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## Marching band directors resign

Music Dept.  
Chair Bingham  
to leave post  
this June; he'll  
remain as  
faculty member

By Mark Blevins / staff

The director and associate director of bands in the Music Department have resigned, and Music Department Chair John Bingham has decided to resign his post effective this June, not June 1997 as he previously announced.

Director of Bands Pat Root and Associate Director George Megaw will leave their posts at the end of this semester. Both are in their first year at MTSU.

Their resignations come as an internal audit of band expenditures is being completed. Officials in the Internal Audit office have released no details concerning the audit and will not until it is complete. It is expected to be complete by next

week.

Megaw said he resigned because the desire for excellence is lacking within the department.

"I was misled when I was first hired as regards the talent and support of the program," Megaw said.

"It's my contention that the desire to excel needs to be shared among faculty, staff, students and administration," Megaw said. "It's my opinion that that is not the case here at MTSU."

Megaw said his resignation is unrelated to the internal audit and that he doesn't appreciate a university press release which implies they are related.

"I understand the institution (MTSU) needs to retain its image, but I resent it being done at the expense of individuals," Megaw said.

Megaw plans to complete his doctorate at the University of Virginia, he said.

He filed his resignation in February and was persuaded by Bingham to rethink the situation. He eventually decided to leave MTSU.

Root could not be reached for comment. She filed her resignation approximately a week ago, according to Bingham.

Bingham will remain with the department as a tenure-track faculty member. He cited newly developed personal and professional opportunities as the reasons why he decided to step down as chair.

Bingham had announced that he would remain as chair throughout the 1996-1997 school year, but since he decided to step down this June.

"The more we thought about it, the more we thought: 'if we're going to make the move, we better make it now,'" Bingham said. He added that he was eager to get back into a faculty position.

A search is underway for a Music Department chair which is expected to be filled in the fall of 1997, according to John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

For the 1996-1997 school year, Speech and Theatre Department Chair James Brooks will double responsibilities and chair the Music Department as well.

The Music Department will now look for a temporary director and associate director of bands for the 1996-1997 school year while searching to fill the positions permanently beginning in the fall of 1997. ●



Root



Megaw



Bingham

## Blue Raider tennis nails 'Big Orange'

By Joel Frey / staff

A changing of the guard occurred at the University of Tennessee's Varsity Courts Tuesday afternoon.

MTSU 4, UT 3.  
Coupled with last Wednesday's 4-3 win over Vanderbilt, the Blue Raiders now lay claim as the number one team in, ironically, the Volunteer State.

28th-ranked MTSU came into Tuesday's match with the 24th-ranked Vols with revenge on its mind. Earlier this season on Feb. 2, the UT embarrassed the Blue Raiders 6-1 in the third place match of the O'Charley's Invitational.

Coach Dale Short said a big difference between the two matches involved how his squad reacted to the pressure of the situation.

"As our season has progressed and as we have faced more and more pressure on court, we have gradually responded better to it," Short said. "This is a sure sign that we will be beginning to make more of a mark on the national scene."

Tuesday's match began with the Blue Raiders taking a 1-0 lead with two wins in doubles play. The team of Fred Niemeyer/Marshall Brown won the first match at number three, 8-2.

After Julius Robberts and Mark Follett lost a close 8-6 pro-set to Vols Pablo Montana and Chris Mahony, the number two ranked team in the country, the all-important doubles point came down to the last match.

Blue Raiders Anthony DeLuise and David McNamara clinched the point with a hard fought 9-8(6) win, giving Middle the advantage and the momentum heading into singles play.

The doubles point proved to be the difference in the match as the two teams split the six singles matches.

MTSU's win, however, did not come without its share of

drama.

Following Volunteer wins knotted the match at three with two matches left on court. McNamara had earned the Blue Raiders second point with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Willem Thomas at the number three seed.

97th-ranked Niemeyer knotted the match at three with a hard fought 7-6(5), 7-5 win over 48th-ranked Mahony in the number two singles match.

"I was down a break in the first set but managed to get back on track, change my game plan a little and gut out the win," Niemeyer said.

His win left 73rd-ranked DeLuise, playing at number one, left on court against 36th-ranked Montana.

Both players had set points in the first set which lasted almost two hours. DeLuise was able to win it in a tiebreak and carried that momentum into the second, closing out Montana and the Vols with a 7-6(9), 6-4 win.

"The first set was critical for Anthony," Short said. "Both players had opportunities and after a set like that, whoever wins it is usually going to win the match."

Short did not downplay the significance of this win.

"This is the first time we've beaten UT in school history," Short said. "They are perennially ranked in the top 20 in the country and they are an interstate rival. A win like this is not only big for our team but the entire administration of the University as well."

The 16-4 Blue Raiders resume OVC play at home this weekend with a match Saturday against Morehead, followed by a doubleheader Sunday with Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky.

Saturday action begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Murphy Center courts. Play on Sunday against Austin Peay begins at 9:00 a.m. with the EKU match beginning at approximately 2:00 p.m. ●

## New construction to limit parking

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Students will lose 200 parking spaces as early as May, according to Gary Hunter, manager of Parking Authority.

Students and faculty lost 250 parking spaces when construction began on the Business and Aerospace Building last semester. Construction will begin on the new library in May.

The site for the new library is now at the end of C Street next to Felder and Gore halls, and the parking lots on either side of the street.

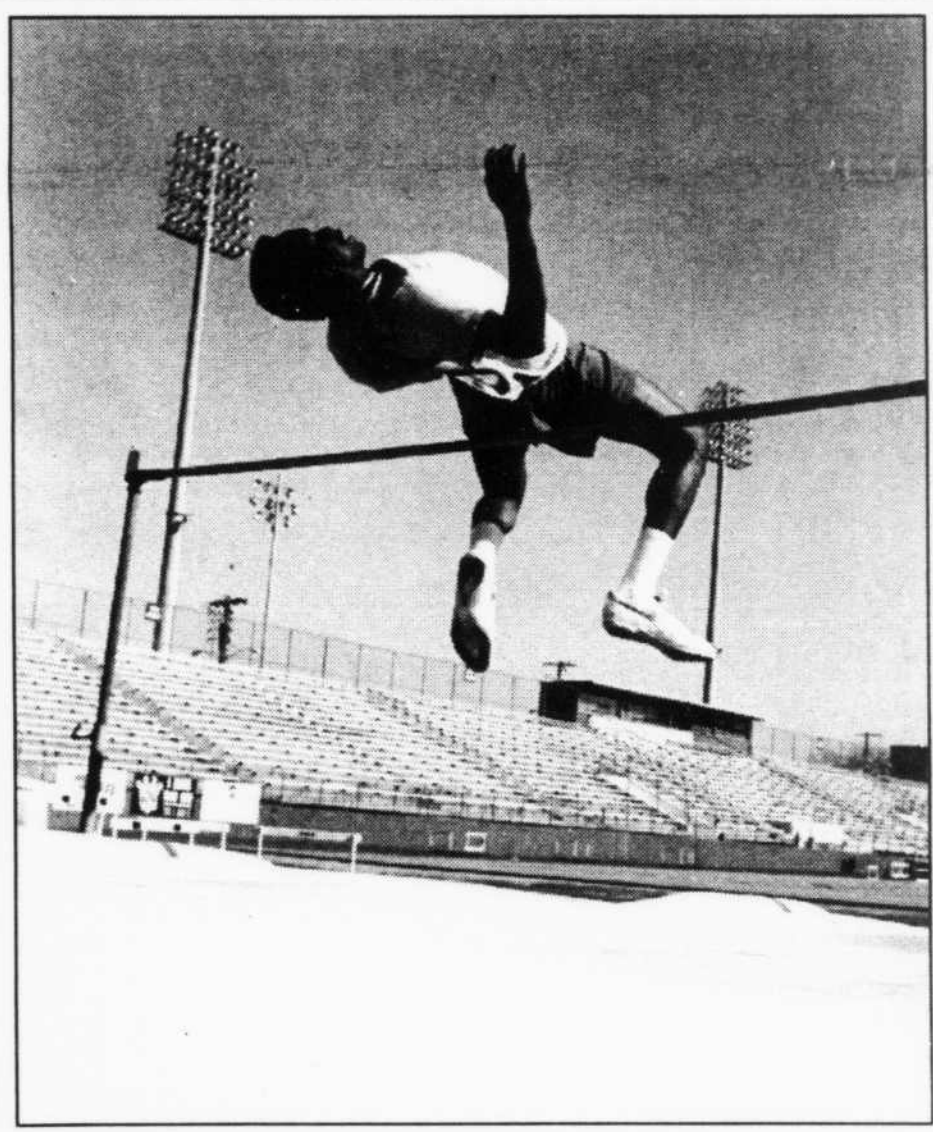
Parking Authority is planning to build two new parking lots to accommodate for the lost spaces. One lot, expanding the Mass Communications Building parking lot to connect with the Ezell Hall lot, will cost over \$80,000 to build. The other, an addition to the Recreation Center parking lot, will also cost over \$80,000 to build. Both areas have drainage problems that will need to be fixed.

The plans for these lots must first be approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the Building Commission before being sent to architects so that construction can begin. The lots will be available for use in October, Hunter said.

Renovations on the Bell Street lot and the gravel lot behind Health Services are also being planned. Both parking lots will be paved, and more lights will be added. The job will cost \$95,000 for each lot.

There has also been discussion of building a parking garage. Currently there are three parking garages in the five-year plan. One is a 1000-car garage as an extension of Kirksey Old Main. The

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Brian G. Miller / staff

## Flight

Rashad Haynes practices the high jump for today's track meet.

## PKA 'pike fight' event scheduled off-campus

By Charles A. Harrington, Jr. / staff

Later this month, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will resurrect their once prominent fund-raiser, the Pike Fights.

The event will take place on April 18 at Riverdale High School. Tickets for the event are now on sale for \$6, with the general admission costing \$8 at the door.

The Pike Fights have been absent from the Pi Kappa Alpha activity calendar for four to five years, according to Brooks Nunnally, president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The organization eliminated the fights after they received pressure from top campus officials led by former dean of Students Paul Cantrell, Nunnally said.

Pi Kappa Alpha originally wanted to have the event on campus at Murphy Center.

"The reason we wanted to do it on campus is so it could be viewed as a campus event that would enhance our Greek system," Nunnally said.

Nunnally said the organization presented a petition with the support of

every Greek social organization to Dr. Walker. The fraternity was informed that it was university policy to back Cantrell's earlier decision.

The university also cited specific dangers as to the reason why they disagreed with the event being on campus.

"There is a clear possibility for injury in this event [which] is not a NCAA sanctioned sport," said Dr. Barbara Haskew, Provost of Academic Affairs. "I

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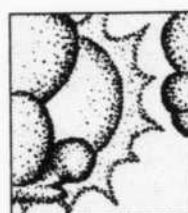
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## SPORTS

UT-K takes baseball team in extra innings

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# Banquet to promote international culture

By Martha Stroud/ staff

The MTSU International Programs and Services department will be sponsoring the sixth annual International Banquet on Saturday in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

"Many students, faculty, and staff are not exposed to international culture, and this is a chance to expose them to some different cultures," said Tech Wubneh, director of International Programs and Services.

There will be a diverse assortment of ethnic foods, numerous international flags and exhibits on display, and international entertainment at the banquet.

Following dinner, President Walker will present the Distinguished International Service Award, and Mary Schulz, assistant director of the

International Programs and Services, will present the International Student Essay Award. So far, no submissions for the Essay Award has been received.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be Dr. George Hill, director of International Programs at Meharry Medical College. His presentation is entitled "Africa Revisited: 1996," which examines contemporary Africa.

Entertainment will include the Polynesian Reflections, a

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**Tech Wubneh**  
Director of International Programs and Services

South Pacific performance group, and Assistant Professor of Music Bill Yelverton, who will play a Latin American guitar piece.

Other entertainment will be provided by the Chinese Culture Club, who will give a demonstration on Chinese toys, and by Jose Arbelaez and Vladimir Silva, who will perform in a pop band.

"We felt that there was no international activities available for students so I asked some student unions to

help get us started, and that is how the annual International Banquet began," Wubneh said. "We later expanded from a banquet to a whole week of international activities."

There was only one other activity this week due to the lack of funds this year for the International week. A international tea was held yesterday in the Hazelwood dining room of the JUB at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet will be \$6 each for the first 200 students and adult tickets will be \$12 each. The banquet begins at 4:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

For further information concerning the banquet or for ticket information, call 898-2238 or send a check to 202 Cope Administration building payable to the MTSU International Student Fund. ●

# PARKING: construction planned for parking garage

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second, also with a 1000-car capacity, will be behind the Health Services Building.

Most recently, plans have been made to include a parking garage behind Floyd Stadium.

Before construction can begin, the Department of Parking and Transportation must have the cost of constructing the building plus a 10-year debt services fee, totaling \$1.7 million. Construction is not scheduled to start on any of the parking garages before the year 2000.

The Department of Parking and Transportation houses the Parking Authority, which handles all parking issues, and the Department of Transportation, which handles such services as the Raider Xpress.

The Department of Parking and Transportation is a self-funded office. It receives no money from TBR or MTSU. All revenue the department receives comes from parking fees, violations and other special services.

The Traffic Committee, which reports to the Department of Parking and Transportation, has suggested a \$5 across the board increase in parking fees.

Currently, 52 percent of the department's revenue comes from parking violations.

"Our goal is to decrease the number of tickets we write," Hunter said.

The traffic committee has also recommended an increase in parking violations for the fall. Regular \$10 tickets will be increased to \$25. Overtime tickets of \$5 will be increased to \$10. No permit violations of \$15 will be increased to \$30. Fire lane violations of \$50 and handicapped violations of \$100 will stay the same.

The department is trying to plan ahead for the future to ensure that there will be enough parking spaces and to properly utilize all of their services to ensure convenience and public safety, said Linney Moore, Coordinator of Operational Services.

Other ideas the department is exploring include: a voice recognition system similar to TRAM which would register vehicles for parking permits; changing all parking spaces west of D Street to green spaces; designating resident and commuter parking; and establishing a dismount zone for rollerblading, skateboarding and bicycling.

The dismount zone would start at the KUC and end at Peck Hall.

Comments or questions should be directed to Diane Gower, the Traffic Committee chair, at 898-5643. ●

# PKA: safety the concern of the university: Haskew

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back President Walker's views and his reasons to set the tone for student safety."

Nunnally said that all of the necessary safety precautions are being taken. The event is registered by WKA, the governing body over amateur boxing.

The entry fee for each fighter is \$25. Each fighter will have to submit to pre-fight and post-fight physicals, and there will be a registered doctor on sight.

While each opposing fighter has to be in the same weight class, there will be eight people

on sight that can stop the fight at any given time during each 3-round fight: one referee, three judges, two corner men, one doctor and promoter Eddie Rochell.

Eddie Rochell is taking part in the promotion of the Pike Fights. Rochell also promotes the Amateur Boxing Night that takes place at the Music City Mix Factory in Nashville every Tuesday night.

The organization expresses that everyone, male or female, is welcome to participate in the fights. For more information about the event, call Brooks Nunnally at 904-0502 or 390-5313. ●

# Local bands showcased in Friday's Knoll concert

By James Neal/ staff

Student programming and WMTS will sponsor a concert showcasing bands from local independent record companies at 3 p.m. on Friday on the KUC Knoll.

Brook Blomquist, concerts chairperson for Student Programming, said the bands appearing are: The Features, presented by Spongebath; Teen Idols, presented by House of Pain; and Slump, presented by Mudslide Records.

"The Knoll has developed into a pretty cool local venue for local bands to play," Blomquist said.

"The alternative crowd generally has been our best crowd," Blomquist said.

Three hundred to 500

people usually show up for the shows, he added.

Every semester, Blomquist said, he usually turns a "Music on the Knoll" show over to WMTS.

Lisa LaCour, WMTS station manager, said the station has many local bands in their music rotation.

"We work with independent labels on a day-to-day basis, and we're trying to help get the local [independent labels] more exposure," LaCour said.

"Murfreesboro has an incredible music scene, and I feel this radio station is an outlet to get these bands heard," LaCour said. ●

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# Unity promoted through Greek Week

By Christi Underdown / staff

Greek Week began April 8 and will continue through April 12.

The theme of this year's Greek Week is "Operation Greek Week: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow."

In the past, each sorority or fraternity competed to earn the most points through each individual's participation in Greek Week. This year the organizations have been combined into three teams, consisting of 340 to 350 members.

All 26 organizations are expected and encouraged to attend all the events.

Director of Greek Life Vic Felts worked with three others to organize the week: Dana Cook, Clayton Arrington and Melody Golnitz.

One activity planned for Greek Week is a coin drop to choose the Greek God and Goddess. Each chapter has a contestant, whose picture will be placed in a jar. The man and woman with the most money at the end of the week will carry the titles of 1996 Greek God and Goddess. The money raised will be contributed to the Rutherford County Special Olympics. Tables will be set up in front of Phillips' Bookstore

**"We're trying to... concentrate more on getting the different fraternities and sororities to work together."**

**Vic Felts**  
Director of Greek Life

from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily.

During the week, greek organizations will have a canned food drive to help support the Second Harvest Food Bank. They will also be donating sheets to the Ronald McDonald House.

A semi-formal Greek Awards Ceremony was planned for Monday in the JUB Tennessee Room. At this event various members received awards for the highest grade

point average, Fraternity Man of the Year and other honors.

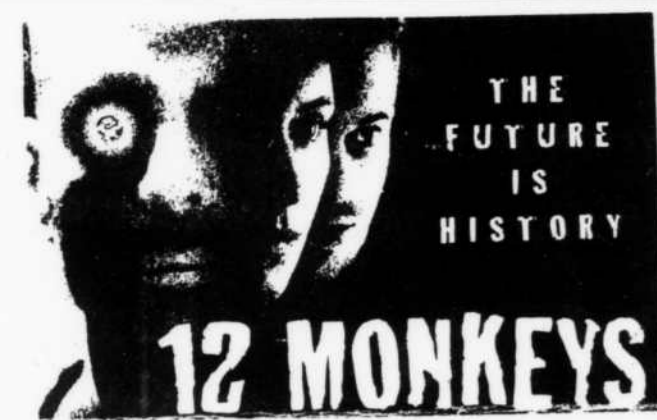
Dave Westol hosted a facility breakfast Tuesday night in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room. That evening, an hour-long IFC, PAN, UGC meeting was held in KUC 322 to discuss Greek Week.

On Thursday night, Tau Omicron will host All Sing at 7 p.m. at Murphy Center.

MTSU has been holding Greek Week for at least 10 years.

In the past, the purpose of Greek Week was to demonstrate the Greek organizations' active participation on campus and in the community, Felts said.

"We're trying to get away from all of the silly games and concentrate more on community service and getting the different fraternities and sororities to work together," Felts said. ●



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MTSU Theatre will present **Jesus Christ Superstar** April 11-13 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.

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 Cagle 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.

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## Christianity is foundation of American Constitution



Scott Link

What is the basis for morality in our society?

Some would say that we don't have one. People must choose for themselves what they think is right. There is no external moral code. Each individual must discern what is right for them. If others do not agree, that is their prerogative, but each person chooses what is permissible.

There may be a little truth to that, but there are rules in our culture. Our choice comes when we decide if we agree with, and are going to abide by, the rules placed on us by society. If we do not agree with them we can choose to not follow. Of course, we must then pay the price set by society for disobedience, however steep that may be. So really, we as a group choose what is right and wrong, and hold each other accountable to that. How can we do that?

If there is no external moral code, how can a society regulate itself? Is there some person who decides what is right? If I claim one thing, and you another, who decides which is right? How do we come to the conclusion that one view is better than another? Aren't all people equal to each other? You could say common sense would tell us, but what if my common sense tells me something different from you? Who are you to say I am wrong?

The Nazis were convinced they were right. Hitler had a list that placed the Jews just barely above the apes on the evolutionary scale, and he was helping out the world by killing them off. He saw nothing wrong with what they were doing. To him, they were not even human. He felt it would be wrong to let them live. How do we know he was wrong? Is it only because we happen to have won that he was wrong? If we had lost World War II would he have been right? Does it only take having the power to back up what you say to make you right?

Ask any criminal. They will tell you that the law they were convicted under was wrong. They don't deserve to be punished. If we humans arbitrarily decide what is wrong and right, what is moral and immoral, how can we argue with those criminals? What makes my opinion of right and wrong more correct than theirs?

I guess it really comes down to who has the power. Whoever controls makes the rules. Yet, that does not guarantee that the rules will be right, only that they will follow the perspective of the powerful. Luckily in America, we have the opportunity to select who we put in power, to some degree. Still, how do we know those in power are right? They need to be measured to something.

Some would say that the Constitution is what we should base all our morals on. I think that is a pretty good place to start. We should definitely follow the "law" of the land, but it does not cover all the moral questions. We

need an additional measure. We could look to the external moral code that the authors of the Constitution used. These men allowed the accepted moral code of that time to influence the laws we hold most dear.

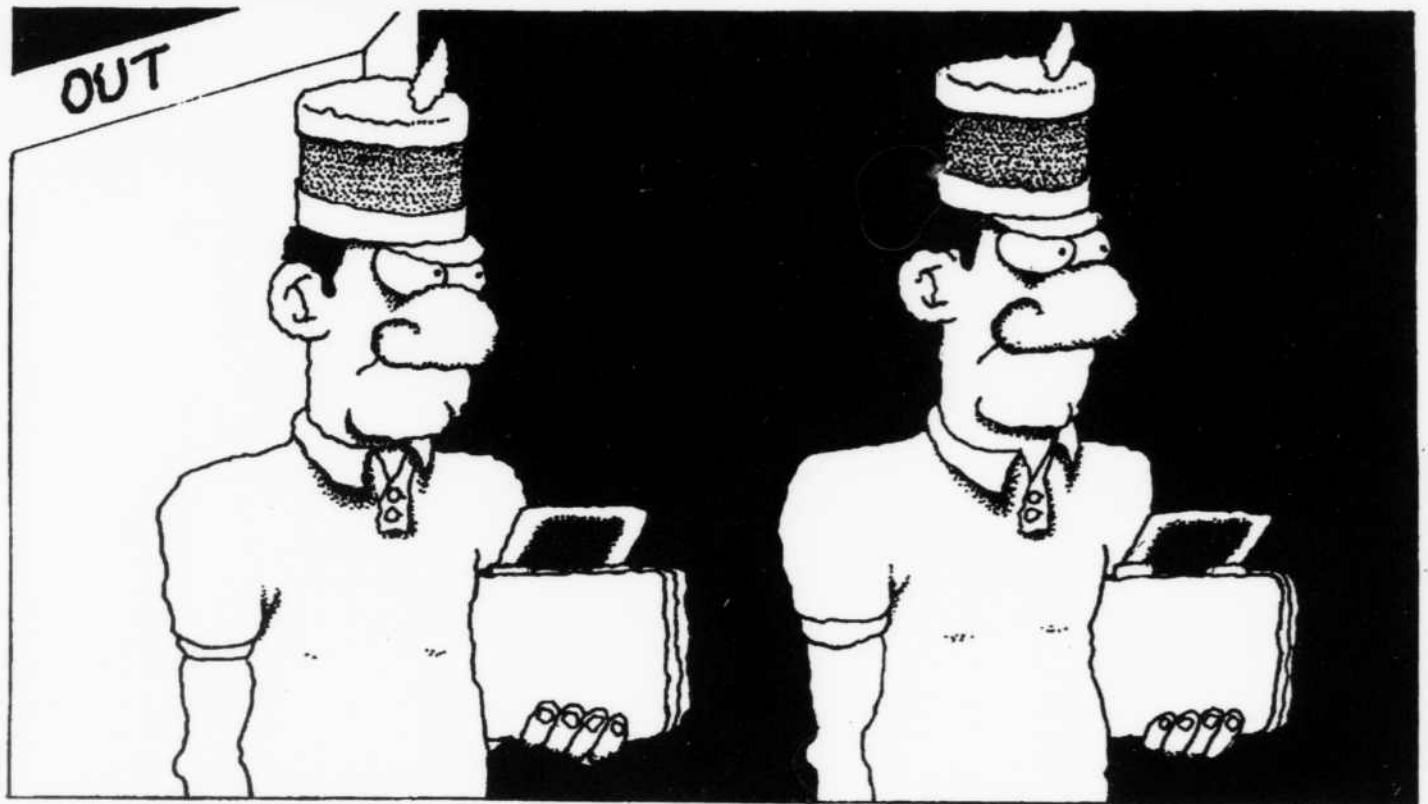
The accepted code of that day was based upon the Christian faith. The men who penned that great paper, the people who appointed them, and the people they served all held to the morals of Christianity. Some would point out that we really don't know the condition of anyone's heart, and the founding fathers may have held to any view. I agree, but these men were also smart. Probably a good many of these men were not Christians, but they knew if they wanted to remain in their esteemed position in the community they had better make laws that reflected what the people thought was right. The Constitution is based upon Christian principles.

The Constitution is not a Christian document. It is not evangelical in nature, it does not forbid worship of any kind, and within its pages you will find no Christian doctrine. The laws and principles of this writing do, however, reflect the morality of Christianity. If we hold this document as our moral basis, we cannot overlook that fact. We do not have to embrace the doctrine of the Christian faith in order to embrace the morals. People have lived very moral lives, according to Christianity, who have never professed a belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

We are not a Christian nation, but our moral code is based on the principles of Christianity. Historically, Christian ethics supposedly defined right and wrong in our culture, not that people always followed them. Still, these were our measure of right and wrong. In recent years our moral base has been replaced with a void. It seems we have no measure anymore, and our community suffers because of it. Is it wrong for people to call for a return to a moral base?

On a side note, some folks over at the Baptist Student Center are getting ready to make up some really interesting pies. Baked bean/mustard/spinach topped with whipped cream and tuna fish/green peas/ketchup with a light glaze are just a few of the possible combinations. Every year the Baptist Student Union holds a Pie-Face-Race to raise money for missions. Four "contestants" are selected and people "vote" for the ones they wish to receive the most pies by putting pennies in the ballot box. One cent equals one vote. Then on the fateful day, all the pies are auctioned off to individuals who wish to deliver the "prize" to the winners.

On Thursday, April 18, after our regular 7:00 p.m. meeting, you will have the opportunity to bid for, buy, and throw a most disgusting pie in my face. If you think this is a dream come true, and you don't care that the proceeds are going towards mission projects, come on and bring your money. The Baptist Student Center is located across from the light by the Industrial studies building and Alumni Gym on Tennessee Boulevard.



'Oh when the band directors, go marching out'

## Letters to the Editor

### A free society's tolerance different from acceptance

To the Editor,

The Uniform Equality Committee (UEC) would like to thank those who attended the symposium on homosexuality and culture on March 28. The experience of coming together to share both sides of the issue was rewarding and helps to lead us in the right direction toward understanding.

With the release of the UEC Report on Sexual Orientation and MTSU, the work has just begun in crafting this understanding into a working resolution. As university departments, programs and organizations continue to join in support of ensuring equality without regard to sexual orientation, our collective resolve to focus on working together excluded no one.

The clear distinction between tolerance and acceptance has been outlined in materials made available by the UEC since last year.

In a society which champions religious freedom, it is not assumed that Christians must now "accept"

the chosen ideologies and practices of other religions anymore than we should have to "accept" homosexuality under policies of equality.

The fear that we must now begin "accepting" homosexuality is just that: fear. What's more, the questionable idea that such a policy will create hundreds of thousands more homosexuals because it is now "all right" to be gay is greatly overshadowed by the existing fact that our "Christian nation" has made it clearly "all right" for millions to be Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu or Pagan through the Puritan-Christian won "Freedom of Religion."

Rather than focus on those "lost" to other religions due to protecting this "freedom," a far easier war to win called scapegoating occurs.

"Scapegoating" is an ancient ritual of transferring the community's sins into a goat and then beating it until the goat escapes into the hills taking their sins away. For an extreme few, this has unfortunately replaced the

central belief of the Christian faith that Jesus has already taken their sins away.

The politics that follow these actions have historically maintained unreasoned inequalities. The results harm more than do good through ill-fated attempts to justify the sanctity of faith.

In my "paradigm," an ideal society inspired by God provides for the least among people and lifts them in equal presence before the splendid wonder that is the universe. It is evidence enough for me to see the stars shining equally on us all while the only contradictions to this remain buried in the words and written texts of man.

This truth continues to nurture proactive measures to ensure equality without regard to sexual orientation and keeps us focused on the future. The truth of what is civil will prevail where this world is done.

Michael Grantham  
UEC Chair  
Senior, English/Psychology

### Let's get back to normal student gripes, like library

To the Editor,

Enough Already! This is a state institution of higher learning, not a divinity school! Can we please agree on some simple rules?

1. My soul is my private business.
2. My lineage is my private business.
3. My sex life is my private business.

Now, let's all agree to accept each others private decisions. After all, if I want my private life to be unchallenged, then I must agree to not challenge your private life.

Let's get back to normal student gripes. For instance, why are they removing the lovely cement benches and replacing them with park benches that will chip and rust? Why is the library never open when I need it? Why does the Rec Center

close on breaks when a hard-working, graduate student could actually find the time to use it?

Please, Mr. Editor, use your editorial discretion and call a halt to the tirades of the previous few months.

Melinda Lickiss  
Graduate Student, History

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## Raiders fall to Tennessee in extra innings, 13-9

By Rob Nunley / staff

The Blue Raiders hung tough Wednesday night, but in the end a base hit from Tennessee center fielder Scott Schroeffel put an end to MTSU's chances to beat the nationally-ranked Volunteers.

Schroeffel's single up the middle in the top of the 12th inning broke a 9-9 tie and started a four-run inning that allowed UT to take the victory by a final score of 13-9.

"We don't score many runs, so to score nine runs and get beat you have to look back at a lot of little things that could have gone the other way," said MTSU head coach Steve Peterson. "We had some situations where we could've made something happen and didn't, but you've got to give credit to Tennessee."

After the Vols took a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning, starter Luke Hudson gave up back-to-back walks to first baseman Ty Curley and outfielder Jeremy Owens, then after retiring left fielder Ryan Dillard for the second out of the inning surrendered a single to Clay Snellgrove.

Third baseman Doug Barner stepped in with the bases loaded, and sent Hudson's pitch deep over the wall in left-center field for a grand slam home run, tying the game at four runs apiece.

UT retook the lead with a run in the top of the sixth, but the Raiders answered again in the bottom of the inning when second baseman Shane Shoemaker belted a three-run homer to give the Raiders a 7-5 lead.

Tennessee took a 9-7 lead in the top of the ninth, but the Raiders once again tied the score behind Barner's bases-loaded walk and an infield single from Jamie Hill, both coming off

Volunteer ace pitcher R. A. Dickey, to send the game into extra innings.

Reliever Trevor Wilson came on to pitch for the Raiders in the top of the twelfth. Wilson struck out the first batter he faced, but then gave up a bunt single to UT outfielder Justin Ross and a walk to shortstop Augie Ojeda. Schroeffel followed with an RBI single to center to drive in the eventual winning run, and outfielder Sonny Cortez followed with a three-run home run to right-center field to add all the insurance the Volunteers would need.

Wilson (0-1) took the loss for the Raiders, while reliever Joe Abell (1-0) pitched the final two innings for UT to collect the win.

"Tennessee executed when they had to," Peterson said. "They have a lot of weapons we don't have."

"I enjoyed the ballgame, even though I hate it that we lost," the coach added. "I think we played hard, we did the best we could. I think we could have played better, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

Last night's loss followed a 5-2 defeat Tuesday to Vanderbilt. Jamie Hill took the loss for the Blue Raiders in that game, while Vandy's Bert Snow collected the win.

Vanderbilt scored two runs in the top of the third to take an early lead, and Snow held MTSU's batters hitless for the first four innings. The Raiders finally got on the board in the fifth after Andrew Thompson led off the inning with a single. Thompson reached third on a Shoemaker single, and scored on a sacrifice fly from Owens.

But Vandy came back with a run in the sixth to keep the two-run lead. "Every time we scored they came right back and answered it," Peterson said.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Teammates congratulate Doug Barner after his third inning grand slam against Tennessee last night.

"That's a sign of a good offensive ball club."

Vandy added two runs in the ninth to collect the win.

Hill pitched fairly well in the loss, allowing only two earned runs in five innings of work while striking out seven. Steven Lay worked two and two-thirds of an inning in relief and retired all eight men he faced after coming in with runners at the corners

and no outs.

"I thought our pitching was good enough to win," Peterson said. "We're wasting good pitching. Jamie Hill had one of the better games he's had in a while, and Lay came in and really got us out of a jam."

Peterson said that if a few plays had gone Middle's way the result may have been different, but said that the Commodores have a very talented

team.

"Vanderbilt made the plays and we didn't," the coach said. "They answered the bell every time."

Tonight, the Raiders will face Western Kentucky at 6:00, then this weekend they will head to Cookeville, Tenn., to face OVC rivals Tennessee Tech in a three-game series. ●

## Lady Raider tennis sweeps homestand

By Joel Frey / staff

The Lady Raider tennis team upped their OVC mark to 3-0 for the season with two convincing wins over Austin Peay and TSU Tuesday afternoon at the MTSU Center courts.

In the 8-1 victory over the Lady Gobs, MTSU began the day with a sweep of the three doubles matches and then carried that momentum over into singles play, taking five of the six points.

Although the score would indicate a blowout against Austin Peay, Coach David Thornton said the play of his team, especially in singles, was inconsistent.

"It's always nice to win of course," Thornton said. "I really feel we need to display a little more maturity and

confidence on court as we focus in on the rest of the OVC season."

Freshman Jennifer Bryans, who didn't play "up to her potential" as she described in her 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 win over Martine Edwards of Austin Peay at number one singles agreed with the sentiments of her coach.

"Everyone seemed to play up and down in our first match, especially me," Bryans said.

Other singles winners against the Lady Gobs were Alex Toelle, Michelle Wilson, Amy King and Malinda Ryan at numbers two, three, four and five, respectively.

Despite struggling in their first match on Tuesday, the Lady Raiders were able to compose themselves in easily beating TSU 6-0.

Bryans, Toelle, King, Ryan and freshman Courtney Genis had little trouble in beating their

Nashville rivals.

As a team, the Lady Raiders only lost a total of five games in the six matches played.

Because of the lopsided margin of victory, Thornton and TSU's coach opted not to play the three doubles matches.

Next up for the women is their last road match of the year against Murray St., tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Thornton said he expects a tough match from the Lady Racers.

"Murray will be tough," Thornton said. "They are a solid team throughout their line-up so it will be important for us to remain poised on court and not let a few bad points here and there result in losing the entire match."

With the win on Tuesday, the Lady Raiders improved their overall record to 8-10 for the season. ●

## Basketball coach prospects visiting campus this week

By Rob Nunley / staff

Finalists for the vacant head basketball coaching position are visiting campus this week, touring facilities and meeting with players, university staff and the media.

Randy Wiel, head coach at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, met with the media Wednesday to discuss the possibility of his taking over the helm of the Blue Raiders next season.

"When I became interested in the job I got a couple of tapes from some people, and I just kind of looked at the team," Wiel said. "I got very excited about the potential. Now it's up to the coach to come in and tap that potential and bring the team back up to where it was."

Wiel played for Dean Smith at North Carolina and earned four varsity letters before graduating in 1979. The Curacao, Netherlands Antilles native competed in the 1968 Olympics as a sprinter and swam competitively at the 1967 Pan-American games.

After graduating from UNC, Wiel played professional basketball in Europe for six years, then returned to UNC to serve as an assistant under Smith until the 1993 season, when he accepted the head coaching position at Asheville.

Wiel took over a Bulldog team ranked 301st out of 302 Division I teams, and over three seasons increased their wins from three in his first year to 18 last season. Wiel said he was very interested in applying at MTSU as soon as he heard the head coaching job was open.

"I like the South, and when this opportunity came I got in touch and applied to see what would happen. I've always been in the South, my wife is from the South, and I like the small-town community. And there's enormous potential here, that's what really got my interest. So I got tapes, because I'm somebody that does a lot of research. I wanted to know everything there was to know about MTSU before I came down."

One of the facets of coaching Wiel

stressed the most on Wednesday was being open to the media, the students and the community around the team.

"To tell you the truth, I think that's the most important thing about coaching a team in any college town," Wiel said. "The people have to feel that it's their team, because it is. It's the student body's team, and the community's. The coach coaches the team but it reflects MTSU, and we're going to try to represent MTSU as well as we can."

"I'm somebody that's very open," Wiel added. "I like to run open practices. I'd like to be able to reach into the community; go visit with people, the student body, and somehow get the interest way up to where it was. That's my main job."

While at North Carolina, Wiel said he saw the Blue Raiders play in regional tournaments. Also, the coach said he was exposed to Middle Tennessee basketball years ago, when he was acquainted with former Blue Raider Jerry Beck while the two were playing professionally in

**"Now it's up to the coach to come in and tap that potential and bring the team back up to where it was."**

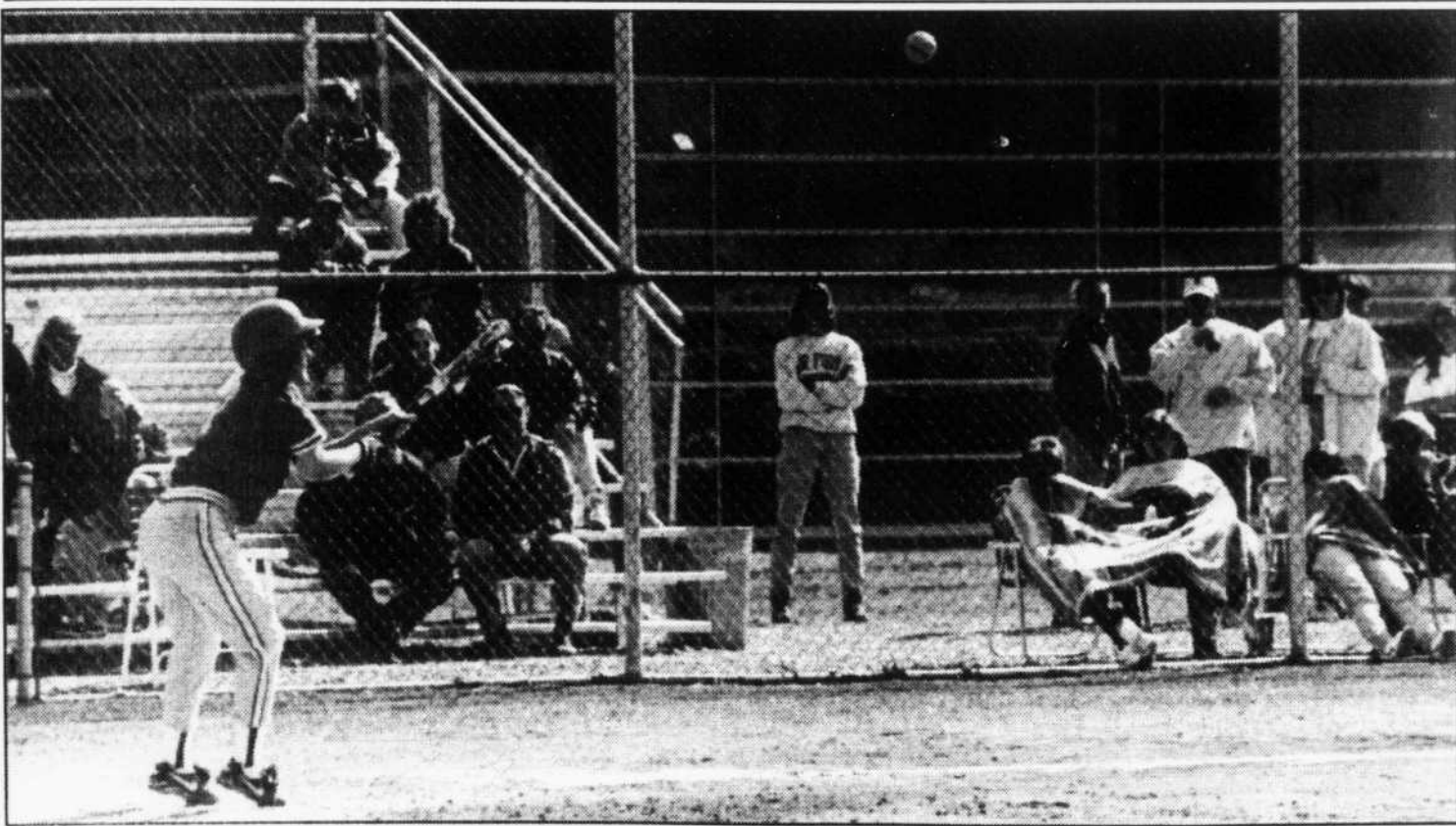
**Randy Wiel**  
MTSU coaching applicant

Europe. "Right now, of course, I'm coming into a situation where the players are used to another coach, but after I meet the players I will make each one of them feel like I recruited them," Wiel said. "I'm the kind of person who is very close to the players. I'll do anything for them, but I have a very strong commitment academically. All they have to do is go to class, and do their best."

While Wiel said he saw potential in both the current Blue Raider team and its potential recruiting class for next year, he also said he would look forward to recruiting his own players.

"You want to get the best talent you can get in-state, and then you want to get the best you can out of the state," the coach said. "I've done a lot of coaching internationally, and I'm still very much involved in Spain, Italy and Holland. Just from knowing the coaches whenever there's a very good player that's a foreigner, I get

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Brian G. Miller/staff

junior Holly Griffith attempts to bunt for a base hit during game one of yesterday's doubleheader with UT.

## Softball team sweeps TSU, drops two to Lady Vols

By Lesli Bales / staff

The Lady Raiders softball team swept Tennessee State University 7-3 and 6-5 on Tuesday before losing a pair to UT-Knoxville 9-0 and 9-1 yesterday.

"UT is a very good hitting team. They are going to score runs and you have to be able to score them, too," Coach Karen Green said. "We had some hits. They had 11 hits and we had eight. The difference was that they were getting their first runners

on, and we weren't. We were getting hits with two outs, and they were getting hits with no outs and scoring those runs from second base. Their hits were a little bit more timely than ours were."

Kim Blair, Jamie Polsteen, Kandal Walker, Charlotte Peay, Holly Griffith, Jamie Estepa and Alison Cheatham all had hits for MTSU in taking the losses.

"The TSU games were very big games because they were two in our Conference. We needed to win both of

them, and that put us in sole possession of second place," Coach Green said. "UT is helping us learn from our mistakes in non-Conference games. That helps us get in gear to improve our Conference games."

The Lady Raiders take a road trip this weekend where they will face UT-Martin Friday and Southeast Missouri on Saturday. Their next home action will be Monday when they face UT-Chattanooga in a make-up game at 2:30 p.m. ●

# MTSU golf team takes fifth at Morehead's Eagle Classic

By Rob Nunley / staff

Maine Brock took his second consecutive top five finish to help lead the Blue Raider golf team to a fifth place finish at the Eagle Classic in Morehead, Ky.

Brock's two-over 218 was the fourth-place individual score at the Classic, played at the new Eagle Trace Golf Course and hosted by the Morehead State Eagles.

"Maine struggled with his putter the whole time up there, but he hit the ball well," Moore said. "I told him when the putts start dropping for him, somebody better get out of the way."

The tournament was won by Berry College, who finished with a +24 888 for the two-day, 54-hole tournament. Middle finished 12 strokes behind

Berry with a 900, 36 strokes above par.

"I thought we could go up there and win it, quite honestly," said MTSU golf coach Johnny Moore. "But we just didn't play as well as we could have. There's no defense in golf, it either goes in or it doesn't."

The Raiders had to play in extremely cold weather for the first time, including periods of snow during Tuesday's final round. While he did not want to make excuses, Moore admitted the weather effected his team's play.

Brock led the Raiders with an opening round 70, and Brian Higgins, who placed 14th on the individual leader board, was the team leader for the second and third round with a pair of even-par 72's.

Other Raiders contributing

to the team's overall performance were David Head (233), Steve Ressler (233) and David Reed (231), whose play is pivotal to MTSU's success, according to the Raider coach.

"David's sort of the pivot man for us," Moore said. "When he is doing well, we'll do well. Maine and Brian are both playing good golf, but we need David playing well to put us over the top."

The Raiders will travel to Cincinnati's O'Bannon Country Club next Monday to compete in the one-day, 36-hole Xavier Invitational, hosted by Xavier University. Eastern Kentucky and Morehead will also be representing the OVC at the Invitational, so Moore said he considers it a good tune-up for the OVC tournament, which will be played April 22-24 at Springhouse Golf Club. ●

# WIEL: another applicant on campus today

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calls." According to Wiel, his familiarity with European coaches is beneficial to recruiting talent overseas.

"There is a pipeline in recruiting, and because I have those connections it is good," Wiel said. "Overseas they don't know the difference between

UCLA and say, Springfield College. They just know it's an American college, so the one that gets in first will get them, and many times I get in first because I know them."

Today the second finalist, Southern Indiana head coach Bruce Pearl, will be on campus. Pearl's teams during his four years as head coach have compiled a record of 104-19,

winning the Division II championship in 1995, reaching the final game in 1994 and making the tournament all four years. Pearl was named National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II National Coach of the Year in 1995.

A decision on the new head coach is expected to be made in the coming week. ●

# Equestrian team ends season at Regionals

By Dustin Schrimpsner / staff

The MTSU Equestrian Team closed its regular season competition Friday and Saturday at the Regional Championships hosted by Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.

Junior Tracy Tillison was named Regional Champion in the Intermediate Stock Seat Division after a double ride-off.

Hunt Seat riders claiming Regional Championships included sophomore Horse Science major Leigh Lumadue in the intermediate Flat Division, sophomore Art major Stacie Williams in the Novice Fences Division, and junior Horse Science major Tiffany

Zoesch in the Walk-Trot-Canter Division.

Lumadue qualified again by claiming second in the Intermediate Fences Division which gave MTSU eight slots in the Zone Championship.

Other MTSU riders who will advance to the Zone Championships are senior Criminal Justice major Hannah Walker who took third in Novice Flat, senior Horse Science major Michelle Wearly who took second in Intermediate Flat, and senior Horse Science major Lia Grove who placed third in Intermediate Fences.

MTSU also received the Regional Team Sportsmanship Award.

Team President Hannah Walker was honored with both the Regional Individual Sportsmanship and the Regional Individual Workhorse awards.

Walker attributes this years excellent zone standing partly to the teams hard work and partly to the superlative performance of the team officers.

The Zone Championship will be hosted by MTSU on April 14 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Tennessee Livestock Center.

Teams will be vying for an opportunity to compete at the National Intercollegiate Championships in Los Angeles on the first weekend in May. ●

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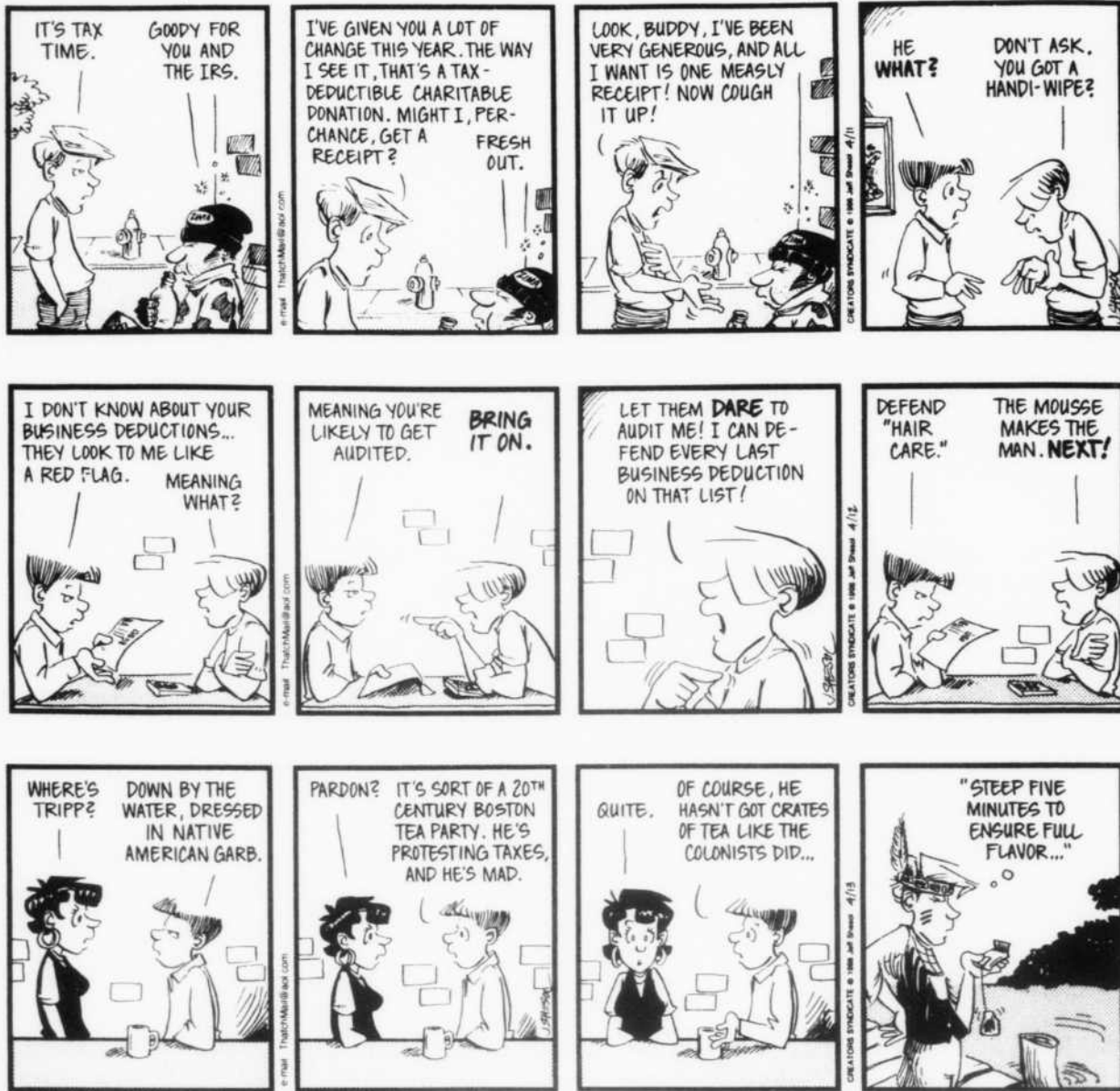
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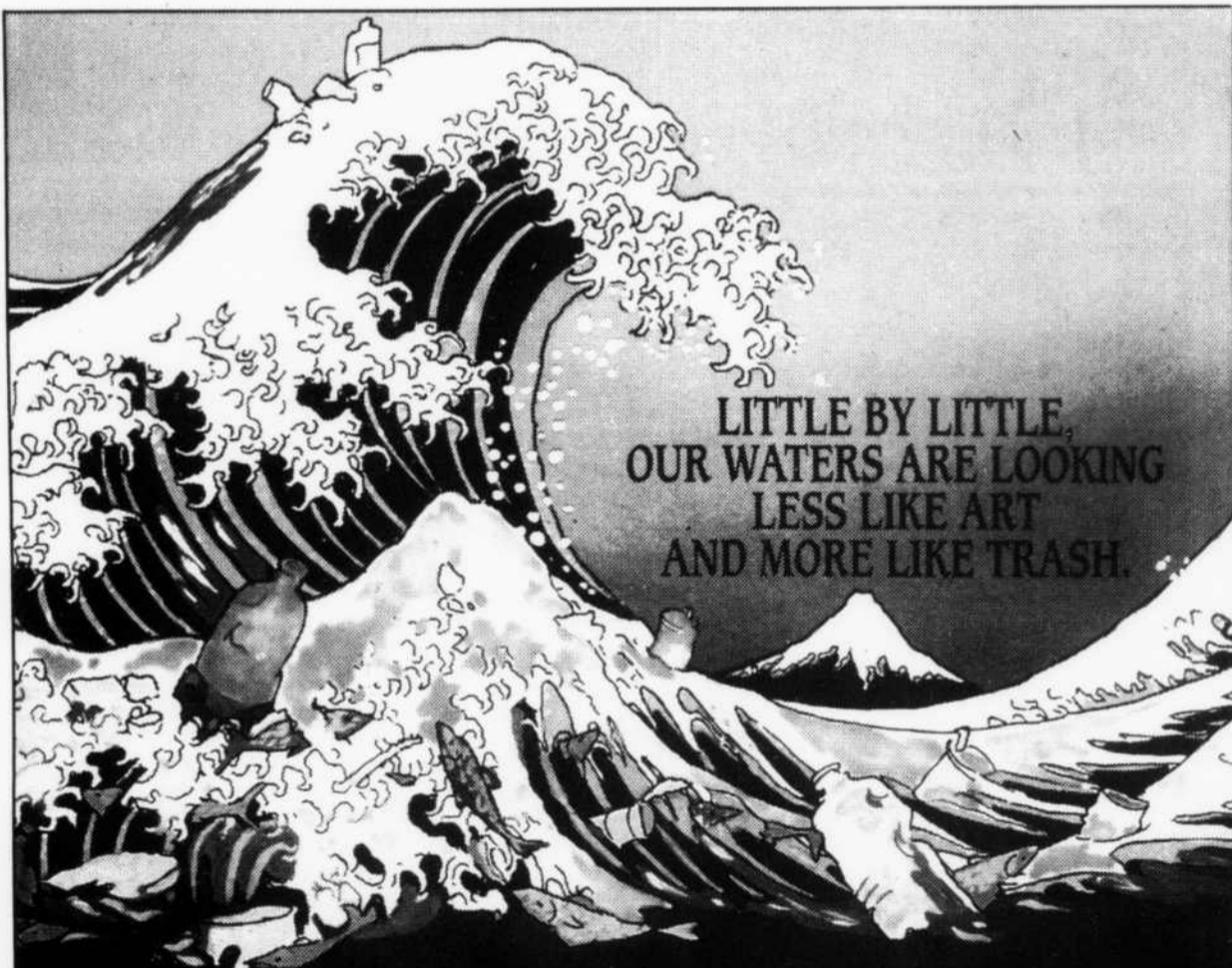
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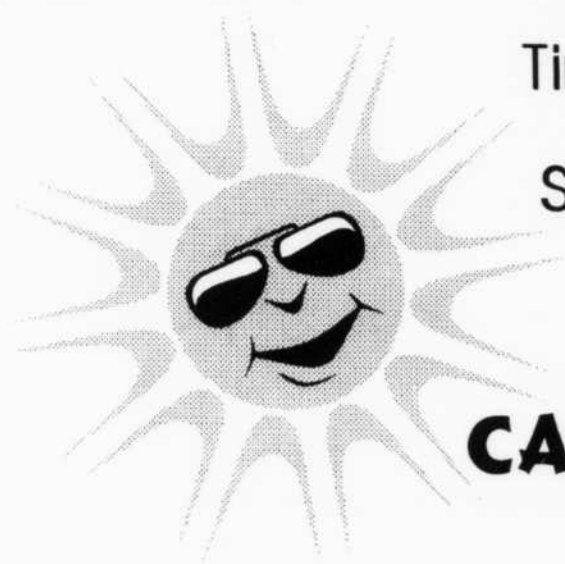
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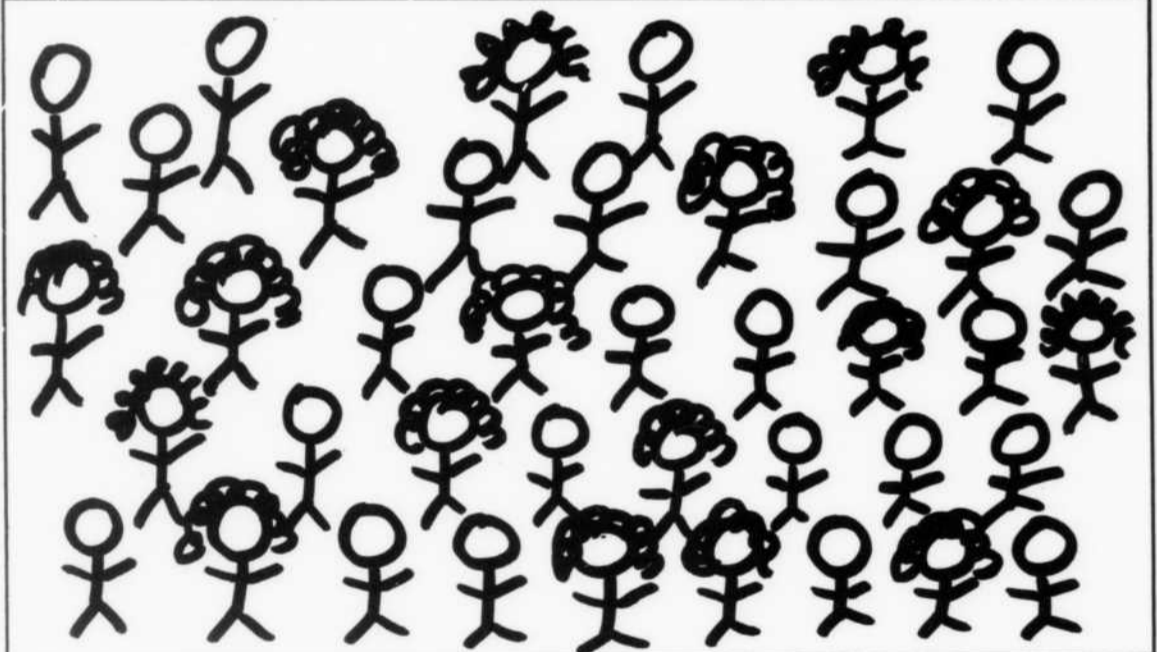
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