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Students vote 'no' on SGA referendum

GPA requirement rejected

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News Editor

Students rejected a controversial referendum Thursday that would have raised the grade point average requirements for high-ranking SGA officers.

Fewer than 1,000 students voted in the election. The vote was 469 votes for the GPA hike, with 400 against. A two-thirds majority vote was needed to overturn the present GPA standard of 2.0, which did not happen in last week's election.

The election was protested by students, among them House speaker Ray Lentz, because it was held only on one day and many students would not get a chance to vote.

Bad weather and miscommunication among student government officers were blamed for the low voter turnout.

"I was disappointed to see the turnout, though it did snow," said Larry Beatty, speaker of the SGA Senate. "I thought there was a tremendous amount of misinformation and disinformation presented by the against side."

"I felt there were several issues that were brought up to manipulate people into voting, for it to be turned into a black/white issue," he added.

Lentz disagreed that turnout was low.

"I'm glad that the students came out and voted," Lentz said. "We average about 1,500 people on a two-day election, so because of the snow/slush, I thought the turnout was pretty good."

Several SGA members have received criticism due to their prominent stand in support of the GPA referendum in past weeks.

Some students claimed the referendum was specifically
See **REJECTED**, Second Front



Carl Lambert/Photographer

ROCK THE VOTE: Some students did brave bad weather to vote in Thursday's referendum to raise grade requirements for SGA officers. SGA President Toby Gilley leans over a student roster, checking IDs for voting students. Approximately 469 students supported the referendum, while 400 were against it. Since the referendum did not get a two-thirds majority, it did not pass.

Women's History Month filled with wide range of activities

SERENITY SUTTON
Features Editor

National Women's History Month activities are planned to include everyone in a diverse range of events, according to co-organizer Dr. Nancy Goldberg.

The month's activities were co-organized by Dr. Jackie Eller and Goldberg. However, many events were organized by individual departments and organizations, Goldberg noted.

"Dr. Eller and I feel very strongly about this. This was done with the design to be as inclusive as we could be," Goldberg said. "We want all ages and experiences, and we tried very hard to be as diverse as possible."

This is an important time for women to continue building on progress made through the

years, Goldberg, a French professor, said.

"I think we have a lot to deal with after the Year of the Woman, which is to make sure it continues," she said. "Talking about feminism and women's issues in the classroom is good, but you have to live that."

Major campus contributors to women's history month include: the College of Business; Dr. Anne Deming, Vice-President of Development, University Relations Division; Dr. James Hindman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs; the Art Department, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures; and the English Department, according to Goldberg.

MTSU is fortunate to have so many departments which plan annual events devoted to National Women's History Month, Goldberg said.



Women's History Month activities

Today

- 3:45 - 6 p.m. Dr. Mildred Fenske, KUC 313
- Women and Aids: Information Table in KUC

Tuesday

- "A Raisin in the Sun" LRC Rooms N, O. 8 a.m., 10:40 a.m., Peck Hall 317, 12:45 p.m.
- Midwives Past and Present: A Panel Discussion, Peck Hall 105, 4-6 p.m.

- Women and AIDS: panel discussion, 7-9, KUC

Wednesday

- "A Raisin in the Sun": Peck Hall 108, 10-10:50 a.m.
- "Women in Motion: An Aerobics Fest" 6:30-7:30 p.m., Murphy Center.



Belinda Butler/Photographer

LISTEN UP: Bo Gard, frontman for Brother Watchdog, takes it to the people at Gentleman Jim's Friday night.

NEWS BRIEFS

A school cafeteria was temporarily closed after more than 70 Villanova University students got sick Feb. 9 and crowded into the emergency rooms at four area hospitals. Others were treated at the school infirmary and by paramedics.

One student was admitted to the hospital. All of the students complained of nausea and vomiting, but most symptoms disappeared within 24 hours, university spokesman Stephen

Bell said.

"It seems most of the students started going to the infirmary around 9:30 or 10:00 p.m.," Bell said, noting that the cause of the widespread illness remains under investigation.

Bell said the cafeteria in question, Donahue Hall, served the dormitories where 95 percent of the sick students lived. However, the cafeteria was reopened within hours after an investigation by Pennsylvania

health officials.

"At this time there is no evidence to link this outbreak with food," said Bell, noting that the cause of the widespread illness remains under investigation.

The outbreak kept emergency room staffs busy at four area hospitals, Bell said. Most students returned to class, but some were still recovering in their dorms about a week later, he said.

NEWS BRIEFS ARE FROM THE COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In Feb. 25 *Sidelines*, "Former ambassador schedules visit for Women's History Month" misspelled the name, Joe Rodgers which was spelled Rogers in part of the story, while the

other part referred to him as Rodgers. The correct spelling is Rodgers. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

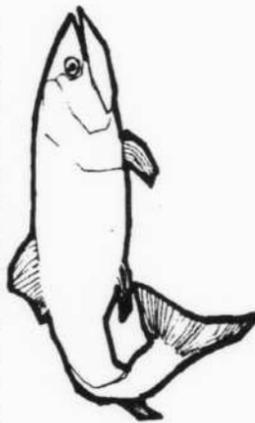
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Authentic Astrology with Andromeda

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20)

It seems as though your own strength is being used against you. This may lead to minor failures and disappointments. Try to alter your life in some way. This may be the time to cut out some aspects that aren't working any more. Be patient and try to have a good sense of humor. Look for good opportunities by the end of the week.



ARIES (March 21-April 20) Now is the time to break free from restraint. Look inside yourself and tap into your own resources to fund this change. Seek courage and dedication from your friends. Though expectations in your relationships may be high this week, remain patient and wait; you will succeed.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21) Your time of heartache is over. A shift has occurred in the cycle of life and what is left for you is joy and knowledge. Now is a good time to work on relationships, family matters and your own personal self. Events later this week could bring about a positive change of life.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) The depression you have been experiencing will not end any time soon. Positive accomplishments are unlikely now. This time of darkness will bring about much frustration, but fight it. Look for the good things and observe what takes place. Things will be better by week's end, when you will receive a gift.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) This is a time for courage and dedication. You may be entering a time of passage from light to light, with darkness in between. You find new clarity in your relationships, especially love interests. Don't despair with financial matters but stay open-minded. Strive to live the ordinary life in a non-ordinary way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) There is great joy in your life. Do nothing in excess; too much is too much. Most of all, this is a time to get to know

yourself. There is much work to be done. You will undertake a journey that will lead toward union. Believe in your own nature and abandon some of your inhibitions to be successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Now is the time for new transitions: movements, physical shifts, new dwelling places, new attitudes or new ways of life. You now possess the strength and ability to make these changes complete. It is time to finish what you started. Try to be adaptive and fine tune your skills. Resist authoritative pressures this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Now is a time of regeneration; however there is reason for caution. You may see fit to withdraw or retreat from a pressing situation, but don't. You are required to face and defeat today's fears to live tomorrow's victories. Share your feelings with others; there support and kindness will foster and illuminate your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Failure to face up to a death could constitute a loss of opportunity. This death may not be physical, but remaining negligent to your own feelings could be dangerous or lead to untimely action. You will find the answers to life's problems within yourself; disregard outside advice. By week's end, you will be coming into a period of achievement and prosperity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take some time this week to contemplate your relationships. Disperse resistance and rectify bad situations. Practice the art of doing without doing. Love those who flatter you; you will need them later. If the business of your life is bogging you down, remember: When in deep water, become a diver.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Look for signals early this week. Take pains to be especially aware during meetings and chance encounters, particularly with persons wiser than yourself. However, there is an obstacle in your path. Perseverance and foresight are called for here. Remain courageous and dedicated, and above all, like the Boy Scouts, "Be prepared."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Be aware this week that you are not alone in your problems. Remember that every issue has two sides. Ask yourself what is right for you and what constitutes right action. Focus on love, but don't expect too much. You may be overwhelmed with exhaustion from meeting obstruction after obstruction in your path. Never give up and always remember that you have a choice.

CAMPUS CAPSULE

TODAY

Honors Lecture Series will have Edward Kimbrell, Mass Communications, to discuss "Sinead O'Connor: Torn Photos and Torn Fabrics" from 3:30 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. in PH 107. Free and open to the public.

Students for Environmental Action will meet at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. For more information call Andy, 895-5384.

TUESDAY

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor. will have a Women and Aids Awareness Panel Discussion from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in KUC 322. For more information call ext. 2193 or see the display table on the first floor of the KUC from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

June Anderson Women's Center will have a Support Group for Women every Wednesday at noon for students over 25 in PH 222. Bring lunch, Facilitated by Dr. Connie Ellis. For more information call Gayle Bowen ext. 2193.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will have a speech and hearing screening from 8 a.m. until noon in BDA 232. For more information call Carolyne Shaw ext. 2661.

ONGOING

Weekly College Worship sponsored by **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday, 9-10 p.m. at PSF house across from Alumni Gym.

Bicyclists and Triathletes can start spring training now; rides leave Greenland Parking Lot each Tuesday at 2 p.m. Distance and speed to suit whoever shows up. For more information call Murfreesboro Bicycle Club, 898-2688 or 890-6051.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room, underneath

the home side of the football stadium. Everyone is welcome. For more information call ext. 1470 or 3234.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will consist of Bible Study on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in KUC 314. Prayer on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in Rutledge and in the Mass Comm on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For more information call Michael Moore, 898-4722 or Paul Hood, 849-9663.

Murfreesboro Chess Club meets on Friday nights at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 811 E. Clark Blvd. MTSU students interested in chess are invited to check it out. Please bring a chess set if you own one.

The Resource Conservation Club will hold meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 208 of SAG. Meetings are open to all people with interests in plant and soil science agronomy, horticulture, forestry and other related areas. For more information, contact Dr. Halterlein at 898-2121.

Student Catholic Center will have Mass every Sunday at 7 p.m. located across from the Villager Apts. on W. Tenn. Blvd. Check the sign in front yard for weekly events. For more information call Brett Beauregard, 896-5752 or Mike Pablo, 896-5074.

The Japan Center of Tennessee has samples of "Japanese Fabrics, Colors, and Designs" in a mini-exhibit in the Cope Administration Building Lobby. Festival headbands, kimono fabric samples, dyed furoshiki or wrapping cloths and handkerchiefs with traditional Japanese designs will be on display through March.

COMING SOON

The Wesley Foundation will perform the play "FOOLS" by Neil Simon at 8 p.m. on March 4, 5, 6 and 7. \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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Sidelines, Collage win big at journalism conference

Newspaper nabs awards for journalistic excellence

Greenbank wins College Journalist of the Year

KAY KINGSLEY
News Editor

MTSU Student Publications students said their hard work and dedication finally paid off Saturday when they won 15 awards for journalistic excellence at the Seventh Annual Southeast Journalism Conference in Alabama.

The competition included several categories and was among students from 27 universities in the Southeast. *Sidelines* placed fourth in total number of awards won in the competition.

The most awards went to the University of Alabama, followed by Georgia State University and Louisiana Tech University.

"I thought *Sidelines* did well," said Dr. Glenn Himbaugh, journalism professor. "They won twice as many awards as last year. I think we made a very good showing."

Sidelines design editor Sam Gannon won awards in

three categories. They included editorials, headlines, and photo layout.

"All of our work paid off," Gannon said. "It feels really good to be recognized by professionals in journalism."

The newspaper competition was judged by editors and writers from the *St. Petersburg Times*.

The magazine and advertising competition was judged by the Southern Progress Corporation and *Cooking Light* magazine.

Students Beth Hamilton, Tom Lee and Jason Porter won the award for Best Advertising Campaign for ads promoting *Collage*, the campus literary and art magazine.

The ads focused on getting students to donate original material for the magazine.

"We stayed in the production room sometimes until 2 a.m. working on the ads," Hamilton said. "We'd be so tired that we had the sleepy sillies. That was usually when we came up with our best ads."

Hamilton said the group



FERN GREENBANK

knew the ads were good.

"I was proud of all the ads," she said. "We had fun working on them. Tom and I were known for not getting along, except for when we worked on ads, it kind of brought us together."

Other winners included Tony Arnold, Fern Greenbank, Shelley Mays, Brian Rogers, and Trent Miller. Categories ranged from Best Sports series to Best Art & Entertainment Reviews.

"We're looking forward to winning even more awards next year," Gannon said.

KAY KINGSLEY
News Editor

Former *Sidelines* Editor-in-Chief and Journalism/Magazine Major, won the 1992-93 College Journalist of the Year Award Saturday at the Seventh Annual Southeast Journalism Conference in Alabama.

The award was given to Fern Greenbank "for leadership, integrity and journalistic excellence." Students from 27 universities in the southeast could compete for the award.

"When they called my name, I have to admit that I finally felt that all the sleepless nights and hard work were worth it," Greenbank said.

She received a plaque and a check for \$200. Greenbank said she already has plans for the money.

"I'm going to use it to buy a snow tire for my new truck," she said.

The snow tire is one of four

she will be buying for her journey to Alaska after graduating this summer.

"I have applied to the Northern Studies Graduate Program at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks," she said.

Greenbank currently has a 3.8 GPA. Her experience

'Only in my travels to third-world countries, absent of free press, have I seen a more committed sense of journalism.'

--Chris Harris
Photography Professor

includes working for vice-president Al Gore in the summer of 1990.

She worked at *Sidelines* from spring 1992 as Features Editor until the end of fall 1992, as Editor-in-Chief in which she "appeared to be extraordinarily

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—Charlotte Whitton

National Women's History Month

WOMEN AND AIDS AWARRENES

PANEL DISCUSSION

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SIDELINES' CONSENSUS

Safe sex means good sex

Hormones may be roaring like a lion with the advent of March, but women should not be meek lambs when it comes to safe sex.

One of the first activities of National Women's History Month, which begins today, will be a panel discussion on Women and AIDS.

In order to help women gain more confidence in taking responsibility for their sexuality, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and June Anderson Women's Center will sponsor a table every day this week between 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in front of Phillips Bookstore where they will give away safe sex packets for women.

The packets will include condoms, latex barriers, latex gloves, a water-based lubricant, information on safe sex and women with AIDS.

Many in the heterosexual community seem to think AIDS is limited to homosexuals, aside from the occasional unlucky hemophiliac.

It's not.

The incidence of AIDS in the homosexual community is decreasing, while health officials are seeing an increase among heterosexuals, and women in particular.

Women are often uncomfortable asking their partners to use condoms or even discussing AIDS, but the fact is, AIDS cannot be ignored.

Pretending that the disease is non-existent won't make it disappear.

Thanks to the Women's Center and AKA for their concern, and recognition that ignoring the problem won't solve it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans not racist

To the Editor:

The recent letter in *Sidelines*, by one Brian Miller, is quite misleading and untruthful, to say the least. Why Mr. Miller chooses to make the arguments that he does, and the false statements, backed up with absolutely no shred of truthfulness, is unclear. It seems that the gentleman is perhaps suffering from some liberal indoctrination backlash and is striking out, rather incoherently, at times, at the supposed root of all evil, we cross-burnin' Republicans, or so he says.

Actually while there may be a few misguided and ignorant individuals who actually do wear white sheets, burn crosses, and vote Republican, their ignorance, and intolerance pales in comparison to the ranting of Mr. Miller. In truth, the Republican Party has no place for racism and in actuality has its roots sown in emancipation, not the KKK as Mr. Miller so misguidedly suggests. There is no reason for anyone to equate the actions of conservatism with racism, but the liberals and Mr. Miller would have you believe so. Obviously, I and the rest of the nation must have been out of the room when that particular plank was adopted on the party platform. To be frank, it is just another of the numerous smoke-screens adopted by the liberals to discredit the conservatives and to direct

attention elsewhere from the real meanings of conservatism, which are the rights of individuals to self-determination and personal freedom from governmental interference.

You see Mr. Miller, conservatism is a leader of free thought. Every conservative has his own ideals, objectives, and values. Unlike what you and other liberals would have everyone believe, we are not a group of mindless sheep, blindly following Rush Limbaugh to whatever dire consequences you wish to propagate this week. Personally, I never listen to Mr. Limbaugh, but a few times that I have, I found his views, although not in total agreement with mine, to be much better than the trash glorifying homosexual activity or other immoral and unhealthy things on present day television.

The real meaning of conservative thought is the individuals right to personal freedom and self-determination, with a minimum of governmental interference. Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that the government must guarantee the welfare of all of its citizens, unlike what the liberals would have you believe. But if this particular line of governance is followed, the only thing that is sure is that the individual who succeeds will be punished and the one who fails is rewarded. The result is a socialistic government that makes all of the decisions for

its citizens and distributes all of their incomes as it sees fit.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to consider why the liberals are so scared of conservatism, and to see past the smoke-screens the liberals use. This nation was founded on the principles of personal freedoms, and it should be a common cause to preserve them. As for you Mr. Miller, one hopes that in the future, you will refrain from making such untruthful, baseless, stereotypical statements, or you will end up looking even more like an idiot than you are now.

Sincerely,
Travis Brown
Box 1841

Honor your heritage

To the Editor:

In response to the young man who wrote the article entitled, "Celebrate Anglo-American heritage."

I am very glad that Mr. Andrews decided to write the letter to *Sidelines* because I am now aware that there are many others who think like him.

Mr. Andrews, I respect your opinion, however, it irritates me when people talk about issues that they know nothing about. It is because of this ignorance that people cannot move forward.

First of all, Dr. King's speeches did not provoke people to commit violent acts. The truth of the matter is just the opposite.

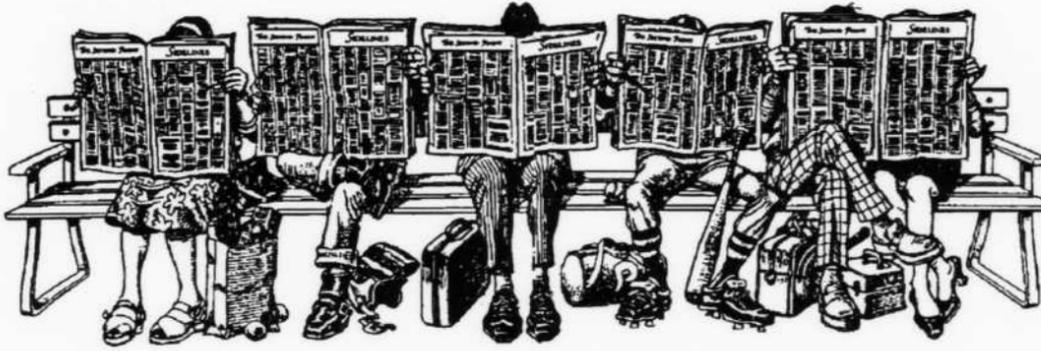
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His speeches promoted non-violence and peaceful acts toward the struggle for equality. In addition, Dr. King stood up for the rights of all Americans, not just for blacks. Also, in the eyes of many Americans he is viewed as one of the greatest men in American history. I do not expect you to feel the same way towards Dr. King because you are not black, but at least you can try to empathize and be open-minded to understand why people look at him as a hero.

Second, Dr. King can not be compared to Malcolm X. It is true that both of these great men were civil rights leaders, but they chose different paths to express their views. Also, Malcolm X was not militant, he believed in "an eye for an eye," meaning that our people will not put up with violent acts committed against them and literally turn the other cheek. If you would have seen violence that was committed against the blacks, not blacks committing violence against whites.

I do not have a problem with honoring President's Day, but do not put Abraham Lincoln and George Washington on a pedestal and down Dr. King. Give him the same respect that you give what you call "two of our country's greatest men." Must you not forget that our people helped build and shape this country, but you never hear about this in textbooks. Also, your whining about your "white heritage" is sickening because that is all we have ever been taught since I can remember. Very seldom or never do you hear about the accomplishments of blacks throughout the educational system.

Lastly, you made a comment about Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves through Emancipation Proclamation "in the fist place" as you put it. Our people did not ask to come to this country. We were stripped from our land and brought here in bondage if you check your history. Also, The Emancipation Proclamation only freed slaves in rebellious states, an act to keep the Union together. In actuality, the 13th Amendment was what really freed the slaves. It irritates me that you feel that Lincoln did blacks a favor by freeing them. Especially since the

Emancipation Proclamation was mainly about politics. You make it seem as if Lincoln's gesture to free the slaves was an act from the heart. However, it is just the opposite because President Lincoln believed in a superior race ruling an inferior race.

As I mentioned before, I respect your opinion, but do not look down on blacks or any other race because we honor our people. Remember that Anglo-Saxons are not the only race in America, nor did they build this country by themselves. So any coverage our people receive is greatly deserved and should be longer than a mere month, the shortest month of the year might I add. If I began to tell you of the accomplishments of our people and why their accomplishments should be celebrated, this article would be endless.

Shaterial Manghane
P.O. Box 9985

Homosexuals are individuals

To the Editor:

I am glad that homosexuality has been a popular topic of discussion in the editorial section of *Sidelines*. But frankly I want to get something off my mind. I am tired of people writing in with supposed "explanations" for homosexuality, citing quotes from the bible, etc. Because, there is no explanation to homosexuality and there is nothing that needs to be understood.

To understand homosexuality would be very difficult. For you would have to "understand" every single homosexual on this earth. Trying to "understand" or "explain" homosexuality is just as idiotic as trying to "understand" or "explain" heterosexuality.

What everyone needs to do is to accept homosexuality as they accept heterosexuality.

Fears from the heterosexual world are from stupidity not a lack of understanding. Because it is stupid for a straight male to think that every homosexual male wants to s*** his d***, pardon the reference. But it does seem that a lot of straight males hold that belief.

The homosexual world is much more complex than that. For one thing, homosexual men do not waste their time hitting on

straight males. They are too busy with their normal everyday lives. If they do hit on someone, they are going to be certain that that person is homosexual also. I mean hell, with gay-bashing on the rise who is going to risk it.

Well, I hope I have satisfied everyone and changed their feelings towards homosexuality.

Darrell Melton
Vice President
LAMBDA Association
Box B-031

Andrews off base

To the Editor:

Perhaps Mr. Andrews had an idea about what Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for when he wrote his letter which appeared in the Feb. 22 edition of *Sidelines*. Or maybe he's not fond of a black person having his own holiday. In any case, it is obvious that Mr. Andrews has missed the entire meaning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mr. Andrews begins by stating that Dr. King stood for justice for American blacks. That statement is far too narrow. Dr. King stood for justice for all Americans regardless of race. All he really wanted was equality between all people. He was aware that the only way true equality could be attained was through equal justice. It was during his time that black Americans were being denied equal justice. Dr. King felt it was his responsibility to help these victims of oppression. He lead those who most needed a leader and at the same time showed the oppressors what true love could do.

As far as violence is concerned, the only people who displayed acts of violence were whites, and we all know that they were committing violent acts against blacks long before Dr. King was even born. His speeches only gave those guilty of such malicious atrocities excuses for their acts of rage and bigotry.

Mr. Andrews asked the question of whether whites should be compelled to honor Dr King's holiday to avoid charges of racism. He then goes on to mention his disappointment over the lack of attention given to President's Washington and Lincoln. Should blacks feel compelled to honor the day of a

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VIEWPOINT

All speech is 'PC'

MIKE REED
Managing Editor

Words, boys and girls, are expressions of the way we think. That relationship is not a one-way street. The words that we use to communicate also contribute to the way we think. It is for this reason that politically correct speech movements are organizing on campuses around the country.

The main agenda of such groups is to remove bias from speech. The hope is that if we are forced to stop using terms such as: chairman and chairwoman, then we will think of everyone as people and not in terms of gender. If we think of everyone as equal, then we will be less likely to discriminate against someone because of gender or racial bias.

The ideas are good. The philosophy is sound. Their methods are hardly conducive to my liberal mentality.

The First Amendment is not there to protect the Anglo-Saxon white males who have been in power since the conception of America. The majority will always be heard. There is no need to empower the empowered.

The Constitution is in place to protect the dissenters. The First Amendment makes sure the unhappy and downtrodden can grind their axes in public.

As Americans, we wake up every morning with a basic, fundamental right to express ourselves. Few people understand how precious that situation is. If I wanted to circulate a pamphlet encouraging everyone to establish a monarchy and elect me king, I need not fear retribution by the government.

The same goes if I decide to circulate a petition calling for the ban of Jews from campus. It applies if I put up flyers calling for a

boycott of National Women's History Month. It applies if I make a speech encouraging others to go into the library and burn every book.

It applies to everyone. No matter who we are or how much damage we do. Our right to speak out is inalienable.

So the politically correct speech movement is constrictive and detrimental to society. You cannot regulate speech. If everyone in the country except one decided that "letter carrier" will now be used instead of "mailman," we would violate his freedom of speech if we punish him for saying "I wonder if the mailman has been by yet."

We are a society steeped in information. We know more about what is going on in our government than citizens in any other country. We do our best to keep the government and each other in line through a type of information tyranny.

Politically correct speech is a nice idea. But making it illegal to say what we mean is going to hurt more than help us.

I like to hear people use racial epithets. I enjoy hearing co-workers slander an entire gender. I enjoy it, because that is just one more bit of information I have to judge the speaker by.

So let the bigots mouth off. Personally, I'd like to know where they are. Let the Klan rally. They'll shut up eventually. Let the sexists have their beer commercials, but don't buy the beer.

You can never legally control the message, so why not be a good receiver?

If you really want a society that is more sensitive to the rights of minorities, then use politically correct speech. Teach it to your children. Teach it to your parents. Teach it to your friends. But never punish me for speaking my mind.

Letters

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of a slave owner or the day of a man who gets credit for something he did not really do? George Washington, "The Father of Our Country", inherited a substantial amount of slaves when he married the widow of a prominent slave owner, and it was the Thirteenth Amendment, no the Emancipation Proclamation, that gave the slaves their freedom. But wait! Why should we stop at the country's two most celebrated presidents?

For years blacks have been compelled or better yet brain-washed into celebrating holidays that were unmistakably biased towards the white race. On July 4th we celebrate Independence Day. We all agree the it may very well be Independence Day, but to whom does this day belong? It definitely does not belong to the blacks, for our independence did not come for nearly a hundred years after the white colonist released themselves from the stronghold of the British government.

At the end of every November we joyfully take part in the celebration of Thanksgiving. Why should blacks feel compelled to celebrate a fabricated day that gives the image of whites and Native-Americans breaking bread in peace and harmony? Especially when this day is really only a precursor to the factual image of the massacre of the red man and the enslavement of the black man.

Martin Luther King Jr. is not a symbol of white heritage, nor is he a symbol of black heritage. Dr. King is a symbol of American heritage. Before we try to diminish a day given to a man who represented what America should be like, we need to take a closer look at the holidays and the days given to men who represented an America to which he will hopefully never return.

William B. Patton
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U.S.A. love it or leave it

To the Editor:

I write this letter in response to Brian Miller's letter to the editor on Feb. 22, 1993.

First of all Mr. Miller as far as

someone being anal you probably should reread your letter to the editor and then decide for yourself who he real anus is. Your letter makes no point, it is very confusing, and reads as though it was written by an uneducated two year old.

You consistently point out to the reader that we live in a country that is not great and also live in what you refer to as a dream deferred. Well, Mr. Miller, if you are so unhappy living in what I and many other people believe to be the BEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD then do us a favor and LEAVE.

You say that the average "BILLY JOE JIM BOB" couldn't give a hoot "n" a holler about government unless a beer, tobacco, or gas tax was asked of him - I say you're WRONG. You see Mr. Miller those type of people are what make this country tick and probably, unless yourself, have to work for a living because mommy and daddy didn't spoil them and make them into rotten brats. By reading your reference to the "Billy Joe Jim Bob's" I sit and wonder who actually is wearing a sheet over their head and subscribes to the prejudice school of thought.

Now as far as socialized health care goes you say that it would benefit this country - how about explaining yourself. You make the point yet you fail to explain to the reader exactly what socialized medicine would entail. Could it possibly be that we would have an ineffective health care system with months long waiting list and quality comparable to that of a third rate country - - THINK ABOUT IT.

What's the complaint you have about tax money, you make no point on that. You just state that you don't like taxes going to pay for a police sitting on the side of the road giving speeding tickets. Mr. Miller, Mr. Miller that is not the only function of our police but perhaps you would rather see our GREAT COUNTRY not have any police so as to give you reason to go about doing whatever immoral type act you wish to do.

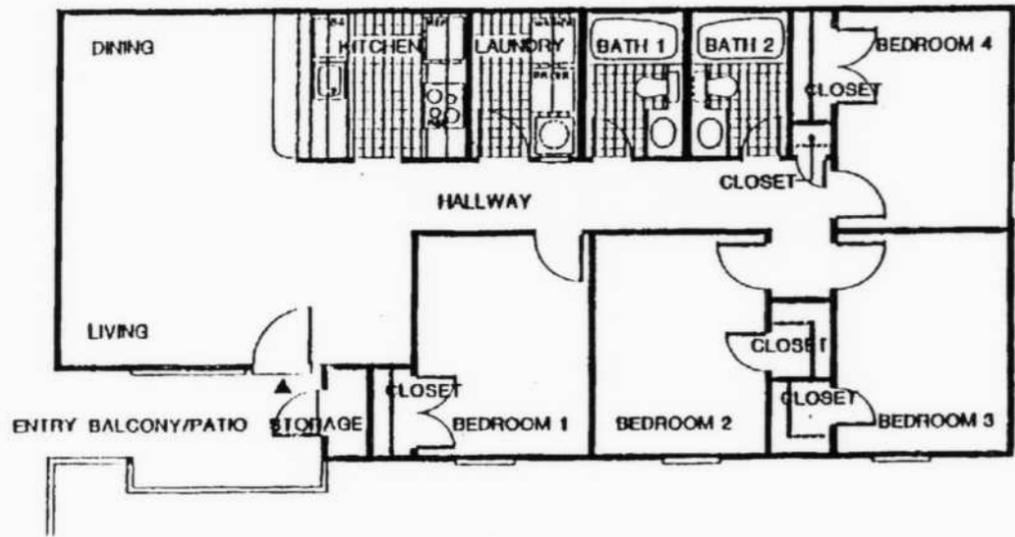
Lastly you say that America will fall eventually and I believe that you may be correct - as long as there are misguided, unappreciative, unrealistic idealist such as yourself.

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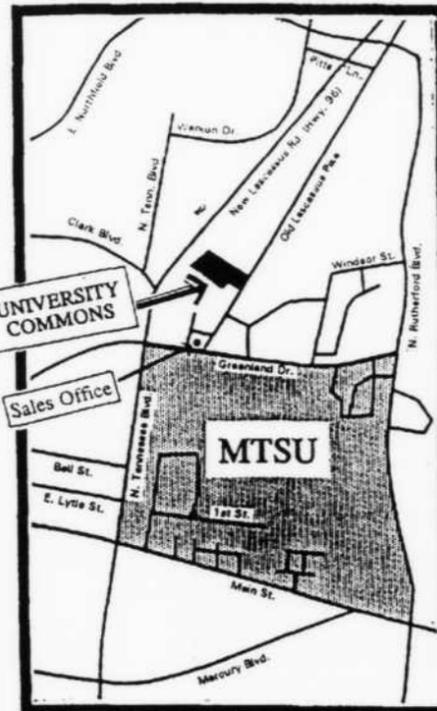
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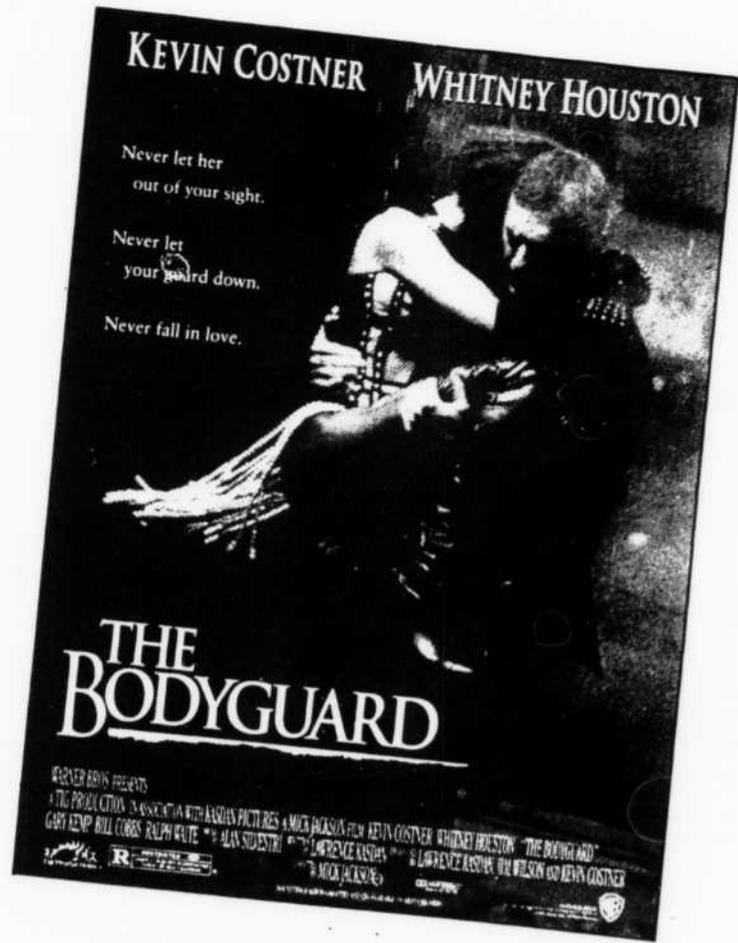
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RIC WARD / SPECIAL TO SIDELINES

The sandy-headed sophomore stands quietly, intently studying the black and white pages mounted straight ahead. His pen, the page and his classmates all anxiously await his first move.

The assignment: to transform an original work of poetry—last week's assignment—into visual shapes, into emotion in black and white.

Welcome to Music 403-E.

The young man and the empty page stare at one another as if in a high-noon showdown, oblivious to both time and audience.

"What you've got now are *endless* possibilities!" says Dr. John Bingham, music department chairman and instructor of this course, shattering the thick silence. "You're only limited by your imagination!"

A deep breath, a bolt of the wrist, then the pen attacks the page in a fury. Within seconds the blank sheet of paper on the music stand, substituting for an easel, becomes a work of art.

"The creative process we're going through here is exactly the same as you go through with your music," Bingham excitedly explains. "Good job!"

With a relieved sigh, sophomore music education major Adam Womack melts back into his chair and gazes back, proud and surprised, at his new work of art.

Writing poetry, discussing Plato, and setting personal goals are not ordinary assignments for a music course - but this is no ordinary music course.

"Professional Development for Musicians" is how the course will be noted in upcoming course catalogs. "remedial spontaneity" is how Bingham refers to it.

"Most music students have had creativity schooled out of them," Bingham asserts as he adjusts his trademark sweater. Through this course, which is patterned after a similar course at New York's Julliard Conservatory of Music, he motivates the students "to distill music down to its essential elements—away from just techniques."

The class is small (14 students) but diverse. Students include a graduate student with a B.A. in Economics and Russian from Vanderbilt, a 35-year-old former professional musician who, after earlier studies at Boston's famed Berklee College of Music



has come to MTSU to complete a degree in Mass Communications, as well as students who have come to MTSU straight out of high school.

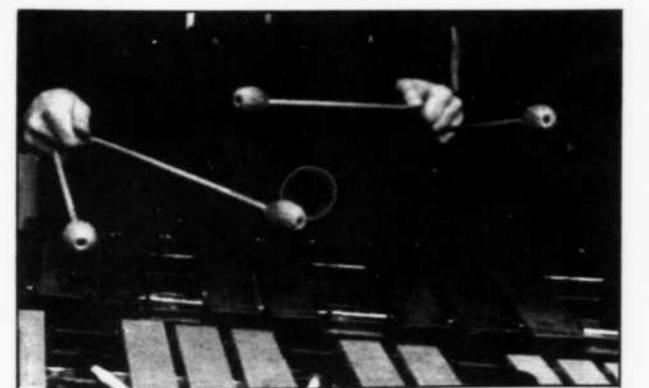
Twice weekly they gather around a conference table in the Wright Music Building to discuss philosophy, goal-setting and other non-music-related topics, and to discover how to apply what they learn to practicing, performing and living.

"It's not what I expected," says junior Tim Carroll, a sentiment which echoes through the class. "You find out a lot about yourself."

"I have a pathological need for truth at any cost," adds graduate student Shawn McCormick, "anything introspective...to examine myself. I want to know the ugly truth! And this course was a nice surprise".

"Everybody's on an even keel. Everybody's equal," says junior vocal education major Randall Waters with a pleasantly surprised shake of the head. "Everybody's gonna grow up a lot by the end of this class—no matter how old they are."

"By using different media," explains Bingham, "the class is given an assumption of equality...and not bound by any previous expectations of themselves."



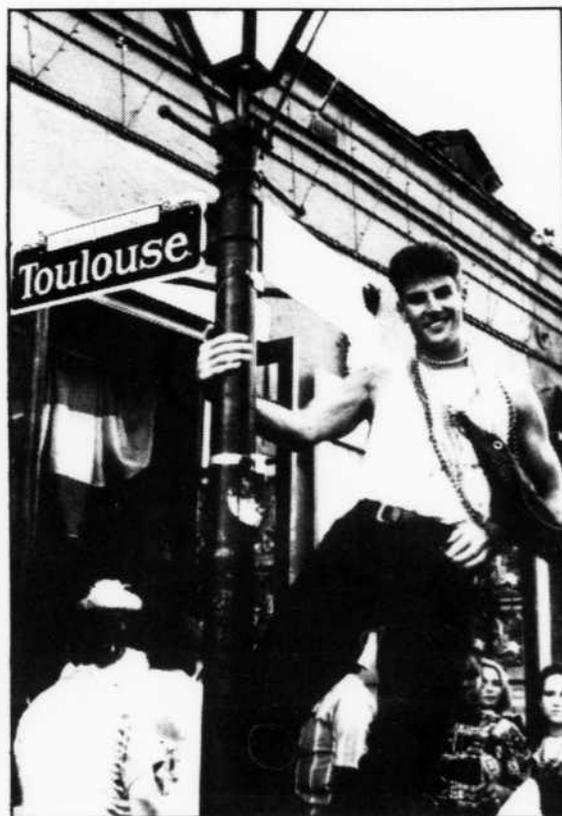
FREE EXPRESSION: Students of John Bingham (far end of table, seated) look over artwork intended to visually express a piece of music. Below: Scott Hale gets the feel of the music with hands-on marimba practice.

Carl Lambert/Photographer

Bingham, who prior to joining the MTSU faculty taught at Oberlin College and the University of Illinois, says that by focusing on creativity the students will be "more aware of the skills they'll need to be professional musicians."

"After all," says Bingham, "what you bring into it is what makes music interesting."

Mardi Gras



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Certified nurse-midwife advocates holistic healing

DEBORAH RAY / SPECIAL TO SIDELINES

If the term "midwife" conjures up the image of a superstitious Appalachian granny, you are light years away from Anne Miller: certified nurse-midwife.

It's not her fancy education, a master's degree from New York's Columbia University, nor is it her experience with Vanderbilt University Medical Center's space age medical equipment that sets her apart from the stereotype.

"My interest in health care expands far beyond what could be labeled standard western medical practice," Anne explains as she describes her plans for a holistic health resource center in Nashville that utilizes healing touch therapy.

Healing Touch Therapy is a term that is new to mainstream western medicine, Anne notes, but physicians in the eastern world have been aware of the benefits of the non-invasive methods for centuries.

Anne, along with her friend and financial partner Meredith, has spent the past year in healing touch therapy training, through the American Holistic Nurses Association.

Now Anne's entrepreneurial plans are underway: to open a center for alternative health information and service in the form of books, tapes, classes, herbs and maternity comfort aids, and actual hands-on therapy.

"I'm not trying to become some kind of voodoo racial feminist, and I'm not out to

shun all western health methods," Anne declares. "Here is a place to combine the two and complement each other."

"I think that nurse-midwives have sold out in some ways to become part of the western medical system," Anne says, struggling for just the right words to express her disillusionment with standard obstetric and gynecological practice.

The western medical system Anne describes consists of predominantly white male physicians.



"I'm sexist on this, I have to admit, but I feel men don't have a place in healthy maternity care," she declares. "I think it is just another area where men find an opportunity to have more power over women, and I want them the hell out."

Anne's strong words are softly spoken and are underscored by her fingernails lightly tapping on a pink cafeteria table.

"I'm tired of men meddling and having to control a very natural and beautiful aspect, normal aspect, healthy aspect of women's bodies, being able to create babies," she remarks.

With a confident smile, Anne adds that Vanderbilt's OB/Gyn first-year residents in the school's current class in obstetrics and gynecology is all female.

Despite her views, "radical feminist" is not a fitting label for Anne. Her calm, reassuring voice and gentle manner complement her talent for healing touch.

With her small well-manicured hands, Anne claims that she can feel the energy fields that are part of the human body, and that her partner, Meredith, can actually see them.

In support of this idea, Anne refers to the book "Hands of Light," written by a former NASA physicist with whom Barbara Brennan worked to photograph the energy fields around the body.

In their therapy sessions, which take about an hour and a half, Anne and Meredith manipulate the energy with a massage-like method. The procedure costs the patient between \$45 and \$60.

The only obstacle in the way of Anne's alternative health care resource center is the present state of the economy. With the help of the Small Business Administration, a government agency, a survey is underway to determine the likelihood of business success.

In the meantime she offers her healing touch to friends and co-workers while waiting for consumer confidence to increase.

"I feel I could do it today," she says.

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What to do and where to stay in Daytona

WARREN WAKELAND / SPECIAL TO SIDELINES

Once again, Daytona Beach will be Party Central for sun-starved college students on spring break.

Students planning to spend their spring break in Daytona Beach March 13-20 should be aware of a few things that will help make their trip the best vacation possible.

"The people here invite the students into the community and don't treat them like the enemy," notes Georgia Turner, public relations director for Daytona tourism. "The residents want the students to come here. It makes for an amicable relationship between the students and the community."

The Daytona area from Ormand Beach to Ponce Inlet has over 16,000 hotel rooms for rent, and while there are still rooms available for MTSU's week off, they are going fast.

According to Ruth Scollon, a travel consultant with Town & Country Travel Service, you need to first check with the hotel to find out if they allow students to rent rooms.

"A lot of hotels don't take students," Scollon points out. "Some hotels don't want the hassle of cleaning up the resulting damage from students."

There are at least three hotels on the beach that allow students and still have rooms available for March 13-20.

●Howard Johnson's Pirates Cove, 3501 S. Atlantic Avenue. (800) 446-4656, or (800) 272-2683 to call the hotel directly. Rooms for \$69 per night for two, \$6 per person for each additional person up to

four people.

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All hotels require a one-night deposit when you reserve the room. Most will also require a \$50 per person damage deposit that is refundable when you check out. None allows students under 18 years old.

Destination Daytona! prints a list of all activities scheduled for Feb. 15 through April 11. To obtain a copy, you can call Destination Daytona! at (800) 854-1234.

There are both daily and week-long activities scheduled throughout MTSU's week off. Some highlights are:

●March 10-17 — MTV will be taping at the Bandshell for broadcast from March 19-21. If you want to be on TV, that's the place to hang out.

●March 15-19—The annual Playboy Spring Break 3 on 3 basketball tournament, at the Ora St. lot north of the bandshell. Games run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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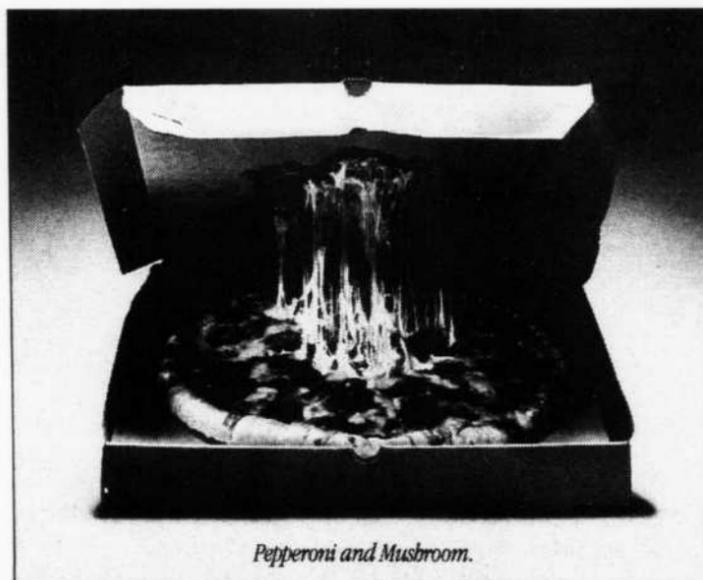
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Lady Raiders slap SEMO, now asking for its help

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders got a double dose of pleasure Saturday night - but it didn't come easy.

For starters, the team inched closer to the 20-win plateau by virtue of its hard-fought 75-65 win over Southeast Missouri.

Secondly, it got help from OVC foe Murray State. The Lady Racers shocked league leading Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, leaving the Lady Eagles with a mere one-game lead over MTSU. If the Lady Raiders can defeat Murray tonight and TTU falls in one of its final two conference games (Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State), the Lady Raiders will tie for the OVC championship and host the conference tournament at Murphy Center.

And with the way SEMO fought with Middle, Tech might want to watch out.

"They played us tough the whole game," said MTSU forward Maggie Cox. "I don't think they really let up in the second half; it's just that we played harder."

The game had been nip and tuck with no

team enjoying a comfortable cushion until Cox stepped forward with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game. The 5-11 junior netted nine consecutive, unanswered points to put her squad up 61-51.

The Lady Othakians were unable to recover.

"I guess I just picked it up," Cox said. "I didn't play very good in the first half, so I

'They played us tough the whole game. I don't think they really let up in the second half, its just that we played harder.'

— Lady Raider Forward
Maggie Cox

figured I'd better pick it up if I wanted to keep playing, so I did."

Meanwhile, Priscilla Robinson never had to pick it up because she never dropped off. Middle's All-OVC forward netted 14 of her team's 33 points in the opening stanza to keep Middle in the game. In the second half, she chipped in 12 more for a game high 26 points.

She also had a game high 14 rebounds.

Her results marked the 20th consecutive game she has scored in double figures, and it was her third straight contest with double digits in rebounding.

"Rebounding is just a matter of hitting the boards," Robinson said. "Sometimes the rebounds come to you; sometimes you have to go get them."

The win left MTSU with a 18-6 overall mark with two regular season games remaining. It is 12-3 in the OVC.

"Somewhere along the way, we answered the wake-up call," MTSU coach Lewis Bivens admitted. "I think the alarm went off at some point there with about 10 or 12 minutes left. But SEMO played exceptionally hard."

Cox was the only other Lady Raider in double figures, with 16 points. She also had seven rebounds. Point guard Heather Prater dished out seven assists.

Tonight's tip-off is at 5:30. The Lady Raiders close out the regular season Wednesday night when they host Southern Indiana at 7 p.m. That will mark the final home game for seniors Julie Morrison, Cherrita Williams, Kristi Brown and Tricia Sisson.

Boots lands local QB in Brian Davis

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's football team got a pre-season boost last week with the signing of local quarterback Brian Davis.

Davis prepped at Riverdale High School, where he was a four-year starter.

In his senior season he completed more than 70 percent of his passes for over 1,700 yards and 30 touchdowns.

Davis was honored earlier by being named Tennessee's Class AAA Mr. Football. He will also take part in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game in June.

Considered not only one of the best in the state, but in the nation, Davis has been recruited by the likes of Miami, Tennessee, Alabama, Notre Dame, Colorado, Georgia Tech and Pittsburgh.



Don Goins/Photographer

HANG TIME: MTSU's Milton Dean hangs in the air before releasing a shot during Saturday's loss to SEMO. MTSU's Jevon Banks (12) looks on.

Blue Raiders lose seventh straight, make preparations for season closer

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The streak stands at seven. Middle Tennessee's Blue Raiders lost their seventh consecutive game with a loss Saturday night to Southeast Missouri 67-63 in overtime.

Warren Kidd poured in one of his best efforts of the year, scoring 19 points and ripping 20 rebounds. Despite his efforts, the Raiders could not pull out the win.

"It is kind of frustrating," said Kidd. "But we've got to look forward to our next game, which is our last game. And again, we'll give it our best effort that night."

The Raiders opened the game like they ended their last six — cold. MTSU shot 30 percent from the field in the first half, and fell behind 33-23 at the break. Instead of continuing their ineptness, the Raiders came out in the second half on fire.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, MTSU was down by 11, 48-37. Then the Raiders began lighting up the nets. The Blue Raiders tied the game with

2:48 left on a 3-pointer by Ramond Davis. Milton Dean followed Davis on the next possession with a jump shot to give the Raiders the lead, 58-56 with 42 seconds left.

However, with 13 seconds left, Devon Lake tied the game for SEMO on a jumper from the top of the key. The Raiders had an opportunity to put the game away with 21 seconds left in regulation, but Davis couldn't convert the front end of a one and one.

The Raiders then faltered in overtime, thanks to Lake who scored six points in the extra period.

"I felt like we could win throughout the whole game," Kidd added. "We got back in the game, but we missed out on some little things that we needed to do to win."

One little thing that really hurt the Raiders was 5-8 guard Curtis Shelton of SEMO. Shelton blitzed the Raiders with 3-pointers, shooting 8-10 from long range and scoring 27 points. Lake also added 27 points in a very formidable one-two punch for the Indians.

"The team played hard," said Dean, who led the Raiders with 20 points. "The team played well and made the extra passes to get people open for their shots."

Even though the shots fell for the Raiders in the second half, the ball eventually stopped bouncing their way. The Raiders must now concentrate on their last game of the year against Murray State tonight at Murphy Center.

The game will mark the last appearance for Raider seniors Warren Kidd, Ramond Davis and the injured Robert Taylor.

"It will be a very emotional game," Kidd said. "It's against Murray, and we'll go out there and give it our all."

The last time the Raiders entered a game with a seven-game losing streak was the 1982-83 squad that wound up losing nine in a row. And despite the Raiders' despair, the players are trying to keep their heads up.

"This is the last time that this group of guys will play together," Dean commented. "We have three seniors and all of us will be together, real emotional and everything. We're just going to go out there and play hard."

Raider tracksters take title

Men win OVC crown while Lady Raiders finish third

DIANNE DeOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

Track coach Dean Hayes wasn't joking when he said his men had a lot of fire power that couldn't be stopped.

The Blue Raiders won their second indoor Ohio Valley Conference championship this weekend with 152 points, blowing out defending champions Murray State by 50 points.

The Lady Raiders, on the other hand, were not as fortunate. Eastern Kentucky dominated the meet with 133 points, and the Lady Racers were able to slide into second place with 87 points, defeating the Lady Raiders by 2 1/2 points.

"I figured the men wouldn't have too much trouble winning," said Hayes. "It turned out pretty close to what I expected. We were solid all the way through, except in the high jump where we didn't have any entries."

"It was a good meet," said OVC champion Roland McGhee. "I can't believe we won by that many points. I was impressed by how well we did."

Indeed, the Blue Raiders were impressive, especially McGhee. He defended his four titles for the third year in a row, and broke two records in the process.

McGhee won the long jump (26-3 3/4), the triple jump (51-1/2), broke the record in the 55 meters with 6.27, and broke his previous record in the 200 meters with 21.10.

"I wanted to run faster in the 55," said McGhee. "I figured I would because I've run 6.22

before. I wanted to get a good spot for the NCAA meet.

"I wasn't really worried about my time in the 200 since I won't be able to run it in the NCAA meet," McGhee said. "Me and Micah (Otis) just wanted to make sure Terrance Branch (from Southeast Missouri) didn't get it. It didn't matter if I won or if Micah won."

Otis placed second in the 200 in 21.45, second in the long jump (24-8 3/4), and he won his second straight OVC title in the 55 meter hurdles in 7.36. Iron grid star Brigham Lyons and junior Tom Hampton trailed behind Otis for third (7.65) and fifth (7.73) places.

Junior Carlos Gupton had a strong performance in the 400 meters despite some problems with SEMO's Terrance Branch. Gupton placed second in 47.82, behind Racer Stevon Roberts.

"It was a good, fast-paced race," said Gupton. "It was a fast start. Terrance bumped me before the lane break zone, so I bumped him back and he fell."

"Stevon ran a good race and he deserved to win," Gupton added.

Sophomore Terry Townsend placed fourth in that same race in 49.89.

In the distances Jeff Lingwall had two excellent races. He won the 5,000 meters in 15:19.79 and placed third in the 3,000 meters in 8:52.49.

Junior transfer Richard Primm finished third in the 800 meter finals in 1:54.10 behind two Racers. Primm also anchored the two-mile relay team of Charles



Belinda Butler/Photographer

RAIDER SANDMAN: MTSU's Micah Otis lands in the sand pit following a jump Saturday.

Roberts, Everett Jolley, and Kevin Armstrong to second place in 7:58.70.

The men's mile relay team of Roberts, Townsend, Hampton and Gupton finished second in 3:15.97 to Murray State.

"I don't even want to talk about the mile relay," said Gupton. "I was disappointed about getting second. I felt we should have won. I felt we should have been closer to Murray."

Other outstanding performances were given by iron grid members Melvin Stevenson and Onesimus Leslie in the shot put. Stevenson placed second to a Racer with a 45-10 3/4 throw and Leslie finished fourth with 42-5. Rob Holston placed fourth in the long jump with 22-1. Ron Lloyd

placed second (6.34) in the 55 and fourth (21.74) in the 200.

On the women's side, although the Lady Raiders finished third, several of the women gave quality performances.

Junior Jacqui Brown now has nine titles. She defended her OVC titles in the long jump (20-2,1/4) and in the triple jump (39-11). Freshmen Mia Florence and Tanyala Miller helped back up Brown. Florence placed third in the long jump with her farthest distance of 18-11, and Miller followed behind for fourth (18-1 1/2). In the triple jump, Miller placed third (37-1/2) and Florence finished fifth (34-3).

Veronica Tipton defended her third straight indoor title in the

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Blue Bits

Johnson, Reed lead golfers to tie for fifth

Daniel Johnson and David Reed, both freshmen in their first collegiate meet, led MTSU's golf squad to a fifth place tie at the Pizza Hut Intercollegiate.

"I'm very proud of my freshmen," said coach Johnny Moore. "They had opportunities to fail, yet they came through strong."

Johnson shot rounds of 79 and 74, while Reed recorded a 79 and 77.

The golfers are off until spring break. During the break, they travel to Saluda, S.C., and then to New Bern, N.C.

Big Blue baseball bats awaken in 10-3 win

The Blue Raider baseball team got its first win of the season Saturday when it thumped Southern Illinois 10-3 at Reese Smith Field.

Mike McLaury picked up the win after going seven innings. He only gave up six hits, and he struck out seven.

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Banner's two-run homer in the fifth gave the Raiders an 8-2 lead.

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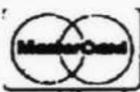
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Gaither making a 'point' at MTSU



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FLOOR GENERAL: Blue Raider point guard Tim Gaither dishes out an assist Saturday night.

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the most important positions on a basketball team is the point guard slot. A point guard is the team leader, the ball handler, the cool man under pressure, the one that others rely on to get them the ball.

For a freshman to be a starting point guard is rare. But that's the case for the Blue Raiders and Tim Gaither.

Gaither is a 6-1 point guard from Gainesville, Ga. Gaither came to MTSU this year and has immediately made his impact on the team. Gaither averages eight points a game but knows his role is not to shoot all the time.

"I make sure that I get the ball to key players," Gaither said. "I make sure that Warren (Kidd) gets the ball; and when we had Robert (Taylor), I made sure that he got the ball. I think I'm a good defensive player because of the quickness I have, and that's why coach Farrar recruited me."

Gaither is indeed quick. But in high school, Gaither was not only quick, he was the man.

Gaither led Gainesville High School to a 98-12 record throughout his four-year career, including a 27-1 record his senior year. Gaither had a

different role for his team in high school than he does here at MTSU. In Gainesville, he was a scorer.

"I guess you could say I was the key player on the team," Gaither said. "We had a very competitive team, but we were very young. I started my junior year. And then my senior year, I was the only returning starter. I knew that the young players were going to look to me to score."

'Next year everybody will see a different team. I'm going to work hard this summer on my shot and it will be on again.'

—Raider Guard
Tim Gaither

And score he did. Gaither averaged 26 points, five assists and four rebounds his senior year, leading his school to the state semifinal.

But times have changed a little for Gaither in college. He is no longer looked upon to score. Instead, Gaither looks to others for guidance.

"I look up to them (the older MTSU players), and I check out what they're doing. They've been here at MTSU for a while, and they show me

the ropes."

The Georgia native showed others the ropes growing up, in hopes that he would make it out of the tough times of growing up.

"I've got three brothers and one sister," Gaither said. "And when we were growing up, there was a lot of trouble and drugs where we lived. I just tried to stay out of trouble and help my younger brother out of trouble, too."

Gaither wasn't sure where he was going to go to school after graduation, but he knew that he wanted to stay near his best friend, Jevon Banks. Gaither and Banks hail from the same area and were cross-town rivals in high school. When graduation was over, they decided to stay together.

"We've known each other since we were eight years old," Banks added. "We played against each other and we have always been close friends."

Gaither had to do a little bit of persuading to get Banks to come to MTSU. But it's a decision that neither one regrets.

"Yeah, I did most of the influencing," Gaither added with a slight smile. "When I signed to come

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Seven seniors saying farewell as basketball action nearing end

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

The end of the road is near for seven Middle Tennessee State seniors who will be playing in their final home contest either tonight or Wednesday.

The Blue Raiders will close out their 1992-93 campaign tonight when they host Murray State. Seniors Warren Kidd, Ray Davis and Robert Taylor will close the book on their MTSU careers.

Despite the Blue Raiders' problems in winning recently, I should certainly hope that people turn out to bid these three farewell. Certainly, Kidd and Taylor are two of the best to wear an MTSU uniform, and Davis has really put forth the effort to win this season.

Can you imagine how things would have been without this trio? After all, they could have left and played elsewhere due to the NCAA investigation. But they chose to tough it out instead.

The Lady Raiders will bid farewell to Julie Morrison, Tricia

Sisson, Cherrita Williams and Kristi Brown Wednesday night when the team hosts Southern Indiana.

With a win over Murray State tonight, it would be a fitting farewell gift for the trio to amass 20 wins Wednesday. It is something they've never tasted.

But for now, I'd like to bid farewell to each individually for sticking through the hard times and giving their all on the court

Sports Editorial

over the past few years.

Warren Kidd

It's a name that people will talk about for years. The 'Big Kat' has left an impression on MTSU and OVC fans for the three seasons he's suited up.

He's been on, or near, the top of the nation every year in categories such as field goal percentage and rebounding.

Recently, Warren became the first Blue Raider to ever surpass

the 1,000 mark in both scoring and rebounding.

But all his accomplishments simply can't be put into words.

Thank you, Warren, for the monstrous dunks and rebounding performances. You're going to be in the MTSU record books for a long time, and in the hearts of Raider fans for a lifetime.

Robert Taylor

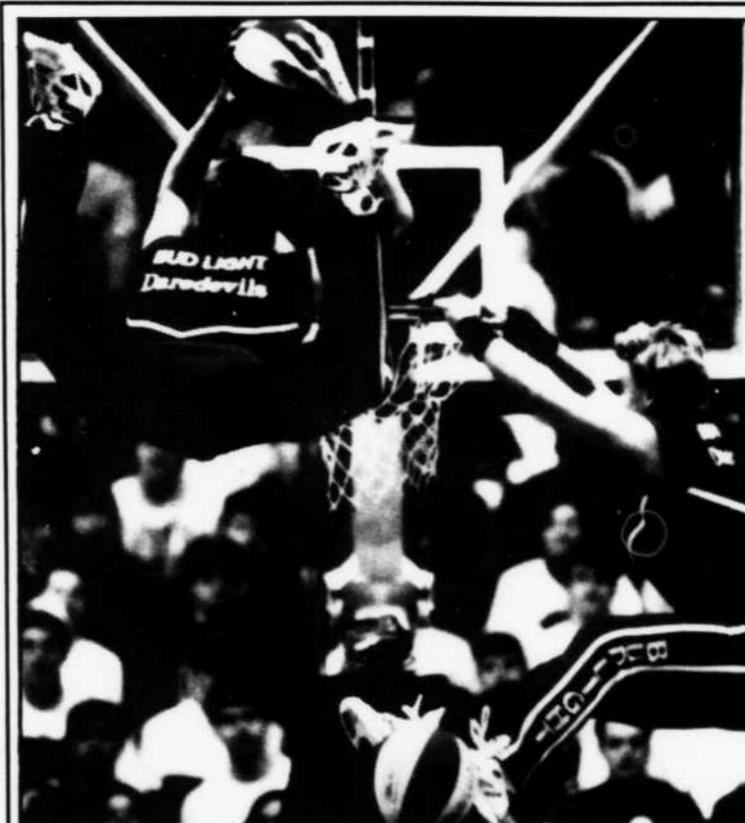
When I first began this job, Robert Taylor was the first person I ever interviewed. But there's much more to remember than that.

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Gaither had to do a little bit of persuading to get Banks to come to MTSU. But it's a decision that neither one regrets.

"Yeah, I did most of the influencing," Gaither said with a slight smile. "When I signed to come here, then Jevon signed. We were looking for a place to play ball with each other and this was it."

Gaither, Banks and others are

the future for the Raiders' basketball team.

Gaither knows that even though times are tough now, things will get better.

"Next year everybody will see a different team," Gaither said. "I'm going to work hard this summer on my shot and it will be on again. I think I'll be more of an impact player my sophomore year than I was this year."

For coach Farrar and the other MTSU coaches, time can only bring improvement for the leader of the new batch of Blue Raiders.

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jump a competitor from Eastern Kentucky.

"I was nervous this time," said Tipton. "I even came in at a lower height than I normally do. The girl from Eastern was jumping 5-6, and I was scared. The competition is getting better every meet, so I'm going to have to get better."

In the sprints, transfer Natalie Douglas gave solid, lifetime best performances. She dashed to third place in the 55-meter finals (7.05) and placed third in the 200 meter finals (24.93).

Junior Nadrian McGill ran her fastest time in the 55 meter hurdle finals. She hurdled to second place in 8.23 and was trailed by Lady Raider Tiffany Dean who finished

fifth in 8.52.

"I knew it would be tight between us, Murray and Southeast Missouri for second, third and fourth place," Hayes said. "Murray had a girl get second in the long jump who jumped her farthest by over two feet and had a shot putter that also threw her best and placed. I figured Eastern would win pretty easily. Not having our two best hurdlers (Koko Rowley and Kim Williams) in the league also hurt us."

"We don't have a lot of extras like we do on the men's side," he said. "There was a 10-15 point difference that separated the three of us, and we finished in the middle of it."

Seniors

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for Robert Taylor, as the Raiders have found out this season.

After all, the team hasn't won since you went down with a injury seven games ago.

Ray Davis

Dedication is a good word for you, Ray.

You've never really started or had a pivotal role until this season. However, you waited your time out and you've performed like a champion this season.

There have been games in which we've witnessed you take charge and, undoubtedly, MTSU can attribute a few of its wins to you.

Cherrita Williams

Cherrita is consistent and inconsistent.

She's consistent in the sense she comes to play and performs well in the game.

She's inconsistent in another sense, though. You never know what hair-do she's going to have.

She's the only player I know who probably averaged in double figures with hair styles in the nation this season.

All jokes aside though, you've played a key role in the success of this season's team, and I think you have a few more wins to look forward to.

P.S. If we have to play Tech again, please put your hair up in that weave thing. We've decided you perform best then.



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HOME STRETCH: Lady Raider guard Julie Morrison fires up a shot. Morrison is one of seven Raider seniors who will end their regular season careers this week.

Tricia Sisson

Here's someone who hasn't given up.

Tricia hasn't started much, if any. But she's always been there, ready to play her role. It might be as cheerleader or it might be on the court.

Kristi Brown

I guess this is one of my toughest goodbyes.

I've known Kristi since we were kids and I was batting against her in Little League. We went to the same schools, and it's been a pleasure watching her mature through the stages of junior high to highschool to college.

I didn't really think you'd get much playing time at Middle Tennessee when you inked out of Riverdale. But then again, I didn't think a girl had any business being in Little League.

You've proven me wrong on both counts.

Kristi 'Downtown' Brown isn't just a name. It's a person that I'll never forget.

Julie Morrison

Here's my other tough goodbye.

I don't guess I've ever gotten as much satisfaction out of watching someone as I have you, Julie. No one works harder, and I mean that.

The shots don't always fall and the passes aren't always on target. But the desire is always there, whether on the court or off hitting the books.

If anyone deserves the OVC title, it is you.

But even if that doesn't happen, you'll always be a champion in my book.

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The extremists generally speak in a language all but unintelligible to the average

When "the strength of your fingertips is all that separates you from a 120-foot fall to your death, you start to get rather deliberate," Lindemuth says.

This viewpoint reflects the premise of the rock climber. Climbing has moved into mainstream with exposure through movies like "K-2."

Extremist sports, says Lindemuth, are "a healthy and socially responsible way of getting high."

A growing number of universities throughout the United States have adventure-based clubs

transformed into something useful," said Andy Arndt, a 24-year-old junior and president of Penn State's Recreation and Parks Professional Society.

Members of the Penn State Outing Club have made it part of their mission to maintain the climbing site.

Spelunking, or cave exploration, is another such adventure sport that has gained enthusiasts in increasing numbers from the twentysomething crowd over the past several years.

Thomas Craver, a 26-year-old sophomore at Florida State university, is a cave enthusiast. According to him, spelunking is a "real study in panic management."

He goes on to warn that cave exploration is not a sport for the inexperienced or anything to try alone. "Losing your way and starving to death in the pitch-black depths of the earth is a very real danger unless a great deal of caution and forethought is exercised," he said.

Extremist sports are not a realm where the timid or the reckless can safely venture.

"When you are into the extreme, you have to be willing to crash and burn a whole lot," observes Alan Vaughn, a 20-year-old junior at Clarion University and a mountain biking enthusiast.

and organizations. One such group is Penn State University's Outing Club, which sponsors trips for spelunking, sky diving and rock climbing at a Bellefonte, Pa., quarry.

A characteristic of the twentysomething generation is an increased concern with environmental issues. The extremist enthusiasts are no exception to this.

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person. Surfers "get tubed," sky divers make "HALO drops," extreme skiers watch for "decaying cornices," rock-climbers "place pro," and yet all of them share a love for gut-wrenching adventure.

"It is only through the direct confrontation ... only by staring into the naked face of death that we discover the true nature of self," says 22-year-old Stan Lindemuth, a rock-climbing junior at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Questions remain regarding referendum

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Some members of student government still question the methods used to promote last week's defeated referendum to raise GPA requirements for SGA leaders.

The bill would have required the SGA President and the speakers of the House and Senate to have a 2.5 GPA. The current requirement is a 2.0.

Opponents of the vote Thursday said there were not enough signs directing students where to vote, that the KUC location was hard to find, and that sponsors of the bill were working the polls.

SGA president Toby Gilley, bill co-sponsor Elizabeth Millsaps and Election Commissioner Don Gandy worked at the polls.

"There were no voting signs and I question the integrity of the people sitting there [at the polls]," Joe A. Rich, African-American Student Association president, said. "I question the timing of this piece of legislation. I support raising the GPA requirements, but they're changing the rules in the middle of the game."

Gandy said it was legal for SGA members and bill sponsors to work the polls.

"The rules about who works the polls apply to candidates who are running for office. They cannot work the polls. It's not normal [for the bill's co-sponsor to work the polls] but it's not unethical," Gandy said.

"[Millsaps] only worked for thirty minutes while I went to get something to eat," he added.

Some students said the polls, located in the KUC lounge, were difficult to find.

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targeted towards Lentz in an effort to remove him from the SGA and/or to stop him from running for president next semester.

"I'm sorry about the misinformation on both sides. I'm sorry that Toby [Gilley, SGA president], Larry [Beatty], and Ray [Lentz] were dragged through all of this," said Elizabeth Millsaps, SGA member and co-sponsor of the 2.5 GPA referendum.

"I hate to see all of the blame placed on them [Gilley, Lentz and Beatty]," she added.

Don Gandy, SGA Election

"It appears the sponsors didn't want people to know where to vote. I want to know why they were hiding away in the corner," Ray Lentz, SGA speaker of the House said.

Larry Beatty, speaker of the Senate, said that he had to direct people where to vote.

"I was downstairs and people who knew I was in the SGA asked me where to vote," he said.

Gandy said that he did not choose the location.

"I thought we'd be in the foyer [of the KUC], I didn't know where we'd be located. We couldn't set up downstairs, and we couldn't block the art exhibit," he said.

Signs on campus opposing the bill were taken down by Gandy, a supporter of the bill. Gandy said the signs violated last year's election rules.

"The signs were in violation of two things: they did not have dates and were improperly placed at Peck Hall," Gandy said. "I told the people who I thought put the signs up, that they could have gone by and put dates on the signs."

"I took the signs down because I didn't want there to be any question on the legalities of it," he added.

Millsaps, an SGA member, said she regretted any conflicts that may have arisen.

"I'm just really sorry that this has turned into the issue that it has," Millsaps said. "I sponsored the referendum. It's not greeks against independents, blacks against whites. I'm not greek."

SGA members do seem to agree on one topic: their regret over any conflicts to the students.

"It saddens me to think that the whole student body has been disrupted," Lentz said.



SHOWTIME: Christian rock star Michael W. Smith performed before thousands Thursday night at Murphy Center. Smith lives in Nashville.

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