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Unsuccessful veto override leaves policy uncertain

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Editor

An attempt to override a Presidential veto of a bill extending Chinese students' visas — a bill affecting eight MTSU students — failed last week in the Senate after breezing through the House.

The override failed by a vote of 62-37 after passing the House, 390-25.

President Bush argued before Congress that an executive directive issued to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Nov. 30, 1989 already offers the protections outlined by the failed Pelosi bill.

The president's order provides for a waiver of the required 2-year return to mainland China that Chinese nationals under the J-1 student category must fulfill. Without first meeting this obligation, the students are not allowed to apply for immigration to the United States. Bush also

promised that nationals whose visas do expire, could remain in the United States on a nonimmigrant status until Jan. 1, 1994.

Despite these promising signs, Bush's proposals may not be as strong as they seem, according to a recent Library of Congress legal analysis. The study concludes that, without additional legislation, the President may not have the legal power to impose his directive.

"There is one crucial difference between the President's solution and the bill," explained James Pratt, press secretary for U.S. Sen. Jim Sasser. "It may have some legal problems. The portion of immigration law used by

the President appears to apply only to individuals, not to a group.

"The directive also forces students to go apply for the program — it forces them to do something overt. The

bill would've covered them automatically."

According to Pratt, the Chinese government will regard the students applying for the program offered by Bush as rejecting citizenship.

"Once the Chinese government knows who has applied, they may begin harrasing the families back home," said Pratt.

The original bill would have extended the visas for a maximum of four years. The students could also apply for a change of status without compromising their situation.

Xiaoguang Xu, a graduate student in history at MTSU, expressed concern about the recent unsuccessful attempt to override the presidential veto, but his worry was secondary to his gratitude for the opportunity to study in the United States.

"I would like to say, as a Chinese student, of course I am very concerned about the relationship between the two countries — for the long term of course.

"I really appreciate so many senators and congressmen for their great support for the Chinese students studying here. We hope the American government, in the process of dealing with their relationship with China, will use the American influence in the corrections."

The next issue will focus on recent developments in China after the Tiananmen massacre and the lifting of martial law from the viewpoint of a Chinese student at MTSU. ■

ASB spring elections approach

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News Editor

MTSU's student government, the Associated Student Body, is gearing up for what may be their busiest month of the year.

The ASB house and senate held their first joint session of the year last week and petitions will be available next week for ASB elections, scheduled for Feb. 27 and 28.

Since the Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor is expected to name a new president within the next year and since most MTSU presidents have served long terms, it is important for ASB officers to establish a good working relationship with the next permanent president, according to ASB Speaker of the Senate Todd Burnett.

"We need to do something right off the bat," he said. "I don't mean we should be radical, it's just that we have to show our next president that we will do anything to help the students of this campus."

This month's elections will select the ASB president, speaker of the house, speaker of the senate and graduate, senior, junior and sophomore senators for the next school year.

Turnouts for recent elections has averaged around 1,500, a figure Burnett hopes will increase.

"We do have a problem, but it's getting better," he said. "There should be around 5,000 to 6,000 students voting at a university this size."

Prez search may hit further delays

RUSTY GERBMAN
Assistant News Editor

The search for a new MTSU president may be put on hold by the Tennessee Board of Regents until they complete their own search for a new TBR Chancellor.

A TBR meeting has been called for February 7, where a discussion on replacing outgoing Chancellor Thomas Garland is scheduled, according to Sandra Wilcox, a faculty member of the university's presidential search committee. Garland announced his retirement in December after serving in the position since 1986.

Three resolutions were approved by the house and senate during their joint session last Wednesday:

- House Bill No. 4 requests that since some handicapped students have difficulty getting concessions in Murphy Center, that people from various concession stands be sent to the seating area for handicapped students to take their orders and then deliver them to the student.

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Busy as a bee...

A handful of students take advantage of the almost empty LRC lab to use the audio/visual equipment located within the cubicals.

Sandra Rennie • Staff

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The MTSU Observatory will be open to the public next Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 8 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. Children under 10 are not encouraged to attend without close adult supervision. For more information, contact Dr. Roy Clark at 898-2077.

ASB Elections are coming up! Petitions for ASB president, speaker of the house, speaker of the senate, and sophomore, junior, senior and graduate senator positions will be available in the ASB Office, KUC room 304, on Feb. 6. Petitions are due back in the ASB office by noon, Feb. 13. ASB elections are Feb. 27 and 28.

Attention Aerospace Majors! The Air Traffic Control Exam will be administered March 27 to identify students eligible for the ATC Co-op program. For more information, call 898-2613 or visit Peck Hall 101.

Comments on the status of women on campus will be taken during a meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the KUC, room 313. Comments will be incorporated into an Institutional Action Plan designed to improve the status of women who work and/or study at MTSU.

Love Handles, a new dating game show to be shown on MTSU Channel 33, is looking for contestants. For more information, contact Sue at 898-4016.

The Blue Knights, MTSU's chess club, meets every Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the KUC, room 316, beginning Jan. 11. Beginners are welcome.

The Heartlands Worldport Student Organization will hold their first meeting today at 3 p.m. in room 103 of the Aerospace building. Dr. Rem Schuil will give a brief presentation similar to the one given to the one given to landowners in Manchester.

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Burnett said that if there were difficulties with having concession workers do this, that various fraternities and sororities might each volunteer to work specific events.

"It's not so much how we get it done as just getting it done," he said.

- House Bill No. 5 requests that a stamp machine be placed in the lower level of the Keathley University Center so students can mail letters after the post office closes.
- House Bill No. 6 requests that lights be placed around the new Cummings Parking Lot to decrease the risk to students parking there after dark.

In addition to the new lights, Burnett said he hopes the ASB will continue to concentrate on security matters, including a plan for emergency phones on campus tied in directly to the public safety and security department.

"As fast as this campus is growing, increasing security here should be one of our main priorities," he said. "If we can stop one rape, then it's worth the time and effort."

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Garland appointed Interim President Wallace Prescott last November when the search for a permanent university president was extended. While a search to replace former President Sam Ingram was begun last spring, Garland extended the search to try and increase the number of applicants.

Along with the chancellor question, the board is scheduled to review the MTSU presidential search.

They may decide to halt the search and concentrate on finding a chancellor, then resume the search with the new chancellor as head, according to President Prescott.

Garland informed the TBR that he will be resigning in June. He added that any decision on a new MTSU president will probably have to wait until his replacement is selected.

"I think it is only proper for the new Chancellor to make a recommendation to the board," Garland said.

Garland's resignation followed 25 years in state government. He was appointed as Chancellor by former Gov. Lamar Alexander after serving for 21 years in the state senate.

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OPINION

Bush's veto stands; 'politics before people'

As democracy continues to surge towards a stronghold in Eastern Europe, China continues to stand in stark contrast.

Remember Tiananmen Square in China when a pro-democracy student demonstration was violently suppressed by the hard-line government?

Bush was extremely slow in giving his response to the repressive government of the world's most populous nation.

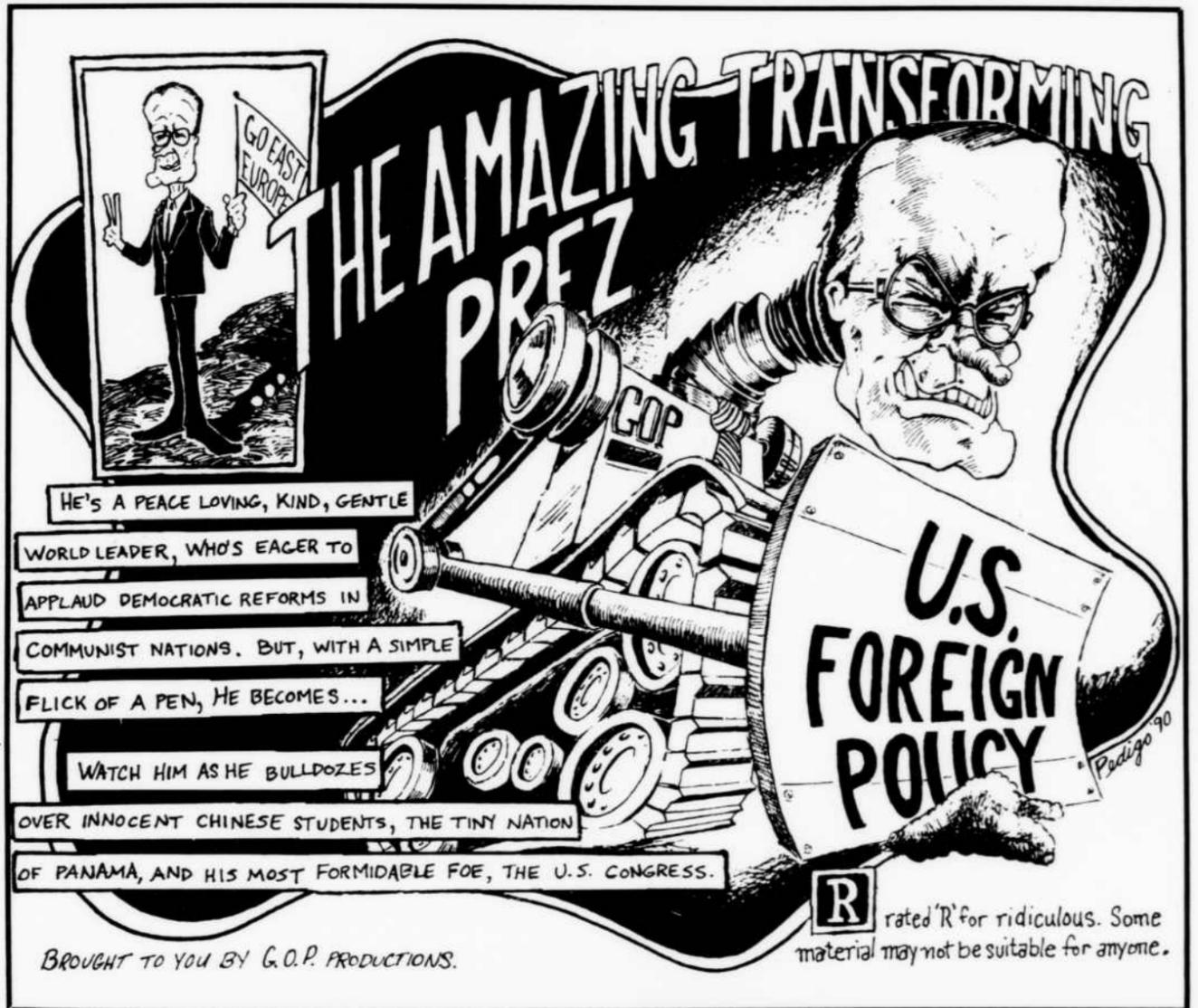
And, once again, he is doing all he can to stay in favor with Chinese leaders.

Recently, he vetoed a bill that would waive the two-year home country residency requirement for students wishing to call America their home and that would automatically extend visas.

Under Bush's proposed solution, students who wish to stay in this country can still apply for an extension of their visas. The only problem is that once they apply, the Chinese government may be able to harass the students' families as a form of emotional blackmail.

Bush is ensuring that the already delicate relationship that the U.S. has with China won't be further damaged by his recent "bending over backwards" to please the repressive government.

Once upon a time, the U.S. stood as a model of democracy and a welcome home for desperate immigrants. George Bush's veto sends a strong message to the people of this country and around the world that political allies may be more important than personal freedoms.



Letters to the Editor

Symphony or Superbowl?

To the Editor:

On Superbowl Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m., I went to hear the Nashville Symphony perform at Middle Tennessee State University's Tucker Theatre. These musicians came to Murfreesboro to perform the popular Fifth Symphony by Beethoven instead of staying at home to watch football, and yet there seemed to be more people on the stage than there were in the audience. As a music student of MTSU, I was both angered and embarrassed to see so few music students or music faculty attending. I couldn't help but wonder if the weak applause and the sight of an almost empty auditorium didn't dampen the spirit of the performers as well as of the music itself. Where is the dedication to and support for the arts, and what are we doing to ensure the practice of the performing arts? Will the symphony bother to or can they even afford to perform in Murfreesboro again, and how long will we continue to have a Nashville Symphony?

I feel that all of the music faculty of this educational institution should have attended this concert on campus and required or encouraged all music students to attend in support of this event and in support of their field of music. It is the duty of every artist to demonstrate enthusiasm and to encourage enthusiasm from society for the support of the arts.

Crista H. Williams
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V.P. urges sportsmanship

To the Editor:

As we approach Saturday, February 3, I am mindful of the rematch in basketball with Tennessee Tech. The events that occurred during our first encounter with Tech at Murphy Center were the source of considerable embarrassment for Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech and the Ohio Valley Conference. I am proud, nevertheless, of our student body and fans for maintaining control during

the fight by avoiding participation in that episode. You demonstrated the sportsmanship and class that has typified support of our athletic program over the years and I commend you for it.

I am hopeful that the same fan control and good sportsmanship that characterized our first game will carry over when many of us go to Cookeville this Saturday. It is not unlikely that we'll encounter a large and enthusiastic crowd at Tech. I implore you to avoid unnecessary confrontations, cheer hard for our men and women's teams and remember that your actions will be the standard by which Middle Tennessee State University is judged.

Good luck, Raiders and Let's Go Blue!

Robert C. LaLance, Jr.
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Drunken driving ruins lives

To The Editor:

We attach the enclosed letter with the hope it is acceptable for publishing in your Student Newspaper.

Our daughter, Linda Lancaster, was a loving, caring person who gave willingly of her time to help others. She terminated her career as Associate Warden with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to enroll as a doctoral candidate at the University of Maine.

Thousands of innocents are killed each year by drunken drivers. Linda was one of them. We feel strongly that as individuals we can affect a change. Thus we are sending this letter to 1,000 universities across the country in the hope her loss will save others, because she cared.

Our thanks.
Sincerely, and for love of Linda.

Russell and Eleanor Nicholson
Parents of Linda Lancaster

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FEATURES

Cambodian student poised for success

KATIE VINOCUR
Staff Writer

One of the only surviving members of a family of five, Cambodian student Chi Sy escaped from his homeland in 1979.

Sy, who will graduate this May with a degree in accounting, has a bright future. But his past is laden with hardship — and survival.

Although Sy says he was too young to be involved in the politics of his home country, he still remembers the bombings, the fear, and the soldiers.

"When you see it every day, you get used to it," Sy explains.

Sy says he and his friend "would go outside and watch the bombs light up the sky" on nights when there was nothing to do.

"It was really frightening, though, when my parents would tell me not to go to the movies," Sy recalls.

He explains that when the soldiers got angry at a restaurant or movie theater, they would throw a grenade in and blow the place up.

In 1975, when the Communist Regime took control of Cambodia, Sy and his family were forced to leave their home in Phnom Penh. Traveling with a group of about 200 people, he says they were forced to walk for "endless months," not knowing where they were headed.

"Finally, we got settled in one place and built about ten homes in the jungle," Sy remembers. "Then the soldiers forced us to move again."

Sy explains that this went on for four or five years, as his family struggled to stay alive. They labored every day from sunrise to sunset, working with farmers growing rice, building dams, and clearing the jungle.

"The first year, the government gave us no provisions for food," Sy recalls. "When we ran out of what we had carried with us, we ate whatever we could find. We would try different kinds of vegetation; if it wasn't poisonous, we kept on eating it."

It was during this time that Sy's parents and sisters died.

"People were dying of starvation. My parents were working too hard...they couldn't adapt to the situation."

In 1979, Sy went back to Phnom Penh, where he learned that one of his sisters was still alive and residing in Vietnam.

Sy also found his uncle and cousins and later started selling groceries at the market.

"I really enjoyed it," Sy says. "If I had the education I have today, I probably could have made a million."

After eight or nine months, Sy made enough money to get to Thailand, where he stayed in a refugee camp for one year.

Sy had an uncle in Murfreesboro who sponsored him and in 1981, Sy came to America and moved in with him and his family.

"The first thing was to learn English," Sy remembers. At the age of 18, he enrolled at Oakland High School.

"At first I thought I was too old to learn, but my teachers were very supportive and patient," Sy says. "They told me it was never too late to learn."

Sy says he didn't have many friends his first two years of high school. "I always asked myself, 'Are Americans snobs or is it me? Do they have a problem or me?' Finally, I decided it was time to speak; it worked."

Sy says he really enjoyed his junior and senior years. He was in the Chess Club, Latin Club, and the Beta Club. He got into *Who's Who in High School* and made many friends.

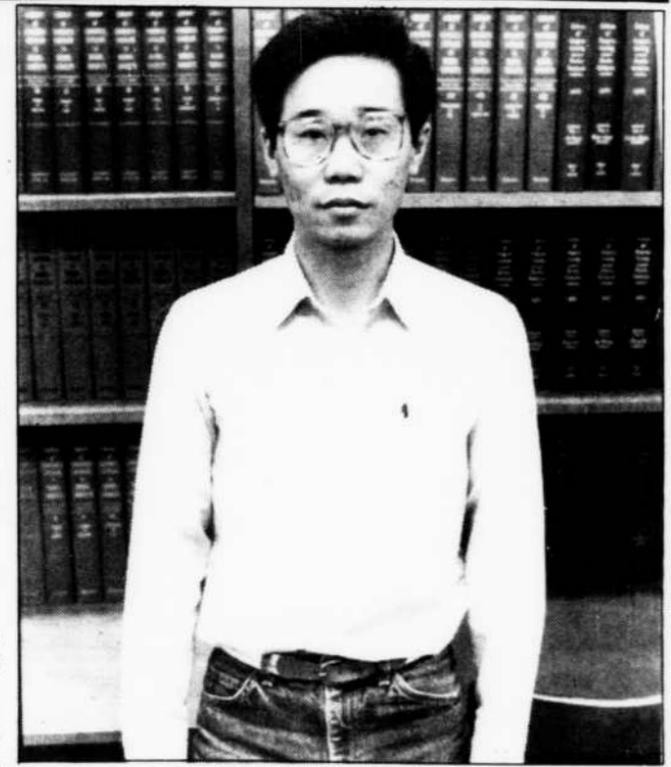
As a junior, Sy got a job working at Kroger, where he says he "learned a lot of slang words."

With the support of his friends and instructors, Sy says he decided to go to college.

"I thought I would never make it through my first year," Sy recalls, "but I guess I'm doing OK."

After graduation, Sy hopes to get into accounting in the private sector. He says he would like to stay in Tennessee, but is open to moving if the right opportunity comes along.

The thing Sy says he likes most about America is the freedom. "As long as I want to go to school I can, regardless of whether I am wealthy or poor. If I was in my country,



Chi Sy Bruce B. Newland Jr. • Staff

I would have never had the opportunity to go back to school."

Sy believes he will "make it" one day.

"If I survived under the Communist regime, there is no way to stop me in this country. Of course, this is not a perfect country, but there is no other country that is better than here."

Sy's current success is a product of determination and positive thinking. He recalls having an English tutor in Cambodia who told him he could never learn the language because he could not pass the required tests. Had he listened to his teacher, Sy says he would have never come to America.

With a smile, Sy shares his secret of success with his fellow students: "Don't ever let anybody put negative thinking into your mind — and don't ever give up." ■

Motley Crue show rocks Murphy Center

KIMBERLY DORRIS
Features Editor

As the crowd filed in for the Warrant/Motley Crue show at Murphy Center Monday night, I looked around and suddenly realized that I was considerably older than most of my fellow fans.

And the thought flashed through my mind: "am I finally getting too old for all this?"

The thought developed into a nagging suspicion as I sat unimpressed through a monotonous 45-minute set from Warrant, whose music can only be described as "bubblegum metal." As shrieking sixteen-year-old girls checked out Warrant vocalist Jani Lane, I kept checking my watch.

Throughout intermission, I pondered the eternal question: "Is it finally time to throw in the heavy metal concert towel?"

But then the lights went down for the start of the Motley Crue set — and a

laser-projected image of Dr. Feelgood himself gave the audience a crash course in Crue Discography 101. And amidst a blinding flash of pyro, the band hit the stage and ripped into the opening chords of "Kickstart My Heart."

The Crue was back in fine form — and my faith in the timeless power of live rock'n'roll was once again renewed.

For close to two hours, the band cranked out a high-powered selection of headbanging favorites from the latest Motley Crue release, *Dr. Feelgood*, as well as a variety of Crue classics.

Some of the highlights from the near sell-out show included high-intensity performances of "Shout at the Devil," "Wild Side," and "Dr. Feelgood."

But drummer Tommy Lee easily captured the award for the show's most memorable moment.

Many faithful fans who caught the Crue's last tour

had wondered, in Lee's words, "Hey Tommy, how ya gonna top that spinning thing you did last time, dude?"

Lee's answer was to do another "spinning thing" — this time suspended from a steel rig on the ceiling.

As Lee jammed away, accompanied by a variety of classic rock anthems ranging from "Back in Black" to "Ballroom Blitz," his rotating drum kit glided across the ceiling towards the audience — giving even the fans in the nosebleed bleacher seats a primo view.

As Lee's solo wound down and the kit returned to its original position above the stage, Lee capped it all off by swinging down from the rafters Tarzan-style and (stealing a page from the book of Angus Young) mooning the audience.

The band truly appears to be serious about their new "sober" lifestyle. Gone were the references to alcohol so prevalent in lead

vocalist Vince Neil's stage raps on the Crue's previous tours. And bassist Nikki Sixx no longer appears on stage with his traditional bottle of Jack Daniels.

Nobody's perfect, though; the show did have its flaws. For one, band members had some trouble trying to agree on which key to play "Home Sweet Home" in. In the audience, there were the usual handful of idiots who felt compelled to throw objects on stage while the band was playing.

Neil bungled a few vocal lines here and there — and had he checked the tour itinerary before the show, he might have discovered that he was in Murfreesboro, not Nashville.

Still, the Crue's entertaining musical performance, coupled with exciting pyro and laser light effects, gave fans a great value for their concert dollar. In fact, if the band can snag a



George L. Walker IV • Staff

Motley Crue guitarist Mick Mars rips out a solo in front of a near sell-out crowd at Murphy Center on Monday night. The Crue performed a variety of new and old material during their two-hour show. The *Dr. Feelgood* tour reportedly marks the beginning of a "clean and sober" lifestyle for band members Mars, Vince Neil, Tommy Lee and Nikki Sixx.

Former MTSU student returns from Panama

JOHN MOSELEY

Staff Writer

MTSU graduate Brian Scott Austin expected to spend a quiet Christmas vacation on a ski trip in Tennessee with his family. Instead, he ended up "vacationing" in Panama, where he led U.S. troops in the midst of sniper fire to secure a stronghold in Panama City.

"That's the nature of this job; you don't know when or where you will be called, but you have to be ready."

Less than 18 hours after receiving his orders, Austin's unit, the Army's Seventh Infantry Division, was fighting sniper fire in Panama City.

For the next ten hours, the situation became extremely tense for Austin. "As the sniper fire increased, my troops froze and I had the same fear: 'Am I going to freeze up and lose it?'"

"You hold the power of life and death in your hands, in your every thought and action," reflects Austin. "Being fired at is not a pleasant thought, but you have to have your stuff together. You have to think about the welfare of the people you are leading."

"I managed to lead and motivate my men to gain better cover and nine hours later, Panama was a nice place to be," observes Austin. "There were women, men, teenagers, little children...all the people living there wanted our autographs and to have their picture taken with us," he observes.

"Our efforts led to the seizure of several caches of weapons and \$4.5 million worth of pure heroin."

On Jan. 19, Austin returned home to spend a late but joyful Christmas with his family in Nashville.

"I attribute much of my success to the training I received while I was an ROTC candidate. At the time, I felt a great deal of the things I was being taught wasn't worth the breath to say. However, when I was under fire, every word was true," notes Austin.

"As long as this job remains fun, challenging, and exciting, I'll be in it. So far, it's been worth every minute." ■

After Hours

Murfreesboro's Nightlife

B & L Pizza

Thurs: Witchcraft with Vincent Van Gogh, 9:30 p.m.

Fri: T.B.A.

Sat: Denny Preslay, Hard Travelin', Pilltoswallow, Inasense, Cruel Blue, Third Eye; bands start at 9:00 p.m.

Note: All nights will require a cover.

The Boro

Thurs: Hank Flamingo with Tabloid Press, 9:30 p.m.

Fri: Intent City with Max and the Regulars 9:30 p.m.

Note: All nights will require a cover.

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Thurs-Sat: Darryl and Don Gatlin, 9:30 p.m.

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new opening act, the Motley Crue ticket could be remembered as one of 1990's best.

As for Warrant, the band's not a complete loss. The group got a pretty decent response from the crowd, so there must be a market out there for bands that look like metal stars and sound like top-40 fare. But I'll leave that for the younger generation — and take my metal the "old-fashioned" way. ■

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SPORTS

Kenny knows football... and basketball

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

Devastating penalties handed down from the OVC head office for the bench-clearing brawl with Tennessee Tech earlier this season have forced MTSU basketball coach Bruce Stewart to look under the rug for eligible, experienced basketball players. What Stewart found surprised many people.

He added five football players to the temporary roster, one of these being Kenny Tippins.

Tippins played in the MTSU football program from 1985-89. He started three years at defensive end and was named to the all-OVC defensive team twice. He is currently a member of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

"Coach Patton asked me if I wanted to play," said Tippins. "I thought he was joking. He told me I had one more year of eligibility

left, and I thought it might be fun."

Tippins played high school basketball three years in Adel, Georgia. He happened to be back at MTSU during the off-season to work on a Physical Education degree. He carries a 6-2, 230-pound frame. Stewart signed him.

"I feel honored," said Tippins. "Not too many people get to play college football, pro football and then college basketball."

After practicing for a week, Tippins saw his first action against Murray State on Jan. 20. Logging 21 minutes of playing time, he drew rave reviews from the crowd with three strong rebounds and compliments from Murray's massive 6-8, 270-pound center, Popeye Jones.

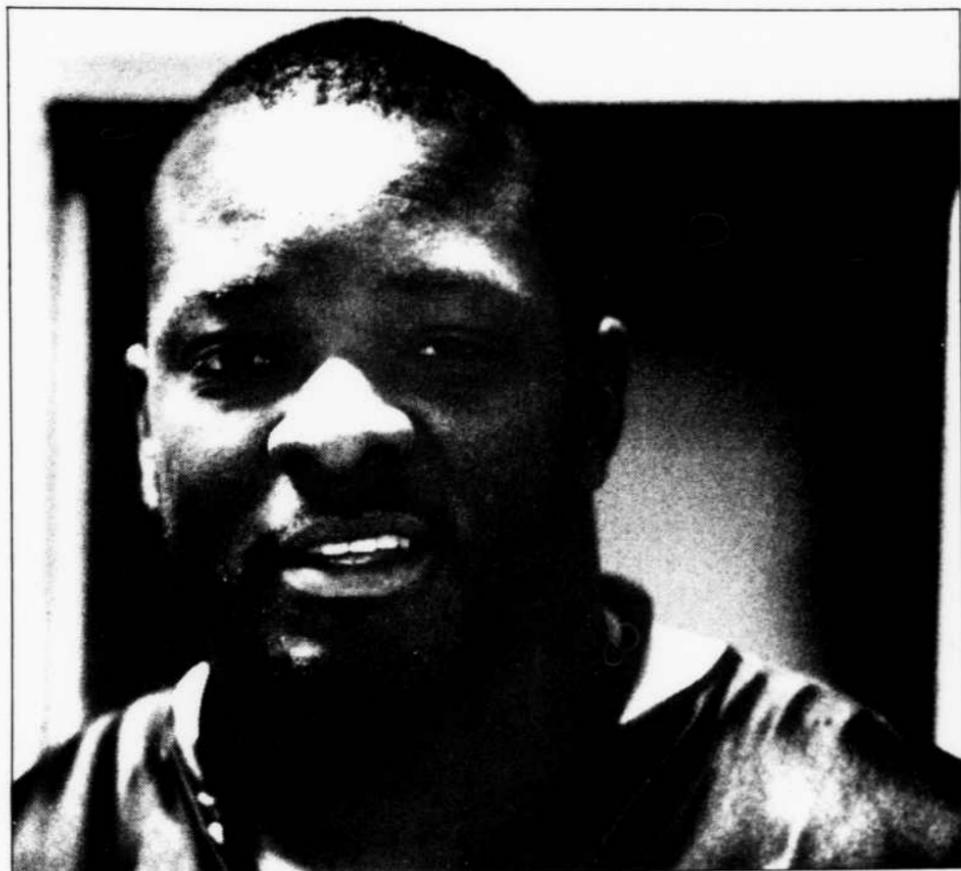
"I knew it was going to be tough," said Tippins. "In high school one or two

players could jump; in college they all can.

"All the guys helped me out. They encouraged me to hang in there and continue on." Continue on he did.

Tippins ended his four-game NCAA basketball career Monday evening at Eastern Kentucky by grabbing an offensive rebound and hitting a short bank shot with 27 seconds remaining in the contest. With that shot, Tippins currently leads the NCAA in shooting percentage at 1.000.

Tippins was moved from Dallas' developmental squad into a starting position during the 1989 season, and played six games for the Pokes. Now that his basketball career has ended, he is waiting for a call from his agent about re-signing with the Cowboys. ■



George L. Walker IV/Staff

Kenny Tippins

MTSU's Brown, Hall make popcorn out of Colonels

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders withstood a ferocious comeback bid to defeat the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels Monday night, 79-74. Thanks to the timely sharpshooting of freshman guard Kristi Brown and the late-game heroics of Georgia giant Becky Hall, the Lady Raiders posted their third straight victory.

The first half saw the Lady Raiders fall behind early, fight back to take a one-point lead, and fall behind again. Behind the relentless offensive and defensive play of sophomore guard Shanna Wright, who recorded two steals and six points during the last 3 minutes of the half, the Lady Raiders once more fought back to take a 38-33 halftime lead.

"I just had it in my head to play a good defensive game," said Wright. "I just wanted to play good defense."

In the second half, the Lady Colonels blitzkrieged MTSU, outscoring the Lady Raiders 27-12 in the

first 9 minutes of the period. That was when MTSU, as if inspired by the ghosts of the Lady Raiders of old, turned the game around for good.

During the last 10 minutes of the game, the Lady Raiders systematically dismantled the Lady Colonels, forcing eight turnovers and outscoring EKV 29-14. MTSU also connected from the line in the clutch, hitting on 12 of 15 free throws down the stretch.

"Three of us airballed," said Hall, referring to MTSU's relatively shabby free throw shooting earlier in the game. "I was so embarrassed. I felt like an idiot."

Hall more than made up for those feelings in the second half, connecting on four crucial free throws in the final five minutes of the game, scoring ten points for a season-high 17, and snatching four rebounds.

"Every game I get more confidence," said Hall. "I'm playing better every game. I'm playing like I know how now."

"Becky really hustled

getting down on the break," said Raider head coach Lewis Bivens. "She's not fast, but she busted her butt getting down there."

"I couldn't be happier. I'm really pleased. We hung in there. We just kept plugging."

No less impressive was MTSU's outside game. The Lady Raiders hit 5 three-pointers on the night. Four of those came from Brown.

Brown not only hit 4 of 8 from three-point land on the evening, including three in the second half, but also finished with 17 points and pulled down 4 rebounds.

Three other Lady Raiders finished in double figures. Junior forward Stephanie Capley scored 11. Shanna Wright added 10. Senior guard Christy Scruggs finished with 10, and recorded three of MTSU's 10 steals. MTSU forward Pippa Gipson finished with a game-high 10 rebounds.

MTSU travels to Cookeville Saturday for

Colonels put chill on Raiders

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

Hot off a 67-65 victory over the Morehead State Eagles Friday night, the MTSU Blue Raiders were stopped cold by the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky on Monday night, 67-51.

Having defeated the Eagles, it looked as if the MTSU Blue Raiders might break out of the slump they were in. Eastern appeared to be a mere pit stop along the way. The Colonels had different ideas.

"We did a horrible job defensively, rebounding, and shooting," said Raider head coach Bruce Stewart. "We didn't play hard and came out with no intensity."

The Colonels possessed a potent offensive attack that consisted of holding the ball for several seconds before

running a play. When they finally played, EKV scored or grabbed the offensive rebound, allowing them to once more set their tortoise-like game pace.

"We haven't had a team do this all year," said Raider guard Gerald Harris. "We knew that they would slow the ball down. They executed well and took good shots. They had more intensity than we did in the first half."

MTSU ended the half down 34-21 while shooting 31%.

The second half provided little excitement for Raider fans. MTSU closed the gap to ten twice early in the second period. It was the closest the Raiders would get.

MTSU placed only two players in double figures.

David Clark led the way with 12 while Vance added 10.

The Raiders shot a miserable 33% from the field, connected on only 3 of 11 three point attempts, and were outrebounded 42-30.

"We had our chances but we didn't convert," said Stewart. "Tonight, they beat a dead horse to death."

The Raiders (6-12, 1-5 in the OVC) return to action Saturday night as they travel to Cookeville for a rematch with Tennessee Tech. Tech defeated the Blue Raiders earlier in the year in a game marred by a bench-clearing brawl. The game will be played in Tech's Eblen Center. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ■

Lady Raiders hit the road... again

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

Coach Dean Hayes and his Lady Raider track team hit the road this weekend to compete in the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind. The Lady Raiders will be competing against Indiana, Kentucky, Murray

State, Indiana State and other such quality teams.

Michelle Welch, Kyieta Beason, and freshman Koko Rowley will compete for MTSU in the long jump event. Rowley will join Krista Hare in the high jump and will also compete in the 55-meter hurdles, 55-

meter dash and 200-meter dash.

Hare joins Beason in the triple-jump event. Tracy Edens will throw the shot for MTSU.

Marsha Cleveland and Latonia Jackson will run the

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Editor 'bricks' MSU basketball

I messed up. I blew it. I take full responsibility for my blunder.

For those readers who don't know what I'm talking

Davedreamin'
By David Lee Gregor

about, I refer you to Monday's paper where I reported not once, not twice, but THREE TIMES that MTSU defeated Murray State last weekend in basketball action!

It was actually Morehead State and not Murray State that the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders beat. Unfortunately, I have trouble re-

membering which is which, believe it or not. It's a personal foible of mine: some people chew their food with their mouth open, some people bite their nails, I can't remember to distinguish between Morehead and Murray.

While the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders apparently had an outstanding weekend, I obviously didn't. Hey! I know newspaper editors aren't supposed to make mistakes. I made one. I don't know how it happened. Maybe it's a Freudian thing.

In any event, when MTSU plays Morehead

later this month, I'll get it right. If I don't, I hereby promise to appear in tights with the MTSU cheerleaders during the men's game against Tennessee State in the Murphy Center on Feb. 24. Who knows? Maybe this promise will increase my readership during the next few weeks.

Here's hoping I'll do my job better next time, and save the MTSU fans a glimpse of the hairiest legs this side of the Mississippi. ■



General admission tickets for Saturday's game will go on sale today at noon. The tickets may be purchased at the athletic ticket office in Murphy Center for \$4.00 each. ■

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perhaps their toughest game of the season.

The Lady Eagles have won 35 of their last 36 home games, including six straight over the Lady Raid-

ers. The last time the Lady Raiders beat Tech in TTU's "Temple of Doom" was during the 1983-1984 season.

Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. ■

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55-meter hurdles. Michelle Welch and Jennene Cody will run the 55-meter dash. Cody and Jackson will also run the 200-meter dash.

Linda Brewer and Leigh Weathers will run the 600-meter. Kiya Thomas will double in the mile and 3000-meter, and Karen Barnes and Sharon Smith will run the 1000-meter.

Barnes, Weathers, Smith and Elissa Davis will run both the 2-mile relay and distance medley, events in which MTSU should easily set new school records. Linda Brewer will step in for Karen Barnes in the mile-relay event.

The Lady Raiders are coming off as an exceptional showing at the Mason-Dixon games, and expect an equally good showing in Bloomington this weekend. ■

Tennis team opens at OVC tournament

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

The MTSU men's tennis team opens the 1990 season this weekend in Clarksville at the OVC Indoor Championships. According to Raider head coach Dale Short, the event looks to be a showdown between MTSU and archrival Tennessee Tech.

Playing in the #1 position for the Raiders will be team captain Nick Sheumack. Following Sheumack will be Craig Haslam, who is coming off a broken ankle.

Johan Franzen — who hails from Norrkoping, Sweden — will be playing third for MTSU.

Sheumack and Haslam,

last year's doubles champions, finished 10-1 during the fall and are regarded as one of the nation's top doubles teams. They are the top-seeded players in this weekend's tournament.

David Thornton, the #1 junior tennis player in Ireland, will play in the fourth position for MTSU. Brian Duncan of Hixson, Tenn. will play in fifth, and Robbie Williams, a native of the Los Angeles area, will finish up for the Raiders.

"[Thornton, Duncan and Williams] are big question-marks for us, as they're untested," said Short. "They'll need to play as if they were not freshman if we're going to be a force in the OVC this year." ■

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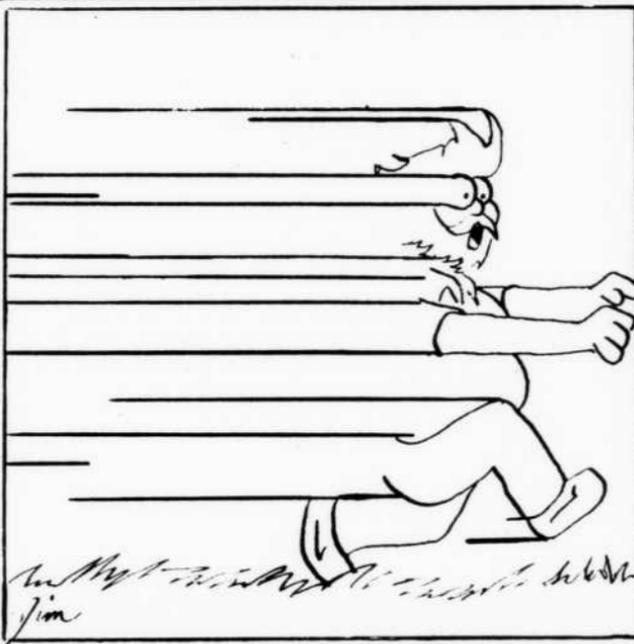
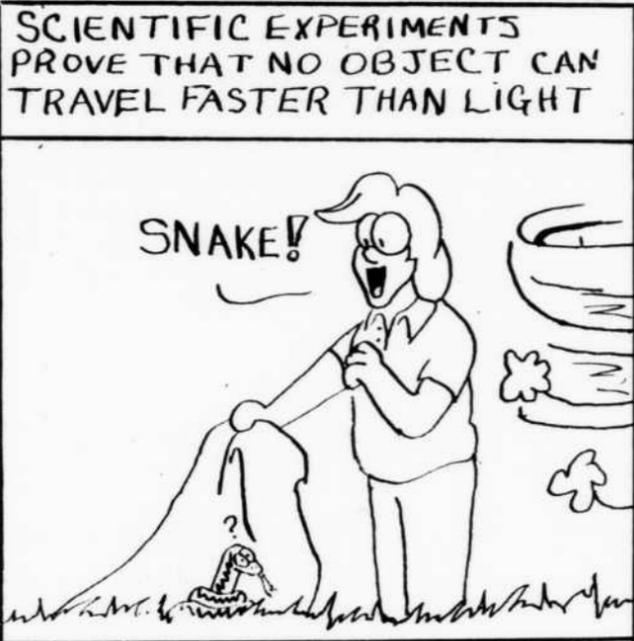
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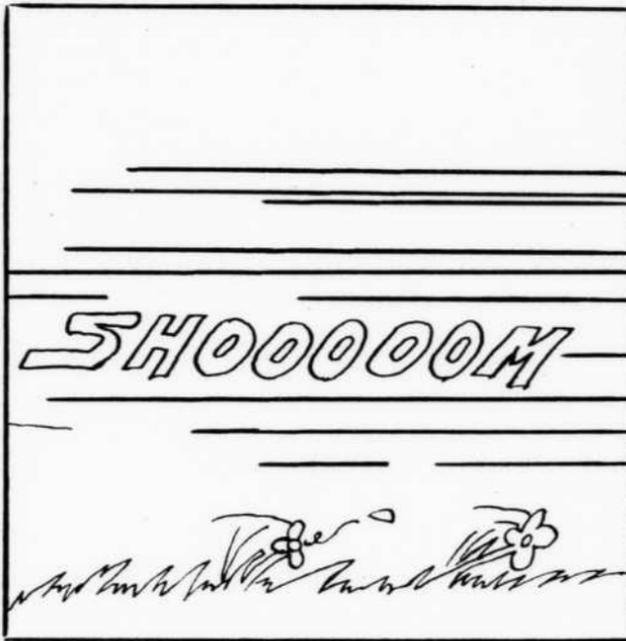
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