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## Arrest made for indecent exposure

Brian Forrester  
Staff Reporter

Murfreesboro City Police arrested its main suspect in the investigation of recent indecent exposure occurrences from earlier this fall that involved several female MTSU students.

Steve Riva, 23, of 288 Stewart Lane, Estill Springs, Tenn., was arrested Wednesday Det. Larry Nobles for three misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure and one felony charge for sexual battery. Riva is not an MTSU student.

"Sexual battery is the unlawful sexual contact with another person without consent," said Nobles. "He did confess to all of the incidents brought against him."

Riva was scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court Wednesday for criminal trespassing on Aug. 7 at the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro. According to the police report, Riva had been roaming the hallways with no purpose and the female employees were in fear for their safety due his presence.

He was the main suspect in the investigation concerning the indecent exposure incidences both on the Greenway and in the Belle Aire parking lot. Nobles obtained three arrest warrants for misdemeanor offenses of indecent exposure.

The fourth warrant is for sexual battery, a felony offense. Nobles defined sexual battery as the unlawful sexual contact with another person without consent. Sexual battery is a class E felony with a penalty of one to five years in prison, according to Officer Joseph Holland, who was at the scene of the arrest.

Riva was read the police reports against him outside of the General Sessions Courtroom. He was then arrested and taken into custody for interrogation at the Murfreesboro



Detective Larry Nobles arrests Steve Riva at General Sessions Court as Officer Holland and West witness.

Police Department, where a confession was made.

According to police reports, Riva grabbed one female's buttocks while holding his exposed penis. This action breaks the line between a misdemeanor and a felony. Officer Holland said that Riva crossed the line between self-inflicted injury to the injury of others either physically or emotionally.

Inspector Darrell Collins of MTSU Public Safety said that MTSU officers are trying to get the four victims to identify the suspect in a photo spread to enhance the city's case against Riva.

"Two of the girls have already picked the guy out of a photo spread," said Collins.

Collins also said three of the victims were willing to push the case forward. During a phone interview yesterday afternoon, one victim said

that she would definitely press charges against Riva for indecent exposure, a misdemeanor. Meanwhile, the sexual battery victim is planning to press charges for sexual battery, a class E felony, and indecent exposure against Riva. Both victims who were interviewed said that they had successfully picked the suspect out of a photo lineup. No other victims were available for comment.

Nobles credited MTSU Public Safety with assisting in the investigation by providing witnesses. Because the incidences did not occur on university property, the Murfreesboro Police Department has jurisdiction. However, because the crimes involved several MTSU students, Public Safety was part of a joint investigation with the Murfreesboro police.

Riva's court date is set for Dec. 2 in General Sessions Court. He will face all charges brought against him,



Nobles escorts Riva to the police station for interrogation.

including the criminal trespassing at the Garden Plaza. ■

Photos by Derrick Wilson

## Use of fees leads to confusion

Michele Conklin  
Staff Reporter

Registration for spring semester at MTSU is in full swing this week, and yet, there still seems to be some confusion and misconceptions about how the university is spending the additional maintenance fees that are tacked onto tuition every semester.

According to Tom Burke, dean of Student Life and Chair of the Student Activities Committee, the confusion happens because of the way the Board of Regents worded or named the fees.

According to Bob Adams, assistant vice president of Finance and Administration, the Debt Service fee is used to retire bonds, which is money given to the university to build or renovate buildings such as the Recreation Center, the Keathley University Center, and the James Union building.

The first \$15 of the Technology Access fee is used strictly for the computer labs and for other academics and is allocated by MTSU faculty. The remaining \$35 is used by students, according to Burke.

"This fund is not just for the academic departments or computer labs and there are several millions of dollars of requests with very little money available," he said.

The Student Activity fee is not the fee that is requested by student organizations to be used for certain projects and activities.

"This fee was voted on three years ago by students to pay for the new stadium," stated Burke. "This fee is strictly to pay the bonds for the stadium."

According to Burke, a lot of students are confused about what the fee pays for and it would

"It would be the choice of the student body to raise these fees or not."

- Jason Lawson

## Trackless team running out of time

Bryan Brooks  
Staff Reporter

The new track on Greenland Drive is close to completion for the MTSU track team, which is beginning its third year without a track to call its own.

But a disagreement between two construction companies over the track — which was scheduled to be completed last fall — could cause the team to go another season trackless.

The rubbery track surface has yet to be applied because of conflict between the company contracted by Tennessee Board of Regents to construct the track, Turner Construction, and a Texas company,

Martin Surfacing, said track coach Dean Hayes. Martin Surfacing is contracted by Turner Construction to lay the polyurethane surface.

Hayes said the surface has to be applied before the weather gets slightly cooler. If that doesn't happen, the surface cannot be poured until spring and the track would not be ready before May. By then, the spring track season will be almost over.

Hayes said his team will have a track only if the weather holds out long enough for the two companies to reach an agreement.

He doubts that Mother Nature will smile on his team's plight, though.

A disagreement over the quality of the asphalt was cited by Hayes as the sticking point.

"I know they are arguing over the asphalt in what they call the 'D Zone,' which is at the south end of the soccer field. It had some ruts in it and stuff like that," he said. "IAAF (International Amateur Athletics Federation) has certain regulations to get a track certified."

You can only have so much of a slope in it, and I guess there are some places in it where the slope isn't correct also."

To help settle the differences between the two companies, the engineering department of Turner Construction came out early last week to survey the track, said Larry Counts, director of athletic relations.

The results indicate that the track meets NCAA and IAAF require-

ments.

"We are awaiting the athletic surfacing company," Counts said. "They have been notified that the track is within tolerance of NCAA guidelines. We assume they'll be showing up any day now."

Counts said the athletic department expects the track to be finished by the end of the month.

Due to a clause in the contract with TBR, Turner Construction is being fined \$1,500 every day the project is over deadline, Counts said.

When contacted, Turner Construction declined to comment on the track situation. Company policy is not to discuss contracted jobs with

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## Greeks prepare for move to upcoming Greek Row

Brian Forrester  
Staff Reporter

With Greek Row under construction, fraternities scheduled to move onto the Row are making preparations to ensure the transition from off campus residency, to on campus residency is a smooth one by forming a Fraternity Row Committee.

Tuesday night, six brothers from various fraternities met to begin discussions on how to inform chapters about issues concerning fraternities that are housed on Greek Row. Charles Pierce, Vice President of Pi

Kappa Alpha, formed the committee this month in the hopes of preparing the fraternities for living on campus.

The goals of the committee are to work with campus officials to create a Greek Row handbook similar to, but not identical to the Student Handbook. The committee hopes to serve as a liaison between campus officials and fraternity chapters. The committee will function as an official representative of chapters on Greek Row. They also hope to create solutions for chapters who are concerned with issues living on campus like drinking, parking for parties, and

house inspections.

By writing a handbook for Greek Row, the committee hopes to lessen the chance for fraternities to violate campus rules due to ignorance of campus regulations.

At the meeting Tuesday, the representatives from the chapters discussed the formation of a mission statement that would transcend any individual fraternity and apply to the Row as a whole unit.

Erick Baker, representative of Kappa Alpha, stressed the importance of a cohesive Greek community, and that by living in close proximity, "some of the altercations

between fraternities will die down....The main goal for Greek Row is to look past the letters they wear."

Originally, the committee was formed to make the transition onto campus smooth, but has evolved into a committee that will ease the pressure off of the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC). The IFC is composed of all fraternity presidents and one other representative. The IFC is responsible for inspecting parties and making sure that brothers are acting in accordance to Greek regulations.

The opening of Greek Row is tentatively set for October 1999. Fraternities will be able

to move into their houses in January 2000. However, the committee raised concerns about where brothers will be housed during a six month lag between moving into their houses and when their leases expire with their present houses.

Approximately 350 Greek men will be affected by the transition without a house during that time. No solutions were decided on the issue at the meeting.

The committee mentioned that pledges will more than likely not be allowed to live on Greek Row until tenure has

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help if students understood these fees when it comes time to vote on the SGA Student Activity fees referendum again. Burke also said that there is a bill in the SGA House of Representatives now that is requesting the TBR rename the Student Activity fee because people are confusing this fee with the SGA Student Activity fee. He said that, in reality, this fee should have been included as part of the Debt Service fees.

The Recreation fees pay for operational expenses of the Recreation Center. According to Adams, this fee pays for things such as salaries of full-time employees and student workers. The fee also pays for the utilities, the custodial needs, and the maintenance costs of the center.

"The Rec Center is an auxiliary enterprise, like the campus bookstore and campus housing and it can't get any state or federal money," Adams said, explaining that, because it is not an educational program, the center has to generate its own income and that is where the Recreation Activity fee comes into play.

The SGA Student Activity fee contains the funds that can be requested by student organizations and clubs to be used for student activities and projects. This particular fee was originally designed to fund the SGA, but was later expanded to be available to other student organizations and activities.

Organizations can apply for these funds each semester by submitting an application through the Student Affairs Office. The Student Activity Committee — consisting of six students, two faculty members, and one staff member and Associate Dean, Gene Fitch as the committee chair — meets and prioritizes the requests according to the following seven priorities.

• Priority #1: SGA projects specifically designed to improve the administrative function of the SGA. Specifically, SGA copier contracts for six months for the amount of \$744.00.

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# ON CAMPUS

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

## Wednesday Oct. 28-Friday Nov. 20

The Japan Center of Tennessee in cooperation with Volunteer State Community College will sponsor a Netsuke Exhibit at the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College located at 1480 Nashville Pike, Galatin, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State.

## October-Dec.23

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Mini-Exhibit "Japanese Containers" in the lobby of the Cope Administration building. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

## Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19, and Tuesday, Nov. 24

Belmont University's Center for Entrepreneurship, and association with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, presents "Strategic Planning for Small Business." The class meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Jack C.

Massey Business Center, located on Wedgewood Ave. at 16th Ave. The cost is \$300, and the registration deadline is Oct. 28. For more information, call 460-6608.

## Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10

Gamma Beta Phi will hold a Teddy Bear Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (both days) at the KUC (in front of Phillips bookstore). They will be accepting donated stuffed animals and selling paper Teddy Bears for \$1 to buy stuffed animals for children in the community. For more information, contact Chere Vines at 898-3156.

## Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 10, 11

The MTSU Chapter of The Society of Professional Journalist will sponsor a fall book sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first level of the KUC. The sale is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit the local chapter. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact President Lisa Rollins at 904-8355 or 904-8380 ext. 1.

## Wednesday, Nov. 11

Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity will hold it's monthly

meeting at the BAS S113 at 5 p.m. Ralph Vaughn, past Director of the Chamber of Commerce, will be speaking on entrepreneurship and the business market of the future. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, contact Linda Fuagans at 890-1719.

## Thursday, Nov. 12

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will hold a lecture over the novel The Fountain Head: "Rational Egoism in (Ayn Rand's) The Fountainhead," given by Dr. Andrew Bernstein from the Ayn Rand Institute at 7 p.m. in the BAS lecture hall. Free for all MTSU students, faculty and staff, \$5 for others. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 895-0951.

## Continuing

CUSTOMS staff applications are now available in the KUC 122 for the positions of student coordinator, student orientation assistant, clerical office manager, receptionist, data entry, and cashier/clerk. All positions are paid and will begin for 2 hours a week (paid) training in January. For more information, call 898-2454.

Student Activity Fee Applications

for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and MAC formatted disks for your convenience. Ten photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808

Public Safety will be offering Rape Aggression Defense classes exclusively for women. The 12 hour course is open to MTSU students and employees as well as area residents. The classes will be held at the Foundation House, 324 West Thompson Ln., on October 27-29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost for MTSU students, faculty, and staff is \$15 and for others \$30. To register, contact the Campus Police at 898-2424.

Victory Ministries will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew 719, Wednesdays at Cummings 731 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at Felder 204 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 371-8479.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have CRU meetings every Thursday at 7:30 in the BAS Auditorium. For more information, contact 848-6741 or 867-2656.

# Child support agency to hold seminar

Shawn Whitsell  
Staff Reporter

During her four years as a legal secretary, Kimberly Blake encountered many situations in which a parent had trouble collecting child support from another parent or the state. Due to these encounters and her own experiences with the state, Blake decided to make it her career to help the hardships that may come with collecting child support.

In April of this year, Blake and her husband Daniel established Triad Investigative Services, a private child support collection agency, in McMinnville, Tenn. Blake explained that she felt there was a great need for such an agency. She said that state agencies weren't doing their jobs, mainly because case workers are burdened over, averaging about 2500 cases each.

She also commented on how expensive it may be to hire a private attorney. As an alternative to the system, private agencies have a small one-time fee. She also added that

private agencies are more successful than state agencies.

"There is a 66 percent success rate with private agencies and only a 21 percent success rate with state agencies," she said.

Blake admitted that when looking for a national agency with which to affiliate, she came across some that she liked and many that she disliked. Her attention was caught by an agency called P.O.S.E. (Privatization of Support Enforcement), who only kept 25 percent of the money collected rather than 50 percent like the other agencies she had come across.

On Nov. 7, Triad Investigative Services will hold a free child support enforcement seminar at 6 p.m. KUC 318. Seating for the seminar is limited, so contact Blake at (931) 815-2828 to reserve a space.

Speaking at the seminar will be Shannon Doah Carson. Because of the experiences he encountered growing up in foster homes, Carson has dedicated his life to fighting for children.

Carson has had 25 years experience with

working for collection agencies, providing training seminars, and lending his expertise to private and government agencies. He is currently a member of the New Jersey Child Support Council, the Eastern Regional Support Council, the American Training Corporation and is a graduate of the United States Academy of Private Investigation.

He attends several conventions and workshops dealing with child support issues and has made appearances on national television and radio talk shows. He also has a program called the Support Enforcement Program in Canada.

Blake said that they chose Carson to speak because he has so much experience and so much passion for what he does.

"It's his passion. It's his life," she said.

She also commented on how upset Carson gets with agencies when they don't do their job.

Blake later added that she does what she does for the children, not the money.

"It's not just a business to me, it's my life," she said.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

**Chattanooga (AP)**— A Florida couple celebrated their love for each other and a hamburger by returning for a special anniversary meal at Krystal.

Ric Rose and his wife, Cathie, dined on a sack of the restaurant's trademark tiny burgers at a cloth-covered table with flowers and candles for their 25th anniversary Monday night.

It was the same location where they had dined on their wedding night.

The two were 19 years old and didn't have much money when they wed on Nov. 2, 1973, so they took their celebration to a Krystal, one of their favorite restaurants.

"We were in love, wanted to get married and love Krystals so we ate at the Broad Street restaurant the night we were married," Ric Rose told the Chattanooga Free Press.

The fast-food chain remained a part of their lives.

"Whenever we go to the side of town where the Krystal is located, we make it a point to enjoy stopping by and eating there," said Rose, who lives in Altamonte Springs, just outside Orlando.

Krystal helped the couple celebrate by picking up the tab.

**Bristol (AP)**— The Tennessee Department of Health has filed six charges against an elderly veterinarian, including allegations of malpractice, practicing with a lapsed license and incompetence.

According to state documents, Dr. Silas Gates lost a cat boarded at his clinic, cut a dog's nails until they bled and performed eye surgery on a dog left for the treatment of mange.

Gates, 82, said he has not done anything wrong.

"I don't mistreat animals," he told a reporter for the Bristol Herald Courier in a story published Tuesday.

"There's been a general move afoot to run me out of town for some time. I'm not aware of any of this, but I'm not surprised. If my license has expired, that was just an oversight."

Health department spokeswoman Diane Denton said Gates can practice while the charges are pending. A hearing is scheduled for Dec. 15 before the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

A humane society spokeswoman said the group has gotten numerous complaints about Gates.

Marcy Szulewski, executive director of the Bristol Humane Society, said the organization opted more than a year ago not to use Gates in its spay-neuter program.

**Piedmont, AL (AP)**— A small plane flying from Iowa to Georgia that had been reported missing crashed in the mountains of northeast Alabama, killing two passengers.

The pilot of the Cessna 182 survived and walked to a business on Highway 9 for help, said Kurt Pickering, spokesman for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

The plane took off from Storm Lake, Iowa, refueled in Cape Girardeau, Mo., then dropped off the radar.

A search began around 1 a.m. Tuesday when the Cessna did not arrive as scheduled at the West Georgia Regional Airport near Carrollton.

Rescue workers combed the mountains of southeast Tennessee after Bledsoe County residents reported seeing a low-flying plane there. The missing Cessna was found hours later in Piedmont.

The pilot, whose name was not released, was being treated at Jacksonville Hospital.

**Four Armed Robbery Training Seminars will be offered at the Murfreesboro Police Annex Training Room, 324 South Church Street. Call 985-3874 (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to make reservations for these limited seating classes. Be prepared to provide company name, contact person's name, phone number, and the number of people attending the class.**

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**Tuesday, Nov. 10 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 16 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 23 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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Wed		12:00 pm - 1:30 pm 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Thur	*10:15 am - 12:15 pm* 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Fri	9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Closed
Sat	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Closed
Sun	6:00 pm - 9:30 pm *Limited Assistance*	Closed

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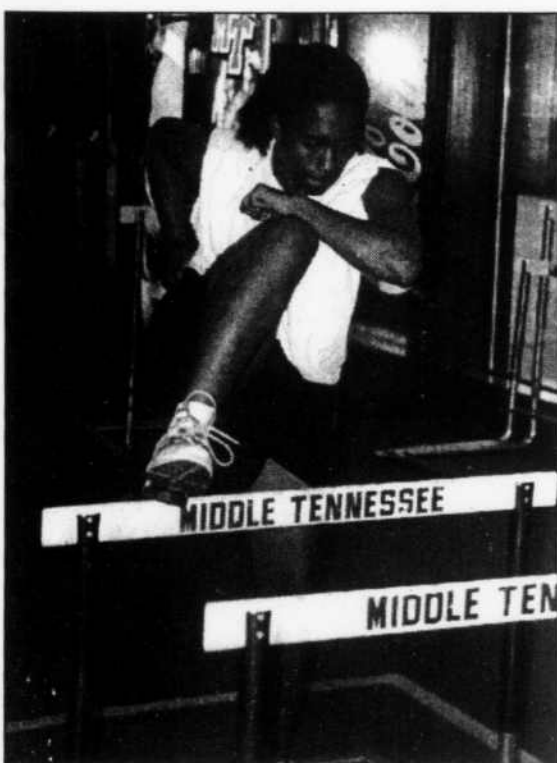


Photo by Derrick Wilson  
Track team member Kelley Smith runs hurdles in the Murphy Center Tuesday afternoon.

is not to discuss contracted jobs with the media.

Hayes doesn't know what the outcome will be, but he does know that in the meantime his team has no place to hold regular workouts.

"We just don't have a place to go and it makes it tough injury-wise, and the fact you don't have them together — it's kind of hard to have a team if you don't work out together. We're all working out in four or five different places."

On afternoons, team members can be seen running across the front lawn of the president's house.

The president's lawn has been used since the track around the football field was destroyed in fall of 1996 for the expansion of Floyd Stadium.

The indoor track in the Murphy Center is

too hard, and the track members choose to practice on the lawn until cold weather drives them indoors.

Christian Nsiah, a senior business administration major from Ghana, West Africa, has a unique perspective of the situation.

Nsiah, involved in track since he was 14, was a member of Ghana's national team every year until enrolling at MTSU.

Shortly after, he participated in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics as a member of the track team from Ghana.

"For a man of my standards, it's very disappointing," he said. "Having a team that has two Olympians on it and not having a track is really bad."

Nsiah said there are problems with using the president's lawn as a practice field.

"You can not sprint up to your potential in grass because you can get injured easily because it is not leveled out and you can step in a hole. We really have to be careful when we run out there, and we don't get to practice to our potential."

"It makes me feel very bad," he added, "because I came all the way from Africa expecting to have a better facility to train on and since I've been here, we haven't had a track."

"That has really affected my track career and that has really disappointed me."

Injuries caused by running on hard surfaces has cost Nsiah and his teammates.

"I have had injuries every year since I have been here — stress fractures three years in a row," said Nsiah. "Sometimes both of my feet will be in casts because I have stress fractures in both legs. It has been like that since they took the track away."

"Every year I get hurt from pounding on hard surfaces. Because of that I have not gone to my national trials for the past two years and that made me get cut off my national team," Nsiah said. "That really hurts."

He said that after the old track was removed, the rate of injuries on the team — stress fractures, shin splints and knee problems — increased, especially near the end of the track season.

Nsiah said he doesn't expect to have a track here before he graduates. ■

## FEES

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• Priority #2: Programs expected to incur profit-loans. These are loans appropriated from SGA to fund organizational fund-raisers that have to be pre-paid. Once the fund-raiser is completed, the organization will repay SGA for the loan. There were two requests for this fee from Older Wiser Leaders and American Criminal Justice organizations, totaling \$1,400. Both requests were allocated.

• Priority #3: SGA programs or projects designed and intended to benefit the entire student body, i.e., SGA elections, Homecoming, the Student Organization Fair and the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature. The total amount requested was \$22,753. The total amount allocated was \$20,660.

• Priority #4: A comprehensive program or project which provides both educational and academic experiences and intended to be of service to the student body. According to the Student Activity Fee Guidelines, "The quality of project and its perceived benefits to the student body, as interpreted by the Activity Fee Committee, will be the primary consideration in awarding funds." There were more than \$39,000 in requests from 27 organizations last year, but only \$8,885 allocated.

• Priority #5: Programs or projects that are available to the entire student body. There were 16 requests for a total of more than \$55,000 for organizations such as MTSU Concerts/Special Events, Sports Clubs, Student Programming, and the Native American Heritage Society. Only \$26,366 funds were allocated for this priority, with Sports Clubs receiving the largest allocation with \$15,000.

• Priority #6: Projects that are designed and intended to benefit a recognized minority of the student body. There are four sub-categories in this priority: campus-based; community service; Other and trips off-campus. According to an on-campus memo from the Student Activity Fee Committee, the committee could not fund such things as receptions or food of any

## MTSU Fees

	Present cost per student	Total amount for '97-'98
<b>Debt Service Fee</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$1,715,849.55</b>
<b>Technology Access Fee</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$1,599,789.80</b>
<b>Student Activity Fee</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$2,210,493.00</b>
<b>Recreation Activity Fee</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$650,356.00</b>
<b>SGA Student Activity Fee</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$170,712.00</b>

kind because of the lack of funds and the amount of requests from the above listed priorities. Trips or conferences, except for trips which involved competition or community service projects were also not funded by the committee because the committee felt that the funds should go to students not the community.

• Priority #7: Scholarship as subject to committee guidelines. According to the guidelines, this fund is used to establish scholarships for students attending MTSU.

No funds were allocated for this priority.

There were requests in excess of \$236,000 from over 83 separate organizations. For spring semester, the committee had only \$75,000 to allocate. The money available for this fund goes to the organizations, is based on student attendance and students are charged only if the student is registered for at least seven credit hours.

Currently, the SGA activity fee is only \$4. Last spring, a referendum to raise this fee was voted down by students during the Spring SGA elections.

Jason Lawson, president of SGA, believes that students who voted did not understand exactly what this referendum meant or what the money was going to pay for.

"Raising this fee would have produced more entertainment and concerts on campus on the weekends, which is what the

students said that they wanted," he said. Lawson said that there wasn't enough advertising and information explaining what raising the fees would mean but that will not be the case in the Spring elections in March.

Lawson wanted it understood that he would never raise Student Activity fees unless students had their chance to vote on it.

"I would never raise fees without putting it into a referendum," he stated. "It would be the choice of the student body to raise these fees or not."

"The SGA Activity fund needed another \$75,000 per semester," Burke added.

According to Burke, raising the fee from \$4 to \$25 would more than double the funds available to the student organizations and would separate SGA activities into a fund all by itself. He said that this would mean that student organizations and clubs would not have to compete for funds with SGA. It would also bring more lecturers, concerts, and programs to the university.

Currently, MTSU has the lowest SGA Student Activity Fees. The rate by which SGA was suggesting to raise the fee would make MTSU more comparable to other universities.

Lawson said there is currently a bill in the SGA Senate that would clear up the confusion over the names of the maintenance fees by changing the Student Activity fee to Stadium Debt Service fee. ■

## GREEK

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been established and they become brothers. However, specific housing regulations for each fraternity will vary. A lease system will be composed for brothers on Greek Row in order to help alleviate pressures for house expenses and rent. With the exception of a raise in price, this is a method already in place in several of the chapter houses.

Campus reserves the right to fill empty rooms in Greek Row with non-Greek students to

accommodate overflow in dorms. Since Greek Rush is not until three weeks after the beginning of the semester, then the University will have the opportunity to fill empty spots before fraternities have the chance to provide rooms for pledges. Though, committee said that some houses would not let pledges live on the Row, they would prefer to fill empty rooms with pledges before seeing the houses used to accommodate dorm overflow. However, due to the delay of Rush, that will not be possible unless pledges from Spring semester decide to live in their chapter houses for the coming Fall.

Misconceptions concerning alcohol on Greek Row are present among both Greek and non-Greek students. According to Pierce, some brothers believe that a "gentleman's agreement", which is discreetly contained alcohol in unmarked containers, will be allowed. However, Pierce said that was not going to be the case. Robert LaLance, vice president of student affairs, commented that alcohol of any kind would not be tolerated on campus. ■

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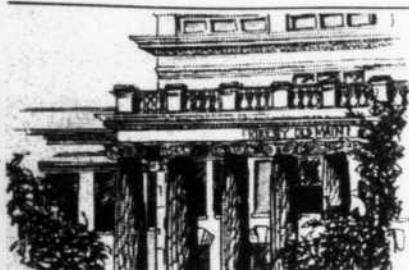
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# OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

## Editorial

### Make MTSU safe for students

The students of MTSU can sleep a little sounder tonight.

The infamous alleged flasher is behind bars awaiting trial, some of the victims identified him in a photo line-up and one agreed to press charges. Justice is served.

Or is it?

No city or town is free of crime - Murfreesboro included. A university campus is also no exception. MTSU, like all colleges, is a target for predators, rapists and thieves, especially now the time has changed and it is dark by 5:30 p.m. Students taking night classes are at a greater risk for being attacked.

Unfortunately, the lighting on campus is grim. While light poles line the streets, they are not bright enough to detect strange shadows or hiding places. In fact, they will often flicker or turn off completely at any given time.

Is the university skimping on the electric bill or what? Is the administration saving money by keeping the overhead lights turned on five minutes here and five minutes there? What happened to 24-hour security?

Since the summer, the call boxes have been phone-less, apparently taken out for repairs. Just how long does it take to repair phones? The BellSouth guy can be in and out of your house in an hour. What can justify the lack of campus security for almost a whole semester?

It's a good thing the suspect was caught, but there are measures this campus to take to prevent crime from happening in the first place. Turn the street lights on and LEAVE them on from dusk to dawn. Put the phones back in the call boxes and put more of them around. It shouldn't take an act of the SGA to get more phones installed on campus; it should be a requirement.

Put our safety first. Think of the students. Think of the hundreds of people who walk the campus at night - possibly at the mercy of an attacker. ■

## Class talks need civil debate

Rob Kusina  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Do you ever leave a discussion-based class feeling as if you just walked off the set of an afternoon talk show rather than a classroom of higher learning?

In one of my humanities courses earlier this year, the class embarked on one of these heated and fruitless discussions. First of all, due to a lack of focus, this particular discussion veered wildly from one tangent to another.

The class began talking about America's tendency to impose its technological culture onto developing nations. A hapless fellow wondered aloud if that was indeed a good thing for the developing countries, and he was barraged with sighs and snickers from the offended. He got a little red-faced, and said nothing for the remainder of the class.

Then, the class strayed to the issue of overpopulation. Another guy mentioned he had heard that the population was exploding exponentially in the poorest regions of the world, and many people think this should be stopped. Once again, like the Jerry Springer show, the audience stirred with visible and audible objection. And of course, he was given his verbal punishment.

"I really, really hope you didn't mean that," chided a member of the moral police.

Comments like these stifle class discussions because people generally shy away from personal confrontation. Good class discussions occur when people can freely share and debate ideas without worrying about the looming threat of personal lambaste.

One main source of the problem is our tendency to presuppose an enemy - the classic "us vs. them" mentality.

It's always one or the other: "Darn liberals, always so easily offended," or "Those redneck conservatives, always so blind to other people's cultures."

Though most people feel strongly about certain issues, there are assumptions almost everybody shares that lie at the heart of any issue. For a discussion to flourish, these common assumptions, or common goals, should be recognized.

"Car accidents are bad," is one such assumption. Let's pretend that a certain "Bob" thinks that it would be wiser for everyone to go 45 mph instead of 80 mph. If he wants people to comply, Bob should not simply drive down the highway at 45 mph with his fist out the window, middle finger erect, for all the angry

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## Bookstores may influence drinking

Melissa Hankins  
University of Delaware

Not unlike many other campus bookstores across the nation, there is a prominent display of shot and wine glasses and beer mugs gleaming under a lit exhibit on the first floor of the University of Delaware's bookstore - and every one of them is emblazoned with a school emblem.

A saucy YoUDee mascot struts across some, the school's name is stretched in big, bold letters across others. Many are even stamped with the picture of an open book symbolizing scholarship, knowledge and wisdom. So what does the university's mascot, namesake and emblem have to do with drinking?

Given that colleges and universities make money from the sales of such products bearing their names, it is an issue that has been raised on many campuses. But it's an especially touchy subject at the University of Delaware, which in 1996 received a five-year, \$770,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that is primarily aimed at fighting binge drinking on campus.

Many administrators were - and still are - thrilled with the money and the opportunity accompanying it - a chance to tone down the university's party-school reputation. The grant provided a new weapon in the war against an alcohol-saturated culture on campus.

Yet, in the minds of many, the bookstore's display of alcohol containers has undermined the university's efforts to eradicate binge drinking. It also may have workers for

the foundation wondering how the money is being spent. The Rev. Cliff Armour, chairman of the local committee that helps oversee the grant's disbursement, said the committee could apply some pressure to have the alcohol containers removed.

"Although Robert Wood Johnson is not a prohibition movement, this is communicating the wrong message," Armour said, adding that he was not aware alcohol containers were being sold at the bookstore.

"A lit display is saying these shot glasses and beer mugs are the things we really want to sell, and shot glasses are a symbol of binge drinking," he said. "There are other things the university could display more prominently."

But getting rid of or moving the items to a less prominent space is not the answer, said Todd Petrie, the bookstore's manager.

"There are many other things in the bookstore which provide lasting impressions too," he said. "Are we going to stop selling other items because people don't like them? How about books concerning race relations or sexual orientations? Are we going to limit all forms of self-expression?"

"Taking these things off the floor is not going to solve anything," Petrie continued. "Putting the display in the corner won't help. People are still going to want to buy them, and they will just take their business elsewhere."

Barbara Kreppel, who oversees the bookstore for the administration, also defended the sale of shot glasses, but said she drew the line at yards - large cups that can hold a great deal of alcohol.

"They are different from shot glasses, which are collectible and sit on a shelf," she said.

"The store provides products to more than the student population anyway," she continued. "There are faculty, alumni, staff, parents and visitors. We are providing products that appeal to a wide range of customers, and we can't remove every possible item that could be used as an alcohol container."

However, it's the shot and wineglasses, beer mugs and flasks - not the coffee cups - which are under attack.

"It's hypocritical," said Maquetia Harris, a sophomore who frequents the bookstore. "The school is trying to stop drinking, but they're promoting it with their name at the same time."

"I don't think they should sell anything that has to do with alcohol use at all."

Roland Smith, vice president of student life and co-chair of the foundation's local committee, said he also never knew that the university's bookstore was selling shot glasses bearing the school's emblems.

"I think it's probably not a good idea," he said. "I think it does probably send the wrong message."

The controversy has come up before, but without resulting in any real action, said Dean of Students Timothy F. Brooks.

"We had a preliminary discussion about the subject approximately a year ago in the Student Alcohol Use Committee, and for some reason we didn't pursue it," he said. "I think the committee needs to take a look at the issue." ■

### NO EXIT



### Apology from Keith Cartwright

It seems apparent that by now nearly everyone on campus has either read or heard about the column I wrote in last Monday's issue of "Sidelines."

Contrary to popular belief, I am not anti-Greek or out to maliciously attack any organizations on campus. When it comes to fraternities and sororities I actually applaud them for taking the time to be involved in something - to do something more than just being a student.

Like anything a person can be involved in, there are those who represent all that is good and positive and those who, sometimes, fall short of expectations.

To the members of Alpha Phi Alpha who have been left to answer questions in the wake of my column because it may not have been clear or concise enough to properly convey my thoughts, I truly am sorry.

Having thought about it for the better portion of the last

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## Glenn's travel serves as reminder of opportunities

### Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Midway through his second voyage in orbit, John Glenn is savoring the prosaic pleasures of space, and sharing them with us.

We know how he eats: carefully, or oatmeal specks will land on his glasses. How he sleeps: not a solid eight hours yet; too many things on his mind. What he sees: the beauty of Hawaii, the lights of Perth, thanks to its civic-minded citizens.

Soon we'll know more about his bones and blood, and the workings of his digestive tract.

In press conferences to a worldwide audience, he shares his insights and observations with us, like "I pray every day and think everybody should" and "It's something to see a satellite being launched from another satellite." (As always, John Glenn is a much better doer than a talker.)

Glenn's flight aboard the Discovery is a marriage of the mundane and remarkable. In that respect, it is reflective of NASA itself - and its dilemma. The space agency has rebounded from the explosion of the Challenger, the agency's nadir. It is confident enough in safety to blast a 77-year-old American legend aloft and to re-enlist Barbara Morgan, Christa McAuliffe's alternate as a teacher in space 12 years ago, for a future flight. And yet NASA remains hung up in low orbit, doing worthy science aboard the space shuttle while struggling to capture the public's attention and a

bigger budget for more ambitious flights to Mars and beyond.

There's no question that Glenn's return to orbit has given the space program a needed shot of adrenaline. The ostensible but flimsy reason for including him on the mission is gerontological study. The real triumph is personal, and the delight is national. An American icon is taking a curtain call in space, to the cheers of 8- and 80-year-olds.

NASA doesn't

have to apologize for

that. Inspiration is

part of its mission.

The 20th century

will be remembered

for pushing back the

frontiers of space

and the limits of

aging. Glenn

embodies both

achievements.

In 1962, when

Glenn became the

first American to

orbit the Earth, the

United States was

locked in a space

race. With the end

of the Cold War, space missions have

become international and peaceful.

The purpose of their research, in

Glenn's words, is "making life here a

little more gentle." Sharing the

Discovery with Glenn are astronauts

from Spain and Japan.

But reliability and cooperation

aren't as glamorous as competition

with the Soviets, and pharmaceutical

and materials research doesn't translate easily on the 11 o'clock news. So NASA has relied on gimmicks, like cockroaches as cargo and CDs with kids' signatures, to prop up the public's interest.

This is not to shortchange NASA's successes, such as the repair of the Hubble telescope and the brilliant Pathfinder mission to Mars last year, which cost less, NASA scientists are

quick to point out, than the production of the movie

"Titanic." In

demystifying space

travel, in making

the shuttle flights

seem routine and

ordinary, NASA is

partly a victim of its

own success.

NASA stands in

transition. Its

current director,

Daniel Goldin, is

encouraging

creativity under a

regimen of cost-

consciousness. New

launch vehicles,

with exotic materials, are being

developed. Privatized space travel will

happen in the next century.

The flight of John Glenn is a

sideshow but also a joy. It offers the

pleasure of nostalgia and a pause

from a chaotic year at home. Yet it

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# From the Mailbox



## Vote against lowering hours

I urge members of the Student Government Association Senate to vote against the resolution recommending a reduction in the number of hours required for a bachelors degree. If they are tempted to vote for this recommendation based upon the information that was provided to your reporter by supporters of this resolution they should know that some of it is dead wrong.

First, as last year's Faculty Senate President I feel confident in saying that there was little or no support for a reduction in the number of hours necessary for the bachelor's degree. I doubt that the current Faculty Senate is anymore disposed toward this idea than the last Senate. Faculty understand that any reduction in hours will most likely to come at the expense of General Studies or major field requirements. There are many degree programs that do not have 12 general elective hours available to be cut. Few faculty believe that students are graduating from MTSU with too much education.

Let me also correct the statement that MTSU is one of the few TBR universities with the 132 hour requirement. Both the University of Memphis and Tennessee Technical have 132 hour requirements. That means, of the five TBR universities, the top three are at 132 hours.

There has been a movement in parts of this country to drop the number of hours required for a bachelor's degree. This movement comes from state legislatures and governor's offices. This movement is about money, not about education. Any action by the SGA to recommend a reduction in the number of hours plays into the hands of those who want to reduce the resources our society puts into public education. I hope that the SGA Senators will see that this movement is nothing more than an attempt to provide students who attend in the future with less opportunity and fewer resources. Again, I urge you not to support this resolution.

Christian L. Haseleu  
Professor of Recording Industry

## MTSU is not a utopia

I guess we should apologize to Mr. Figueredo for spoiling his quasi-utopian experience of university. Perhaps he should invite us over to the sunny side of campus where all is acceptance and peace.

Mr. Figueredo is indeed right. Often times, things do catch my eyes as I march determinedly across campus, preparing to do battle with heterosexual beast. I see inscribed across the bathrooms stall: "Fags must die," "Kill Queers." (Obviously, these misguided few fall well without the circle of 95% that David constructs so generously for the tolerant and enlightened) I just can't image why people would feel compelled to respond to such robust praise.

In his exaggerated lament of our once pristine campus, Mr. Figueredo seems to miss a few other "common scenes" on campus—like the aforementioned bathroom wall proclamations of hatred, or the chalking that say "Lambda must go," "Queers go home." I guess a cursory glance only permits one to observe a limited number of statements.

I certainly do not advocate chalking the campus full of self-affirming statements as the ultimate road to social transformation, but I think Mr. Figueredo needs to consider the fact that it is necessary to respond to hatred and intolerance—silence only guarantees the continuation of bigotry. And, yes, it is quite wrong to browbeat and badger people in order to make your point (I wonder if Fred Phelps reads this paper). I think that Figueredo misses a crucial point here—homosexuals are not the ones who make their sexual orientation the central issue.

I find it amazing the 95% don't care; yet you seem to have donated significant energy to responding to the defacement of campus by us activist gay folk. I also wonder if Matthew Shephard or the lesbian womyn who was recently attacked by two men would agree that 95% don't care. Don't blame your ignorance on your cosmopolitan upbringing. Look around; the reality might shock you.

As for your being "secure"; I have to call your "security" into question when you are

bothered by the fact that gay/bisexual/lesbian/transgendered students choose to respond to hatred and intolerance. Also, your gratuitous declaration of heterosexuality sounds pretty much like an attempt at convincing yourself. Does the fact that you are a heterosexual male somehow make your arguments more credible? I'm sure that your gay co-worker/family members/friends are at this moment so very proud of the high level of enlightenment to which you have attained.

Again, as I read farther in Mr. Figueredo's letter, I find myself overwhelmed at the advances that society has made that I hadn't noticed; I guess all of the employees and sons and daughters and mothers and that fear rejection upon revealing their sexual orientation should find Mr. Figueredo's letter quite soothing as well. After all, those statements that I previously referred to must be at least two to three years—Lord knows we've probably had two to three perceptual shifts since then.

Perhaps the most disheartening aspect of Mr. Figueredo's letter is that his glaring naiveté is probably completely unfeigned. However, his letter also posits a resounding truth—people don't care. They find it much easier to concern themselves with pizza and Monday's tests than with the fact maybe we aren't all so different from one another. Maybe we don't deserve to be shut out of the human experience and always labeled one step away from being "normal." Since we are a university that has embraced the idea of community and tolerance (even without protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation), and 95% of the larger community just doesn't care, my hope is that the other 5% who may not quite have that equality thing down will take time to think of things other than what to order on their pizza or the ever-important Monday test. My sincerest gratitude to you, Mr. Figueredo for opening my eyes.

Terrance Bond  
Junior International Relations Major

## APOLOGY

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week, I came up with a scenario of my own and the ramifications of it were not too appealing. The bottom line is, I would never want to be held accountable for the actions of everyone else who writes for "Sidelines."

My column was hastily written in a fit of anger and in hindsight, all I can say is that as active students here on campus the best thing we can do is to keep each other in check so that, hopefully, in the end we balance each other out.

If anything good happened from all this, it's that I had an opportunity to speak with two people, who I might not otherwise have, and I walked away from each conversation having learned that communication is important. After all, I am a mass communication major.

You see, by not dealing directly with the source of my disappointment I allowed too many people into the situation to interpret what I wrote. Nearly everyone viewed it, at the very least, slightly different then the person next to them.

Journalistically speaking, writing this column may not have been the right thing to do. But, for me, it seemed only fair.

In the end, I'm just a supporter of Blue Raider athletics - win, lose or draw. I'm an emotional guy as well, but I'm a rational one too. ■

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*Giving ability a chance.*

## DEBATE

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passersby to see. This is not very persuasive.

Instead, he should find a common ground. Not everyone agrees on what speed we should drive, but everyone in their right mind agrees that "car accidents are bad." This is where Bob's campaign should begin.

When we argue in class, instead of focusing on our differences first, it is more beneficial for the class to figure out the assumptions on which almost everyone can agree. This establishes clarity and helps eliminate emotional warfare.

Take the academic hot button of

overpopulation. The less politically correct person in the room thinks the governments of developing countries should bar families from having more than two kids. The more liberally-minded person maintains that placing such restrictions on families is totalitarian. In my class last week, the liberally-minded type exploded with "Oh, my God," when the politically-incorrect type spouted his view.

Too often classroom discussions end up like the above scenario, with students focusing on their differences rather than searching for a common ground.

In class, nobody needs to be loud to be heard, and new laws aren't going to be passed as a result of what's being said.

There's no reason to get uppity about words spoken, even if neo-Nazis speak those words. In fact, because we go to school to hone our analytical abilities, we should embrace the devil's advocate. This prepares us for arguing effectively outside the classroom, where world problems become tangible, and where our words lead to action.

So I ask the moral police to keep their opinions to themselves, and instead learn to speak in a way that helps make for a decent educational experience for everyone.

If you are firmly committed to a belief, fine. But use your objections in class as a tool to study the opposition. You can attack the chattering masses on the battleground of the world after class, not during class. ■

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# FEATURES

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Murfreesboro, TN



Michelle Corlew's "Tightrope," a work of wood and steel, was one of several pieces featuring female figures she has on exhibit at the Barn Gallery during the special student showcase.

## Spiders, nudes, inkblots part of unusual exhibit at Barn Gallery

*B.F.A. Exhibition showcases graduating art students' work*

Vickie Gibson/Staff Reporter

Large black spiders, inkblots, nude male figures, handmade books and impaled female torsos are all on exhibit in the Barn Gallery as part of the B.F.A. Exhibition which showcases work by five graduating art students.

Many attended the opening reception Monday for the student artists and their families. Discussions on various interpretations of some artwork were heard amid the conversations of those attending. Explanations of technique and style and personal inspirations for the work were also overheard.

The students whose work make up the exhibit include Shawn Baughman, Michelle Corlew, Ananda Lawrence, Scott Ramming and Eric Ridgill. Each is scheduled to receive a bachelor of fine arts degree at commencement ceremonies in December.

The exhibit will continue through Friday, Nov. 13. Another exhibition is planned later this month to show other graduating art students' work.

The variety of art on display shows the wide range of creative expression within the art community on campus. While there are some oil paintings hanging on the gallery wall, there are also many other forms of artistic work. Some are very thought-provoking, some simply beautiful, some are just a bit strange while others are bizarre.

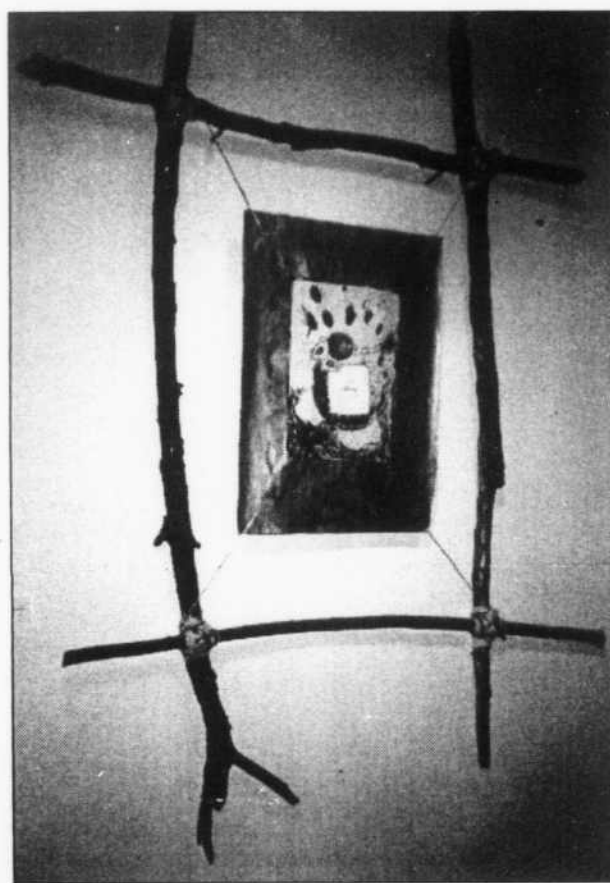
In one corner of the gallery is a simple bedroom scene: a small bed, bedside table with lamp and a chair. The life-size exhibit is simple, direct and frightening. More than 20 large black welded steel spiders are crawling all over the bed, table and chair in "Taking care of our own," a mixed media installation by Eric Ridgill.

"Spiders have always fascinated me," explains Ridgill. "They are faceless, eight-legged creatures that exist in every environment on earth, including our own homes."

Ridgill's other exhibit, titled "Watch your step," warns the viewer to be on guard by its title. But the bathtub with shower curtain seems ordinary enough until one opens the curtain to peek inside. Inside the tub are five large black welded steel spiders.

Ridgill says the exaggerated forms of spiders placed in a familiar environment confronts viewers with their fears.

A series of artwork by Ananda Lawrence hangs along one gallery wall as a study of contrasts. Rough stick frames hold up thin, delicate polyester plate lithographs of childlike images surrounded by smooth gold painted borders. "My Quietness" is one of this series of three mixed media works. The others are "Silver, Green, Brown" and "And Then There Were Two."



"My Quietness" by Ananda Lawrence is one of several polyester plate lithographs of childlike drawings surrounded by a border of smooth gold and framed with a rough stick frame.

Photos by Vickie Gibson

The contrast between the rough and the refined, the accidental and the deliberate, and the beautiful and the ugly is a continuing theme in much of her work.

Lawrence enjoys building things and the materials she uses are personal symbols that represent different aspects of her life.

"I see the natural wooden structures that hold up the prints as a metaphor for the structure of my childhood and its relationship to what I have experienced as I've grown older," she states. "I've found there's always a connection between the then and the now, between our childhood and our adulthood."

Lawrence says her art is about what she knows. Many of her art creations are inspired by her own feelings and events in her life. Handmade books like "Breathless Sister," "Universal Notice" and "The Between" are based on special events or emotional times in her life.

"I have come to believe that, for me, art is one way I can take those internal realities, the things that I know, and express them outwardly to others," she said.

Michelle Corlew's "Tightrope," is a work of wood and steel that portrays a female tightrope

walker fashioned out of steel balanced on a small steel beam. A wooden plaque mounts it from a wall so that there is nothing underneath.

"My work represents a battle of wills between culture's influence and myself," Corlew says. She says her work has evolved from focusing on a stylized female form of the ideal woman that she refuses to accept, to a more personal stand against cultural influences and her own struggles to maintain her own beliefs and opinions.

From the simple wood carving of "Stagnated, Stylized Female Form" to the "Diva Sacrifice," a female torso of paper mache spiked through on a bed of nails from a solid piece of slate, Corlew's work presents many views of women.

Corlew's "Five Women on Pedestals," "Eve's Sister" and "My Sara, Nurtured by Culture" are works that provoke much thought and interpretation.

Shawn Baughman creates temporary scenes of everyday pauses in life in his paintings which include nude figures. One large oil and charcoal on paper is titled "Why do you do that? A grouping of three framed oil and charcoal images of women is called simply "Three Lonely Women."

"My influence on the viewer's interpretation is the use of nudity and personal, interior settings to push a sense of privacy in the picture," Baughman says.

A large painting titled "Jesus in His New Modern Kitchen of Convenience" shows an almost faceless man wearing only a blue robe that is open down the front.

"These works are simply momentary — in their composition and their construction," Baughman states. "There is a routine, a process, but no permanence."

"Inkblot" by Scott Ramming is an oil and charcoal on canvas that is actually two framed pieces that mounted close to each other blend into a continuous work. The painting, like an inkblot, entices viewers to look into it revealing many different ideas on what is seen.

"My aim is to create art that is a natural expression of psyche, the inward experience that everyone shares," states Ramming.

Ramming explains his art comes when he allows his subconscious dreams to surface and then records them on canvas. "Dream logic expressed through art is a way of conversing with what we don't know about ourselves," he says.

Two of Ramming's oil paintings on exhibit are untitled. One is of some unknown creature and the other shows several skeleton figures. These images are the result of his "weaving dream logic into imagery," he says. This process leads to a sort of catharsis for him that takes place as thoughts take form on canvas.

The Barn Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. ■

## Modeling and More

Amanda Virgillito  
Staff Reporter

Want to build self-confidence? Interested in modeling? A new course is designed for doing just that.

Confidence School: An Introduction to Modeling, offered through the Division of Continuing Studies, began October 14 and will run six consecutive Wednesdays through November 18. The course welcomes men and women of all ages who want modeling skills and self-confidence improvement.

For those pursuing modeling help, the class offers instruction on basic fundamentals of modeling, poise and etiquette, personal style development, image enhancement techniques, runway techniques, posing skills, stage presence, spokesmodeling skills, body language analysis, pageant runway techniques, wardrobe analysis and talent presentation skills. Agency placement is available to those who are interested.

However, the class is not intended exclusively for modeling students. Anyone who wishes to increase personal confidence or build professional development will also benefit from the course.

Emphasis is placed on presentation, communication and interview skills. Although the course concentrates on aspects of modeling, the lessons can assist anyone who wishes to increase confidence and presentation qualities.

Instructor Renee Lewis recommends the class to "those who desire to brush up on their communication skills, image, and professionalism. Anyone can benefit from this course." Lewis, a faculty member of the speech and English departments, said her background in these areas can be of help to students looking to improve their communications skills.

Lewis also has experience with modeling and pageantry. She was the talent winner in the 1991 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant and winner of the 1991 Miss Southern Middle Tennessee Scholarship Pageant.

Those presently enrolled in the Confidence School range in age from high school teens to professional adults. However, next semester there will be two classes, one for teens and one for adults.

Cost of the course is \$150 for six consecutive classes. Registration is at the Cope Administration Building, Room 113, or by calling 898-2462. ■

## Containers show important part of Japanese culture

Justin Harris  
Staff Reporter

MTSU students and faculty have a chance to view some of Japan's cultural artifacts thanks to an exhibit sponsored by the Japan Center of Tennessee.

The mini-exhibit of Japanese containers in the lobby of Cope Administration Building is available for public view until Dec. 23 during office hours for the building.

"The purpose of this exhibit is to show how very important containers are to the Japanese," said Esther Seeman, director of the center. "There are appropriate containers for everything and every occasion. Every Japanese dish or event has its own special cup, container or plate."

Influenced by the development of the tea ceremony, the Japanese like to single out individual pieces for appreciation, she said. The form of tea-drinking initially introduced to Japan from China emphasizes categories of ceramics and types of wares appropriate for certain uses instead of outstanding individual pieces.

Seeman says Western culture has played a

major role in the evolution of Japanese containers. Normally, the dishes would all be unique in their coloring and shapes, but due to Western influence containers now match and look more like sets.

Americans have not caught on to the idea of using specific containers for certain occasions and foods, Seeman said. "The American way of using the same container for everything," she said, "is like serving fruit in a tea cup." ■



Photos by Derrick Wilson

Above: A coaster set is an example of the unique Japanese containers in the Japan Center's exhibit.

Right: The mini-exhibit of Japanese containers is in the lobby of Cope Administration through Dec. 23.





# How Do You Rank?

Kelley Garry  
College Press Exchange

Your mother always told you that looks don't matter. Your mother lied.

Well, maybe she didn't lie, but she didn't tell you the whole truth either—at least 'the truth' when it comes to shopping for a date. Looks really do matter to some students when they're on the prowl, but not so much to other students. And no two students answered our survey question — how would you rank these characteristics when shopping for a date: smarts, sense of humor and looks — the same way.

This sheds some light on an age-old question asked in dorm rooms around the globe: What does she see in him? You know how it goes:

You and your best friend have the same taste in music, clothes and movies.

You are about to meet her latest target, Mark — the one that you've heard so much about. She swears up and down that this time you are going to love him. Mark walks in and says two words. You look at him and shake your head — not

again! Why does she date such vacuous boys? Maybe because beauty truly is in the eye of the beholder. And no two people seem to share the exact same taste.

What constitutes 'beauty' to you — is it brains, laughs or brawn? What attracts you? What are you looking for and willing to overlook? Here are what the students we talked to had to say:

"I hate to admit it but we all do look at the outside first," says Keren Marie at Texas Pan American. "We don't want to end up with ugly children. Looks are what attract us to a person most times."

But Keren Marie does make room for exceptions. "It's when you meet someone as a friend and their sense of humor overrides their appearance when we make exceptions. Looks attract us; the sense of humor actually decides if we stay with that person," she says.

And smarts? "For a person to be successfully funny he or she has to have some type of knowledge of the world around them," says Karen Marie.

But for some students looks

don't matter, as long as the person is smart and has bathed recently.

Stephanie at East Tennessee State University lists it this way:

Smarts: "I don't need a genius but I don't want a complete idiot either. Someone to study with is always nice."

Next, Stephanie says, is sense of humor. "In my life, it's almost a must. I love to laugh every now and then."

And looks? "Semi-important," says Stephanie, "Neatness and looking well-kept are good qualities."

But to a couple of students, it was 'sense of humor' that rocked their world.

To Leslie, a senior at University of Colorado, it's simple: "Sense of Humor, smarts, looks," she says, "Just because it's more important to get along and converse with them, than to have somebody that people can stare at."

And George agrees, well, sort of....

"Sense of humor, looks and then smarts," says George a recent grad from Saint John's University. "The same sense of humor I have or one that would

be compatible."

"Having fun is most important but looks would have to be second because you have to have SOMETHING there!" George said.

And what about intelligence? "Some smarts, but everyone is smart in some way — you just have to look for it harder in some people," says George. "But if they're totally dumb, I'm not going to like them."

Okay, so nobody seems to be looking for an idiot here, but that's about all we can say for sure.

Then we talked to Liz, a University of Minnesota grad in DC.

"Are we talking just for a date or for a relationship?" says Liz. "If it's a relationship I'd say 33 percent, 33 percent, 33 percent. But if it's just for a date and he had just one of those (smarts, sense of humor, looks) I'd go out with him. It's just a date."

Since we all seem to want such different mixtures of perfection delivered to our doorstep, maybe there really is someone for everyone. ■

## MOVIE REVIEWS

Gene Siskel/Tribune Media Services

RATINGS: 4 stars/excellent; 3 stars/good; 2 stars/fair; 1 star/poor

Our *FLICK OF THE WEEK* is "The Siege," an exciting and thoughtful rumination on the tricky issue of urban terrorism and how to combat it.

Co-writer and director Edward Zwick, who happens to be a friend of mine, doesn't back away from portraying Muslim zealots as a legion-sized force that challenges three elements of the U.S. defense system represented, of course in conflict with each other, by FBI agent Denzel Washington, CIA operative Annette Bening and Army general Bruce Willis.

Guess who takes the hardest line. And now guess who talks hostage-takers into letting their captives go.

OK, so all that is familiar. But "The Siege" deviates from the norm by raising the question of how many freedoms citizens might be forced to give up to be reasonably safe.

Shockingly, at the end of the picture, one isn't left with that much hope.

Rated R. ★★1/2

### AMERICAN HISTORY X

A shockingly powerful screed against racism that also

manages to be so well performed and directed that it is entertaining as well. Oscar talk this early is grating, but Edward Norton performs the role of a skinhead who gets his comeuppance so well that he is the immediate front-runner. In prison he also strikes up an uneasy friendship with a black inmate (Guy Torry) and their bonding is portrayed in a most effective, quiet manner. Also worthy of kudos is director Tony Kaye, who uses black and white photography and fluid camera movements to make every sequence in prison seem foreboding.

Rated R. ★★★★★

### ANTZ

This film, in addition to having one of the most distinctive designs of any animated film ever made, also boasts a smart and funny script that will appeal even more to adults than children. "Antz" follows the travails of an ant named Z (voiced by and drawn to resemble Woody Allen) who

believes it's a drone to be a drone and wants to upset the social order of his colony. He also wouldn't mind making it with the colony's princess (voice by Sharon Stone) once she is drawn to him. That puts him in conflict with her fiancé, the General (Gene Hackman), and his assistant, the Colonel (Christopher Walken).

Rated PG. ★★★★★

### APT PUPIL

A harrowing drama about a high school student (Brad Renfro) who discovers that a local man (the great Ian McKellen) is a Nazi war criminal in hiding. He threatens to expose him unless the old man talks about what those days were like. The result of this mano a mano is an examination of the seductive power of evil. McKellen's performance adds spice to a quickly predictable story.

Rated R. ★★ 1/2

### BELOVED

This Reconstruction-era film

is based on Toni Morrison's prize-winning novel, a slavery story not merely of abuse but also of survival and nurturing and maintaining a family for generations. As filmed by Jonathan Demme, "Beloved" is a tribute to generations of women who paid extraordinary prices to keep their families free. Oprah Winfrey stars as an escaped slave who has a shocking secret in her tortured past. She also has the possibility of building a new life with another former slave (Danny Glover), but that is subordinated to the story of her relationship with her daughters, one of whom is the mysterious character nicknamed Beloved (Thandie Newton), a haunting figure who represents hope, survival and future generations. "Beloved" is a tribute to women who endured abuse and somehow rose above it. By its conclusion, Demme has taken us on a vast emotional journey.

Rated R. ★★★★★

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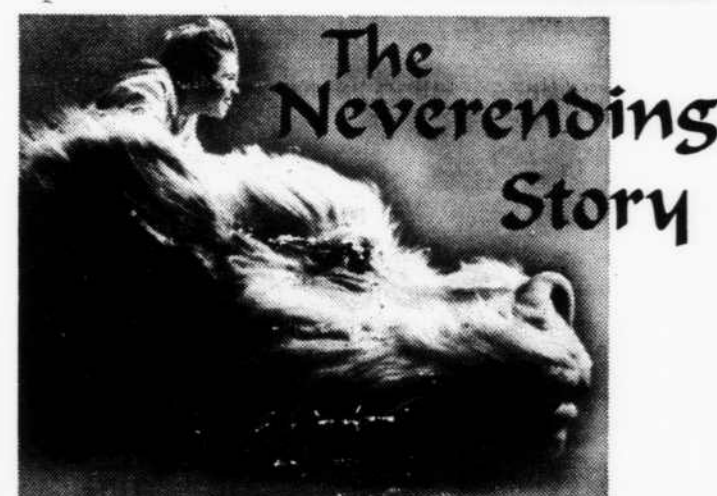
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# SPORTS

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Murfreesboro, TN

## Final OVC game Saturday; Raiders hopeful

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

The final OVC game for the Blue Raiders will be played Saturday at the home of the UT-Martin Skyhawks.

The Raiders enter the finale with a record of 4-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference. The Skyhawks, on the other hand, have managed to lose every game this year. They are 0-8.

Middle Tennessee must have a win to have a shot at winning the OVC title. They will also need help from some other teams within the league.

The Skyhawks will show a multiple pro offense that will be complemented by a basic 4-3 defense. UTM enters the game ranked dead last in the conference in six major statistical categories, including scoring

offense with 16 points per game. The runningbacks are headlined by Adam Joyner who is averaging 59 yards per game.

John Ruppela has apparently owned the starting quarterback job for the winless Skyhawks. Ruppela has completed 41 percent of his passes which leads the team.

The Skyhawks are averaging 289 yards per game total, while the Blue Raiders put up 322. MTSU is throwing for just shy of 200 yards, while they are rushing for 124 per game. The Raiders have a huge edge on offense.

Freshman quarterback Wes

Counts is coming off his best game of his seven-game career. Counts was 24 of 32 for 314 yards.

Sulecio Sanford dazzled everyone with his 100-yard receiving day last week. Sanford now needs ten receptions to tie a Blue Raider single season record. He needs only 28 more yards to reach 1000 in his career at MTSU.

Matt Lowe is 12 receptions shy of tying the MTSU career receiving record. Currently, Torin Kirtsey leads the league in rushing by about 10 yards per game.

Defensively, UTM just hopes to show up. Two weeks ago, Martin gave

up 76 points to TSU. They lost that game. The Skyhawks has given up an average of 44 points per game. The opposition has managed to run up 483 total yards of offense on average. They are minus 14 in the turnover margin category, while the Raiders are plus 8.

David Barnes is a bright spot on defense. He has made 65 tackles this year from his defensive back spot. However, the Skyhawks give up an average of 293 yards per game.

The Blue Raider defense is led by sophomore linebacker Keith Pauldo. Pauldo leads the team in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks.

Unfortunately, the Raider defense sustained a number of injuries last week. Cedric Stegall has a bruised back and is questionable. Darrel Love has a quadricep contusion; he is doubtful. The secondary will be banged up and some unknown players

may get a shot.

The special teams are usually a big factor. They were last week. The botched punt almost cost the Blue Raiders the game. However, this week it should not be a problem. UTM will be lucky to stop Kirtsey and Counts. If the special teams do come into play the Blue Raiders are better than the lowly Skyhawks.

The coaching will not be a factor, but if it were, Boots Donnelly is head and shoulders above Jim Marshall. The Blue Raiders have the edge there.

Well, it is now time for my prediction. I am 2-1, so pay attention. Someone needs to get the woodshed ready, because the Blue Raider offense and defense will be taking the Skyhawks there shortly at around 1 pm. MTSU will blow out UTM. The final score will be MTSU 45, UTM 10. ■



Game: at UT-Martin, 1 p.m.

## Long, cold winter without NBA

Joe Gergen  
Newsday

The model, if that's the proper term, for the National Basketball Association's first work stoppage is not to be found in baseball. Recall that the most costly shutdowns in the history of the national pastime were strikes for better pensions and more money, for securing the gains already achieved and maximizing future earnings. Labor did — still does, for that matter, in the absence of a salary cap and the presence of arbitration — wield the hammer.

Nor is the action that precipitated cancellation of the first 10 games of the 1998-99 NBA season, including the Celtics vs. Knicks at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night, analogous to what has transpired in professional football. The National Football League's two major interruptions also were the direct result of walkouts and, while the players never enjoyed the solidarity common to their baseball brethren, they did make some advances. With a hard cap in place, however, the scales still tip to the side of management.

Where pro basketball does take its cue in labor relations is from the National Hockey League, which initiated a lockout of its players at the outset of the 1994-95 season and didn't sign off on an agreement for three months. Surely, it's no coincidence that NHL Commissioner

Gary Bettman apprenticed under David Stern, the NBA commissioner who is orchestrating the current standoff. Just as their leagues share a season and many arenas, the two men share a friendship and a philosophy.

It's instructive to note that the NHL held its collective breath from Oct. 1, the original date of the season opener, until Jan. 20 and didn't suffer fatal repercussions. Perhaps officials could

have better used that time to spread the word of the sport, particularly in the wake of baseball's decision to renege on its unwritten contract with the month of October that year. But here we are four years later, and the league continues to push into additional outposts in the U.S. market, swelling its membership by the end of the century to five times the size of the six-team circuit in existence as recently as 1967.

If a league like the NHL could pare its season to 48 games and still conduct meaningful playoffs while not suffering dire consequences, where might the more prosperous and popular NBA draw the line? The answer, of course, is wherever Stern chooses to do so. As the highest salaried and arguably the most

effective commissioner in North American professional sports, a man whose marketing strategy and negotiating techniques have raised the profile of the NBA and its players a hundredfold, he can set the demarcation points in this battle or even change them to suit his purposes.

A December start? No longer likely. January then, or even February? Maybe. Or have the man and his league grown so arrogant that they would risk cancelling the entire season? That's never been tried before, but there's a first time for everything. And who's to say the damage would be irreparable?

Nothing could be worse than what baseball did to its fans in 1994. It provided the buildup - a home run chase, a batter flirting with .400, the resurrection of the Yankees and the rise of the cash-strapped Expos - to a potentially sensational climax and then sucker-punched the public. The players' strike on Aug. 12, 1994, was a preemptive maneuver designed to forestall a threatened lockout by the owners in the offseason. Instead, the sport's hierarchy cancelled the remainder of the regular season and the entire postseason.

The loss of the World Series was devastating. For nine decades, it had anchored the sports calendar, had contributed to the lore of America. Without it, without a full season to certify the record-setting attempts of stars like Ken Griffey Jr., Matt Williams and Tony Gwynn, there was no closure and fans protested.

Nor did that experience sufficiently chasten authorities. As the stalemate continued into the winter, they announced plans to field teams of replacement players, went through a charade of spring training and were prepared to open the regular season with castoffs and dreamers. The intervention of a federal judge saved them from themselves and maybe ruin. We'll never know.

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## Blue Raiders to start season with Tar Heels

Keith Ryan Cartwright  
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raider basketball season has been thrust upon us and with it comes plans for the Nov. 30 visit from the nationally-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels.

Considering the over whelming number of inquires, the Murphy Center ticket office issued special ticket information for that particular game earlier this week.

Student tickets for the game will be given away beginning Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m. at the Murphy Center ticket office located in the northeast corner on the track level.

Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to the first 3,000 students who present a valid MTSU student ID card. Only one ticket for the 8 p.m. game will be issued per ID card.

Students also will be required to present their ID card along with their ticket as they enter the Murphy Center for the game.

Typically, students also are allowed to purchase guest tickets for half price. However, the \$6 guest tickets for the game against the Tar Heels will be sold only in the event the game doesn't happen to sell out.

The ticket office already has 3,500 season tickets and are expected to reach their goal of 4,000 soon. That figure coupled with the 3,000 tickets available for students leaves roughly another 4,000 tickets for the general non-season ticket holding public to purchase.

Those tickets went on sale Monday for \$12 and are available at either the Murphy Center ticket office or by contacting Ticket Master. All tickets on sale through Ticket Master are in the wooden bleacher sections located above the chair-back seats located in the lower "bowl" area. ■

## Lady Moose reform rugby

Toby Florek  
Special to Sidelines

It's a warm fall morning. The sun has just risen to cast its myriad of colors through the morning dew still clinging to blades of grass. The smell of fresh air, the morning haze hovering over the ground, and the sounds of Mother Earth waking up are apparent everywhere.

This may strike you as the setting for a poetic novel, but things aren't always what they seem.

"Get those ears taped back, we don't want 'em gettin' ripped off! Does everyone have a mouth piece? Here, use mine. It's not too dirty. The game starts in one hour, you better be dressed and on the field."

Most of the black eyes have had enough time to turn yellowish-brown. The scratches and cuts have begun to heal.

As the whistle blows these players know that by game's end there will be plenty of new wounds to heal, along with the old.

Who are these rugged competitors? These weekend warriors, ready to do battle? They are the women's rugby team at Middle Tennessee State University.

The team was established in the fall of 1997 when a group of women decided they were ready for a new challenge from a different kind of sport. The only problem was finding enough women with the same attitude.

Enter Dana Summer. She'd been involved with women's rugby for more than 10 years and had helped organize women's rugby teams across Tennessee, along with providing her services as a coach.

When Summer was contacted by a representative from the women's team, she provided them with information about how to approach the school for funding, basic drills to practice and different recruiting methods.

The new 'Ruggers' set up booths, made fliers, and talked to people on campus in an attempt to gather enough women to make a team. Rugby requires 15 players from each team on the field at a time. Ideally, you would want a team of more than 30 players to ensure enough reserve players in case of any injuries.

With 19 women scolding tall, the "Lady Moose" set out to ruck and roll, only to run into problem after problem. Although Summer was able to get the girls on the right track, she was unable to commit as a coach. Having racked her brain for some

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## Basketball off to winning start

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

MTSU 85  
Sports Reach 61

The MTSU men's basketball team kicked off its 1998-99 season on Tuesday with an 85-61 win over the Sports Reach team.

Sports Reach was relatively unknown until the game started, but there was a former Blue Raider on the team. Malachi Allen wore their jersey in the game. Despite only scoring six points in 20 minutes, he did manage to electrify the crowd with some high flying dunks. Unfortunately, he missed both of them, but they were spectacular misses.

Leading Sports Reach was Joe Kilroy. Kilroy scored 16 points, while shooting 4-10 from three point range. Derrick Crayton chipped in 11 and he

grabbed 7 rebounds. Fortunately for the Blue Raiders, they were the only bright spots on the team.

The game started with Sports Reach's Johnny Williams bombing a three pointer from just inside the Murphy Center logo. The Raiders came right back with two buckets before Johnny Williams let it fly again and made another three pointer.

For Sports Reach, that would be their last lead. The Blue Raiders scored on strictly lay ups, tips and dunks until Cedrick Wallace hit a jumper from the top of the key. That shot started a 10-0 run for the Raiders beginning at the 10-minute mark and lasting about three minutes. Following that run, the team was up 26-11.

Sports Reach continued to battle in the game. The lead was cut to 10 with 3:33 remaining in the half. That, however, would be as close as they would get. The Raiders ended the half with a 10-2 run

and went to the locker room winning by a score of 40-22.

Lee Nosse scored 10 in the half while Kent Ayer and Cedrick Wallace added 7 each. Sports Reach shot 9-38 in the field goal department for 24 percent.

At the start of the second half, Sports Reach once again came out shooting well. After the Blue Raiders extended the lead to 20, Sports Reach mounted a small 6-0 run. However, MTSU would have none of it. MTSU quickly stopped the surge, and extended the lead to 25 over the course of about 10 minutes.

The Blue Raiders' lead would get all the way to 31 before the game began to get sloppy. At that point it was apparent that Sports Reach was no longer trying to win, but just have fun. They began to throw lob passes and play around. At that point, the game was over.

When the final buzzer did sound, MTSU was leading 85-61. This win does not count on

the record, but Coach Randy Wiel was able to work on some things.

"We were working on our man to man pressure and our secondary break," Wiel said.

The Blue Raiders played all the players that were dressed out for the game but, according to Wiel, that won't happen the rest of the year.

"We want to get down to nine (players), but today was a good time to look at everyone," Wiel said.

Wiel was happy with the team's play as a whole, and he was even more so on Richard Duncan. He committed only two turnovers in 20 minutes.

"Richard Duncan is playing very smart. If he keeps playing like, that we're going places," Wiel said.

The only person that did not play was Freddie Martinez. Martinez had surgery on his knee in August, so he is not quite 100 percent. Wiel expects

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him to be back and ready to go by the time of the North Carolina game.

Nosse led the team with 23 points and six rebounds while Dale Thomas and Wallace

contributed 12. Thomas grabbed 7 rebounds, while Wallace was 2 for 2 from three-point land. He also had three steals. Kevin White was the only other Blue Raider in double figures with 10.

The defense played well. Sports Reach shot 35 percent

from the floor, while committing 26 turnovers.

The Blue Raiders play again on Tuesday against Hungary. The admission is free to everyone. Regular season play starts on the November 16 against East Tennessee State. ■

**NBA**

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Perhaps they were swayed by the decision of the NFL to use replacement players during the strike of 1987. Having lost seven games - almost half its schedule - to the 1982 walkout, football officials authorized semi-pro players to fill professional uniforms and engage in contests whose entertainment value was nil. As few fans and as much criticism as the tactic drew, it filled the gap until the splintered players' association came back. The playoffs and the Super Bowl went on, as scheduled.

Basketball doesn't have that problem, doesn't have to be concerned with depriving the public of the final episode in an ongoing adventure. At the moment, we don't even know what we're missing. Is Michael Jordan coming back? Will the Bulls gather for another final run? Will Latrell Sprewell find

wealth and happiness and, if so, where? With its full-court press on member teams, coaches and executives, the NBA has prevented even the circulation of plot teasers for the 1998-99 season.

The lesson of the marketplace, what it has gleaned from the experience of others, is that the climate for such entertainment in this country is incredibly strong. Four years after its apparent demise, fueled by home run records, other outstanding individual performances and a monumental year by its most celebrated franchise, baseball made a huge comeback in 1998. The message is that the sport ultimately attracts more than its guardians repel.

Where the NBA differs from other leagues that have incurred their labor unrest is that Stern and the owners want more. Baseball sought to cling to the status quo, futilely it developed, while football and

hockey were eager to stifle free agency, a goal at which they have been only partially successful. But basketball officials, who accommodated free agency early in the process, aren't interested merely in digging in. To listen to their statements, they want to roll back previous concessions, regain half the basketball revenue their teams generate, seal the exceptions that have pushed salaries for flawed players to the \$100-million mark and harden that cap.

It's a big order of business for a commissioner and a league raring to test its strength. Combined with the realization by the players association that it can't inflict any wounds until the NBC contract hits full stride in mid-January, the likelihood is for a long, cold winter. Forget the shot clock. The proper timepiece for this season is a calendar. ■

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## RUGBY

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commit as a coach. Having racked her brain for some time, the answer came to her.

Answering his phone late one evening, Doug Wolfe was surprised to hear Summer's voice, asking him to coach the new team.

Reluctantly agreeing, he had no idea what was in store for him. Wolfe is a physical education teacher at Christiana Elementary School and an MTSU graduate. He has played rugby since the men's team began in 1980.

"I thought it was going to be me out there with a bunch of prissy girls wearing make-up," he said.

After a few weeks of training, the Lady Moose began

coming together as a team.

In their first season of play, the Lady Moose defeated Texas A&M 5-0, earning their first victory in Little Rock, Ark. Since then, the Moosewomen have started this season with an undefeated record of 6-0. This includes victories over powerhouses such as Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, Clemson and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"I enjoy it because it's a new age sport, and it feels good to be one of the pioneers to bring women's rugby to MTSU," said team leader Nicole Wallace.

"I get the opportunity to release some aggression. It just feels good!" said Heather Barnes.

The school does not offer

scholarships for rugby because it is officially considered a club on campus. MTSU's athletic department does offer some financial support to cover jerseys, equipment and some traveling expenses.

These players make a commitment to practice each week and to travel on the weekends for away games. You can see the Lady Moose play on Saturday's at 1 p.m. at their home field, located on East Main Street near Sir Pizza.

A player runs up to Wolfe: "Hey, Coach, could you hang onto my earrings? Thanks!"

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