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Library may expand

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Assistant News Editor

A 65,000- square-foot expansion of Todd Library — at a cost of \$6 to \$7 million — is one of the first objectives of the campus master plan currently being considered by campus officials.

One of the primary goals of the proposed master plan is to create more space for building with the most need. Todd Library has one of the largest space needs on the campus.

The library is below the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's standards for space per student, said Donald Craig, head librarian. MTSU is currently at 67% of its actual space needs based on current enrollment.

With this in mind the university and the library are getting geared up for an expansion.

"We are looking at an horizontal expansion to the north, out towards Jones Hall and the parking lot," said Charles Pigg, director of Campus Planning. "costing in the neighborhood of around \$6 to \$7 million, counting equipment and

Master Plan

furniture to go in it."

If the expansion did go horizontal, it would take over some of the parking lot, leaving a third or fourth still usable, Pigg said. This would allow the library enough area to expand about 65,000 more square feet on three levels.

Pigg also mentioned that they had considered a vertical expansion, but has steered away from it for a number of reasons but primarily because it is hard to build on top of a building in use.

Another reason for not building upward is only half of the library would be able to expand in that direction, Pigg said.

Craig pointed out that the library is, in fact, two buildings. The first was built in 1958 and an addition, which is now the front entrance, was built in 1969. The second addition was built with a foundation capable

of holding three more floors, while the first building was never designed with that idea.

"At this point we are so desperate we'll go any way," said Craig.

Craig also stressed the fact that the lack of space has affected almost all aspects of the library and its services.

He pointed out that the staff has had to double up on their working space.

"It's more of an irritation rather than a hardship," said Harriette Gida, users' service librarian. "I'm in an office that is designed for one person and I'm sharing it with one other staff member. There is no storage space but under my desk."

Shelf space is cramped and has all but been depleted. Library officials are taking out desks and reading spaces for students to put up shelves.

Students have been complaining that there are no study areas for a small group to work on projects," Craig said.

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Student voices Arab perspective

JASON HUNT
News Editor

MTSU students have been able to follow the extensive media coverage of the Persian Gulf war, but many say they do not understand the underlying issues, particularly the strategic importance of Israel.

Many students said they did not understand why Saddam Hussein was attacking Israel and why President Bush had asked Israel not to retaliate.

"I think it's a religious thing," one student commented.

An Arab student, who asked to remain anonymous, gave his view of how the Arab-Israeli relationship plays a part in the war:

To understand this we have to go back in the past...

The Arab world was occupied by the Ottoman empire, the Turkish empire...

When the First World War began, Turkey was allied with Germany against France and Britain...

The French and the British fought Germany in Germany and fought Turkey in the East...

During this time there were a lot of Jews in England, and the Jews have always wanted to go back to the Promised Land, as written in the Bible.

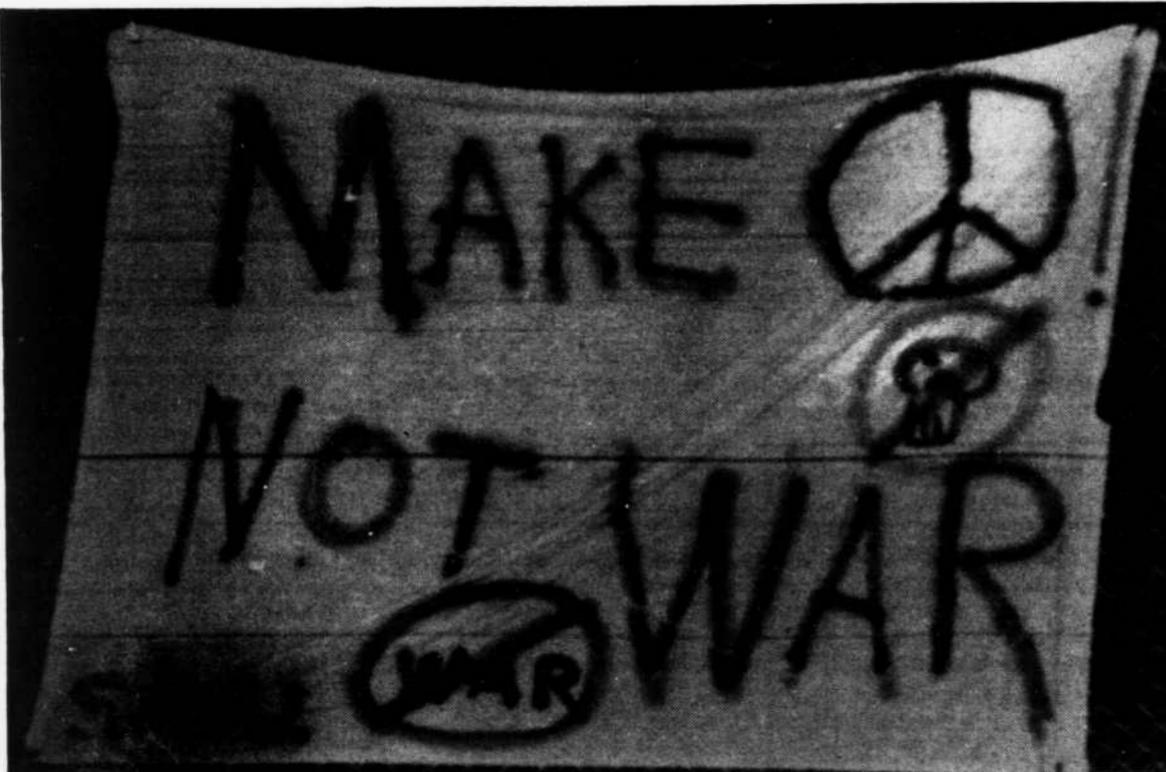
The British needed the help of the Jews during the First World War, and they promised to help them go back to the Promised Land if they helped them financially with the war.

At the same time, the British and the French promised the Arabs to help them make a big, unified Arab country if they helped against the Turks from the inside.

When World War I ended, the

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Students nationwide protest war in Middle East



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

PROTESTING THE WAR: MTSU students protesting the war with Iraq the night Baghdad was invaded hung this banner outside Floyd stadium. The group was originally to have met at the library to hang the banner, but there were no windows accessible to the protesters. Members of the group refused to identify themselves when later questioned about the incident, and only identified the group as Students Against War.

(CPS) War began Jan. 17 just as collegians around the country boycotted classes and attended marches, speeches, sit-ins and even die-ins to protest the United States' apparent willingness to go to war.

The opening of hostilities, moreover, initially seemed to stoke the anti-war fervor of students who had previously tried to demonstrate to President Bush that at least a certain number of students would oppose using force to oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

"We have a responsibility to let [President] Bush know that we do not support his actions," said Julie Marten, a student at the University of California-Santa Cruz who helped organize a protest Jan. 13. Between 3,000 and 4,000 people attended.

In addition to Santa Cruz, students at the universities of Michigan, California-Los Angeles, California-Santa Barbara, Washington, District of Columbia, Louisville, Illinois-Chicago, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Harvard, Howard, George Washington, Gallaudet, Columbia, Stanford, Indiana, Northwestern, Ohio State and Tufts universities, and Columbia College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Southern University

at Baton Rouge staged various kinds of protests during the days preceding the Jan. 15 deadline and even Jan. 16, as war began.

Off campus, demonstrations were held in most major cities, including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Detroit, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Denver, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Eugene, Ore.

Now that war has started, feelings seem to have deepened.

"Everybody's hoping it will end quickly," said Michael Labban, a student government member at Florida Atlantic University, adding that he expected protests in the wake of the United Nations assault.

George Bratton, a computer science professor at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, held class as usual on Jan. 17, the first day of classes after hostilities began. Attendance was down though, said Bratton, who speculated that many students had stayed up late to watch TV newscasts.

"It's pretty much class as usual," reported Todd Heitschmidt, student body president at Kansas State University. About 50 students

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protested the invasion, along with several others who turned out to support Bush's decision.

"It was weird knowing we've got a war going on and we're here studying physics," admitted Kansas State student senator Derek Nelson. His other class held the day after the invasion, a history course, didn't discuss the war.

"Today the mood has shifted more from a call for peace to a feeling of 'let's get it over with and finish our task,'" said Rick Peterson, graduate student body president at Georgia Tech. "It's sad, but that's what the feeling is."

UC-Santa Cruz reported class boycotts.

"It's ludicrous for professors to expect that students will be able to channel their energy into academic

thought, as far as talking about something like Econ 1 or philosophy," said US-Santa Cruz sophomore and anti-war activist Kristen Weitz.

In December, Weitz's group said two-thirds of the students on campus said they would support shutting down the school for a week if the U.S. were to attack Iraq.

"I think a shutdown would be effective because we are going to offer teach-ins about what is going on over there, what can be done, and draft or conscientious objector counseling," she said. "Those are the kinds of things that people are going to want to know, and this is the perfect time to learn them."

In a Jan. 15 letter, UCSC Chancellor Robert Stevens agreed, urging professors to "show flexibility in dealing with student absences..."

"I would be deeply worried if

students weren't concerned about the war," Stevens wrote. "I understand if they feel that, as a matter of conscience, they cannot attend classes."

With even campus officials tolerating their activities, protest organizers were startled by the numbers of supporters they were able to attract.

"Not only were we kind of surprised, but everybody seems to be surprised, including the people out there," said Rachel of the Stop the U.S. War Machine Action Network, one of several national groups formed to protest aggression in the Middle East.

In general, protesters cast the conflict as one of being asked to die to secure a supply of oil for the U.S., and as one that will be so expensive that it will keep the nation from solving its domestic ills.

Campus Capsule

The Placement and Student Employment Center is offering campus interviews for Provident Life & Accident on Tuesday and Third National Bank on Thursday. Any student interested should contact the Placement Office.

The Vegetarian Society of MTSU will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in KUC 312. Everyone is welcome. Call 898-3239 or 898-4020 for more information.

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity would like all interested students, faculty and staff who would like to send a word of encouragement to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area to address these letters to Dear "Brave Heart." Letters to be sent to the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps troops should be

mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, APO New York 09848-0006. Letters to be sent to the Navy and Marine Corps on ships in the area should be mailed to Operation Brave Heart, c/o Operation Desert Storm, FFP New York 09886-0006.

The Women's History Month Celebration is sponsoring an essay contest. The topic will be on some aspect of Women's Studies. Three copies of the essay must be in by Feb. 15. Pick up forms and information sheets in Peck Hall 324.

Looking Forward, an on-campus support group for sexually abused women, will begin holding meetings 6-7 p.m. every Thursday in KUC 312. For further information, contact JoAnn at 355-1077.

Bob Womack will present "Civil War Letters" as part of the Spring Honors Lecture Series. The lecture will be delivered at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in Peck Hall 107. The Honors Lecture Series is free and open to the public.

Robert Rucker will present "War Response Policy: United States Health and Welfare Developments" as part of the Spring Honors Lecture Series. The lecture is at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, in Peck Hall 107. The Honors Lecture Series is free and open to the public.

The Placement Office will conduct career placement orientation for seniors and graduate students on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. in the KUC 324. Students interested in participating in the campus interview program should attend one of these meetings.

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Nacel Youth Exchange Program is looking for families to host teenagers from Spain, France and Germany and other countries this summer for four weeks (mid-July to mid-August). If you are interested, contact the local NACEL representative: Rita-Marie Maisonneuve, BDA 331, 898-2284.

Are you interested in salsa, lambada, flamenco, koto? How about some easy listening? Rita-Marie Maisonneuve has established a Foreign Language Music Center including a selection of over 110 Spanish, French, German and Japanese tapes or records which may be borrowed for a short period of time. If interested, come to BDA 332.

The MTSU AES chapter presents: The Movers and Shakers. Spend an evening with Nashville's top producers, including Tony Brown, Fred Foster, Kyle Lehning, Bob Montgomery and James Stroud. The event is at the Park Plaza Hotel, 9th and Broadway in Nashville, at the 6 p.m., Feb. 7. The event is free and open to all students.

The ASB joint session of Congress will conduct an open meeting on Jan. 30. Members are expected to attend to discuss student issues. The meeting will be held in KUC 322.

Continuing Education Classes beginning next week include: Therapeutic Massage, Discover, Floral Design, a variety of gymnastics for children, Basket weaving and Beginning MS-DOS. For more information, call 898-2462.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Fellowship would like to invite those who are interested in Christian fellowship to join them Friday night at 6 p.m. for supper and Bible study. Anyone interested is invited. For more information, call 895-6128.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the stadium bleachers. Come alone or bring a friend. Call 893-3133 or 898-3234 for more information.

Lambda Association of MTSU is a support organization for gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff and their supporters. For more information write to: P.O. Box 624, MTSU.

MTSU Catholics meet at the Catholic Center. Check sign for weekly activities. Sunday Mass at 7:30. 1023 N. Tennessee Blvd. 896-6074.

25 scholarships are available for undergraduates majoring in engineering and science disciplines and interested in careers in environmental restoration or waste management. Applicants must be U.S. citizens currently pursuing A.S. or B.S. degrees full time. Program includes full payment of tuition and fees, \$600/month stipend and three-month practicum. Applications are being taken through Jan. 28 and awards will be announced in May. Contact Peggy Gibson, Environmental Restoration/ Waste Management Scholarship Program, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Science/ Engineering Education Division, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, or call 615-576-9278.

AA Unlty Group meets Wednesdays at noon in KUC 311.

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity will hold its spring rush meetings today from 4-5 p.m., Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in KUC 316.

Mike Cavender, news director at WTVF-TV, Channel 5, Nashville, will speak at a meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists at 7 p.m. Tuesday in LRC Studio A. He will discuss how a local TV station covers the war in the Persian Gulf and other topics. Anyone wishing to join SPJ, as well as members, are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Glenn Himebaugh, faculty adviser, at Box 299 or call 898-2205.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m.

The campus recreation department is attempting to implement activities and programs for disabled students. All disabled students are encouraged to express their interest in horseback riding, aerobics, cycling, outdoor trips or other activities. Please contact Barton with your suggestions by Feb. 15 at 898-2104.

Lady Raider volleyball team tryouts will be held Feb. 1 in the Alumni Memorial Gym at 4 p.m. for those interested in participating as players or managers.

Phi Mu Alpha, the professional Music fraternity for men, will hold a last interest meeting Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in Saunders Fine Arts 101. For more information, call Jeff Roberson at 896-5943.

An Organizational meeting of the Students for Environmental Action will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 305. New members are welcome.

A new brain-child is lurking on MTSU campus. "Peanut Butter & Jelly!" is an all new kids show produced souly by R-TV's advertising production students! A host is needed who is charismatic, lively and enjoys having fun! Auditions will be held Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in LRC Studio B. For more information, call TV-12 at 2218.

Association of Recording Management Students presents RIM Alumni Panel of Importance Thursday at 7 p.m. in the New Mass Communications 150.

Students for Environmental Action meet Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 305. New members welcome.

Co-op jobs are available for summer and fall '91. Opportunities include biology, chemistry, geoscience, physics, mathematics, computer science, environmental science and related disciplines. U.S. Department of Energy deadline is March 15. Support includes academic credit, \$200/week, housing and travel reimbursement.

Murfreesboro Young People's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 601 Bell St. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information (or a ride) call Rick, 898-3190.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for the National Fellowship competition. Graduating seniors with outstanding academic and leadership records are encouraged to apply. For more information and applications, contact the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Committee c/o Melanie Thomas at P.O. Box #13 or call 898-2586. Application deadline is Feb. 8.

Campus Capsule is open to the MTSU community for public service announcements and meetings of general interest. To have an item included, bring typed or printed copy to JUB 310 by 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Items will be included as space permits and with timeliness taken into consideration.



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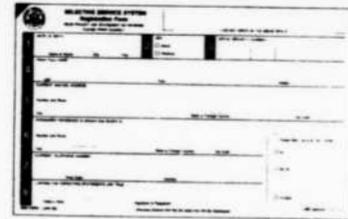


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the British and the French occupied all of the Arab world, and instead of helping create unity, they just divided—as all colonial countries—the countries between them. That's how France took, for example, Lebanon and Syria. They made countries and created Lebanon as a country and Syria as a country. And that's how Britain took some other countries, like Palestine or Jordan...

So instead of working for [Arab] unity, they just cut the countries and took one for me, one for you, one for me, one for you.

They had the power. They could do what they wanted to.

The Jewish claim on Palestine became more and more important between the two wars. [The Jews] began coming back, little by little, by ship to Palestine [the Promised Land of the Old Testament].

And they were beginning to

have problems between the European arrivals and the people already there. The Arabs were already there—another culture, another civilization, another language, and ruled by the British.

So the claims of the Jew were more and more important. There was even, at one time, terrorism because of this, terrorism by the Zionists, the radical part of the Jewish claimers.

A lot of Arab people will tell you they are not against the Jewish or against the Israeli, they are against the Zionists.

Then there was the second World War with Hitler and the Nazis and all that the Jewish people suffered.

After the war there was more pressure on the European countries because of what happened to the Jews. It helped them to create the Israeli state in 1948.

So when the state of Israel was proclaimed in 1948, we had a problem with the Arab world. We had a country created in another

country where other people were already living. There were a lot of problems, a lot of clashes, a lot of fights between the new arrivals and the people already there because a lot of people were coming from a lot of countries to get into this Promised Land. The land was not big enough for everybody.

Some people [Palestinians], because of these fights, left the country, had to leave the country and try to make an opposition outside and try to come back.

Nobody thought that the state of Israel would last as long as it has, so a lot of people left.

This was a mistake by the Arab countries because the Arab countries encouraged them to leave, to have better organization and to come back. The problem is they left but did not come back.

So the United Nations made a resolution and cut the country and gave a part of the country to the Palestinians and another part to the Jews. But at the time the Arab

countries did not accept it.

Now they are trying to go back to this resolution because it gives them a part of their country, but the international situation won't allow it any more, and Israel does not agree anymore to give back land it has had for 40 years.

That's how the problems began with the Arab countries and Israel.

In 1948, the Arabs declared war on this new state of Israel, and there have been several fights.

But Israel is supported by Europe, and supported by the Americans especially, and has never lost anything against the Arabs. On the contrary, it's gained more and more territory...

That's how all the troubles began in the Middle East—40 years of hate and forty years of war...

We [other Arabs] feel we have to stand by the Palestinians. We are all brothers, we all have the same blood, the same race, the same culture, the same people. We have to help each other.

At the end of the interview, he said that the Arab people, rather than the Arab governments, would want to pull out of the multi-national alliance if Israel retaliates against Iraq. He said if they stayed in the alliance, they would feel as though they were allied with Israel, with whom they have been at war for 40 years.

Corlew blaze put out

Campus security extinguished a trashcan fire on the second floor Corlew Hall (High Rise) between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Saturday.

"It was a small fire in a trash can on the second floor, put out with a fire extinguisher. We're gonna use a smoke ejector, and then we'll be out of here," said Assistant Fire Chief Ronald Jones.

There was minor smoke damage and no one was hurt, said Bernice Hughes, area one coordinator.

The cause of the fire is not known.

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He also mentioned that he would like to see some small faculty study cubicles. They are also hoping when the reconstruction begins that they can devise a way to let the handicapped students have access to the front entrance. Currently they enter the library in the back by the loading dock, Craig said.

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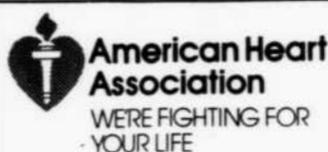


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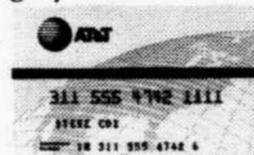


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Opinions

Did Habitat 'shack' get the 'shaft'?

From time to time, as we all know, little injustices and things we don't understand crop up in our lives.

The same is true for students, and campus life as a whole, and things like the above done by the bureaucracy usually go unquestioned, or if questioned, unanswered.

One such example is the location of the shack of Habitat for Humanity during its recent fundraising campaign.

Originally, after the "housewarming" took place, it was requested that the shack be located in the courtyard of the KUC. Apparently, one faction of the administration gave them the go-ahead, but another faction was able to deny their request. As a result, the shack was moved in front of the Wesley Foundation, then transported to the Presbyterian Student Fellowship building, where it remained until the end of the week when it was moved back to the Wesley Foundation.

Obviously, this was a worthy cause. And, since Habitat for Humanity is a student organization, wouldn't it seem feasible that the chapter could set up on an on-campus site? Why were they relegated to the fringes of the campus?

Apparently, it didn't seem to hurt the group's optimism, or for that matter, their goal of \$2,000. In fact, they exceeded that goal in less than one week after the housewarming.

But this does bring up the question of which organizations get priority and which ones don't. It is possible that the administration felt that the shack would be in the way of student traffic if it was placed in the courtyard. But if that's true, what about the other organizations that, from time to time, have displays in the very same courtyard?

Regardless of the reasons, Habitat for Humanity has done more than reach its goal. It has contributed to bringing about better housing for people who really need it. Habitat for Humanity, and those that made donations, have made a difference in people's lives, and that contribution is immeasurable.



Letters to the Editor

No one race superior

To the Editor:

There have been some occurrences that have prompted me to write this letter. I generally avoid racial conversations, confrontations, etc. So I'll just make my points and leave it at that.

The first thing that happened was this: three friends and I were at a Nashville Knights hockey game. There was a group of eight or nine people standing near the concession stands. They started giving me a hard time because I apparently looked different than they thought I should. No big deal--I'm used to idiots like that. When we left, we had to pass these people to get out of the building. They started in on me and then began calling out that wonderful "n" word we all know and love. (One of the 4 of us was black.) There was one guy who even came running after us and tried to pour beer on my friend. There was more to the story, but isn't that enough? Does any human being deserve that lack of respect? To quote a friend of mine, "ignorance is one of the greatest forms of evil." The only evil greater, is spreading that ignorance to others. This incident prompts me to say this: I'm a very peaceful person, but if every person with even the slightest racist thoughts, be them white, black, or purple, was lined up before me and shot, I would only shed a tear for the families, if that. If you don't think you're racist, then tell me honestly that you would be part of an interracial couple. Get my point?

The second incident is this:

Today on Donahue, there was black man named Michael McGee. He is on the Milwaukee City Council. Mr. McGee has begun his own "militia" on the streets of Milwaukee. Mr. McGee is fighting for economic reparations to the black community--if he doesn't get this by 1995, he and his "militia" are going to start a war. A WAR!

At one point I wanted the reparation and who's to say it is or isn't called for; but first of all, I

have no money to give! Second, the reason it won't happen is this--we pay the Indians on their 18th birthday because of the land that was from them. No land was taken from the African American community. Not here anyway. Yes, their pride, dignity, family, and belongings were taken away. But do you think I'm proud of what my ancestors did? I can't control what happened then, all I can do is my own little part.

We all belong to the human race, and the blacks aren't better than the white's, but folks I've got news for you, the white's aren't any better than the blacks either. If people could just be happy with what and who they are, maybe we could get on to bigger problems. The ozone layer and the environment is totally non-discriminatory as to who or what is doing the damage.

People -- the slave days are over, and I apologize for all my ancestors that have harm to humanity -- now can we live in the present?

Drop me a line!
Kathleen Griffith
Box 8724

Registration saluted

To the Editor:

I want to take a moment as the new semester begins to compliment the Records and Admissions Department on the smooth process of registration at Murphy Center this semester. I want to commend Mr. Robert Adams, in particular, for his assistance to me when I needed a change in my fee payment amount. He escorted me to the proper place to have the paperwork changed, and then escorted me to a cashier who would be able to process my payment rapidly. I realize for many that registration was not so simple, but if we all give it enough time; then the bugs will be worked out to our convenience.

I have attended MTSU since 1985, and I have been greatly impressed with the registration

process this year. It truly is an improvement over the long lines and class selection to only find out the class has been closed. You can rest easy after preregistration that you have the classes you need and want without worry. This process should allow many people to graduate in a timely fashion as the selection process is guaranteed to a preregistrant.

Once again, Congratulations, MTSU and each department responsible for the Pre-Registration System!

Janice Strong
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Other uses for war \$

To the Editor:

Concerning our nation's present involvement in the Persian Gulf War, it has been estimated that the "liberation" of Kuwait is costing U.S. taxpayers close to \$1 billion a day. Also, our government has forgiven Egypt over \$7 billion in debt as an incentive for their support in this conflict. Considering that the fighting may continue for many months, it seems obvious that this vast amount of money could be spent in a much more prudent manner.

Just a few of the worthwhile enterprises that could benefit from receiving \$1 billion a day (not to mention the staggering amount of manpower at work in the Middle East) include: improving the plight of the homeless, aid to our drug-ravaged inner cities, improved health care, better education and the cleanup and protection of the environment. Also, \$1 billion a day could alleviate the burden of the Savings and Loan bailout or reduce our staggering federal deficit. Certainly we could pay our reparations to Panama, which sustained a considerable amount of destruction in the 1989 invasion--this money has been promised, but at present is stalled in bureaucratic channels.

Since it appears that the
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primary goal of the present military action is the free flow of Middle Eastern oil, perhaps the most appropriate course of action would be to spend \$1 billion a day to develop and nurture alternative energy sources such as solar, geothermal and hydroelectric power.

It certainly seems more wise to spend this money on developing a comprehensive national energy policy and its implementation than on non-renewable polluting foreign oil.

The political reality is that big business, particularly petroleum corporation and defense contractors, want this war, and the "Golden Rule" dictates that "he who has the gold makes the rules."

Michael A. Morse
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Blind faith can kill

To the Editor:

The best thing about education is the availability of knowledge. At MTSU any individual, of any race or creed, can learn to fly an airplane, operate a television camera, reap and sow his farmland, and council those with emotional problems. The list could fill this newspaper. My point is, as students why is there no questioning of the government at this crucial time period? It has been my humble observation that many but not all have bought the government's fish tale, hook, line and sinker. Did it ever occur to you that we are at the perfect age to be drafted? If you believe that it won't come to that you are sadly mistaken. Historically, after the reserves have been called, the young boys follow. Do you not see that we have to offer our blood for George Bush? Richard Nixon told rather elaborate fabrications about Laos and Cambodia, remember?

Who's to say the same thing is not occurring now? I see a lot of American flags and overhear many hideously biased statements, yet I see few peace symbols or hear pleas for peace within our community of students. In closing, blind faith can get you killed and when you end up fighting in some foreign nation, far away from MTSU, you may question then. But it will be too late.

Tony Heisser
Box 7807

Too late for protests

To the Editor:

Recently, I have become distraught over the growing anti-war sentiment expressed within the United States. While their intents are sincere, no amount of vocal hysteria will serve to expedite a graceful end to the Persian Gulf War. In fact, such opposition at this stage of the conflict can only serve to prolong hostilities.

U.S. servicemen and women stationed in the Gulf are well aware of these anti-war protest as are their Iraqi counterparts. Despite a corrupt military dictatorship, Iraq is quite conscious of the domestic political implications of this growing dissent within the U.S. Wanning public support will undoubtedly translate into a future weakening of the will undoubtedly translate into a future weakening of the U.S. position with respect to the Mideast. The false hope that this sends to Baghdad can only serve to lengthen the war.

The shouts in the streets are in vain. There is no question that U.S. troops will remain in Saudi Arabia until Iraq is forced to comply with the United Nation's resolution. If those protesting had any legitimate interest concerning the formation of U.S. foreign policy, they would have expressed their views earlier. Such tardiness nullifies any plausible influence.

D. Scott Weaver
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Pray for all, not just our troops

I write this article at risk of being labeled unpatriotic and anti-American. I am neither, but patriotism and the pro-America spirit both have their limits.

I am troubled by the signs on church reader boards in our area which read, "God bless our troops in the Middle East," and "Pray for our troops." Why? Because these statements smack of narrow-hearted tribalism. Allow me to explain myself.

When we limit our prayers to OUR troops, we put God in a box. We are saying God is on our side, and could care less about the Iraqi troops. We are saying that our enemies are God's enemies.

This tribal view of God is at the heart of Jonah, the ill-fated prophet who was swallowed whole by the great fish. But Jonah is not just a cute fish story. No.

This short story from the Bible is really a slap in the face of us narrow-hearted people who dare to say "God is on our side."

Half of the story is set in Iraq (in the ancient city of Ninevah, the capital city of the great Assyrian empire). Jonah reveals a God who deeply loves, YES, even the barbaric enemies of God's own people.

So, does God really love Iraqi soldiers? Whose side is God on in this war? When called to pray for OUR troops, what should we pray

DAVID ROBINSON
PSF Campus Pastor

for? For safety? Who are they trying to fool? What war was ever "safe"? Should we pray that God would guide our troops' missiles and artillery to their targets, that we could destroy as much of the enemy as possible with the least amount of effort?

God asks us the same question he asked Jonah: "Shouldn't I be concerned about those thousands of people in the great nation?" You see, Jonah was flaming mad at God for showing mercy to the hated enemies of God's people. Maybe we too can't quite admit that God might love the people of Iraq as much as he loves Americans.

But the God of this universe is not amused by our narrow-hearted love. As he said to Jonah, he says to us: "Don't try to force me into one of your little boxes. I won't fit. My love is greater than you can imagine, flooding over all of your silly walls and fences. I won't limit my compassion to just the people of one culture, skin color, religion or nationality."

I must confess. After over 4000 air-sorties and a stunning first two days of this war, part of me was inwardly cheering and flag-waving, rooting on OUR team,

"Go, Fight, Win!" Bowing down to the tribal god of America felt so good.

But after over a week of this distasteful, absurd human endeavor we call war, I came to my senses. Like getting sand thrown in my face, like drinking a stiff shot of whiskey, I woke up and began asking questions.

What about the thousands of Iraqi widows and orphans? What of the homeless on the streets of Baghdad? What about the hungry, the amputees, the unemployed, the blinded, the hopeless who never wanted war in Iraq? What about those dead corpses in the trenches, those thousands of humans who wore the religion of Islam, the culture of the Arab world and the skin color of the desert afternoon? Shouldn't the great God of love be concerned about them?

God bless the troops in the Middle East, whether they be white, black or brown, Christian or Muslim, rich or poor, on our side or on their side, Arab or Anglo, full of love or full of hate. God have mercy on us, and bring this ugly war to an end. Amen.



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Features

Campus cafeteria responds to health conscious eaters

LISA VINSANT
Staff Writer

Still trying to lose those extra pounds you gained over the holidays? Or maybe trying to conform to a new year's resolution to eat healthier foods? Then campus dining may be your best bet!

A program intended to provide a greater variety of foods for health-conscious students and faculty is in its first stages at the James Union cafeteria, according to James Rohr, the cafeteria manager.

The program, appropriately entitled "Treat Yourself Right," calls for the creation of a menu which will introduce healthier foods to the cafeteria.

Low fat, low calorie, low cholesterol or high protein foods are signified by colorful "Treat Yourself Right" flagons or are in some way noticeably marked. This alerts students and faculty to those foods which provide them with the greatest nutritional value.

Rohr has been working with Janet Colson, assistant professor of human sciences, and Connie Mergel, a foods and nutrition major, to get a nutritional profile for the menu, which will then be posted in the cafeteria.

To speed the process of analyzation they are utilizing a computer program that calculates the calorie, fat, vitamin, mineral and other contents of the menu items.

"I'm taking their entree items and making recommendations to lower fat, lower calories, and the things

that people are concerned about nutritionally," said Mergel. "We're working more towards increasing nutrient value versus just lowering calories."

"I think it's a great idea," said Colson, a registered dietician. "I think it's something that's really been needed here on campus."

"I teach two basic nutrition courses, and so many of the students have been asking for information like this for healthier eating. People really are diet conscious, students in particular."

Rohr said he has come to the same conclusion. "I've been talking with a lot of students and faculty and they're all in favor of it," said Rohr. "The people who are supporting it the most are the vegetarians."

Representatives of the Vegetarian Society of MTSU met with Rohr last semester, suggesting that the cafeteria offer foods which would meet the needs of vegetarian students.

Though the program was not initiated in response to the vegetarians' suggestions, Rohr said they will consider the diet of the vegetarians. The menu will offer meatless items, while still providing the non-vegetarian students with the foods that they desire.

"I think it's great!" said Shannon Byers, secretary of the Vegetarian Society of MTSU. "(Rohr) said that he was going to try to put meatless entrees on the menu."

David Katz, president of the society, was also pleased with the new menu. "We've had a lot better

response than we expected," he said.

"Treat Yourself Right" is part of a nationwide project through ARA services, of which Campus Dining Services is a division. At least one cafeteria on campus is called to activate the program.

According to food service director Douglas McCallie, there are no immediate plans to implement the program in other cafeterias on campus.

"Not at this point," said McCallie. "I want to see what reaction we get; but yes, if we have a need, then certainly we'll go with the other (cafeterias)."

According to Rohr, some of the items to be offered on the menu will be a 6-ounce, skinless, baked chicken breast; noodles with herb seasonings; baked fish; spinach lasagna; stuffed baked potato; various pastas and pasta salads; and stir-fried vegetables.

The item that Rohr is most enthusiastic about serving is soft-serve Colombo yogurt. "It tastes almost exactly like ice cream," said Rohr. "The most popular flavors that we're going to running are Dutch chocolate, cheesecake, strawberry and French vanilla."

"I'm trying to get suggestions for a breakfast menu," said Rohr. "But I haven't had much feedback on it. Right now we'll be concentrating on lunch and dinner."

The James Union cafeteria opens for breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. Lunch hours are from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and dinner is served from 4:30-6 p.m.

Exhibit on display



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

ON DISPLAY: The Barn Gallery is now featuring "Recent Works," the latest drawings and lithographs by Carlyle Johnson and watercolors by Lon Nuell. The display runs through January 30. The Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-4:30p.m., Saturday 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m., and Sunday 1:30-4:30p.m.

Stars come out tonight

The 18th annual "American Music Awards" special airs on the ABC Television Network from the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles, Calif., today from 7-10 p.m.

Hosting the telecast will be Keenen Ivory Wayans.

Nominations are in six categories. In Pop/Rock, Country and Soul/Rhythm & Blues categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Male and Female Artist, Favorite Band, Duo or Group, Favorite Album and Single and Favorite New Artist.

In the Rap and Heavy Metal categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Artist, New Artist and Album.

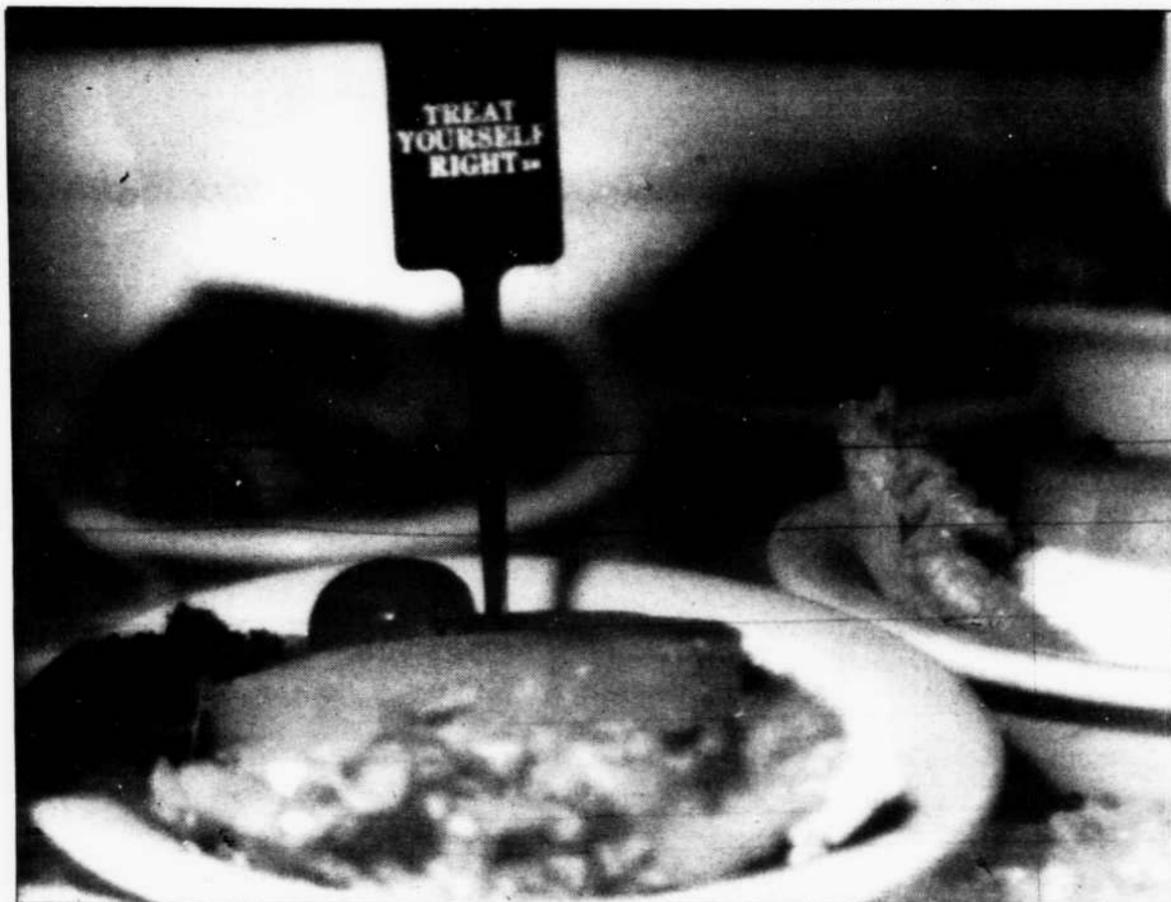
In the Dance Music category, Favorite Artist, New Artist and Single will be acknowledged. In all, 27 awards will be presented.

In addition, a special "Award of Merit" will be presented to Country star Merle Haggard for his "outstanding contributions over a long period of time, to the musical entertainment of the American public." Winners of

American Music Awards are selected by the public. A national sampling of 20,000, taking into account geographic location, age, sex and ethnic origin, have been sent ballots by the Broadcast Research & Consulting, Inc. research firm. Names of the nominees on the ballot were compiled from the year-end sales charts of the music industry magazine, Cash Box. Results of the voting, tabulated by the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm, are kept secret until envelopes are opened during the presentation ceremonies.

Among the performers scheduled to appear on the special are Bell Biv DeVoe, Clint Black, Maria Carey, Gloria Estefan, M.C. Hammer, INXS, Reba McEntire, New Kids On the Block, Vanilla Ice and Wilson Phillips.

Among the many other stars scheduled to appear on the show are Jon Bon Jovi, Garth Brooks, David Cassidy, En Vogue, Larry Gatlin, Nelson, Pointer Sisters, Keith Sweat, Al B. Sure!, Travis Tritt and Frankie Valli.



Sharon Eaves/Photographer

"TREAT YOURSELF RIGHT": For those individuals who are watching their weight or simply trying to eat healthy, the James Union cafeteria now offers many choices of low-fat, low-cholesterol and high-protein foods.

Play it safe, party smart this winter

It's that time of year again. The semester has just kicked in, the days are lonely and grey, and the temperature has steadily dropped.

But according to *Party Smart*, an alcohol awareness newsletter from Beer Drinkers of America, everyone needs to take extra precautions when drinking in cold weather.

Injuries associated with cold weather include hypothermia, frostbite and dehydration. All of these injuries can be prevented by following basic safety precautions like staying warm and dry whenever you are outside.

These injuries often occur when someone has been drinking in cold weather and this can be very dangerous.

People who drink and then decide to be adventurous and go outside increase their chances of developing hypothermia or dehydration.

Whenever someone drinks, the alcohol creates a sensation of warmth and many people often mistake this sensation as actual body heat.

This mistake may affect someone's judgment when determining if his or her body is too cold. And, if the body stays too cold for too long, hypothermia is likely to strike.

Drinking combined with outdoor activities can also be dangerous. Because activity can cause dehydration if fluids aren't replenished and alcohol increases dehydration. This is why it is important to drink the right type of fluids when you are participating in outdoor activities in cold weather.

Winter sports like skiing and sledding can be particularly dangerous if you have had too much to drink because your judgment may be impaired.

Party Smart also suggests that when combining alcohol with indoor activities like ballgames, parties at home and in sports bars, remember a few tips: Designate a driver, be aware of your limits and eat high-protein and high-carbohydrate foods.

And, if you're the host or hostess, serve plenty of alcohol-free drinks toward the end of the game or party.

If you are going to party this winter, be sure to "Party Smart."

Beer Drinkers of America Education Project



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Singer Alan Jackson donates radio, lyrics to Country Music Hall of Fame

ANGELA BONDS
Features Editor

Country music has yet another handsome singing sensation for fans to scream and swoon over.

And, the Country Music Foundation now has some of his well-heard-of possessions to add to its treasure chest of country music memorabilia.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, Alan Jackson, known for his chart-topping singles "Home," "Wanted," and most recently "Chasin' That Neon Rainbow," presented the Foundation with the original, hand-written lyrics to "Chasin' That Neon Rainbow" and the radio Jackson sings of in the first line of the song, ("Daddy won a radio..").

Family, friends, and fans made up the modest crowd that was on hand for the presentation, and Bill Ivey, director of the Foundation, made the introductions.

Ivey described Jackson as an artist whom the public needs to know more about, an artist who started in country music late in life and who is dedicated to performing "mainstream, hard, country-core" music.

As the lean 32 year-old star made his way to the podium, he shyly grinned for pictures and modestly signed a few autographs.

After Jackson made his contribution, Ivey then presented the blonde blue-eyed country boy with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Foundation.

This presentation, held at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, is only one of many highlights to fill Jackson's past year of success.

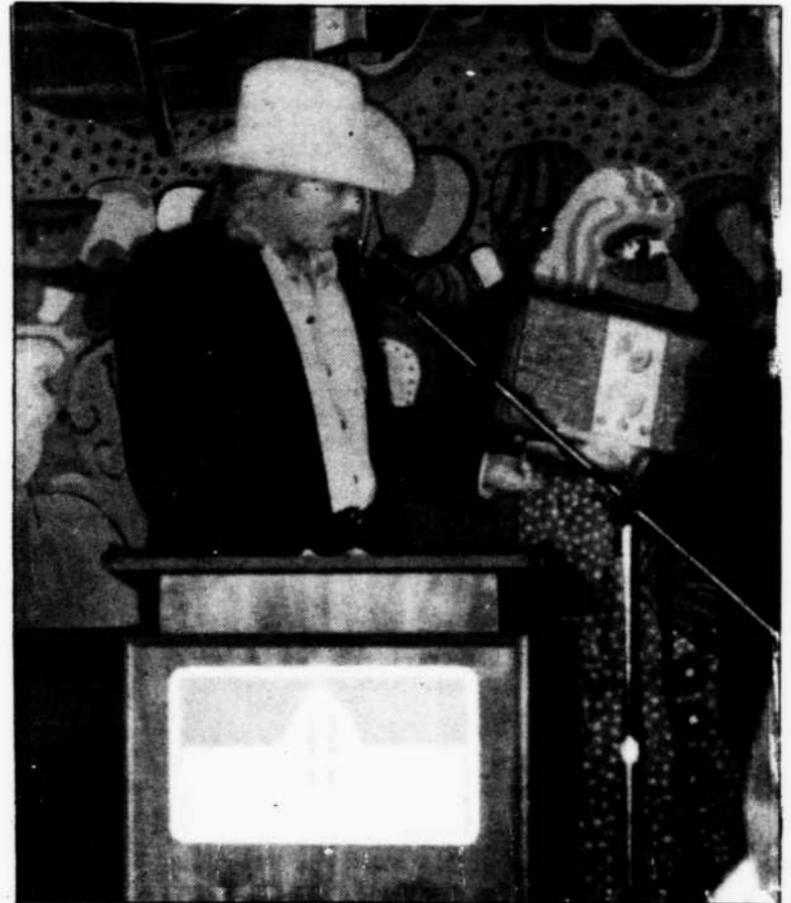
In the short amount of time he and his family have been in Nashville, Jackson has made great strides in the music business.

The title cut from his debut album, "Here In the Real World," hit number one last April and the album itself went gold in September.

In total, this native of Newnan, Georgia has claimed the number one spot with three different cuts from the album and was also honored with four nominations by the CMA.

He has also received a nomination for an award by the American Music Association for this year.

Jackson is one country star bound for success. With plans including a tour with Alabama and Clint Black, it seems Alan Jackson's "Real World" is at last becoming one that most only dream of.



Angela Bonds/Photographer

"DADDY WON A RADIO": Earlier this month, country music singer Alan Jackson, left, presented the radio mentioned in his latest hit, "Chasin that neon rainbow," to the Country Music Foundation. Bill Ivey, director of the Foundation, accepted the donation.

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Sports

Tennessee Tech sweeps Raiders

MTSU climbs hills but can't get over hump

Blue Raiders rally late but come up short once again

DAN STURM
Staff Writer

Tennessee Tech used a patent offense and clutch shooting to hand MTSU its fourth conference loss 73-68 Saturday night.

It looked as if the Golden Eagles were going to blow the Raiders out early as Tech's Van Usher scored 10 quick points to give the Eagles a 10-0 lead with 17:52 left in the first half.

The Raiders, however, kept their chins up and began fighting back as freshman sensation Jeff Clifton put in two buckets to ignite the Raiders' inside game.

Finally, at the 11:42 mark, Warren Kidd slammed the ball home to knot the score at 12-12.

Partial credit for the rally went to junior guard Greg Christian who entered the game and took over the point guard position after Usher's explosion. The TTU guard scored two points the remainder of the half.

Normally, Christian sees limited playing time but with Tim Corder still ailing from an illness and Jeff Hunter struggling, the juco transfer stepped in and grabbed hold of the reigns.

"With Tim [Corder] out I knew Jeff [Hunter] and I would split time, I was just happy to get the chance to do the job," Christian explained.

After a media timeout, Tech

responded with a 9-0 run and kept the Raiders at bay as Wade Webster and Bruce Oglesby nailed long-range 3-point bombs to give Tech a 10-point advantage at the intermission, 37-27.

MTSU's offense was slow out of the blocks to start the second half as TTU's Bobby McWilliams nailed a trey and with a 6-for-6 stretch from the charity stripe, the Eagles flew to a 46-31 lead.

As the crowd of 9,500 became restless, the Raiders began to chip away at the Eagles lead. Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor kept the Raiders in the contest with four quick points and cut the gap to 52-43.

The crowd sensed a rally and got one as Warren Kidd took the ball coast to coast for a lay-up. Taylor followed an errant shot up for an easy two and Kidd came back with a deuce in the paint and knocked down a bonus free-throw to scrap to within four.

The game seesawed back and forth until Taylor knotted the score, 63-63, with a shot jumper at the 4:25 mark.

As the crowd grew loud, Kidd picked up his fifth foul and the Raiders' bubble burst.

Quincy Vance drilled two free-throws to give the Raiders a short-lived 65-64 lead with 3:18 remaining. They then had three opportunities to

increase the lead but came up empty each trip up the court.

MTSU's blown chances were all that Tech needed as they scored seven unanswered points to put the game away at 71-65.

"Our intention is to get the ball inside," Christian said. "When the fans get caught up in the emotion, everybody wants to make a good play."

"We lack a lot of maturity and we don't always make the right decision."

With 1:03 left to play, Taylor drained a 3-pointer but it was too late as Tech escaped with the victory to boost its record to 10-9, 5-1 in the OVC.

Middle Tennessee was plagued by inconsistency at the guard position. They combined with the forwards for a chilly 10-40 (25 percent) performance. The Raiders' inability to hit the outside shot allowed Tech to shut down the Raiders' inside game. Kidd saw the ball in the paint three times and came away with six points, Clifton faired a little better with a 7-for-17 showing.

With the Raider guards throwing up rocks, the Eagles clamped down tighter and tighter on Vance and Chris Ingram. When a Raider

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CLEAR OUT: Middle Tennessee mentor Bruce Stewart uses little body English during an earlier contest. His Raiders rebounded from a loss to Tennessee Tech when they hosted tonight at 7:30.

Track team receives lumps, delivers lump

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's men's track program is back, but not all the way.

The once feared program, famous for its World-Class athletes, is now trying to balance on its new feet.

After winning the OVC 10 straight years at one point, the program was tossed aside by the university in 1986.

But now, the program has been reinstated and the Raiders are finding out that time has passed by them and they must work hard to get back to the top.

"We just don't have enough depth to win dual meets right now," head coach Dean Hayes said after his team dropped all three of their dual meets in action Saturday afternoon.

"What we have is doing fine, we just need two or three years to get it all together again," Hayes explained. "We're just happy to win a few here and there this year."

The Raiders fell to West Kentucky 55-41; Murray State 6 and a very talented Florida State 76-31.

"They better get us now because in a few years we'll be back to where we can compete," Hayes said.

The men were paced by freshman and a couple of M football performers.

Freshman Roland McGee placed second in the 55 meter dash and 200.

Gridiron star Walter Dumas placed second in the 55 meter while Vince Parks was third in high jump.

The men's record is now 1-5. As far as the women's team, well they continue to roll with impressive finishes.

They won two of three meets in Saturday's event. They defeated Vanderbilt 79-23 and Western Kentucky 76-21. The

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Lady Raiders play hard but run out of gas late

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU's Lady Raiders played 35 minutes of upset basketball Saturday night against Tennessee Tech.

Unfortunately, the five missing minutes turned out to be the most crucial as Tech edged a fired up MTSU squad 63-58.

"It's the same show we've been running all year," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "Same song, same verse. Our guards self-destructed down the stretch."

With 5:54 remaining in the contest, the Lady Raiders found themselves on top of the favored Eaglettes 56-55 as senior Stephanie Capley nailed a 12-foot jumper.

They had shut the powerful TTU team down most of the evening and were staring a big OVC win in the mirror. But that mirror would shatter as the Raiders wasted numerous opportunities before the court by turning the ball over or tossing up a bad shot.

It would take five minutes before the Raiders would tally a deuce again and it would also be their last.

Defensively, they also fell to pieces as Tech rallied

with a 8-0 run to stay undefeated in six OVC games.

"This one is very disappointing," a distraught Bivens said. "As far as the game, we played well for 35 minutes. We were in it and had our chances."

"But instead of taking our time and getting the ball where it needed to be, we started throwing up some bad shots. We just tried to throw the ball instead of taking it to them in the gut."

The Lady Raiders opened the contest by rolling out of the gates to take a 13-6 advantage before 3,300 fans. Tech appeared to be stunned and attempted to trim the lead as Angela Morehead scored four unanswered points but the will power of the Lady Raiders was too much.

Capley tallied two buckets of her own and sparked her squad to a 10-2 run to give MTSU its biggest lead, 23-12 at the 9:38 lead.

Although Tech neutralized the rally and made a small one of their own, the Lady Raiders would not release the lead and took a 36-31 lead into the locker room.

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ATH-DEFYING DUNK: Members of the Bud Light Daredevils will be performing tonight at the TSU game.

Daredevils here tonight

From Staff Reports

The Bud Light Daredevils, the most unique slam dunk act in the country, will be performing at the TSU-TSU basketball game tonight at halftime.

Celebrating their 10-year anniversary this season, the Bud Light Daredevils have made over 500 appearances with nearly every NBA team, 13 Continental Basketball Association teams, and 200 colleges and college tournaments in 13 countries.

Video highlights of their act have been seen on the NBC Nightly News, CNN, late-night shows with Johnny Carson and David Letterman and "Good Morning America." They have also been featured in a half-hour special on ESPN.

The Bud Light Daredevils (each intensively trained in acrobatics and

gymnastics) include returning members Mike Gilliam and Brian Smith, and new members Keith Cousino, Mark Gillam and Keith Rooks.

Bud Light Daredevils

The team's act consists of an eight-minute slam dunk and acrobatic halftime show, highlighted by several creatively daring acts of agility, including an all-time crowd favorite - "Twist & Shout."

In this act, two team members approach the mini-trampolines simultaneously. They each pass a basketball off the backboard and catch them while doing front somersaults with one-half twists. The duo then passes to two other team members for a climactic double slam dunk.

Other dunk acts include "Dial 9-1-1" and "Shake Down the Rafters 'til the Morning After."

The Daredevils were formed in 1980 when the athletes combined their precision gymnastic and ball-handling skills while cheerleading at the University of Mississippi.

This year, the Bud Light Daredevils will perform at approximately 125 national and international events before more than one million fans.

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received the ball inside the paint, the Eagle defense swarmed upon them, forcing the ball back outside.

The Raiders shot a miserable 34 percent from the floor and connected on 16-of-23 free-throws. The Raiders' scoring leaders were: Taylor with 20 points, Clifton with 18 and Ingram with nine. Kidd tallied 17 rebounds while Clifton pulled down 12.

MTSU once again played well defensively as they held the Eagles to a paltry 35 percent performance. Middle out-rebounded the Eagles 55-47. TTU also toed the charity line 44 times and scored 25 points.

The Raiders will return to action tonight for a 7:30 encounter with Tennessee State.

Tech

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MTSU burned the nets by knocking down 58 percent of their shots and 66 percent from 3-point range.

However, the Raiders' fans' smiling faces quickly turned to frowns as the Golden Eaglettes came out of the locker room with the intention of showing MTSU why they were conference champions.

Behind an equally balanced attack, the Eaglettes mounted a 8-2 run to take their first lead, 39-38 at the 16:55 mark.

They would continue to hold the lead and pump up their cushion a little every time up-court and appeared to be on the way to shutting the door early as Morehead hit a lay-

up at the 12:02 mark to give them a commanding 51-44 lead.

The Raiders had different ideas. Instead of slumping their heads, they picked up their feet and clawed their way back into the contest.

With Priscilla Robinson and Pippa Gibson doing the job inside, MTSU cut the lead to one at 55-54 with 6:36 remaining in the contest.

Finally, Capley knocked down MTSU's final jumper to overcome the deficit and put MTSU on top for the last time, 56-55.

MTSU's inside attack of Robinson, Capley and Gibson poured in 44 points in the contest.

The backcourt game tallied 10 points but also accounted for 16 turnovers.

"Priscilla Robinson, Stephanie (Capley) and Pippa (Gibson) did a heck of a job," Bivens said. "We got nothing from the outside."

Robinson paced the squad with 17 points while pulling down 13 rebounds. Gibson tallied 15 while Capley chipped in 12.

The Raiders will try to rebound from the Tech loss tonight against Tennessee State. Tip-off is slated for 5:30.

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On the line returns

It's a new year and we're almost halfway through the OVC schedule.

So far this season, the Blue Raiders have been raising some cane outside league play, however, inside OVC action, they've struggled.

With a 11-6 record, four losses have come against league competition and they are looking up out of the OVC cellar.

As for the Lady Raiders, they keep rolling along. Their 8-10 record is deceiving considering the competition they have played.

In OVC games they possess a 3-

On the line

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

2 slate and are once again considered a terror in the league after the squads first losing season a year ago.

Let's see how close we can come in tonight's games.

Men's OVC Action

TENNESSEE STATE at MTSU

The Tigers bring in a inconsistent squad that has ridden an emotional roller coaster throughout this year.

Unfortunately, they seem to be rolling into Murfreesboro on a high note after downing Murray State in Murray over a week ago.

The Raiders, on the other hand have lost four of their last five

contests including a tough setback to arch-rival Tennessee Tech Saturday night.

When these two teams meet, it's always a battle and several TSU players have been waiting for tonight after being thrashed 111-97 in Murfreesboro last year.

For MTSU to win they need to take the ball inside and get TSU in foul trouble early. They also need Tim Corder to heal quickly because the numbers show that the Raiders click when he's at the helm.

It'll be a battle but MTSU will pull away in the final seven minutes to gain a much-needed OVC win.
MTSU 76 TSU 67

AUSTIN PEAY at MOREHEAD STATE

Peay has found the "Death Valley" trip a little difficult.

After dropping a hard fought contest to Eastern Kentucky they saw their OVC record slip to 2-3.

Morehead has also been struggling and possess a 1-4 mark in OVC action.

But tonight, APSU will light it up as Morehead will find the Goves too much to handle. It may be close at the half but MSU will slide in the second.
APSU 92 MSU 72

MURRAY STATE at EASTERN KENTUCKY

The Racers lead the OVC in wins with a 15-7 overall record. They are the defending OVC champions and have a talent-laden team.

EKU possesses one of the

conferences' finer marks also at 11-6. They play physically and emotionally, especially in their own gym.

This one should be a thriller and the victor will be leading the OVC race with Tennessee Tech at the mid-point mark.

Tonight's difference though is that this game is in Richmond where the Colonels rarely let a tough team escape without a few bruises.

Despite Murray being the champs, EKV should be the favorite.
EKV 82 MSU 75

Women's OVC Action

TENNESSEE STATE AT MTSU

Teresa Lawrence has done a heck of a job turning a rock bottom program into contenders over a short period of time.

The Lady Tigers are 4-1 in OVC action and 9-7 overall behind the play of a physical Ann Thomas.

MTSU must rebound from an emotional loss to Tennessee Tech. Despite the loss, they are still very much in the OVC race, but a loss tonight will make it that much tougher.

MTSU's guards must get the ball inside as well as knock down the outside shots.

If they can accomplish that goal, as well as play the tenacious defense that they always do, they'll still be in the thick of the race.

Look for Kristi Brown to light it up from the outside and Priscilla
See **LINE**, page 15

Student speaks out against OVC departure

Next year will mark MTSU's 40th year of being a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Although it hasn't been quite a rose garden, I don't believe we need to pull out just because we got pricked by a thorn here and there.

The most recent thorn came when we all heard the news that MTSU has only four home games

Who's at fault?

Josh Aubrey

next year (one being against Tennessee State at Vanderbilt) and has to travel to eastern Kentucky for the second year in a row.

Most fans and players assume that newly appointed OVC commissioner Dan Beebe is to blame. Unfortunately he is the scapegoat who has been picked out to prevent us from blaming one of our own. More specifically MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford.

On Halloween, the Athletic Directors of the Ohio Valley Conference met for 6-7 hours discussing scheduling, among other things. It is rumored that Stanford left the meeting early and gave another AD the power to cast his vote (maybe he had to leave to do some last-minute trick-or-treating).

Whatever the case, the scheduling was passed with a 6-1

vote. The one dissenting vote was not from Stanford.

One week later, there was another OVC meeting in which final adjustments were made. Sil Stanford apparently had problems with the scheduling.

Now, all of the sudden MTSU has a committee, formed by Blue Raider Athletic Association Executive Director Larry Cour. The main goal of this group is to explore options of the school.

I'm sorry, but where does our booster group get the authority to decide where they feel it's best for our school to go?

Where were these boosters and this fan appreciation for the Blue Raider football team last year when MTSU was forced to travel to Boise, Idaho because the Broncos' fan turnout enabled them to outbid us for the home field advantage?

I do realize that some schools in our conference seem to get more special treatment than other (Eastern Kentucky for example) and although this is not fair, there is no reason to pack up and join another conference. I understand that it's not fair for us to travel to Eastern Kentucky two years in a row, but maybe this is a mistake that will not be made again. I don't want to take it all out on MTSU.

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Different ways to play golf at the Murfreesboro courses

If weather keeps improving, golf season will be in full swing in less than a month. With that in mind, I thought I would list a few alternative types of games one can play on the golf course.

"Best-Ball" is a variation for groups. Players gather into pairs of foursomes. Each player in each group tees off, then the group decides which shot was the best. All players proceed to the best ball and hit from there. Only one score is taken and the game is usually played team-against-team.

Right Hook Greg Adkins

"Fewest Putts" is a good way to work on your green play. Only strokes taken with a putter on the putting surface are counted. The winner is the player using fewest strokes.

"Choice Score" is another partners game. Players pair up and play the same as in stroke play. At the end of each hole, the partners take the best score and record it.

A variation of "Choice Score" is called "Blind Choice." The game plays the same, but numbers are drawn at the end of the round to decide which holes count toward the score. (If you play 18 holes, put 18 pieces of paper in a hat, marked one through 18, then draw nine. These nine holes are the only ones you add to get the final score.)

"Bingle-Bangle-Bungle" is good for the golfer's ego—the score is always low. Three points are awarded on each hole: one to the player first on the green; one to

the player closest to the hole after all players are on the green; and one to the player who sinks the first putt. The player with the most points at the end of the round is the winner.

The "Most 3's" game is for the birdie and eagle hunters. At the end of the round, the player with the most 3's on the card is the winner.

Lastly, "Selected Score" is for the all-day golfer. Each player plays 36 holes of golf. At the end of the round, each player counts his best 18 holes. The player with the lowest score wins.

If you're new in town, the best course for college students is the VA Golf Course (Radford Strong, Course Professional). It is kept in good shape and the cost is \$5 for nine holes. The course is located about three miles out of town down Lebanon Highway, just past the main entrance to the Alvin C. York Veterans Hospital.

There are two other local courses. Indian Hills, an 18-hole course with more of a "country-club" atmosphere, is located one mile south of I-24, on 231-S. Old Fort Golf Course is for the adventurous player (it's the hardest course in town). Eighteen holes of "pure hell," but the staff is excellent and the service is beyond reproach. It is located off Highway 96 on Old Fort Parkway.

Five years ago, Murfreesboro had nothing to offer the amateur golfer. The city of Murfreesboro has turned golf into a major money maker which has helped local government provide more services for its citizens.

"Golf...a game in which one endeavors to control a ball with implements ill-adapted for the purpose." —Woodrow Wilson

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Robinson to have a career night.
MTSU 84 TSU 75
AUSTIN PEAY at MOREHEAD STATE

The Lady Governors are much better than their 5-13 record.

They have a talented team capable of pulling off some big upsets this year in the league.

Morehead has a solid inside attack with some heavyweights down low. They are 9-8 currently but will see that record leveled up after tonight.

Austin Peay, 0-5 in OVC action, will take win number one in Morehead.

APSU 69 Morehead 64
MURRAY STATE at EASTERN KENTUCKY

Unlike past seasons, Murray State's women are on the decline while EKU is on a steep, steady incline.

Murray, 6-13, has a few valuable players but are far from being contenders in the league this season.

Eastern owns a 8-7 record and put some talented women on the floor. Unfortunately, they have left their skills behind on several occasions, but when they do come to play, they can hand you a quick "L" in the righthand column.

Although Murray could pull off a shocker at some point this season, it won't happen tonight.
EKU 92 MSU 65

Fault continued from page 14

Stanford because he has done a lot for our school, however, he did make a big mistake, one that can no longer be changed. But, should this lead us to leap into another conference?

If you will, recall the year 1982, when Western Kentucky felt it necessary to bolt from the OVC and

join the Sunbelt conference. I think it would be safe to say that if they had it all over again that they would have remained in the OVC. Their attendance has dropped off dramatically, especially in basketball.

Another thing people are forgetting about are the basketball, baseball and other athletics that would have to switch to another conference as well. Is it fair to put that much emphasis on a problem with the scheduling of one sport? I believe the OVC is the conference for MTSU. The other schools are geographically close and almost 40 years of tradition with MTSU and the OVC should be enough to keep us together.

After all, how many couples get divorced after 39 years of marriage and only a few misunderstandings?

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came by a narrow margin at the hands of Florida State, 52-50.

The Raiders had at least one performer place in each of the 12 events.

A personal record was set by Veronica Tipton in the high jump with a 5-6 1/4 effort. The high also won the event for her.

Jacqui Brown paced the squad with two first-place finishes. She won the long jump and the triple jump events.

Teammate Michelle Welch was second in the long jump and Koko Rowley placed fourth.

Tracy Edens was second in the shot put with Latonia Jackson and Marsha Cleveland running second and

third in the high hurdles.

Jennene Cody won the 55-meter dash and Leigh Weathers placed third in the 800.

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