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Detectives find inconsistencies in report of drive-by shooting

Staff Reports

Accounts of a reported drive-by shooting at Middle Tennessee State University have "several inconsistencies," and investigators have not ruled out the possibility that the incident may not have occurred on campus, according to Detective Sgt. Eddie Peel, investigating officer for the Murfreesboro Police Department.

"This is as close to a drive-by shooting as jaywalking is to robbing a bank," said Peel.

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**Eddie Peel,
Detective Sgt.
of Murfreesboro
Police Dept.**

Nathan O'Neal was reportedly shot Tuesday night, Nov. 27, when he stopped his car near the livestock barn. O'Neal

told police he was driving on the access road near the Tennessee Livestock Center and stopped to pick up a napkin that had blown out of his car.

After he stopped, a car drove by in the opposite direction and he was shot in his arm from a distance of about three to five feet. "It is impossible for the incident to have occurred as reported by the victim," explained Peel.

"There are several inconsistencies in his account of

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Nursing grads pass licensing exam

100% of MTSU alumni pass national exam on first attempt

Staff Reports

One hundred percent of Middle Tennessee State University nursing graduates passed the National Council Licensing Exam for registered nurses on their first attempt.

The MTSU nursing department has a history of having a 100 percent passing rate, but this was the first group to

take the exam after graduating from the department's baccalaureate program.

"We had nine students take the state board exam and all nine passed. We couldn't be more pleased," said Judith Wakim, chair, MTSU Department of Nursing.

Schools are judged on the number of students who pass the

exam on their first sitting.

Nursing students take the exam after graduation in order to receive their legal license to practice nursing, explains the department chair.

Wakim attributes the success rate of the MTSU students "to hard-working faculty and hard-working students, plus lots of individual attention."

IT'S IN THE ATTITUDE



ChrisWhite/Staff

WOMANLESS INDEED: Alpha Delta Pi sorority sponsored a womanless beauty review Wednesday night. Contestants were judged on talent, casual wear and formal

SISTER SANTAS



Sharon Eaves/Staff

HELPING THE CHILDREN: Rachel Lowery receives a Christmas gift from members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. at the annual Panhellenic Christmas party. Sorority members pictured from left to right: Katrina Lockett, LaDonna Smith and Awayne Williams.

Highway Patrol to begin drunken driving crackdown

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies are planning a statewide crackdown on drunken drivers on Dec. 7.

Last year's crackdown, dubbed D-day, resulted in 100 DUI arrests.

"Some accidents are just that - accidents - but drinking and driving is a deliberate act that endangers everyone on the road," Tennessee Safety Commissioner Robert Lawson said.

The 660 motorists arrested for drunken driving over the 102-hour Thanksgiving weekend may not feel thankful for their run-in with the law, but they should, Lawson continued.

State troopers and other law enforcement officers were out in force in an effort to prevent motorists from harming themselves and others.

In spite of the extra effort, 14 lives were lost in traffic accidents, including three in which the drivers were intoxicated. Lawson said only one of the victims was wearing a safety belt.

"Even though the people who were arrested for drunken driving may not realize it, the troopers and officers who got them off the road may have saved their lives and the lives of innocent motorists they were endangering by driving while intoxicated," Lawson said.

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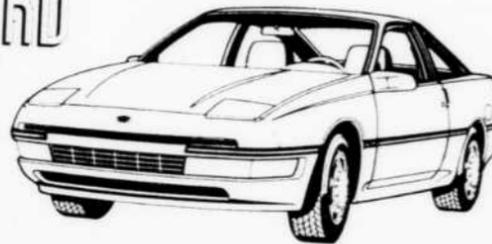
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Campus Capsule

Grades for Fall 1990 will be mailed to the permanent address of all students enrolled provided outstanding financial obligations to the University are cleared by 4 p.m. Dec. 14. Grade reports for those students after Dec. 14 will be held in the Records Office.

The United Student Association is sponsoring a Mr. USA pageant tonight at 7:30 in Tucker Theater. First place prize is \$200. For more information contact the ASB office (2464) in KUC Room 304.

The Panhellenic Council invites all Greek women who have transferred to MTSU to stop by Dean Judy Smith's office and leave your name, number, and P.O. Box so the council may assist you.

New Sidelines
editor chosen



Kay Hilton

The Student Publications Committee selected Kathryn Hilton as the spring semester's editor-in-chief of *Sidelines* Nov. 16.

Hilton, 22, is a journalism major. She has no plans to make any major changes at the paper.

"Personally, I don't think we need changing," Hilton said.

The fact that many students consider *Sidelines* to be a second or third-rate publication concerns her.

"This is a campus paper and should deal with more campus activities," Hilton said.

More students are encouraged to get involved with the paper.



Collegians narrowly support U.S. military buildup in Gulf

(CPS) -- Fifty-two percent of the nation's collegians support the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf, but 65 percent of them said they would not volunteer for the armed services, a poll of students across the country revealed.

The phone survey of 2,000 students by On Campus Marketing Concepts also found that 63 percent believed the current standoff eventually will turn into a shooting war.

Meanwhile, demonstrations against the buildup unfolded at the universities of Akron and Washington, as well as Cornell and Purdue Universities, among other campuses, in recent weeks.

But students at the College of Wooster in Ohio and Ball State University in Indiana are organizing special school programs for servicepeople's children and began an effort to send videotaped holiday messages to soldiers.

Shooting

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the incident including wind conditions, lighting, and powder

burns on his arm and sweat shirt." Powder burns indicate that the shot occurred at close range.

O'Neal could not be reached for comment.

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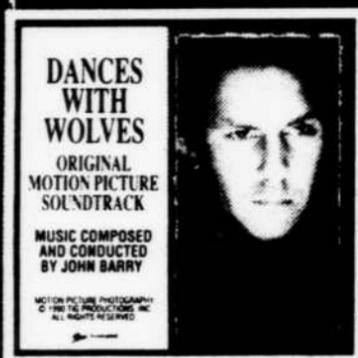
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Campus Rec very active

Staff Reports

The now-ending semester has seen great improvements in an important part of the MTSU campus - the Recreation Department. During the late summer, the department initiated efforts to better inform students of various activities by passing out flyers, setting up information tables and posting daily messages on channel 12.

In past years, many students wasn't aware of the departments existence but now Campus recreation and its functions are becoming more visible. For those who don't know of it's existence, keep a close lookout around campus and it shouldn't take you long.

One of the departments most popular aspects is the periodic outings taken by groups of students. These include trips like an Ocoee rafting trip, biking and an invigorating backpacking trip. Next week is the ever-popular annual ski trip to Colorado! There will be many more events like these scheduled in the spring semester so start making plans now if you want to have some fun.

The Campus Recreation Department has also had great success with numerous events scheduled this current semester which is coming to a close. There was the Blue Raider Biathlon along with volleyball, softball and basketball events. There have been numerous tournaments to enjoy as well as activities such as table tennis, golfing and billiards.

One additional note of importance is Campus Rec's efforts to address the recreational needs of disabled students. A quad rugby team has been practicing for competition next year. There has also been a rounding up of cheerleaders for a wheelchair basketball team.

The Campus rec Dept. offers many recreational opportunities to the student body of MTSU. The department is continually striving for improvement and hopes they will receive student's support and feedback during the spring semester.

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Rusty Gerbman
Staff Writer

Students working with MTSU's three Student Publications will now have access to a totally new computer system that will allow their work to be done more efficiently, as well as more professionally.

Sidelines staff writers will be the primary users of the new Macintosh (Mac) desktop publishing system to produce the newspaper. But Midlander, the yearbook, and Collage, the creative magazine, will also be able to utilize the system, resulting in cost savings in the production of both publications, said Jenny Tenpenny Crouch, student publications coordinator.

The department will also help in the production of the Minority Affairs newsletter, The Assertor, with the new system.

Writers and editors will now have access to 12 units, unlike the five they were accustomed to, Crouch said.

"This should allow their work to be completed quicker and more efficiently," she pointed out.

Five Macintosh Classics are available for reporters and writers; one is designated for advertising use and one is being used by the coordinator.

Two Mac CX's, and three Mac CI's are designated as editing stations. Four of these units carry a full-page monitors and another has a two-page monitor, Crouch said.

Rounding out the system is an SE30 being used as a file server, an image writer, a laser printer and a Microtek scanner.

"The Mac's have made an incredible difference in the paper in that they have enabled us [student writers] to put out the final product much faster, as

well as making the paper look more professional, said Sidelines Editor John-Darryl Athans.

Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, said he feels that the new system will be a great asset to the students to have hands-on experience with a system that is being used by professional newspapers.

"There will be little maintenance to deal with on this

new system," LaLance said. "There were a lot of problems with the old system."

The old Linotype system was expensive and hard to maintain, Crouch agreed.

She said the old system used photomechanical paper and chemicals to produce the hard copy for the makeup sheets. The new system eliminates the development process with the image writer and laser printer.

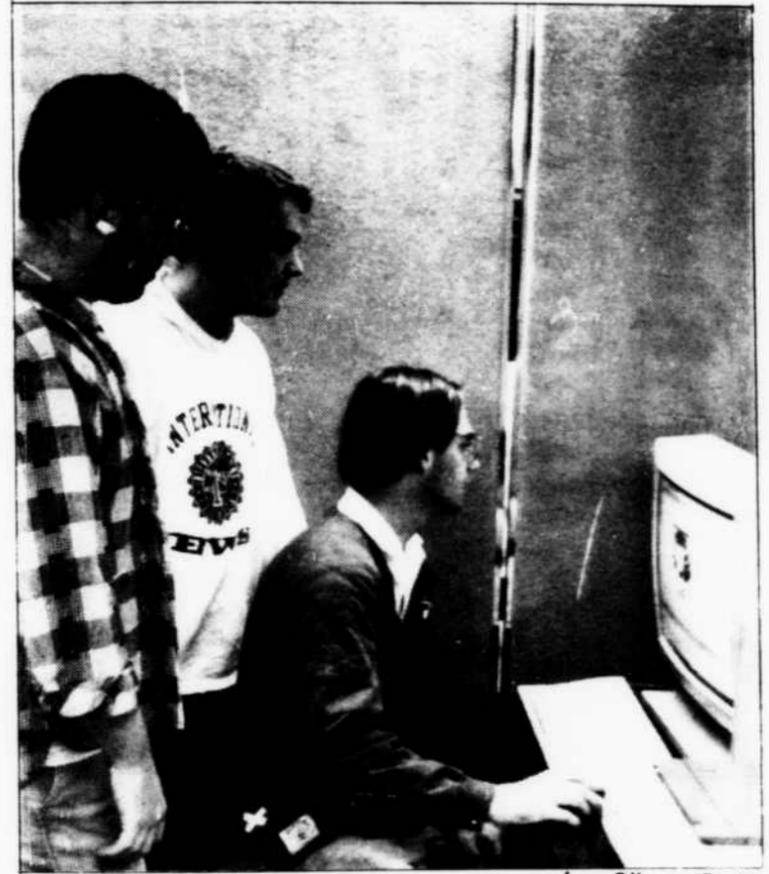
"And with everyone being conscious of the environment, we have eliminated the use of chemicals and are now using papers that are recyclable," Crouch said.

"This system will bring our student publications into the 90s with the most current technology on the market," said Crouch.

The total package cost \$33,096 in addition to the \$9,000 spent last spring, she said.

A special budget allocation of \$20,600 was approved by the university coupled with \$5,700 for equipment in the 1990-91 budget.

Student publications was approved to use up to \$14,000 from its regular



Lee Gibson/Staff

DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS: Sidelines advertising and production staffers, Stephen Finney, Greg Adkins and Greg MacLachlan, seated, try out the double page computer monitor recently purchased for Student Publications.

operating expense money for the equipment and other accessories.

"We are able to use this money from our operating expense because of the money

saved on the chemicals and photomechanical papers and the elimination of a costly maintenance contract," Crouch said.



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Opinions

Need more money? Sell books thru co-op

It's that time of year again.

We're not talking about snowmen, Christmas trees, the Macy's parade, or the decorations at Hickory Hollow. This part of the season brings more ominous images to the mind.

Finals. Lack of cash. Being ripped off at the bookstore.

At the beginning of every semester, we students, with our not-so-well-lined wallets, trudge to the bookstore to buy those oh-so-necessary supplies, namely textbooks. At the end of every semester, we trudge back to said bookstore, hoping for a break from the Phillips Bookstore gods and a little bit of spare cash. And that's exactly what we get.

A little bit.

Why, after all the semesters that qualify us as seasoned students, do we continually go back to the bookstore, knowing that the \$40 new textbook we bought in August is only going to yield \$8 at the close of finals, and resold for between \$25 to \$35?

Of course, the bookstores here do not have to buy our books back. But if we want books whose pricetags don't eat up an entire paycheck, we have to buy them used. And if we don't sell back our books, there will be no used books.

However, there is a solution to end this misery (and lack of cash at the end of the semester.) Why don't some of our more enterprising students begin a book cooperative? Especially since the advent of preregistration, we now know what books we will need before the beginning of next semester. Start leaving the books you want to sell and what prices you want to sell them for on an index card on the different bulletin boards around campus, especially the one next to the bookstore in the KUC. This has been done before, but not with much success because of the lack of participation. If *everyone* got into the act, this little venture could be quite successful.

The added benefit? At this time of year, more cash received = more money for Christmas trees, presents, etc.

Think about it.



Letters to the Editor

P.M. and Co. apologize

To the Editor:

To all of those offended by P.M. and K.P.:

Our letters were in fun and meant as a joke. We only wished to see the response that they would provide. If we hurt your feelings, annoyed, or appalled you, we're sorry, o.k. Just realize we were relieving a little stress as the end of this semester come close. To Shannon-Michelle Taylor and Tony S. Sheppard, it was a joke and we meant no harm to either of you personally. We agree! Let the library be quiet, it's a place to study. If you want to be social, the grill will suffice. We're all here to get an education, but let's have a little fun, too! Nerdy bookworms you aren't, social butterflies we're not. So, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good break! Hope to see you next semester and good luck on exams. If we should pass in the library during the next two weeks, I'll quiet down, if you don't hit me for being so cruel! Relax, take a break, and remember it was just a joke and then, maybe you'll reread our letters and this time you'll laugh. Apology accepted? It was fun while it lasted, but it's been carried a little too far.

P.M. and friends

Too much time on hands?

To the Editor:

Well, they succeeded.

P.M. and friends set out to bug as many people as possible and you all took the bait. Do you honestly believe that morons like that actually exist on a college campus? Come on! These are merely people who are really bored and have a little too much time on their hands. So their solution is to find a nice, wimpy "issue" to piss people off with--like the library, or parking.

It's quite easy, watch:

All Ag majors are alcoholic, have Oedipal complexes and don't dress well.

Of course I don't believe it, but as long as I remain anonymous, I can slam them as much as I want to. I guess it's some kind of hobby.

I could be wrong, though. I just find it so incredibly hard to believe that somebody attending a university could possess a mentality as utterly backwards as that expressed in P.M.'s letters.

I believe that *Sidelines* should be a little more selective about the trash that is submitted because I'm pretty sure that somebody is just playing games.

The Voice of Reason
Box 9279

Letters insult to students

To the Editor:

I feel it is irresponsible for you to continue to print the immature and abusive letters such as the one you printed on Nov. 28 from "P.M." That kind of petty name-calling has no place in a college publication. These letters are also an insult to the open-minded, educated students that populate most of this campus.

To "P.M." and your associates,

You are obviously very talented. The ability to study and socialize simultaneously is an incredible gift. I am surprised you are students with that much going for you. Most of us do attend MTSU to "get a life." You obviously already have one. It takes a very special person to realize their ambition at such a young age. I sincerely hope you enjoy the rest of your life as a "social butterfly" student with nothing better to do than make noise in the Todd Library. Unfortunately, there is little most of us can do about you and your

misplaced socializing. Someday I hope to be successful enough not to have to deal with people like you.

Charles W. Aly
Box 7452

Sidelines real culprits

To the Editor:

God help us, but *Sidelines* has done it again--you folks have whipped up another controversy out of a non-issue. This business in the letter column about noise in the library is the most ridiculous load of meaningless garbage I've yet found in the student paper.

If there's anything less socially relevant than a series of articles (with photos!) about homosexual activities in the KUC bathroom, this is it! If there is a matter more devoid of useful information than the Nathan Bedford Forrest bas relief "controversy", you guys have dug it up! I know it's hard digging up material to fill a paper, but for heaven's sake, you can do better than this!

In my many years at MTSU, I have spent uncounted hours in the Todd Library. Every time I've gotten a little too loud, a library worker (usually that tall black guy who seems to live in the library--you know who I mean) shushes me, usually with great courtesy. I suggest that anyone with a noise problem ask (politely) for the library personnel to quiet the offending persons.

For those who have so viciously attacked Shannon Taylor for her letters, it is difficult for me to believe your hostile commentary is meant to be taken seriously. I smell a big joke here somewhere. If I'm wrong, and you people really mean what you've written, well, it's nice to know, at last, the people who really think

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SIDELINES

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LETTERS from page 6

Morton Downey Jr., Sam Kinison, and other media loudmouths are some kind of role models!

But back to the main culprits here--the staff at Sidelines. It is bad enough you've filled the paper with this teapot-sized tempest. There was no call to devote an editorial to the matter. To Kay Hilton, Op. Ed. and author of the 12/3/90 editorial--it's your fault that there's a controversy here.

I've studied in the mass communications dept. here, minoring in journalism, and while I personally don't agree with everything espoused by Messrs. Kimbrell, Badger, Himebaugh, et al., I believe the entire department has always strived to teach their students about responsible, respectable journalism. Evidently, you guys either haven't had these classes, or were absent the day ethics were covered.

Or maybe you simply paid attention to the booming circulation figures of Hearst and Pulitzer turn of the century "yellow journalism" tabloids, which now live on in scandal sheets like The National Enquirer, a rag now read more than the Bible.

Or, perhaps, you just don't give a damn. Jonathan Malcom Lampley Box 1481

MTSU same as high school?

To the Editor:

One more for the road! I have been following the letters in Sidelines expressing the opinions of the "social butterflies" and the "nerdy bookworms" in the library. My first reaction is one of agreement, that is to a statement of my classmate. "College here seems to be an extension of high school." As leaders of tomorrow it frightens me that we are still separating ourselves as the "bookworms" and, as P.M. puts it, "a more desirable group of people." These petty remarks, from both sides are nothing but detrimental and should be checked at the door. One can always find a quiet corner of the library to study in. Furthermore, I find it sad that some of us find so much security in placing themselves above others. We are all on the same side. By the way, P.M., choosing not to sign your name makes me wonder? Who is really full of self-doubt?

Mark Miller Box B-846

Author clarifies message

To the Editor:

Consider this irony: one of the greatest problems of the Mass Communications School in the past few weeks could have been avoided by the proper use of communication. I would like to

take this space to apologize for the content of my last letter.

Since I only voiced my idea in a production meeting, and because I held the floor--to whom it is customary to devote your entire attention during such a meeting, there is no possible way in which my ideas may have influenced the ideas of others. How silly of me to have suspected such a thing.

Apologies are also due to the show's producer, who, during the meeting, recorded the general nature of my idea, and when a similar idea was brought into the production stages, made every effort to secure my permission and see that credit was given where due. Why, if I was to produce a similar show, I, in my inexperience, would have made only a minor mental note that someone might be able to fill some time somewhere in the future and eventually would have forgotten the matter entirely.

Fortunately, those matters have been resolved, and the accusations are dead, null, and void. A problem that will be sure to surface in the near future is that I will be scrutinized as to whether or not I have dotted my "i's" and crossed my "t's". It appears that I may have already crossed one too many "T's", for I stand here flogging my poor, dead, white horse.

For those who may have missed the true meaning of my last letter, at whom no fingers were pointed, I will repeat it here. To make sure there can be no misunderstanding, I will speak very slowly, and use very small words.

"Don't steal. No-no, mommy spank."

Is that now quite perfectly clear? I do hope so. You, who thought I was dragging the Channel 12 name through the mud were terribly mistaken.

This applies not only to television, but the recording student who may have to doubt his friendship with his lab partner for fear of having his possibly new, and perhaps a future trademark, technique stolen. Or the music student, who after nearly completing the composition he's been working on for the past year, discovers that the guy he asked for advice from, has published a similar piece. Or the agriculture student who comes up with a keen name for a pet pig.

Yes, it can get that trivial, and don't even think that it's less of an offense, or that the theft hurts the victim any less.

My only intention was to notify you, my classmates, that this problem does exist, and to ask you, as adults not to engage in this practice. The example which I cited was the only one in which I had a role. Had I been involved in similar circumstance in the art department, that would have been used also. The message deals with the problem, not the example, used.

Jason Quinn Box 9170

Cablevision explains local advertising

To the Editor:

Picture this: it's Wednesday morning in the Cablevision office. It's the advertising department to be exact. 20 days until Christmas. Business is great! Holiday music is in the air! And then it happens! My beloved production director hand delivers an editorial in the Sidelines complaining about local cable advertising during the NFL telecasts on ESPN.

I must say, it provided me with the best laugh I've had in months. I had forgotten just how great it was to be a college student and how truly naive an intellectual can be. Certainly no apology is in order, perhaps a "Thank you" for enjoying our programming, but I do feel compelled to shed a bit of light on the story for those who truly may have questions about how local cable advertising works.

First of all, Boom*Boom

begins by saying "It's Monday night and you're watching the Monday Night Football game..." Well, if that's the case Boom Boom should complain to ABC! They're the guys with Monday Night Football! ESPN's live coverage of NFL is on Sunday night. Could Boom Boom have brought his chilled keg to the typewriter with him? Anyhow, we then hear about just how much Boom Boom likes our local commercials (which isn't very much.) Thanks Boom Boom! Recognition of local advertisers is what local cable advertising is all about. You were even able to quote from the script of the spot! Wow, our advertising must be powerful!

Then we hear a complaint. It seems that a national beer commercial came on for a second or two and then our local spot came on and covered it up. Quite honestly, Boom Boom, I don't think you need another beer commercial. Understand this: the button is pushed by ESPN which

triggers our local equipment to play commercials...it is not pushed by us. If the timing is off a bit, it's because ESPN (or any other network) pushed the button a second too late. We wrestle with this ourselves. Timing becomes even more difficult in sports telecasts, given time constraints.

Consider this as well. By offering high visibility advertising to local businesses, your cable T.V. company has developed a new revenue stream which helps keep your cable costs down. Sound good? After all, if the local spots didn't come on, you'd still see the national beer spot...and it seems like it's already done its work on Boom Boom.

As for Eddie Munster doing voice-over work for us...you've got us there, Boom Boom. He needed the work and he's reliable.

Doug Roberts Advertising Manager United Artists Cable on Tennessee

Boom Boom says 'BYE' to Smiley, Love Chunks, The Hammer, and all the gang

Well here we are. It's the end of the semester, and final exams are just around the corner. If anyone out there's like me, they are hopelessly unprepared for the end of the term, and they, like me have been living off of Vivarin, Pepsi, Sugar cubes and anything else that will help keep us awake long enough to cram an entire semester of Mumbo Jumbo, [fill in the course title of your choice here] into one night.

Where did the hours go? Where did my grades go? Hell, for that matter, where did my money go?

I know where my money went. My girlfriend spent it!

I know where my grades went. Down the tubes!

And I certainly know where all of the hours have gone to. I've spent most of them up here at Sidelines babysitting whining little "PHOTO GODS", or coralling staff members that were supposed to be "JOURNALISTIC GIANTS" and turned out to be backstabbing, lying, truly incompetent worms. The true exceptions to this are the remaining staff of Tony J Arnold, Shantell Kirkendoll, Greg Adkins, Greg MacLachlan, Kelly Davison, Patricia Tenpenny and Kay Hilton.

I will not, however, pretend that I've put the paper out all on my own. The fact of the matter is that the rest of the staff deserves most, if not all of the credit! Thanks Gang, it was a pleasure working with all of you, and all of the strides that Sidelines have hopefully made, belong to you!

Now then, now that the "But Licking" has been taken care of, I can get down to business. This is the issue in which the departing Editor traditionally bashes all of the putrid, low down, scum sucking maggots that have either hindered us in our pursuit of truth, or just downright "dogged"

JOHN-DARRYL ATHANS Editor In Chief

us. So here we go. LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.

[this is just my opinion]

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10. Cliff "The new registration will be so much better" Gillespie

- Well now that I have cleared my conscious, and cleansed my soul, I can go off to do my internship. I also feel confident that next semester's editor, Kay Hilton, will do a bang-up job. Good Luck Kay, and watch your back! Ciao!
P.S. Good-Bye to:
*Tony J. "LOVE CHUNKS" Arnold.
*Greg "THE HAMMER" Adkins
*Patricia "SMILEY" Tenpenny
*Kay "PANIC ATTACK" Hilton
*Shantell "HE'S SO GROSS" Kirkendoll
*Lucas "WHAT'S UP DUDE" Johnson
*Chris "THE YOUNG, YUPPIE REPUBLICAN FROM HELL" White
*J.T.C. "THE PARTY'S AT MY PLACE"
*Kelly "I'M SO TIRED" Davison



Features

'Tis the Season

Christmas spirit revealed in apparel

JOYCE CARUTHERS
Staff Writer

Well, people, it's that time of year again. You can go anywhere in town and see flashing lights on houses, Santa Claus figures in front lawns, nativity scenes and even deer on rooftops.

This is the season that most of us love -- and we love to show it in as many different ways as we have different moods and personalities. We show it in how we decorate our living quarters, our work spaces and what we wear.

The most memorable seen so far are tree lights that play Christmas carols. If you go into a business and there seems to be music coming from strange places, check out the Christmas tree -- that may be the root of the situation.

There are now Christmas tree lights that blink in time with the programmed music -- quite a show.

The halls aren't the only things decked with boughs of holly this Christmas season. People have become walking Christmas decorations. They wear sweatshirts, hats, earrings, pins and even bells, just to name a few.

Yes, bells.

"It's fun. It adds a little spirit to the holidays, and it irritates some people," says Jeanne Todd, a junior history major.

Jeanne really gets into the spirit of things. She now wears a Santa Claus hat to work, along with bells on her shoestrings (and she wears these almost anywhere).

If you hear a jingling sound while walking to class, it may be Jeanne and her shoes.

"I love it," laughs Jacquelin Orrand, a senior English major. "I love Christmas music, too. I sing 'Jingle Bells' all year long."

Jacquelin doesn't leave home without her Christmas tree earrings and a musical Santa brooch that lights up.

If you go shopping in any department store you are sure to find something to wear that will suit your personality. Most stores have an abundance of sweatshirts. You can find a sweatshirt with any type Christmas message on it you feel you would like to convey.

Patricia Tenpenny, an art major, says her personal favorite is the one that says "Dear Santa, I want it all...I deserve it," even though she doesn't own one to wear.

But she says she has a button that proclaims, "I love Christmas shopping," and says she wears it proudly.

"Most people don't like to Christmas shop, but I do," she explains.

Chris White, Midlander editor, said he bought his mother Christmas socks that play "Jingle Bells."

"I thought she might need a little jingle at 3 a.m. in the morning when she is cooking Christmas dinner," White quipped.

Chris said he also owns a pair of Christmas argyles that he wears for many of the Christmas activities he attends.

"It is just a way of getting into the spirit of the season," he said.

If socks and sweatshirts aren't for you, you can find an assortment of decorative pins and brooches to wear. There are homemade pins, cheap and mid-range costume jewelry or some exquisite pieces with real jewels if your spirit can afford the price. Earrings are available in the same categories.

But if jewelry isn't your thing, you can add seasonable suspenders for your pants and trousers, ties and bow ties.

For those who like to keep their holiday spirit to themselves and their significant others, there is underwear -- in all shapes and size.

Of course, you can always don a red or green sweater with your basic tan khakis or seasonably plaid skirt -- if you dare not make a statement. But more and more people are finding original ways of showing their Christmas spirit.



Tammy Doyle

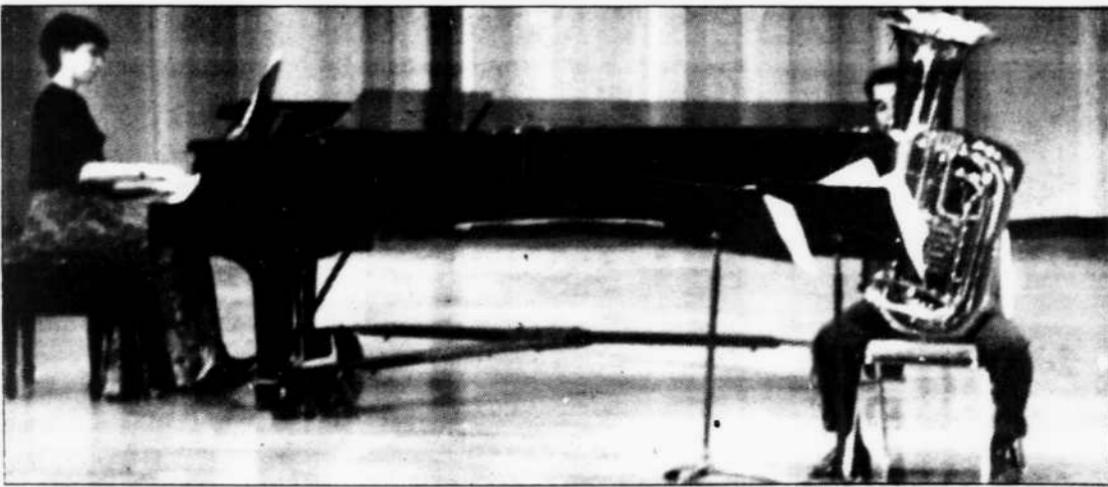


Heather Thomas

Staff photos by
Patricia Tenpenny

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Merry Melodies



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PLAYING AROUND: Andrew C. Dunn IV on the concert tuba and Polly Brecht on the piano perform a duet during the music department's general recital Nov. 29 in the Wright Music Hall.

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IN RECITAL: Lalo Davila, percussion instructor in the music department, leads his students in the percussion ensemble recital at the Wright Music Hall Nov. 29.

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Costner is well worth the price of admission in Dances with Wolves

Every once in a while a movie comes along that is more than plot and character, it is an experience that makes you long to be on the screen -- not watching it.

I have seen literally hundreds (if not more than a thousand) of movies and only six have fallen into my special category. "Jaws", "Star Wars", "The Godfather", "Scarface", "The Man Who Would Be King" and "Goodfellows" are the first 6 members of the exclusive club.

Movie Review

by

Greg "The Hammer" Adkins

"Dances with Wolves" is the latest addition. "Dances with

It is the story of Lt. John J. Dunbar, played by Kevin Costner. He is a union soldier who goes to the frontier because he has seen too much war.

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Oh, well, 'tis the season to be jolly. And if you have most of your shopping yet to do, don't forget a shopping bag with a suitable Christmas message -- it can help fight the "jingle." Happy Holidays.

Dunbar is soon trapped in the remote Fort Sedgewick. Dunbar is torn between deserting his post or staying and fulfilling his duty as officer of the post while waiting for help. Dunbar stays alone in the wilderness.

Most of the movie deals with Dunbar's relationship with a nearby tribe of local Sioux Indians. The early attempts at communication are some of the funniest scenes in movies.

Costner wears several hats in this production. He is the star, director and co-producer. Costner does a beautiful job on his first outing as a director.

The movie has no weakness. It comes almost as close to perfection as the "Godfather" trilogy.

Costner's performance is real. You almost believe he is the stiff John Dunbar who becomes a converted Indian.

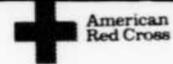
Mary McDonnell plays Standing with Fist, a white living among the Indians and Costner's love interest. Her rage is radiated across the screen with stark reality. You can feel her pain and wish you could ease it.

"Dances with Wolves" is a wonderful saga. The Indians are motivated by need not pride. Their ceremonies are rich with history, and their ways come from a logical past. They are not the stupid, blood-thirsty Indians of past.

I am not going to give "Dances with Wolves" a 10, four balloons or five snaps up with a twist. This is a movie that is too good for petty numbers and stupid ratings games.

Go see it. Spend the full price and see it on the biggest screen around. This is one movie that is worth the price of admission.

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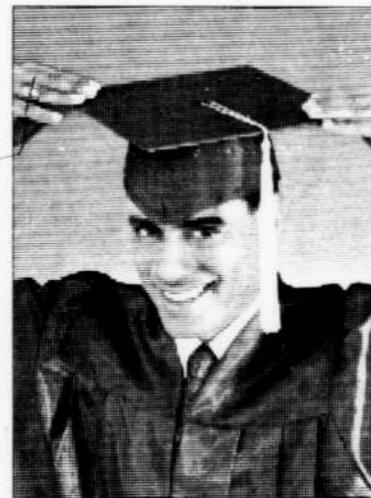
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What's Happening....

MTSU's Senior Student Photography Exhibit will begin Monday, Dec. 10 and run through Dec. 21 at the Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center. Six aspiring photographers have been granted the opportunity to showcase their work in the university photo gallery. Each has selected personal favorites from works created over the past several years. Gallery hours are: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. until noon, and Sunday 6-10 p.m.

The music department will present an evening of Mozart Opera Scenes Friday at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building on campus.

The guest director for the scenes from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" is Sean McGinity.

Sean McGinity has staged productions for the Tennessee Opera Theater of Nashville and Nashville Opera. He has also worked for various companies throughout the country, including the Michigan Opera, Opera Pacific and the Opera Theatre of Louisville.

Christine Isley of the MTSU music faculty will direct the scenes from "The Magic Flute."

John Bridges, former music critic for the *Tennessean*; senior writer for the *Nashville Scene* and associate editor for *Nostalgia* magazine will give the introductory remarks and commentary.

"The Spirit of Christmas," a community band concert by the Tennessee Valley Winds (formerly the Murfreesboro Community Concert Band) will be presented Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Directed by Joseph T. Smith, founder and conductor of the band, the concert is dedicated to our men and women serving with the Armed Forces in the Middle East.

The program will include Christmas and patriotic music. Admission is free.

The Rutherford County and Murfreesboro City schools will present a "Musical Christmas Gala" Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center.

More than 1,200 children will participate. Each school will perform one selection of their own and the combined group of students will perform "Felice Navidad" and "Sing Noel."

The program will conclude with all the students and parents singing Christmas carols. The public is invited and admission is free.

MTSU's Japan Center of Tennessee will sponsor an origami Christmas tree in cooperation with the Metro Arts Commission. The tree will be in the Church Street display windows at the corner of Church and 5th through Jan. 1.

Origami is the ancient Japanese art of folding paper shapes without cutting. These origami ornaments were handcrafted by Japanese women living in Middle Tennessee.

Japanese toys will be among those featured in the exhibit "Toys Are Art" at the Downtown Arts Gallery through Jan. 13.

Hagoita, kendama and a variety of wooden tops are included in the exhibit. The Japanese toys are on loan to the Metro Arts Commission from The Japan Center of Tennessee.

The Downtown Arts Gallery, located in Church Street Centre, is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday noon until 5 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

Nashville Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* at 8 p.m. Dec.

21; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 22; 8 p.m. Dec. 28; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in the Jackson Hall. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling 741-2787 or 1-800-333-4TIX. Group rates are available by calling Lisa Oppenheimer at 741-7975.

The Nashville Symphony will present "Cookies & Cream: A Children's Cabaret Concert" at the Lowe's Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel ballroom Sunday, Dec. 9. The doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are adults, \$7; children, \$5. Tables of 10 are available for \$60 each and tickets are available only by calling The Nashville Symphony at 329-3033. The orchestra will present the Tennessee Opera Theatre's production of "Amahl & The Night Visitors" along with

selections from Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14 at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Tickets are priced from \$5 to \$12.50, with children under 12 admitted for half price. For more information, call the Nashville Symphony at 329-3033.

For the first time, Cheekwood's Fine Arts Center and Fisk University's Van Vechten Gallery are collaborating to present an exhibition drawn from each institution's permanent collection. Currently showing at the center is an exhibition of work by John Marin, one of America's foremost 20th century artists. The exhibition remains until Jan. 6. Minnie Miles, director of the Van Vechten Gallery, will give a gallery talk at The Fine Arts Center, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. The talk will focus on the works in the exhibition and

the importance of Marin's art.

Special Christmas concerts will be presented each Sunday afternoon Dec. 9, Dec. 16 and Dec. 23. There is no extra charge to attend these concerts with a gate fee to see the Trees of Christmas display.

Cheekwood is located between Belle Meade Boulevard and Highway 100. Hours during December are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon until 6 p.m. Gate fee: adults, \$4; senior citizens, \$3; students (3-17), \$1.

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Sports

Key explosions power Blue Raider victory

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Grambling University chose the right color uniforms to wear to their own funeral Tuesday night - black.

An offensive explosion sparked by numerous Raiders at key points in the game carried the now 4-1 Big Blue to a 96-87 victory over the Tigers.

"I thought that it was a game of stretches," MTSU head coach Bruce Stewart said. "There were a lot of runs but our depth off the bench was the key to the win."

That bench play was paced by Jeff Clifton. The 6-7 freshman came off the pine to lead the team with 21 points, 15 coming in the opening half after center Warren Kidd and forward Quincy Vance got in foul trouble early. He also grabbed a game high 10 rebounds and had six steals.

"I wasn't going in expecting to score," Clifton explained. "I just went in and tried to execute. I just let my points come and I had a good night tonight."

Clifton may have been the leading scoring machine but it was the play of Raymond Davis and Chris Ingram that set the tempo of play in each half.

Davis helped to solidify his starting position at the point by scoring 11 of the Raiders' 25 points in the first 10 minutes of action. At that point, MTSU led 25-17.

By the time the clock had dwindled down to 6:23, the Raiders had just taken a comfortable 41-25 lead as Clifton knocked down a 3-pointer. However, the Tigers came clawing back as the Raiders suddenly went ice cold.

Grambling outscored MTSU 21-6 over the remaining minutes of the half to close the gap to one at 47-46.

"I think we just got happy," Ingram said. "We got overexcited and let them back in it."

Let them back in it, yes. Let them take the lead, well, Kidd and Ingram took care of that.

Kidd only saw four minutes of action in the opening half and six in the second before fouling out at the 8:01 mark. But, he made the most of those minutes by scoring 10 points.

Eight of those came in the first four minutes of the last half as the Raiders began to once again pull away. Kidd's lay-up at the 16:33 mark gave MTSU the 59-50 lead.

At that point, Ingram took over and the Raiders never looked back. The team's lone senior, MTSU's 6-9 back-up center found his place along the right baseline and nailed all six of his second half attempts.

His work helped push the Raiders' lead to 20 with under seven minutes left in the game.

Grambling did make one final push down the stretch to trim the score to the final margin but fell short and dropped to 1-3 on the young season.

Going into the game, Grambling's rebounding ability was feared by the Raiders but after the game, MTSU stood tall by winning the board battle rather easily by a margin of 51-32.

"The pre-game emphasis was rebounding," Stewart said. "Our guys just went out and did their jobs on the boards."

Besides Clifton's and Kidd's final tallies, other Raiders double-figure scorers included Ingram with 19. He hit 8 of 9 field goal attempts, Davis tallied 17 while Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor added 16.

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Chris White/Staff Photographer

I GOT IT: MTSU freshman Jeff Clifton grabs one of his game-high 10 rebounds during the Raiders win over Grambling Tuesday. He also paced the Big Blue with 21 points along with six steals.

Campbell named as All-American

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU tailback Joe Campbell continued to reap honors this week.

After being named the OVC Offensive Player of the Year less than two weeks ago, the junior made two All-American teams this week.

The Nashville native earned spots on the Walter Camp Football Foundation 1990 Division I-AA football team as well as the Kodak All-American team.

Campbell led the OVC in rushing this season despite missing the final game of the regular season. He had 1,139 yards and 13 touchdowns, along with averaging 7.5 yards per carry, which was the highest in the nation.

Raiders and Davis set for MSU clash

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When the Blue Raiders clash with in-state rival Memphis State Saturday, it will have a special meaning for three MTSU players.

Raymond Davis, Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor and David Clark all appear on this year's Blue Raider roster. Also listed beside their names is their hometown: Memphis.

"It's like a homecoming," Davis explained. "I haven't been home for a while but it's really just another game on the schedule."

"We can't just go in there thinking about home, we've got to go in and play hard."

Playing hard won't be hard for Davis who is quickly becoming an aggressive threat from the point guard position.

"He's (Davis) a dominating

person," head coach Bruce Stewart said. "That's part of the reason he's successful."

His dominating personality already has him ready for Saturday's showdown.

"I'm going to be so fired up when I walk out on the court," Davis admitted. "They'll be a lot of familiar faces in different uniforms that I played against in high school."

"I know that if I get enthused, everybody will get enthused right with me. I'm going to have to hold my head up and have great poise. If I can do that, we'll come out of Memphis with the victory."

Stewart seems to think that a victory is within grasping range but knows that his Raiders must do many things well.

"We all have a huge test," he

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Fresh power rules

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

One young freshman continued her tear for the Lady Raiders this season Tuesday evening.

Priscilla Robinson scored 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds to once again lead the Lady Raiders to victory as they raised their record to 3-2 with a 79-64 win over NAIA powerhouse David Lipscomb.

Robinson knocked down 7-9 attempts from the floor and hit all six of her free-throw attempts.

The Lady Bisons managed to hang tough for most of the contest with an impressive outside attack but a second half defensive change by head coach Lewis Bivens allowed the Lady's to pull away in the final half of play. At the half the score stood at 39-32 as the Lady Bisons hit 45 percent of their trey attempts. The defensive change allowed MTSU's wing players to guard Lipscomb's outside threats a little tighter. It obviously worked as their percentage dropped to 25 percent.

Robinson's performance paced the Raiders but a few of her teammates weren't far behind. Center Sherrie Harris poured in 16 while Stephanie Capley added 11.

Thursday evening, the Lady Raiders will once again take their show on the court at Murphy Center for a 7 p.m. showdown with Mississippi State. Immediately following the game, faculty members are being invited to a tea as a show of appreciation from this year's squad. If you plan to attend and have not notified the Lady Raiders, please do. You can contact assistant coach Janet Ross.

Another SEC opponent will enter the magical Murphy Center Saturday for a 7:00 tip-off. This squad is Georgia which is considered to be one of their conference's top teams.

The folks that are always there

Deserving of more credit than received

What is a Blue Raider fan? Naturally, it consists of being loyal fan. But then we are faced with the question of "What is a loyal fan?"

Well, this past weekend I

Well Deserved Thanks

by

Tony J. Arnold

friendly attitude to greet you with. They are the 1990-91 MTSU cheerleaders.

When I heard that MTSU would have to travel to Boise State this past weekend, my mind went to work adding and subtracting the small portion of Christmas money I had in hopes I could manage a trip out west to be with my team if the *Sidelines* was unable to pick up the expensive tab.

Finally my Student Publications Coordinator, Jenny Crouch, teamed up with Dean Cantrell (Dean of Students) and his right arm, Betty Smithson, to get me booked up with the cheerleading squad. Naturally I was excited but I wondered if this sport writer would fit in with this group.

I wondered if I would be tossed aside and treated like a sore thumb because I was not a member of their elite.

On Friday, Nov. 30, my fears were answered with a pleasant surprise. The folks that I once



Tony J. Arnold / Staff Photographer

EVERYBODY SAY BOISE: Members of the 1990-91 cheerleading squad that made the long trip to Boise took the time to take a few snap-shots before boarding the plane in Nashville. The group of 13 cheered hard but were unable to pull the Big Blue through as they fell to Boise State 20-13.

feared were quickly friends and made me feel like I was a member of their family.

They were not hesitant to stick out their hand and introduce themselves or answer any

questions that I had.

As the trip progressed, I learned that these people not only stood on the sidelines and cheered away, they socialized with the other people, no matter

who they supported or where they were from, and promoted the name of Middle Tennessee State.

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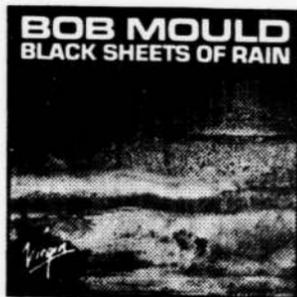
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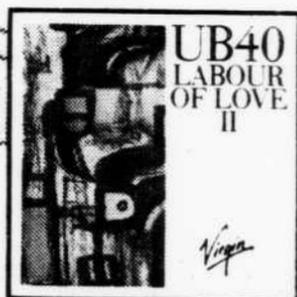
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said. "They apply pressure, are good scorers and rebound aggressively.

"We've got to beat their press and keep our turnovers down in order to have a shot at winning."

As for the hometown boys, "they've got to keep it in perspective. It doesn't matter who or where, they've got to play the same."

Memphis State raised its record with an 85-78 win over OVC foe Murray State Tuesday. Murray was picked to repeat as the conference champions earlier in the year with MTSU predicted in the second slot.

Tip-off for the in-state battle is slated for 7:30 (CST).

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The Raiders shot .5 percent from the field in the game but hit a dismal .176 percent from 3-point range. They were able to knock down only 3 of 11 attempts.

They also ended the game on another high note. The Big Blazer which seemed to struggle throughout the season from the line, hit 15 of 17 attempts Tuesday.

"We've been working at it," Stewart admitted. "We think we have good free-throw shooting and we did really well tonight."

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Once we arrived in Boise, the BSU cheerleaders met us at the gate. After a lengthy greeting and introduction session, we headed for our hotel to spend the weekend.

There I felt like I was a cheerleader myself as I was welcome and asked to do anything that they planned on doing. For one weekend, I was a part of them as well as them being a part of me. I feel that I have made some excellent friends and learned through observation that being a Raider fan not only includes supporting the Big Blue, it involves the supporting and deep respect of each athlete, player and fan regardless of who

or where they're from.

For this, I am thankful and although we came up on the short end, the agony of defeat was eased as I had one of the best weekends of my life.

After our return to the Volunteer State and just when I thought it was over, I received a phone call from Dean Cantrell asking me to feel free to join the squad on their trip to Memphis State this weekend. Unfortunately I had already made travel arrangements but I'll guarantee you that I'll be the first standing when they ask me to cheer and if we don't come out victorious I'll be more than happy to extend my hand in congratulation and friendship to the MSU fan beside me (I used to feel the urge to wrap my hands

around their neck or rub it in a little if we won).

So now that I have said what I wanted to say to the public, I want to thank the guys and gals that I shared a home away from home with and continued to root on the Raiders even when loss was unavoidable.

Eddie Johnson, Damon Dozier, Calvin Wood, Scott Woods, Steve Keeton, Tracy

McCord, Chawny Carter, Kathy Morris, Aprille Paschal, Gretchen Pennell, Georgeanna Wilson, Keri Collins and LeAnn Taylor, who got us through in one piece, I really enjoyed it and I hope we can team up again soon.

This group of hard-working students deserves much more credit than what has escaped several supporters' eyes. Whether the Raiders win or lose, no matter

if a judgment call is made by a coach and it perhaps costs us the game, no matter if school is out or not, you can depend on the cheerleaders to be there backing the Raiders to the hilt.

Cantrell and Smithson should be proud of their group (I really think they already are). Whether it be on the field or in the real world, this group is already a proven winner in my book.

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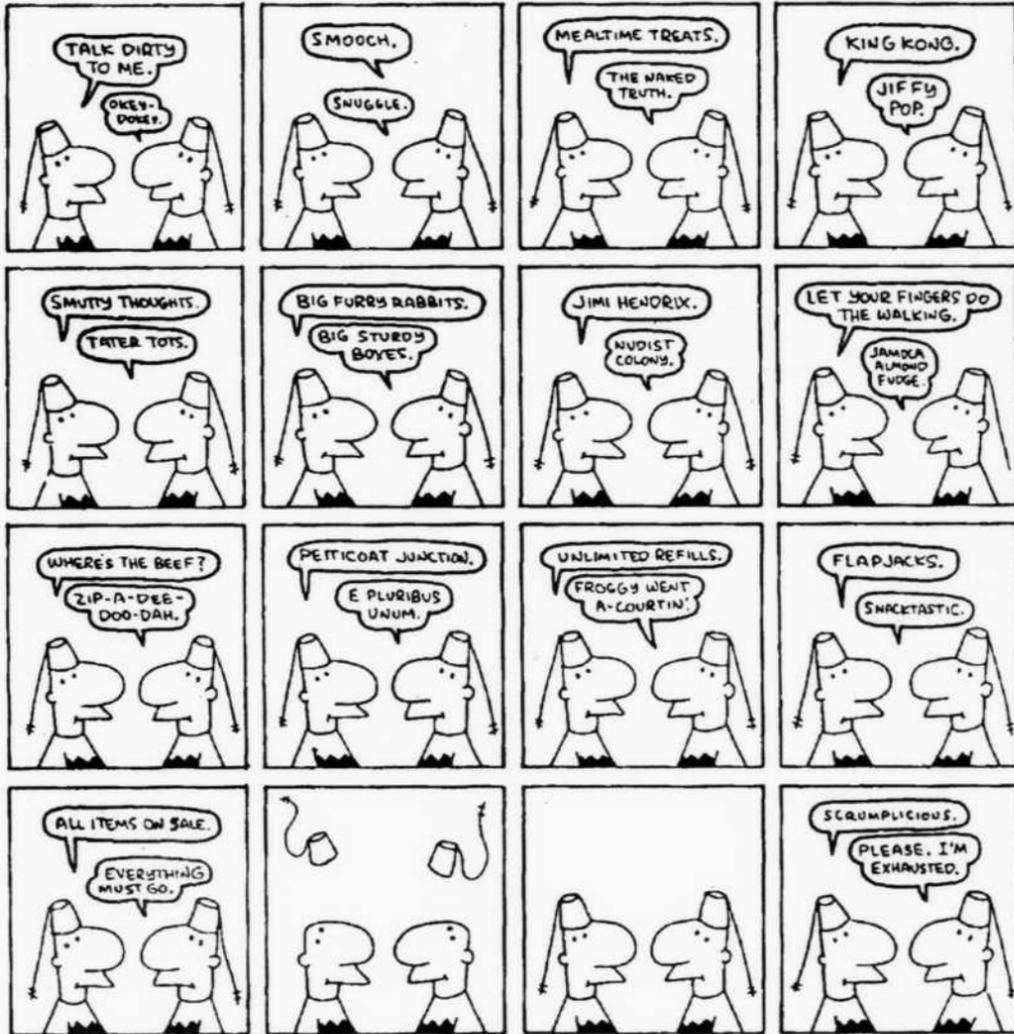
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