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In the News

Heat outage expected

No building heat or domestic hot water will be available to several campus buildings from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

Ezell, Deere, Wood, Clement, Nicks, Cummings, Abernathy, Felder and Gore Halls will experience temperatures cooler than normal, according to an interoffice memorandum.

The LRC, Graphic Arts, Mass Comm. and BAS will also experience the outage. For more information contact Leslie Mayberry at 898-8356.

Daycare may extend hours

The Student Government Association has proposed that the Family Housing daycare extend its operating hours from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The extra hour would be beneficial to students who have later classes according to Ed Salo, head of the students services committee.

The measure to extend operating hours was passed by the house and senate last week and is to be reviewed by SGA President Ryan Durham.

Red Cross needs blood

The American Red Cross will be on campus today in rooms 322 and 324 of the KUC, according to an interoffice memorandum.

There has been 10 open-heart surgeries scheduled for this week and the Red Cross is in need of O+ blood.

Future teachers interviewed

MTSU and eight other area colleges are participating in an annual Teacher Recruitment Week Feb. 23 through 27, according to the placement and students employment center.

Approximately sixty school districts from several states will send representatives to campus to interview prospective teachers for 1998.

Interviews will be conducted throughout the week by the school representatives visiting in the Placement Center. Students interested in interviewing should contact the Placement center at 898-2500.

Power outage expected

There will be a power outage lasting approximately five hours on Feb. 15 in Deere, Nicks, Sims and Smith Halls, according to an interoffice memorandum.

The outage will start at 10 a.m. and last until approximately 3 p.m. It is recommended that all computers or voltage sensitive electronics be turned off. The power outage will prevent circulation of hot water for building heat and domestic hot water.

For more information contact Bill Smotherman at 898-2967.

Columnist to speak

"Washington Post" columnist Courtland Milloy will be on campus Monday, Feb. 16 from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Milloy will speak at the State Farm Lecture Hall in the BAS. The lecture is free and open to the public.



Know something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Disabled parking redistributed

□ Lesli Bales/staff

With campus growing at a steady pace and convenient parking in little supply, Disabled Students Services and Campus Planning are in the process of appropriately distributing disabled parking spaces.

"The process really never stops," said John Harris, director of Disabled Students Services. "We have to continue to add, take away and review all the time."

According to Harris, the disabled parking spaces were originally located around the most-used buildings and residence halls. However, with the campus constantly expanding, those places may no longer be the most convenient.

"It's a situation we wrestle all the time," Harris said. "Campus has grown so fast."

MTSU has approximately 8,480 parking spaces with 168 reserved for disabled people. According to the American Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), one disabled parking space must be provided for every 25 spaces up to 100. The ratio then changes to one per every 50 up to 200 and one per every hundred up to 500. Disabled spaces must account for 2 percent of the total parking spaces between 501 and 1,000. Twenty disabled spaces must be added for every 100 spaces over 1,000.

According to Campus Planning project director Mark Hawley, the "ambiguous question" is whether the



in disabled parking is the constantly changing disabled population and how many disabled students on campus have cars. As of this month, 249 MTSU permanent disabled parking permits have been issued this academic year (since July 1).

"Some lots are under-designed and some are over-designed," Hawley said, noting that a project to correct various disabled deficiencies on campus is currently out for bid. One priority of the project, he said, will be to add more disabled parking spaces to the buildings most used by the public such as Tucker Theatre, Keathley University Center, Cope Administration Building and Kirksey Old Main.

There are two ways to obtain an MTSU disabled parking permit, Harris said. A person must provide Disabled Student Services with documentation or certification of his disability and the need to have such a decal. Harris' office will then make a decision whether or not to issue a permit to the individual.

The second way a permit can be issued is by already having a Tennessee handicapped parking permit.

"[These people] don't have to provide us with documentation [in that case] because it has already been determined by the state that they need one," Harris said.

Although disabled people cannot be charged for parking, there is a \$10 fee for the disabled parking permit which covers the on-campus registration of the vehicle.

Although MTSU has plenty of disabled parking places, they may not be appropriately located due to campus expansion.

guidelines apply to each parking lot separately or the total number of spaces on campus. If they are interpreted as applying to campus parking as a whole, MTSU would only be responsible for providing 95 disabled spaces. However, if interpreted on a lot-by-lot basis, MTSU would be lacking.

MTSU does not interpret on a per lot basis because the university's disabled parking permits allow the holder to park in any color of space—blue, white, green or black—and to

alone is worth \$600,000.

Last May, the state sold the land for \$10 to the Foundation. Weeks later, the university enlisted a real estate appraiser to price the property, according to the "Tennessean."

The original deed includes a specific request that the land be utilized for, but not limited to, farming purposes, forestry, wildlife study and recreational activities by and for MTSU.

Graduate student Rex Barber, who has spent two years surveying land for his master's thesis, wrote a letter to the editor last fall saying he thinks the Foundation is "trying to dispose of this property quietly and promptly."

Barber also wrote that the land has been virtually undisturbed for the last 100 years.

"The same institution that helped my strong feeling toward this land mature and develop now has me worried that I will drive up to this site and find bulldozers and trucks logging," Barber told the "Tennessean."

In that same article, Bragg said the Foundation has no immediate plans for the land and stated that the Stark's wishes are paramount in considering the tract's fate.

University faces land conflict

□ Staff Reports

Officials are considering selling 995 acres of rare wildlife land owned by the MTSU Foundation.

Clifford Stark, former agricultural department chair, donated the tract in 1969 with specific requests that the land be used for educational purposes by the university, according to the land deed.

The Hickman County property is valued at approximately \$800,000. Foundation president John Bragg said at an Alumni Association lunch.

Possibilities for the land include selling the timber to a logging company, selling the land to a conservancy foundation or keeping the land for the use of students and faculty, according to an article in the "Tennessean."

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is valued at approximately \$800,000. Foundation president John Bragg said at an Alumni Association lunch.

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Leadership lectures offered

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

This semester students interested in improving their leadership skills will be able to hear various members of the MTSU faculty present topics ranging from "Ethical Decision Making" to "The Equipment for Success" through lectures organized by the Emerging Leaders Institute.

The Institute is a program started last year to help people on campus develop or enhance their leadership skills, according to Gina Poff, director of student development. Sessions are held almost weekly, lasting from an hour to an hour and a half.

Poff said they try to limit the size of the audience to roughly 20 in an effort to encourage group discussion.

The upcoming presentation by Thomas Tang, "Stress Management and Hypnosis: The Interaction Between Your Mind and Body," is 3 p.m. Tuesday in KUC 314.

Tang, professor of management and marketing, has more than 25 years experience using hypnosis and plans to demonstrate how, through relaxation and suggestion, it can help students to achieve higher goals. He said he plans to hypnotize willing participants. Hypnosis allows people to achieve their true potential, according to Tang.

"Conducting Effective Meetings" will be the topic Feb. 23 when Robert

Blair, assistant professor of business education, will advise on how to effectively conduct a business meeting. A basic hands-on-type approach to basic elements of parliamentary procedure, how to handle motions and how to keep things orderly will be used in the lecture, according to Blair.

He said he also plans to go over Robert's Rules of Order, which aid in keeping business meetings orderly and allow things to be accomplished.

Robert's Rules of Order has been around since the 1830's, according to Blair, and he will go over the most recent edition.

"Ethical Decision Making" will be presented March 3 by Jenny Crouch, director of student publications. The topic will cover ethical dilemmas which directly relate to students and focus on what the possible outcomes could be.

"I offer some suggestions on how to work through certain problems, and the pro's and con's of decisions," Crouch said. She has done two previous presentations.

Crouch said she picked the topic because she has done some research in the area and it is a topic that interests her.

The Emerging Leaders Institute may one day become a four-year program in which people who attend all meetings over the four years will

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park at the meters without having to pay.

Another problem with distributing disabled spaces per lot would be a misuse of space in large perimeter lots.

"Our disabled population is naturally going to try to park as close to the buildings as possible," Harris explained.

"Many disabled parking spaces in remote lots would just remain empty because [disabled persons] can park in any color of space," Hawley added.

According to Harris, another factor

Student sexually assaulted

□ Staff Reports

A female student reported that she was sexually assaulted Tuesday while walking alone near the northeast corner of Horace-Jones football field at approximately 8:30 p.m., according to Public Safety.

"We are looking at a suspect," Lt. Roy Brewer.

The attacker wore a mask, but was believed to be a white male of medium height and weight, Chief Jack Drugmand said.

Public Safety officials said the

investigation is on-going and initial leads have narrowed the search to a particular suspect.

The Office of Judicial Affairs recently reported that two alleged acquaintance rapes occurred during the Fall 1997 semester. In both instances, the victim refused to identify the alleged violator.

Individuals are cautioned to walk in groups, stay away from poorly-lighted areas, avoid strangers and walk with confidence.

Public Safety officers suggested that all events such as this be reported to police immediately.

achievement.

Applicants for this award must also have completed 90 hours, have a 3.5 GPA and have provided evidence of involvement in scholarly activities such as departmental organizations or a debate team.

The last award is the Robert C. Lalance Jr. Achievement Award.

The Recipient of this award will be a student who has shown remarkable determination, has had to make sacrifices and has contributed to the community while attaining an educational degree.

Individuals may apply or be nominated for these awards. Nominees will be notified by mail if they meet the requirements for the awards.

Qualified nominees will then be encouraged to complete the application process.

Each student applying for the awards will have to type a paper—not to exceed two double-spaced pages—related to the emphasis of each award. Also, three letters of recommendation must be submitted.

Applications and a complete list of application guidelines can be picked up in the office of student employment in the Keathley University Center

Students' hard work rewarded

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Three new student recognition awards have been created by the university for outstanding students.

Dean of Student Life Thomas Burke said these awards are strictly recognition awards. He said he feels that monetary value detracts from the awards.

The most prestigious of the three is the James Walker President's Award.

This award is intended for students who are recognized as campus leaders and have made a significant contribution to the university community. Applicants must have 90 hours completed and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

The Barbara S. Haskew Provost's Award is given to a student with the best demonstrated academic

Nominations deadline soon

□ Staff Reports

The Feb. 15 deadline for nominating Tennessee Women of Achievement Award, which will be presented at the third annual Women's Leadership Conference on March 27, is quickly approaching.

The purpose of the awards is to nominate extraordinary women in Tennessee who face life's challenges with grace and courage, and live with dignity, integrity and honor. These women are nominated by women students, faculty, staff or alumnae of an institution of higher education to one of three categories: student,

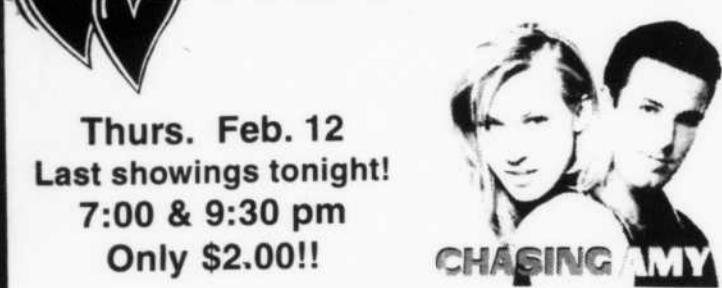
faculty/administrator and community leader.

Some past winners include Tennessee State Senator Thelma Harper, Dr. Joellen Edwards of East Tennessee State University and Ms. Patricia Moss of Dyersburg State Community College.

Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the June Anderson Women's Center at MTSU at 904-8430 or 898-2193. A letter of recommendation, the nominee's resume or vitae and a list of honors and awards identifying specific actions demonstrating the nominee's

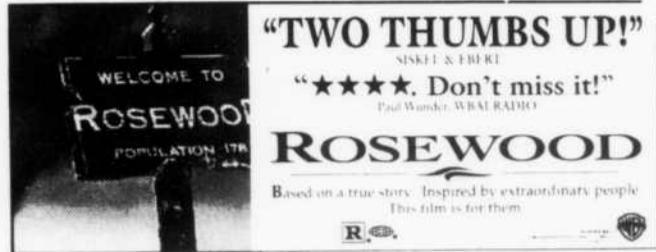
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Feb. 11-12

Omega Phi Alpha is sponsoring a Blood Drive from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in KUC rooms 322 and 324.

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The American Criminal Justice Association—Lambda Alpha Epsilon—will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 312. The speakers will be a correctional officer and a capital criminal defense attorney.

The Student Pagan Organization is sponsoring a Wide World of Tarot Reading Workshop from 8-10 p.m. in KUC Room 316. The workshop is free to the public. Come prepared to learn first-hand information on a variety of tarot decks. For more information contact Christina Jolly at 895-7132.

Feb. 11-14

MTSU Theatre will present "An Evening of One Acts" at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, BDA room 101. MTSU students are admitted free with ID, while general admission is \$5 with a discount for faculty and staff. For more information contact Brandon Reece or Jeff Gibson at 898-2181.

Feb. 17

Walt Disney World's information meeting for summer and fall 1998 internships will be in KUC 322 at 5 p.m. Attendance at the information meeting is mandatory to be eligible for interviews on Feb. 18. Contact Temple Bennett, Assistant Director of Placement at 898-

2500, KUC 328, for more information.

The Lambda Association, a student organization for gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons and their supporters, meets at 7:00 p.m. in Mass Comm Building room 104. For more information E-mail to MTLAMDA@FRANK.MTSU.EDU or visit web page www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/

Feb. 18

Alpha Omega, Campus Crusade for Christ, and FCA will meet at 6 p.m. at BellAire Baptist Sanctuary. For more information contact BelleAire Baptist Church at 890-6977.

Feb. 24

The Golden Key National Honor Society will have an Induction Reception at 6 p.m. in JUB's Tennessee Room. Juniors and seniors with a 3.3 GPA or above are invited to join. Send in your profile form by Feb. 10. If you did not receive one, contact Dean Burke, KUC 126 or 898-2750. For more information contact Burke or Paige Parker at 360-3734.

Feb. 24-25

A seminar for students to learn a study plan to make it possible to prepare for exams and to help them avoid using cramming as their only study techniques will be held in KUC 320. Two separate "Five-Day Study Plan" presentations will be held. One will be Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The other will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. The seminar is free. For more

Education problems blamed on politics

□ Vicki Brown/AP

getting their money's worth.

"The story that tends to emerge is that the federal dollars that are spent should be channeled to the local level as far as possible with as few strings attached out of Washington," Frist said after the meeting.

Former Gov.

Lamar

Alexander was one of several

panelists who praised charter

schools and other innovative

educational initiatives during

the meeting, which focused on

how federal dollars are spent

on education.

"We don't have an

education problem in America,

we have a political problem.

There are plenty of schools ...

doing exactly what needs to be

done.

There are just not

enough of them and there are

too many people throwing up

roadblocks," said Alexander,

who is also a former U.S.

Department of Education

secretary and University of

Tennessee president.

Frist, R-Tenn., said the

need for flexibility and

accountability has been

stressed at all four meetings of

the Senate Budget Committee's

task force on education.

The task force is looking at

how well the 600 federal

education programs are run

and whether taxpayers are

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leadership roles should be turned in to the Women's Center by Feb. 15.

Nominations can be faxed to (615) 898-2203 or mailed to: Women's Leadership Conference, Middle Tennessee

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receive a certificate, Poff said.

Presently, students who attend all nine meetings in a semester receive a certificate of completion.

State University, JAWC Box 295, Murfreesboro, TN 37123 Attn: Brooke Rodgers.

For more information concerning the women of achievement awards contact Rodgers, associate director of Women of Achievement, or Alice Meldrum, WLC director, at 904-8430.

The University of Alabama has a leadership class, and Arizona State has a similar four-year program, according to Poff.

People interested in the lecture schedule can call Gina Poff at 898-2454.

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OPENS FEBRUARY 13

Clowning around



The Wesley Clown Troupe presented "Fools for Christ" worship service Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Wesley Foundation. Becky Anderson played "Mrs. Flit" and Frank Gibson was "Top Notch."

Personal campaign limits not enforced in Tennessee

Associated Press

The Registry of Election Finance has decided not to enforce a law restricting how much personal money a candidate may spend to run for office in Tennessee.

State Attorney General Knox Walkup earlier declared the law unconstitutional, but that is only his opinion and does not have to enforce of law.

But Peggy Williams, executive director of the registry, said she's following that advice.

"I have been instructed to notify all county election commissions of the registry's decision," she said.

The 1995 law limits out-of-pocket spending by a candidate to \$250,000 in an election for governor, \$40,000 for the state Senate and \$20,000 for other races.

Walkup declared the law unconstitutional based on a 1976 U.S. Supreme Court decision that classified campaign spending as a form of constitutionally protected free speech.

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Alternate fuels focus of lecture

Shawn Whitsell



"Alternative Fuels: Myth or Reality" is the title of the next honors lecture by Cliff Ricketts, a professor in the school of agribusiness and agriscience.

"My main objective is for the American farmer to be energy independent in case of a national crisis," Ricketts said.

Ricketts, with the help of his students and modern technology, has made alternative fuels a reality. They have run engines with corn (ethanol), cow manure (methane), hydrogen and soybean fuels.

A specific breakthrough that Ricketts recalled occurred back in 1987 when they ran an engine for eight seconds with hydrogen.

This alternative fuel project has given Ricketts the opportunity to visit Cornell University, the University of Missouri and the Mason Dixon farms. He also made eight presentations on ethanol at the 1992 World Fair.

The school of agribusiness and agriscience owns a race car called Young Thunder. It has a world record for speed by a hydrogen-fueled engine. The car has been on display at

several sites, such as Auto Engineering in Tullahoma, the Epcot Center and here at MTSU.

The idea of alternative fuels was brought about during the Middle East Crisis in 1978.

"A lot of this stuff wouldn't have started if it wasn't for the Mid-East Crisis," Ricketts said.

Ricketts explained that he could not take all of the credit for the success of the project. He credits Vice President Al Gore, who was then a congressman for this district, for helping get the finances.

Most of all, he credits the MTSU students.

"The theme for the honors lecture is 'People, Things and Events that Changed the World.' I think it is our MTSU students that have changed the world."

Ricketts attended MTSU for three years until transferring to University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he attained his bachelor of science and master's degree. He received his doctorate from Ohio State University.

His honors include the MTSU Outstanding Teacher Award and the MTSU Outstanding Public Service Award.

The honors lectures are given in Peck Hall 109A. All lectures are free and open to the public from 3:30-4:20 Mondays.

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is pleased the governor wants to limit the number of schools in the beginning to figure out what works before the program is expanded.

James Guthrie, director of the Peabody Center for Education Policy at Vanderbilt University, said it does not matter how schools are organized as long as they do a good job.

Contract schools, charter schools, magnet schools—all of them are fine as long as you put the responsibility for

operating them with teachers and principals," Guthrie said.

But Guthrie said there is a national problem of inequity, with some states—particularly in the South—not spending enough on education.

Students from those states still have to compete for jobs with those from states that spend more. He proposed a national education trust that could equalize spending across state lines, noting the best jobs go to states with high education levels.

Frist said the task force will prepare a report to Congress in mid-March.

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Editorials

MTSU should keep land

The Foundation is currently muddling over possibilities for a 995-acre tract of wildlife in Hickman County.

Of the three options expressed, one seems logical—KEEP THE LAND!

It was donated by the late Clifford Stark, former chair of the agriculture department, and his wife. It is safe to say that two people who spent their entire careers studying various aspects of the environment would not want to see their parting gift covered with logging trucks.

The Starks clearly stated their vested interests in the form of a land deed. This publication assumes that by donating this land to the university the Starks entrusted its care and future to this university.

Selling the land to anyone other than a wildlife agency would suggest that the Starks' donation was ill-accepted.

Universities are meant to foster higher education as a whole, not just in a classroom setting. 'As a whole' includes environmental education as well.

The thought of selling rare wildlife land for simple legal tender is as far away from higher education as child neglect.

And speaking of neglect, why is this such a secret? Every time the university takes action it is proud of, our office receives a lengthy press release telling who to contact and when. As of this date a press release on land stripping has yet to reach our mailbox.

The simple truth is that no one should sell a gift. Mary E. Miller donated around \$20 million for a horse coliseum and not one penny will be re-allocated for the Foundation or any other campus entity.

The reason behind the security of the Miller Trust is because the donation was such a well-publicized event. That and maybe it has better legal lingo in the fine print.

In defense of those looking to dump the wildlife resource, it is probably true that the land is used by students and faculty rarely. Part of that could be due to the fact that few are even aware of its existence or that MTSU owns it.

Precedence for issues of great importance are generally set at universities. Environment is an important issue which, hopefully, will affect the decisions of this university. That, and the wishes of the people who gave MTSU their land.

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



E-mail your letters to the editor to "Sidelines" at:
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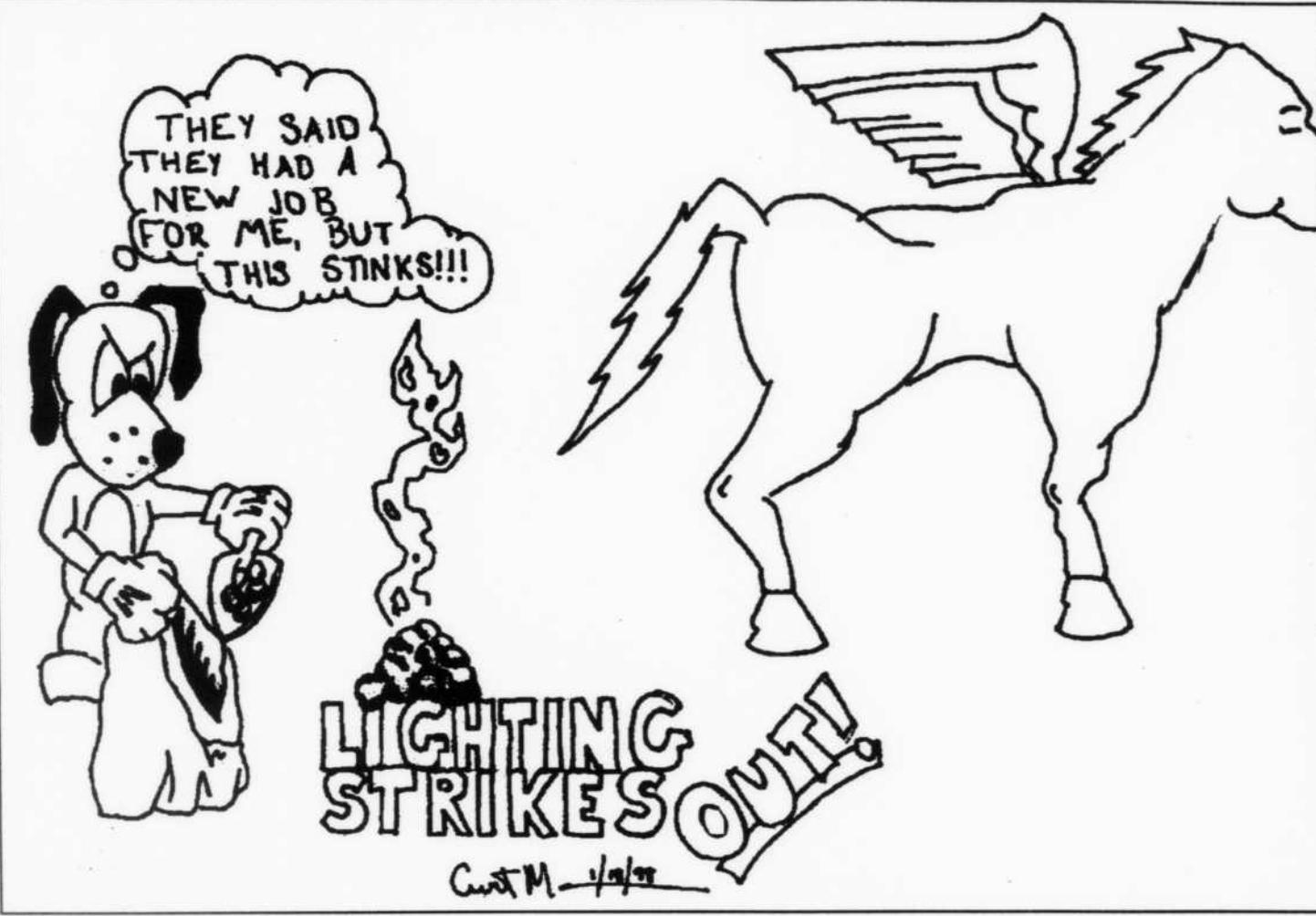
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From the Mailbox

To the editor

Professor commands SGA's proposal to ditch Dewey Decimal

To the editor:

I would like to commend the Student Government Association for taking up the issue of the cataloguing system used by Todd Library, and I would like to endorse the resolution to switch from the Dewey Decimal system to the Library of Congress (LOC) system. Frankly, I was surprised when I arrived five years ago to discover that a university this size and so technologically savvy would still be using such an archaic and obsolete system for cataloguing its library books. While I understand that many students come from high schools using the Dewey Decimal system in their libraries, one of the goals of a university education should be, of course, to introduce those students not only to new ideas and technologies, but also new ways of

doing things. The LOC classification system is the standard followed by the vast majority of university and large public libraries around the country. Thus, to better prepare our students to use the libraries at other institutions around the country, it is in MTSU's best interest to adopt the LOC system prior to or during the library's move to the new building.

Respectfully yours,
Ted Sherman
assistant professor of English

SGA credit card fund-raiser selling student body short

To the editor:

My attention was grabbed by the tiny, yet thought provoking paragraph on the front page of Monday's paper, the paragraph was titled, "SGA holds fund-raiser." My

comment is this. Fifty cents a head is all you are getting? Fifty cents for the hundreds to thousands of dollars of debt you are encouraging the student body to take advantage of so you can hold an election. It is bad enough that I can apply for a credit card in the bathroom stall, no thanks to the University, but now to find that our own students, students that are supposed to making student life better, are selling us out for a mere fifty cents. I come to school to get an education so I can graduate and make money, not owe it to creditors and live a life of debt.

The ironic thing is that you are selling us out to have an election. Well correct me if I am wrong, do you not also want people to vote? while you may have Visa/Mastercard's vote, you have surely lost mine. If you want money for your election, why don't you try a new concept and go out there and actually work for it; without selling yourselves or the student body short.

Molly M. Mitchell
freshman
CIS

Honk if you pass p-chem!



Preston J.
Macdougall
chemistry



Bumper stickers are really good at two things: covering rust or other blemishes on your car and conveying one's perspective to passers-by in the blink of an eye. As you can guess from the by-line of this series of articles, their cosmetic purpose doesn't concern us here. I am thinking about a particular bumper sticker that has been around for almost two decades, at least. If you have seen it, chances are that you didn't have a clue what it meant. To some, "Honk if you passed p-chem" sends an unambiguous message. That message is "Physical Chemistry (or "thermo") was by far the hardest course that I've ever endured. I am SO glad I didn't have to repeat it. If you feel the same way, honk, and let's share horror stories of Maxwell's demon and his blasted relations."

Now, since I have the privilege of teaching physical chemistry to some of the more daring students at MTSU, it would serve my interests if that message were to evolve into something like "Physical Chemistry was by far the most interesting course that I've ever taken. I had to work like Maxwell's demon, but every partial

derivative was worth it. If you feel the same way, honk, and let's compare favorite topics: classical thermodynamics; quantum theory; or the grand synthesis from these two, statistical thermodynamics."

Maybe I'm hoping for too much, but allow me to advance my cause by sharing with you the reasons why I absolutely LOVE the subject. I address this perspective to the majority of MTSU students who are not (yet) science majors. A more specific "sales pitch" is made to students who enroll in my general chemistry classes, with many of the bells and whistles that modern information technology affords us.

First, the breadth of the subject is simply humbling—from the processes of nuclear decay in the cores of atoms (nuclear fission was discovered by physical chemists in Germany prior to World War II, and played a historical role in its culmination), to the processes of global change (the mechanism of formation of the "ozone hole," involving CFCs, was discovered by physical chemists in California in 1974). This attribute wasn't a particularly endearing one when I first encountered the subject in Jim Morrison's sophomore thermo class at McMaster University in Canada. RIM students might be saying "Cool!", but this was a different Jim Morrison. Jim Morrison the physical chemist was never arrested for what he did in front of his audience. He wasn't liked

too much though, around examination time, when we learned that thermo also had a depth that had to be respected—at least if you wanted to be able to put one of those bumper stickers on your car. Many engineering careers were cut short during those exams, and the planes, trains and automobiles that we use today are probably much sager because of it. incidentally, if I had been asked immediately after one of those thermo exams what I was planning to do when I graduated, the very last thing I would have volunteered was "Be a physical chemistry professor."

Secondly, physical chemistry is a perfect blend of "hands on science" and "brains on science." in the thermodynamics part of the course, one is treated with the memorable "bomb calorimetry experiment." You can read on the MTSU Department of Chemistry homepage that I held a post-doctoral fellowship at Los Alamos (where the atomic bomb) was invented), so you might be curious about this particular experiment. Let me leave it to your imagination, since you might enroll in the course just to find out. In the quantum theory part of the course, one uses light to change dye molecules from one electronic state to another. The "brains on" activity comes when you try to understand, at the molecular level,

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Hootie Bird by Wendi Temple**CHEMISTRY**

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is very good at that. It can even predict the structure of the molecule for you, if you have a big enough computer! computer advances will soon enable what I think will be the ultimate physical chemistry lab experiment. A collaborator of mine at the NASA Ames Research Center in California's silicon valley is programming a virtual reality device that has a force feedback capability. By putting your finger in a computer-controlled thimble and wearing virtual reality goggles you will be able to move virtual atoms and "feel" bonds between virtual atoms breaking and forming. His group's webpage is very popular. To see what is to come in the physical chemistry of the very small, point your web browser to <http://science.nas.nasa.gov/Groups/Nanotechnology/>.

Lastly, on my door I have a thought-provoking advertisement for a magazine.

It has a psychedelic collage of various things symbolizing scientific knowledge, with a model of a dissected human head at the center. The caption reads "You are what you know." Perhaps. Certainly, though, my partial knowledge of physical chemistry (I have never met anyone who has mastered the whole field, not even close) has proven to be immensely satisfying. Because physical chemistry is fundamental to so many other disciplines, I am fortunate to have been asked to contribute my knowledge to projects ranging from drug design to nanotechnology to transuranium element chemistry (that is the chemistry of the heavy elements that don't exist naturally, but are made in places like Oak Ridge). I look forward to even greater diversity in the future. It is also very enjoyable to expand my knowledge of physical chemistry. Think what rapture you could look forward to as a

neophyte!

I hope that as years go by, I'll see many of my favorite bumper stickers, and more importantly, hear lots of honking!

P.S. One thing that I do not hope to hear in the future is a

question that is logical enough, given the naming conventions observed in many states. It is an annoying question nonetheless. That question is "Is Middle Tennessee State University a subsidiary of Tennessee State University?"

Thirty days until Spring Break!

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After Hours

Thursday, February 12

Nanette & The Fab Rays play the 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

The paintings of local artist Brian Smith are in the Center for the Arts gallery for the month of February.

Dynaflow plays the Springwater tavern, located at 115 27th Ave., N. in Nashville, at 9 p.m.

Tennessee artist Kenny Jones brings his "Elastic Orbits and Distinguishing Marks" exhibit to Lipscomb University's John Hutcheson Gallery, located in the lower level of Sewell Hall, 3901 Granny White Pike in Nashville, through Feb. 19. The exhibit is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

"Chicago: Memories and Fantasies" by artist Robert Graham from Virginia continues through Feb. 27 at the Barn Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Jews of Greece photo exhibit continues through Feb. 26 in the Baldwin Gallery in the Learning Resources Center. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. till 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. till 9:45 p.m. Sundays.

The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange plays the Music City Cafe at 8 p.m.

Friday, February 13

Signal and Weatherspoon will be at the Boro. Signal takes the stage at 10 p.m.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction will be at 328 Performance Hall at 9 p.m. The show is 21 and over.

Free Exit plays Springwater at 9 p.m.

Grooveyard takes the stage at 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 14

Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction will be at 328 Performance Hall at 9 p.m. The show is 18 and over.

Kentucky Thunder plays 3rd & Lindsley Bar and Grill at 9 p.m.

The Cowards play Springwater in Nashville at 9 p.m.

Stacy Mitchhart & Blues U Can Use plays the Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. \$5 cover.

Sunday, February 14

The Seventh Annual Music City Blues Society Blues Celebration will be held at 328 Performance Hall at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Please direct any entertainment information to the Sidelines Features Desk at 898-2917.



Love is in the air But not everyone's breathing it



Romance on a budget

□ Lesli Bales and Susan McMahan/staff

It's less than two days till Valentine's Day and you haven't bought your sweetie anything! Well, how were you supposed to on your starving-college-student budget? Never fear—there are plenty of romantic presents you can give that won't stretch your schedule or your wallet. And, let's face it: chocolates and roses ARE a bit tired....

• Make a tape of all "your" songs
• Make a book of xerox copies of all the special letters, cards or e-mails that you two have sent each other
• Go on a moonlit picnic
• Frame a photo collage of the two of you
• Give your significant other a favorite piece of clothing of yours to keep
• Rent your favorite mushy movie and make popcorn for your own private screening
• Frame something you've written for him or her
• Cook a candlelit dinner
• Make your own card (who says Hallmark is best?)
• Make a goody box of all the little things that remind you of him or her
• Buy your sweetie his or her favorite food

• Take your honey to the spot you first met and/or fell in love
• Forego roses for construction paper flowers (or anything you make yourself)
• Fill his or her room with thousands of little pieces of paper that

say "I love you" for a year-long reminder

• Hang a handmade banner proclaiming your feelings outside of his or her home so it's the first thing he or she sees in the morning

• Write and perform your own singing telegram

• Tell your honey that you love him or her for the first time

• Send your sweetheart on a scavenger hunt—leave a flower or a Hershey's kiss with every clue; you decide what the grand prize is...

• Make a video tape of all the great romantic lines/scenes from favorite movies

• Write all your special moments on a calendar and decorate with stickers, magazine clippings

• Recreate the beach in your living room for a mini mid-winter vacation
• Slow dance under the stars

• Let your honey pick the movie you go see, even if you know you probably won't like it

• Give your sweetie a single picture of you both in a frame, making sure you personalizing the frame

• Leave a song on your significant other's answering machine
• Leave your sweetie a little present everywhere he or she goes

• Decorate his or her car in crepe paper and cut out hearts

• Decorate a tin and fill it full of your honey's favorite candy

• Give your sweetie something that means a lot to you (a favorite stuffed animal or baseball card)

• Write and illustrate a fairy tale about the two of you



□ Lesli Bales/staff

Okay, so what are we celebrating Saturday? The death of some old Catholic guy.

Haven't people realized that Valentine's Day (or Valloween, as my other single friends and I affectionately call it) is nothing but a Hallmark holiday—created for three reasons: to make money for florists, to make money for chocolate companies and to make money for card and gift shops?

Well, I have one thing to say: STOP THE SADNESS!!! This is not a depressing holiday!!! There are plenty of things you can do that don't involve a significant other.

Why waste the day wallowing in self-pity? Here are some fun Valentine's alternatives for guys and gals who have better things to do on Saturday night than buy into the Valloween myth.

• Have a fondue party

• Rent "Jerry Springer: Too Hot For TV"

• Go roller skating

• Road trip out of state with no particular destination

• Roll your ex's car or home (a throwback to high school, but hey! What the heck?)

• Dye your hair a bold new color

• Make a collage of all your fave superstars (Brad Pitt, Helen Hunt, Tom Cruise...)

• Dress up like the Spice Girls or the Backstreet Boys and parade down 2nd Avenue. See how much money you offered

• Have a Monty Python marathon

• Make a bonfire with anything

that reminds you of your ex

• Dress in an adult diaper, carry a bow and arrow and run around the neighborhood shouting, "Love is in the Air" (in Latin preferably)

• Have an 80s party

• Eat all your favorite foods and watch all your favorite movies in the same sitting

• Go trick or treating there's going to be a lot of chocolate out there!

• Buy a pet

• Get a tattoo (but none of that lovey dovey stuff)

• Go on a cell-phone scavenger hunt with your friends

• Try to get yourself declared a Catholic saint (martyr yourself if necessary)

• Get your body pierced (naval, nipple, whatever...)

• Visit every Waffle House within a 50-mile vicinity

• Roll around in various colors of paint and make a NEAT portrait to hang on your wall

• Walk around Bicentennial Mall contemplating God, the universe and hot fudge sundaes...

• Do a progressive meal (one course each at the five restaurants of your choice)

• Make a midnight run to Krispy Kreme

• Convince everyone that you and your best friend have changed your sexual preferences

• Buy yourself a present (a much-wanted CD, pretty panties, whatever...)

• Visit the geographic center of the state

• Convince your recent ex you're pregnant

Candy hearts say find cupid on the internet

□ Susan McMahan/staff

solid pepto bismol.

But page me? Some of these hearts still say cool dude.

When's the last time you've heard someone admit to that expression? I think the last time I heard it was in middle school, and it was on the way out even then.

The latest expression I read—and I'm ashamed to admit that I read every one in the bag—was go girl.

True, you do still hear it and I heard it once this week, but mostly you hear it as a joke.

The other sign of the times were the attitude hearts. Mixed in with the www.cupid, true love, love bug, EZ2Love and URA10, were whatever, yeah right and why not.

When's the last time you told your sweetheart to dream on?

When I asked the "Sidelines" advisor this question she told me all the time, but she's been married a while. That's acceptable.

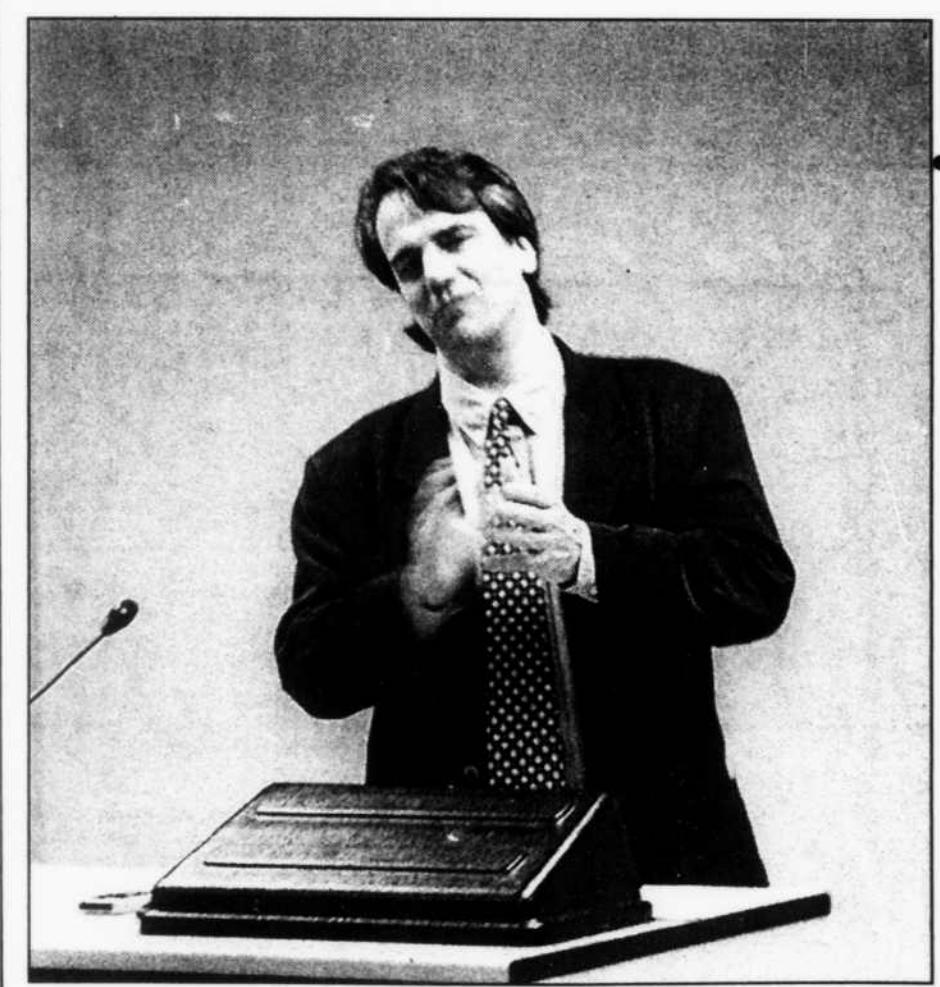
I bet you that in any relationship six months or less if you gave your significant other a dream on heart (which actually exists), they would not be significant very long.

The same thing with get real, some day, I'm sure and excuse me.

A dozen roses or a get real heart. It's not a tough decision as far as I'm concerned.

It had better not be for my boyfriend either.

Book report



Chad Gillis/staff
Journalist/author James Tobin, a reporter for "The Detroit News," speaks about his book "Ernie Pyle's War" in the Business-Aerospace Building Monday. Pyle was a World War II news correspondent who was killed in 1945 by a Japanese machine gunner.

Clean comedians keep audience entertained.

□ Shawn Whitsell/staff

Did you catch the comedy show on Tuesday night in the Tennessee room of the JUB?

Well, if you didn't, let me tell you what you missed. The show was opened by a woman that has definitely left her mark on comedy.

Leighann Lord has appeared on many comedy shows such as "Apollo Comedy Hour," Lifetime "Girls' Night Out," "VH-1 Stand-Up Spotlight," and my personal favorite, "Def Comedy Jam."

Lord talked about her life

experiences, like most comedians. She resides in New York City, so one of the first things she talked about was the differences in the north and south.

She also had us laughing about the experiences she had growing up with a Jamaican mother.

Later in the show Lord talked about her experiences with men and her problem with come-on lines.

"I like compliments," she said. "Everybody likes compliments. I just wish men would put some thought in to them."

She then went on to finish her joke, which got a huge response from

the ladies in the audience, who could obviously relate to what she was saying.

Lord explained that having her last name often brought up the subject of God and religion. She said people thought she had the "inside scoop" on God.

She had several stories of being put on the spot while attending Catholic school, simply because of her last name. One time she was asked to recite The Lord's Prayer in front of the whole class and she didn't know a single word of it.

Lord also took a few stabs at

several political figures, including Bill Clinton.

Among all of Lord's funny and strange experiences, she managed to slide in a lot of positive messages pertaining to racism and stereotypes. This is probably why she was awarded the "Most Thought-Provoking Female Comic," at the fourth Annual NYC Black Comedy Awards.

Following Lord was Walli Collins. After only about two minutes, he had members of the audience falling out of their seats with laughter.

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Independent movies offer blockbuster break

Jared Wilson
review column

Don't feel like seeing "Titanic" for the seventh time? Two recent independent films, "The Apostle" directed by Robert Duvall and "The Sweet Hereafter" directed by Atom Egoyan, offer salvation for those in blockbuster overload.

"The New York Times" once called Duvall the most versatile actor in Hollywood, and they may have been right.

With his roles in movies like "The Godfather," and "Apocalypse Now" Duvall has shown a range atypical among today's performers. With "The Apostle," Duvall only furthers the claim.

In a movie he wrote, directed, produced and financed with \$5 million of his own money, Duvall plays Sonny, a slick and slippery-tongued Pentecostal preacher who kills his youth minister after discovering that the man is having an affair with his wife (Farrah Fawcett).

Sonny heads south to Louisiana where he intends to hide from the law; assumes a new identity, changing his name to the Apostle E.F. and convinces a retired pastor to help him form a new church.

E.F. seems to have a ready-made congregation. Everyone he meets—a young dim-wit mechanic, a friendly radio disc jockey, a pretty secretary separated from her husband and pretty much the entire black church-going community—feels compelled to join

his movement.

As implausible as this sounds, Duvall's brilliant performance, which garnered him an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor, makes it fairly believable. He is both smooth and abrasive, equally appealing and questionable.

Whatever qualms his congregation has concerning his character are allayed by the sincerity and vigor with which he proclaims his message.

Duvall's portrayal is so riveting, one almost misses that "The Apostle" fails to meet story-telling's golden rule: "show, don't tell." It is as if he assumes that his film's message of redemption is so clear that he doesn't have to actually show anyone experiencing it.

We are meant to be touched by scenes like E.F.'s confrontation with a racist redneck (Billy Bob Thornton) intent on destroying the church's building, but we are never given enough time to empathize with him at all.

And are we really meant to see the redemption in E.F.? Is running from the law, selling "prayer cloths," and practically begging a woman to go to bed with him grounds for redemption?

The most touching scenes open and close the film. In the first few minutes, we are introduced to Sonny as he brazenly approaches a car accident, sticks his head through one of the car's windows and shares with a near-dead teenager "the plan of salvation."

In the movie stirring finale, E.F. preaches his most heartfelt sermon yet and closes it by

surrendering his freedom. In these scenes, Duvall's Bible-thumping zealot gets under your skin, and you can't help but appreciate it.

"The Apostle" punches all the right buttons, and came dangerously close to offending me without ever totally crossing the line. It's hard to tell what was more unnerving—that, as a former minister, I have actually met people like Sonny, or the moviedom's stereotypical minister must always be 1) a drunk, 2) a liar or 3) a womanizer. In the final analysis, it is quite clear that Duvall's performance is a caricature...but one well worth watching.

Another independent film tackling abstract ideas is director Egoyan's "The Sweet Hereafter," based on the novel by Russell Banks.

While the movie earned Egoyan a Best Director nod and a Best Adapted Screenplay nomination, it is an absolute shame that this film did not receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture.

"The Sweet Hereafter" tells the story of a small British Columbia town dealing with the deaths of their children in a school bus accident.

Egoyan's village is not idyllic. We are shown the shadows of the town in one couple's affair and a girl's sexual abuse by her father.

The community's spirit is weak at best, and the tragic accident only complicates matters.

Ian Holm portrays Mitchell

Stephens, a lawyer whose efforts to coax the bereaved parents into filing a lawsuit divide them between their

search for answers and their need for closure.

Egoyan balances Stephens' exploitation of the town's anger with the all-consuming notion of justice, leaving his characters pondering which is the greater good—fury or grief.

Each actor in "The Sweet Hereafter" gives a superbly nuanced performance. Sarah Polley's portrayal of accident survivor Nicole MacMamus is subtle yet wonderful, and her voice-overs weaving the poem "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" into the movie's plot evidence director Egoyan's most powerful use of symbolism.

Egoyan's unique use of flashbacks within flashbacks and the film's breathtaking cinematography add a lavish touch to an otherwise simplistic dark fable.

"The Sweet Hereafter" is arguably the best motion picture of the year.

My grades: "The Apostle," A-, "The Sweet Hereafter," A+

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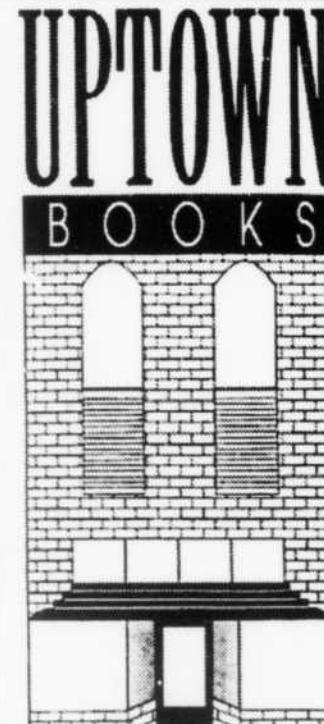
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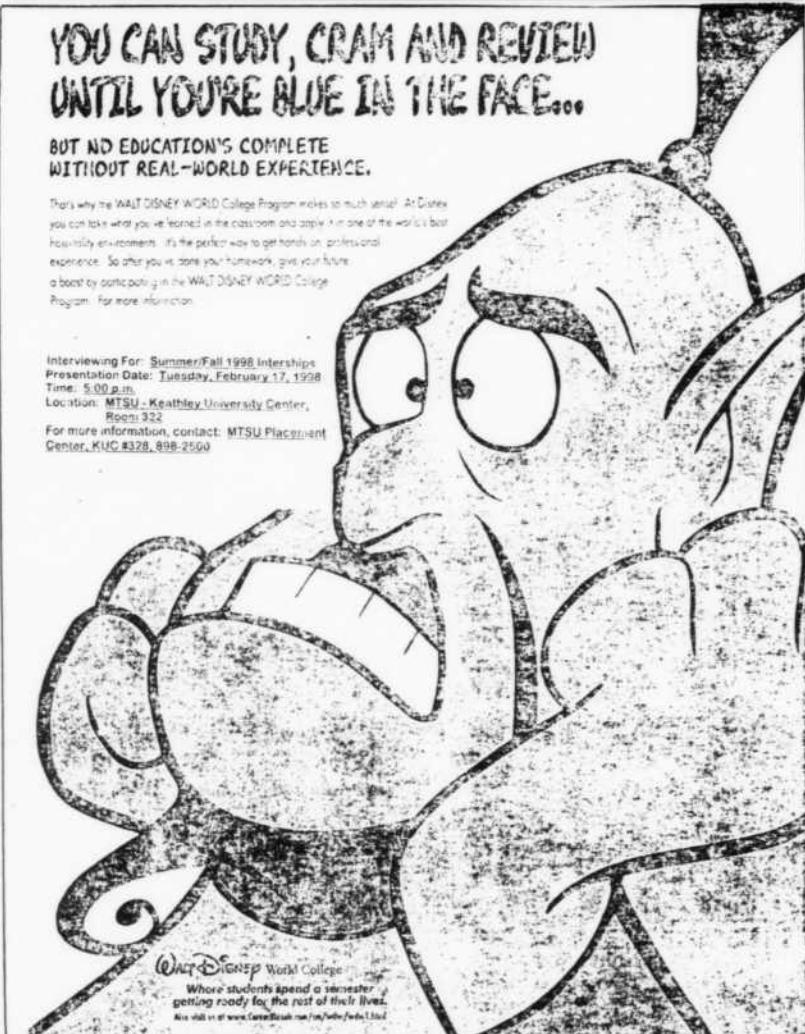
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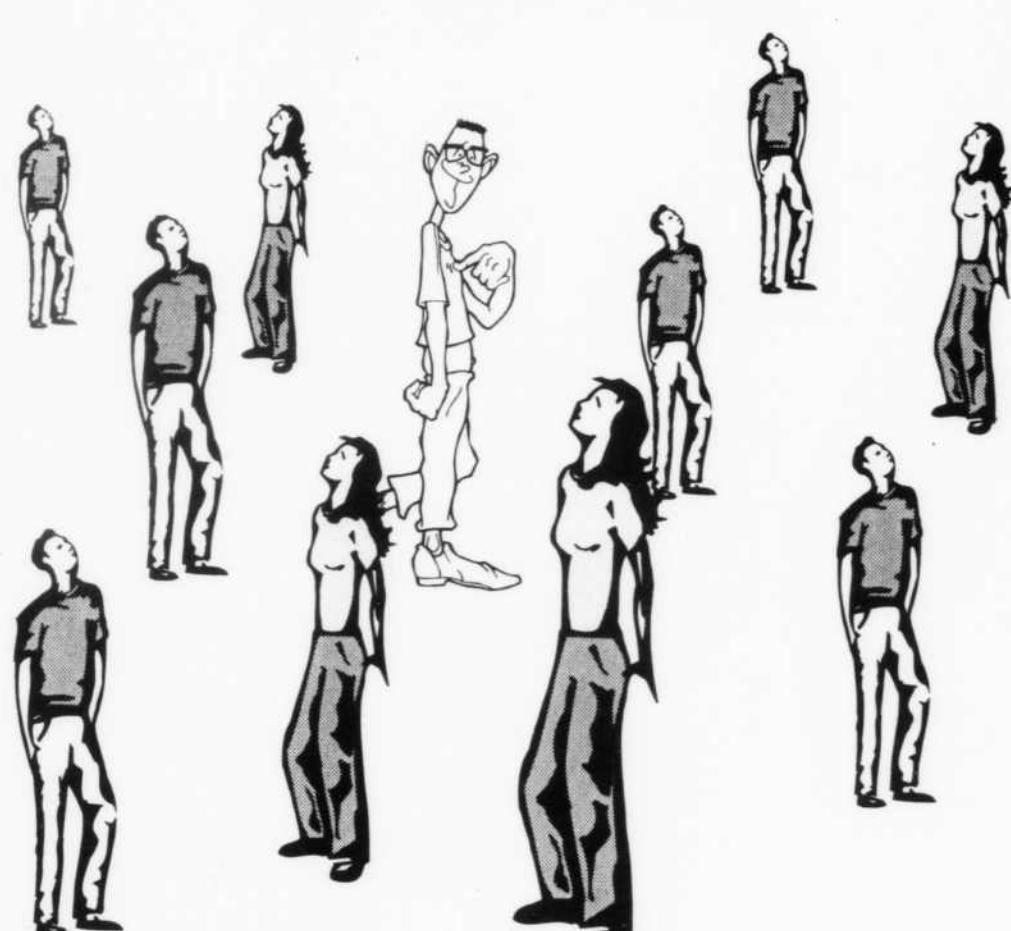
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WAPB 810 AM is promoting a "Bring the Oilers to Middle Tennessee" campaign.

According to Mike Leahy, WAPB general manager, anyone interested in assisting with the campaign may call the station at 867-3366 or e-mail WAPB@mindspring.com.

Career records

Jonelda Buck is now just one point shy of becoming only the 12th Lady Raider basketball player in school history to reach the 1,000-point career plateau.

Recently, Cortney Neeley, Carlita Elder and Natalie Sneed all reached the 700-point mark.

Neeley, who now has over 150 career steals, is just the fourth player in school history to record more than 300 assists and 150 steals.

Injury Update

During exploratory knee surgery Thursday, Feb. 5, doctors discovered Kay Francis had a slight fracture on the bottom side of her patella.

Francis is expected to make a full recovery and return to the team next season.

The team also recently lost Cindi Ainsworth for one to three weeks after she fractured her elbow in Saturday's win over Southeast Missouri.

Ainsworth is expected to have her elbow re-evaluated either Friday or Monday.

OVC Indoor Championships

The OVC Indoor Track Championships will be held at the Murphy Center Feb. 27 and 28.

OVC basketball tournament

The OVC basketball tournament gets underway Feb. 24.

At the moment, both the men's and women's teams for Middle will likely host a first-round game for a chance to advance to the semi's and finals to be played at the Nashville Arena Feb. 27-March 1.

Raider television schedule

"The Randy Wiel Show" airs every Sunday night on WNAB at 10 p.m. It is replayed 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. on MTSU Ch. 8.

"The Stephany Smith Show" airs on WHRT Channel 27 on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Raider Radio Network

WMTS FM 88.3-

(Women's Basketball only)
vs SEMO 3 p.m. Feb. 7
at TSU 7 p.m. Feb. 14
vs Morehead 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21

WGNS AM 1450-

All Lady Raider basketball games
The Randy Wiel Show on Sunday nights. Taped from 6-7 p.m. at Toot's Restaurant in Murfreesboro.

WBOZ FM 104.9-

All Blue Raider basketball games

Upcoming schedule

Men's Basketball-

at Austin Peay 7 p.m. Feb. 12
at TSU 7:45 p.m. Feb. 14

Women's Basketball-

at TSU 5:45 p.m. Feb. 14

at Austin Peay 7 p.m. Feb. 16

Women's Tennis-

at Mississippi St. 2 p.m. Feb. 13

at SW Louisiana 1 p.m. Feb. 14

Men's Tennis-

at Illinois Classic Feb. 13-15

at H.E.B. Invitational March 6-8

Indoor Track-

MTSU Invitational All day Feb. 14

OVC Championships Feb. 27-28

Baseball-

vs Illinois State 3 p.m. Feb. 20

vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 21

vs Illinois State 1 p.m. Feb. 22

(Opening Home Stand Series)

Softball-

at Samford (DH) 1 p.m. Feb. 21

at Ole Miss (DH) 2 p.m. Feb. 25

Golf-

Bridges All-American Tournament

Feb. 16-17 (all day)



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Lady Raiders fourth in OVC

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

As the Ohio Valley Conference tournament fastly approaches, the Lady Raider basketball team continued their upward swing Monday night, handing Eastern Illinois a 79-75 loss.

The win puts the Lady Raiders (13-9, 9-5) solidly into fourth place, three games ahead of Eastern Illinois (9-14, 7-8), with four games remaining.

"That was a huge win for us," Lady Raiders head coach Stephany Smith said.

When the two teams met a month ago, the Raiders suffered a 13-point loss in Charleston.

"We just don't match up real well with them," Smith said. "At one position where we're 5-7, they're 6-3—the three guard."

Lady Raiders face last four season games

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

It's no surprise that it took a little time for the Lady Raider basketball team to get itself in sync.

Head coach Stephany Smith is in her first year, four key players—Bama Burrell, Cindi Ainsworth, Joanne Aluka and Kelly Chastain—are all in their first year as Lady Raiders and everyone is adjusting to a new defensive scheme.

"It just took a while to evolve as a team," Smith said. "We have a lot of depth and athleticism, we just weren't using it to our advantage."

Right now the Lady Raiders have given themselves a solid three-game hold on fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, after having won six of their last eight games.

With only four games remaining in league play it looks as though the Lady Raiders are poised to host a first-round tournament game as part of a doubleheader with the men's team.

"We hope we will," Smith said. "It would be a doubleheader and the stands would be full of our fans, as opposed to going on the road."

However, home court advantage in the first round isn't a lock as the Lady Raiders will take to the road beginning Saturday night in Nashville when they play TSU. The team then travels to Clarksville Monday for a matchup with Austin Peay.

"Those will all be very good games," said Smith of the two road games and their home date with conference-leading Eastern Kentucky.

Both the Lady Tigers (12-10, 6-8) and the Lady Governors (10-12, 5-9) are behind Middle in the conference standings.

However, the Governors were without Amanda Behrenbrenner for part of the season and since her return they've won five of their last six games. Their only loss in that stretch was a 66-43 beating in Murfreesboro at the hands of the Lady Raiders. But Smith is quick to point out that it was Behrenbrenner's first game back with Austin Peay.

"They will be a team to be dealt with at tournament time," Smith said.

As for our own team, the Lady Raiders have benefited from a strong defensive effort all season long. Currently they are leading the conference in steals and near the top in blocked shots and turnover margin.

In helping the team mature to where they have been able to turn the corner and perform up their expectations has been the progress of their freshmen and newcomers along with their play at both ends of the court.

"We were still lacking confidence," said Smith looking back at when the season first opened. "We had the talent all along."

Now Smith and her fearless crew are hoping that talent is able to continue building on the momentum they have recently attained.

"There's still room for improvement," said Smith, who has become more relaxed these days. "I'm still very anxious before games but that's within my nature."

"I do know that my team is going to go on the court and play."

Though the game remained close throughout the entire 40 minutes, the Lady Raiders maintained control in the second half of play but never quite put it out of reach.

Eastern hung in close to the Lady Raiders largely due to the inside play of Leah Aldrich, who led all scorers with 22 points.

"As a rule we don't play behind anyone [on defense]," Smith said. "But we played behind [Aldrich] and as a result we got a little lazy back there because we don't play behind very aggressively."

"So she got the ball and really took to the hole. We didn't do a real good job stopping her."

However, the Lady Raiders had several key players step up to the occasion themselves. Jonelda Buck led the way with a 17-point effort, thanks to a three-for-three night from beyond the three-point arc.

"That's a good shot for her. I wish she'd take that every time she has an open look like that," Smith said. "Bama's [Burrell] got a good shot from there as well. But, she's yet to really take that shot in a game."

However, Burrell did finish the night with a strong 12 points, 10 of which came in the second half. Courtney Neeley also added 12 points of her own along with dishing out seven assists.

Freshman Kelly Chastain rounded out the four Raiders to reach double figures in scoring with 11.

After a brief scoring drought early in the game, the Lady Raiders rebounded by finishing the first half shooting better than 71 percent from three-point land.

In the second half the Lady Raiders tickled the twine 20 of 32 times from the field for a scorching 62.5 percent.

Wrestling no 'side show' here

Guest Column

WT Taylor

Intramurals Director



When one thinks about this "sport" it conjures up many different visions in the mind. In fact, there are many who do not even believe that it falls within the "sport category." They look at it more as a "side show" or more for entertainment value rather than an athletic contest.

Regardless of your perception, wrestling has a significant following among students at MTSU.

Historically, the Olympics included Greco-Roman style wrestling. Many speculate that this was an offshoot of military training and warfare. It provided a way for soldiers in earlier times to get ready to do combat.

In twentieth century America, collegiate wrestling is a sanctioned NCAA sport. While it is not a high profile sport in the Southeast, that is not the case nationwide.

This sport is extremely popular at the University of Iowa, Penn State University, the University of Nebraska and Oklahoma State University," said Recreation Center Manager from Iowa State University Roger Heimerman.

"In fact, the students at Iowa State University would fill the 14,000-seat Hilton Coliseum when the Iowa wrestlers came to town," he said.

In the midwest, wrestling is a scholarship sport with 10-15 men's scholarships available plus their own workout room.

While the Ohio Valley Conference does not offer this collegiate sport, students at MTSU can live vicariously through wrestling offered by the World Wrestling Federation and the World Championship Wrestling.

Within these, an offering called "Nitro" appears on television Monday nights. The Rec Center even offered a NITRO PARTY this past fall with 45 students attending. "The main attraction of Nitro is the entertainment value of the wrestlers persons," Heimerman said.

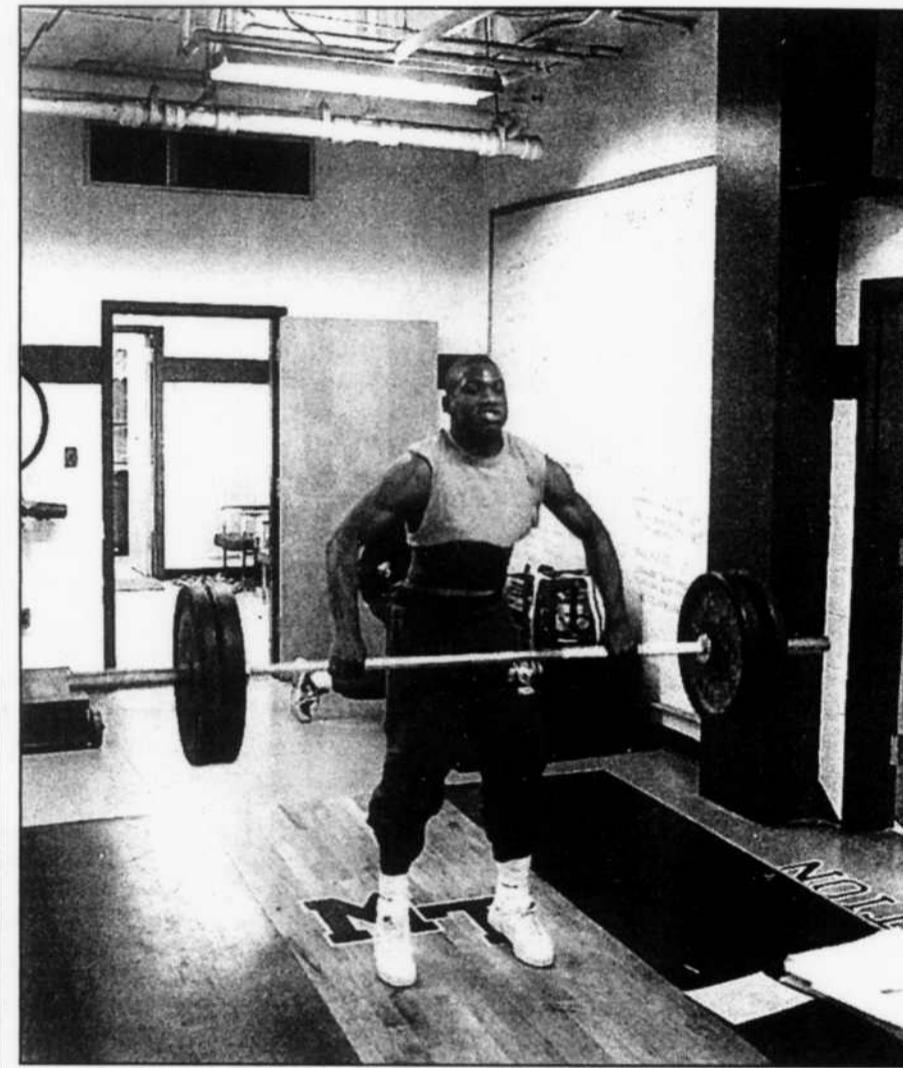
On the other side of the coin, there is the opportunity for students to participate in wrestling as a physical activity. Noted authors Mueller and Reznick state in Intramural Recreational Sports that "wrestling has a long history in campus recreation."

Locally, 50-65 students have participated in the Intramural Wrestling Tournament in each of the past three years.

Dave Smith, IM sports graduate assistant in campus recreation, will be supervising this year's tournament at MTSU.

"At Cal Poly, we did not offer wrestling," Smith said. "However, I'm excited about the prospects this Spring. This tournament will provide students an opportunity to prove themselves on the mat. Since there are

Bulking up



Chad Gillis/staff

B.J. Davis, sophomore, football defensive back and computer science major, lifts in the Murphy Center weight room.

Raiders on road for tough games

□ Staff Reports

They need some outside help, but the Blue Raider men's basketball team still has a chance of pulling out the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season championship.

This weekend they'll hit the road for a two-game trip to Austin Peay and TSU. It may be a quick trip, but it'll be a tough one nonetheless.

The Raiders (17-5, 11-3) won the first meeting with both teams at the Murphy Center earlier this season.

However, the road trip begins tonight at Austin Peay with tip-off set for 7 p.m. in Clarksville. The Raiders

won the first meeting in dominating fashion 63-38.

The Governors 38 points in that game ties Belmont for the lowest point total by a Raiders opponent this season.

Saturday the Raiders team up with the Lady Raiders as part of a doubleheader in Nashville against TSU.

The Raiders handed the Tigers a 67-57 loss on Jan. 17 in front 10,729 fans at the Murphy Center. It was the largest home crowd this season.

The Raiders will return to Murfreesboro to close-out the season Feb. 19 against Eastern Kentucky.

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Performer of the Week

Jonelda Buck



Game: Lady Raiders vs. Eastern Illinois

Date: Monday, Feb. 9

Outcome: 79-75 win

Scenario: Jonelda Buck made all three of her three-point attempts as the Lady Raiders defeated eastern Illinois for the first time in five tries.

More importantly, Buck's 17-point effort left her just one point shy of becoming the 12th Lady Raider in school history to reach the coveted 1,000-career-point mark.

Buck also proved why she's been able to work her way back into the starting lineup recently, by grabbing a team-leading nine rebounds against one of the OVC's best inside post-up players.

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-Susan

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Jackie,
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Hey you...
Thanks for the conversation...J.T.

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Guest Column

Valecia Tedder
Assist. Women's
Basketball Coach



Coach Jim Ryan [an
assistant with the Blue Raider
men's basketball team] wrote a
few weeks ago about how
critical student support is to
the success of our athletic
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agreement.

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focus on the importance of
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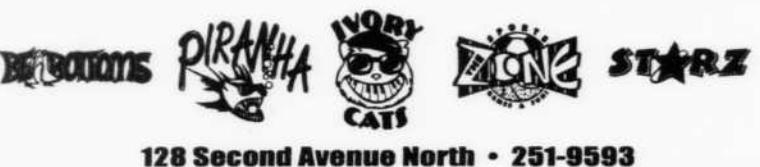
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