

# Sidelines

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## Elvis has left the record books!

### *Garth beats the King out of all-time ticket count*

Tina Denise Harvey  
Assistant News Editor

Four Garth Brooks concerts here have sold over 40,000 tickets, breaking Elvis Presley's record for the highest ticket sales in Murphy Center concert history.

At a press conference held Wednesday night before the first concert, Harold Smith, MTSU's Director of Student Programming, presented Brooks a plaque in recognition of the sales.

"No one can kid themselves here - Elvis is the 'King,'" Brooks said. "If he would have had the media coverage we do today, he would have been even 15 times bigger."

Brooks, dressed in blue jeans and a red and white sweatshirt, held his daughter, Taylor, while answering the questions of reporters from around the world.

"I didn't get dressed up for

the occasion," Brooks said. "I'm home -ok - I'm home. I'm around people I feel relaxed around."

Brooks traveled to Murfreesboro after performing at the Grammy Awards, where he shared a dressing room with Clint Black, Kenny G, Sting and his mentor, Billy Joel.

"He [Joel] doesn't pull no punches - he's quick," said Brooks. "I was looking out the window and Billy was in his limousine surrounded by fans, and he would push the curtain on the car's window away to see the fans. When he would shut the curtain, the fans would boo. He got a kick out of moving the curtain back and forth and listening to the crowd's response."

Brooks' concerts at Murphy Center run through Saturday night.

"If I could have had my dream, we would have performed

five nights," he said. "But the basketball team couldn't part from the gym one more night, and I don't blame them."

"We got a lot of letters saying 'just one more show' and we wanted to take care of everybody," he added.

This is the first tour on which Brooks has attempted to control ticket scalping by distributing arm bracelets to ticket buyers.

Although the bracelets were effective, they didn't abolish the problem. Brooks suggests selling the tickets the night of the concert as people come through the doors.

"I don't need scalpers," he said. "They don't give a damn about you - they don't give a damn about me or country music."

The country singer's latest hit

(Please see Garth, page 5)



Coley Jackson, staff

**HIGH PLACES:** Garth Brooks pleases the fans during Wednesday night's show at Murphy Center.

## Women's History Month offers wide range of events

Warren Wakeland  
News Editor

"In every generation, action frees our dreams" is the theme for the celebration of National Women's History Month at MTSU during the month of March.

"This month has been set aside to recognize the achievements of women," Dianne Harper, assistant professor of Foreign Languages and co-chair of MTSU Women's History Month, said. Harper and Dr. Sonja Hedgepeth are serving as co-chairs for the celebration.

More than 30 events will take place during March to celebrate the achievements of women, including speeches by Federal Court of Appeals Judge Martha Craig Daughtery and Sen. Florence Pendleton [D-D.C.].

"My objective for this month was to bring in a variety of women from different ethnic backgrounds," Harper said. "I wanted to appeal to everyone in the community and bring in women from outside to our campus."

The celebration of women's history began in March 1977 as a

to introduce students and teachers to the many contributions women of all ethnic backgrounds had made to history. In 1987, the celebration was expanded to include the entire month of March.

MTSU began celebrating Women's History Month in 1987.

Events run daily through Mar. 31, with no events scheduled for the week of spring break. To obtain a schedule of events for the celebration, contact the June Anderson Women's Center at ext. 2193. ■

## Scholarship honors friend of University

Christina Basiel  
Staff Writer

A \$30,000 scholarship fund has been established by the family of the late Forrest Paschall, a strong MTSU supporter, through the MTSU Foundation Program.

The Forrest Paschall Memorial Leadership Performance Scholarship was funded by family members, including: Mrs. Nell Grizzle Paschall, her daughter, Mary Forrest Hancock and Mrs. Paschall's son-in-law, Dwight Hancock.

The scholarship is considered one of the most prestigious of the Foundation's awards.

It is open to entering freshmen who have achieved academic

success and displayed high leadership qualities in high school. Preference for the scholarship will be given to students from Rutherford and Cannon counties who intend to study horse science or are recruited to play for MTSU's men's and women's baseball or basketball teams.

"My husband liked to help people," Mrs. Paschall said in explaining the reason for the large donation. "We wanted to create an ongoing and continuing memorial in my husband's name. MTSU is very important to the region. We are fortunate to have the graduate and undergraduate courses it offers."

Forrest Paschall garnered a (Please see Scholarship, page 5)



Scott Neely, staff

**GUITAR MEN:** Michael Thiemann (left) and William Atkisson rehearse in the Wright Music Building.

## Guitar students awarded

**Mark Blevins**

*Staff Writer*

MTSU music students won first and third place in the guitar section of the 17th Annual Young Artist Competition in Memphis last Saturday.

Michael Thiemann, a graduate student, won first place and William Atkisson, an undergraduate senior, won third place in the competition sponsored by the Beethoven Club of Memphis.

"It helps set you apart from other guitar players," Thiemann said of the honor, which awarded him \$300. Atkisson won \$100.

As a first place winner, Thiemann will return to Memphis March 27 to perform a joint recital with five other first place winners of the voice, strings, piano, woodwinds and brass competitions.

The guitar competition consisted of performing three pieces from contrasting time periods.

"It's a stepping stone," Atkisson said, referring to possible future competitions on a national

level. Their teacher and guitar specialist at MTSU is Dr. William Yelverton.

"They [Thiemann and Atkisson] are among the most talented guitar students in this region for their age," he said. Both are under 25 years old.

Atkisson, who has been in MTSU's guitar program for five years, said the guitar program, as a whole, has the most talent ever.

"I feel it's stronger than it has ever been," Atkisson said.

Atkisson plans to pursue a masters degree and possibly a doctorate in music. Thiemann plans to get his doctorate in music.

The Young Artist Competition allowed students from anywhere in Tennessee or within 250 miles of Memphis in surrounding states to participate.

Some other schools with musicians in the competition included the Blair School of Music, Austin Peay, Western Kentucky, Carson-Newman, Memphis State and Southern Methodist University. ■

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## CAMPUS CAPSULE

### Today

The NAACP will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the KUC room 312. Contact Steven Barnes at 898-3035 for more details. Refreshments will be served.

Future Airport Executives presents Mr. Tim Haskill, who will be speaking about Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 5 p.m. in the AMG room 103. Contact Chad Gehrke at 896-6194 for more details.

The Society for Human Resource Management presents Wayne Fawt to speak at their meeting. The meeting will be held in Peck Hall room 326 at 4 p.m.

Women's Political Action Group meets at 5 p.m. in KUC grill lounge. This is an opportunity to learn who represents us in government and how they can be contacted. Students will have a chance to vote and work on projects that benefit MTSU. Everyone is welcome.

### Friday, March 4

Alpha Delta Pi will hold a 25th anniversary reunion today and tomorrow for the chapter's alumnae. Events include open house at the chapter room, tour of campus and luncheon with the first Epsilon Tau president. Call and make reservations with Rosemary Wampler at 893-0130 or write to MTSU Box 10, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

### Monday, March 7

Today is the deadline to sign-up for the Spring 1994 Volleyball League and coed league, which will play March 22-April 22. For more details go to AMG room 201 or call 898-2104.

### Tuesday, March 8

The International Women's Day Breakfast will be held from 7-8 a.m. in the JUB Hazlewood Dining Room. Faculty, administrators, staff and students are welcome. Cost is \$7 and reservations are required. Call 898-2278 or 898-2193.

An ARMS meeting will be held at 7 p.m. for all members interested in attending Crossroads in Memphis.

All seniors and graduate students are invited to attend "Career Placement Orientation" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the KUC room 324. Placement and Student Employment is presenting the workshop. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

### Wednesday, March 9

Kaplan Test Center, the nation's leading test preparation company, is offering a free LSAT application seminar from 6-8 p.m., at the Kaplan Center, 3212 West End Ave., Suite 403, Nashville. To register call 383-8638.

Dr. Jackie Eller and the MTSU and City of Murfreesboro Police Departments will discuss how to avoid spring break pitfalls in the KUC-room 316 from 1:30-3:00.

### Ongoing

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian club meets every Monday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

Students for Environmental Action meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. Call 890-5097 for more details.

The Lambda Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center room 241. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more details.

The Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Wiser-Patton Science Building room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

The Catholic Student Center holds mass every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for details.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in AMG 210. Call Greg Logan at 898-3081 for more details.

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

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoe trip down the Suwanee River in Fla. March 12-18. Deadline to sign up is March 1. Contact Ed at 898-2104 for more details.

The Division of Continuing Studies will be offering a Karate/Self-Defense program for adults and High School students. The course will be held Sundays, 1:30-3:13 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. at Murphy Center. The course will be available each month beginning March 1, April 5 and May 3. The cost is \$35. For more details call Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee is searching for volunteers to work with parents of newborns, to answer a statewide parent helpline, or to assist with parenting classes. Training is provided. Contact Terry Ann Hull at 227-2273 for more details.

For the month of March, the June Anderson Women's Center Library will be featuring books dealing with Women's History. The center is in the JUB room 206. Please come by to view our selections and enjoy our new lounge area.

The MTSU chapter of the National Ass. of Environmental Professionals will continue to hold meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, including March 7 and 21 and April 4 at 5 p.m. in WPS-room 201. Contact Leonard at 731-1684.

Applications are now being accepted for the Outstanding Student Organizations Advisor Award. They are available in KUC 122. Deadline for entry is April 4. Contact 898-2454 for more details.



# Students communicate around campus, world

Ryan White  
Special to Sidelines

MTSU students have access to computer-linked conversation from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, and 202 countries in between, with the Internet computer network.

By tapping into this system, members can exchange anything from on-line conversation to scholarly articles. It is all made possible through nodes and channels on the Internet system.

"The two most popular sections on Internet are E-mail [electronic mail] and IRC [Internet Relay Chat]," said Bill Collier, an MTSU student and Internet member.

Through E-mail, members send messages to each other privately. In IRC, members exchange conversation live on line.

Messages sent through E-

mail are stored in a data bank. When users sign on to the computer system, the system tells them whether or not there are messages for them. The member can then check his mail electronically.

Through IRC, members use the "chat" to track down their interests through specific channels and discuss them with other members. There members find users and bring their words to personal computers all across campus.

Sorting out the information can be done through use of "knowbot." Through "knowbot," users can choose from an indexed interest list. George Henderson, author of *The Internet: A Higher Education Communications Revolution*, states in his book, "Knowbot is an intelligent information reader program. [It] roams the

network, searching for items of interest to the owner."

A more common term for "knowbot" used at MTSU is "ACAD 1." The term links students to the MTSU catalogue. The catalogue might not be as easily accessible without the use of Internet.

Over 500 MTSU students are members of Internet.

"Don't compare Internet with Prodigy or other on-line networks, because Prodigy is commercialized and owned by retailers," Collier said. "Internet is a lot of computers wired together that lets all of us exchange information. Prodigy is only news and weather."

Internet allows users information on any subject. ■

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30, 1994. Polls will be located and open as follows:

Keathley University Center  
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

James Union Building  
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

### Appearing on this Ballot will be:

- (1) Candidates for SGA President (one)
- (2) Candidates for Speaker of the Senate (one)
- (3) Candidates for Speaker of the House (one)
- (4) Candidates for Sophomore Senators (five)
- (5) Candidates for Junior Senators (five)
- (6) Candidates for Senior Senators (five)
- (7) Candidates for Graduate Senators (five)

All students must present a valid MTSU computer generated identification card to be eligible to vote in this election. Students must obtain a qualifying petition on March 8, 1994 starting at 12:00 noon in the SGA office located in KUC 304. *Deadline for filing petitions will be on or before Tuesday, March 15, 1994 at 4:00 PM. A mandatory candidates' meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 1994 at 3:00 PM in room 305, Keathley University Center. Each candidate or a representative must attend this meeting.*

Campaigning for this election begins at 12:00 noon on March 19, 1994. You may actively campaign until March 30. All candidates names will be made public on March 19, 1994.

*\*All dates are in accordance with the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983.*

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# Wallace speaks to Democrats

Brent Andrews  
Staff Writer

Carl Wallace, Democratic candidate for Governor of Tennessee, spoke to the Young Democrats Monday night at the KUC.

"This is the most unusual election year in the history of Tennessee," said Wallace, citing the large number of offices up for grabs as the main reason for the difference.

Wallace spoke on several topics, including education, health care, and crime and punishment. "I am for capital punishment," Wallace said. "We need to get criminals off the streets... until we start punishing the guilty and making them serve their time, we're going to have growth in crime."

In education, Wallace stressed parental and community involve-

ment and suggested the only way to stop violence in schools is through a strong parent-teacher-government coalition.

Wallace took a strong position against TennCare, saying that the program was not well-planned.

"The forethought to TennCare was not there," he said. "We didn't find out whether the doctor was in or the doctor was out. Now we've got ourselves a big, big hole."

Wallace handed out a signed contract to attendees, which stated his policy of accessibility, and also stated intentions of change.

"I would like to see some ethics back in government," he said. "We don't need a Toll Road Commission if we don't have any toll roads... We don't have horse racing in Tennessee, so we don't need a horse racing commission."

Wallace also discussed his

position on the abortion issue.

"I as a candidate do not feel comfortable telling a woman [she] can or cannot have an abortion," Wallace said.

When questioned about the lottery, Wallace said, "if I had the chance, I'd vote for it," although he expressed doubts about the lottery coming to Tennessee in the near future.

Wallace is a graduate and former chancellor of Cumberland University. He began his career as a journalist and newspaper editor, and later became Tennessee Adjutant General of the National Guard, serving in that position for 17 years. He received the highest peacetime decoration, the Distinguished Service Medal, from President Bush in 1991.

"I believe sincerely that I can make a difference," Wallace said. "I understand government." ■

## Virginia man arrested for illegal cable

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Virginia man faces federal charges in Tennessee and Virginia for selling television cable descrambler boxes.

Samuel K. Dennison, owner and operator of Needy's Electronics in Weber City, Va.,

was charged in a 16-count indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in Greeneville. He was released Wednesday on \$20,000 bond.

He is charged with mail fraud, selling two illegal boxes, money laundering and making a

false statement about how much he earned. He was charged in a 30-count indictment in Virginia for a similar mail fraud scheme.

Prosecutors say anyone who purchased a box from Dennison may be arrested. ■

# MARCH 1994

## National Women's History Month

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	HPERS Dept. clothing and book drive to benefit the Appalachian Women's Guild—every Monday and Wednesday during March!	1	2 Sherry Neptune "Native American Women, Past and Present" 2 p.m., PH 109A	3 Kathryn Woods as Sojourner Truth in "A Woman, Ain't I" 8 p.m., Tucker Theatre	4 Tennessee Undergraduate Sociological Symposium: Women's Studies Session 10-10:50 a.m., JUB	5
6	7 Martha Stovall "Let's Move Past Lip Service" 2 p.m., PH 109A	8 International Women's Day Breakfast (CFAW) 7-8 a.m., Hazlewood Din. Rm., JUB  AAUW Used Book/New Basket Sale 8:30-4 p.m., KUC  Film: <i>Germany Pale Mother, Part I</i> 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m., BDA 303B  Persephone Felder-Fentress performing in "Four-part Harmony" 8 p.m., Arena Theatre, BDA	9 Women's Studies Undergraduate Symposium 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Hazlewood Din. Rm., JUB  Performance by Saffire: The Uppity Blues Women 8 p.m., Music Hall, WMB	10 AIDS Information table, KUC  Film: <i>Germany Pale Mother, Part 2</i> 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m., BDA 303B  Women's Self-Awareness Day, Raholanda White 2-5 p.m., KUC Theatre	11 AIDS Information table, KUC  Judge Martha Craig Daugherty classroom visitations 10 a.m. PH 200 11 a.m. PH 204  Film: <i>Germany Pale Mother</i> 3-5 p.m., BDA 303B	12
13			16	17	18	19
SPRING BREAK IS MARCH 14 - 18						
20	21 Appreciation Lunch for Administrative Women, 11:30 - 1, Tenn. Rm., JUB  Judy Chicago "The Holocaust Project: From Darkness Into Light", 7:30 p.m., LRC 221	22 Rachel Hahn discusses the film <i>Germany Pale Mother</i> , 2 p.m., BDA 303B  Poetry Reading by Colleen McElroy 7:30 p.m., Arena Theatre, BDA	23 International Poetry Reading 4-5:30 p.m., PH 109A	24 Alumnae in the Classroom 9 a.m. - 12 noon  Senator Florence Pendleton "Women Achieving Success in Spite of Adversity", 7 p.m., Music Hall, WMB	25 MTSU Secretarial/Clerical Employees Luncheon speaker Dr. Elizabeth LaRoche, 11-1, Tenn. Rm., JUB  Ambassador Jewel Lafontant-Mankarious, "Women in the Board Room," classroom visitations, 10 and 11 a.m., PH 200	26 Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association (MTWSA) meeting, 10:30-11:45 a.m., JUB  Marilyn E. Thornton Tribble, storyteller, at Williams Booksellers, 11 a.m.
27 Women's Walk/Run 2 p.m., Alumni Gym	28 MTSU Women's Chorus "Music of Women Composers" 8 p.m., Music Hall, WMB	29 Fern Espino "America: Building the Mosaic—Fact or Fiction?" 2 p.m., Hazlewood Din. Rm., JUB	30 Curricular Transformation Workshop with Paula Rothenburg, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Hazlewood Din. Rm., JUB	31 Dr. La Francis Rodgers-Rose "Reconstructing Black Women's History" 7 p.m., COMM 104		





## Garth...

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single is "Standing Outside the Fire." The video took 11 days to produce and will debut today. Brooks compares the video to a motion picture.

"The song is a message that I love and try to live by," he said.

"Real life is funnier than anything you can dream up at times," he said. "I think real life is more serious at times - more heartwarming than anything I could dream up."

Brooks will perform in European countries while on tour. He has been invited to visit top musicians.

"I'm nervous," he said. "We'll be leaving our backyard. But we've sold more concert tickets over there than we've sold albums in some countries."

Brooks' song playlist is limited in some European countries who have banned some

songs that climbed the music charts in the U.S., such as "Burning Bridges" and "The Night I called the Old Man Out."

In the future, Brooks hopes to begin making albums with country music singer, Trisha Yearwood and his rhythm guitarist, Ty England.

"The future holds for me to be a dad, a husband and if it holds for me to be in music - I'm luckier than I am now," he said. "If it doesn't, I'll take the opportunity to be with my family."

On NBC's Garth Brooks special in 1991, Brooks was seen bashing acoustic guitars and pouring bottles of water over his drummer's head.

"We pass out hard hat's for this concert to the first three rows," Brooks laughed. ■

## Scholarship...

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reputation through the years as a community leader and good neighbor.

"The university is an asset to the community, and we foresee this gift assisting a deserving student in his memory," said Mrs. Paschall.

Paschall was active in the MTSU community, attending baseball and basketball games and driving his various horse carriages down East Main Street during the MTSU Founders Day Parade. He passed away in 1990.

Bob Womack, professor of educational leadership at MTSU, described Paschall as a man who was "... by nature very kind, gentle, and an empathetic individual who never passed up an opportunity to help people."

The scholarship will help perpetuate the memory of one of MTSU's best friends and ensure the continuation of the neighborly spirit for which it was intended.

"We are most grateful and pleased that Mrs. Forrest Paschall and Mary Forrest and Dwight Hancock have established a Leadership Performance Scholarship at Middle Tennessee State University in the honor of Forrest Paschall," MTSU President James Walker said.

"Their generosity will help maintain our commitment to quality education and will enable many students to complete their college educations and to become productive citizens." ■



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## NATIONAL ROUNDUP

**Tax refunds bigger so far this year: IRS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennesseans who have filed federal income tax returns so far are getting more money back than a year ago.

The average refund to date for Tennesseans who filed a paper return is \$904. For those who filed electronically, the average refund is \$1,445.

These refunds are up 13 percent for paper filers and 1 percent for electronic filers, IRS officials say.

But there's a catch.

"For people who owe, most of them have not filed yet," said Dan Boone, IRS spokesman in Nashville.

Figures for people who have paid the government so far have not been compiled, he said.

But the IRS estimates that 25 to 30 percent of Tennessee filers will owe.

So far, 890,000 returns from Tennessee have been received — 1.7 percent behind the rate last year.

"It's probably due to the weather," Boone said. "It affected

the filers and on our end, the power outage affected the Memphis Service Center."

The IRS expects 2.2 million returns from Tennessee.

Boone said people who file paper returns now can expect their refund checks in four to six weeks. But delaying until around the deadline April 15 can add two weeks to the return time.

"We get a big rush toward the 15th, so the sooner the better," he said.

Refund checks for those who file electronically come in two to three weeks regardless of when filed.

Boone said the three most common errors on returns so far have been figuring the earned income credit, overall math and using the tax table.

"Slow down, and take a second to look it over before you mail the return," he suggested.

The toll-free number to call for tax assistance is 1-800-829-1040.

The number is often busy, but Boone said the best time to get through is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday — early in the morning or in the afternoon.

**Navy impersonator admits fraud, theft**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A man who admitted he impersonated a Navy test pilot and wore a patch from the "Top Gun" flight school pleaded guilty to additional charges, delaying his sentencing.

Michael Jacobus was arrested on a charge of impersonating a federal employee in October, ending a decade-long charade in which he charmed women with his uniforms and bluffed his way into Navy officers' quarters. He has never been in the Navy.

He pleaded guilty in December and was to have been sentenced Tuesday.

However, sentencing was delayed because he pleaded guilty Feb. 24 to additional charges of stealing documents and making a false statement.

Jacobus, 38, of Willoughby, Ohio, will be sentenced on the original charge and the six new counts at the same time, but no date has yet been set, Assistant U.S. Attorney Pamela A. Moine said Tuesday.

She said the additional counts

probably will not add time to the six-month maximum prison term Jacobus faced for the impersonation charge. He already has spent four months in jail.

Jacobus admitted stealing items including four military identification cards and a Defense Department vehicle decal.

**Principals have broad authority to search**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Principals would have broader authority to search students for weapons under a bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom, D-Nashville, now goes to the full House.

The Senate approved the companion bill Feb. 16.

"Currently, principals have to comply with probable cause or reasonable cause, just like law enforcement officers," said Odom.

"But if this bill passes, principals will have broader authority."

Odom said his bill is aided by a standard placed on public schools by the U.S. Supreme Court, which says school grounds

are different and should be treated differently.

"We are required by law to make sure that our kids attend school," Odom said. "So, we should try and provide them with the safest environment possible."

Odom's bill works this way: A student informs the principal that another student has a gun in his locker. If he suspects the information is right, the principal can check the accused student's locker for the weapon.

Wayne Parker, an assistant principal at Overton High School in Nashville, said he agrees with anything that will cut back on violence and get rid of guns in schools.

"I have two sons, and I wouldn't mind them being searched," Parker said. "If someone starts a rumor about them having guns, then I know a search will prove their innocence."

Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, agrees the issue of violence in schools needs to be addressed, but not at the expense of a youngster's privacy.

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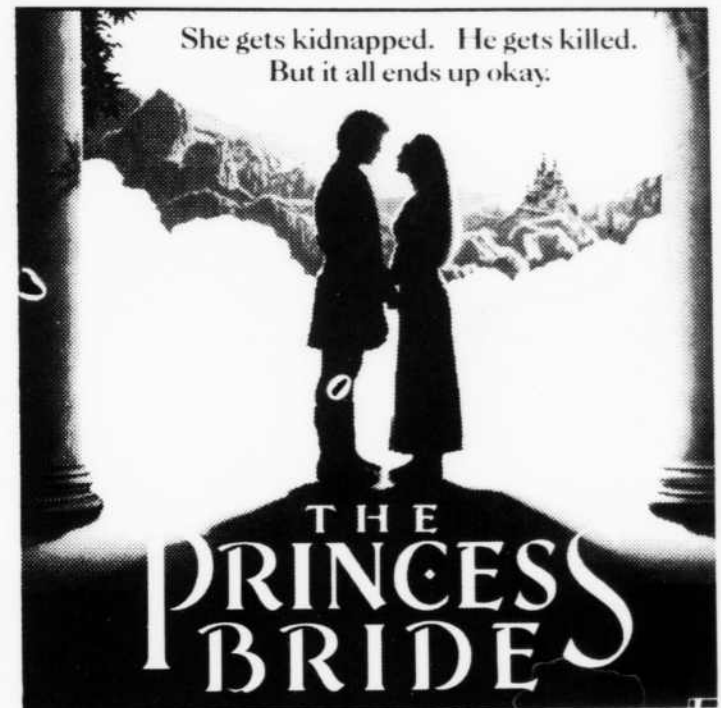
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# Opinions

## Many college women can thank their Moms

If I asked my mother whether she considered herself a feminist, she would probably say "No."

Although she came of age in the 1960s, when a tremendous generational shift took place, the "movement" never reached small-town Middle Tennessee.

That lag kept my mother, a tremendously intelligent woman, from going to college. With four older brothers and one younger, and being from a working-class family, it was never even a possibility.

But she was aware enough of the world to pound it into her younger daughter that, without an education, one's prospects in life are extremely bleak.

A lot of women my mother's age are in that unique position, aware of what opportunities should be available without ever having had them.

That is why I seem to meet a lot of women my age whose mothers, although externally old-fashioned, somehow made a secret pledge to themselves. That pledge consisted of a promise that their daughters would not have to be a nurse instead of a doctor, a secretary instead of a lawyer, an elementary teacher instead of a university professor.

In 1994 women are over half of the work force. Their presence and their professionalism are so taken for granted that many argue there is no need for a National Women's History Month.

However, even though women do make up a lot of the work force, their level of pay is still somewhere around two-thirds or less of what men make. The number of women executives in Fortune 500 companies is about 2 percent. There are less than a handful of women editors at major daily newspapers.

Many say the answer to this problem is time. It may be.

But in the meantime, I can thank all the mothers for their dedication, while still making a pledge for the daughter I may someday have. ■



## Give Justice Thomas proper recognition for achievements

### The Conservative Philosopher

CHRISTINA BASIEL



Last month was Black History Month. The 28 days of February were a celebration of the notable contributions that black Americans have made to this country.

At my place of employment, our computers asked daily black history questions, brochures were distributed, and the walls of the corridors were decorated with the portraits of prominent black Americans.

One of these posters in particular caught my attention. The headline read, "Blacks in Government" and below were listed some two dozen names.

The names included: United States Senator Carol Mosley-Braun, D-Ill. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders and Jesse Brown. The first obvious point to incense me was that every name listed belonged to a liberal. Secondly, and more importantly, the most prominent black in government was conspicuously absent from the list.

The name that should have been listed, boldly and proudly, was that of Clarence Thomas.

I, for one, happen to have a great deal of respect for Justice

Thomas, and I was quite surprised that the coordinators of the Black History month festivities did not feel that he was worthy of mention.

I had to know why his name was omitted from the list, so I set out to do just that.

After a minimal amount of sleuthing, I found the answer to my question, an answer which was riddled with absurdity.

I was told that Clarence Thomas' name was purposely withheld because of the scandal that it connoted.

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That scandal is, of course, the unproven allegations of sexual harassment that were made by Anita Hill three years ago when Thomas was a Supreme Court nominee.

I was shocked and appalled. I have been falsely informed somewhere along the line that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Although Justice Thomas was never proven to be guilty of sexually harassing Miss Hill, he is still having to endure the

inappropriate character assaults that have marred his brilliant career since his nomination.

The intelligence, diligence and accomplishments of a man who should be considered a positive role model and American success story have been completely disregarded because some whiny, manless feminist pointed her finger in his direction.

It is frightening to witness how an accusation can rob an individual of hard-earned and rightful respect. It is also disheartening to realize that the effectiveness of one's position is vulnerable to repugnant rumors.

Clarence Thomas endured the battering of a Senatorial committee, graced with the presence of renowned womanizer Ted Kennedy, and won his deserved position on the United States Supreme Court. However, he is still enduring the lasting effects of slander.

Justice Thomas is clearly the most distinguished black man in the government of the United States; yet, he must continuously fight to be considered as such.

Those who will not afford him the respect due to his position do not respect our country, our legal system, our government or the sense of justice which makes ours the greatest nation on the earth.

It is a shame that he was not lauded on that poster on the wall.

Maybe it's just as well. After all, he does subscribe to a much higher standard than Jocelyn Elders and Carol Mosley-Braun. ■

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Marijuana no worse than alcohol, tobacco

To the editor:

I have three problems with the letter from Eddy Dyer (Feb. 17) regarding medicinal use of marijuana.

First, although Mr. Dyer was mostly polite in stating his views, he also seemed a little uncertain about what those views are or are supposed to be. Perhaps (hopefully) this is because he's finally exploring his personal stance on this important issue rather than blindly following the "accepted wisdom" on the subject.

The second problem is his apparent concern for the "facts," yet he offers very few of his own. Maybe he'd have more luck finding statistics that suit his mind-set if "respectable" agencies or bureaus would publish more "studies." But anybody (or any agency, etc.) who needs or wants to maintain credibility with the moral majority is afraid to touch the issue.

Which brings me to my third gripe. Dyer immediately discounts sources of information such as "High Times" magazine.

To be sure, such sources have their own agendas, but their work does kind of blow one of the most cherished myths of the just-say-no generation: That dope-smoking fries your brain. All those old stoneys may be just a little out there, but they're all still in darn good touch with their wit, reason and creative impulse. And I imagine they're all making a pretty "respectable" living while they're at it.

I'll leave poor Mr. Dyer alone now, but I'd like to take this opportunity to share a few more of my personal observations.

Marijuana is a natural, relatively cheap and available remedy for many ailments. Certainly there are alternative treatments, but most of them are expensive and/or cause significant side effects, such as addiction.

To those who would claim that marijuana is addictive, I offer myself as un-scientific evidence to the contrary, a sort of guinea pig. I have inhaled, several (well ... many) times. I've lived through many dry spells, due both to

finances and market conditions. I've never experienced physical symptoms of withdrawal such as D.T.'s, nor have I suffered any psychological need to smoke. In fact, the worst jones I've ever had was no more serious than kind of a "well ... pooh!" feeling.

To those who would claim that the use of marijuana

*I live in fear of the day that they take away my Marlboro Reds. If that happens, folks, stay the hell out of my twitchy, nerve-ridden, psychotic way.*

promotes crime, I say that, with few exceptions, responsible marijuana use and sale is largely a consensual crime, a matter of morals rather than public safety. By "responsible ... use and sale" I refer to informed adult use in the privacy and comfort of their own homes. I must admit that I don't know how to keep the kids from getting their hands on the stuff—I

also don't know how to keep them away from the alcohol, crack and guns which are killing them. Back to the crime thing, though, I personally have never witnessed or heard of any violent crime spurred by the use of marijuana. I'd never rob a Taco Bell while stoned; I'd much rather watch Bonanza and eat a frosted cherry toaster pastry or three.

To those who would call marijuana a "gateway drug," I say "I may be stoney but I'm not stupid." I don't want to try anything that will possibly kill me the very first time I use it. I don't want to chance becoming dependent upon something that will eventually kill me one way or another. I've got many pleasant days ahead of me, and I try not to jeopardize that.

Finally, the thing that eats at me the most is the bone-headed double standard that allows for the legality of proven harmful, addictive substances such as alcohol and tobacco, and arbitrarily lumps marijuana in with killer like crack. Not that I'm calling for the prohibition of either alcohol or tobacco. I have no

opinion on the alcohol thing, since I don't drink (I had to quit because it invariably induced reckless behavior); I live in fear of the day that they take away my Marlboro Reds. If that happens, folks, stay the hell out of my twitchy, nerve-ridden, psychotic way.

The only disadvantages I can think of for marijuana use are these: First, one will quite likely develop a passion for eating pre-packaged snack cakes in bed. Second, one might experience a slight decrease in short-term memory and/or attention span, but as long as one isn't driving a car or performing surgery, this shouldn't be life-threatening. Third, the stuff costs a bit much, due to the legal risks involved. Consider that a \$5 doobie lasts longer and rides easier than a couple of pitchers of beer. And somebody might throw your butt in jail for doing it.

If any of the above are unacceptable risks, then by all means "Just Say No." For myself, I look forward to the day when people keep their noses out of my business.

Janna Wheatley  
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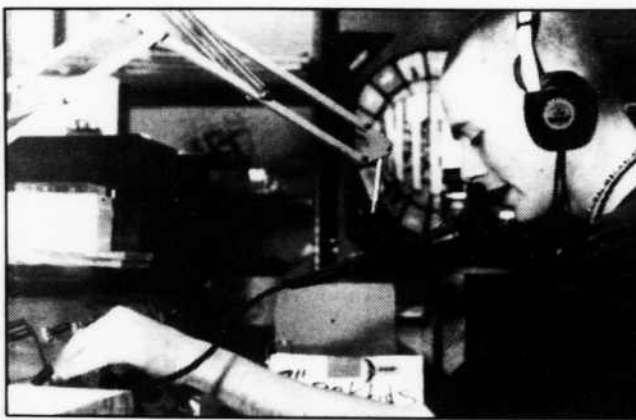


## Radio Free Boro:

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WNAR: Top right: Josh Liner cues a record.  
Above: Santha Philpott and Josh Liner at  
the station. Right: Neil Portus at work.  
Below: Josh Liner on the air.

Photos: Brian G. Miller, staff



**W**NAR, the new campus radio station so many of you have heard about but not actually heard, is one of those stations whose call letters are an acronym.

W stands for We, N stands for Need, A stands for ...well, for the article A, and R stands for Radio. We Need A Radio. Catchy, n'est-ce pas?

The reason the words were chosen is twofold. We need one because (1) We have a station, WMOT, but no one seems to know how to break in there, and (2) WNAR isn't actually a radio station yet. It is broadcast over Channel 39, the University Housing channel, which gives it

an understandably small audience.

But we won't need a radio much longer, according to WNAR programming director Paul Sicard. We'll be getting one. A frequency, 88.3, has been relocated, and the station should be broadcasting on it by the Fall, 1994 semester.

WNAR, the brainchild of students Reza Bakhtar and Doug Jones and Professor Al Moffet, is "at least the third attempt" at an alternative radio station, according to Sicard.

"Theirs was the only one that got off the ground," he says. Paul also gives a lot of credit to a student named Paul Holzer, who

Paul says "put the whole thing together." I ask him what he means, and he says, "well—with soldering irons, wire cutters..."

Once the station was assembled, and could be heard, and a stable of dependable DJs was gathered, a format had to be decided.

Sicard succinctly describes the original format: "Whatever anyone owned," he says, chuckling in a soft Massachusetts accent. The result was a schizophrenic range of programming: Metal, Techno, Oi, Hip-Hop, and even Big Band could be heard.

Since then, the programming has become a bit more uniform, as

the station has amassed a decent musical library of its own. There are still three specialty shows, respectively offering 80s retro, World music, and Metal, but the rest of the airtime is devoted to basic college-rock. (All right, maybe some of the spontaneity is gone; but, hey—that's how pro radio is.)

Sicard says he "tries to make a balance" in the shows between music library material (which, like at the pro stations, is divided into heavy and light rotation,) and material the DJs choose themselves.

But being a college-rock station is not the reason WNAR exists; after all, hip music is

accessible on WRLG and WRVU. The reason We Need A Radio, Sicard explains, is because We Need A Place To Gain Radio Experience.

At WNAR, it is in fact possible to have some executive experience. Paul, for instance, is a programming director; Amanda Field, another student, is the general manager. Students are also involved in engineering and contacting record labels—in a word, learning how to do what real radio people have to do. What a concept!

WNAR has an ally at WMOT, in the form of Gary Brown, who found the frequency.

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# Wesley 'Wardrobe' heroic tale

*Adaptation of Lewis novel geared for a younger audience*

Melody Boyd  
Staff Writer

Mass confusion fills the air as mythical creatures, forest animals, and wood nymphs run about in excited furor. It is minutes before the final dress rehearsal, and the high spirited cast of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is full of anticipation.

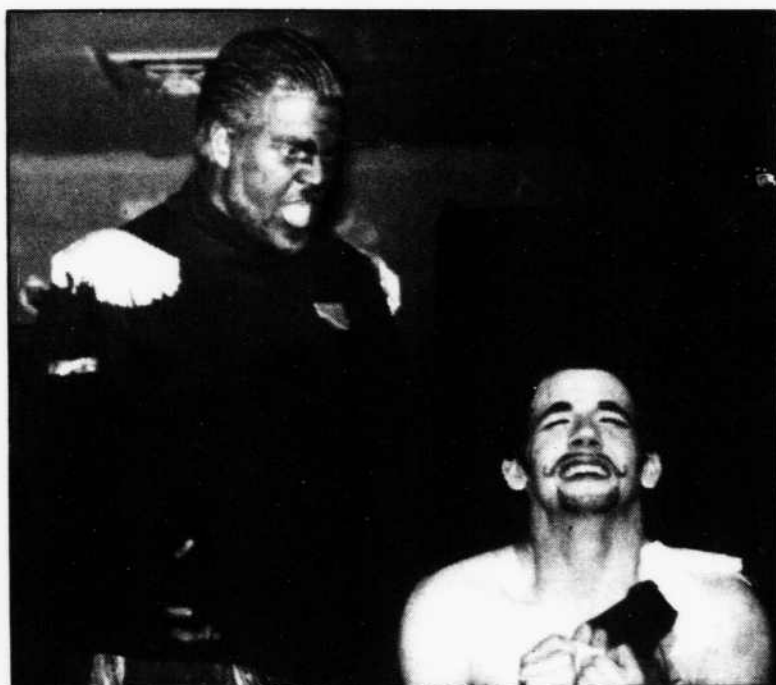
Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, this student-run production leans toward a younger audience. Director Jeff Gibson describes the play as being unrealistic in setting, but one that stresses good values.

"I hope that the show gives some meaning for children about what can be accomplished if everybody works together," Gibson said.

Trey Hall, a pre-med student who plays the role of Peter, one of the children in the play, says that the show is "light-hearted and creative." Brent Hodge, who plays the faun, Tumnus, believes that the play is "a great show for kids. It has many of fun characters and sends a good moral message."

An adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novel, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" involves the triumph of good over evil. It is a delightful story that centers upon four children who enter the magical land of Narnia, destined to fulfill a mysterious prophecy.

Below the surface of the play, the plot contains symbolic



Charles Hogue, staff

**DRESS REHEARSAL:** Jeff Quinn plays Fumis Ulf and Brent Hodge plays Tumnus in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

parallels to the resurrected Christ.

Under the old law, or "deep magic" of Narnia, the witch is allowed to kill if someone committed treachery, as one of the children, Edmund (Leigh Harrington) did in the story.

Stage manager Kern Young, a Radio-TV major, said, "I think the play will give you a finding of your own convictions, possibly looking into your spiritual existence."

Though the cast possesses good energy, the show seems to lack professional polish. For instance, the resurrection of Aslan

is not as glorious as portrayed in the play, the climactic fighting scene is full of commotion and the action is difficult to follow.

The characters have a style that appeals to younger kids and they are fun and amusing to see. It radiates with childlike charm and remains a heroic tale of love and courage.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will run March 2-6. The cost for students is \$3; adults, \$5; and for the dinner theater, \$10. For more information call 893-0469. ■

## WNAR...

(continued from page 10)

At first, he was looking at 91.5, but a small Bible college had claimed it, and the legal battles weren't worth it.

Brown then found 88.3, and it was also claimed, by a Mt. Pleasant businessman who hoped to boost his station's wattage (which would have blocked the 88.3 frequency. It's a radio thing, very complex and technical, and, like Republican politics, best left attributed to magic.)

But the businessman has since changed his mind, and now WNAR is just waiting for the construction permit. When it gets here, the antenna goes up and the word goes out.

Ironically, Sicard—who has been with the station since its 1992 inception, and who is now creating a station newsletter, in which DJs interview the likes of 10,000 Maniacs and Swerve-driver—will graduate in May, and never actually appear on the

radio station when it finally is one.

He is unsure that the station will do well after he and Amanda leave; he feels that he hasn't seen anyone "with the same vision for the station that we have" coming in after him.

But, who's to say. Experimental radio does well around here; one thinks offhand of a station in Nashville whose call letters are also an acronym, inspired by the insurance company that founded it. The letters stand for We Shield Millions, and in 1925, it started playing a show full of unpolished, un-studio music. The show still exists, and plays from within the cash-cow theme park-entertainment complex it created.

Hmm. "Thank you for riding the NARland Railroad ... keep your arms and legs inside the train ... " ■

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# Sports

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Coley Jackson, staff

**MAGGIE'S MAGIC:** Maggie Cox shows her hustle by saving a loose ball before it can cross the boundary line.

## Let's Get PHYSICAL

Tony J. Arnold  
Sports Editor

Two bits...Four Bits...Six Bits, a Dollar...All for the Home Team Stand Up and Holler!!!

What's wrong with this?

That's what went through the mind of a fourth grader named Margaret Hope Cox, better known as Maggie to Lady Raider followers.

"I hated being a cheerleader," Maggie recalls. "There wasn't enough contact."

So her step father put her a basketball goal up outside, and the rest is history.

"All the guys in the neighborhood didn't want to play because I was so rough," Maggie admits. "But I was used to playing with my step dad and he's a big guy. These little kids would come around and I'd elbow them, push them around. The rougher the better. That's my game."

*"These little kids would come around and I'd elbow them, push them around. The rougher the better. That's my game."*

- Maggie Cox  
MTSU senior

Funny how some things haven't changed over a decade later.

Today, Maggie is undoubtedly the most physical player on MTSU's Lady Raider squad. The senior has stepped forward, posting the most consistent stat line from night to night. But the stats don't always show up, and it's in this gray area that Maggie usually makes a living.

Most notably, it's not uncommon to see her being peeled off the floor by her own

teammate after taking what perhaps the most brutal foul in basketball - the charge. No matter how big her opponent may be, Maggie has set a standard of stepping in front of them and absorbing the blow.

"I love taking charges and something a lot of people don't do. It's a good hustle stat," explains.

And hustle and determination have gotten her to the point in her final collegiate season.

When Maggie came to MTSU four years ago she entered college basketball with the wrong attitude, and, as a result, saw limited action.

"I thought, coming in, that I needed to be sitting on the bench instead of playing, because I was a freshman," the 5-11 forward admits. "I shouldn't have, because I think if I'd tried harder then I would have been playing hard."

As a sophomore she came out (Please see Maggie, page 13)

## Blue Raiders starting to pick up the pace

**Confident MTSU men face TSU tonight**

Travis Millsaps  
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern Kentucky's men's basketball team bragged in their media notes before they faced Middle Tennessee State University Monday night that they were a perfect 11-0 when they led at halftime.

The problem was, nobody bothered to tell MTSU.

The Raiders overcame a five point halftime deficit to defeat the Colonels 82-75 before 2,500 fans at Murphy Center Monday night.

Milton Dean, MTSU's lone senior, began his final home game on fire. He had scored 14 points less than 10 minutes into the game to spot the Raiders a 24-17, lead with 10:26 remaining in the half.

Eastern was able to get the lead at the charity stripe. Middle was whistled for 17 first half fouls, which allowed the Colonels to connect on 19-of-23 from the free throw line in the first half and grab a 43-38 margin at the break.

Middle started the second

half quickly, and when Dean hit two free throws at the 17:28 mark, they gained a 49-48 advantage. Middle would never trail again in the contest.

"Most of basketball is being able to score, not turning (the ball) over, and not giving up second shots," said MTSU head coach David Farrar. "I would bet that at the critical times in the second half we were able to do those three things."

"The reason we won," said Dean, "is because we came out in the second half and rebounded better and took better shots. The team really felt like it could win tonight."

In getting its second straight victory, MTSU once again had a balanced offensive attack.

Dean led the Raider scoring charge with 23 points. Jevon Banks added 17 points while Tim Gaither contributed 15. Paul Washington rounded out the double-figure scorers as he tossed in 14 points and Shawn Driskill

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## OVC OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE Tournament

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## Here We Come

**Lady R's coming together at right time**

Tony J. Arnold  
Sports Editor

Needing a win to keep their momentum going into the OVC tournament, MTSU's Lady Raiders are beginning to purr like a finely tuned engine.

"We've just been fired up these past two weeks," admitted point guard Heather Prater. "We're going into the tournament and we're excited. I think, right now, we're more confident than we've been all year."

Just ask Eastern Kentucky after a 89-71 thrashing Monday night. In that game, Eastern had a chance to tie Tennessee State for a piece of the OVC championship.

"This was a nice way to end the season," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "Eastern had everything in the world to gain tonight. Everything!"

But the Lady Raiders had everything to prove, facing their stiffest test since a four game losing streak eliminated them from the conference race two weeks ago. MTSU came out blazing and after Sherry Tucker scored the games first eight points,

the Lady Raiders had jumped to a 14-3 lead.

"I was worried even though we had gotten ahead," admitted Bivens. "I really didn't feel like we were defensively doing the job."

His premonitions were right. Eastern answered with a 19-3 run, including 15 in a row, over the next seven minutes to grab a 22-14 lead.

"I think we were so worried about where Kim Mayes was the time that we let up and then we got a lot of points inside," Prater said. "We were so concerned about her that we let up on everybody else."

Mayes entered the game among OVC leaders in scoring with a 21.8 average. She was hit to 11 despite leaving the game in the second half after suffering a cut to her head during a collision with a teammate.

While MTSU battled back, answering Eastern's run and taking the lead, the Lady Raiders were unable to pull away under some unusual circumstances sealed ECU's fate midway through the final period.

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# MTSU Moosemen suffer setback thanks to Vandy

Travis Millsaps  
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Moosemen Rugby Club suffered its first defeat this past weekend in Nashville. They were defeated 9-3 by Vanderbilt University.

All scores in the game came on penalty kicks, with Vanderbilt getting the opportunity to connect on three. Middle could only hit one. Miles Cumberpatch scored the lone field goal for the Moosemen.

## Maggie...

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the court with the right attitude, becoming one of only two players to start every game. She was the third leading scorer with a 9.8 average. She was also second on the team dishing out 84 assists.

Those numbers dropped off a bit during Maggie's junior season, largely in part to a back injury which required surgery. Now a senior, she's posting a career year.

"I want to go out there and do it," she says. "If coach Bivens criticizes me, I say 'oh well' instead of getting mad like I used to."

That's the attitude change that has helped get her to this point, but there's also an attitude which

"A lot of new guys had to play," said Chip Sullivan. "We were plagued with injuries and that hindered our overall performance."

"We don't have enough depth on our team," added Dace Schuck. "Right now we just need to get more depth."

Middle's record fell to 2-1 with the loss. They will be back in action this weekend, competing in the Chattanooga Challenge Tournament. ■

Maggie carries onto the court.

"You have to (have an attitude)," Maggie says. "I want it more than you and I'm going to kick your butt. I'm going to do everything I can to take that ball from you, to score on you, to beat you."

And there's not a soul who argues otherwise.

"She's as tough as nails," admits her head coach Lewis Bivens. "She'll do whatever it takes and if you knock her down, she'll get right back up and knock you down. She's got the attitude of a winner."

Going into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament this weekend, Maggie holds Middle Tennessee's single-season record

# Golden girl not so golden?

Ken Guggenheim  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Days after losing out on a gold medal, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is trying not to lose her golden image.

While waiting to be awarded the silver medal Friday, Kerrigan was heard complaining that gold medalist Oksana Baiul of Ukraine was delaying the award ceremony. While sitting next to Mickey Mouse at a Disney World parade Sunday, she was recorded saying, "This is so corny, this is so dumb. I hate it. This is the most corny thing I've ever done."

Those remarks — plus her criticism of figure skating judges, her boasting that own performance was flawless and her skipping of the Olympic closing ceremonies — threatened to sully her Snow

White image and dim her marketing appeal.

On Tuesday, a Kerrigan spokesman tried some damage control.

Dewey Blanton of ProServ issued a statement Tuesday night saying Kerrigan was disappointed at the "negative reaction and misinterpretation some of her recent comments had received."

Of the remark about Baiul, Kerrigan said: "I was afraid the crowd was losing its enthusiasm and was starting to leave. It was not meant as a slight toward Oksana."

Of the "corny" comment, she said: "I was not saying that the parade was corny or dumb. I enjoyed it tremendously. Riding down Main Street with Mickey Mouse — what could be better than

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for charges taken, with 23, and she's started in every game to date. She's wiping the backboards with nearly six rebounds per game and, while her hustle stats stand out, her offensive output has rocketed. She is averaging 10.8 points per game, stepping that up to a 13.1 average in OVC contest.

"I love the baseline," Maggie admits referring to an offensive move she has patented. "I'm pretty big so people don't think I'm going to get the first step on them. They usually have a big person on me, so I get my first step and I'm gone. I like that a whole lot. I like that because it makes the other player look bad defensively."

While her attitude and

mentality make her a lion on the court, Maggie changes to an angel off it.

When not in school working toward her psychology degree, you can often find Maggie Cox working with kids at the local Boys and Girls Clubs.

"I'd like to make a difference in their lives because kids have it pretty bad these days with drugs, guns and everything," Maggie says. "Some of the kids I've worked with don't have parents around much and they get very little discipline. It's sad to see situations like that."

And it's sad to say goodbye for Lady Raider fans who've grown accustomed to witnessing Maggie's hard-nosed antics on the

court over the past four years. They've witnessed the maturity that she's been willing to share with the future. They've witnessed the pain she dishes and takes to and from the opponents. Although soon it will all be over, Maggie will now carry her attitude into the game of life.

"I think I'm a pretty hard worker and I'm going to work hard at whatever job I get, whether it's psychology or whatever," she predicts.

But anyone who's seen her play has no doubt that no matter what curveball life throws at Maggie, she'll step right in front of it, take whatever blow it deals, get back up, and get physical right back with it. ■

## Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Brackets

OVC Men March 3, 4 and 5			OVC Women March 5, 6 and 8		
#1 Murray State		#1 Tenn. State			
Bye		Bye			
#4 Eastern Ky.	Friday 7 p.m.	#4 MTSU	Sunday 1:30 p.m.		
Tonight 4 p.m.		Saturday 11 a.m.			
#5 Morehead St.		#5 SE Missouri			
	Championship Sat. 8:30 p.m. ESPN Television	#2 Tenn. Tech	Championship Tues. 7:00 p.m.		
#2 Tennessee St.		Saturday 1 p.m.			
Tonight 6 p.m.		#7 Morehead St.			
#7 MTSU			Sunday 3:30 p.m.		
#3 Austin Peay	Friday 9 p.m.	#3 Eastern Ky.			
Tonight 8 p.m.		Saturday 3 p.m.			
#6 Tenn. Tech		#6 Austin Peay			

## Time...

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With 11:49 left, Eastern had trimmed the Lady Raider lead to five at 55-50. However, Tucker hit a jumper and converted it into a 3-point play after being fouled. On MTSU's next trip down court, Prater buried a trey as an ECU defender bullied her way through Mescha Griffin's pick. This resulted in a foul, giving MTSU the points and the ball.

With the ball back in play, freshman Clarissa Woodard turned and lofted the ball toward the goal only to see it do the opposite of which she intended. Instead of landing in a teammates hand, the ball went in the hoop.

"That was a pass to Priscilla (Robinson) and it went in," admitted Prater. "It was supposed to be a lob pass. After that, we all got together and said 'This is it. We're going to push it, push it, push it, and don't let up.'"

And they didn't. A balanced scoring attack and some timely free-throw shooting netted the Lady Raiders their 20th win of the season.

"It's a big win for us in the fact we've just got to get ready for the tournament and show we can play the game that we're capable," Bivens said.

Robinson led Middle with a game-high 23 points which moved her into second place on MTSU's all-time scoring list. Her five rebounds also moved her into second on the all-time list.

Prater and Tucker each had

21 points including nine 3-pointers between them. Prater also dished out six assists.

As a team, MTSU (20-6) burned the nets for 50 percent, 41 percent from 3-point range. They also converted on 21-of-28 free throw attempts.

Middle now squares off against Southeast Missouri at Municipal Auditorium Saturday at 11 a.m. The winner advances to play league champion Tennessee State Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the OVC tournament.

## Nancy...

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that?

"What I was commenting on to my mother was her insistence that I wear my medal during the parade. Since I was a little girl, I was told not to brag. I was afraid that it might look like bragging, and I'm not comfortable with that."

Sports analysts and public relations specialists say she hasn't done herself irreparable harm.

"Those comments she made were relatively low-key," said Larry Unes, a Chicago-based talent consultant who links celebrities with advertising agencies. "The glow that she left is going to supersede anything that is going to be construed as negative."

Even before she was attacked Jan. 6, Kerrigan had promotional contracts with Reebok shoes and Campbell soup. As she recovered from her injuries and as the attack was linked to the Harding's

The Lady Raiders are seeded fourth in the tournament although they were pre-season picks to win the regular season title. However, that hasn't seemed to dampen any spirits.

"The league title doesn't mean anything if you can't win the tournament championship (and the NCAA bid that goes with it)," said Maggie Cox. "I feel like we've got as good of a chance as anyone. We're getting the momentum back and we're going to go into the tournament strong."

entourage, Kerrigan's girl-next-door image was enhanced.

She signed a contract worth a reported \$2 million with Walt Disney Co., and on Monday agreed to appear in advertisements for Revlon.

Kerrigan's silver medal was expected to only add to her appeal, but almost immediately she began her series of public relations blunders. When she was told, mistakenly, that the medal ceremony had been delayed because Baiul was redoing her makeup, an annoyed Kerrigan was heard on television saying:

"Oh, come on. So she's going to get out here and cry again. What's the difference?"

In interviews in the following days, she said she had skated flawlessly, that Baiul had not, and she questioned the judges for not deducting points for Baiul's mistakes.

But none of this is enough to destroy her image — or scare away corporate sponsors, analysts said.

## Pace...

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had 7.

The play of the front court was also instrumental. MTSU out-rebound Eastern 52-46.

"I thought that everybody that played those spots played better," said Farrar. "It has been one of our weaknesses, tonight it was one of our strengths."

Driskill led the team in rebounding, grabbing a career-high 10 boards. Chad Wampler and Bobby Clark grabbed eight and seven rebounds respectively.

"I really tried to focus on my rebounding tonight because, let's face it, my offense this year has been total garbage," said Driskill. "I was just trying to play good defense on their post-men by keeping a hand in their faces and hoping they would miss their shots, then going after the boards."

Eastern was led in scoring by John Allen with 27 points, 15 of them coming from the charity stripe. However, Allen did not score a point in the final nine

minutes of the contest.

Eastern finished its regular season at 13-12, with an OVC Valley Conference record of 18 overall and 5-11 in the OVC.

The Blue Raiders must prepare to start the post-season. After not being allowed to participate last year because of NCAA probation, MTSU will begin the OVC tournament tonight at 6 pm against Tennessee State University at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

MTSU's players say they are confident of their chances going into the tournament even though the Tigers have beaten them twice this season.

"It's like a new season when you go to the tournament," said Dean. "By winning these last games, it has really given us a lot of confidence."

And his teammates agree. "We're finally on a winning streak, and it's the best time of year to go on one," said Driskill. "It feels good finally, we've put a lot of hard work, and it's finally paying off at the best time."

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By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

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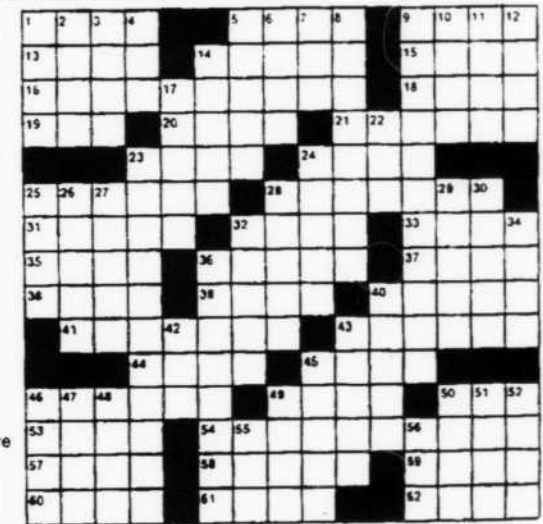
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# Summer school more than rays and suds

## College Press Service

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one to four weeks. Why would you want to get away from your own parental units only to live with someone else's? You get to know the local people, immerse yourself in a foreign language, go to work one day with your host or visit a workplace of your future profession. Then you can take off and lie on the French Riviera for the rest of the summer, knowing that you accomplished something. Cost: \$200-\$1,000. Transportation is on you. You must apply at least eight weeks before you leave. 1-802-387-4210.

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Research Vietnamese ethnic music, the greenhouse effect on Trinidad, family planning strategies in Bolivia or dolphin intelligence in Hawaii with the Real McCoy of expedition groups. Earth Watch has been around since 1972 and offers these projects among about a zillion others this summer. "It's a Peace Corps-type of experience without having to spend two years at it," says Shepley Metcalf, who keeps reporters on top of the adventures of this global organization. Your contribution of \$600-\$2,400, which varies per expedition, helps fund scientific research that you get to participate in. — and often get college credit for! That covers chow, bed (camping, cabins or bed and breakfast), and hands-on training on the expedition, but you have to get yourself there. Most projects last two weeks, since it's "first come, first served" and projects fill up fast, get on the horn ASAP. Passport and visa may be obvious prerequisites, but keep in mind many of the wild places on the agenda require immunizations. Get an inspiring color catalog: 1-800-776-0188.

### Keep Moving With Traveling Schools

Talk about paying attention to college student needs. The American Institute for Foreign Study offers two traveling study abroad programs — that's right, school that moves. The art and architecture program wanders through nine of Europe's acclaimed cities, while the more staid finance and marketing group pops into the continent's five fiscal centers. Other programs, lasting three to 12 weeks, are offered in Western Europe (including a London internship), Russia, Mexico and Japan. These trips will set you back \$2,099 to \$4,599



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**DANCE, DANCE, DANCE:** The Rossi Turner dance group performed at teh JUB in the Tennessee Room last Monday in celebration of National African American History Month. From left: Lee Fentress, Rossi Turner, Daniel Showalter, Jacqueline Holmes, Julie Shavers, Holly Cannon, Xavier Hayes and Jeff Showalter (facing back).

depending on how long you stay and how much you plan to eat. Bonus: currency fluctuations won't affect the price, and discounted airfares are available. Applications are due March 15, or tack on another \$150. 1-800-727-2437 ext. 6087.

### Quick Takes

The Council on International Educational Exchange has information on paid work, volunteer workcamps, study abroad and college credit in 33 countries. Their travel agency gets you great deals. Apply ASAP, preferably three months in advance. Ask for their excellent (and free!) magazine/catalog, *Student Travels*: 1-212-661-1414.

Lex America offers homestays in Japan and Korea lasting four to six weeks, \$2,550-\$3,000, including airfare from the West Coast. Credit is available. Families speak English. Deadline: May 1. 1-617-489-5800.

Amigos de las Americas has volunteer public health projects in Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America where you can hone leadership skills and improve the world. You can obtain advanced placement in Spanish/Portuguese classes. 1-800-231-7796.

Hostelling International can show you vacations at home and abroad that won't empty your pockets. Hike (and sample the wine of) the Chianti region of Italy, cycle the dunes of Cape Cod, raft the white water of Northern New Mexico, etc. \$250-\$1,525. Get a catalog of Discovery Tours by calling 1-202-783-6161. ■

## Naked man gets no laughs

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Twenty years ago, students and professors erupted in laughter when streakers dashed in and out of classrooms.

Times have changed.

Several faculty members from the College of Journalism and Communication expressed outrage after a naked man burst into an advertising classroom, loudly identified himself as "Batman" and beat a hasty retreat, the Independent Florida Alligator reported.

Professor Sallie Middlebrook, who was teaching the class, said

she didn't appreciate the interruption.

"He spread his arms and legs and said, 'Batman,'" Middlebrook said. "I was standing there in awe."

Middlebrook said she locked the door after the slender male with light-brown hair left the room. "I can see the humor (in the situation)," she said, "but to me it's not funny."

Streaking is not as innocent an activity as it once was. "You don't know what motivates that," she said. "Times have changed so much." ■

## Black grads seek role models

### College Press Service

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Marwin Spiller said he experienced "major culture shock" when he moved from Chicago's South Side to rural Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to pursue a doctorate in sociology.

Particularly distressing was the lack of black professors as role models.

"There are so few black students or professors in graduate school. It's even more extreme than at the undergraduate level," said Spiller, who is president of the National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA).

Spiller, whose doctoral studies focus on racism in criminal justice and urban housing, is enrolled in a department that has no black faculty and only two other blacks pursuing advanced degrees.

"Studies have shown that many African-American graduate students don't complete their studies, and I'm convinced it isn't

due to difficult or demanding academic programs," Spiller said. "It's because of non-supportive and alienating academic environments."

The NBGSA seeks to reverse this trend, linking 1,500 black student members from all academic disciplines to intellectual circles and communications networks nationwide, Spiller said.

"The association tries to establish a community among black graduate students, to share research ideas with each other and relax in a comfortable atmosphere where ideas are received and new ideas formulated," he says.

The NBGSA will hold its annual conference May 18-22 at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. The organization also fosters a feeling of belonging through a biannual newsletter, and members communicate through the African-American Student Network, a discussion network on BITNET, an international computer network. ■