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Gunshot victim charged with assault: Campus Police *Female student files complaint against former football player*

Serenity Sutton
Editor

The victim of Wednesday night's campus shooting had allegedly assaulted a female student, according to a Campus Police report, and was dismissed from the football team before the shooting took place.

Tanyala Miller filed assault charges against John Paul Johnson Jan. 25 at Reynolds Hall, according to a police report filed by Officer T. Wright.

"Upon arrival I was met by the complainant and witnesses," the report said. "They stated that Mr. John Paul Johnson had assaulted Miss Miller by striking her twice about the face and dragging her around the stairwell of Reynolds Hall bottom floor."

Miller was not at her dorm room this weekend and an individual who answered the phone at her permanent residence said she did not know where Miller could be reached.

Johnson was shot in the arm outside Beasley Hall, an athletic dorm, by a man who allegedly asked which person was Johnson, then pulled a .45-caliber automatic weapon and fired five times. Johnson was hit once.

Police have issued three warrants for the arrest of Darrell Lamont Johns, 22, of Murfreesboro Road in Nashville. Johns is a former felon currently on probation, according to

MTSU Chief of Police Jack Drugmand.

"He is not a local person," Drugmand said. "He does not go to school here and is not connected to campus at all."

Jealousy was a possible motive for the shooting, according to Drugmand.

Johnson, 20, of Chattanooga, had been a freshman member of the Blue Raiders. He was dismissed from the Blue Raiders last week for "unrelated reasons," according to Sports Information Director Ed Given.

Football Coach Boots Donnelly does not comment on why players are dismissed, according to his office, and he would not comment on whether Johnson was dismissed due to the assault charge.

Johnson remains hospitalized and in fair condition at Vanderbilt



JOHNSON

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University Medical Center in Nashville.

"He had a gunshot wound to his arm and shoulder area," said Doug Williams, VUMC public relations director. "He has refused all interviews."

Johnson was scheduled for surgery on his arm, according to Williams. Previous reports that Johnson also suffered a broken leg were incorrect, Williams said. ■

Student opinions vary on campus security

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The on-campus shooting of an MTSU student Wednesday night has drawn many different reactions from students living in residence halls.

An informal survey taken by the *Sidelines* Friday showed that many on campus are frightened while others feel there is no way to avoid the violence.

Marcus Acklin, a sophomore living at Gracy Hall, said he feels that MTSU security did the best job possible.

"Because the shooters came from off-campus, there wasn't really anything Campus Security could do," Acklin said. "Campus Security responded as quick as they could. This type of situation could happen anywhere."

Other students like David Williams, a junior living at

Monohan Hall, said they believe that MTSU Security needs to have a larger presence on campus.

"Security has said they are going to do anything to improve security," Williams said. "We need more patrolling."

Jay Williams, a freshman living at Judd Hall, said he feels the same way.

"I hardly see patrol cars around Beasley [Hall, where the shooting occurred]," Williams said. "They are usually around Murphy Athletic Center."

John Drugmand, MTSU chief of police, said this was a situation that Security could not have stopped, and that no immediate changes in procedures are warranted.

"This was an intended victim crime; it was not random," Drugmand said. "There was no way we or any campus police department in

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Carl E. Lambert, Staff

WATCHING THE ROUT: Cowboys and Bills fans gather Sunday night at Toot's to watch Super Bow XXVIII in Atlanta. The Cowboys won their second straight Super Bowl, 30-13. The victory is the first time one team has beaten the same opponent back to back. For the Bills, it is their fourth straight Super Bowl loss, all to NFC East opponents.

SGA votes to publish faculty evaluations

Deanna Snowden
Staff Writer

The SGA Senate passed a resolution at their weekly meeting Thursday evening to publish faculty evaluations and make them available to all students.

The resolution will be voted on by the SGA House Tuesday, Feb. 1.

"I think it is a freedom of information issue," said Brian Hopper, speaker of the Senate and author of the resolution.

If the resolution passes the House, it will require a publication of the evaluations be released five days prior to the

beginning of pre-registration for the 1994-95 academic year.

One edition of the publication will be kept at the Todd Library information desk, and another will be in the Student Government office.

The Division of Academic Affairs will be in charge of compiling and publishing the results of the evaluations.

Each edition of the publication will be updated to include the results of new evaluations.

Hopper said that this should help students better determine which classes they wish to take.

"Such information would be greatly beneficial to students prior to registering for classes," Hopper said. ■

Library hours are extended

Deanna Snowden
Staff Writer

Students now have six additional hours a week available for study at Todd Library.

The Student Government Association and President James Walker reached an agreement to extend the hours on a trial basis for this semester, said Woody Ratterman, SGA president.

The new library schedule includes two extra hours on

Sundays and an extra hour each night, Monday through Thursday.

"Students have asked several times over the past several years for extended hours, especially at night," said Don Craig, university librarian.

The new library hours are: Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m.- midnight; Friday 7:30 a.m.- 11 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-midnight. ■

Police Report

A male student reported on Jan. 26 that his book bag was stolen from the book drop near Phillips Bookstore.

A male student reported on Jan. 26 that his room in Beasley Hall had been burglarized.

A male student reported on Jan. 26 that his vehicle was hit by another while parked in the Schardt Hall lot.

A female student reported on Jan. 26 that her vehicle was hit by another while parked in the Cummings Hall lot.

A male employee reported on Jan. 27 that a combination television/VCR was missing from KOM.

ARRESTS

Michael L. Doty, 23, was arrested Jan. 16 for DUI [second offense], driving on a suspended license and criminal impersonation.

Richard Murphy, 36, was arrested Jan. 25 for theft under \$500.

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Campus Capsule

Today

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Parent and Child Wild Cave Trip. Anyone interested should call 898-2104 or stop by the Alumni Memorial Gym room 201. Sign up deadline is Feb. 7.

The National Security Education Program is a federally-funded study abroad scholarship program. Undergraduate scholarships may award up to \$8,000 for an approved program. An information meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center room 305. Undergraduate application deadline is Feb. 11. Graduate application deadline is March 1. Contact David Curry at 898-2238 for more information.

Essay contest for MTSU students on Women's History Month. Contest must focus on some aspect of women's experiences. The winner will receive \$100. Deadline is Feb. 28. Contact Jill Hague at 898-2579 or 890-0686 for more specific details.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

The Placement and Student Employment Center is sponsoring the third annual Summer Jobs Fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in KUC 322 - 324. Contact Julea Reese at 898-2500 for more details.

The MTSU chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association/Lambda Alpha Epsilon will be having an interest meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC 314. All majors are welcome. Contact Wyla Posey at 893-1502 for more details.

Thursday, Feb. 3

The Society for Human Resource Management will have a meeting at 5 p.m. in Peck Hall room 326. The guest speaker is Debi Tobey, a management consultant. Contact Gary Mobley at 896-5448 for more details.

Friday, Feb. 4

The MTSU Ba'hai Association will host Dr. Richard Thomas from Michigan State University to speak on "Achieving Harmony in a Racially Divided Community" at 7 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the JUB. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

TRW, Inc. is sponsoring a tour of their plant for interested students at 2 p.m. A van is available for transportation from campus and back and will leave the Voorhies parking lot at 1 p.m. To reserve a place on the van, sign up on the SME bulletin board across from the Industrial

Studies office in the Voorhies Industrial Studies Complex by Feb. 3. If providing your own transportation, you must put your name on the sign-up sheet for head count purposes. Contact the Industrial Studies Office at 898-2776 for more details.

Thursday, Feb. 10

The Placement and Student Employment office is sponsoring a Career Placement Orientation for Seniors and Graduate Students from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in KUC 324. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Children's Discovery House Presents "Stay Fit and Healthy Day" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Bev Calloway at 890-2300 for more details.

Monday, Feb. 14

Placement and Student Employment is sponsoring a Resume Workshop and Critique from 2 to 4 p.m. in KUC 324. Bring your resume for a professional critique. The Workshop continues on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

Ongoing

The Office for Minority Affairs is sponsoring "Institute for Healing Racism" every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian club meets every Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

Students for Environmental Action meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. Call 890-5097 for more details.

The Lambda Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center room 241. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more details.

The Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Wisner-Patton Science Building room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Church of God in Christ Revival On Campus (COGIC ROC) will be having a Bible Study every night at 7 p.m. Contact Kevin Johnson at 898-5968 for location.

Son of former Supremes singer dies in accident

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — Former Supremes singer Mary Wilson was injured and her 14-year-old son was killed when the Jeep she was driving hit a freeway median and overturned, authorities said Sunday.

Rafael Ferrer was pronounced dead at Barstow Community Hospital about two

hours after the 7:30 a.m. Saturday crash, San Bernardino County Deputy Coroner Monika Padilla said.

Wilson, 49, was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center, but her injuries weren't believed to be serious, Padilla said. Hospital spokesman David Schaefer refused to confirm or

deny that Wilson was at the hospital.

Wilson and her son were traveling from Los Angeles to Nevada and Wilson may have fallen asleep at the wheel, Padilla said.

The Supremes' hits included "Where Did Our Love Go," and "Baby Love." ■

MTSU students living on campus were asked Friday to express their feelings about violence on campus in light of the recent shooting. Here are some of the reactions:



David Weber
Senior
Schardt Hall

"I'm afraid of getting caught in the crossfire."



Madelyn Gregath
Freshman
Corlew Hall

"Coming from California, things like this happened all the time. It surprises me that something so serious could happen on this campus."



Jennifer Moyer
Freshman
Cummings Hall

"I felt safer when I first came here. The shooting makes me feel unsafe."



Dennis Vaughan
Freshman
Judd Hall

"Crimes like this don't happen often on campus. I know there is not an extreme amount of violence on campus."



Tracey Galliford
Freshman
Cummings Hall

"I don't feel safe at night... We went to the cafeteria last night and the shooting stayed on my mind."

Blood drive sees students give

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

Students came out in large numbers for the two-day American Red Cross blood drive held last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Keathley University Center, said the Director of Blood Services.

Christy Fisher, director of blood services, said she was pleased by the amount of students who came to donate.

"I think this was a pretty good response, considering the weather," Fisher said. "We

had a really good turnout."

The 154 pints of blood donated represents a 20 percent increase in donations from the last drive, which was held in November. Twenty-eight students donated for the first time.

Fisher said she believes students saw a problem and responded.

"When people have something happen to them, they realize how important it is [to donate]," Fisher said.

"The combination of students realizing there was a shortage and [the fact that] the Wesley Foundation

sponsoring it" contributed to the success, she said.

Fisher said that even with the success of this drive, people still need to realize the importance of donating blood.

"It's really important for people to donate, especially with the nationwide shortage," Fisher said. "Before the Los Angeles earthquake, [Southern Californians] were in a critical shortage. You can imagine what it is like now. We're always in need."

The Red Cross will hold its fourth and final blood drive of the school year April 6-7 on the third floor of the KUC. ■

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Housing director outlines security changes

Dorms to be more closely monitored: Shewmake

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Residence hall security measures increased due to last week's shooting and University Housing is "aggressively pursuing rumors" of guns in dorms, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of University Housing.

Shewmake said that although the man who shot John Paul Johnson was not a student, security has been increased.

Shewmake said tips about guns in particular dorms have moved into "high gear," and housing is working to confirm their presence and have them removed.

"You better believe that's what we've been doing the last couple of days," Shewmake said. "We will not go room to room [without permission], but I have no compunctions at all to get them to a meeting. I have no compunction to go door to door."

John Drugmand, MTSU chief of police, said that his office works hard to keep guns and other weapons off campus, and encourages students to do the same.

"We've got an armload of weapons we've seen and confiscated on campus," said Drugmand. "We'd be more than happy to talk with anyone confidentially about any guns they know of on campus."

Beginning Thursday, dorm residents and their visitors had to show identification before visitors were allowed in rooms, Shewmake said.

In the past, only a visitor had to show identification before being allowed into living quarters.

"Both parties must now show ID and we check to make sure one is a resident," Shewmake said.

"[Desk attendants] cannot know all the people living in a dorm," Shewmake said. "They have to have a way to know exactly who from the outside is in a dorm at all times."

Jennifer Ewing, a sophomore living at Wood Hall, said the new policy makes her feel more safe.

"[The shooting] scares me, but I feel better because housing is now making every resident and visitor leave their ID with a [resident assistant] or hall director before we come in," Ewing said.

Lori Williams, a freshman living at Cummings Hall, does not believe the new measures go far enough.

"I think there should be designated security guards for every dorm—not just patrol cars but guards walking around," Williams said.

Housing is also trying to get signaling devices installed which are triggered when back doors are opened, Shewmake said.

Although there has been a request put in for closed-circuit televisions in interior halls, Shewmake said it would be at least summer before cameras are installed.

"Most of our potential

vulnerability comes from fire escapes," Shewmake said. "Mostly it's females propping back doors for males, but once the door is open, you don't know who can come in."

There is a Campus Security officer who does nothing at night except go around and check doors, Shewmake said.

Johnson, a former member of the Blue Raider football team, was shot once in the arm outside Beasley Hall Wednesday night. Police have issued three warrants for the arrest of Darrell Johns of Nashville, according to Campus Police Chief Jack Drugmand.

It is a felony to bring a gun onto campus, Shewmake said, and any student who is found with a gun in his room will be expelled.

"I just have an absolute abhorrence to the idea of guns on campus," Shewmake said. "I am not an anti-gun person, but there's just no reason to have a gun on campus." ■

Security...

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the country could have prevented it."

Drugmand said MTSU is still one of the safest campuses in the country.

"We use aggressive, standard patrols geared to control unruly behavior," Drugmand said. "We have one of the most aggressive trespass programs anywhere. [However], we are not a haven from crime."

"This is the first [physical] crime against [a] person we've had on campus in quite some time," Drugmand added. "We are aware we have undesirable people on campus and we do all we can to protect students from them."

Drugmand said students need to be more aware of their own personal safety at all times and take a common sense approach to safety.

"What we encourage students to do if they feel unsafe at night is to call us and we will provide them with an escort," Drugmand said. "Use the blue light phones around campus. Walk in groups and pairs, and tell someone where you're going before you leave."

"Don't hesitate to call us [at Ext. 2424] if it will make you feel safer. That's what we're here for." ■

Achieving Harmony in a Racially Divided Community

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National Roundup

Taco Bell employees found murdered

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The victims were three women and a man, police said. One of the women was pregnant.

Police were withholding the victims' names pending notification of relatives.

The victims apparently had been working the Saturday night shift at the restaurant. Their bodies were discovered early Sunday by friends or co-workers checking on one of the victim's whereabouts, police said.

Clarksville Police Detective Doug Pectol described the crime scene as the worst he had ever encountered.

All four victims had been shot several times, police said. Investigators, who arrived at the

restaurant about 6:30 a.m., found the bodies in the rear of the store. The restaurant safe had been blown open and 20 or more spent shells from two weapons, a shotgun and a pistol, were strewn about the restaurant.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation forensic experts also were assisting in the investigation.

U.S., Russia to fly joint space missions

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The planet's two space superpowers already have exchanged handshakes and hugs, shared borscht and cranberry sauce, and toasted with apple juice — 140 miles above Earth.

This week, 19 years after the Apollo-Soyuz docking mission, five American astronauts and one Russian cosmonaut will pick up in orbit where their predecessors left off.

Sergei Krikalev will become the first Russian to fly on a U.S. space shuttle when

Discovery lifts off Thursday on a science mission.

Both countries say the mission is only the beginning of many joint space ventures.

The ultimate goal is an international space station, to be built using launch vehicles from both countries. Construction is scheduled to begin in 1997 and the station is expected to house permanent crews by 2001.

The two countries agreed on the joint station late last year. They also agreed to 10 shuttle dockings with Russia's Mir space station, beginning in 1995, to exchange crews, do research and upgrade the aging Mir.

Altogether, five American astronauts are to spend a combined 24 months on Mir.

Economy may get boost in interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — For President Clinton, the economic news could hardly be better — the fastest economic growth in six years, declining federal deficits and the best

inflation performance in two decades.

But the big question is whether Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is about to step in and play the Fed's traditional role of party pooper.

Many economists believe that the central bank is about to start boosting interest rates to slow economic activity and keep inflationary pressures from getting out of hand.

"There's a widespread opinion on Wall Street that the Fed will have to tighten at some point, perhaps soon," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist at Merrill Lynch in New York. "If the Fed actually wants to do that, Greenspan is going to have to start explaining why."

California hospitals fail quake standards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than two-thirds of California's hospital buildings don't comply with the latest safety standards and could fail in a major

earthquake, according to a state report reviewed by The Associated Press.

The Hospital Seismic Safety Act, passed after 50 people died in the collapse of two hospitals in the 1971 Sylmar quake, holds hospitals to stricter standards than other buildings but is enforced for new construction only.

Hospitals built before 1973, when the law took effect, weren't required to make structural upgrades, the report said. Several damaged in the Jan. 17 Northridge quake were among them.

The 1973 law requires new buildings to have reinforced steel beams connecting walls and floors, stronger doors, braced equipment, detailed evacuation plans and other special safety measures.

The hospital industry contends it would be too costly — up to \$25 billion — to upgrade old structures.

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African-American History Month meant for everyone

Tuesday marks the beginning of African-American History Month.

People make jokes about February being African-American History Month because it is the shortest month. Some people say there should not be an African-American History Month at all.

It is not too uncommon to hear people ask, in all seriousness, "Why isn't there a White History Month?"

There are 11 white history months.

I don't know whose idea it was to designate one month out of the year as African-American History Month, or why February was chosen.

But I hope the idea eventually becomes obsolete, because every month should be African-American History Month. And Native American History Month. And Women's History Month.

It is somewhat sad that the only way we can guarantee adequate education on minority issues is to set aside a specific time during which the accomplishments and history of the minority may be remembered.

We should be learning African-American history right along with all the other history we are taught. It is part of American history, a vital part.

Those grumblers out there may feel threatened by the acknowledgment of the importance and magnitude of African-American history. They may want to retain the

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Letters to the Editor

John Wayne Bobbitt was lucky he got it back: reader

To the Editor:

Ms. Basiel: My guess is that you are young and single and that your sexual experiences to this date have all been exciting and at the very least pleasurable. I hope that you are always so lucky. However, you should know that such men animals as J.W. Bobbitt do exist and are very capable of inflicting such mental and physical pain that one would do anything that they thought would be successful to stop the pain. I wish that someone in this country could feel that the crime of rape is deserving of any consequence that the 'victim' feels is just. The problem is that no one seems to feel that way except the victim. There has been a lot of media coverage about 'poor Mr. Bobbitt's loss,' but if I had been in Mrs. Bobbitt's place, 'poor Mr. Bobbitt's would still be lost.

To the Editor: The paper is looking great. I actually read through the whole thing. I appreciate the changes ... keep up the good work.

Sheila Smith
Box 4594

Gun control no threat to our civil liberties

To the Editor:

Last month, on December 29, I said goodbye to a friend...at his memorial service. His life was stolen four days before Christmas by an unknown individual with a handgun. His death marked the 489th murder in Washington, D.C. for 1993.

If you haven't already figured it out, I am writing in response to Christina Basiel's article on gun control. It has occurred to me that Basiel has conveniently overlooked the first half of the Second Amendment. This calls for a "well-regulated militia." As far as I know, 15-year-olds bringing handguns into local schools are not members of any militia.

The "liberal do-gooders" who are exchanging rewards for handguns are making a great effort to get them out of the hands of children. They are, in fact, protecting the public's right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Unfortunately, this effort in Nashville brought in more guns from "honest, gun-owning" parents who needed fast cash.

Basiel's examples of political turmoil around the world are narrow-minded. Perhaps the "recently stable" country of Yugoslavia is experiencing this

tragic unrest because its stability was based on Soviet regulation.

What about nations in which handgun control works? The threat of handgun-related crimes in Great Britain and Ireland are minimal. These countries have banned handguns. The police forces do not carry handguns, nor do they need to. Handgun-related deaths in the U.K. rarely reach 20.

Yes, the world is a dangerous place. I've lived with that my whole life. Believe me, having my hometown nicknamed "the murder capitol of the world," leaves me with a realistic picture of the "ills of our society." I do not fool myself into thinking that handgun regulation will instantly solve the problem. It will, however, help.

This leads me to my next point. Basiel's use of the word "firearm" is misleading. The regulations in question deal with handguns. No one is trying to take away the right to own a firearm. If you need a gun for protection, buy a shotgun. It'll certainly intimidate unlawful citizens more than a .38-caliber pistol.

"Our forefathers afforded us the ability to maintain our freedom." Carrying a handgun in anticipation of an attack is living in fear. How can anyone living in fear maintain their freedom?

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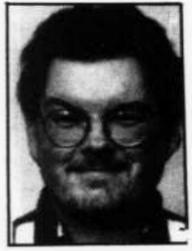
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Does recent Supreme Court ruling threaten our freedom of expression?

Zen and the art of civil disobedience: Court after law-breakers, not lawful protestors

Ken-L-Ration X

MIKE REED



When Martin Luther King Jr. woke up one morning and decided that enough was enough and started his campaign of civil disobedience in an effort to enjoy the same rights and privileges as his Anglo-saxon counterparts, he knew that there would be hell to pay.

He knew that what he was doing was illegal and that when you commit an illegal act, there are sanctions.

The key to civil disobedience is in the willingness to pay the consequences. It lies in the commitment one has to a cause.

Last Monday the Supreme Court of the United States, in a rare 9-0 decision, told the lower courts that the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations act (RICO) is broad enough to be used against abortion protestors.

RICO, which has generally been used to snuff out organized crime syndicates, carries with it a triple-damages clause. If a person is charged with a violation of the RICO act and convicted, they stand a good chance of being financially ruined.

What does this mean for more militant organizations that engage in civil disobedience such as Operation Rescue? It means that protests will have to be kept nice and legal, or someone is going to have to pick up the tab.

What does this mean to the First Amendment rights we've all grown to know and love? The Supreme Court addressed that

very thing. Justice David Souter, who wrote his own opinion, stated that RICO would in no way infringe on legitimate First Amendment rights.

This is confusing for the peanut gallery, I know. The Court just last year said it was OK for Operation Rescue to glue the doors to an abortion clinic shut. You can't keep up with the court decisions without a scorecard.

What we're really talking about here is a sin of intent. If you're standing on a public venue and protesting this country's liberal stance on the rights of pre-born Americans, you're safe. If you sit in a smoke filled room chomping on cigars and conspiring to blow up a building in protest of this country's liberal stance on the rights of pre-born Americans, then you've violated the RICO act. Incidentally, there really is no First Amendment

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New law threatens all freedom, yours included

Reality Check

JAY TRAVIS



Recently, I saw what might be described as the beginning of the end for all our constitutional rights.

The Supreme Court, displaying all its usual wisdom, voted to apply the RICO anti-racketeering acts to a right-to-life group in an effort to end random acts of violence by individuals who happened to support that group.

This is just the latest example of how the old adage "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely"

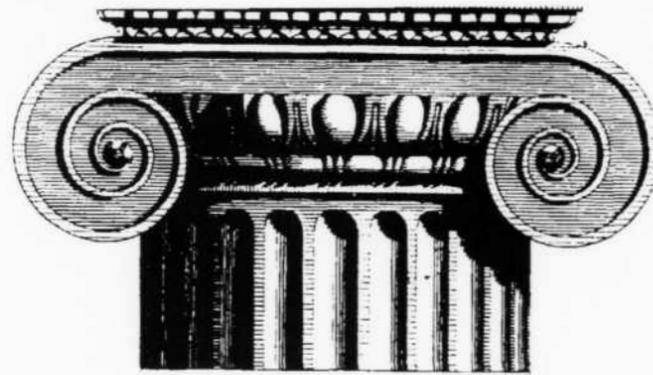
applies more than ever to the travesty that has become our generation's example of the judicial branch of government.

Laws in this country are supposed to protect the rights of our citizens. That was the original intent of the Bill of Rights, not as a framework for what has become the longest running and most sadistic attempt at wide-scale social experimentation by the forces of government since the Marquis De Sade attempted to redefine the social norms of France.

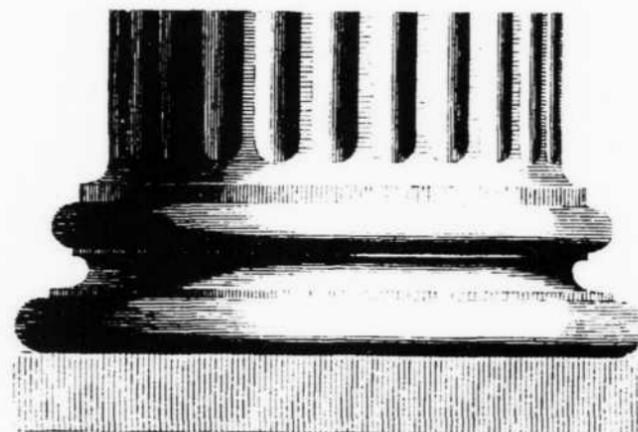
The RICO act is supposed to be used for prosecuting organized crime, not for preventing one side of any social question from exercising their rights to gather and protest against something that they believe to be wrong. There are

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better solutions to combating the problem of organized crime that do not require the sacrifice of our legal rights.

But those members of that right-to-life group committed crimes, you say? If they are indeed guilty, then the guilty parties deserve punishment, not as a group, but as individuals committing individual actions regardless of their affiliation with any group. I am all for punishment of the guilty, but not at the cost of the rights of others.

The implications of group accountability for individual actions are far-reaching and potentially fatal to society as we know it. What if all people with

college degrees were to be held accountable for the actions of "white-collar" criminals in the recent savings and loan association scandals? Perhaps all blacks might be jailed for the actions of those in the Los Angeles riots? Would you consider it justifiable that all whites should be held accountable for the actions of the Ku Klux Klan?

Ridiculous, you say? Well, folks, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the reality of the situation is that if the courts can interpret the laws to use as a weapon against a particular group, no matter how much you might support or even hate them, then the courts may well come

after your group next.

Remember the story about the fellow in Nazi Germany who did nothing when the Nazis went after all those groups of which he didn't belong, until they came after his group, and then there was no one left to do anything to help him?

Unless we are willing to risk allowing the same thing to happen here, we as a nation and as individuals had best put aside our differences long enough to stand up to our legislators and push to either repeal or restructure these RICO laws, or we may well wind up losing our rights to even have different beliefs.

Remember, the decision is

ours. It is still our country, as long as we are willing to fight to keep it ours. And this is as good a place as any to stand our ground on. Call your congressman, your senator, the media, anyone you can think of to draw attention to the issue. If we organize against this type of tyranny, we may still have a chance to save our rights and our way of life. If we—no, if YOU—choose to do nothing, then don't whine when the government uses the courts to silence YOUR protests when they take away YOUR rights.

And don't expect help from the rest of us. They already got rid of us while you stood by and did nothing, remember? ■

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defense for conspiracy to commit acts of mayhem and terrorism.

RICO is a touchy act. It hits the defendants where it hurts. It is one that judges you on your intent as well as your actions.

The new broader definition of RICO will no doubt have a chilling affect on abortion protests. The liberal side of me can't help but smile at that. But that chill has a way of reaching everyone. How will this new decision affect other groups who engage in civil

disobedience, such as ACT UP and those morons who throw red paint on people who wear fur?

The Supreme Court hasn't convicted anyone. It is up to the lower courts to decide if Operation Rescue has violated the act. The decision to broaden RICO is only the first step in a long court battle that will ultimately redefine the boundaries of civil disobedience and peaceful protest. RICO has merely tripled the stakes. ■

Month...

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familiarity, security and yes, superiority, of the status quo.

But some of us are tired of hearing the accomplishments of Dead White Guys in our classes. They've had countless months, and we know what they've done. We want more. More education. More diversity. More knowledge, depth and understanding. And that can only come through seeing all aspects of history which have brought us to this point.

Patrick Henry and Rosa Parks might have more in common than some of us realize.

Give me Richard Wright, Jackie Robinson, Maya Angelou.

Let me know all there is. Don't cover it up or dismiss it.

As long as there is African-American History Month, let's take full advantage of the education with which it can provide us.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has scheduled a number of activities and speakers this month. The education and entertainment they will provide are intended for all Americans, not just African-Americans.

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Features

Dusting the erasers will never be the same

Finance student re-invents the chalkboard

Jason T. Sparks
Senior Writer

MTSU student Jeffrey Benson just got a set of videophones. Now, that's a neat concept, isn't it? *Videophones.*

It's one of those things we've anticipated for years, without being sure how it would work, and here it is. It's better than futurism—it's Jetsons Futurism. It's the futurism of world fairs and 1940s industrial films. You know the type: "...by 1961, thanks to technicians at Demagogue Electric, we'll all have toasters in our hats!" Putting it bluntly, it's just damned neat.



Sherri LaRose, staff

CONSIDERED A VISIONARY: Jeffrey Benson proposed an idea to *US News and World Report* for a wall-sized plasma screen that would act as an interactive chalkboard for classrooms of the future

The reason Benson has the phones is that he has a fairly neat idea of his own: the plans for a 21st-century blackboard. And when he submitted those plans as part of an essay contest being held by AT&T and *U.S. News and World Report*, he won first place. (The phones were the prize.)

The blackboard would allow classrooms to become "interactive instead of proactive, with the teacher lecturing and students recording," Benson says.

"Then, how do we learn?"

In Benson's essay, the blackboard is described as "a large plasma screen, just like the ones

used in laptops, but much larger." Data would enter the screen from telephone lines and from a laser disc; there would also be touch and voice-input capability. Benson says that all the technology for the board is "available today, but hasn't been combined."

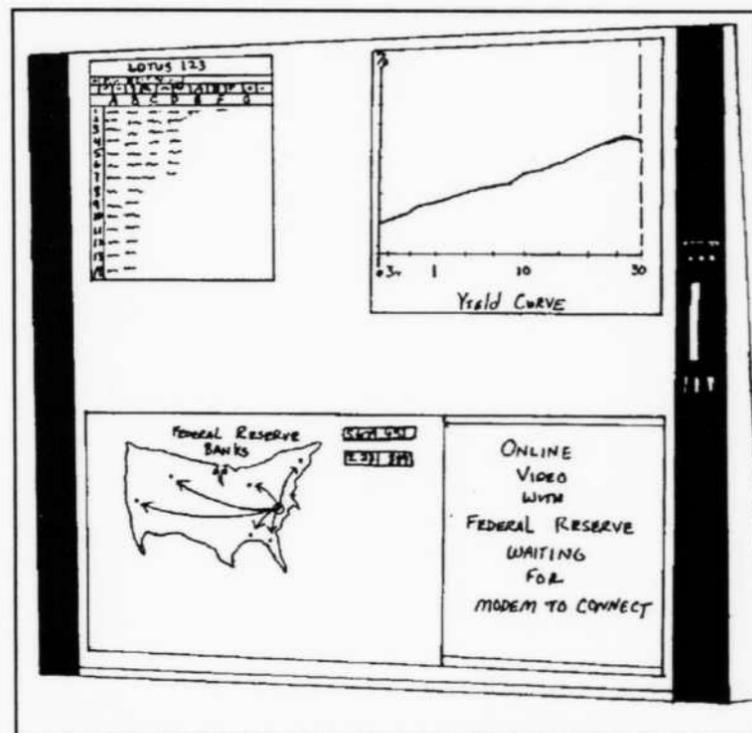
Benson had had the idea for the board for some time before the contest was announced. He submitted the idea because he wanted to "see what kind of response" it would receive, and because he figured that education was something "they were looking at." The contest, called "Ahead to the Future," was looking for essays on better living through technology (like AT&T's current ad campaign: "Have you ever conducted a business meeting ... using nothing but your own brain wave patterns?" etc.)

And, seemingly, Jeffrey hit the cyber-nail on the head. There were other electronic blackboards; there were computerized hospital beds; there were phone-in voting systems (Mr. Orwell, white courtesy phone, please); there were pocket-sized child monitors—but Jeff's essay seemed to deliver the most clearly-defined, realistic vision. The videophones were his.

In addition to the phones, Jeff now finds himself sharing a bill with Oliver North and former Chinese Ambassador to the United States Han Xu. The contest drew the attention of one Frank Wright, the president of a discussion group called the Palm Beach Round Table.

Wright, who described Jeffrey in a press release as "one of this year's top college graduates" (a description Jeffrey quickly shrugs off), has invited him to speak at the Round Table in early March. North and Xu are, in fact, scheduled to speak later in the year.

Jeffrey Benson is 29 years old. When he graduated from high school, he didn't see himself



YOU WILL! This sketch by Jeff Benson details how his 21st century blackboard will work. Benson will be speaking at the Palm Beach Round Table in early March.

hobnobbing with ambassadors and being considered a visionary. He didn't even see himself going to college, having never had remarkable grades; shortly after graduating, he joined the Marines.

Joining the military was, apparently, a common tactic among his peers.

In addition to the phones, Jeff now finds himself sharing a bill with Oliver North and former Chinese Ambassador to the United States Han Xu.

"They joined the military," he says, "because it was a cop-out. They didn't want to do anything harder." So Jeffrey was content to let them go their way, do what they needed. For him, however, the Marine Corps was the perfect place to finally come into his own.

He was stationed in Okinawa, where he worked with a Stinger missile platoon ("the missiles Oliver North sold," Benson adds, laughing). He also became a Communications Trainer in OCS (Officers Candidates' Schools); he taught computer systems.

Jeffrey also staged one significant social coup. He learned enough Japanese to persuade local club owners to let him in. Most clubs in Okinawa generally refused to admit Marines.

After Japan, Jeffrey spent some time as an embassy guard in Ankara, Turkey. He had diplomatic immunity, he met George Schultz, he carried a nicely-oiled .45-caliber revolver, he

protected a few diplomats, he learned how to speak Turkish, he drank a little coffee, he gazed at a few crumbling remains of Ottoman splendor. And somewhere in there, he decided on how Act Three would run.

He decided, in the last two years of his stint, that he wanted to enter the world of finance. Knowing that achieving that goal would demand a "higher plane" than military service, he decided it was time to try college.

"I didn't have to worry about finding a bunch of people to hang out with," Jeffrey reflects, "because I was already situated. And since I was already married, I didn't have to think about finding a girlfriend or anything like that. I could go to school and focus on learning." He started in January of 1989, and is in his final semester.

Einstein, whose grades never shined, wrote his major theories while he was still a patent clerk.

The Wright Brothers were established in a bicycle shop for some time before flying. Dave Thomas dropped out of high school, yet he has still managed to smirk his way into our subconsciouses. Even after appearing in films, Humphrey Bogart still frequently played chess in Central Park for a dollar a game.

Jeffrey Benson has never hit such dire straits, obviously, and probably never will. But he has felt, no doubt, the same things they did, the same things we all feel during these years—a lot of impatience, a lot of anger, a lot of hunger, literal and/or otherwise. But he has kept looking forward, and he's still here, with his accolades and his videophones to show for it. ■

Carrot Top explains everything to you

Young comedian sells out Tucker Theatre

James Hanback
Staff Writer

John Bobbitt may have to hide his address in the near future, particularly if he knows a young comedian called Carrot Top is looking for him.

Brandishing a plastic penis in front of Tucker Theatre's sold-out crowd Thursday night, Carrot Top threatens to throw one out on Bobbitt's lawn daily if he ever discovers the infamous man's address.

"Can you imagine that?," he asks the crowd.

By the laughter and applause that follows, it is clear that they can.

The comedian with the shaggy reddish-orange hair styles himself after comedy icons like Gallagher and Howie Mandel. His set is covered with trunks full of strange inventions, like the breast-shaped doorbell he says he created for Sen. Robert Packwood and the jeans with a protective crotch for men who fear the Lorena Bobbitts of the world.

Politics and media blitzes are not Carrot Top's only sources for material. Over a period of two

hours, he manages to cover everything from college dormitory rules to rock'n'roll.

He seems surprised at the audience's approval of his performance.

"You guys are cool," he says between jokes. "I get into trouble for some of this stuff, but you guys laugh."

Carrot Top claims he has been persecuted for the nature of his material several times in the past. Once, he says, he was even taken to court for poking fun at a restaurant chain.

"I can't tell you the name of the company," he says, while wearing a Domino's delivery boy hat and jacket.

And although many of his jokes are targeted at other people and corporations, Carrot Top still finds time to make fun of himself.

At one point he dons two barrettes and holds up a Wendy's bag.

"Sure, you laugh," he says. "You don't look like the bitch."

And there are even points when he makes fun of his own humor.

"It's sick," he explains. "It's

stupid ... but it's funny."

In spite of his persecutors, Carrot Top can take comfort in the crowd that gathers outside the theater doors more than two hours before his show.

While standing in the rain, many of them push themselves forward, longing for the moment when the doors will be unlocked. The force of their impatience causes people at the front of the line to be mashed against the large wooden doors of Tucker Theatre.

Once inside, however, the crowd seems to have no trouble moving and getting comfortable. In fact, nearly the entire audience participates in a wave initiated by Carrot Top's opening act, Eric Godfrey.

But for those people who could not get tickets to Carrot Top's show, and are not offended by his material, he says he will appear on "The Arsenio Hall Show" Feb. 7.

And for those people who are offended by his material, Carrot Top has a message.

"It's funny," he says. "That's why you're pissed." ■



Kelley Hood, staff

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: Carrot Top examines a lunchbox for gun-toting kids, given to him by a member of the audience last Thursday night.

New Guns and Roses release hits the highlights of the punk age EP continues growing trend of cover albums

Don Carr
Staff Writer

What started out as simply a non-hyped five-to-six song, punk EP (all covers) has now turned into a full-blown production, but then again what has Guns 'N Roses done in the past three years that hasn't become a major media event?

Over the past few years the trend of major artists releasing albums covering their personal favorites have hit full-swing. Artists as varied as Tori Amos, Metallica and Michael Bolton have hit big with recordings of their interpretations of past hits and little-known songs. It only seemed like a matter of time before the musical money machine known as Guns 'N Roses would take advantage of this golden trend.

Expanding on the punk EP idea, the band decided to record several other songs that meant something to them or served as a tribute to the original performer.

What the listener gets on their album, entitled *The Spaghetti Incident?* is 13 songs that represent a cross-section of the music that inspired the band into becoming

the mega-act they are today. On the surface, especially before the actual release, *The Spaghetti Incident?* looked to be a cheap cash-in on a burgeoning trend. While it still may be, there is no denying that the album kicks from start to finish—nearly.

While *The Spaghetti Incident?* does open on a downbeat with the slow and out-of-place ballad "Since I Don't Have You," Guns 'N Roses tears the speakers out with the second track, an incredibly charged version of The Damned's "New Rose" featuring bassist Duff McKagan on lead vocals.

McKagan also takes over lead vocal chores on the Misfits' "Attitude" and a second ballad "You Can't Put Your Arms Around A Memory," originally recorded by the late Johnny Thunders on his *So Alone* album. Thunders, who is credited with being one of the bands' bigger influences, also has a second song appearing on *The Spaghetti Incident?*. The song, "Human Being," was co-written with David Johansen and was originally recorded by Thunders during his stint with the New

York Dolls during their reign as one of the premier glam rock bands of the early '70s.

One of the album's highlights comes in their version of the odd inclusion, at least when reading the track listing for the first time, of Nazareth's "Hair Of The Dog."

Though Guns 'N Roses stays close to the original, as they do to most of the songs selected, they somehow manage to breathe new life into this tired radio classic and make it appear as a song from their own catalog. Other honorable mentions go to "Down On The Farm" (UK Subs), "Raw Power" (Iggy & The Stooges) and the Steve Jones (Ex-Sex Pistol) penned "Black Leather."

What Guns 'N Roses managed to pull off with "Hair Of The Dog" and others, they failed with Fear's "I Don't Care About You," a cool song but one that has been covered by numerous bands, including Dark Angel and Soundgarden.

Rounding out *The Spaghetti Incident?* is the hidden mystery track, at least before MTV and CNN got wind of it, "Look At Your Game Girl" composed by Charles Manson. This is a hippy,

acoustic number recorded by Manson before the famous murders were committed by the Manson family.

Once word of the song's inclusion reached the news media, outrage over the possible royalties Manson could receive came from just about everywhere, including Guns 'N Roses label (Geffen) which "apparently" knew nothing of the songs' recording.

Much like the controversial "Cop Killer" recorded by Ice-T and Body Count on that band's debut album, "Look At Your Game Girl" may be deleted from future pressings of *The Spaghetti Incident?*. For now that much-publicized debate will no doubt help sell an extra ton of copies to those interested in what all the controversy is about.

Overall, *The Spaghetti Incident?* is a really good rock'n'roll album, one that may come as a surprise to most people, including my skeptical self.

Love 'em or hate 'em, Guns 'N Roses seem to outdo themselves and both fans' and detractors' expectations, and live up to their much-inflated hype. ■

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Murphy Magic lifts Lady Raiders

MTSU overcomes 17-point second-half deficit to defeat arch-rivals

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

Earlier in the week, Lady Raider point guard Heather Prater commented that her squad wanted to dominate, to really kill Tennessee Tech Saturday night. They did, for nearly and only 15 minutes. Luckily, that was enough as MTSU netted a thrilling 74-70 win.

With 14:45 remaining in the showdown for first place in the OVC, Tech found itself with a commanding 55-38 lead. It had gotten there due to a barrage of 3-pointers, eight to be exact, making things look bleak for Lady Raider fans.

"Our game-plan was to not let them shoot the 3s," said Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens. "We didn't defense them the way we wanted. We let [Taunya] Lovelace penetrate and we over-pursued. She did a good job kicking the ball out and they knocked them down."

Bivens went to his bench hoping to

"It's hard when you're down to get back into it but everybody pulled together as a team and that's what it's going to take to win the championship - teamwork."

Priscilla Robinson
Lady Raider senior forward

ignite a spark in his team and to the amazement and dismay of Tech, he did. Enter Trella Thomas, Mescha Griffin and Kara Hobbs and the fire was lit.

"The way we got there was Trella Thomas, Kara Hobbs and Mescha. They got us in a position to win," admitted Bivens.

Point by point the Lady Raiders mounted a charge. Thomas scored a quick six and sucked it up on defense along with Griffin. Hobbs had a key lay-up while Priscilla Robinson buried a big 3-pointer from the top of the key. Within five minutes, MTSU had outscored Tech 15-0, narrowing the gap to 55-53, with 9:55 left.

"It's hard when you're down to get

back into it but everybody pulled together as a team and that's what it's going to take to win the championship—teamwork," Robinson later said, but she still had more business to tend to.

Tech survived the run, never relinquishing the lead and pumped it back up to eight with 7:08 left in the second half. It was do or die time once more and Bivens put the ball in the hands of Robinson, yet virtually no one expected the results.

Usually an inside player who'll take an occasional 3-point shot, Robinson perhaps buried the biggest two of her career, one coming from the corner with 4:30 left to tie the game at 63-63.

"I was caught up in the corner and I hear somebody counting (meaning the shot clock was expiring) and I didn't know what it was so I figured I'd better shoot it," Robinson explained.

She released it, sank it, and the Lady Raiders never trailed again; yet that didn't mean it was an easy final four minutes. In fact, it was a dogfight.

Thomas' jumper capped off an 11-0 run that left MTSU with a 66-63 lead. Tech had an answer for every call though, even having a chance to tie at 70-70 with :09 seconds left in the game. However, Terrance Oglesby missed both of her free throws while the Lady Raiders hit eight straight down the stretch to hold on for the win.

"I've been working with Priscilla on her 3-point shooting," Bivens said jokingly. "That's the only thing I coach is 3-point shooting and last minute free-throw shooting."

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MTSU men romp Auburn, women second

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

MTSU's Track Team was expecting some top competition in its four-team meet Saturday at Murphy Athletic Center, but based on the results, Dean Hayes' troops have got to be pleased.

MTSU's men thrashed the competition consisting of Auburn, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Western Kentucky tallying 82 total points. Auburn was second with 47 points. On the women's side of the quadrangular meet, Auburn edged MTSU 75 to 69.5.

"Quality wise, I think we're improving all the time," said MTSU track coach Dean Hayes. "The men are tough to beat because we've got everybody back from last year. They're the defending OVC champions and they know where they stand."

"As far as the women, we've got a lot of freshmen and we've got some people back that were injured last year. We're molding right now and it's making us tougher."

MTSU was led by three-time All-American Roland McGhee, who took first place in four (Please see *Track*, page 14)



Coley Jackson, staff

DRISKILL'S DEUCE: MTSU's 6-11 center shows his range with an outside jumper during Saturday's loss to Tennessee Tech. Driskill netted 14 points on the night.

Fate not going MTSU's way as Tech wins, 69-68

Another scoring lapse leads to loss

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

For Middle Tennessee's men's basketball team, Saturday night's game with Tennessee Tech probably seemed familiar. Once again MTSU suffered through a lapse that ultimately cost them a one-point loss by the score of 69-68.

With 11:47 left in the game, Middle had built a seemingly comfortable 56-46 lead. The Golden Eagles then proceeded to go on a 21-3 run that put them ahead by nine points with 2:30 remaining.

MTSU then came back with a 9-1 run of its own to get back to within one point. After Tech's Maurice Houston missed two free throws with 10 seconds to play, MTSU went straight to the other end and Milton Dean attempted a 3-point shot that fell short. Brent Secrest gathered the rebound, but his put back would not go in as time expired.

"Basically, we go through momentary lapses of not executing properly and cutting enough to the goal," said MTSU Center Shawn Driskill. "In turn, it creates more difficult shots that

we have to take and our percentage goes down.

"We seem to hit those [lapses] every game for a couple of minutes and it has really been hurting us."

Middle shot 38 percent (27-70) on the night and just 14 percent (2-14) from 3-point range. Tech, however, shot even worse. They were a miserable 29 percent (21-73) from the field on the night.

Where the Eagles were able to win the game was at the foul line. Tech went to the line 34 times in the contest, compared to only 15 trips for Middle. Tech scored 23 points from the charity stripe while Middle got just 12.

"It was a big part of letting them back in the game," said Raider Head Coach David Farrar of Tech's trips to the foul line, "and giving them the confidence to do some things. We fouled them and let them back in it. We didn't go to the line as much because we quit moving."

Farrar seemed to believe that the major cause of the lull in the second half was an unaggressive offense.

"In the first half," Farrar commented, "their pressure really (Please see *Lapse*, page 13)

Lapse

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hurt them because it gave us opportunities in front of the goal. In the second half it was harder to get baskets because we didn't move or assert ourselves enough to have the same opportunities."

MTSU was led in both scoring and rebounding by Dean. He tossed in 23 points and grabbed 13 boards. Tim Gaither continued his fine play as he added 13 points.

Driskill continued his recent improvement in play by contributing 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds. After missing the first seven games of the year because of a broken foot, Driskill's impact has increased over the last couple of games. This was his second straight double figure game.

"My ankles were just terrible right after I came out of the cast," Driskill said, "but I've started to get my mobility back. I've been doing a lot of therapy, getting stronger, along with getting my confidence back."

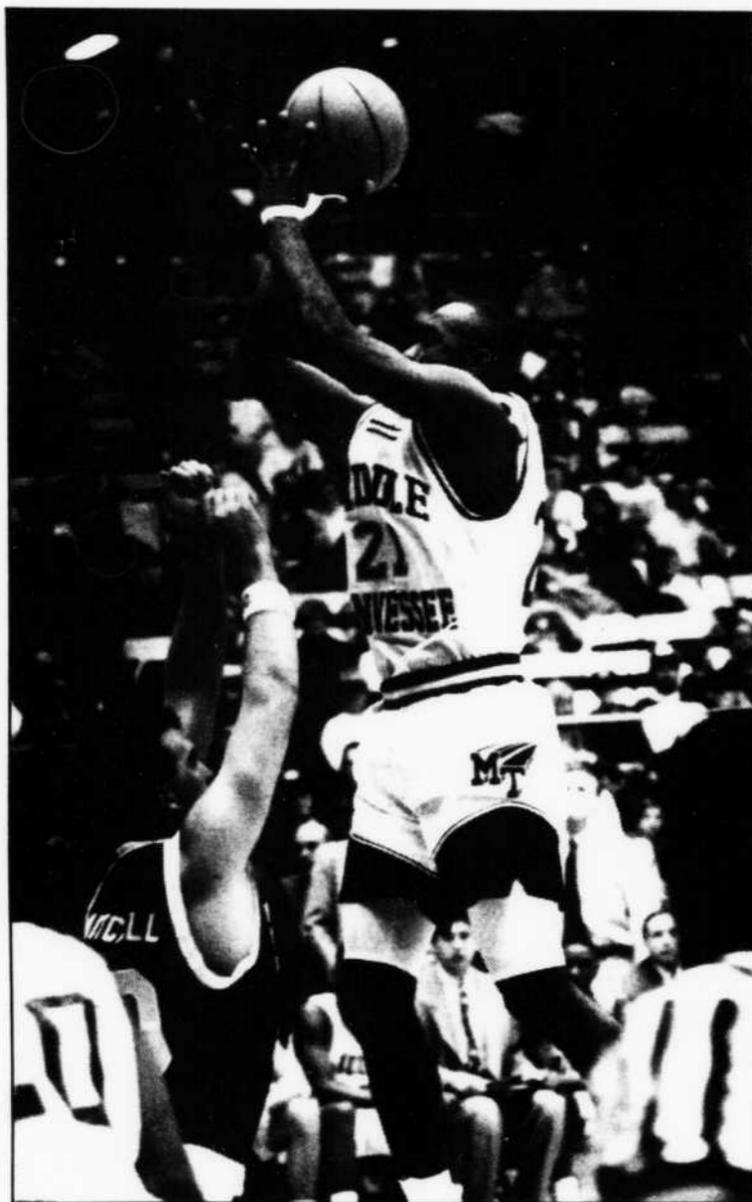
Tech was led in scoring by Carlos Floyd with 23 points. Greg Bibb also added 14.

The Raiders are now 4-14 on the season and 1-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Tennessee Tech is now 6-15 with a 2-6 conference record.

The Raiders have now lost 10 of their last 11 games, including five straight losses.

"Our kids have been pretty resilient, they've worked pretty hard to bounce back after some big disappointments, but this one might be a little much," said Farrar. "It will be interesting to see what their attitude is about competitive basketball after tonight."

MTSU will face the University of Tennessee at Martin Monday night at Murphy Athletic Center. The Pacers defeated MTSU 70-64 in overtime earlier in the year at Martin. Tip-off is at 7:30 for the men's game. ■



Coley Jackson, staff

UP AND AT 'EM: Blue Raider guard Milton Dean releases a shot in Saturday's showdown. Dean's 23 points and 13 boards were a game high. The Raiders return to action tonight hoping to avenge an early-season loss to UT-Martin at 7:30p.m. The Lady Raiders also play Martin with a 5:30p.m. tip-off.

Morehead eyes non-scholarship football plan

Associated Press

the next five years.

Morehead State's football program would be reduced to a non-scholarship level by 1998 under a plan that University President Ronald G. Eaglin will submit to the Board of Regents next month.

Eaglin said Friday that he wants to negotiate with the Ohio Valley Conference for Morehead State to form a new football alliance while remaining in the Division I OVC in other sports.

Eaglin plans to go before the Regents Feb. 19 to gain authority to enter negotiations with the OVC. If he gains board approval, he will meet in March with OVC officials and the presidents of member schools.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Morehead State board chairman William Seaton. "We need to remind Kentucky that universities are about education, not athletics. The money we save will ease the strain on budgets and help women's sports."

Eastern Kentucky President Hanly Funderburk, who has suggested that his school also consider a non-scholarship program, said his Regents met yesterday "and I told the board that we need to study different options to contain costs and to accommodate gender equity."

Funderburk added that he will ask the Eastern Athletic Association to come up with options. He also said "three or four presidents in the OVC" have asked commissioner Dan Beebe to move toward a 60-40 male-female athletic-participation ratio within

Eaglin said he hopes for an OVC decision on the Morehead State situation by June.

"We need to know our fate," he said. "If the OVC says yes, we'll proceed. If the OVC says no, we'll have a real dilemma. I'll have to come back to the board with an alternative. But I think Division I-AA football is dead at a high level."

Beebe said the school presidents will meet in March during the OVC basketball tournament in Nashville to discuss different proposals, with emphasis on gender equity. He said he doesn't anticipate a decision until the league's annual meeting in June.

"It's hard to justify continued funding of football at the current level for some campuses in the OVC," Beebe said. "I can see two football leagues operating out of the OVC. We can bring in schools in our region who want to play at the top-notch Division I-AA level, and we can have schools that want to play a reduced-scholarship level. And we've heard from [former OVC member] Western Kentucky on this.

"I'm not advocating that we go to two leagues. I'm just saying that we need to look at the possibility so we can have flexibility."

No current scholarships will be affected at Morehead State, and coach Cole Proctor can award 50 this year, Eaglin said.

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MTSU Groundhog Luncheon Thursday

Staff Reports

The MTSU baseball program will hold its annual Groundhog's Day Luncheon Thursday in the JUB.

Serving will begin at 11:30 and the luncheon officially marks the start of the Blue Raider baseball campaign.

The event features an update on the team along with a traditional meal of ham hocks, white beans, tomato salad, cornbread, chocolate cake and ice cream.

Cost is \$5 and reservations are required. To reserve your spot call the Blue Raider Athletic Association at 898-2210. ■

ON THE LINE

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Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 4. Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

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_____	MTSU at Tenn. State	_____	_____	Marquette at Cincinnati	_____
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_____	Virginia at NC State	_____	_____	Vandy at Louisville	_____
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_____	Seton Hall at Georgetown	_____	_____	NC State at Tennessee	_____

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Track

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events: the long-jump with a season-best leap of 26 feet, 3/4 inches, the 55-meters (6.20), the triple-jump (48 feet), and the 200-meters in a time of 21.15.

"Roland won his four events as usual," commented Hayes.

MTSU's Micoh Otis won the 55-meter hurdles in 7.41. Melvin Stevenson won the shotput with a toss of 47-1.

MTSU's mile-relay team, which has yet to be defeated, destroyed the opposition with a time of 3:57.26, nearly five seconds ahead of the closest competition.

"We got some very good individual performances and this was a big team victory," admitted Hayes.

The Lady Raiders were led by Dionne Rose who has been blistering the track in the 55-meter hurdles, and Saturday was no different. She won the event with a time of 7.66. Rose currently holds the nation's best time in the event. Rose also won the long jump with a leap of 20-8 1/4.

Mia Florence won the high jump at 5-5. Natalie Douglas won the 55-meter finals in 7.01.

In total, the Lady Raiders dominated the sprints and jumps, but lacked the depth in the distance races.

"I figured it would be close going in," admitted Hayes. "We just don't have distance. In events we do well, we placed well. Auburn has distance, but of course they have more scholarships to give than we do. That makes a difference."

MTSU will return to competition this Friday and Saturday in Indiana. ■

Comeback

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Robinson led all scorers with 24 points and tied for the game high in rebounds with eight. Maggie Cox added 16 points and Thomas finished with 10.

MTSU was outshot in the game (43 percent to 42 percent) but the battle of the boards went MTSU's way (38-34) against the much larger Golden Eaglettes.

"I guess size doesn't matter, it's what you have in your heart," said Robinson.

The win improved Middle to 15-2, 7-1 in the OVC race with UT-Martin visiting tonight for a 5:30 tip-off. The Lady Raiders defeated UT-Martin at Martin 83-65 earlier in the year but can ill-afford any slip-ups if they want to hang a championship banner in Murphy Center.

"You're expected to win at home," Robinson said. "We let TSU (MTSU's only OVC defeat) come in here and win and we don't plan on letting anyone else do that." ■

Plan

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Proctor said Eaglin's plan "came as a shock. I thought we were going to 30 scholarships and find teams at that level within a couple of years. My concern is holding the team together and seeing where we go with scheduling. The question I have is who we're going to play."

Eaglin conceded that could pose a problem. "We're isolated, and we'll have to find people to play us," he said. "We don't know about other schools in the OVC, but, within a 300-mile radius we think we have some good opponents."

Proctor said nearby NAIA schools such as Georgetown, Union and Cumberland award about a dozen scholarships. Several Division I-AA schools offer none, including the Ivy League and Pioneer League, a conference that started last season with such teams as Dayton, Evansville and Butler.

Eaglin's decision came after the NCAA recently rejected a proposal to reduce football scholarships to 45 for the 1997-98 academic year.

"I've been here a year and a half, and it's been on my plate that long," Eaglin said. "I was on the Presidents Commission for two years, so I'm not speaking from ignorance. The almighty dollar will bring everybody to a settling point. We'll see established leagues like the OVC that may need two levels."

The uncertainty surrounding gender equity also was a factor, he said. The NCAA requires that schools comply with federal and state laws in regard to athletic participation by men and women.

Some of the Eagles' players, who were not on campus because of the semester break, were surprised to hear of Eaglin's plan.

"I had no idea they were going to do that," said Adam McCormack, a freshman quarterback from Covington Catholic. "When they recruited me, my coach told me nothing like that would happen."

President Eaglin came to the banquets and said he was all for football, and now this," said sophomore offensive lineman Stuart Cook. "I feel a little betrayed, and I think the team will, too. But maybe with budget cuts he had no choice."

Cook said he wouldn't consider transferring and expressed hope that a successful season might prompt a change in plans. ■

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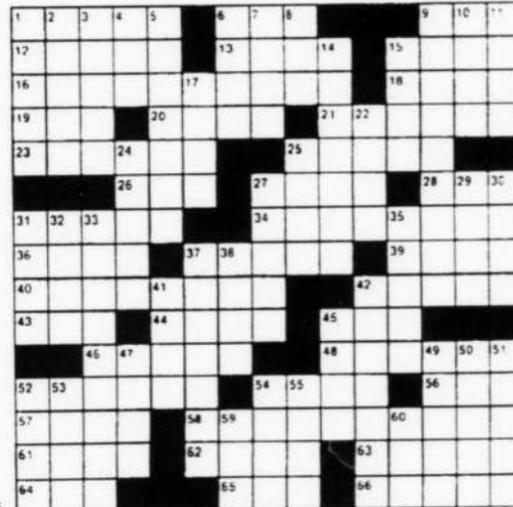
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MIT stops price-fixing in lawsuit settlement

College Press Service

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Justice Department have settled an antitrust suit that accused the school of fixing prices that financial aid applicants paid to attend.

MIT contended that establishing such prices with other Ivy League schools allowed the greatest number of talented, needy students to receive a limited amount of aid. For years, MIT regularly met with eight other Ivy League colleges - Harvard, Yale, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania - to agree upon proposed tuition levels for students who had been admitted to more than one of the institutions.

However, the Justice Department contended that such meetings violated the Sherman Antitrust Act. The schools denied any wrongdoing, but agreed to stop meeting and sharing information. MIT decided to continue the case because it believed that the previous system protected the best interests of students and their families.

"This brings to a close a very strange chapter in the history of American higher education," MIT President Charles M. Vest said concerning the settlements of the antitrust suit, which he said was "ill-conceived."

Under the settlement announced Dec. 22, MIT has to act in accord with the 1991 consent decree in which the schools agreed not to fix tuition, faculty

salaries or any payments needy students would have to make on their own. MIT also promised not to discuss or make agreements about such matters with other non-Ivy League colleges and universities.

But the settlement would allow MIT to agree with other non-Ivy League schools about general principles for determining financial aid, to award aid solely on the basis of financial need and to exchange limited data about applicants' finances.

"Colleges now will be more able to make the best use of limited financial aid funds, by awarding those funds to students who can show they need financial aid in order to attend college," Vest said. ■

Ithaca College begins massive recycling effort

College Press Service

ITHACA, N.Y. - Ithaca College's waste paper recycling efforts are paying off, as much of the estimated 190,000 pounds of paper that is trucked off campus each year will return as toilet paper.

The college has an agreement with Stevens and Thompson Paper Co. of Greenwich, N.Y. to recycle its waste paper into toilet tissue. Stevens and Thomas produces paper products from tons of paper collected from businesses, schools, local governments and other major paper

users. "This is a great program because everyone wins," said Rick Couture, the college's superintendent of custodial services.

Stevens and Thompson will make free pick-ups of waste paper and recycle it. ■

Female registers, attends first classes at The Citadel

College Press Service

Charleston, S.C. - Shannon Faulkner, after a long court fight, finally got to register and attend classes at The Citadel, an all-male, state-supported institution.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, in mid-January, denied a request by attorneys for The Citadel to delay a lower court ruling that allowed Faulkner to attend the academy. After 152 years of being an all-male institution, Faulkner became

the first female admitted to the academy's day program.

Faulkner, of Powersville, S.C., applied to The Citadel last year and had officials at her high school delete all references to her gender. She had been provisionally accepted, pending final transcripts, and then Citadel officials realized that her transcripts had been tampered.

She was denied acceptance, and sued.

"Our issue is that there is a

valid need to single-gender educational opportunities for both males and females," said Citadel spokesman Maj. Rick Mills. "We are fighting for our preservation as a single-gender college."

Robert Black, a Charleston attorney who worked on Faulkner's case, said that The Citadel's arguments were "embarrassing," and that Faulkner's attending the Citadel was no threat to single-sex education. ■

Computers revolutionize practice of law

College Press Service

DAYTON, Ohio - Computers and legal databases soon will revolutionize the way law is taught in college and practiced after graduation, a report says.

In the not-too-distant future, law students will be required to bring a network-ready notebook computer to class and will download notes displayed on a data screen while the professor is speaking, freeing them from note-taking, according to a study co-authored by Mead General Data and the University of Dayton Law School.

Mead General Data sells on-

line legal databases such as LEXIS and WESTLAW, while the University of Dayton plans to break ground in 1995 on a \$20 million law school and library that will be designed as a model for high-tech legal education.

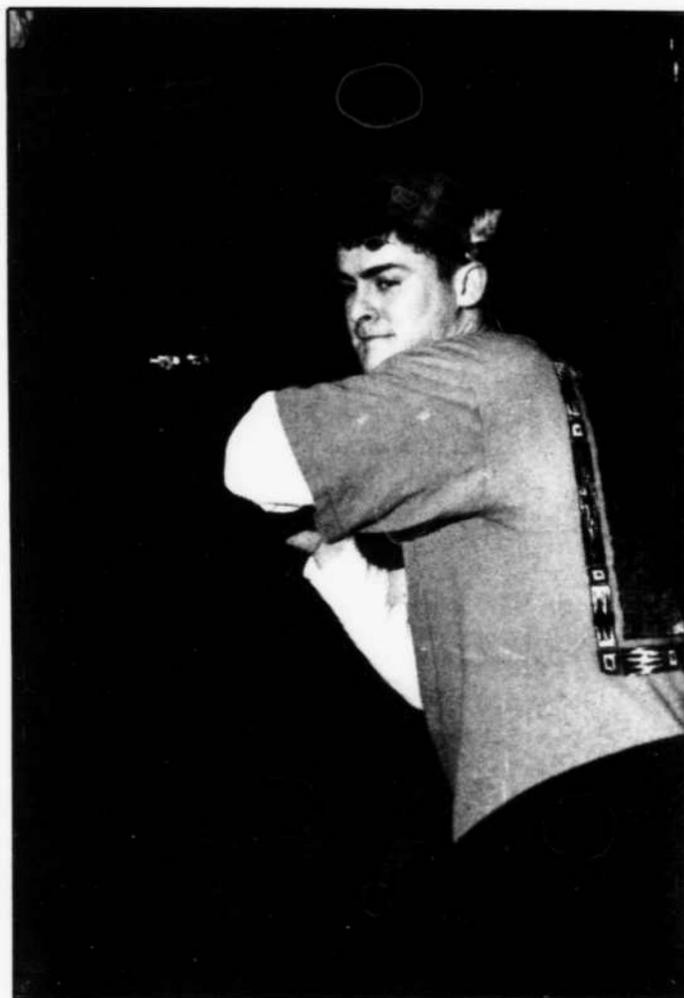
Richard Perna, associate dean of the University of Dayton Law School, said a handful of law schools already are creating electronic libraries and putting network-ready computers in moot courtrooms.

"We can't educate students for the world we grew up in," Perna said. "We have to educate them for the world they'll live in."

Among other findings, the

report says law students and faculty will make greater use of databases to research cases, while some professors will abandon "chalk and talk" lectures for electronic textbooks. In the law library of the future, seats will be wired for voice, data and video capability as CD-ROMS and other electronic research tools replace books. Students may even form electronic study groups with students from other law schools.

The 35-page report included comments from 20 law professors, law librarians, judges and lawyers and was shared with deans. ■



Brian G. Miller, staff

Big winner? Corey Hodge makes preparations for Casino Night in Cummings Hall Friday. Most dorms plan activities for students who live too far away or cannot make it home for the weekend.

Naval Academy cheating scandal continues to unfold

College Press Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Three retired admirals will investigate a cheating scandal at the U.S. Naval Academy that could involve a large number of disciplinary cases against graduating seniors.

A year-long investigation found that some midshipmen had advance access to an electrical engineering test that was administered to 700 students on Dec. 14, 1992.

"We don't know the numbers or how the exam was compromised," said Naval Academy spokeswoman Karen Myers. "We expect there to be a significant number of students. They are all graduating seniors, and we are working on a process

to hear all the cases to determine if the individuals did commit a violation."

Three retired flag officers are on the review panel, and they will examine files on all the cases and recommend how they should be handled. If violations are not too serious, they can recommend some punishment short of dismissal. In more serious cases students could face criminal charges and expulsion.

The New York Times reported in early January that 125 midshipmen will be implicated, but officials at the Naval Academy couldn't verify that number.

An initial investigation last year listed 28 midshipmen who had access to the exam. ■

Clarification:

In the Jan. 20 edition of *Sidelines*, it was erroneously reported that the LRC learning lab would check out video tapes to students. This service is available to faculty only. The Learning Lab is closed to students until early March.