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Campus crime rate down in 1991: TBI

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MTSU is one of the safest campuses in Tennessee, show recent statistics released by state colleges and universities and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Statistics show that in most categories, campus crimes decreased during 1991 from the year before. In 1991 675 criminal offenses were reported at the university, compared with 689 reported in 1990.

Jack Drugmand, director of MTSU Public Safety and Security, said all Tennessee campuses are required to report monthly campus crimes to the TBI.

The order is mandated by Tennessee by the College and University Security Information Act of 1989. In 1990 the federal government began the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act

of 1990.

"We have to make known to students the facts," Drugmand said. "We have to let the public know what goes on on campus."

Drugmand said university schedule books will give campus security statistics for public view for calendar 1991. Statistics will be updated every three years.

Security officers answered 9,485 service calls a year ago, ranging from a security escort to a reported crime.

Among crime categories that had the most reported cases, the campus showed a decrease in numbers from the previous year.

For instance, last year 73 people were arrested for criminal offenses, while 107 people were arrested in 1990.

Thirty cases of burglary were
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Survey may rob student parking

SAM GANNON

News Editor

Students could stand to lose more than 100 parking spaces from the lot beside Smith Field pending the results of a feasibility study launched by the university's Traffic Committee.

The committee unanimously voted for the study to be conducted at its Jan. 23 meeting. The lot, across from the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building, is presently half student and half reserved faculty/staff. (The portion of the lot now reserved for staff and faculty was taken from student parking in spring of 1990.)

Results on the feasibility of the switch will be announced March 1, according to Jack Drugmand, director of Public Safety and Security.

The study was launched "to

accommodate the growing number of university employees," the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting stated.

However, SGA officials would like to prevent this action and passed Resolution 8-92-S, which opposes the redesignation of any student parking spaces until a parking garage is built.

"Lack of convenient parking is a concern to all students," the resolution stated.

"The reason why we're blocking this is that it's a lame excuse that they're using. Students are outpacing the growth of faculty and staff," said Shawn Burgess, SGA president.

"If we don't get it, there may be petitions and rallies," Burgess said.

The decision to research the redesignation of the spaces was
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Shelley Mays/Photographer

THE WINNER IS... Tia LaBelle sits and waits for ballots and a table to be delivered for Coming Home elections Wednesday.

MTSU's budget keeps shrinking

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A shrinking state budget could mean MTSU's 1992-93 budget will be funded at only 80 percent of what will be recommended to the state legislature, the director of the budget office told a group of concerned faculty and administrators Tuesday.

Ramona Taylor, budget director, presented an overview of the university's budget and how it operates to the Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW) at the group's budget overview workshop.

"The funding percentage has declined over the past several

years," Taylor said.

Taylor explained that the budgetary process is a complicated one, involving what the university would like to have, a funding formula devised by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), what the governor recommends and what the Tennessee General Assembly finally allocates.

This year's \$42.6 million appropriation represents only 85 percent of THEC's recommendation of \$49.9 million.

MTSU would be allocated \$53.4 million in 1992-93 if the THEC formula was at 100 percent.

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Black History Month events well-received: Minority Affairs

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Assistant News Editor

Although the Black History Month activities are still going on, thus far they have been well-received, Minority Affairs officials said.

"To this point, I think things are going well," Director of Minority Affairs Ralph Metcalf said. "I think things will get even better."

Brother Lucius Wallace of the Bradyville Road Church of Christ expressed similar feelings. "It has been very productive, and I have enjoyed it immensely," Wallace said.

Wallace served as guest speaker during celebrations in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and at a dance that opened Black History Month.

A number of events still remain on the calendar, beginning with

the Eagles Gospel Quartet performance Friday.

The quartet, actually made up of eight members, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of Wright Music Building. The group is from Birmingham, Ala., and has been together since 1938.

Elsewhere, Kappa Alpha Psi will sponsor the Sweetheart Ball from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Smyrna Town Center. Music will be furnished by a band.

Tickets are \$20 for singles and \$36 for couples. For more information, call Richard Smith at 898-5504.

In addition, a tribute to black history will be presented at halftime during Monday's MTSU basketball game against TSU. Speakers will be Honorary Chairperson Dr. E. James

Hindman and Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess.

"They will talk about the importance of black history, why we celebrate it, how it was developed and what it means to members of the MTSU campus," Metcalf said.

Despite favorable student turnouts at the earlier activities, Metcalf said this year's theme, "A Tribute to Our Fallen Warriors," has caused some confusion.

Some faculty members were concerned that a mistake had been made in printing the name of Jesse Jackson among the names of deceased black historical figures listed on the cover of the Black History month calendar.

"It's not that these people have all died or have gone on," Metcalf said. "It's just that they have passed the torch. What we are doing with the theme is ask that the torch be passed and that someone now be there to take up the challenge."

"We ask that the young look at this and say 'What am I going to do to continue the struggle,'" Metcalf said.

"It should be an excellent program. It's going to be something that everybody should attend if they have an opportunity to," Metcalf said.

Campus Capsule

Today

Data Processing Management Association, meeting, 4:30 p.m., Kirksey Old Main 200, call Tevin Bernarding at 848-0781.

Any student interested in serving on a Student Government Association campus committee, applications available in Keathley University Center 304.

Valentine balloon sale, Alpha Kappa Psi, orders will be taken at the bottom of the KUC, deliveries will be made Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, on-campus orders only.

Hare Krishna club, meditation and discussion, 6 p.m., KUC 312, call Adi-Purusa das 896-3425.

College Republicans, meeting, 6:30 p.m., KUC 316, call Jason Whatley Ext. 3976.

Elections for "Outstanding Professor in the College of Business," Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., lobby of KOM, call Jon Owen 890-1586 [also on Friday].

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day party, Catholic Student Center, 8 p.m., 1023 N. Tennessee Blvd., call 896-6074.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Catholic Student Center, mass, 7 p.m., Saint Rose Church, a van will be available behind the KUC at 6:45 p.m. to provide transportation.

Other Campus Events

Women's History Month, essay contest, \$100 cash prize, deadline Feb. 21, call Angela Hague Ext. 2579.

It's Only a Play, Buchanan Players, 8 p.m., Feb. 11-15 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16, Arena Theatre, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, \$4 general admission (free to MTSU with valid ID) Reservations: Ext. 2716.

English Department, tutoring lab, noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:40-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, appointments can be made in Peck Hall 324.

Any student interested in starting a chapter of National Press Photographers Association (NPPA), call Chris Harris, 898-2841.

Campus Crimes

Vandalism/Theft: William B. Paton reported on Feb. 3 that his dorm room in Gore Hall had been broken into and three cassette tapes and three bottles of cologne had been taken.

Theft: The vending machine in Gore Hall lobby was found broken into on Feb. 8. Items still in the machine were taken out and placed in safe keeping.

Burglary to Auto: Brett Beauregard reported on Jan. 29 his vehicle had been broken into while it was parked in the Bell

Street lot and his stereo and 15 cassette tapes had been taken.

False Fire Alarm: The fire alarm in Smith Hall had been accidentally pulled on Feb. 6 while two residents were standing by the alarm talking.

Threats to Officer: While checking identification in the Murphy Athletic Center, an officer was threatened on Feb. 7 by a former student.

Trespass Warning: Arthur T. Tyson Jr. was issued on Feb. 8 a written trespass warning.

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Survey

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 unanimously decided upon by the committee. Members of the committee who were present included Dr. George Kerrick, English; Dan Reynolds, accounting; Connie Shirley, School of Liberal Arts; Dr. Gene Strobel, biology; Terrence Sundeen, developmental studies; Jim Brooks, speech and theatre; and Drugmand.

There were no students present at the meeting, although there are two student spots on the committee.

Tracy Seaman and Brian Taylor, the student representatives who were absent from the meeting, were relieved of their duties.

Budget

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"But it looks like we are going to be funded at about 80 percent of the THEC recommendation," Taylor said.

Unless the legislature decides otherwise, MTSU should receive \$43.06 million in appropriations from the state — almost \$10 million less than what it would receive under a 100-percent THEC plan.

Gov. Ned McWherter had recommended a \$47.5 million appropriation based on a 3 percent income tax, still less than the THEC recommendation. MTSU should receive the almost \$43.1 million unless legislature fails to fully fund the budget.

The budget process is an ongoing process, Taylor said, which begins on campus at the departmental level and proceeds up the ladder to vice presidents, the presidents and then to THEC.

The formula includes expenditures, which cover the university's instruction and academic support, maintenance and operation of the physical plant, institutional support, student services, research and other functions.

MTSU debators defeat Vanderbilt

From Staff Reports

The MTSU Forensics Squad did well during the Feb. 7-8 State Championships in Debate and Individual Events in Nashville.

In varsity debate the team of Jonathan Vedamuthu and Peter Demos finished first. Vedamuthu, a junior political science major from Murfreesboro, compiled a 4-2 record in preliminary competition.

In the semifinals Vedamuthu and Demos defeated Vanderbilt on a 2-1 decision before a panel of argumentation scholars from David Lipscomb, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

Vedamuthu was also named top speaker in the field of 28 competitors.

In novice debate MTSU also claimed first-place honors by beating Vanderbilt.

The team of Charles Helbling, a sophomore economics major from Brentwood, and Chasity Wilson, a freshman from LaVergne, compiled a 4-2 record.

Helbling and Wilson were named second and third best speakers, respectively, in novice debate.

Artrell Harris, a senior speech and theatre major from Nashville, garnered first place honors in after-dinner speaking in the individual events competition. Harris is a transfer student from Tennessee State

University.

Bonnie McLain and Marcie Sanders, both from Memphis, advanced to the final round of dramatic duo interpretation. McLain is a sophomore speech and theatre major and Sanders a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

The squad has won more than 30 awards at competitions at Otterbein College, University of Missouri, and Miami of Ohio, Carroll and Appalachian State universities.

Future tournaments planned include the Southeastern championships at the University of Montevallo in Alabama and the nationals at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The squad is coached by Dr. Russell T. Church, professor of Speech and Theatre and Peg McCree, instructor in Speech and Theatre.

Church is president of the Cross Examination Debate Association, the nation's largest intercollegiate debate association.

Crime

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 reported, down from the 38 in 1990, and the number of thefts in 1991 dropped to 224 cases reported, compared with 257 the year before.

"This (arrests) includes burglary and drunkenness," Drugmand said. "There has not been any rape or any murder reported."

Campus crime did increase in certain areas, however. Liquor law violations, motor vehicle thefts and weapons were areas that showed increases.

Thirty-eight cases of liquor law violations were reported in 1991, up one from 1990. The violations include the campus policy prohibiting alcohol, campus drunkenness or driving under the influence on campus.

The number of reported cases of motor vehicle thefts was 13 last year, up from nine the year before.

Weapons present on campus

rose, with three reported cases in 1991. One case was reported in 1990.

In addition, Drugmand said there were five reported cases of drug violations last year. Campus security forwards these particular cases to the Rutherford County Drug Task Force.

"Whenever there are drugs on campus, it usually is not limited to the MTSU campus," Drugmand said. "It's coming from somewhere."

"We have pros (the drug task force) to deal with it," Drugmand said.

Although there are crimes occurring on campus, the security department has an 86.22 percent clearance rate with every violation it has dealt, the TBI reported. And Drugmand likes to boast about these figures.

"I believe that is the highest [rate] in the state system," Drugmand said. "We're more than ticket writers. We help keep your campus safe."

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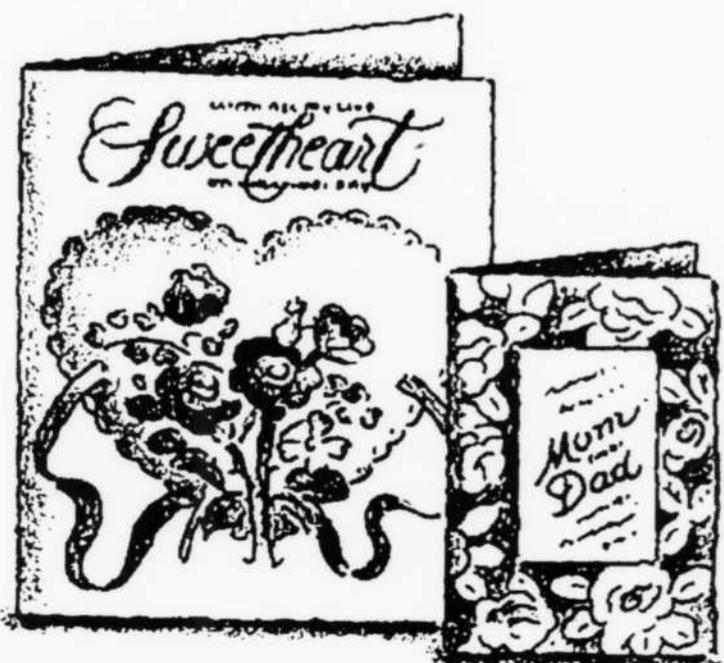
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Student parking spaces on the brink of extinction

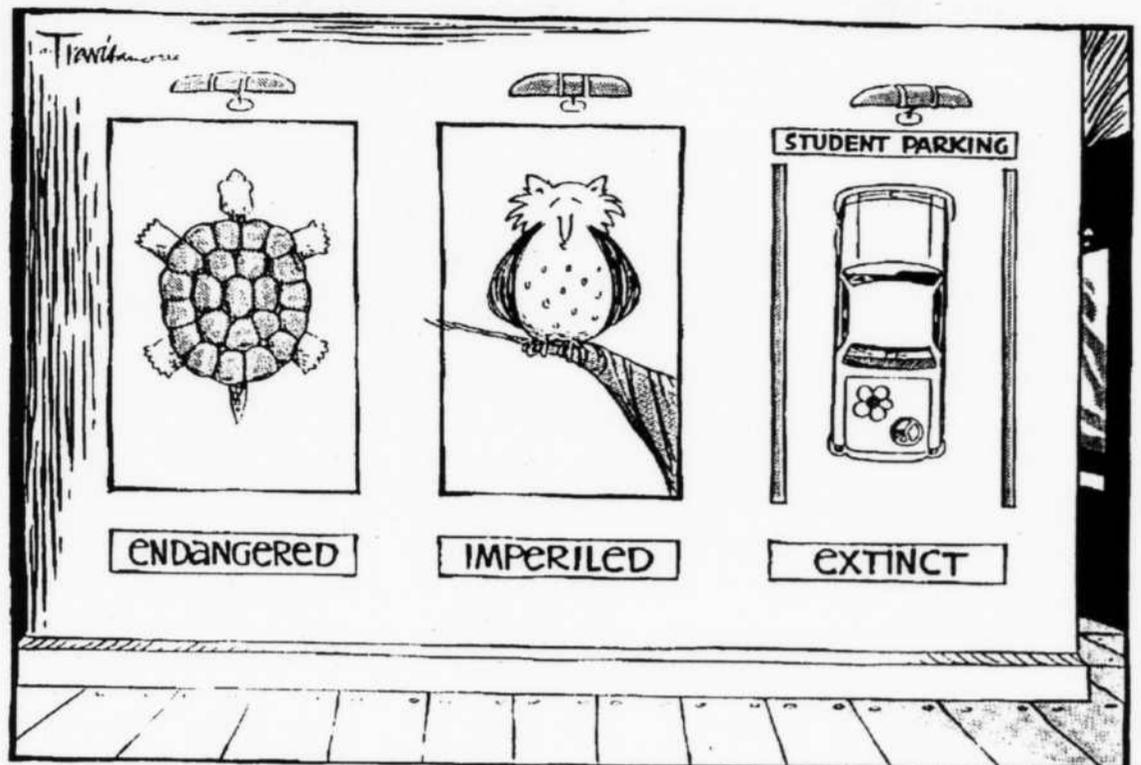
If MTSU student parking were an animal, it would be on the endangered species list. Over the past few years, it has been preyed upon by its faculty and staff counterparts and displaced from its natural habitat. The rapid elimination is bordering extinction.

Yet another assault could be launched against the creature in the near future. Last week, the university's Traffic Committee voted to study the further cut back on its population. The lot between Smith Field and the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building, partially annexed for faculty parking earlier, may become completely off-limits to students. The transition would take place July 1 and will involve the loss of approximately 100 student spaces.

The failed reasoning for this action was to accommodate the increased population of faculty. Did I miss something? There were some new employees last semester, but in much of 1991 the university was saddled with a hiring freeze. Meanwhile, the student population has seen a steady increase. Enrollment figures for spring show 14,801 students, almost 900 more than last year's total. Surely the number of faculty members hasn't grown anywhere near that level.

The issue could have been completely avoided if the two student representatives appointed to the committee would have been responsible enough to attend the meeting. Our voices on the matter were not heard because these people were negligent in their duties.

Luckily, it's not yet too late for students to stop the potential injustice. The results of the survey will be announced March 1, so there's plenty of time to let the powers-that-be know how you feel. Don't let student parking become the spotted owl of MTSU.



Students need safe sex with style

We don't need condoms. We need condom machines.

In October, the Student Government Association decided that condom machines should be installed in every residence dorm on campus.

But in late January, Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, decided not to implement the SGA resolution. He claimed to agree with the SGA in subject but not in method and cited the fact that condoms are available free to students at Health Services here on campus.

True. But Health Services isn't open at night. Students have the brains to use family planning devices even if they don't have the foresight to plan ahead and pick up a dozen or so condoms during the day.

Besides, condom machines are more private. Students have the right to sermonize about safer sex without possessing the gumption to go in person and take condoms from the counter.

PAT DIXON Guest Columnist

Condom machines definitely should be installed here on campus. Obviously the administration doesn't understand the gravity of the situation.

This has nothing to do with AIDS or unwanted pregnancy. Condom machines don't prevent the spread of AIDS. Condoms do. And as LaLance pointed out, those are available on campus — free to all — no questions asked.

But there is much, much more at stake than lives.

The real reason condom machines are necessary can be summed up in one word: fashion.

Everyone knows it's hip and cool to sell rubbers at school. It was pointed out in the Jan. 27 issue of *Sidelines* that East Tennessee State, Vanderbilt and even some California high schools have condom machines.

We are simply terminally behind the times without them.

Does LaLance want to be employed at a school that doesn't keep up with the trends?

Hey, guys, this is the 90s. Get hip to the times. You not only need to practice safe sex, but do it with a crocodile-ribbed sock bought from your very own school condom machine.

We are the Pepsi Generation, and we must make our statement. Free condom are not enough. Soon, even condom machines will be passe'.

The student body should throw those lousy free condoms into the administration's face. We should stop at nothing until we get our due.

We must whine and moan until LaLance himself inflates a giant latex hot air balloon and drifts over the campus throwing French ticklers and extra-large glow-in-the-dark slickers to all the students.

Now that would be a fashion statement.

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Catching up to the man in the wheelchair

Tony and Mitch, my two roommates, are in wheelchairs, but they are not to be pitied. They are to be envied. For despite their physical handicaps, they are mentally and emotionally the healthiest and most well-adjusted people I know. In fact, they may be the only sane people I know. They are happy just to be alive, things that bother you or me don't bother them, they accept their situation with calm courage while we run around plagued with our petty problems, fighting our meaningless battles. What we take for granted they appreciate, they know better than we what's important.

Tony has said he has never

DAVID RANDOLPH Guest Columnist

had a bad day since his accident. Tony and Mitch, and other people like them, have survived and mastered a life-crisis the likes of which most of us will never see, although it could happen to you or me at anytime.

Could you or I handle such a profound shift in consciousness with such distinction as they? For they have transformed and reshaped disaster and despair. Amid a crucible of pain, they have been born again. So when Tony hits second gear in his automated wheelchair or Mitch speeds down an incline, I'm not

ashamed to say that I have to run to keep up with the man in the wheelchair. For metaphorically, as well as literally, they are so much further up the path than I or anyone else I know. For while we crawl beneath our real or imagined burdens, Tony and Mitch have legs, strong, spiritual legs which we can only dream about or pretend to have.

And they carry their cross with the power and the dignity of demigods if not angels. So you can turn to the preacher, the teacher or the swami if you're looking for inspiration and guidance, but me, I'm racing to catch up to the man in the wheelchair.

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LOVE

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Love means something different to everyone—yet it's a feeling spoken of in universal terms. Love is the one thing we all have in common. We want to be loved. But first we need to understand that the ability to love is what actually delivers dreams to our doorstep.

Sincere giving, not reward seeking, is the quality that separates the average from the extraordinary. If you're fortunate enough during your short time here to find a friend who cares for you, accepts you for who you are, thinks of you when you're hurting and shares your tears as if they were their own, then showing appreciation by giving of your time and yourself seems a natural progression of events.

But sometimes you're made to feel like you're living in the dark ages if you still want to take a hot meal to a friend who is sick. Maybe you're the kind of person who just naturally sends thank-you cards in return for acts of kindness. If you take

the hot meal or send the thank-you card hoping for chips to cash in down the line, then it isn't really giving. The act of giving is dependent on sincerity of thought.

Don't apologize for being a giver. You may be misinterpreted and accusations of insincerity hurt. Sure, you can go overboard. You can make people feel guilty. But that guilt is usually based on something else. Some people can't give in return, and as a result, cannot accept acts of kindness. You can still care about takers but it's emotionally risky business.

Then there's the reward. When you can look past a person's handicaps to see the underlying healthy layers, you feel proud of yourself. When you can toss aside unattractive qualities in a person because the good ones are struggling to emerge, then you feel a sense of satisfaction. An open mind is requisite to loving.

Somewhere in time things went wrong. The basic qualities our grandparents felt were important in a person don't seem priority anymore. Career goals and living habits, appearance and popularity took over the priority list. Givers, however, don't seem as concerned with what a person has to offer materially. Givers want to give to someone who is kind, thoughtful, considerate, honest, respectful and hard working.

Unfortunately, reality exists. The world isn't a place full of nothing but givers. We don't run around tossing rose petals at the feet of our fellow man. There are complications and challenges to love. It can hurt as well as heal. It can be frustrating. We may question our motives when we start to feel the pain inherent in not receiving anything in return. We're only human though. Common sense should tell you when giving has gone awry.

In the end, we need to realize that love comes in many forms. Those forms, however, don't usually make their way to people who have not yet mastered the art of loving first.

Loving also comes in many forms. You may love others silently or loudly, passionately or meekly. It's personal and only you can map out the course you want to take. You make mistakes. You often misjudge people. You may even re-define your concept of love along the way and change your method of loving accordingly.

Love isn't found at the end of a nice straight path. It's usually found at the end of a maze. And everyone knows you don't necessarily have to be brilliant or perfect or wealthy or attractive to find your way to the end of a maze—you must be patient and persistent, the two qualities all givers have in common.

That is, of course, in addition to an over abundance of love, the giver's reward for reaching the end of the maze.

Teamwork, respect secret to marriage

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

"I couldn't tell you much about the way the world is today. It's a new age, a new world, a new doings, and I'm afraid it's beyond my mental comprehension to know just exactly what the changes are."

Lula West

Lula West is 91 years old. The values she lives by were developed in a different era. She may not understand the fast life we live in today but she has earned the right to talk about one thing—love.

This Valentine's Day will be a difficult one for Lula. She spent the last 71 Valentine's Days with her husband Carl. This year Carl is spending the day in a better place, and Lula will be on her

own for the first time at the Boulevard Terrace Nursing Home as she mends a broken arm and a temporarily wounded spirit.

At the age of 97, Carl passed away in December and Lula says part of her died with him. Unable to attend Carl's services because she was in the hospital recovering from pneumonia, Lula endured a loss that most of us cannot comprehend.

"He was friendly, courteous, and gentlemanly," Lula explains. "I don't quite know how to explain it. We just liked each other."

Love today has become so complicated. Love in Lula's day was simpler. She never speaks of fireworks or excitement. She talks of basic qualities that make a person special.

"Carl was always humble. You can ask anyone who knew him," Lula says as she breaks

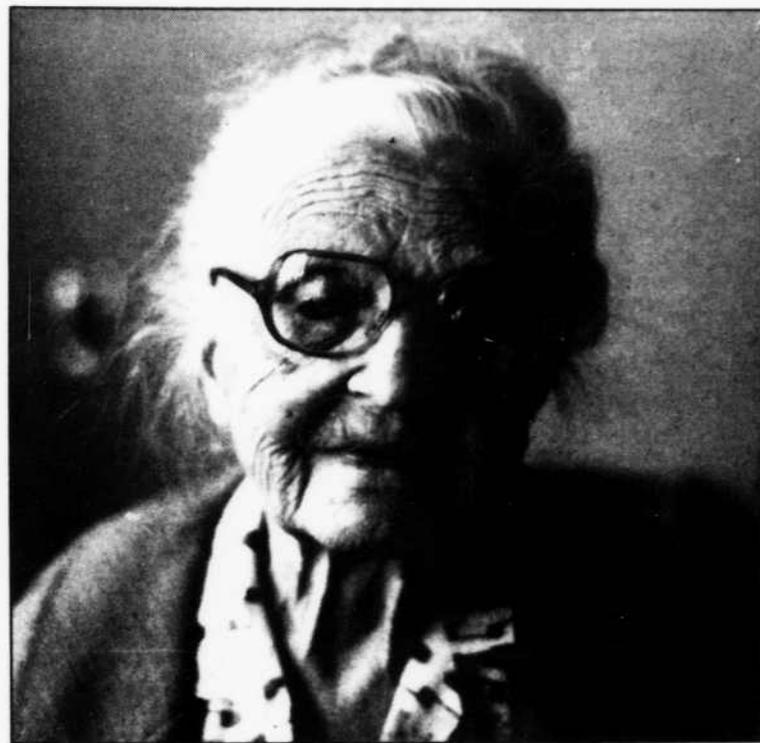
into a small grin. "He was congenial and easy to get along with so we got along just fine," this lovely lady continues.

Lula and Carl's marriage was based on respect and teamwork and living within their means, she relates.

"Whatever we decided to do, why generally we decided it together. We were a team. We lived conservatively because we were just a young couple trying to make our way in the world," Lula concedes.

Lula seems to understand the pressure young people are faced with today, and she compares the economy now to the depression of the 30s when she and Carl were young married team.

This petite gray-haired woman empathizes with couples trying to earn a living today. "I know it's hard for young people when they can't get a job or sufficient wages. Maybe they're



Fern Greenbank/Photographer

LOVE EXPERT: Married almost 72 years, Lula West, 91, shares some of her wisdom with the 'young folks.'

married and have their first child or their second. I think sometimes that the cause of so many divorces. People can't make ends meet and it causes problems."

Having come from a time

when women did not work, Lula still believes that a mother needs to be with her children. "Most people my age—and there are

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Buchanan Players offer insight into theatre life

Theatre people. You can't live with them, you can't live without them. We sometimes put them up on a pedestal. But aren't they human? What happens when you get a group of them together after the opening night of a new play?

Dale McGilliard brings us an insight into the oh, so unstable lives (and careers) of such a group in the Buchanan Players' production of "It's Only A Play" by Terrence McNally.

Set in what passes for a bedroom in a swank New York apartment (good job Todd Seage), we get an intimate look into what the tension of waiting

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for reviews does to the director, the playwright, the leading lady and their friends.

I don't know if McGilliard has ever been to one of the opening night parties in New York, but he has captured the essence of such an event with astounding precision.

The cast are almost perfect characters.

Lee Ann Myers does a good job playing the "amateur dilettante rich bitch" who wants

to "play theatre!" T.J. Smith is quite funny as a no-talent, would-be actor (who can not sing) who pays the rent by working as a waiter. (Sound familiar?)

Mary Lisa Bailless is close to the perfect New York taxi driver, coarse and loud. Strangely enough, she almost acts as the deus ex machina who...well, you'll see.

Jamie Webb is the insecure, kleptomaniac director who gives a very convincing portrayal of the New York/Chicago stereotype. And, of course, Mike Reed, the critic (we're a strange bunch) played in a nerdy, obnoxious, love-to-hate-him manner.

Bill Williams is quite good as James Wicker, the playwright's best friend. Williams brings out the sarcasm and bitterness that Hollywood often feels toward the New York theatre crowd. Good job!

Rebecca Ruck gets my award for best actress in this play. Ruck plays a sassy, bawdy, risqué and mostly shallow leading lady. Perfect! And wait until you see her costume (yay, Shannon Rowlett).

Considering this is a student play, it is only fair to overlook the fact that everyone is so young. Except when it is too apparent, as is the case with Shaun Sammons.

Sammons did good work but his character seemed to lack the maturity that being older gives one.

Over all, "It's Only a Play," but it's fun! Guaranteed to make you laugh. I strongly recommend you go see it.

"It's Only A Play" runs tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Arena Theatre (Boutwell Dramatic Arts). Admission is free to students with a valid MTSU ID, but you should make reservations. For more information, call 898-2716.

From one heart to another

Dear Michael Tate,

I hope our loving relationship lasts a lifetime! Happy Valentine's Day sweetheart!

I love you,
Wendy

Sweetness-

You are the greatest! I love you forever and ever, amen.

-George
P.S. Be my Valentine!

Antonio,
Be my Valentine
Kay!!!!
Hi-Five!!!
But seriously,
Be my Valentine
Today,
Tomorrow
and for days to come.
Love you,
Dedra

Punkin',
I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU
I almost forgot...
I LOVE YOU
Happy Valentine's Day
-Shelia

Buck,
Here's to a third Valentine's Day together! I want you to know what an important part of my life you have become. I hope that we can be this much in love in the years to come.
I Love You,
Rachel

Lana,
Happy Valentine's Day! I'm so happy we're finally up where we belong!
I will always love you,
Jason

Jason,
You mean so much to me, and I love you very very much. Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Lana

EI,
SURPRISE! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART! YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME!

Bryant (Nicks Hall)
Thank you for loving me, always standing beside me, for being my strength, and my live. I am proud to be marrying you.
Love always,
Pam

"PITY, HATE IT!" If our friends at Shooter's don't have a Happy Valentine's Day! (We know we will!)
-Jennifer and Scott

To: TROY AND TONY
There is always a special occasion for special people. Both of you are very special to me and I love you both. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!
From: A SPECIAL FRIEND

Chanda,
1-2 I love you
3-4 You melt my core
5-6 I'm in a fix
7-8 I need a date
9-10 Don't let it end
Love ?

Gary,
I Love You! You're my sweetheart. Happy Valentine's Day. Happy 26th Birthday! Here's to our 2nd year Anniversary!
Love,
Michelle

Chief Big Bootie and ASB,
I love my baby,

Oh yes I do,
Give me a smoochy,
And some lovin', too!
Love,
TB and UTB

To Artina
I will take your heart
I will take your soul out of your body
As though I were God
I will not be satisfied
With the little words you say to me.
I will not be satisfied
With the touch of your hand
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I will take your heart for mine
I will take your soul
I will be God when it comes to you.
--Langston Hughes

To Dayton (Moon):
The time already spent with you has been very special for me. Spending Valentine's Day together will be even more special. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
Mia

Esperanza (Hope) tu roisas mi corazon ? Por favor estas mi amor?
Con amor,
Rechocho (Stumpy)

To Stud Puppy also known as Love Chunks:
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Dr. Jane Williams!
From your best pal
Glemri

Moola
loves
Her King
F.K.A.

Marc,
Thank you for giving me the love of a lifetime. You'll never know how much you mean to me. I'm counting the six months and 23 days until Sept. 5! Love you!
Forever,
Heather

Blade,
We've been through some rough times together and I'm so glad we stuck it out. You mean the world to me and I know we've got things started out right this time! Keep looking up! I love you!
-Your little fella

Cuddle Bunny,
Happy Valentine's Day!

I love you!
Rudy
Jennifer,
I honestly love you and care about you. You're wonderful.
-The Older Gentleman in Your Life

My darling Charlie-
It's not a cabin in Colorado
Nor a rosebush by the sea,
But Tennessee gives my heart
peace and beauty
As long as you love here with me.
Babe

Melissa Leann Nokes,
These past five months have been the best of my life. This summer will be yours. Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday!
I Love You,
Jim Augustine

Brett,
I love you, poothead. I hope the rest of our lives are as happy as the first six years have been.
I Love You!
Shanna

Dave,
I love you, baby. You mean the world to me and I'm glad you're mine. Happy Valentine's Day from you girlfriend and future wife.
I Love You!
Tracy

To my LOVE that I LOVE so dear.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Christy Latham.
Love,
Tim

My Dearest Erik,
You are the spice of my life. "Keep on coming." By the way, would you be my Valentine?
Love you,
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Love

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very few left, don't think the girls ought to work at all when they're married," admits Lula. But at the same time, she's willing to admit that one income is hardly enough to get by anymore.

Money wasn't a key player when Lula was a young girl. Friendship was. Instead of spending a lot of money on courting, young people got together for box suppers, ice cream socials, church activities, Christmas tree trimming parties and picnics.

A young man told Lula recently that he couldn't afford to have a girlfriend because he didn't have enough money to go to a dance and buy a corsage. "I never had a corsage," says Lula. "It wasn't important.

The whole issue of men and women and the equal right's movement is something foreign to Lula. She had the good fortune to spend 71 years with a man who she said never made her feel inferior.

"I don't know whether to agree or disagree with them. I guess they're trying to be equal to men, but most men, if they love their wives, don't think they are far above them," Lula explains. Carl must have loved Lula a lot because they were equals.

"Whatever it was were talking about, if I thought I knew better, then Carl agreed. If he thought he knew better, then I would agree." This mutual respect may be the secret of Lula and Carl's 71 years together.

"I wouldn't want people to think that just because I was

going to be in the paper that I built Carl up as an angel who sprouted wings," Lula says with concern. "But the truth is, so many people have said to me, 'he's one in a million.'"

"One in a million" is an appropriate way to describe Lula, too. It's hard to find people who are firmly rooted in basic values. She saw Carl as her best friend, as a humble man with a big giving heart, as a hard worker and provider, as a husband and an inspiration. The process of aging over a 71-year marriage was subtle and unnoticed by Carl and Lula. As the world changed around them, their marriage continued to be stable.

If you could ask Carl what he loved about Lula, he would probably say the same things about her that she says about him. Love in this case was genuine love based on all the right things.

Carl and Lula had one daughter, of whom they were quite proud. Evelyn, unlike her mother, attended college and went on to study at Harvard.

Retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Evelyn now lives in Lexington, Ky.

Out of love comes love. Lula and Carl had more than enough to give to each other, and they passed it on to Evelyn. Every person that comes in contact with Lula walks away feeling a little bit loved, too.

Lula said she doesn't feel she has the right to give advice to others about how to conduct their personal affairs. She doesn't have to lecture. Her life and her marriage to Carl for 71 years speaks louder than words.

"I don't know how to explain it," Lula said. "You just feel like you are part of them, like you're one."

On this Valentine's Day, Lula won't have Carl with her. She says that as long as her memory holds out, she will probably always hurt from the loss. Maybe that loss can be eased just a little bit for Lula if she knows her example reinforces to others what is important on Valentine's Day—love. Sometimes we get wrapped up in the flowers and the candy and the cards. But Lula and Carl never forgot what love really meant. They didn't shout it from the rooftops one day a year, they whispered it to each other every day for 71 years. "Seventy-one years and three months," Lula corrects.

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Sports

Real Raiders return, down Eagles

Roberts 53 point performance not enough, Big Blue ready for Tech

SCOTT HASSLER
Sports Writer

MTSU's men's basketball team found itself between a rock and a hard place Monday night.

After a loss Saturday at Eastern Kentucky, the Blue Raiders needed to win at Morehead State to remain in the Ohio Valley Conference race.

Although it wasn't easy, the Raiders responded to the pressure and defeated the Morehead Eagles, 92-85, to improve their overall record to 12-8 and 6-4 in the OVC.

"It was a heck of a game," MTSU mentor David Farrar said. "We defended great in the first half and very good in the second half, and that was the difference in the game."

"Our backs were to the wall. I gave the kids a challenge, and they really responded."

The game was a constant struggle against the Eagles' offensive attack. MTSU found itself up by as many as 12 points, yet the Raiders knew Morehead would make a run because it has a reputation for doing such.

Sure enough, that push came,

Lady Raiders anxious to see tennis action

TONY ARNOLD
Sports Editor

After months of practice, the Lady Raider tennis squad is anxious for some fresh competition.

Meanwhile, head coach Dale Short is excited to see what the players can do.

The Lady Raiders start the spring season as the two-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champions. They begin their goal of a third consecutive crown Friday afternoon.

"We're eager to play," Short said. "We're sick of playing each other. I feel we're prepared, and although it's going to be tough, we're anxious to get going and see where we stand."

MTSU will begin the season at the Quadrangular held at the University of Auburn. It will play Auburn on Friday, Mobile College on Saturday and Southern Mississippi on Sunday.

"All three teams are very good," Short said. "Auburn is

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"We will be prepared, and we're going to give them a little treat." - MTSU Lady Raider center Priscilla Robinson

and Middle's lead was trimmed to as few as two.

Senior forward Brett Roberts of Morehead paced the Eagles, for he was a one-man show. During the first half Roberts had 22 of Morehead's 35 points.

Roberts continued his torrid shooting in the second half, and he finished the game with 53

points. His point performance was the Morehead school record and fell two short of the OVC record.

MTSU was not going to get beat that easily by one man, though.

The Raiders responded to every Eagle challenge. Warren Kidd was a terror on the boards

for the Raiders, collecting 17 rebounds and scoring 25 points to help secure the Raider victory.

"The kids really used Warren tonight," Farrar said. "Two weeks ago against Morehead he really didn't play that well."

Jeff Hunter also helped the Raiders out, scoring eight points, including two clutch baskets

down the stretch.

"I couldn't take the shots without the guys picking and moving," Hunter said. "My man double-teamed a lot, and that left me open. I nailed the shots, and they fell for me."

Aside from the individual efforts, the Raiders were able to pull out the victory because they hit their free throws, which they haven't always done this season.

"If we hadn't have made our free throws, we wouldn't have one the game," Raider guard Robert Taylor said. "We have our confidence back now after losing two straight OVC games. We go back home now, and we'll take each game one at a time."

With less than six minutes remaining, Middle only led by three, and it seemed as though the Eagles might pull out the victory in their home gym.

However, a technical foul by Morehead head coach Dick Fink gave the Blue Raiders a little breathing room. The technical was also the coach's second, ejecting him from the game.

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Bouncing Back

Lady Raiders defeat Morehead in OT

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

One might have thought the Lady Raider basketball team would have a tough time preparing for Morehead State.

After an 82-75 defeat Saturday at Eastern Kentucky, MTSU had seemingly lost all hopes of an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

With that in mind, getting ready for the Lady Eagles didn't appear an easy task.

But then again, one can always count on Priscilla Robinson coming to play. The Lady Raider sophomore turned in her usual performance with 31 points and carried Middle to a 81-76 overtime victory.

"It really wasn't that hard getting ready," Robinson said. "Only the top four teams in the conference go to the tournament, and we want to be there."

"Priscilla carried us in the first half, but they made it tougher for us to get the ball inside to her when they went zone in the second half," MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens said. "But

our inside game definitely was the key tonight."

In the first half, Robinson accounted for 19 of her team's 28 points as the Lady Raiders went into the locker room tied. Six other points came from Bivens' forwards while the outside game was only credited with three, a 3-pointer from Kristi Brown.

"Our guards did a good job getting the ball inside," Robinson said. "Our outside people did a good job when they started to shut down the inside, especially near the end of the game."

With the game being a see-saw battle throughout the second half, the Lady Raider team realized that someone else was going to have to take a load off Robinson.

Morehead found a way to keep the ball out of her hands, yet then it was MTSU's other inside force that proved to be a difference.

Niki Bonner hasn't been performing up to standards recently, although Monday the

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Tony Arnold/photographer

DEFENSE: MTSU's Julie Morrison and Shana Wright try to block the path of a Morehead Lady Eagle during the Lady Raiders win Monday.

Blue Raider tracksters set records in Indiana

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU track teams competed the past weekend at the University of Indiana in what turned out to be a successful meet for each.

Although there were no overall team rankings, MTSU's track teams proved they could compete against Southeast Conference schools such as the universities of Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, and Mississippi State.

"Both the men and women had

a stronger showing in a very large field than at Ohio State last weekend," coach Dean Hayes said. "Over 30 men's and women's teams competed, and it was the biggest crowd in 10 years."

Several members of the track teams had outstanding performances, some of them setting school or personal records.

All-American Roland McGhee won the long jump in 25-11, a National Collegiate Athletic Association qualifying distance. Freshman Micah Otis

jumped 24-6 1/2 for third place, and football player Vince Parks had a 23-7 jump.

In the triple jump, sophomore Jacquie Brown continued to improve, jumping 40-7 for third place. That distance was her personal best as well as a school record. Brown also finished sixth in the long jump with 19-2.

Ohio Valley Conference champion Veronica Tipton finished third in the high jump with a 5-3 3/4 jump.

In the 55-meter hurdle finals, Otis was clocked at 7.29, his best time as well as a possible school record. Koko Rowley and Latonia Jackson also had strong races by placing second (7.97) and fifth (8.14).

In the 55-meter dash finals, McGhee and iron grid star Walter "Shadow" Dunson both ran a personal best 6.30 seconds to place second and third, respectively. Dunson also qualified for the finals of the 200 meters.

Freshman Everett Jolley placed fifth in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:22.02. Linda Brewer qualified for the finals of the 600 but did not run because of an injury.

Freshman Jeff Lingwall ran a strong 5,000-meter race. His time of 15:28.8 was his personal best by 11 seconds and should put him in a position to challenge for the OVC title, Hayes said.

In the relay events, the

women's 4 x 800 team of Sharon Smith, Karen Barnes, Leigh Weathers, and Dianne DeOliveira finished second behind the Lady Wildcats. Their time of 9:26.6 was a school record.

In addition, the relay team of Barnes, Nadrian McGill, Smith, and DeOliveira finished second to the Lady Volunteers in the distance medley with a 10:22.46.

The Raiders' mile relay team of Chris Layne, Tom Hampton, Terry Townsend and Carlos Gupton qualified for the finals. The men placed second overall with a time of 3:18.33.

Hayes said he was pleased with the teams' performances.

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sophomore forward showed signs she was back.

"I've been in a slump since we got beat at Tech, but I'm starting to gain confidence every game," Bonner said. "My shots haven't been falling, and that threw me off.

"But I knew that they would crack down on Priscilla, and I also knew that I had to make some buckets."

On that note Bonner went to work, netting 15 second-half

points, and the outside game began to get involved. The Lady Eagles would not let up, though.

With 4:33 remaining, Sherry Tucker drained a 3-pointer to give Middle a 66-62 lead. Julie Magrane answered the call with a lay-up at the other end, but Bonner came through again, returning the favor with a short turn-around jumper that was the last field goal in regulation.

Neither team could put the ball in the hole, and a free-throw shooting contest took place.

Morehead managed to pull even at 70-70 with :18 seconds left, yet Middle was unable to get off a good shot in the closing seconds of regulation, so the contest went to overtime.

"We did a poor job at Eastern in the final three minutes, and we didn't do a good job tonight," Bivens said. "I thought we did a good job in the overtime, though, and we got some big buckets from Sherry Tucker."

Tucker, a true freshman,

stepped forward with two big jumpers to give the Lady Raiders a lead they would not relinquish.

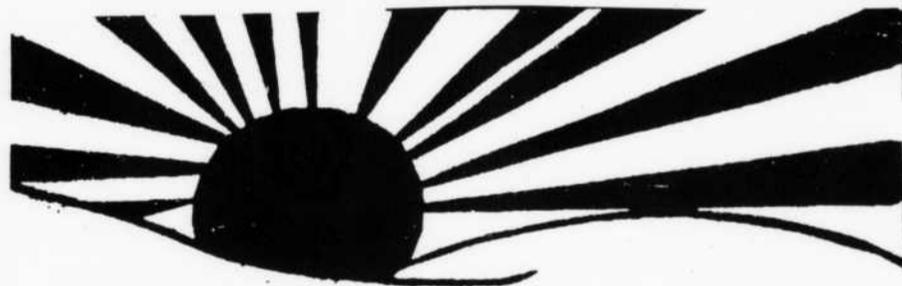
The win improved their mark to 16-7 overall, 7-3 in the OVC. Morehead dropped to 8-13, 3-7 in conference action.

While Middle was led by Robinson's performance, Bonner chipped in with 19, including a game-high 11 rebounds. Maggie Cox added 11 while Tucker netted 10.

MTSU returns to action Saturday when the Lady Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech come to town for a 5:30 p.m. contest. Tech leads the OVC and dished the Lady Raiders one of their conference losses earlier in the season.

"We should have won that game," Robinson said. "We just didn't get started like we would have liked, and we couldn't get back on top.

"Saturday, we will be prepared, and we're going to give them a little treat."



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Still, Morehead would not give in. Even with defenders draped on him, Roberts found ways to get the hoops and his 3-pointer with :53 seconds left narrowed the Raider margin to three.

But that's as close as the Eagles got because the Raider defense held true down the stretch run, giving MTSU an emotional win.

"This game was big for us as far as gaining our confidence back," Taylor said. "We ran our motion offense well tonight, and we need to have the same effort against Tennessee Tech Saturday night."

MTSU is looking for revenge against Tech at 7:30 p.m. after an overtime loss at Tech earlier this year.

"We've got to get back at Tech," Taylor said.

"To show you how the OVC is right now," Farrar said, "we couldn't play a whole lot better than we did tonight, and we still barely beat one of the last place teams in our conference."

And to prove Farrar's point, MTSU shot a sizzling 57 percent for the game, including 61 percent for the second half. Morehead shot 38 percent for the contest.

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notoriously nationally ranked. Mobile has one of the top NAIA teams in the country while Southern Mississippi is always tough."

The Lady Raiders will be led by Yael Soresman and Lorinda Weiss, who are expected to lead the OVC in singles and doubles action.



Tony Arnold/Photographer

Pressure: MTSU guard Jeff Hunter applies the defensive pressure Monday in Morehead.

The duo ranks 14th in the regional rankings, and the region is supposedly the toughest in the nation, Short said.

"If they have a good season, they could get a invitation to the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)," Short said. "They will be playing some ranked competition, and it is a good opportunity."

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As for the Lady Raiders, they also got a chance to compete against Eastern Kentucky.

"A plus that came out of the meet was having a chance to see Eastern Kentucky and how we compared to them," Hayes said.

"As long as we stay healthy, we'll be favored to win the OVC title. We had some that made it to the finals but did not run because of injuries, so we're just trying to stay healthy."

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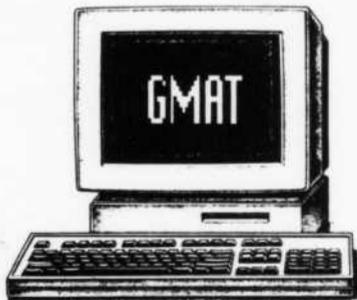
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