

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SIDELINES

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## Gov. Alexander gives last speech

### McWherter inaugural tomorrow

From Staff Reports

Ned Rey McWherter will assume the role as Tennessee's chief executive during ceremonies at the Legislative Plaza, Saturday, January 17.

Following the swearing-in of his cabinet, the Dresden native will review the Inaugural Ball, expected to last from noon until about 4 p.m.

His Inaugural Ball, capping the daylong schedule of events, will last until midnight, offering those who attend a variety of musical entertainment.

A group of country music performers will entertain Tennessee's new governor and his guests during one of three Inaugural Balls planned for Saturday evening.

The hotel's larger Presidential Ballroom will feature "The Country Stage" with such stars as Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter, Hank Williams Jr. and Crystal Gayle among the performers scheduled to appear. Ralph Emery, long-time host of the Grand Ole Opry and star of the Nashville Now syndicated TV show, will emcee this event.

Planners of the events expect about 10,000 people, and the reservations are \$35-per-couple.



Sandy Campbell\*Staff

Gov. Lamar Alexander gives his farewell State-of-the-State address to a joint session of the 95th General Assembly last Wednesday held in the house chambers of the capitol building.

### Tennessee has become pioneer among southern states: Alexander

By BRIAN CONLEY  
News Editor

Tennessee has been a "pioneer" in better schools and in creating jobs, Gov. Lamar Alexander said Wednesday in his farewell "State of the State" address to the 95th General Assembly.

"We're willing to change," Alexander said. That is "demonstrating the surest sense of direction of any state in America."

Alexander said that other states look toward Tennessee when structuring programs.

"The Alabama Legislature, when working on workmen's compensation or anything else dealing with economic indicators, the legislators always ask 'what's Tennessee doing?' They want Alabama to catch up."

Alexander said that a candidate in the Kentucky gubernatorial race asked "how did we [Kentucky] get behind in jobs?"

"This week, Channel 2 in Baton Rouge, La. had cameras and reporters here interviewing Louisiana citizens who have jobs in Tennessee," Alexander said. "Reporters want to know just what is Tennessee doing."

Tennessee is creating a good work environment, Alexander said. Alexander talked to 15 people

whose total investments comprised \$152 million who said they were in Tennessee because their work papers said "Tennessee appears to be creating the kind of environment that America must have to compete in the world marketplace in the 1990's."

Alexander pointed out that the strides Tennessee has made in education while he was governor have already had an impact on the state.

"The Saturn president picked us over 1,000 other sites in 38 states because of location, work environ-

"We would continue to lose many of our best teachers and, worst of all, Tennessee would lose its most important symbol of its willingness to pioneer."

Alexander noted that he had to face a democratic legislature when attempting to pass the better schools package.

"But of all the hard things we've had to pass — the centers and chairs of excellence, the Career Ladder, the new road programs, the prison program — all of those have as much bi-partisan blood on

### "don't stop pioneering"

ment and one more thing, he said "We like Tennessee so good because of excellence in education, especially the idea of paying for performance."

He urged the legislators to "don't stop pioneering in schools."

"The better schools program is still in adolescence and needs your support."

Alexander asked the general assembly "What if we stopped the merit pay program for teachers?"

"Tennessee educators would be permanently condemned to average across the board [pay] increases of three, four and five percent a year," the outgoing governor said.

them as they do mine," Alexander said.

"Even in the Democratic primary last year, there was a contest to see who supported the Better Schools Program the most. So there will be continuity."

Alexander also explained some reasons for his trip to Australia three hours after the inauguration.

"This trip gives me a chance to do something I very much want to do and that is to avoid being a second guessing Monday morning quarterback of Governor [Ned Ray] McWherter.

"I've had my say," Alexander said. "It is time for new faces and new ideas.

"That is the reason we have elections."

Alexander also mentioned that the state is in "excellent" fiscal shape.

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### Ginanni: student gripes unwarranted

By LISA WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

The majority of complaints made by students concerning the difficulty of getting required English classes "are unwarranted," Francis Ginanni, chairman head of the English department, said.

"Given our resources, money, faculty, and space, I think we do a very good job providing time spaces for students to get their requirements," Ginanni said.

This semester 126 lower-division

English classes were offered — 27 English 111, 51 English 112, 13 English 211, and 35 English 221.

Non-English majors are required to accumulate 12 semester hours of English credit (six hours composition and six hours literature) to obtain a Bachelor's degree, according to the 1985-87 MTSU Catalog Undergraduate Edition.

Ginanni added that the fact that many students go semesters without getting the English classes they need is neither due to the inadequacy

of or lack of efforts in the English department.

The number of classes offered are determined by last years enrollment and the estimated number of people who will successfully complete Remedial English 080.

"Students must be flexible concerning class times and instructors," Ginanni said.

"If they are still unable to get the class they need, they should go to the English department for help."

"Some people get more than one card, immediately drop a class, and then more classes could be opened, etc...," he added.

In some cases, Ginanni said, the Drop/Add charge is waived — such as when a class a student needs is added, or open level in one previously closed.

"The English department employs 22 full-time teachers, 4 part-time teachers (which are shared with the Remedial Development department), 16 Graduate Teaching assistants (which also work partially with the Remedial Development department), and four part-time adjunct teachers," Ginanni said.

### Credit cards cause loss: Harris

By DEBORAH ROSE  
Staff Writer

Phillips Bookstore does not accept credit cards because it cannot find a bank to lower the transaction rate for credit card purchases, Ed Harris, director of the bookstore said.

Harris said every bank in Murfreesboro has been contacted, but none would offer to either waive or lower the fee charged for processing credit transactions. However, no banks outside Murfreesboro were contacted.

Banks charge a five percent fee for processing on each credit transaction. "If we bill \$100, the bank

will charge us \$100 plus five percent for handling that amount," Harris said. Payment of the charge would cut the bookstore's profits to fifteen percent, an amount Earl Harris says would operate in the red. He says it would take more than fifteen percent to "operate the book department at break even level."

Harris said "If a bank can be found that will lower or waive the fee, the acceptance of credit cards will cause no problems that cannot be handled." Some of the problems that would be caused are longer lines and more paperwork for bookstore employees and business

office personnel. Also, credit purchases of more than fifty dollars must be called in to the credit card company for clearance. Paperwork would be especially burdensome because of state procedures. Each credit transaction would have to be listed separately at each register and charged items would be totaled and deposited separately.

Harris is not opposed to the idea of credit cards. "If demand is enough to nullify the fee, we will definitely consider using the cards," Harris said.

Harris says the best policy for the present time is to stay away from credit cards.

### Home Economics offers new major

By PENNY BOYETT  
Staff Writer

Home economics students can now earn a major in fashion merchandising, Ernestine Reeder, home economics department chairman, said.

"In the past, students could earn a bachelor's degree in home economics with an emphasis on fashion merchandising. Now they can earn a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising," said Ernestine Reeder, chairman of the home economics department.

In addition to the change in the degrees offered, curriculum changes have also been made.

"A fashion merchandising professional seminar, and a home economics management practicum have been added to support the

program," said Teresa Robinson, coordinator of the fashion merchandising program.

"There are also three new options available to students in the fashion merchandising major—a New York fashion tour, (details pending) a course in the dynamics of interpersonal relationships, and a reactivated course in advanced textiles," said Robinson.

"The reasons for the changes stem from the results of surveys of potential employers and students enrolled in the home economics program. 78 percent of the potential employers indicated a degree in fashion merchandising was the most desirable for an entry-level position. 92 percent of the students said they preferred a degree in fashion merchandising," said Robinson.

"The changes will make the students more competitive in the job market and strengthen the home economics program," said Reeder.

"The change officially goes into effect in the 1987-89 catalog. However any student wanting to major in fashion merchandising can start planning now," said Robinson.

"Those students near graduation could graduate in December 1987 at the very earliest. Realistically, the first graduates are expected in May 1988," said Robinson.

"I am eagerly, but cautiously optimistic about the new program," said Robinson.

Any student interested in majoring in fashion merchandising should contact the home economics department at extension 2884.

### Yearbook orders must be in today

By PENNY BOYETT  
Staff Writer

"There will absolutely be no orders taken for the 1987 Midlander after 4:30 p.m. today," Jackie Solomon, student publications coordinator, said.

Friday is the date the publishing company gave the Midlander staff to ensure that the books will be ready before the end of the semester, Solomon said.

Many students have put off buying a Midlander because they believe the books will later be sold at a reduced price.

"Students should be aware that there will be no reduced price extras this year," Michael Turner, Midlander editor, said.

In fact, "No extras will be ordered for the purpose of selling,"

Solomon said.

The Midlander staff decided not to order extras because the post books have been purchased but not picked up by students, and extras have not been selling. This has resulted in boxes of extras being thrown away, Turner said.

As of 1 p.m. yesterday, 2,390 Midlanders had been sold.

"This year's Midlander will be a departure from the traditional yearbook. Features include a special cover and more modern graphic designs. It will definitely be a good book," Turner said.

Students wanting to purchase a 1987 Midlander should go by the James Union Building, Room 306 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$13.50. Checks should be made payable to Midlander.



Debbie Goad and Wanda Davenport, of ARA food services, served free Purity Ice Cream in the Grill on Tuesday.

Frank Conley\*Staff

# Campus Capsule

**CAMPUS CAPSULE POLICY:** All submissions to Campus Capsule must be typed and submitted to *Sidelines* by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday publication or 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday publication. All submissions are printed on a space available basis, and may be edited by *Sidelines* for clarity and brevity. *Sidelines* cannot guarantee submissions will be published.

Student Organizations desiring to make application for activity fee funds for the spring semester must secure and turn in their application in Room 126 of the Keathley University Center before Jan. 30, 1987.

Recycling Cans The Biology Club is collecting aluminum cans for their recycling program. The money from this program goes toward financing student scholarships. Bring your aluminum cans to the blue trailer in the MTSU Greenland Drive parking lot.

Professional Journalists The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the University Center Room 324 to discuss several programs being planned to inform the campus and community of freedom of information issues expected to arise in Tennessee in coming weeks.

Bowling Team Tryouts for the MTSU Bowling Team will run through Jan. 30, 1987. Anyone who is interested should meet with us at Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes on Wednesday, at 3 p.m. For more information, contact John at 898-3218.

SHEA The Student Home Economics Association will meet Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Economics Building.

Student Access Any student who wishes to keep his/her name, address, phone number or classification from being given out by the University Center Office should come by Room 208 of the Keathley University Center to fill out a Non-release of Information form. A new request needs to be made each semester.

## Presbyterians get new minister

By KELLY ANDERSON  
*Sidelines Staff Writer*

Presbyterian Student Fellowship, part of MTSU's campus ministries, hired a new minister

Monday night after a semester-long search, Brenda Butler, chairperson of the search committee, said.

David Robinson, a 29-year-old Portland, Ore. native, accepted

PSF's job offer after the PSF support group, made up of area Presbyterian members, unanimously voted to hire him at Monday night's meeting, Butler said.

Robinson was the third minister-candidate PSF asked to fill the position left open after Rev. Morgan Wallace resigned Sept. 1. Two other minister-candidates, found also by a four-member search committee, declined the job offer in November, Butler said.

"The two other candidates were good, but David is equally as good or better," Butler said.

"I really wanted to get into a college setting," Robinson said. "I had looked at five or six other campus-ministry jobs, but I really love MTSU. When the call came through on Monday night my wife and I were dancing with joy."

"David will make PSF more available for all students because it will guarantee that someone is at the PSF house all day, every day," Hunter McFarlin, PSF president, said. "He will add more leadership," added McFarlin.

Robinson, who resigned from Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fairview, Ore. at the end of the year, will arrive from Portland on January 31. He will start his new job on February 1, Butler said.



Sandy Campbell/Staff  
Mary Gannon and Martha Gannon learn a new way to draw for their art applications for elementary school course.

## Christmas Eve robbery nets \$2,000



### CRIME STOPPERS

Call 893-STOP

This week's Crime Stopper's crime of the week is a strong-arm robbery that occurred on South Baird Lane here in Murfreesboro.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at approximately 9:25 p.m., a strong-arm robbery took place on South Baird Lane. The two victims had a purse, wallet, ring, and other

misc. items stolen from them.

The first assailant was a black male described as tall and slender wearing a cap, and the second suspect was described as a black male being short and having a stocky build.

Both suspects left the scene in a beige or tan colored 1/2 or 1/4

ton pickup truck which proceeded south on South Baird Lane towards Bradyville pk.

Estimated value of all the items taken were in excess of \$2,000.00.

This is officer Clyde Adkison of the Murfreesboro Police Department. If you have any information about this crime, Crime Stoppers could pay you \$1,000.00, and up to \$1,000.00 for information on any other crime. You may call Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 and you do not have to identify yourself. All calls are confidential. Call Crime Stoppers at 893-stop. And remember, Crime Doesn't Pay, But Crime Stoppers Does!!!

## Blotter

#### Incident: Larceny

Victim stated that on Jan. 6, 1987 someone removed her billfold from her purse while it was in a file cabinet drawer in her office in the Dramatic Arts Building.

#### Incident: Larceny

Victim stated on Jan. 8, 1987 he found the hood bra had been removed from his vehicle. He parked his vehicle in the C Street lot on Jan. 7, 1987 and returned on Jan. 8, 1987 to find the theft.

#### Incident: Vandalism

Victim stated she parked her car in the Shardt Hall lot on Jan. 8, 1987. When she returned a few hours later she found someone had used a sharp object to scratch the paint on her vehicle.

#### Incident: Larceny

Victim stated that someone removed his camp decal some time during the fall semester of 1986 while the vehicle was parked in the Bell Street parking lot.

#### Incident: Stolen Vehicle

Victim stated that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot next to MonSchRey on Jan. 7, 1987. When he returned to his car on Jan. 8, 1987, he found the vehicle missing.

#### Incident: Petit Larceny

Victim stated she placed a portable stereo unit behind a garbage can on the 5th floor hallway while she went downstairs to the lobby. When she returned, the stereo was gone.

### Governor

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"But for any new program that is passed — such as a medically indigent program — there will have to be new revenues or you will be stealing money from some programs that you've already worked to fund," he said.

McWherter's platform for governor included a medically indigent program with no related tax increase.

Alexander warned the legislators to "Don't let growth mess up our beautiful state."

Alexander said he felt "lucky enough to have the governorship more consecutive years than anybody else has had it."

## Collegiate housing taxable

By ROSEMARY COLLINS  
*Sidelines Staff Writer*

With the passage of the new tax laws, the room and board portion of a college scholarship is now taxable, Larry Cozort, an accounting department professor, said.

"Only money for tuition, books and supplies are exempt," he added.

Cozort said that starting in 1987 students will no longer be able to claim personal tax exemption if their parents are claiming them as dependents.

"Thus, low income earners, such as a working student, may pay more taxes in 1988, particularly if the personal exemption isn't available," he added.

Cozort said that "the new tax laws will have no effect in 1986 on the average taxpayer, but there will be far-reaching changes in 87-88."

"What we were after was a fair and simple tax law," Cozort said. "I think that we should start to conclude that you can't have fair and simple; they just don't go together."

"The new tax law going into effect in 87 is not any simpler, but it is probably fairer since it eliminates tax shelters for big business and people with large earnings," Cozort said.

According to the new law, single people will have to pay taxes on money earned after \$3,560 in 86, \$4,440 in 87 and \$4,950 in 88. Personal exemptions will be \$1,080 in

86, \$1,900 in 87, and \$1,950 in 88.

The tax law will be simpler for approximately 7 million people because they won't have to file taxes until they have earned over \$4,950, Cozort said.

Interest on car loans and bank cards is 100 percent deductible at the present, but will drop to 65 percent in 1987 and will fade to zero percent deductible in 1991.

"One of the most confusing changes taking place is in the zero bracket (also called the standard deduction). The standard deduction is figured into the 1986 tax tables, but in 1987 persons filing will have to figure their own standard deduction," Cozort said.

## Philosophy instructor leaves

By MELISSA WRIGHT  
*Assistant News Editor*

Because of family problems Grey Cox, assistant professor of philosophy, has taken a leave of absence for the remainder of the semester.

"I don't know why he left, but I understand he had some family problems, John McDaniel, dean of the school of liberal arts, said.

Cox went north to his home, McDaniel said.

"I think Cox will be returning to MTSU to teach next semester,"

McDaniel said.

This semester, Cox was scheduled to teach four classes, three sections of Elementary Logic and Critical Thinking, and one Aesthetics.

M.B. Jackson, a philosophy instructor, will be taking Cox's Elementary Logic and Critical Thinking classes. The Aesthetics class has been canceled, McDaniel said.

Herold Parker, philosophy department chairman, refused to commit on the issue.



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# Editorials

## State responsibility rests on McWherter

Tennessee has always been a twinkling star. Now it's become a torch for the nation. But how far can we grow? And will Tennessee's growth have positive or negative effects on Tennesseans?

The accomplishments made under Gov. Lamar Alexander's administration are to be commended. After eight years he leaves with an unblemished record and the admiration of almost all Tennesseans.

In his last "State-of-the-State" address, Alexander asked that legislators preserve his Better Schools program, the proposed new highways, convention center projects and the revenue Tennessee is expecting in the months to come.

However, in referring to Tennessee's expansion, he warned legislators and Tennesseans "not to let growth mess up our beautiful state."

That statement raises questions on some specific problems that may occur and must be addressed now, rather than when it is too late.

It is up to the incoming McWherter administration to face the problems of Tennessee's unprecedented growth, and to develop the policies necessary to control and channel it.

One problem in particular is the road program. How will the construction of the prop-

osed I-840 effect residents along its proposed path?

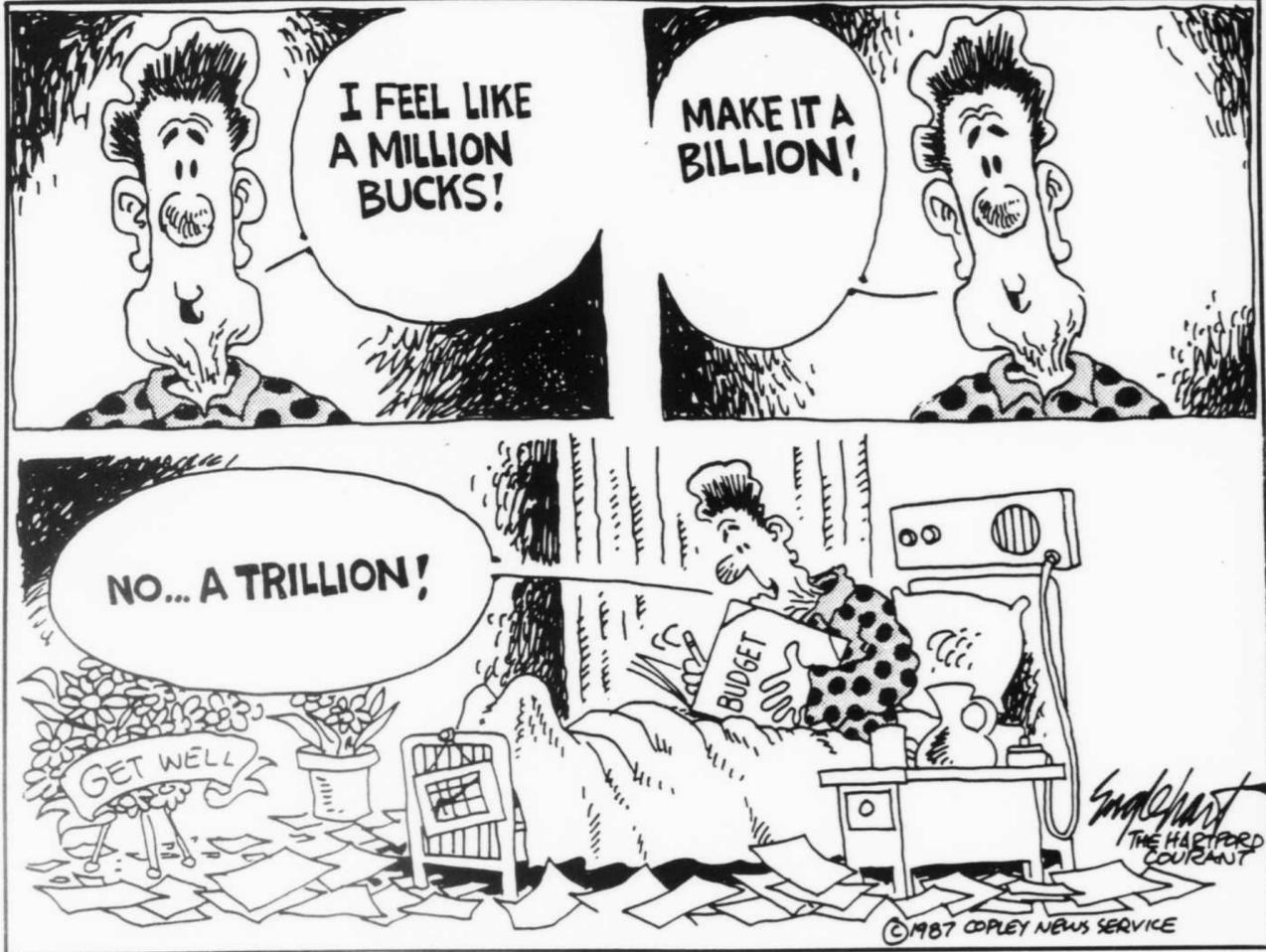
In Rutherford County I-840 will pass between Smyrna and Murfreesboro. This will effect the Rutherford County residents and public park and recreation sites like East Fork and Nice Mill Dam.

Several backroads and residential areas will be changed in Nashville. Because of the rapid growth, the city thoroughfares will either be destroyed or become too busy for the regular flow of traffic — like the Anderson Road-Bell Road controversy in Antioch. Then there's the possibility that if I-840 is to expand into residential areas and cause the residents to sell their homes, will this mean that the area will become commercial?

Most definitely this may be progress for those investing in the project, but for the residents, progress may disappear.

Not only as students, living in Tennessee, but as citizens of Tennessee, everyone should take an active role to preserve this state's historical roots. And, to further advance Tennessee's stance, an active voice will be needed to secure its future! The pioneering and laboring of Tennesseans is vast. Let's not use money, good intentions and intuitive individuals strip the decency of Tennessee.

## IT'S MY TURN



## Visitors get taxed twice in battlefield

By DALE DWORAK  
Editor-in-chief

President Ronald Reagan gave the people of the United States a trillion dollar budget proposal for the new year.

This is the first trillion dollar budget ever — for any country. It comes at the expense of domestic programs and allows for the continued growth of defense spending. It does nothing to lower the deficit.

According to Reagan taxes do not have to be raised to fund this budget. I beg to differ.

For the first time Stones River National Battlefield is charging an admission. It costs an individual \$1 to tour the park. This minimal fee is charged to offset the continual reduction in domestic spending. There is a philosophy connected with the Reagan administration that states that Americans should be willing to help support their na-

tional treasures. I always thought that is what I pay taxes for.

I feel that when the National Park Service charges me a dollar

help but laugh and wish I'd thought of it.

I really believe that some things must be "free." If my income tax is

By Dale Dworak

### The Backroom

Sidelines Editor-in-Chief

admission to the battlefield I am paying taxes on the park twice. I don't like paying taxes twice on anything — it goes against the grain.

I'm paying twice because my income tax — that money in my paycheck I only read about — helps to pay for various government programs and now with the admission price I'm asked to pay again.

I once saw a political cartoon that showed the Boston tea party and had one "Indian" saying to another, "I'm not sure I believe in taxation with representation." I couldn't

paying once for the National Park System then I see no reason for an additional admission charge. The American National Park system belongs to the American people as does their "government." And since it belongs to them they shouldn't have to keep paying for it.

A National Military Park is not a toll bridge or a pay thruway it is a national treasure to see now and kept up for future generations.

But because of budget cuts caused by Reagan's record deficits the park service has had to cut back

personnel and services at many parks and start charging admission charges.

In Washington D.C. the Smithsonian Institution is free. But its hours have been cut to the point that one has to be a tourist with days off to have any chance of seeing anything. It is still free to visit the National Archives and view the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution but I wonder how long that will last. I'm sure we'll be "taxed again" sooner or later.

The repair of the Statue of Liberty by private funds has been called a miracle of the volunteer spirit of America — I found it deplorable that the old girl ever got into that shape in the first place. Too many times the U.S. lets things go before it attempts to save them.

I'll pay my dollar to see the battlefield — but I don't have to like it.

### We want your letters

Do you have a gripe or complaint about anything on campus? We mean ANYTHING ranging from the food in the Grill to a story which appeared in *Sidelines*. Does anything make you angry?

If so, *Sidelines* would love to hear about it. Bring it by Room 310 of the James Union Building or mail it to Editorial Editor/Box 42.

By Paul Ladd

One of the "trendy" items to have these days is one of those cute little yellow signs in the rear window of your car. The first sign "Child in Car" but someone (a Yuppie, no doubt) came up with something catchier...namely "Baby on Board."

Soon afterwards...there were "offshoot" or "joke" signs. The messages on these signs had such sayings as "Ex-wife (or Ex-Husband) in Trunk" or "Mother-in-law in Trunk" or "Alien on Board," just to

name a few.

Now these signs, serious or not, are everywhere, so it seems. So what is the big deal about the whole matter?

Last year, there was a proposal in Maryland to ban the "joke" signs. The people who proposed this said that the signs were a nuisance and a safety hazard. However, the serious signs...i.e. "Baby on Board", etc. would be allowed to remain.

I ask you, why is a sign that says "Mother-in-law in Trunk" a safety hazard and a sign that says "Baby on Board" not?

Banning these signs...joke or not...would be a violation of someone's right to express themselves. However, all these people who scream "First Amendment! First Amendment!" whenever something is presented that doesn't agree with their ideology are nowhere to be found. Why? Because these do-gooders are probably over with the folks who want to ban these signs.

I'm not against someone putting a "Baby on Board" sign in the rear window of their car. I'm not a parent, at least that I'm aware of, but even if I were, I wouldn't put one of these signs in my car. However, if someone wants to do this, it's okay with me.

Let's say someone has one of these signs in their car. What does this mean? Well, there are two meanings, according to some experts on the subject with whom I've talked with.

One is that the sign is there in case of fire or other disaster. The

rescuers will know that the child is in the car when they come to do their thing.

Secondly, the signs are there so drivers will know to be more careful when driving in the presence of such cars.

It's a good thing, I suppose, to warn rescuers about children who may be trapped in a car...but, lets suppose the child is home when mom or dad has an accident. There's time wasted in looking for child who isn't there. Meantime, a victim may be lying on the road in need of treatment, but rescue workers are looking for a child who is home safely in bed.

Secondly, why should I drive any different around a car that has one of these signs on it? I'm not intentionally going to run anyone off the road. And, besides, I've seen people which have these "Baby on Board" signs that are extremely reckless drivers.

I hope the proposal in Maryland doesn't pass because it would just serve to show how idiotic some lawmakers can be. But then again, lawmakers have taken some issues and made them into laws that are nothing but utter claptrap.

If you want to display one of these signs on your car, that's fine. In fact, I have seen some of them that I think are humorous. I get a kick out of looking at them as they pass by.

And besides, who knows? When you see a car that says "Mother-in-law in Trunk" stop and think for just a second. That person's mother-in-law might just be in the trunk and gasping for air.

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# Art / Entertainment

"sanitized for your protection"

## Seeing The Blind Farmers from Hell

BY LARISSA KEILICH  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night January 13, The Blind Farmers (From Hell) did their first show of the semester at Mainstreet. Presented by "Cosmo Gas Grills," The Farmers played two sets "sanitized for your protection" for a sizeable crowd that was certainly anxious to see them, as they have not performed locally in quite some time.

For those of you who are not familiar with this band, here's some helpful background information. The Blind Farmers (From Hell) are actually from nearby Lascassas, Tennessee. A four-piece combo, the members are: Murcell Rancid (vocals, guitar), Burford St. Pilot (vocals, power rhythm guitar), Nasty Bandana (vocals, large-mouth bass), and Punky Bandanna (vocals, drums). Incidentally, this is

not a misprint: Nasty's twin brother four years apart added a second "n" to his last name while in his Costa Rican prison cell.

Allegedly, this Mainstreet show commemorated their thirty-first anniversary their playing drums. They say he joined the band in January of 1956. And this is just a small part of the band's very colorful and somewhat exaggerated history.

The Farmers began playing around 10:15 pm, opening the first set with their version of a Stray Cats' song called "Fishnet Stockings," as a tribute to Burford's favorite music student (supposedly), Brian Setzer. Then, they played some of their originals: "With A Kiss," a song written by Murcell about heartbreak and lost love, and "Its Gotta Stop," written by Punky. Other highlights of this set in-

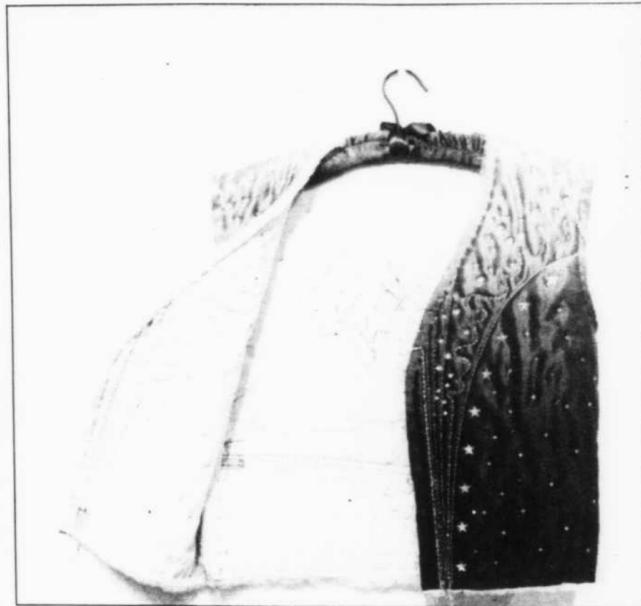
cluded some long-awaited new material: originals entitled "Come Out and Play," and the "newly-animated 'Breakdown.'" They further inspired the Mayberry-oriented portion of the crowd to riot with new covers, including "Goo Goo Muck" by The Cramps, and a boogie-woogie version of AC/DC's "Back In Black." They then closed the set with the traditional closer "Little Liza Jane," which they thoroughly perverted by including the music of Walk The West ("Sheriff of Love") with Mayberryesque lyrics: "I'm the Sheriff of Mayberry, I'm Andy Taylor."

After a short break, The Blind Farmers were back on stage, opening the second and final set with an ingenious version of the Buck Owens classic "Tiger By The Tail." This was followed by a song called

"I'm Big," written by the band in honor of power rhythm guitarist Burford. Other originals in the set included "Love Dawgs," which along with (the supposedly-stolen by Jimi Hendrix) "Country Haze" is currently getting airplay in New York. Further originals were the requested "Hershey's Kisses," and "Movin' Violations."

The band was joined on stage by former manager "Sigg" Fleckure when he sang and played lead guitar on the Hank Williams Sr. classic "Move It On Over." Another Hank Sr. classic and a personal favorite of mine, "You're Gonna Change," was performed immediately afterwards.

They ended their first show in over two months with the traditional closer "Little Liza Jane," again twisting it beyond all recognition.



Sandy Campbell\*staff

This vest by Janet Higgins is among the faculty "works in progress" featured at the Art Barn Gallery now through January 30.



Caroline Holland\*staff

This photograph by Caroline Holland is one of many student works featured in fall 1986 *Collage*.

## Collage has variety of artwork

By JONATHAN PINKERTON  
Entertainment Editor

The fall edition of *Collage*, the MTSU creative magazine, has arrived on campus.

*Collage* contains original poetry, artwork and photography. It is produced by MTSU students who are solely responsible for its content.

This issue, aside from a few typographical errors, is by far one of the best editions I have ever seen.

The reproduction of the cover art, as well as the paintings, drawings and photographs is exceptionally well done.

The poetry ranges from a simple but effective four verse poem entitled "How can I be snow?" by Phil Parkerson to a more elaborate and flowing "And Darkness Fell" by

Dawn Jones.

One of the more interesting concepts in this semester's *Collage* is the series of profiles entitled "A Portfolio."

These pages contain a series of four paintings each with an essay by the artist explaining what he or she was trying to achieve through the work.

The talents and thoughts of Lynn Greer, Kathy Broyles, Randy Livingston and Ron Porter are spotlighted in the "A Portfolio" section.

Although all the artwork is enjoyable and exciting, Kathy Brady tends to outshine her peers. Her photographs, poems and especially her short story "The Bandage Syn-

drome," which deals with the silent horrors of domestic violence, reveal a student all of MTSU can be proud of.

This edition of *Collage*, which was put together under the direction of James Tucker, one whose drawings is featured in the magazine. Vinced Buwalda assisted Tucker and also designed the cover.

*Collage* is available throughout the campus. Free!

Regardless of whether you're "into art" or you just want to see what some other students have been up to, go pick one up. You had better hurry, because when the word gets out about how great it is, there won't be any copies left.

## Red Storm Rising good war yarn

By DALE DWORAK  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

According to Tom Clancy's *Red Storm Rising* World War III is nothing more than a practical joke.

Clancy, who wrote the bestselling *Hunt for Red October*, has increased his scope of writing from a few ships in the Atlantic to the various fronts of World War III.

It seems that the Soviets, who have lost their main oil producing field to sabotage by Islamic warriors, need to capture the oil rich nations of the Middle East. But they realize that the United States has a policy of using nuclear weapons right away on anyone moving in on its "sphere of influence," so instead they invade western Europe as a big cover up. Once they defeat the West, or at least exhaust it, they plan on getting their oil.

This all tends to be rather confusing in a book which is fast-moving, well written and ultimately unsatisfying. *Red Storm Rising* is unsatisfying because it leaves out too much. One minute we're reading

about Soviet preparations for the war in Europe, and the next minute the war is happening. There is no warning to help the reader follow what is going on. Any concept of time is quickly lost as the book moves from battle scene to battle scene, and by the end the reader has no idea how long World War III has lasted.

It is not nearly as tightly controlled or written as his previous work.

While this is a serious deficiency that could have been remedied by dates and times above the chapter titles, it doesn't completely ruin a book that is highly readable. From page one, action is the watchword of *Red Storm Rising*. Clancy is able to tell his story by shifting between Soviet and Western perspectives without losing the reader, which in a book of this scope is a masterful achievement. The battle scenes are technically accurate but suffer at times, especially when set in the West, with a lack of political background.

Clancy, who has no trouble showing us the inner workings of

the Kremlin and the upper echelons of the Communist Party, is unable to take us inside the White House, Capitol Hill or Whitehall.

We never learn his ideas as to how our government might function on a wartime footing.

He is at his best when he writes

### Book Review

about the "third Battle of the Atlantic," describing ships and tactics that as yet have only been used in training exercises. When it comes to the ground war in East and West Germany, he does an average job but appears a little out of his depth. The use of the highpointers.

By the end of Clancy's work the reader finds himself thoroughly versed in modern weapons, tactics and strategy. But he never does get an idea of the human cost of the war. Whatever Clancy may have had in mind as the ultimate cost of his war he has kept to himself.

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# Sports

## Lady Raiders open OVC home schedule

### Morehead fourth OVC test

By TONY STINNETT  
Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raiders look to turn their season around this Saturday night as they take on Morehead State in OVC basketball action.

After dropping their first two conference games to Tennessee Tech, 74-78, and Murray St., 66-72, the Lady Raiders destroyed Austin Peay, 92-68 to gain their first conference win.

All three conference games were played on the road.

"The early season schedule has not been in our favor so far," Coach Jim Davis said. "I believe we will do a lot better in front of the home crowd."

The Lady Raiders are led by All-American candidate Kim Webb. Webb is averaging over 22 points per game, second in the OVC. Webb is only four percentage points behind conference leader Dorothy Bowers.

Webb is expected to break the all-time scoring record for Middle Tennessee, which is held by Jennifer McFall, either Saturday night or Monday night.

"Kim has played well for us all season," Davis said. "I think it is

very important for a good crowd to show up for the games and let Kim know they appreciate what she has done for MTSU over the last four years."

Another standout for the Lady Raiders is point guard Janet Ross.

"Janet is finally learning what I want her to do as a point guard," Davis said. "She is running the offense very well, she is scoring when she has the opportunity and she is providing a great deal of leadership."

The Lady Eagles of Morehead St. bring a conference record of 1-1 into their game with MTSU after defeating Youngstown St.

MSU returns eight experienced lettermen, three of which are starters from last year's squad.

Morehead is led by Shelia Bradford, a senior forward who gives coach Davis a lot of worry.

"Bradford is a very wide open player with good speed," Davis said. "She is also very smart, and she is a good shooter. She can hurt us in many ways."

The Lady Raiders hold a commanding lead in the overall series winning 15 of the 20 games played. Last year the Lady Raiders won

both games against the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Raiders lack of strength is what worries coach Davis most against Morehead St.

"In order to beat Morehead, we must rebound," Davis said. "We are small, and we play for guards with only one power forward in the game."

The Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky will provide MTSU's competition on Monday night at Murphy Center.

EKU holds a 1-1 conference record with a victory over Youngstown St.

The Lady Colonels finished last in the OVC last year, however, they return six lettermen who all saw starting time last season.

EKU is led by junior forward Carla Coffey, who is averaging over 19 points a game and nine rebounds.

"Both Morehead and Eastern are in the middle of the pack," Davis said. "I think they are both in about the same situation we are in. I expect two evenly matched games."

Both games are scheduled to start at five o'clock at Murphy Center.



All-American candidate Kim Webb leads Lady Raider's victory over Cumberland College at Murphy Center. Howard Ross/Staff

## Baseball card show slated

By TONY STINNETT  
Sports Editor

The Blue Raider baseball team will hold its annual baseball clinic and card show at the Murphy Center Athletic Concourse on Saturday January 24th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The annual event is held to raise money for the baseball team. This year Coach Stanford has put together a very outstanding group of current and former major league baseball players and outstanding coaches.

At the event, the crowd will be able to get autographs from such athletes as Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Calvin Schiraldi, Cleveland Indian hitting star Pat Tabler, Atlanta Braves second baseman Glenn Hubbard and former Yankee infielder Brian Doyle.

Such outstanding coaches as Steve Hamilton of Morehead St. and Roane State Community College Coach George Ogilvie will be on hand to give lectures and demonstrations.

The card show will give collec-

tors of baseball cards a chance to trade or buy some of their favorite cards. There will be many collectors on hand, and everyone will be able to get cards that they don't have.

Admission to the card show is \$2 per person. The clinic fees are \$5 per person, \$10 per coach or \$85 per team, both player and coach.

Schiraldi helped lead the Red Sox to the American League pennant last season with his outstanding 1.25 earned run average. He is a former Texas collegiate standout, having led the Longhorns to the NCAA title in 1983.

Tabler was one of the major leagues finest hitters last year, batting .326. He led the American league in hitting with runners in scoring position and was an amazing 24-for-45 with the bases loaded.

Hubbard rates as one of the finest all-around second basemen in the game and has long been a favorite with fans in the South.

Doyle hit .438 in his memorable 1978 World Series with the Yan-

kees. He now runs one of the nation's finest winter camps for youngsters in Winterhaven, Fla.

Hamilton was a basketball All-American as well as an outstanding pitcher during his collegiate days at Morehead St. He played briefly in the NBA with the Lakers and his major league baseball career spanned 11 seasons with the Indians, Senators, White Sox, Giants, Cubs and Yankees. He was pitching coach for the Detroit Tigers in 1975, and he is Detroit's 12th year as head baseball coach at Morehead St.

Ogilvie's Roane State team won the 1986 Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association championship and competed in the national junior college tournament. He has been voted the TJCAA Coach of the Year in 1981, 1984 and 1986.

Further information can be obtained or reservations can be made by contacting Steve Peterson, assistant head baseball coach, MTSU Box 368, or by calling 898-2961 or 898-2984.

## Three point shot adds drama

By MAURICE PETWAY  
Assistant Editor

It would be fair to say that the addition of the three point shot to college basketball has made the game more exciting.

Many observers feel the 19' shot is too short for three points and is scarcely more than a regular shot.

### Commentary

However, whatever the three pointer may or may not lack in length it makes up for it with suspense.

For instance, it instills a positive never-say-die attitude into the players' mind that no matter what the situation they have a chance to win.

Any quick combination of three pointers can put a team back into a game or take a team right out of

a close contest in a matter of moments.

The shot can be an equalizer too. A team with size will not be able to defeat smaller teams with ease anymore. And it gives the smaller, quicker players a more significant impact on a game that has become dominated by height.

This year if a team needs to win a game in the last seconds they have a choice of going low to the big people or high to the little guys for three points.

The scores are higher and the game itself is more exciting which adds a touch of spice to a game that can sometimes lose its savor with the help of some good zone defenses.

High drama has also returned to the game with the three point shot. Now when a team is down by two points and has the ball in a position

to score they have the option of going for two to tie or taking a chance on making the three pointer to win.

Getting back to the issue of the distance of the shot, what if the collegiate shot was as long or almost as long as the NBA shot? What would separate the collegiate players from the pros? What kind of motivation would that leave graduating players wanting to improve their game so they can play with the big boys, the big bucks?

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# Blue Raiders face tough competition

By TONY STINNETT  
Sports Editor

The up-coming weekend promises to be a very tough one for the Blue Raiders as they host Morehead St. Saturday night and Eastern Kentucky on Monday night.

MTSU currently leads the OVC with a 3-0 mark, however, both Morehead St. and Eastern are only one-half game behind the Blue Raiders with a 2-0 conference record.

The Blue Raiders, now 12-2 overall, has fared very well in Murphy Center over the past two years. The Raiders have won 23 straight home games dating back to 1985.

Morehead St. is a team that is on its way back up after two down seasons.

"Morehead is vastly improved over last season, and they mount a very big challenge for our team," Coach Stewart said.

The Eagles are led by their senior super star Bob McCann, a 6-9 center averaging 18.7 points a game. He is also the conference's leading rebounder with 12.1 a game.

"Bob McCann is a very good

athlete," Stewart said. "Morehead has a lot of good shooters besides McCann that could hurt us."

Moorehead also has a very good inside game that is led by Lewis Eastern Kentucky Taylor.

Parris and Randolph was picked to be one of the top teams in the OVC's pre-season poll of coaches.

The Colonels got their first conference win by drawing Akron, the team the coaches picked to finish first, by a score of 82-61.

"Eastern Kentucky is one of the most solid teams in the conference," Stewart said. "They have a great deal of depth, and they have strength."

The Colonels are led by the guard tandem of senior Antonio Parris and junior Jeff McGill.

Parris is averaging 17.7 points a game, while teammate McGill is close with an average of 17.3. The two rank sixth and seventh respectively in the conference scoring race.

"In order to win, we must stop both McGill and Parris," Stewart said. "They use the three point shot extensively and both are good at it."

Behind Parris and McGill, the Colonels have the second best



Blue Raider Andrew Tunstill looks for shot against a tight defense.

three point percentage in the OVC, second only to the Blue Raiders. The Colonels lead the conference in three-point goals made with 89, twice more than any other team. They have attempted 187.

The Blue Raiders counter with Chris Rainey who leads the conference in three-point percentage, averaging 56 percent.

Both games are scheduled to begin at 7:30.

# Students missing out

By TONY STINNETT  
Sports Editor

Where are all of the fans? Despite the fact that MTSU has two of the best basketball teams in the nation hardly anyone goes to their home games.

There is really no reason for students not to come to basketball games. For Pete's sake you don't even have to pay to watch the games. Any student presenting a valid student identification card at the gate, gains free admittance. What more could a person ask?

## Commentary

The Lady Raider basketball program has won four consecutive conference championships and is picked to finish first this year. Yet, they receive virtually no support from the students.

The Blue Raider team currently possesses an incredible 11-2 record. That is the best record of any major college team in the state. They are first in the conference and have an awesome slam dunk presentation for the fans.

What do they have to show for it? An arena filled with empty seats.

Tennessee Tech had its fourth largest crowd in the history of the school turn out to watch the Blue Raiders. Austin Peay had its largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game turn out to watch the Governors battle the Raiders.

It embarrasses me as a student to think that students of other conference schools pack the gym when the Blue Raiders come to town, yet when the Raiders return home for a game it to an empty arena.

The Blue Raiders have 23 consecutive home games dating back to 1985. I wonder how they have accomplished that they receive the support that they receive.

There are several problems that lack of spirit presents.

First of all, it doesn't look good

for a team with such high prestige to play before such a small crowd. I hear fans asking, "Why aren't the Blue Raiders in the top twenty?" or "Why are the Blue Raiders never on television?"

That question is easily answered. A national television station is not going to put a team on their network if that team can't draw a crowd. Yet this is a team that can draw a crowd. The problem is that the students obviously feel they have better things to do such as watch television or sleep.

I am sure that there are other universities in this state who would love to be able to support a team such as the one we have the opportunity to support. So what the hell is your problem?

An empty arena also lowers team morale. Low morale the teams chances of winning because they are trying to figure out why they are so good, yet no one comes to see them play.

The Blue Raiders' arena (Murphy Center) is the largest in the OVC and it also holds more than Stokely Center, where the Tennessee Vols play basketball. The point here is that you, the students, have a golden opportunity to be the part of a great team and you are letting that go by.

So far this season the basketball teams have fared very well and with

the support of the students, this season could be one of the most successful in the history of Middle Tennessee.

Don't let the question for the remainder of the season be, Where are the fans? As students, make the question, Where am I going to sit?

# Giants to face Broncos in Super Bowl

## AFC

By Associated Press

CLEVELAND—John Elway is finally going to the Rose Bowl.

"We're going to Pasadena, to the place I was never able to get to in college," the former Stanford quarterback said Sunday after he and the Denver Broncos became the AFC champions by beating the favored Cleveland Browns 23-20 in overtime.

The comeback victory sent the Broncos into the Super Bowl Jan. 25 at the Rose Bowl against the New York Giants.

It also buried the last of any doubts about Elway's talent or desire.

The 26-year-old quarterback ran for 20 yards, offsetting an 8-yard sack, and passed for 78 on a 98-yard drive that tied the game with 37 seconds remaining in regulation.

In overtime, Elway hit two long passes on the Broncos' first possession to set up Rich Karlis' game-winning field goal.

"There are still going to be critics, but I just have to continue to do the best I can," Elway, who was unable to lead his college team to the Rose Bowl and then lost in both of his NFL playoff appearances before this year, said.

His work this season, however, earned Elway a trip to the Pro Bowl — and, now, the Super Bowl. Denver, which went 11-5 to win the AFC West this year, went to the Super Bowl without Elway nine years ago and lost to Dallas 27-10.

Elway completed 22 of 38 passes for 244 yards on Sunday, and he scrambled four times for another 56 yards.

Denver trailed 20-13 after Elway scored on a 48-yard pass from Bernie Kosar to Brian Brennan with 5:43 to play. The ensuing kickoff was mishandled by Ken Bell and left the Broncos at their own 2-yard line.

With the game on the line, Elway took control, shredding the Browns' proud "Dawg" defense and quieting the sellout crowd of 79,915.

Sammy Winder, who rushed for 83 yards on 26 carries, got the Broncos out of the hole with a 5-yard reception and runs of 3 and 2 yards for a critical first down.

Elway, ignoring the pain of an ankle sprained in last week's 22-17 playoff victory over New England, then scrambled and passed Denver the rest of the way, keeping the drive alive with a 20-yard pass to Mark Jackson on third-and-18 and finishing it with a 5-yard bullet to Jackson with 37 seconds left.

The Denver defense shut the Broncos down on their one overtime possession.

The Broncos then took a punt at their own 25 and needed nine plays to win it. Elway threw 22 yards to Orson Mobley and 28 to Watson to move the ball into range for Karlis.

Elway scrambled away from the pass rush before completing the pass to Watson, which took the ball to the Cleveland 22.

Karlis then ended it with a kick.

kiss wives in the stands.

The road to the Super Bowl had past through Giants Stadium and all that now stands in the way of the Giants and NFL title is the Denver Broncos, and Coach Bill Parcell's next dynasty is well aware of that.

The Giants took the last step to Pasadena, Calif. on Sunday by riding a blustery wind, a frightening defense and opportunistic offense to post a 17-0 victory over the Washington Redskins in the NFC title game.

"It's great to be playing in the Super Bowl," NFL MVP Lawrence Taylor said. "However, it's one thing to play in it and another thing to win it. It's not over yet."

The Super Bowl will be the Giants' second meeting with the Broncos this season and most were not too thrilled about the prospect of seeing quarterback John Elway and company again despite a 19-16 victory over Denver on Nov. 23.

"They took it to us the first time," Giants center Bart Oates said. "We were lucky to win. They were ready for everything we did."

"We managed three field goals, and George Martin ran on back (for a touchdown)," he added. "I began to feel hopeless out there."

That hopeless feeling was something the Redskins had confronted the Giants in this third confrontation between the NFC East rivals, and the tide in this one may have changed as early as the opening coin flip.

The Giants won the toss and decided to put a 32 mph wind at their backs.

The Redskins never got out of trouble in the first quarter, and the Giants got their first two possessions in Washington territory, con-

verting them into scores as they defeated the Skins for the third time this season.

The first points came on a 47-yard field goal by Raul Allegre and an 11-yard touchdown pass from Phil Simms to Lionel Manuel made it 10-0 with 5:32 left in the period.

Washington gained 190 yards on offense and was held to just 40 yards rushing. Schroeder, who suffered a mild concussion late in the game, completed 20 of 50 passes for 195 yards. The most telling statistic was third and fourth down conversions. The Redskins were 0-for-14 on third down and 0-for-4 on fourth down.

The Giants offense has been adequate. It gained just 199 yards with Simms completing seven of 14 passes for 90 yards, and Joe Morris gaining 87 yards on 29 carries.

Morris scored the Giants' final touchdown midway through the second quarter on a 1-yard run that capped a 49-yard drive set up when the Redskins botched a field goal attempt on a bad snap by center Jeff Bostic.

Forced to play catchup in the second half, the Redskins ran the ball only once, throwing 34 passes. However, the closest they got to the Giants' end zone was the 23-yard line with 2:00 to play.

By then, the 76,633 fans in Giant stadium had already started tearing up their programs and giving the Giants an early ticker-tape parade.

## NFC

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## Correction

In the article "Lendl, Becker Power Tennis in '86", it stated that Lendl's victory over Mecir gave him his first U. S. Open title. It was really Lendl's second U.S. Open title. Sidelines apologizes for the error.

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