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Redistricting splits Rutherford County

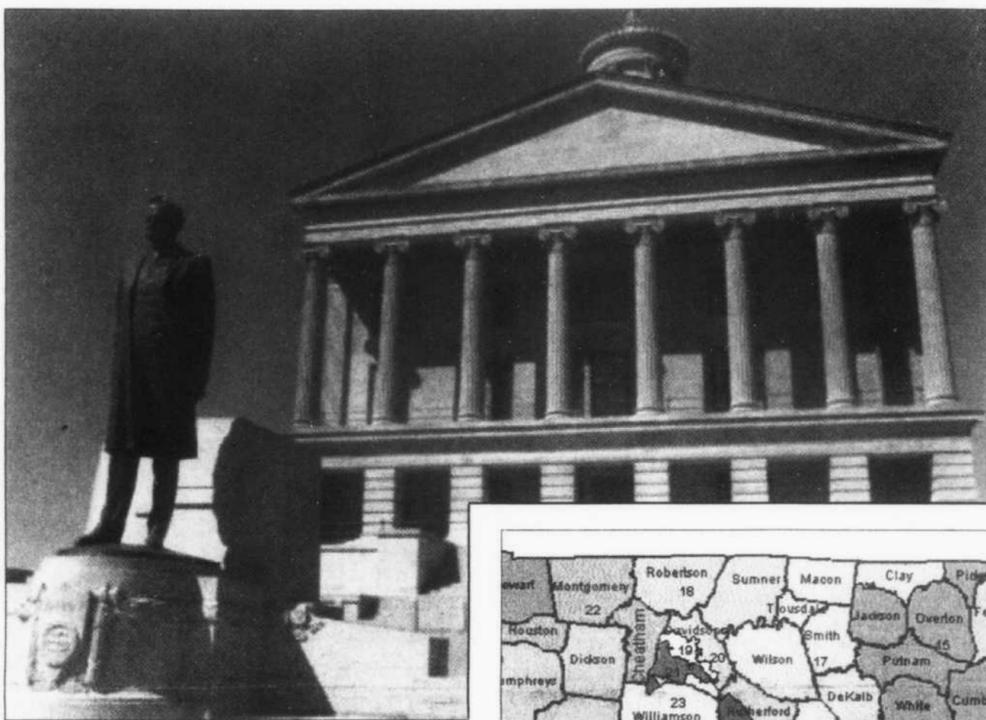


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The 13th District of the State Senate splits Rutherford County into the 13th and 16th districts. The new seat will be filled in November.

Redrawn district map will include additional senator, representative

By Leslie Fike
Features Editor

Rutherford County will get a new state House representative and an additional state senator in this fall's election thanks to legislative redistricting.

The first order of business of the Tennessee Legislature in the new year was the redrawing of legislative districts. The future boundaries are based on the 2000 census, which showed population shifts from West Tennessee to Middle Tennessee.

Currently, Rutherford County is entirely within one Senate district but is split between two in the new map. In the House, an entirely new district with no standing

incumbent was carved out of the old district, which were changed drastically.

"In my opinion, Rutherford County benefits from having an additional Senate seat," said Sen. Larry Trail, a Murfreesboro Democrat who represents District 16.

While a few other Senate districts in the state also had substantial changes, Trail said the splitting of Rutherford County and the creation of the new 13th district was perhaps the biggest change in the Senate map, with the exception of the old 13th.

Trail will retain Murfreesboro in the eastern half of Rutherford County, while the western half, including fast-growing LaVergne and Smyrna, will be included as

part of the considerably redrawn District 13.

There is no incumbent in the new Senate district, so there will be a race for that open seat in this fall's election. The drawing of that new district was made possible in part because of the retirement of Sen. Gene Elsea, R-Spring City, who represented the old 13th district. The district had eight counties north of Chattanooga that have been split among five Senate districts in the new map.

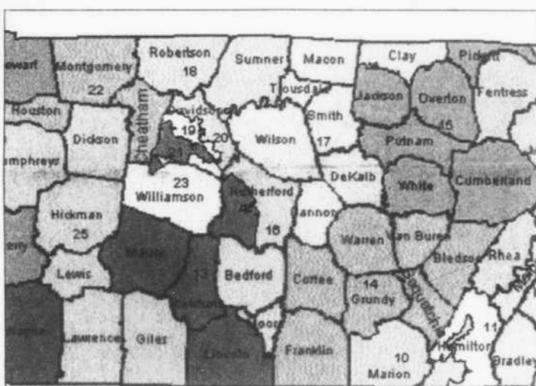
Each House and Senate district is required to have approximately the same population as other districts in the respective chamber — 57,468 for House districts and three times that for each Senate seat, plus or minus 5 percent.

With one of the fastest growth rates in the state, Rutherford County gained enough people in the past decade to warrant the county being split into two Senate districts, Trail said.

"It would have been nice for Rutherford County to just have one senator," said Rep. Donna Rowland, R-Murfreesboro, "but the powers-that-be felt otherwise."

Trail said he felt it would be to Rutherford County's advantage to have two members of the Senate looking after local interests at

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Graduate programs under review

University plans to offer more Doctorates of Philosophy

By Amanda Maynard
Assistant News Editor

Several graduate programs will be shifting their doctoral programs to doctor of philosophy programs. This could mean the difference between a doctorate of the arts and a Ph.D. for many students.

MTSU has proposed changing three of its graduate programs from doctorate of the arts to doctor of philosophy programs. Students in the English, economic and physical education graduate programs can earn only DA degrees.

MTSU was previously unable to make these conversions because of a lawsuit Board of Regents 33 years ago.

A graduate of Tennessee State University filed the suit claiming TBR was racially segregated.

Five years ago, all parties involved agreed to drop the lawsuit and the moratorium was lifted from MTSU, allowing the university to change its graduate programs.

The proposed conversions are now awaiting approval by the Tennessee Higher Education

Commission, after already gaining approval from TBR.

If the conversions are implemented, students will then be able to earn a Ph.D. in the three graduate fields. Donald Curry, dean of the College of Graduate Studies, discussed the benefits of earning a Ph.D. compared to a DA degree.

"With a Ph.D., students can get the best chances to compete in the economic market place after graduation," Curry said.

THEC has been sitting on the proposed conversions since January 2001. Financial questions have postponed the decision for almost a year.

THEC considers these programs to be new and wants verification that MTSU has the financial ability to support them.

"Since they are already existing programs," Curry said, "the money is already in the budget to fund the programs. We will not need extra money to change the programs."

"We thought it wouldn't go all the way to THEC, just the TBR," said Peter Cunningham, faculty assistant to the dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

President Sidney McPhee said he is adamant about these changes and is certain that MTSU will stay a step ahead of THEC in looking at the programs themselves.

For more information, contact Curry at 898-2840 or Cunningham at 898-5331.

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Miss MTSU, Miss Blue Raider crowns to be presented Friday

By Jeanette Owusu
Contributor

Twenty young women from four states will vie for the titles of Miss MTSU and Miss Blue Raider Friday at 7 p.m. in Tucker Theatre.

Ashley Brooks, Miss MTSU 2001-2002, is a junior piano performance major, from Jackson, Tenn.

"I became interested in Miss MTSU after my experience in the Black and Gold pageant," Brooks said.

Brooks was crowned Miss Black and Gold, a pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., in 2000. She then went on to win the same pageant at the state level and was a talent winner at the regional level.

"Talent has played a big role in all of my competitions," she said.

Brooks has had quite a few. In addition to Miss Black and Gold, she was the third runner up in the 2001 Miss Tennessee pageant, talent winner in the preliminaries of the pageant and crowned Miss Bluegrass, which enables her to compete in the Miss Tennessee pageant again this summer.

"I haven't gone in to it for the beauty and glamour," Brooks said. "It's been a good tool. I have learned skills and can use them through life."

As for this year's pageant, Brooks said, "The judges are looking for someone who shows their true self, exhibits leadership, poise, confidence and the ability or desire to want to work

with people."

The crown of Miss Blue Raider belongs to Leah Leonard, who also was crowned during the 2001 Miss MTSU pageant.

According to Dustin Rawls, pageant coordinator, the Miss MTSU pageant offers a dual crown. This means Miss MTSU and Miss Blue Raider are equivalent and no single crown is higher than the other.

"The determining factor of who gets Miss MTSU and Miss Blue Raider could be determined simply by alphabetical order," Rawls said.

Leonard is a junior public relations major from Jonesboro, Tenn. She has been active in pageants in the Miss America system on and off for three years. "It's been a long journey," Leonard said. "I've learned a lot

about myself through this process."

Before being crowned Miss Blue Raider, Leonard was first runner up in Miss Jonesboro and Miss Kingsport pageants. She was second runner up in Miss Bristol and did not place in Miss MTSU in 1999. Leonard, however, did not give up. Despite a knee injury in 2000, she went on to compete in the Miss MTSU pageant.

"I just wanted to get through the pageant," Leonard said. "I wanted to go to Miss Tennessee that year."

And it paid off. Leonard was crowned Miss Blue Raider and went on to make the top 10 at the Miss Tennessee pageant this year.

"Even though we will be com-

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Technology fee deadline nears

By Roshon Lewis
Staff Writer

Student Technology Access Fee proposals are being accepted from students and teachers through Feb. 15. The TAF funds are primarily used to improve educational instruction. Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, explained the overall function of the program. "The program was originally started by the Board of Regents to improve technological advancements for students and teachers," Glenn said. "All of the students here at

MTSU pay a [TAF] fee that is included in their tuition," he said. "The fees combined usually generate anywhere from 2 to 3 million dollars," he added. Glenn felt that the TAF program greatly affected students' learning ability. "I believe that the TAF program affects the overall impact of classroom learning," Glenn said. "This type of impact is crucial to the students as well as the teachers," Glenn explained. There is also a process that must be followed that Glenn explained in great detail. "There are a number of

requests from students and teachers," Glenn said. "We could not possibly fulfill the needs of everyone who requests assistance. This is why we have to choose between the requests and see which ones prove to be most useful." Watson Hannah, director of Academic Technology Planning and Projects and American Disability Act campus coordinator, is heavily involved in the selection process of proposals. "The process that individuals need to follow is available on the Web," Hannah said. "Basically, people put in requests for lab and

classroom computers." "Requests tend to include any type of technological equipment that will enhance learning in the classroom," she said. "Another part of my individual task is to ensure that information is being presented according to proper Board of Regents standards," she added. "Everyone is granted the opportunity of having their proposals reviewed." For more information, go to www.mtsu.edu/-support.

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legislature. Trail said he felt it would be to Rutherford County's advantage to have two members of the Senate looking after local interests at the state Capitol. Trail's old district included all of Rutherford County and Bedford County (Shelbyville) immediately to the south. The new 16th district adds Moore County, a small, rural county to the south of Bedford, in exchange for the part of Rutherford County given to the new 13th district. Trail and Rowland both noted that the new split does not divide the population evenly for the 13th and 16th Senate districts. Nevertheless, Trail said, "By putting in the new 13th district, I felt (Murfreesboro) would benefit tremendously." Most of Rutherford County is

split between Republican Rowland and Democrat John Hood, both of Murfreesboro. Their boundary runs essentially through the heart of the city, with Hood taking the eastern part and Rowland the west side. The new 48th House seat, which Hood plans to run for in the fall, includes most of eastern and southern Rutherford County. The new 34th district, which includes Rowland's home, extends to the rural western part of Rutherford County and part of Smyrna. The new 49th district, where no incumbent resides, will be an open seat in this fall's election. It includes LaVergne and part of Smyrna - the northwestern corner of the county. Rep. Mae Beavers, R-Mt. Juliet, currently represents some of those precincts, but her new district will be in western Wilson County and a small portion of Sumner.

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The southwestern corner of Rutherford County (Eagleville) will be in the 62nd district now represented by Rep. Clarence Pete Phillips, D-Shelbyville. In both the old and new House map, that district is mostly composed of Bedford County and part of Lincoln County farther south. All incumbent legislators will continue to represent their old districts until the fall election, when the new maps take effect. All House representatives will be running for two-year terms, and one-half of the senators will be running for four-year terms. Senators not running for re-election until 2004, such as Trail, will simply find themselves representing some new constituents in the Senate and saying goodbye to former constituents as the new boundaries take effect.

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the Miss Tennessee pageant this summer. She will be making another appearance this summer due to her crown as Miss Tennessee Valley. Leonard has enjoyed her reign. "I am the spokesperson for the Special Olympics in Chattanooga," she said, "and it gives me a chance to work with the disabled students on campus and with the Special Olympics." Both queens are thankful for their experience and the contacts they have made. They have made. Brooks and Leonard will be giving away their crowns but will meet the newly crowned Miss MTSU and Miss Blue Raider again this summer at the Miss Tennessee pageant. "I ... will be rooting for them," Brooks said.

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Fund-raising – the president's role?
From the editorial board

Point Raising money is not president's responsibility

President Sidney McPhee's new administrative reorganization calls for a new executive vice president and provost who will be responsible for day-to-day administrative operations of the university – in effect, a chief executive officer.

According to the written restructuring plan, "This new role will be critical as the president becomes more involved in external relations and fund-raising."

The idea of the president becoming heavily involved in fund-raising doesn't mesh with what an ideal university president should be: the progressive staple that holds the university together by his or her leadership and thirst for academic excellence.

It's true that maintaining and improving the condition and reputation of the university stems directly from increasing funding. But McPhee's heightened involvement in fund-raising should be unneeded, considering MTSU devotes a whole division to fund-raising – the division of Development and University Relations. With a capable development office, the president shouldn't have to spend time soliciting money from alumni and corporations.

If the president makes fund-raising his priority, he will have to devote enormous time to rubbing elbows with corporate big-wigs and may have to spend several days or even weeks per month off campus.

It's humanly impossible for anyone under those circumstances to have ample time to devote to the academic quality of this institution.

McPhee can't be expected to shun fund-raising altogether. It's a well-known fact that presidential schmoozing can help bring more money from the community. It would be perfectly acceptable, and likely as effective, for the president to pencil in the usual face-time with potential donors without making fund-raising his priority. Leave the grunt work up to the Office of Development. That's why it exists.

The president should not have to be the campus's major fund-raiser. A better solution is that McPhee work on structuring the division of Development and University Relations to be strong and effective enough that his involvement isn't even needed. ♦

Counterpoint Only the president can deliver needed funds

The goal of fund-raising is to make enough money to attract new faculty, distribute more scholarships and expand the university's resources, without raising tuition. Should those goals in mind, every student at MTSU should be supportive of increased fund-raising efforts by President Sidney McPhee.

McPhee's extensive fund-raising efforts last semester landed between \$800,000 and \$1 million toward the College of University Honors' goal of \$4 million for a new building.

In order to truly make this a "world-class" university, such as McPhee pined for in his reorganization plan, we will need many more donations of increasing amounts.

The largest amount solicited for the honors college project was \$100,000 from Cingular Wireless. While this amount was sufficiently large for this project, if McPhee wants to leave a positive legacy at this university, he'll need more money. Much more.

When New York University (truly, a world-class institution) President L. Jay Oliva took office, he had fund-raising income of less than \$50 million. This past year, he raised \$354,311,325, an increase of more than 700 percent in just less than 10 years. He had 12 donations of more than \$5 million each this year alone.

If McPhee can raise a similar percentage, then MTSU can count on \$7 million a year. Sure, that's not close to an NYU number, but it is a substantial increase from what we have now.

If a corporation is willing to donate a sum in the hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars range, they have the right to be courted by, and have their questions answered by, the highest available source. In this case, it's the university's president.

Some may raise the argument that the president should spend most of his time on the day-to-day trials and tribulations of running a university. If the president is focused on these tasks, however, what, then, is the point of spending a million dollars on middle-management salaries?

It would be more efficient for a president to allow his staff to make day-to-day decisions. This would free up time that can be dedicated to fund-raising.

It is in the interest of every member of the MTSU community to see McPhee succeed. With the state refusing to support higher education at its proper levels, only with proper fund-raising will our university hope to maintain its current academic success, let alone improve. ♦

The media often project one-sided views



On the Real
Shawn Whitsell
Staff Columnist

I am sure everybody knows that the media are extremely influential. So influential that they often shape the way we think and act.

I remember watching television shows, and when-ever there would be a flashback, the picture was shown in black and white.

Therefore, when my mother would tell me stories from her childhood, I pictured it all in black and white. Though it was a harmless influence, it was still very direct and very strong.

Though I enjoy watching television, it's sort of scary how the images we see convey their way into our subconscious and often our sub-

believing lies and buying into stereotypes, giving us a warped sense of reality.

For example, it seems that the majority of rap videos are all platinum jewelry, expensive cars and half-naked women, and I admit that there are a lot of rap videos that are concocted with that formula, however, there are many that are a lot more positive and innovative.

These more positive images are often overlooked because the media have their own perception of what rap videos should look like.

I know of a movie theater that rarely shows dramatic African-American films but is quick to snag black comedies. The same thing is done with television.

Just channel surf and you will definitely see more black comedies than dramas.

There are some television networks that love to laugh at us but tune out the chance to air African

Americans portraying more serious roles.

One of this was when creators of the 1997 film *Soul Food* approached the networks about converting the hit film into a television series. Many of the networks jumped at the opportunity to provide a home for the show.

The only catch was that it had to be done as a 30-minute sitcom, instead of an hour-long drama.

Doing this would change the entire point of the show and would not have been true to its predecessor. Thank God Showtime believed in the show the way it was initially planned, and *Soul Food* is in the middle of its third season as a drama.

Don't get my wrong, I love comedies, but black folks don't tell jokes 24 hours a day, so it's unfair that we don't see multiple sides of the African-American experience.

If we do not see a variety of cultures and experiences on television, we often get a

one-sided view of things. Just check it out for yourself.

Asians are often shown as store owners or picture-snapping tourists; Puerto Rican women are often shown as quick-tongued and sassy; gay men are often shown as feminine and promiscuous; and feminists are usually shown as bitch, man-hating lesbians. And don't forget, all blacks are from the hood, right?

These things are true in some cases so maybe it's not necessary to get rid of these images, however, they are not true in every case and that needs to be expressed. If the media don't show that not every person from these groups possesses these characteristics, then stereotypes will be formed.

I don't just blame the media because they are made up of people, so not only do the media influence society but society also influences the media. We need to become more aware of the things we put out there.

We shouldn't accept everything we see on television. We need to challenge these one-sided views by demanding to see other images that will create a more realistic, more well-rounded picture. If we don't, we are just as guilty.

I don't mind seeing a black person playing the criminal in a movie because that's a slice of reality.

Some criminals happen to be black, but I also would like to see a black person as a prominent attorney or the head of a corporation because that's also real.

The responsibility falls not only on network executives, but in the hands of producers, directors, actors, news anchors and us, the public.

We have been lied to. Let's not pass these lies on to the next generation. Open your mind. ♦

State lottery can't fund education long term; my socialist plan can

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Columnist

Due to lack of state funding, Tennessee has debated having a lottery in order to help fund schools. However, lotteries are also a good way for politicians to find an excuse for poor money management.

In Georgia, in order to motivate students to stay in school, they have established the HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) scholarship. It will pay for all necessary school fees and \$100 toward a student's textbooks.

It is a shame that any college student even has to pay \$100 for school books, but that is a different column for a different day.

In order to save money, Georgia has had to continually raise the minimum GPA for the HOPE scholarship so it is still economically feasible for the state.

I do not find this entirely fair for one reason: the GPA is comprised of a series of standardized tests that also occur in the classroom. ("Standardized tests are our real enemy," *Sidelines*, Jan. 24).

We have to face it: at the rate that Tennessee schools are going, in terms of school funding vs. the number of students attending school, it would take years for us to catch up using something like the lottery.

According to an article in *The Tennessean*, by the year 2010, more than 9,000 high school students will graduate from Tennessee's high schools. The most recent surveys indicate 54 percent of high school graduates plan to attend college

following their graduation.

This means that in 2010, there will be 4,100 new freshmen. There are also thousands of students who choose to attend community colleges before transferring to a four-year institution.

These students will be attending universities such as MTSU, which will create significant student population growth. That means (assuming the tuition for most state schools goes up to around \$2,000, plus inflation) it will cost the state more than \$2 billion just to pay for half of all students to go to school for 10 semesters.

Right now, because the government supposedly has so little money for higher education, do you really think they would be willing to fork out that much extra money for these 4,100 kids to go to school? I think I have a better chance of ending up on Pluto.

Instead of a state lottery, I propose that we pay for education – German style. In Germany, all companies are required to pay for their employees' health care, and if they don't have the money to do that, then they have to contribute to a government fund that will pay for their healthcare.

Although this is really a socialist idea, it would prevent having a state lottery, and we wouldn't need an income tax (who seriously wants more taxes anyway?), and the schools would still get their money.

All businesses should give a certain amount of money, based on income and size.

If any existing business chooses to donate more

money than required to state schools, then they should most definitely be given a tax break.

This will allow companies to freely give to the government for higher education and public schools (assuming, of course, that the government uses the money well). Then there should be no excuse for any child to "get left behind."

Furthermore, there will be less of a temptation to throw money at an issue. Teachers will be able to do their job and then the government and the schools can focus on many of the other problems that the schools have, and everybody else will be able to live happily ever after.

Of course, the companies' money does not necessarily have to go toward scholarships. For example, some of this money could go toward students receiving free laptops, computers for schools and even teacher raises.

Although I am certainly not saying that my plan will solve all the issues of schools in higher education and K-12, it would be a much bigger contribution than we could ever make with the state lottery.

Of course, you will have a say in this in November when it is put on the ballot for the American public to vote on.

When you do, remember this one glaring message: The lottery will give very little funding for our schools. ♦

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Recently, a town in Florida banned the devil. Well, damn, why didn't we think of this before? If all we had to do to protect ourselves from evil was to ban Satan, we are slightly embarrassed that this great nation never attempted this before.

All biting sarcasm aside, are we sure Satan will adhere to this policy? What's in it for him? What's to keep Satan out of Florida? It seems logical that tropical climate would be ideal for the ruler of hell. Maybe Satan will visit that Floridian town more often, just to spite them. That seems up to par with the Prince of Darkness.

If, on the off chance, Satan does follow this ridiculous legislation, what does that mean for the rest of us? There is now a greater chance that Satan is in our midst. This means there is one less town for Satan to run amok. We are deeply disturbed by this.

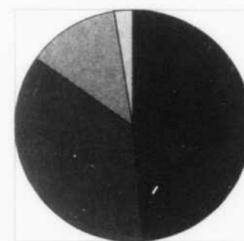
Obviously, this violates separation of church and state, so we won't even waste our time explaining that – look it up. We are a bit concerned as to what would prompt a town to ban Satan. Pretty soon, everyone will be banning Satan. This will leave fewer and fewer places for him to roam. He could be in our midst right now.

Rest assured, readers, that Satan will not be lurking between these lines.

We are going to solve this pesky Satan problem right now: We hereby ban Satan from this column. ♦

What should Tennessee do about its budget problem?

Unscientific results from last week's poll at www.mtsusidelines.com



- Establish an income tax - it's the fair way to balance the budget - 50%
- A combination of cutting the budget and increasing the sales tax - 37%
- Make budget cuts in everything except public education - 13%
- Raise the sales tax by a penny - <1%

This week's poll question is:
What do you think about President
McPhee's reorganization?

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Women's studies seeks expansion

By Jessica Thomas
Contributor

If MTSU's director of women's studies had her way, she'd be out of a job.

Elyce Rae Helford's immediate goal, though, is to upgrade the women's studies minor to a major.

"The eventual goal of the program is its extinction," Helford said. "In other words, there is not enough study of women and gender in our high schools and universities, so we still very much need programs such as women's studies at this time in history."

"In the future, however, when we achieve true equality across gender, race, class, nation and other boundaries," she added, "we will not need such programs."

Helford said change is a slow process, and this goal is a long way off.

The women's studies minor offers courses addressing topics that promote an understanding of inequalities across genders. Despite growing equal opportunities for employment, Helford said, women still make a little more than 70 cents on the dollar compared to men in the same jobs. In addition, there are very few major corporations with women CEOs, and the number of women holding Senate seats is still in single digits.

The topic of equal pay is just one of many concerns addressed in women's studies. Domestic violence, unequal standards of beauty and respect and women's expected primary domestic responsibilities also are examples of social inequalities.

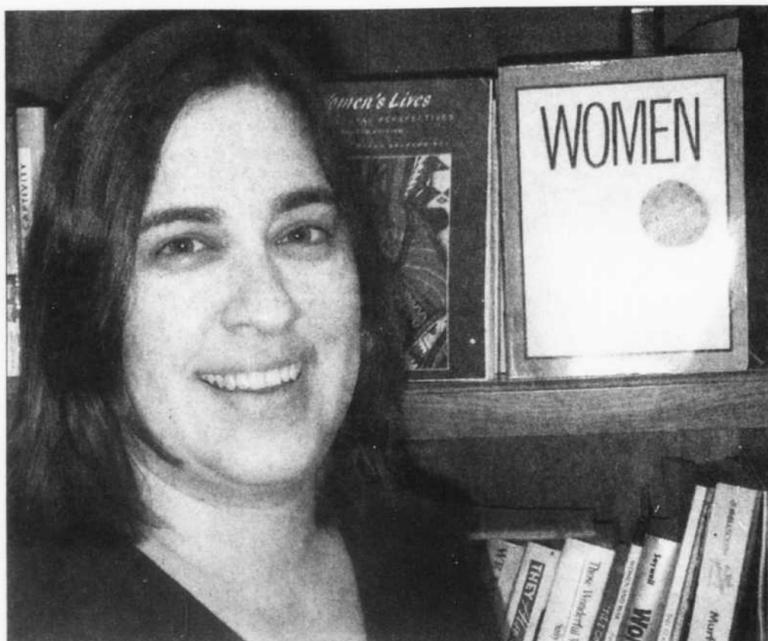


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Women's studies director, Elyce Helford, stresses a need for a women's studies major due to the program's growing popularity among students.

"Men become distinguished," Helford said on gendered standards of aging, "[while] women become decrepit."

Students in the program feel that an understanding of these inequalities and how women of the past have overcome

them is beneficial in many aspects of their lives.

As senior Katie Jordan nears graduation, she's discovered that her major in women's studies has helped her in applying for graduate schools and jobs.

Jordan said the program has helped

her realize the difficulties for women, and she has learned confidence by studying successful women of the past.

Oceana Glantz's interest in empowering women in health care and child care led her to the women's studies program. As a single mother and licensed post- and pre-natal massage therapist, she's interested in studying women in the past and what has and hasn't worked in order to produce change.

"I think it's definitely useful to women to see if something different can be done," Glantz said.

Helford also stresses that this program is not just useful to women.

"If women's studies focuses on women and the social construction of gender," she said, "then what we teach is of interest to everyone."

"Men have sisters, mothers and daughters," she added, "and U.S.

men, for example, are just as damaged by social norms demanding that they not show vulnerability, remain secondary in childcare and value work and money-making over interpersonal relationships and emotional ties. Sexism

hurts men as well as women, just differently and to differing degrees."

With a combination of strong student interest, faculty commitment and administrative support, Helford hopes a major in women's studies will be available in the next few years.

Eventually, she hopes women's studies will have its own department, as well as a gender studies minor. This goal will take longer, however, because it will require substantial funding and support at the university level and from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Helford said she believes a women's studies major will benefit the university because many other prestigious universities offer it. The only Middle Tennessee school offering the major, however, is Vanderbilt, and the only nearby public university offering the major is the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

For more information on the women's studies minor and the proposed major, visit www.mtsu.edu/~womenstu. The Web site contains detailed information on the requirements for the minor and the course offerings. The women's studies office is located in Peck Hall, Room 109B and can be reached at 898-5910. ♦

Band of Blue loses Jolley to Band USA

By Kelley Hire
Contributor

It's the only one of its kind in the entire nation, and one of MTSU's own has been chosen to head it up.



Jolley

Band USA is an exclusive summer marching band program open to graduating high school seniors from across the country, and former MTSU associate director of bands, Terry Jolley, is its first director and manager.

It's similar to the Drum Corps International organizations throughout the country, but according to Jolley, "It's a different approach to the summer music experience because it involves woodwinds as opposed to an all-brass horn line."

Participants who could not spare the time or hefty tour fee of a drum and bugle corps are offered a similar experience by the band. The students pay a \$500 fee for a month of non-stop instruction, meals, travel, housing and a two-week tour in July.

There is a rigorous audition process to go through, hundreds of hours of practicing before the first show is even performed and only 200 spots available. That's not to mention all the preparation and funds needed for instructors, buses, drivers, housing, equipment, uniforms and meals for the 200 students and staff. Jolley and his staff will be coordinating the process.

While at MTSU, he was the associate director of the Band of Blue, which now has more than 350 members. That's a big change from the 60 members he had when he got here in the fall

of 1996. MTSU's concert bands also have drastically improved since his arrival.

Looking back on his time at the university, Jolley is proud that MTSU has finally declared an official School of Music and that the music department is now getting recognition.

Though things have changed considerably for him, one thing remains the same - Jolley and wife, Allison, are staying put in Murfreesboro.

Jolley said the biggest and hardest change for him is not seeing his students every day. Currently, he's in an office doing his administrative duties and will not return to teaching until July.

For now, Ashley Jarrell, an MTSU graduate with a masters in arts and specialization in conducting, said he's glad to take over Jolley's classes.

"I plan to start my doctoral degree soon," Jarrell said, "so this is a great experience in post-secondary education that I needed."

Jarrell is teaching Introduction to String and Wind Instruments, Symphonic Band and co-teaching Band Organization with the MTSU director of bands, Rick Murphy.

As for the director of the marching band, there will be a national search for qualified candidates, and a decision will be made later in the year.

But students like freshman Band of Blue member Josh Hamilton think no one will ever be able to replace Jolley.

"Mr. Jolley always made sure we had just as much play time as work time," Hamilton said, "which made the overall atmosphere more enjoyable." ♦

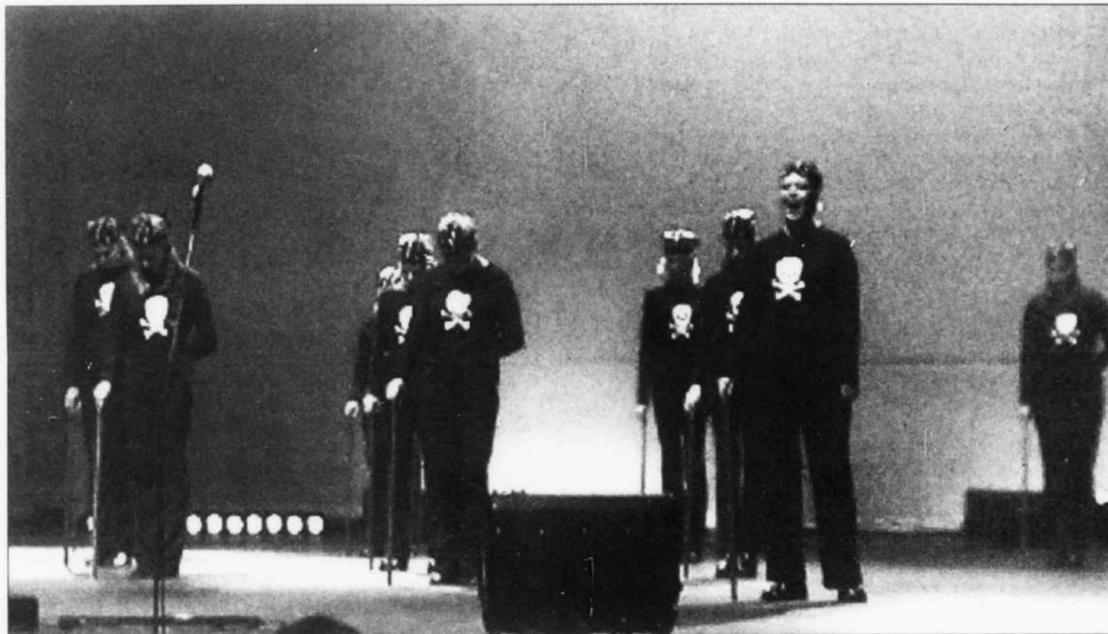


Photo by Eric Cook | Contributor

Members of Chi Omega perform at the annual step show Monday to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital.

Students step with attitude

By Courtney Stinson and
Eric Cook
Contributors

What was bringing the audience to their feet at Tucker Theatre Monday night? The second annual step show, "Stepping for a Cure, the Ultimate Stepdown."

Hosted by Phi Sigma Beta and Zeta Phi Beta, the event was a true success, raising \$2,000 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The show began with the Riverdale Halftime Performers.

Dressed in red T-shirts and khaki pants, the youngsters gave an upbeat performance with fast-paced dance moves and unforgettable facial expressions. It was the perfect way to get the excitement flowing through the audience.

Phi Mu Alpha, the music fraternity, opened its performance with one member singing a tribute to the brotherhood and then engaged in quick step movements in a simultaneous manner. Dressed in all black, the routine was full of energy, class and attitude.

Reigning champions of the male division, Pi Kappa Alpha, also performed, astonishing the audience for a second time.

The brothers began their show with one riding out on a child's bike and the other on a skateboard. Sporting black tops and camouflage pants, the highlight of the performance was their rendition of *Riverdance*. Overflowing with comedy and "something for the ladies," Pi Kappa Alpha put on a show-stopper.

The women of Alpha Delta Pi danced their way onto stage

wearing black pants and lion shirts. Chanting their sorority's name and founding date, they entertained the audience using black lights and sticks for added effect. The complicated steps, done in rhythm patterns, had the audience's eyes transfixed to the stage.

Next, Chi Omega women's fraternity danced down the aisle and began with a song to honor the organization. Wearing black pants and shirts the ladies performed several sets of difficult

See Dance, 5



File photo

Terry Jolley led the Band of Blue for five years.



CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike | Features Editor

Thursday, Jan. 31

There will be a free legal clinic at the June Anderson Women's Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. To set up an appointment or for more information, call the JAWC at 898-2193.

Monday, Feb. 4

The Survival Honors Lecture Series presents "Economic Predators" with guest speaker Richard Hannah from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The event is free and open to the public.



The Barn Gallery presents "El Groups Tejano," paintings by young artists from San Antonio, Texas. The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-5653.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Music from Japan, a nonprofit organization, presents "Ensemble Harena: Gagaku Concert" at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Tickets are free and available by contacting Kiyoshi Kawahito at 898-2229.

Dance: Greek organizations raise funds for St. Jude's

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step moves and kept the audience on the edge of their seats. Chanting the fraternity name and "Up 'Til Dawn," it was apparent the ladies meant business.

As the various organizations danced their hearts out, Willie Nelson III and Shana Adams

introduced each performance, keeping the beat alive. Nelson and Adams kept the audience informed on St. Jude's and Up 'Til Dawn, which will be held at MTSU March 1-2.

The show concluded with Pi Kappa Alpha retaining its title in the male division as Chi Omega took home first place honors in the female division.

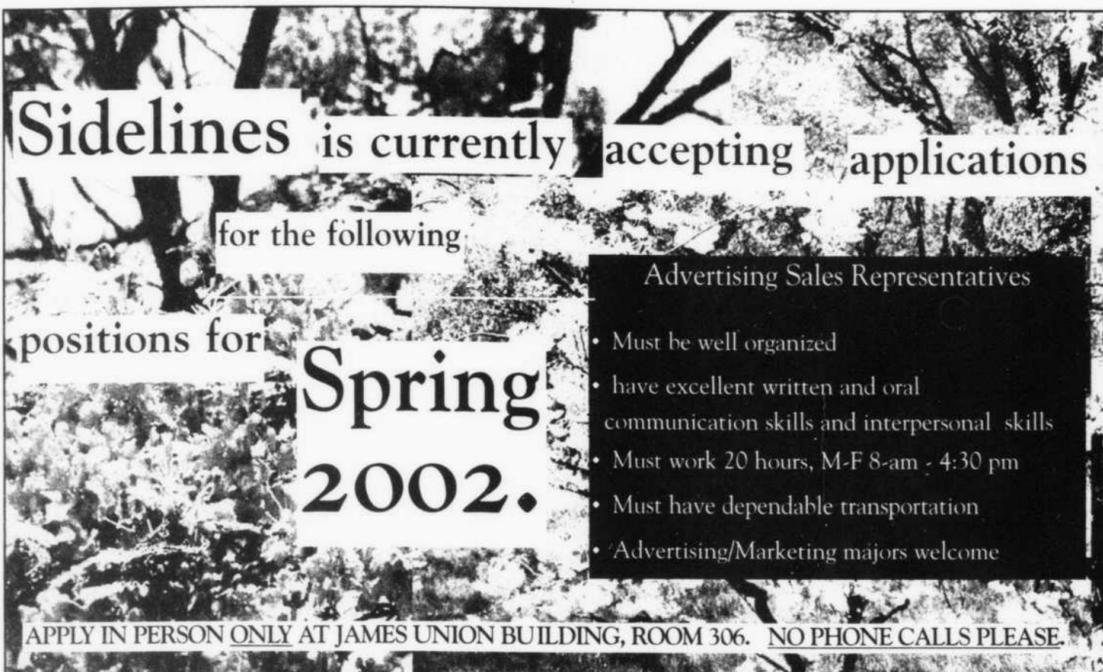
Everyone seemed pleased with the show's success, including Laurie Cook, senior and director of Up 'Til Dawn.

"It was an unbelievable show, and I was excited to hear we raised more money than last year," Cook said.

Junior Tiffany Green said she felt as though she had just worked out after watching the

dancers. "The performers wore me out," Green said. "It was amazing to see how fast their feet and hands would move. I can only imagine what I would have looked like."

Due to the show's popularity, Cook said, plans are being made for next year's step show with hopes of it being bigger and louder. ♦



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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

Tennis gets first win

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team won their first match 6-1 over Rice University Sunday.

No. 33 Manon Kruse defeated Jeri Gonzales 6-1, 6-4 to improve her record to 13-3 on the year. The Lady Raiders picked up wins in the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in doubles. MT won all its singles matches except the No. 3 spot.

Freshman Jennifer Klaschka won her second match in a row, taking a 6-3, 7-6 win over Natalie Briaud.

The Lady Raiders return to action against the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. today at 2 p.m.

MT stars play in bowl

Defensive back Jykine Bradley and wide receiver Kendall Newson will play in the 2002 Hula Bowl.

Bradley was MT's best cover corner and ranked at the top of his position in the Sun Belt Conference. He led the Blue Raiders with 4 interceptions, 18 pass break-ups and was fourth on the team in tackles with 54.

Newson finished his senior season with 65 catches for 796 yards and 7 touchdowns. He is expected to make it to the NFL.

The Hula Bowl gives players the opportunity to showcase their talent with some of the nation's best players for NFL scouts.

The game will air on ESPN Saturday at 7 p.m.

Luncheon set

The baseball season opener is a guaranteed sellout again this year.

The annual groundhog day dinner has been set to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on the Middle Tennessee campus.

The Blue Raider baseball team is sponsoring it as a kickoff for the upcoming season.

"It seems like we keep having to add extra seats every year," said head baseball coach Steve Peterson. "This luncheon is a great way to begin getting the fans excited about the season. We have such great baseball fans at Middle Tennessee and it's good to see the numbers keep increasing each year. The fans came up so big for us last year in our Sun Belt title run and we hope that the turnout is even better this season."

The meal includes ham hocks, white beans, tomato salad, green onions, corn bread, chocolate cake and ice cream.

Tickets are available the day or the event for \$12 dollars.

Reservations may be made by calling (615) 898-2210. The last day to reserve a seat is Monday, Jan. 28.

MT holds seminar

The Middle Tennessee Athletic Training Education Program will hold a one-day seminar with training and conditioning expert Vern Gambetta Saturday in the Game Day Room.

The seminar includes classroom and practical application for improving power and speed.

Gambetta was the conditioning consultant for the U.S. men's 1998 World Cup soccer team. He served as conditioning coach for the Tampa Bay Mutiny major league soccer team in 1996-97. He was the director of conditioning for the Chicago White Sox minor league team from 1987-96.

Gambetta served as the first director of the TAC coaching education program designed to upgrade standards of track and field coaching in the United States.

The session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for students, \$75 for pre-registration and \$100 the day of the seminar. ♦

MT looks for high finish at Indiana

Track teams compete with 17 teams in invitational

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

After a successful weekend at the Middle Tennessee Invitational, the men's and women's track teams travel to Bloomington, Ind., tomorrow to compete in the Indiana Invitational.

Eleven men's and 17 women's teams from eight different conferences will compete in the event.

The Indiana Relays began in April 1962. The first relay attracted 250 athletes from four Big Ten schools, four Indiana small colleges, two track clubs from Ohio and numerous unattached entries. The Indiana Relays have run every year since then under various names, most recently the Indiana Invitational.

MT and Western Kentucky University are the only teams from the Sun Belt Conference going to the Invitational.

The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders have been very successful this season. Many finished first in several events Saturday at the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

Mardy Scales tied a school record and ran the fastest time in the Sun Belt this season in the 55-meter dash. Scales ran the second fastest time in the conference for the 200-meter this year.

The Blue Raider mile-relay teams ran the second and third fastest times in the Sun Belt

Conference this season.

Steve Safstrom ran the Blue Raiders' fastest 3000-meter time of the season. Jasper Demps provisionally qualified in the 55-meter hurdles.

Chris Koger jumped a Sun Belt best 6-feet-10-inches in the high jump to win the event. Greg Jones won the long jump.

Rosemary Okafor and teammate Bromeka Holmes ran the fastest times for the Lady Raiders this season in the 200-meter finals.

Kishara George won the 400-meter dash, Coleen Parker won the 800-meters and Kelley Smith won the 55-meter hurdles.

The Lady Raider mile-relay teams finished 1-2, running the second and third fastest relay times in the Sun Belt this season. Stephany Reid won the triple jump.

The WKU men's team swept the Jan. 19 Middle Tennessee Invitational beating MT, University of South Alabama, Tennessee State University and University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The Hilltoppers had five first-place finishers at that event. David Altmair won the 3,000-meter dash. Jonathon Brown took the 55-meter dash. Craig Morehead finished first in the 35-pound weight throw. Eigo Siimu won the pole vault and Raigo Toompuu won the shot put.

David Altmair and Raigo Toompuu were named Sun Belt Conference Male Indoor Track and Field Performers of the Week Jan. 24 for their performances in the Jan. 19 MT Invitational.

Altmair holds the confer-

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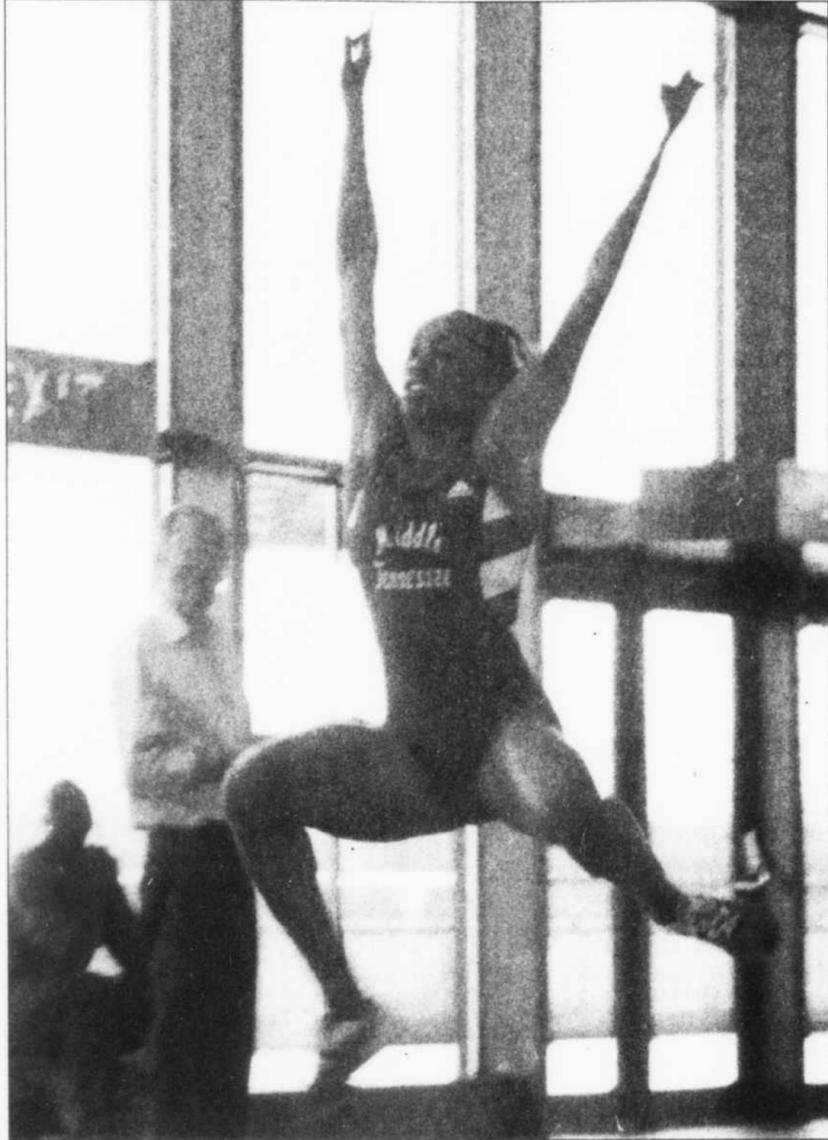


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The long-jumpers placed in five of the top six spots at the MT Invitational.



Photo by Allison Grammer | Staff

Patrice Holmes tries to pass the ball around the defender to a teammate.

Ladies win by huge margin



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Jennifer Justice puts up the jump shot inside the arc.

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders (12-9) won their third straight game Tuesday night with a 90-39 win over Morris Brown College (3-15).

The Lady Raiders ran away with the game straight from the beginning. They started off with a 10-0 run before Samantha Frazier of Morris Brown made a jumper with 16:16 left in the first half. At the end of the half, the Blue Raiders were up 48-24.

Morris Brown got shut down even more in the second half with the Lady Raiders holding them to only 15 points. The game ended with a Lady Raider season high of 90 points to 39 points by Morris Brown.

The Lady Raider freshmen led their team to victory Tuesday night. Four freshmen scored in double figures in the 90-39 win. Patrice Holmes had the game high with 15 points and 8 rebounds. Tiffany Fisher put in 13 points and 7 rebounds. Eboni Kirby and Renee Hall both had 10 points for the night. This was a personal best for Hall, and a tie with her career high for Kirby.

See Basketball, 8

Blue Raiders take on No. 27 team in nation

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The No. 37 Middle Tennessee men's tennis team will travel to take on No. 27 Indiana State University Friday.

The Blue Raiders started their season 2-0, beating No. 67 the University of Louisville 6-1 in their last match after sweeping the University of Hawaii Jan. 18. The Sycamores had nine wins in ten finals appearances at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships Sunday. The nine titles is a record for ISU.

MT beat the then No. 27 Sycamores 4-3 last season in Murfreesboro. ISU head coach Brian Boland called last year's match "the toughest the team ever had."

Seventeenth ranked Daniel

Klemetz will take on No. 56 Vedran Vidovic in the No. 1 spot for singles. Klemetz struggled in his last match against Louisville before winning 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (3). Klemetz is 7-3 playing indoors and 4-0 on the road. Vidovic finished last season with a record of 34-7.

In the No. 2 spot, 50th ranked Robert Gustafsson faces 58th ranked Stefan Hirn. Gustafsson is 2-1 indoors and 1-0 on the road. Hirn finished last season 33-8. Hirn defended his MVC singles title from a year ago in the No. 2 position.

Freshman Ross Johnson made his Sycamore debut, winning the No. 7 singles championship at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Championships. He went in as the top seed for his bracket.

The Blue Raiders won all but one of their singles matches against UL.

"We competed well. We were probably more talented and were happy to get a victory today," Middle Tennessee head coach Dale Short said. "We didn't play great, but it was our first match after a long trip to Hawaii and hopefully we'll pick it up a notch as we approach Indiana State next weekend."

In doubles action, the Sycamores feature a new duo of Andres Intriago and Jonas Piibor. The team won

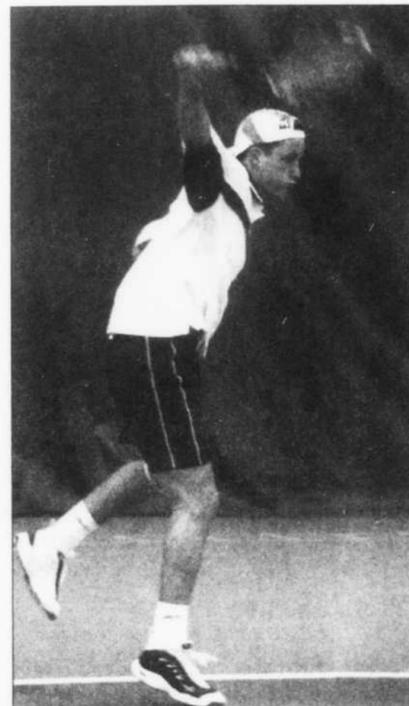


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Oliver Foreman reacts to hitting the ball.

See Tennis, 8

MT football player saves life in local restaurant

MT Media Relations

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee offensive lineman Josh Willoughby is mostly known for opening up holes around the goal line for All-American hopeful Dwone Hicks, but on Tuesday night he cleared the most important passageway of his life. The Antioch, TN, native saved the life of a gentleman who was choking on some food at a local Murfreesboro restaurant.

Willoughby is a rising junior

at Middle Tennessee who played in 10 games last year and is a member of the now popular "short yardage big boys".

"I am just happy everything worked out because I was in really bad shape," Willoughby said. "I just did what I hope someone would do for me."



Willoughby

Willoughby, who was sitting with his girlfriend, Karin Young, and her roommate at a local eating establishment, heard a commotion toward the back of the restaurant and looked over to see a gentleman slumped over at his booth. Willoughby saw a lady trying the Heimlich Maneuver on the gentleman for about 30 seconds, but without success.

The backup offensive line-man then let his instincts take over, while Young made a call for an ambulance. Willoughby pulled the man out of the booth,

grabbed him, and performed the Heimlich about 10 times before freeing the lodged food from his

"I told him to just buy season tickets."

—Josh Willoughby, offensive lineman

throat.

It was the first time Willoughby had ever used the

Heimlich Maneuver.

"I have had a first aid class, but I did not really know how to perform the maneuver," Willoughby said. "I just did what I had seen on television."

The irony of the entire ordeal was the fact Willoughby was not supposed to be at the restaurant.

"I had just eaten dinner at Corlew Hall on campus and decided at the last minute to go with my girlfriend and her roommate to keep them company and socialize," Willoughby added. "I had no idea anything like this

would occur. I was just in the right place at the right time."

Once it was all over, Willoughby encouraged the gentleman to stick with the soup the rest of the night, then talked a little football. The gentleman then asked Willoughby what he could possibly do to repay him for saving his life.

"I told him to just buy season tickets," Willoughby said smiling. ♦

Reasons why Grizzlies are simply not worth paying money to watch

Media Blitz



R. Colin Fly Staff Writer

J-Will. He's a thrill.

I went to my first Memphis Grizzlies basketball game to cap off an uneven break. I got to see all the shining stars for Memphis. Let's see, there's...

Did I mention Gary Payton and the SuperSonics came calling? In a perverse way, the Sonics should have fit right at home. Memphis is fit right at the Sonic chain of restaurants, so the Seattle team fit right in.

Anyway, there were some \$5 seats that we passed on for the \$15 model. Big mistake.

The Grizzlies are teddy bears, at best. After watching the 12-point loss by Memphis, I've come to several conclusions.

First, it's just not an NBA

game unless Jason Williams takes a horrible shot. My cadre decided that J-Will would be a good player if he were simply more consistent.

Second, do Allen Iverson and Jason Williams have the same disease of taking inopportune shots at inopportune times? Is there a cure for this? How do people avoid catching it? I need answers, maybe the biology department could check into that.

Third, never believe the announced crowd at the Pyramid. Everyone on the ground on the Jumbotron. OK, not everyone, but there were probably about 5,000 people there. Parking was easy. Lines were empty. NBA basketball — it's FAN-tastic.

Fourth, Memphis should get an unrecruited award for being an eight-year expansion franchise. Sadly, I can't make this up. Their roster is a who's who of NBA wasteland. Grant Long, Bryant Reeves, Lorenzen Wright, Rodney Buford. In the words of

Bill Walton, "that's TERRRRRIBLE." Thank goodness that empty seats don't boo, but that doesn't mean they aren't trying.

Finally, for all the bad, bad basketball, Memphis' few fans take it in stride. They laugh at the Grizzlies because they have to. Midway through the fourth quarter, Seattle had an eight-point lead when Memphis caused a turnover that led to a turnover by Jason Williams.

On the next possession, the Sonics missed a dunk. Williams got the ball and dropped a pass into Pau Gasol that Gasol bumbled and kicked off his foot out of bounds.

Following that play, the Grizzlies held and on the fast break Williams found Rodney Buford who missed a lay-up.

The guys in front of us summed it up best.

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Memphis basketball — it's FAN-tastic! ♦

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