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DePaul professor opens spring philosophy forum

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Professor Bill Martin will speak this week on "Truth and Flourishing" as part of the ongoing Applied Philosophy Lyceum.

Martin's speech is taken in part from his work-in-progress of "Mormon Possibilities: Elements of Community." The discussion will involve the nature of truth accepted by a community and how that truth is accepted outside that community.

"How can a community be judged with regard to truth?" Martin said. "Could you say to a community that its conception of truth is wrong?"

Martin will include a discussion of Mormonism and different beliefs concerning the Mormon Bible.

Martin is the author of three published books, the most recent being "Politics in the Impasse: Explorations in Postsecular Social Theory."

Martin said he teaches a wide range of topics concerning social and political philosophy as well as the philosophy of music. He is in his sixth year at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. and is currently teaching a course concerning progressive rock music, focusing on the group Yes.

Martin will be speaking Thurs.,

Feb. 29 at 3:30 p.m. in JUB Room 304.

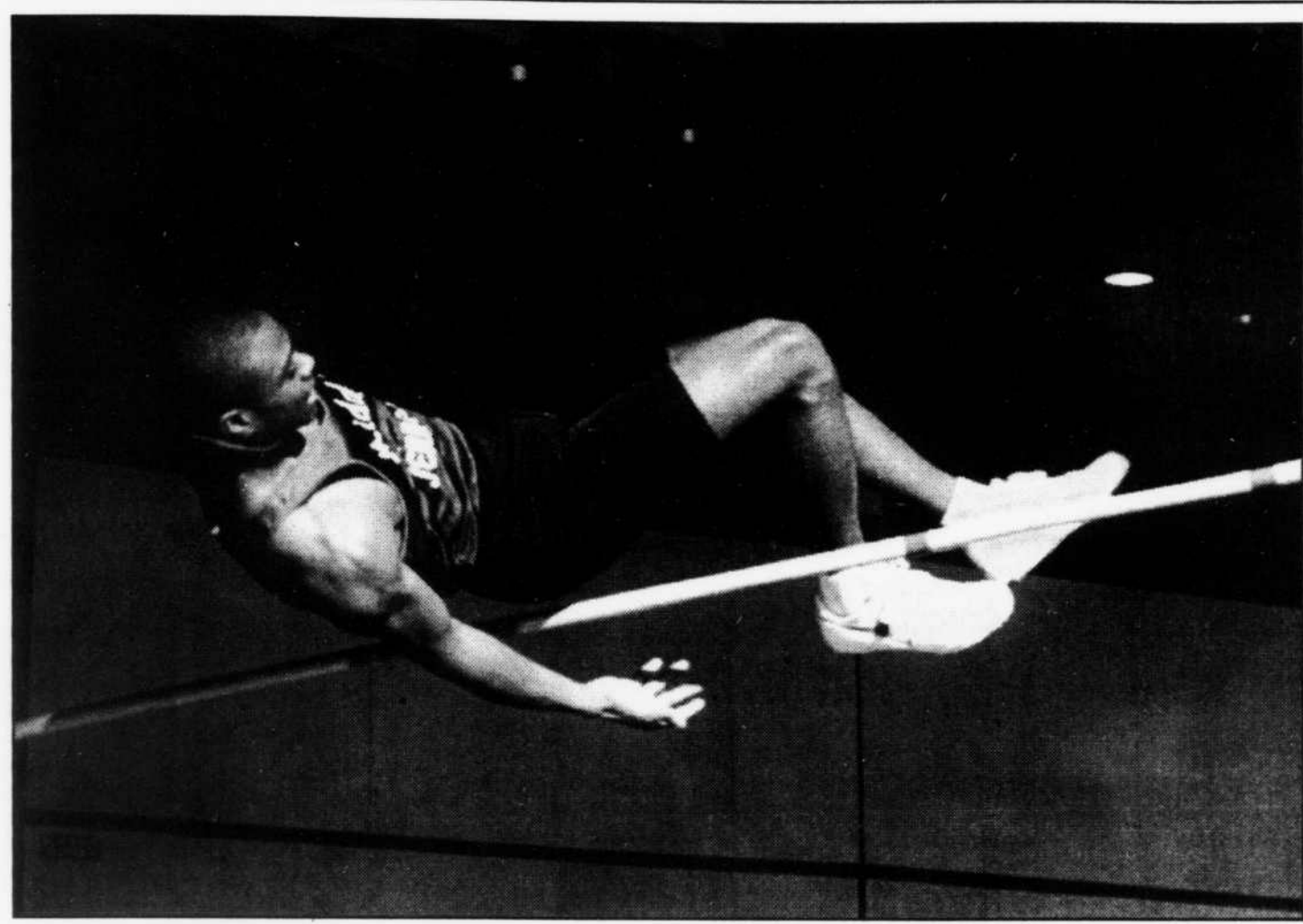
The Applied Philosophy Lyceum is in its fifth year, according to Mary Magada-Ward, assistant professor of philosophy. It was started as a group effort by Ron Bombardi, Jack Purcell, Michael Principe and Mike Hinz of the Philosophy Department.

"It's an attempt to bring philosophers and others out to talk about an issue of philosophical interest," Magada-Ward said. "Of the three years I've been here, they've all been excellent and very invigorating for us."

The Philosophy Department sponsors three or four speakers every spring as part of the Lyceum, Magada-Ward said. Martin's lecture is one of the three events planned for this semester.

Also participating in this semester's Philosophy Lyceum are David Gerrold, a Nebula Award winning science fiction writer, and Milton Fisk of Indiana University. Gerrold will be speaking on the internet on Wed., March 20. Fisk will be discussing "Health Care as a Public Good" on Thur., April 4. Each event is free and open to the public.

The Lyceum is funded by the College of Liberal Arts. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Up, Up . . . and over

Jahez Salahuddin took third in the high jump at this weekend's OVC Indoor Championship meet with a jump of six feet, eight inches. MTSU won the women's conference championship while the men finished a close second to SE Missouri. See story on page 9.

Model UN team wins spot at nationals

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

MTSU's Model United Nations Team is on its way to a national conference at Rutgers University after winning more honors than any other school at the regional conference in Auburn.

This will be the second national conference they have attended in two years, according to Anne Sloan, associate professor of political science and faculty advisor for the team. The team took home 11 awards from Auburn, including best major and minor power team awards and nine separate individual awards.

"Model UN gives participants a broader understanding of international relations and current affairs," Sloan said.

The Model UN Team began over 30 years ago in an effort to organize Model UN conferences for high school students. The students learn how to

"Model UN gives participants a broader understanding of international relations and current affairs."

Anne Sloan
Associate Professor of Political Science

make negotiations, write resolutions and negotiate with other participants.

After taking home more honors than any other school at the regional conference, they are confident they

will make an impact at Rutgers in the national competition on March 7-10, Sloan said.

"Students come to realize that they can compete with other students from Harvard, Yale and many other prestigious universities and hold their own weight," Sloan said.

The Model UN team hopes their trip to Rutgers will get them more recognition and funding from the administration and the SGA, Sloan said. More funding would allow them to attend the national conference next year in New York City held in the United Nations building.

Students interested in Model United Nations are encouraged to attend a meeting or contact Tony Mathews at 223-8884.

Model United Nations is a part of the Society for International Affairs and is sponsored by the Political Science Department. ●

Spring elections determined by this week's referendum

By Heather Hybarger / staff

A referendum to change election dates in the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution will be up for student vote this week.

A paper ballot vote will be taken Wednesday and Thursday in Peck Hall and in the second floor KUC Lounge. Voting in the KUC will be open from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. but the Peck Hall location will close at 4:30 p.m.

The referendum, if passed, will

change the SGA Constitution so spring elections may be held anytime during the Spring semester. Currently, elections may only be held in March.

Due to Tennessee primary elections and Spring Break, voting booths can not be acquired during March for the elections.

"I can't stress enough that it is very important we get that referendum and get this straightened out so we can have elections," said Speaker of the House Jamie Groce. ●

Non-residential students meet with MTSU President

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

President James Walker continued his "Talk With The President" series Thursday afternoon with a meeting with 30 students who do not live on campus.

Most of their concerns echoed comments made earlier by dorm and married student housing residents, though many of the students present were older than the average dorm dweller.

Issues raised included dorm cleanliness, student apathy at sporting events and temporary handicap parking permits.

Walker said that as a result of past meetings with students, visible changes would be seen. These adjustments also included significant changes to the Rec Center, Walker said.

"In every one of these meetings, students have brought to our attention the fact that there aren't enough lockers in the Rec Center, so we're going to be looking at ways to make more lockers available," Walker said.

"Also, we're going to build an outdoor pool at the Rec Center so that people will have their choice between outdoor and indoor pools."

Handicap Parking

Graduate student Ann Jones told Walker that she had recently received a \$100 fine for parking in a handicapped space with her "temporary handicap" permit.

Current rules allow temporary handicapped parking only in the white spaces.

"I think that the rules governing those spaces should be changed completely," Jones said. "A person on crutches and a leg cast shouldn't necessarily have to walk four blocks with a bag full of books."

Dorm Maintenance

Another student said that maintenance workers were lax in cleaning dorms.

"I lived in Wood Hall, and I got moved out of this semester because I got sick of roaches in the kitchen. We also only had one shower working the entire semester, and maintenance's solution was to caulk around the shower head. They didn't do anything about the problem."

Several students echoed those complaints with stories of their own.

Dean of Student Life Tom Burke asked those students who complained if they would be willing to move back on campus if those problems were

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Black history month has final events

By Mark Blevins / staff

Five campus events are planned for the final week of African-American History Month.

Images of African-American children in film, African-American contributions to scientific invention and the role of grandmothers who care for their grandchildren are topics scheduled for this week. The Bethune-Cookman College choir is scheduled to perform on Thursday, and a black journalist will also be on campus to speak in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

Robert Rucker, member of the African-American History Month Committee (AAHMC) and assistant professor of social work said African-American History Month on campus has been a success.

"The month of activities has been met with favorable and enthusiastic responses," Rucker said. "The African-American History Month Committee has attempted to develop a program and present a program which encompasses the mission of Middle Tennessee State University."

"It (African-American History Month) has also involved programming which has addressed the total life cycle from infancy through the adult leaders and senior citizens."

Robert Rucker
Professor of Social Work

"It has been successful because it has involved program planning from the five colleges of the university," Rucker said. "It has represented activities which include instruction, research and public service. It has also involved programming which has

addressed the total life cycle from infancy through the adult leaders and senior citizens.

"[The committee] has attempted to develop programming which embodies the goals of Carter G. Woodson and the original intent of Negro History Week," Rucker said. Woodson founded Negro History Week in 1926 along with the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. The concept was extended to a full month in 1976.

"Film Images of African-American Children: Is There Anybody Other Than Buckwheat?" is the topic of a luncheon Monday with 15-year-old actress Tremecca Doss as the feature speaker.

Approximately 220 area fifth and sixth grade school children are expected to attend the 11 a.m. luncheon which is to be followed at noon by Doss's speech, according to Rucker. The event is being held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Rucker said the children viewed "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and

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WEATHER

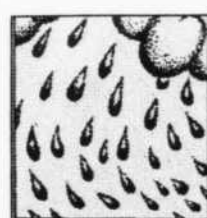
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SPORTS

Lady Raider track takes victory in OVC tourney Page 7



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TAKE 6

WALKER: students voice concerns

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addressed. Most said no. **Raider Xpress**

Some students said the Raider Xpress buses do not run on a predictable schedule or on consistent routes.

Burke said that he had ridden a bus once that was driven "in exactly the opposite direction of the published."

Walker said that the goal for the bus system was that no person should wait more than five minutes, and he would look into the issue.

Athletic Events

Student apathy was again a topic, with several people complaining that students go home on weekends and don't attend athletic events.

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance said the Athletic Department has trouble promoting itself, but Athletic Director Lee Fowler is hiring someone to help publicize athletic events.

"We have a hard time getting information [about athletic schedules] out," LaLance said.

"If any of you have ideas of which media we should use to publicize our football and basketball games, please let us know."

Walker and several students disagreed with the suggestion that student attendance was low because students come to MTSU for a college degree, not sporting events.

"Universities must, ideally, provide a variety of experiences," Walker said. "We put a smorgasbord of things out there for students to take part in. I know that it would be very unfair to you if we just sent you to classes and sent you home."

"We could say 'we don't need dorms, and we don't need parking, and we don't need cafeterias, and all the other things that the state doesn't give us money for.'"

"We could lock you in a

room for four years and teach you nothing but computer science and at the end of four years drag you across a stage and give you a diploma. But we'd have to be afraid of you for the rest of your life," Walker said.

"We want to give you a college education, not just a college degree, and sometimes those two can be 180 degrees apart."

Kudos

Not all comments were complaints. A student complimented the re-seeding being done in front of the JUB and suggested that it be continued elsewhere.

Parking

Parking was brought up as a problem.

Other students, however, defended the parking situation with horror stories of parking on other campuses. Most agreed that compared to other universities, parking on MTSU is trouble-free. ●

HISTORY: concluding events planned

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"Mother of the River" during the African-American film festival earlier this month.

"We have been looking at African-American children in hero and heroine roles in films and video tapes," Rucker said.

"The African-American History Month Committee is funding the project as a public service activity," Rucker said.

The luncheon is for the children only. Members of the MTSU community and the grade school teachers will spread out among the children to speak with them, Rucker said.

Anyone can attend the noon speech by Doss, Rucker said. Doss has appeared in an NBC movie and a Barbara Mandrell music video, and she is fluent in Spanish and French, Rucker said.

The event is sponsored by AAHMC; the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; and the Films Committee of Student

Programming.

"Inventing the Future: African-American Contributions to Scientific Invention" will be shown Monday at 6 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room.

The video is the last in the Documentary and Dialogue series and is sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. The event is free and open to the public.

Reginald Stuart, the Washington editor of the Knight-Ridder News service, is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 103 of the Mass Comm Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Aaron A. Smith, an associate professor at the University of South Florida, will be taping a video for area health agencies and social service agencies titled "Sisterhood Replacing Victimization" Thursday.

"Dr. Smith will address the role of grandmothers as

they care for their grandchildren, and he will look at the special role of grandmothers as they care for children of chemically dependent mothers," Rucker said.

The finale event of African-American History Month will be a performance by the Bethune-Cookman College Choir Thursday at 8 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. This event is also free and open to the public.

Rucker said new features of the activities on campus helped to improve the celebration. Those included the African-American Musical Arts Competition, a new logo and a library exhibit on loan from Fisk University.

"The month was enhanced by the leadership skills of the committee co-chairs Bonnie Shipp, assistant professor in the English Department, and Cheryl Slaughter Ellis, professor in the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety Department." ●

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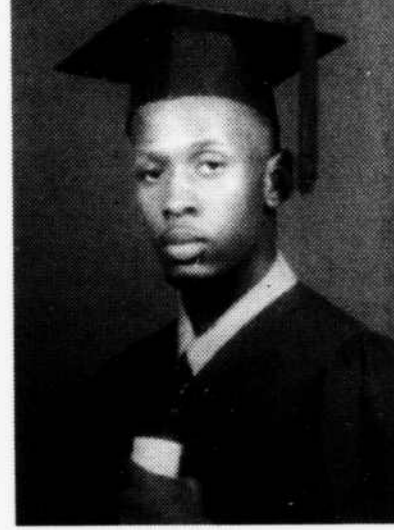
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Recommendations finalized to rename campus streets

By Kris Wetzel / staff

Campus streets will have new names if President Walker approves the recommendations made by an ad hoc committee.

The ad hoc committee began meeting last fall to evaluate the names of campus streets after numerous requests were made to rename them, according to Bob Adams, assistant vice president for the Business Office and chair of the committee.

"[The committee] is working towards a more descriptive naming theme for the campus," Adams said. "We want the names of campus streets to have meaning."

"People have complained that the streets aren't well marked, and the names are boring, A Street, B Street," Adams said.

The committee has made recommendations to change the names of eleven streets:

- The street entering campus from Main Street currently known as the "loop" would be named President's Drive to honor the presidents of the university.

- The street entering campus from Tennessee Boulevard closest to the Alumni Center and continuing behind the dormitories and the James Union Building would be

named Alumni Drive.

- The street currently named New Street, located between Forrest Hall and the Keathley University Center would be named Veteran's Row in honor of the university's veterans.

- The streets running east from Kirksey Old Main to Rutherford Boulevard, currently named 2nd Street, would be named Middle Way. Once the master plan is fully implemented, this street will become the central road for the university.

- The street entering campus from Greenland Drive leading to the Keathley University Center would be named Blue and White Drive in honor of the university's colors.

- The streets currently named C and D Street running towards the intersection of Womack Lane would be named Normal Way in recognition of the university's original name, Middle Tennessee Normal School, when it was a teacher's college.

- The street connecting the Greenland Drive parking lot and the parking lot behind Murphy Center would be named Victory Lane in honor of the university's athletic records.

- The street currently named 1st Street running

towards the east end of Cope Administration Building and continuing towards Womack Lane would be named Homecoming Street.

- The street running in front of the John Bragg Mass Communications Building would be named 1911 South to commemorate the founding year of the university.

- The street connecting Normal Way and Middle Way would be named 1911 North.

- The street currently named B Street running directly behind Woodmore Cafeteria would be named Friendship Street.

Adams said that the committee believes Walker will approve the recommendations. Once approved, Campus Planning will begin to design the new street signs.

Along with Adams, the committee consists of: Sarah Barlow, associate professor of biology; Robert Bullen, professor of educational leadership; Bob Womack, professor of educational leadership; John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services; Francis Rich, executive aide for Student Affairs; John Lynch, assistant director of Public Relations; Carlene Henry, assistant to President Walker; John Hood, alumnus; and Damon Brent, student. ●

MTSU student found slain in Nashville

Staff Reports

Freshman student Melissa Chilton, 18, was found stabbed to death in the laundry room of Exotic Tan for Men Thursday afternoon, according to an article in Friday's *Tennessean*.

The bodies of Chilton and her co-worker Tiffany Campbell, 18, 2314 Aubrey Drive in Nashville, were discovered by the shop owner. The owner, whose name had not been released at the time of

Friday's article, drove to the salon around 2:00 p.m. after receiving no answer to his telephone calls.

Police assessed that both girls had been stabbed numerous times sometime after 10 a.m., according to Metro police spokesman Don Aaron.

Aaron said the business has video surveillance, but police would not release whether the killer was on the tape.

Exotic Tanning for Men was roped off along with

neighboring business Garden Allegro restaurant Thursday afternoon while police took photos of existing tire marks behind the tanning salon and checked the roof for evidence.

Police questioned the owner of the salon as well as two other female employees.

Exotic Tanning for Men is located on 1805C Church St. and advertised its services under the heading "Private Moments" next to ads for adult bookstores and showbars. ●



Amanda McCadams / staff

Pass the rodent

Ashley Lewin (left), Nathan Butler (middle) and Harry Woods play with Emmil the ferret on the KUC Knoll during Friday's sunshine.

Secondary school students compete in Science Olympiad

By Martha Stroud / staff

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences sponsored the 1996 Middle Tennessee Regional Science Olympiad Saturday for secondary school students.

"I think it serves to foster an enthusiasm about the sciences and hopefully to encourage students to come to universities and major in them," said Jeffrey Allbritten, assistant dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and the regional director of the Science Olympiad.

"It gives students an opportunity to compete with their peers and to realize that science can be fun and exciting," Allbritten said.

This is the second year that

"I think it serves to foster an enthusiasm about the sciences."

Jeffery Allbritten
Assistant Dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Fourteen high school teams and eight junior-high teams of 15 members each participated in a total of 13 different science and math events in the Science Olympiad. These teams have been preparing for the Science Olympiad since August, Allbritten said.

The teams could choose which events they wanted to compete in.

The Science Olympiad ended with an awards ceremony honoring the teams and individual participants.

The top two teams from each division will advance to the state competition in Knoxville in April.

Those teams winning the state competition will go to Atlanta in May to compete in the national competition. ●

the Regional Science Olympiad has been held at MTSU. Last year, 20 teams came to compete.

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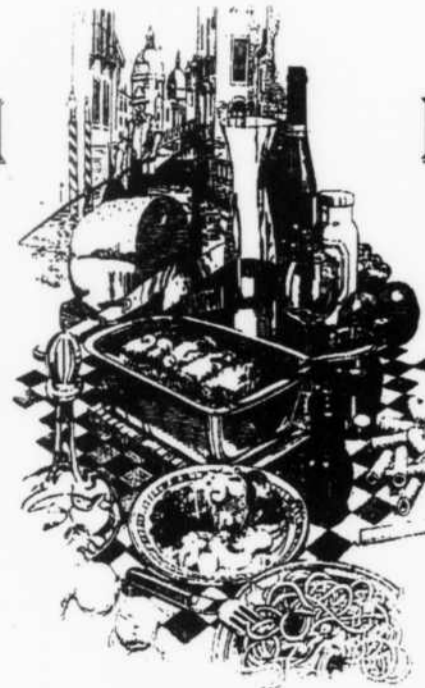
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MTSU Horseman's Association will be holding a meeting in the TLC Sales Arena at 7:30 p.m. All horse lover's invited.

Crimson Knights is sponsoring a fund-raiser from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on KUC ground floor. Cynthia Johnson will be selling African jewelry, oils, and potpourri.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

College Republicans will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 313. There will also be a table set up in front of the bookstore.

NAACP (Educational Committee) is offering a Resume Program from 5-6 p.m. in KUC Room 313. Learn how to prepare your resume the correct way with Temple Bennett from the Career Placement Office.

Student Life is presenting the fourth in a series of seminars for leadership development. The seminar, "TRUST", addresses self-disclosure, vulnerability, team building, reliability, dependability, empowerment, assurance, and consistency. Facilitated by Gina Poff, director of New Student Orientation, the seminar will take place at 3 p.m. in KUC 318.

The MTSU Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship will meet at noon in KUC 313. The meeting is open to interested faculty and staff. For more information contact Kim Sokoya at 898-2352.

Thursday, Feb. 29

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance and Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternities will sponsor the 1996 MTSU Quiz Bowl at 6 p.m. in the TV studio of the LRC and is open to all clubs and organizations. Teams, up to four people, must pay an entrance fee of \$15. Interested

organizations should either stop by KOM 226A or call 898-2673 or 898-2534 to enter.

Attention: Plant and Soil Science Majors. We need you! The Plant and Soil Science Club will be holding a membership meeting at 3 p.m. in SAG Room 207. For more information call 834-1295.

MTSU Housing is looking for a few new S.T.A.R.S (Students Trained to Assist Residents) or Resident Assistants. A pre-selection social is scheduled for March 3 at 7 p.m. in the JUB. Applications are being accepted through March 8 and are available from KUC Room 303. If you have questions please call 898-2860

MTSU Art Barn Gallery will present "The Rite of Dreams: An Awakening," an installation by MTSU Art Professor Janet Higgins, March 4-29 (excluding March 9-17). The opening reception will be March 4 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. In addition to the opening, special viewing times have been established when all aspects of this multimedia show will be working: March 7 from 11:30-12:30, March 19 from 2:30-3:30, March 20 from 2:30-3:30, March 27 from 11:30-12:30, March 28 from 12:30-1:30 and March 29 from 3:30-4:30. Regular gallery hours are 8-4:30 Monday-Friday.

Portraits of Midlander will be taken March 4, 5, 6 and 7 in KUC Lounge, across from the Grill from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Seniors should make an appointment for their portraits by calling 898-2478 or 898-2815. Underclassmen will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. It's free- no sitting fee.

All May 1996 Graduating Seniors: As a condition of graduation, you are required to take the ACT-Comp. the test will be given on March 5, 6 and 7 in the James Union Building- Tennessee Room. On these dates you may choose

from the following test times: 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours.

Proposals for the **Fourth Annual Undergraduate Symposium in Women's Studies** are being accepted through March 7. Applications may be picked up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in KUC 120. For more information contact Womyn's Political Action Group, MTSU Box 623, or call 890-0915, or e-mail us at m_c_01c4@frank.mtsu.edu.

MTSU will be hosting the **Tennessee Women's Leadership Conference** for college women on Friday, March 8. The keynote speaker will be Harriet Woods, the first Woman Lieutenant Governor of Missouri and former Missouri State Senator. The registration fee is \$18 and includes lunch. For more information call the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193. Registration ends March 1.

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a "Japanese Netsuke Exhibit." Developed during the 17th and 18th centuries, netsuke were created in Japan to prevent a man's medicine box or tobacco pouch from slipping through his kimono's belt. These miniature sculptures were originally made of ivory or wood. They are less than 2 inches high and portray in detail the religion, legends and culture of Japan. The exhibit is on display in the lobby of the Cope Administration Building through March. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Japan Center of Tennessee presents a "Women of Japan" exhibit in the lobby of Cope Administration Building. The exhibit of photographs and dolls is free and open to the public on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12

p.m. A "Japanese Kite Exhibit" will be displayed at the LaVergne Public Library, 5089 Murfreesboro Road, LaVergne, TN. The exhibit can be seen Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Wednesday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteer State Community College will sponsor and "Origami Exhibit" in the lobby of the Library, 1360 Nashville Pike, Gallatin, TN. This exhibit may be viewed Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. All exhibits will be displayed through March. For more information call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 615-898-2515.

Application deadline for the **Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship** is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

1995-96 **MTSU Student Handbooks** are available in KUC 122 and KUC 128.

Todd Library has items on loan from Fisk University Library in the display case to commemorate African American History Month. These items include materials from W.E.B. Dubois collection, Aaron Douglas collection, W. C. Handy collection, Langston Hughes collection and Jubilee Singers Archives.

Ongoing events

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. Come and find out what we are all about.

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

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

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

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

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

Sure I Can Cope! is a support group for adult women students sponsored by the JAWC. Issues such as balancing family, finances, school, and other topics will be discussed. The group will meet Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. starting Jan. 25. Bring your lunch! Facilitated by Lydia Sun, a Psychology Graduate student. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. Confidentiality

in groups is encouraged.

Looking Forward is a group for female survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Topics such as safety, boundaries in relationships, effectiveness of coping skills, and ending isolation will be covered. Meets Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Space limited, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to register. All inquiries are confidential and confidentiality in groups is encouraged. Sponsored by the JAWC.

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Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

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

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

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss, a reflective book study, meets Sundays at 4 p.m. in KUC 305. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry.

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

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Six copies of each sample should be submitted.)

For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815, or come by the James Union Building, Room 308. No more than three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed April 19 at 2p.m. in the James Union Building Dining Room A. Candidates will be notified by April 10 whether you are to be interviewed.

SGA no help with lockers; students should activate

By Dave Watson

I would like to thank Scott Davis for confirming the points I wanted to make in my recent editorials in *Sidelines*. In my last face to face conversation with SGA Senator Scott Davis, he said that he didn't use the Recreation Center much so the locker situation was not his problem. That pretty much sums up the attitude of the current SGA Senate—it's not their problem.

Mr. Davis had a few of his facts wrong. When the Recreation Center opened, I went to the discussion meeting about problems and suggestions and talked to the "proper authorities" before I wrote the bill. Where were you or any of the other SGA Senators? When I went to the SGA and said there was going to be a problem with the lockers, I was told to write the bill myself. The bill is pretty straight forward but the Senate tabled it until both Glenn Hanley and I could be there to answer their questions. So I came. The majority of senators didn't know the "ROBERT'S RULES

One of those senators came to me and said he was sorry and that he would sponsor and resubmit the bill. That was about six months ago. So far the total effort by the SGA Senate has been a big zero. Wait, they did raise their hands to vote on the bill, I guess that takes some kind of effort.

OF ORDER?" well enough to realize they were voting against the bill by abstaining. One of those senators came to me and said he was sorry and that he would sponsor and resubmit the bill. That was about six months ago. So far the total effort by the SGA Senate has been a big zero. Wait, they did raise their hands to vote on the bill, I guess that takes some kind of effort.

I guess a long time ago, I decided I wanted to be a person who cared. A person who, when they saw something that was wrong, went out of their way to fix it—even if he wasn't an elected SGA senator.

Scott, you felt you had to reply to my letter. Too bad you didn't spend the time writing a bill that would free up the lockers that the students bought in a building they built—since you didn't like mine. Oh, that's right, you think that students should rent the same lockers they have already paid for. I don't think so and I don't think most of the students here think so either.

It may surprise you but, my "temper tantrum" aside, I have the utmost respect for Recreation Director Glenn

Hanley. Campus Recreation is pretty good about organizing nifty hiking and camping trips. And frankly, I like the Recreation Center and I think that Glenn Hanley had a part in it being as good as it is. It's just that I feel strongly enough about students having the RIGHT to a FREE locker in a Recreation Center they are paying for that if the only way for this to happen is for Glenn Hanley to go. Well, adios Glenn.

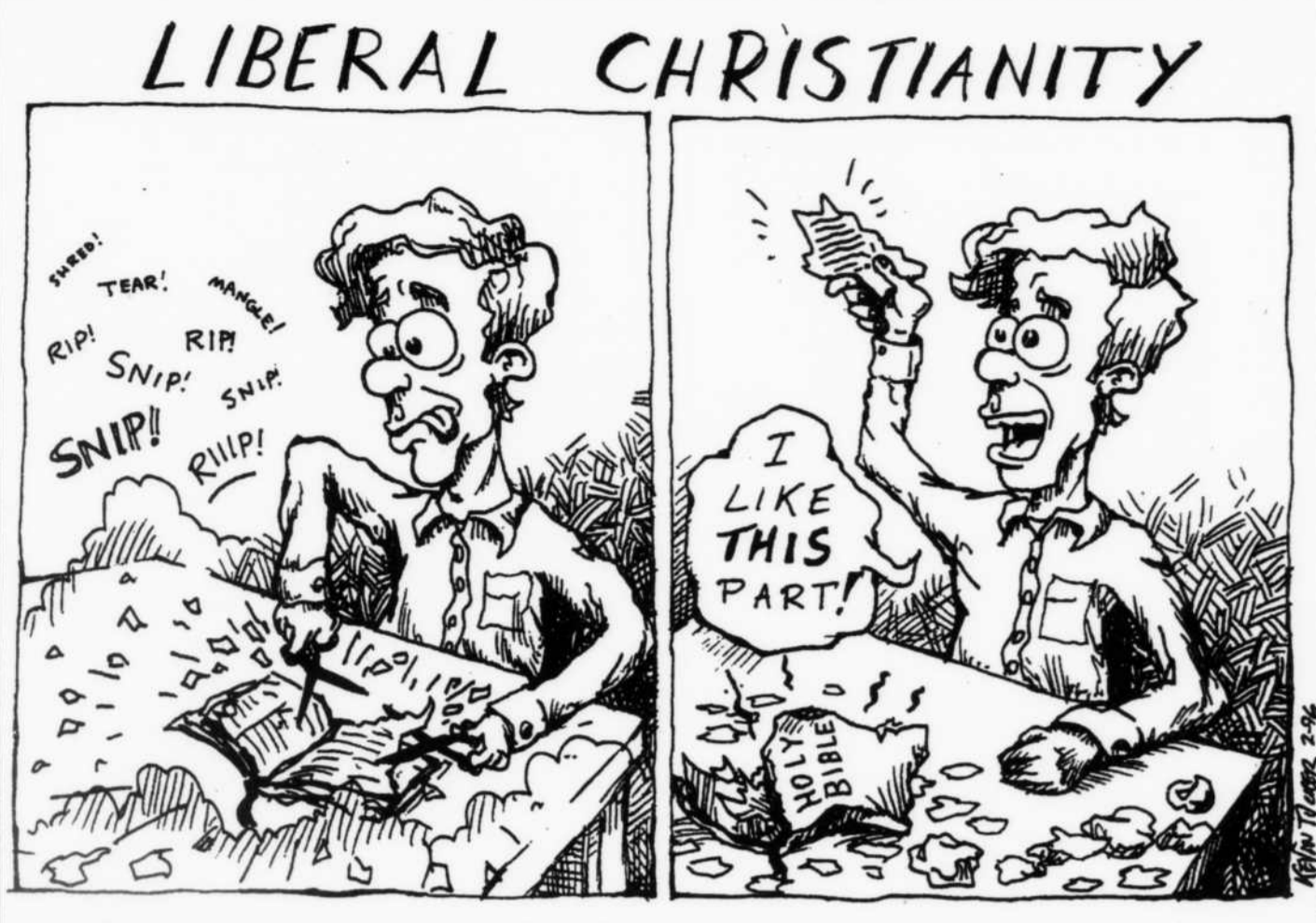
It probably doesn't mean anything, but I was disappointed to learn that the speaker of the senate works for Glenn Hanley and Campus Recreation. As for you, Scott, and the do-nothing-don't-raise-waves SGA Senate—I got involved because you didn't.

I hope my fellow students realize that while this public bashing back and forth is entertaining, it will mean nothing unless they care enough to give President Walker or a V.P. a call. While this issue has none of the greatness or importance of the equality issue, the equality issue teaches us an important lesson. If Martin Luther King's audience had clapped politely and then went home, nothing would have been done. It was only because millions of Americans added their voice to King's that change occurred. I can be written off as a complainer and ignored, but together, the voice of the students will be heard, even over the silence of the SGA.

So I ask the students of MTSU—take five minutes and call the president's office. Tell him about your views on the current locker rental policy at the Recreation Center. If you don't know the number, dial "0" to get the campus operator and ask for the president's office. The operator will either transfer you or give you the number. When you call Walker's office, you will get a nice lady who will note your concerns and relay them to the president. I think he cares. It is because it is his job to care and he is good at it.

As for when will I get out and get a real job? Hopefully, Scott, it will be after I see a real senate, that cares about the students they supposedly represent, get elected.

Mr. Watson is a senior Music Education student.



By Kevin Tucker
Junior, Graphic Design (Art)

Editor's Note: Mr. Tucker appears as a guest cartoonist. He submitted this cartoon as an opinion much like a Letter to the Editor or more lengthy opinion would be submitted. *Sidelines* encourages opinions in any medium.

Letters to the Editor

SGA banquet recognizes more than SGA members

To the Editor,

I would like to address an article that was printed in the "In Our View" section of the Feb. 22 issue of the *Sidelines*. The article addresses the SGA Banquet and states that the cost is not beneficial to any of the students and that the money should go to a more student-oriented project. I would like to thank the *Sidelines* for stating that we are trying to take on student issues and President Shane McFarland has made many efforts to cut costs. The banquet would be less expensive if the SGA did in fact only recognize those involved with

SGA. However the banquet has evolved into something greater than just those involved with the Student Government Association.

The Senate, House and Cabinet members are recognized as well as the Supreme Court and Traffic Court members, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, and Homecoming committee participants. All of those groups are sponsored or appointed by the SGA. However I would like to inform the readers that those chosen for Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, Student Ambassador from the PR department, Customs Student Orientation Ambassadors,

and Cheerleaders are also recognized at the SGA banquet. The banquet is to recognize and thank all those who get involved with campus activities. We encourage everyone to get involved with the campus and that involvement deserves recognition. We in the SGA wish that we could do more than just a banquet to thank those students but because of cost, this is the most effective way thus far.

Thank you,

Christin Baker
Speaker of the SGA Senate

Much evidence exists that proves reliability of Bible

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Matthew James' Letter to the Editor (*Sidelines*, 2-12-96) and anyone else who questions the reliability of the Bible. First, let me start out by saying in response to James that yes we have had a chat with God. The Bible is very clear about homosexuality being unnatural, immoral and a sin. It is also clear that we are to love the person and hate the sin. Therefore, we as Christians are not trying to deny anyone of their equal rights, but don't ask us to accept it as being OK because according to scriptures it is not.

Now let me get to the real issue as to why I believe the Bible is reliable and the authority on truth and morality. In doing so, I will not try to change James' or anyone else's views, but anyone in disbelief I encourage to try and disprove the accuracy of the Bible through research and study, not assumptions.

The Bible is divided into two major portions: the New Testament and the Old Testament. Let's first talk about the New. The New Testament as we know it is taken

from over 24,000 different manuscripts. It was originally written 40-100 A.D. The earliest manuscript is dated at 125 A.D. Notice this is a 25-year time span. Let's compare this to Homer, who wrote in 900 B.C., and his earliest copy is dated around 400 B.C. Notice this is a 500-year time span and by the way there are only 643 manuscripts. In short, the New Testament is made up of eyewitness accounts and letters by men inspired by God. Therefore, by looking at the number of manuscripts all saying the same thing is enough evidence for me.

There are fewer Old Testament Manuscripts and the time span is around 1,300 years. However, it is extremely reliable. For instance, the rules of the transcribing process were extremely strict as to allow no error thus making it pretty much impossible to doubt the reliability. Let me just list a couple of the rules. 1) When transcribing, rather than writing word for word the transcribes were to copy letter by letter. 2) If a king came into the room he was ignored until the word was completed. 3) When done, it was counted how many times each

letter occurred in each book. 4) If more than three mistakes were found, it was thrown out. These are a few of the many rules that were followed in the transcribing process, so it is safe to say that the Old Testament is pretty accurate. I should also mention that the Dead Sea Scrolls were recently found in 1945 which was written in the first century B.C. and proved the reliability of the Old Testament.

This is a small sample of evidence that shows the Bible is reliable. All of the information was taken from Josh McDowell's book "Evidence That Demands a Verdict," which I would encourage anyone to read. It goes into far more detail than I can hope to in a short letter.

In short, the Bible is far more than a "he said/she said" book, and there is an overly abundant amount of evidence that I left out. However, this is only a few of the reasons as to why I know and believe the Bible is the actual and reliable word of God. To discredit the Bible, we must also discredit every history and great literary piece.

Phillip Ott
Junior, Business Management

Gays, bisexuals, lesbians should get back in the closet

To the Editor,

Suppose someone was to print an advertisement in *Sidelines* that read: "Meeting for heterosexuals and their supporters, Room 104 Mass. Comm. building." Would that be racist? Would that be wrong? I don't think so, but many people would argue the opposite. I am an average white male. I don't usually let people or groups of people bother me. But one group of people has really started to bug me. I believe all people have natural rights, but unnatural actions should not be protected. One group of people has bitched and whined so much that society will excuse anything they do.

But I will not!

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1996, I was in the third floor bathroom of the KUC. I was in the process of relieving myself, (taking a bull), when I heard a voice say, "Yo man, suck your d--k." At first I was shocked, and did not reply. He repeated himself "Yo man, suck your d--k," then I replied, "Hey man I'm not interested, I'm just taking a s--t." Now the conversation should have ended, but it didn't. He offered again!!! Why? Shouldn't he have just shut up?

Not only do I have to be exposed to homosexual ads on the stall walls but now I have to listen to this crap. "Coming Out Day" was bad enough.

Rights my ass!!! Get back in the damn closet and leave me alone. If this makes me homophobic, then so be it. The semen choker in the KUC is lucky I was in a good mood that day.

Keep in mind that I am no racist (homophobic maybe), but I do not have to overlook what I know is wrong and unnatural. Most importantly, I shouldn't have to wonder if some loser is hanging out in the bathroom to give oral sex to any guy that comes in the door. The scariest part is that someone is probably accepting offers like these.

Shea Hargett
Senior, Marketing

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The Internet
by Joe Legge

Making your website 'talk'

For those that may have missed an issue of the "how to make a website" columns, you need not worry. The complete series will be available at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~legman> for viewing and downloading shortly. Of course, not everything that can be done on a website has been covered in this column, but hopefully everyone will learn the basics.

Early this semester, I wrote about a surprising new format for audio called MPG. This is just one of many formats that are available for use on the World Wide Web. However, there is an unwritten guideline for where and when to use a certain type of audio. Two of the extensions include AU and WAV. Traditionally, AU is used for spoken audio, such as the news or a personal greeting. The quality is lacking, but an AU file doesn't take up much space and can be played universally. A WAV is great for music. The quality at which a WAV file can be created varies causing files with low sampling rates to be small in size and those with high sampling rates take up a lot of space. This is why MPG is so great is due to its high sampling rate and minimal size.

If you lack an audio player/creator try downloading one at: <http://www.cuhk.hk/rthk/helper.html>

Putting the audio on your website is much the same as putting a graphic on-line. It first must be uploaded to your frank account and then moved into your public_html directory. Create a separate directory for all of the audio files you don't use (mkdir audio) and don't forget to allow access to it (chmod 755 audio (hit return) chmod -R 755 audio). Now move the audio files into the new audio directory (mv *.wav audio).

At this point, all that is needed is a link to the audio file in the index.html or another file. Using "sidelines" as the login, add the following line to wherever you want it to appear: `Welcome To Sidelines`. Notice that your file may not be called greeting.wav and should be substituted as needed. Something new in the above command is the use of naming the link. By this, whenever this page (index.html) is viewed with a web-browser (lynx, Netscape) the only text related to the audio file a visitor will see is "Welcome To Sidelines." If the user chooses to click on "Welcome To Sidelines," the audio file designated will then be sent to listen to.

In the future, Netscape and others have talked about using specialized formatting that will allow audio to be played whenever a website is accessed. This would be much like adding a "start-up" audio file in "Windows." They have also discussed on-line screensavers, wallpaper, and moving graphics. And as quickly as this medium is growing, it wouldn't be too surprising if these things were almost ready to be implemented.

Next week I want to stray from the "website" spectrum and address a growing concern about the newly passed Telecommunications Bill and what it will mean for the Internet. Questions or comments should be directed to legman@knuth.mtsu.edu ●

Maya Angelou spreads 'rainbows in the clouds'

Noted poet and author speaks on importance of poetry, laughter and the human spirit

By Corrie Cron / staff

As Dr. Maya Angelou took the stage at Murphy Center Thursday night, the audience waited anxiously for her first words. Those words were music to the ears.

Angelou opened singing acapella about rainbows in the clouds, which was also her topic of the evening. With selected poetry of some of her favorite poets as well as her own, Angelou supplied a rich heritage of rainbows.

"How does one survive?" she exclaimed, referring to a people that at every turn have been faced with obstacle after obstacle. She suggested that in the romance and poetry, "one can see the answer and or answers to why."

Dr. Angelou is a prize-winning poet, author, actress, producer, director and Grammy Award winner for her recording of "On The Pulse Of The Morning," the poem she wrote for Bill Clinton's 1992 inauguration.

She credits her grandmother who raised her for giving her the love of poetry and teaching her the importance of it.

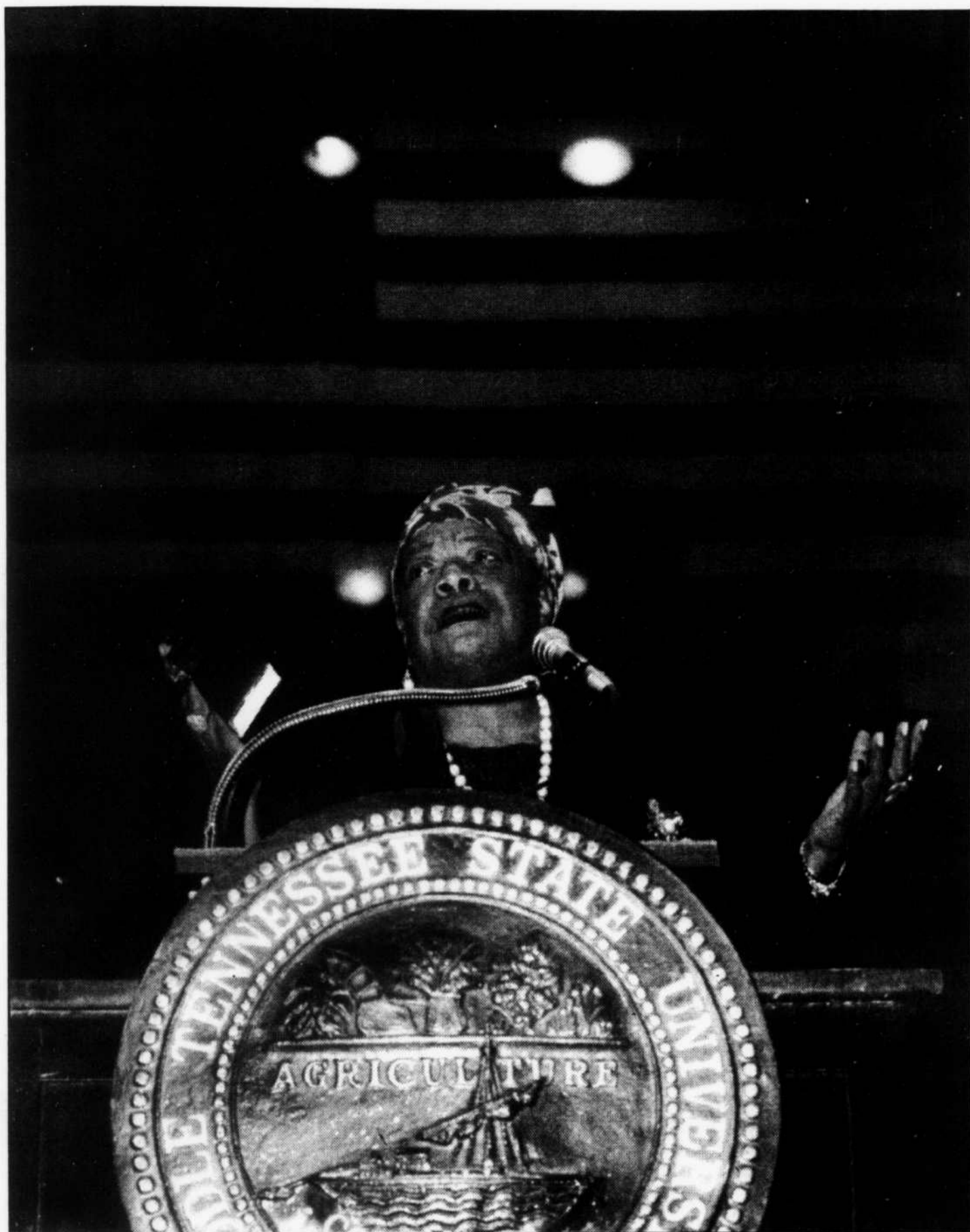
"Mama would say to me, 'Sister, you know what poetry will do for you? It will put stars in your backbone.'"

Angelou was raped at the age of seven and didn't talk for six years after the man responsible was found dead. It was then she returned to live with her grandmother and began to read any and all poetry from Langston Hughes to William Shakespeare. Poetry was her "rainbow in the clouds."

She shared poetry from Georgia Douglass Johnson, James Weldon Johnson, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Nikki Giovanni - who spoke on campus in January - and emphasized the need for students to know this poetry.

"We've given up too much and at some time we need to take it back," Angelou said, referring to a poem which expressed an African-American father's love for his child.

She also made sure to make her



Maya Angelou

photo courtesy of The Daily News Journal
photo by Jay Intintoli

audience laugh because, she said, "I don't trust people who don't laugh."

Angelou marveled at the human spirit and what our ancestors, no matter where they came from, went

through to come to America.

"[Our ancestors] have already paid for us," Angelou said. "What we need to do, must do, is prepare ourselves so we can pay for someone

who is yet to come."

As a few members whispered the words along with her, Angelou closed with her original poem "I Rise." ●

Local bands display talent at 'Battle for the Knoll' in April

By Kryz Spain / staff

Attention Murfreesboro area bands: prepare for battle.

Don't worry, it's not that kind of battle. The only casualties here may be your eardrums.

The "Battle for the Knoll" band showcase will be held Friday, April 19, on the Keathley University Center Courtyard Knoll as a part of the 1996 Special Events Spring Week. It is sponsored by MTSU Concerts and the College of Mass Communications.

"We are very excited about this joint venture between Student Programming and Mass Communications for Spring week," says Assistant Director of Student Programming Mimi Thomas.

The contest is open to all musical styles.

"We [Concerts Selection Board] are anticipating a wide variety of musical styles. All bands will be considered equally. We would like a diverse range of music, in order to satisfy the various musical interests at MTSU," says Concerts Chairperson Brook Blomquist.

The deadline for the "Battle for the Knoll" showcase is March 4 at 6 p.m. The contest is only open to

"It is being held for the MTSU community to enjoy local music as Murfreesboro's best artists showcase their talent."

**Brook Blomquist
Concerts Chairperson**

Murfreesboro-based bands.

Submissions should include the application, a recent demo tape, a current bio and photo (if available), a technical rider and stage plot, and a \$15 non-refundable application fee. Sound and production will be supplied by MTSU Concerts.

All submissions will then become the property of MTSU Concerts and will be retained for future Music on the Knoll references.

"It is being held for the MTSU

community to enjoy local music as Murfreesboro's best artists showcase their talent," Blomquist adds.

The MTSU Selection Board will be the deciding panel for selecting the artists to play the battle.

All of the submissions will be reviewed separately and the selection of the participants will be based on the quality of press materials and the demo. The selected artists will be notified by mail, postmarked no later than March 15.

Ten artists will be selected to play a 30 minute set at a specified time on the Knoll. No obscene material will be permitted, and bands may be disqualified at the Selection Board's discretion.

The winner will be determined by the Selection Board, based on artist talent, performance, crowd turnout and crowd response. They will be awarded studio time, donated by MTSU's Department of Recording Industry, and will headline a future Music on the Knoll show.

In the event of inclement weather, the show will be canceled.

For more information, call Brook Blomquist or Shelly Losee at 898-2551. ●

Playwright Deb Margolin comes to MTSU

By Corrie Cron / staff

"It's like wearing sexy underwear underneath normal clothes," she says. "It affects the way you walk into a room."

Deb Margolin relishes noticing intricate details of the language and how words can make someone feel.

"It's like, 'Excuse me, did you notice this? Have you ever thought about this?' she laughs.

Margolin has been writing and performing her own work since 1980, when she was part of a New York theater group called Split Britches. Although everyone shared ideas, she was the script writer for the company.

Margolin will bring her one woman show, "Of Mice, Bugs and Men," to Tucker Theatre Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The play consists of three characters: an elder novelist, a male exterminator and a character axed from the novelist's recent work.

Margolin says she enjoys playing the novelist the most because it is a woman so physically different from herself.

"The actor in me loves that journey," she says.

When asked if she finds playing a man true to voice difficult, Margolin quickly responds with a resounding "No!"

"It falls on me like an old pair of pants," she says.

Margolin adds she found it embarrassingly easy and fun to comment on men the way they comment on women.

Margolin wears several different hats in her life: mother of two, writer and performer. When asked which one she considers herself to be first and foremost, she pauses for a second.

"It's more like looking at different flowers in a vase," Margolin says. "If one area of your life gets stormy, you have the others to turn to." ●

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Pursuit of a legend yields storehouse of brains, a new obsession

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — With so many great minds at Yale University, the last place Christopher Wahl expected to find 600 of them was in dusty old jars beneath his dormitory.

As a first-year medical student, he listened keenly as upperclassmen told him the eerie legend of a cache of bottled brains located deep within the subbasement of Edward S. Harkness Hall.

Then, his curiosity got the better of him.

Sometime after midnight — and after a few drinks — he and four other students descended to the former bomb shelter. Their voices hushed so as not to be detected, they picked the lock using a piece of wire. They passed a dimly lit collection of

boxes, old furniture, a gurney and other flotsam long since forgotten.

Then they found them: on dirty shelves, rows and rows of brains. Each floated in a gallon jar of formaldehyde, yellow, brown and gray.

Wahl had no idea that they had found a meticulously gathered collection that chronicled the scientific beginnings of neurosurgery. He was just worried about getting caught.

"I could just see telling my parents I got thrown out of medical school for this," said the 28-year-old Wahl, who graduates in May.

Wahl made his discovery in 1991. For a year, he kept it a secret but remained haunted by the photographic negatives that accompanied the specimens: the faraway look in the eyes of

a little girl in agony, a bony woman with a massive brain tumor seeping out of her skull.

"This is not like finding canned fruit in the basement," he said. "It was almost harrowing finding them because you realize these were people. The photos are riveting, compelling, very emotional."

Through some research, Wahl learned that the specimens were collected by Dr. Harvey Cushing, a pioneer in brain surgery and, at his death in 1939, Yale's Sterling Professor of Neurology.

When Wahl finally approached faculty with the discovery, he did not face expulsion. The discovery was hailed as a momentous historical find.

"I thought this was a wonderful thing," said Dr. Dennis Spencer, Yale's chief of

neurosurgery. "Many of the faculty knew they were there, but the outside world really forgot."

Wahl said he was relieved that "no one really asked, 'What were you doing skulking around in the bottom of the dorm?'"

Cushing's brain tumor registry contains more than 2,000 case studies, including whole brain specimens and tumors, more than 50,000 pages of records, notes, journal excerpts, and some 15,000 photographic negatives. The material dates from the late 1800s to 1936.

Cushing was responsible for transforming brain surgery from a bizarre novelty to a legitimate science, even as some of his grossly disfigured patients were relegated to freak shows and institutions.

When he began performing

surgery before the turn of the century, Cushing's mortality rate was more than 90 percent. By the time he last used a scalpel in the 1930s, the rate was down to 10 percent because of innovations, many of which he developed.

His use of equipment to monitor a patient under anesthesia and surgical tools that he invented to stop bleeding during operations were considered revolutionary.

Cushing followed his patients' cases for years, and they usually gave him permission to perform their autopsies and use their bodies to help science, Wahl said.

Many of the deformities are not seen in the United States today because of early diagnosis and modern technology. Cushing's photographs provide some of the only images of such

afflicted people outside of the Third World.

Wahl became so absorbed in the archive that he took a year off from his studies to collate Cushing's slides and photographs with the medical histories, drawings and notes. Although he is writing his thesis on Cushing's work, he plans to enter another field: orthopedic surgery.

Because of Wahl's efforts, Cushing's pictures, surgical tools, a narrative history and one of the brains are on display at the Yale Medical School for the first time.

But Wahl has higher goals. He is trying to raise a \$150,000 endowment, create a Cushing database and find a place to preserve the entire collection at Yale. Most of the brains remain in the basement where they were found. ●

We're all naked in the eyes of God, some more than others

By Associated Press / staff

LONGWOOD, N.C. (AP) — "Amazing Grace" lofts softly into the North Carolina pines from the meeting room where voices gather greater fervor with each verse in praising God.

Take away the video screen and music and it might be just another Saturday night in a Christian campground tradition that predates Billy Graham — except the woman leading the song has no clothes on, her husband wears only a T-shirt and all the others are similarly undressed.

Welcome to the first Christian Nudist Conference, where naked Christian karaoke is but one sign of a coming-out party for this tiny but growing movement of religious nudists.

Some 40 Christian nudists from around the country stood naked and unashamed before their God at the conference,

which ended Sunday with a worship service where ministers both robed and unrobed distributed communion to the nude and nearly nude outdoors underneath a wooden cross.

"The No. 1 goal of this whole thing, ultimately, is to glorify the name of Christ," said Carol Love, an owner of the Whispering Pines Resort where the conference was held. "We feel like we've been Christians for a long time, and this is our next step to get closer to God."

Christian uneasiness with nudity goes back to the biblical account of Adam and Eve, who were clothed by God after eating the forbidden fruit. Public nudity is associated with original sin, and most Christian denominations encourage modesty in dress so as not to inflame lustful passions.

But if churches emphasize fallen human nature since Adam and Eve disobeyed God, some nudists contend

Christians can recapture a purity of spirit regarding creation.

"The Bible does say God created man in His image, and I think His image reflects the physical aspect of life," said John Kundert, editor of The Fig Leaf Forum, a newsletter for Christian nudists. "I think as Christians, the redeemed, the new creation, (we) should be able to recapture some of that original goodness."

The North Carolina conference and the forum newsletter, started in 1994, are two examples of the growing effort among Christian nudists to become more visible, said Jim Cunningham, head of Nudist Life International, a Troy, Vt., group of conservative nudists.

Although his group is not explicitly religious, its magazine contains a feature called "Divine Reflections" and four priests celebrated Mass at its conference last year in

"When God created us, he didn't create us with clothes. Clothes really don't make the Christian."

Jim Cunningham
Nudist Life International

Quebec, Cunningham said.

"We're overcoming our inferiority complex, and coming out of the closet ourselves," he said.

With clothes on, the participants of all physical shapes and sizes here to play and pray in the nude could be a

typical collection of mostly over-40 Christians.

They describe themselves as Bible-believing folk, some of them fundamentalists, who see nudity as a path to the divine.

"When God created us, he didn't create us with clothes," said David Phipps, a retired minister of music at a Pentecostal church, as he walked the grounds with a pet pig on a leash. "There are a lot of people walking around in \$400 suits that I wouldn't trust my pig with. So clothes don't really make the Christian."

The Rev. Gene Smith, a red-bearded minister from Lexington, Ky., said he was raised by an old-fashioned father who wanted him in church — fully clothed — as often as possible.

But in his experience, the practice of nudity follows along with his spiritual beliefs.

"When I became a Christian, by sins were covered," said the 52-year-old

Smith, ordained in a nondenominational Evangelical church. "There is nothing I have to hide. I really feel that's the way my relationship should be with humankind also."

A couple of miles away on Sunday at the Old Shallotte Baptist Church, a traditional red-brick building with an American flag out front, Southern Baptists in sport coats and dresses sing the traditional hymn "Love Lifted Me."

When they think at all about the nudists a short distance away, it's with benign detachment. Nudists from Whispering Pines sometimes don clothes to attend the Baptists service.

"We don't condone. We don't condemn. We just try to be loving," said Deacon Larry Shreve. "I believe we should wear clothes, but I'm never one to condemn." ●

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Lady Raiders claim indoor track title

Men's team finishes second; women claim 3rd straight title

By Marcus Randle / staff

The Lady Raider track team ran away with the OVC indoor track title Saturday, while MTSU's men's team finished a close second to Southeast Missouri.

The Lady Raiders claimed their third consecutive title by dominating the nine-team field and scoring 145 points. SEMO finished second with a total of 113.5 points.

The Blue Raiders placed a very close second to men's champion SEMO, scoring 155 points, the most a second-place finisher had received in OVC history.

During the preliminary rounds on Friday, the 200 meter women's record was broken by Nadia Graham. The sophomore left the rest of the field gasping for air in the 200, breaking the MTSU and OVC records in the event with a time of 23.54 seconds. Graham's time qualified her for the NCAA championships.

"I heard footsteps behind me, and I knew that I had to run as hard as I could," Graham said.

Nekeya Ralls continued her rise to stardom by putting up the most points for the Lady Raiders. Ralls won the 55 meter high hurdles, placed second in the long jump, and tied with Graham for first in the 55 meter dash. Ralls has also qualified for the NCAA's in the 55 meter high hurdles.

Lady Raider superwoman Mia Florence continued to show why she was the woman of the year in 1995 by placing first in the triple jump and second in the high jump.

For the rest of the Lady Raiders it was a walk on the beach, as Bianca Conley won the long jump and placed third in the triple jump.

"It feels great to win as a freshman, because it shows all of the



Brian G. Miller/staff

A Lady Raider runner clears a hurdle during a recent indoor meet. The Lady Raiders won their third straight Ohio Valley Conference indoor title this weekend, while the men's squad finished a very close second place.

hard work I put in has paid off," Conley said. "I still have some improving to do, but it will come together."

In the 400 meter run, a trio of Lady Raiders showed the competition that they were not half-stepping. Melanie Hall won the 400 with a time of 56.6 seconds, while Tyjuana Phillips took third and Rachel Parrish settled for fifth.

Shelly Johnson once again flexed her muscles to win the OVC shot put title with a throw of 46', 10", and the women's mile-relay team, better known as "The Untouchables," cruised to an easy victory with a time of 3:48.06.

"The girls made no mistakes yesterday or today, and that helped them out a lot," said MTSU track coach Dean Hayes.

For the men Christian Nsiah, who is currently ranked fourth in the nation in the 200 meters, continued

his dominance by completely blowing away the field in the 55 meter dash as well as the 200.

Dave Creary finished second in the 200, while Kenden Maynard finished fourth.

Jahez Salahuddin placed third in the 55 meter dash, while Terrence Riley took fourth and Rashad Haynes placed fifth. Atiba Tucker placed second in the long jump, with Salahuddin taking second and Haynes placing sixth. Salahuddin has qualified for the NCAA in the triple jump.

The Raiders had a triple threat in the 55 meter high hurdles, where Carlos Clardy took first place, Daryl Arvin finished second and Brigham Lyons took fifth.

In the 55 meter dash, Creary finished third, and Dele Ekadi finished fourth. Bo Collins took third in the shot put, while Konard Kaul took fourth and Matt Norwood finished sixth.

The distance runners gave everything they had and then some. Curt Arthur finished fourth in the 5000 meter run and fifth in the 3000 to give the Raiders some valuable points.

"The unsung hero of the track meet was Curt Arthur," Hayes said. "He came through when we needed him in the clutch races."

It finally came down to the race of all races: the mile relay. With everyone in Murphy Center screaming support for their favorite team, the Blue Raiders came on strong late in the race to take the event with a time of 3:15.77.

"This was a good meet and there were good quality people in here," Hayes told *The Daily News Journal*. "I'm pleased with how both sides competed. This was a good, hard-fought meet and that's all you can ask for." ●

MTSU basketball teams swept at Murray State

Lady Raiders upset; 74-67 loss drops MT into tie for second

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

Destiny. It is a myth that teams must deal with.

For four years, the seniors of the Lady Raider basketball team have felt it as their destiny to win an OVC title.

On Saturday night at Cutchin Fieldhouse, facing the Murray St. Lady Racers, MTSU's destiny was put on hold after costly turnovers and poor rebounding contributed in a 74-67 loss to the Lady Racers.

"I told the girls that we had better rebound the ball," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "We just did not get it done on the glass and that gave them a lot of offensive rebounds and too many second-chance points."

The Lady Raiders were riding a three-game win streak coming into the contest, much like Murray, who was riding a two-game streak entering the game.

With a win, the Lady Raiders would have guaranteed themselves a tie for the OVC title.

By contrast, a win for the Lady Racers would have guaranteed them a OVC tourney bid for the first time since 1990.

After scoring out of the gate early, the Lady Raiders took a 14-7 advantage, the only lead they would hold the entire game. They held that lead until the 7:30 mark of the half, when a Stephanie Minor lay-in gave Murray their first lead, 20-19.

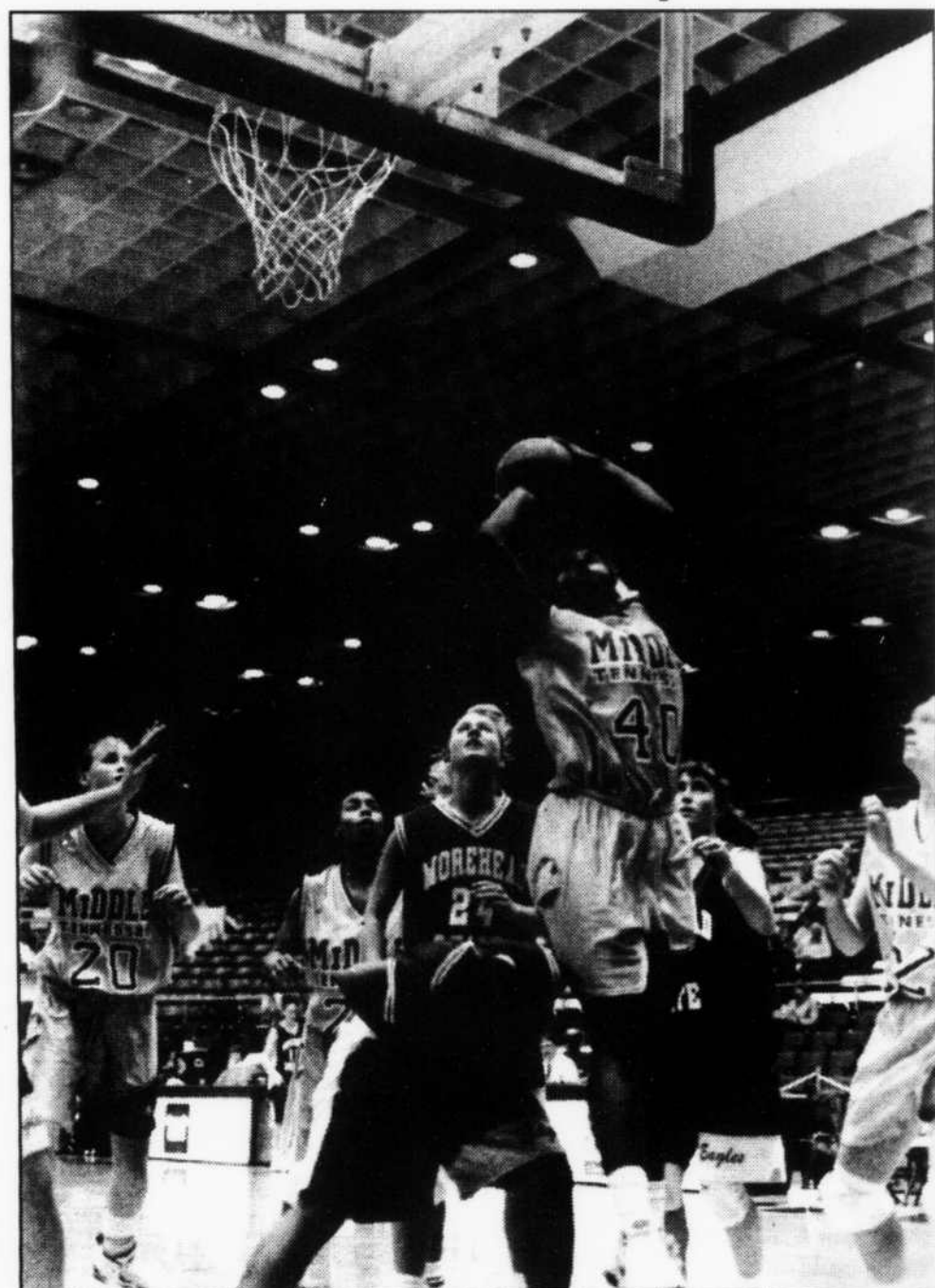
Murray outscored the Lady Raiders 15-8 the rest of the half, and went into the locker room at halftime carrying a 35-27 lead.

After trading baskets for the first five minutes of the second half, the Lady Raiders tied the score at 43 after a Natalie Sneed lay-in.

The Lady Racers recaptured the lead off a Minor jumpshot. But MTSU tied the game again two minutes later, at the 9:47 mark of the game, following a Cortney Neeley 3-pointer.

The Lady Racers then erupted for 10 straight points to take a 63-53 lead with six minutes left in the contest.

The Lady Raiders went on a run of their own, 14-5, to close the lead down to one after a Trella Thomas lay-up. Down 67-65 with 49 seconds



Brian G. Miller/staff

Senior Nikki Edwards puts up a shot during a recent game. The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders will be in action tonight against UT-Martin.

remaining, the Lady Raiders turned the ball over on all of their final three possessions and Murray walked out with a 74-67 victory.

"We had absolutely no execution down the stretch," Bivens said. "We played hard for five minutes out of the whole game. We had the ball three times in the final minute and did not get off one shot, and you do not win ball games that way."

Jonelda Buck scored 18 points to lead the Lady Raiders, but scored just four points in the second half.

Bivens said, "We did not do a good job getting her the ball in the second half."

The Lady Raiders were outrebounded 41-31, 14-7 on the offensive glass. MTSU also committed 23 turnovers.

The Lady Racers were led by Stephanie Minor's 21 points and 8 rebounds. Anjeaneate Gilbert brought up the slack with 14 points and Sarah Higgins, who came in averaging just

Brown's 39 sparks second-half run in Blue Raiders' 80-67 defeat

By Rob Nunley / staff

In a span of four minutes, Murray State's Marcus Brown and Vincent Rainey turned what could have been the Raiders' most important win of the season into their biggest conference loss.

Brown and Rainey combined for 58 points in handing coach David Farrar's Blue Raiders an 80-67 loss in Murray Saturday night.

"We tried a little bit of everybody (against them)," Farrar said. "It really comes down to person on person, can you guard the dribble-drive. We didn't do it, maybe on another night we would be able to."

The loss moved the Raiders' overall to 15-10, while their OVC record dropped to 9-6, Austin Peay also lost Saturday night and Tennessee State defeated Morehead, sending the Tigers into sole possession of second place in the conference while Middle and the Governors dropped to a tie for third.

With the win, Murray State (18-7, 12-3 OVC) clinched the regular season OVC championship and the number one seed in next weekend's conference tournament.

After finishing the first half tied at 28 apiece, the Racers came out on fire to start the second half, quickly building a lead that they would never let go of.

"They've got a nice club, and they really swelled up and made some big time baskets," Farrar said. "We had a tough time guarding penetration when the game got that tight, and I think that's to their credit."

"We came out real, real flat in the first few minutes of the second half," said junior forward Aylton Tesch. "Then Marcus Brown suddenly got hot, he started hitting all the big shots. That hurt us, and they got out to a big lead. We just couldn't get it back."

With 10:53 left in the second half and the Racers clinging to a two-point

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The Leprechaun's Pot
Sean P. O'Toole

Is there really a national pastime?

Have you ever noticed that nobody calls baseball "the national pastime" anymore?

There is a very good reason for that.

For years baseball was called "the national pastime." But now is there a national pastime? Sure, Cal Ripken may have resurrected baseball with his so-called "breaking" of Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record. But he did not save it.

And speaking of Cal Ripken, let us get that straightened out right now, while I am on the topic.

In the record books, Cal Ripken did break Lou Gehrig's record. And I am not saying that what Cal Ripken did is not amazing. I can not even get out of bed 2,131 straight times. But the way Cal Ripken did it is nowhere near equal to the way Lou Gehrig did it.

Lou Gehrig played the final 130 games of his 2,130 with the disease that eventually killed him. And as if that was not enough, back in that golden age of baseball, they didn't wear helmets.

On six separate occasions, Gehrig was beamed in the head, and with a headache that most men would commit suicide over, got up, dusted himself off, and finished the game, then played the next day!

What Cal Ripken did is an accomplishment, but do not think for a second that he did anything better than Lou Gehrig; except maybe get out of bed more times consecutively.

Sorry to get off on a rant there, now back to the topic at hand.

Basketball came very close to replacing baseball a few years ago as the national pastime before Michael Jordan retired.

Hockey, in my opinion, should be more respected, but it probably will not be. It does not have much chance of becoming loved around the country because most southerners do not know how to relate to the sport.

And as much as I love LOVE to see football replace baseball as the national pastime, this last year's whole brouhaha with the Browns and the Oilers, and now the Seahawks, has really hurt the credibility of the game. Not to mention the whole Jerry Jones fiasco. Although baseball is greedy, football is worse.

So what can be "the national pastime?" Why do we even have to relish just ONE sport above all the other ones?

I am probably not the only one who thinks that golf can be just a LITTLE exciting at times. Hey, I can even stay up to watch bowling late Friday nights on ESPN because that can be just as exciting as golf.

And then there is the World Cup. Every four years, the soccer jocks that we all used to make fun of so much in high school because they were all losers, seem to just all come out of the woodwork for two weeks every four years. And even though I do not like soccer, it can be exciting at times.

So what separates all these sports in their ability to entertain the crowd? Two things: tradition and suspense. Tradition does not really mean much anymore because if the owners are not making any money, it is all over in whatever city the team may reside. Take a look at the Oilers and the Browns.

And even take a look at the NHL's Florida Panthers. Even though they are third in the entire NHL in points right now, they can not even get the fans to fill the stadium. What does it take these days to fill the arena or stadium with fans?

And then there is suspense. Basketball does not have it because there is no suspense until the fourth quarter.

But baseball, football, hockey and all the other sports I have shed light on have suspense. Especially football. Getting close and not getting in the end zone is suspense.

So, if you ever hear someone refer to baseball, or any other sport for that matter, as "the national pastime," kindly correct them by saying, "You IDIOT. There is no national pastime anymore!"

In this age where money is everything and all else is meaningless, there is no national pastime.

Until next time, across the rainbow. ●

Women's tennis drops two vs. Ball State, Michigan St.

By Joel Frey / staff

The overall youth and inexperience of the Lady Raider tennis team was exploited once again over the weekend in losses to Ball St. and Michigan St. at Munice, Ind.

In Friday's match with Ball St., the Lady Raiders were unable to recover from slow starts in both singles and doubles, losing the match 6-1.

Middle's lone point came from senior Michelle Wilson at number four singles. She defeated her Lady Cardinal opponent 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Although the team was unable to take two of the three doubles matches needed to claim the initial point of the match, freshmen Jennifer Bryans and Alexandria Toelle did provide another bright spot for the Lady Raiders with a hard fought win at the number two doubles spot.

Coach David Thornton said quick Ball St. starts across the board took his team out of the match early.

"Overall, we gave a very lackluster performance against Ball St.," Thornton said. "We might have been complacent

coming off of our winning streak."

As a team, the Lady Raiders had won three of four matches heading into the weekend.

Although Thornton said his team gave a better effort in their match Saturday with MSU, Middle still came up on the short end of a 6-1 decision.

Bryans, who had been struggling with her game up until the MSU match, put together a strong performance at number two singles, winning 6-3, 6-4.

"At this point our problems still boil down to experience," Thornton said. "We are still a young team and considering our schedule and the amount of travel we have been doing, we have lost a little of our freshness."

Thornton takes his team on the road again this weekend for a match with Arkansas-Little Rock.

"They are a very good team, a lot like Michigan St.," Thornton said. "However, I think if we can get a good week of practice in we will be able to give them a strong challenge." ●

Defeat: Raiders conclude season at Martin tonight

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lead, the tandem of Brown and Rainey went on a 15-4 run in four minutes to give the Racers a 62-47 lead and put victory out of the Raiders' reach.

"I thought our kids played hard," Farrar said. "I thought they tried to do some things, and in the end the game was just too long."

Nod Carter and David Washington led the Raiders in scoring with 15 points each. Tim Gaither followed with 13, while Tesch added 12. Tesch led both teams in rebounding with 10, while Washington hauled down nine boards.

Brown paced the Racers with an incredible 39 points on 15-of-27 shooting. The senior guard also added eight rebounds, three assists and four steals. Rainey followed with 19 points.

As a team, the Raiders only shot 37.5 percent from the floor and 28 percent from 3-point range.

"We would have to shoot the ball much better to have a chance at this team," Farrar said. "As you can tell by the stats, we didn't shoot the ball as well as we would need to give ourselves a chance to win."

"We had several good looks," Farrar added. "I wasn't disappointed in some of the shots we took. Some nights they go some nights they don't."

The Raiders will be in Martin, Tenn., tonight to face the UT-Martin Skyhawks in their final game of the regular season. Players agree that the Skyhawks will be ready to play.

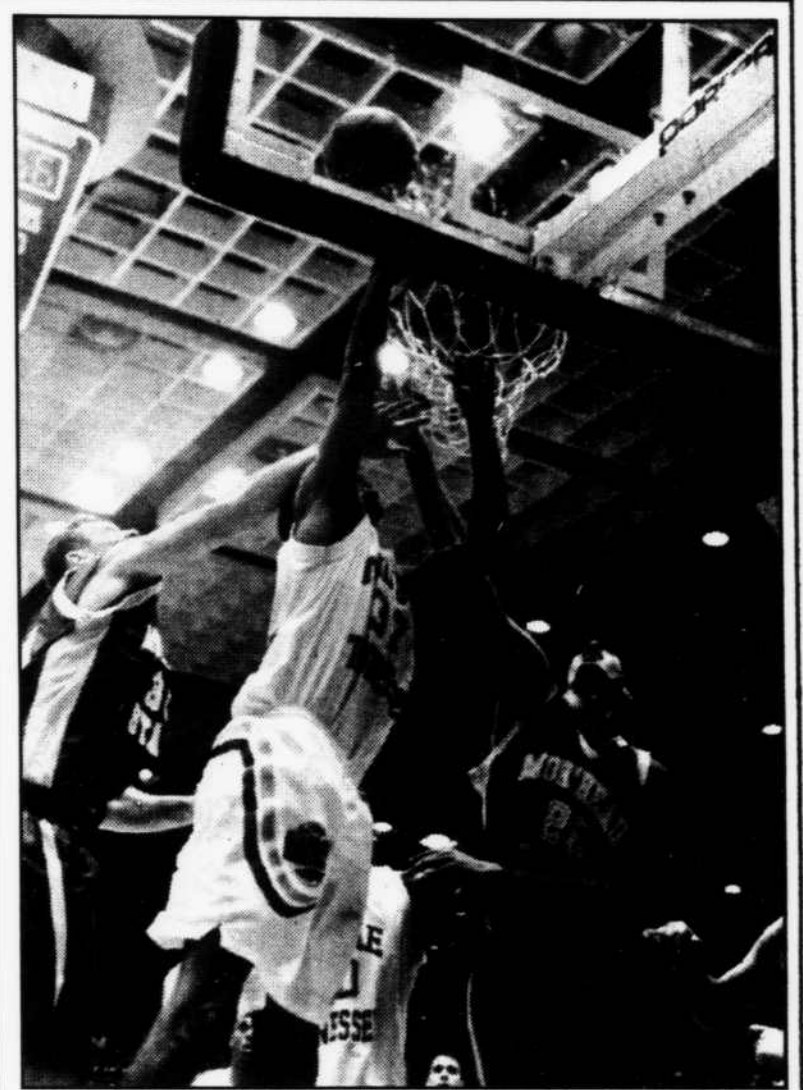
"It will be a big game for them," Tesch said. "Their seniors are going to be all pumped up to play, because they don't get a chance to go to the tournament. So we've got to go down and try to do our best, and try to come up with a victory before the OVC tournament."

"It's important from a pride point of view, and it's important to win and all those things, but it really doesn't make any difference where you're seeded," Farrar said. "Our season now is in the tournament."

"If you sat back and said 'Well, I'd really want to play Morehead because they're the last seed,' I can't say that," the coach added. "You find me a team in their that you really want to play because you can beat, and I don't think there is one."

"We want to play well and we want to win the (Martin) game, don't get me wrong, but I don't think it's going to make a lot of difference in the tournament."

Tip-off for tonight's game with Martin is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. ●



Brian G. Miller/staff

Above the rim

Raider guard Roni Bailey lays in a shot in a recent MTSU game. The Blue Raiders will be competing in the OVC championship tournament this Thursday through Saturday at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium.

Rugby team loses in Alabama; prepares for first home match

By Joel Frey / staff

The MTSU rugby team lost its first match of the spring season Saturday, to a clubside team from Huntsville, Ala., 31-8.

Huntsville jumped on the Moosemen early in Saturday's match, scoring an early try, in taking a commanding 15-3 lead into halftime.

Moosemen sophomore Wes Barnes said the team's slow start negated any comeback attempt in the second half.

"We played much better in the second half as a team, no doubt," Barnes said. "They came out too quick in the beginning though and we never were able to fully recover."

Middle tallied its eight

points on a first half field goal from fullback Mike Deguira and a second half try from wing Scott McDevitt.

The Moosemen's record on the season now stands at 2-1-1 heading into Saturday action against another club team from Fort Campbell, Ky.

This will be the team's first home match on the spring season.

The match is set to begin at 1:00 at the rugby pit on Greenland Drive near the Murphy Center tennis courts.

Barnes said fan support is critical to the Moosemen's success.

"We really could use a big crowd Saturday especially coming off this loss over the weekend," Barnes said. ●

Ladies: Middle falls into first-place tie with Austin Peay

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5.7 points for the Lady Racers, blew up, scoring 16 points.

This loss, combined with Austin Peay's win over UT-Martin, puts the Lady Raiders (21-4, 12-3) in a first place tie with the Lady Govs. Despite that, Bivens said it should not be on the team's mind.

"We are not really thinking about Peay," Bivens said. "We had a job to do out there, and we did not get it done."

Bivens said he was most disappointed for the seniors. "I feel bad for Trella, Heather and the other seniors. We usually play best in situations like this, but we just did not tonight."

Next up for the Lady

Raiders is the final game of the season at UT-Martin tonight. The Lady Raiders easily manhandled Martin 96-78 back on January 27th.

A win against Martin and a Austin Peay loss at Murray tonight are needed for the Lady Raiders to gain the #1 seed in the OVC tournament.

Anything else will earn the Lady Raiders the #2 ranking, and no regular season championship banner, due to tie-breaks.

"It is, flat out, a must win game," Bivens said.

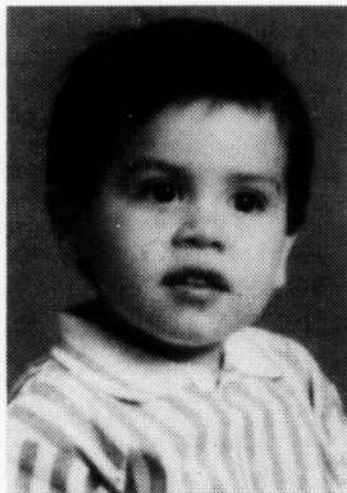
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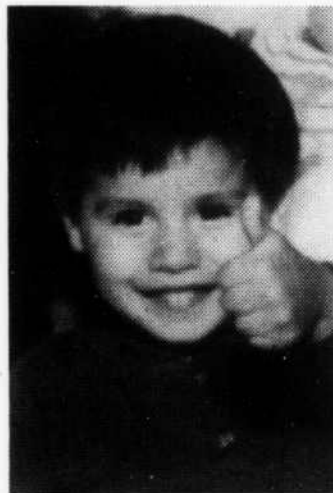
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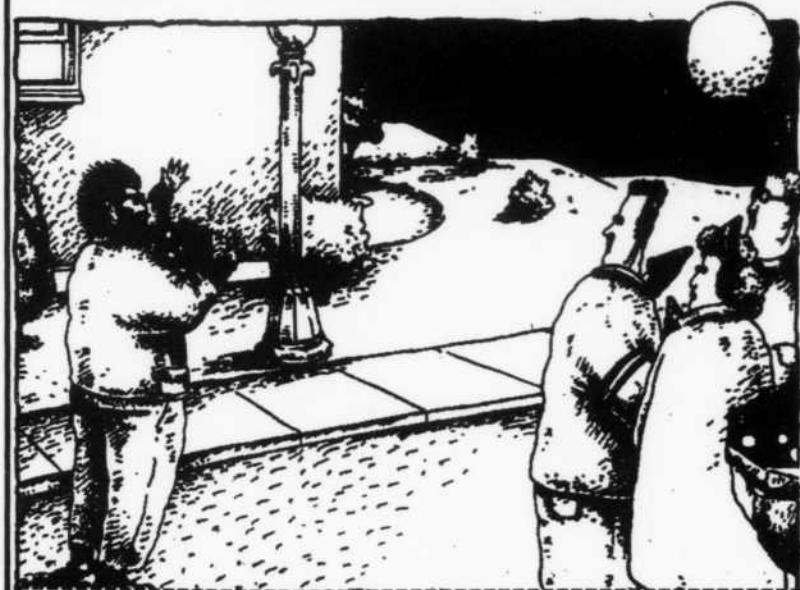
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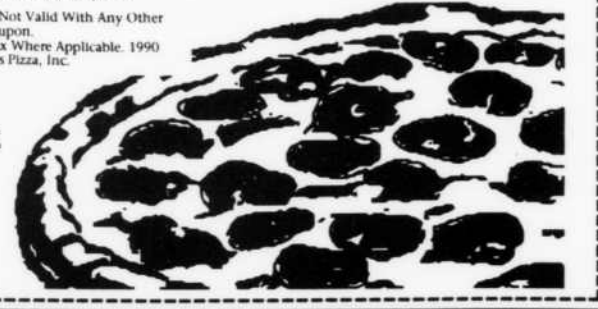
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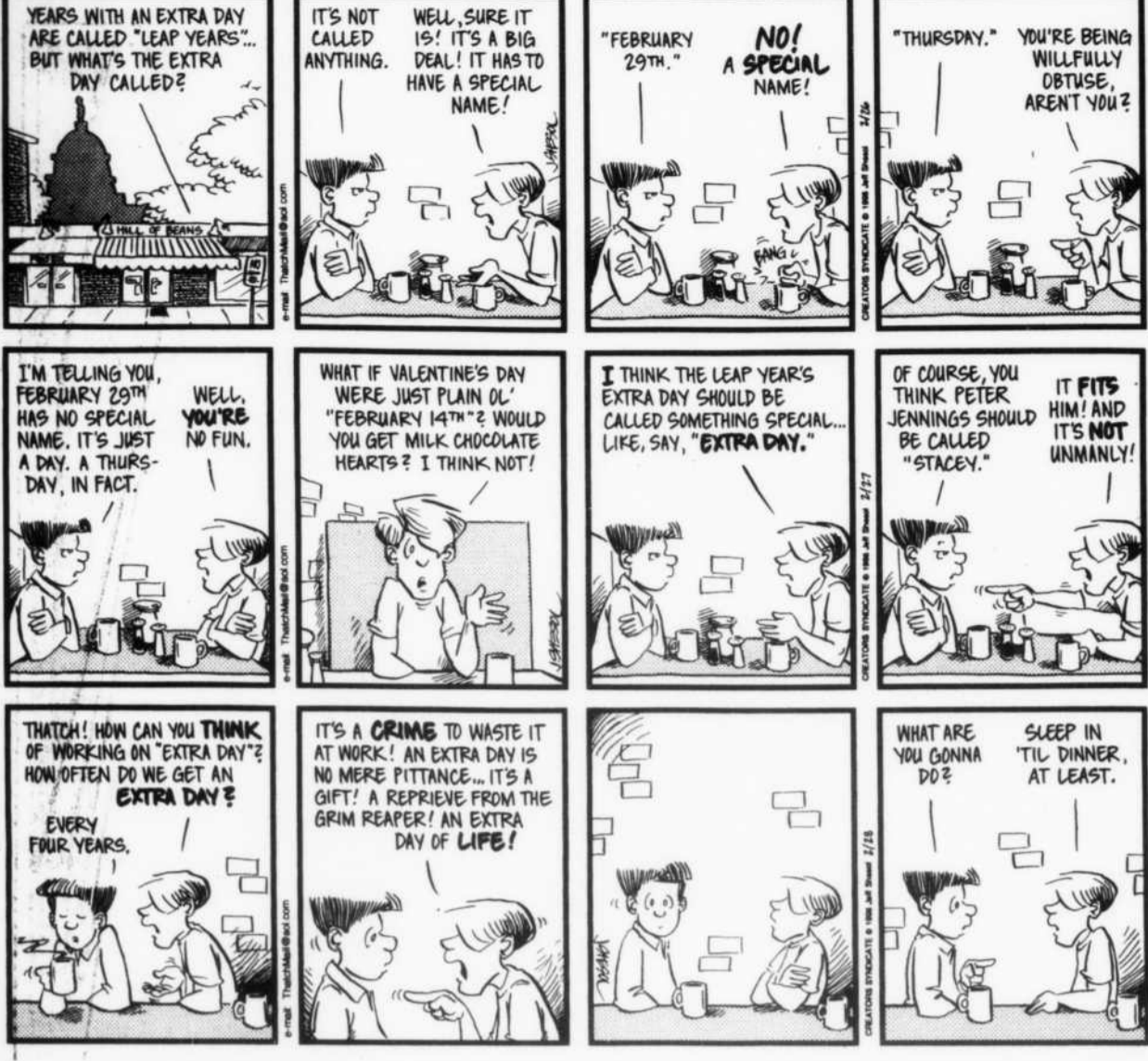
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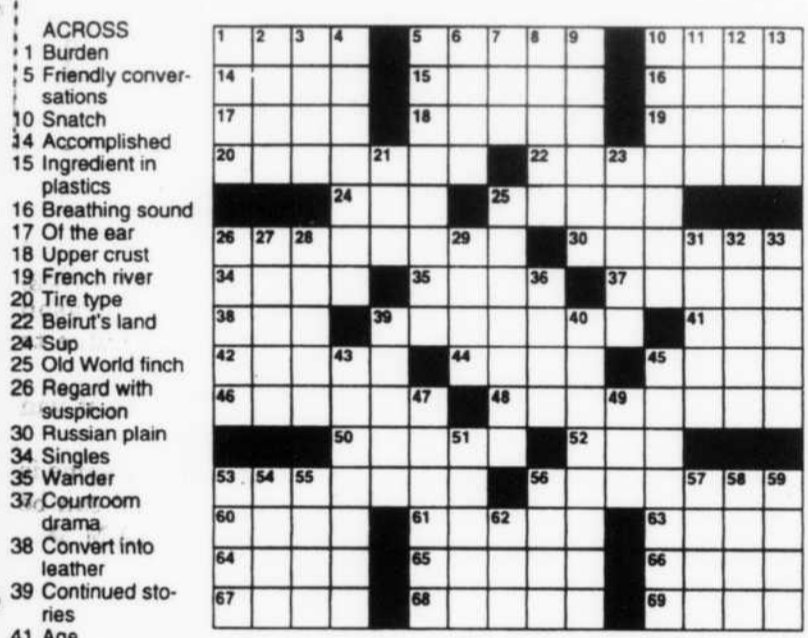
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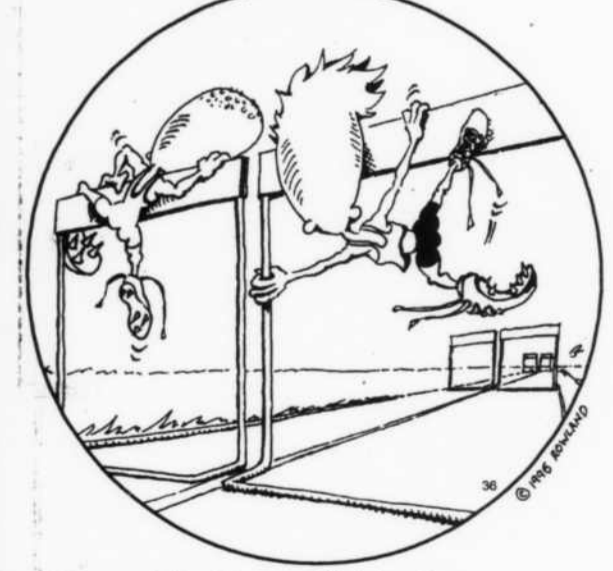
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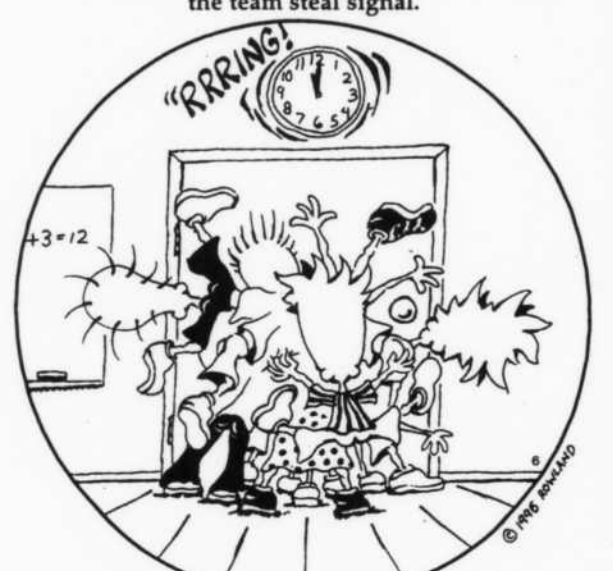
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Baseball team wins two of three against Georgia State University

Staff Reports

The Blue Raider baseball team won its first three-game series of the 1996 season on Sunday with a 5-1 victory over the Georgia State Panthers in Atlanta.

The Raiders, (3-1) split a doubleheader with the Panthers, (4-7) Saturday. After dropping the first game 5-4, Middle came back to win the second game, 8-3.

Outfielder Chris Snyder went 3-for-3 in the second game victory on Saturday and third baseman Doug Barner hit his second home run of the day in the fifth inning to give the Blue Raiders a 4-1 lead.

After the Panthers closed in on the Raiders lead with two runs in the sixth, second baseman Shane Shoemake connected for a three-run homer in the top of the seventh, providing the Raiders enough insurance to hold out for the win.

Brian Early picked up his first win of the season in the

second-game victory.

Sunday's rubber game saw a tough pitcher's duel until the sixth inning, when the Raiders were able to get on the scoreboard first with two runs. Barner singled and moved to third on a Jordan Beddies double, then the two scored on a wild pitch.

Georgia State's catcher, Mark Mortimer, attempted to throw out Barner after the pitch from GSU starter Pat Frawley went to the backstop. However, Frawley lost the throw from Mortimer, allowing a hustling Beddies to score.

The Raider offense came through again in the seventh, when freshman first baseman Ty Curley blasted his first collegiate home run, giving Middle a 3-0 lead. Curley went 2-for-4 on the day, getting the first two hits of his college career.

Freshman Jeremy Owens' sacrifice fly in the seventh scored Perry Lyons, who was brought in as a pinch runner for the injured Chip Davis. Lyons'

run gave the Raiders a 4-0 advantage.

Junior relief pitcher Brad Brown was brought in with one out in the bottom of the seventh after the Panthers loaded the bases. Brown gave up a sacrifice fly RBI to Georgia State's Chris Knight, putting the Panthers on the board at 4-1.

The Raiders added an insurance run in the ninth, when Owens singled in Curley for Middle's fifth run.

Stanton picked up his first win of the season with Sunday's victory, working 6 and one-third innings, allowing eight hits and one run while striking out six batters.

Brown picked up the save, fanning two and only allowing one hit in two and two-thirds innings of work.

The Raiders will play their home opener Wednesday against Louisville at Smith Field. Wednesday's game is scheduled for 2 p.m. ●

MTSU men's tennis squad defeats UAB

By Joel Frey/ staff

After 25 hours on the road in four days, the Blue Raider tennis team could have cited fatigue heading into yesterday's match with Alabama-Birmingham.

However, Middle was able to shake any weariness aside on Sunday, in defeating the Blazers for the second time in three weeks, 4-1.

MTSU put the match out of reach after Fred Niemeyer, David McNamara and Julius Roberts won singles matches at the two, three and four, respectively. The Blue Raiders took the opening point of the match with doubles victories by Roberts and Mark Follett at number two, along with Niemeyer and Marshall Brown at number three.

Coach Dale Short said this win was critical for his team.

"UAB had gained the eligibility of a new player since our first match and were

coming off of a big win over the University of Miami," Short said. "From a confidence standpoint this match is huge."

The UAB win puts MTSU's record at 6-3 for the year.

Before the Blazer victory, Middle traveled to Louisiana for matches with Tulane and Southwestern Louisiana.

On Thursday against the Green Wave, both DeLuise and Niemeyer broke out of slumps, in scoring wins at the top two positions in the Blue Raider 4-3 win.

After losing the first set in a tiebreak, Niemeyer stormed back, winning the second and third sets 6-1, 6-3, respectively. DeLuise, too, lost the first set in his match, Thursday, but eventually came back to win, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Short said the three match swing was particularly important for DeLuise, who had been suffering through an early season slump.

"I think Anthony's

turnaround this weekend was the big bright spot for the team," Short said. "We were in need of help from him and Freddy so it was nice to see him step up and play better."

DeLuise continued his resurgence against USL winning a tightly contested 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 win over Steven Parkes, who is ranked 35th in the nation in the latest ITA poll.

As a team, MTSU defeated the Ragin' Cajuns 5-2.

Short said his team is slowly showing signs of reaching their full potential.

"I'd say we hit on three cylinders the last three matches," Short said. "We haven't gotten everyone playing well at once just yet but I feel once we do, we are capable of cracking the top twenty."

The Blue Raiders travel along with the Lady Raiders to Little Rock this weekend for a match with UALR. ●

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