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MTSU's men's and women's tennis teams scored wins over Southwestern Louisiana Tuesday.

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Sidelines

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FIX IT OR FORGET IT?

Residents say maintenance performance is 'unacceptable'

By Randy Ford/ staff

Dissatisfaction with slow maintenance services has been the expressed concern of some students who live in campus housing.

Senior Leslie Hobbs, a resident of Cummings Hall, said she has had several problems with the department.

"When we moved in at the beginning of the fall semester, the blinds wouldn't go down," Hobbs said. "I had to hang sheets in the window to keep our privacy."

Hobbs said it took maintenance personnel almost a month to correct the problem.

Justin Meyer, a sophomore resident of Schardt Hall, said he is also upset with housing maintenance crews.

"I understand that there are many on-campus residents," Meyer wrote in a Sidelines letter to the editor in January, "but there is obviously a problem when every person I have talked to is infuriated with the lack of supervision and care of our dorms."

Meyer said he feels "it is about time that they take initiative and either hire new workers or become much more efficient."

"I'm not getting my money's worth," Hobbs said.

Another student—speaking on the condition not to be identified—is concerned with the overall structure of residence halls, pointing to crumbling stairwells in Abernathy and Nicks Halls as examples of "unacceptable and dangerous housing conditions."

"They're taking about these things and they're not taking the initiative to fix them," the resident said.

Richard Smith Jr., associate director of residence life, said the current conditions of the buildings is not a safety concern.

"All of our buildings are safe," Smith said, adding that the buildings have been inspected many times.

Housing Maintenance Director Tommy Smith said new policies have helped his department become more efficient this semester.

Last semester, his department split the campus into five geographical areas, helping to increase productivity of maintenance personnel. However, Wright said,



Shawn Sidwell/staff

Crumbling stairwells in campus residence halls, like the one pictured at Nicks Hall, are going unfixed, says an MTSU student.

there were not enough employees to properly cover each of the areas.

Now, each of the areas has a full-time employee, a temporary employee and several student workers. Wright said the new system seems to work.

"Within the last couple of weeks, I've gotten some phone calls from students and staff saying that we're doing a good job," he said.

Wright said the goal of his staff is to complete most projects within a week. He said that any emergencies gain top priorities.

"Emergencies are anything that could be viewed as a danger to the students or the structure of the building," Wright said. "We take care of those before we go home."

Wright added that work orders are often delayed before reaching the maintenance staff.

"If a student turns in a work order [to a resident assistant or resident director], and we don't get it for a few days, that affects our turnaround," he said. •

1996 survey lauds custodial employees

By Randy Ford/ staff

A 1996 customer performance survey from faculty, staff and students—feel the department's overall services are "excellent." More than half of those responding rated the department above average.

Custodial services manager Warren Jackson said the survey, the first ever for the department, helped the custodial staff measure customer satisfaction.

"This gives us an idea of how we're doing—and where we're weak," Jackson said.

Marilyn Kruse, coordinator of student teaching, responded to the survey in December.

Kruse said "it was good to have an outlet" to express her feelings of the custodial staff near her office in the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center.

"They do a very good job here." •

Sundquist's budget ax falls on higher ed.

By Jamie Evans/ staff

MTSU is right under the ax of next year's state budget cut as part of Governor Don Sundquist's across-the-boards reduction in funds for all higher education.

Sundquist delivered his State of the State address Monday night, addressing the state budget for 1997-98. Total spending on higher education for the next fiscal year has been reduced from \$934 million to \$894.4 million—a \$40 million drop.

"We will reduce the base budget for higher education by 4 percent—an amount we've arrived at in discussion with the UT system and the Board of Regents," Sundquist said.

MTSU will have a state-budget cut of \$2.76 million. However, where that money will be trimmed from the MTSU budget is still up in the air.

Dr. Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration, said that tuition raises are not part of the discussion at this point. He added, however, that tuition raises will be talked about later this summer, probably in June or July, just like they are every year.

Stucky also pointed out that future campus development projects will be affected by the new budget.

"We have no specifics as of now," Stucky said. Last year, there were no cuts from state funding to MTSU, Stucky said, and that is what makes this year's cut unexpected. •

Ebonics debate set for next Monday

By Susan McMahan/ staff

Ebonics—the study of an African-American dialect—will be the subject of a debate between a history professor and an English professor next Monday.

The debate over Ebonics will be featured in the Documentary and Dialogue series next Monday at the Learning Resources Center Multimedia Room at 6 p.m. "Ebonics is a hot topic right now," said HPER professor and organizer of the debate Cheryl Ellis. The debate next Monday focuses on whether or not Ebonics, which derives its name from "ebony" and "phonics," should be recognized as a form of communication.

Adonijah Bakari, associate professor of English, and Jacquelyn Jackson, associate professor of English, will debate, respectively, whether Ebonics should or should not be taught to teachers. Students will also participate in and moderate the debate.

Ellis said she does not advocate Ebonics being taught as the correct way to speak, but she said being aware of the dialect could help teachers, especially at the elementary school level, be more understanding of what students say and be more prepared to help students learn proper English.

"I think Ebonics should be recognized as a form of communication," said Ellis. "Teachers should be aware of Ebonics to be able to help and correct young black children."

Students interested in learning about Ebonics are invited to attend the debate.

"It is open to the public and, in fact, some students are receiving extra credit for attending," said Ellis.

The next debate in the Documentary and Dialogue series will be held Feb. 24 and will cover the issue of the relevance of fraternities and sororities. •

Aerospace department receives new multi-engine plane

By Randy Ford/ staff

The department of Aerospace has a new twin-engine Cessna 404 airplane. The new plane, appraised at more than \$280,000, was purchased by the university for only \$1,000.

Department faculty have wanted a twin-engine plane for years but couldn't afford the \$250,000 retail price.

Terry Dorris, assistant professor of aerospace and certified aircraft mechanic, sent in requests for six planes available through government surplus.

"The problem is, we're at the bottom of the food chain," Dorris said. "Federal agencies get first crack at the equipment. If they don't want it, state agencies are next. At the bottom of the list is the education system."

Dorris said four of the planes were single-engine, and he expected MTSU would get one of those.

"I was ecstatic when I got the call that we would get the Cessna. Our perseverance paid off," Dorris said.

The plane, stored in Tucson, Arizona, was retrieved by Dorris, Steve Gossett, assistant professor of aerospace, and Matt Taylor, director of the flight school maintenance

program.

Dorris said the plane needed a lot of work before it was ready to fly.

"We had to replace the multi-engine components and some of the seats," he said.

Bruce Thomas, a flight instructor and aerospace professional-pilot major, said the new plane would help aerospace students get better jobs after graduating.

"The biggest improvement is getting multi-engine experience...that looks better in your flight book," Taylor said.

He also thinks the new plane will also benefit MTSU as a whole.

"It's really going to help the flight instructors as well as the faculty for traveling purposes."

Chief pilot Paul Craig said faculty can take advantage of lower travel costs.

"Using the Cessna, we can turn a three-day trip into a one-day trip. That's a considerable savings when you factor in lodging, meals, and missed time at work," Craig said.

Dorris and Craig also plan to invite university officials for a ride in the new plane. •

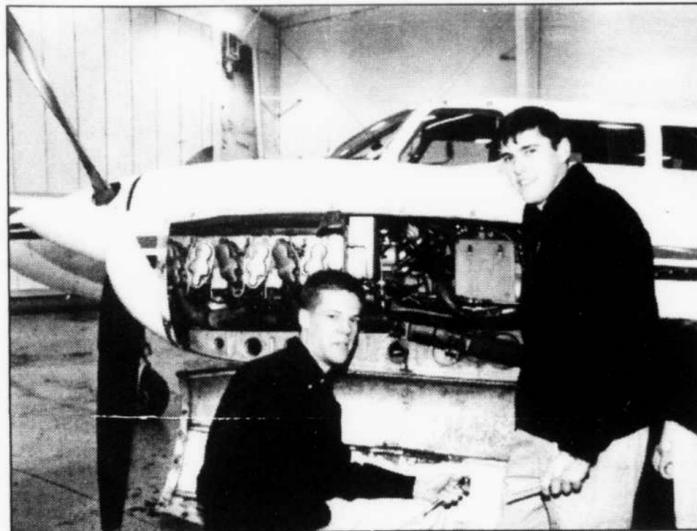


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Scott Sowles and Scott Lutes work on the Aerospace department's new Cessna 404, a government surplus aircraft recently acquired by MTSU.

Textbook thief turns himself in

Staff Reports

An MTSU student—accused of stealing a bookbag and \$150 worth of its contents—turned himself in to public safety the day after a Sidelines article ran identifying him as a suspect.

Roderick D. Smith, 22, turned himself in on Friday, Feb. 6. He posted bond and set a court date for March 4 in Judge Buckner's court.

Smith faces a sentence of not more than 11 months and 29 days in jail, and/or a fine up to \$2,500.

According to Officer Dustin Miller, public safety was able to trace the theft back to Smith after the stolen books were resold to the bookstore. •

On Campus

THURSDAY, Feb. 13
Pre-Law Society is holding a key reorganizational meeting. Anyone interested in going to law school or any other career in law is urged to attend. Peck Hall 207 at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, Feb. 16
Model UN meets every Sunday night. Anyone who is interested in international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

Wesley Foundation University Worship meets at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Call Bill Campbell for more information: 893-0469.

MONDAY, Feb. 17
National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) is holding auditions for A Night With The Stars: Talent Competition from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in MC 101. Call Jay Jackson at 898-3499 or Benita Holmes at 898-4167 for more information.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18
Society of Professional Journalists will hold a semester organizational meeting for student journalists in print and

broadcast media at 6:30 p.m. in JUB 310. Contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815 for more information.

College Republicans Speak-Up for MTSU—a race relations, politics, race relations, religion, etc. 7:00 p.m. in KUC 316. Snacks provided. For more information call Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

Lambda Association, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, will meet at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more information call 780-2293, e-mail mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25
Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26
Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society will hold a writer's workshop for present

and prospective members and their guests at 3:30 in PH 108. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to join Sigma Tau Delta. Call Jacob Truax at 898-0657 for more information.

February-March 1997
Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN. **Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m.** Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

GRADUATING SENIORS
All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: **March 4, 5, and 6.** On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: **8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m.** All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

Workshops highlight 'Liberty' weekend

By Jamie Evans/ staff

Three workshops will be held this weekend as part of the "And Liberty For All" lesbian, gay and bisexual conference. The conference—expected to attract between 400 and 500 people from across the nation—begins on Saturday and runs through Sunday.

At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, the first workshop, "And Liberty For All" begins. This workshop features topics including: "Achieving your

dream as an Out Gay or Lesbian", "Coming Out: the Rest of the Story," and "Reaching Out to Gay and Lesbian Youth." Torrie Osborn, a lecturer and writer, will be speaking at this workshop.

Session 2 picks up after lunch, and covers some of the same topics that the first workshop did. Some of the topics to be covered are: "The Aftermath of the 1996 Elections," "Political Lobbying," and "Bisexual Women and Visibility." This

workshop features Stephen Monkarsch, Cindy Abel, and David Donaldson.

Session 3 begins with the screening of "It's Elementary" that begins at 2 p.m. in Tucker Theater. Some of the speakers for this session include Mary Cummins, Van English, and Dr. Bill Turner. Topics covered will be "Organizing on a State Level," "Welcoming Diversity," and "Heterosexism On Campus."

For more information, contact conference officials at 780-2293.

Doyle to speak on population growth

By Randy Ford/ staff

A modest proposal will be made by the next speaker in the Honor's Lecture Series: "Should We Kill Babies First?"

Pat Doyle will present his lecture Monday, Feb. 17 in Peck Hall 107 from 3:30 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. Doyle said "Should We Kill the Babies First?" will confront the overpopulation issues facing the country.

Increasing problems with overpop-ulation, according to Doyle, are underestimated in



Patrick Doyle

denies it," he said.

Doyle predicts that if society's awareness and concern don't improve, global problems will occur.

Doyle said he wants to tell

importance.

"As a whole, our society doesn't want to deal with it, and a significant portion of our society

his audience that "the future is yours, so if we don't try to take care of the problems, confrontation will occur between countries."

Discussion will include possible recommendations to solving overpopulation issues.

"The tough choices are to limit population," he said. "We've started putting population limits already.... If that had begun 200 years or so ago, you and I may not be here."

The theme for this semester's Honors Lecture Series is "Tough Choices."

Blood tests slow Gooch investigation

By Susan McMahan/ staff

Police are still investigating the death of a Murfreesboro man who died from injuries he received after being struck by a car at approximately 9 p.m. last Thursday.

Bobby Gooch, 49, was standing in the left lane of North Tennessee Boulevard at the crossing of Bell Street when he was struck by a 1995 Ford Escort driven by Robert Chappin, 20, a junior at MTSU.

"We in limbo in the investigation right now," said Lt. Clyde Adkinson of the Murfreesboro City Police. "We're going to have to wait on the blood results."

Blood was taken from both Gooch and Chappin after the accident to test for both alcohol and drugs.

According to Lt. Adkinson, the blood test is standard Fatal Accident Crash Team (FACT) procedure.

He said that normally blood

test results are available within two to four weeks. The sample taken by the FACT team was sent to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation crime lab for testing.

When lab results are available, Adkinson said that they will be sent to the district attorney for review, which is also standard FACT team procedure.

Neither Chappin nor passenger Lynn Muse, 19, a freshman at MTSU, were injured in the accident.

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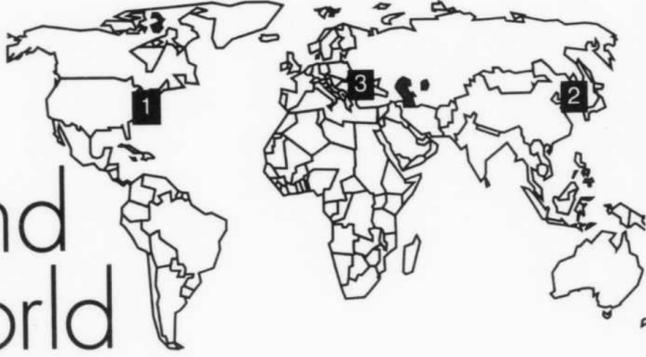
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Around the World



FBI probe heads to Saudi Arabia

1 WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is sending more investigators to Dhahran in hopes of shaking loose primary evidence and gaining from a reluctant Saudi government access to suspects in the bombing of a U.S. military complex.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said the Saudi kingdom's leaders have promised the United States to help the FBI complete its investigation of the June explosion that killed 19 American servicemen.

Both FBI Director Louis Freeh and Attorney General Janet Reno criticized Saudi Arabia last month for withholding information about its investigation and for denying U.S. authorities access to non-American witnesses, jailed suspects and key pieces of evidence. Freeh has flown to the Middle East at least three times to rectify the situation.

"The director of the FBI has requested further cooperation. He is now getting further cooperation. So that is now under way," Cohen told the House National Security Committee Wednesday.

"We expect the Saudis to measure up to those requests."

At a separate congressional hearing, Assistant FBI Director Robert Bryant indicated the U.S. side of the investigation is back on track.

"There are additional teams going to Saudi Arabia literally as we speak," said Bryant. He said they would pick up the tempo of the probe after a lull during the Muslim holy month Ramadan, which just ended.

Actually, two small teams of FBI agents are on standby to go to Saudi Arabia if needed, according to a federal law enforcement official.

At least two FBI agents

have gone in the past couple of weeks to begin the collaboration and to determine whether, when and how many more agents might be needed there, the official said on condition of anonymity. Several months ago, 70 FBI agents were on the scene but were sent home for lack of work.

The fresh agents joined an FBI legal attache and a clerk, which set up an office in Riyadh in October, Bryant said. It's among 30 attache offices the FBI has worldwide, which it wants to expand to 46 by Sept. 30, 1999.

"Opening the legal attache in Riyadh will help ... establish a liaison to know the culture and the system," Bryant told a House Judiciary subcommittee. "It's going to have to be an issue of diplomacy, perhaps, rather than a law-enforcement issue."

DPRK official flees, seeks asylum in Seoul

2 SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A confidant of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il defected Wednesday and is seeking asylum in South Korea, becoming the highest ranking official to flee the communist North.

Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a member of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, fled to the South Korean Embassy in Beijing and asked for asylum, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said.

South Korean Ambassador Chung Jong-wook said in Beijing that Hwang had defected with an aide. The Foreign Ministry identified the aide as Kim Duk Hung, the president of a North Korean trading company who is in his 50s.

"Since (Hwang's) free will to defect has been confirmed, the issue will be handled through consultations with the Chinese government," the ambassador said.

The importance of Hwang's

defection was underscored by South Korea's reaction. It called an emergency Cabinet meeting to discuss ways to bring Hwang and his aide to Seoul. The foreign minister canceled a weekend trip to Singapore to attend a meeting of Asian and European foreign ministers.

The defection could be a sign of a power struggle within the North's hierarchy, according to one South Korean official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Hwang also could provide a wealth of information about North Korea's government, which rules one of the world's most closed societies.

New Chechen pres. takes oath of office

3 GROZNY, Russia (AP) — With all the pomp a ruined capital could muster,

Maskhadov was installed Wednesday as Chechnya's president and vowed to protect "the constitution, the laws and freedom" of the breakaway republic.

Chechens celebrated by firing guns and shouting "Allahu Akbar" outside a small theater at the Chemical Workers' Palace of Culture — the only building still standing that could accommodate the inauguration ceremony.

Thousands of people gathered outside, smiling, hugging and dancing in the winter sunshine amid a barrage of gunfire so loud and long it set off scores of car alarms.

Inside, the hall was decorated with the trappings of independence — Chechnya's green, red and black flag, green bunting, and a banner with the republic's slogan: "Freedom, equality, peace."

"I'm passing into Aslan Maskhadov's hands a free, independent Chechnya," the outgoing Chechen leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, said.

Sigma Chi ritual upsets community

College Press Service

A pledge ritual that involved Confederate uniforms and a burning cross was not racially motivated, says a University of Nebraska-Lincoln fraternity.

Instead, Sigma Chi members say the ritual symbolized the unity of the fraternity since the Civil War.

Still, Lincoln, Neb., community leaders have protested the cross-burning and have called on the university to punish the students.

On Jan. 23, Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies found 30 white members of UNL's Sigma Chi fraternity gathered on private land, conducting a ritual that included Civil War uniforms, swords and rifles.

The deputies also said they spotted a 6-foot tall wooden cross—later burned during the ceremony. The officers left after finding no criminal activity.

The university decided not to punish Sigma Chi, after members denied the incident was a hate crime and apologized for any misunderstanding.

Linda Schwartzkopf, UNL's acting director of Greek affairs, said the fraternity's ritual was protected by the First Amendment, although the university would use the incident to raise cultural awareness.

"We must help sensitize people to the fact that while no negative intent may have been present, use of Confederate memorabilia and a burning cross in close proximity will almost certainly be misinterpreted as having racist connotations," she said in a statement.

A burning cross is commonly known as a Ku Klux Klan symbol.

As news of the ritual seeped into the Lincoln community, local leaders responded in anger.

About 40 clergymen, gathered at a Baptist church to demand that the university take sanctions against Sigma Chi.

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Sundquist's ax falls on MTSU

They might not have seen it coming, but Governor Don Sundquist made it clear Monday night in his State of the State address that Tennessee's colleges and universities must do their part to offset the state's budget shortfalls.

Specifically, the governor's budget plan calls for a 4.5 percent reduction in state funding for higher education, a figure which amounts to a \$40 million cut from this fiscal year's total of \$934.4 million. The plan also singles out individual cuts that each of the state's universities can expect, with UT-Knoxville and the University of Memphis taking the brunt of Governor Sundquist's budgetary fix.

MTSU, of course, was not spared from the governor's belt-tightening measures, suffering a \$2.76 million reduction in state funding for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the cut comes at a time when university officials may have to contemplate performing the bitter task of withholding funds for this current fiscal year, if feared shortfalls in the 1996-97 budget are realized. While a current reduction in spending is admittedly still a matter of speculation, the idea that it is a possibility ought to get the attention of all students and faculty.

Certainly, state universities are not the only ones being targeted by the governor for cuts. Indeed, nearly every state agency seems to be facing some form of lost funding. Crying about the governor's tactics to whip the state government into fiscal shape, therefore, would be counterproductive to what Tennessee's universities now need to concentrate on: how to use their shrinking state resources so that each can best meet their individual needs and priorities.

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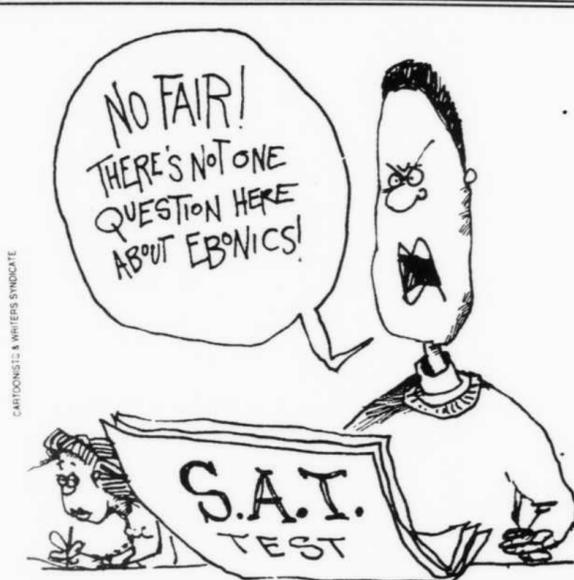
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A megalomaniac's guide to God and gays



The Mayer's Office

Gregg Mayer

Sometimes, as I recline in my LA-Z-BOY chair smoking a cigarette, listening to the carbonating pops of a half-empty soda-can I'm holding over the arm rest, I think to myself: "What if I were gay, or God, just one or the other?" Particularly this week, because the two are all the chat around town.

Lesbians, gays, and bisexuals from across the country are flocking to MTSU this Friday to take part in the "And Liberty For All" conference — a giant social bash that looks like a lot of fun for the invitees. Do you know what they're doing? On the itinerary, I see: watch a movie; have dinner; then talk about the next time they can get together. Sounds like an innocuous first date to me.

I'm sure there are a lot of political implications and statements being made this weekend, but, seriously, is it that big of a deal? Is it worth all the media hype that two guys, or two girls, or a bi- and a girl, or a guy and a bi-, or

guy and a girl want to spend a little time together? Well, some Christians seem to think so.

Some campus ministries are having all-night vigils—praying for 36 hours, whew!—this weekend. Other ministries have sent out press releases begging people to pray on Saturday at the top of every hour: Let 'em know you're thinking about 'em, and let 'em know God is thinking about 'em too, is how a minister put it to me.

That's why I wish I were God. You see, I'm a megalomaniac pseudo-to-be-like-William F. Buckley pseudo-neurotic freak. All that prayer would do me good. Of course, if I were God, I'd be omnipotent, and I'd probably kill everyone with bolts of lightning because I'm neurotic. It's a paradox of my own humanity.

If I were I gay, then 500 of my best friends would be coming to campus this weekend. You see, I think gay people have this strange bond. They almost instantly like each other. Not necessarily sexually, but they have this, "You're in the Marine Corps, too!" mentality, smiling as they pat each other on the back. They need this bond because some people just don't get it—like the people who might protest this weekend.

Why in the world would someone protest? Or call LAMBDA and leave a vulgar message on the answering

machine? I mean, I half-thought about protesting just so I could be a part of the activities: Like Ben on The Andy Griffith Show who deliberately tries to get in trouble over Christmas so Andy will lock him up at the courthouse where the Christmas party is (not to mention Ellie). But that would be silly because Michael Grantham, a co-chair for the event, knows I support him and LAMBDA in just about everything they do.

I won't be at the conference this weekend. Not because I think homosexuality is morally wrong, but precisely because I don't. I wouldn't have much to do there, really. Hang out in the corner, smoke a few, tell everyone I believe in them. It would be kind of silly, almost condescending, and neither Michael nor LAMBDA want that kind of silly support. All they want, I honestly think, is to be left alone.

We all have our beliefs. We all have our own axes to grind with the world. But we don't need to do others just because what they do, or who they are, is a little different from ourselves.

Don't protest this weekend. And Alpha Omega and other Christian groups, you don't have to pray this weekend for 36 hours. God, although not quite me, is still pretty open about things. •

Big Brother tightens reins on drivers again



Ramblings

Warren Wakeland

Because of all the rain we seem to be getting this semester (and because I hurt my knee and can't ride my bike), I have had to (AARGH!) buy a parking permit and drive to school.

It pains me to do this, because I can easily ride to school from my elegant, yuppie-lifestyle digs, and because parking around here is an exercise in futility. But I had no choice.

If you can conceivably ride a bike to school and on campus, you should. You can go practically anywhere on a

bike. You don't have to walk to class from Sumner County... I mean, the perimeter lots. And, you don't have to wait 20 minutes in the rain for a bus, get standing water splashed on you by inconsiderate drivers and be late for class, as happened to me recently.

Also, bicycle parking is free. This has been missing for so long is a mystery to me.

But now there is an even better reason to adopt pedaling as your transportation modus operandi.

Public Safety (a.k.a. Big Brother) recently announced some changes in how they watch over us.

They have lowered the campus speed limit from the everything's-a-blur 25 mph to the more manageable Dale Earnhardt-esque 15 mph. They have also said if you don't yield to people at crosswalks or stop at stop signs, you're going to get more than a slap on the wrist.

And they're going to be watching you veeeeery carefully.

If you get a ticket for one of these heinous offenses, you won't be going to the SGA or Public Safety to have your case heard. You go see 'da Man — the state of Tennessee General Sessions Court. That's STATE COURT, kids. The big time.

And if 'da Man say you down wit' the crime, you'll be layin' it out big time — \$125 on average.

Now don't get me wrong. I'm all for adhering to the law. Yielding at crosswalks and stopping at stop signs is the law, and the law should be obeyed. If you don't, you deserve a ticket.

But there truly is no good reason for lowering the speed limit from 25 to 15. All it does is make people later to class and lighter in the wallet. It is not necessary, and SGA should do something to get the old limit restored.

Try driving 15 mph sometime. Do it on purpose. That's sloooow. Last week I timed the distance on The Loop

between the Art Barn and the intersection near the softball field at 15 mph — 1:26 to drive one-third of a mile. Then I asked a friend to run the same route as fast as he could. He ran it in 1:18.

Public Safety tells us this new limit has been instituted because of the added congestion on campus. They say there are so few places to walk now due to the stadium construction and there are so many people that the lower limit is a must to ensure your utmost safety. They don't want you to get run over and not be able to pay your tuition.

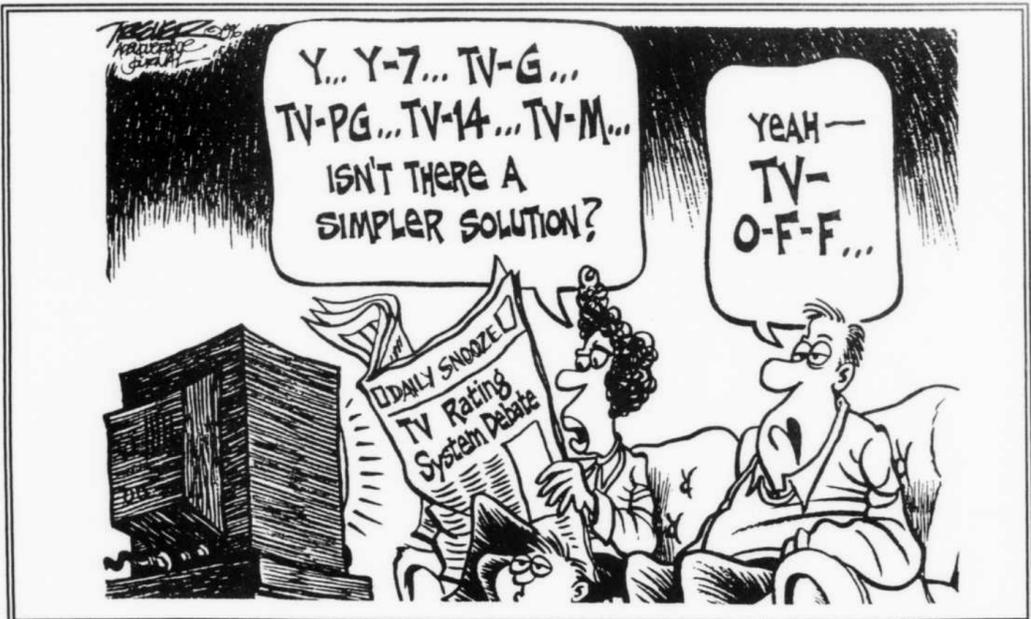
I guess Public Safety hasn't noticed, but it's been crowded here FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!!! The stadium construction has added to the congestion for CARS, not people. Faulkinberry Drive being closed is a problem for CARS, not people. There is no more congestion where people walk on campus than there was before construction began.

And so far, no one I've noticed is adhering to the new limit. Not even the Raider Xpress drivers, who are bright enough to know that if they drive 15 mph all day, they'll never get a student to class on time again.

There are places on campus, like around KOM and Peck Hall, where anyone with half a grain of sense doesn't even go 15 mph. But there are many more places on campus where 15 mph makes no sense.

Most of us are capable of looking out for ourselves when going from class to class, or class to car, or car to class, or anywhere to anywhere on campus. We don't need Big Brother changing our diapers and wiping our butts for us.

Safety is important, so yield at crosswalks and stop at stop signs. That's the law. But anal behavior is something else, and this new speed limit is anal. Get rid of it. •



The right time to

Today Valentine's Day may mean many things to many people, but love is always at the heart.

By Lisa Meyers/ staff

According to popular legend, hearts are smitten by the arrows shot by a winged, naked boy on Valentine's Day. The romantically tangled proclaim love to their sweethearts, while the romantically unattached feel pressures and blatant reminders of their lack of a significant other.

Similar to other holidays consumed by commercialization, the origin of Valentine's Day has wilted with last year's long-stemmed roses. People have forgotten the true meaning of Valentine's Day.

Ever wonder who St. Valentine really was? Or why so many individuals get butterflies in their stomachs and act mushy around the 14th of February?

Historically, St. Valentine was actually two people: a Roman priest and a bishop, both martyred on Feb. 14. Neither of them had any connection with courting couples or longing lovers.

So why do people flock to their nearest Hallmark stores and florists to buy chocolates, long-stemmed flowers, plush animals, or anything remotely red and heart-shaped by the dozens on the day of their martyrdom?

The idea of exchanging love tokens and valentines stems back to the early European belief that the second week of February was the time when birds began to mate. However, some authorities view the custom of selecting a partner on Valentine's Day as the survival of elements from the Roman Lupercalia festival, a fertility festival of ancient Rome celebrated on Feb. 15 in honor of the pastoral god Lupercus, the Roman god of flocks. Christians celebrated this pagan holiday by giving it the title St. Valentine's Day.

Whatever the reason, the tie between lovers and St. Valentine did not result from the cult of the Roman martyrs.

"It's really kind of strange to celebrate the death of a saint named Valentine with chocolates," said Melinda Johnson, a junior from Nashville majoring in public relations.

Today, Valentine's Day is typically observed as a special day for love and romance, although that is not always the case.

"I was in the eighth grade and my

school would call out people's names who had received flowers, etc.," said Heather Langston, a freshman from Smyrna majoring in special education. "I thought I heard my name and left class to stand in line. After waiting almost 20 minutes, I found out they had called 'Heather Mason,' not 'Heather Langston.' I had to return to class empty-handed."

Often it seems that reality falls short of the ideal Valentine's Day romance prevalent in movies and television shows.

"Being alone and single on any Valentine's Day just sucks," said Anthony Mollo, a sophomore from Binghamton, NY.

In fact, many people today find Valentine's Day to be more of a heartache than a romantic outlet.

"My (now) ex-husband was planning on marrying his girlfriend," said Pam Beverly, a sophomore from Nashville.

Sometimes even the best intentions for a romantic Valentine's Day simply fall through under the influence of Murphy's Law.

"I had flowers delivered to the wrong young lady," said Jeremy Stanley, a junior majoring in journalism and psychology. "I was explaining for weeks."

Kevin Foley, a senior from Kingston, Tenn., will have to forgo the traditional of romance on Valentine's day this year; instead of spending it with someone special, he will be having his wisdom teeth pulled.

Not all Valentine's Days are disastrous, however. Rhett Travis, a freshman from Naples, Fla., believes any Valentine's Day spent with his wife is a Valentine's Day to remember.

Due to the image society pins on what Valentine's Day should signify, many people tend to view this holiday strictly as a day for lovers; when in fact, it should merely be a day, unlike any other, to show your adoration for those you care about.

"The best Valentine's Days were in elementary school," recalled Leigh Anne Luther, a senior English major. "You got a Valentine from everyone, and there were no pressures. It was fun."

Since loved ones include family and friends, it is not unrealistic or outlandish to think of someone



besides your significant other.

"I send my mom and grandma flowers. I don't get my wife anything. Freud would have a field day with that one," said Ryan Woodward, a senior from Tullahoma, Tenn.

Contrary to fairy tale beliefs, Valentine's Day prompts both cynical and optimistic manners.

"If I'm dating someone who is

somewhat normal, then Valentine's Day is cool and fun," said Tracey Horner, a senior Public Relations major from Lexington, Tenn. "If I'm not dating someone, then it is sick and disgusting."

Occasionally people's status plays a major role in how the holiday will affect them. According to Woodward, Valentine's day is "a holiday created

by Hallmark."

So whether they are engaged in a relationship, pursuing a potential prospect, contemplating ending their current involvement, or staying away from any type of connection with another person, Valentine's Day is designed for anyone with a (beating) heart. •

Middle Passage to the new millennium

Kappa Alpha Psi brings renowned leader Percy Sutton to campus for history month

By Ladawna Dodd/ staff

Renowned businessman and former "Freedom Rider" Percy Sutton will be appearing in the KUC Theatre at 11 a.m. on Feb. 14 to discuss the African-American History Month theme, "Black Heritage: The Middle Passage to the New Millennium."

"The Middle Passage" refers to the shipment of slaves from Africa to America, said J. Steven Barnes, polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi, the fraternity sponsoring the event.

"The theme means where we've come to, from that boat ride into the new millennium," Barnes said.

The fraternity approached Sutton about speaking on the topic because of his outstanding life achievements and because he is a member of an alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Barnes said.

Sutton, a resident of Harlem City, is the founder and chairman emeritus of Inner City Broadcasting in New York City. The company owns and operates radio and cable television companies, along with radio and TV production and entertainment enterprises worldwide. He is also chairman of Queens Inner City Unity Cable System, a state-of-the-art cable operation in New York City.

According to Barnes, Sutton is also the creator of the well-known Showtime at the Apollo.

He is a principal partner in the Street Literacy Clinic: The Magic of Learning. The clinic is a computer-based, interactive, multimedia learning system aimed at improving literacy.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Sutton began early in life working toward a lifetime of dedication and



service to both his country and to the African-American community.

Sutton is a U.S. Air Force veteran. In the 1960s, he was a Freedom Rider and a civil rights organizer and spokesman. He now speaks nationwide on behalf of the NAACP and People United to Save Humanity (PUSH), as well as several other causes.

Sutton's political life includes a stint as a member of the New York State Legislature and more than 40 years as a practicing attorney. He served as attorney for Malcolm X and is still legal adviser to his widow, Betty Shabazz. He has also worked on the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaigns.

Recently, Sutton has been selected as a delegate to an industry roundtable discussion in Brussels, Belgium. Sutton served in 1995 as a member of a U.S. delegation to an information technology conference in Midrand, South Africa.

Sutton has been the recipient of a myriad of national and international awards, including the Springam Medal from the NAACP. The prestigious award was given to him for

typifying courage and leadership in the advancement of the causes of African-Americans in American society.

Another recognition bestowed on Sutton is the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Eagle Scout, Honor and Rank, designation. The designation is given to Eagle Scouts, who, as adults, contribute positively to society.

Barnes said Sutton, a self-made multimillionaire, generally charges \$14,000 to speak, but because he is a Kappa Alpha Psi brother and believes it to be a worthy topic, he has agreed to come to MTSU and speak for free.

Sutton is expected to share his life experiences with the audience, Barnes said. He believes that after looking at Sutton's life, the audience will walk away feeling that anything is possible.

"We hope that students, faculty and staff will leave inspired by his words and go out and do some really positive things," Barnes said.

"We believe in our theme of 'excellence not excuses' and feel that everyone should strive for achievement," he said.

A reception will follow the open forum in KUC 324. •

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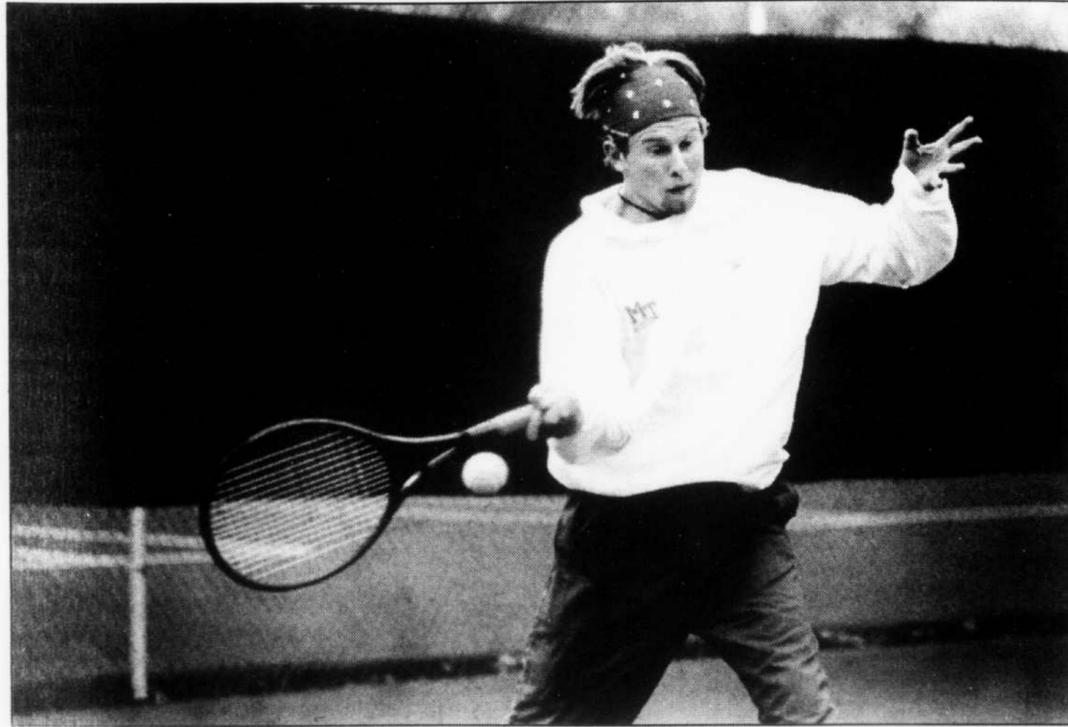
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McNamara, DeLuise take charge in win over USL



Brian G. Miller/staff

The 24th ranked doubles team of David McNamara (above) and Julius Robberts, helped lead the 20th ranked Blue Raiders tennis team to a victory over Southwestern Louisiana Tuesday with their 8-3 win.

By Keith Russell & Rachel Bailey/staff

Murfreesboro's "Cinderella boy" was not at 100 percent, but it didn't seem to matter to the 20th ranked Blue Raiders men's tennis team, as MTSU romped to a 5-2 win over Southwestern Louisiana Tuesday.

With nationally 10th ranked Fred Niemeyer scratched from singles play due to a sore arm following his

surprising runner-up finish at the Rolex National Indoor Championship in Dallas last weekend, Blue Raiders coach Dale Short relied on the rest of his highly touted arsenal of players to defeat a Southwestern Louisiana squad ranked just out of the top 50.

Middle

Tennessee was led by its two other nationally ranked performers, 15th ranked junior Anthony DeLuise and the 24th ranked doubles team of David McNamara and Julius Robberts, each of whom breezed by their opponents. DeLuise (4-0)

bested SWL's 79th ranked Ricardo Diniz 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match, while McNamara and Robberts defeated Diniz and Ray Rigamonti 8-3 in a No. 1 doubles match that took only 55 minutes to complete.

Niemeyer, meanwhile, stepped onto the court with doubles partner Marshall Brown to defeat the team of Michal Jordan and Gareth Keating, 8-2.

In other matches, Jim Madrigal (6-2, 6-2 over David Rodriguez) and McNamara (7-6, 7-6 over 58th ranked Rafeal Fontes) stayed undefeated in singles competition. This win brings DeLuise, Madrigal and McNamara to a 4-0 record in dual matches this season.

"This was a good, solid win for us. It will give us the preparation to take on the really tough competitors we will be facing this weekend," McNamara said.

The MTSU men's tennis team will be traveling to Mississippi this weekend to compete against top teams Mississippi State and South Alabama.

"This was a good, solid win for us."

David McNamara

Lady Raiders squeak by Southwestern Louisiana to break streak

By Keith Russell/staff

It was as cold as could be and it might have looked ugly, but the Lady Raiders tennis team was happy to settle for a closely fought 5-4 home victory over Southwestern Louisiana Tuesday.

"It wasn't very pretty out there," admitted Lady Raiders coach Dave Thornton after the win, which upped MTSU's record to 2-4 in non-conference play. "I thought we were a much more talented team than Southwestern Louisiana, but we didn't quite play like it today. We've got a great team, but if we want to be a championship team we can't afford to be as sloppy as we were."

The Lady Raiders cause was helped when Southwestern Louisiana was forced to default two points for not being able to field a player in the No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles slots.

With or without that added cushion, freshman Michelle North led the charge for the Lady Raiders, picking up two points for MTSU, first with a 6-3, 6-1 straight sets victory over Maribeth Rivera. North then teamed with sophomore doubles partner Clare Seveir to cruise by Rivera and Melanie Jacquet, 8-1.

"I think we played well," said North of her doubles win. "We're North to learn how to win those big points when we need them."

Sophomore Alex Toelle helped

MTSU's cause with a 7-5, 6-1 singles triumph over Jacquet, in the process picking up her first victory of the spring in four matches since returning from a wrist injury.

"I was happy to see how well Alex played today," said Thornton. "She came back and played the way she is capable of playing."

Southwestern Louisiana kept the contest tight thanks to straight sets victories by top singles players Katia Antropova (over Jennifer Bryans, 7-5, 6-2), and Anzela Zguna (over Seveir, 6-3, 6-3). Antropova and Zguna then teamed up to defeat the team of Bryans and Toelle 9-8 in the No. 1 doubles match, and Julia Martina defeated Kim Glassman, 6-3, 6-2, in the No. 5 singles contest to round out Southwestern Louisiana's scoring.

Both teams were forced to suffer through dismal weather conditions during the nearly three-hour contest,

with temperatures hovering near freezing and snow flurries falling intermittently throughout the afternoon.

"My hands were frozen the majority of the time," said Seveir.

"In these conditions you just have to try to block out the weather as best you can and concentrate on what you have to do."

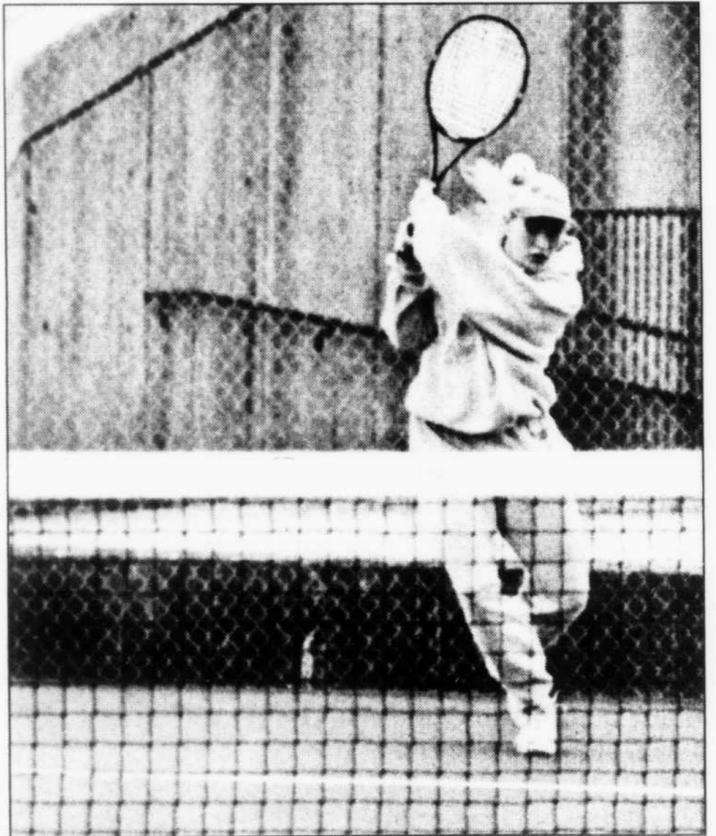
The win breaks a two game losing streak for the Lady Raiders, and is the first time in three tries that the team has won a 5-4 contest.

MTSU next faces Kentucky this Saturday in Lexington, Ky., and will remain in Lexington for a match versus Virginia Tech next Tuesday.

"It was important to get the win because these next two games will be tough, since both teams we play are ranked higher than us," said Thornton. "But this is a good team, and I think we've got a lot of good tennis in us."

"We've got a great team, but if we want to be a championship team we can't afford to be as sloppy as we were."

David Thornton
Women's Tennis
Coach



Brian G. Miller/staff

Clare Seveir fought a losing battle with cold and USL's Zguna Tuesday.

Sports Shorts

OVC Basketball

Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Austin Peay	10	5	13	12
Murray St.	9	5	14	8
E Illinois	8	5	11	10
MTSU	8	6	15	10
Tenn. Tech	8	6	12	10
Tenn. State	7	7	9	13
SEMO	7	7	10	15
UT-Martin	4	9	7	15
Morehead St.	4	9	6	15
E Kentucky	4	10	6	16

This Week's Games

February 13
MTSU @ TSU (WNAB-TV), 7:35 p.m.

February 15
MTSU @ Eastern Illinois, 2 p.m.

OVC Women's Basketball

Standings

	OVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
E Kentuck	12	2	17	5
Austin Peay	12	3	16	8
Tenn.Tech	9	5	12	10
Morehead St.	7	6	9	12
E Illinois	6	7	10	11
Tenn. State	6	8	10	12
Murray St.	5	7	8	12
MTSU	5	9	7	17
UT-Martin	4	9	5	16
SEMO	3	11	5	17

This Week's Games

February 13
MTSU @ TSU, 5:30 p.m.

February 15
MTSU @ Eastern Illinois, 4:30 p.m.

Indoor Track

Men	
MTSU	121
Marshall University	108
Alabama Birmingham	55
UT-Chattanooga	49
Western Kentucky	28
Jacksonville State	12

Women	
MTSU	146.50
UT-Chattanooga	87
Alabama-Birmingham	42
Austin Peay	42
Marshall University	35.50
Western Kentucky	16
Tennessee Tech	2
Vanderbilt	1

Blue Raider Tennis

Results

February 11
MTSU defeats Southwestern Louisiana 5-2

Next Matches

February 13
MTSU @ Mississippi St., 2 p.m.

February 15
MTSU @ South Alabama, 11 a.m.

Lady Raider Tennis

Results

February 11
MTSU defeats Southwestern Louisiana, 5-4

Next Matches

February 15
TSU @ Kentucky, 4 p.m.

Hands above your head!



Photo Provided

Evan Bone catches the ball to help bring the MTSU Moosemen rugby team to their second win at the annual Mardi Gras Rugby Tournament in Baton Rouge last weekend. The Moosemen slaughtered Baylor University 20-0 before crushing Deep South Select Side team 26-7.

Go Blue Raiders!

The MTSU National Alumni Association is now taking applications for the 'Alumni Scholars' Scholarship

The Scholarship will cover regular in-state registration fees for the Fall 1997 and Spring 1998 semesters of undergraduate study (assuming fall semester GPA meets requirements). The recipient will remain on scholarship for a maximum of four semesters as long as the criteria for eligibility is met.

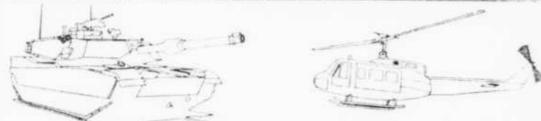
The Scholarship will be presented on May 3, 1997, at the Alumni Banquet in the JUB Tennessee Room. The recipient will be expected to attend the banquet and be introduced.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Junior or Senior classification- Successfully completed (or currently enrolled with expected completion 60 hours).
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- Selection committee to review applicants with open minds to their financial needs.
- Recipients of other current scholarships or grants which cover tuition costs will be excluded from consideration.
- Must enroll as a full-time student for the entire semester while receiving the scholarship.

Official application form must be used and should be typed or printed in ink. An official complete academic transcript must also be received by the Alumni Relations Office by the application deadline.

Scholarship Applications are available only from the Alumni Relations Department in the Alumni Center and are to be returned to the Director of Alumni Relations by Friday, March 14, 1997. The selection process will be completed by Friday, April 18. The recipient will be notified immediately.



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