

**Breaking through: part 2**

In the continuation of a three-part series, a student shares his struggle with learning disabilities.

Page 5

**Baseball stops Bulldogs**

The Blue Raiders ended Cumberland's 12-game winning streak before taking two from UT-Martin.

Page 6

On Campus.....2  
 Opinions.....4  
 Features.....5  
 Around Town.....5  
 Sports.....6  
 Classifieds.....7



MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

# Sidelines

Thursday  
 April 10, 1997

Volume 72, Number 60

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

## Low attendance slows down SGA

By Jamie Evans/ staff

Trying to get senators to attend Senate meetings is seemingly as hard as trying to get voters to turn out at the polls.

Currently, there are 29 student senators and 109 representatives in the SGA. However, attendance at the meetings averages only 16 members in the Senate and 71 members in the house, according to "Sidelines" estimates gathered at every meeting.

The SGA constitution states that after three absences, senators are supposed to be relieved of office. There are seven senators this semester that have missed three out of eight meetings and who are on the verge of being unexcused. Impeachment comes with four unexcused absences.

However, Speaker of the Senate Ryan Durham, who is also president-elect, said he decided to wait until next semester before actually impeaching anyone because it is the end of the semester. He was against taking the senators' vote away as punishment, because he said it would take the voice away from the entire college represented.

"Next year we will be following it strictly," Durham said. "[Unexcused absences] aggravates the fire out of me."

Three of the senators who are on the edge of impeachment—Kanday Evans, Heidi Gonzalez (who has been re-elected for next term), and Carl Badgely—make up three-fifths of the senators that represent the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

"I know that I have missed two, I have not been notified that I have missed three," said Badgely. "I thought one had been excused."

The other senators could not be reached before press deadline.

Durham explained that it is hard to know beforehand whether a person running in an election will be a dependable person.

Philip Crabtree, another senator who

missed three times and has had an additional excused absence, ran unopposed for election-commissioner and will take the position over next fall.

The other three senators are David Gregg, Jonathan Lampley, and Bobby Esnes.

"Sherry [secretary for the Senate] and I did everything we could possibly do to get these people to come to the meetings," Durham said. "Some students just seek this position for resume purposes."

College of Education Senator Michael Grantham, who has not missed a meeting this semester, said lack of attendance at meetings "definitely made it hard to put legislation through" the Senate.

When the Senate passes a bill through committee, it still must pass through the the Senate as a whole. Fifteen senators are required for quorum. As a result, the parking bill was delayed for three weeks because of lack of attendance in the Senate.

Grantham said that when these types of things happen, it "sets the tone for other students."

**"[We] did everything we could possibly do to get these people to come to the meetings. Some students just seek this position for resume purposes."**

—Ryan Durham  
 Speaker of the Senate

## South Pacific party



Steve Purinton/ staff.

A dancer from Polynesian Reflections performs at the Knoll as part of International Culture Week. The group, from the South Pacific, was on campus yesterday.

## Business dean seeks less hours for graduates

By Lee Murphy/ staff

Four little college credits may not seem significant, but in the cumulative effort toward a bachelor's degree, every credit counts—or does it?

This is the question surrounding a proposal from the College of Business to reduce the minimum hours required for a bachelor's degree at MTSU from 132 to 128 credits.

The proposal was launched by Dean Rick Elam of the College of Business, who says that the average number of hours required for a business program nationwide falls around 126 credits, which is still lower than the minimum he is proposing.

"In further researching the matter, I find that the TBR is extremely unusual in having this minimum of 128 hours for a bachelor's degree—many coordinating boards have maximums that are lower than our minimums," Elam said.

Currently, MTSU, Tennessee Tech and the University of Memphis, excluding its

accounting program, require a minimum of 132 hours. Austin Peay and ETSU require 128 credits and TSU requires 130.

Elam said it is important to understand that this proposal in no way forces any other college on campus to change the current requirements. He acknowledged that some programs may need to stay at the 132 credit minimum, but "firmly believes" a reduction is the "right thing to do" for the College of Business in order to stay competitive with other business schools.

"It simply says to the colleges, like the College of Business, if you really think that academically you can do it in 128 hours and do a good job of it, go ahead," he explained.

The proposal has raised some eyebrows in the academic community. Elam said the initial reaction he received was concern over the financial implications since MTSU is classified as a "formula funded" school. He said a four-credit reduction for those students who graduate might lower the budget by a certain number of positions, but 70 are positions already included in the 70 that remain unfilled. In short, the

university wouldn't be losing anything it doesn't currently have.

"The states that have addressed this and put ceilings on have basically said, 'we want a quality education for our citizens, but we want a fair price...every additional hour we require is costing the state extra money, not to mention the student's extra time and extra money,'" Elam said.

The proposal was passed by Elam's department and was approved in February by a 6-2 vote by the Committee on Admissions and Standards, whose jurisdiction includes admission and graduation requirements and the grading system. The committee, which is comprised of members from the various colleges and two student representatives, tries to be aware of "trends, benefits and changes."

Chair Anthony Newsome said that in researching other college catalogs, MTSU's 132 required hours seemed higher than most requirements. This raised the question of whether there is a discrepancy

Please see BUSINESS page 2

## Senate asks for affordable PCs

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Blue Raider Bookstore provides a plan that makes personal computers more affordable to students, and the Faculty Senate has recommended that the university try to offer a similar plan.

Blue Raider Bookstore, 1321 Greenland Drive, has an agreement with Penn Security Bank to make computers more affordable through student loans. Penn Security, a national bank in Pennsylvania, works in academic resales and specializes in helping students purchase computer equipment. Students can choose between finance plans ranging from one to three years.

"About half of our computers are sold to students," said Jonathan Regalo, 23, a computer

Please see COMPUTERS page 2

## Walker's condition upgraded to 'fair'

Staff Reports

Gwen Walker, wife of President Walker, will probably be upgraded to "fair" condition today following her lung transplant two weeks ago, according to John Houser, media director for Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Mrs. Walker received a lung transplant on March 30.

"She'll probably be upgraded [from critical, but stable condition] to fair condition tomorrow," Houser said late yesterday afternoon.

The surgeon who performed Mrs. Walker's transplant is Dr. Richard Pierson. He has worked at Vanderbilt Medical Center since 1994, replacing Dr. William Frist who is a current senator of Tennessee.

Mrs. Walker's surgery was without complications.

## New scholarship in honor of Nobel Prize alumnus

By Susan McMahan/ staff

A Nobel Prize winner and alumnus of the university will be honored with the establishment of a new academic scholarship.

Dr. James M. Buchanan, who graduated from what was then Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, was the recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1986.

Buchanan was born in the country village of Gum, which was part of Rutherford County. He attended Buchanan school, which was named for his family, during grade school. He attended MTSTC from 1936-1940.

Beginning next fall, students who are eligible for a Presidential Scholarship can apply for the James M. Buchanan Scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship is awarded only to first-time freshmen who have a composite ACT score of 29 or better and a 3.5 grade point average after their seventh semester in high school.

Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "We are just very excited about initiating this new scholarship program."

There will be up to 10 Buchanan scholarships given each year. The award, which is worth \$1,000, will be given to the winner over a two semester time period.

The award is not need-based. Instead, it is based on the student's academic capabilities. Students do not have to be pursuing a certain major to apply.

According to Haskew, the university hopes to have Buchanan present next fall when a special



Dr. Buchanan

ceremony will be held to recognize the first recipients.

Buchanan is currently the Holbert L. Harris Professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Tom Tozer, assistant director

of News and Public Affairs, said that each recipient next fall will receive a copy of Buchanan's book, "Better Than Plowing," which was published in 1992.

"Recipients of this scholarship should be proud they're getting an award with Dr. Buchanan's name on it," said Tozer.

The idea for the scholarship was developed by Dr. Haskew.

"She [Haskew] felt the university should honor alumni," said Tozer. "Dr. Buchanan is somebody the university should recognize."

Tozer said Buchanan was very honored when he was told about the scholarship.

"He started from very humble beginnings, and he is still very humble," said Tozer.

Buchanan also offered to help contribute to the scholarship fund.

Tozer said Buchanan wants students in Middle Tennessee to know that they can succeed just as easily as students enrolled in the "eastern establishment elite" universities.

"We are very proud to have a Nobel prize winner from MTSU," said Haskew. "We want to put in place a kind of environment that might produce another winner."

## Dorm resident robbed at gunpoint in his room

Staff Reports

A resident of Schardt Hall was robbed Tuesday at gunpoint.

"A person walked into the room and allegedly stuck a pistol to his head, pushed him to the bed, tied him up and stole \$20 from his desk," said John Lynch, assistant director of News and Public Affairs.

The victim was in his dorm room with the door open.

The only description the victim was able to give about the attacker was that the person was wearing jeans.

Witnesses were also unable to give a description of the alleged attacker.

Dustin Miller, public safety spokesman, said that investigators are working on

leads in the case and the investigation is continuing.

"As soon as more information becomes available, we'll release it," Miller said.

Miller said there are several things that students can do to prevent another crime like this.

- Students should lock their doors, whether they are in their room or not.
- Don't carry large amounts of money.
- Report all suspicious activities to MTSU Public Safety or Murfreesboro CrimeStoppers.

Students with any information in this case should call Public Safety at 898-2424 or CrimeStoppers at 893-STOP.

## Speaker of the House elected in run-off election

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

Run-off elections yesterday

at Reel Hall yielded some results—including a new Speaker of the House and two new senators—but election officials say there will probably have to be yet another run-off at a later date.

Candidates for senate seats representing the College of Basic and Applied Sciences—Chris Arnold and Wendy Wolff—tied yesterday with nine votes each. Election Commissioner Scott Davis will have to contact both of them to inquire whether they're still interested in running for the seat. If they are, there will be another run-off election.

Jason Reid defeated Robert Holder for Speaker of the House by receiving 83 of the 147 votes cast. Holder received 64.

"I believe students are ready to try something different," Reid said after his

run-off was announced.

In the College of Education, Lori Tidwell defeated Dawn Spry for the one remaining senate seat.

In Graduate Studies, Michael Kearney picked up a senate seat by receiving seven votes.

Reid, 25, currently a senator for the College of Liberal Arts, said he already has some ideas he is putting together to introduce into the House in the fall.

"My number one priority will be attendance, to make sure organizations get their representatives there," Reid said. "It's a privilege to have this kind of legislative ability on campus."

Reid added he is looking forward to working with President-Elect Ryan Durham in the fall.

"I've worked with Ryan in the Senate; he is truly committed," Reid said.

**In life, it is perceptually advantageous and far too easy to act like others. Practice random acts of your consciousness.**

**- J. Bauer**

**MILITARY POLICE NEEDED**

The 296th Military Police Company, located in Murfreesboro has immediate openings. Qualified applicants will be trained to conduct military police operations in riot control, patrolling, and counter terrorism in the US and foreign countries. These skills will be put to use in performing missions on weekend drills and annual training assemblies.

**\*BENEFITS\***

- \* Pay starting at \$8.80 hour \*
- \* Travel \*
- \* Financial Assistance for College \*

Contact Dale Eaton at 898-8042, your local National Guard Recruiter

**MTSU STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

Jack McFarland Health Services Bldg. Across the street from Cummings Hall 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday- Friday

**Don't forget to turn in proof of measles immunization**

All new & re-enrolling students born 1957 or after must provide proof of measles immunization after Jan. 1, 1980, or proof of immunity to the disease. Students will not be allowed to register beyond their first semester until acceptable form has been returned to MTSU Health Services.

**COMPUTERS:**

continued from page 1

technician at Blue Raider. "They also make up about 80 percent of the upgrades we do. "A student can choose to buy a \$1700 computer on a two-year loan," said Regalo. "With a rate of 16 percent, that student will have only gained \$300 in interest."

At its March meeting, the Senate proposed a similar plan that would work between the administration and local banks interested in providing students with an affordable program for financing the purchase of a personal computer. Such agreements would include lower-than-usual interest rates, deferred payments or both.

Joe Hugh, director of purchasing, said the university has been looking at ways for some time to make computers more affordable, but has had a tough time getting banks to cooperate.

"We went out to solicit the banks," Hugh said. "But no one wanted an unsecured loan."

Only one bank, American General, was willing to take to risk with student loans; however, because of the lack of interest and the amount of paperwork, the university dismissed the idea.

"The computer companies can do it, because they can sell you the parts and equipment for it," said Hugh. "They can make a profit."

Computer companies like Apple Computers Inc. offer plans to help students purchase affordable computers. Apple offers a program that allows a student to write a letter explaining his or her desire to buy a computer, the price of the computer and the specific model. The company then sends the student a check for the amount requested. After the machine is purchased, the student pays the company directly in installments. \*

**On Campus** 

**April 1997**

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with parenting classes, or to assist with child care during the parenting classes. Training in April. For more information call Amy at 227-2273.

**Now Until April 12**

Japanese Women: Past & Present exhibit continues for viewing in the Cope Lobby Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. For more information please call the Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

**Now Until April 18**

10 Academic Service Scholarships are being offered by OWLs student organization for adult learners. Go to the OWLs office at KUC 320 or call Carol Ann Baily at 898-5989 for more information.

**Now Until May 2**

Student Art Show at Barn Gallery featuring work by Krishna Adams, Mary Beth Green, Dan Jordan, Allen Lowe and Sherry Teal. Gallery hours are Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Reception for the artists: Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information call 898-2455.

**Now Until June 20**

Careers Now Program sponsored by Erudite Emancipators announces internship opportunity for all

career fields. Especially, but not exclusively, seeking minorities. Hourly stipend. Minimum 3.0 GPA required. Must be available for Fall semester 1997. For more information contact Angela Bond at 898-3954.

**THURSDAY, April 10**

The Davidson County MTSU Chapter will conduct a free career planning seminar for students and new graduates at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Center. For more information, contact Lou Nave at 898-5476.

ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony presented by the Military Science Department will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the KUC Theatre. For further information contact Anita Felice at 898-2293 or 898-2470.

Chemistry Department Research Open House 1:30-3:30 p.m. on second floor of Davis Science Building featuring displays of student undergraduate and graduate research. All are invited to attend. Contact Dr. Martin Stuart at 898-2073 for more information.

Thunder 94 Radio Station will be at MTSU from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. They will have items from the station to give away to blood donors. Call Kim Browning at 893-4272 for more information.

**April 11-13**

"Accepting the Challenge" Retreat with the Presbyterian Student Fellowship will leave Friday at 6:30 p.m. and return Sunday at noon. The

retreat is free. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

**FRIDAY, April 11**

1997 AAUW Spring Book/Media Sale will be held in KUC. Bargains include used books, videos, record albums, cassette tapes, CDs, etc. Proceeds will be used to replenish AAUW scholarship fund for MTSU students. For more information call Susan Myers-Shirk at 898-2386 or send an e-mail message to sshirk@frank.mtsu.edu

**SATURDAY, April 12**

Second Annual Minority Pre-Law Day at the University of Memphis School of Law from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Workshop sessions focus on Law School Admissions Test, how to finance a legal education, steps in the admissions process and details of the Tennessee Pre-Professional Law Fellowship Program. There is no fee. To register call the Tennessee Bar Association at 1-800-899-6993. Parents of students and pre-law advisors are encouraged to attend.

**SUNDAY, April 13**

Model United Nations meets every Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

Wesley Foundation University Worship meets at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Call Bill Campbell for more information at 893-0469.

**WAZZ**  
**WMOT-FM 89.5**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**NOW OPEN**

Murfreesboro's Newest Hotel

**For Graduation or Weekend Visits.**

Treat your family and friends to Murfreesboro's newly constructed Wingate Inn hotel. Every oversized room offers a king-size bed or two double beds, two-line speaker phone and second cordless phone, lounge chair with ottoman, coffee maker, safe, full-size iron and ironing board, and 25" color tv with free HBO - at prices lower than you might expect.

**Plus:**

- children stay free
- complimentary expanded continental breakfast
- free local calls and long distance access
- outdoor pool, exercise room and whirlpool
- 100% Satisfaction Guarantee\*



BUILT FOR BUSINESS

For Reservations, Contact Your Travel Professional Or Call

**1.800.228.1000**

www.wingateinns.com

I-24 to Exit 78 • Adjacent to Cracker Barrel • 165 Chaffin Place • Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
Call the hotel direct at: 615.849.9000



\*If we can't make you completely satisfied with your stay at Wingate Inn, we'll gladly refund your money. ©1997 Wingate Inns, L.P. All rights reserved.

**WOULD \$45,100 HELP WITH COLLEGE?**

You can earn more than \$18,000 during a standard Army Reserve enlistment ...

And another \$7,124 if you qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill ...

Plus if you have or obtain a qualified student loan, you could get help paying it off-up to \$20,000-if you train in certain specialties in certain units.

And that's for part-time service-usually one weekend a month plus two weeks' Annual Training.

Think about it. Then think about us. Then call:

**890-1810**

BE ALL YOU CAN BE: **ARMY RESERVE**

**MTSU BAND OF BLUE**

Guard/ Drum Major/ Majorette Tryouts

Saturday, April 26, 1997  
Wright Music Building  
2:00

For more information:  
**898-2993**

**HOOTERS**

Nearly World Famous Wings, Seafood, Sandwiches & Salads

**Double Dime Time**

**20¢ wings Mon.- Thurs., 3-6 PM**

*Jamaican Me Crazy Mondays*

**Luau Party on the Patio**

**25¢ oyster bar specials on Corona & Red Stripe**  
**Lotsa contests, prizes**



1310 NW Broad St. 37130  
867-2337

**BUY 10 LEFT WINGS, GET 10 FREE RIGHT WINGS**

(not good with any other specials)

**BUSINESS:**

**continued from page 1**  
because of the way credits are calculated at different schools, or whether MTSU is requiring too much from its students.

"It's interesting when you see how MTSU aligns with other universities. In terms of credit hour requirements, there's benefits to having higher and there's benefits to having lower. You need to look at the quality of the program," Newsome said.

The resolution that was passed "simply gives people an opportunity for increased flexibility of the operation of their programs within TBR guidelines," he added.

Elam's proposal now awaits discussion and recommendation at the Academic Affairs level. Associate Vice President Robert Jones said the proposal entails a "broad-range kind of change," requiring much more discussion within the academic community.

Provost and Vice President Barbara Haskew also confirmed that the proposal has reached the stage where full discussions

and analysis will occur, but that it isn't an issue that will yield resolutions right away.

"Dr. Walker would depend upon us to be sure that all of the potentially affected parties were involved in discussing this, and that we undertook any sort of analysis that might need to occur to help make that decision or to support any recommendation we might make," Haskew said.

Jones reiterated that the proposal wouldn't change any other college's program unless they wanted it to. Should the reduction in hours from 132 to 128 be approved, students in the college of business would be allowed catalog flexibility as well.

"As I understand it, you may use the catalog that is currently enforced or the catalog that you entered under so long as that catalog is not more than seven years old," he explained.

Haskew said that "broadly engaging the University community," as recommended by the Committee on Admissions and Standards when the proposal was forwarded, will include

discussions with deans and chairs and other appropriate bodies, such as the Faculty Senate Committee.

During the March meeting of the Faculty Senate, the proposal was introduced from the floor but remains at the discussion level only, according to Faculty Senate President Mary Stivers.

"We want the opportunity to study the issue and have a committee look at it." Stivers said the Senate would most likely address the proposal during the fall.

Another factor being taken into consideration by other colleges and universities reducing credit requirements for a bachelor's degree is the increasing amount of time students are taking to graduate.

The Chronicle of Higher Education featured the Arizona Board of Regents' decision to lower its graduation requirements from 125 and 130 credits to 120 credits. Some programs, such as engineering and social work, received permission from the board to require more credits. According to the research,

students who enter college without any previous college credit and take an average of five classes per semester will not graduate in four years. Clearly, many students are taking longer to graduate.

SGA President Christin Baker acknowledged that students are now taking anywhere from four to six years to graduate due to "a lot more responsibility." Many students are working students, and this inevitably factors into the amount of time it will take to graduate.

"We tend to overload the student," Baker said.

She feels the proposal from the college of business is a "good thing" and hopes that the other colleges will look into it as long as the issue remains one based on the quality of education.

Elam said the proposal to lower the minimum credit hours does not have to be about lowering academic standards.

"There's a lot of good universities in this country that are doing good bachelor's degrees in business in less than 132 hours—a lot less. Why can't we?"

**Final Applied Philosophy Lyceum explores sociobiology**

By Christi Underdown/ staff

"I want to know why a research program like sociobiology was even created," said Dr. Lynn Hankinson Nelson, the last speaker in this year's Applied Philosophy Lyceum.

Nelson will present her lecture, "Scientism Well Lost, Evidence Regained: The Case for a Social Empiricism," this Friday in James Union Building 304.

"If sociobiology is true, then there is no place for feminism," said Mary Magada-Ward, a philosophy professor and sponsor of Nelson. "If our genes control

how we act, there is not much we can do about it."

Sociobiology is a study which theorizes that social characteristics such as selfishness are drawn from human nature or genetic background. Nelson said this avenue of research has never produced empirical evidence, yet popularity for its ideas has been widely accepted in the public as well as the scientific community.

Nelson will use her background of philosophy of science, case studies and research by other feminist scholars to

demonstrate a theory for philosophers to use while looking at and studying science. This theory of evidence promotes an idea derived from the Enlightenment. A scientist's work comes from his or her own experiences, not natural or genetic talents, she said.

"The claims of sociobiology has outstripped the evidence supporting them," said Nelson. "We have to question what this implies about the obligations of cognitive authority."

Nelson is the acting chair of the philosophy department at Rowan College. She has published a book entitled "Who

Knows: From Quine to a Feminist Empiricism," as well as various prominent articles.

She has traveled the United States lecturing and is a member of many organizations, including the American Philosophical Association, Canadian Philosophical Association, Philosophical Science Association, Society for Women in Philosophy and National Women's Studies Association.

She is also the editor for the "Society for Women in Philosophy Newsletter."

**Organizations**



*Be a part of MTSU*

**Get your picture made for the 1996-97**

**MIDLANDER**

Thursday, April 10

12:30 p.m. - ?

**Call 898-2478 to make an appointment today!**

Fine Arts:  
Listen to Your Muse.

**FREE showings!!**  
April 12/13 Sat/Sun  
3 pm only KUC Theater  
FREE and OPEN to all!!

**YOJIMBO**

MTSU Fine Arts presents

**VUKA**

South African  
Zulu Dance Troop

Tucker Theater, Wednesday, April 16  
7:00 p.m. FREE and OPEN  
Information = 898-2551

**KUC THEATER**  
All movies all showings only \$2.00.

**STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT**

**Last showings tonight!!**  
Thursday April 9  
7 & 10 p.m.

The crew of Star Trek: The Next Generation invites you to join them for a journey where no man has gone before! Again. But this really is a trip you'll never forget! In the Star Trek adventure critics and audiences are calling the most fantastic voyage of the series, Captain Jean Luc-Picard and the crew of the newly commissioned Enterprise-E battle the insidious Borg, a villainous cybernetic life-form that absorbs all other life, to restore the rightful future of Earth. Joining the cast are Alice Krige as the sinister, seductive Borg queen, and Oscar®-nominee Alfre Woodard as Captain Picard's new love interest. Starring Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, LeVar Burton, Michael Dorn, Gates McFadden, Marina Sirtis, and Brent Spiner. (1996, color, PG-13, 112 minutes)

Sunday April 13  
9 p.m.

Monday April 14  
7 & 10 p.m.

**PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE**

From the "Films You've Always Heard About, But Were Afraid To See" film vault. Unfriendly aliens (again) in flying hupcaps (or maybe paper planes) resurrecting the dead in hopes of conquering Earth. What were the first eight plans? (Have you ever noticed that besieged earth is always spelled Earth?) Residents living near the local graveyards were not amused. Say you like camp? This little number, possibly the worst movie ever made, hits such an outright low that every moment of it is hilarious. Interesting cast includes Bela Lugosi (who died during filming but finished the movie anyway!), Lyle Talbot, John Breckenridge, Vampira (We kid you not!), and Tom Keene. (BW, nr, 1959, 79 minutes)

MTSU Concerts presents

**April 11**  
**WMTS Knoll**  
**THIS FRIDAY!!**

Rites of Spring Wienie Roast  
featuring  
Serotonin, Slump, & Crop Circle Hoax

**wmts 88.3fm**  
FOR THE MUSICALLY CHALLENGED

Fridays, 3:00 p.m.  
KUC Courtyard  
FREE/OPEN to all!!  
For information call 898-2551.

# Opinions

## In our view

### Dean Elam has the right idea

Ask any graduating senior what their least favorite number is, and don't be surprised if the answer they give you is "132." The number, of course, refers to the minimum number of credit hours students must complete before they can graduate. And these days, it is also a number that is nearly impossible for many students to reach in the four years traditionally allotted to them after graduating high school.

Recently, Dean Rick Elam of the College of Business began an effort to reduce the minimum number of required credit hours for his college's graduates from the standard 132 hours to 128. It is a proposal that the entire university should consider implementing.

Too often, graduating seniors, already burdened with substantial outside work schedules and other commitments that few of their predecessors 20 years ago ever faced, are forced to spend an extra semester on campus to take extraneous elective courses for the sole reason of accumulating the 132 hours required to graduate.

Indeed, depending on their chosen field of study, it is quite common for students to have completed all of their general studies, major and minor obligations, and yet still have less than 132 hours. As a result, these students must take courses that not only have little appeal or value to them, but likely have no significant bearing on the quality of their education.

So why force students to take courses they neither desire nor necessarily need, other than to perhaps drain that much more out of their wallets?

No one would ever suggest that MTSU should lower the quality of education that it provides its graduates. At the same time, however, one should also avoid linking an artificial quantity of courses to educational value.

The administration and faculty are urged not only to seriously consider Dean Elam's proposal, but to expand their analysis to include MTSU's other colleges that might also benefit from a reduction in minimum credit hours. While some colleges may find the 132 hours requirement entirely necessary in order to maintain their quality of education, others may feel otherwise. MTSU should not let an artificial number automatically dictate its actions.

### What about Ole Blue?

In addition to changing its name, MTSU is also considering changing its nickname and mascot. "Sidelines" wants to know what nickname you think would be best for MTSU, or UMT, or U of Whatever-we-decide. Send your suggestions for MTSU, or UMT, or U of Whatever-we-decide. Send your suggestions for MTSU, or UMT, or U of Whatever-we-decide. Send your suggestions for MTSU, or UMT, or U of Whatever-we-decide.

Sidelines, Box 42, or via e-mail at [stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu) by Friday, April 11. We'll publish the most popular and interesting suggestions on April 14.

### Correction

In the Monday, April 7 issue, "Sidelines" incorrectly reported that Brian Lewis had been elected to the post of SGA Speaker of the House. In fact, Lewis was elected as SGA Speaker of the Senate. "Sidelines"

regrets the error.

It is the policy of "Sidelines" to correct any errors or mistakes it prints. To report an error or factual mistake, call the "Sidelines" Editor's office, 898-2337.

## Sidelines

P.O. BOX 42, MURFREESBORO, TN 37132  
Advertising: 898-2533 • Editor: 898-2337 • Fax: 904-8487

**Editorial staff**  
Editor • Keith Russell

News Editor • Gregg Mayer

Features Editor • Adam Smith

Sports Editor • Lesli Bales  
Assistant Sports Editor • Doug Malan

Special Sections Editor • Heather Hybarger

Campus Showcase Editor • Jennie Treadway

Photo Editor • Brian G. Miller  
Photo Assignment Editor • Shawn Sidwell

Copy Editor • Robin K. Moates

Layout: • Lori Haley, Eric D. Jackson

Advertising Staff  
Advertising Manager • Jim Bauer

Advertising Representatives • Justin Boone, Matt Woodard

Production Staff

Production • Marisa Calvin, Ryan Rowland

Student Publications Director  
Jenny Tenpenny Crouch

*Sidelines* is the non-profit editorially independent student newspaper of MTSU and is published every Monday and Thursday. The opinions expressed herein are those of the individual writers and not necessarily those of *Sidelines* or the university.

### Letters Policy

*Sidelines* encourages comments from readers. Letters to the editor should not exceed 300 words. Authors who want more than 300 words to express themselves should contact the editor. *Sidelines* keeps its pages open to all viewpoints and all members of the MTSU community. Authors should include their name, address, major, classification and phone number for identification purposes. (Phone numbers will not be published.) *Sidelines* reserves the right to edit for length, grammar, style and libel.

E-Mail letters to [stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:stupubs@frank.mtsu.edu). Send letters to Box 42, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 or drop them off at the *Sidelines* office in JUB Room 310.



## No Big Al? No Wakeland at graduation



### Ramblings

Warren Wakeland

Earlier this semester, I wrote a column about graduation. This is something seniors look forward to for quite a while.

I have the school days left in the semester numbered in my DayPlanner, starting in January. Including today, there's 14 days left. That's 35 1/2 classroom hours, 2,130 classroom minutes, or 127,800 classroom seconds.

I spent a considerable sum putting together and mailing more than 70 resumes, to avoid getting stuck delivering pizzas when I have a college degree. The week's debauchery in Jamaica is planned, but if the firm that hires me insists I be at work May 12, I'll be there. Announcements have been sent, extra supplies of adult beverages have been ordered at Davis Market - the whole ball of wax.

Too bad the graduation ceremony won't be worth going to.

My friends still think I'm not serious about skipping Holy Saturday. But last week, I went to the records office to fill out the form necessary to officially blow off commencement. It's one month from today - May 10 - and if you go, you won't hear my name called and you won't see me.

Why? There are two main reasons. One is personal, and the other has to do with MTSU.

First, no one's coming to see me walk. My mother, who is my only real family, lives in Tampa, Florida - 700 miles from here. She has been in poor health since January 1995 and can't travel. Besides, since Valujet made the Everglades one of its destinations last summer, she refuses to get near a plane.

I realize most of you are in a different position. Your families will be here, and they want to celebrate your parole - I mean, achievement. They should - it's the greatest thing you've ever done, and they are proud of you. But I see no reason to get up with the chickens if no one is going to be there to yell and scream when my name is called.

You know, you don't actually get your diploma at the ceremony. You get an empty folder so when they take the picture of you and The Big Dog (President Walker), it will look legit.

Hope I haven't burst anyone's bubble.

Second, and more importantly, is the complete lack of effort put into this ceremony by the university.

Less than two months before graduation, there was no speaker set for the ceremony. I know because I called the president's office to check. I was amazed.

Now, finally, they have a guy. Clifford "Bo" Henry.

Raise your hand if you know who Bo Henry is.

Three out of 17,000. That's good. Even I didn't know.

So we'll all know, Bo Henry is a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

When I wrote the first graduation piece, I said they'd get "some schlepp I've never heard of." I'm damn

prophetic, ain't I?

You just know many calls were made and strings pulled to get this guy.

I heard they contacted Dennis Rodman, but he insisted on wearing white pumps with the black graduation robe. The rules say you must wear dark shoes, so he was out.

So they had to settle for good ole Bo.

MTSU had every opportunity to make this ceremony a great one and chose to be lazy. With one call placed by mid-February, they could have lined up Al Gore, as I originally suggested in September, and it would have cost nothing other than extra security.

His appearance would have been historic for the university and an incredible marketing tool. Every national newscast that night would have shown a banner with the MTSU logo on it behind the vice president's head. You can't buy that kind of PR for any price.

But no one cared enough to try to get him. I know because I called his Washington office and was told that was the first they had heard of the idea.

I'm interesting than fleas crap is Al. But he is the Vice President of the United States - a world leader. His status alone would have made this graduation memorable for a lifetime, no matter what he said.

And it would have been fun to see the Secret Service flip out when they saw MTSU's collection of scruffy-looking RIM students. You guys look like terrorists to them.

I wouldn't remember Bo Henry even if I went to the ceremony, and none of you will either.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Forrest mascot idea in our past, not future

To the Editor:

This letter is submitted in response to the erroneous letter to the editor in the April 7th edition of "Sidelines."

I propose unwaveringly that no African-American considers the KKK, Nathan Bedford Forrest nor the Confederate flag a part of our heritage. Furthermore, I can more adamantly report that we certainly disdain the observance of such in association with the university we have chosen to attend. The overwhelming sentiment of African-Americans towards the KKK is easily understood, but maybe I should explain at least my personal feelings about the other two.

Consider this. I personally respect the Nation of Islam for a few of its views. Nevertheless, many whites dislike Malcolm X because of his association with the Nation. Yet, Malcolm X later in life had views that transcended the Nation itself, but he is inevitably associated with it. The same will be the fate of Nathan Bedford Forrest. Due to his association with a group now infamous for their deeds of racial hatred, he will be disliked by most African-Americans.

Unfortunately, the Confederate flag and the "X" symbol have suffered similar fates. Both have fallen victim to ignorance. The "X" representative of Malcolm X should stand for the same things that the man did. The man stood for African-Americans practicing brotherhood, self-improvement and achieving emotional, economical,

spiritual and cultural independence. Nevertheless, some uninformed persons have heralded it as a symbol of reverse racism.

The Confederate flag at one time stood for something. It stood for states' rights, sectional unity and pride in a part of our country that was misunderstood. Nevertheless, misinformed persons have used it as a symbol of hate. Thusly, it has that meaning to most African-Americans.

MTSU is moving forward. I am sure that we can find a reasonable mascot without resorting back to a Confederate flag bearing Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Larry Crismon, Junior  
Political Science

#### Professor gives reasons to change school's name

To the Editor:

Proponents of changing the name of the university to the University of Middle Tennessee have argued that the new name provides a "better image" than the current name. Although the "better image" argument has been made, I have seen no discussion of why the University of Middle Tennessee provides a "better image" than Middle Tennessee State University. With this letter, I intend to point out three reasons why the proposed name is better (provides a "better image") than the current name.

1. The status of universities is related to the number of words in their name. In state university systems, the major university always has the shortest name, and as the prestige of

the university decreases more words are used in the name. For example, the University of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Therefore, removing even one word (State) from the name will provide a "better image."

2. When state university systems were established, most states set up two major universities. One university was designed to provide a broader, more liberal arts education and these schools were usually called the "University of (state name)." The second university was designed to provide a more applied education, such as agriculture and mining, and these schools usually had the word "State" in their name. Therefore, the "State" in MTSU implies that this university is devoted to a more applied education, which I do not believe to be true. Although removing "State" from the name may not improve the image of the university, it will provide a more valid representation of the education that is provided.

3. There is a university nearby called TSU. Although TSU is smaller than MTSU and they are separate universities, the "Middle" in MTSU implies that MTSU is a smaller branch of TSU. Therefore, if one did not know much about MTSU and TSU and they were watching either team play sports on television, the viewer would probably believe that MTSU is a smaller and less prestigious university than TSU. Changing the name to the University of Middle Tennessee would eliminate the "image" that this university is a smaller, less prestigious branch of TSU.

Richard Bauer  
Psychology Department

## Traversing the long and winding road

Despite several learning disabilities, one MTSU student has been able to take advantage of a 'full college experience'

By Lee Murphy /staff

Paul Figg lives and breathes music. When Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant croons, "Mellow is the man who knows what he's been missing, many men can't see the open road," this 22-year-old MTSU junior can attest to the long and winding road on which he has traveled with his learning disabilities. Whether it's to the rhythm of the blues or the pulse of rock 'n' roll, this amateur vocalist may learn to the tune of a different drummer, but he can see the open road to academic success like anyone else.

Diagnosed at the age of five with dyslexia, developmental arithmetic disorder and auditory perception disability, Paul knows what it's like to stumble into road blocks. His learning disabilities may sometimes send him hitting the pavement, but never call him a quitter.

"A quitter is somebody who just falls down, and they don't ever get back up again," he says. "I've fallen down five, six, eight times, and I still keep getting up and I'll keep standing up."

It is precisely this "never say die" psychology major to succeed both academically and personally, in spite of his learning disabilities. Anchored all his life by a supportive family and a tight network of friends, Paul doesn't deny the everyday struggles but chooses to focus on his abilities rather than his disabilities.

"I sometimes call it just a learning difference because it's just a different way of having to learn and apply," he explains. "The ability is there."

Amateur singer, photographer, writer, actor, harmonica player, avid traveler and film buff – indeed, his abilities encompass a myriad of talents. But when it comes to reading printed words, working with numerical or sequential data, and focusing both visual and audio attention in class, Paul has to work overtime.

"I love reading, but sometimes the reading can be confusing because the words start running together. I'll read something, and I might remember it sort of mis-matched around."

Paul is among what the National Institutes of Health have determined to be the 5 to 10 percent of the general population affected by dyslexia and the nearly 2 million challenged by attention disorders. His case is also evidence that link genetic factors to learning disabilities. Several family members on his mother's side are also dyslexic, and his father discovered his own learning disabilities through research he conducted to aid Paul.

Because many developmental skills overlap one another, a person may have more than one learning disability. For Paul, the greatest challenges lie in math and memorization skills, which are further compounded by difficulties in focusing attention.

"I've had people say, 'what's the difference between that and just not paying attention?' but there are some greater differences to it," Paul explains. "With me, it has to be total contact,

### Breaking Through: Learning Disabilities in the '90s



Adam Smith/staff

because it's not just listening – I have to be watching, too, so there's two things I have to keep working on."

Working with learning disabilities throughout his life has been half the battle. Sometimes, Paul's more frustrating challenges have resulted from the misconceptions and lack of faith from others, which used to stigmatize him.

"I don't want people to think that I'm relying on it as a crutch," he emphasizes.

"I had one guy ask me a while back, 'do you even know you have [a learning disability], or did someone make you believe you had one?' I try to tell people there's just different routes to learning."

Paul even recalls high school counselors who tried to steer him toward a technical college route, but he refused to allow his disabilities to keep him from a "full college experience." In fact, he credits his fierce independence and perseverance to his learning disabilities.

"You have to say, 'I'm going to be

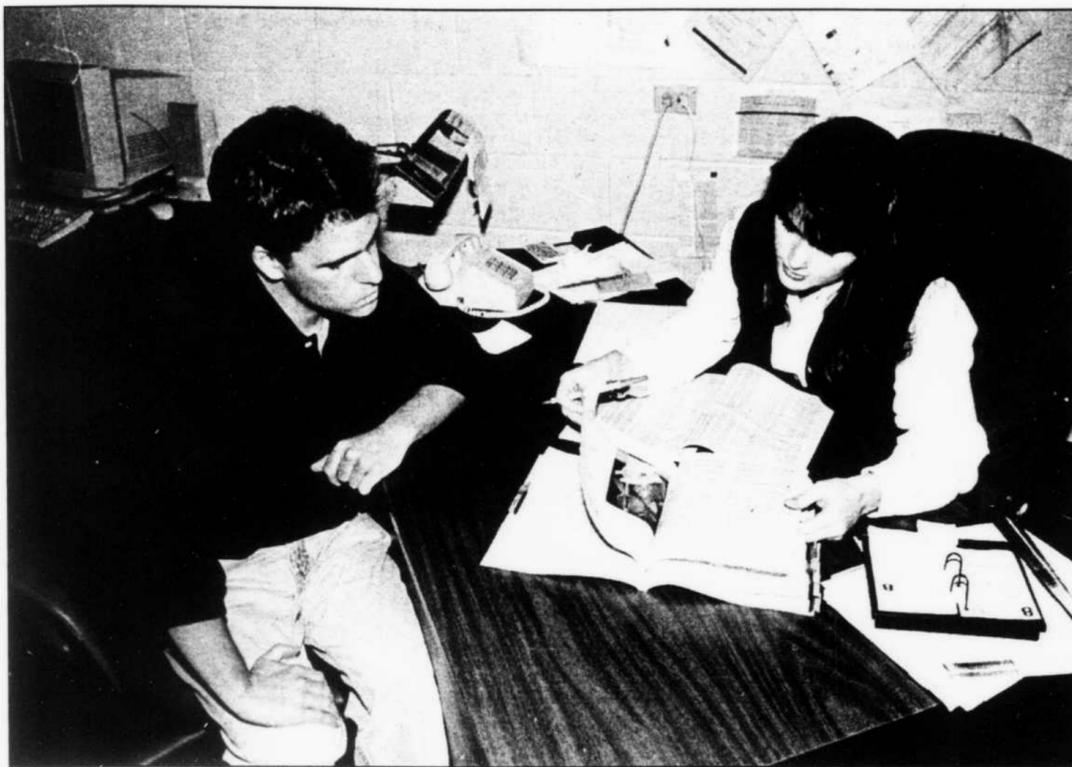
**"You have to say, 'I'm going to be stronger than it.' You have to befriend it."**

**Paul Figg,  
Psychology major**

stronger than it.' You have to befriend it."

By working with his disabilities rather than against them, Paul says the anger and frustration is minimized, and the rewards and successes are maximized. But maintaining that delicate balance between overburdening himself and racing toward the checkered flag can be a challenging one. With the help of the Learning Disabilities Program on campus, however, Paul is one of some 200 students at MTSU staying on track to a college degree.

The program, which began last August, is a one-year, renewable service contract in agreement with vocational rehabilitation services. It is a unit within Disabled Student Services that offers resources and support for students with learning disabilities and



Shawn Sidwell/staff

Melissa Smith, coordinator of the Learning Disabilities Program, assists junior psychology major Paul Figg with his registration, just one of the many services the program offers for students with learning disabilities.

attention disorders. Some of the services include test-taking accommodations in a "disruption-free environment," priority registration, class scheduling, note-taking, tutoring and one-on-one counseling.

John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services, recognizes that students with learning disabilities constitute a "different population," because their disabilities are "hidden or invisible." But, he says, a successful program can design strategies and accommodations to overcome their difficulties.

"MTSU is the place, in my opinion, for people to come with disabilities, regardless of the institution, private or public," Harris says. "I think we do a better job here than most schools in the country. We may be understaffed in some areas ... but there's no excuse for a lack of effort. Our effort is there, and that's what counts."

An integral part of that effort is to bring the "non-disabled and disabled population closer together." Harris says that offering the right accommodations and the appropriate assistance for students with learning disabilities is in no way an attempt to compromise or lower academic standards.

"The ultimate goal and test of our program is that, when our students graduate, do they have a marketable skill, and are they equal to the students who are graduating without disabilities."

Meeting this goal often requires educating faculty and staff in order to understand that providing certain accommodations and assistance will enable the students to be successful.

Harris also credits much of the strength behind the Learning Disabilities Program to its coordinator, Melissa Smith, who he feels exhibits the philosophy necessary to rehabilitate people so they can reach "their highest potential."

Smith works with many of the students one-on-one, and says she serves as a liaison between the

student and the university, faculty and vocational rehabilitation counselors. As a certified counselor herself, she is aware of the day-to-day frustrations and hardships that many of her students encounter during their academic careers.

"They have to do what everyone else has to do, but students with learning disabilities work overtime – almost twice as much as a student who doesn't have a learning disability – just to keep the good grades," Smith says.

Much of her role encompasses sensitivity to both student and faculty needs, and, through coordinated efforts, both parties can benefit in the learning process.

"I am going to advocate for the student, but I'm also aware of what the instructor is needing as well, so if it's a reasonable accommodation, we will follow through," she explains.

Whether it's rolling up her sleeves and working one-on-one with a student to organize a class schedule or assisting with long-range career goals, Smith encourages students to advocate for themselves. It's easy to dream big, she says, but it's usually harder to break it down and start accomplishing those goals.

"I have to do a lot of structuring, but I also do not want to take away their ability to be creative," Smith says. "The last thing I want to see is somebody's self-esteem be lowered."

The learning process is a continuum, and Smith feels that the Learning Disabilities Program is a success because "the heart is there."

"It is the responsibility of the student, and that is never taken away from them – they're adults and they're in college now and they know that, but I can be a resource," she says.

Paul says he appreciates that aspect of the program.

"They give you one of the best distinctions between being independent and also having the

support you need to succeed in college with a disability," Paul says. "It gives you a certain confidence – you wake up in the morning and know that there are people who are going to help you."

Through the "unending amounts of appointments" and heart-to-heart talks, Paul says Smith and the learning disabilities program have provided immeasurable support.

The program not only offers him such services as test taking accommodations, but also helps him strike that often tenuous balance between academic and personal life.

"I'm still learning how I can keep succeeding with the learning disability – it's never going to disappear," he says. "It can be a motivator and something that makes you keep getting out of bed in the morning because there's always going to be people who think you can't do it."

And other times, it just takes a little Led Zeppelin to get you through the day. After jamming with his friends to a few good tunes, Paul says the motivation is inescapable.

"It feels like I've run a mile, and it's like, well, I feel better now – let me open up that math book." In the words of Robert Plant, "Oh whatever your days may bring, no use hiding in a corner, 'cause that won't change a thing if you're dancing in the doldrums."

You won't catch Paul crouched in a corner or sitting on the louch dance.

"I want people to know that I'm alive and kicking, and that I'm not going to just go away in the shadows and say 'woe is me, I didn't succeed at this because of a disability.' I'm going to keep going strong."

*This is the second installment of a three-part series focusing on learning disabilities. The third and final installment will appear in the Thursday, April 17 issue.*

## Observatory opens to view Hale-Bopp

By Chad Gillis/staff

Comet Hale-Bopp will be making an appearance on campus this week via the MTSU observatory and James White, physics and astronomy professor.

Between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., April 12, students and community members alike are invited to witness the largest astronomical occurrence of the later half of this century.

"The two objects we are concentrating on now are comet Hale-Bopp and Mars," White said.

In addition to the observatory telescope, small telescopes will be placed in the viewing area to accommodate visitors.

This year marks the fourth for White at MTSU, and the 11th anniversary of the observatory on campus.



Shawn Sidwell/staff

Comet Hale-Bopp is still visible to the naked eye, but the observatory will be open for viewing the comet on Saturday, April 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"We are now trying to locate an area on campus to avoid light pollution," White said. "There's not an ideal place on campus to

put the observatory, that is the highest ground on campus, but it's not the darkest." Light pollution has also

limited the number of times the observatory is opened a semester.

"We used to open the observatory once a month, but now it's twice a semester because of all of the lights on campus," White said.

The MTSU observatory, which hosts 1,000 visitors annually, welcomed 350 people from the Murfreesboro community last Tuesday.

The event is free and open to the public and visitors can show up at any of the listed times, according to White.

For updating conditions, contact James White at 898-5946. Voice mail messages will be updated daily, or White can be reached on Frank at JWhite.

## Around Town

**527 Main Street 890-8692**  
Thursday, April 10 – Velcro Pygmies  
Friday, April 11 – Dance Party w/ DJ Insane Troy Janes  
Saturday, April 12 – Lounge Flounders and Caesar's Glass Box

**The Boro 895-4800**  
Thursday, April 10 – Danny Johnson  
Friday, April 11 – Kingfin  
Saturday, April 12 – Aggie Gresham Karma  
Sunday, April 13 – Roland Coloured Ham

**The Bunganut Pig 893-7860**  
Thursday, April 10 – The Future Band  
Friday, April 11 – Max Johns  
Saturday, April 12 – Crosstown Traffic

**Cactus Jack's 890-8280**  
Thursday, April 10 – Simon Pure and Friends  
Friday, April 11 – Wild Blue  
Saturday, April 12 – Wild Blue

**Jonathan's on the Square 895-1133**  
Thursday, April 10 – Johny Jackson's Souls Satisfaction  
Saturday, April 12 – Timberwolf

**The Pit Stop 867-0590**  
Thursday, April 10 – Billy Russell

**Sebastian's 895-8658**  
Thursday, April 10 – Roland Gresham  
Friday, April 11 – Live comedy at 8 and 10 p.m.  
Saturday, April 12 – Live comedy at 8 and 10 p.m.



# Sports & Recreation

Thursday, April 10, 1997

Sidelines

Page 6

## Raiders take 2 of 3 from Martin, stop Cumberland

By Doug Malan/ staff

Maybe the singer Meatloaf has the most apt description of Middle Tennessee's conference performances: "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad."

Last weekend, the Blue Raiders won their fourth OVC series of the year by knocking off UT-Martin but failing to sweep the last-place team on its home field. Head coach Steve Peterson is not eager to adopt the preceding mantra.

"The first thing you want to do is win a series and we did that," he said. "But we're trying to win a championship and to win a championship you have to keep from being swept and you have to sweep somebody."

MT stayed atop the conference standings with an 8-4 record.

After morning showers forced the teams to play only one game on Saturday, Middle blasted 16 hits off four Skyhawk pitchers to win 12-9 in ten innings.

Clint Johnson led off the extra frame with his fourth homerun of the season, and Jordan Beddies hit his fifth round-tripper after a Ryan Dillard single.

Steven Lay (5-1) shut the door on Martin by retiring the first three batters he faced. He relieved starter Jamie Hill in the seventh inning and earned his fourth victory out of the bullpen.

Jon Case broke his season-long slump going 4-4 with an RBI double and Clay Snellgrove drove in three runs on two hits. Ty Curley was 2-5 with two RBI including his second deep blast of the year.

The Blue Raiders had a 9-4 lead in the bottom of the seventh before the Skyhawks scored five runs in two innings to force the extra frame. Brad Warmath and Erik Morgan hit back-to-back homeruns in the seventh and Johnnie Sanfratello added an RBI single in the eighth.

After Warmath and Morgan drove in runs in the eighth, both teams went scoreless until the tenth. Sanfratello and Travis Watson both had two RBI. Jay Lasley (1-1) got the loss out of the pen.

Middle kept its bats blazing in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader, winning 9-2 on 16 hits and scoring in every inning but the sixth. Brad Howard (4-1) pitched his second complete game of the year, scattering eight hits and striking out two in seven innings.

Snellgrove finished 4-5 with three runs scored and Andrew Thompson went 3-4 with two runs knocked in. Jeremy Owens added a homer in the seventh and Ty Curley hit his second homer of the series in the fifth inning.

Ryan Dillard (2-3) had an RBI single in the first and Beddies drove in a run on a single in the fourth inning. Pinch hitter Lee Marbet hit an RBI

double after Owens and a Snellgrove single.

Martin ace Michael Blount (3-4) took the loss after surrendering six earned runs on 11 hits in four innings.

Skyhawk southpaw Chris Meyer (1-2) stymied the Blue Raiders in the last game of the series, throwing a complete game four-hitter while winning 2-0.

Chad Kirby (1-6) pitched well scattering seven hits over six innings and striking out three, but the Middle offense was completely shut down.

The Raiders' best chance to score went by the wayside in the third when they loaded the bases with two outs before Thompson grounded out to third base. No Blue Raider advanced past second base the rest of the afternoon.

The series marked the half-way point of the conference schedule and in Peterson's eyes, leaves the Blue Raiders in a "vulnerable" position.

"From here on in it's gonna be a pennant race and a heck of a race," he said, "because when we've had opportunities to get the sweep we haven't been able to do it."

Earlier this week, Middle Tennessee overcame sloppy defense to defeat Cumberland, 9-6, Tuesday night at Reese Smith Field and end the Bulldogs' 12-game winning streak.

The Blue Raiders fell behind 4-1 after committing four errors in the second inning, while Jody Atwood



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Jeremy Owens scored MTSU's sixth run during Tuesday's 9-6 win over Cumberland. The win put ended Cumberland's 12-game winning streak.

added a two-run double for CU. Middle (17-13) then scored eight runs to deny the number-10 Bulldogs in the teams' second meeting of the season.

Jamie Powers (3-1) pitched seven strong innings, striking out a career high eight batters and scattering three hits while allowing no earned runs. Cumberland (25-8) had been averaging 13 runs a game during its winning streak.

Ryan Dillard went 2-4 with a three-run double that tied the game in the second inning. Jordan Beddies provided the game-winning RBI when he homered to straight-away center in the third. The solo shot was his sixth of the year and fourth in six games.

Jeremy Owens, who was 1-13 with

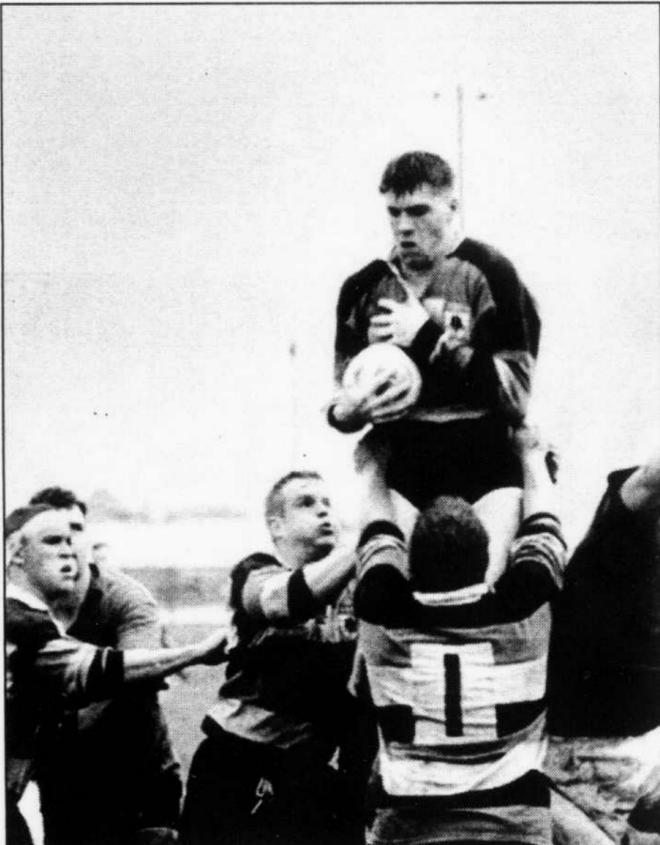
six strikeouts against Martin last weekend, went 2-4 reaching base four times and scoring three times. Andrew Thompson sacrificed with two RBI on a double and sacrifice fly.

Trailing 9-4, the Bulldogs staged a rally in the eighth against Raider reliever Randy Woodrum, scoring two runs on two hits, but the lefthander muted Cumberland in the ninth inning to earn his first save at MTSU.

Starter Tim Miller (5-3) got the loss for CU. Brian Foster, Marc Suarez and Moises Mandelbaum all added RBI hits in the game for the Bulldogs.

The teams meet for the third time at Cumberland April 14th in a make-up of a March 5th rainout. •

## Rugby in the rain



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Evan Bone gets a lift from other Moosemen on a throw during Saturday's victory against a team from Paducah, Ky. The Rugby Club plays another home game tonight at 7 against Sewanee on the field behind Mass Comm Building

## Writer's personal experience sheds light on difficult challenges of orienteering

Jennie Treadway/ Staff

I wasn't sure if navigating through the woods using only a turf map, a compass, and my intuition was something I would be interested in. I have been known to get lost and I'm scared of snakes. Yet, I decided to try orienteering anyway.

I showed up at the AEDC Military Reservation in Manchester around 11 a.m. Saturday morning, March 29, with Chuck, my steady, and our Wal-mart compass. We had packed peanut butter sandwiches, plenty of water and we were wearing our hiking boots. We were ready to venture into the woods like an army infantry in training and surely find our way back to where we started. The map seemed easy enough to read and the compass, fairly simple.

At the starting point, we were hinted in the right direction by Meg Garrett, the director of the Tennessee Orienteering Association, but were left alone to find the first orange and white flag that represented our first of ten points of reference. At each flag, which hung from a tree limb, was a hole puncher used to mark a piece paper showing that we reached each point.

The 75 degree temperature felt great on our faces, so being outside was our pleasure. The previous Friday night storms rearranged some of the terrain, but many of the paths were still visible. We found our first, second, and third flags easily since the map defined the forest well and the points were in a modest

pattern. Although we were only doing the beginner's course, Chuck and I were proud of our meager progress.

The fourth flag took more ingenuity, dodging fallen trees, and treading through creeks the rain made. Around the bend to the left and up a hill found our fourth treasure. A couple hundred feet down the hill and to the right hung number five. This is too easy, we thought. We punched a few holes in our paper, showing that we had found the flags, and returned to our

"...we finished the trail in a little under two hours, a pathetic excuse for outdoor adventurers who say they can conquer anything."

map and compass to search for number six.

"It's got to be up there and to the left," I said, looking over the map that Chuck never let me hold. He kept the compass too.

"Yeah, if we just follow that trail, we'll get right to it," he said.

"What trail?"

"Right there," he said, pointing to a messy arrangement of standing and fallen trees. Without another word, we got on the wrong path.

It had taken us nearly half an hour to find the first five flags, but almost 45 minutes to find number six. We went in circles, passing the same broken tree limbs and waterholes every time. We got frustrated, and I was nearly ready to go on to the seventh flag we had found while searching for the sixth.

"What's that white thing over there?" I asked, pointing to an obscure white shape at the top of the hill. "Should I go look?"

"No, that's just a reflection of the sun on a tree stump," Chuck said, even though he's the one who wears glasses.

We stopped at a broken tree to eat lunch and study the map again. Finally, Chuck's idea of starting from the seventh flag and backtracking led us to the sixth point, which, as a matter of fact, was a white sign at the top of the hill.

The rest of the treasure hunt was a breeze and we finished the trail in a little under two hours, a pathetic excuse for two outdoor adventurers who say they can conquer anything. We paid our three dollars, thanked Meg for the orienteering challenge, and drove home to doctor our scratched and scabbed legs and put our boots in the closet for the night.

The next orienteering program will be April 19 at the YMCA Walkabout in Manchester, Tennessee. For more information, contact Meg Garrett at (615) 728-2968 or 723-8788. •

## EARN EXTRA CASH!

by donating Plasma



New Donors Earn Over \$100 In Your First Two Weeks

Visit our friendly, modern center and find out more about the opportunity to earn cash while helping save lives in our community.

1620 Church St., Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 327-4961

OPEN 7 days a week for your convenience  
(Free parking in rear of building)

## THRONEBERRY PROPERTIES

8 LOCATIONS OPEN DAILY

Gateway 1841 New Lascassas Ph. 848-0023	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms	NEW
Oak Park 1211 Hazelwood Ph. 896-4470	Natural landscaping, large garden style & townhouse apts. 1 & 2 B.R. W/D hookups, appliances. Pool & tennis.	
Birchwood 1535 Lascassas Ph. 893-4470	Curtains, ceiling fan, outside storage and all appliances furnished. 1 & 2 bedrooms available.	
Windrush 1735 Lascassas Ph. 893-0052	Country setting. Low electric bills. Studio, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms. Pool and laundry room.	
Pine Park 210 Hazelwood Ph. 896-0667	Dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, & garbage disposal. Large kitchen. 1 & 2 B.R. Pool & laundry room.	
Park IV Ph. 896-0667	Washer-dryer connections. 1 & 2 bedroom apartments.	
Holly Park 2426 E. Main Ph. 896-0667	1 & 2 bedroom apt.'s & townhouses. LAUNDRY, POOL, NEAR MTSU. One block from Rutherford Bypass.	
Rosewood 1606 W. Tenn. Ph. 890-370	1, 2 & 3 B.R. exercise room, pool & tennis. Ceiling fans, W/D hookups, appliances & curtains furnished. Near VA hospital	

The Stults Memorial Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the

## Douglas E. Stults Memorial Scholarship

\$800

to be awarded  
May, 1997

Application deadline: 4 p.m., April 18, 1997

To Qualify A Candidate Must:

- have a minimum 2.7 cumulative grade point average (must be exact or better)
- be at least a second-year undergraduate student with a minimum of 24 credit hours
- have some media experience (on or off campus work applies, in any print or broadcasting medium)

To Apply:

- submit an application
- a 1,000-2,000 word essay on "Is Privacy Dead"
- submit a copy of your transcript
- submit six copies of three to five samples of your work (short tapes of broadcasts are accepted. Clips must be professionally presented.)

For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815 or come by James Union Building, Room 308. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed at a date to be announced. You will be notified if you are to be interviewed.

**Anastasia's Attic**  
New & Vintage Clothing



115 North Maple St.  
Murfreesboro, Tn 37130  
(615) 890-6551  
"On The Square!"

**Enchanted Planet**  
RESTING ON NEW BEGINNINGS

Help items - Jewellery - Vintage - Candles  
blackberry - Stickers - Winter Clothing  
Posters - Detox - ART  
Local Crafts - T-Shirts - Unique Gifts

11A - 8P Mon - Sat 1P - 5P Sun 889-1394  
111 W Lytle Street

**MORE THAN A USED CD STORE!**

- WE BUY, SELL, TRADE:**
- CD's
  - TAPES
  - VIDEOS
  - VIDEO GAMES
  - RECORDS
  - 8 TRACKS
  - MUSIC BOOKS
  - POSTERS

2 Locations  
Murfreesboro  
230 Stones River Mall Blvd.  
(Next to El Chicos)  
849-4070  
111 1/2 W. Lytle St.  
898-1175

**digital planet**  
MUSIC AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

# CLASSIFIEDS

Sidelines recommends that you use discretion before sending money for any advertised goods and services. We recommend that you get in writing a full description prior to sending money.

## Notice

**ATTENTION SINGERS/SONGWRITERS:** Here's a chance to be heard! Looking for musicians who want the opportunity to play their original music at venues in Murfreesboro. All styles of music wanted. Contact Michael at 890-7048 for more information.

**Wanted:** A good home for an energetic white female German Shepherd. If interested contact Rachel at 896-6329. Leave a message.

**CASH LOANS** on valuables, jewelry, collectibles, hunting guns, CDs, TVs, etc. Gold n Pawn 1803 NW Broad Street. 896-7167. Please come in.

deposit \$150, plus 1/2 utilities. Close to campus. Call 849-6902 leave message.

**Roommate wanted** - Looking for a male or female roommate. Large 2 bedroom duplex, 1 block from campus. Completely furnished downstairs. Available to you - the large, private upstairs bedroom (large enough for bedroom, living room, and office furniture). \$250.00 per month plus 1/2 utilities (plus deposit). Please call Tamara at 904-0781 or page at 831-6411.

crafts & more. Call or write for an applications (615) 799-9925 Whippoorwill Farm 7840 Whippoorwill Lane Fairview, TN 37062

**Oak Hill Day Camp Summer Staff Counselors & Area Coordinators** for Pool, Outdoor Skills, Horseback, & Crafts. June 2-

Aug. 8. ACA Accredited Camp on 55 acres at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, 615-298-9527 (voice mail) for applications.

## Opportunities

**Paid summer internship.** Involves travel and 3 hrs. college credit. Avg. earnings \$5,000. Call 1-800-251-4000 Ext. 1412

**\$1500 weekly potential mailing our circulars.** No experience required. Begin now. For info call 301-429-1326.

## For Sale

**Contemporary Loveseat,** tan/white stripe, good condition, \$75. Large Tappan microwave, older model, clean, works great, \$40. Wood framed dresser mirror 33 x38, \$25. Size 6 strapless cocktail dress, lace over peach satin. Adorable, \$35. 898-0747.

**1988 Honda Civic CRX (blue),** full stereo system, low mil., air, alarm, non smoker lady owner \$3900, Call 848-7939 Jenny (leave message)

Do you need a RELIABLE Honda? Very fuel efficient, excellently maintained burgundy Honda Civic HB 1990. I have outgrown it, or else I wouldn't sell! \$3900 Call 890-3437.

**White Roper washer & dryer** for sale! Used only 3 months. Still have warranty. Call 890-8840 for info. & price.

**SEIZED CARS** from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-3834 for current listings.

## Help Wanted

**SUMMER CAMP Counselors & INSTRUCTORS** for private co-ed youth camp located in the beautiful mountains of western north Carolina. Over 25 activities including all sports, water skiing, heated pool, tennis, art, horseback, Gokarts. 6/10 to 8/11.....earn \$1250-1650 plus room, meals, laundry & great fun! Non-smokers call for brochure/application: 800-832-5539 anytime!

**DAY CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED** June 3 - August 16 Live in Nashville or surrounding area... Like To Work Outdoors - Be Active - Teach Children's Activities? General staff plus rappelling, lifeguards, gymnastics, fishing, golf, canoeing, music, sports,

## Apartment Needed

**Apt. wanted,** swm graduate student, clean, non-smoker needs small 1 bedroom apt. by May 1st. \$300/mo or less. Call 898-3569 or page 736-3901

## Adoption

Please make our lives complete we will fill your child's life with love and happiness. Call Karen or Doug. 1-800-743-6086

## Roommate

**Roommate wanted** - Responsible male or female, nonsmoker to share 2 bedroom apartment. Rent \$262.50,

Age 7, 1982



Age 18, 1993



Elizabeth Suto.

*Killed by a drunk driver on February 27, 1994, on Bell Blvd. in Cedar Park, Texas.*

If you don't stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

### FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

It claims good people.  
**TREAT DEPRESSION**  
#1 Case of Suicide  
<http://www.save.org>

**M'boro Nails**  
704 S. Tennessee Blvd.  
(615) 895-4039

**MTSU Student Discount**  
Mon thru Wed  
Fill In - \$14.00  
Student ID Required

**Monday - Saturday**  
10:00 - 7:00  
Closed Sunday

"I never think about the future. It comes soon enough."  
- Albert Einstein

## THE Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hefty slice
  - 5 Clipped
  - 10 Pleat
  - 14 Flexible tube
  - 15 Terre —
  - 16 Woodwind instrument
  - 17 Bad
  - 18 Between: pref.
  - 19 Costa
  - 20 Transactions with others
  - 22 Champ
  - 24 Farm implements
  - 25 Penalty
  - 26 A nut
  - 29 Kitchen appliances
  - 33 Daytime TV shows, for short
  - 34 Fescue, e.g.
  - 35 Sickroom item
  - 36 Offspring
  - 37 Move by gravity alone
  - 38 Move sideways
  - 39 "Do — say..."
  - 40 Soup
  - 41 World-weary
  - 42 Like vegetarian fare
  - 44 Kicked
  - 45 Ill-mannered
  - 46 Ship part
  - 47 Fully developed
  - 50 Protector
  - 54 Dark and Middle
  - 55 Approaches
  - 57 Former
  - 58 Litter's littiest
  - 59 Regions
  - 60 Court order
  - 61 Wallet items
  - 62 Wrathful
  - 63 Beatty and Florem

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15					16			
17				18					19			
20				21				22	23			
				24				25				
26	27	28						29		30	31	32
33								34				35
36								37				38
39								40				41
42								43				44
								45				46
47	48	49						50				51
52								53				54
55								56				57
58								59				60
61								62				63

© 1997 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved.

**ANSWERS**

S	D	E	N	A	R	O	N	V	S	N	E	L
L	I	R	E	S	E	N	O	Z	I	N	N	R
E	N	O	S	S	H	E	N	S	E	D	V	
N	V	I	O	H	O	N	O	E	R	R	I	V
M	O	R	E	B	O	N						
G	E	L	O	R	S	S	E	T	L	I	V	E
E	S	V	T	E	H	L	O	R	E	I	S	
E	O	T	S	I	S	V	O	S	S	N	O	S
L	O	S	S	V	H	O	S	S	V	O	S	
S	R	E	O	N	E	T	E	S	O	N	I	V
E	N	I	F	S	O	N						
H	O	L	I	A	S	M	I	L	I	E	O	
V	O	I	R	E	B	A	N	I	T	I	A	S
E	O	B	O	E	L	I	N	V	H	E	S	O
O	T	O	F	N	R	O	H	S	E	V	T	S

47 Store, for short  
48 Malarial fever  
49 A state: abbr.  
50 Crew

8 Itinerary: abbr.  
9 Most bold  
10 Coerced  
11 Sad news item  
12 Crazy  
13 Letter start  
21 Charged particles  
23 Hotels  
25 Kind of bulb  
26 State in India  
27 Unlettered  
28 Craze  
29 Unruly kids  
30 Brilliance  
31 Stir up  
32 Horse  
34 Gander  
37 Legless sideboard  
38 A slackening  
40 Smudge  
41 Uncouth one  
43 Relies (with "in")  
44 Insolent  
46 Cleaner

51 Concerning  
52 Amino —  
53 Earns as profit  
56 Long time



## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP.

If you didn't sign up for ROTC as a freshman or sophomore, you can still catch up this summer by attending Army ROTC Camp Challenge, a paid six-week course in leadership. Apply now. You may qualify for a \$4,000 scholarship and advanced officer training when you return to campus in the fall. You'll also have the self-confidence and discipline you need to succeed in college and beyond.

**ARMY ROTC**  
THE SMARTEST COLLEGE COURSE YOU CAN TAKE  
For details, visit Room 5, Forrest Hall or call 898-2470

# SOUND SHOP

RIGHT MUSIC...RIGHT PRICE...RIGHT NOW!!!  
Stones River Mall 893-1860

**GUARANTEE**  
The following music is guaranteed to expand your musical horizons. If you're not completely satisfied, bring it back (with your receipt) within 2 weeks and you can exchange it for another Cassette or CD of equal value.

**Buy it, Try it!**

**SOUND ADVICE**

**dance mix USA**  
**TONIC LEMON PARADE**  
**Wild Orchid**

**HAPPY HARD CORE**

The Student Publications Committee is now taking applications for

# **Sidelines' Fall Semester Editor**

Qualified candidates should:

- Be an MTSU student registered for coursework at the time of application.
- Have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application.
- Have worked on staff at least two semesters. Comparable media experience applies.
- Provide three letters of recommendation, a current transcript and no more than five samples of their work, professionally submitted.

Deadline for applications:  
4:00 pm, May 1.

Editors receive a full tuition scholarship and a salary during their tenure. Applications may be picked up from the Student Publications office, JUB 306, 8am- 4:30 pm, Mon- Fri.

## *Sidelines* is now taking applications for positions for Fall '97



Applications may be picked up  
from the Sidelines office,  
JUB 308, 8am-4:30pm, Mon.-Fri.,  
or call 898-2337.

## COLLAGE

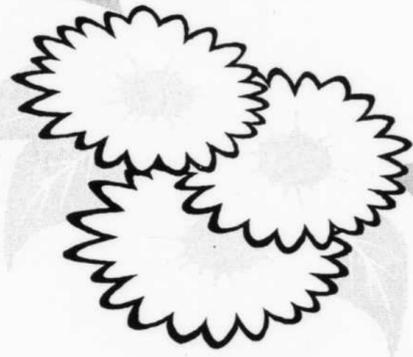
*Pre-lim Deadline  
for the Fall 1997*

**APRIL 11**

submit your short stories, fiction,  
plays, photography, drawings, etch-  
ings, sculpture, etc.

All submissions must follow guidelines which  
are available at the Collage office, James Union  
Building Room 308. Submissions may be deliv-  
ered to the same office or mailed to Collage,  
Box 42

The sun is shining,  
The birds are chirping,  
The flowers are blooming...



and  
you are  
thinking  
about a summer job...

*Sidelines* advertising is  
looking for two outgoing  
individuals to be advertising  
representatives for Summer '97  
and Fall '97.

*Prospects and clients are  
provided for you.*

Come by and see **Jim Bauer** at  
JUB 306 or call 898-2533.

