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## Students to meet with administrator

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News Editor

Students will meet with an administrator later this week to discuss controversy surrounding the recent SGA elections and the *Sidelines* fall editor selection.

Thomas Mercer, president of the College Democrats and former SGA member, will meet on Tuesday with Dr. Robert LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs.

The meeting was called in order to review some of the concerns of MTSU students that former SGA President Toby Gilley and his fiancée, LeAnn Taylor had allegedly voted twice in a recent SGA election.

Mercer said the administration had not addressed the situation properly.

"He [Dean of Students Paul Cantrell] handled the situation entirely wrong," Mercer said.

"We will be asking for a full investigation of this," he said. "We should get down to the bottom of this or the students won't be happy with SGA."

Fern Greenbank, former *Sidelines* editor, Galyn Glick, current *Sidelines* editor, and Serenity Sutton, current features editor for *Sidelines* will meet

with LaLance later this week as well.

The meeting will be regarding the recent selection of Jason Whatley, current state chairman of the Tennessee College Republican Federation as the fall *Sidelines* editor and the process the Student Publications Committee used to appoint him.

In a recent committee meeting, the students filed a complaint stating three of the members were invalid.

LaLance decided student member, Dana Cook, was invalid, but the committee chose not to re-vote on their previous decision.

Greenbank said Whatley's appointment was in direct violation to the newspaper's code of ethics, which were adopted by the committee in 1988.

"We think it's a conflict of interest [Whatley's GOP involvement]," Greenbank said.

"We're still trying to review the process they use to appoint editors," she said. "We still think policies have been broken."

"If LaLance can't help us, then we'll appeal it to the president [Dr. James Walker]."

## Verdict Day: This time it turned out differently

L.A. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

No morning had carried more dread. No other moment in the long, fractured history of Los Angeles had arrived so pregnant with fear. The guns were out there. The anger was still evident in burned-out quarters of the inner-city. Racial tensions and rumors had brought out the police and National Guardsmen by the thousands, an army deployed in the pre-dawn darkness.

Not quite a year after the nation's most deadly urban riots, the forces of fate and circumstance seemed colluding to start the whole nightmare again — round two.

Only this time it turned out differently. This time, on a misty Saturday morning, the second Rodney G. King beating trial ended with guilty verdicts against two of the four Los

Angeles Police officers, setting in motion an extraordinary day. It was a day of rejoicing and anxiety and fragile peace. It was a day of roiling emotions as a racially divided city struggled to take meaning from the felony convictions and the acquittals of the two other officers accused of beating King two years ago.

There was anger, but anger far below the flash point. With the entire world watching, Los Angeles went through its Saturday morning rituals of coffee and Little League and cookouts and childbirth knowing there would be no explosion, no tragic *deja vu*.

The city allowed itself a few smiles, some nervous laughter and a collective sigh.

The day unfolded this way:

The sun had not been up for long when Gurtha Allen, 47, a housekeeper who lives in Jordan Downs, one of the city's most troubled housing projects, heard

the verdicts, sat bolt upright in bed and said: "Thank you, Jesus!"

There were, to be sure, undercurrents of unrest. The jury's unwillingness to convict all four officers left a bitter taste among some who denounced the decision as only "partial justice."

But new police chief, Willie L. Williams would get his way. He had been up since 3:45 a.m. After only four hours of sleep, he went to his sixth-floor police headquarters office, where he directed a fully deployed force on tactical alert.

Shortly before court convened at 7 a.m., Williams flipped through television channels with a remote control and glanced out his window to the new Roybal Federal Building, where the trial was held. Elbows on his desk, the chief nervously played with a pen as the proceedings began.

## Motlow dedicates building to former MTSU president

CHARLES ALY  
Staff Writer

Motlow State Community College named its administration building after a former MTSU president in a dedication ceremony this past weekend.

Former president Sam H. Ingram will be in Tullahoma Sunday for the dedication of the Ingram Administration Building.

Ingram, who served as MTSU president for 11 years, was also the first president at Motlow State.

"Dr. Ingram is a highly skilled administrator with tremendous knowledge of fiscal matters and was directly responsible for putting MTSU in a position to do many of the things we have recently accomplished," said Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

A native of West Tennessee, Ingram was the first chairman of MTSU's Education department. He was later the first dean of the School of Education.

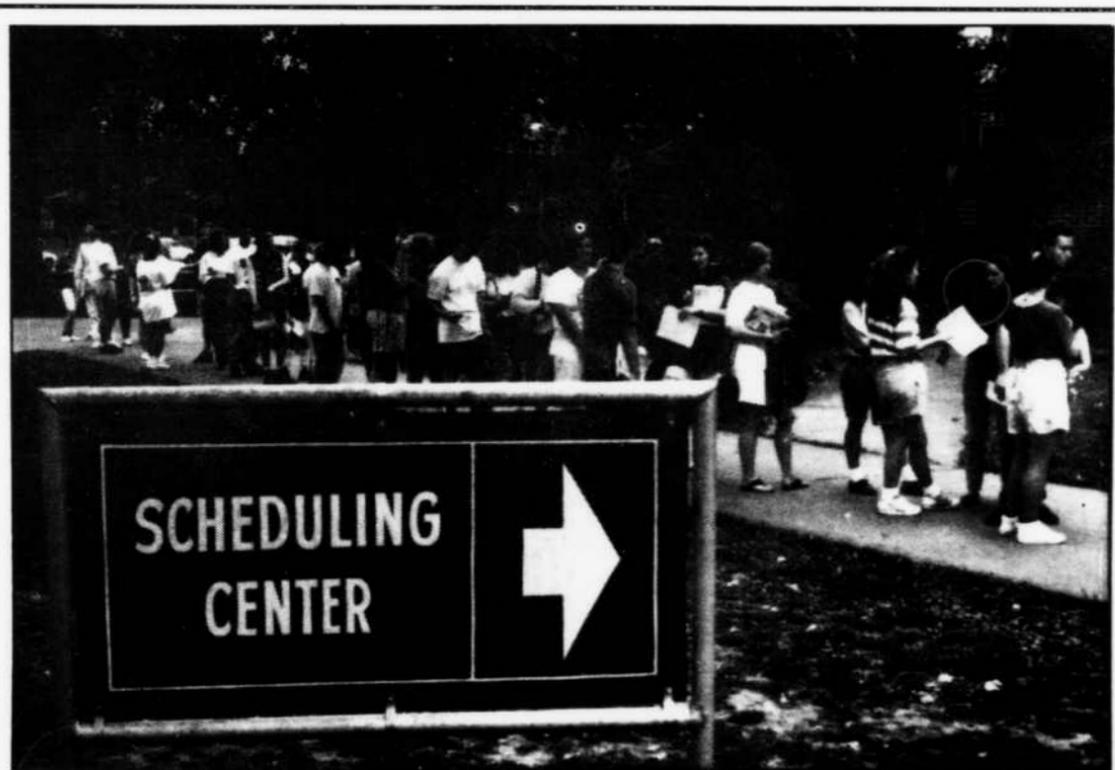
Ingram left MTSU in February of 1969 to take the post as Motlow's first president.

He later returned to MTSU and served as university president from January 1979 to December 1989.

"He is a champion for the concept of egalitarian public higher education," said LaLance.

Ingram received his undergraduate degree from Bethel College, his Masters from Memphis State and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

He also served as Tennessee's Commissioner of Education for four years.



Kelley Hood/Photographer

ARE WE THERE YET? Students wait in line to register at the James Union Building Wednesday.

## POLICE REPORTS

Brian Duke reported on April 9 that his radar detector and Ray Ban sunglasses were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the Greenland Drive parking lot.

Phillip Towns reported on April 10 that he was robbed of his money bag while he was delivering a pizza in Gracy Hall.

Bill Bob West reported on April 10 that his wallet was stolen from his locker in the football locker room in Murphy Center.

Lawanda McClellan reported on April 11 that her

vehicle had been damaged sometime between April 10 and April 11. The antenna was bent and a foreign substance had been poured on the vehicle.

Thomas R. Tatus was arrested on April 11 for DUI and Driving on Suspended Driver's License.

Carey S. Grant was arrested on April 11 for Trespassing.

Dot Mitchell reported on April 12, finding a window broken at Woodmore Cafeteria. Several meat items were missing from the freezer.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Students explore physical barriers at N.C.S.U. workshop

The program at North Carolina State University teaches architecture students to become more sensitive to the needs of handicapped persons by switching places with people who are blind, deaf or confined to wheelchairs.

The "The Sight, Sound and Motion Workshop," which was attended in winter by 62 students

from the Department of Design, allowing aspiring designers on the Raleigh campus to experience life with vision, hearing or movement impairments.

Students wear blindfolds and earplugs for hours or ride in wheelchairs to simulate the handicapped experience. Later in the day, students meet with volunteers from handicapped

service organizations to discuss the events.

"Many come out of the workshop passionate advocate of universal design," said John Tector, the architectural professor who founded the program.

Tector said students also discuss design ideas and styles that would make buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

NEWS BRIEFS ARE FROM THE COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### TODAY

**Students for Environmental Action** will meet at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. Call Andy for information, 895-5384.

Today is the deadline for the Campus Rec's **Ocoee River Trip** on April 24 and 25. The trip itinerary will be discussed at a 5:30 p.m. meeting in room 219 of Alumni Gym. Call ext. 2104 for more information.

### TUESDAY

**Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian Club** will have a get together from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in KUC 305. For more information call Jonathan Maxwell ext. 4101.

**Rutherford County Young Democrats** will have a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Court room upstairs. Beth Hickman and Rick Spence will be the guest speakers. For more information call Kim Harris, 896-1986.

### WEDNESDAY

**Student Member Section of Human Sciences** will have a picnic at 5 p.m. at the Old Fort Park. Sign up in the lobby of EHS Building for what to bring. All Human Science majors and minors are invited. For more information call Kara Webb, 794-1388.

**MTSU Wellness Center's Blood Analysis Day** for Faculty, staff, students, and spouses from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the football stadium. There will be a \$14 fee and the CHEM-SCAN test will analysis 25 different blood fractions, including a complete cholesterol profile: HDL, LDL, and Triglycerides. Individuals must fast 11-12 hours before blood is drawn. For more information call Dr. Penny ext. 5549.

### THURSDAY

**Women's Political Action** will "Take Back the Night" at 7 p.m. in front of the JUB-A Demonstration unifying the MTSU Campus to end all violence against women. For

more information call Debra Jackson, Women's Center, 890-5097 or ext. 2193.

**Chessnuts Club** will have a chess meeting at 1:30 p.m. in KUC 316. It's for anyone interested in joining the chess club. For more information call Jay Umboh, 893-1942.

**MTSU Chapter NAACP** will have a meeting at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. This will be the annual meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year. For more information call Casandra Wilson, Sec. ext. 3121.

### FRIDAY

**International student coffee hour** from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. in JUB-Hazelwood Dining Room. For more information call Kevin Gormley ext. 5797.

### ONGOING

**MTSU Debate Team** has applications for debate scholarships that award up to \$600 per semester to qualified students. No experience is necessary. For more information call ext. 5607.

To students interested in applying for admission to the TSU Occupational Therapy Program there have been some changes made in the requirements for admission to the program, you should call ext. 2041.

Students from Europe hope to spend one month in Tennessee. NACEL needs host families from mid July to mid August. NACEL provides medical coverage and the students have their own pocket money. For more information contact ext. 2284.

**Murfreesboro Chess Club** meets on Friday nights at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 811 E. Clark Blvd. MTSU students interested in chess are invited to check it out.

CO-OP Vacancies for foreign language majors at Walt Disney World, National Security Agency, and locations in Europe for the Summer and Fall 1993 semesters.

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# Homosexual groups urge boycott of Colorado, despite tourist boom

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Although a controversial anti-gay rights measure in Colorado is in legal limbo, gay and lesbian rights groups are urging people, including vacationing college students, to stay away from the Rocky Mountain state.

Amendment 2, approved as a referendum in November's general election, has caused a ruckus with human rights groups pushing a boycott against Colorado until the measure is repealed.

However, ski resorts across the state are saying that business is booming this year with record amounts of snow—and tourists—in the state. And officials with Colorado for Family Values, the group that supported the measure, said they are confident that the measure will be upheld by the court system.

Amendment 2, which was to have gone into effect Jan. 15, would have barred any law that protects gays and lesbians from discrimination. It voided such laws in Denver, Aspen and Boulder. Residents in those cities voted against the measure, but voters in Denver's suburbs, Colorado Springs and most rural areas overwhelmingly supported it.

in Denver in April.

Because of contracts and other financial commitments, the association decided to go ahead with its meeting in Colorado. However, NACS directors sent a strongly worded letter to Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. "In our opinion, this is a step backward in the cause of freedom and equality for all, and a step toward prejudice which already plagues this country," the letter states.

Executive director Garis Distelhorst and Elizabeth Goulding, director of meetings and expositions, said in the letter that until the amendment is finally overturned, NACS will not bring any more meetings to Colorado.

It is hard to gauge whether college students are supportive of the boycott, and whether they'll go to Colorado for spring break. However, Stuart Himmelfarb, vice president of The Roper College Track, a New York-based marketing organization, said that students may honor the boycott.

His group did a campus survey in 1992 of 1,200 full-time undergraduates on 100 campuses nationwide. The survey consisted of a list of 15 issues or problems that might affect campus life, and about 66 percent of the respondents said they believed

people will want to visit Colorado.

"It is clearly a method to inflict financial punishment on the whole state, even on the people who are our opposition," he said. "But boycotts are a double-edged sword. It's blackmail. It's a warning to other states considering the same ballot that this will happen. But, because of the boycott several state ballots will have the same issue in 1994.

Perkins, who owns a Chrysler dealership, said his business has been boycotted. However, business is as usual because people who support his cause are buying Chryslers from his dealership.

He said there has not been an increase of hate crimes against gays and lesbians in Colorado since the measure passed.

However, Morgan, with the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, said that the center is receiving many more calls from gays and lesbians reporting verbal or physical abuse. While some people are now willing to report hate crimes, there appears to be an increase of new crimes reported, she said.

"When a law like Amendment 2 is passed, it sends a message to people that it's OK to bash, that we're not human," Morgan said.

The center, which receives crime reports statewide, was averaging 123 calls a month until November, when the measure passed. In December, the center got 35 reports of intimidation or violence against gays and lesbians, and in November, there were 45 reports. The violence ranged from harassment to aggravated assault.

Morgan said that if college and university students do come to Colorado for spring break, "I would tell them to be careful, but I would tell them to be careful anywhere."

There has been controversy among people who support gay and lesbian rights concerning the boycott. While a boycott sends out a powerful message, especially for a popular tourist state such as Colorado, it also hurts individuals and businesses that are supportive of gays and lesbians.

The Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Community Alliance at the University of Colorado at Boulder is divided in its support of the boycott, said Elissa Whitlow, a leader of the group. Residents of Boulder, where the university is located, voted against the amendment.

"Support for the boycott varies from area to area. There's Boulder and Denver and the metro area, which are supportive in general of the gay community, plus most of the ski areas," Whitlow said. "Then, you have Colorado Springs, the eastern and western slope areas and other homes to homophobia."

'If you want to draw a conclusion about this boycott, students may be one of the groups that would be receptive to the boycott.'

A district court judge in Denver blocked Colorado from enforcing the measure until he can hear arguments on whether the law violates federal or state law. Until there is a final decision, however, boycott supporters are urging people to stay away from Colorado.

"If students are going to be here, there's a lot they can do to support our community. It's important for people to make a choice that's comfortable for them," said Kat Morgan director of the Gay and Lesbian community Center of Colorado, which is based in Denver. "If they come, I hope they come with the consciousness that they are coming to the only state that supports this."

It is estimated that Colorado coffers have lost millions of dollars in canceled conventions, conferences and other events because of the boycott. Several city commissions nationwide, including Atlanta and Los Angeles, have voted not to allow employees to attend professional meetings in the state.

The National Association of College Stores, a trade organization that represents college and university bookstores nationwide, has scheduled its annual meeting

intolerance against the homosexual community was a problem on campus.

"If you want to draw a conclusion about this boycott, students may be one of the groups that would be receptive to the boycott," Himmelfarb said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they found other places to go skiing. They can pick a lot of places to go to. It's not like they own a home in the area or something."

Amendment 2 was sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, a self-described non-partisan grassroots organization based in Colorado Springs. Spokesman Will Perkins said the group got 85,000 registered voters to sign a petition to get the amendment on the ballot. "Throughout the nation homosexuals do have equal rights. We're all for that," he said. "They want to be considered a protected class, and Coloradoans don't think that's fair. The laws are all in place for all U.S. citizens. We're not equating morality or immorality with this issue."

Perkins said he would encourage college students to come to Colorado to ski on their spring break. He said that in the short term, the boycott will hurt the state, but in the long term, more

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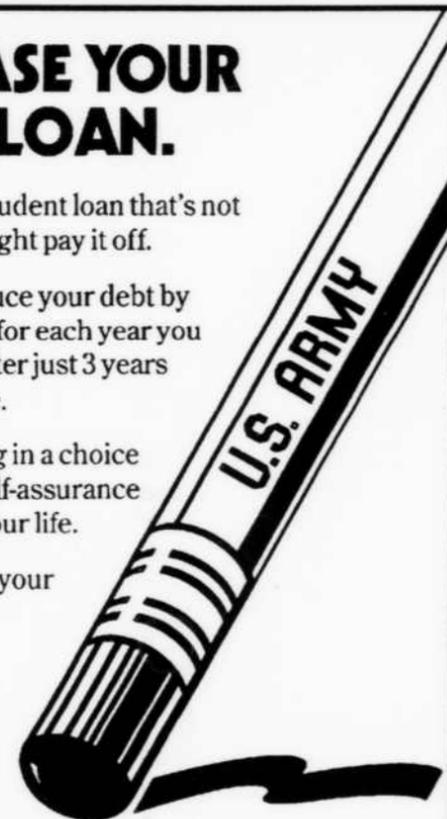
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

### 'Take Back the Night' on Thursday

On Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m., MTSU's first 'Take Back the Night' march will begin on the James Union Building steps and will continue until 8:30, where it will conclude with a rally in the Keathley University Center courtyard.

The darkness that falls upon a victim of violence does not dispel in the early morning light, and women are the most frequent victims of violence. Almost everyone knows a woman who has been sexually harassed, abused, murdered or raped. The shadows of those acts linger for years, perhaps forever.

I love the nighttime. I love the golden glow of streetlamps, the sweep of empty boulevards, and the surreal shadows that create a dreamlike atmosphere.

I would like to be able to enjoy it without being afraid.

Women should not have to be afraid of the dark. We should be able to enjoy nighttime air breezing in our first floor bedroom windows. We should be able to walk across campus at night, alone. We should be able to do many things at night, but we can't.

When an MTSU student, Becky Griffin, was a victim of a drive-by shooting at Nottingham Apartments, the Murfreesboro Police said that women should not go out alone at night.

However, violence against women does not occur solely at night. Sexual harassment, rape and murder do not disappear when the sun rises, but if men and women can work together to end violence against women, perhaps then we can finally take back the night.

—Galyn Glick



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bob Griggs' widow gives thanks

To the Editor:

I wanted to write a thank you letter to everyone to let you all know how much I appreciate you. Then I thought, "How am I going to do that?" There's no way a few words on a page can express how grateful I am to not only the people who have helped me get through these past few weeks since Bob died, but also to everyone (most of you I've never met) who touched Bob's life and made him the person he was. I learned so many lessons from him in the short time we were together and I'm sure many of them he learned from you. Thank you for that.

I guess one way I can thank you is to share with you a very special memory I have about Bob.

Neither Bob nor I have ever been morning people. Consequently, there were mornings when we were "grumpy" with each other (those of you who knew Bob or me will know that's an understatement). Anyway, I can remember a few occasions when Bob chased me half-way across campus to "smooth things out" before I went to class. He said, "We love each other and I don't want us to leave each other with angry words. What if something would happen to one of us and we left angry?" So we'd talk about it (even if it made me a little late to class—

Bob was very persuasive). I'm so glad now I listened to him; he was right. One thing I'm very grateful for was the last time I saw Bob alive. He was smiling and I kissed him on the cheek and told him I loved him. He told me he loved me too, smiled, and said to enjoy my class, that he'd pick me up in an hour. He never came back....

So many times we get caught up in our day-to-day routines that we forget how precious time really is. Try to always take time for those you care about and always leave them with love.

Thank you for all the time and love you have given me.

Kellie Griggs

### Graduate thanks faculty, friends

To the Editor:

I have been attending MTSU for three and a half years without a break, and in that time, I have heard multiple complaints about the university from many students, including myself. With my long-awaited graduation only weeks away, I would like to share some good points I have encountered at MTSU.

I am the first to admit the advising system here lacks much to be desired, but I owe a special thanks to my own advisor, Dr. Larry Gentry of the English department. Dr. Gentry has patiently and good-humoredly assisted me through three changes of majors, and he always has a

smile and word of encouragement for me! He has made my college career a little easier with his friendship and willingness to help me figure out where I am headed. Dr. Tom Strawman, also of the English department, is another bright spot at MTSU. Who says the faculty is apathetic? Dr. Strawman is a tough instructor, and every day I left his class feeling frustrated, but in only one semester he successfully challenged me to go beyond assignments and really use my mind. Because of Dr. Strawman, I have tried much harder and improved my studies considerably, and I am indebted to him.

The Campus Recreation department has taken a ton of criticism ever since the new Rec center issue was raised, but I am here to say its staff are some of the nicest, most caring people on this campus. I have been a student worker in the office for three years, and I have seen firsthand how much Glenn Hanley and Charles Gregory care about the students and their needs. I am grateful to have worked with the entire staff, and I will miss them when I go.

Finally, the parking situation is not likely to improve, tuition and book costs continue to rise and now we feel distrustful of our student government, but all in all, college life is an experience which I appreciated. I have met wonderful friends here, and I

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have learned volumes about myself and the world around me.

With that said, I take my leave of MTSU and its well known "big blue screw" reputation, and I hope every other student here can leave with at least one bright spot to remember.

Donna R. Thompson  
Box 5726

### Student government outlives its usefulness

To the Editor:

There are a great deal of things which simply must be said in order to cut through all the crap being put forth by nearly all concerned parties regarding this SGA election situation.

I don't have any particular affiliation in this matter other than my acknowledgment of the FACT that the SGA, from the President right down to each Representative and Senator, has an obligation to advocate and promote the interests of the students attending this university. To be painfully honest, I have seen very little fulfillment of this obligation since enrolling in January of 1990!

All things considered, don't you think it's time we asked ourselves if the Student Government Association has outlived its usefulness? It has certainly proven repeatedly an inability to garner any attention from the student population it is supposed to serve!! I hope no one is...well, for lack of a better term...stupid enough to deny the complete and utter lack of interest by the student body in all things concerning the SGA, anyone actually silly enough to disagree should be directed to the positively dismal voter turnout figures going back \_\_\_ (insert large number) years!! This student body proves time and again that they could not possibly care any less about the activities of the SGA.

Actually, it is an interesting little Catch-22 we have here at MTSU, isn't it? The students don't care because the SGA doesn't care because the students don't...oh, I haven't outlined the ineffectiveness, inefficiency, and disinterest on the part of SGA, have I? I have been here now through the administrations of three SGA/ASB Presidents: Todd Burnett, Shawn Burgess, and the do-nothing-shoot-down-one-good-idea-after-another champion, Toby Gilley. Three more outstanding examples of potential

you will probably never find!! Witnessing the moss growing festival of Gilley's reign has made me glad I voted for Eddie Johnston the last time around, at least he makes small children (like mine) happy at Blue Raider athletic events! The only person Gilley makes happy is himself by making bogus charges against Ray Lentz, and then jumping for joy in dropping them when his boy Ratterman...wins a somewhat questionable election. What was the remark he made when asked about voting twice? Something about his I.D. proving he only voted once? Toby, you must really think we're all terribly stupid!!

Let's see if I have this straight: a) LeAnn Taylor is Gilley's girlfriend. b) She was also working the polls during the election. c) Gilley has an I.D. which is only circled once by...poll workers and that is proof that he only voted once! Good Gravy! Does it take a genius to figure out that ol' Tobe could have voted \_\_\_ (inserted another large number) times and still only have this innocent looking I.D. which is only circled ONCE!!!!

The SGA probably should be completely eliminated or at least have a major overhaul in terms of structure. Let's face the facts, over 80% of the potential constituency don't give a rat's hind end about the present setup, or possibly any other one either. This brings me to my final analogy of the recent SGA election. The students are getting what they (we) deserve! An apathetic student body will continue to be served by an apathetic SGA!!

Mr. Ratterman, I believe you will simply continue this woeful tradition, and I encourage you to do every student on campus a favor by proving me wrong! This is the first time I have ever asked someone to make a liar of me!! I have told many on this campus that "Ratterman has no business even running for SGA President. He will make a lousy President and has neither leadership or service to this campus!!" Woody, make that remark a lie!! I dare you!! The only reason you have not to is because you refuse to!! Good Luck all the same! As the group Rush says in their song 'Free Will', "If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice."

Dan Field

### Former news editor thanks Greenbank

To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank Fern Greenbank for giving me the opportunity to serve as the news editor at *Sidelines* during the fall semester. Fern knew when she hired me that I had little experience, except as a writer, and no prior journalism classes. But Fern gave me a chance for two reasons: (1) my enthusiasm for the job, and (2) my organizational skills. She ignored my decided leanings toward Republicanism (as a registered Republican) and didn't seem worried that the news section would become biased as a result of this.

I only wish Fern could have seen the same in Jason and give him a chance.

Lisa Marie Pomfret  
Box C144

### Ratterman writes

To the Editor:

I would like to start off by thanking all the students of MTSU for their encouragement and concern towards me and the SGA. The purpose of my letter to *Sidelines* is to encourage any student at MTSU to get involved. In the upcoming weeks I have many positions to fill with qualified students who are willing to get involved. There are many opportunities in SGA for students to show off their leadership skills and to meet the people that make up MTSU. If you feel you are qualified and you are interested in serving on University Standing Committees or positions ranging from Homecoming Director to Attorney General, please stop by the SGA office and pick up an application.

I would like to once again encourage anyone at MTSU interested in getting involved to come by the SGA office or contact me personally. I hope the students at MTSU will give myself, Speaker of the Senate Brian Hopper, and Speaker of the House Drew Bergman a chance to serve them. If we can mend what has happened in the past and try to work together for the future MTSU will become what we as students want it to be. However, if we continue to fight each other and not work to end past disagreements, we all will be worse off for it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and please feel free to approach me at any time.

## VIEWPOINT

### Let's work together: Gilley

TOBY GILLEY  
Guest Columnist

During the past few issues of the *Sidelines*, some very rude things have been said about me. Much to the surprise of many, I have not really been bothered by all of it. However, what does bother me is that both sides have not been presented fairly and equally.

For all who are still concerned, I only voted one time during the elections. I repeat, I ONLY VOTED ONE TIME. *Sidelines* failed to mention that those books were placed in a recycle bin after the statute of limitations had run out, leaving access to anyone. Furthermore, over 17,000 names are in those books and I personally find it a little more than suspicious that the individuals demanding the audit looked for my name first (keeping in mind that up to this point, the books had been totally accessible to anyone).

*Sidelines* would have you believe that Jason Whatley became the new editor of the paper as the result of some sort of coup. They say this because four of the individuals who serve on the Publications Committee are affiliated with SGA. Those four students are not all members of SGA.

Every standing committee on this campus is comprised of faculty and students. In fact, there are more than seventy of these committees. On all of those committees, there are students who are appointed to serve. These appointments are all made by the SGA President. If fewer than four students were on this committee, *Sidelines* would probably be upset because inadequate student representation would be the case.

SGA does not have 44 percent of the votes on the Publications Committee, the students do. The only people angered by the make-up of the committee appears to be the ones who opposed Jason Whatley as editor. Sore losers! If these people really had the

best interest of the paper and MTSU at heart, then they should be willing to work with Jason rather than condemn him. They have referred to the SGA as self-serving and petty, when they, (the *Sidelines* staff), have become poster children for these terms [self-serving and petty] as they act like children who lost their favorite toy. Could it be that

Most everyone who has ever voted for me and had confidence in me has let me know that they still believe in me.

they fear the paper may be actually become unbiased on all issues under the leadership of Mr. Whatley?

I would like to thank Mike Reed, Thomas Mercer, and others for their feeble attempt to ruin my integrity at this university. (Yes Thomas, I was informed that you hung up some of those nice fliers. That was a very lovely follow-up to your bury the hatchet article). Although some people have questioned me, most everyone who has ever voted for me and had confidence in me has let me know that they still believe in me. Mr. Reed, I do have friends—a lot more than you realize.

To the students who attended the protest as well as some others, all I can say is that I wish that you would get to know me before you hate me. After the banquet Wednesday night, I walked out through the crowd and very few people actually realized who I am. If you want to disagree with me, that's fine; but please know who I am and what I stand for first.

The election is over. The new officers have been sworn in. The new editor has been selected. Could we please all work together for the benefit of everyone?

I have enjoyed being your President this past year. I have enjoyed it because I love MTSU and its students. Instead of bickering, let's make MTSU great—as a team effort.

# Miles still to go Racism takes toll on air force brat

CHARLES ALY  
Staff Columnist

*He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.*  
—Martin Luther King Jr.

A few weeks ago, I had an experience that has prompted me to address an issue I've been meaning to tackle ever since I started writing opinions: Racism.

I work for a pizza place here in town and one night I had a delivery to Christy Court. Driving down East Lokey, I saw the one-story brick, institutional buildings characteristic of low-income housing projects under the jurisdiction of the Murfreesboro Housing Authority.

After finding the address, I knocked on the door and was greeted by two kids. The boy was probably 7 and his sister appeared to be a year or two older. They had the delight on their faces most kids have when they see the pizza guy at the door. The girl took the pizza—carrying it flat like I told her—while her brother went after a checkbook-toting parent.

As I walked back to my car, I noticed a conspicuous building behind the Housing Authority office. I was looking at the back of a three story building of a much different design than those around me. I realized it was the back of Oaklands

Mansion.

I am unable to describe the feeling that came over me at that moment. I looked around this predominantly black neighborhood—these "projects" that stand precisely where slave quarters might have stood—and wondered what it must be like for those two children growing up in the shadow of a monument to slavery.

How can that be explained away?

It is easy to say that monuments to the Old South celebrate white heritage, but they also celebrate a time period in which the subjugation of an entire race was not only accepted, but encouraged. You can say that the Rebel flag isn't a symbol of white supremacy, but how many times can you explain this to those who live with the constant reminder that their forefathers were slaves, before the reasons begin to wear thin?

I have lived all over the country (Air Force brat). Prior to moving to the 'Boro I lived in suburban Washington D.C. I do not think any of the cities I've lived in are devoid of racism, but in the military communities I grew up in race was not an issue.

My two years in Tennessee have been quite an experience. I am not suggesting that Tennessee and the rest of the South are any more racist than other places. The issue, however, is certainly more complicated. It is also more apparent.

I was in the Georgia Dome last fall watching the Dallas Cowboys destroy the Falcons when two drunk white guys near me started arguing. One guy (who was quickly escorted from the building) was calling the other a "f—ing nigger." The other guy, now furious, starts explaining to me that he can't believe that guy called him that because he "hates niggers."

I studiously ignored the guy and I saw a middle-aged black man a few rows away slowly get up and leave. He didn't appear shocked or surprised, and he certainly wasn't as embarrassed as I was.

That incident got me thinking about my own feelings about racism, particularly the "N" word.

I hate that word.

My parents raised me to hate that word and I not only won't say it, but I'm uncomfortable writing it as well.

Is it enough, though, that I ignored that drunk at the game? Maybe not. Do I have the obligation to confront racism and take more active action? If I confronted every person who ever said that word in my presence, would I have time to lead my life? Probably not. That word seems to be an integral part of many people's vocabulary, black and white.

I came to the conclusion that there are two primary reasons I will not judge people on the basis of race: 1) It might cause me to overlook or dismiss, on the

basis of race, someone who may be an excellent individual, and 2) My self-esteem is not so low that I need to bash any particular race or ethnic group to make myself feel better. These may be selfish reasons, but they're honest.

Before I came here, I envisioned college as a place where diversity is celebrated and students with different backgrounds come together to share ideas. Unfortunately, MTSU is, for all intents and purposes, a segregated campus. One walk through the Grill will confirm that.

The university tries, however, to provide forums for discussion and understanding of people of different nationalities or backgrounds—the numerous events held in celebration of Black History Month, for instance. I admit to not participating in these events and discussions, but it isn't because of any bias. I almost never attend non-mandatory events on campus because I simply don't have the time.

Perhaps African-American and ethnic history courses need to be included as part of the General Studies curriculum. Maybe in that way the university can foster understanding and cooperation. Answers to the questions I've raised will inevitably lead to more questions.

We've come along way in a short period of time, but we've got miles to go.

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## Rocking the cradle of civilization

Visitors to the African Street Festival held on campus this past weekend got eyes and ears full of culture from that distant continent. Friday and Saturday, singers, dancers, and vendors displayed for crowds unique sounds and crafts, many of which we have adapted into North American culture.

Sponsored by Zeta Pi Beta as part of MTSU's Art Safari week, the street festival featured everyone from native singers of ancient songs to the new music of rappers, which carries pride for old traditions.



At the Festival: Top: Zohar Israel of the Uhuru Drummers hammers out a drum call. Bottom: MC Nubian raps for students.



In the Crowd: Top: Students jam to the Lahg Bros., performing in the KUC courtyard. Middle: Hadiyah Rose, Maria Estes and Erin Doris of the Uhuru Dance Troop give an impromptu performance at the KUC. Bottom: Sergio Estes of the Uhuru Dancers works out a drum solo for the crowd.

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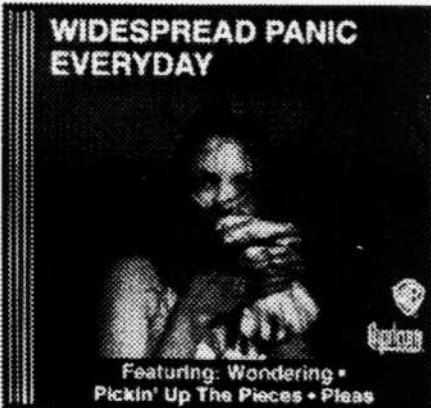
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**Up With People**

**Student travels with international choir**

Sandra Zimmerle/Special to Sidelines

After her May graduation, Shara Carter, an MTSU special education major, plans to travel with the international organization Up With People.

Up With People is a youth exchange program which has for 25 years provided young men and women opportunities for onstage musical performance, cross-cultural experience, community service, and extensive world travel.

The purpose of Up With People is to build understanding among nations by familiarizing young people with other cultures and developing in these young people global perspectives that can contribute to future leadership roles.

Musical programs highlight cultures of the cast members' homelands. Current topics such as the environment, staying in school, and abstaining from drugs are dealt with in different segments. Writers from around the world compose music that relates to themes of cultural diversity. After the performances, cast members provide various types of community service.

Each year 750 young people are selected from more than 8,000 applicants to take part in this production tour. Shara was chosen because she demonstrated in her personal interview maturity, personality, motivation, interest in the world, communications skills and a desire to serve others.

Shara has taken drama and voice classes at MTSU. She contended for Miss MTSU in 1991. She sings in the 200-member choir at Christ Church Pentecostal in Nashville. This choir is well-known around Nashville for its musical contributions in albums and stage productions for such stars as The Judds, Sandi Patti, Glenn Campbell, Reba McEntire, and Dolly Parton. Shara has also used her musical abilities in such settings as churches, schools, clubs and events like horse shows.

Carter was introduced to Up With People as a child when she lived in Michigan. Carter says she was impressed with cast members'

talent and kindness. Another contact with the group came when the group visited Shara's home town of Morristown, Tenn.

Her family hosted four cast members, and after talkin with them, Shara was encouraged to interview for a position. With support from friends and her sorority, she did interview in the summer of 1991, and was overwhelmed when she was accepted.

Before Shara leaves July 20 for a year-long tour which is taking her throughout America and into seven foreign countries, she must raise the balance of her financial support. The total cost is \$12,000. Shara has raised \$5,000 through churches, businesses, schools, and clubs.

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce has taken up Shara's cause.

"We're excited that Shara will serve as an ambassador for Rutherford County," notes Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Director Ralph Vaughn. "We're trying to introduce her to area businesses so that they may share in her experiences."

Shara is personally excited to be involved with this group.

"The whole thing about Up With People is to teach world peace and try to bring it around through communication because people don't understand why this country acts and does the things it does," Shara explains.

In addition to sharing with the world a greater understanding of the United States, Shara hopes to bring back to this country insights from her experiences with other cultures.

Up With People has no religious or political affiliations and actively seeks participants from all races, religions, nationalities, cultures and backgrounds.

Carter looks forward to sharing her personal faith in Christ as she travels. She wants other to know how God has answered her prayers and helped her to get where she is today.

# SIDELINES

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## *R*EADERSHIP SURVEY

Your assistance is needed to help us improve Sidelines by telling us what you like and dislike about the paper.

Please take just a few minutes to express your feelings by answering the following questions. Instructions for recording your responses accompany each question. Thank you for your cooperation.

First, we would like you to rate Sidelines on some important characteristics. Just give us your first impressions regardless of whether you read the paper regularly or just open it occasionally. How would you rate Sidelines on:

|  | Good | Fair | Poor | No Opinion |
|--|------|------|------|------------|
| Attractive appearance  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Interesting photographs  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Accuracy on facts  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Enough information about campus activities                             | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Enough news about the problems of MTSU students                        | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Balanced coverage of all sides of controversial topics                 | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Entertainment and relaxation   | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
| Practical and useful information about campus deadlines and procedures | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |
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| Easy-to-follow organization  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4          |

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- The Nashville Tennessean 1 Yes 2 No
- The Nashville Banner 1 Yes 2 No
- The Murfreesboro Daily News Journal 1 Yes 2 No

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- The Nashville Tennessean 1 Yes 2 No
- The Nashville Banner 1 Yes 2 No
- The Murfreesboro Daily News Journal 1 Yes 2 No

About how often do you pick up a copy of Sidelines (Circle one)

- 1 Every Monday and Thursday
- 2 About once a week
- 3 Just a few times a semester
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never

About how many hours a day do you watch television? (write in number of hours)

About how many hours a day do you listen to radio (write in number of hours)

What radio station do you listen to most (write in name)

Now we would like to find out how interested you are in

reading various kinds of newspaper articles and features. How interested are you in stories about:

|  | High | Moderate | Low | No Opinion |
|--|------|----------|-----|------------|
| Health care                            | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Faculty and staff                      | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| The administration                     | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Clothing and fashion                   | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Successful MTSU graduates              | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Interesting students                   | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Academic programs and departments      | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Intramural sports                      | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Student government                     | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Fraternities and sororities            | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Campus social events                   | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| On-campus entertainment                | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Off-campus entertainment               | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Professional and student organizations | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| AIDS coverage                          | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Local government & politics            | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| State government & politics            | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
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| Self-improvement & psychology          | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Varsity athletic                       | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Campus recreation                      | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Consumer news                          | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Nutrition                              | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Editorials and opinion                 | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Religion                               | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Financial Aid                          | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Job Information                        | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Legal Advice                           | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Environment and energy                 | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Travel and vacations                   | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Love and sex                           | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Campus Security                        | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |
| Stocks and business news               | 1    | 2        | 3   | 4          |

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| Music, books, theater and movies   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Crime and violence                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Calendar of campus activities      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The upcoming presidential election | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Are there any other topics you are interested in? If so, write in here:

Now, we would like to know what kind of job you think Sidelines does in covering various kinds of news. How well do you think Sidelines does in its coverage of.....

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| Environment and energy             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Travel and vacations               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Love and sex                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Campus Security                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Music, books, theatre, and movies  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Crime and violence                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Calendar of campus activities      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The upcoming presidential election | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Now we would like to know what types of coupons and discounts you find useful in Sidelines. Considering the following kinds of products and services, would you like to see more or less advertising and coupons for...

|                                    | More | Same | Less |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
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| Laundry and cleaning               | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Groceries                          | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Movies and concerts                | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Clubs and other live entertainment | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Hair care                          | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Cosmetics                          | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Restaurants                        | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Tanning salons                     | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Travel and vacations               | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Automobile                         | 3    | 2    | 1    |

About how often do you use at least one coupon or take advantage of at least one discount advertised in Sidelines (Circle one)

- 1 Every Monday and Thursday issue
- 2 About once a week
- 3 Occasionally
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never

Now, just a few questions to help us analyze the results

Which of the following best describes how much of each issue of Sidelines you read (Circle one)

- 1 Read only a few stories
- 2 Read about half of the stories
- 3 Read most of it from cover to cover

Which category best describes your employment status? (Circle one)

- 1 Employed part-time
- 2 Employed full-time
- 3 Not employed

Which choice below best describes your residence (Circle one)

- 1 Live on campus in campus housing
- 2 Non-Murfreesboro resident living off campus in apartment
- 3 Murfreesboro resident living off campus
- 4 Commute from outside Murfreesboro\*

\* If you commute, do you commute from: (circle one)

- 1 Nashville/Davidson County
- 2 Wilson County
- 3 Rutherford County
- 4 Williamson County
- 5 Maury County
- 6 Coffee County
- 7 Cannon County
- 8 Other County (write in)

What is your current class rank? (Circle one)

- 1 Freshman
- 2 Sophomore
- 3 Junior
- 4 Senior
- 5 Graduate
- 6 Other

What is your major? (write in)

Which category best describes your student status? (circle one)

- 1 Full-time student
- 2 Part-time student

Which category best describes your age category?

- 1 18-22
- 2 23-26
- 3 27-30
- 4 Over 30

Which category best describes your marital status (circle one)

- 1 Single
- 2 Married
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed

What is your sex? (circle one)

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

What racial or ethnic group do you belong to? (circle one)

- 1 Black
- 2 White
- 3 Oriental
- 4 Other (write in)

Do you own a car (circle one) 1 Yes\* 2 No

\*If yes, do you usually have the car with you at school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

About how much spending money do you have each week? (circle one)

- 1 \$50
- 2 \$100
- 3 \$150
- 4 \$200

About how much of your spending money do you spend locally?

- 1 25 percent
- 2 50 percent
- 3 75 percent
- 4 100 percent

About how much of your spending money do you spend in Nashville?

- 1 25 percent
- 2 50 percent
- 3 75 percent
- 4 100 percent

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# Cummings Hall offers exercise room for women

Shara Winton /Special to Sidelines

An exercise room for women only is now in Cummings Hall.

The room will be open for use Monday through Thursday noon to 9 p.m., Friday from 2-4 p.m., Saturday from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

The exercise room is for female residents. Women in Cummings Hall and all other female residents are welcome.

"I think the cost is pretty reasonable. It's free," remarks Ivan Shewmake, housing director. "I want every benefit I can get for my residents; it's not only the right thing to do, but it's good business."

Shewmake says campus housing has been trying to get special purpose rooms in the residential halls for two or three years.

"I have to give credit where credit's due," he notes. "Glenn Hanley (recreation director) was the precipitating force for getting this off the ground."

The room has two rowing machines, two stair steppers, two stationary bicycles, and two tread mills. Shewmake says that the equipment is being lent to MTSU for an extended period of time by a business that Hanley contacted.

"The atmosphere is great and I really enjoy working out in there," says Susan Berry, Director of Cummings Hall. "I think the students really like it. Everytime I go in, there

are people in there."

The room contains carpet, mirrors, a complete stereo, a television and a VCR.

"If you want you can bring music or video tapes in to work out with while you are there," Berry says. "The people that work in there are helpful. They're nice too."

Shewmake says he hopes to see many more women take advantage of the exercise room, and that if there is a demand they will extend the hours for more convenient use for everyone.

"I think lots of students are not aware of it yet," he notes. "When they are, I hope they'll come."

Several women that live in other parts of campus like the concept of the campus exercise room.

"I think it's great!," remarks Nicole Wells, a resident of Reynolds Hall. "I just wish it was closer to me."

"I will definitely take advantage of it, now that I know about it," says Yassi Azhdari, a resident of Monahan Hall.

Jenny Odegard, an MTSU student that lives off campus, notes it's too bad off-campus residents can't take advantage of the exercise room.

"We're not leaving the men out, but it may take a couple of more years before we can get on somewhere for them," says Shewmake. "It's a great thing and I hope that all women that live on campus will come and check it out."

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## Raiders race to OVC crown

### McGhee leads way as MTSU men claim first at championship meet

SCOTT HASSLER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years ago Middle Tennessee didn't even have a men's track team. This year the track team members are OVC champions.

After winning the OVC meet this weekend at Southeast Missouri, the Blue Raider men's track team laid claim to the title. The men scored 165 points to whip second place Murray State, which scored 146 points.

The Raiders left the competition in the dust, winning 11 out of the 18 events. The Raiders also cleaned house with awards as well. Track coach Dean Hayes was named Coach of the Year, and Roland McGhee was named OVC track Man of the Year.

"We don't have a lot of depth, but we have a lot of quality," Coach Hayes said. "We just hammered away at them. We wanted to get our reputation back in the OVC. We wanted to do it and get out. We want everybody to know that we mean business."

It was business as usual for two of the Raider runners. Micoh Otis and McGhee cleaned up on the competition while helping the Raiders win the meet.

McGhee won the long jump, triple jump, and the 100-meter dash in addition to running in the winning 400-meter relay. McGhee won the triple jump with a jump of 51.3

1/2. McGhee won the long jump with a jump of 25.7, followed by Micoh Otis with a jump of 23.11. McGhee won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.58.

The 4 x 100 meter relay was won by the Raiders with a time of 40.12. The team consisted of Ron Lloyd, McGhee, Carlos Gupton, and Otis. The time of 40.12 was the fastest time of the year for the Raiders.

McGhee and Otis weren't through after the relays. McGhee and Otis teamed up for the clinching of the title in

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**—Track Coach  
Dean Hayes**

the 200-meter dash. Otis won the event with a time of 21.24. McGhee finished second with a time of 21.67 and Lloyd, not to be left out, finished third with 21.81.

"After we swept the 200, nobody could catch us," Coach Hayes said.

The Raiders had several winners in the title event. Jeff Lingwall won the 10,000 meters (32:29). Melvin

Stevenson won the shot put (46-3 1/2). Carlos Gupton won the 400-meters (46.99). Tom Hampton won the 400-meter hurdles (51:85). The Raiders also won the 1,600 meter relay with a time of 3:0.38. That relay consisted of Richard Primm, Tom Hampton, Terry Townsend, and Carlos Gupton.

"It was a very solid performance by the whole team," Coach Hayes added. "We had to have it because we don't have the depth."

On the women's side of the event, the Lady Raiders (110 points) finished third behind Eastern Kentucky (178) and Southeast Missouri (120). For the Lady Raiders, Jacqui Brown and Veronica Tipton led the way.

Brown won the triple jump and the long jump. Brown won her fifth OVC title in the long jump with a distance of 20.1 1/2. She won the triple jump with a leap of 40.5. She also won the triple jump for the sixth time in the OVC, and this was the fifth time she has won two events in the OVC championships.

Tipton won the high jump for the sixth consecutive time in the OVC. She has never been beaten in the OVC in the high jump. This year she won with a jump of 5.6.

Other women winners were Nadrain McGill in the 100-meter hurdles (14.58) and Tina Rumsey won the

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## Pitching paces Raiders past UT-Martin in Saturday sweep

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

One of MTSU's keys to winning the OVC is to not let the lesser teams sneak up behind them. Saturday, the Raiders were awake once again, pegging UT-Martin 4-2 and 4-1 in a doubleheader.

The Raider pitching was the strong point of the afternoon, as Jamie Birkofer gave up three hits in six innings of the initial contest. Teammate Patrick Mayes yielded five hits while going the distance in the second game.

The wins also allowed the Raiders to gain one game on Austin Peay in the conference standings, as Peay fell to Eastern Kentucky, and it pushed the team's overall record above the .500

mark for the season. Middle now stands at 18-16.

In the opener Saturday, the Raiders had to come from behind after UT-Martin plated a run in the third innings. They did so with two runs in each of the sixth and seventh inning, highlighted by a Ken Finley single that pushed two Raiders across the plate.

It didn't take the Raiders as long to put a dent in

the scoreboard in the second contest.

Brent Greer lined a shot into center field that scored Mudcat Brewer. Later in the inning, Pacer pitcher Chris Payne loaded the bases as Jamie Hicks came to the plate. But before Hicks could whirl the bat, Payne was called for a balk, allowing another Raider run to score.

Hicks later hit into a ground out.

The Pacers eventually cut into the Raiders' margin with a run in the sixth, but with the pressure on, Middle responded in its final at-bat.

Lance Lodes scored first when Brewer delivered an RBI single to give Middle a 3-1 cushion.

Jason Maxwell was next to bat. However, before the pitch to the plate, an errant pick-off throw to first allowed Brewer to advance to third. Payne then threw a wild pitch to Maxwell allowing Brewer to tally the final run.

The Pacers threatened in their half of the seventh with two men on and two men out, but Mayes got the ground out to end the contest.

The Raiders had a lone game yesterday afternoon with UT-Martin, but results were not available at press time.

Middle returns to home action tonight when Western Kentucky comes calling. Game time is at 7 p.m. The Blue Raiders play at Memphis State on Tuesday before hosting Vanderbilt at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

### OVC Standings

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| MTSU        | 12-2 |
| Austin Peay | 10-4 |
| Morehead    | 8-4  |
| Tenn. Tech  | 7-4  |
| Eastern Ky. | 6-4  |
| SE Missouri | 4-8  |
| Murray St.  | 4-9  |
| UT-Martin   | 2-8  |
| Tenn. State | 0-10 |

Games 4/18 not included

## Lady Raiders rock tennis opposition

TONY J. ARNOLD  
Sports Editor

One player doesn't make a team. Then again, one player certainly doesn't hurt either.

For Dale Short and his Lady Raider tennis team, the return of Jenny Oliveira over the weekend made the team a tad better. The results prove it as well, as Middle defeated both Eastern Kentucky and Morehead 9-0 in action Saturday.

"We won both matches 9-0 whereas we've been giving up two or three points each match without Jenny in the line-up," Short commented. "Now she's back, that makes a big difference, especially against teams that we're close to."

Oliveira has been nursing a broken ankle in recent weeks and has been absent from the Lady Raider line-up at No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles.

"She's about 75-80 percent back and she'll give us a big boost heading into the OVC tournament next week," Short said.

The Lady Raiders and Blue Raiders will defend their OVC crowns next weekend in Nashville.

Also a pleasure for Short was the play of Carol MacPherson and Yael Soresman.

Both had lost their matches to Eastern Kentucky earlier this season. Saturday, Soresman blanked her opponent 6-0, 6-0 while MacPherson got her revenge with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

"They both played real well and won both matches easily," Short exclaimed. "Earlier this season, when they lost, we played indoors and the court was very quick."

Both the MTSU men's and women's teams will tune-up for the upcoming OVC tournament with matches at Tennessee Tech on Tuesday. The women open the tournament on Friday while the men start Sunday.



# Fifty of the best-worst things about baseball

LA TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Vin Scully in the ninth inning ... The Pittsburgh Pirates bullpen in the ninth inning.

Vin Scully in the first inning ... Tom Glavine in the first inning.

A no-hitter by a pitcher over 30 ... A combined no-hitter.

Two-out, full-count, bases-loaded fastball ... First-inning, none-out pickoff throw. - Craig Lefferts sprinting to the mound ... Any catcher trying to run to first base.

Tony Gwynn throwing from the right field corner ... David Cone hanging out in the New York Mets' right-field bullpen.

Ozzie Guillen throwing from the hole between second and third base ... Jose Offerman throwing from anywhere.

Ken Caminiti throwing from behind third base ... Ballboys who can't make the play on fouls behind third base.

The Philly Phanatic, the hardest-working fuzzy green thing in the game ... The Chicken, the tireddest cluck in the game.

Harry Caray in the seventh-inning stretch in Chicago ... The beer commercial performed during the seventh-inning stretch in St. Louis.

The Canadian National Anthem ... The U.S. National Anthem.

Video replay of Hank Aaron's 715th home run ... The two hippies who chase Hank Aaron around second base in that video replay.

Andy Van Slyke diving ... The 245 outfielders who never dive.

Ken Griffey Jr. leaping over the center-field wall ... Rob Dibble throwing a fastball over the center-field wall.

Dave Dravecky coming back ... Fernando Valenzuela trying to come back again.

A cold beer during an afternoon game ... More than one cold beer during an afternoon game.

Fifth-row seat in spring training ... Fifth-row seat in spring training when a foul ball is hit.

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## Birkofer

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"I tell people this, and they don't believe me, but I have never been on a team that hasn't won a championship," Birkofer added. "My high school team won our conference every year; my summer teams always win, even my Little League team won. I guess it's that Cincinnati work ethic. I don't lose at anything."

One of the most noticeable things about Birkofer and his baseball playing is his fan club. The Birkofer fan club consists of his mom, who attends every Blue Raider game. While there Mrs. Birkofer rings her cow bell for every good play.

"She's been ringing that bell ever since I was 8 years old," Birkofer said. "I'm 22 now, and she still has that bell. She has guns that make noises, fog horns, air horns. She has everything that makes noise. I think I'll tell her to bring the foghorn next time. She hasn't used that in a while."

"But she really supports us, and she truly loves the game of baseball."

When his baseball career is over with, Birkofer would like to get involved with the criminal justice profession.

"I think a great job would be

counseling kids that are juvenile delinquents," Birkofer said. "I think I could gain their respect and be friends with them."

In the meantime, Birkofer will continue to throw it down the middle for the Blue Raiders in hopes that the Raiders can continue to win. For Birkofer, the game of baseball is still the same one that he played on the streets back in Cincinnati, while his mom made noise from the house.

## Champs

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discuss with a throw of 139-6 1/2.

Overall coach Hayes was very pleased with both the men and the women.

"With the quality that we have it's nice to be coach," Hayes said. "With Roland and the mile relay we have a lot of firepower. It makes you look good when you have the people that we do."

"This whole bunch is special to me. They brought track back to MTSU."

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## Fifty

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Tony La Russa working his lineup at 10 p.m. ... Pitchers who are dressed in civilian clothes by 10 p.m.

ESPN at 11:30 p.m. ... Anybody who tries to imitate Chris Berman.

Francisco Cabrera at 12:53 a.m. ... Postseason games that don't end until 12:53 a.m.

Players and managers who turn their caps around when arguing with umpires ... Players and managers who throw bats and coolers on the field after arguing with umpires.

Jack Clark's batting stance ... The owners' stance on just about anything.

Nolan Ryan's grunts ... Rickey Henderson's gripes.

Kirk Gibson's eye black ... Tony Conigliaro's black eye.

Dennis Eckersley's mustache ... Whitey Herzog's hair.

Kirby Puckett's smile ... Tom Kelly's refusal to smile.

Dave Stewart's stare ... Chris Sabo's goggles.

That Tim Crews and Steve Olin were not given more than one chance ... That Steve Howe has been given dozens of chances.

The right-field overhang at Yankee Stadium ... The empty right-field seats at Dodger Stadium on nights the section is closed to save money.

Managers named Buck ... Players named Bucky.

Players named Cal ... An afternoon game in the Cal League.

Flip-top sunglasses... Wrap-around, Darth-Vader sunglasses.

The center field wall at Oriole Park at Camden Yards ... The fact that nobody could come up with a shorter name than Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Box scores and breakfast ... Those who don't understand the difference between an S' and an SF'.

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The bow-at-the-hips salute given Andre Dawson ... The one-finger salute given to San Diego Padres fans by then-president Chub Feeney.

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The fountains behind the outfield fence at Royals Stadium ... The string of red brake lights behind the outfield fence during the seventh inning at Dodger Stadium.

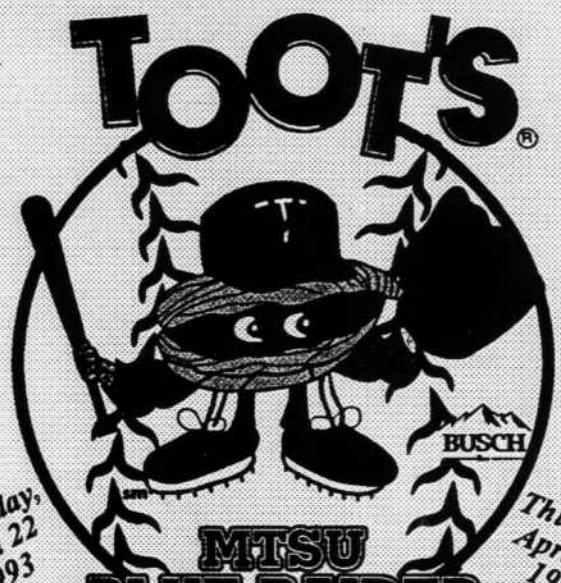
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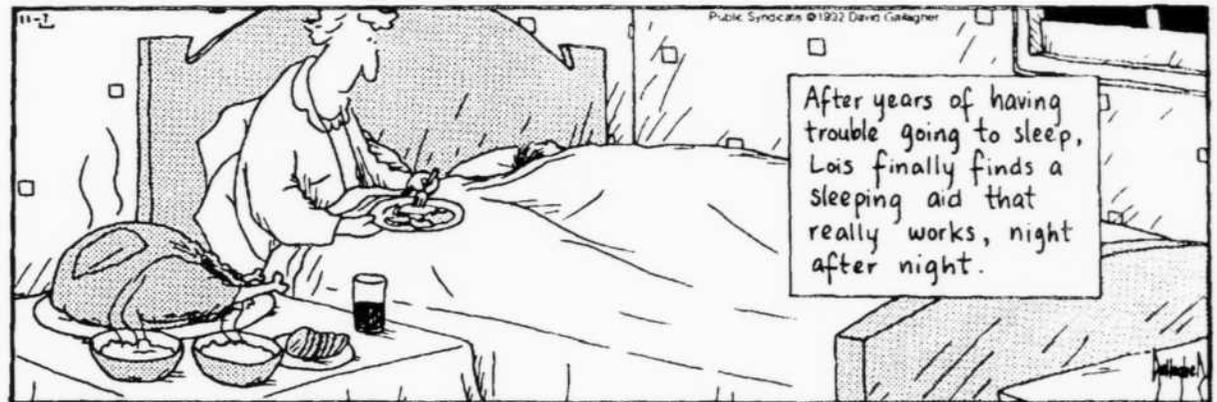
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## Northern Illinois University students rate the condoms

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Northern Illinois University's health center distributed 35,000 condoms to be judged by students for "appearance, sensualness/comfort, smell, taste, lubrication and sense of security," but not everyone was pleased by The Great Condom Rating Contest.

Health officials said the Feb.

provides feedback so we can find out student preferences, while we give them educational materials discussing risks."

The Stanford project has had a return of 5-10 percent over the past four years. "But we are hoping for more than that," Haines said.

Haines said that free condoms, paid for by student health fees, have been available for the past five years. Students can find

"STDs and AIDS are behaviorally transmitted diseases, and this contest does nothing to discourage the behavior that spreads them," said Scott Stocking, director of the Christian Campus Ministry, who asked students to boycott the contest.

Stocking said he was concerned that literature enclosed with the condoms underestimated the rate of condom failure in the 20-24 age group.

"In the Planned Parenthood literature I read, condom failure rate among 20- to 24-year-olds is between 19 to 36 percent. The industry says with perfect use, condoms in that age group only fail at a rate of 1-2 percent," Stocking said. "I think students have a false sense of security about condoms. Abstinence is the only safety from STDs and AIDS."

Haines said abstinence is one of the choices recommended to students who enlist the services of the Health Services Department.

The contest was financed in part by a grant from an Illinois HIV awareness project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The results of the contest have not been tabulated.

'The contest helps us find out which condoms students prefer, which helps ensure greater usage.'

22-26 event was supposed to promote safe sex and AIDS awareness. But critics said it simply promoted behavior that spreads disease and charged that the contest literature may have misrepresented the condom failure rate among college-age users.

The free condom packages distributed by the Health Services Department included seven different brands and types packed with a questionnaire and a folder on the proper use of condoms.

"We copied the idea directly from Stanford," said contest coordinator Michael Haines of Health Services. "The contest

them in fishbowls at health centers, Greek houses and residence halls.

"The contest helps us find out which condoms students prefer, which helps ensure greater usage," Haines said.

"We have cut the chlamydia rate on this campus in half since 1989, and increased condom use by three times. Condom use has gone from 15 percent to 42 percent, so we have some solid data that says usage and availability is associated with controlling transmittable disease," Haines said.

Not everyone agrees with the idea of handing out free condoms.

## New editors chosen for 'Collage,' 'Midlander'

### McCulloch chosen 'Collage' editor

DAVID CHINN  
News Writer

Editor for MTSU's art and literary magazine, *Collage*, was announced last week at the Student Publication Committee meeting.

James Rex McCulloch will preside as editor for the Fall '93 and Spring '94 semesters. McCulloch has previously served as Assistant Editor, Assistant Literary Editor and designer. McCulloch has also been a creative contributor to the *Collage*.

Outgoing *Collage* Editor Sue Mullin said McCulloch will do well as editor.

"Rex is an extremely dedicated contributor to the magazine and I am very sure that he will continue the literary quality and artistic concept of the publication," Mullin said.

McCulloch, a senior journalism major, is a native of Mt. Juliet,



Tenn. Currently in his third semester with *Collage*, McCulloch's position will be to oversee the magazine's quality and production operations.

"I am looking forward to continue the success of the *Collage* program" said McCulloch. "I am very proud of the work of the *Collage* staff and will work extremely hard to continue the magazine's success."

AIMEE TRIGGS  
News Editor

Selection of the *Midlander* Yearbook editor for the fall 1993 semester was made last week by the Student Publications Committee.

Kim Bowman, a Mass Communications major, was the campus life editor last year and has worked as editor on the yearbook this past year.

"It's just really hard for one person to make a difference in just one year," Bowman said. "That's one of the main reasons why they picked me to be editor this year."

"I'm hoping we will have a more computer-generated book in the future," she said. "In the past, we've had to lay everything out by hand."

Jenny Tenpenny Crouch, *Midlander* advisor, said the



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KEEPING THE BEAT ALIVE: Sherry Porter learns to juggle with crystal sticks Saturday at the African Street Festival.



Dane Herndon/Photographer

KIM BOWMAN

selection of Bowman will help the consistency of the yearbook.

"I'm very pleased with her selection," Crouch said. "She has a year of experience and I'm

pleased with what she's done so far."

"To have some continuity in the staff is a plus in keeping the book alive," she added.