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Walker directs Jimison to rehang censored photo

Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Reporter

What goes down must come up. This concept may confound Isaac Newton, but not photography professor Tom Jimison.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Barbara Haskew called Jimison Tuesday with direction from President James Walker to rehang a nude photo removed from the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

Jimison, the director of the gallery, had removed a controversial photo after some staff members working in the McWherter Learning Resources Center — where the gallery is located — objected to the photo.

"It was my decision that it be rehung," Walker said. "Art is art."

The figure study, which depicts a woman fully nude from neck to calf, raised the eyebrows of some LRC staff, including Frank Forrette, director of audio-visual services. Forrette's concern was for elementary school children who might view figure studies in the gallery while touring the university.

Because MTSU is a public university, removing the photo was a violation of the First Amendment, said David Hudson, an attorney with the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

"They are censoring art based on content," Hudson said before the image was rehung.

Jimison did confirm that he removed the photo in response to LRC staff objections, but secu-

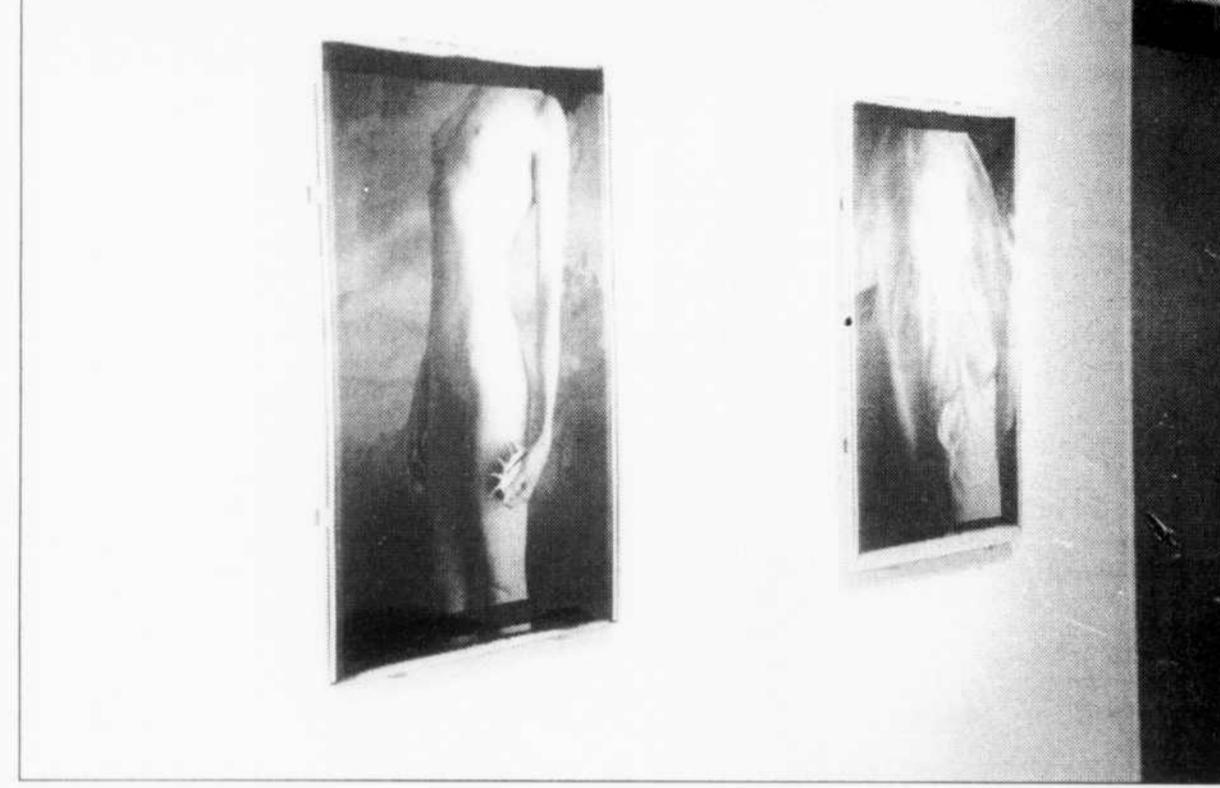


Photo by James Evans | Staff Photographer

This nude photo was rehung last week in the Baldwin Photography Gallery on the orders of MTSU President James Walker. Previously, it had been removed because of its content and for security reasons.

rity was an important factor as well.

"The content of the photograph was creating notoriety," Jimison said. "I talked to the artist about the possibility that someone might hurt or steal the photo."

The photo was taken by a 20-by-24-inch Polaroid camera. There are no negatives, making the image a one-of-a-kind. The photographer, Margareta Mitchell, was given a grant to work with two of only five

Polaroid cameras of this kind in the world.

Jimison and Mitchell had discussed the possibility that some people might be offended by the photo, which is Mitchell's photo tribute to modern dancers. Jimison and Mitchell decided before the pictures were hung, if conflict resulted, that protecting the prints from theft or vandalism would prevail over matters of principle, Jimison explained.

"My reaction was to protect the print," Jimison said. "We agreed that if there were problems to take the photo down."

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reimburse Mitchell for the monetary value of the piece, Jimison said.

"I got the message from the powers that be that if security was an issue, the university would cover it," Jimison said.

Various university buildings have been robbed of their technology recently, Haskew said, making security top priority.

"Access to the gallery is pretty free," Haskew said. "We are working on new security for all buildings, especially buildings open in the evenings. We are an open campus, and a lot of people come on our campus. But neither the president nor this office wanted the photo down."

The lack of security in the gallery and the situation around the Mitchell show have created some possible unfortunate results.

"They are now discussing if we can have one-of-a-kind pieces in a show," Jimison said.

Some security options have been suggested, such as installing locking glass doors at both ends of the gallery hallway or hiring students to sit at a desk near the gallery to monitor viewers, Jimison explained.

No decision has been made on the security issue at this time.

The Mitchell show, which was part of the university's celebration of National Women's History Month, was removed Saturday to make room for the 2000 MTSU Student Photography Show.

The student show runs through June 23 and includes "at least three nudes," Jimison said. ■

SGA seeks students to fill vacant Senate seats

James Evans
Managing Editor

Josh Pounders and John Marshall are looking for a few good men — or women or anyone else willing to fill three vacant Student Government Senate seats.

Pounders and Marshall are both newly elected officers in the SGA. In the elections held March 6-10, Pounders was elected the SGA speaker of the Senate, and in a resulting runoff election, Marshall was elected SGA President.

In those same elections, students chose their respective senators for the various schools on campus, such as the School of Business.

However, no one ran in the undeclared major category, which has left the two offices with three vacant seats.

"The undeclared is the hardest to seal and maintain," Marshall said.

He explained that undeclared students who are interested in running for Senate usually pick a major before they run. This makes it hard to find qualified individuals who want to be involved with the student government, he said.

Because no senators were elected in this category, Marshall has to appoint

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Fee decision prevents allocation changes

Wesley R. Bush
Staff Reporter

Public colleges may start charging mandatory fees for religious and non-lobbying political groups that some students disagree with, the Supreme Court ruled last month.

The unanimous decision reversed a 1998 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh District ruling that said such a fee would violate a student's constitutional rights.

"The university may determine that its mission is well served if students have the means to engage in dynamic discussions of philosophical, religious, scientific, social and political subjects in their extracurricular campus life," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote. "If the university reaches this conclusion, it is entitled to impose a mandatory fee to sustain an open dialogue to these ends."

Four indicted in APSU in videotaped gang rape

Staff Reports

A total of four Austin Peay athletes have been indicted in connection with an alleged videotaped gang rape of a 17-year old girl in a campus apartment.

James Stewart, 21, a junior forward who is a starter on the team and who played at Whites Creek High School in Nashville; Brian Maurice Howard, a guard and forward from Troy, Mich.; and Curtis Harris, 21, a center and forward from Columbus, Ga. were arrested Tuesday and charged with misdemeanor crimes. Michael Farrell of Nashville, 20, who plays wide receiver on the APSU football

team, voluntarily surrendered to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department after learning he had been indicted.

Farrell was the last student-athlete who has been indicted, according to District Attorney John Carney.

The three basketball players received misdemeanor charges and were released on \$250 bond. Howard and Harris were charged with buying or giving alcohol to a minor, while Stewart was charged with unlawful photography in violation of privacy.

Farrell, however, was indicted on a charge related to allegedly taping the incident and showing it to others. This charge is a Class

Tony Gowell, president of MTSU Lambda Association, also feels that gay organizations have been overwhelmed with scrutiny in recent years.

"For years people have been paying activity fees for organizations that they don't necessarily participate in," Gowell said. "I can't understand why someone would go to all the trouble as to taking court action for such a fee."

Others feel that a mandatory fee violates their right to remain silent by making them pay for someone else's freedom of speech. The court answered this claim in its decision.

"If the challenged speech here were financed by tuition dollars, and the university and its officials were responsible for its content," wrote Kennedy, "the case might be evaluated on the premise that the government itself is the speaker. That is not the case before us."

MTSU officials reacted posi-

tively to the ruling and encourage students to participate in activities they feel are important.

"Universities are intended to be microcosms of the world," said Gene Fitch, associate dean of Student Life. "The exploration of ideas, regardless of if someone agrees with it or not, is an important part of that world."

The case originally arose nearly four years ago when Scott Southworth, then a law student at the University of Wisconsin, and two other self-described "conservative" students sued because the school would not waive his annual \$331 activity fee. Southworth told a "Washington Post" reporter last November that he "particularly objected to it being channeled to groups such as the UW Greens, the Campus Women's Center, Amnesty International and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus."

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Ahh, youth

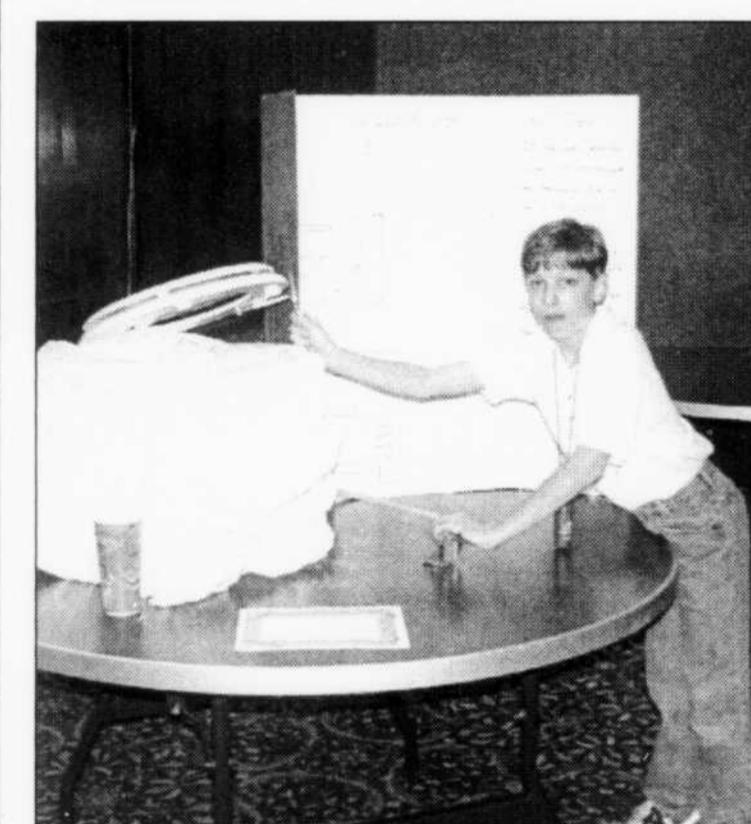


Photo by James Evans | Staff Photographer

Grade schoolers from across the Middle Tennessee area gathered Thursday to make our life a little easier as part of the Department of Elementary and Special Education's annual invention convention.

Students entered their creations in one of two categories — "Games" or "Ways to Make Life Easier."

Some of the inventions included a device to raise a toilet seat by fourth-grader Chris England of Stewartsboro. England said he got the idea from his mother's boss who had arm surgery.

There was also a miniature purse that expanded to full-size when it was soaked in water. This invention was a collabora-

tion of fourth-graders Elizabeth Lanier, Lexi Knock and Sarah Oldham.

Each year the event is held with participants from the fourth, fifth and sixth grade from private and public schools in the area surrounding Rutherford County.

The convention was coordinated by Tracey Ring, associate professor of Elementary and Special Education, who has overseen the invention forum since it was started in 1993.

Ring said she got the idea from her mom, the "Mother of Invention."

-James Evans
Managing Editor

Religious leaders baffled by execution set for Holy Week

Marta W. Aldrich
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - In the heart of the Bible Belt, some religious leaders are appalled that Tennessee's first execution in 40 years is scheduled to fall in the middle of the holiest week on the Christian calendar and at the beginning of the Jewish Passover.

Condemned child killer Robert Glen Coe is set to die by injection Wednesday, the first evening of Passover and four days before Easter.

"How ironic that during a week in which we celebrate the merciful nature of God and a God willing to die for his people, that a court extends no mercy and in fact chooses to take a life for a life," said David Buttrick, a professor at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville.

The justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court acted expeditiously, choosing a date one week from when a federal court lifted Coe's stay of execution, said court spokeswoman Sue Allison. But religious leaders say the timing shows insensitivity and even indifference to the

state's people, culture and beliefs.

Gov. Don Sundquist, who has refused to grant clemency for Coe, would not comment on the timing.

For Christians, the week before Easter is traditionally a time of worship services, church-produced passion plays and Easter egg hunts for children - culminating in a Sunday celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

For Jews, Passover begins at sundown Wednesday with the Seder meal. Perhaps the most celebrated of Jewish holidays, Passover commemorates the deliverance of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

"The sadness and irony cannot be lost on anyone that the state should participate in the taking of a life as Christians prepare for the recognition and resurrection of their Messiah, and Jews around the world are commemorating religious freedom and God's lifting us out of slavery," said Rabbi Ken Kanter of Nashville's Congregation Micah.

Members of both faiths are expected to join protests this week, including ecumenical worship services sponsored by the Tennessee Coalition to

Abolish State Killing and a prayer vigil Tuesday evening outside Nashville's Riverbend Maximum Security Prison.

After midnight, Coe is scheduled to go to the death chamber, where he will be strapped to a cross-shaped gurney and injected with lethal chemicals at 1 a.m.

Coe, 44, was sentenced to die for the 1979 murder and rape of 8-year-old Cary Ann Medlin in the small west Tennessee town of Greenfield. Prosecutors said he lured the girl into his car, raped her and killed her after she told him "Jesus loves you."

He originally was scheduled to die last October, but stays of execution were granted three times as part of Coe's appeals.

His lawyers argue that Coe is insane and executing him would violate his constitutional rights. Last week, they asked the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider Coe's competency and Tennessee's method for determining it.

While some death penalty supporters regret the timing of the execution date, they say two decades of legal wrangling aren't fair to the girl's family and weaken the state's enforcement

of capital punishment.

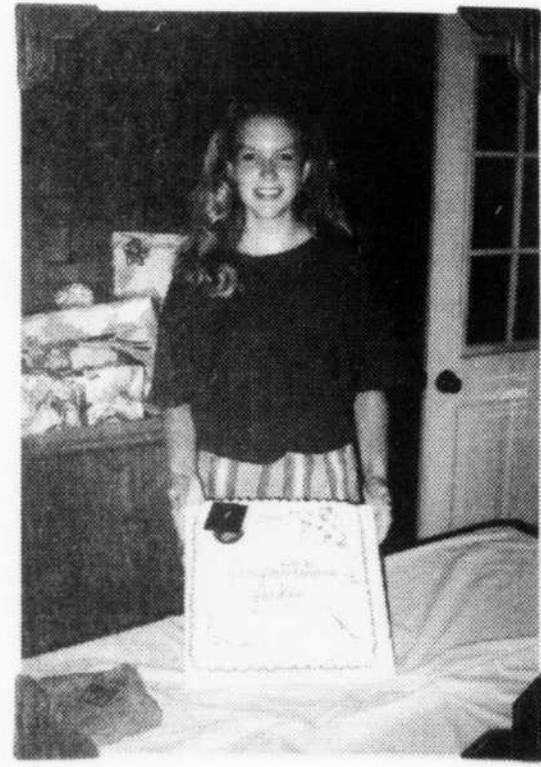
"We have separation of church and state in this country, and one particular religious belief doesn't affect the principle of the law," said state Rep. Frank Buck, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee.

Last year in Missouri, Gov. Mel Carnahan commuted a convicted killer's death sentence whose execution would have coincided with Pope John Paul II's visit to St. Louis. Carnahan reiterated last month that it was a "one-time thing" that was appropriate because the pope had made a personal plea for mercy.

Tennessee, which has 95 men and two women on death row, is the only Southern state that has not executed anyone since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

Legal scholars have said protests from a vocal minority of religious leaders are partly responsible, adding further irony to the timing of this week's execution.

"The truth is there's just no good day, no good week and no good year to do this," said Harmon Wray, a death penalty opponent from Nashville. ■



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Coe marks 44th birthday as execution date nears

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Condemned child killer Robert Glen Coe waited to be moved to a "death watch" cell as he marked what could be his last birthday.

Coe, who is to be executed Wednesday, turned 44 Saturday in his Death Row cell at Riverbend Maximum Security

Prison. It was his 19th birthday on Death Row.

Because of weekend visiting hours, he was allowed visitors, but "they could not take anything to him" for his birthday, said state Correction Department spokesman John Watkins.

Watkins said Coe will be moved to death watch "within the 72-hour period prior to execution."

Coe, who would be the first

person executed in Tennessee since 1960, has only a few remaining appeals left before the U.S. Supreme Court and a lower appeals court. Gov. Don Sundquist has said he won't grant clemency.

Coe will die for the 1979 murder and rape of 8-year-old Cary Ann Medlin in Greenfield. The child's mother and other family members plan to attend the execution. ■



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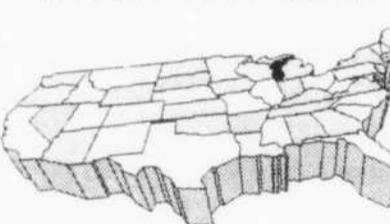
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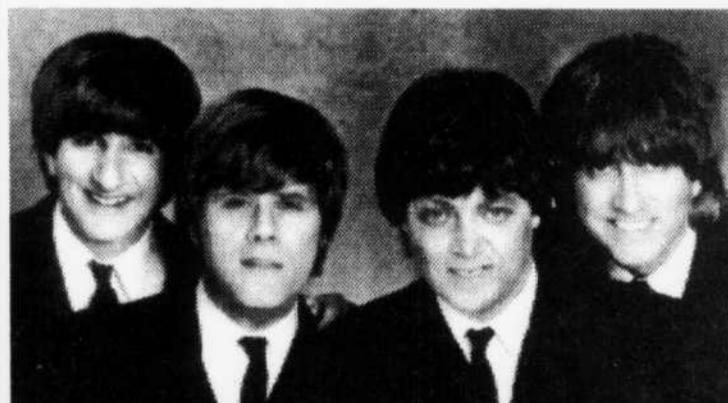
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Candidate: Time to elect woman

Nancy Zuckerbrod
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tennessee is one of 33 states that has never sent a woman to the U.S. Senate.

Darkhorse Theater owner Sharon Wood believes it's time to change that.

Like the name of her Nashville playhouse, Wood is a dark horse Democratic candidate against a well-funded Republican incumbent, Sen. Bill Frist. She's running anyway to prove a point.

"Considering we're half of the population, it's not representative," she said of Congress.

That's especially true in Tennessee where only four women have been elected to the House - all replacing their husbands who either died in office or while campaigning.

But timing is good for candidates like Wood. Currently, there are a record 56 women serving in the House and nine women in the Senate.

Wood, a mother of two young sons, says she's a typical 41-year-old "soccer mom" - a term often used to describe swing voters who are concerned about political issues affecting their families.

Wood says she is upset about violence and wants Congress to

pass strict gun-control legislation.

Wood also criticized Frist, a surgeon, for helping to exclude from legislation last year a provision that would have given patients broad rights to sue their health plans.

Frist spokeswoman Margaret Camp says the senator is in favor of 24-hour waiting periods on sales at gun shows, so background checks can be performed on buyers. Wood says she prefers the three-day waiting period favored by many Democrats.

Frist defends his decision on the health care litigation bill, saying it would have driven up costs to consumers and providers. He is on a committee trying to work out a compromise.

Another woman running against Frist, Democrat Mary Taylor-Shelby of Memphis, is running for reasons different than Wood. The package handler for Federal Express says she wants to serve as a voice for "the poor, the uneducated, the mis-educated and the unemployed."

"My agenda is to bring attention to the have-nots of the community who have been left out of the political process," she said.

Other Democrats in the Aug. 3 primary race are Nashville's John Jay Hooker, who lost to

Gov. Don Sundquist in the last election; Middle Tennessee State University Professor Jeff Clark of Murfreesboro; and retired carpenter James Looney of Smithville. Five Independents also are running. No Republicans are challenging Frist.

Two women are seeking House seats. Independent Trudy Austin, a county commissioner and farmer from Morgan County is challenging Rep. Zach Wamp, R-3rd District. Republican Eleanor Gibbs, a bookkeeper from Lebanon, is running against Rep. Bart Gordon, D-6th District.

Wood's call for Tennesseans to send more women to Washington "will resonate well with some voters," said Lee Smith, publisher of the Tennessee Journal, a newsletter that covers state government and politics.

But Smith predicted most of the challengers would have trouble winning name recognition and raising enough money to take on incumbents.

For example, the Frist campaign reported having about \$4.5 million on hand as of March 31, which was the end of the last campaign filing period. Wood reported having \$3,000, and Taylor-Shelby said she had not raised any money.

Fund-raising and name recog-

nition problems also exist at the state level, Smith said.

"We've never had a woman governor and never had a woman speaker in either house of the state legislature," Smith said.

Jane Eskin, a former Tennessee public service commissioner, unsuccessfully ran for governor in 1986 and the U.S. Senate in 1978. She speculates that election mudslinging keeps many women from entering politics.

"I think women shy away from the unpleasantness of contemporary campaigns," Eskin said. "They are reluctant to subject their families, especially if they have small children, to the warfare and the hostility."

Wood says it also may be that women are too busy balancing careers and families to dedicate the time necessary for a successful stint in politics.

Currently, about 17 percent of lawmakers in the Tennessee Legislature are women. That is lower than the national average of 22.5 percent, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. The Center ranks Tennessee 39th in electing women to state legislatures. ■

*On the Net: Center for American Women and Politics:
<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu>.*

Government to propose new drinking water rules

Josef Herbert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency will propose new requirements to protect against disease-causing viruses and bacteria in tap water when communities rely on public wells for their supply, according to Clinton administration officials.

The new regulations, which will affect thousands of communities across the country, were to be announced Monday by Vice President Gore. In a statement, he called the rules a "significant step ... to ensure that Americans enjoy the safest drinking water possible."

The EPA proposal would require municipal water agencies that rely on underground

aquifers to monitor more closely for disease-causing parasites and bacteria such as E. coli and cryptosporidium, and use disinfectants if such threats are found to pose a risk, agency officials said.

The new requirements would not apply to private wells serving individual homes, but only to public water systems serving at least 15 homes that rely on wells and underground aquifers for at least part of their water supply.

There are more 157,000 public water systems in the United States, serving 109 million Americans, that draw at least part of their drinking water from underground aquifers as opposed to surface waterways, according to EPA estimates. Most of them serve smaller communities.

The regulations, which will undergo a 60-day comment period, are expected to be final later this year, although it's not certain when the new requirements will go into effect. The EPA estimates in most cases the additional safeguards will add \$5 a year to an average household water bill.

"This proposal will bring us even closer to the day when every community in America has clean, safe drinking water," said Gore in a statement to be issued Monday. He said the new requirements, when fully implemented, are expected to prevent over 115,000 illnesses a year.

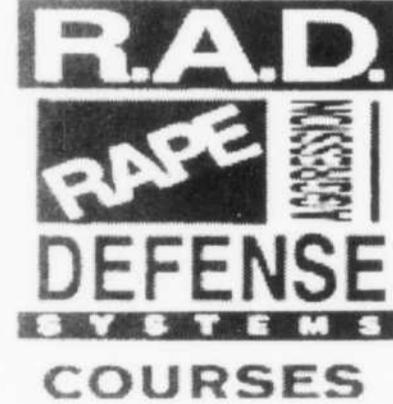
More than 90 percent of Americans receive tap water that meets federal health standards. But there has been growing concern in recent years about illnesses - and even

deaths among the elderly and people with low immune systems - from drinking water that contains viruses and bacteria such as E. coli and cryptosporidium.

The EPA already has stepped up efforts at detecting and preventing such contamination in drinking water from surface sources such as lakes and rivers, but it has not previously pursued similar efforts in systems that rely on underground sources.

In December 1998, President Clinton announced new drinking water standards affecting about 140 million people that are served by large water systems that get their supplies from surface sources. Last month, the EPA began work on similar standards for small water systems that rely on surface water. ■

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Colleagues remember alumnus

Tom Sharp
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Pete Springer was remembered by his Senate colleagues as a good man, an honest legislator and a tireless advocate for education.

Springer died of congestive heart failure, complicated by diabetes, in the downtown condominium he leased with another senator sometime Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. He was 55.

The Centerville Democrat had represented the 25th District for 12 years.

"There is really nothing I can say that you don't already know. There's nothing I feel that you don't already feel," Lt. Gov. John Wilder said Thursday during a short memorial service in the Senate chamber, attended by Springer's wife and three sons. Springer's desk was covered with a floral arrangement and his seat was draped in a state flag.

"It's a hard lick. It hurts," Wilder said.

Wilder noted Springer's life-long commitment to education; he was a teacher and principal before retiring. "He cared about children and made a difference in their lives," Wilder said.

"We loved him. I don't know why we don't know how much until one leaves. We ought to know that sooner. We ought to remember it and know it. We're going to miss him. God blessed this nation and this state and his community because he gave him to us for 55 years."

Dr. Paul E. Rodgers, minister at Centerville Church of Christ, which Springer attended and where his funeral will be held at 2 p.m. today, said Springer "gave his life to our most precious resource, our children."

"Death comes every day to someone and it comes someday to everyone. That is why Senator Springer would want me to challenge those of us who remain. Whether you are part of this body of leaders or living in the little hollow, you ought to do all the good you can in all the places you can, on all the occasions you can, as long as you can."

Springer also was adamantly opposed to private prisons and tried unsuccessfully to get the state to stop allowing Nashville-based Corrections Corporation of America to import prisoners. ■

Sen. Ward Crutchfield of

White separatist raises student ire

Julie Chen
Univ. of Texas at Austin

AUSTIN (TMS) - A white separatist group's racially targeted fliers incited a student rally against racism on the University of Texas' campus Monday, and has prompted discussions of modern race relations among the general student body.

The fliers, which stated, "Don't have sex with blacks - Avoid AIDS!" cited the names of three black men who allegedly "lied about being HIV positive and had sex with dozens of white women."

About 4,000 of the fliers were distributed among the Houston, Dallas, Waco, College Station and Austin areas last

week by the National Alliance, an organization that identifies itself as a white separatist group.

Last semester, the same group hung "Save the white race" banners over highway overpasses, causing uproar among both students and local residents.

"It saddens me that people think that, because it's apparent that people who think that way lack sufficient education and haven't been exposed to real-world experiences," said Elia Montelongo, a UT senior majoring in corporate communications and government. "It's one thing to be ignorant, but it's another thing to be proud about it."

James Vick, vice president for student affairs, said UT is pursuing the individual who posted the fliers. ■

The National Alliance advocates the establishment of an

"Aryan nation" free of Jews and racial minorities, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit agency that tracks hate organizations.

A spokesman for the National Alliance, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Daily Texan that his organization is using university campuses to promote its message.

Students are pushing for the UT administration to "come out and make a statement against the group and say they are creating a hostile environment for African Americans on campus," according to Daron Roberts, UT student government president.

Named in the indictments were Thomas Reedy, 37, and his wife Janice Reedy, 31, both of Fort Worth; R.W. Kusuma and Hanny Inganata, both of

Kusuma, Greenberg and Inganata. The images depicted children from ages 4 to 12 engaging in sexual acts. ■

The panel returned 87 counts against the five, including charges of sexual exploitation of minors and distribution of child pornography.

The maximum penalty for each count is 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The government alleges that Landslide provided a credit card verification service that was an electronic gateway for subscribers to access photos and movies at Web sites operated by Kusuma, Greenberg and Inganata.

The Reedy's home-based business, Landslide Inc., also was indicted.

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Murfreesboro, TN

The West Wing

by Adam Tune, Staff Columnist

Gone-zalez

America should shift its attention from Elian to its own needy children

I write this column to talk about the political scene, whether it is local or national government. The problem is that the only talk happening at the moment in either is about Elian Gonzalez.

Now, I have tried my best to stay out of this story. When his name comes on television, it gets the same response out of me as the name "Jon Benet."

I change the channel.

But it is getting to where we can't even do that anymore. He is on every station. When I wake up, he is on CNN. When I read the paper, he is on the front page. When I listen to the radio on the way to school, he is the topic.

Does anyone else ever get tired of hearing about this kid?

Now I realize that I am writing about the same subject that I hate to hear about, but that is the only thing in the political news right now.

I am sure all of you know that around Thanksgiving, Elian came to the U.S. in a boat with some other Cuban immigrants. He made it to Florida, but his mother did not.

Since then, his aunts, uncles, other relatives and other Cuban immigrants have said that they want Elian to stay here in the U.S. because they don't want him to go back to Cuba with Castro.

Elian's father wants him back. A while back, his grandmothers came here to see Elian, and they went back empty-handed. Now his father is here to take him back.

The last few days, I have woken up to hear that this was the day that Elian and his father would be united.

Every time I hear this, I just roll my eyes. It is never happening. This has been going on and on for too long.

Even Thursday there was a deadline to turn the boy over to INS officials by 1:00 p.m. our time. That didn't happen either.

The family in Miami refuses to hand him over, while the father and Janet Reno refuse to give up the fight to send him back.

It is a boring battle that just goes on and on, and I wish it

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From the Editor Kill him or don't, but choose

I don't personally believe in the death penalty, but if they're going to kill Coe, I wish they'd just do it already.

Coe's lawyers are asking for yet another stay of execution to prevent the killing by lethal injection currently scheduled for Wednesday.

If approved, this will be the fourth stay in less than a month.

Mental competence is what is in question here. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that Coe received a "full and fair" hearing on this question in 1979. However, the lawyers are arguing that Coe may not be competent during the actual execution.

The simple fact is that this

doesn't matter. The Supreme Court did not intend to "require a state to determine a prisoner's competency at the exact time of his execution," according to the Court of Appeals.

All Coe's lawyers are doing is postponing the inevitable. As long as the death penalty is still in place, people will die from it, and Coe will be one of them.

The lawyers may stall, but they're not going to be able to keep doing so for the rest of Coe's natural life.

This constant need by death row inmates to prolong their life in prison and hold off certain death for as long as possible baffles me. Why would anyone

want to live under such dire circumstances? How afraid of death must one be to put themselves through this?

Living with the constant knowledge that one day you will be killed by your government could be construed as cruel and unusual punishment. This is not "an eye for an eye." The victim did not have to live with this knowledge.

If killing is the punishment this country sees fit for the crime, then do it already. Quit allowing the desperate stalling of a man who's already doomed.

Angela White
Editor in chief

The Bill of Fights

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

Fighting against 'Net nannies

Internet law protection will battle our rights to privacy

What makes the Bill of Rights so great?

Its scope is constantly changing and now has tangled itself in the Internet.

The Fourth Amendment protects "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable search and seizures."

But how does this affect the Internet?

Well, much of the information formerly stored in wallets and filing cabinets in the home now have their little piece of cyberspace on the web.

So, what rights do law enforcement agencies have in searching on-line documents and private e-mails? Anything on a shared server (such as connecting to the Internet) runs the risk of being intercepted by any

number of hackers.

What's to keep law enforcement agencies from monitoring and/or censoring what comes from point A to point B in their fight against crime?

Not surprisingly, civil liberties groups are fighting like hell to thwart the random "search and seizure" of private information from the Internet.

Gregory Nojeim, a legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said that legally it is easier for the government to read your e-mail than tap any phone line in the pursuit of preventing crime.

A prevailing argument is that if law enforcement officers are restricted in fighting cyber crime, then the criminals who commit "identity fraud" using stolen computer information will be that much harder to

catch. The law would not be able to follow the "electronic paper trail."

The "New Economy," or "Cyberbusinesses" like Yahoo! and Excite, are caught between the old and the evolving.

Because computers are shared possessions of data connected to a network, the idea of place and possession may not necessarily apply.

At a technologically advancing campus like MTSU, imagine having all of your grades stolen and replaced.

Luckily, all grades are in a hard copy form, but the future of technology continues to push toward a paperless society, and we have to be aware that every facet of our lives could be changed in one malicious second.

Should we give cops the

right to sensitive information under the banner of protection?

These are questions that the government must answer, and it is trying to do so in a House Judiciary subcommittee.

This is basically about the selling of privacy for the sake of protection. An Internet of totally open, unsecured information will surely lead to many more false identity crimes.

However, if we give this power to only the "law," are we truly protecting ourselves?

Or are we making ourselves sitting targets to police harassment and censorship in the name of "serving and protecting?"

Our privacy is increasingly shrinking already. Maybe we should cash out, cut our losses and draw the line in the sand here.■

Letter to the Editor

Is race discrimination at work in KUC courtyard?

Concerning the last "Sidelines" letter I wrote, a young man accused me of crying wolf when it comes to racism. He said that I was part of the problem.

Well, I call it as I see it, and on this campus as well as other predominantly white universities across the United States, racism exists and is present in so many forms.

I can only talk about MTSU, because this is the school I attend.

On various occasions I have dealt with the ongoing problem of racism. Let me paint a picture

for you.

The KUC courtyard, the gathering place of so many people and the organizations in which they belong. One week there is alternative music. It begins around 11:00 and might end around 3:00. If you take a look out your window, you will see a small group of black students gathered around a tree, while their white counterparts meander throughout the yard enjoying "their" music.

No one is causing trouble -- it is just a little down time before their next class.

The next week a black frater-

nity attempts to give back to the campus. They give out food and roses to ALL the people that pass. On this day the roles are reversed.

When you look out your window, you see a large group of black students conversing, eating, and just waiting until their next class. However, this day the music does not begin at 11:00, nor does it end at 3:00. The music starts around 12:45 and is abruptly interrupted.

There is no reason given -- it is just time for us to pack up and leave.

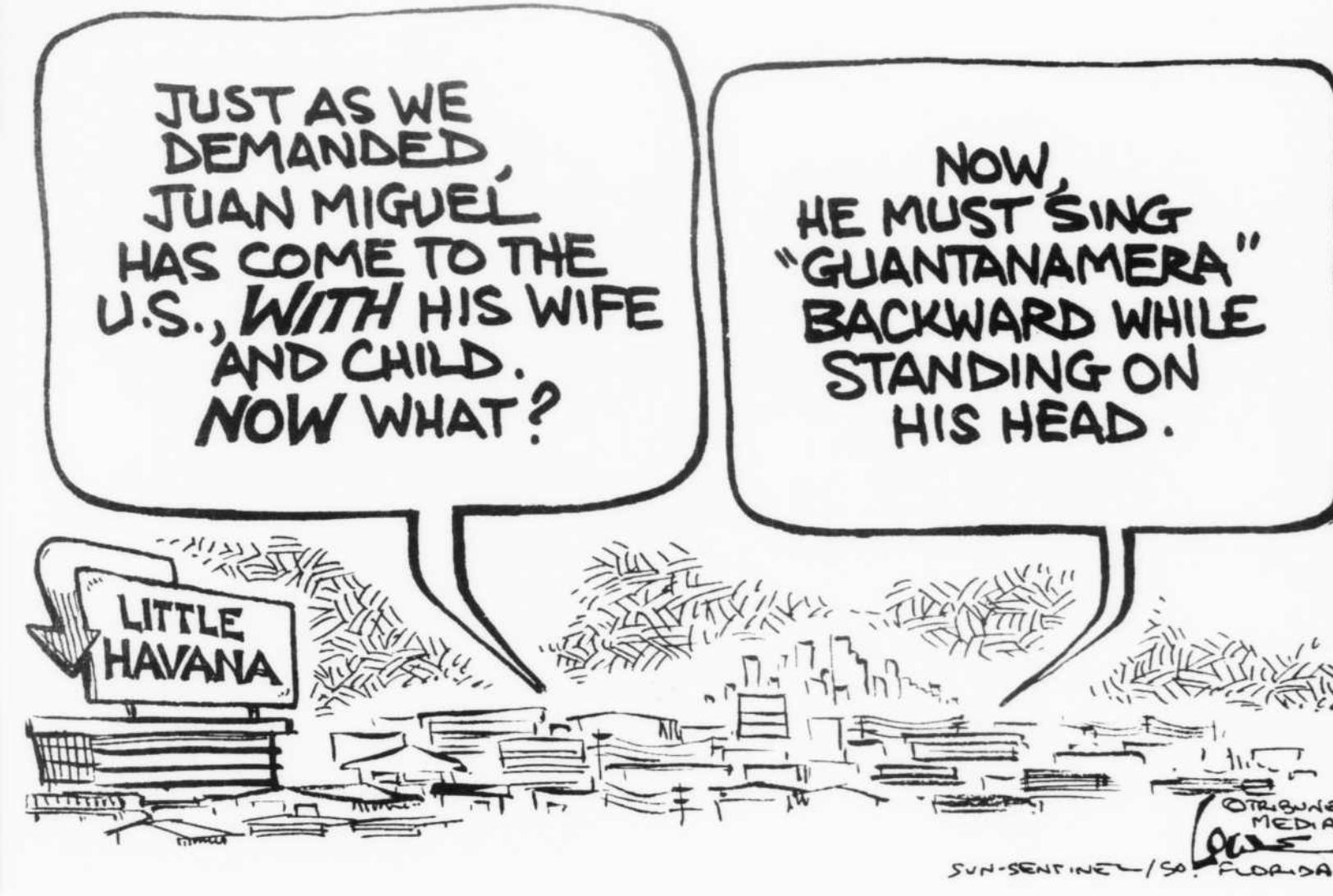
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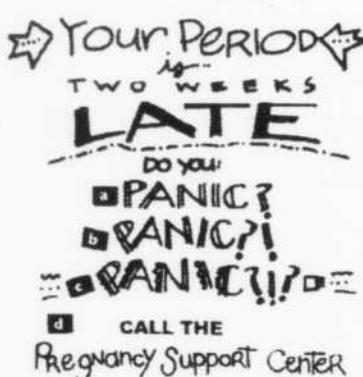
might think this is not a big deal, or that I might be blowing the situation out of proportion.

Well, when you experience the constant denial, harassing and pestering that we experience, then you might begin to understand.

The problem is a serious one, and as college students preparing to go out into the world and become part of a "civilized" society, we must begin here, on college campuses, to make this world equal for all.

Jeanette Owusu
Freshman





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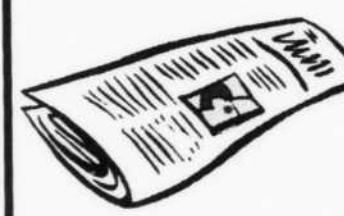
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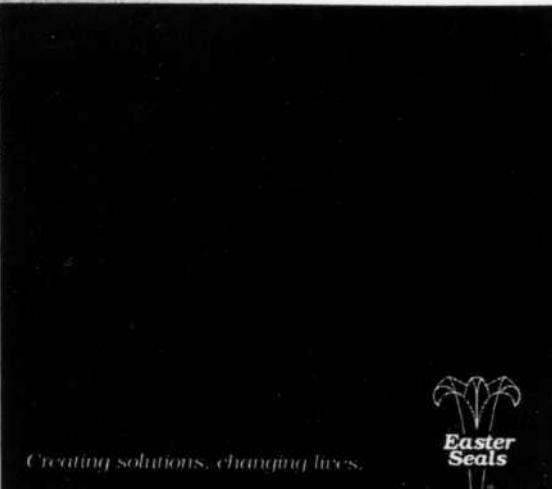
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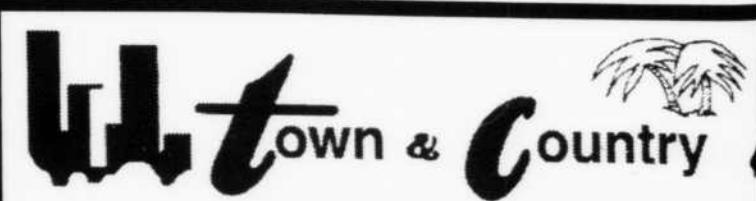
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Filling in the gaps

Conference on Holocaust focuses on keeping memories alive

James Evans
Managing Editor

Some people would say that ignorance is bliss. Others would testify that those who forget will be destined to remember. But Holocaust survivors simply say, "never again."

Even four months into the new century and nearly 70 years since the beginning of the Holocaust, the shadows of the atrocities from the era still cloak the lives of many people.

The Holocaust began January 30, 1933 with the appointment of Adolf Hitler as chancellor of Germany. The appointment marked the beginning of a series of events that began a 12-year cycle of hatred toward anyone not deemed an Aryan. A decree issued by the Nazi party defined a non-Aryan as "anyone descended from non-Aryan, especially Jewish, parents or grandparents. One parent or grandparent classifies the descendant as non-Aryan...especially if one parent or grandparent was of the Jewish faith."

"It's a unique historical phenomenon," described Nancy Rupprecht, a history professor at MTSU.

In addition to being a history professor, Rupprecht also served as program chair for the MTSU Holocaust Conference, which was held April 13-15. The conference is held every other year at MTSU.

By keeping the memories of the Holocaust alive, the conference is one way that survivors ensure that history won't be repeated.

"If we don't perpetuate the memory, we certainly see people today that are capable of that kind of irrationality and hate," Rupprecht warned. "People won't be on alert."

But Holocaust education goes beyond what is read in history text books.

"Cold facts don't give the whole picture," Rupprecht said.

Personal memoirs and historical studies help fill in the gaps between the lines of fact. One person's story of their individual trek through hell more truly reflects how it was for the victims of Hitler's reckoning.

That's the purpose the bi-annual conference serves. Experts showcase papers and research results with the audience, and survivors share their stories.

This recent conference featured Misha Defonseca, who was a child from Belgium during the Holocaust era.

After her parents were deported to a concentration camp, Defonseca wandered Europe in search of them, and on two separate occasions she claims she was taken in by wolves.

Vojtech Blodig from the Czech Republic presented, "Terezin and the Memory of the Holocaust in Czechoslovakia Since 1945" as part of the fourth session titled, "Genocide in the Post-war World: Perspectives from the Present."

Rupprecht said she considers this conference to be the best one yet, and said that some of the guests agreed.

The next conference on the Holocaust at MTSU is scheduled for 2002. ■

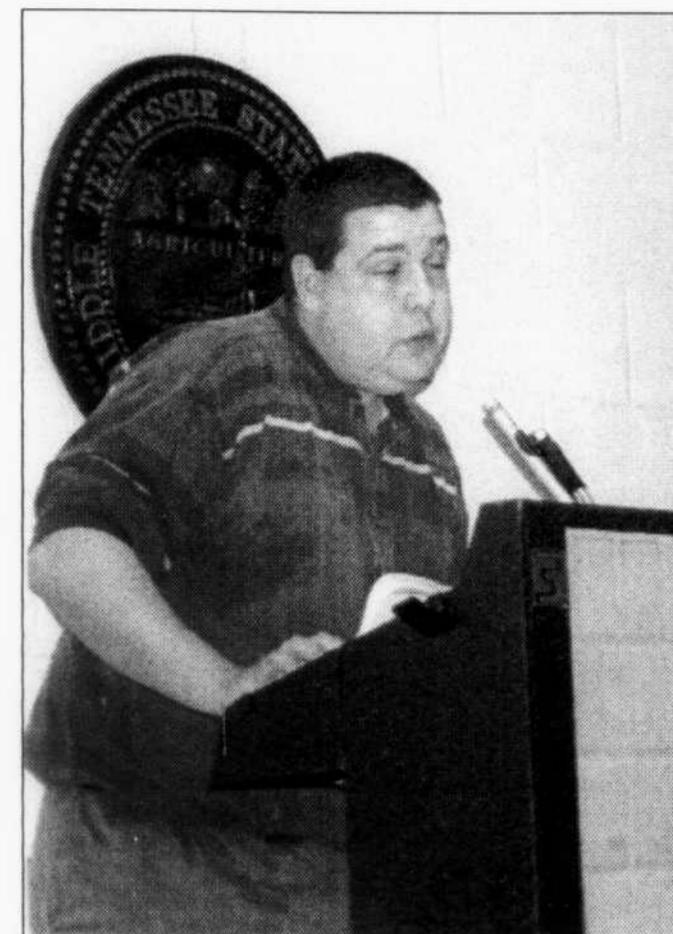


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Richard Hitchins of Clark University lectures about Nazi Web sites as part of the Holocaust Conference.



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A member of the German police kicks a Jew who is climbing onto the back of a truck during a round-up for forced labor as two other Germans look on in amusement.



German police shoot Jewish women who remain alive in a ravine after a mass execution.

'Lysistrata' receives futuristic makeover

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

Last week MTSU theatre transported Lysistrata's crusade against war out of ancient Greece and into the 24th century.

When the play begins, Earth has nearly perished in a nuclear holocaust. Some of her people survived by escaping into space while others lived through the disaster in underground shelters.

Now they face the Herculean task of repopulating the planet.

Instead of concentrating on the task, however, the two groups of men are fighting one another for supremacy.

Lysistrata, heroine of ancient Greece, arises to save the day.

She proposes a bold plan. She convinces the women among the survivors to refuse to have sex until the men produce a lasting peace.

Anna Gorisch gives an

inspired performance as Lysistrata.

She is very believable even when she is rising out of the floor.

The set, consisting of the ruins of earth's buildings, was dramatically illuminated with laser lights which were extremely effective.

Bridgett Jordan and Paul Hull play Myrina and Kinesias, a married couple who find the restrictions "difficult." They both convey a sense of confusion and divided loyalties that shapes the play.

The costuming is unique. It features brightly colored, exaggerated body parts. I leave to your imagination exactly which body parts.

As the audience was filling the theater, I noticed a student who had brought her parents to see the play.

When they passed me, I overheard the man saying, "Don't be surprised if Dad decides to leave the theater."

MTSU theatre has entered this production in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. ■

RIM student lands D.J. gig at 'River'

Elizabeth Herschberger
Contributor

An MTSU recording industry student has made an early launch into the real world, now doubling as a disc jockey on "107.5 The River," a popular Nashville radio station.

Nathan Lux realized the field he's currently training to enter is a pretty competitive one, but that didn't stop him from waltzing into a major radio station and snagging a job.

"They would never have looked at me if I hadn't been a recording industry student," he said.

Lux is an on-air D.J. from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. during "Open House Party," a weekly late-night program broadcast to all of the Top 40 radio stations every Saturday. He also gets a lot of experience with board operations and helps edit and create plugs.

"It's my job to come up with new and innovative ideas," Lux said.

Radio stations like "The River" have to be concerned with appealing to a youthful audience and remaining "fresh." That's where Lux comes in.

He has grown very familiar with the millions of buttons that blink before him on the console.

His hands move swiftly across the board as he looks up at the computer screen, which tells him the order of the songs and advertisements.

He groans as he prepares to put on an upcoming N'Sync song. Then he answers a few phone calls from eager listeners requesting songs or wanting to make "shout outs," and says he'll see what he can do.

"Thankfully, my classes helped me learn a lot of useful terminology. I knew what a lot of this stuff did, but before classes, I had no idea what most of it was called," Lux said. "I would have looked like an idiot not knowing."

He's been working at "The River" since October and enjoys it quite a bit.

When Lux was first hired, "The River" paid for him to take voice training for a month and a half.

Since Lux completed the program, he has been allowed to interject his own comments between songs, pending the choice of a radio name.

Beaming with a look of pride, Lux shows some of his friends around the station. Walking through the halls to the booth, he warns them authoritatively to watch their heads and step because of the construction going on.

He hurries through the corridors, excitedly chanting that it's almost time to plug in the next commercial. Finally, he reaches the booth and goes straight back to the console to rapidly begin his next wave of work.

When everything has been completed in time, he heaves a long sigh and collapses onto his stool to face his awestruck friends. Fiddling with one of his rings, Lux looks pleased that they look impressed.

He begins to talk to his friends about the live program he did on New Year's Eve.

"It was really exciting, but kinda scary, ya know?" he said. "We didn't know whether the power was going to go out or what. But, plus, you just never know what kind of psychos are lurking about on a night like that. The station even got bomb threats during the day."

Security guards had to accompany Lux at the station for the entire night. He had to carry a special box containing a cell phone and a blow horn to alert the police and warn the other people in the building in case he got a bomb threat while on the air.

Being hired as a D.J. for "The River" was quite an achievement for Lux. He is only the second D.J. to ever be hired by the radio station while still attending college.

He said that when he interviewed for "The River," he didn't really expect to be hired as a D.J.. He was hoping for an internship or an assistant's position. Before he knew it, though, he was training to be a professional D.J.

Before Lux worked at "The River," he had a program on the campus student-run radio station, WMTS, for nearly a year. He said that having the experience was a definite plus when it came time to apply for "The River."

Lux is still plugging away in recording industry classes at MTSU during the week. He is also pursuing other musical interests on the side.

He plays drums for a "hardcore," or very heavy, metal/rap band, that he recently helped form.

"It's all about connections," he said. "MTSU's recording industry program was the first connection I needed. It got me in the door."

Lux also said that he loved the fact that working for a professional radio station is giving him more connections.

"I feel like I'm meeting the right people," he said. "I'm going to be able to move on to bigger and better things when the time is right." ■

Obstacles to overcome

One female Citadel student succeeds in a hostile environment.

"[Female cadets are] so worried about what the guys think. They try to be real friendly, hang out with them, go drinking with them on the weekends.

If they like me, fine. If they don't, fine."

Marja Mills
Chicago Tribune

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A horn sounds, and Cadet Peterson snaps to attention. Shoes polished to a gleam, spine ramrod straight, poker face in place, she is ready for the next military maneuver: lunch.

On this warm March afternoon, like all weekday afternoons at the Citadel, that means marching in lock step from barracks to mess hall with 1,600 fellow students.

In this sea of blue-gray uniforms, in her classes, around campus, Sha (pronounced Shay) Peterson has a habit: Quickly, quietly, she steals a glance around her. She is looking for a face that resembles her own.

"I see, am I the only black? Am I the only female? Usually I'm the only something."

At 20 years of age, the soft-spoken Chicagoan is 750 miles and a world away from her gritty Roseland neighborhood. She is an African-American at a Southern bastion of tradition with proud ties to its Confederate history, a woman at a military college famous for fighting like hell to keep females from marching in its ranks.

Through an odd mix of choice and chance, the young woman from deep on Chicago's South Side is at the heart of a struggle she did not start or even sympathize with at first.

Once here, though, her stubborn streak prevailed. She decided — muscles aching, heels dug in — that there was no going back. Women belonged at the Citadel. She belonged at the Citadel.

Four and a half years after Shannon Faulkner became the first female to enroll at the state military college, women make up a small but growing portion of the ranks. Currently, 1,587 of the school's cadets are male; 61 are female.

And so Peterson marches



Photo provided

Sha Peterson, middle, with her boyfriend, Lorenzo Champagne, and her best friend, Yaunna Thompson, attend a Bible class at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

with the guys under a cloudless South Carolina sky, tiny gnats biting the back of her neck. She doesn't swat them away. That would break the all-important precision.

Peterson is a sophomore. What stands between her and becoming one of the first 50 women to graduate the Citadel is 2 1/2 more years of tests — academic, physical, mental — at a college that moves to its own rigid rhythms and rituals.

Though only 30 percent of

Citadel students now go into the military, the campus retains the flavor of a the campus retains the flavor of a four-year boot camp. Rules and hierarchies reign, and there are a lot of both.

Peterson's mother had her doubts about how the slender daughter she calls "no bigger than a dime" would adjust to the demands of a military college, especially the Citadel. After all, her daughter loved to wear glittery evening dresses and high heels to school dances. She lux-

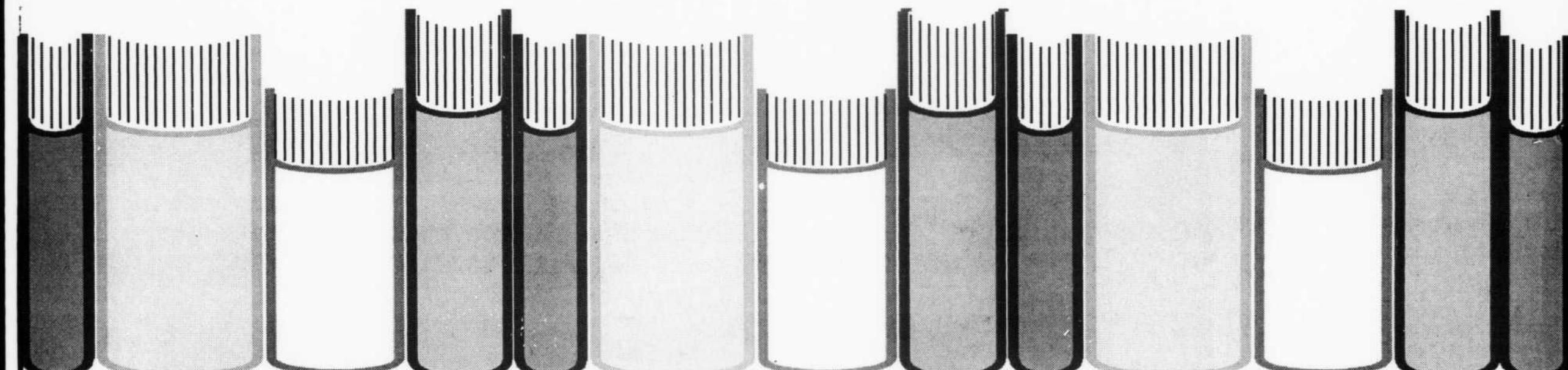
uriated in sleeping late and chafed at her evening curfews. But Rena Sterling, 39, also knew her daughter was bent on achievement.

That's one reason Peterson excelled in the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at Chicago's Whitney Young High School. She liked the teamwork, the discipline, the ribbons for accomplishment. She wanted a career, and she thought maybe the military would be the place to start.

In that way, Peterson has something in common with the white, Southern young men who traditionally have enrolled at the Citadel. The school has its share of privileged sons. But it also long has been a place where students outside elite circles went to earn credentials and make connections for either military or civilian life.

Peterson's optimism wavered when she arrived on campus, a

See Peterson, 3B



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Peterson: opposition from men less vocal

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supremely ordered place with palm trees and imposing white buildings that look like Moorish castles.

"I thought it was very pretty," Peterson said. But intimidating too. "Everybody's yelling at you and telling you what to do."

She realized right away her stubborn streak could either get her in trouble or become an asset. She would make it an asset. She would be too stubborn to fail.

She did rebel a bit, silently, when an upperclassman took her to task for improperly chewing her deli meat sandwich in the massive mess hall. Peterson was supposed to take a bite, chew three times, then swallow. She chewed more than that, and the upperclassman called her on it. "Three chews, Peterson," he barked. "Three chews."

Instead she pretended to take another bite, which meant she was allowed another three chews. Finally, Peterson swallowed. "I'm thinking, I'm not about to choke for you," she said.

For the most part, she followed rules and passed daily inspections. She was spared one punishment called "tours" (extra marching) that many students endure but did get some "cons" (confinement to barracks), once for chewing gum in a forbidden area.

Only about 80 percent of the students who showed up that first day were still here a year later to begin sophomore year. But Peterson stuck with it. Peterson returned this year, she said, because she wanted to finish what she started.

Some of the men, including Peterson's boyfriend, senior Lorenzo Champagne, said they admire the women's fortitude.

"To deal with a lot of the guys who have this attitude that (the women) don't really need to be here, they have to be determined," he said. "If they weren't, they wouldn't make it. They have to know how to handle rejection and be alone."

Some male cadets are angry their school is no longer the same-sex one generations of Southern men attended — survived — in a macho rite of passage. Besides teaching academics, the military school boasted it turned civilians into soldiers, men into

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boys, cadets into brothers.

"It's just not the same," said one male junior, whose uncle graduated from the Citadel. "You have to worry about what you say, what you do, if there's a girl around."

"Get out of my battalion," is the greeting Peterson sometimes gets when she visits a neighboring barracks. "Usually, I keep walking," Peterson said.

Female cadets said the men who oppose them seem to be less vocal about it each year, though formidable tensions remain. Last year, the Citadel graduated its first woman, Nancy Mace.

Perhaps it is a measure of changing times at the Citadel that Peterson said what is most difficult is simply not knowing how many fellow cadets resent her presence.

"The worst thing is walking around the campus and not knowing," she said. "You'll be sitting in class next to someone who doesn't want you here, not knowing."

The gospel choir and a Bible study group with other black students have become what Peterson called her "comfort zone." There she can let her guard down and feel at home.

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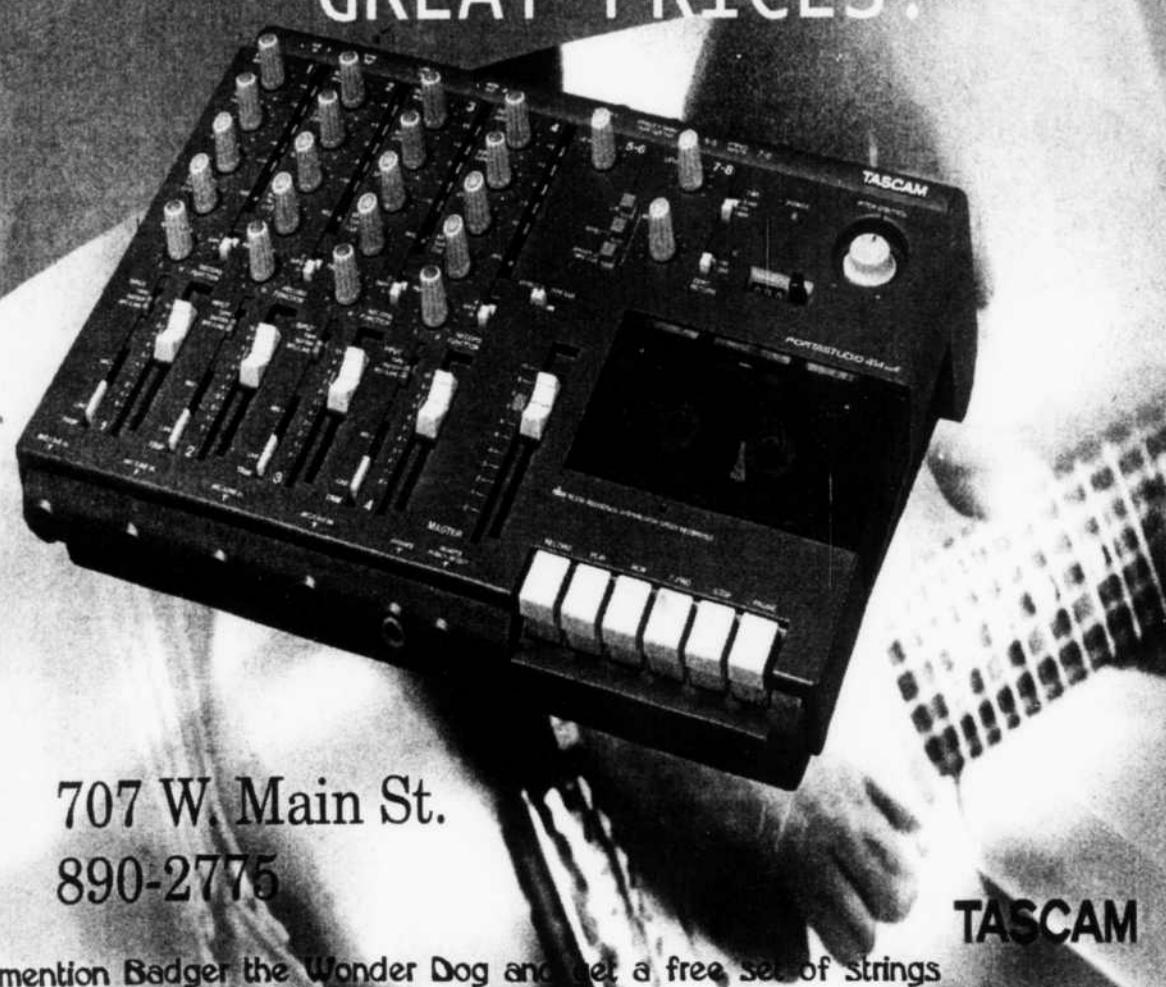
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Murfreesboro, TN

Spring game a success

McCollum pleased with progress of football team

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

What a difference a spring makes.

Spring football ended Saturday on a positive note with the annual Blue and White game, and fans have reason to be optimistic.

"It was a good day to end it," head coach Andy McCollum said. "It was physical on both sides. We're more physical on the offensive and defensive front, and we're starting to get a little pressure. But we've still got a long way to go."

Both sides of the ball showed improvement from last season. The offense looked crispier, scoring one two possessions during the full-scale scrimmage. Jamison Palmer scored the first touchdown on a 7-yard run, and Kendall Newson scored on a 7-yard pass from Wes Counts.

Dwone Hicks and David Youell scored during the 25-yard portion of the scrimmage. Hicks rumbled in from 2-yards out, and Hicks hauled in a 25-yard pass.

Unlike last year, signs of a running game are evident.

Last year the offense averaged only 111 rushing yards per game. Saturday the Raiders rushed for 221 yards. David Wesley led the way with 78 yards on 14 carries.

"We've been running more in practice, and we ran the ball a little more today," Wesley said. "That's helping both the pass and the run. The defense doesn't know what to expect."

Wesley left the game after pulling a hamstring. He expects to be fine in three to four weeks.

Palmer — who lead all rushers last year with 548 yards and nine touchdowns — ran



Photo by Michael Edwards | Staff Photographer

Tackling was a problem for the Blue Raider defense, but there was no shortage of hard hits and tackles at the spring game Saturday.

for 35 yards on 12 carries.

Hicks also performed well. He set up the Palmer's touchdown with a 37-yard run and scampered for 67 yards on 12 carries.

"The offensive line really worked hard getting the holes open," Hicks said. "I just did my job by running through them."

"I know I could've broken it (the 37-yard run). If I would've had a little more burst I could've taken it to the house. I really don't like getting caught from behind."

Like last season, the passing game is in tip-top shape.

Wes Counts completed 13 of 19 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown. His lone interception was on a deflected pass. His backup, Lance

Phillips, was 10 of 28 for 104 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Youell caught seven passes for 72 yards. Kendall Newson caught four passes for 50 yards. Tyrone Calico snagged four passes for 52 yards.

"I feel like I've improved since last season," Calico said. "My routes are crisper."

Defense, though, is where improvement is most evident. They looked quicker to the ball than last year. They put pressure on the quarterback and challenged receivers.

Led by two from Wes Stephens, the defense recorded seven tackles for a loss. There were seven sacks, two each by Isaiah Brown and Terrance King.

"We feel a lot better than we

did last year," Stephens said. "Last year it seemed like everybody ran over us. Nobody knew what they were doing last year. Everybody got their assignments wrong. Everybody's getting better."

Jykine Bradley, Mario Kelso and Chris Johnson intercepted passes. Bradley returned his 23 yards for a touchdown. The defense also recovered a fumble.

"If we don't put the ball on the ground and make good decisions we give ourselves a chance," McCollum said. "We're not good enough to do anything wrong. The great teams can overcome mistakes, but we're not there yet."

The season begins Sept. 2 at Illinois. ■

Blue Raiders trample Morehead

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

Pitching dominated for the Raiders on Saturday as senior Jeff Parsons and sophomore Dewon Brazelton shutdown the Eagle bats, winning 11-0 and 8-0 at Reese L. Smith Field.

After scoring 11 runs in the first game, Middle Tennessee's bats looked a little sluggish through the first four innings of the second game. But in the fifth inning, the Raider bats broke out, scoring three runs in the fifth and five in the sixth.

For the first time in several games, the Blue Raiders pitched well and hit well in the same game. Parsons threw a complete game shutout, surrendering only six hits and walking one. Brazelton, on the other hand, pitched a two-hit shutout en route to his 11 run victory.

Blue Raider outfielder Bryan Peck acknowledged that the Raider bats had not been hitting well, lately, but that the pitching staff had done a good job.

"The pitching staff has really stepped it up," head coach Steve Peterson said. "When you get the bats hitting this is a good team."

Leading the way for Middle Tennessee in game two was Peck, who went 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBI's. The good hitting was matched with Parsons' pitching performance. ■

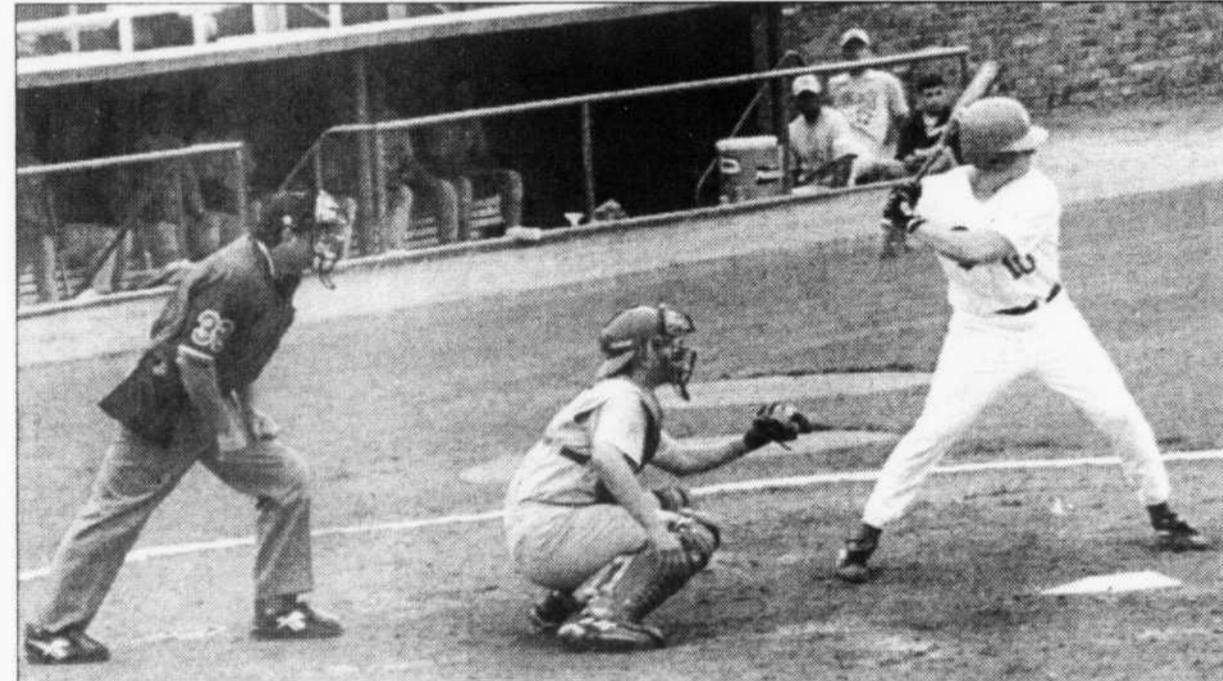


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Peck impressive, again

Jay Carlton
Staff Reporter

As impressive as MTSU senior outfielder Bryan Peck's 1999 season was, the slugger is turning heads again in Y2K.

After setting an MTSU record for doubles in a season with 23 last year and leading the team with 56 RBIs, the Athens, Tenn. native is on pace to duplicate last year's numbers.

"Bryan makes coaching fun," said Blue Raider head coach Steve Peterson. "He does such a great job that I take him for granted. He had a great year last year and he's having a great year this year too."

Coming into Saturday's doubleheader against Morehead State University, Peck was hitting .354 with 8 home runs.

In the first game versus Morehead, an 11-0 MTSU rout.

Peck, playing in right field, was rather quiet at the plate, settling for a double in the bottom of the first inning.

Starting at center field in the nightcap, an 8-0 MTSU victory, Peck came alive, going three-for-three with four RBIs and one home run.

With Saturday's performance, Peck poured fuel onto the fiery competition between himself and teammate Josh Pride. Assuming the home-run lead with his ninth, Peck now leads Pride by one home run and has a comfortable RBI lead with 41 to Pride's 25. He also raised his batting average to .370 and has a .659 slugging percentage.

"We like to compete against each other," said Pride. "It's been going on for about two years now. I was ahead of him [in home runs] most of last year, and he would catch up. Then I would go ahead again, and he

would catch right back up. It seems like we're doing the same thing this year."

As spicy as the competition between Peck and Pride is, Bryan definitely keeps a level head and remains focused on winning baseball games for his team.

"We have a lot of fun," said Peck. "Every time one of us hits a home run, the other is waiting at home plate to say congratulations. The competition between us is all in a friendly nature. It makes things more interesting, but it's fun."

Even though Peck's offensive numbers are enough to qualify him as a standout player, he brings a number of other qualities to the table that improve his worth tremendously.

His teammates are quick to point out his leadership skills.

See Peck, 7B

Position of quarterback up in air

Andrew Butler
Staff Reporter

Wes Counts must be very familiar with this situation.

When spring football practice starts each year, the redshirt junior has to fight to keep his position as the Blue Raiders' starting quarterback. Coming into Saturday's spring game at Jones Stadium, Counts is battling transfer Lance Phillips and redshirt freshman Fred Smith.

"That's how they make good ones," Counts explained. "I'm sure that the good ones push themselves. Having someone wanting to take your job definitely pushes you."

But spring competition to get the starting job isn't new for Counts. Last year, a group of players led by Gabe Alaniz and Matt Mill chased Counts for the top job. Counts fended them off while going on to set a team single-season record for passing yards with 2,603. However, starting the last 20 games at quarterback and throwing for over 4,000 yards in two years doesn't mean he has a lock on the job.

In the spring, Counts still finds himself looking over his shoulder at his competition when they are on the field and he is not.

"It motivates you for spring, and (you) get worried every time they are in there," he said. "(You worry about) how many reps people get and hope you get more than they do, or understand more than they do."

While the players chasing him have changed from year to year, the one thing that has remained is that he is still No. 1 on the depth chart. The Oakland product went into and left last

year's spring game as the top quarterback. He also went into and left the 2000 game as No. 1.

"Nobody has a position every year," Counts said. "Every year, somebody new will come in or someone will get better during the offseason, and they are going to try to get your spot. That is what makes good teams good. They are people pushing each other, and you have to get yourself ready to beat those guys out."

But it is not a given that Counts will get the job this year. MTSU second-year coach Andy McCollum doesn't guarantee anyone a starting position, including the quarterback.

"Wes is our No. 1 guy, but Lance Phillips gives us something we didn't have a year ago," McCollum said. "I really like the way he's come along. He's just learning the offense and getting more comfortable. But, as far as an arm and the physical part of it, I think he's got it all."

McCollum indicated that there was room for improvement for all three quarterbacks. All three mixed miscues with solid plays against a Blue Raider defense that looked to be vastly improved from last year. Each quarterback played in part of the scrimmage, and each threw an interception.

The offense managed three scoring drives: two led by Counts, which included a touchdown pass, as well as a touchdown pass by Phillips.

Counts was 13-for-19 through the air for 120 yards and a touchdown, while Phillips connected on 10 of 28 passes for 104 yards and a score.

"I thought all three quarter-

See Quarterback, 6B



2000 Football Schedule

September

2 at Illinois	TBA
9 at Florida	5 PM
16 Murray State	6 PM
23 at Maryland	5 PM

October

7 Louisiana Tech	6 PM
14 LA-Monroe (HC)	6 PM
21 at UAB	2:30 PM
28 at Mississippi St.	TBA

November

4 at UCONN	11:30 AM
11 South Florida	2 PM
18 LA-Lafayette	2 PM



Photo by Josh Ezzell | Staff Photographer

Senior Melanie Manley led the Raiders to a win against Southeast Missouri Saturday.

Softball loses first OVC game Saturday

Andrew Butler
Staff Reporter

One swing of the bat was all it took to end a seven-game win streak.

The Middle Tennessee softball team fell 4-2 in nine innings to Southeast Missouri in the first game of a three-game set Saturday afternoon at Lady Raider Field. MTSU won the second game, 2-1, to split the doubleheader. The two teams played the final game Sunday afternoon.

"Our goal really wasn't to go undefeated, although you hope to," said MTSU coach Karen Green. "We're still in the hunt of things, and we expect to be in the hunt of things."

MTSU went into Sunday's game with a 27-15 overall record and was 8-1 to lead the Ohio Valley Conference. Before last weekend, the Lady Raiders ran off a streak of seven wins and won nine of their last 10 games. The last loss was a 5-1 decision against Florida International.

That game was also the last

time MTSU scored less than three runs in a game. During the seven-game win streak, they made winning the close games a specialty by taking three of those games by one run. However, the series opener on Saturday saw SEMO (13-18, 5-4) pull out the close win.

MTSU had to rally just to get the first game into extra innings by scoring two runs into the bottom of the seventh inning. After a scoreless eighth inning, SEMO plated the winning runs in the top of the ninth with a two-run homer by Renee Enos pulled to left field off MTSU pitcher Jennifer Martinez as she completed a 2-for-4 day.

Jenny Doehring scattered four hits in six innings in a sparkling no-decision for SEMO. Renee Mueller (8-9) gave up two runs in her three innings, including a scoreless ninth, to pick up the win. MTSU's Martinez (12-7) went the distance as she struck out 11 batters and allowed only five hits in the loss. Lady Raider senior Tamara Davis went 3-for-4 as she was the only MTSU player with a multi-hit game.

The Lady Raiders were able to put runners on base but could not score any of those runners. MTSU finished the game with seven stranded runners.

"The difference in the second game and the first game is that we laid down some bunts," Green said. "The two key points in the first game is that we couldn't lay down a bunt and we didn't play mistake-free defense."

The second game saw another pitchers' duel as Stacy Preator (8-6) struck out seven batters en route to a five-hit complete game. MTSU scored its two runs in the fourth inning and survived a SEMO rally in the sixth to secure the win.

SEMO scored its lone run in the sixth as Emmy Kisaka hit a two-out, RBI-single to left field. SEMO loaded the bases as the next batter, Josie Earnest, drew an intentional walk. Preator struck out Michelle Frank to leave the bases loaded to end the inning.

The Otahkians went scoreless in the seventh for the MTSU win.■

A first round with a real kicker

NEW YORK (AP) — Leave it to the Raiders to provide a kick to an otherwise predictable NFL draft.

No first-round trades for the first time since 1983 — those came before Saturday's lottery. Penn State's Courtney Brown and LaVar Arrington, as expected, went 1-2. And a first-round bonanza for Washington, whose owner tolerates nothing short of a Super Bowl.

But then came the 17th pick, and a move sure to raise eyebrows among the NFL's character police, especially after a season in which two players were charged with murder and dozens more with various law-breaking. That's when Oakland picked Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski — a player facing bribery charges that could get him deported to Poland. He's the first kicker taken in the first round in 21 years.

"We feel we have an environment with our veteran players and our coaching staff for this young man to flourish," Raiders coach Jon Gruden said.

This isn't new for the Raiders, who won Super Bowls two decades ago with the likes of John Matuszak and Ken Stabler advancing their wild-child image.

And it's not surprising Janikowski was taken high — he kicked 50 field goals the past two seasons, sent most of his kickoffs and wowed people at

the scouting combine. "An orbital display," Gruden called it.

Still, they tried in vain to trade down before using the high pick, but no one bit because all the movement was before the draft. Moreover, most personnel people say there's not much difference between players in the middle of the first round and the middle of the second.

That's not true at the top.

The first pick was Brown, the Penn State defensive end who was chosen by Cleveland over teammate Arrington, a linebacker promptly snatched by the Redskins. It was the first time since 1984, when Irving Fryar and Dean Steinkuhler of Nebraska went 1-2, that the top two choices were from the same school, and only the third time ever.

Washington, which had obtained picks 2-3 in trades with New Orleans and San Francisco, grabbed Alabama's Chris Samuels, whom it hopes will play left tackle for the next 15 years.

"It's really hard to please an entire room, but in a half-hour period, we pleased the defensive staff with Arrington and turned around and pleased the offensive staff with Samuels," said coach Norv Turner. Maybe demanding owner Dan Snyder will stay pleased, too.

Arrington even upped the expectations by choosing No.

56, the number worn by Lawrence Taylor, to whom he's often been compared. And while all the "next LTs" have proven to be less than that, all Arrington has to do for now is provide some impact to a defense that ranked next to last in the NFL even while Washington was winning the NFC East.

Janikowski, a native of Poland with the strongest leg most NFL people have ever seen, wasn't the only player who was chosen despite problems with the law. In fact, he wasn't the only Florida State transgressor taken.

Wide receiver Peter Warrick, chosen by Cincinnati with the fourth overall pick, was suspended for two games last season after he got \$400 worth of department store merchandise for \$21. And Laveranues Coles, tossed off the Florida State team as part of the same incident, was taken by the Jets in the third round.

Janikowski was taken higher than any kicker since Russell Erxleben was taken No. 11 overall by New Orleans in 1979.

Aside from the Redskins, the team that probably did the best in the three rounds that took place Saturday were Baltimore and the New York Jets.

The Ravens, who had choices five and 10, got just what they wanted for their anemic offense,

See Draft, 7B

Ex-cop bribes 10-year-old pitcher to bean batter

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A former police officer was convicted of soliciting assault for giving a 10-year-old Little League pitcher \$2 to bean another youngster with a fastball.

Jurors deliberated only two hours Friday before convicting Shawn Patrick Phillips of misdemeanor charges of corruption of minors and solicitation to commit simple assault.

Phillips, 28, a former part-time officer in East Penn Township and Coalville, faces up to three months in prison.

Carbon County Detective Joseph Panaman testified that Phillips admitted asking the pitcher to hit a batter last May.

The boy hit a 10-year-old in the leg, dropping him to the ground and bruising him. Four days later Phillips gave the

youngster \$2 for the job, Panaman said.

Phillips testified that he was only joking about beaning the other player and that he gave the boy \$2 for listening to his pitching tips.

Prosecutors did not detail a motive. Phillips was fired in December for unrelated reasons, said Coalville Police Chief Jim Strauss.■

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Tennessee grabs LB with 30th pick overall

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Patience paid off a second straight year for the Tennessee Titans.

Tennessee wanted a linebacker out of Saturday's NFL Draft to finish revamping a unit that struggled in its Super Bowl season. Picking next-to-last in the first round, the Titans got the one player they targeted: Keith Bulluck of Syracuse.

"We had him projected somewhere around 20," coach Jeff Fisher said. "We really didn't think he'd fall."

With Bulluck still available at No. 30, the Titans thought briefly about trading down and trying to grab the linebacker in the second round. But Fisher said they decided not to get greedy.

The scenario offered a case of deja vu for the AFC champions. The Titans also watched and waited last April as Jevon Kearse fell to them at No. 16. Kearse became the Defensive Rookie of the Year after grabbing 14 1/2 sacks and forcing 10 fumbles in helping Tennessee to the first Super Bowl appearance in the franchise's 40-year history.

Tennessee isn't expecting that kind of immediate impact from Bulluck. But the 6-2, 232-pound player is expected to start this season at outside linebacker, joining veteran Eddie Robinson with free agent signee Randall Godfrey in the middle.

The Titans traded out of the second round and picked up an

extra draft pick in the fifth round by sliding seven spots. They used that 68th pick overall on tight end Erron Kinney of Florida, replacing Jackie Harris who went to Dallas, and grabbed BYU defensive end Byron Frisch with the next-to-last pick of the day.

Linebacking was the weak spot in Tennessee's defense last season.

Starters Barron Wortham and Joe Bowden each had 81 tackles, compared to Godfrey's 143 with the Dallas Cowboys in 1999. Bowden is an unrestricted free agent, and Fisher said they hope to bring him back to a team that never stopped looking for linebacking help in 1999.

Bulluck's biggest impact will come against the run. Fisher pointed out the AFC Central features several big running backs and got even tougher Saturday with the Baltimore Ravens drafting Jamal Lewis of Tennessee.

"He's a fast player that knocks people down. He keys well, instinctively reads runs," Fisher said.

For Bulluck, the selection ended a long day of waiting with friends and family getting anxious as the first round rolled to an end with him still waiting. He even spent some time alone in a room as tensions rose.

"I wasn't necessarily upset. I knew wherever I got picked I'd just help that team win. I just happened to be fortunate enough to land with the AFC

champions," Bulluck said. Bulluck was an All-Big East Conference player after leading the league with a career-high 138 tackles but just two sacks at middle linebacker. But he started his college career at strong safety and moves quickly across the field.

Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said Bulluck has the feet and hips of a cornerback and the size of a linebacker.

For the Titans, it's the eighth time they have used their No. 1 pick on a linebacker. Kearse played linebacker at Florida even though Tennessee always planned to put him at end, so Bulluck becomes the first true linebacker taken in the opening round since Lamar Lathon in 1990.

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Ripken hits 3000

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cal Ripken got his 3,000th hit Saturday night, adding another huge number to his Hall of Fame resume.

The Baltimore Orioles star, already renowned for playing a record 2,632 straight games, reached this milestone with his third single in a 6-4 victory over Minnesota.

Ripken became the 24th player to reach 3,000 hits, doing it a year after both Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs joined the club.

"I was relieved, I felt a weight was lifted from my shoulders," Ripken said. "I thought about how lucky you are and how you started."

When the game ended, Ripken signed autographs for about 15 minutes for some of the fans who had given him a two-minute standing ovation. The gesture was reminiscent of the victory lap he took at Camden Yards after breaking Lou Gehrig's "Iron Man" streak.

"I tried to give back as much as I can and I thought it was right and appropriate to celebrate with the fans," he said.

Ripken lined a clean single to center field off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco for No. 3,000. He was greeted at first base by coach and longtime teammate Eddie Murray, who also got his 3,000th hit at the Metrodome while playing for Cleveland in 1995.

"To meet Eddie at first base, that was a special moment," Ripken said. "He said, 'Way to go, welcome to the club.'"

The 39-year-old Ripken shook hands with Twins first baseman Ron Coomer while the souvenir ball was retrieved by Baltimore's Will Clark.

Ripken took the ball, walked over to the first-base stands and flipped it underhand to his wife, Kelly, wearing a bright orange blazer and flanked by their two children.

Ripken returned to first base, took off his cap to acknowledge

a standing ovation and then tapped his heart once as he mouthed the words "Thank you" to the crowd of 18,745.

As part of the celebration, the Orioles spilled out of the dugout to congratulate Ripken.

Ripken entered the season nine hits shy of the mark, but was just 6-for-34 (.176) going into Saturday, the 2,800th game of his career.

He grounded out in his first at-bat, then singled cleanly to right in the fourth off Sean Bergman. In the fifth, Ripken hit a high bouncer that third baseman Corey Koskie fielded, but had no play on for an infield single.

Right before Ripken came to bat in the seventh, Twins manager Tom Kelly was booted when he went to the mound to make a pitching change. Carrasco relieved Travis Miller, and his first pitch went for a passed ball that scored Albert Belle and put the Orioles ahead 5-4.

Ripken singled right up the middle on the next pitch. In his last at-bat, he flied out.

Ripken conquered a bad back and the butterflies that had stoked a season-long slump.

"You just have to deal with it, plow through and get those hits," he said recently. "But I can see why someone would say the last few are the hardest ones to get."

Ripken became the seventh player in major league history to get 3,000 hits and 400 home runs. He was the AL MVP in 1983 and 1991 and the Rookie of the Year in 1982.

Of the 24 players to get 3,000 hits, 10 have done it on the road. Ripken was born and raised in the Baltimore area, and Orioles fans were hoping to see him reach the mark at Camden Yards.

The Orioles play the Twins again Sunday before returning home to face Tampa Bay on Monday night.

The 17-time All-Star has

always been fond on the Metrodome, where his .321 average is 43 points higher than his career mark.

"I've hit a lot of ground balls, and it's turf," the third baseman said. "This is a good hitting place. I see the ball pretty well. And, then you get rewarded for some groundballs that go through the middle or find holes."

Ripken played his 2,000th consecutive game at the Dome, on Aug. 1, 1994, on his way to breaking Gehrig's record a year later, a streak he said was easier to pursue than 3,000 hits.

"It's a little bit more nerve-wracking, I guess," Ripken said of his quest for 3,000. "At least the games just came and added up each time. Getting a hit ... you have to do something. You can't just show up."

On Friday, Ripken admitted the pressure of the pursuit was getting to him.

"I feel like your insides are running just a little high. That's the best way to describe it is that your excitement level gets up inside," he said before going 1-for-4 to pull within three of the magic number.

He said the secret to hitting — to any athletic success, really — was to suppress that adrenaline high, relax "and let your talent come through. But it's not easy."

During batting practice Saturday night, Ripken was huffing and puffing.

"God, I'm getting worn out," he said.

But when he finished, he hustled to the mound, collected baseballs and poured them into a wire basket, then went about his usual pregame drills.

Ripken is the third player to get his 3,000th hit at the 18-year-old Metrodome, the ballpark where it has happened more than anywhere else. Dave Winfield did it there on Sept. 16, 1993, and Murray did it on June 30, 1995. ■

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Hiring now for SUMMER Work right here on campus! Part-time workers. Can begin as early as May 15, 2000. Experience Desired, but not necessary. Be ready for a work-out! Activities include:

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Summer Jobs!

Day Camp Counselors Needed Live in or Near Nashville? Like to Work Outdoors?

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Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Industry Guides Second Edition, Institute for Biotechnology Information. Guides to access Drug Companies, Bio-Tech Firms and more. Come visit the Placement Center to look at this publication.

Roommate

Need a roommate? Students with non-commercial interest may place ads at no charge in the Sidelines Classifieds. Come by our Student Publications office in the JUB room 306.

Male or Female: Clean with good study habits. Please call ASAP if you are interested in living 10ft from campus in a nice 3 bdr house/apt. Big kitchen with washer and dryer. 6 mo lease \$275/mo + utilities. Available mid April Call 217-1530.

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FREE INFORMATION is available through the MTSU Placement Office, KUC Room 328. Come by and receive your complimentary copies of catalogs, pamphlets, and guides to learn how to write a resume and cover letter from various samples, gather information about a particular company, and help with interview preparation. Video tapes are also available for you to view in the Career Library.

The Placement Center is using a computerized registration system and resume preparation program called RESUME EXPERT. The benefits include:

* professional, typeset quality resume which can be easily updated

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Midlander Student Survey

This is a survey designed to find out student opinions about the Midlander, MTSU's yearbook. Please check your answer to the questions.

After completing the survey, please cut it out and return it to Adult Student Services, MTSU Box 646 or bring it to KUC 320.

Have you heard about the Midlander, MTSU's yearbook?

If yes, how did you hear about it? (Check all that apply.)

- I received a direct mailing about the book.
- I saw signs on campus about the yearbook pictures.
- I heard about the yearbook at Customs.
- I heard about the yearbook at the graduation fair.
- I saw an ad for the yearbook in Sidelines.
- I heard about the Midlander from a friend.
- Other _____

[] yes [] no

Have you ever purchased a Midlander?

If yes, why did you buy it? (Check all that apply.)

- My picture was in it once.
- My parents paid for it.
- The book was discounted.
- My friends were pictured in it.
- The organizations or sports teams that I belong to were covered.
- The book had color photographs.
- The book had events covered that I attended.
- Other _____

[] yes [] no

If no, why haven't you? (Check all that apply.)

- I was not pictured in the yearbook.
- I do not belong to any organizations or teams that were pictured in the book.
- The price was too high.
- I do not think the yearbook contains anything that will interest me.
- I did not know MTSU had a yearbook.
- I did not know how to order a yearbook.
- Other _____

[] yes [] no

Have you ever been photographed for the Midlander?

Would you want your student ID photo in the book if you don't get your picture made?

[] yes [] no

What features are important to you in a yearbook?

Rank in order of preference with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> student organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> academics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> student photographs | <input type="checkbox"/> faculty photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports | <input type="checkbox"/> pictures of campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> current events on campus | <input type="checkbox"/> off campus events that happened that year |

Which format of yearbook would you be most interested in buying?

- hard cover
- soft cover
- CD-ROM

The Midlander should be: (Check one)

- purchased only by individual students who want to buy a copy.
- provided to all graduating seniors by increasing the graduation fee.
- provided to all students by increasing the student activity fee.

What is the maximum amount you would spend on a book?

- \$25
- \$30
- \$35
- \$40
- \$45
- \$50
- \$55
- \$60
- \$65

On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being the greatest), what is your level of interest in purchasing a Midlander?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

What is your age?

- male
- female

What is your gender?

- sophomore
- non-sophomore

What is your class level?

- freshman
- sophomore
- junior
- graduate student
- non-graduate student

Do you live on campus or off campus?

- on campus
- off campus (in Murfreesboro)
- off campus (not in Murfreesboro)