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Murfreesboro, TN

## Simple sign stirs up SGA controversy

Mary Anna Brown  
SGA Reporter

Sophomore Douglas Moore filed a formal complaint Thursday, which opposes how the Student Government Association publicized the recent referendum vote to keep or dissolve the house.

Moore was on the second floor of the Keathley University Center when he noticed a sign by a polling table that read "Vote For Referendum Here" about 10 a.m. Wednesday.

"My reaction was that whomever made this sign is trying to persuade me, to vote in favor of passing the referendum," Moore said. "This is both illegal and unethical, and the vote should be marked as tainted."

Moore immediately went to the SGA office and complained about the sign. The matter was then taken to Gene Fitch, associate dean of student life.

"I did not see a problem with the sign. Therefore I believed that there was no need to take the sign down," Fitch said. "I told the student that he should put his complaint in writing and file it formally."

However, when Moore returned with Fitch to the booth at about 10:30 a.m., the sign had been taken down and replaced with a new sign advertising "Referendum Voting Here."

In Moore's formal complaint, he states that the new sign was posted in an attempt to cover up the original sign, which was leading the reader toward voting in favor of the referendum.

"The confidence the student body has in our SGA was shaken," Moore said. "The sign violated the sanctity of the vote by someone who just doesn't care."

Julie Shew, SGA election commissioner, made the sign and said she had no intention of swaying the vote.

"I did not view the sign as he did," Shew said. "I asked other people about their reaction to the sign, and they did not see it as an attempt to persuade people to vote for the referendum. They saw it as advertising the voting location."

As election commissioner, Shew and four other unnamed commissioners are in charge of making the final decision about whether or not Moore's complaint will be honored.

If Shew rules in favor of Moore's complaint, there could be another referendum vote in the future. This time the process of obtaining 500 signatures would not be necessary since the original vote would be thrown out.

"The second referendum vote would be held on WebMT in March and will be conducted at the same time as the spring SGA elections," Shew said. "There is too little time for reorganization of a referendum vote this soon."

Moore also stated in his complaint that the first mention of the vote for many was found in last Monday's issue of "Sidelines" and that the polls were closed long before students taking evening classes had the opportunity to vote, thereby excluding many voters.

If Shew rules against Moore's complaint, Moore can take it to a higher level, eventually leading to the SGA Supreme Court. Moore is threatening civil litigation if his complaint is denied.

Moore would not disclose the name of his attorney, but said the attorney is just a friend who is interested in the situation.

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## Staff attend Faculty Leadership Academy

Staff Reports

Approximately 30 MTSU faculty members have begun 16 hours of instruction in a workshop setting designed to provide a comprehensive view of where the university needs to go in the next five to eight years and to develop the leadership skills required to keep the institution on course.

After completing the final 4-hour intensive session in March, the first session was held Jan. 28, and the next two will be held in February. This group will become the first graduating class of the new Faculty Leadership Academy.

"We think we have some extraordinarily talented young faculty who certainly show the potential for leadership," said Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, who is spearheading the effort and will lead some of the sessions.

"It is part of MTSU's culture to value faculty leadership and involvement, and we think this is a step that will help us prepare even better," Haskew said. "We want to provide some of our emerging faculty leaders the tools and the information that we think will make them even more effective."

"It will involve four pretty intensive, and we hope productive and fun, sessions for these faculty," the provost continued. "We've had many more nomina-



Haskew

tions for the first class than we can effectively accommodate, and the response has been overwhelming."

Haskew said the dean has submitted nominations, and invitations are now going out. At least 19 faculty members have accepted.

"We appreciate all of the support we have received on campus and the interest that the faculty are showing," she said. "We also appreciate their being willing to give us their time."

Another reason for creating the FLA, besides developing leadership skills and techniques, according to Haskew, is that "we're getting to be such a big university that it is not all

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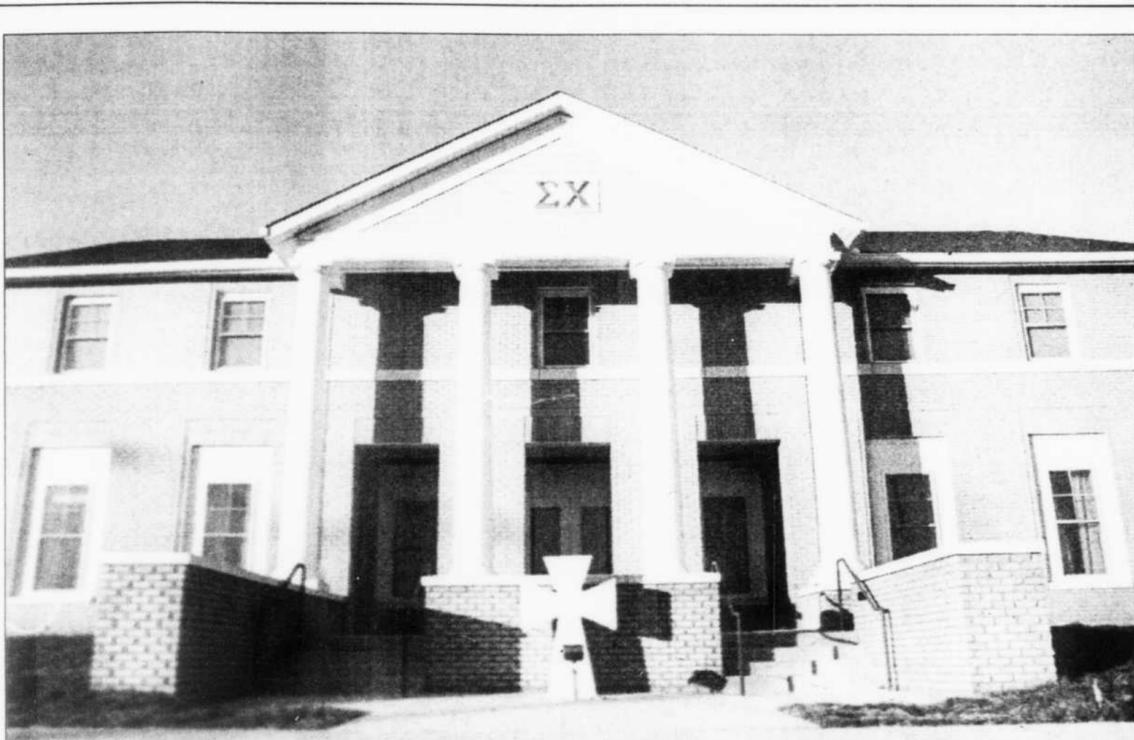


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Fraternities will use their own money to pay for their Greek Row houses, like this one belonging to the brothers of Sigma Chi.

## Sorority rumor 'ridiculous,' no tax dollars used on fraternities

Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum  
Staff Reporter

You've heard the rumors. But is there really some ancient state law proclaiming that if more than four women live together, the residence is considered a brothel?

"Every school in the country without sororities (housing) says that," said Victor Felts, advisor of Greek Life.

"When I was at Austin Peay (State University), that's what I believed," said Felts. "There's no such law. It's ridiculous."

With the completion of MTSU's newly constructed fraternity Greek Row comes the question, where are the accompanying sorority houses?

A group of six sorority alumnae from a variety of schools across the nation must vote unanimously to allow on-campus housing at the annual national Panhellenic Conference, Felts explained.

For the past two years, only four of the six delegates agreed to allow MTSU sororities to take the financial plunge and

acquire campus real estate.

"(The delegation) is afraid the sororities won't be able to afford it," Felts said. "They are also concerned about dues going up."

None of the national delegates are MTSU alumnae, and none of the members have ever visited the MTSU campus, though Felts has encouraged them to do so.

"I've been very frustrated. This has been going on for over two years, and I've tried to convince (the delegates) it's a good idea," Felts said.

Six of the 11 MTSU sororities currently have chapter rooms located in Jim Cummings building, but many of the rooms aren't large enough to facilitate all members from some of the larger sororities.

"We'd settle for a Panhellenic building or townhouses," said Meagan Frazier, president of the Panhellenic Council and a junior public relations major. "I do feel finances are a valid concern. We are not a school where people typically have a lot of money. And (better) housing is one of my goals as president."

So how did the fraternities find the financing to build the houses? State bonds paid the tab, but the fraternities have to pay it back.

Private individuals purchase state bonds in hope that over the years the interest gained will create a profit. Since MTSU is a state institution, these bonds can be used to fund university buildings, explained David Hays, associate vice president for student affairs.

"No state money (tax dollars) was involved," Hays said.

The fraternities will pay back the loan, which has a lower interest rate than most offer, over a 30-year period.

Other building projects, such as some residence halls, Scarlett Commons Apartments and the student Recreation Center, have used state bonds for construction funding as well, Hays explained. These types of loans are repaid through rent, and in the case of the Rec Center, student fees.

A 12 million dollar investment, Greek Row attracts new students and boosts the uni-

versity's overall appeal.

"The university wanted frats on campus," Felts said. "Dr. Walker (university president) and the Greek alumni want to create an 'on-campus' feel. (Walker's) vision is a larger campus and to bring students to campus."

According to Frazier, the sororities are happy for the fraternities' good fortune.

"For the most part (the sororities) are happy (for the fraternities). We'd love to have houses. We now have a Greek Row, even if it's a 'fraternity' row," said Frazier.

Other area universities vary on their "Greek status." Vanderbilt University has had on-campus fraternity and sorority housing since the 1950s. Belmont University, like MTSU, provides chapter rooms for their Greeks.

"Because our chapters are so young, the university has a policy against (on-campus) homes," said Nicole Lejuwaan, Belmont's Greek advisor.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville does have a Panhellenic Building, which houses 15 of its 17 sororities. ■

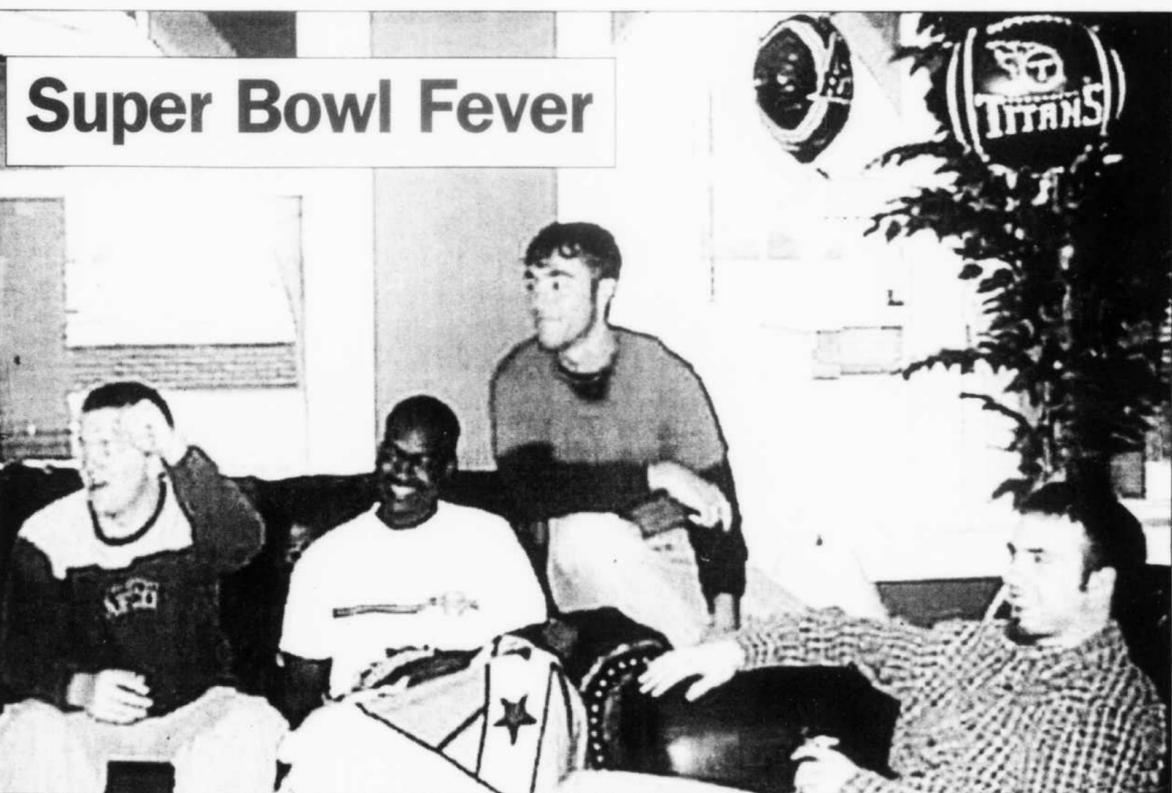


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Beta Theta Pi members Casey Humphreys, Will Hare, Josh Stone and Lance Chadwick watch Super Bowl XXXIV Sunday.

## On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

**Jan. 31**  
Entries are due in the Society of Professional Journalists of Excellence Awards contest. Newspaper, magazine, TV and radio journalists may enter, as well as photographers. For information and an application, contact Kevin Koelling at 904-8193.

**Feb. 2**  
Students for Environment Action is holding a meeting in PH Room 201 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Lori Bruner at greenmind@home.com.

**Feb. 4**  
Applications are due at 4:30 p.m. for director of Homecoming 2000. Applications are available at the SGA Office, KUC Room 208. For more information, contact Julia Graves at 898-2464.

**Feb. 7**  
Psi Sigma Epsilon is holding a general interest meeting in BAS Room S126 at 5 p.m. For more information about the meeting, call Scott Inks at 898-2436. Psi Sigma Epsilon is a national professional sales, sales management and marketing fraternity open to all majors.

Priority sign-ups for campus interviews for Teacher Recruitment Week will be held in KUC Room 322 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-2500.

**Feb. 11**  
Entries are due in for the Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Awards in Journalism. Newspaper, magazine, TV and radio journalists may enter, as well as photographers. For information and an application, contact Kevin Koelling at 904-8193.

**Feb. 21**  
A teacher job fair will be held at the Vanderbilt Stadium Club from 3-7 p.m. Representatives from approximately 100 school districts will be present. Directions and free parking permits are available in the Vanderbilt Placement Center, UC Room

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Interviews will be held in the KUC Tuesday through Friday for Teacher Recruitment Week. For more information, call 898-2500.

**March 15 & 16**  
Two faculty open forums are scheduled in the BAS State Farm Lecture Hall S102/204 at 1:30 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss faculty issues or other university matters of concern and interest.

**March 25-31**  
Campus Recreation will host a ski summit to Colorado for spring break. There will be a pre-trip meeting on March 14. There are two price packages available. A \$200 deposit will reserve a spot. For more information call Mitch, Sean or WT. at 898-2104.

**Ongoing**  
The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for further information.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Open Mic Night" every Monday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

The MTSU Peer Education Program is currently accepting new members. Credit hours available. Applications may be picked up in KUC 303 or call 5453 for more information.

JAWC will be hosting a weekly support meeting, "Women: Food and Body Image," Tuesdays in the CKNB Room 124 at 3:15 p.m. The group is also holding meetings on Thursdays titled "Looking Forward" at the same time and location. The JAWC is a support group for people with eating disorders. For more information, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

The Student Pagan Society meets every Monday in the second floor lounge of the KUC at 7 p.m. For more information, call John Bryan at 907-3328.

## Judge D'Army Bailey to speak at MTSU Thursday

Staff Reports

Memphis Circuit Court Judge D'Army Bailey will speak at MTSU on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Judge Bailey has enjoyed a diverse and distinguished career as an activist, politician, attorney, writer and columnist, public servant and jurist.

He joined hundreds of other students in protest demonstrations against segregation in Baton Rouge while attending Southern University. He was consequently expelled because of his involvement and finished undergraduate studies at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

After graduating from Yale Law School in 1967, Judge Bailey worked in New York as National Director of the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council from 1971 to 1973. However, he

returned to Memphis in 1974, began a law practice with his brother and was elected to the position of Circuit Court Judge in 1990.

A passionate supporter of the cause for civil rights, Bailey is the founder of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, the site where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was fatally wounded.

Bailey's lecture is one of many events scheduled in celebration of African American History Month. It will be held in the Business/Aerospace Building, State Farm Lecture Hall at 7 p.m.

More information about Black History Month can be viewed at the celebration's web site <http://www.mtsu.edu/~aahm>.

Co-chairs are Mimi Thomas, Student Programming, (615) 898-2551 and Dr. Dwight Patterson, (615) 904-8252. ■

## MTSU garners criminology minor

Staff Reports

In an effort to accommodate what has been called a "tremendous student demand," the department of sociology and anthropology at MTSU, in December, was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents to offer a minor in criminology.

Pat Nation, a criminologist and associate professor for the sociology/anthropology department, orchestrated and oversaw the 15-month formation, development and approval process for the 21 credit-hour program, which is now in its debut semester.

"My understanding was that I was brought in because of my background in criminology and program development in Texas," she said. "And I really had the criminology minor completed in mid-spring [of 1999] but it had to go through the TBR and it took awhile. We just got it approved and actually on the computer and listed by the university as a recognized minor in December, and this is a major step for our university, our department and our program."

"The first day that we announced [the minor], we had several people sign up within the next 24 hours, so it's growing," Nation said. "The interest was already there, and we're just accommodating the interest."

Students minoring in criminology at MTSU are required to take a 12-hour class core. In addition, criminology minors must also successfully complete a 9-hour core of electives.

Nation, who has extensively studied the Texas prison system and victims of crime in her role as a criminologist, said the demand for such a minor is high.

"When I first got here, I was averaging two or three calls from individuals wanting a degree in criminology," Nation said. "Some of them already had a degree in criminal justice, and I would tell them that we do have criminal justice, and they would say no, they specifically wanted criminology, which is a smart move in the market today. But we didn't have that before, so I had to refer them to different places outside the university, and so I was really trying to beat the clock to get this going so we didn't lose so many students."

The criminology field is popular, she said, because people typically have a high interest in

crime. "By itself, society is just generally interested in the study of crime," Nation said.

"Historically, we have always been interested in it dating way back. If you look at the television shows, in any given season we typically have numerous television shows that are related to crime, and they tend to do pretty good. You know, 'NYPD,' 'LA Law,' 'Cops'...there are just tons of them, and they have always done pretty well. And then there's popular magazines and books out, too."

Furthermore, those who choose to pursue a career in criminology will find no shortage of employment in their chosen field in the near future, Nation said.

"There are two fast-growing fields that we are projecting and have been for several years. One of them [is] in gerontology," she said, "which is obviously aging. You know, with the demographics changing as they are and the baby boomers coming of age, we are going to continue in that direction for quite some time. Gerontology, our aging program, is going to continue to grow for quite some time."

"The other field is crime. Crime is here to stay, and it's been here," she said. "It's a social phenomena that we want to understand, and it's one that we have to deal with whether we want to or not. Those two fields are pretty safe fields to go into economically, so now we've got a system set up. We've got a society that is really kind of interested in it, anyway."

Frequently, however, people confuse the study of criminal justice with that of criminology, and the fields -- while related -- are not the same, Nation said.

"People typically don't understand the difference in a criminal justice minor and a minor in criminology, and as a matter of fact, some sociologists won't," she said. "Criminology basically is the umbrella, and it looks at explaining crime. And anything dealing with crime, the criminal act, the criminal, how crime impacts society, [criminology] studies it from that aspect. With criminal justice, you're looking more at the processes of crime and what you are going to go through with the processes of crime."

Nation said that in the future, she hopes MTSU will offer students a major in criminology as well as a certification in criminology. ■

## SGA: Referendum 'tainted'

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"Moore has no grounds for an attorney," Shew said. "This is a MTSU campus matter and does not concern or is influenced by the city of Murfreesboro or even Rutherford County. There is no justification for civil litigation."

Shew must make her decision by 4 p.m. today. The result of the referendum vote was 139 in favor of the referendum and 108 opposed to the referendum.

However, for the referendum to have passed, it must have had a two-thirds majority. Therefore the SGA house was preserved.

"I am involved in lots of campus organizations, and I was forced to look at the situation from both angles," said Megan Smith, SGA speaker of the house.

"I believe that the bicameral system hurts the campus based on three main reasons: lack of house participation, the disadvantage to small or new organizations and the manner in which MTSU government is run."

At past meetings only about 40 of 200 house members representing campus organizations

have attended.

"This displays the apathy that our campus organizations have for what we are doing in SGA," Smith said. "We appreciate the representatives who come regularly, but most just come for the activity money."

Smith also said the bicameral system hurts the smaller and newer organizations on campus because they have trouble finding a member to send to each meeting.

"Few colleges are still running under a bicameral system, but that does not necessarily make us special," Smith said. "If anything, it shows that we are behind in the times and that we aren't producing the most beneficial environment that we could be producing."

The SGA referendum may be given a second chance if Moore's complaint is honored.

"I don't think students realized what could be accomplished," Smith said. "They didn't know what was going on because it wasn't publicized enough. If there is a second chance, the effort will be made to make the proposal of the referendum more known." ■

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# Clinton outlines plans for new education crusade

Naftali Bendavid  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, often criticized for small-scale politics, sought to rise above that image in his final State of the Union address Thursday, urging the nation to seize a uniquely prosperous moment and "set great goals for the nation."

Clinton cited the government's unprecedented budget bounty to propose a broad sweep of new programs, including a new education crusade. But he sought to tie those ideas to what he considers the grand themes of his centrist presidency: opportunity, responsibility and community.

"We must be, as we were in the beginning, a new nation," Clinton said. "Tonight let us take our look long ahead and set great goals for the nation. We will not reach them all this year, not even in this decade. But we will reach them."

In his final, and longest, State of the Union, Clinton more than ever was addressing multiple

audiences, not just Congress and the public but also historians. He sought to shape his legacy by citing the vision he brought to the presidency seven years ago and insisting it has been resoundingly fulfilled.

"We are fortunate to be alive at this moment in history," Clinton told the joint session of Congress in the 90-minute address. "Never before has our nation enjoyed at once so much prosperity and social progress, with so little internal crisis and so few external threats...My fellow Americans, the state of our union is the strongest it has ever been."

Among the most notable proposals were spending \$4.5 billion on education over the next 10 years — targeting "failing" schools in particular — and a series of tax breaks aimed at child care, retirement savings and reduction of the tax code's "marriage penalty."

As he has taken to doing in recent years, Clinton tossed in a surprise, proposing that anyone buying a handgun must first get a license. Along with several other proposals Clinton outlined

Thursday, this dovetailed with a similar proposal made by Vice President Al Gore, who is campaigning hard to succeed Clinton and was seated behind him.

Most ambitiously, Clinton offered an array of education proposals. He advocated spending \$1 billion, for example, on after-school and summer school.

He also proposed increasing funding for Head Start, the preschool education program, from \$5.3 billion to \$6.3 billion. And he repeated his plans to hire 50,000 new teachers — half way to a goal of 100,000 — and rebuild 5,000 dilapidated schools a year in need of urgent repairs.

Clinton also advocated expanding health care in various ways, including having Medicare cover prescription drugs, prompting a tart comment from Republican leaders in their response to the president's address.

"Each new program we heard about tonight — and there were 11 of them in health care alone — comes with its own massive bureaucracy," said Sen. Bill

Frist, R-Tenn.

Clinton also trumpeted a series of old and new proposals designed for working families. One proposal would help put low-income fathers to work so they can pay child support, and another would provide tax breaks for child care.

Reprising a consistent theme of his presidency, Clinton appealed for stronger gun control measures, in addition to the new gun registration proposal.

To dramatize that appeal, Clinton used a tactic artfully employed by President Ronald Reagan as he invited Tom Mauer, the father of a student killed in the Columbine High School massacre, to the event and asked him to stand and be recognized.

Clinton proposed, as he did last year, a series of tax cuts, roughly \$250 billion over 10 years. Last year, Clinton forcefully contrasted that with congressional Republicans' plan for a much larger tax cut. This year, the plan contrasts with a substantial tax cut proposed by Republican presidential frontrunner George Bush.

Among his tax breaks, Clinton advocated a "Retirement Savings Account" to encourage lower- and middle-income families to save for retirement. He proposed tax credits for small business that provide pensions for lower-paid employees. He urged cutting back on the marriage penalty, so a couple filing jointly would pay the same amount as if they filed individually.

Although he focused on domestic issues, as he has throughout his presidency, Clinton also spoke soaringly of the country's challenges overseas, stressing the need to expand trade, reduce poverty and fight AIDS around the world.

As he drew near the end of his eighth and final State of the Union, Clinton ended on a somewhat personal note.

"Each time I prepare for the State of the Union, I approach it with great hope and expectation for our nation," Clinton said. "But tonight is special, because we stand on the mountaintop of a new millennium."

## Leadership: 30 faculty members discuss university's future

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that easy for faculty to lead each other across department and college lines."

The idea for the FLA came out of discussions during the implementation of the Academic Master Plan, which contains several goals that Haskew said she anticipates will be accomplished in this decade.

Toward the end of the decade, an entirely new agenda will be molded and shaped by many of these emerging faculty

leaders.

Calling this first class a "critical group," Haskew said they will no doubt help improve the academy for future classes by sharing what they did and did not enjoy, as well as what they felt was and was not a good learning experience.

"I'm excited about getting such energetic, talented faculty in a room and hearing them discuss ideas about where the university is going and what sorts of things they need," she said.

"We'll be listening to them as well as trying to impart a perspective."

In addition to herself, Haskew said President James Walker, as well as others on campus and leadership experts from off campus, will facilitate the sessions.

The selection process for the FLA is based partly on creating balance, Haskew said.

"We want a group that represents the diversity of our faculty," she emphasized. "By and

large we're talking about those who are younger because we're talking about preparing those who will be in leadership positions and on the top committees during the next several years. We're looking at faculty who, by and large, have 10 or 15 years, maybe 20, expected in their careers."

Haskew said a look back at her own advancement through the ranks convinced her that future university faculty leaders need to have as broad a perspective

as possible on the potential of MTSU.

"When I was a young faculty member, I had this sort of gnat's view of the university," she recalled.

"When I moved into this position, I saw a much broader view of the university and understood many things."

Haskew said she expects to have a strong FLA class each spring. The application process will get under way each fall for the spring class.

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## From the Staff Basketball team deserves recognition

It's amazing what a meeting can do for a team.

The men's basketball team held a players-only meeting following its Jan. 20 loss to Austin Peay. Since that meeting, the Raiders are 3-0, with victories over Tennessee State, Murray State and UT-Martin. The Raiders haven't swept the Murray road trip since 1990, when the trip consisted of Murray State and Austin Peay.

Sidelines has been critical of the basketball team -- maybe too quick to judge it.

But I have to call a spade a spade. The basketball team is

playing well and deserves to be commended.

During the winning streak, the Raiders have shot 44 percent from the field while out-rebounding their opponents 116-109.

They have hustled and played with enthusiasm, unlike before the winning streak started.

Before the winning streak started, the Raiders looked unhappy and lethargic.

"We just need to leave everything on the table and play hard," senior center Johnny Cobb told the Blue Raider Network about the meeting. "If everybody goes all out and leaves every-

thing on the court, we should win."

And win they should. They have proven capable of playing with the big boys. They went to the wire with no. 11 Tennessee before losing 78-77 in a Dec. 10 game.

The Raiders seem to have regained the form they showed against Tennessee.

I think we have as much talent as any team in the Ohio Valley Conference; now they're playing like it.

- Josh Ezzell  
Sports Editor

## Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

# Baby Drop Boxes

## Is there hope for unwanted babies?

The media, constantly changing focuses and targets, has picked on the Door of Hope after Baby Andrew arrived.

Baby Andrew is one of four abandoned babies in the last six months. Ten other infants have been legally signed over to Baptist Mission Church for adoption.

In Johannesburg, South Africa, the Baptist Mission Church created a "baby drop box" out of an old, oversized mail chute, named the Door of Hope.

Abandonment of children is illegal in South Africa and carries a five-year sentence to the violating mother. However, the police have been particularly lenient with the Door of Hope operation.

In fact, the operation has been widespread throughout the community as the church dispersed flyers and posters with large Xs over garbage cans, signifying not to throw the baby in the trash, which happens about a dozen times each year.

South Africa has almost 2 million abandoned children. The complications of the South African AIDS epidemic makes it extremely difficult for a large majority of these children to be adopted or even placed in foster homes.

It's estimated that more than 4 million people are infected with AIDS in South Africa.

A little too far fetched for the United States? Don't bet on it. Republic State Sen. Jim Brulte of California introduced a bill to the

state legislature allowing parents to drop off their newborn infants to emergency newborn while shielding the parents from judicial repercussions.

Is Brulte way out in left field? Actually, the bill has widespread support in California.

However, others are concerned with the implications of legalizing child abandonment.

This couldn't really happen, could it? California is actively contemplating legislation on child abandonment.

Texas, the first state to legalize some forms of child abandonment, passed a law after 13 babies were deserted in a 10-month period.

That law allows parents to turn a newborn child within 30 days of birth by "dropping" the infant off with any emergency medical technician in places such as hospitals and fire and police stations.

Baby abandonment increasingly occurs all over the world. Usually thought of as a third world problem, baby abandonment is quite possibly the best way to never allow the child to find the parents, as is the case with adoption records.

The deeper issue here is that if there are unwanted babies left born only to be left for dead, leaving behind a painful, miserable few days of "life," should these children be born at all?

That's the View.  
E-mail me at MTSUViews@mts.edu or at slopinio@mts.edu. ■

## Letters to the Editor

### Pro-choice mother presents different view

Since your screed stirred up the nasty stereotypes about those who support individual freedoms for all Americans, including the right of women to make decisions about their bodies, let me give you pause.

I am a mother of two, happily married for several decades, who teaches Sunday school regularly; indeed, I currently work, study and worship with the youth group at my mainstream church.

I am also pro-choice, even though I have never had the need to consider abortion for myself.

Unlike pro-lifers, however, I do not profess to know God's will, and believe that every female considering an abortion must have the right to decide for herself the questions and decisions that a pregnancy sometimes raises.

Your cliché of "senseless slaughter" is another example of right-wing rhetoric masquerading as a consensus of truth.

Not one instance exists of a pro-choice shooting a man in the back as he goes into a clinic; of a pro-choicer blowing up a building with live human beings in it or mailing a bomb that kills or maims the opener forever; of a single one of us who wields a high-powered hunting weapon and shoots a man in his home as he drinking a cup of tea in his kitchen.

Those are facts. The question of when life begins is not.

Your unsubstantiated claim lacks credibility, so try to get

beyond the stereotypes because they do not advance your cause.

When mostly male, mostly white, mostly Republican pro-life legislators in the beltway and statehouses begin to make good on their promises of setting humane policies that actually allow mostly young, mostly single females to be able to live and raise their children in decent conditions.

When these same legislators stop the generalizations about adoption and actually work closely with parents, schools, health clinics and neighborhoods to make adoption a viable option and set good examples by doing much more of this adopting.

When they begin to understand the incredible financial drain that raising children demands (with two well-educated parents in the home).

When deadbeat dads become a thing of the past.

Then I will give such solutions some credence.

As it stands now, however, the system is stacked against young, poor and divorced women in their chances of creating a decent life for a child because of limited educational and career opportunities, directly related to a lousy daycare system, lack of mass transit and affordable health care.

I wonder if you can really understand the typical female who walks through the doors of the clinic in need of thoughtful, understanding, non-judgmental help.

I wonder if you have unreal child in exhausting, unrelenting poverty or divorce and lived to feel it was the right choice.

Until you have, call off the snarling dogs of rhetoric.

Stephanie Moran

### SGA more than resume builder or waste of time

With all due respect to Mr. Cagnina, the Student Government Association is not just merely a resume piece for those who are involved.

I have had the pleasure of serving with the leadership and legislative bodies in SGA who have toiled so unselfishly on behalf of students and citizens of the Murfreesboro community.

I start with the campus safety walks that were organized by the Speaker of the House, Kevin Travis, which brought attention to parts of campus that were dark simply because lights were not being replaced.

Kevin Travis, Cecilia Thornbury, who serves as the secretary of the SGA, and I walked around at 7 p.m. for the purpose of pointing out to the personnel of grounds at MTSU some trouble spots.

The results were lights being added to some of the darker places around campus and some lights that simply needed to be replaced being replaced.

Thank you for your service on this matter Kevin and CC, even if Mr. Cagnina finds this insignificant.

I believe there are some students who appreciate your efforts.

I applaud Julia Graves and the students who served on the Homecoming committee for the Diligent service in which you provided to our campus during Homecoming.

Julia and the committee members started in the summer of 1999, preparing and asking students for their input and

ideas.

They coordinated Starflicks, the movies on the knoll, the Homecoming parade, the Chili Cookoff (whose proceeds benefited Special Kids of Murfreesboro), all, which even though all people did not participate, were organized, advertised and attended to the point of being successful.

I could go on to talk about the unselfish spirit of Megan Smith, the speaker of the senate, who so graciously gave her time, money and efforts, along with the help of SGA senators and student workers, to coordinate a toy drive for some of the families in family housing.

This drive was during the Christmas season, which is a time that children innocently get caught up in the materialism of society and parents who are working or going to school or possibly even both are financially pressed with the matter to just put food on the table and clothes on their children's back.

I could go on with initiatives that I have coordinated, but I hope the point I have attempted to press is clearer now to the distinguished columnist from "Sidelines."

Are we perfect? Not hardly. Are there issues which are beyond our grasp of bringing a quick and definite response?

Definitely. But has the SGA worked to make campus life better and shown themselves to be caring to students?

You bet. If indeed you feel you should not vote, Mr. Cagnina, your sarcasm has a lot more to do with your decision than you think

Andrae Crismon  
SGA President

## Correction

A Jan. 27 Sidelines item, "SGA Referendum Results," said the student referendum passed. Even though there was a simple majority, a student referendum vote requires a two-thirds majority to pass. In actuality, students voted not to dissolve the House of Representatives. Sidelines regrets the error.



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## Despite tragedy, fire alarms not alarming

Alex Ross  
Tulane University

I don't do fire alarms. Before my illustrious college days, fire alarms scared the dickens out of me.

Fire alarms meant tornadoes (I live in Colorado - right next to Kansas.), fires, or fire-spewing tornadoes.

We'd huddle under our desks or evacuate the building and that was that.

Pretty scary for an 8 year-old whose concept of destruction is derived from news footage of cows spinning in funnels hundreds of feet in the air and fire-engulfed skyscrapers.

I did fire alarms then. But I don't do them now.

I'm in Louisiana at Tulane University now, and tornadoes aren't exactly native to the area.

Yes, we have snakes, we have gators, and we have country bumpkins who wear Confederate flag underwear and think a meal consists of a few dips of Red Man chewing tobacco and a shot of Jim Beam.

But no tornadoes. So canceling out tornadoes, that leaves me only in danger of fire and flooding. Flooding is for the fish, you see, and I have inflatable furniture so I'm not concerned.

That leaves only fire. Fire has always been a very real danger on college campuses.

Take cigarettes, lighters, incense, and a million outlets and chords and add in furniture so old it was confiscated by the British in 1812, dormitory wiring which consists of coat hangers and shoe laces, and dormitory buildings that welcomed Eisenhower into office.

What do you get?

An inferno waiting to happen. And an inferno is exactly what happened at Seton Hall last week when a fire broke out at Boland Hall, a dormitory housing approximately 600 freshmen.

Investigators speculate that a couch in the third-floor lounge caught fire at 4:30 a.m.

The cause? Probably a cigarette. One would think that with a tragedy such as this in the news, I would rethink my no fire-alarm policy.

Wrong. It's horrible that so many kids were injured and killed at Seton Hall.

It's a tragedy, and God only knows what those kids and sympathizers are going through. I sympathize; it's flat-out a terrible situation.

But I'm still not going to evacuate the next time a fire alarm is pulled.

I'll die from cancer, from AIDS, from heart disease before I die in a dormitory fire.

I'll die in a car accident (which I almost have twice), in a plane crash, in a nuclear assault before a fire takes me.

I think I'll worry a little more about being crushed by those spinning cows in that funnel before I take the time out of my life to genuinely worry about a fire.

Like I said earlier, this is a relatively new policy of mine. It only took 40 false fire alarms last year, five this year, and seven in one night before an 8:00 a.m. final for me to change my ways.

Frankly, I got sick of being the butt of a fraternity pledge's joke, I got sick of evacuating from a second-story room whose window sill is 10 feet off the ground, and I got sick of having a bad week because of fire alarms.

Common sense says I should be wary, that fire is a very real danger. But I'm more concerned about the punishment I'm going to receive from Tulane's Housing and Residence Life for not evacuating during a false alarm last semester than I am about a dormitory fire.

Not to mention the spinning cows. ■

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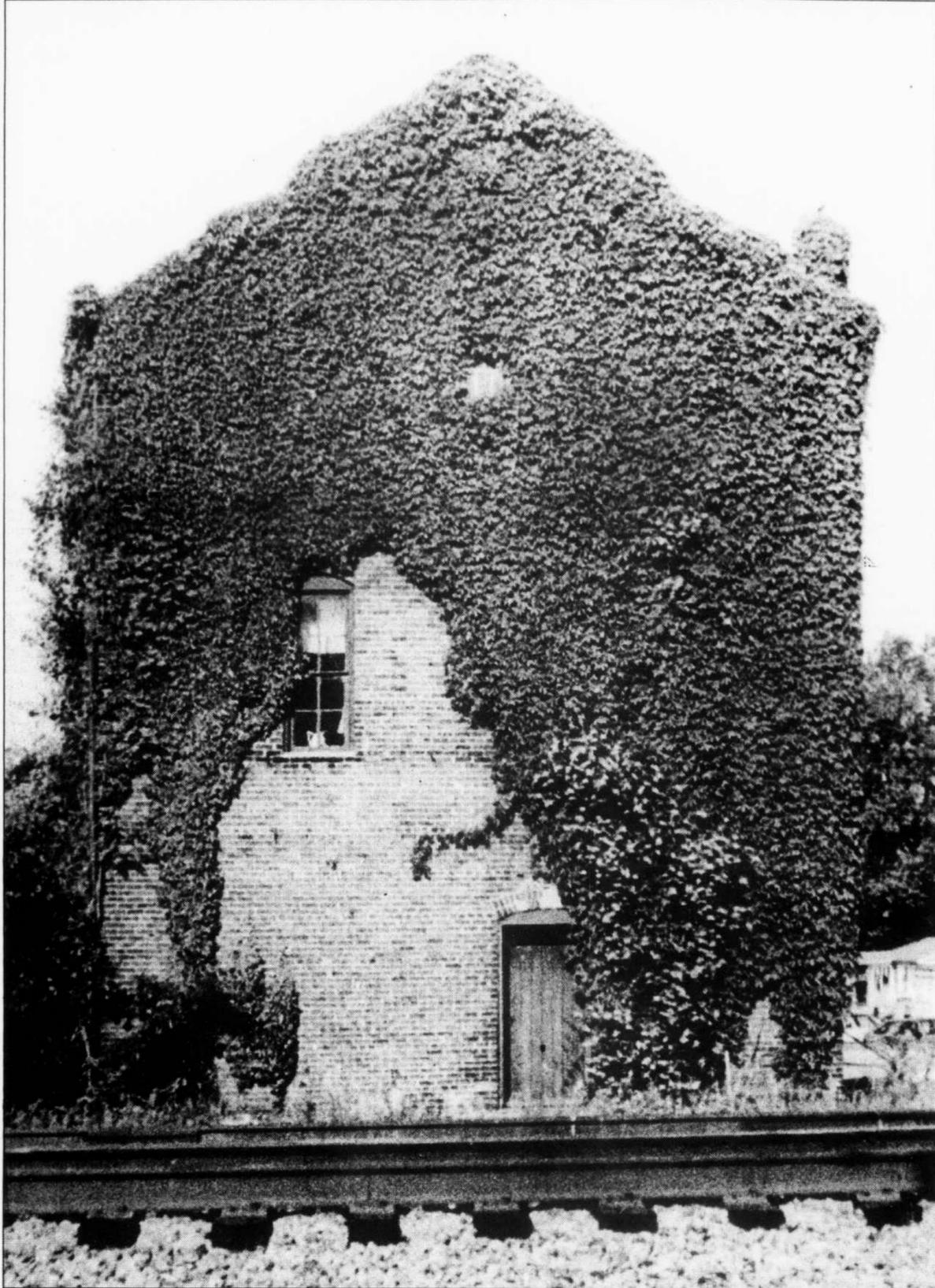
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## Back roads immortalized

Photographer's exhibit focuses on history, culture of regions across country



Rob Evans  
Staff Reporter

When you visit people and places, you often take a picture. It is part of a tradition of documentary photography that Rick Lang calls "a selective view of our times, a mirror of today and a record for the future."

When you view a photograph, you many times wonder where it was taken, who is the subject, what is the significance of the subject, and why did the person who created the subject do that?

Indeed Lang believes that "a photograph should ask more questions than they have answers to," as he said during his slide presentation Jan. 18 in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

You can ask these questions yourself as you stroll through Lang's photographic exhibit in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center. It runs through March 2.

Lang attempts to satisfy our need of wanderlust that we sometimes cannot fulfill.

"Go out and explore the many miles of back roads. Go out and get a map and find these roads," Lang suggests. "Just get a Gazetteer (a travel map that shows roads in detail)."

Back roads are one of the last places where the history and culture that asks questions can be found.

Lang has photographs from many places across the country. He depicts the nature and beauty of the West while also showing the spirituality of its inhabitants. There are many scenes of the desert with many crosses visible in the foreground.

Lang has also photographed the atmosphere and feeling of community that characterize the Southeast, from copied fliers for help in Shelbyville to a concerned citizen outside of Murfreesboro telling us to "repent, for he is coming."

"I began falling in love with the Southeast when I lived here in Nashville," Lang explained. "I love the Tennessee region; I always enjoy coming back because of the consistent and easy temperament."

"The subject is more important than the photography," Lang said during his presentation.

When asked what subjects he looks for, Lang replied, "When I am out looking for a picture, I have something intuitive and

reactive in my mind. I am looking for a certain thing, but I always keep my eyes open. It doesn't always work out, and I stop as much as possible."

When asked about his favorite picture, Lang said, "My best pictures, I believe, have been of signs. I wanted to see how far they would take me."

Many of these signs are interesting and entertaining and provide for a good laugh.

As you stroll among Lang's photographs, you can see the progression of his style and in many instances his major influences. At the beginning Lang took shots of nature and emulated several famous nature photographers. Now he insists he has settled into his style of telling a story, and making a comment on society as he told a famous quote, "If I could tell a story with words, I wouldn't need a camera."

The interest in photography for Lang began as a curiosity.

"I was a senior in high school when a friend came home for holiday break. He introduced me to the darkroom, and I have been involved with photography on some level ever since."

Lang is the director of photography at the Crealde School of Art in Winter Park, Fla. He takes his students on many trips around the country so that they may have the experience of taking pictures away from their usual hunting grounds.

"Plus they pay for me to go as well," Lang chuckled.

Most of these trips are out to the West in areas of Yellowstone National Park and the desert west of Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. He has even taken trips to the Badlands to photograph there.

These are the places where he developed his style.

His works have been shown in many galleries in Philadelphia and parts of the South, although "I am currently working on getting them shown on the other side of the Mississippi," he said.

While he believes that the silver process is still vital, Lang also sees the potential in digital photography.

"Some people say that the silver process is dead. Well, painting isn't dead, and photographs were supposed to do the same to painting," Lang said as he closed his presentation. "What film did was free painting from documenting. Look at digital in that historical perspective. Digital imaging can provide a view and ease for all." ■

Photos by Joel Moore | Staff  
Photographer

Rick Lang's exhibit, "From the Road: Photographic Journey through the Rural Southeast," features photos from his trips across the United States. The Baldwin Photographic Gallery will feature these photos through March 2.



# Student sues school after suspension for artwork

Alex Branch  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WICHITA, Kan. — Attorneys for a Leon, Kan., girl kicked out of high school for her artwork has filed suit, claiming school officials violated her constitutional rights.

The suit, filed in federal court in Wichita, asks a judge to allow Sarah Boman to return to Bluestem High School immediately, but no hearing date was set Tuesday.

The court case came a day after the school board in the Butler County community voted Monday to allow Boman to return to classes on the condition that she first meet with a mental health specialist.

Boman, a 17-year-old senior,

was suspended almost two weeks ago after posting a drawing on a school door that included the words, "I'll kill you all!"

The suit alleges that Boman was denied her right to freedom of speech and that, during an appeal hearing, the district never met the burden of proof necessary to justify requiring her to undergo a psychological examination.

School attorney David All said the district thought it acted within its rights without violating Boman's rights.

"In this climate of violence in schools, I think the administration acted appropriately," All said.

Boman claimed the drawing was an attempt at conceptual art and was supposed to show the deranged thoughts of a fictional

paranoid madman.

School officials called it a threat of violence.

Boman appealed her suspension, and the school district appointed El Dorado attorney David Ricke to act as a hearing officer. Ricke recommended to the school board that it allow Boman to return to school immediately.

The board considered Ricke's recommendation in executive session for about three hours Monday night before announcing that Boman could return if a psychological examination showed she was not a threat to anyone.

After filing the suit, attorney Paul Rebein — who was asked to represent Boman by the American Civil Liberties Union — read a short statement to

reporters scolding the school board for not adhering to Ricke's recommendation.

The suit asks that a jury determine whether Boman is entitled to monetary damages and attorneys fees. Boman and her parents declined to comment.

Dick Kurtenbach, executive director of the Kansas City, Mo., branch of the ACLU, said attorneys hoped for a temporary injunction hearing Wednesday.

All, the school district attorney, said there were many legal precedents that have determined that a student's constitutional rights are not equal to an adult's rights.

All said the problem could have been worked out between the family and the district if the media had not cast so much attention on it. ■



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Due to circumstances beyond our control - Julien donkey-boy - Jan. 30/31 and Feb. 1/2 will be replaced by Gummo.



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## Sun Belt may get bowl game

Josh Ezzell  
Sports Editor

The Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation (GNOSF) has applied with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for a bowl game to be played at the Louisiana Superdome the third week of December beginning in 2001.

It is being called the New Orleans Bowl for working purposes only.

If approved, the Sun Belt Conference football champion would face an at-large team.

Both teams will receive \$750,000 as required by the NCAA.



"We are excited about the possibility of having an annual Bowl during an otherwise slow period in our hospitality industry," Jay Cicero, GNOSF President and CEO, said. "We believe having a commitment from the champion of the Sun Belt Conference already in place strengthens our application, as does our reputation for hosting major sporting events."

"This bowl will be an opportunity for two deserving teams and their fans to come to New Orleans before Christmas, have fun for four days and be recognized for their accomplishments," Sun

Belt Conference Commissioner Wright Waters said. "The bowl is not intended to compete with the Super Bowl. The Sugar Bowl is an American icon. We want this bowl to be a great time and to reward a conference champion."

MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler and head football coach Andy McCollum believe the bowl tie-in will help recruiting and give the league immediate credibility.

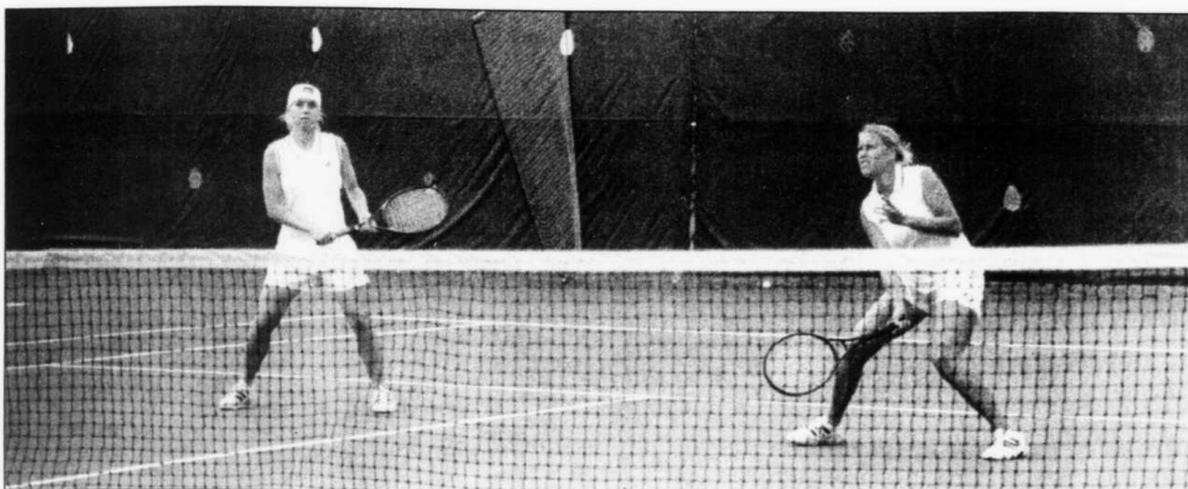
"Having a bowl tie-in will be a huge asset to all the league schools," Fowler said. "This will have a major effect on recruiting and will give our league immediate credibility."

"We have not played the first Sun Belt Conference game, and here we are announcing a bowl tie-in," McCollum said. "This says a lot about what we can expect from this conference in the future."

"Wright Waters and his staff deserve a lot of credit for pulling this off so quickly. This is a tremendous benefit when it comes to recruiting, and the timing could not have been any better."

Seven teams will compete for the football championship in 2001: MTSU, Arkansas State University, the University of Idaho, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, the University of Louisiana-Monroe, New Mexico State University and the University of North Texas.

A ruling on the application is expected by spring 2001. ■



Tina Hojnik and Tanja Buchheim and the Lady Raiders are flying high.

Photo by Robin Wallace | FLASH! Editor

## Women's tennis team taking it all in stride

Adam Sparks  
Staff Reporter

After a 3-2 start, the MTSU women's tennis team is looking ahead at a vigorous schedule and possibly its best season in years.

"We have a tough schedule filled with a lot of ranked teams," said tennis head coach David Thorton. "However, we feel that if you want to be the best, you have to beat the best."

The MTSU women are currently a nationally ranked tennis team. They defeated fellow Ohio Valley Conference member Austin Peay State University by 9-0.

Austin Peay is the only OVC opponent that the MTSU women will face until late in the season.

After winning the opener, the MTSU women's team blanked

Belmont University 7-0.

"The girls looked very impressive in the first two matches of the year," said Thorton. "They're a very young team, and they're improving."

Upon starting the season 2-0, the women's tennis team traveled to Mississippi to take on the Lady Rebels of Ole Miss, 7-2.

Following their first loss of the season, they again fell, this time to No. 16 Vanderbilt University, 8-1.

Freshman Tina Hojnik sweetened the defeat by beating Vanderbilt's Julie Ditty, who is ranked as one of the top 100 players in the nation.

Ditty was the fourth nationally ranked player that Hojnik has faced.

Although it appears that both of the losses were blowouts, Thorton and some of the players claim that the score did not

reflect their true performance.

"We improved a lot in the Vanderbilt match," said freshman Laurie Ferguson. "Just about everyone has gotten better this season."

"I don't think either of those first two losses were blowouts," said Thorton. "The girls played hard in their matches and hustled a lot. They took most of their matches to third sets and could have very well won the whole match if a few breaks would have gone our way."

Last week the women's team took on and defeated Rice University 5-4, the 51st ranked team in the nation.

Freshman Tanja Buchheim, sophomore Michaela Gridling, freshman Stacy Varnell and Hojnik all had impressive showings in the singles matches, while Varnell and freshman Sarah Gohnert won in doubles

play.

"We've improved so much from last year," said senior Nicher Kaur. "At the end of last season, we only had four players; but now we're a much better team."

The Lady Raiders will be in Atlanta Sunday — not for the Super Bowl but to face Georgia Tech.

"The MTSU women have some of the best talent they've had in years, and they're very optimistic about this season and the future of the team."

"Nearly the whole team is made up of freshmen and sophomores," said Thorton. "The team should be able to challenge for the OVC title this year and for years to come."

The MTSU women's tennis team will face University of Tennessee at Knoxville Feb. 5 and University of Memphis Feb. 12. ■

## Raiders keep rolling

Josh Ezzell  
Sports Editor

The two game road trip proved to be a positive experience for the men's basketball team.

After defeating Murray State University 81-79 on Thursday, the Raiders defeated the University of Tennessee-Martin 71-63 Saturday night.

"Everybody contributed pretty good," MTSU head coach Randy Wiel said to Chip Walters of the Blue Raider Network following the Martin game. "We are playing pretty good basketball. We're rebounding better, and we're sharing the basketball. I think the players feel comfortable now."

"I'm very pleased with this road trip. We've never swept Murray and Martin, and Martin is always an ordeal—they're a fantastic ball club."

Fernando Ortiz led the Raiders Saturday with 22 points. Iiro Tennngren, Lee Nosse and Cedrick Wallace each scored 10 points.

Hayden Prescott led Martin with 19 points. Bryon Benton scored 14, and Okechie Egbe added 11 points.

The Raiders shot 48 percent from the field, hitting 27 of 56 shots and 9 of 13 free throws. They committed 21 turnovers while forcing eight steals.

Martin shot 32 percent from the field, hitting 19 of 60 shots and 22 of 28 from the free-throw line. They outrebounded the Raiders 39-36.

Led by Ortiz, the Raiders embarked on a 12-2 run to start the game. Ortiz scored six of the Raiders first 12 points.

Martin scored the next seven points to pull within three, but

that's as close as they would get until the second half. The Raiders hit three straight 3-pointers, which pushed the Raider lead to 13. The Raiders lead at halftime 35-22.

"We put together a good defensive effort and I think that was the key tonight," junior guard/forward Ortiz said to Walters following the Martin game. "We're having fun out there. We're going out there and making good passes, and we're enjoying it when our teammates make baskets. That's what team basketball is all about."

Behind the play of Ortiz, the Raiders led by as many as fourteen in the second half. But sloppy play and free throws got Martin back in the game.

The Raiders committed three straight turnovers, which resulted in six Martin points. Benton then hit three free throws, making the score 57-55.

Ortiz and Wallace took over for the Raiders, scoring 10 of the last 14 points for the Raiders to put Martin away.

"We've had better shot selection the last three games," junior forward Dale Thomas said to Walters. "We've been known to slack off in the second half. We tried to keep our lead and play good defense and I think we did that tonight."

Wiel believes that the Raiders are a good team when they play within themselves.

"We have good players, but every once in a while we don't look good because we try to do too much," Wiel said to Walters.

The Raiders improved to 8-10 overall and 4-6 in the Ohio Valley conference.

They next play Eastern Kentucky University Thursday at the Murphy Center. ■

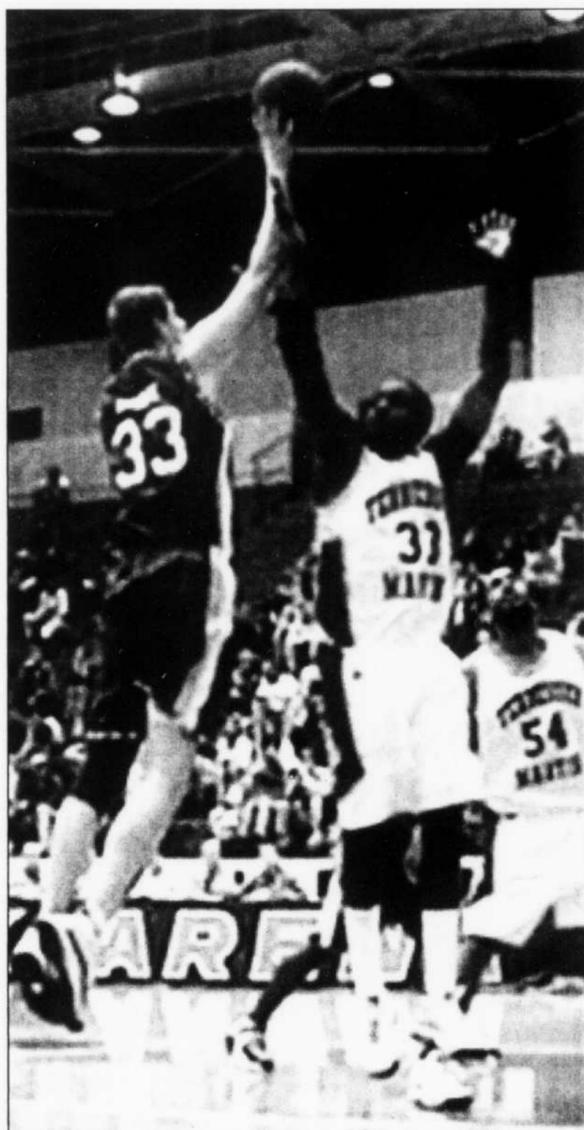


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Lee Nosse and the Raiders have won three in a row.

## 1999-2000 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 3	SPORTS TOURS (Exhibition)	W 92-85
Nov. 17	SPORTS REACH (Exhibition)	W 91-65
Nov. 22	TENNESSEE TEMPLE	W 69-55
Nov. 27	MARIST	W 76-55
Dec. 2	EASTERN ILLINOIS	L 72-76
Dec. 5	KANSAS	L 77-97
Dec. 10	at Tennessee	L 77-78
Dec. 20	MARTIN METHODIST	W 87-79
Dec. 23	at Central Florida	L 77-88
Dec. 30	at Campbell	L 66-73
Jan. 6	at Eastern Kentucky	L 83-85
Jan. 8	at Morehead State	W 77-73
Jan. 10	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	L 48-61
Jan. 13	BELMONT	W 84-73
Jan. 15	at Tennessee Tech	L 66-78
Jan. 18	at Eastern Illinois	L 63-69
Jan. 20	AUSTIN PEAY STATE	L 63-74
Jan. 22	TENNESSEE STATE	W 80-73
Jan. 27	at Murray State	W 81-79
Jan. 29	at Tennessee-Martin	W 71-63
Feb. 3	EASTERN KENTUCKY	7:45 PM
Feb. 5	MOREHEAD STATE (Fox Sports South)	7 PM
Feb. 8	at Southeast Missouri	7:30 PM
Feb. 12	TENNESSEE TECH	7:45 PM
Feb. 17	at Austin Peay State	7:45 PM
Feb. 19	at Tennessee State (Fox Sports South)	7:45 PM
Feb. 24	MURRAY STATE	7:45 PM
Feb. 26	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	7:45 PM
Feb. 29	OVC Tournament (first round)	TBA
Mar. 4-5	OVC Tournament (Semifinals & Finals) (Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville)	TBA

\*times listed are central

# Lady Raiders lose two straight

Josh Ezzell  
Sports Editor

3-pointers.

"I wanted to come out this game and play better," sophomore guard Jessica McClure said to WMTS. "The past few games I haven't played as well as I should. I've just been lolly-gagging."

After trading baskets twice, Martin cut the lead to five at 52-47 with a 4-point play by Kelly Pendleton. With the score 58-52, Pendleton hit two straight 3-pointers to tie the score at 58.

Joanne Aluka scored five of the next nine points for the Lady Raiders, giving them a 67-61 lead, but Martin would not go away.

Down 68-64 with 2 minutes left, Martin outscored the Lady Raiders 9-2 to win the game. Zabrina Harris gave Martin the lead for good with 15 seconds remaining. The Lady Raiders failed to convert on their final possession.

"It's extremely disappointing when you come down to the last second of the game and make a few miscues," Smith said to WMTS. "We played really hard. This weekend has been a horrible shooting performance for us."

Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 18 points, 12 coming in the second half. Lufkin added 16 and McClure contributed 12 and nine rebounds.

Harris led Martin with 18 points, including the go-ahead basket with 15 seconds remaining. Pendleton scored all 13 of her points in the second half.

With the loss, the Lady Raiders dropped to 8-10 overall and 5-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Lady Raiders play Eastern Kentucky University Thursday at the Murphy Center. ■

The two-game road trip is over, and the Lady Raiders basketball team has two losses to show for it.

On Saturday, the Lady Raiders failed to rebound from Thursday's 76-57 loss to Murray State University, losing to the University of Tennessee-Martin, 73-70.

"We fought so hard in the first half just to put ourselves in position to be competitive in the second half," MTSU head coach Stephany Smith said to WMTS following the UT-Martin game. "Tonight, for the first time in a while, we came out and laid it on the line."

Martin took advantage of the Raiders cold shooting by jumping out to a 9-1 lead early in the ball game. The Lady Raiders scored only three points in the first five minutes—all on free throws. Martin never trailed in the first half and led by as many as ten three times, and they led 30-24 at halftime.

The Lady Raiders shot only 26 percent in the first half, hitting only 8 of 31 shots from the field while shooting 60 percent from the free-throw line. They turned the ball over 13 times. Jamie Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 6 points.

Martin also shot poorly from the field in the first half, hitting only 10 of 27 shots for 37 percent while shooting 80 percent from the free-throw line. Tamika Brown led Martin with 8 points.

Erica Lufkin and Jessica McClure led the Lady Raiders back in the second half. Behind their play, the Lady Raiders embarked on a 20-2 run and built a 50-39 lead. During that stretch, Lufkin hit three straight



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Erica Lufkin and the Lady Raiders are now 5-5 in the OVC.

## 1999-2000 Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 9	FREESTYLE EXPRESS	W 89-73
Nov. 15	NWBL - EXH.	W 106-51
Nov. 19	UAB	L 67-70
Nov. 23	at Auburn	L 51-93
Nov. 27	MONTEVALLO	L 50-85
Dec. 2	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	W 63-48
Dec. 4	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	W 85-81 (OT)
Dec. 10	vs. Indiana	L 68-81
Dec. 12	vs. Texas Southern	W 76-55
Dec. 16	at Ole Miss	L 44-76
Dec. 21	UNC-ASHEVILLE	W 74-61
Dec. 29	at Cincinnati	L 54-63
Jan. 6	at Eastern Kentucky*	L 70-90
Jan. 8	at Morehead State*	W 96-59
Jan. 15	at Tennessee Tech*	L 60-77
Jan. 18	at Eastern Illinois*	W 73-64
Jan. 20	AUSTIN PEAY*	L 68-74
Jan. 22	TENNESSEE STATE*	W 84-66
Jan. 27	at Murray State*	L 57-76
Jan. 29	at UT Martin*	L 70-73
Feb. 3	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	5:45 PM
Feb. 5	MOREHEAD STATE*	4:30 PM
Feb. 8	at Southeast Missouri*	5:30 PM
Feb. 12	TENNESSEE TECH*	5:45 PM
Feb. 17	at Austin Peay*	5:45 PM
Feb. 19	at Tennessee State*	5:45 PM
Feb. 22	at Belmont	5:30 PM
Feb. 24	MURRAY STATE*	5:45 PM
Feb. 26	UT MARTIN*	5:45 PM
Feb. 29	First Round of OVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 4	Semi-Finals of OVC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 5	Finals of OVC Tournament	TBA

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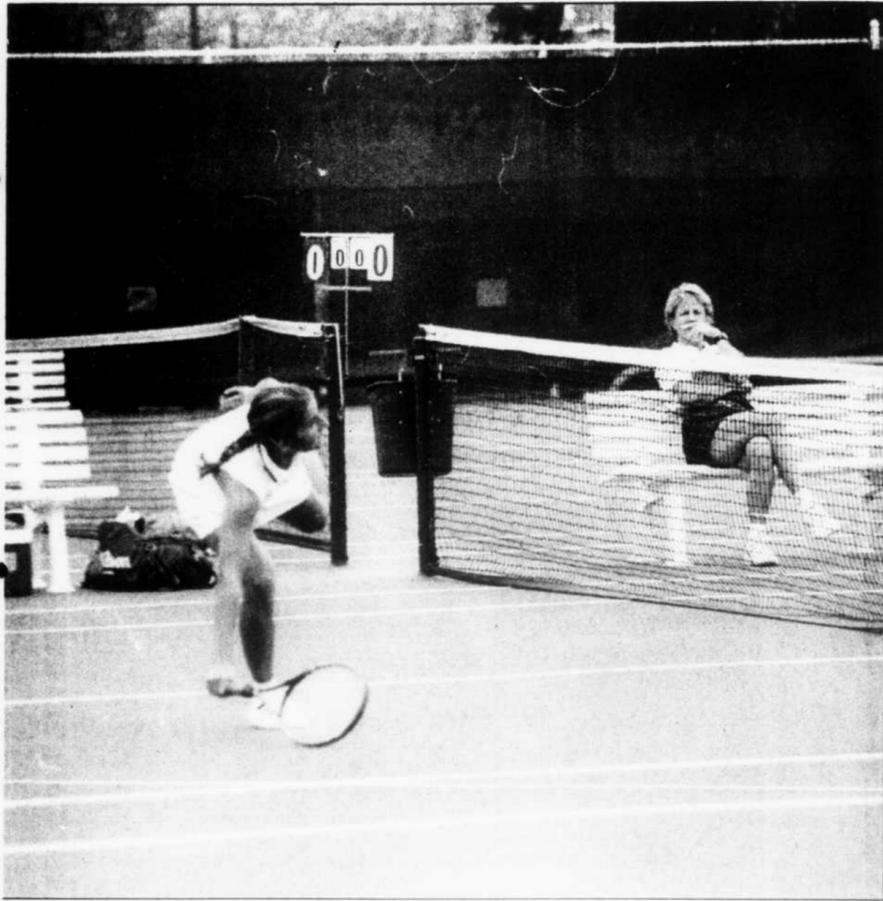
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Cost: \$125/160

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Sarah Grohnert and the Lady Raiders are playing well right now.

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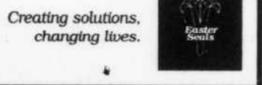
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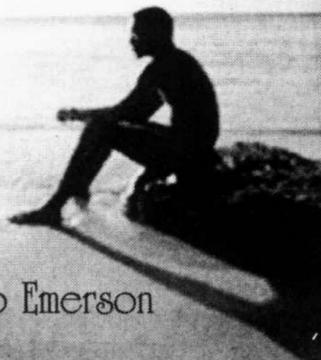
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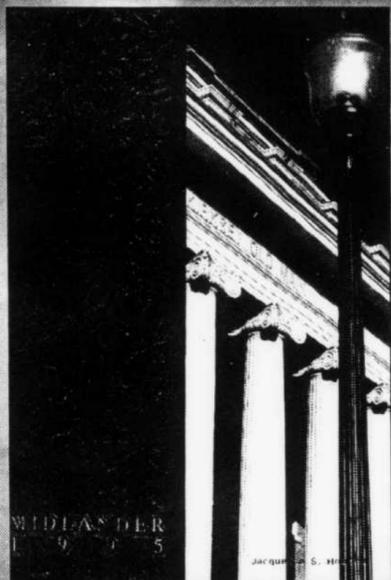
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