.

With just over four minutes remaining, a basket by Raider center Melanie Patchen tied the score 62-62. Then on SEMO's next trip down the floor Harris was called for traveling, and that appeared to be just the break MTSU needed, as they outscored the Otahkians 11-2 in the last minutes of the game to seal the victory.

Harris led all scores with 27 points in a losing effort for SEMO. Sherry Tucker led the Raiders with 26 points, while Trella Thomas contributed thirteen. Junior guard Heather Prater added twelve points and eleven rebounds to the winning effort.

Following the game, Coach Bivens credited the leadership of some of the more

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TSU takes two

Men and women blow halftime leads in Nashville

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Both MTSU teams had their chances to win at TSU last night but both ended up losing their games in the second half.

TSU handed the Lady Raiders their first loss in the OVC with the score of 68-56 while the men's team lost to the defending OVC champs 98-85.

The Lady Raiders (9-5) held a small lead at halftime but could not keep their lead in the second half.

"I was displeased with the second half offense," said women's head coach Lewis Bivens. "There was too many offensive breakdowns and lack of effort."

Senior Sherry Tucker led the Lady Raiders in scoring with 21 points and pulled down eight rebounds. TSU's Connie Swift led all scores with 24 points to go along with 13 rebounds.

MTSU shot 33 percent (20-61) for the game.

"We had an opportunity and let it slip away," said Bivens.

The men's team also let their game slip away.

MTSU led 55-46 at the half and had as much as an eleven point lead in the second half.

TSU took the lead for good during a 15-0 run in the second half. The Blue Raiders (7-6) never led again.

"I couldn't get the kids to be aggressive in the second half," said men's head coach David Farrar. "I'm proud of my team. They have a chance to be very good."

The second half saw MTSU wilt under the Tigers' full court defense. Despite the pressure defense, MTSU never shot a free throw in the second half.

The next game for the men and women will be on Saturday against Eastern Kentucky at Murphy Center.

The women tip-off at 5:30 and the men will follow the women's game.

"We need to become more aggressive against Eastern Kentucky," Farrar said. ■

Blue Raiders scalp Indians

TIM HARRELL
Staff Writer

A 12-2 run in the final three minutes of MTSU's Monday night game against Southeast Missouri gave the Blue Raiders the 65-63 victory.

Coming off a disappointing loss Saturday night to Murray State, the Blue Raiders hosted the Indians of Southeast Missouri State University to gain their second Ohio Valley Conference win of the season.

"To lose for the third time [this season] at home would have been disastrous," stated Coach Farrar.

However, the come from behind win over SEMO was not a pleasing win for Coach Farrar. He summed up the

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On the Rebound



Blair Mitchell/Staff

Velvius Goodloe helps out on the rebound in Saturday's game against Murray State. The Blue Raiders came out on the short end of a 89-74 score, however.

MOB MURPHY!

Win free tuition, books, dorm room, meal plan in contest

STAFF REPORTS

Four lucky MTSU students will win prizes to help pay expenses for the fall semester at the Lady Raiders' basketball game against Tennessee Tech on Saturday, January 28.

An official attendance count will be taken as MTSU tries to set a new Ohio Valley Conference attendance record for women's athletics.

The current record is 6,113, set by Tech on February 3, 1990 against MTSU.

To encourage students to attend, a drawing will be held during the game to award four major prizes: (one per student drawn) free tuition, a free dorm room, a free meal plan and free books.

There will not be any further qualifications to win after the student's name is drawn. Once the winning number is announced, the student who has that number has won.

The prizes to be awarded have been donated by

various groups, both on and off campus.

"I asked my students in the fall what would bring them to games. [They] said winning

prizes without having to make shots at halftime or other competitions," said head coach Lewis Bivens. "Now you can win prizes just by being at the game!"

MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler said, "This is a great idea! Hopefully this will generate more student interest in women's athletics." ■



BIVENS

SPORTS

Tennis team opens season with slow start

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU men's and women's tennis teams struggled last week in the early matches of the semester.

The Blue Raiders have played three matches this semester and have been shut out twice.

"It was to be expected," said Head Coach Dale Short. "I thought we could be a little more competitive."

Both the men and women experienced the loss of players. Fred Niemeyer and Marshall Brown were suspended for violating team rules. Vicky Zavala left school at the end of the fall semester.

The women's team (0-1) started their season by playing Vanderbilt and lost 8-0.

"Vanderbilt, as a top 25 team, is very good. It could be a rebuilding season," said Short.

"We will have a very young team. We will start four freshman in the lineup."

The men's team (0-2) played last weekend at the O'Charley's Invitational in Knoxville. The Blue Raiders competed against schools like University of Tennessee, Southern Methodist University, Michigan, Georgia Tech, Northwestern, and University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In the first round, MTSU fell 6-1 to Michigan and lost 7-0 in the consolation round to UAB.

"I think both the teams we played were very good teams," said Short. "I felt like we were as good or better with our full lineup."

Both teams return to action on Jan. 26. The women will play at Southwest Louisiana. The men's team will play at Mississippi State.

"Mississippi State, who is ranked second or third in the country, will be very tough without Freddie or Marshall," Short said. ■

Track team going to Ky. invitational

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU men's and women's track teams will travel to Lexington on Saturday for the Kentucky Invitational Meet being held at the University of Kentucky.

They will compete with the University of Tennessee, the University of Kentucky, East Tennessee State, Ball State and Eastern Kentucky.

"Since we have so many new people, it will be a chance for them to compete against quality opponents in preparation for the OVC meet," said Head Coach Dale Short. "This time of the year is the time to experiment with events."

Last semester, the team competed in a December meet which saw the men placed first and the women placed second.

In that meet, Mia Florence tied a school record in winning the high jump at 5'8". Shelly Johnson won the shot put by setting a school record with a distance of 44' 7".

For the men, Mario Allman and Keith Watkins placed first and second in the 55 meters with times of 6.35 and 6.36 seconds.

The Blue Raiders' next home meet is Jan. 28 in Murphy Center.

MTSU will compete against Auburn, Western Kentucky, UT-Chattanooga and Samford. ■

Construction continues, blasting resumes

New construction in the vicinity of Jones Hall, Forrest Hall, Corlew Hall, Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Boutwell Dramatic Arts, and the Chilling Plant will mean that pedestrian and drivers will need to consider new routes near those buildings. Steam and chill water lines are being installed in these locations.

Bill Smotherman, director of facilities services, advised, "Take care when driving and walking in areas under construction. Go slowly on temporary road detours. Do not walk through construction areas except where walk paths have been fenced for pedestrian passage."

The one-way street between Jones Hall and the Saunders Fine Arts Building will be closed soon for construction of steam and water lines. According to Smotherman, "This will be done as soon as traffic is restored to B Street and Faulkinberry, possibly as early as Tuesday Jan. 24."

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'75 Raiders Honored

20 year anniversary of MTSU's first NCAA trip

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Lighting struck MTSU in 1974 when a freshman named Claude Taylor introduced himself to MTSU fans by scoring 28 points in his first home game of the season.

And so the story began. That season that is arguably the best season MTSU has ever had in basketball.

Players and coaches from the 1974-75 MTSU team appeared last Saturday during halftime at the game with the present-day Blue Raiders and Murray State men's game.

"This is an opportunity for us to recognize a group of people who helped establish the rich athletic heritage enjoyed by the university and our community," said current MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler.

The honored included names like Fred Allen,

Jimmy Martin, George Sorrell, Tim Sisneros and Steve Peeler.

Some nicknames scattered among the players were: "Sleepy" and "Kokomo Kruncher."

The 23-5 record, while an accomplishment, was just one of the things people will remember about the team.

"It's also a chance to say 'thanks' and renew a lot of great memories."

- MTSU AD Lee Fowler

They also won the first OVC conference title in the school's history. The title allowed MTSU to participate in the school's first NCAA tournament.

At the time, then-Head Coach Jimmy Earle described the past MTSU edition as a true "team."

The fact that six players averaged double figures for the season illustrates this

fact.

Sorrell won the 1974-75 OVC preseason player of the year award and averaged over 16 points a game and led the OVC in rebounding with 13.5 a game.

Claude "Sleepy" Taylor also averaged over 16 points a game and scored more points than any other freshman in school history.

Fred Allen and Jimmy Martin made up the team's backcourt that year. Allen finished with a 11.8 average and co-captain Martin averaged 11 points per game and led the team in assists.

A center with the nickname of the "Kokomo Kruncher" would have to specialize in defense.

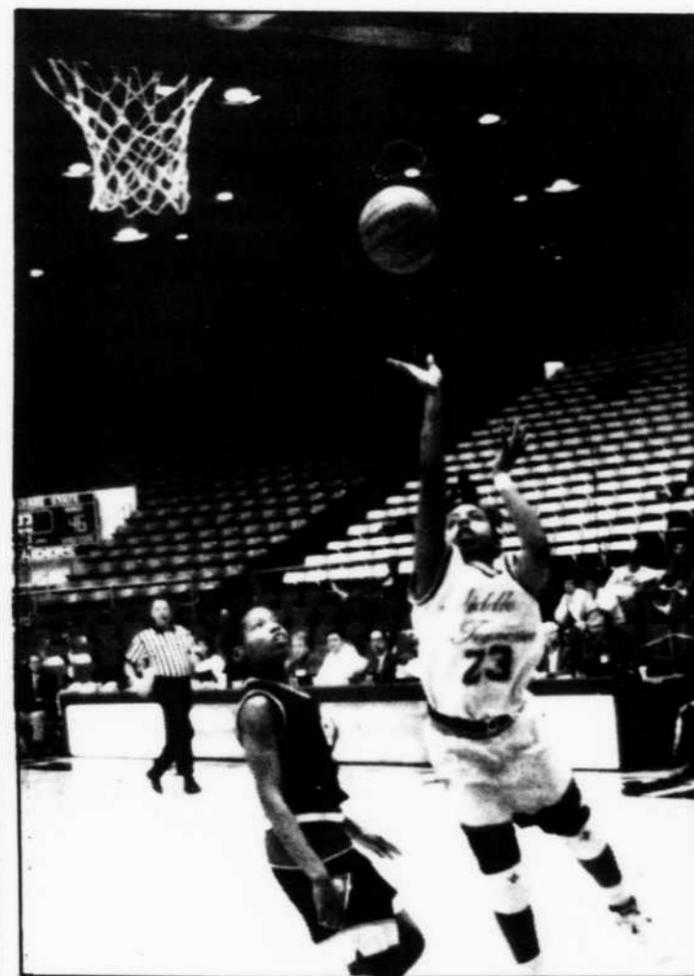
Not only did Tim Sisneros built a reputation with defense, he also scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds a game.

co-captain and "sixth man" Steve Peeler cam off the bench to average 13.5 points and eight rebounds a game.

"It's also a chance to say 'thanks' and renew a lot of great memories," said Fowler.

If we're lucky, lighting will strike again someday. ■

Drivin' to the Basket



JOE GARAVELLE/Special

Trella Thomas has been a consistent contributor to the Lady Raider team this year. In addition, to frequent double digit scoring, she also has provided help with rebounding and assists.

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some of the more experienced Lady Raiders with providing the strength necessary to come away with the win.

"I can't say enough good things about Tucker and Prater and the job they do when it gets right down to it," coach Bivens commented.

The Lady Raider head coach was pleased that his squad remained tough

throughout the contest to come away with the win.

"It's good to come through in a situation like that where you've got your back to the wall and you can see what you're made of," Bivens said.

"It was a good gut test. It was the kind of game you want to be in because you're going to have to play a lot of them."

The win moved the Lady Raiders' overall record to 9-4 while their OVC record went to 4-0. ■

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up the victory by stating, "We were very lucky tonight."

The series between MTSU and SEMO was tied 3-3 coming into last night's ball game.

The first half was a low scoring affair with both teams turning the ball over several times. The Blue Raiders fell behind by eight with 11:43 to go but pulled it back to within one point (33-34) by the half.

SEMO hit 63 percent of their shots while the Blue Raiders came out somewhat cold in their shooting by only hitting 52 percent in the first half.

The second half saw junior guard Tim Gaither step up to lead the Blue Raiders from another eight point deficit to win the game in the final seconds. Gaither also had the somewhat dubious distinction of scoring fifteen straight points for the Blue Raiders during the late first and early second half.

"We've been in a lot of close games, but this is the first time [for MTSU] to win one," stated Tim Gaither on Monday's victory.

Tim led MTSU in scoring with 21 points and he also had 2 assists. Only one other Blue Raider, sophomore Roni Bailey, got into double figures with 11 points. Bailey was 5-5 at the free throw line.

MTSU's shooting percentage fell to 43 percent but their defensive intensity picked up to limit the visiting Indians to 38 percent in the second half.

The Blue Raiders went on a 12-2 run with 3:43 seconds left in the game to pull ahead in the final seconds. Bobby Clark's free throw with 17 seconds left in the game put MTSU ahead

64-63, and Roni Bailey's free throw gave the Raiders a two point lead to end the game.

The win made the Blue Raiders 7-5 overall and 2-2 in the OVC. Coach Farrar commented on the upcoming game against Tennessee State University, saying [to win], "We have to have some of our people to step up."

Originally scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off, the game was delayed until 8:00 p.m. to allow for coverage by ESPN. A malfunctioning scoreboard and shot clock caused further delays in the game.

The Blue Raiders also took on the Murray State Racers at home last Saturday night and went away looking back at a 74-89 score.

The first-half was plagued with sloppy play with both teams turning the ball over a total of 21 times combined.

Murray State then went to a full-court press which took MTSU out of sync and put the Racers up by 11 at half-time.

Coach Farrar said "When you have 15 turnovers in the half it is very difficult to be successful."

MTSU came out of the locker room determined to win the game, but Murray State upped the score to 39-54 before the Blue Raiders turned on the pressure and went on a 16-2 run to pull the game within one.

"We were right there in the game and just let it get away from us," said Roni Bailey.

Murray State went on to win the game 74-89 with the MTSU team plagued with turnovers. Both Roni Bailey and Marcus LoVett scored in double figures with 18 and 10, respectively.

"They [Murray] were more organized and put out more effort," said Coach Farrar. ■

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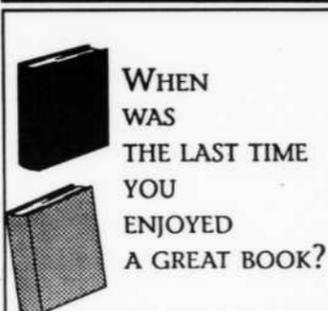
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Editorial

The headline on the front page of the Jan. 12 edition of *Sidelines* carried a haunting message: "MTSU student found dead."

It was meant not only to inform but to shock. It illustrates perfectly a problem that is growing in society and on the MTSU campus today. A problem we need to find a way to solve.

We don't seem to care enough about human life anymore.

One student allegedly was killed by one of his co-workers, also a student. Police believe the killing "was sexually motivated."

Last semester a female student reported she was attacked in a parking lot behind Cummings Hall. No one has yet been arrested.

Last January a football player was shot in front of Beasley Hall by an assailant who drove to campus, found the dorm, asked for a particular person and fired five times. It was lucky more people were not injured.

Late this fall police arrested the man sought since the incident occurred. The entire incident happened because the player allegedly beat up his girlfriend, and the girlfriend called a friend of hers in East Nashville and asked him to take care of her boyfriend.

We do not live in a crime-free society. Trouble is all around us, from having bicycles stolen from campus to seeing a 19-year-old young man lose his life because he allegedly spurned the advances of a homosexual co-worker.

When we are willing to take a life with malice and forethought because someone wouldn't do what we asked, we have a problem.

We don't seem to care enough about human life anymore.



Being progressive doesn't mean you can't be Christian

The Liberal Philosopher



Mary Cummins

I am a Christian. I wonder, though, if the Christian Coalition would want me. Let's see, I'm a pacifist, I support gun control, I'm all for multicultural education and the Democrats' crime bill, I don't need government intervention to help me pray, and I've never cast a single Republican vote in my life. Something tells me I wouldn't fit in. Why do I believe as I do? Because I'm a granola-crunching long-haired hippie freak? Maybe. But primarily, I hold the views I do because of a moral system I follow. I am politically liberal because I am a Christian.

Some would say that voting conservatively is a moral choice, and I have no doubt that for some, it is. However, it is not, as the religious right would have us believe, the only moral choice. Claiming that the only Christian voice in politics lies on the right is a vicious distortion of reality and an insult to all Christians. Isn't it time someone questioned this political notion that Christ stands for guns, big business, and starving welfare children?

By the way some talk, you'd think Rush Limbaugh was John the Baptist, Newt Gingrich was the Apostle Paul, and the last election was the Second Coming.

Political debates are not football games. You shouldn't pick a side and wear its jersey simply because someone tells you that Jesus is rooting for the home team. In reality, Christ is on both sides in many different ways, and for too long, the Republicans have been claiming Him all for themselves. Let's not forget that there is a Christian voice on the left as well, and we Christians who refuse to deify the GOP have our many reasons for doing so.

I am a liberal because I don't believe I have to suppress or ignore other's views in order to prove my own. I don't fear that my way of life is in danger if other citizens' lifestyles are allowed into the melting pot. The religious right wants to carve some new perfect society out of a blank slab of holy marble instead of dealing with our nation's problems on a realistic level. They fear their "traditional values" will disappear. But Christianity cannot be threatened. If we really believe He's got the whole world in His hands, why do we act as if we're afraid He might drop it? Why do we want to silence those who don't live and believe as we do? Are we afraid our Christianity is worthless if it doesn't give us a deed to dominance? We Christians should have enough faith in our Savior not to feel as if we have to force the rest of the world into our own convictions.

Big issues in the religious world are homosexuality and abortion. I am a liberal because I believe that homosexuals should be treated as the humans they

are. Upon hearing of a homosexual who has died of AIDS, I have seen people laugh. I have heard the words "they deserve it" many times, and they make me cringe. Are these such horrible people that we would wish death upon them?

Many cite the issue of abortion as the reason they vote conservatively. I once almost decided to do the same solely because of this divisive issue. Soon I began considering what the Republican Party actually does about abortion, and what I saw were endless picket lines, pointing fingers, and blame, blame, blame. Those who opposed abortion were also the ones who opposed sex education (you know, if you don't tell kids about sex, maybe they won't figure out how to do it). They were also the ones who seemed to care least about the children once they were born. How many pro-life Republicans do you see holding picket signs advocating increased funding for inner city education? The women at the heart of the issue became the pitiful targets of much self-righteous damnation but little understanding or love.

There is much hatred wrapped up in the gay rights and abortion issues, and much of it flows from those with Bible passages on the ends of their tongues. but hatred is not of God. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar." (John 4:20 NIV) "There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Weights are banned but not law books

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Talk about hitting the books! Convicts stripped of their exercise privileges figured out a way to exercise their rights — and their muscles: they just ordered up a few bulky law books, strapped 'em together and started pumping legal briefs in their cells.

All inmates have the right to law books and related materials under law, but their unique body building method, which includes strapping several books together, has damaged or destroyed some books, said

Andy Collins, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The department's nine-member board was expected to adopt a policy today to keep the law books out of resourceful weight lifters' hands.

The proposed policy calls for staff members to provide photocopies of book sections requested by the prisoners. He predicts the cost of photocopying will be cheaper than replacing the destroyed books. ■

Be true to your school even after you're dead

MANISTEE, Mich. (CPS)—If you vow to be loyal toward your alma mater to your grave, then James Kieszkowski wants to talk to you.

The Michigan businessman is selling customized fiberglass coffins in school colors, allowing diehard fans to demonstrate their eternal allegiance toward their university or college—even after death.

Indiana University fans can meet their maker surrounded by Hoosier Red, while Alabama alums can face eternity engulfed in crimson.

"There are people who are true to their alma mater right to the end," said Kieszkowski, owner of Oak Grove International, "so what better way to honor their legacy?"

In addition to the colors, Oak Grove will also decorate the inside panel of the coffin with a tribute to the deceased. "Say the guy was a big basketball fan, then

we'll put a little backboard and net with a ball going through it," said Kieszkowski.

Because of licensing expenses, Kieszkowski avoids using schools' trademarks. However, he said he is talking to various university officials about licensing agreements and already has a deal worked out with a Texas college.

"These aren't cheap paint jobs. These are fiberglass coffins that won't crumble or rust away within a few months," said Kieszkowski. "The shine is so beautiful, and they'll last more than 100 years."

While some may squirm at the notion of a University of North Carolina or Michigan State University coffin, Kieszkowski said he hasn't heard any complaints. "Everyone has been receptive," he said. "We're just trying to customize our coffins to the needs of the people." ■

Gorilla at Atlanta Zoo likes younger women

ATLANTA (AP) — Willie B has a bad case of gorilla love.

His keeper says the silverback is smitten after just a few days with the young Mia Moja.

So, too, is Mia Moja — even though she's some 30 years younger and 300 pounds lighter.

"There is a tremendous size difference, but she definitely is in love and he seems to be reciprocating," said Dietrich Schaaf, the general curator at Zoo Atlanta.

Willie B, who tips the scales at 415 pounds, spent his first 27 years at the zoo in isolation before being introduced to other gorillas.

Zoo officials worried that the sexually befuddled Willie would never mate, but then

he met Choomba. She gave birth to a female, Kudzo, last February, making Willie the oldest gorilla in captivity to sire an offspring.

Now he's got his sights set on Mia Moja — whose name is Swahili for 100, because she was born on the zoo's 100th anniversary.

Mia Moja will be 6 years old next month. She was moved from her father's group into Willie B's group Thursday because she has entered puberty. She quickly made herself at home, following Willie B, staring at him provocatively and sitting in his lap.

Schaaf said the two have been intimate, but it may be months or even a year before Mia Moja is capable of conceiving. ■

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Finding the missing pieces of the universe



Dave Barry

I know you probably have a lot on your mind already, but you should be aware that 90 percent of the universe is missing. At least that's what astronomers are claiming. I personally wouldn't know. My only exposure to the universe was an astronomy course I took in my sophomore year at Haverford College (motto: "We Never Heard of YOU, Either"), and the only astronomical principle I learned was that, because of the rotation of the Earth about its axis, astronomy class started WAY too early in the morning to actually attend in person.

I needed to sleep late in college because I usually stayed up very late working with my roommates, Rob Stavis, Bob Stern and Ken Stover, on important academic projects such as ordering pizza or assembling the legendary Two-Man Submarine. This was a miniature submarine that we obtained by sending \$9.95 away to a company that advertised in Marvel comics. It came in a small, lightweight, very flat box, but when we assembled all

the parts, we had an actual working two-man submarine in every possible respect except that (1) The two men could not be in it simultaneously, and (2) being constructed entirely of cardboard, it was not ideally suited for the underwater environment.

But it was perfect for the dormitory environment. We used it to impress women. On Friday nights, we'd spray plenty of Right Guard brand deodorant in our armpits, then go over to Bryn Mawr College, pick up our hot dates and bring them back to our dormitory room, which was romantically illuminated by an orange flashing light that was originally part of a traffic barricade. The theory was that our dates would take one look at this flashing light reflecting off of the Two-Man Submarine and be driven wild with sexual desire. For reasons that are still not clear, this never happened. Maybe we didn't use enough Right Guard.

But the point is, what with one academic activity or another, I failed to learn much about the universe, or anything else, which is why I went into the field of journalism. We journalists make it a point to know very little about an extremely wide variety of topics; this is how we stay objective. We are also extremely impressed

with scientists, and we will, frankly, print just about any wacky thing they tell us, especially if it involves outer space.

For example, we're always printing stories about "black holes," even though nobody here in journalism (and we travel extensively) has ever actually seen a black hole, which is this alleged object that sucks everything into itself and never lets anything back out, like a vending machine, or Sen. Ted Kennedy. We journalists LOVE astounding astronomical things like that. If astronomers announced that they had detected, in a distant galaxy, by squinting really hard through their telescopes, a harmonica measuring 67 light-years across, we'd print this on the front page, with a little chart converting light-years to football fields so that you, the layperson, would have a better grasp of the story.

This is why many newspapers devoted front-page space to the story a couple of months ago—you may have seen this—reporting that two teams of astronomers who have been using the Hubble Space Telescope have announced that they're unable to locate 90 percent of the matter that's supposed to be in the universe.

Of course your immediate

reaction, as a layperson, is to say to these astronomers: "Of COURSE you've been unable to locate it, you idiots! You're using the Hubble Space Telescope, which needed \$500 million in repairs before it could distinguish between a star and a dead bug on the lens."

Well, I don't think we should be so harsh. If trained astronomers equipped with pocket protectors say that 90 percent of the universe is missing, then I say we should believe them, and I say we should help them find it. I'm guessing that a good 60 to 70 percent of it can be found in my office. I have accumulated a LOT of stuff over the years, including (I am not making any of this stuff up) 12 different types of beer (including "Bone Beer" and "Jumping Cow Amber Ale"); a can of pork brains in milk gravy; a year's supply of anti-flatulence products; several dozen miniature replicas of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile; a toy gun that makes rude bodily noises; and the entire preserved reproductive tract of a cow. (I'm saving this last item for exactly the right prank concept; it will probably involve Newt Gingrich.)

So let's say 65 percent of the universe is in my office; even when we add the 10 percent that the astronomers

found, we're still missing 25 percent. I don't know where it went, but I have a pretty good idea who is responsible: dogs. The person who tipped me off to this is Darrell Libby of Spokane, Wash., who wrote me a letter pointing out that, when dogs dig in yards, they produce holes, but they do NOT produce piles of dirt. There might be a little dirt lying around, but never enough to fill in the holes.

Darrell's theory is that "the dirt is being pawed into the ozone layer," or that "enough dirt is being tossed into the sky that another planet will be formed somewhere between Earth and Mars." Thanks to the Hubble astronomers, we know that this is not the case; a more logical explanation is that dogs have somehow figured out how to paw the dirt into (speaking of Newt Gingrich) a completely different dimension.

Clearly, they must be stopped before they paw the entire universe out of existence. This is a time for all humans to set aside their petty differences and join together to combat this deadly menace, each of us contributing what he or she can. I'll throw in some pork brains in milk gravy. ■

Dave Barry is a syndicated columnist. His column will normally appear on Mondays.

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your neighbor? (James 4:12 NIV) Where are these passages during protests?

I am a liberal because I don't believe that Republican economics are compatible with Christ's teachings. The Republicans shower the rich with gifts and benefits, such as their current plans to cut taxes for the rich and possibly revamp our income tax system into a national sales tax which will place an unfair burden on the poor. At the same time, they plot to cut or even abolish altogether our system of welfare. This love affair between the conservatives and the wealthy is

amusing at times, but much too costly for those in our society who truly need our help. And despite popular rhetoric, the poor not only need our help, they deserve it. We like to pretend that the only way people become poor in this country is through their own shortcomings. Maybe that myth helps us ease guilt off our shoulders by granting us moral superiority over those we wish to neglect. The poor have been stereotyped as lazy, inhuman, ungrateful leeches. Republicans would have us think that welfare mothers are all irresponsible, sex-crazed, baby-machines (when the average number of children in an AFDC household is only two). America despises them. But, as

Christians, we should seriously examine these ideas. When did aiding the poor become such a shameful aspiration? I believe that someone once said, "Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God." I can't imagine who would be so generous as to suggest just giving a whole kingdom away to a bunch of people who don't deserve it, but I think it was some long-haired liberal.

The religious right wants to create a Christian society. That means we must give love, and give it freely and unconditionally. If not, we may end up with a reactionary "Christian" society in name but not in deed. The heart of the matter is that in the end, politics will not answer our problems anyway. The

Republicans may be able to legislate morality, but they can never legislate spirituality. How can we preach loving Christianity to those we have beaten and bruised to get to the top?

Yes, our society has problems, but the answer will not be found in retreating dreamily to some lacy magnolia past. Yes, we need morality, but the question is not whether we've lost it, but whether we've ever honestly had it to begin with. I put no faith in tradition because tradition never has meant truth, as Jesus pointed out to the Pharisees. I say "good riddance" to traditional values. Maybe we can trade them in for some Christian ones. ■

Letters to the Editor

Reader explains Walking Horse quote

To The Editor:

In response to Mike Nunley's letter last week, I would like to explain the quote in the December article about the animal rights group.

First of all, as I am sure everyone is aware, articles are written in sound bite format by amateur journalists who do not use recording devices, but instead trust their memory and speed writing skills for quoting the people they interview. This very often leads to misquotations or quotations taken out of context.

When stating the cruel practices of inflicting pain in horses for show, I was specifically referring to conversations I have had with local horse trainers who when embarking on these practices were horrified. I do not doubt that anyone who loves horses, a trainer or otherwise, would detest these practices involving barbed wire and acid. Though it is true there are regulations against these practices, there are still trainers who get away with the abuse by using temporary pain killers on the horses so that they do not display their pain when being inspected.

I apologize if my statement indicated that all Tennessee Walking Horse trainers use these methods. I'm sure that many, including yourself, love the beautiful horses they work with.

Debra Jackson
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Thought For The Day

"Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground."

**-Frederick Douglass
abolitionist, journalist
(1857)**

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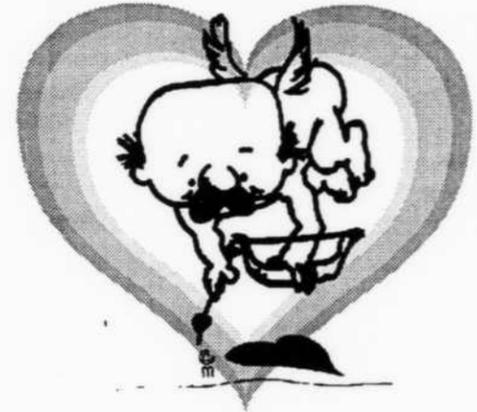
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