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Candidates for SGA to deliver platforms

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Campaigning has already begun as candidates prepare for Student Government Association (SGA) elections, scheduled for April 17 and 18.

On Thursday there will be a Meet the Candidates reception in the Keathley University Center lounge. Candidates for all executive positions, including president, speaker of the senate, speaker of the house and election commissioner, as well as all the senatorial candidates, will be available from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. to introduce themselves and field questions from students.

On Monday, April 15, students may question candidates for the executive offices during the Speak Out. The Speak Out will be held on the Knoll, weather permitting, and will begin at noon. If necessary the Speak Out will be moved to the Grill.

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Channel 8 will broadcast a debate among the executive candidates on April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Election Commissioner Ginger Sullivan will moderate. Candidates will be asked questions from a panel of students and faculty.

The elections will be held on Wednesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 18. There will be three polling locations. The Peck Hall location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. The KUC lounge location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., and the Rec Center location will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

Any student wishing to include a referendum on the ballot must have petitions in by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. Poll watchers must also be registered by this time. ●

Horse arena plans progress

By Dylan Ross / staff

Plans for a new \$20 million equestrian arena for MTSU are well under way, said Duane Stucky, vice president of Finance and Administration.

Funds for the arena were donated to the university in the form of a trust set up by Mary Miller, who was involved in breeding and showing Tennessee walking horses. Miller's primary affiliation with MTSU was through the Walking Horse Owners Association, which sponsors numerous equestrian events at the university, Stucky said.

The Miller Trust was set up in April 1994 following Miller's death, said Charlie Myatt, president of First Tennessee Bank and chairman of the

Miller Trust Committee. The fund consists of assets Miller and her husband had accumulated, including securities, certificates of deposit and real estate in Alaska, Kentucky and Tennessee. All but \$4 million of these assets have been liquidated so far, Stucky said.

All funds from the trust must be used for the construction of an equestrian arena for MTSU, to be called the John Tennessee Miller Arena, Myatt said.

Three sites are currently under consideration as potential locations for the arena, Stucky said. These include the MTSU beef farm on Compton Road, a parcel of land on South Church Street, and a site at the corner of Rutherford Boulevard and John Bragg Highway.

Construction plans for the arena are being drafted, and detailed plans should be completed by August, Stucky said.

The arena's seating capacity has been set at a minimum of 6,500 seats. "Expansion is an important consideration," Stucky said. "The Walking Horse Owners Association wants capacity to be 10,000 or 12,000 eventually."

Features of the arena will include an indoor main arena complete with concessions and judges' areas, two covered warm-up areas, and parking for exhibitors and spectators. There will be five 100-stall barns near the arena, along with outdoor showing areas and paddocks.

"This will be a modern, first-rate facility," Stucky said. ●

Channel 8 staff members criticize Sidelines story

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

During a taping of Channel 8's program "Marcia and Tyson Go to the Movies," a computer error lead to the broadcast of behind-the-scenes action.

On April 1, *Sidelines* ran an article in which an angered viewer accused the behind-the-scenes crew of verbally abusing the show's hosts.

Tyson Macclanahan, co-host of "Marcia and Tyson Go to the Movies," said that people who saw the live broadcast couldn't really understand the situation in the studio.

"It was like walking in on the middle of a conversation," Macclanahan said. "Jeff [Eldridge, the show's producer and director] has to tell us how we look. Jeff is a really good guy; I don't think you could find better. The *Sidelines* article made me feel like I was reading the Enquirer. The article did give us a little publicity but people who didn't know us might think we were being abused."

Marcia Mullins agreed.

"What Tyson and I want everyone to know is that if anyone was abusing us we would have left the show," Mullins said. "We feel that if everyone could have seen the situation as it was in the studio it would have looked differently. We are not helpless people."

"We are the first MTSU show to have disabled people on TV ever and that should be recognized," Mullins

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Tyson Macclanahan
Co-host of "Marcia and Tyson Go to the Movies"

said. "We don't even showcase the fact that we have disabled people on the show."

Macclanahan was angered by how *Sidelines* handled the story.

After reviewing the tape, Channel 8 faculty advisor Bob Spires said, "What I've seen on the tape is joking around like crews will do when the cameras aren't on. [The crew's] interpretation of what happened on

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WMTS radio searches for new interns

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

WMTS, the MTSU student radio, is looking for students to fill summer and fall internship positions.

WMTS, 88.3 on the FM dial, is looking to fill an estimated 15 internship positions for the summer and an undetermined amount for the fall, according to Lisa Lacour, WMTS station manager.

Students will begin the intern program by observing ongoing radio shows. After three weeks of observation, students will be allowed one hour of air time. Interns will also be responsible for attending weekly meetings to learn proper disc jockey etiquette.

When the internship is almost over for the selected semester, students are required to make an air check tape that will be reviewed by the permanent WMTS staff and take a comprehensive test. Assuming that the results are positive from both the test and the air check tape the intern is awarded his or her own full length show, Lacour said.

After one year with WMTS, the student is given the opportunity to hold an office position. Though the internship does not pay, it could be beneficial to recording industry management students, Lacour said.

"Interns can gain experience in the broadcast industry, ranging from managerial skills to on-air talents," Lacour said.

WMTS currently has anywhere from 30 to 40 interns on their staff. For more information on WMTS internships, students can contact the WMTS office line at 898-2636. ●



Brian G. Miller / staff

Practice up

Heather Orange, junior music Education major, spends Sunday afternoon practicing with four mallets.

WMOT goes to all day service

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

With little fanfare, campus radio station WMOT-FM expanded its broadcast day to a full 24 hours, thanks to satellite service company KJAZ.

WMOT's Program Director, Greg Lee, said that the station is now carrying KJAZ programming from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, and until 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The station, Lee said, had wanted

to go to 24 hours years ago but the station's use of students for on-air staff restricted that option.

"We used to be a 24-hour station when I first came aboard back in '81 or '82," Lee said. "It was a network service at that time, midnight to 6 [a.m.]"

"For some reason . . . we dropped them. We've been able to go 24 hours since then. We would have just had to have a student working [overnight],

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'This march is to unify the community to stand against crime and violence'

Unity March brings victims, concerned citizens to streets

By Allison Goodman

They marched out of grief. They marched out of anger. They marched out of love.

They were marching for their families. They were marching for their friends. They were marching against the violence that made them all victims.

"I lost a brother to a gun at the wrong place at the wrong time," said Mary Swader of Murfreesboro. "The only way for the problem to be solved is for everybody to come together. It's not a black and white issue."

Saturday's Unity Parade, a march against crime and violence, brought together Families of Victims: an organized group of friends and concerned members of the community. Beginning in the Greenland Drive parking lot and marching down Tennessee Boulevard and East Main Street, the group congregated at the city plaza for a time of remembrance.

"This march is to unify the community to stand against crime and violence," said Richard Sibert, one of the organizers of the event.

Remembering those who have died because of domestic violence, guns, drug abuse and violent crime, the victims' families and friends carried photos of their loved ones, posters and banners in remembrance of them. Troy Wade, William Sway, Corey Ward, Scotty Gann - just a few of the faces in the photos and names on the banners whose memories were carried along with the marchers.

"We, as victims' families, suffer

daily," said Cresseda Howse, whose baby brother, Corey Ward, was fatally shot Dec. 9. "I want justice to be served and for people to realize a higher up will see to it. These victims do not need to be forgotten."

Those gathered for the parade included MTSU students, local high school students, members of area churches, Smyrna police commissioner Sally Wals and U.S. Congressman Bart Gordon.

"We've lost two residents of campus housing to crime," said Tracy Holt, MTSU area coordinator, remembering the most recent victim,

Andrew Poklemba, who was killed in December. "I wanted to show my respect for them and their families and my concern about violence in general. It is a problem that is out of control."

"We don't want this to be a one-time thing," said Mary Swader, who said the Families of Victims will try to make the parade an annual event.

As their feet hit the pavement, and their chants filled the air, the participants in the Unity Parade hoped, with each step they took, their grief would lessen and their message would be heard.

"Peace, please." ●

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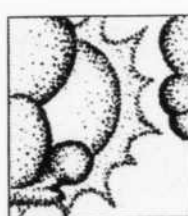
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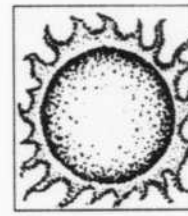
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SPORTS

28th-ranked men's tennis wins first two OVC matches **Page 7**

Alumni join with students in careers

By Joey Butler /staff

The MTSU Student Alumni Association (SAA) will be sponsoring an "Alumni Back-to-School" program on April 9.

The SAA is a group of current MTSU students who plan alumni functions while learning to become active and supportive alumni for the future.

The "Alumni Back-to-School" program invites participating alumni to come back to campus, attend a few classes and tour some of the new facilities. An afternoon reception at the Alumni Center will follow the tour.

During their visit, the alumni will be paired up with SAA members based on their careers, fields of study or interests. Then the SAA members will have the opportunity to visit the alumni at their workplaces to observe their work first-hand.

Currently, there are six SAA members participating — covering fields like sales, nursing, education, business management and journalism.

The SAA plans to make the program an annual event, and next year's program is already being planned. Anyone interested in participating in next year's program can contact LeAnn Taylor in the Alumni Relations Office at 898-2922.

New editors for student publications appointed

By Martha Stroud /staff

Selections for new editors for the Student Publications were made on March 26 by the Student Publications Committee.

"I'm excited about all of the appointments," said Jenny Crouch, director of Student Publications. "I feel very fortunate to have four very competent and talented people to take on the leadership of the publications. We have some new things in the works, and we are all very excited about it."

Todd R. Cruse, a junior journalism major, was selected as the Summer Editor of *Sidelines*. Cruse has been a staff writer for two semesters at *Sidelines* and worked on the yearbook layout staff in high

school and at the University of Mississippi.

Heather Smith, a senior journalism major, was appointed the new Fall Editor for *Sidelines*. Smith has been a staff writer at *Sidelines* and held a six-week and a six-month internship at *The Chattanooga Times*.

Andrew Mays, a junior graphic design major, was selected as the 1996-97 Editor of the *Midlander*, the yearbook. Mays worked as a staff writer and assistant news editor for *Sidelines*, designer and art editor for *Collage*, and a graphic designer at the *Midlander*.

"I'm certainly very excited about [the appointment], and I am hoping to make [the *Midlander*] more interesting for people to read and have it

reflect more on and off campus life," Mays said.

Melissa Hoover, junior graphic communication major, was appointed as the new editor of *Collage*. Hoover has held the positions of assistant editor, art director and designer of *Collage*. She currently designs the *Sidelines* Features section. Hoover was also the co-editor of her school literary magazine.

The minimum requirements for the positions were as follows: 2.0 GPA, some past experience in publications and current enrollment at MTSU at the time of application. The committee reserves the right to waive any of the requirements, Crouch said.

The Student Publications Committee consists of five

MTSU faculty members, four student members and two ex officios.

The duties of the committee include: select and dismiss student editors; recommend the types and titles of student publications and their general operational procedures and practices; recommend budgets for each student publication after reviewing budget recommendations developed by the director and editors; hear and review plans, requests, or grievances submitted by student publications personnel, students, faculty, administrators, advertisers, or members of the reading public, and recommend appropriate action; and maintain a close working relationship with the director of Student

Publications.

Of the eleven members of the Committee, five voting members and an ex officio member were present at the selection meeting. The committee evaluated and voted unanimously to appoint each applicant to each of the four positions.

"It's the committee's hope that the students will fulfill their duties responsibly and will produce publications that will serve the needs of the university and of which the university will be proud," said Glen Himebaugh, professor of journalism and chairman of the Student Publications Committee.

"We have no reason to think that will not happen." ●

Health care issue of lyceum

By Christina A. Guinn /staff

Milton Fisk, a philosophy professor at Indiana University, presented the last of this semester's lectures in the Applied Philosophy Lyceum on April 4.

The lecture, entitled "Health Care as a Public Good," addressed significant issues regarding the health care system and its possible reform. Specifically, Fisk considered whether health care should be viewed as an individual or social responsibility. While health care is not currently treated as a public good in the

United States, Fisk argued that it can and should be.

"If health care is considered a public good, available for everyone on a public, instead of a private level, it would make for a healthier society," Fisk said. "A healthy society is one with the means for control of threats to individual health, not a society where everyone happens to be healthy."

"Health care should be approached as a good, not a right," Fisk said, "but forces in society are keeping that from happening."

Fisk gave examples of health care as a public good

succeeding in different countries such as Canada and Great Britain. Fisk argued a society needs cohesion, compassion and equality in order for a public health care system to succeed.

Fisk is widely published on a variety of subjects. His books include: "Nature and Necessity: An Essay in Physical Ontology," "The State and Justice: An Essay in Political Theory" and "Ethics and Society: A Marxist Interpretation of Value." He is also working on a book called "Health Care Reform: A Study in Political Reality." ●

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[The crew's] interpretation of what happened on the tape is pretty much what goes on when the tape is not on."

"We'll take steps to make sure that the technology doesn't cause these problems again," Spires added. "In the past we had a policy manual, currently one is being composed from scratch."

"Marcia and Tyson go to the Movies" is broadcast on cable Channel 8 every Monday and Wednesday at 10 p.m.

Editor's note: *Sidelines* apologizes for how the story on Channel 8 was presented in the April 1 issue. The story was printed without interviewing the crew members and hosts of the show — they could not be reached before deadline. Nevertheless, the story should not have ran without these interviews. *Sidelines* takes the matter seriously and apologizes to the students involved with the show and to all of the reading audience. ●

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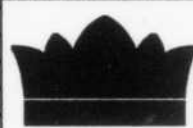
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April 17-18

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Sidelines hopes that you know that April 17-18 are the dates of the MTSU campus elections.

The offices up for election on April 17-18 are:

Student Government Association President

Speaker of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Election Commissioner

SGA Senators for the five areas of MTSU:

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

College of Business

College of Education

College of Liberal Arts

College of Mass Communications

Undecided/Non-degree Seeking Students

Graduate Studies

Sidelines Encourages ALL MTSU Students to LEARN the issues, KNOW the Candidates, and GET OUT and VOTE!!!

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Campus Capsule

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

MTSU Theatre will present **Jesus Christ Superstar** April 9-13 in Tucker Theatre. All shows begin at 8 p.m. For reservations call 898-2716. MTSU students' admission is free with a student ID. General admission is \$5.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

The Military Science Department is presenting its Annual ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony on in KUC Theater at 11 a.m.

Psi Chi/Psychology Club will sponsor a lecture on "A Clinical Therapist Approach to Psychology" by Dr. Chris Tate in Peck Hall Room 213 from 4-6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship applications are due. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

The Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club's 11th Annual Spring Fair and Sale will be held April 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building at the Tennessee State Fair Grounds in Nashville. Exotic birds, cages, feeds, toys and supplies will be sold. Admission is \$2 (children under 12 free).

MONDAY, APRIL 15

The Native American Heritage Society will hold a general meeting from 5-6:30 p.m. in KUC Room 322.

The Fourth Annual East West Conference, "Effective International Managing and Marketing", will be held April 15-17 at the Marriott Hotel. For more information call Angie Ray at 898-2764 or email at ARAY@frank.mtsu.edu.

National Association of Environmental Professionals will hold the Earth Day 5K Race in front of MTSU's Alumni Gym on Saturday, April 20. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$8 before April 13 and \$10 the day of the race. All

registrants will receive a T-shirt and there will be drawings for door prizes. For more information contact Kathy Maurer at 896-4393.

The Native American Heritage Society will hold a general meeting May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. in KUC Room 322.

ONGOING EVENTS

If you are interested in international relations and current affairs, and want to develop leadership, negotiation and debate skills, get involved in **MTSU's Model United Nations!** For more information, contact Tony Mathews at 223-8884 or Dr. Anne Sloan in the Political Science Department.

ENT on MTSU's Channel 8. Movies, Music and More. Monday and Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. Questions or comments: entch8@frank.mtsu.edu.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Dance Studio B. Everyone (athletes and non-athletes) welcome. Come for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study.

Women's Clinic in the Academic Nursing Center offers the following gender specific assessments for \$15 initial and \$10 follow-up: breast exam, pap smear stool for occult blood, urine check, pregnancy test, blood chemistry profile, tests for infections if indicated and follow-up reporting and counseling. Blood Chemistry Profiles available the first Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at \$10 for the 18 component blood chemistry profile and \$10 for PSA (prostate cancer test). The clinic also offers free blood pressure screenings every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. For an appointment call 898-5950.

Raiders for Christ will hold a devotional on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center.

The MTSU Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in KUC Room 312. Interested Faculty and Staff are invited to attend any of these meetings. For further

information contact Kim Sokoya at 898-2352 or ksokoya@frank.mtsu.edu.

The MTSU College Democrats will hold weekly meetings in room 313 of the KUC at 5:00 p.m. Come and find out what we are all about.

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

Lambda will be hosting a "Movie Night" every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 103. For more information call the Lambda Hotline at 780-2293.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

Seniors and Graduate Students: create your resume with Resume Expert Plus Software and register with the Placement Center in one easy step! Contact Placement and Student Employment Center KUC 328, 898-2500.

Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long

ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Singers rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

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

Anyone interested in being a tutor or getting tutored, please contact Tanisha Harris of the **NAACP (Educational Committee)** at 898-4056.

MTSU Equestrian Team will hold regular meetings every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC Sales Arena. Everyone is welcome!

Inroads Nashville, Inc. plans to recruit Sophomore and Junior Minority Students in marketing, computer information systems and business administration. With a GPA of 2.9 or better, successful recruits will have the opportunity to do internships with such firms as IBM, Price-Waterhouse and Northern Telecom. Those interested should immediately call Prof. B. Fayissa at 898-2385 or see him in KOM 322G.

Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at St. Paul's Church, 315 E. Main St. and Thursdays for lunch in the KUC Grill. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

MTSU Raidersharks-Scuba Club will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the MTSU Pool. It is open to anyone interested in scuba diving or associated activities. All students are welcome. For more information call Tim or Jude at 895-6249.

Phi Sigma Pi will hold their weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Stark Ag Building Room 125. Contact an officer if you can not attend.

SGA ELECTIONS SAMPLE BALLOT

President (choose one)
Chad White (Raider)
Jaime W. Groce
Christin Baker
Dave Weber

Speaker of the Senate (choose one)
Tony Mathews (Raider)
Jennifer L. Jones
Ryan Durham

Speaker of the House (choose one)
Brian Lewis (Raider)
Susan Guin

Election Commissioner (choose one)
Matthew H. James (Raider)
Scott Davis (Independent)

College of Basic and Applied Sciences Senators (choose four)
Carl Badgley (Raider)
Kandy R. Evens
Heidi Gonzalez (Raider)
Joshua Abramson (Raider)

College of Business Senators (choose four)
Bobby Purcell (Raider)
Dale Parker
Stephen Flatt
Aaron Michael Zawislak (Independent)
Lyric Lewis (Raider)
Jeff Hendricks (Raider)
David Gregg
Yuri Alexey Vieira Jarge (Raider)

College of Education Senators (choose four)
Susan Green
Michael Grantham (Raider)
Dawn Throneberry (Raider)
Nefertitti Washington (Raider)

College of Liberal Arts Senators (choose three)
Michael E. Kelley
Katie J. Davis (Raider)
Jason Reid (Raider)
Kelly Guy

College of Mass Communication Senators (choose three)
Laura Watson
Ken Shinebery (Independent)
Mark W. Honeycutt (Independent)
Michael Steven Haley (Independent)
Randy Cash (Raider)
Jessica Van Eyck (Raider)
Joe Legge
Philip Crabtree (Raider)
Amanda Hearne
Caroline Combs
Sean P. O'Toole (Independent)

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Creationists' ignorance of science rampant: biology prof

By Charles R. McGhee

"IT IS THAT WHICH WE DO KNOW THAT IS THE GREAT HINDRANCE TO OUR LEARNING, NOT THAT WHICH WE DO NOT KNOW." (Claude Bernard, 19th century physiologist)

Tennessee "MONKEY LAWS" will have absolutely no effect on other scientifically literate states, countries or science itself. Science is highly "progressive," and will continue to advance knowledge despite the "non-believers." Only Tennessee students will be hamstrung by emotional, religion-based excuses for a "law."

Sidelines has had a deluge of letters recently from Creationists, Flat Earthers and those who still believe that the Earth (and Man) are at the center of the universe (old ideas die hard). A large number of the anti-science letters have been directed toward Dr. Steve Howard (Biology Department, Ph.D., Evolutionary Ecology) and his attempt to explain "SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY."

I doubt that "creationists" publishing in *Sidelines* are academically prepared to debate Dr. Steve Howard on the subject of "SCIENCE THEORY" (I said "debate," not quote the Bible as scientific evidence). Their comments and "proofs" suggest a limited knowledge of complex science theories and concepts. Teachers like Dr. Howard, and thousands of excellent middle school and high school science educators across Tennessee, have spent years of their lives studying science. Their anti-science opponents, on the other hand, quickly check a few sentences in Time-Life books, a creationist training manual of "standard anti-evolution arguments" or Genesis and suddenly become experts on the Big Bang, antibiotic resistance in bacteria, the mutation of deoxyribonucleic acid, transition fossils, natural selection, thermodynamics, hominid fossil interpretation, dinosaurs, geologic time, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, the evolution of the horse, and on, and on, and on ad nauseam. If they know something science doesn't know, why don't they say so?

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can find in the Bible to either prove or disprove (depending upon their whim) science never ceases to amaze me.

They seem to believe that anyone opposing Tennessee's "Monkey Law" is in error and atheistic (unfundamentalist). Apparently they, and a number of our state legislators, do not understand the constitutional requirement for a "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" which protects their "religious freedom," in addition to protecting all citizens (especially science teachers) from the dictates of opposing religious doctrines, beliefs and interpretations. Do they know why we have a "separation of church and state?" I doubt it. I can find no fault with religion, until it attempts to SHACKLE THE MINDS OF PEOPLE. This I oppose.

If those who favor, or vote for, "Monkey Laws" have read history at all, they should agree that there are inherent dangers in a l l o w i n g government to dictate to religion and in allowing religion to dictate to government (witness communist control of religion, and the medieval "inquisition" control of freedom of ideas). "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" is a GRAND CONCEPT, and highly effective, as all who enjoy their FREEDOMS in this country must understand.

The anti-science opposition argues across a broad spectrum of science areas (bacteriology, genetics, comparative anatomy, paleontology, biochemistry and evolution). Their long list of "disproofs" indicates misinterpretation and confusion about almost every area of science. I have studied science for over thirty years, and still claim no mastery of these complex ideas. Yet someone who has half read a general biology text, a fundamentalist pamphlet and Genesis is ready to proclaim total and absolute "TRUTH." Get real.

Do creationists know what a transition fossil looks like? Have they compared the quadrate, squamosal or jugal bones of vertebrate taxa? Have they studied the genetic ramifications of polyploidy? Can they demonstrate an environment where the mutant gene for sickle cell anemia is actually beneficial? Do they know how "superbugs" are being "created" every day? Have they carefully reviewed the anatomical and archeological differences and similarities between *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Homo*

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Non-smokers have right to clean air in public places

To the Editor,

State law requires all state buildings to provide inside "designated smoking areas." MTSU has to comply with this law. However, many non-smokers feel their health is at risk when they use the same public areas that are used for smoking. Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is composed of 3,800 chemicals; 50 of those substances are known to cause cancer. ETS is made up of mainstream smoke (exhaled by smokers) and sidestream smoke (produced at the lit end of cigarettes or other tobacco products). Sidestream smoke contains several cancer-causing chemicals that are not considered safe at any level according to industrial standards. For instance, it is known that sidestream smoke contains high levels of NDMA (N-nitrosodimethylamine), one of the most potent animal carcinogens known.

Various studies have found exposure to ETA or second-hand smoke is linked with bronchitis, ear infections, asthma, chronic lung disease, lung cancer and cardiovascular disease. Other minor symptoms commonly experienced include eye, throat, nose, and mucous membrane irritation, headaches, and cough.

The U.S. Congress is currently working on legislation to ban indoor smoking in all federal and state buildings. Smokers still have a right to smoke, but the rest of the MTSU community has a right to clean air in public places.

Sid DeSmyter
Senior, Nursing

Congratulations, thank you Lady Raiders: alumnus

To the Editor,

On March 16 of this year, I had the extreme pleasure of watching the MTSU Lady Raiders play Kansas in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament at Kansas University in Lawrence, KS - a tremendous effort on MTSU's part. Enclosed is a color print from the 3/17 *Kansas City Star* of Heather Prater, MTSU, and Charisse Sampson, KU, that I thought you might could use. In fact, I had the honor of sitting next to Heather's parents during the game in the MTSU cheering section. What made this game special for me was the fact that I am an MTSU alumni (B.S. '69, M.P.A. '77) now living in Kansas City. When I learned of the game, I called the MTSU ticket office to reserve seats in the MTSU section. Although, we (MTSU) lost, the game, the cheering squad, the mascot, the colors all brought back a lot of nostalgia to someone who remembered the basketball games in the old gymnasium and the new Murphy Center. But the Allan Field House, built in 1958, has nothing on Murphy Center. I want to thank Coach Bivins and the Lady Blue Raiders for providing me a unique opportunity to relive the past and for the tremendous effort they put forth against Kansas. Way to go, blue! See you next year.

Michael W. Frensley
MTSU Alumnus
Kansas City

Editor's Note: Mr. Frensley's photo could not be reproduced for this publication.

Letters to the Editor

Exchange student sends report from term in Japan

Editor's Note: This letter was written to Mary Grace Schulz, assistant director of MTSU's International Programs and Services. It is printed here at Ms. Schulz request, and by permission of the author, an MTSU student.

Dear Mary Grace,

Just a few lines to let you know that I really have not fallen off the face of the earth!!

This semester at Kausai Gaidai is proving to be everything I had hoped for, and more. There is no doubt that I am working harder than I have ever had to do before, but I am having a wonderful time.

Definitely, I recommend that other MTSU Japanese language students try for this great experience. However, I would suggest that students with no more than two semesters, like me, plan to go for the Fall semester when Kausai Gaidai offers the more basic language courses. Suffice it to say that they cover different material first and at a much faster pace than we do at home, so I am peddling just as fast as I can just to keep up with the back of the pack!!

Everyone here at the University, both faculty and administrative staff, is so kind. They are always ready to help with any problem, large or small, and they really seem to care.

I did get my single room - it is at the end of the women's hall across from an emergency exit, and so the quietest place that could be found in the women's dorm! I really love my little six-mat tatami room, just right for one person.

The students are lovely too - literally from all over the world. They have frequently and very kindly invited me to join them in their adventures. Although hanging out at "Bob's Bar" (the IN place to go at the next station down the line) is not my idea of a fun Saturday night, I am going to have to accept at least once before I go home, so I can say that have done it!

Last weekend I did go on a bicycle tour of the historic Asubea area, near Nara, with my Japanese history class. I truly had not been on a bicycle for 45 years, but I managed just fine and had a great time. (Well, I confess that I did have to get off and walk the bike up the steep hills!!)

Although I still carry the title of oldest exchange student, there are at least a couple in their late thirties to early forties category. My "best" friend is a woman from Tasmania who teaches Japanese there, and is, of course, an advanced student here.

It means a great deal to me that you took the time to come to the airport and see me off - and thank you also for my diary. I really am trying to jot down my impressions and daily adventures (and every day here is an adventure!). I truly appreciate all that you did for me to make this dream come true - thank you sounds so inadequate, but I do thank you, from the bottom of my heart -

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rone
MTSU student

Student has heard enough about God /apes, gay/straight

To the Editor,

I am mad as fire and I'm not going to take it anymore. I've sat back and read all the debates going on in the paper and around campus. This is ridiculous. No one is ever going to prove anything to anyone

else with the attitude of "I'm right and you are absolutely wrong." I am sick of reading the evolution vs. creation debate. Everyone should be aware by now that you can't really prove either side, no matter how much you believe. And everyone seems to miss the fact that many people believe in evolution and creation. Where does it say that God didn't create us from apes. He's God, He can do what he darn well pleases. I'm sick of the UEC debate. I tolerate all lifestyles already and I pray for those who live lifestyles that I believe are morally wrong. I'm sick of hearing the UEC cry about injustice. I noticed that there were three pro homo/bisexual lifestyle speakers and only one pro heterosexual lifestyle speaker at the symposium. I also noticed that only the Lambda Association members got to choose the questions from the audience. Why couldn't you have let the moderator choose the question? Where is that injustice, again? (Not to belittle the homo/bisexual community's plight, I don't believe anyone should be oppressed, no matter how morally degenerate their lifestyle is according to my paradigm). I am also sick of walking into the classrooms where I attend class and hear people slamming my best friend, Scott Link. At least he is bold enough to stand up for what he believes in through a public forum, this paper. I don't care if you disagree with him, but don't try to tell me how stupid he is for having faith! Look people, there are quickly spreading gaps between groups of people forming, simply based on how they believe or who they sleep with. This is idiotic. If we disregarded these things and worked together, we could accomplish unbelievable things. What is more important in the overall scheme of things, the color of your skin, where you go to church, what you believe, who you sleep with, who you vote for in November, or the fact that our society as a whole is going down the toilet? It's time to put aside our differences and work together. I don't know how to do it, but if we don't, our children won't have much of a future.

Brandon Z. Nichols
Senior, Recording Industry

Creationist sums eternal demise of biology professor

To the Editor,

[Dr. Charles R. McGhee's] opinion expressed in the Thursday 3-28-96 edition of *Sidelines* is silly.

Fact #1, Dr. McGhee, is that you are lost.

Fact #2, is that Jesus Christ is God and He created everything.

Fact #3, being that you are lost, you are headed for hell.

Many people concern themselves with how the world was created and give little thought to the future destruction which is described in detail in the Bible.

Since God does not have an opinion (He's always right) you would do well to heed His Word.

The facts expressed in the Bible blow glib opinions such as yours into the dust.

So, have yourself a large banana milkshake and try to read and study past Genesis. Start with John 3:16. You won't get a drop of water in hell, so enjoy all the milkshakes you can now.

The very idea of Thermodynamics sounds like a combustion chamber of hot air.

It sounds as though you are over-educated, Dr. McGhee. Where are you going to spend eternity?

Sincerely,

Carl R. Greene
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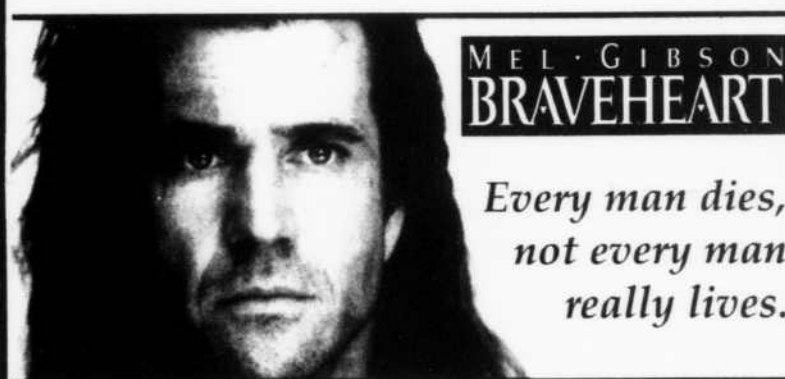
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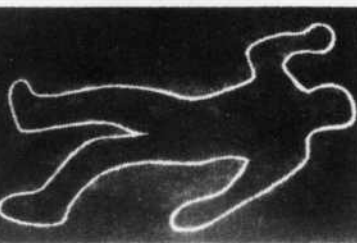
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GET REAL: flawed logic persists

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erectus, Homo habilis and Homo sapiens? Do they understand the difference between positive and negative entropy? Can they distinguish between the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and genetic drift. Do they understand the significance of "half-life?" Do they know why the long sought "missing links" will forever remain "missing?" If the answer to the above is "NO," I rest my case. There are a lot of very excellent books, written by experts on these subjects. Rx: read a few, and call me in the morning.

The answers to the above questions, and thousands of similar questions, cannot be found in the Bible. Time-Life books will provide only a very elementary (nay kindergarten) review. Yet these are the very types of questions raised in science classrooms. The very types of questions science teachers in Tennessee may, hereafter, avoid under the pressure of the creationist-political mandate.

These are the subjects which Mr. Burks, Mr. Whitson, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Arnold, some state legislators and other creationists attempt to use as "PROOF" that evolution doesn't occur. Interestingly, a few now admit that "Microevolution" is a reality (precisely what Darwin said). Some now admit that Earth "may be" ten, rather than six, thousand years old (progress is progress). I must wonder, however, how they can agree that "microevolution" (Natural Selection) is a scientific reality, but continue to argue that the mechanism of "microevolution" (mutation) is always harmful. Are they saying that all species are "freaks?" So much for logic.

I am weary of being given a quote from the Bible on every scientific question. Unless creationists can produce "scientific evidence" to support their imagination, they should get out of the science game. The scientific method cannot be applied to the "supernatural." Religion should not have to be scientific. As the old hound said to the pup: "Better stay on the porch son, you're not ready to run with the big dogs yet."

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advocate "firing" (no pun intended) teachers for using the word "FACT." Is this not religious intimidation?

Would these retrograde thinkers return to a time when an abscess on the leg was cured by removal of the leg (without anesthesia)? Why not go back to the time when someone with a wart on the nose and a slightly "nonconformist" attitude (witch) was slowly executed under a pile of stones for being in league with the "devil" (a recent *Sidelines* letter had a similar ring). We had a great time with "witches" in Old Salem, didn't we? Back then (perhaps now) some of our legislators, and like-minded creationists in *Sidelines*, would have made Bar-B-Q of science teachers (witches) across the state (even without warts). We are fortunate to have the protection of the "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE." One wonders what our state legislators and the anti-science group are thinking when they regress to censorship of science education in the name of "my religion."

IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP TENNESSEE.

Firing John Scopes did not hurt him. It permanently condemned Tennessee as a "BACKWOODS STATE" without a FUTURE. Now here we go again, thanks to Senator Burks and like-minded souls! (Motive: Protect us from thy "evil" word "fact")

Recent creationist comments in *Sidelines* remind me of H.L. Mencken's description in "COUSIN JOCKO" of William Jennings Bryan following the Scopes Trial of 1925.

Mencken said: "...he (Bryan) was at his best, not in argument, but in denunciation. Whenever he stated their (science) doctrines he stated them inaccurately, and whenever he undertook to "refute" them he resorted to nonsense. His mind was of the sort that is simply unable to grasp scientific facts. They fevered him as flies fever a bull, and he got rid of them by lashing his tail."

Dr. McGhee is a professor of biology at MTSU.

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Gettin' down and dirty with Mud Brothers

'Boro band starts 1996 with new tour, new album

By Joey Butler / staff

Mud Brothers' music can be described in a lot of ways, but not by any of the band members.

"It's a big mix of stuff," guitarist Erik Hellerman confirms.

"It's Rolling Rock!" exclaims Larry Vaughn, the other guitarist.

WHAT????

While the popular Northeastern beer may inspire a lot of Mud Brothers' songs, it doesn't serve as an adequate modifier for the funky, jazzy, countrified mess of "stuff" that erupts from their speakers.

Of course, the band isn't too concerned about being labeled. "We really hate to be limited by calling it music," Hellerman adds jokingly.

The band is tuning up in the spacious backstage area at Mainstreet, smoking cigarettes and going on about their "Whirl Tour," which is one show old. The concept behind the tour is to pull together as many local acts as possible and perform. On any given night, Mud Brothers could be playing with two or three different local bands and the lineup changes almost nightly.

"We're trying to help bands who are struggling for exposure, and we

know how easy those are to find," bassist Ralph Weyant Jr. says.

Those who would become Mud Brothers first got together at MTSU in 1990. They began writing songs almost immediately and had their first gig later that year. One of the first songs they wrote, "The Cosmic Center of the Universe," is being brought back out of the closet and dusted off for a performance tonight. The song holds a special place in the hearts of the band members.

"It spurs on a big, underlying spark in Mud Brothers," Weyant says.

Though the song refers to the old joke that Davis Market is the universe's cosmic center, Weyant says that things have changed in the galaxy.

"The cosmic center is now mobile and can travel from one end of town to the other," he says. (Better not tell that to Miss Rhonda, Davis' famous cashier.)

Tonight, the participants in the Whirl Tour are the funkied up Home At Last and Aggy Coloured Karma, who just couldn't tear themselves from the stage (they introduced the final three songs in the set as their last). Before Mud Brothers hit the stage, ACK's singer asks Weyant whether they are playing with each other that weekend, a testament to the laid-back feel of the tour, a spur-of-the-moment approach that would drive a booking agent

insane.

They may be laid-back in their booking, but Mud Brothers are a ball of precision on-stage. These cats can play, and showcase their prowess in varying styles. Numbers like

"Shadows" are mired in hot funk, but break into hard-core country in the middle as the guys switch parts and styles with the fluid ease of the proverbial knife through the proverbial hot butter.

An interesting facet to the band is that they share lead vocal responsibilities, and the differences in their styles helps complement each song. Vaughn's whispering, two-packs-a-day voice fits in better with some of the bluesier tunes, allowing Weyant's more nasal voice to command the spacy songs. Keyboard player Brett Bryant even gets in on the act, singing their incendiary cover of the Sugar Loaf classic, "Green-Eyed Lady."

A cursory look at their childhood

record collections would probably yield a healthy dose of Allman Brothers, maybe some Dixie Dregs or Little Feat, definitely the Dead. Yes, this is music that frat boys would get drunk to, just as the fratters' older brothers

got drunk to Bon Jovi, and with almost as much conviction. It would be easy to picture them on-stage at a H.O.R.D.E. show, but they stand out amongst some of the other jam bands that glut the market these days. There are no 10-minute instrumental sections, always good cues for bathroom breaks. Mud Brothers play tight, concise

tunes deeply rooted in funk, and you'll just have to hold it until the song's over. Weyant's hip bass lines, Bryant's funky clavinet and Tim Blankenship's on-the-mark drumming make even the most unrhythmic of souls bust a move. They successfully place their fingers upon that nebulous entity known as "the groove," and then they beat the hell out of it.

While the Whirl Tour is still exciting the band, their biggest buzz is coming from their CD. A first for them, the disc was 100 percent independently produced, recorded and distributed.

"The indie factor was fun for us," Weyant says. "It's our first CD and we wanted an outlet to unleash all the songs from 1990-1995."

"We wanted to present our music without any input from outside sources," Vaughn adds.

Weyant admits that it is difficult for a band of their ilk to capture their live energy on tape.

"It's really hard to do. A few bands have attacked it," he says. "We tried it at Mainstreet once where we hauled in a whole slew of gear, but we just ended up with that sterile, clean feeling."

Weyant need not worry about a lackluster performance on the disc. Songs like "Shadows," "Chalk It Up" and "Muddy Garden" bristle with enthusiasm and have one particular advantage over live gigs: they can control the mix.

Although dust has yet to settle on the first disc, the guys are currently picking out material for their second CD.

"This one will probably have a different musical approach," Erik Hellerman says.

Of course, Hellerman is only limiting himself by calling it "music." ●

"The cosmic center is now mobile and can travel from one end of town to the other."

**Ralph Weyant Jr.
Bassist**

But this one goes to '11'

Rhino Records brings back hair spray and spandex with '80s metal compilation

By Joey Butler / staff

The year was 1986 B.C. (Before Cobain). Ronald Reagan was in the White House, earlobes were the piercable appendage of choice and Seattle was only known for bad sports teams.

Back in those days, effeminate males with pouting lips, teased hair and Marshall stacks ruled the airwaves, promoting fun, sexual promiscuity and living for rock 'n' roll.

Rhino Records has captured the spirit that spawned a generation of air guitarists and slapped it onto a CD. "Youth Gone Wild: Heavy Metal Hits of the '80s" chronicles the musical genre that put David Lee Roth on the map and made Tipper Gore every concerned parent's ally.

This three-CD set features 42 tracks of screaming guitars, piercing vocals and thunderous drums — ingredients for either a social revolution or an episode of "Beavis and Butt-head," depending on what decade you're talking about.

The compilation focuses mainly on the West Coast metal scene, which was glorified by MTV, at least until the network decided guys wearing lipstick was no longer cool. Much like Seattle in the last few years, it seems like any band that looked the part and could string together three chords was signed to a record deal. The cream of the crop was bands like Ratt, Dokken, Quiet Riot and

Aquanet poster children Poison, and they are all well represented here.

Classic cheese metal tunes like Poison's "Talk Dirty To Me," Ratt's "Lay It Down," Bulletboys' "Smooth Up In Ya" and Winger's "Seventeen" hearken back to the days of living for Friday night. While today's downer rock makes us want to grab a razor blade, '80s metal made us want to grab a beer. By God, it made us want to grab seven or eight beers. And a girl. A girl wearing fishnet stockings, stiletto heels and possessing no IQ whatsoever.

OK, so the lyrics were a little sexist. However, this reporter remembers a lot of women fitting the above description at the average Ratt or Van Halen gig in the late '80s. Unfortunately, few of those leather-clad women strapped on guitars, which would explain the sorry showing of females on this compilation.

The estrogen population is represented by fem-rockers Lita Ford and Vixen. Both proved the fact that women could rock just as hard as men, and look even better in spandex. Alas, few bothered to do so, but those that did paved the way for '90s female artists like L7, 7 Year Bitch and Her Highness Courtney.

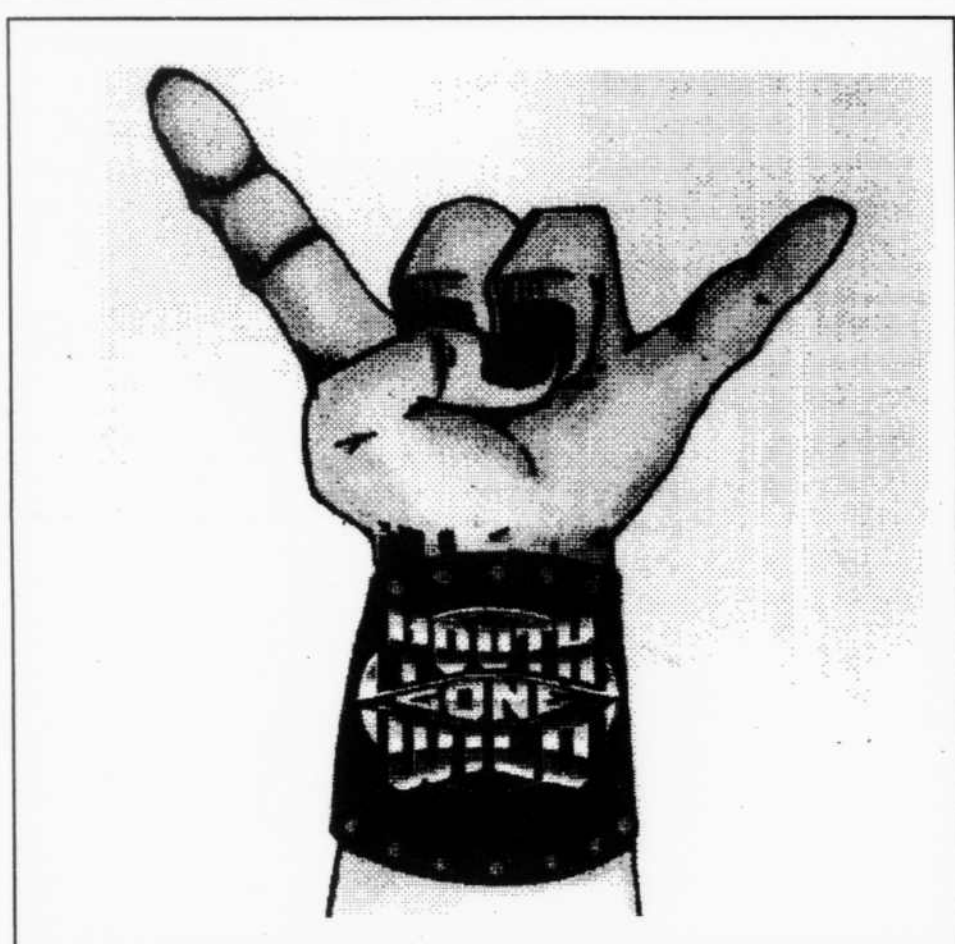
Though L.A. metal is predominant, it must not be forgotten that our overseas friends could pose with the best of them. Therefore, great Eurometal groups like Accept and Scorpions are featured. More like a war rally than a party, the Europeans recorded songs you had no choice but to raise a fist to. Championing the metal-as-your-savior attitude, Eurometal bands brought their strict classical

upbringings to the blues-based metal genre and gave it an urgent, gothic feel that the West Coast couldn't provide.

Swiss metallers Krokus and that fret-burnin' Swede, Yngwie J. Malmsteen, counteract L.A.'s partying attitude with dark, serious compositions. Krokus' "Screaming in the Night," in particular, is one of the most frightening "love" songs ever put to tape and anyone who can recall the horrific video will agree. Helloween's "I Want Out" is a good example of the operatic vocal style popularized by European bands, featuring a lung-bursting scream sustained for 15 measures!

Possibly the biggest contribution metal made was the anthem, a spirited song that roused the angst in teenagers worldwide and assured them the problems they faced would go away if they put their faith in the power of heavy metal. And the classic metal anthems are all over this compilation. Judas Priest's "Parental Guidance" was the band's personal message to kids, convincing them that no one could tell them what to do, at least for the 3:24 duration of the song. Quiet Riot's "Cum On Feel The Noize" catapulted the band to #1 status and made their 1983 "Metal Health" album the first of the genre to reach the top of the charts (it also made a certain 12-year-old journalist-to-be stop listening to Hall & Oates).

But Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It" is the king of all anthems. Yes, the message is adolescent ("We're right/ we're free/ we'll fight/ you'll see"), but so was the audience. And the fact that a generation would band together



under a song — "Star-Spangled Banner" aside — is a phenomenon rarely experienced today. As artists release increasingly introverted music, fewer fans are able to relate on such a mass level. For that fact alone, Twisted Sister should be saluted. Besides, anyone with the nerve to wear that much makeup and still be that ugly deserves some credit.

Between the European and West Coast bands and the smattering of females, Rhino has done an admirable job of putting the metal decade into perspective. Unfortunately, the two bands that encompassed the excess of that time,

Van Halen and Iron Maiden, are sorely missed. David Lee Roth, VH's ringleader at the time, is included as a solo act, but the work of Edward Van Halen, the guitarist responsible for the whole L.A. guitar scene should be highlighted. The same goes for Maiden, whose epic concerts, packed with fire, lasers and giant monsters are a snapshot of a time when bigger was definitely better.

All in all, "Youth Gone Wild" serves as a tasty treat for recovering metalbabies who miss the over-the-top theatrics, the feeling of unity and even the zebra-striped tights. Well ... maybe not the zebra-striped tights. ●

Seven-year-old girl attempts to set flying record

Associated Press

She's 4-foot-2 and needs aluminum extensions to help her reach the rudder pedals.

But size isn't slowing pilot Jessica Dubroff, a 7-year-old girl from a coastal town south of San Francisco who hopes to make history by flying a four-seater Cessna 177B Cardinal airplane across the country and back.

"I can't wait," said Jessica, a student pilot for just four months.

She plans to take off Wednesday from Half Moon Bay Airport with her father, Lloyd Dubroff, in the back seat and her flight instructor, Joe Reid, as co-pilot.

"Joe said, 'I'll sleep; you'll fly,'" said Jessica, who will keep a log book to track her hours. In order to set the record, she must do all the flying — about 40 to 50 hours during the 6,500 mile trip.

"She wouldn't let Joe get within two inches of the controls unless she really has to," her mother, Lisa Blair Hathaway, said from their Pescadero

"I'm actually more nervous about her riding horses."

**Lloyd Dubroff
Father**

home.

The youngest person to accomplish the feat so far is Tony Aliengena of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. He flew cross country and back with his flight instructor in 1988 when he was 9 years old.

Jessica, who will turn 8 on May 5, is hoping that, if she completes the

flight, she'll be able to hang on to the record.

"We don't believe that someone would ever let a 6-year-old break the record," said Jessica, whose pilot lessons are part of her home schooling.

"She's a pretty sharp young lady," Reid said of the youngest student he's taught in five years as an instructor.

Jessica first became interested in flying after visiting the Palo Alto Airport to watch the planes on her 6th birthday. She and her parents chose Reid because he didn't talk down to her.

"He does it like I'm a real person, not a child," Jessica said.

Jessica, who has racked up about 30 hours of flying time, will fly three to four hours at a time with one or two stops a day. She'll stop in such cities as Cheyenne, Wyo., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Falmouth, Mass.

She and her passengers also plan a trip to Washington, where Jessica would like to visit the White House. She has written to President Clinton to invite him on a 15-minute plane

ride.

Asked what she would tell the president if he were nervous, she said, "It's just like flying in a commercial airplane, but it's a small one."

"I guess Jess is getting her 15 minutes of fame early," said her father, Lloyd Dubroff. "I'm actually more nervous about her riding horses."

Activities such as flying, riding horses and even helping rebuild a house have been part of home schooling for Jessica and her 9-year-old brother, Joshua.

The pair worked their first paper route in Falmouth, Mass., when Jessica was 4.

"They want to be in the real world," their mother said. "They have a great American spirit."

And, while Federal Aviation Administration regulations say Jessica must be 16 years old before she is able to fly solo, she doesn't mind waiting.

"I'm going to fly 'til I fly solo, fly 'til I die," she said. ●

Hang in there - only four weeks to go

Raider baseball wins two of three from Morehead

By Rob Nunley / staff

Sophomore Jon Case provided some heroics off the bench in Saturday's rubber game of the Blue Raider baseball team's three-game series with the Morehead State University Eagles.

Case came into the game with the bases loaded in the fourth inning and one out, and delivered a two-run double to the right-centerfield gap, breaking a 1-1 tie and leading the Raiders to a 4-1 victory.

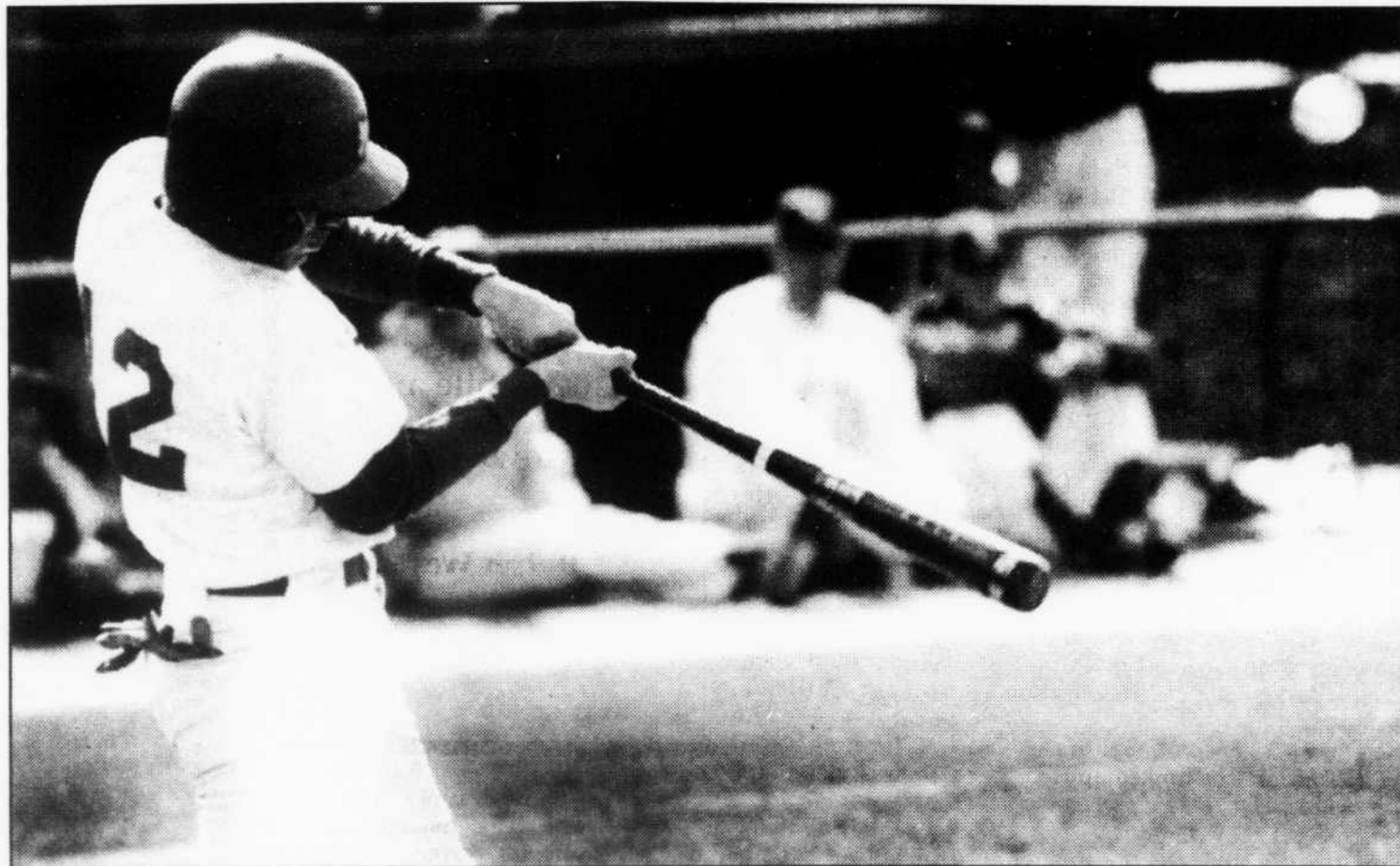
"It wasn't really that tough," Case said of his clutch double. "You've just got to have confidence and be ready coming off the bench, because the coach can call on you at any time."

The victory improved Middle's overall record to 20-14, while their Ohio Valley Conference record improved to 9-3, tying them for first place in the conference.

Middle got on the board first on Saturday, when Jordan Beddies, who was aboard after a two-out single, scored on a throwing error by the Morehead catcher.

Morehead tied the score in the top of the fourth, when catcher Brad Allison singled home second baseman Josh Cox, who had led off the inning with a single. The Eagles looked poised to put up a big inning, as Allison's hit put runners at the corners with only one out, but Raider shortstop Clay Snellgrove robbed Morehead third baseman Jason Becker, diving on a hard grounder up the middle to turn a 6-3 double play and retire the side.

"That was a big time play," said Raider head coach Steve Peterson. "You almost take for granted Clay's play at shortstop, but he's really



Brian G. Miller/staff

The Blue Raider baseball team will be in action tomorrow night, when they will take on Vanderbilt at 7:00. Wednesday night the Raiders will host the Volunteers from the University of Tennessee, with that game also scheduled to start at 7. Thursday MTSU will travel to face Western Kentucky, and this weekend the Raiders will play a three-game series with their OVC rivals, the Golden Eagles from Tennessee Tech.

making big plays for us. And now he's even leading the club in hitting."

The missed opportunity by Morehead cost them in the bottom of the fourth, as the Raiders scored three runs on three hits, including Case's double. Timely hitting was an important key in the game, as the Raiders could only manage seven hits the entire game.

"Obviously, there's not much hitting going on," Peterson said. "But when we had to, we got a hit. We're really having trouble scoring runs this whole week, so that was a big, big pinch hit double right there."

Junior right-hander Brad Brown looked impressive as the Raider starter, allowing only one run on three hits in six innings of work to collect the

win and improve his record to 3-0. Sophomore Chad Kirby only allowed one hit over the final three innings of the game to collect his first save of the season.

"The first thing you've got to do is throw strikes, and Brad threw strikes today," Peterson said. "Pitching and defense won the game for us, and I give credit to coach Custer and our

players. Our team works hard, I don't fault anybody for their efforts."

Saturday's victory allowed the Raiders to win the season series with the Eagles, two games to one. The two teams split a double header on Saturday, with Middle winning the first game 3-2, and Morehead taking the second game 2-1. The game also allowed the Raiders to remain in a tie for first place in the OVC.

"It keeps us in the lead, and there are four teams fighting for first place, and that's SEMO, Tech, Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee," Peterson said. "All you've got to do is look at our schedule to see it's going to be a tough race."

MTSU will play host to the Southeastern Conference this week, as the Blue Raiders take on Vanderbilt Tuesday night and the University of Tennessee on Wednesday night. On Thursday Peterson's squad will hit the road to take on Western Kentucky. The Raider skipper said that this week's competition will definitely be tough.

"Tennessee's got a heck of a ballclub, they're nationally-ranked," Peterson said. "People tell me that Vandy has got some great athletes, and Western Kentucky has already beaten Vanderbilt."

"The weather's warming up now, so hopefully the fans will be able to come out and see some great baseball," Peterson added. "It should be a really fun week against three good ball clubs and then we go into a real gut-check series this weekend against Tennessee Tech."

Tuesday and Wednesday's games are set to begin at 7 p.m. ●

Men's tennis team opens OVC play with back-to-back wins

By Joel Frey / staff

Following a gut-wrenching 4-3 win at arch-rival Vanderbilt last Wednesday, the 28th-ranked Blue Raider tennis team opened OVC play this weekend with road wins over UT-Martin and Murray St.

The Raiders began Easter Sunday with a relatively easy 6-1 win over the Skyhawks. Coach Dale Short and crew then made the journey to Murray, Ky. and defeated the Racers 4-0.

Wednesday's match with the Commodores saw more drama than Short and Blue Raider fans probably

would have liked, however.

Coming off last weekends big win at the Cal-Irvine Marriot Classic, the higher ranked Raiders seemed poised to easily defeat unranked Vandy.

Short said that he knew going into the match, Vanderbilt would be ready to fight.

"There a team who is having a very tough year and they were looking to get that one big win," Short said. "I knew if we came in their tight and lacking confidence it was liable to go 4-3 either way."

MTSU began the day by winning the doubles point thanks to wins from the teams of Anthony DeLuise/David

McNamara and Fred Niemeyer/Marshall Brown.

Singles, however, would not be quite so easy for the Blue Raiders.

DeLuise gave MTSU a 2-0 lead with a convincing 6-3, 6-1 win over Vandy's Krunch Kloberdanz at number two singles. Following Vandy wins at number three and six, however, the match was deadlocked at two wins a piece.

McNamara came through at number four for the Blue Raiders with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 win over Paul Thurmond inching the Raider lead to 3-2.

Brown then lost a close 6-2, 6-7, 6-

4 match at number five, deadlocking the match at three, with one match left on court.

97th-ranked Fred Niemeyer vs. Vandy's Chris Groer, ranked 18th in the country.

After splitting the first two sets, the two exchanged breaks of service early in the third. With the set tied at four, however, Niemeyer was able to regain the break, taking a 5-4 lead.

With the match on his racquet and the pressure resting squarely on his shoulders, the usually highly-intense and somewhat shaky Niemeyer coolly served out the match with three

service winners, sealing the Blue Raider win.

"I knew there had been times before where I would let a chance like that slip by," Niemeyer said. "I wanted this match so bad for the team though I knew there was no way I was going to choke."

This weeks action for the Blue Raiders is highlighted by the make-up of last months postponed match with Tennessee. MTSU will be seeking revenge for an early season 6-1 loss to the Vols at the O'Charley's Invitational. ●

Lady Raider softball team sweeps Eastern Kentucky



Brian G. Miller/staff

Jamie Polsteen had three hits in the second game of Sunday's doubleheader, including this single.

Staff Reports

The big inning.

Pitchers fear it, coaches long for it and on Sunday, the Lady Raider softball team took advantage of it in back-to-back games to sweep the visiting Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky, 9-3, 8-3.

"We hit the ball well," said MTSU softball coach Karen Green. "You've got to have some offense to produce some runs, and today they played a complete game offensively and defensively."

Eastern took an early 2-0 lead in

the opening game of Sunday's doubleheader, as the first two hitters the Lady Colonels sent to the plate reached base and scored.

The Lady Raiders tied the score at two runs apiece in the bottom of the third. Leadoff hitter Melissa Webb reached on an error by the ECU shortstop, and third baseman Pierrecia Lyons was hit by a pitched ball. After Eastern made a pitching change, outfielder Kim Blair singled to center field to load the bases.

Kandal Walker came up with one out in the inning and delivered a two-run double down the left field line,

scoring Webb and Lyons.

The Lady Raider offense continued to collect hits in the fourth inning, as Middle sent all nine batters to the plate, racking up five runs on six hits, including a three-run double from Blair which put MTSU on top 7-3.

MTSU added two insurance runs in the fifth. After Jamie Estepa and Allison Cheatham hit back-to-back singles, Webb moved both runners with a sacrifice bunt. Estepa scored on a Lyons sacrifice fly, and Cheatham scored the Raiders' final run of the game on a Blair single.

Blair went three-for-four in game one. The freshman from Thompson Station, Tenn., drove in four runs, scored one and stole a base.

Blair took the hill for the second game of the doubleheader, and once again the Colonels took an early lead with a run in the second.

The Lady Raiders took the lead in the third with three runs, then strung together four hits in the fourth for five more runs to take a 8-2 lead.

EKU was able to score a run on back-to-back doubles to start the seventh inning, but Blair buckled down and retired the next three batters in order to seal the Lady Raider victory.

"She's a very good competitor," Green said of Blair. "She's been struggling with the bat lately, but today she came through for us in both games. She's a good athlete, and she really got it done for us."

The Lady Raiders went 3-1 over the weekend, as they split a doubleheader with Morehead on Saturday, losing the first game 6-2 but winning the second game 3-0. Blair pitched a complete game in the Raiders' victory over Morehead, allowing only three hits. Walker went two-for-three in the win, driving in a run and scoring the other two.

"Every win is important, but it's even better when they're in the conference," Green said.

MTSU will be in action Tuesday at 2 p.m., when they will make up a game with Tennessee State that was postponed because of inclement weather. Wednesday the Lady Raiders will host the University of Tennessee. The game with the Lady Volunteers is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. ●

Lady Raider among leaders in hitting

MTSU freshman Kim Blair is leading Division I softball in batting average and stolen bases. The former Page High School (Thompson Station, Tenn.) standout is on a record base-stealing pace.

Blair is hitting .564 in the latest NCAA stats, which tops OVC opponent Lisa Kraxner of Southeast Missouri who is second at .550. Blair is also averaging 1.29 stolen bases per game with 36 in 28 games. That average is .20 stolen bases per game better than Coastal Carolina's Jessica Paige's 1.09 total.

Make-up slated for Cumberland game

MTSU's baseball team has set a make-up date with Cumberland for a recently postponed game due to weather. The game has been set for Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at Reese Smith Field.

Reliever collapses during warm-up

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. — A minor league pitcher collapsed of an apparent heart attack while warming up in the bullpen Saturday night, broadcast reports said.

Matt Lachappa, a pitcher for the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, was in serious condition at San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland, according to hospital staff.

Lachappa, a 20-year-old left-hander from La Mesa, Calif., was throwing in the bullpen to get ready to enter the game when he collapsed.

Track teams struggle at SEMO

Lady Raider tennis defeats UT-Martin

5-4 top open conference competition

Staff Reports

MTSU's men's and women's track teams competed in the SEMO relay this weekend at Southeast Missouri University.

As a combined team, Middle finished seventh with 150.5 points. SEMO won the meet with a combined team score of 227.25 points.

The men's team finished sixth with 76 points. Northern Iowa won the men's side of the meet with 132.5 points.

The team of Dave Creary, Jaz Salahuddin, Dele Ekadi

and Lamonde Hunter took third place in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 42.39 seconds. Kenden Maynard, Lawrence Barham, Shane Heavener and Ekadi took fifth in the 4 x 400.

Marlin Cobwell, Rashad Haynes, and Torrence Riley took fifth through seventh place in the long jump, respectively. Salahuddin finished fifth in the triple jump.

The Lady Raiders finished fifth in the women's side of the meet with a total of 74.5 points. Southern Illinois-Carbondale won the women's side with a

total of 123 points.

Middle won two events on the women's side. Melanie Hall, Nadia Graham, Tyjuna Phillips and Kim Watson turned in a time of 47.10 to win the 4 x 100 relay.

Hall, Rachel Parrish, Phillips and Graham won the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:45.

Shelly Johnson took second place in the shot with a throw of 44 feet, one inch, and Nekeya Ralls took fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 9 3/4 inches. ●

By Joel Frey / staff

The women's tennis team began OVC play last Thursday with a hard-fought 5-4 win over the two-time defending conference champs UT-Martin.

"This was a nice win for us," Coach David Thornton said. "Although I was a bit disappointed with our doubles play, it was refreshing to see us play as well as we did in singles."

Lady Raiders Jennifer Bryans, Alex Toelle, Michelle Wilson and Amy King set the pace for the MTSU victory with wins at number two, three, four and five, respectively.

King said that while it was a good win for the team, she

thinks there best play is yet to come.

"We can definitely play better than we did," King said. "I think we were a little nervous because it was the first conference match and also because they were champs last year."

This match saw the return of Kelly Bacich back to the Lady Raider line-up. Thornton said he was still uncertain of her foot injury though.

"Kelly is still touch and go with her foot," Thornton said. "But with her in the line-up it definitely helps our depth which at this point in the season is key for us."

The team's schedule intensifies this week as

Thornton squad plays four OVC matches beginning with a twin bill against Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

Bryans said she feels both her and the team will display confidence against the Lady Governors and Tigers.

"If we concentrate what we are doing, we feel we will be able to come out with victories on Tuesday," Bryans said. "But it is important for us not to underestimate anybody at this point."

Tuesday's play begins at 2:30 against Austin Peay and will be followed at 7:00 against TSU.

"This is definitely a big week for us," Thornton said. ●

Wilma Rudolph statue to come home

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A life-size bronze statue of Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph will be taken from Louisville where it was cast to Rudolph's hometown of Clarksville, Tenn., this week.

Sculptor Howard A. Brown of Clarksville began crafting the work in clay form last fall. He

delivered the clay model to Bright Foundry in January, and owner Jep Bright has been making a bronze replica of the piece since then.

On Monday, Brown will return to Louisville to pick up the 255-pound statue to return it to Clarksville, where it will go on public display later this year.

Rudolph overcame crippling

childhood diseases to win three gold medals in the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

She died in 1994 at the age of 54, having lost a battle with brain cancer.

Brown, who met and befriended Rudolph after her heyday had passed, said he was impressed with her determination and ability to succeed despite the odds. ●

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but I don't know too many students who could work until 6 in the morning and then go to class, and do it 365 days a year."

Lee said the new programming is more than just disc jockeys playing tunes. The KJAZ personalities provide a depth of musical knowledge rare in radio, whether commercial or public.

"They have the largest record library, from what I understand, of any broadcasting outlet in the country . . . not only music but spoken-word, poetry . . . so that's what you're going to hear," Lee said.

KJAZ personalities include former International Association of Jazz Educators members, a jazz historian, and jazz columnists. "We're talking 30-, 40-, to 50-year veterans behind the microphones," Lee said.

"The majority of the on-air personalities are guys who used to hang out in clubs where Charlie Parker played in the 40s and 50s. They know their stuff," Lee said.

Alert listeners have noticed some programming changes recently, but they are

unrelated to the change at WMOT. National Public Radio used to provide a certain amount of musical programming but has dropped much of it, Lee said. "All NPR does now is jazz and classical music," Lee said. NPR dropped their Rhythm Review program, as well as R&B, folk and old-time music programs like E-Town, which used to run on Saturday afternoons, Lee said. A lot of non-jazz and blues music features and arts-related programs like spoken word were dropped. "All they do now are European classical and jazz, or American classical music," Lee said. "All of our late-night programming was a little bit in that category, so they went by the wayside when NPR dropped them."

Those changes were made some time ago, Lee said.

The programming extension cost the station no money, Lee said. The program is paid for on a "trade-out" basis, in which the station airs the KJAZ sponsors' or underwriters' spots throughout the day. Those sponsors, in turn, fund KJAZ, which WMOT carries overnight.

Many networks, such as the ABC Radio network, operate on

a trade-out basis, and this is a common way of doing business in commercial radio, Lee said.

The move toward more commercial funding reflects a growing trend in public broadcasting as Congressional budget cuts reduce money available for public broadcasting nationwide, Lee said.

"Public radio is really looking for better ways to serve the audience," Lee said. For WMOT that search has included a recent addition of traffic updates during morning and afternoon drive times.

The next major change for WMOT will be a new antenna and a stronger signal, already approved but delayed by recent bad weather. The station will upgrade from 50,000 watts to 100,000 and will have a new, higher antenna in Gladeville, TN.

Though the company hired to erect the antenna has been delayed by bad weather, Lee said the new signal should be going out by June 15 at the latest.

The new broadcasting range will allow Nashville listeners to pick up WMOT easily and will potentially add 200,000 listeners to the station's audience, Lee said. ●

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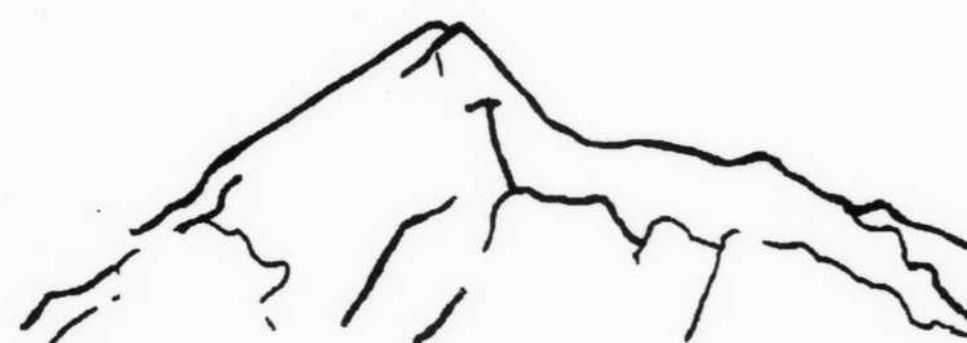
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