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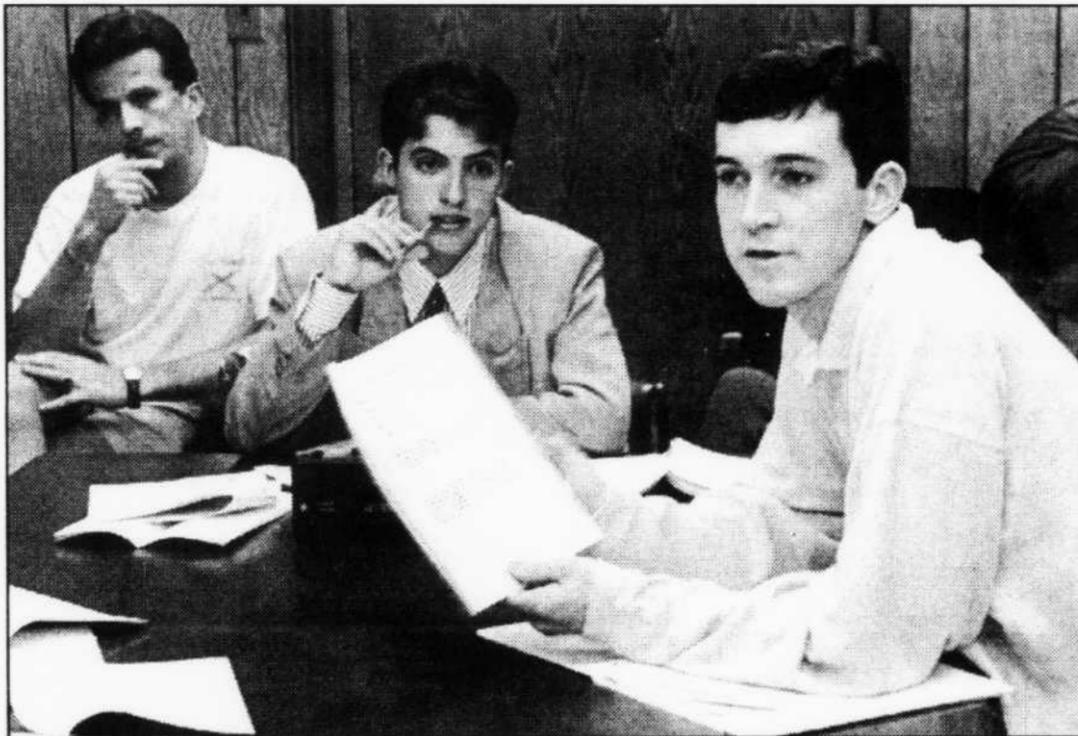
Decision on reinstatement to be announced Thursday at noon

MARK BLEVINS
 Assistant News Editor

A six-member student and faculty ad hoc committee met to hear and decide the appeal of SGA presidential candidate Shane McFarland yesterday who was disqualified from the election.

McFarland was disqualified for failing to file the required financial disclosure form by the Friday, March 10 deadline. The SGA Electoral Act requires the disclosure form to be filed by deadline or the candidate can be disqualified.

The committee's decision was scheduled to be given to Dr. Robert LaLance at noon today, according to the committee's chairman Dr. Mark Byrnes of MTSU's political science department. LaLance is Vice President for Student Affairs.



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

SGA President Drew Bergman (right) reviews constitutional policy at Wednesday's ad hoc committee meeting.

The financial disclosure form details a candidate's campaign expenditures. McFarland and eight senatorial candidates were brought before the SGA Supreme Court March 14 for

the violation which resulted in the disqualification of McFarland and the exoneration of the senatorial candidates.

McFarland, SGA President Drew Bergman,

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court David Haston and Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins were all present at the deliberations. The committee hearing had two

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COSTS FOR ELECTION

The cost for a two day election, according to SGA advisor Gail Stephens, is \$981. The Rutherford County Election Commission provides booths and two workers for \$525. Four non-student workers cost \$456. The money used to pay for the election comes from the Student Affairs division of the SGA budget.

SACS review to be done by Thursday

CINDY WOLFE
 Staff Writer

The SACS and NCAA site team members arrived on campus Monday and have embarked on a whirlwind tour of MTSU, meeting with faculty, collecting and making reports to send back to send back to their Reaffirmation committees.

The purpose of the SACS visit is to help the school realistically evaluate itself and discover elements that need improvement. It is important to know that even though an on-site visit only occurs every 10 years the university is continually evaluating itself through self-study reports that are submitted to SACS every five years. The results of the self-study reports are good indicators of the progress made by the university and will be verified by the

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Aerospace needs new building

WARREN WAKELAND
 Editor

The Cost of Delays part 1 of 3

The MTSU aerospace program, considered one of the finest programs of its kind, will be forced to continue working in an overcrowded, under-equipped facility without construction of the new business/aerospace building.

Undetermined delays in the project, currently budgeted at \$22 million, could mean cost overruns, according to department chair Dr. Ron Ferrara.

"The longer (the Governor) waits, the more it will cost," Ferrara said.

This is the scenario that could arise with approval of

the new state budget delivered March 1 by Gov. Don Sundquist, should the freeze on higher education building projects continue indefinitely.

The budget presented to the General Assembly delays \$101 million worth of building projects at Tennessee Board of Regents colleges and universities. The new library as well as the business/aerospace building are among those projects put on hold by Sundquist.

According to State Sen. Andy Womack (D-Murfreesboro), chairman of the Senate Education

Committee, the business/aerospace building had been funded in this year's budget, whereas the new library had only been approved for construction by

the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

"Had (the business/aerospace building) already been released for bidding on bonds, the project would not have been delayed," Womack said. "But it had not been released."

There are 560 undergraduate and 20 graduate students in the aerospace program. The department has a proposal

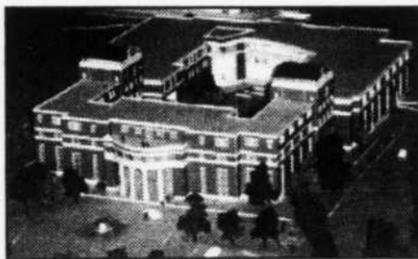
filed with THEC to expand the graduate program in the future.

The aerospace facilities are in desperate need of physical replacement, according to Ferrara. Housed in part of the basement of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, the department currently uses approximately 18,000 square feet of space.

The new building will be located where the tennis courts behind Corlew Hall currently exist. The department will have more than 160,000 square feet of space at its disposal, including student lounge areas for students to hold meetings in the department.

"Currently there is no place for students to gather and have meetings," Ferrara said. "In the new building

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MTSU NEWS

Telecourse serves educational needs of community

CHRIS PATTERSON
Copy Editor

MTSU students can now receive college credit in the privacy of their own homes with a telecourse being offered at MTSU this Summer.

The telecourse being offered this summer is Effective Living (HPERS 310). Effective Living fulfills two hours of the Area V (Health, Physical Development, and Recreation) General Studies requirements for undergraduate students.

HPERS 310 is designed to motivate students to explore their own health. Topics include:

stress, relationships, emotional health, fitness, diet, sexuality, parenting, domestic violence, communicable disease, substance abuse, aging and environmental health.

MTSU is offering this telecourse as a result of their continuing effort to serve the educational needs of all learners in the community.

"In terms of alternative delivery courses, telecourses are one of the best ways to reach the community. It will greatly expand our efforts to reach adult students and others who cannot come to the campus," said James Thomas, coordinator of Special Academic Programs in the Division of Continuing Studies.

"This course is only the first of its kind. We expect to offer at least five telecourses in the Fall. After that we think the program will grow rapidly to include General Studies courses and some advanced courses. Eventually we plan to offer complete degree programs by telecourse," said Liz Johnson, telecourse and teleconference coordinator, Division of Continuing Studies.

Telecourses are ideal for working adults, college students with scheduling conflicts, high school

students preparing to enter college, parents with small children, residents of rural communities, military personnel and the physically challenged. The course has been closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Students taking HPERS 310 will view television programs or video tapes, read texts and do other course work at their convenience during the allotted time for the course. Students may also consult with the instructor during telephone office hours or through e-mail. The course will be taught by Dr. Doug Winborn, assistant professor of HPERS.

The telecourse is based on the PBS series "Living with

"It will greatly expand our efforts to reach adult students and others who cannot come to the campus."

-James Thomas
Coordinator of Special Academic Programs

Health." Students can view the segments of "Living with Health" when they air on the MTSU Cable Channel 8, WDCN (PBS). Students also have

the option of viewing the tapes at the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center or renting the set of tapes at their convenience.

WDCN will air "Living with Health" on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. during Summer Session II, June 5-July 5.

All participating students are required to attend one orientation session which will be held at Murphy Center, Room 105 Saturday June 3, 9-11 a.m. The students will also be required to take the final exam Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m.

Registration for this course will take place April 3-June 2. Current MTSU students may register for this course by calling TRAM at 898-2000. The call number for the HPERS 310 telecourse is 04945. For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Studies at (615) 898-5374 or 898-2177. ■

**National Women's
History Month
March 1995**

Campus Capsule

Saturday, April 1

The 1995 Tennessee Consortium for Asian Studies (TCAS) will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the JUB, Faculty Senate Lounge. TCAS is primarily a group of academic, professional, and community people interested in Asian studies. *Contemporary Themes of Japan* will be the focus of the meeting.

Monday, April 3

The National Assoc. of Black Journalists (student chapter) will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. For more info. call Nicki at 4608. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED!**

The Anthropological Society meets at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall 318. Come see the informative "What Anthropologists are Doing." Meetings are open to anyone with interest.

The MTSU Right to Life meets at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 317.

The Student Publications Committee meets at 1 p.m. in KUC 210. Committee will select the summer and fall *Sidelines* editors, the *Midlander* editor and the *Collage* editor.

Upcoming & Ongoing

Pinnacle, the honorary society for adult learners, will induct their new members on Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the Hazlewood Dining Room in JUB. A reception and election of officers will follow the induction ceremony. Call 898-5989 if you plan to attend. **OWLs** will meet at the same time to participate in the induction and continue with planning for the rest of the semester.

Fashion Group is featuring Marsha Blackburn who will be talking about fashion merchandising on April 4 at 3 p.m. in Human Science Bldg. Room 110. This lecture is open to anyone.

Tau Omicron meeting April 4 at 5 p.m. in KUC 314.

The Student Songwriter's Assoc. Writer's Night will be April 5 at 8 p.m. in the KUC Gameroom. Come Showcase original music. **OKAY?**

Mayan poet, Calixte Gabriel Xiquin, will give a presentation on April 6 at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109 A. Xiquin has worked for Mayan autonomy for over 20 years in her native Guatemala.

Placement Orientation at 2 p.m. on April 6 in KUC 322 sponsored by the Placement and Student Employment Center.

A benefit concert entitled "Blues Thang" will be held April 8 at 328 performance hall at 8 p.m. The show is produced by MTSU RIM students and proceeds go to the Bob Griggs Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained from TICKETMASTER.

Literacy in the Workplace, a teleconference, will air Thursday, April 13 in the LRC Room 221 from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. A discussion will be held from 2 - 3 p.m.

Student Ambassadors are now taking applications from interested parties. Members of this service organization serve as hosts for a variety of university functions. Call Gayle Robinson at 2919 for info. or come by the public relations office in Cope Admin. Room 205. Deadline for applications is April 13.

Summer '95 Co-op Vacancies are available for students majoring in aerospace, chemistry, computer information systems, computer science, engineering technology—design and/or electrical, interior design and marketing. Any student interested should call Wayne Rollins, director of cooperative education.

Drum Circle every Tuesday, fair weather providing, at 5 p.m. between Peck Hall and Cope Admin. amongst the trees.

BICYCLISTS: Get fit and enjoy the beautiful spring weather with the M'boro Bicycle Club! Rides leave the Greenland Parking lot at 3:30 p.m. every Tue. Length and speed determined by consensus. More info from 898-2688. (Helmets required.)

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals meets every Friday in VIS 103 from 11 - 11:50 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome!

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

The Horseman's Assoc. meets at the Tenn. Livestock Center Mondays at 7:30 p.m.. All majors are welcome. Come share a love and interest in all breeds of horses.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appt.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings from 7 - 8. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Rolanda Payne at 898-4065.

DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

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THURSDAY
EDITION:
5 P.M. TUESDAY**

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| SESSION 1 | | | | | | | |
| ART WORKSHOP | 04954 | ART -0400-04 | 3 | TBA | TBA | TBA | JOHNSON |
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| SEM INNOV TREND | 04942 | ELED-0621-03 | 3 | MTWR | 0430PM-0830PM | WATERTOWN | JONES |
| SEM INNOV TREND | 04943 | ELED-0621-04 | 3 | MTWR | 0430PM-0830PM | MT JULIET | JONES |
| AMERICAN PEOPLE | 04947 | HIST-0201-13 | 3 | MTWR | 0500PM-0900PM | PH 204 | STAFF |
| INTRO TO MICRO | 04949 | INFS-0220-07 | 3 | MTWR | 0500PM-0840PM | KOM 204 | GAMBILL |
| SPEC JOUR:DATAB | 04952 | JOUR-352-01 | 3 | MTWRF | 0430PM-0730PM | TBA | BURRIS |
| EL LOGIC & CRIT | 04953 | PHIL-0311-03 | 3 | MTWR | 0500PM-0840PM | JUB 304 | HINZ |
| AP-AMER FIIM | 04950 | SOC -0420-01 | 3 | MTWRF | 0500PM-0740PM | PH 315 | RUCKER |
| SESSION 2 | | | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE LIVING | 04945 | HPER-0310-06 | 2 | TBA | TBA | MC 105 | WINBORN |
| NOTE: HPER 0310-06 IS A TELECOURSE. CLASS WILL BE AIRED ON WDCN (MMF 7-8AM) CLASS WILL MEET TWO DAYS ONLY - JUNE 3 - ORIENTATION & JULY 8 - FINAL | | | | | | | |
| IND STUDY-LEARN | 04956 | PSY -688A-01 | 1 | TBA | TBA | JH 207 | RUST |
| AREA V PERS SOC | 04957 | PSY -0694-01 | 1 | TBA | TBA | JH 207 | RUST |
| SESSION 3 | | | | | | | |
| SOC INTERNSHIP | 02557 | SOC -0490-02 | 6 | TBA | TBA | TBA | ADAY |
| SESSION 4 | | | | | | | |
| ARCH FIELD SCHO | 04951 | ANTH-0475-02 | 6 | MTWR | 0800AM-0430PM | PH 318 | SMITH |
| SOCIAL ORGANIZ | 04941 | SOC -0395-01 | 3 | MTWR | 1230PM-0250PM | COLUMBIA | AUSTIN |
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| ELEMEN ALGEBRA | 04933 | DSM -0080-04 | 3 | MTWRF | 0545PM-0650PM | NISSAN | DOOLEY |
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| LIVESTOCK EVALU | 09899 | ABAS-0449-01 | 3 | W | 0100PM-0600PM | SAG 211 | GARRIGUS |
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| ORIENTATION TO | 09880 | ART -0390-07 | 3 | MW | 0600PM--845PM | COMM 103 | STAFF |
| BUS REPORT WRIT | 09877 | BMOM-0551-01 | 3 | MWF | 1000AM-1050AM | BUS 201 | SAWYER |
| BUS FIN | 09883 | FIN -0301-09 | 3 | M | 0600PM-0840PM | LEBANON | LEE |
| BUS FIN | 09884 | FIN -0301-10 | 3 | M | 0600PM-0840PM | WATERTOWN | LEE |
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| ELEM CURR (K-4) | 09853 | ELED-0325-06 | 3 | M | 0100PM-0330PM | KOM 122 | GOWER |
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| ELEM CURR (K-4) | 09882 | ELED-0325-08 | 3 | M | 0200PM-0430PM | LAWRENCEBU | GOWER |
| AMERICAN PEOPLE | 09895 | HIST-0202-24 | 3 | TR | 0925AM-1040PM | PH 215 | STAFF |
| PRIN OF MIS | 09892 | INFS-0310-09 | 3 | W | 0600PM-0840PM | LEBANON | ROBERTS |
| PRIN OF MIS | 09893 | INFS-0310-10 | 3 | W | 0600PM-0840PM | WATERTOWN | ROBERTS |
| PRIN OF MIS | 09894 | INFS-0310-11 | 3 | W | 0600PM-0840PM | MT JULIET | ROBERTS |
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New committee addresses crime in the community

ROBIN DIXON
Managing Editor

The Department of Public Safety and Security is currently in the process of creating a Community Advisory Committee in order to help solve problems related to crime and community well being, according to officer Dustin Miller.

"The main purpose of the committee is to bring a greater interaction between public safety and the community," Miller said. "It will give the public a chance to express their opinions to us, and it will give us a chance to explain our

limitations—what we can and can't do."

The committee will be made up of all the groups represented on campus, he said.

"One of the main problems I'm having right now is finding people with open schedules," Miller added.

The committee is one of many changes designed to expand community policing on campus. Community policing, a philosophy based on officers and citizens working together in creative ways, will allow citizens to have a greater voice in setting local priorities.

Another developing

program is Parent's Night Out which will give parents in family housing a night to themselves while their children are cared for in a day-care facility, Miller said.

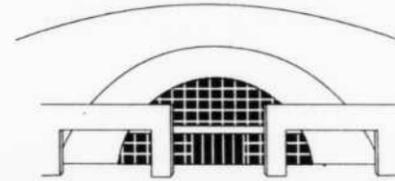
"One of our goals is to reach out into the community," said Director of Public Safety John Drugmand. "It [the Community Advisory Committee] gives us the opportunity to detect the needs and concerns of the community."

Anyone interested in the programs currently taking place in public safety should contact Dustin Miller at 898-2424. ■

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- submit a copy of your transcript
- submit three to five samples of your work

(Short tapes of broadcasts are accepted. Clips must be professionally presented. Six copies of each sample should be submitted.)

For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815, or come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed April 8. Notices will be mailed indicating whether the applicant is to be interviewed; finalists will be notified of the interview times and place.

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SEAN JEWETT/Staff

MTSU Junior and WNAR DJ Jerome Withers hosts the Hip Hop show every Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WNAR obtains construction permit, allows for Fall broadcast

TRIPP BALLARD
Staff Writer

The student-run radio station WNAR will air on FM frequency 88.3 next fall as a result of a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) final decision to grant the station a construction permit.

WNAR, which stands for We Need a Radio, will officially go on air the first day of the Fall 95 semester. The 200-watt station will carry the broadcast to the Murfreesboro community and most of Rutherford County.

The FCC construction permit will allow for a new antenna and transmitter, which will give the station its own place on the dial. WNAR is currently providing music programming on MTSU's cable channel.

WNAR has been actively seeking a frequency for the last three years and waiting for the final construction permit to go through since last spring.

"We have been at a standstill for a while because we were waiting for the construction permit and nothing was going on," said Lisa LaCourt, WNAR station manager. "It was hard to keep people motivated because our DJ's knew hardly anyone was listening over TV, but now I think everyone will be very excited to be on a real FM frequency."

In the past, funding for WNAR has come from SGA and the Mass Communications program.

The station will retain these resources but student involvement and fund-raisers will also help fund the new station.

"The university has provided preliminary funding for initial necessities to get the station up and running, but we are going to need a lot of student involvement to keep it going," said Mary Nichols, Ra/TV assistant professor and former WNAR advisor. "Students don't have to be Mass

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**-Lisa LaCourt
WNAR station manager**

Communications majors to be involved with the station, and we encourage students from all majors to get involved."

The new antenna and transmitter will enable the station to broadcast uninterrupted during the afternoon and evening hours of operation.

"Initially, we will be on air from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m., but we hope to extend our hours to 2 a.m. once everything is started and going well," LaCourt added.

WNAR will continue to play underground alternative music as its main format but will also try to mix in specialty shows dealing with classic and world music.

"We will try to play music that no other radio station plays. We will have a number of original shows including rock, techno, and industrial music," LaCourt said. "We hope to even do classical and foreign music shows."

The station will offer opportunities for Ra/TV majors to get invaluable on-air experience.

"MTSU is proud of its College of Mass Communications, and the success of this application is proof that it's well deserved. The result will provide an excellent opportunity for true on-the-job education for students," said Congressman Bart Gorton, who announced the FCC decision on March 14.

The WNAR staff is very excited with the new opportunity and feel that the radio station will be very successful.

"We think this thing is going to blow up because Murfreesboro has needed this type of radio station for a long time. Our two main goals have always been to give students experience, and bring a different type of music to Murfreesboro," LaCourt says.

WNAR encourages all students to come to their Music on the Knoll benefit on Friday, March 31 at 3 p.m. that will feature local bands Slump, Daphne's Operation and Godwater. ■

Spring forward this weekend.

MTSU NEWS

AEROSPACE

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there will be a student lounge and meeting areas as you walk in.

"We will probably increase the (total) capacity for students by 50 percent in the new building."

The department currently has four classrooms, some located directly underneath the basketball court of the gym. Cement pillars holding up the court block the views of some students to the front of the rooms. Basketballs can be heard bouncing on the gym floor in the classrooms.

"It is very difficult to teach in a classroom with basketball being played upstairs," Ferrara said. "You almost have to talk in rhythm with the dribble."

None of the classrooms in the current space will hold more than 50 people, "and that's if we cram them in," Ferrara said. "This (facility) is not appropriate for the type of instruction we do."

The new building will have two classrooms that will hold more than 100 students, including a two-level, 250-seat amphitheater for classes and special guest speakers.

"The new building will have classrooms designed and dedicated for specific aviation purposes," Ferrara said. The rooms can also be used for classes from other departments in the university, according to Ferrara.

"Every room in the new building will have built-in audio-visual equipment," Ferrara said. "We won't have to be dragging pieces and parts around."

Currently, faculty members must share offices due to lack of space. In one small room the department

houses their computer lab, teacher resource center and offices for two graduate teaching assistants.

In the new building all faculty will have their own offices, and there will be dedicated space for separate computer labs, a teacher resource center, and a simulator lab for Boeing 727 and twin-engine turboprop simulators.

Other equipment included in the blueprints for the new department include 8-10 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) testing centers, a complete National Weather Service weather center, a subsonic wind tunnel to allow students to do computations about airflow, and much more.

The current space has three makeshift FAA testing centers, an adapted weather facility set up in a small room off the aviation lab, and no wind tunnel.

Ferrara said having a wind tunnel in the facility would enhance the program's technology greatly.

The new building will also have computer terminal outlets in all areas.

"Where there is a chair, there will be a computer outlet," Ferrara said.

The new building has also been designed with so-called "computer flooring" that allows computer wiring to run underneath the floors. It will allow everything computerized in the facility to be networked across campus.

"They really have planned for the 21st Century," Ferrara said. "I am disappointed it's not moving forward the way I thought it would be."

"I am positive it will be built. But if we wait too long, we won't get the building we want." ■

Information about job market in booklets

MARTHA STROUD
Staff Writer

The American Honda Motor Company and the Discover Card Services provides the MTSU Placement Center's Career Choices Center with six career booklets that offer information about the current job market.

"This is just another source of information of different careers the Placement Center provides," said Martha Turner, Director of the Student Placement Center.

The booklets contain up-to-date descriptions of careers within different fields of study, salary information, tips from successfully employed individuals about the job search and further references and resources for students to contact.

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The booklets titles include: General Career Guide, Marketing, Money & Finance, Communications & Entertainment, Public Service and Off the Beaten Path.

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McFARLAND

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rounds for debate with each round beginning with McFarland's plea and followed by the SGA's response. Bergman led the SGA response.

"We're not here to feel sorry for anyone," Bergman said at the hearing. "It just comes down to the fact that somebody broke a rule."

Bergman argued that the integrity of the election process calls for upholding the disqualification procedure.

McFarland argued for equity pointing to the eight senatorial candidates who broke the same rule but were not disqualified. All eight senatorial candidates were tried before the Supreme Court together, but McFarland chose to have his case heard separately.

"I think in all fairness that I should be allowed on this ballot," McFarland said adding that it would be fair to the student body to provide another choice in the election.

A large portion of the hearing was spent in deciding why the eight senatorial candidates were not disqualified. The senatorial candidates

pleaded before the Supreme Court that the SGA office secretary had informed them no financial disclosure form would be necessary if the candidates spent no money. The Supreme Court ruled that this "implied authority" was an adequate reason for acquitting the senatorial candidates.

However, all parties agreed that only two of the senators were discovered to have received this "implied authority" and five of those in question did not show up for the hearing.

Chief Justice Haston said the remaining senators had to be included with the two innocents because they were all tried together. McFarland was not pleased with that reasoning.

"I didn't turn [the form] in and that's my fault," McFarland said. "Some of those senators were just as guilty as I was, but they were covered by the blanket."

Bergman said he would like to appeal the exoneration of any possible guilty senators but the SGA laws provide no basis to do so. He also said that McFarland's disqualification was not done with malice.

"[The Supreme Court] worked their butts off to try to find a loophole to try to get him off," Bergman said.

McFarland also argued that other aspects of the election were not handled in exact accordance with the governing Electoral Act of 1983 and that it was unfair to disqualify him for missing the disclosure form deadline.

It was not determined if any other requirements were violated.

McFarland (in photo) also argued that he had seen Jenkins on the Saturday after the deadline and Jenkins had not mentioned the incident even though McFarland asked him if everything was in order. The Electoral Act says that the financial disclosure form must be in at least 48 hours before the election and Saturday night would have been within that time period.

However, Bergman said the 48 hours is a minimum time limit and the deadline can be established at a greater length. It was not clarified whether or not McFarland's form would have been valid if he had turned it in on Saturday night.

The hearing comes one week before the rescheduled presidential elections will apparently be held along with the run-off election for speaker of the senate. The presidential race was postponed so that



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

McFarland's appeal could be heard.

The elections have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. However, the Supreme Court was planning to decide this morning whether or not the elections will be both days or only one, according to SGA advisor Gail Stephens.

The Supreme Court was also scheduled to decide this morning if a plurality percentage of the election vote would be enough to

capture the presidential seat, according to Election Commissioner Geoff Jenkins. SGA law requires that the presidential and two speaker seats be won by a majority, but the possibility of another election may cause the Supreme Court to bypass the requirement.

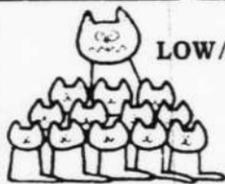
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SACS

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by the visiting SACS committee.

There are three specific departments on campus that deal directly with the evaluation process. These are the MTSU Self-Study Steering Commission, MTSU director of SACS Faye Johnson, and the committee of Institutional Effectiveness.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools consist of a 21 member site team made up of professors and administrators from universities throughout the South. MTSU has been affiliated with SACS since 1928 and this will be the university's fourth on-site visit.

Tuesday and Wednesday the team conducted interviews with university administrators, faculty, and students in order to achieve a well-grounded perspective on how the university is meeting its goals.

Dr. David Lavery, chairman of the English department, met with SACS committee member Dr. Thomas D. Lisk, who is the head of the English department at North Carolina State University, on Tuesday. Lavery said that the areas of greatest concern were the use of part-time faculty and teaching assistants and most importantly the teaching load, which is unusually high. The average teaching load of an English professor should be two to three classes a semester. MTSU professors typically teach four classes every semester. Dr. Lisk also met with majors from each of the departments of the college of Liberal Arts. Reportedly their biggest complaint was the lack of advising by faculty members.

SACS does not concentrate on one specific part of the university but looks at how the school is functioning as a whole. The committee looks at the mission of the institution and decides whether or not it complies with higher education commission standards. The members also decide if the institution has the appropriate resources to fulfill its mission as well as how that mission is preparing to meet the challenges of the future.

The usefulness of university support systems such as the library and learning resources center will be under close scrutiny by the SACS commission. Availability and correlation to college programs will determine the adequacy of the systems in helping the school realize its potential.

There are three basic purposes for SACS accreditation. First, the higher education commission is able to make a statement

about what should be expected from educational institutions and verify that those standards are being met. The certification also means that the school is eligible for financial support by the government by meeting minimum standards for quality. Finally, the accreditation provides for a formal structure that requires institutions to continually review themselves and make improvements.

"It is not enough to say that you have a good program, you have to prove it," Lavery said. "SACS provides a good chance for the school to see what they really are, not just what they think they are."

While SACS looks at the overall effectiveness of the schools, NCAA commission focuses entirely on the athletic program. The visiting NCAA committee makes sure that the university is complying with all of the regulations set forth by the NCAA. Such regulations include recruitment guidelines, keeping student athletes in good academic standing, and the efforts made by the university to reach equality between the men and women's athletic funding.

Additions such as Proposition 48 and Title XI have toughened NCAA requirements on universities. Title XI requires that there be equal funding for women's athletics as for the men's. This measure was taken in an effort to strengthen the level of women's sports at the college level. Proposition 48 requires that athletes entering college as freshman must meet academic requirements or risk losing a year of eligibility. Then they must remain in good academic standing as determined by academic authorities and show satisfactory progress throughout their college career.

"There have been a few incidences where MTSU athletes were not able to meet the academic standards but on the whole MTSU athletes excel academically as well as athletically," said Coordinator of Athletic Advisement Jeanne Massaquoi.

On Thursday morning the SACS interview team will give an exit report on their findings. Their report and the self-study evaluations will be forwarded on to the annual SACS reaccreditation meeting held in December and MTSU's reaccreditation will either be confirmed or denied.

President James Walker is convinced the visiting committees will see that, "We are developing programs and activities, academic and otherwise, to meet the diverse needs of our emerging institution." ■



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The course, Journalism 360, will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:40 to 2:55 in KOM 452. Dr. Ed Kimbrell will be the lead lecturer. He will be joined by Dr. Robert Wyatt, a distinguished professor who conducts national research on the public and the First Amendment for selected topic and team-teaching. The call number for the course in JOURN 360 09227.

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Diplomacy voted best strategy for winning the release of American captives in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite calls by Republican presidential aspirants for more saber-rattling, outside analysts say quiet diplomacy is the best hope for winning the release of two Americans captured by Iraq.

Clinton administration officials, goaded by GOP presidential candidates Pat Buchanan and Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, publicly say they haven't ruled out military action. But several analysts dismissed that as a farfetched course with scant prospect of success.

The administration has made clear that for the time being at least it is counting on diplomatic pressure and is trying to enlist the aid of Russia, France, Turkey and other countries that want to help Iraq emerge from its pariah status. Meanwhile, U.S. officials are trying to avoid public diatribes that

could increase the value of the captives in the mind of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

CNN reported the two captives — civilian aircraft mechanics David Daliberti of Jacksonville, Fla., and William Barloon of New Hampton, Iowa, — were haggard but in good health on Wednesday. They insisted to CNN that they were in U.N.-marked territory when they were arrested while on their way to visit friends.

The behind-the-scenes diplomacy is aimed at convincing Iraq that it has "absolutely nothing to gain by holding these Americans," said a State Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

With a trade embargo already in place on all but humanitarian goods, the United States has little in the way of economic options

against Saddam.

But that situation could work in the U.S. favor, because Iraq is desperate to get the embargo lifted, said Brent Scowcroft, who was

"There's no way we can use force with confidence that it would achieve any purpose."

**-Richard Haass
Former National
Security Council Aide**

President Bush's national security adviser.

"We don't have any more leverage," he said. "The only thing we can try to do is make it look like he's

pushing the end of the embargo further away." Moreover, Iraq in the past has sometimes commuted the long sentences for foreigners who strayed over the border.

The United Nations imposed sanctions including a crippling oil embargo after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Baghdad's current behavior — meting out eight-year prison sentences to the two Americans — is being portrayed as undercutting efforts by Russia and France, which are arguing Iraq's case to U.N. colleagues. Both nations expect substantial financial gain if trade is opened with the Persian Gulf giant. The United States strongly opposes relaxing the U.N. sanctions.

Several analysts said while military action should never be ruled out entirely, it wouldn't work in this case.

"There's no way we can

use force with confidence that it would achieve any purpose," said former National Security Council aide Richard Haass, who advised Bush during the Persian Gulf War and has written on the appropriate use of force.

The military approach would likely entail either a special mission to locate and snatch the captives — with hopes they wouldn't be killed in the process — or persuasive force against specific targets "until the Iraqis shouted uncle and let them go," said Haass.

But the problem would be predicting Iraq's reaction — they could respond by hurting the captives or "take the pain" and hope for international condemnation of the United States for disproportionate use of force, he said. ■

Early Mammal Fossils Found in Mongolian Desert

NEW YORK (AP) — In a finding that could shed light on the early evolution of mammals, scientists have uncovered exquisitely preserved skeletons of previously unknown, shrew-like creatures that lived during the age of the dinosaurs.

Even tiny ear bones are

present in the 80-million-year-old fossils, found in Mongolia's Gobi Desert, said researcher Michael Novacek.

Five skeletons were found together in a nest, Novacek said. No such complete specimens of this kind of mammal had been found before from that time period, he said.

The creatures, about 6 inches long from nose to the tip of the tail, represent a previously unknown species, Novacek said.

"These five individuals give us so much exquisite detail on skeletal features that they're very important in sorting out early mammalian evolution," he

said. "This is a very important window into the roots of the the history of the modern mammal groups."

The find is "a tremendous discovery," commented William Clemens, curator of mammals at the Museum of Paleontology at the University of California at Berkeley.

The fossils were unearthed last summer at a site that had made headlines a few months before, when researchers announced that a 1993 expedition had found a remarkable collection of well-preserved fossils. ■

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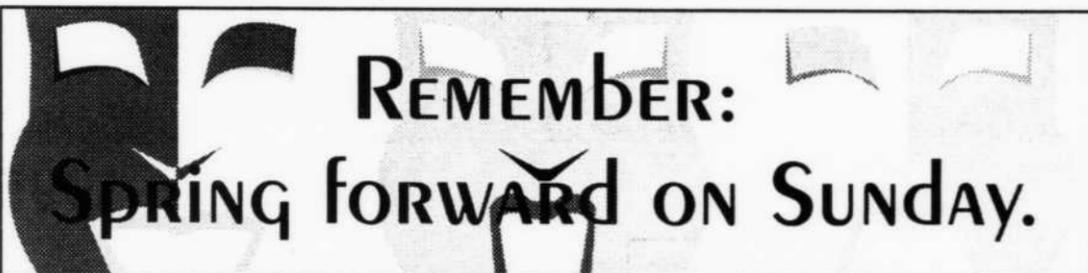
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Palestinian death sparks conflict in Gaza Strip

NETZARIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian in the Gaza Strip today after his truck crashed into a border police jeep escorting Jewish settlers. Two Israeli police were killed in the collision.

The Israeli army commander for the region said the Palestinian rammed the jeep on purpose and was shot because he was carrying

a toy pistol. Palestinian police said the crash was an accident.

Israeli army sources initially said the Palestinian opened fire on the Israelis. The commander for the southern Gaza Strip, identified only as Col. Nabi, said that account apparently came from another Israeli soldier who erroneously assumed that the shots he heard came from the

Palestinian.

Nabi said the truck crashed into a convoy of Israeli vehicles, killing two policemen and seriously injuring two others. The truck driver got out of the car and pointed a toy pistol at the convoy, he said. An Israeli soldier fired on the driver, killing him.

Asked whether he thought the crash was an accident, Nabi said: "In my opinion,

there's no doubt that it was done on purpose."

A high-ranking Palestinian police official, however, said the collision took place after the truck either lost its brakes or got a flat tire.

"The Israelis overreacted and killed the young man," said Brig. Gen. Saeb Ajez.

Maj. Gen. Salem Dardoneh, chief Palestinian liaison officer with the Israelis, said the Israelis

were not allowing Palestinian officials to examine the truck.

The incident occurred near a junction outside the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip, which is ruled by the Palestinian autonomy government except for areas around settlements. ■

Tennessee law to limit death row inmates to one appeal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Death row inmates would be limited to one all-inclusive state appeal of their sentences under legislation approved in a key legislative committee Wednesday.

The bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee also would require the appeal be filed within one year of the sentence or the date of the highest appellate court's original review of the case.

Current law allows any number of state post-conviction appeals within three years' time.

The sponsor, Rep. Jere Hargrove, D-Cookeville, has been trying for several years

to reduce the length of time condemned murderers spend appealing their sentences.

Because appeals are

"That's leads to the denial of the whole purpose of the criminal justice system."

**-Rep. Jere Hargrove
D-Cookeville**

pending in various state and federal courts, no one has been executed in Tennessee

since 1960. The average death row inmate has spent 11.5 years appealing the sentence.

Hargrove's bill, which cannot impact federal appeals, has the blessing of Gov. Don Sundquist's administration.

"It's the lack of finality. That's the key," Hargrove said. "That's leads to the denial of the whole purpose of the criminal justice system."

He said the U.S. Supreme Court indicated in a recent decision that "unless the states get serious they may do away with the death penalty altogether." ■

Fund created for tainted blood victims

BONN, Germany (AP) — The government, pharmaceutical companies and blood centers have created a \$175 million fund for 1,300 Germans infected with the AIDS virus from tainted blood products, officials said Wednesday.

But a group representing hemophiliacs called the fund inadequate and vowed to press for more money.

People who received HIV-infected blood products before 1988 will get monthly checks ranging from \$1,050 to \$2,100, said Health Minister Horst Seehofer.

About 450 relatives will get \$700 monthly.

More than 600 hemophiliacs have died of

AIDS contracted from contaminated blood products. Five employees of a blood products company have been on trial since last year on charges of knowingly selling AIDS-tainted plasma.

Unlike in France, where four high-ranking officials have been jailed and three Cabinet members charged in a similar scandal, the tainted blood products in Germany were distributed by private companies, not a state blood bank.

However, Seehofer has acknowledged that government officials hushed up suspicions that patients got tainted blood in the 1980s. ■

Cooling system improvement may cause some discomfort

March 30, 1995

Cooling system maintenance

Some buildings will be without air conditioning for a couple of days while improvements are being made on the chill water system. These modifications had to wait until work was completed on repiping the chilling plant and the main chill water lines. Before the project is completed all campus buildings will be affected.

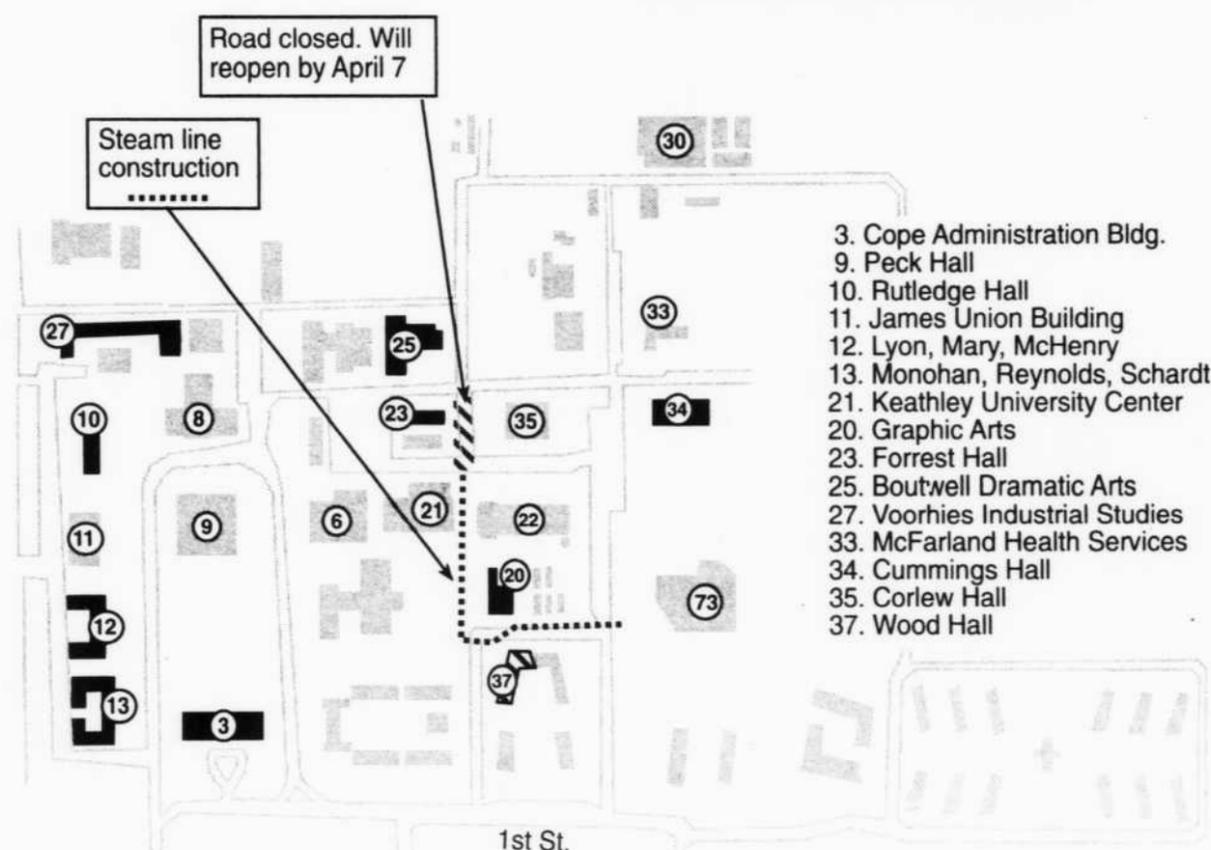
Work on cooling systems for the following buildings should be complete by the end of this week — Boutwell (25), Voorhies (27), Graphic Arts (20), and Forrest (23).

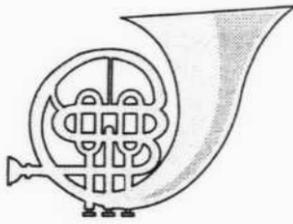
Cooling will be out in Wood Hall (37) during the early part of next week.

Cooling work has been completed on the following buildings Rutledge (10), Cope (3), Cummings (34), Monohan-Reynolds-Schardt (13), and Lyon-Mary-McHenry (12).

The road between Forrest (23) and Corlew (35) will be closed until late next week. Steam line construction will cause disruption in the KUC (21) and Graphic Arts (20) area.

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hear. To the jazz fans of America, Kenny G's style is not new.

According to Leonard Foy, MTSU director of jazz studies, music, like fashion, is a circular trend.

"It was with the Marsalis brothers we saw this new style emerge that's been called the jazz renaissance," Foy explains. "Pretty much that's what we are in the 1990's, I suppose. The rebirth of this music and the rebirth of the appreciation of it."

Even the artists we associate with jazz participate in a variety of music forms to make themselves more marketable. For example, Wynton Marsalis and famous African-American opera singer Kathleen Battle recorded a classical number together titled *Barock Duet*. Brother Branford Marsalis used his famous singing

saxophone to harmonize with the rap lyrics of the Guru on his *Jazzmatazz* arrangement.

Rap artist have added a swing bob to the hip hop normally associated with hype lyrics. Rhymers like The Roots not only entice listeners with their mellow tones, but educate their audience. Often, they pay tribute to the music of famous jazz crooners like Ella Fitzgerald and the trumpet expressions of Dizzy Gillespie by incorporating their styles into a 90's groove.

According to Charles Anthony Hill I, host of Rhythm Review and Blues Stage for WMOT-FM, rappers fuse past elements of jazz to add flavor and creativity to their music.

"I think they realize how serious the music is or how beautiful and how creative it

is," Hill suggests. "And I think rappers like the idea of, 'Well, I'm going to use this nice passage. This is deep music.' And it does add a nice twist to the music that never has been there."

Hearing these jazz greats in new mixes may encourage listeners to inquire about the music of early eras. The question is: What would artists like Count Basie say about music today if they were alive?

"Count Basie would see that there aren't any dance halls really left for jazz bands or anything like that," explains Burt Peretti, author of *The Creation of Jazz Music, Race & Culture in Urban America*. "On the other hand though, he would see a lot of people respecting his music more today than, say, 10 or 20 years ago. I think there is a lot more sense of tradition today."

But jazz does not stop there! It has even seeped into the Christian music realm. Pianist Ben Tankard and alto saxophonist Harold Rayford have added a new approach to contemporary gospel. These artists are trendsetters paving the path for new innovators in Christian contemporary music. Because jazz is recognized by music genres worldwide, it will remain vital.

Past styles have been blended with technology and experimentation to form today's jazz scene. Music will not allow us, the listeners, to forget the jazz yesterday's artists breathed into existence. Whether improvised or practiced, its music in it's rare and most cherished form. ■

BELLE AIRE BAPTIST REACHES OUT TO STUDENTS THROUGH ALPHA OMEGA

DANIELLE BELL
Special to *Sidelines*

By the end of the day the sweat was a constant factor, but they didn't seem to care. They continued to give all they had to a bunch of kids they didn't know. They were worn out, but it is not their faces the kids will remember. Those moving into the dorm will probably remember the cross and Greek letters that were displayed on their T-shirts.

Alpha Omega is not a fraternity or a sorority. It is the college ministry at Belle Aire Baptist Church and it's stepping onto MTSU's campus.

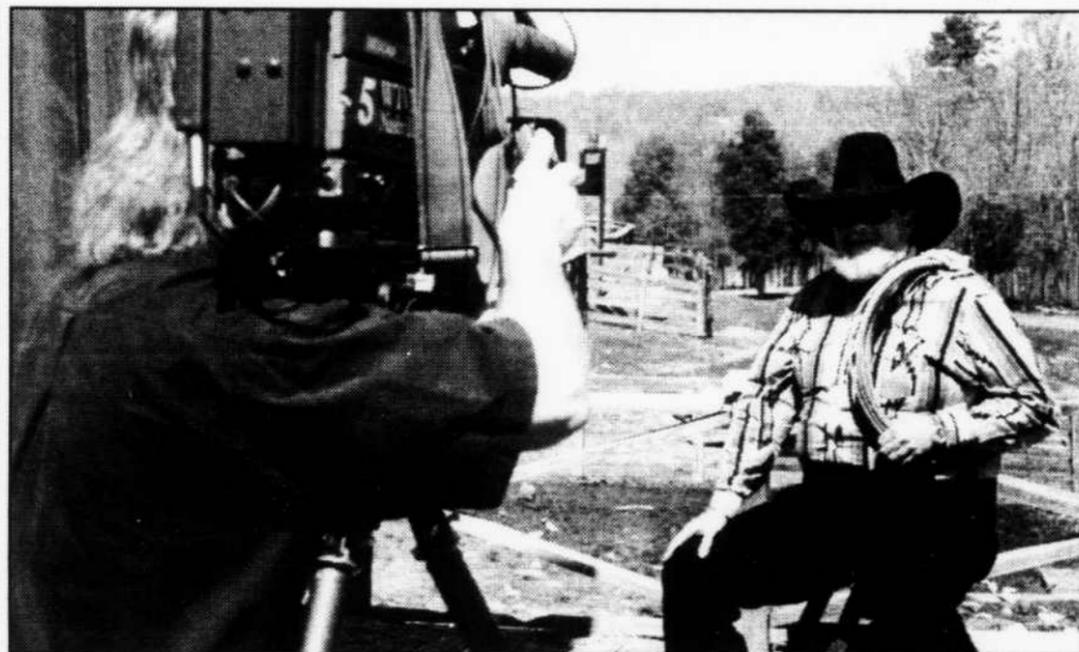
Dean Sisk, pastor of Belle Aire Baptist, said in the college newsletter: "I entered my freshman year in college as a professing Christian, yet I was not intensely involved in church at that time. I recall that no church in that college town was making an obvious effort to minister to students, and my home church was also inactive in that area. Would I have responded had they reached out to me? I never had the chance to find out."

Belle Aire has created the Alpha Omega ministry and with many good ideas, tons of behind-the-scenes workers and constant prayer is hoping to make a difference here.

With the Baptist Student Union and many other religious organizations already on campus, one might not see the need for Alpha Omega. But Tim Simpson, a senior who attends both the BSU and Belle Aire, explains, "Alpha Omega is a good compliment to the BSU and other Christian organizations on campus. Alpha Omega does not teach denominations that come."

This ministry has a full calendar in hopes of reaching college students and giving them a positive Christian experience while in college. the Alpha Omega house is located on the corner of Crestland Avenue and Division Street and plays host to many of the organization's events.

The devil, fiddles and children's charity



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Charlie Daniels, singer, songwriter and country icon, at work taping the promotional spot for WTVF Channel 5 at his Twin Pines ranch in Lebanon. The Eighth Annual Charlie Daniels Rodeo will benefit abused children. The rodeo will be held on April 21 and 22 at the Tennessee Livestock Center at MTSU.

Whether it is Bible studies, volleyball, Sunday school, Friday night videos or just fellowship with friends the Alpha Omega house is a busy place.

Fun is not the only concern of Alpha Omega. They want to help fill the void that some feel while away at school. Belle Aire presents the Care Family ministry in which church families will adopt two or three students to provide them with a home away from home through various church-wide fellowships.

The Alpha Omega ministry also offers several retreats during the year. They go white-water rafting, skiing, on mission trips,

and away for a peaceful weekends. The trips offer college students a chance to fellowship under their common bond.

Dawn Turner, a leader in the Alpha Omega ministry, believes strongly in the need of this organization. "Our world today offers acceptance, love and happiness through money, sex, drugs and alcohol. We can offer to the students of MTSU joy beyond belief, peace that passes understanding, kindness overflowing, faithfulness beyond measure, but most importantly love—unconditional love. A love so pure, so

FEATURES

Reviews of the

Absurd

JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

Mema, my grandmother, was recently put into the hospital in Lebanon. This gave me a golden opportunity to go and hang out with Pepa, my grandfather.

Pepa is a pretty cool guy. He likes to sleep, which is cool. He likes to eat, which is very cool, and he likes to work, which isn't really cool, but he is so cool I can overlook the work thing.

One of the coolest things about Pepa could be the place where he occasionally gets his hair cut. If you are into *The Andy Griffith Show* you definitely need to check this place out. The fine hair cutting establishment I am making reference to is none other than Dwight's Barber Shop.

Dwight's is a cool place that is almost as cool as Pepa himself. One step inside the shop and you feel like you are in the movies. There is one chair in the middle of the room and a row of theater seats lining the walls. The particular morning I paid a visit to Dwight, all the chairs were full. The faces I saw were both old and young. Most of the guys I saw looked like they had put more work into the day by 8:30 than I would all day. The neat thing about this place is the people.

This morning the subject was politics. Everybody had different views on President Clinton. Dwight, who seemed to be in favor of the man, was taking the criticism in stride. Knowing that Dwight was about to cut my hair suddenly changed my political views to those of the Democratic party.

Out of the eight men waiting in the shop, only four were getting hair cuts. The others were just hanging out. I have never felt more American than I did sitting in that room full of strangers. It took an hour before Dwight could get his hands on my hair, but it was

worth the wait, and to be honest, the conversation taking place seemed to eliminate the time.

Dwight asked me how I wanted my hair cut and I asked for a trim. I will now be known as Forrest Gump for the next few months. Don't get me wrong, I knew I was going get a close cut. It

just always surprises me to see my hair that close to baldness. Before you

read any further, you need to know that Dwight isn't some dumb hillbilly. He has been cutting hair for 21 years, so he knows what he is doing. Dwight just likes his customers to get their money's worth. Customers can be assured that they get a good deal on their hair cut since it only cost \$7 for a cut. Heck man, Dwight uses a straight razor to give customers a close and clean shaven neck. When asked why he still uses straight razors Dwight said, "I know my customers and that is what they want, and I'm not afraid of getting AIDS or anything." Just like Pepa, Dwight is a cool guy. This man goes and cuts hair for people in nursing homes and hospitals on his days off.

Many people can say that southerners are backwards, old fashioned, and slow. Well, that may be, but it is something that makes me proud to be southern. Dwight's is backwards, old fashioned, and slow. That makes it a great place in my book. Mema is supposed to get out of the hospital today, Pepa is going continue to be cool, I am going to look like Forrest Gump, and Dwight is cutting hair. On a scale of one to five scissors I give Dwight's a snappy five. Dwight's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. You can find Dwight's in Lebanon at 25 South Maple. ■

Editor's note: The photos in this story have been doctored by our shining photography staff. Mr Young never had hair that long.



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Painful moments, bad bad days, and the back to school blues

GET THOSE PENCILS SHARPENED AND THOSE BOOKS DUSTED OFF, folks; ITS TIME FOR THE FUN TO START AGAIN

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

Spring Break is over: that last bastion of hope for all of us—that event that holds us together through the cold weather and long classes—has come and gone. We are once again trapped in the cogs of the giant, people-eating, MTSU education machine.

I don't know how many of you made it to Padre Island or Panama City or Daytona or New Orleans. The Spring Break series that we ran was just there for your entertainment, tidbits to give you an idea if you were wondering what there was to do over the break. Maybe some of you read the stories and the places looked so nice that you just had to go to all of them. Maybe not. But they were there anyway.

Today it was business-as-usual all across campus. People were going back to classes with dazed looks and hangovers, stumbling onto the Raider Express and sitting silently

while the bus rumbled along and stopped here and there. They were told to "have a good day" when they got off; they ate greasy food at the KUC and later wished they hadn't; they went to the library and checked out books.

Up at *Sidelines* nothing much has changed either. People are sitting around the television watching the same show they were watching when we left for break—the O.J. Simpson trial, which is no more exciting now than it was ten days ago. The people who aren't watching television are writing and saving stories, laying out pages, laughing and copy-editing and going crazy. The trusty old Associated Press computer is still cranking out stories to be used or not to be used. Our shiny new laser printer is vomiting pages of neatly printed text, and our desks still look like some maniac blew up a paper factory next door and all the stuff came in our windows. (I was thinking that maybe over break the icy-cold-water-fairy that fills up the bottle of water in my fridge would stop by and clean the place, but she didn't.) Same old, same old.

Once again I have come into the office late to find out that I am

supposed to fill three hundred pages with feature stories. That's always okay with me—keep those ads coming!—but it's just hard to do when I have one story to work with. Maybe if I make the font really big, and increase the leading, and throw in some art... Naaah. The stories will come; they always do. There's always some fruitcake like me out there who's willing to write something. You'll find a fine example of one of these in the form of Jason Young, and his latest review of the absurd will probably make you laugh and want to run out and get your hair cut. Fruitcake, fruitcake. Anybody have any ice cream to go along with this?

I went down to New Orleans a week before spring break by myself and slept in my wife's car. I drove down in nine hours and some change, arriving in the French Quarter at dawn one fine day and going completely insane for a while. My sanity and my Visa card may never be the same.

So I remained on campus for the break, and spent time with my beautiful wife and ate too much fast food. I should be well rested, but I'm not. Instead of being rested I feel like

someone made me lay my head down on one of the steps in front of the KUC and then smashed it with a brick and peeled out on it with a motorcycle and blew a hand grenade up in my mouth. Then they made me take a bath and threw in small appliances like toasters and hair-dryers and radios (all plugged in of course) for me to play with. Fun Fun Fun.

Anyway, welcome back to real life, my fellow spring-break dazed-students. I hope this issue is an island in the sea of misery that is your fourth day back in school. If you're here in the features section then you've probably already read the news section, which wasn't nearly as full of murder and violence as you wanted it to be. Sorry for that, but it wasn't my fault. I'm the Features Editor, and I am not responsible for what goes into that section. If I was the News Editor there would be blood and guts (in the form of stories) smeared all over the front page. Maybe not though. Not many really really bad things happen here on the MTSU campus.

Which is a good thing, I suppose. ■

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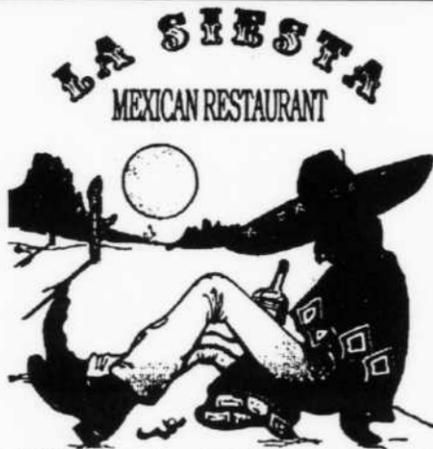
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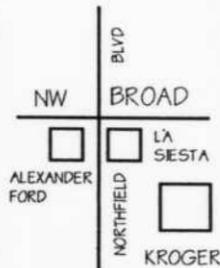
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Man of the House plot undeveloped, lacking the usual humor of Chase

ANTHONY GILLEY
Special to *Sidelines*

Few laughs and an underdeveloped story awaited my female friend and I when we went to see *Man of the House*, starring Chevy Chase and Farrah Fawcett. The movie seemed to cap off the remarkably funny career of Chevy Chase in an unjust fashion.

The Walt Disney film introduced young *Home Improvement* star Jason Taylor Thomas. Thomas played the role of Benjamin, later to be named "Little Wing." It was his first motion picture and he did really well.

The story is that of a single-parent home played out by Fawcett and Thomas. Chevy Chase playing the role of Jack Sturgin, a United States attorney, intervenes and engages in a battle with little Benjamin for his mother's heart.

It appeared as though Benjamin had the battle won by a series of pranks and

gimmicks, but an episode involving Sturgin overhearing little Ben laughing with his friends managed to provoke Sturgin to fight another round.

Sturgin managed to turn the tide by causing one of Ben's tricks to backfire on him and then the story headed for a strange twist in the plot.

The two embarked on a weekend camping trip with intentions of patching up the relationship when a couple of thugs tracked them down, seeking revenge on Sturgin for sending their dad to prison. It turned into a cheesy chase through the woods with the father and son combo doing a real number on the thugs and justice prevailed.

The movie lacked the humor that audiences are used to seeing from Chase. Also the story was underdeveloped and entirely too much was left to the imagination. My advice and rating; those over age ten save your money! ■

STUDENT RESCUE EFFORTS ARE 'FOR THE BIRDS'

MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

PINNELAS COUNTY, Fla.—Most college students would probably agree that studying is for the birds, but few would say that about their free time.

Unless, of course, they are members of Eckerd College's Bird Rescue Program, a group of 30 student-volunteers who assist endangered birds throughout southwestern Florida.

Because of Florida's dense wildlife and human population, birds often get snagged by fishing wire or injured by boats or cars. Eckerd students help rescue and rehabilitate the injured birds.

"There is something very tangible about the work that is beneficial to the students," says Bill Covert, director of the college's Waterfront program. "You can hold a bird in your arms, bandage it, give it saline, watch it heal and release it back into the wild."

Taking turns working shifts, members of Eckerd's Bird Rescue team carry beepers so they can be immediately notified when their help is needed. Area residents call a rescue center when they see a distressed bird, and the students take it from there.

Covert says that Bird Rescue seemed like a natural extension of the school's maritime search and rescue program. "We figured that we were already teaching and executing searches and rescues for people," he says, "so why not do them for birds, too?"

When the rescue team arrives on the scene to help retrieve the injured birds, they attempt to minimize injury to the bird and, at times, can release the bird immediately. If the damage is severe, they bring the bird to the Seabird

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Sanctuary or the Pinnellas Seabird Rehabilitation Center, where it is treated and then released.

Some trapped birds can be freed and rehabilitated in a matter of days or even

hours. Others, however, are not as lucky.

Last December, junior David Burowski answered the call to help save an injured seabird. When he arrived at the bird's location, he could see the bird was in serious

trouble. "Someone had hooked the bird and ended up pulling out the lining of the throat while trying to get his hook back," says Burowski. "We were able to help free the bird and even repair the lining of his throat, but after a few days, the infection got so bad that he just couldn't survive."

Despite the setbacks, Burowski says the work is incredibly rewarding. "The fact that you're freeing the birds is enough, but when you're able to help release it back into the wild, that's a great feeling," Burowski

says.

The program is becoming increasingly popular at the 1,500-student school, says sophomore Aaron Spytma, who became involved with Bird Rescue last year. "A lot of students want to do something to get involved with the wildlife," says

Spytma, who is originally from western New York. "When I came down here, I saw all these birds, and I wanted to do everything I could to learn about them."

Aimee Luthringer, also a sophomore, says she became

involved after seeing a heron caught in a fishing line after class one day. After trying to save the bird herself, Luthringer learned about the Bird Rescue Program.

"There are so many ways for birds to get injured around here," she says. "I always enjoyed bird watching, so I decided to get involved. It really makes you feel good."

Spytma agrees. "You find these birds in these horrible conditions, but then you get to help get them get ready to let that bird back into the wild, your heart just soars." ■

"When you let that bird back into the wild, your heart just soars."

**Aaron Spytma
Eckerd College
Sophomore**

OMEGA

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genuine, only our Heavenly Father can give it away, and that he does so simply. We hope to be a tiny reflection of this incredible love."

MTSU sophomore Stephanie More smiles as she reflects on her time with the Alpha Omega ministry. "Alpha Omega has been a great place for me to get to know a good group of Christians. It is not a clique organization. Everyone accepts you for who you are and welcomes you at the door. I am so glad I am involved. I feel like I have found a place where the people are real and the message is straight from the heart."

Alpha Omega's purpose is to show the love of Jesus. Their motto is: "Come as you are." Their mission is to reach the college students of MTSU so God will not be Greek to you and me. ■

Kosher dog shortage causes customers grief in the Big Apple

NEW YORK (AP) — First, there was replacement baseball. Now, notoriously fussy New Yorkers have to deal with replacement hot dogs.

Production problems at the Hebrew National plant in Indianapolis have created a hot-dog shortage that's giving heartburn to street vendors and deli owners all over town.

"It has to be Hebrew National," street vendor Ernie Kahis said Wednesday in Manhattan's Garment District. "We didn't have any for five days last week, and I don't sell anything else."

Seventy percent of Hebrew National's \$200 million in annual sales comes from hot dogs, and the company sells 14 million kosher franks a year in the New York area alone, said Jim Kritek, the company's senior attorney.

Hebrew National blamed equipment problems at the plant, as well as the departure of a number of workers who left to take jobs with an aircraft repair factory that opened nearby.

"Production is off nearly 12 percent, but we're trying

to remedy that by hiring more people, putting more people into the business," Kritek said. "Right now demand is exceeding supply, but they're working to bring it back up."

Some delis and supermarkets that can't get Hebrew National are selling other kosher brands, including Zion and Shofar.

Many customers, including those who aren't Jewish, prefer kosher dogs because they are made according to strict standards and are 100 percent beef from the steer's forequarter. Some non-kosher brands are all beef as well but may include other parts of the animal.

Kahis finally got a delivery this week for his pushcart at 38th Street and Seventh Avenue, and on Wednesday he was doing a brisk business beneath the red umbrella with the Hebrew National logo.

Businessman Harvey Wolf, eating at Kahis' cart, wouldn't have any other brand of dog. "It tastes better and it's healthier. And it's just been a part of my life," he said. ■



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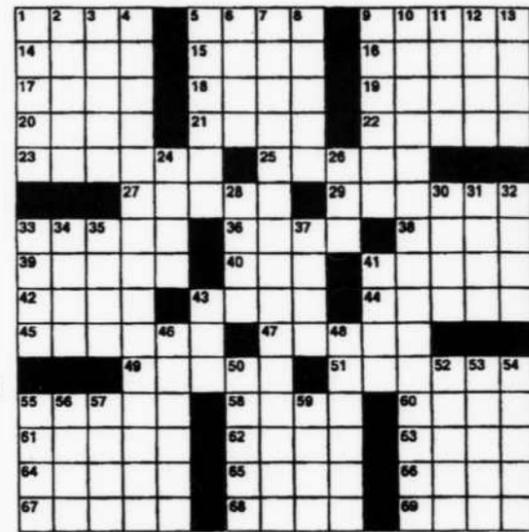
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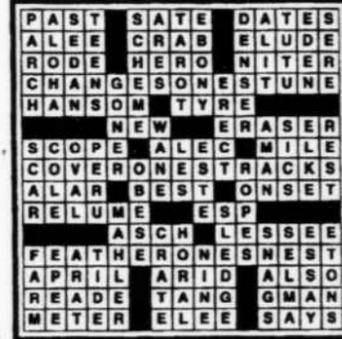
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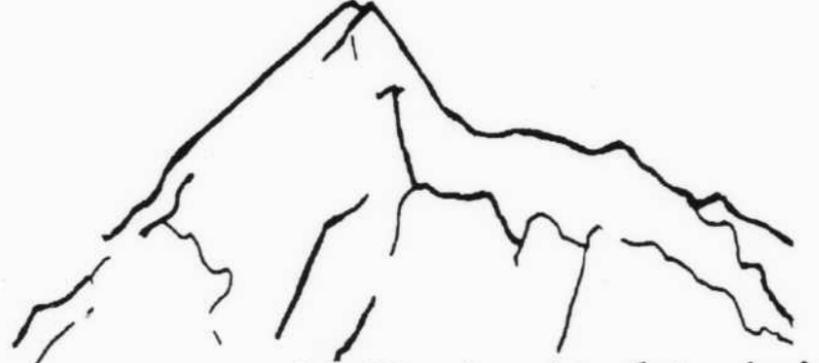


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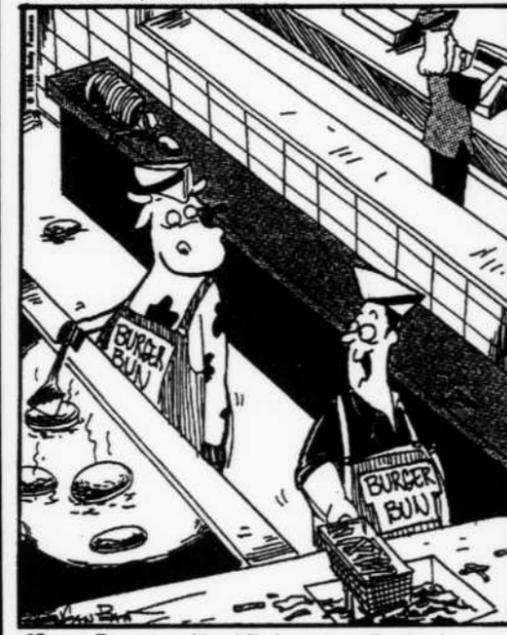
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Jordan, Tyson reclaim past

One word can describe the last couple of weeks in the world of sports — comeback.

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back playing basketball, but let me ask you this.

Wasn't his return just a little bit fast?

I mean, aren't there a number of channels that a person has to go through in order to sign with a professional sports team? You know, things like contract negotiations and practice time before a person even gets into a game, and then only in a limited role?

Wait a minute, I just figured it out. There are things that a person has to do to play in the NBA, but Michael is far from a mere PERSON. As far as basketball fans are concerned, he's some form of icon, an entity sent down from the mountain to bring world peace and sweet basketball harmony to the hardwood of the windy city.

And judging from his 55-point performance at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night, they might just be right.

Last Saturday morning, the second biggest comeback of the year in sports began when Iron Mike Tyson was released from prison.

The media did their jobs well Saturday, as always, swarming over Tyson and his entourage from the moment he stepped through

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Blue Raiders bitten by Cumberland Bulldogs

Bulldogs sweep season series with Raiders behind 7-3 slugfest

ROB NUNLEY Staff Writer

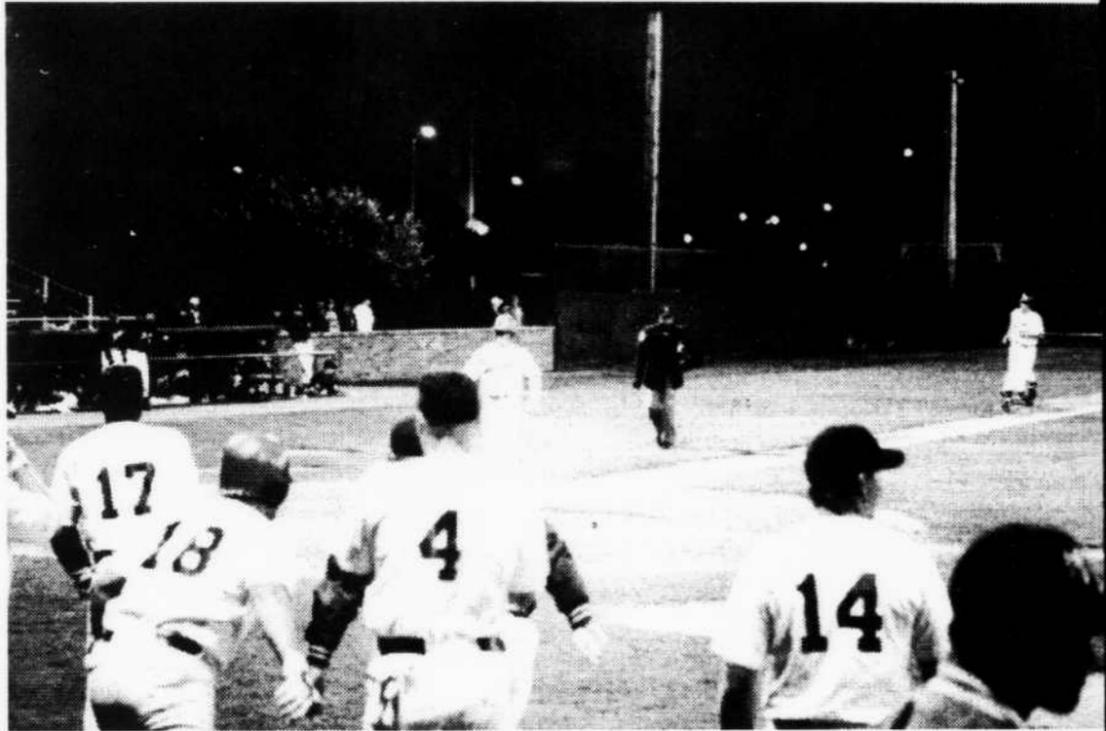
The Blue Raiders' recent hot streak suffered a bit of a setback Tuesday night when they lost to the visiting Bulldogs of Cumberland University, 7-3.

Middle came into Tuesday night's game after winning 11 of their last 13, including this weekend's three-game sweep of Southeast Missouri.

Right-hander Dale Graham took the hill for the Raiders, but gave up three runs in the first and walked Bulldog catcher Steve Green to load the bases in the second, forcing Coach Steve Peterson brought Brian Early out of the bullpen.

"Graham just didn't have it tonight," Peterson said. "He hasn't pitched very well lately, and they beat him up. But when you throw strikes they're bound to hit a few."

Middle was able to close the gap in the fourth, when first-baseman Jamie Walker blasted his fourth home run of the season over the left



CLIFF KARELL/STAFF

A pleasant walk in the park

The Blue Raider baseball team spills onto the field to congratulate second baseman Scott Haralson and first baseman Jamie Walker after Walker's fourth home run of the season. The Raiders lost Tuesday night to Cumberland University, 7-3, their third loss in the last 13 games.

field wall, bringing the Raiders within one run and sending the fans who had braved the frigid temperatures to support their home team into a frenzy.

"We had a good, active crowd tonight, and when Jamie homered they really got behind us," Peterson said.

The Bulldogs answered

with an offensive burst of their own in the fifth, when right fielder Anthony Crawford hit a bullet over the scoreboard in left to give Cumberland a 5-2 lead.

But the Raiders still had a lot of fight left in them. Jordan Beddies grounded to third to lead off the fifth inning, and hustled to second when Bulldog Mark Mills

sailed the ball over his first baseman's head. Shortstop Clay Snellgrove singled to left, bringing up outfielder Chip Davis with no outs and runners at the corners.

In the middle of Davis' at-bat, the game was unexpectedly postponed for approximately 20 minutes.

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Tennis tops 'Bama, 4-3

JOEL FREY Staff Writer

MTSU's men tennis team lost 5-2 to Colorado university yesterday in the first round of the Cal-Irvine tournament in Irvine, Calif.

They face Rice university of the southwestern conference today in the loser's bracket.

Against the Buffaloes, Blue Raiders David McNamara won at number three singles, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 and Marshall Brown won at number five, 6-4, 6-2.

According to Joe Myers of MTSU Sports Information, the best the Raiders can hope for in the tourney is eighth place.

"There are some quality teams in the losers bracket and they still have the opportunity for some good wins," Myers said.

Prior to action in Irvine, the men played three matches over spring break.

MTSU defeated East Tennessee State, 4-3, on Friday, March 24 and followed that victory with their first win ever against Southeastern Conference member, Alabama, on Saturday the 25th by an identical 4-3 score.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock came to Murfreesboro on Sunday and, unfortunately, the Blue Raiders were unable

to pull off the weekend sweep, losing 6-1.

Assistant coach Keith Harrietha said he felt playing successive matches at home helped the team more than any other factor in the two big wins.

"We had an excellent week of practice, where we concentrated more on sticking to fundamentals rather than the more technical aspects of the game," Harrietha said.

Sophomore Fred Niemeyer provided Middle with its only point against UALR winning 6-3, 6-4 over Alverro Sanchez. With the victory, Niemeyer pushed his individual match win streak to four.

Along with Niemeyer, Patrick Zackrisson, Julius Robberts and Marshall Brown were victorious in the ETSU match.

Against the Crimson Tide, Middle was finally able to take two out of the three doubles matches to win the first point of the match.

It was only the second doubles win as a team for the men this spring and the first since defeating Wake Forest on Feb. 18.

The new combinations of Niemeyer and Brown, along with Chris Quin and Mark Follett won 8-4 and 8-3, respectively.

In singles action, Freshman David McNamara clinched the match for MTSU at number three singles with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Alabama player Mark Johnson. Niemeyer

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Women win at Little Rock

JOEL FREY Staff Writer

MTSU's Lady Raider tennis team won their first dual match of the season over spring break, earning a hard fought 5-4 win over East Tennessee State University.

In individual play against ETSU, Kelley Bacich, Amy King, Michelle Wilson, and Malinda Ryan won their singles matches with Ryan and Balad clinching the MTSU win with a 7-5, 6-2 victory at number three doubles.

Freshman Emma Doyle

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SPORTS

Lady Raiders split with Austin Peay

MONICA GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The 1994-95 Lady Raider Softball team is enjoying a mid-season record of 15-10 after splitting with Austin Peay State University Tuesday, March 28.

In the first of the two games, the Lady Raiders were held by the Austin Peay defense to 1 run on 3 hits and left 2 on base. Melissa Webb, pinch-running for Jenny West, scored the only run for MTSU on a sacrifice fly by center-fielder Allison Cheatham.

The Raider defense allowed 3 runs on 5 hits by APSU. Pitcher Jill Booth, along with catcher Jamie Estepa, had nine strike-outs, three in the third inning alone. MTSU held the lead at 1-0 until the sixth inning when APSU short-stop

Andrea Miller hit a 3-run homerun to center field. The Lady Raiders lost 3-1.

MTSU gave up 3 runs on 3 hits to Austin Peay in the second game and allowed 1 run to score due to an error in the second inning. Pitcher Andrea Edwards had two strike-outs and Jill booth had six.

Lady Raiders Kim Whelan and Brenda Bessinger scored in the second inning on errors by APSU. First baseman Jenny West doubled to left field in the sixth, batting in pinch-runners Melissa Webb and Mandy Biggar, tying the score at 4-4. Errors by APSU scored West and Bessinger in the sixth, lifting the Raiders ahead by 2. MTSU won 6-4, bringing there season record to 15-10.

"Our bats didn't start to warm up until later in the

second game," said Senior Jenny West, "I'm sure we all wish they had come alive sooner, but now we need to focus on our next game and try not to let this affect us at Morehead."

Spring Break was a winning week for the Lady Raiders, having a Rebel Games record of 7-3. Catcher Jamie Estepa hit her first homerun of the season against St. Xavier University, and the Lady Raiders sent Army back to New York with two losses on their record after an unbelievable win over MTSU last year at the Rebel Games.

The Lady Raiders take the field against Morehead State University on Friday, March 31 at Morehead; then travel to Eastern Kentucky to battle ECU on Saturday, April 1. ■

Golfers finish second to Govs

STAFF REPORTS

Middle Tennessee State University's golf team made a run at Austin Peay, but it was a case of too little too late.

The Blue Raiders were not able to catch the Governors as Peay shot a final round total of 290 (two-over-par).

MTSU was led by the junior duo of Brian Higgins and David Reed. Higgins finished second in the tournament with a one-over-par total of 144 after shooting an even-par round today of 72. Reed shot 74 and finished fourth with a total of 146 (three-over-par).

"We thought going into the tournament that we would win it," said MTSU head golf coach Johnny

Moore. "But you have to give Austin Peay credit. They never folded and really finished strong.

"We started off with a poor round yesterday and couldn't recover.

"We'll go back to work and see if we can improve this weekend."

Murfreesboro native Erick Paschal added a total of 150 after a one-over-par round of 73 today.

Junior Mike Chesser and senior Nick Shelton each shot 153 for the tournament.

No Blue Raider shot over 75 for the final round.

The Blue Raiders will next be in action Friday-Sunday at the Southern Junior/Senior Intercollegiate played at the Still Waters Resort in Alexander City, Ala. ■

MTSU 5k run held

STAFF REPORTS

Eighty-six people participated in a 5K race sponsored by Campus Recreation March 11.

Franklin's Tony Martinez of the 21-29 division was the overall winner of the event, finishing with a time of 15:47. Aaron Baird took second with a time of 15:53.

On the women's side, Murfreesboro resident Theresa Peacock finished

first with 18:58. Pallie Jones of Eagleville took second with a time of 21:39.

Pat Price, a 14 year-old student at David Lipscomb Middle School was the only participant in the wheelchair division, but was able to finish 26th overall with a time of 21:19.

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SPORTS

Athletic advisors make life easier for student-athletes

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The academic life of the student-athlete is one of the few things that have changed over the years.

A student-athletes' life is very busy. A typical day in college could include: four classes before noon, conditioning, practice or meetings in the afternoon, dinner and study hall at night.

A schedule like this continues throughout the school year whether or not the chosen sport is in season.

"They are an athlete 24 hours a day and they have restrictions, rules and regulations they have to follow with their coaches, too," said Jeanne Massaquoi, coordinator of the MTSU Athletic Advisement program.

Many college athletes would have trouble surviving academically without help. It's left to advisers and tutors to bridge that gap, an increasingly important task now that each team's graduation rate is almost as well-publicized as its win-loss record.

The help comes in the form of the MTSU Athlete Academic Advising Program.

The program has a commitment to assisting the student-athlete in earning a college degree while providing personal attention and encouragement along with tutoring

services and other areas of support.

"At one point or another, 100 percent of the athletes take part in the program," said Wynnifred Counts, counselor for the Academic Advisement program. "About 80 to 90 percent take part in study hall and about 30 to 35 percent use tutors. The rest use the program for various seminars and other activities."

"As the program got going, I think that they (tutors) had a much positive effect on them," said Lori Massey, an athletic tutor and MTSU student.

Among student-athletes who enrolled as scholarship freshman from 1983 to 1986, 47 percent of football players graduated compared with 53 percent for all sports and 54 percent for all students.

Those kinds of numbers plus a stiffening in NCAA academic advising a growth area in the arena of college sports.

They counsel players regarding course selection and monitor their academic performance to ensure continued eligibility and progress toward a degree.

An adviser may do everything from making certain that a star linebacker shows up for his 8 a.m. math class to arranging for tutoring help in it.

"Our job is to make sure that all of our student-athletes are taking all the right courses, progressing toward their degree, and we have to make sure that they are academically eligible," Massaquoi said.

-Jeanne Massaquoi
MTSU Student Advisement Program

Student tutors are a key to a student-athlete's success.

"They (Tutors) will help the students keep focused on what they need to do in the classroom," Massaquoi said. "We are very satisfied with our tutors."

A tutor not only deals with students who want help but some athletes are reluctant to ask for help.

"Some of the athletes that I have tutored are not devoted to their academics as they are devoted to their athletics. Those students are usually the most difficult to tutor," Massey said. "It depends on the personality of the student. It depends on the willingness to devote themselves academically."

Keeping an athlete eligible is not the purpose of tutors.

"My personal goal is to get them to do the best they can do in that class, regardless of what the grade is," Massey said.

The life of a student-athlete is perpetual motion. It's one long no-huddle offense throughout college. Days start early and end late, if they end at all.

"It's very hard because of the demands on your time. You have to do everything in the classroom that the non-athlete has to do plus you spend a lot of time in conditioning, meetings, practice and traveling," Massaquoi said. "It gets to the point where you don't have much free time at all."

"It's amazing some of the hours that are taken away from their schedules to devote to their one sport. It's more difficult than people give them credit for," Massey said.

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Track team opens outdoor season

BOB NUNLEY
Senior Sports Writer

MTSU's track teams turned in several good individual performances last weekend at the Alabama meets in Tuscaloosa, the team's first outdoor meet of the season.

The women's team put forth many good individual efforts, and several school records were broken. Nadia Graham broke an MTSU record in the 400 meters with a time of 55.57 seconds, good enough for sixth place.

Shelley Johnson broke the record in the discus, finishing fourth with a throw of 152 feet, three inches.

The women's 1600 meter relay team also broke the existing school record. Melanie Hall, Kela Anderson, Tyjuana Phillips and Nadia Graham finished fourth overall with a time of 10:09.

Several other Lady Raiders had strong efforts at the meet. Mia Florence finished second in the high jump (39-6), third in the triple jump (5-3 1/4), and sixth in the long jump (18-7 3/4). Keya Ralls finished third in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet nine inches, and took eighth in the hurdles with a time of 14.71 seconds. Rhonda Hall and Shelley Johnson finished fourth and fifth in the shot put, and Andrea Byars was seventh in

the triple jump. Also, the 800 meter relay team of Ralls, Phillips, Hall and Graham placed seventh with a time of 1:39.50.

"The women's results were very strong as the field has 26 teams," Coach Dean Hayes said. "It was a large field so I was very pleased."

On the men's side Micah Otis had a very good meet, finishing third in the long jump with an NCAA mark of 25 feet 10 inches. Otis also finished eighth in the hurdles with a time of 14.31 seconds.

Shane Heavener took eighth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 54.03 seconds.

The men's relay teams also had respectable times at Tuscaloosa. The 4-by-100 meter team of Dave Creary, Mario Allman, Keith Watkins and Otis took fifth with a time of 40.87 seconds. The sprint medley relay team of Dele Ehade, Atiba Tucker, Heavener and William Burrus also finished fifth with a time of 3:31.38.

"Even though the men's team did not get a lot of top places, they had several strong performances in a large field also," Hayes said.

The Raiders hit the road again this Saturday, when they will travel to Auburn to compete against the Tigers, Florida State, and Western Kentucky. ■

Is there light at end of baseball strike tunnel?

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players ended their 7 1/2-month strike if a federal judge issues an injunction restoring salary arbitration and free-agent bidding.

Players also decided to make a counterproposal to the offer owners gave them Monday. Union head Donald Fehr said he hoped talks would resume Thursday but no meeting was set as of Wednesday night.

"If they're going to have an offer tomorrow, certainly we'll get together and I'll be there to talk to him," acting commissioner Bud Selig by telephone from Milwaukee.

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling said he thought the union will move toward the position of the owners, who claimed in court papers filed Wednesday the strike has cost them \$700 million.

Schilling said he thought the unions' counteroffer would contain a tax of 30 percent with a threshold of \$49 million or \$50 million. That would cause six teams to pay a tax, five more than the players' previous plan but five less than the owners' proposal.

"We'll find out how serious the owners are when we make our counterproposal," Bobby Bonilla of the New York Mets said after the union's executive board concluded its two-day meeting.

U.S. District Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor has scheduled a Friday hearing on the petition by the National Labor Relations Board for a preliminary injunction against owners. The NLRB has accused them of illegally changing the

terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement before an impasse in bargaining.

"If the prior terms and conditions of employment are restored effectively by the injunction, the players will end the strike and return to work," Fehr said after the unanimous vote of his executive board.

The season is scheduled to open Sunday night, and owners planned a conference call for Thursday to approve the use of replacement players. If players do end the strike, owners could lock them out. But that possibility is decreasing.

"I don't personally know whether there's 21 votes there or not," said Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris, who is said he's committed to vote against a lockout.

American League lawyer Bill Schweitzer met in Baltimore with Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who again refused to field a replacement team. The league is threatening to make the team forfeit any missed replacement games.

"There has been mention of the potential penalties that can be assessed," Angelos said. "My position is that everything the Orioles have done is in the best interests of baseball, in the best interest of Cal Ripken's streak."

In their latest proposal, owners offered to keep basically intact the system of free agency and salary arbitration under the expired deal.

That left the owners' demand for a luxury tax as the primary obstacle, although the union also

objects to changes in the owners' revenue-sharing plan and a proposal that teams who release an arbitration-eligible player receive draft-pick compensation if that player signs with another team.

Owners asked for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$44 million, which was 108 percent of the average last season. The union proposed a 25 percent tax on the portions above 133 percent, which was \$54.1 million last year. A tax plan at the level Schilling talked about would be at 120-122 percent of the average.

While teams want the tax to start in 1996 and end in 2000, players don't want the tax to last for more than three years.

"It's movement but it's very, very little," free agent pitcher Orel Hershiser said of the owners' plan, calling it "a baby step."

While the timing of the next negotiating session wasn't clear, the sides prepared for Friday's court hearing. Owners submitted a 38-page brief in response to the NLRB's petition.

"If the court issues the requested injunction," the owners said in a brief filed with the court, "the union ... will have a compelling reason to delay further serious negotiations until the late summer or early fall when it is again advantageous to strike the clubs."

Although teams haven't signed any free agents since the union ended its signing ban on Feb. 6, management's Player Relations Committee claimed in the brief that the market hadn't changed. ■

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SPORTS

Murray cheerleader released Wednesday

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — A 20-year-old Murray State University cheerleader who was injured in an accident that caused fatal injuries to another cheerleader was released from the hospital on Wednesday, the school announced.

Lanea Meacham of Hopkinsville was the only cheerleader still hospitalized following the March 18 accident on Interstate 24 near Cadiz. Meacham had been hospitalized at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville,

Tenn.

Twelve cheerleaders and their sponsor were injured in the accident. The wreck occurred as they were returning from Nashville where they had flown from Tallahassee, Fla., following Murray State's appearance in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Ginger Adams, 20, of Murray, died Friday of her injuries. A public memorial service will be at 5 p.m. CST Thursday at Murray's Westside Baptist Church. ■

BASEBALL

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s when a set of lights over the visiting dugout went out. When play finally resumed Davis hit into a fielder's choice scoring Beddies from third.

Beddies' run turned out to be the final scoring chance the Raiders had, as Bulldog starter Kevin Hite and the rest of their pitching staff closed Middle's offense down for the rest of the game, and their hitters continued to pound our bullpen.

"Hite pitched very well for them and then their bullpen came in and did what our's couldn't - they shut us down," Peterson said.

"You've got to give Cumberland credit, they're a good solid ballclub," the coach

added. "They had some great defensive efforts, especially at shortstop, and they got some timely hits. It was just too much Bulldogs and not enough Raiders."

Despite the loss, Peterson was still happy with the performances of several of his players, especially the Raider bullpen.

"Brian Early came in and pitched well, and I was glad to see Joe Dalton have a good outing," Peterson said.

Raider closer George Oleksik, who was named OVC pitcher of the week after accumulating three saves last week, pitched one and two-third innings of relief late in the game, giving up three hits and one run, while striking out two and walking two. Peterson was surprised at Cumberland's ability to get to his stopper.

"This was the first outing Oleksik has had," Raider skipper said. "I guess they hadn't read all of the press clippings, because they beat him up a little tonight."

"But seeing them throw particularly well really good, especially with the big weekend coming up."

Middle takes its 3-0 record on the road this weekend with two games Eastern Kentucky, then at Vanderbilt and Tennessee Tuesday Wednesday. The season begins a nine-game homestand next Saturday with a weekend series against Murray State. The first pitch for both Saturday and Sunday's games scheduled for 2 p.m., admission is free with a valid MTSU I.D. ■

We at Sidelines Sports wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Murray State Cheerleaders injured on March 18.

MEN

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Alabama player Mark Johnson. Niemeyer and Robberts had earlier

provided the Blue Raiders with its other two points.

Harrietha said he hopes the grueling non-conference schedule MTSU has faced will payoff when OVC play begins against Murray State on

April 6.

"As coaches all we can do is help them in practice and give them a good schedule and hopefully let them make the most of it," Harrietha said. ■

WOMEN

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Freshman Emma Doyle, who has moved into the number one singles position, lost a tough three setter to her ETSU opponent 6-3, 4-6,

6-1.

Unfortunately for the women, they were not able to immediately build on their victory, losing a 5-1 decision to Arkansas-Little Rock on Sunday the 26th.

Ryan scored the lone win of the day for the Lady Raiders, storming back after

losing the first set of match 4-6, taking the first two sets 6-1, 6-1.

The women continue action this weekend against Arkansas State on Saturday and open up OVC play Sunday at Southern Missouri. ■

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SPORTS

Is third official necessary for women's basketball?

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Someone's missing again from the NCAA women's tournament.

The third referee, a fixture in some conferences during the regular season, isn't used during the tournament. Many coaches and officials say that makes the quality of basketball suffer.

"The game needs three officials," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who's taking her eighth team to a Final Four. "I think it's to a point where it's obvious."

Three-official crews are used by the Southeastern, the Atlantic Coast, the Pacific-10, the Big 10, Big Eight and the Southern conferences. The Big East, home of Connecticut, used three-person crews in its postseason tournament and will switch to three next season.

Teams from those conferences had to adjust to two referees in the NCAA tournament. The NCAA's position has been that two-person crews are appropriate because that is what the majority of conferences use.

What's the difference when a game is called by two

officials rather than three?

"All the things going on the back side of the floor are missed," said Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "That's really why the third person is put in. All the things on the backside — rebounding, lane control, all those things. Some 3-point shots have been missed through the tournament because they have to control all those other things."

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said players and coaches try to adjust to only having two officials, but she prefers three.

"I feel very strongly about the importance of a well-called game to get away from the trend towards extremely physical basketball," VanDerveer said.

Sharon Gaunt, the SEC's assistant commissioner for women's officials, monitored officials at the Midwest Regional in Knoxville. She cited one example where the ball went out of bounds in front of Tennessee's bench in the semifinal with Western Kentucky.

The referee under the basket didn't see who last touched the ball, and the

other referee was on the opposite side. The result was a jump ball under the alternate possession arrow rule.

"There's no way the official could've made that call," Gaunt said. "... He could've guessed, but you don't guess."

Many conferences use two-official crews to save money.

The Ohio Valley Conference, where women's basketball remains a non-revenue sport, has nine teams in Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. A referee is paid \$150 per game plus a travel allowance with 16 league games each season.

"Not that it hasn't been discussed in this league," said assistant commissioner Ron English. "It certainly has — not only by the officials supervisor but at the athletics directors level as well. The end result of the discussions are ... that it's not worth it."

The issue was raised at last year's Final Four in Richmond and will be discussed again this weekend at Minneapolis where officials supervisors will be meeting. ■

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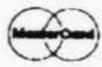
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ROB

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moment he stepped through the gates of the prison.

He just wanted to go home, guys. Couldn't you have given him a few minutes?

Anyway, Tyson's a free man again now, and the second chapter of one of the most phenomenal boxing careers of the century is about to begin.

Who will Tyson fight first? Will it be the world champ, Tyrannosaurus George? Will it be "Big Huggy," Riddick Bowe? How about Holmes? McCall? Morrison? Lewis? Moorer? The prognosticators of the sport have bounced heavyweight names around his week like billiard balls, but I have to agree with Mike Lupica, who said last week on ESPN's *The Sports Reporters*:

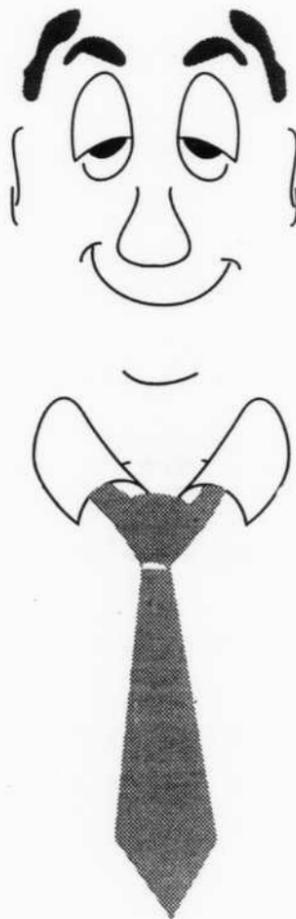
"If I were Tyson the first person I would want to fight is the lawyer who wasn't able to get him off of a charge that absolutely no one does that kind of time for."

And what about this name change thing? I know that Tyson is a devout Muslim now and that changing one's name is an integral part of their beliefs, but I've got to go with my roommate's philosophy on this particular issue.

His mama called him Rob, I'm going to call him Rob. ■

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Editorial

Sundquist hypocritical about state funding

When Gov. Don Sundquist presented his state budget proposal to the General Assembly March 1, he made a point of emphasizing that the state was suffering from a budget deficit of more than \$200 million.

As part of his plan to cut the deficit, he established a freeze on all state spending. This meant no new projects of any kind would be funded as long as the freeze was in place.

This freeze includes MTSU's two construction projects, the new business/aerospace building and the new library.

Now, word has leaked that at the beginning of his term, the governor approved pay raises to \$110,000 for all his Cabinet members, including a raise of more than \$35,000 for one member.

If the governor can afford to break the spending freeze and raise the salaries of his friends in the state Cabinet, he should find the money to fund the capital building projects currently on hold at colleges and universities throughout the state.

It is extremely hypocritical to hand out raises to Cabinet members, who as state employees should be setting a belt-tightening example for the rest of the state, and deny funding for higher education.

The governor needs to get his head on straight. Higher education for hundreds of thousands of young people should take precedence to giving Cabinet members 30 percent pay raises. It establishes a poor image for his administration.

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CSCI 100: could we have a CLEP test for this please



Warren Wakeland

school daze

Five and a half weeks of school left in the semester boys and girls. Aren't you just overjoyed?

I bring this up for one main reason. I have papers to do, and I know many of you do as well. I've got a paper due next week in political science, two papers due by April 17 in public relations, and a paper due April 26 in marketing. I've started all of them, finished none to this point.

Thrown into all this for me is my need to make the state of Tennessee happy and take a computer literacy class.

This necessity disgusts me.

Last Monday and yesterday I took my first two classes in the four-week course. My nerves are shot.

The first day we walk into class and the level of learning is something like this:

Instructor: "OK, ladies and gentlemen, this is a computer."

Students (in awe): "Ooooooh!"

Instructor: "That big thing that looks like a TV without the remote is called a monitor. Can you say monitor?"

Students: "Ma-nii-tuur."

Instructor: "Very good. Now the object in front of you with all the little buttons is called a keyboard. Can you say keyboard?"

Students: "Kee-bored."

And on it went. I've got all this other work to do, along with helping to turn out a newspaper for you good students twice a week, and some instructor is being forced to teach me the ins and outs of something I have known since I was eight years old.

Does anyone see something wrong with this picture?

This is not to fault the instructor. He has a class to teach, and it is not his fault that he has to teach some students who may have been working on computers longer than he has.

Every student must endure this four weeks of nonsense before they graduate. Without this class you cannot get in line at Murphy Center, shake Doc Walker's hand, pick up your diploma and say thanks for the six years.

Of course, it is not nonsense for everyone. There are people in college, and particularly at MTSU where there are a lot of non-traditional students, who have never before used a computer. This class is a good start for them on the road to good computer health.

But I have been working on the editorial staff of *Sidelines* for 15 months now. Twice a week for 15 months I have used computers to help produce what you read twice a week. I have better knowledge of QuarkXpress and Microsoft Word computer software than 90 percent of the people on this campus because I have been using both for so long now I can use them while I crap! (I'm a talented guy.)

I have talked to the admissions office, the records

office, the testing center, Army, Navy, Air Force Marines and anyone else wishes to listen. I've called the office of the Tennessee Board of Regents in an effort to get out of this. No luck. They all tell me the same thing: the computer literacy class is a requirement of the state and it must be completed.

This is absurd. THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY!

Why can you not take a test to prove your proficiency with computers, just like you can with general mathematics? I can bar count to 10 and I got credit for MATH 300 by taking a test. I dare say there are more people around here that could pass a computer literacy test than can pass the MATH 300 test.

In this day and age an American kid gets his first computer before he gets his first Lego set or his first GIJoe with the Kung Fu gear. Elementary schools teach computer literacy when kids are eight and nine years old. Why must we take this class in college?

But for the thousands of students here who have been using computers for years (literally), this class is a waste of time. There needs to be a CLEP test for computer literacy.

To force an 18-year-old older person to take this class is stupidity. A CLEP test is needed here that would allow students to test out of taking the painstaking four-week snooze-a-thon. Offer the test and keep the class for those who truly are computer literate.

Of course, I say this and I'll probably get a "B" in the class. ■

OPINIONS

'Trash' TV talk shows bring out worst in societal decay

The Conservative Philosopher



Christina Basiel

a new realm of entertainment: television talk shows.

During virtually every hour of the day, these freak shows of immorality and undignified human behavior can be found displaying societal mutants and praising them for revealing their most personal secrets to millions of shock-hungry viewers.

The barrage of trash television has been challenging legal as well as moral concepts. Two weeks ago a guest of *The Jenny Jones Show* was arrested for the murder of another guest, and his excuse for the murder was that Jenny Jones made him do it.

The accused was invited to participate in a segment of the show where secret admirers were revealed to the individuals that they

Privacy is a dying concept in Western culture and personal responsibility is all but dead. The demise of the ideas of dignity and social order have provided the United States with

admired. When this male guest's admirer was revealed, he was shocked and humiliated to discover that the admirer was also male. A few days later the admirer was dead.

The backlash of this man's action have found the television talk show industry in a battle to justify their existence. *The Jenny Jones Show* has been blamed for the death because they misled the accused when they invited him to appear on the show.

Is *The Jenny Jones Show* really to blame for the death of a guest? No. It is true that the show is responsible for the embarrassment of the accused because it lulled him to the show under false pretenses; however, the accused is responsible for his own actions thereafter.

Talk television has been progressing steadily down the path of bad taste. Episodes of *Geraldo*, *Sally Jessy Raphael*, and *Jerry Springer* have included the confessions of an incestuous father and daughter, obese strumpets, and white supremacists who are raising their children to hate. The subject matter of most of these shows is distasteful and their guests, who are willing to air their dirty laundry to millions of viewers, lack any sense of self-respect.

When the participants of these shows agree to reveal their most intimate and disgusting secrets to the public, they allow the producers of this trash to strip them of their rights to privacy and respect. While the man who is accused of murdering his admirer was deceived about the gender of his admirer, he knew full well that he was sacrificing his privacy for ratings.

Humiliation is indeed a powerful motivator. The accused claims that the humiliation he suffered while he was a guest of *The Jenny Jones Show* motivated him to murder. While this may be true, the show did not force him to destroy a human life.

Increasingly, people are refusing to accept the responsibility of their actions. Blaming one's childhood or economic status may be the popular defense for most of our nation's criminals; however, these excuses rarely, if ever, justify their crimes. Individuals are responsible for their own actions and if we are to live in a civilized society, people must accept this truth.

Television talk shows are by and large the product of a growing population that has little respect for dignity and a need to be shocked. They are not responsible for societal decay; they are a product of it. ■

More courage needed to deal with MTSU parking woes

ON THE ISSUES



Dave Watson

general fund. Also, he planned to increase his take of decals and fines this year by \$84,500. Wonder why he is now ticketing at night!

So where did the money go? He spent it. Everything he takes in, Hunter gets to spend—but not on new parking lots. A total of \$640,630 this year. Part of the money pays for the Raider Xpress buses.

Is it right? Is it good? I don't think so. I watched a student worker of Hunter's before break ticket students in a half-empty lot right up to the 6:30 time when students can park in the white spaces. Was there a parking problem? No.

Frankly, you couldn't pay me enough to ticket anyone legally parked in a half-empty lot. I just wouldn't see them.

I couldn't believe students sucked up Hunter's propaganda on why he was ticketing at night. First, there is not a parking problem at night except for a half-dozen spots in the loop for evening professors. Second, part-time students pay MORE per credit hour, and they are on campus only a short time. Why should they have to get a parking decal? They are already paying more! And the money only goes into paying for the additional ticket workers needed to ticket them.

Also, is it legal? Policy states there is ticketing only until 6:30 Monday through Friday. Can Hunter do what ever he feels like Mr. University President? Do you care?

I hope there are students who feel strongly enough about this or any other issue to do what is right. I hope that Hunter's ticketeers don't just see cars in half-empty lots. Yes, when classes are in session during the day, there is a parking problem and those who park without a

decal or in the wrong zone should be ticketed. But to rely on your judgment as to what is right or wrong takes guts.

The highest example of this right is Mr. Derle Long, the Associate Director of Bands in the Music Department, taking the Music Department chairman to court for assault. Right or wrong, it takes bravery and guts to stand up for what you feel is right. How much easier it would have been to just forget about it—but it would not have been right.

I am truly impressed with this, and with the students who recently put together a letter to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts about what they feel is happening in the Music Department.

It is courage like this; the courage to stand up and say something is wrong, the courage to be accounted for that is why this is a free country, why slavery was abolished, and why we are not looking forward to Prince Charles being our next king. I hope we see more courage at MTSU, so it can't be said that Murfreesboro residents don't count sheep to go to sleep, they count MTSU students. Baaaaaa. ■

Letters To The Editor

Stop using the Bible for condemnation; let's work together

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Jason Williams letter to the editor in the March 9 issue of *Sidelines*.

Once again we see how frequently Scripture can be manipulated and used to support individual ideologies. Throughout the history of mankind the Bible has been used as a basis for many causes which have included slavery, the subordination of women and the persecution of non-Christians. The use of Scripture to defend or condemn certain lifestyles is a useless circle. Each group, whether gay or straight, can quote Scripture till the next Ice Age. The use of such strategy in debate is worthless and does not further either cause.

True debate should be founded in fact. If man in fact does learn from history, we can see that Biblical interpretation has evolved just as man has and will continue to do. Until such a time that the Bible is proven to be 100 percent factual it should not be used in an argument such as this. It is too easy to throw Bible quotes, just as in politics it is very easy to be reduced to mud slinging.

Perhaps the fear that Christians and gays are no different from each other is what scares each of these groups. "All men are created equal" and all ideologies which practice exclusion and not inclusion are sure to fall. It is time that exclusion become a thing of the past and we all work together to make this world a better place for all.

Jason A. Ward
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Editor's note: This subject has drawn many Letters To The Editor. We have printed the ones which are most clear in their message. We do not, however, wish this to become a semester-long debate. We shall therefore print no more letters on this subject. Thank you all for expressing your opinions.

Nestoros should fully understand the topic

To The Editor:

The only thing Mr. Demosthenes Nestoros cleared up in his letter about the Senatorial Absence Rule (*Sidelines*, March 13) was his ignorance of the SGA Constitution. He is a House Representative with no knowledge of the impeachment process or what progressed during the proceedings because he failed to pay attention.

I only brought the charges to impeach the Senators on the House floor. After the impeachment process, the proceedings were out of my hands. The trial should have been bound over and delayed for at least one week to allow the House time to appoint an investigative committee. SGA president Drew Bergman took the impeachment proceedings immediately to the Senate for a hearing. Bergman's actions, and not mine, are the reason for rushing the proceedings and disregarding guaranteed constitutional protections.

Each elected official takes an oath to uphold the SGA Constitution, but Nestoros does not seem to understand the fact that a Senator is allowed only three absences. The constitution does not make any mention of excused or unexcused absences. Nestoros needs to read the constitution and remember that only the SGA Supreme Court may interpret it.

The facts are several Senators violated the constitution and were subject to impeachment. I only fulfilled my duty as SGA Attorney General. Nestoros has no business in, or knowledge of, the SGA judiciary process, and should refrain from making remarks on issues he does not fully understand.

No Senator was singled out. All persons guilty of violating the SGA Constitution (Article 5, Section 2, Paragraph 3) concerning absences were prosecuted. Their prosecution was not political, but merely an application of the law.

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Julia & Lyle bite the dust

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They said it wouldn't last. And it didn't.

Eyebrows raised when "Pretty Woman" star Julia Roberts married the loose-jointed, laconic country singer Lyle Lovett in the surprise wedding of 1993.

The union warmed the heart of armchair romantics: A peculiar-looking guy gets the Hollywood beauty courted by a bevy of handsome leading men.

But the dream appears to be over. Roberts, 27, and Lovett, 37, released a brief statement Tuesday saying they have agreed to a legal separation. No reason was given for the split.

"Big surprise," said psychologist Joyce Brothers. "The surprise is that it lasted as long as it did."

Before the marriage, Roberts was linked romantically to several of her former leading men, including Liam Neeson and Kiefer Sutherland. She planned to marry Sutherland in an elaborate wedding on a Hollywood soundstage in 1991, but canceled just hours before the ceremony and took off a few days later with actor Jason Patric.

After a whirlwind

Car thief screwed up taking the Ford

ATLANTA (AP) — A special message to the thief who swiped a dark blue Ford parked downtown the other day — you have the feds on your case. President Clinton was coming to town, and the car belongs to the Secret Service.

The unmarked car, a Ford Crown Victoria with Georgia license plates, was reported stolen Tuesday afternoon from a downtown parking lot next to the Secret Service's office, police spokeswoman Marion Lee said today.

That was shortly before Clinton arrived in Atlanta, where he attended an economic forum.

Actually, the car probably was taken Monday, said Ray

Shaddick, special agent in charge of the Secret Service office. The theft wasn't noticed until Tuesday because of the flurry of preparations for Clinton's arrival, he said. "By the time we said, 'Hey, this might be a stolen vehicle situation,' it was probably Tuesday."

Shaddick said the only equipment the car contained was a blue light that can be attached to the roof, and a radio.

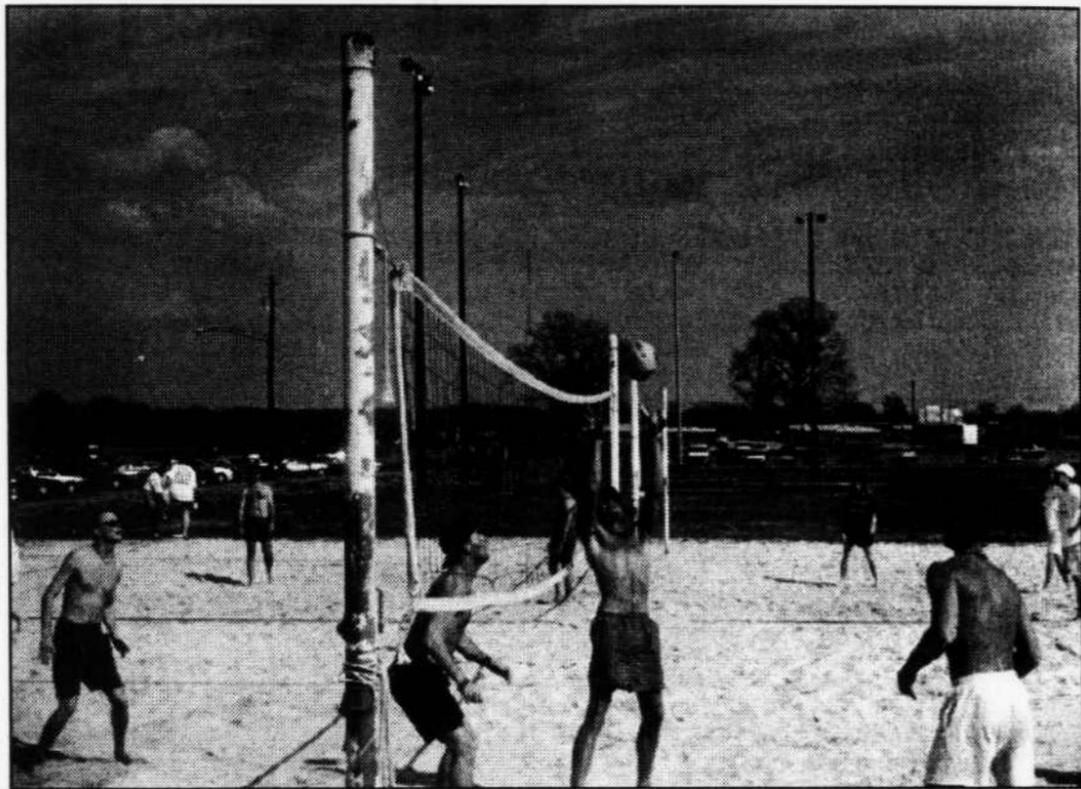
The missing radio shouldn't interfere with Clinton's tour. It was "not compatible with what's being used in the (president's) visit," Shaddick said. ■

romance, Roberts and Lovett were married June 27, 1993, in a small church in Marion, Ind. The wedding was a hush-hush affair put together in just two days while Roberts was on a break from filming "The Pelican Brief." It was the first marriage for both; they had no children. The actress had met the singer with the Eraserhead hairdo while filming the 1992 movie "The Player."

The two have long been fodder for supermarket tabloids, which often suggested that all was not well in the relationship. There were photographs of Lovett with other women and Roberts with other men. "We remain close and in great support of one another," Roberts and Lovett said in a joint statement released by publicist Nancy Seltzer. The whereabouts of Lovett and Roberts weren't disclosed.

"The marriage offered romance for Americans," said Brothers, who recalled seeing a videotape of Lovett helping Roberts out of a car. "There was so much tenderness and love on his face. It lit up the screen." ■

Indian Summer at MTSU



SEAN JEWETT/Staff

Students enjoy the warm early spring weather at the sand volleyball courts outside Cummings Hall the Thursday before Spring Break. The thermometer reached 78 degrees the day before students headed south to escape the "cold" weather. Temperatures this week are expected to dip back into the 50s.

The answer to life's anxiety and grave problems? A dog

AUSTIN, Texas (CPS)—University of Texas social work professor Leslie Wind has found truth in the saying a dog is man's best friend.

That is why she chose to use a 95-pound golden retriever named Johnny in therapy for patients in her clinical practice, and now for students in her classes.

"If you're feeling tearful, he will come lie at your feet. If you're yelling, he'll back off and lay in the middle of the room," Wind said.

Wind, who brought Johnny to two of her classes for the first time in late February, always has used the dog at her clinical practice, located at Westlake Psychotherapy Center. She said Johnny is good therapy for her patients, and she hopes he will have the same effect on her students.

"From what I saw today, students are more comfortable in making eye contact with Johnny than they would with a teacher, which is very soothing for them," Wind said. "They also feel more relaxed in learning, and this is a real positive influence." She added that Johnny also should be able to ease a little of the stress graduate students face.

Stephanie Lerner, a graduate social work student, said she has been feeling anxious lately. After being around Johnny, her anxiety turned to comfort.

"I am a huge dog lover, so for me it was really good having him there," Lerner said. "In a way he distracted me, though, because I wanted to be on the floor playing with him the whole time. I'm excited he'll be there, though, because he adds that warm element to the class."

Kate Wambach, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, said using dog can be very effective, but it really depends on the individual person.

"For certain clients, it can be very calming," Wambach said. "When used appropriately, it can be a mechanism for

making environments less stressful, and helps to establish an atmosphere where intimate details of one's life can be discussed and worked on."

Wambach said she has seen significant results in using dogs for therapy, especially in nursing homes.

"It really helps to draw out the client. A lot of the time, people are not very interactive, but when the dog is around they'll open up and start interacting with it," she said.

Wind describes golden retrievers as "very gentle, sensitive, highly trainable and wanting to please." Before Wind purchased Johnny from High Mark Kennels, he was champion show dog.

She said that Johnny is able to tolerate many attitudes and has a personality that is able to fit into the calm environment of clinical practice.

"My anxiety really goes down in treating difficult patients with Johnny. It is very reassuring to have him around. He knows he has to be calm at work," she said. People call Johnny "Mr. Mellow," Wind said, because he is so calm.

Wind said one of her patients, who often tries to harm her ill brother, is schizophrenic. But because the patient likes animals and is gentle with them, Wind said she uses Johnny to show the child how to treat her brother.

"There is really a distinct change with kids. I have never had a child say to put him out," Wind said. "By the end of the session they are all over him."

Wind said she consults her patients to find out if any of them are allergic to dogs or afraid of animals. And she does not use Johnny as part of therapy if patients have an objection to the procedure.

"I hope this is a statement about the creative ways we are able to provide treatment," Wind said. ■

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