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Harassment ruling stands

HPER professor loses final court appeal

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

A ruling last semester by the Tennessee Chancery Court upholds a 1991 MTSU Hearing Committee decision that found a health, physical education and recreation professor guilty of violating MTSU sexual harassment guidelines.

Dr. Powell D. McClellan, a professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), was originally found guilty of violating MTSU harassment policy as well as the Tennessee Board of Regents'

harassment policy in December 1991.

McClellan was charged with sexual harassment toward one of his students, Lea White, during a class on the physiology of exercise during the summer 1991 session, as well as allegedly uttering racially derogatory remarks to a black student.

McClellan was found by the Committee and the Chancery



McCLELLAN

Court to have entered an EKG room where White was attempting to place electrodes on her chest in order to administer a test and harrasing her.

White explained that she was having problems applying one of the electrodes and found it necessary to disrobe from the waist up to try to keep the electrode in place.

When the EKG unit malfunctioned, one of White's team members went out of the room to ask McClellan for verbal instructions on fixing the machine.

Upon hearing of the problem, McClellan entered the room without warning, forcing White to cover herself with a T-shirt. He then walked over to White and, without her permission, removed the shirt. He put his hands on her breasts and adjusted the electrode that would not stay in place.

As he did this, he commented to White, "Lea, you're sure no Dolly Parton" and laughed in the presence of the other female students in the room.

The committee ordered McClellan to submit to sensitivity counseling, prohibited McClellan

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Carl E. Lambert, Photographer

ON THE JOB: Barry Hendrixson of the sheriff's department is strapped to a stretcher by MTSU Security officers after a three-car accident at the intersection of Faulkinberry and South Tennessee Boulevard Tuesday.

University Policy On Harassment

The MTSU Student Handbook defines harassment as "verbal or physical conduct by a person or group of persons which interferes with a student's academic performance or causes discomfort in the work setting or classroom."

The Director of Public Safety and Security says that no student should put up with harassment.

"Harassment is something we are concerned about here," said Jack Drugmand, director of Public Safety and Security. "It shouldn't be tolerated. People should be able to come and go as they please."

Drugmand said campus police will help anyone who comes to them with a complaint.

"Call 2424 and we will direct the student to where he or she needs to go," Drugmand said.

Busy signals main problem for students registering by phone

Serenity Sutton
Editor

Registration was pulled off with "relatively few glitches," according to Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie, most of them occurring over backed-up phone lines.

"There are a lot of people that are late and trying to drop-add," Gillespie said. "The system has been busy all day long (Wednesday) and for that we apologize."

Gillespie said 1,000 people attempted to register or drop/add classes over 48 phone lines Wednesday, which resulted in many students having to spend anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours trying to get through on TRAM, the automated registration system.

Tuesday and Wednesday anyone could register at any time regardless of class status

or alphabetical listing, Gillespie said.

"There are just not very many classes open," Gillespie said, noting students are taking longer on the lines to select classes.

Spring enrollment totaled 15,337, a 3 percent increase over last spring.

"It's a big increase and we're proud of that," he said.

In addition, 1,200 students had their schedules deleted,

either because they did not appear by the registration deadline or they were scholarship students who were not aware they had to call TRAM to confirm that they would be returning in the spring.

Gillespie said he sympathized with those 190 scholarship students whose schedules were deleted, but the instructions for confirmation were mailed to them

and were also in the schedule book.

"The problem is that not everybody reads the instructions," he said.

Students who preregistered in November and December were to pay for their classes by Jan. 7, at 4 p.m., or their schedules were deleted. Gillespie said this semester's number of deleted schedules is lower than it has been in past years. ■

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Ad creates stir at Brandeis

John Williams
College Press Service

The issue of printing advertisements that question the existence of the Holocaust has again plagued the collegiate press, this time at a predominantly Jewish university.

Bradley Smith, director of the Open Debate on the Holocaust, a California-based organization that believes the facts about the slaughter of millions of European Jews during World War II were distorted, had made a promise to place ads questioning the Holocaust in campus newspapers this past fall.

For \$130, he placed a quarter-page ad in *The Justice*, the student newspaper at Brandeis University, decrying the recently opened Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The paper immediately drew the ire of the Brandeis community, and at least 3,000 copies of the Dec. 7 issue were stolen.

The ad and the decision to run by the student editors were condemned by the president of the university.

"I strongly disagree with their decision to run the ad by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust," President Samuel O. Their wrote in a statement. "Those who seek to deny the Holocaust are engaged in a pursuit of lies. No amount of convoluted reasoning can convince men and women of reason that the Holocaust was not the greatest tragedy of the 20th century."

Justice editor David Turner defended the ad, saying any message, no matter how unworthy, should be the marketplace of ideas. "We wanted to expose the views of Bradley R. Smith, which we found reprehensible and disgusting," he said. "We are of the belief that not to run the ad would be an act of paternalism on our part, a decision that we as educated and fairly liberal individuals didn't want to make."

The *Justice's* advertising manager received the ad and \$130 the day before publication, and Turner said he called an emergency board meeting of the paper's 14 editors. He said a majority of the editors, most of whom are Jewish, backed the decision to run the ad without a statement. He wouldn't release the vote tally.

Hillel, the Jewish community's student center, began handing out fliers protesting the

ad, and held a rally on the campus. Turner said Holocaust survivors spoke at the rally, and focused their attention on Holocaust revisionism and not as much on the paper.

He ordered another press run of 4,000 copies after several thousand issues were stolen, and the new editions were distributed around campus under police supervision. Additionally, the money from the ad was donated to the Holocaust Museum.

"We had planned to respond to the ad later. Even though this is an emotionally charged issue, this

should be published or not — opponents say there should be no debate and that free speech is not protected when it involves printing or perpetuating outright lies.

"Some people are so offended by the statements that Bradley Smith makes in his ads that they believe these statements have no place in a college campus," Goodman said. "This decision should be left up to the publication staff. We support them if they choose to run the ad or not run the ad."

He said that there has been

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Samuel O. Their, president, Brandeis University

is the point of view we wanted to adopt," said Turner, who is a junior majoring in European history. "The *Justice* doesn't apologize. We won't retract the ad. I won't resign over the ad. We are respectful of the community, and we understand the reaction of the Boston-area community."

Antony Polosky, a professor of Polish and Jewish history at Brandeis, spoke at the rally and later said the issue is clear for him: The paper should not have published the ad. "It's not a form of debate about the First Amendment," he said. "It is hate propaganda. They wouldn't print that women are responsible for rape. There's no obligation to print the ravings of lunatics."

Smith's ads have caused consternation in the collegiate press for the past two years. "The fact is that it is a subject more sensitive than any other we've seen in the college media," said Mark Goodman, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center in Washington. "I see the same situation repeating itself over and over again. It's unfortunate in many ways people who are reacting to Smith's ads are playing right into his hands. His goal is to get attention, and if his goal is to be a First Amendment martyr, then he's getting that attention."

Several campus newspapers have printed such ads from Smith's group, and Smith said earlier this year he was going to continue trying to place Holocaust revisionist ads in the student press. The ads have sparked campus debate as to whether they

criticism within newspaper staffs that the publication is censoring information that readers may want to see. "The other criticism I have heard is that if the publications reject these ads, how are they going to deal with controversial ads in the future? The newspaper runs risks of being seen inconsistent with its own policy. The risk is this: that the editors are constantly re-evaluating what is offensive to readers.

"But it's not against the law to be inconsistent."

Goodman said earlier this year that there are no legal consequences if a newspaper rejects an ad because of its content.

Turner said *The Justice* has no policy banning ads, and by printing Smith's ad, exposed the paper's readers to "views out there."

Their also made the distinction between a free press and advertisements, and spoke against the people who stole *The Justice* editions.

"The principle of free speech applies to editorial content of newspapers and other media. There is a clear distinction between that and paid advertising, a distinction the editors of *The Justice* unfortunately chose not to recognize," he said. "While I understand the upset caused by this particular ad, the theft and presumable destruction of the issues of *The Justice* in which the ad appeared is violation of the principle of free speech and of university regulations." ■

Campus Capsule

Today

Campus Recreation is now signing up teams for Indoor Soccer and Whiffleball in the Campus Rec. office in Alumni Memorial Gym room 201. Call 898-2104 for more details. Deadline is Jan. 18.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Anyone interested may attend the Sidelines workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop includes several information sessions in News, Features, Opinions, and Sports writing and layout. Sessions will be conducted by local professionals. Reservations are required. Call 2815 for information and reservations.

Thursday, Jan. 27

The June Anderson Women's Center in cooperation with the Rutherford Cannon County Bar Association is sponsoring a free legal clinic for interested faculty, students and staff from 7 to 9 p.m. Consultation by appointment only. Sign up for half-hour appointments by calling the JAWC at 898-2193.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association, MTSU's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual group will hold its weekly meeting this Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Mass Communication building, room 151. All are welcome. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more information.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should contact the MTSU Speech Clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.



Brian G. Miller, photographer

TEARING IT DOWN: Don Bogle and Sam Gather (on ladder) of MTSU Maintenance deconstruct the Learning Resource Center Lab on Wednesday.

Read for pleasure.

Campus hosts Board of Regents session

Brent Andrews
Staff Writer

MTSU was host to the Tennessee Board of Regents for its quarterly session meeting held Dec. 9 and 10.

On campus for the first time since 1988, the assembly gave MTSU the opportunity to show its best side to the people responsible for many of the important decisions made concerning state colleges in Tennessee. The session was divided by days, with the Board of Regents meeting in separate committees on the Dec. 9, and coming together as a group on Dec. 10.

Earl Thomas, executive assistant to the president, was happy that MTSU had the opportunity to host the first quarterly meeting under the direction of the newly-named TBR Chancellor, Charles Smith.

"I was proud of the staff and students who worked to make this go well. We had 60 to 70 people working, and they really did a great job," Thomas said.

"It was also nice to see Dean Judy Smith recognized for her performance as MTSU's Associate Dean of Students. She really deserved the recognition," Thomas added.

The Board of Regents members were shown hospitality by MTSU representatives. Activities included a 30-minute presentation, opened by SGA President Woody Ratterman. The presentation was given in Wright Music Hall.

"I think the atmosphere of this meeting was the best that the TBR has enjoyed," said Paul Cantrell, dean of students. "The whole event was very positive."

Among items on the agenda

were discussions of topics from universities across the state.

For MTSU, the Center for Study and Treatment of Dyslexia was permanently established, and changes were made in the Computer Science Department as a result of influence by the TBR. The changes in the CSCI Department came as a result of recommendations made by a group from the Computer Science Accreditation Board which visited MTSU in September of 1993.

The CSCI Department changes include the merging of two undergraduate concentrations, Scientific Applications and Software Design, so that undergraduates will have a choice of two areas of study: Computer Science, the result of the merge, and Business Applications in Computer Science. ■

University commemorates King holiday

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

Week-long festivities surrounding the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will begin on Monday. The theme of the celebration is "Upholding The Dream: The Struggle Continues."

Activities begin Monday night with a candlelight vigil from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Keathley University Center Theatre. The special guest will be Dr. Kwame Nantambu from Kent State University.

On Tuesday there will be a "Unity Day" program featuring Mr. William Blake of Johnson C. Smith University. Blake will hold a lecture and panel discussion titled "It's Greek To Me" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Multi Media Room of the Learning Resource Center, Room 221.

Wednesday is the date for the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week '94 Memorial

Basketball Game" between MTSU and Tennessee State at Murphy Center. The women's game begins at 5 p.m., with the men's game following after. Tickets are available at Murphy Athletic Center.

On Thursday a film and panel discussion titled "The FBI's War on Black America" will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Mass Communications Building. The moderators will be Roderic Terrell and Charles Irby.

On Friday there will be a University Housing bulletin board contest. Decorate the bulletin boards in your dormitory to reflect your idea of "The Dream." To enter, see your Resident Assistant for applications. Entries are due by Jan. 20. For more information contact Colby Biggers at Ext. 2987.

Saturday the celebration concludes with the "Anniversary and Unity Breakfast with the

President" from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Dining Room C of the James Union Building. President James Walker will be the guest at this informal event designed to allow students to speak openly with Walker.

Ralph Metcalf, director of Minority Affairs, sees the week as a way to stress the need to keep moving forward.

"We cannot rest on our laurels until the dream has been realized," Metcalf said. "We cannot revert back to the way things used to be."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week activities are sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the United Greek Council, the African-American Student Association, the University Mentoring Program, University Housing, the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week Committee. ■

Ruling

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from teaching during the following summer session, and set down guidelines for administering EKG's in educational situations.

McClellan was found not guilty of uttering the racial remarks.

In upholding the decision of the Hearing Committee, the Chancery Court ruled that there was "substantial and material evidence to support the determination that McClellan violated Guideline P-080 which prohibits sexual, racial and other harassment."

White, in a prepared state-

ment, said she does not regret any steps she took, but is glad the situation is over.

"I feel this should have been taken care of years ago," White said. "It was an embarrassment for me and my family, and remains so for the university."

"Coming forward was the most difficult thing I have ever done in my life," White said. "Although I went into this process blindly, it was something I had to do. I came forward solely for moral principles based on dignity and respect. I do not regret one thing. I would do it again without hesitation," she said.

"Now I'm going to put this behind me and live in peace."

McClellan could not be reached for comment. ■

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Kissing cut short for class

Dionne Searcey
College Press Service

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students gave up a free trip to Cancun, Mexico in the name of academia during a kissing contest that measured the smooching stamina of two local couples.

"We just quit," Brandon Mann said about he and his partner, UNL senior English education major Andi Mollring. "We had some stuff to do for school, so we just quit."

The contest was sponsored by a local radio station in early December.

Mann, a senior business administration major, explained his drive to continue competing with Megan and Andrew Jobson for more than half a day.

"You think they're going to quit any time soon, so you think, 'we'll just go another hour,' but they didn't," Mann said.

18 hours later, Mann and

Mollring gave up, allowing the Jobsons to win the contest.

The kissing wasn't too passionate, Mann said. "It was just touching your lips trying to keep them together."

Kissers were allowed a 10-minute break every hour.

"It was hard work on every part of your body," he said. "It was probably fun maybe the first two or three hours."

Staff members from the radio station worked in shifts to make sure the couple didn't let up on their lip-locks.

Just two couples participated in the contest. Ten couples had

been selected to participate, but some of the couples were late and others didn't show up.

The losing couple won tickets to a concert.

Dave Douglas, program director for the radio station, said the winning couple probably needed to catch up on their sleep after having kissed for more than 18 hours. ■

"It was hard work on every part of your body..."

Brandon Mann, University of Nebraska Senior



Sherri LaRose, photographer

MOVIN' ON IN: Adrienne White and Gina Miller repeat a familiar campus ritual, settling into their dorm room for the semester.

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National Roundup

McWherter to ask for second largest funding increase for education

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov. Ned McWherter will ask the state Legislature for the second largest education funding increase in Tennessee history during his final year in office, he said Wednesday.

McWherter made that declaration during his State of the State address at a joint session of the 98th General Assembly.

"To continue the momentum in our education reforms, I will ask the Legislature for the second largest funding increase in history for Tennessee's K-12 classrooms," McWherter said.

Clinton, Kravchuk agree to downsize nuclear arsenal

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — President Clinton and Ukrainian President Leonid M. Kravchuk on Wednesday hailed an agreement to eliminate the third-largest nuclear arsenal in the world by the end of the century. Clinton offered increased economic assistance and security guarantees.

After a short airport meeting with Kravchuk, Clinton said the accord would be signed in

Moscow by them and Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Friday.

"Kravchuk's desire to relinquish all nuclear weapons is in opposition to parliament's position," said Ukrainian lawmaker Les Tanyuk. "As president he can take such a step, but then it's up to parliament to decide whether to ratify it."

"Yeltsin and Clinton are pushing Kravchuk into a huge conflict with parliament," said Bogdan Goryn, a member of the parliament's foreign affairs committee.

Round-the-World balloon flight attempt grounded after 200 miles

TRANQUILLITY, Calif. (AP) — A helium balloon just hours into its fourth attempt to fly around the world was forced down by mechanical problems Wednesday. None of the three crew members was injured.

Earthwinds Hilton, a 100-yard high hourglass-shaped vessel, traveled only 200 miles from Stead Airport near Reno, Nev., before being forced to land seven hours later in a farm field in the San Joaquin Valley.

"This is a monster to fly. It

was a monster to launch," Capt. Larry Newman said. "It was a great ride while it lasted."

Newman said a shaft broke on a valve that regulates air pressure.

"In that instant, we knew it was doomed," Newman said.

Neil Cohen, spokesman for Hilton Hotel Corp., said the balloon would not attempt another launch this winter. Organizers would not immediately comment whether the project, which has cost \$7 million so far, would be scrapped for good.

Newman said it costs \$700,000 per launch because the two balloons must be replaced for each voyage.

Earthwinds' goal Wednesday was to drift southwest until it was hooked up with the southern branch of the jet stream six miles above Earth, then hitch a 14-to 21-day ride around the earth.

"It's a major disappointment," Newman said. "We worked on this project 4 1/2 years."

Earthwinds' first attempt to lift off from Akron, Ohio, was grounded by brisk winds in February 1992.

The craft got off the ground after a launch in Nevada on Jan. 12, 1993, but failed to gain altitude and was carried by winds 10 miles in the wrong direction.

Rose law firm subject of Justice Dept. investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have launched a formal investigation into whether the former law firm of Hillary Rodham Clinton and a top Justice Department official misled them about the firm's dealings with a failed Arkansas thrift, an official confirmed Wednesday.

"Our legal division is looking into whether we were misled by the Rose Law Firm back in 1989," Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. spokesman David Barr said. "We're looking into all aspects of our dealings with Rose, and nothing has been resolved yet."

In 1989, the Rose firm, of which Hillary Rodham Clinton was a partner, was paid \$400,000 by the FDIC to sue the auditors of the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association. However, Rose had earlier represented Madison in an effort to win approval from Arkansas regulators for a recapitalization

effort.

Lorena Bobbitt takes the stand in Virginia

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Her voice sometimes breaking, Lorena Bobbitt told a jury Wednesday how her "dream marriage" quickly turned violent as her husband repeatedly punched, slapped and kicked her and forced her to have sex.

Mrs. Bobbitt, on trial for cutting off her husband's penis, said Bobbitt grabbed her one evening after they went to bed and forced her to have anal intercourse. Every time they had sex after that, she said, he would threaten to do it again.

"He would say he would like to have that kind of sex. I would hopefully try not to let it happen again," said Mrs. Bobbitt, who looked at the floor, twisted in her chair and spoke in a halting voice as she described the alleged abuse.

Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, is charged with malicious wounding in the June 23 attack. If convicted, the Ecuadorian-born manicurist could get up to 20 years in prison and be deported.



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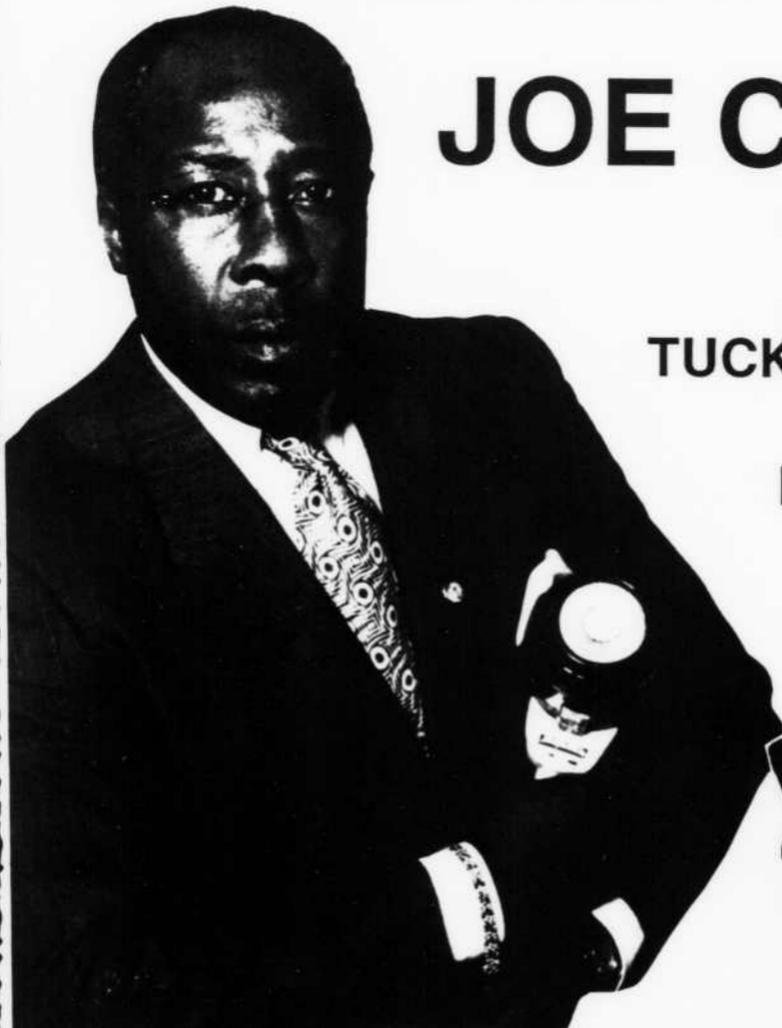
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Opinions

Fraternities discover hazing is not funny

The word "hazing" seems an extremely old-fashioned one; it brings to mind all those teen movies of the early 1980's, back when drinking seemed like the biggest problem college students faced. That was before we started talking about hardcore violence, drug usage and the spread of AIDS on our campuses.

Yet the problem of fraternities and sororities ganging up on pledges, forcing them to perform harmful or demeaning acts, is apparently still around.

Last semester three fraternities were involved with disciplinary actions regarding hazing.

The Delta Lambda chapter of the Kappa Alpha national order was suspended and placed on probation last semester after allegedly requiring pledges to clean up refuse, including human and animal excrement, that had been dumped in the fraternity chapter house.

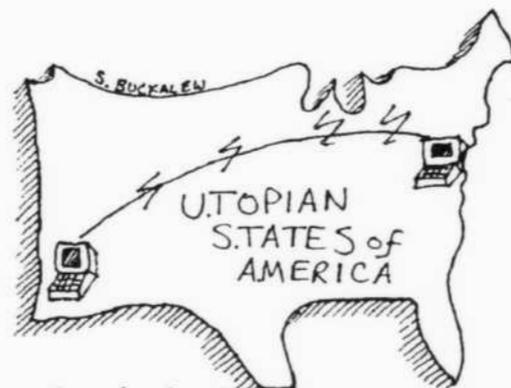
The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was placed on suspension for an incident of Pike pledges streaking through Murphy Center.

And the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter handled an internal problem in which recruits, going against the orders of the chapter president, bound a fellow pledge in duct tape and tossed him into the back of a truck.

With the start of this new semester, the Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha orders remain on probation.

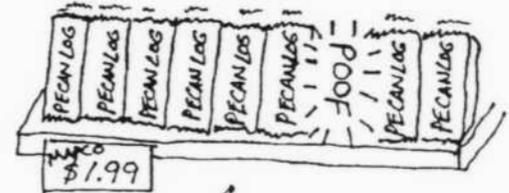
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Trump wedding mocks marriage

The Conservative Philosopher CHRISTINA BASIEL



Over the Christmas holidays, I was sickened by the torrents of immoral adulations concerning the Donald Trump-Marla Maples marriage. Somehow, the meaning of Christmas, i.e. the birth of Jesus Christ who established the Christian values upon which this country was based, was overshadowed by the union of a conniving homewrecker and a pretentious middle-aged brat. How ironic that the media-celebrated "marriage of the decade" occurred during a time of celebration which was in direct conflict with the characters of the participants involved. Actually, this is not really surprising

considering the increasing triviality of the institution of marriage within the Western world.

Marla and "The Donald" are just the most recent of a cavalcade of acclaimed shattered marriages and ruined families.

A person's behavior used to hold them accountable to the beliefs of a cohesive and principled society. Oh, how we have advanced! People are no longer condemned for their actions or even held accountable.

As long as a person feels good about the destruction that he or she has caused, it is justifiable. Well, to borrow a phrase from that out-dated and unsympathetic source—the Bible, "You reap what you sow."

The deterioration of family values has catapulted our society into a whirlpool of drugs, violence and despair.

As long as we regard marriage as an easily dissolved expression of fleeting passion, the very essence of a family is a worthless facade.

To make a vow before God, family, and country to love, honor, and forsake all others through sickness and health, wealth or poverty, better or worse until parted by death requires a determination and strength of character to realize the seriousness of this pledge. When the most serious of all promises is broken with a casual disregard to trust and honor, the character of the defecting collaborator is grossly indigent.

We must renew the sanctity of marriage within our society. While a conservative attitude regarding personal behavior and its far-reaching effects may be considered repressive and ignorant to the immoral minority, it is this very attitude which established ours as a great society.

If we are to succeed as a country or simply as human beings, we must embrace the disciplines of marital values, establish family principles, and honor our commitments. ■

King left powerful legacy for all

Forefront

JOHN HARRIS



This month we will be celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As many of you are aware, Dr. King's birthday

is now a state and federal holiday.

Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968. He was standing on a balcony at the Lorraine Motel, preparing to attend a church that night to make his second speech while in Memphis supporting underpaid city sanitation workers.

How ironic that Dr. King's life would end supporting sanitation workers, a job that many in our society would not consider among

the most desirable positions; yet it is a very necessary position. But then, in a sense, it is not so ironic because it exemplifies what I believe the legacy of Dr. King to be.

Unfortunately, it will be debated by many whether or not there should be a holiday celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of you will say that Dr. King was not

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Editor outlines new changes

Serenity Sutton
Editor

I have been flipping through back issues of *Sidelines*, looking for clues about what it takes to make an excellent student newspaper and what I need to do to make that happen.

For the past few semesters, most of the criticism of the newspaper seems to have been that editors and writers were either too liberal or too conservative, and that the contents of the newspaper reflected only those viewpoints.

I would say such criticism is fairly valid, except everyone needs to distinguish between what is written in a clearly-labeled opinions section and what is written in a news section.

In my opinions section, I am much more interested in people who are articulate on the issues and write extremely well, rather than in what position they take on those issues. After all, we all have our political opinions and we are all entitled to them, but we can't all write original, clear, persuasive pieces about those opinions.

However, I don't feel that the Opinions section is the most

important section of the newspaper. It's called a NEWSpaper, and it is my goal that this one serve you with accurate, in-depth news, high-quality feature and sports writing and outstanding photographs.

I am extremely proud of the staff which has agreed to work with me. I asked people who I feel are excellent writers and people who are serious about putting out a quality newspaper. My managing editor will be Mike Reed, who in the past has served this newspaper in almost every capacity.

News editor will be Warren Wakeland. Warren has been contributing to *Sidelines* for several semesters. He will be crucial to maintaining a strong news section.

Entertainment editor will be Jason Sparks, one of the better writers the newspaper has had the great fortune to publish in recent memory.

Tony Arnold will continue as the sports editor for the fourth year, no doubt offering his usual dedication and excellence.

Carl Lambert will be photography editor; he has served this position quite capably in the

past and has assembled a staff of hard-working photographers.

Finally, a former editor whom I greatly admire once gave me an Associated Press stylebook for Christmas. Although I already owned two stylebooks, I treasure this one, because it contained an inscription in the front which reads, in part:

"Being a journalist means being a professional in all situations, constantly striving to be your best and making sure each day's paper is the best it can be that day.

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Finally, remember this; being a journalist is not a title someone else gives you - it's one you earn for yourself."

I hope at the end of this semester we can all feel that we have earned this title. If you have ideas, comments or suggestions, please contact the respective editors or me at Box 42. ■

Letters to the Editor

Pike president critical of Inter-Fraternity Council

To the editor:

In the December 6, 1993 issue of *Sidelines*, there was an article titled "Problems Arise for the Pikes, SAEs." This was a very insightful, well-written article which basically gave an overview of an incident which "allegedly" (we Greeks define this word broadly in some cases) took place on September 30, 1993. The problem with this article is that there were some very wrong facts stated involving the outcome of the Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Inter-Fraternity Council trial. First and foremost, we can and will rush this spring, next fall and so forth. Furthermore, Pi Kappa Alpha can participate in any activity as a fraternity, as long as the activity isn't sponsored by the IFC. And if we decide to enter Homecoming as a student organization, we will. And if a party is in order afterwards, then we will proceed to have it. And then again we may not, but it will be our choice, not the choice of the IFC. The point that I am making here is that IFC cannot suspend a fraternity and still impose regulations on them.

Yes, the Pi Kappa Alpha vs. IFC trial was grossly mishandled. It was at first dismissed, this was

fair, this was honest. Then to no surprise of the Pikes, the decision WAS vetoed due to an alleged pre-trial motion. Wow, first of all this was something grabbed out of a handbook which I haven't quite been able to find. Must be kept in a safe, secret place. Second, even if such a rule did exist, trial begins when Jason Klatt raps the gavel. This had happened. And last, we never forced, asked, persuaded or encouraged our pledge to do what he did. Young people straight out of high school will make mistakes. And as we have all read in papers over the past year, administrators will also make mistakes. Seems unfair to me which rules stand and which do not. Which groups the rules apply to, and which groups they obviously do not. When I go to my workplace with people who have nothing to do with this school and they ask why we get punished so severely and other groups go virtually untouched for violations far more severe, I can only smile and shake my head.

The IFC allows themselves to be persuaded much too strongly by administrators, some of whom seem to have forgotten their genuine purpose. Instead, they have developed a God-like attitude in dealing with issues

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King

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in the class of Americans that other holidays have been named for. Others of you will even say that his morals left a lot to be desired. And still others might say that he supported Communism.

I would like to say that yes, we should celebrate Dr. King's birthday. Here are some reasons why:

1. Dr. King was for the freedom of everyone, regardless of the color of their skin—I would say disability, too.

2. Without Dr. King, Civil Rights would not be as we know and enjoy it today.

3. He was an example of what anyone can do and be in America if you just try.

I am convinced that Dr. King wanted everyone to have an equal access the advantages that America offers. Dr. King would

Hazing

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Although these incidents may not seem harmful today, especially in light of the depressing amount of life-threatening problems students face, they are not to be tolerated. Hazing is something a lot of people might consider humorous and harmless, until it is being done to them.

Any gesture which physically hurts, embarrasses or demeans

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very sensitive the group or groups accused. I know how the ability to look at issues with a fresh perspective becomes difficult after holding a position for a countless number of years.

So now it becomes time for Pi Kappa Alpha to become proactive in dealing with this issue. Many thanks to the Greeks who have said, "Man, you guys got railroaded." Thanks also to the administrators, professors, Greeks and students who have been very supportive through all of this.

Greg Lunsford
President
Pi Kappa Alpha

SAE's apologize for
recent disturbance

To the Editor:

Students, faculty, and all Greeks of MTSU, we the fall pledge class of Sigma Alpha Epsilon would like to formally

encourage people to follow their dreams. Finally, it is my opinion, that I am where I am today because of the struggles of Dr. King and others, many of whom died so that I can be what I am.

If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were alive today, he would say that America has come a long way, but it must continue to strive for The Dream, when all of its people would be able to sing together the great Negro spiritual, "Free at last, thank God almighty we are free at last."

Now I ask you to reflect, this month, on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the things that he did that made America the greatest country today instead of what it would have been without Dr. King. ■

Harris is director of disabled student services.

Forefront, a guest column, will appear regularly throughout the semester.

other students is cruel and should not be brushed off by anyone.

Fortunately, these incidents were reported and all parties involved were punished. To their credit, each fraternity has carried out its punishment and appears to be anxious to put the incident behind them and not have it repeated.

We commend these organizations for taking responsibility for their actions, and anticipate a trouble-free semester. ■

apologize for the disturbance caused at the Rosewood Apartment Complex on Nov. 24. We feel we embarrassed for the entire campus, as well as, ourselves. In an attempt to undo our wrong, we have donated money to an MTSU-Inter-Fraternity Council scholarship fund in order to aid students in the future. We have also performed community service work for the residents of the Rosewood complex as well as sending out formal apologies. Now that we have completed our pledgship and are approaching initiation, we have had a chance to reflect upon our actions. As members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, we can assure you that we will uphold our image at MTSU as well as within the entire Murfreesboro community. Once again, we would like to apologize for any disturbances we may have caused.

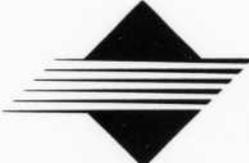
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Carl E. Lambert, Photographer

POWER CHORD: William Yelverton plays one of his many guitars in his MTSU office.

Music Man releases classical CD

Corrie Cron
Assistant Features Editor

An MTSU professor is the first to release a CD of classical works on solo guitar.

"I started as a rock'n'roll guitarist in my teens," says William Yelverton, director of the guitar program, as well as producer and artist of his first CD "Harpischord Music On Guitar."

Yelverton's musical ambitions went beyond playing the same places and the same songs in the band he performed with.

"I really enjoyed playing rock'n'roll in the band," says Yelverton. "After a few years of it, though, I felt my musicianship wasn't growing. I decided I wanted to do more with my music career."

Recording the CD was extremely difficult for the professor because there wasn't a precedent for cooperation between the Music Department and the Recording Industry Department. For that reason, Yelverton had

to learn how to produce the project himself.

In order to learn the dyaxis digital editing system, which uses large Macintosh hard drives to arrange the audio, Yelverton had "a little bit of tutoring and basically just a big thick manual to learn from."

There was also the difficulty of getting studio time. Being a professor, he could only record during the hours remaining after student use. That put him in the studio at midnight and sometimes four o'clock in the morning.

Setbacks aside, the CD is not only now complete, but a landmark recording as well. The selections recorded have never been released on solo guitar.

"That's *the* most important thing about this recording ... when you listen to it, it sounds like there is more than one instrument playing. But it is a solo guitar performance without any overdubbing or multitracking," exclaims the proud professor.

Yelverton says he's been a teacher of music ever since he learned his first three chords. "I've been teaching almost as long as I've been playing," he laughs.

He received his undergraduate degree at Berkley College of Music and his master's degree at the University of Miami, which he said was a great experience being able to broaden his education at "the two greatest jazz schools in the country."

In Miami he was able to learn outside the classroom.

"I never had a shortage of work or gigs when I was a student," Yelverton remarks. "The guitar was part of the Cuban, Spanish and South American influence of the area, and there was a lot of money in that town. It generated a lot of performance opportunities."

Here at MTSU, he taught Music Theory up until this year. Now he only teaches

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'Shadowlands:' Romance, beauty, desire and Sir Anthony Hopkins

Corrie Cron
Assistant Feature Editor

Beautiful. That is the best word to describe "Shadowlands," a new film starring Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.

The movie is based on the true story of C.S. Lewis (Hopkins), a well-known children's author, poet and Oxford University professor. The story centers on his relationship with Joy Gresham (Winger), an American fan of Lewis', from whom he has been receiving letters.

Winger meets Lewis on a trip to London, and they quickly become friends; over time, their friendship turns into a love like neither has ever known.

This is not just another love story. This is a story about the kind of love that strongly takes you by surprise, from which there is no escape.

Directed by Richard Attenborough, "Shadowlands" seems to be asking if it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Although Hopkins is no stranger to the reserved Englishman type, the soul he brings to the character is very fresh.

"From Hannibal Lecter, to Jack Lewis, to the butler in 'Remains of the Day,' I seem to play men who are imprisoned within themselves," said Hopkins in a press release. "Though I read a biography of Lewis before we started 'Shadowlands,' there is a limit to what I want to know. I assume that great directors like Attenborough, Coppola, Jonathan Demme, and James Ivory know their jobs. The director is the boss, it is his show. I just learn the lines and show up."

Many critics are speculating that Winger may win an Oscar for her role, despite the stiff competition. While Winger may not seem to be a likely match for Hopkins, she is brilliant as the brash and assertive New Yorker and at times steals the scenes from him.

"Shadowlands" is a cinematic masterpiece that under no circumstances should be missed. ■



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Award -winning Christian musician to sing for Center

Elizabeth Weatherspoon
Staff Writer

A Dove Award-winning producer, singer and songwriter will conduct a Praise and Worship Benefit Concert at Tucker Theater to raise money for the Crisis Pregnancy Support Center.

Contemporary Christian musician John G. Elliot has co-written songs with Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Gloria Gathier and Paul Overstreet. He has produced records for, among others, country musician Ricky Skaggs.

The benefit, which takes place Friday at 7:30 p.m., will include some popular songs such as "Let All the Thirsty Come," "Unto the King," "This is the Day" and "Worthy is the Lamb."

The benefit will begin the Sanctity of Human Life Week, celebrated by churches from the Sunday before the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision to the following Sunday. ■

All donations will go to The Crisis Pregnancy Support Center, a non-profit organization that counsels young girls and pregnant women.

"We hope to raise money," said Director Cliff Sharp, "but more importantly we hope to raise awareness."

The Support Center offers free pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, infant clothes and other items to over 240 women a month at no charge.

Items are donated during the year as well at various fund-raisers the center holds each year to sustain the work of the organization.

The organization also provides Christian counseling on the facts of pregnancy, abortion, adoption, lifestyle and post-abortion trauma.

"Our organization is pro-life," Sharp explained, "but we are more interested in helping women than being a baby-saving organization."

Boston poet brings attention to Nashville poetry slam

James Hanback
Contributing Writer

The Pub of Love and Michael Brown may be opening doors for struggling poets in Middle Tennessee.

Brown, a Boston-based professor and noted performance poet, performed some of his work at The Pub of Love in Nashville Wednesday night. The show marked the premiere of what the event's promoters hope will become a monthly affair.

David Madgalene, a promoter for the event, says that while Brown and six other performers were the only ones scheduled to appear this time, there will be later opportunities for other poets to perform.

"We're planning an open-mike for Jan. 20," he says. "Performance poetry is a way of communicating yourself. We want poets to have the chance to do that."

While his first poem was published in 1968, Brown has only been doing performance poetry since 1989. And although he is a teacher most of the year, he tours the nation to do his performing during breaks.

Madgalene says that a combination teacher and performance poet may be a bit unusual.

"In its history," he says, "there has been a conflict between performance poetry and academic poetry. There are people in academics that believe you have to read poetry off the page to get its meaning."

"The emphasis in performance poetry," he continues, "is on emotion and stories and personal experience. Performing adds to the effect."

In spite of the conflict Madgalene says he enjoyed MTSU's most recent Poetry Slam and was impressed by the size of the audience.

"I thought they did a great job on the last one," he says. "I didn't get a chance to read because there were so many there, but maybe I will next time."

However the words come across Madgalene claims there is one reason for the increase in popularity of performance poetry, written verse and poetry slams.

"It's important for people to express themselves," he says. ■

May your voice be heard...

Whether your voice lies within a pen, a paintbrush, a camera, or a lump of clay, let it be heard through a submission to *Collage*, MTSU's arts and literature magazine. *Collage* is now accepting submissions for the Spring 1994 issue. Submission guidelines are currently available at the *Collage* office in Room 306 of the James Union Building (898-5927).

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COLLAGE

Another day older and deeper in debt

Corrie Cron
Assistant Features Editor

The MTSU Photographic Gallery opened its 1994 season on Jan. 9 with the work of Builder Levy's "Images of Appalachian Coalfields."

The photographs were taken over a 14-year period in such places as West Virginia, Kentucky and western Pennsylvania.

Critics claim that Levy has been able to capture the Appalachian coal miner's culture and environment with a stark realism. The exhibit has shown in many prominent galleries and museums before coming to MTSU.

Associate Professor of Photography Tom Jimison said that Photographer Shelby Adams, who showcased Levy's work in the MTSU Gallery about a year ago, was so impressed with the turnout that he encouraged Levy to get in



©Builder Levy

touch with the University.

Even though the exhibit has only been open since Monday, Jimison noted that the response was "very positive so far."

Levy himself was impressed with the spirit of the people he photographed.

"What made the coal-field heritage live for me were the faces of the people, the stories they shared and their indomitable spirit. It was the trust and cooperation of the many people who opened their hearts and homes that made these photographs possible," he

explained.

Jimison believes that the exhibit speaks to many who see it.

"A lot of people in this area have relatives in those counties [which were photographed]," he said.

The 54-photo exhibit will run until Feb. 3.

Levy's book "Images of Appalachian Coalfields" will be available at a special price in Phillips Bookstore.

The Gallery is located in the Learning Resource Center and is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Music

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guitar, due to the elimination of an adjunct assistant. However, things are going very well, he says.

"In this department the guitar program is the largest program of instrumental study," says Yelverton.

When he first came to the University, he had only one performance major. Today, there are 15.

Currently, there are 25 music majors studying guitar. Five years ago, there were only six.

"And due to my concert tour last year, students are starting to transfer here from other colleges," he says. Some of those colleges include Belmont University, Memphis State University, University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the University of Kentucky.

If the program continues to expand, Yelverton believes it could be a national center for

guitar study over the next 10 years.

Being only a few miles from Nashville is also a plus for the program.

"Because of the close proximity, this is an ideal place for a guitar program," says Yelverton.

Only 1,000 copies of the CD were made and are the only available through mail order, Tower Records, and possibly the music office and Phillip's Bookstore.

Looking ahead to other projects, Yelverton says he does not have anything specific in mind, but wants to do something completely different.

"I don't want to be known as the guitarist who plays baroque music," he says.

Yelverton does not believe he has realized his full potential.

"I'm always going to be a student of the guitar. My mission on this planet is to continually try to improve myself and broaden my experience in music," he concluded.

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Sports

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We've got ignition!

Dean catches fire, Raiders down Peay

Travis McEps
Sports Writer

A second-half explosion by Milton Dean and deadly free throw shooting down the stretch by Middle Tennessee led the men's basketball team to a 78-69 home victory over Austin Peay last night in Murphy Center.

In a physical contest in which free throw shooting turned out to be one of the deciding factors, the Blue Raiders hit on 20 of 25 free throws. This included a sparkling 9 of 10 in the last minute to seal the victory. The Governors, by comparison, hit on only 13 of 21.

The other factor in the game was Dean. After being held scoreless in the first half, he connected for 22 of the Raiders 45 second-half points to break a halftime tie. Jevon Banks added 15 points including 4 of 4 from the 3-point line.

Paul Washington and Corey Norwood also had double figure games for the Raiders. Washington had 13 points and six rebounds, while Norwood added 10 points.

Austin Peay was led by Jermaine Savage, with 18 points, and Tyrone Beck, tossed in 12.

Blue Raider head coach David Farrar was very pleased with his team's effort to break their five-game losing streak. "They needed (the win). It is an adage in sports," said Farrar, "but you have to learn to win, and we have had a tough time doing that."

The difference in the game to Farrar was obvious.

"We shot the ball better (overall) and we shot the ball better from the free throw line."

MTSU shot 80 percent from the 3-point line for the game, while Austin Peay shot an awful 14 percent being just 2 of 14.

One bad moment for the Raiders occurred in the middle of the second half, when point guard Tim Gaiter went down with an injury of the right ankle. X-rays are being taken and MTSU's second-leading scorer's status is unknown.

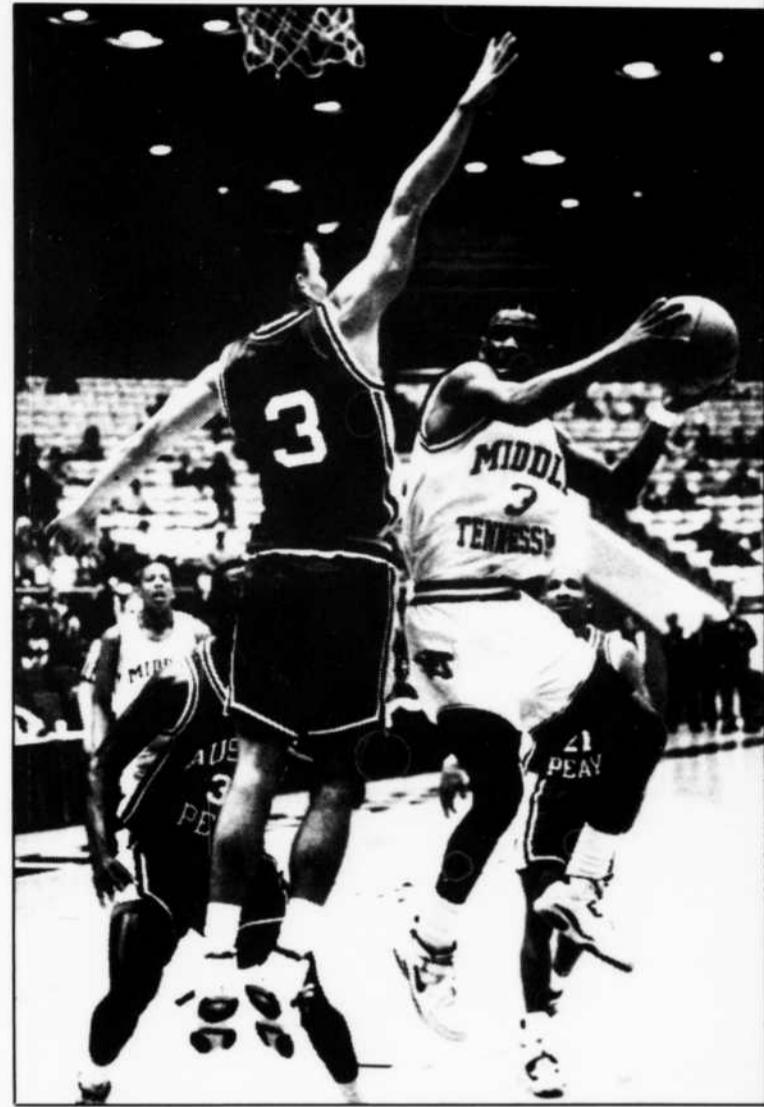
Dean attributed his hot second half to the play of the inside men. "The fact that Washington, Bobby Clark, and Chad Wampler made a few inside shots made the defense collapse," said Dean, "and made my shots easier on the perimeter."

Washington said his improved game came from looking at statistics that showed he was shooting poorly from the 3-point line.

"It was just a matter of looking at the numbers," remarked Washington, "so tonight I stayed inside and just did what the team needed."

MTSU improved their record to 4-8 on the year, but more importantly improved to 1-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Austin Peay fell to 3-9 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

The Raiders' next game will be against Murray State University at Murray on Saturday night before traveling to Southeast Missouri on Monday. They'll be back home Wednesday to host Tennessee State. ■



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FLYING RAIDERS: Tim Gaiter soars to the basket during MTSU's win.

Robinson back on offensive track as Lady Raiders roll

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

MTSU found something it had been missing for the past few games last night. The 5-10 frame had been around and hitting the boards, yet the offensive touch that's made her famous was lacking.

That changed in the Lady Raiders 82-62 win over Austin Peay as Priscilla Robinson came to life on the offensive end of the court, pouring in 20 points en route to the victory.

"I've been shooting and I've been missing a lot of easy shots," Robinson admitted. "I think I've been too hard on myself but what I need to do is not worry about it and just play the type of game I know I can play."

Playing the type of game she's capable of sealed Peay's doom early in the second half. After taking a 39-31 lead into intermission, Robinson's play sparked a 20-7 run to open the final stanza. In that stretch the Lady

"They came to play and they did a lot of good things, but we did a lot of good things too."

- PRISCILLA ROBINSON
LADY RAIDER FORWARD

Raider senior netted eight points.

But Peay refused to die.

"They played hard and they played tough," Bivens said. "We got out there where we should've been. We got pretty comfortable and we got a little complacent. Then they got it back down to 12."

Indeed they did, as Georgie Vaughn knocked down a trey with 5:05 left in the game to cut the margin to 70-58. By then it was too little, too late.

Nevertheless, Peay did leave an impression, even though the loss ran their record to 0-36 against MTSU.

"They came to play and they did a lot of good things but we did a lot of good things too," Robinson admitted. "It's always good to win an OVC game and now it's time to

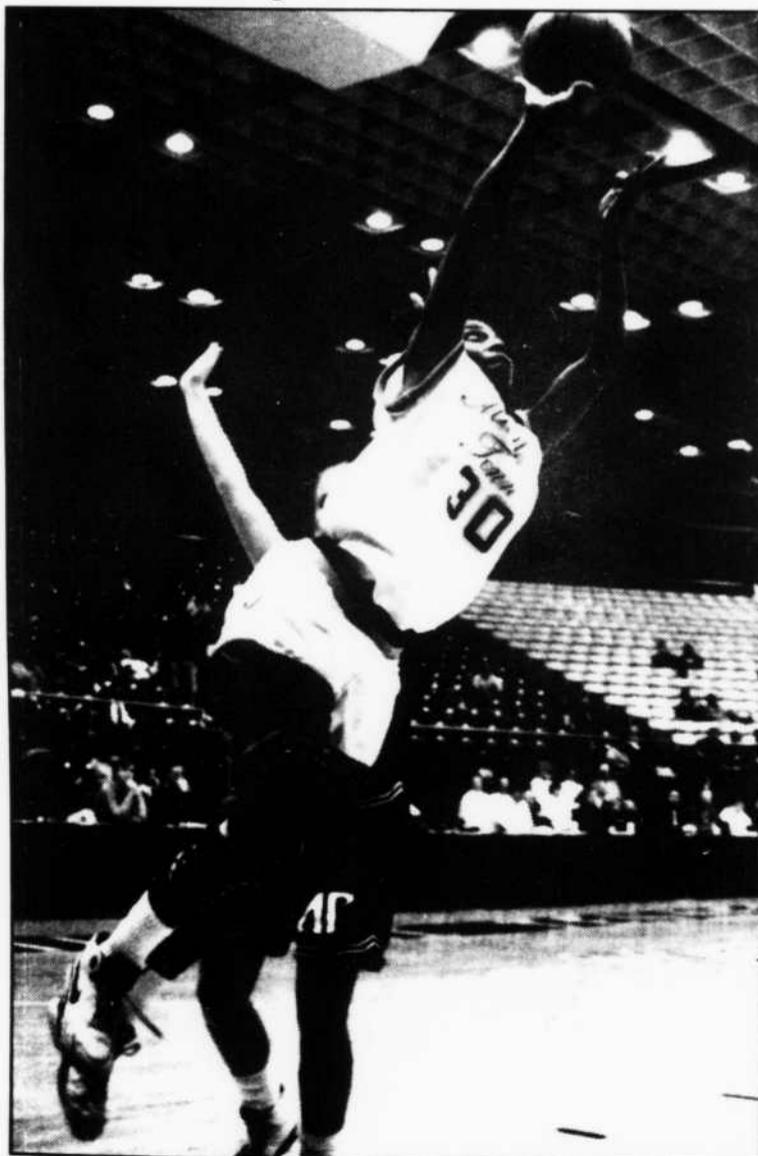
focus on the next one."

That next one will be Murray State on Saturday. They travel to Southeast Missouri on Monday before returning home on Wednesday to host Tennessee State at 5:30 p.m.

TSU is expected to be a major game that could affect the OVC title race somewhere down the road. Austin Peay fell to State last week, but not before faltering down the stretch and blowing a one-point lead in the final 30 seconds of the game.

The Lady Raiders, who received eight Top 20 votes last week, ran their record to 10-1, one of its fastest starts ever. Robinson not only paced the team in points but her nine rebounds were a game high. Heather Prate chipped in 19 and Sherry Tucker added 17.

"Priscilla played pretty damn good and I was really pleased," Bivens said. "She made the shots she was supposed to make. She played well and that was a big key for us." ■



Carl Lambert/Photographer

OFFENSIVE ATTACK: Priscilla Robinson glides in for two of her 20 points as the Lady Raiders ran their record to 10-1 on the season.

Jackson brought action to the game

Michelle made dreams come true with hard work and hustle

On Dec. 21 Michelle Jackson lay on the gym floor crying in pain. Her Lady Raider basketball squad was trying to overcome a second-half deficit at UT-Chattanooga - but it would ultimately lose in more ways than one.



Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

As soon as Michelle fell to the floor she screamed it was over, and somehow, someway, I knew it was true. Michelle Jackson is a warrior and when she didn't get up, I realized it had to be bad. Any slight sprain, bruise or bump wouldn't stop this young lady but this time she didn't get off that lucky.

Sure enough, the words no one wanted to hear were spoken by the doctors the following day. A torn ALC (Anterior Cruciate Ligament) marked the end of the season for the forward, but more tragically, the end of her career as a collegiate basketball player.

Michelle was a senior and she 'was' a ballplayer. Her coach, Lewis Bivens, admitted she was perhaps the hardest working athlete he'd ever coached. She wasn't a scoring or rebounding machine. She wasn't the quickest or the strongest, but when called upon you could bet she gave you everything she had, and she was capable of stepping forward on either end of the court, offensively or defensively, to turn in a stellar performance.

There was a certain spark of magic about Michelle that she brought to the court. That spark elevated her, and her team, to

another level and her squad obviously misses her.

For those of you who appreciate the game of basketball and never had the opportunity to see Michelle play, rest assured you would have loved her. No one played the game harder. You never wanted to see it end this way, but perhaps it was fitting that she'd just grabbed a loose ball, dribbled the length of the court and, at the last second, passed the ball off to an open teammate for the lay-up. That's the unselfishness that made her great. It's just unfortunate that her body gave in before her heart did.

This semester begins my fifth year at *Sidelines* and it will be my last. In that time I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of fascinating athletes and witness their skills in action of the field. As any of my close friends know, I have little interest in being a journalist, I'm a Blue Raider. I

grew up here and have been a fan for at least 17 years now and in that time I've seen other great athletes come through.

Michelle Jackson was lucky to be one of these, and those of us who saw her play are luckier to have done so. My dreams were to always be here in a Blue Raider uniform. I grew up idolizing the Big Blue and if I'd been the most highly recruited athlete at any sport there wouldn't have been a tough decision about where to further my education.

At age 11 in junior pro I wanted number 10 because that was Pancakes Perry's number. At age 12, I wanted to throw that football just like Brown Sanford. In little league, I wanted to hit just like Doc Holiday. Those names might not mean much to students today, yet they meant the world to me.

But I never excelled in any sport and I won't suit up for



MICHELLE JACKSON

David Farrar, Boots, or Steve Peterson. I can still dream though, and as stupid as it may sound, I could live those dreams through Michelle Jackson. I'm am truly thankful for that. If I'd have played, I'd have wanted to play

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1993 Raider Review

Softball a hit

In its first season of action under head coach Karen Green, the Lady Raider softball team fared surprisingly well. It posted a 13-19 mark.

In amassing that, the squad finished fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference and a solid recruiting class gives fans nothing but optimism headed into 1994.

Football team sports disappointing season

For Blue Raider football fans 1993 was a disappointment. Ranked as high as No. 1 in preseason publications, the Raiders came no where close. In fact, the 5-6 record it posted was the school's first since 1980.

"It's been a strange season, there's no question about that," commented MTSU mentor Boots Donnelly.

Optimism was high even after an opening season loss at Hawaii, a perennial powerhouse in the WAC. In that game, the Raiders were in line for an upset possibility throughout the third quarter before eventually falling 35-14. The next week NAIA Campbellsville came to town proving to be little of a contest as Middle rolled 70-13, but it rolled downhill from there.

Losses to UT-Martin, Eastern Kentucky,

Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech not only left the Raiders with a losing record, but a fourth place finish in the OVC.

Noted in the past for defense, the Raiders inability to stop the pass haunted them throughout the season.

Its offense, however, was a different story. While it had trouble scoring in the 'Red Zone' it was potent leading the league in several statistical categories.

Quarterback Kelly Holcomb became the school's all-time leading passer and tailback Kippy Bayless was named OVC Offensive Player of the Year. Offensive tackle Patrick Hicks was a first team Kodak All-American and defensive end Danny Lawrence was named Academic All-American. Kicker Garth Petrilli earned All-OVC honors for the third straight year.

Short's men win big

Back to back couldn't have been better for Dale Short, who's men's tennis team won its second consecutive OVC crown.

The team did so by serving up a 5-3 win over arch-rival Murray State in the OVC tournament.

"We had a heck of a season," commented Short. "It's been a real pleasure to work with this team. I didn't have to push them to work. They knew when to get up."

Keith Harrietha, Paul Goebel, David Thornton and Patrick Zachrisson all won singles crowns for the Raiders. Harrietha and Goebel teamed up to take a doubles title as well.

Roundball had ups and downs

It was like two sides of the coin when it came to MTSU's men's and women's basketball teams but ultimately, both coins landed on the losing end.

MTSU's men battled not only the opposition, but NCAA violations and sanctions as well. On top of that, leading scorer Robert Taylor suffered a season-ending foot injury, but not before he became MTSU's all-time leading scorer.

Warren Kidd led the nation in rebounding and the team in scoring for his 10-16 squad. The All-OVC center is now playing

for the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA.

Lewis Bivens' Lady Raiders eclipsed the 20 win mark but fell one game short of the OVC title after a late season upset at Morehead State. Tennessee Tech also sent the Lady Raiders home in the championship of the post-season tournament.

Led by All-OVC standout Priscilla Robinson, Middle had a very respectable 21-7 record.

"We posted 21 wins and that's an accomplishment," Bivens said. "We can still improve but I'm happy with our effort."

Pete's troops claim OVC crown

Middle Tennessee's baseball squad claimed an unprecedented fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference crown becoming the only OVC team to do so. But things didn't come easy for the Blue Raiders.

Things went down to the wire with the Raiders needing two wins on the final day of the season to claim its title, which it did against a tough Southeast

Missouri team. Even with the victories, the Blue Raiders faltered in the tournament that it hosted, falling in two games.

Right fielder Mudcat Brewer was named OVC Player of the Year and pitcher Mike McLaury was named Pitcher of the Year. McLaury was only one of two players who MTSU lost. Jason Maxwell, an All-OVC shortstop, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs.

Track teams race to finish line

Four years ago, the men's track team didn't even exist. In 1993, it claimed the indoor OVC title.

"We don't have a lot of depth, but we have a lot of quality," commented head coach Dean Hayes. "We just hammered away at them. We wanted to get our reputation back in the OVC. We wanted to do it and get out. We want everybody to know that we mean business."

The Lady Raiders finished third behind Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri.

Outstanding performers on both squads included Roland McGhee, Micoh Otis, Ron Loyd, Carlos Gupton, Jeff Lingwall, Melvin Stevenson, Tom Hampton, Jacqui Brown, Veronica Tipton, Nadrain McGill and Tina Rumsey.

Cummings crew improving

Under the direction of second year head coach Diane Cummings, the Lady Raider volleyball team continued to gain respect in the OVC.

Although Cummings crew posted a losing record and had

little impact on the conference race, promising players like Angie Raffo, Priscilla Robinson and Becky Tumblin and a promising class of youngsters paved the way for a bright future.

Lady Raiders a dynasty?

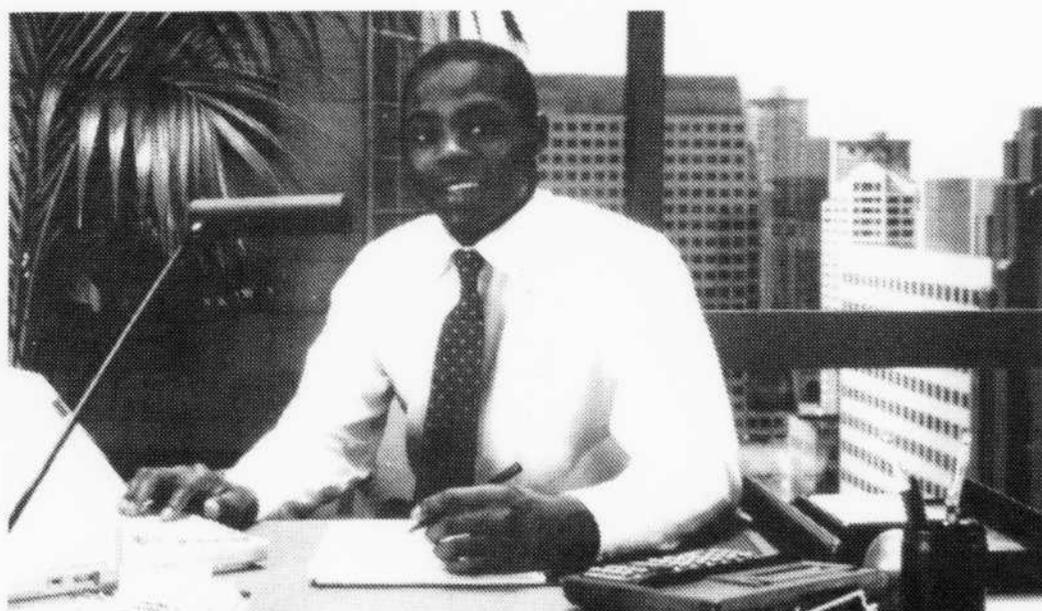
Dynasty is a big word, but a glance down the OVC women's tennis records sure makes it hard to argue that MTSU's program hasn't established one.

Behind the play of Yael Soresman, the Lady Raiders claimed their fourth consecutive conference crown, becoming the first team to accomplish such a feat.

Soresman won a singles title, as did Michelle Wilson and Shelly Reed. Soresman and Carol MacPherson teamed up to take a doubles crown as well.

"This team overcame a lot of adversity and injuries during the year and we pulled together when it was on the line," said head coach Dale Short.

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just like her. It's not a male or female issue; it's a heart and soul issue. I don't think I've gotten more satisfaction out of watching an athlete play as I have with Michelle. She laid it on the line and she was a winner.

I realize there's no consolation for what has happened. This isn't the way I would have written your final collegiate chapter but there's a special pride and tradition that goes into those Lady Raider uniforms and in a short time, you've built on that and made a lasting impact on this sportswriter.

I can't help but remember something Michelle once told me for a story. "You can't ask to be remembered in women's basketball. It just doesn't happen." Unfortunately, in most cases and to the average fan, she may be right, but that never stopped her from working her tail off for little if any glory. About the only payoff she can receive is a lot of memories and an OVC ring when the Lady Raiders DO win the OVC this year. Yet I know that ring will never quite fit right either because she won't play in a conference game. Her future career has been taken away in the blink of an eye. The injury she sustained can be overcome, as proof by other Lady Raiders (including Michelle) who have suffered from a similar injury before, but then it will be too late.

I loved to watch Michelle play because she loved the

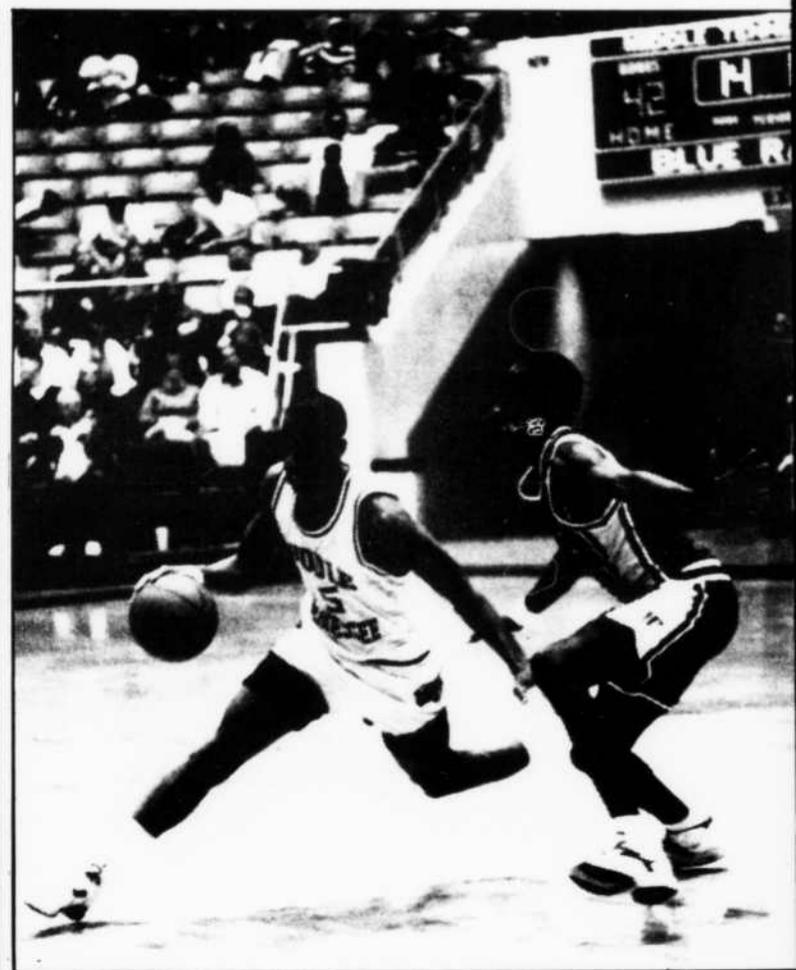
game and I'd like to share a special reason that might explain why. While in high school Michelle lost her father after an automobile accident and basketball was one of the things they shared together. Following that, she could have easily given up, but she pushed in the opposite direction. She also became an excellent student and in that, leader for her team both on and off the court. She did something her father always wanted to do.

There's a lot of people proud of Michelle such as family and friends, but I seriously doubt there's anyone prouder than he is right now. I don't think it matters if Michelle became an all-star or not; it's the fact she tried. I assure you, that in itself makes him a proud man.

I don't ask you to feel sorry for Michelle; I ask that you respect her. She's crossed some major hurdles and she's got some tough ones ahead, but I've yet to see her back down and I don't expect her to now.

Michelle, I love you and your death in the most sincere way. You're a tremendous athlete and a tremendous person. If I could give you one of my knees, I'd do it in a heartbeat because I know you'd put it to good use going all out just like I've dreamed of.

I'm truly sorry for what has happened and I know your number 32 won't ever be retired. But in my book you're a champion and you'll be measuring stick just like Pancakes, Brown or Doc for years to come. ■



Brian G. Miller/Photographer

ON THE GO: MTSU's Bobby Clark avoids an Austin Peay defender in MTSU's win last night.

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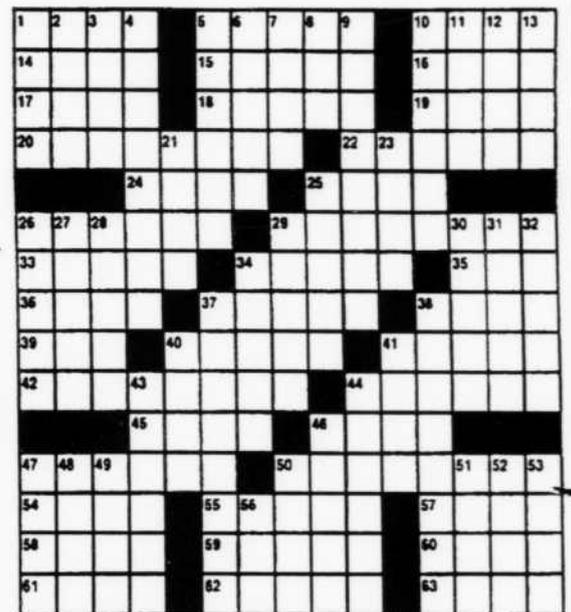
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Kappa Alpha suspension lifted

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

The Delta Lambda chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order will be officially removed from suspension at the beginning of this semester, according to the executive director of the national organization.

Kappa Alpha was officially suspended by Kappa Alpha's National Administrative Office Nov. 18 for violating order rules regarding hazing of pledges.

"They have taken leadership initiative on their own without getting any credit. They took responsibility for the misdeed that was done."
-Paul Cantrell, dean of students

Richard Barnes, executive director of the national organization, said the violations included "purposely dumping refuse and other items in the chapter house and requiring the pledges to clean it."

Barnes said that Kappa Alpha has cooperated fully with the national organization through this procedure and is ready to come off suspension.

"Everyone has been very cooperative, and all the stipulations set forth have been adhered to," said Barnes. "[Delta Lambda] is in pretty good standing as far as I'm concerned."

"It was an unfortunate

situation, but we have been pleased with the response," Barnes said.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell says he is also pleased with the response from the chapter.

"I have been following the chapter and have been pleased with their progress," Cantrell said. "They have taken leadership initiative on their own without getting any credit. They took responsibility for the misdeed that was done."

Jimmy Craighead, former president of Kappa Alpha, said that the chapter plans to hold a two-day National Leadership Institute Seminar that will bring 10 guest speakers to educate members toward hazing, risk management and overall chapter life.

"Member education is what we'll hit hard on, and we'll move on from there," Craighead said.

He also said the chapter will work hard with their alumni association to overcome the problems associated with the suspension.

"We will try to use the alumni association for advice and help in any problems we have," said Craighead. "We respect the stand the national organization took, and we are not going to try to go behind their back."

"We want to do everything in accordance with what the national chapter wants until our probation ends April 1."

Shortly after the chapter is reinstated, there will be an election of new officers. ■



Charles Hogue, chief photographer

RESTING MY EYES: Freshman Montrell Dobbins catches up on some sleep while waiting to drop a class at the scheduling center in the James Union Building. Because the TRAM lines were down, registration was backed up on Wednesday.

Drop/Add fees waived for those who wait

Fees will no longer be assessed to students dropping or adding classes to their schedules beginning this semester, said Dean of Admissions Cliff Gillespie.

In the past, students have been charged \$5 for each drop/add they performed. After the telephone drop/add service became available, students who dropped and added classes over the phone had their accounts charged and were billed by mail.

"When you call from wherever you are, we're not standing outside the phone booth saying 'Give me \$5,'" Gillespie said.

He called the previous system of billing students "laborious" and said the administration "did not want to nickel and dime students to death."

MTSU had to obtain permission from the Tennessee Board of Regents before instituting the changes.

The last day students may add classes is Tuesday, Jan. 18. The last day to drop a class without a grade is Feb. 14. The last day to drop a class as withdrawn passing or failing is March 14.

Nagy named to aid Mass Comm

Tina Denise Harvey
Staff Writer

Journalism Professor Jean Nagy has been appointed Assistant Dean of the College of Mass Communication in an attempt to improve organization within the college, said the Dean of the college.

Nagy's role will be as a helper and adviser to Daryl Leaming, dean of Mass Communication.

The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) placed the college on a one-year probation last February and advised the college to appoint a dean, and hire more females and minorities, as well as improve their advising program.

"They've hired females and minorities and the dean," Nagy said. "I am mainly aiding the college's academic advisor in updating a new advising system."

"The AEJMC will return in February to review the changes," she said.



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"We want to practice good advising that will prevent students from taking unnecessary courses which could delay their graduation," said Nagy.

Nagy will sit on committees and represent the dean at meetings he is unable to attend.

"I'm pleased that Jean has accepted the position as assistant dean," Leaming said. "She is a very talented person whose personality is well suited to the needs of the job."

Nagy has been teaching at MTSU in the Journalism Department for three years. She has taught the Introduction to Graphic Communication and is presently teaching computer design.

She received a B.A. in Art from Saint Micheal's College in Vermont and received her Masters Degree of Fine Arts from Penn State University. ■

Development office loses director to Kentucky

Brandy Berryhill
Assistant News Editor

MTSU's Director of Development tendered her resignation late last semester to take a position as the Associate Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Deborah Wells, who was appointed to the Director of Development position in November, has decided to return to UK because of certain opportunities available to her there.

Wells was a coordinator for UK's College of Law in 1991, and gave the University the opportunity for a \$1 million scholarship endowment, the largest endowment in the UK's history.

"Although I am aware that my leaving MTSU seems sudden, it is not so when one considers the opportunity that has come my way back at the University of Kentucky," Wells explained.

"I'm returning for what I consider to be the opportunity of a



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lifetime, and I cannot pass it up," she said. "I have appreciated the support of Dr. James Walker and Dr. Anne Deming as I have made this decision."

Deming, who is the vice president for Development and University Relations, said she was saddened to lose Wells.

"I am very sorry to lose Deborah Wells," Deming said. "I have seen a great deal of potential

in her. She has been an excellent Director of Development.

"I can see why Kentucky would want her back," she said.

In the last two months, the MTSU Foundation has successfully completed the three-year \$7 million Challenge Campaign, the school's first capital campaign.

Helene Colvin, the new Foundation Director as of Jan. 1, said she was surprised by Wells' announcement.

"I am also very sorry that Deborah Wells has chosen to leave her position. She has done a great job for us. She knows her business," Colvin said.

Along with the Challenge Campaign, Wells worked with the background research needed for MTSU to complement the Development Program.

Deming said that a transition team is in place to carry on the work of the Development Office.

A Foundation search for a replacement will begin immediately. ■