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SGA tightens election laws to reduce corruption threat

Deanna Snowden
Staff Writer

Student Government Association House of Representatives passed legislation meant to prevent the possibility of corruption charges in upcoming SGA elections.

Complaints were made last year that SGA president Toby Gilley and his girlfriend voted twice and that SGA members were unethical in working at the polls.

No charges were ever filed.

New legislation prevents students from working the polls in elections. SGA also decided

students will vote using their student ID cards from now on.

"It will go a long way toward making the rumors that happened in the last election impossible to bring up again," said Brian Hopper, speaker of the Senate and SGA vice-president, at Tuesday night's meeting.

Volunteers from the community will be brought in to work the polling stations on campus, said Drew Bergman, speaker of the house.

There is also less possibility of corruption charges if students vote by scanning the magnetic strips on their ID cards, reducing the chances that they can vote more

than once, Bergman said.

SGA also voted to raise the amount of money candidates may spend on campaigns. Beginning in 1995, speaker candidates will be allowed to spend \$300 rather than \$200, and senate candidates will be allowed to spend \$100, rather than the previous \$75 limit.

Presidential candidates will have the same spending limit of \$300.

"Three hundred dollars is a good round number that we thought would be fair," Bergman said.

Bergman said he hopes the

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Valuable Depression-era photo show displayed in Learning Center gallery

Tina Denise Harvey
Assistant News Editor

The Learning Resources Center's photographic gallery is displaying a series of photographs from the Library of Congress that document the history of the United States between 1935 to 1943.

"The collection is the most useful, comprehensive portrait of America during this time," said Andrew Gulliford, associate professor of history and director of the Public History and Historic Preservation program. "At no other time has there been such an effort to photograph the lives of Americans."

"Documenting America" consists of 15 photographic series that depict the nation as it recovered from the Great Depression and entered World War II.

"The photos represent a piece of history," said Tom Jimison, curator of the photographic gallery. "The exhibition displays a good cross-section of the American people living during 1935-1943."

Photo subjects include immigrant workers, a Japanese



Charles Hogue, staff

REFLECTING ON HISTORY: Jeff Spalta admires the photos of Dorothea Lange and others at the Depression-era photo show currently hanging in the Learning Resources Center gallery.

internment camp, the life of a U.S. government chairwoman, an Independence Day parade in Vale, Ore., cotton-pickers and a small town during war-time.

"For example, one picture is of a bus station that had a sign inside that said 'white waiting only,'" said Gulliford. "We study history to learn about the past, and by looking at the photos one is able to see the country's

progression."

Every picture is accompanied with a summary of its event, and each series offers a brief biography of the series photographer.

Photographers include Arthur Rothstein, Russell Lee, Gordon Parks, Marjory Collins, Jack Delano, Ben Shahn, John Vachon and Dorothea Lange.

Parks investigated an

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Jordan may play as Sound in exhibition game here

Tony Arnold
Sports Editor

Michael Jordan, perhaps the greatest professional basketball player of all time, could possibly be making an appearance in a baseball uniform at MTSU on April 4, 1993 when the Blue Raider baseball team hosts the Nashville Sounds in an exhibition game.

Jordan recently agreed to a minor league contract with the Sounds and will be working with the Chicago White Sox, the Sounds parent team, in spring training.

Although there is no guarantee Jordan will make any club, it is the consensus feeling that he will have an opportunity to work his way into the major leagues via the minors. The Sounds are optimistic that he will land there.

If this occurs, there is a good chance that Jordan will be making an appearance at MTSU.

"We were hoping to sell 2,000 tickets, but now this Michael Jordan situation arose, we're now looking into and will extend our seating capacity to anywhere

between 3,000 to 5,000 people as we see necessary," said MTSU head baseball coach Steve Peterson.

Tickets went on sale yesterday at noon and Athletic Ticket Manager Cindy Randals confirmed that 300 had already been sold at the MTSU ticket office, located on the concourse of Murphy Center, within three hours of when they went on sale.

Tickets also went on sale at Vick's Outdoor Power, Crosslin Supply and the Blue Raider Athletic Association office on the lower level of Murphy Center.

Ticket prices at all locations are \$10. Students may purchase special tickets for \$5 each. However, to get into the game you will need your student ticket and a valid MTSU ID. Student tickets are only available at the MTSU Athletic Ticket Office.

Preliminary plans call for the selling of approximately 2,000 tickets until the exact number any expansion to the stadium will capitate. After that time, the remaining tickets will go on sale. ■

Fraternity grade point averages down since last fall: Council

Brent Andrews
Staff Writer

Fraternities' grade point averages overall went down for the Fall, 1993 semester, according to the Inter-fraternity Council.

According to a memorandum obtained by *Sidelines*, eight of 12 fraternities failed to obtain a cumulative GPA at least matching the all-male undergraduate average of 2.42. Kappa Alpha Order and Pi Kappa Alpha were on suspension at the time and not included in the grade report.

The all-fraternity average was 2.31, down from 2.37 the preceding fall.

IFC president John Maxwell said Homecoming could be a contributing factor in the lower

grades.

"Homecoming lasted for two weeks this year," Maxwell said. "Because of our involvement in Homecoming, this could have been a possible contribution."

Maxwell added that it is the responsibility of each individual student to make good grades.

Dean of Students Paul Cantrell is disappointed by the performance.

"We would hope that [fraternities] would be consistently above average," Cantrell said.

Fraternities that fail to attain GPA's that are equal to or better than the all-male average face disciplinary action by IFC. This could result in a \$150 fine,

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Campus radio upgrades power

Warren Wakeland
News Editor

WMOT-FM received permission from the Federal Communications Commission Jan. 21 to begin upgrading their power from 50,000 to 100,000 watts.



HIGH

High, station manager.

"Currently, our signal reaches about 25 percent of the population of metro Nashville," High said. "Our engineering studies say we should just about cover the entire eight-county metro Nashville area [with the increase]."

The potential signal will reach the Kentucky border to the north and possibly past Monteagle Mountain to the southeast, High said.

WMOT, number 89.5 on the dial, has been trying to get permission to increase their power since 1987, according to High.

The manager said he hopes the new wattage will allow better reception for current listeners and help the station broadcast to previously hard-to-reach areas.

"Our primary goal was to clean up the shady areas in the already existing areas," High said. "The combination of the power increase and the height of the new antenna should be enough to get our signal out to everyone."

As part of the upgrade, a new antenna will be installed near Percy Priest Lake at the Wilson County line to replace the existing 200-foot antenna at the east side of the campus, High said. The extra height of

the new antenna [900 ft.] will help in transmitting the signal to outlying areas.

"People have had difficulties receiving our signal because the ground is so low and the terrain is so rough," High said. "When you cast a larger net, you tend to get a larger harvest."

Bids will be accepted soon for construction of the new antenna, and High said hopes are to have the station's upgrading complete by the end of the summer.

"Once you get construction permits, you have one year to complete construction," High said. "This is just the first step. [The end of the summer] is a fair projection. It allows us enough time for all the elements to go through."

High also said the new signal range should help obtain more private donations to run the station.

"We have had many people who say to us 'Get the signal increased and we'll send more money'," High said. "What we've been lacking is a delivery system."

"We are expecting an increase in funding from the public," High said.

For fiscal year 1992-93 approximately 20 percent of WMOT's funding came from private sources. Another 20 percent per year comes from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and approximately 60 percent comes out of MTSU's budget. It is from these funds that the money for expansion is coming.

High wants MTSU's percentage to decrease.

"We are hoping that as that net is cast we can slow down the MTSU budgetary drain," High said. "We hope to see MTSU's contribution go down as the private side goes up." ■

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

The National Security Education Program is a federally-funded study abroad scholarship program. Undergraduate scholarships may award up to \$8,000 for an approved program. An information meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center room 305. Undergraduate application deadline is Feb. 11. Graduate application deadline is March 1. Contact David Curry at 898-2238 for more information.

Essay contest for MTSU students on Women's History Month. Contest must focus on some aspect of women's experiences. The winner will receive \$100. Deadline is Feb. 28. Contact Jill Hague at 898-2579 or 890-0686 for more specific details.

The Placement and Student Employment office is sponsoring a Career Placement Orientation for Seniors and Graduate Students from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in KUC 324. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoe trip down the Suwannee River in Florida March 12 through 18. Sign up deadline is March 1. Contact Ed at 898-2104 for more details.

SGA Senate session will be held at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 316. Attendance is mandatory. Contact the SGA office at 898-2464 for more details.

Psi Chi Psychology Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. in PH 206. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Children's Discovery House Presents "Stay Fit and Healthy Day" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Bev Calloway at 890-2300 for more details.

Monday, Feb. 14

Placement and Student Employment is sponsoring a Resume Workshop and Critique from 2 to 4 p.m. in KUC 324. Bring your resume for a professional critique. The Workshop continues on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

Valentines Day Party at the Catholic Student Center at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for details.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

The Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a Self-Esteem for Women seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. in Peck Hall room 314A. Contact the Continuing Studies office at 898-2462 for more details.

The College Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. in KUC 313. Contact Jody Allison at 361-4821 for more details.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

All administrators, faculty and staff can attend a budget seminar presented by Ramona Taylor, director of University Resources at 3pm at the Hazelwood room in the James Union

Building. Topics include Changes in the THEC funding formula, and 1994-95 projected budget. OFAW members get in free. All others pay \$5 for materials. Call 898-2278 or 898-2193 for information.

SOLID Training, a workshop on writing resumes will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in KUC 313. Reservations are required. Sign up in KUC 122. Call Associate Dean of Students Office at 898-2454 for more details.

Saturday, Feb. 19

The Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring a seminar entitled "Making Money as a Fiction Writer" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in KUC 314. For more details, contact the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Saturday, Feb. 26

The Campus Recreation winter backpacking trip will be held at Prentice Cooper State Forest. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 21. For more information call Ed at 898-2104. The trip will last two days.

Ongoing

The Office for Minority Affairs is sponsoring "Institute for Healing Racism" every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The June Anderson's Women's Center's regular office hours are 8am-4:30pm, Tuesday 8am-7pm.

Church of God in Christ, Revival on Campus (COGIC ROC) will hold a Bible study every Thursday night at 7 p.m. Contact Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

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Scott Neely, Staff

THIS IS BUSINESS: Linney Moore, Leonard E. Jordan, Kaye Jeter and Tom Clark (standing) lecture to students at the Minority Affairs Entrepreneurial Seminar Tuesday

Entrepreneurs get their say at Minority Affairs seminar

Yanetra Mitchell
Staff Writer

Four entrepreneurs from Davidson and Rutherford County businesses spoke to students at a panel discussion Feb. 8 in the Keathley University Center.

The event was sponsored by the office of Minority Affairs as part of African-American history month.

Lenny Moore, Leonard Jordan, Tom Clark and Katy Duncan talked about how they got started and told students what was important to become a successful entrepreneur.

Moore, a native Nashvillian, is an alumnus of MTSU with a degree in Business. He is currently President of Package Plus.

Moore said his success came from his productive attitude.

"To be an entrepreneur, the first thing you can't be is lazy," Moore said. "You have to be willing to work long hours...you have to be a very ambitious person. Know what you want."

Jordan, raised in Nashville, is

also an MTSU alumnus. Before becoming an entrepreneur with his own business, he was a tax auditor for trucking companies in Tennessee. He travelled all over the United States and saw nearly 24 states.

"I enjoyed that for a while. Two weeks out of every month I was in some different state," Jordan said. "It was fun for a while till I woke up one night in a hotel room, looking up wondering, 'Where am I?'"

Jordan said he felt that he needed to do more than just see the country.

"I decided I wanted to make some changes. I decided I wanted to get off the road," Jordan said.

With this goal in mind, Jordan stopped working for other people and started working for himself.

"One thing about working for somebody, if they don't want you to move up they can keep their thumb on you," Jordan said.

He is now an independent State Farm insurance agent.

Clark, like Jordan, is a State Farm Insurance agent. His background involves working in personnel management for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and the Nissan Corporation. Eventually, Clark left Nissan and went to small-town LaVergne to set up his own insurance firm.

Clark never thought he would be selling insurance.

"I had no idea of the world of insurance," Clark said.

Duncan, co-owner of Black Tie Limousine Service, suffered disadvantages as a woman when she tried to become an entrepreneur. She is successful now, with a nearly million-dollar a year business.

Duncan stressed that the key to a successful business is to not just serve yourself, but serve the customer as well.

"You can do a good job if you remember who your client, your customers are," Duncan said. "If you like it when I am nice to you, [the business] works." ■

Law firm denies it shredded Whitewater records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rose law firm where first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was a partner shredded documents last week relating to Whitewater Development Corp., *The Washington Times* reported today.

The paper cited as its source an unidentified Rose employee who said the documents included material showing the involvement of President and Mrs. Clinton, along with James B. McDougal and his then-wife Susan, in the Arkansas real estate

venture.

Special counsel Robert B. Fiske Jr., appointed Jan. 20 by Attorney General Janet Reno, is looking into — among other things — whether McDougal improperly diverted funds from the Madison Guaranty Savings Loan Association, which he controlled, to Whitewater and Clinton gubernatorial campaigns.

The Times said it was not clear whether the reported shredding would violate state or federal laws.

In Little Rock, Ronald M. Clark, managing partner of the Rose firm, today called the report "totally false." Asked specifically whether any documents related to Whitewater were shredded, Clark said: "Absolutely not. To my knowledge, we have no documents in the firm's possession related to Whitewater, and if we do, we are accumulating them in single location awaiting the appropriate time that they will be examined." ■



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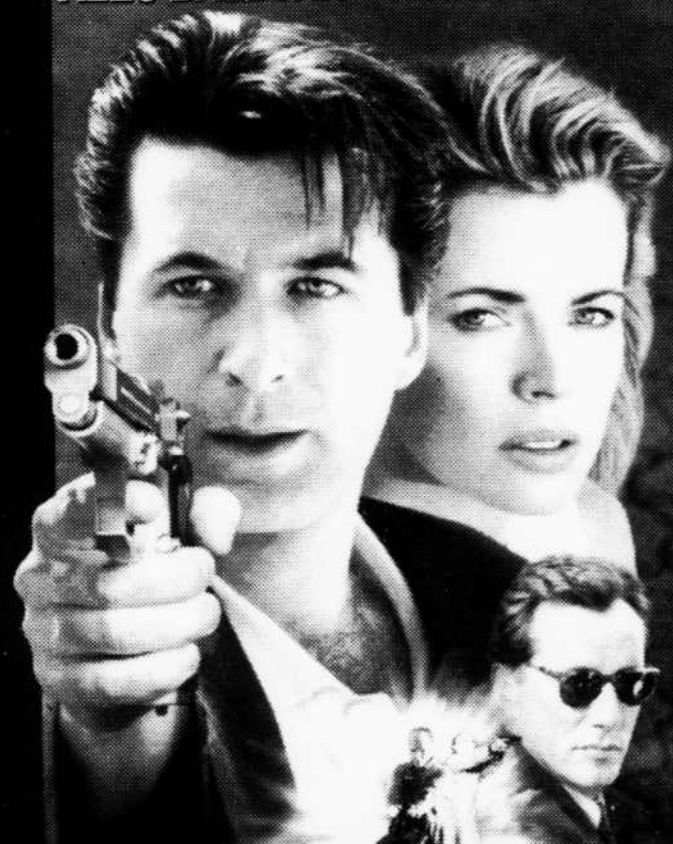
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OPENS FRIDAY AT A THEATRE NEAR YOU

Political science students can earn three credits for spring Ireland trip

Undergraduate or graduate students can earn three hours of credit toward political science this summer without going to class.

Assistant professor Mark Byrnes is organizing a tour of Ireland from May 20-30 for anyone interested in learning about another culture.

Byrnes hopes the trip will show students differences between their society and what

lies in other places.

"[It is] a new experience; a chance to have fun with students of the same age and visit another country," said Byrnes.

The trip features stops in Dublin, Sligo, Blarney, Limerick, Galway, Donegal and other "quaint villages" and historical sites along the way.

Cost of the trip is \$1,549 per person double occupancy, including roundtrip air, nine

nights' hotel accommodations, nine breakfasts and six dinners, private motorcoach tour with guide and entrance fees to all sights.

A \$100 deposit will reserve a space. The deadline for full payment is April 1, and there are no space limitations.

For more information, call Mark Byrnes at 898-2351 or 898-0374. ■

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African-American woman's life as a U.S. government housekeeper and said, "What the camera had to do was expose the evils of racism, the evils of poverty, the discrimination and bigotry, by showing the people who suffered from it."

Jimison believes the exhibit to be a history lesson in itself and said viewing the exhibit could be beneficial to photography majors.

"Most of the photographs are in our photography books," said Jimison. "This would be a great opportunity

for photography majors to view the actual print taken from the original negatives."

The images were captured by photojournalists of the Farm Security Administration under the direction of Roy Emerson Stryker, with intentions of exposing banks who were confiscating land from farmers due to the Depression.

"As an aspiring photographer and looking at the photos, I sense the power and feeling that these photographers have put into their photo, and I want to reproduce the same feelings in my pictures," said Photography major Don Goins.

"The photography displays an example of what quality photography should be," said Jeff Beaty, another Photography major.

The photographs were chosen out of 77,000 other images by the government to enter the Library of Congress.

The exhibit will be shown on campus through March 3. The photo gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The LRC is closed on weekends due to construction.

The photo gallery offers three different exhibitions during the fall semester and three more during the spring. ■

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extra money will allow broader campaigns and get more students involved in the election process.

"It should expand our ability to get out to more students," he said. "I personally would like to see at least half of the students vote in the next election."

An SGA proposal to extend morning hours at Phillips Bookstore by 15 minutes was rejected by bookstore manager Earl Harris.

Harris said he had done an informal survey for a week and found there were not enough students waiting for the store to open to justify the cost of opening earlier.

The SGA will do its own survey to find out about the necessity of extended bookstore hours, according to Bergman.

"We are going to set up a survey over a two-week period of time" to record students waiting

for the store to open, Bergman said. "We hope our surveys will show that there are students who want the bookstore open earlier."

The House also passed a resolution, previously passed by the Senate, to publish faculty evaluations.

The publications will be released five days prior to pre-registration for the 1994-95 academic year and will be available at the Todd Library information desk as well as the SGA office.

The House also considered a Constitutional amendment which would allow student to vote for Election Commissioner.

If the amendment passes the Senate and the House a second time, the vote would take place March 29-30.

The election commissioner has historically been appointed by the SGA president. ■

GPA...

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restriction of weeknight parties, or probation.

MTSU compares well with other schools across Tennessee. At Memphis State University, the all-fraternity average for fall semester was 2.33,

compared to the all-male average of 2.31. At the University of Tennessee-Martin, the all-fraternity average was 2.12, compared with the all-male average of 2.29. ■

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Bussart emphasizes reform to MTSU College Democrats

Paige Dixon
Staff Writer

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Walter Bussart stressed major reforms in "politics as usual" in a speech to the College Democrats Tuesday night in the Keathley University Center.

Bussart, a former state representative, attorney, judge and colonel in the Tennessee National Guard, pointed out four areas in need of reform- crime, jobs, education and health care.

"The problem with crime is that people in rural areas used to look at Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga and say it's rough there," Bussart said. "Now we see violent crimes in Murfreesboro, Union City and Shelbyville."

Bussart, who supports the death penalty, suggested merging the Department of Safety and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation into one state police force that could attack crime before it

happens. This state police force, he asserted, can then go into high-crime areas and fight aggressively.

"We also need to change the attitude of the pardons and parole boards," Bussart said. "If [prisoners] have done nothing to improve themselves, they should serve their full time."

Bussart rejected the notion of giving tax breaks to business to attract industry. Tax breaks to business, he insisted, would mean that people would eventually have to pay.

"Instead of tax breaks, we should tell businesses that we will pay a state fund to train their workers," Bussart said. "Even if the industry later leaves, we still have well-trained workers."

Bussart feels that past education plans have been a disaster, and applauds Gov. Ned McWherter's Better Schools Program.

The only thing we need to remember is to not let public schools become elitist like private schools, making

decisions on certain classes for certain types of people," Bussart said.

"Public schools are for everybody, and we don't need this local decision-making to be used by people wanting to carve out a niche so that you have an elitist student."

On the issue of taxation, Bussart doesn't propose a state income tax until a majority of people decide it's time for that kind of reform. Over 80 percent of people are against a state income tax, he said.

Health care reform was targeted. Bussart pointed out the major problems in the present system.

"The (health management companies) keep getting richer because they pocket the money in one hand and give what's left to health care with the other," he charged.

Bussart will face nine other candidates in the Democratic primary for governor in the election Aug. 4. ■



Robbie Watts, staff

MAKING A POINT: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Walter Bussart addresses a crowd Tuesday night at the KUC.

Clarification

In the Feb. 6 edition of *Sidelines*, The photo appearing on page 12 should have been attributed to Robby Watts.

Sidelines regrets the error, and we are sending him a Bundt cake.

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Hearing for ETSU players postponed

JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. (AP) — A preliminary hearing Wednesday for three East Tennessee State University football players accused of statutory rape was continued until March 1.

Richard Pectol, an attorney for the football players, said the state asked for the continuance to allow the case to be investigated further.

The players charged are Keith Mills, 21, a junior reserve quarterback from Greenville, Miss.; Jeff Johnson, 20, a junior receiver also from Greenville, Miss.; and Nakiya Thomas, 19, a freshman linebacker who was a top defensive player.

Thomas is from Montezuma, Ga. Mills and

Johnson transferred to ETSU from Mississippi Delta Junior College.

ETSU head football coach Mike Cavan appeared in court with the players.

The men are accused of having sex with two teen-aged girls, aged 13 and 15, in a dorm room on Jan. 29. The girls were discovered by two university public safety officers investigating a complaint of a loud party.

An ETSU official has said the school will wait until the criminal charges have been resolved before disciplining the men.

Rocky Wright, 18, faces a Feb. 22 hearing.

Russian Roulette fatal for area teen-ager

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A teenager who died from a gunshot wound to his head is the city's third Russian

Roulette death in the past five weeks, police said.

Russian Roulette is a deadly game played with a handgun which is placed against the head and the trigger pulled. At least one of the gun's chambers has a bullet.

Tory Johnson and a friend had been drinking beer, smoking marijuana and listening to heavy metal music on Tuesday, said Metro Nashville Police Lt. Thomas N. Jacobs Jr.

The boys began playing Russian Roulette, and Johnson died from a gunshot wound. Friends and relatives of Johnson said he wasn't suicidal. Police aren't investigating his death as a homicide.

Two brothers, mother killed in house fire

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Two brothers died and their mother and sister were injured in a fire started by a kerosene heater placed in a hallway outside the family's bedrooms.

Firefighters found Eric Harris, 9, unconscious on his bedroom floor early Tuesday morning. Michael Harris, 12, was found in a bedroom closet. Both died of smoke inhalation.

Their mother, Margaret Harris, and 4-year-old sister, Sheneta, were taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where Mrs. Harris was in fair condition and Sheneta was in critical condition.

The mother escaped through a bathroom window. A man driving by stopped and tried to reach the boys' bedroom but stopped by smoke. Firefighters found Sheneta in the bathroom from which her mother escaped.

Bush slams Clinton foreign leadership

CINCINNATI (AP) — George Bush blasted President Clinton's "stop-and-start leadership" in foreign policy, and said the country lost face when Clinton hesitated to use the military overseas.

"The United States can't wait for someone else to decide," Bush said at a fundraiser for a Republican congressman Tuesday.

Clinton sent soldiers to Haiti, but "a group of thugs showed up on the dock and the American ship did a 180 (degree turn) and disappeared over the horizon," Bush said.

"That tiny incident sent a message around the world," the former president said. "We cannot have stop-and-start leadership."

"I really can't define irony, but I know it when I see it."



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Student needs ignored by untimely renovations

Students who are used to fighting for parking spaces and standing in long lines in the Business Office can add some more inconveniences to their list for part of the semester.

The Learning Resources Center was shut down until March due to remodeling.

It is understandable that improvements have to be made, and some inconveniences might be expected. However, it is outrageous that all of the numerous services which were previously available to students at the LRC are shut down.

The LRC provided computers and typewriters for students who do not have these available at home. More importantly, it housed films and videos for students to watch as class assignments or companion pieces to classroom lessons.

Students are being shortchanged by not having these services available to them.

There are few enough resources available to the students of this university without shutting down for two months the ones that were already here.

The LRC has an impressive collection of historical films, documentaries and audiotapes that help provide the much-needed depth to students' educations. Too bad no one gets to see them for a while.

On top of the LRC being shut down, Phillips Bookstore is now partially closed for recarpeting.

Perhaps we should be grateful that the bookstore didn't follow the LRC's lead and shut down altogether, one wonders if they couldn't get new carpet over Christmas or even summer break, when students aren't severely inconvenienced.

Right now the front section is closed, and I doubt anyone is flunking classes or panicking because they can't get an MTSU sweatshirt, but the other sections will be closed off later.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Handicapped utilities not for 'lazy students'

To the Editor:

When I started MTSU, I was pleasantly surprised to see so many handicapped people on campus. It's very encouraging to see a university of this size making all their buildings accessible to the handicapped.

What bothers me, though, is the lazy people who think they can't or are too special to walk up one or two flights of stairs. I've seen people in wheelchairs having to wait on a number of occasions, just to see a couple of people walk off the elevator when the doors open. The elevators are there to help handicapped people, not lazy people.

This may seem trivial, but I feel it's very widespread and would like to see this problem addressed.

As a Social Work major, I feel like it's my responsibility to help eliminate social injustices.

Thank you.
Kara Williams

Box D833

Change to I-A program is bad idea for MTSU

To the Editor:

Many people feel the change to I-A Football, and therefore a new stadium, is a foregone conclusion. I don't know why. These decisions, regardless of the fact that they will cost millions of dollars, should be considered

carefully by all concerned: alumni, faculty, students, taxpayers, future students and their parents. This will change the basic character of the university forever.

The one comment constantly surfacing as justification for this change is that it will bring in more money. No one has offered a list of expenses vs. revenue to show how much and when this will occur. I would think it would take years to offset the initial start-up fees of \$40 million.

There seems to be some money already spent to promote this change. The school has hired a new strength coach, whose job description listed him as a B.A. with a few years of experience, at a higher salary than we offer a Ph.D. He also received temporary housing in student housing, and I have to wonder if that courtesy has ever been extended to a faculty member in a non-athletic position.

The new recreation center, which was decided by so few students, isolates the regular student body from the athletes. I wonder if the president will hold a vote to see if we want to move to I-A or not.

Discounting all of this, how will the personality of the school change? The majority of the students at MTSU have shown little interest in supporting football or even staying on the campus for the weekend. The school has constantly pushed for students to

stay for the weekend, like that was somehow important to their education. If the students are saying they don't want to be here for the weekend, and by their actions they are, then the university should not only accept it but support it, instead of trying to change it. They have spent money and tried endlessly to change this attitude. Stop it and do what we want, not what you want. We miss out on many problems because they do not stay here. No wild parties or incidents from victories or defeats. The least you could do is tell us why you think it is so important.

The personality of this university is not like UT-Knoxville, and that is good. We have more non-traditional students here and more people who are concentrating on studying instead of partying. Students who flunk out of UT graduate from here because this is a student-oriented, and not an athlete-oriented, university. I feel the change to I-A will end that; money gained is not worth the cost. Our classes are smaller than I-A schools and the quality of my education is better than it would have been at UT because I knew my professors and I was not lost in a 100-student lecture hall. Tell me the names of several I-A universities that have an equal or better student-teacher ratio; I don't know of any. Tell me the

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Freedom of religion clause twisted Rights of religious no longer sacred

**The Conservative
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Christina Basiel



Somehow, the leftist justices of the United States Supreme Court have managed to manipulate the religious clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution to suppress the very right which it was intended to protect.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The Second Amendment does not ordain the well-publicized "separation of church and state." Even the most liberal interpretation of the Amendment

cannot justify the translation.

The opening phrase "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." prohibits the federal government from declaring an official national religion.

Although during the early history of our country several states maintained laws which encouraged the dominance of protestant religions, our country has never declared an official religion, nor prohibited the practice of others.

The earliest of Americans fled to this land from Europe to practice their religions openly and free of persecution.

"or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." Unfortunately, this is the most often-ignored segment of this Amendment. The objective of these words is obvious. Americans are free to express their religious beliefs wherever and whenever they

desire.

It's disturbing to witness the viciousness with which the opponents of school prayer fight to violate the rights of children.

It is disheartening that the Supreme Court has ordered the

No one is forced to pray before a football game, and no one should be forced to refrain from that same prayer.

removal of nativity scenes in community gathering places during a nationally-recognized and celebrated religious holiday.

It is pathetic to attack a traditional organization such as the Boy Scouts because their established principles are rooted in deference to God.

While it is incomprehensible to me how any religion (be it Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc.) which teaches respect, com-

passion, and love can be viewed as offensive, it is the right of any individual who is offended by the practices of these religions not to participate in them.

It is not the right of any individual or group to prevent those who wish to participate from doing so.

It is a crime to suppress religious expression. No one is forced to pray before a football game, and no one should be forced to refrain from that same prayer.

I for one would like to take advantage of my First Amendment rights.

Dear God: Thank you for affording me the freedoms of America. Please, guide us through our challenges and protect us from injustices. Amen.

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Marijuana as medicine pro-health, not pro-drug

Administration should consider allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana

Forefront

LISA MORRISON



Few know that, in the early 1980s, Tennessee was one of seven states carrying programs that provided nearly 800 patients with medicinal marijuana supplied by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Eventually, federal government interference led to the closing of this institute and a crackdown on medicinal use of marijuana.

Marijuana as medicine has been utilized throughout the world for more than 2,000 years. Studies show that there have been no long-term negative effects as a result. In fact, it has been beneficial.

Studies and medical evidence show that marijuana can be effective in the symptomatic treatment of glaucoma, chronic

pain, chemotherapy-induced nausea, spasm disorders, the AIDS wasting syndrome, arthritis, anorexia, PMS, head injuries, migraines, sickle-cell anemia, stress disorders and epilepsy.

Even though most of these findings have been acknowledged by our government, a federal prohibition on medicinal marijuana still exists in the United States.

Currently, only nine people nationwide legally receive medicinal marijuana. This was made possible through the Compassionate Investigational New Drug (IND) program, whose expansion was shut down two years ago during America's "war on drugs."

The program is jointly administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, the NIDA and the Public Health Service (PHS) which led the closure, claiming that it sent a "bad signal" to the American public.

On Jan. 31, 1992, the Los Angeles Times reported that the deputy director of the Office of

Demand Reduction, Ingrid Kolb, said, "that dozens of patients who would have been eligible for the drug 'are suffering from great pain - many are dying.'"

Kolb recommended that marijuana be administered immediately to those who qualify.

Other government officials are also supportive of reopening the program and utilizing marijuana as a medicine.

The Drug Enforcement Administration's own Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, has stated that "one must reasonably conclude that there is accepted safety for use of marijuana under medical supervision. To conclude otherwise...would be unreasonable, arbitrary, and capricious..."

This opinion is widespread throughout the United States. For example, the use of medicinal

marijuana has been approved in 35 states and dozens of counties and towns.

Unfortunately, none have been allowed to distribute the medicine because of federal laws, as well as the refusal of the DEA to produce a supply.

To address this problem, several states have also passed resolutions urging Congress to end the federal prohibition on medicinal marijuana.

Part of the medical community also appears to be in favor of the plant's use as a medicine. In 1990, a survey of 2,430 cancer specialists from the American Society for Clinical Oncology revealed that 48 percent of doctors who responded said they would prescribe marijuana if it were legally available.

What's even more astounding is that 44 percent admitted to having already

advised the use of illegal marijuana to one or more patients.

Even our own surgeon general, Dr. Jocelyn Elders, has acknowledged her support for the use of medicinal marijuana under certain conditions.

Advocates for medicinal marijuana are optimistic that the Compassionate IND program may be reopened. Reports that Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala has ordered the idea looked into has fueled optimism.

The evidence supporting medicinal marijuana is so staggering that reopening the program, or one similar to it, is almost definite.

This is not a pro-drug issue. One can be against marijuana for recreational use and still support its diverse uses for medical benefits. When used for medicinal purposes, marijuana won't hurt anybody, but it can help a lot of people. ■

Morrison is a freshman majoring in journalism.

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Can Jordan really play ball with the big boys?

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RUSSELL GERBMAN



Michael Jordan, playing major league baseball? It could happen.

Unfortunately, he might get to play for the wrong reasons.

If you consider the fact that Jordan has never played semi-pro ball his entire life, added to the fact that he hasn't played baseball since he was in high school, something doesn't seem right. (No whining about how Hank Aaron came fresh out of high school to the Milwaukee Braves; he was Hank Aaron, the homerun king of all time.)

My major problem is that he does have something besides his talent that could get him into major league baseball...his NAME.

Jordan is a gold mine waiting to be tapped into by White Sox principal owner Jerry Reinsdorf.

In the last two days at Greer Stadium in Nashville, roughly \$160,000 in season, weekend and top 10 tickets have been sold, said Dot Cloud, ticket manager.

All this is happening just because Michael Jordan has a slim chance to play for the Nashville Sounds. Jordan generated that much money in a town that most likely isn't aware that the Sounds are no longer affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds, let alone that they are still a AAA team.

I have the sinking feeling that old Reinsdorf will be keeping Jordan with him in Chicago because of his money-making capacity rather than his batting

average.

Don't think that Jordan's sponsors like Nike, Gatorade and Upper Deck do not have their fingers crossed that he will be back in the sports spotlight.

Major league baseball will allow him to play even if he doesn't have the ability to play in the majors. The St. Louis Browns once brought in a midget to bat to bring in the crowds. Look at the Mets, a whole team that is not playing at the major league level.

Jordan would (and will if he makes it) make millions, if not billions, for the Sox as a third string outfielder. He could come out in the late innings and take a few cuts at the plate; if he connects, great, if not, great. The fans get to see him play.

Jordan said that he would not play if he felt he couldn't cut it. Yes, that is nice, but even Michael Jordan is human, a human with a dream that almost every boy in America has or has had in his lifetime.

If White Sox General Manager Ron Schueler came up to you and said "We want you to play for us," would you say "No, I don't think I'm good enough." No. You would jump at the chance.

Jordan will almost assuredly play for either the Sox or the Sounds. If he does go to the Sounds, he will not stay there long, because he is worth much more in Chicago than in Tennessee.

If Jordan has the ability to play baseball at a major league level, he should play. But if he is not able to play at that level, I hope he does not become a showpiece for the White Sox just to rake in big bucks. ■

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shift to I-A will allow us to maintain the current ratio and not increase it, and show me proof.

Students come here from I-A schools to get an education and because we offer great programs and an environment that supports education and not entertainment.

Football is just that, entertainment and nothing else. It is a show with TV coverage and pregame shows and postgame shows and more money for the coaches for these shows. Just read the paper. UT had to buy out Majors' contract for more than we spend in some departments, and that was just money wasted so they can entertain us better. Is that what we want for MTSU,

financial concerns beyond the scope of anything they are telling us now?

R. J. "Stumpy" Binder
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Repairs...

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What then?

There is a sign in front of the bookstore notifying students and telling them to please make arrangements early.

I guess what they mean is for students to load up on books, pencils, paper, photo and art supplies now, while they can.

Either that or go to Blue Raider. ■

Features

TOUR DE 'BORO

Bonking and breaking away with Murfreesboro's top cyclists

Jason T. Sparks
Senior Writer

You are jealous of these people.

You have mocked them behind their backs, perhaps to their faces. But you are jealous of them.

You have seen them fly by you, felt wind grazing half of your body, almost spinning you around like a character in a Chuck Jones cartoon.

Maybe you've looked at them and envied them for their ludicrously well-sculpted legs, their invisible stomachs, or their unflappable optimism (read: *their constant endorphin buzz*.) And, yes, you've mocked their occasional fashion choices—the helmets that look like a layer of Magic Shell, or those damn shorts. But you only rag on them because you know you couldn't wear them.

The people who can wear them, and do frequently—or frequently have call to wear them—are cyclists. Murfreesboro has a tight cycling circle; their stories are all variations on the same theme—they started as kids, on the Schwinn ten-speed with the reflectors on the wheels and the Marvel Comics stickers on the handlebars. And they never lost touch with it.

Some of them went into racing, some went into mountain biking. All, however, found one common truth. For them, the bike is life.

DEREK BOWERS: GOING OFF THE FRONT

He had been a serious cyclist since junior high, when he had gotten into freestyling. But he had not raced yet. So, when a race called the Spring Forward 40 came up in Hendersonville in April of 1992, Derek Bowers decided the time had come to try it out. He was right.

"You'd get out there," Bowers reflects, "and watch all these guys who'd been doin' it all along—and somehow, I hung with 'em, sort of." What Bowers means by "sort of" is that, although he came close to staying in front through the entire 45-mile race, he fell behind in the last few miles.

"The pace wasn't real hard...I didn't get dropped 'till the end,"



Carl E. Lambert, Staff

READY, SET, GO: Greg Blankenship and Derek Bowers practice sprints at Stones River National Battlefield Tuesday.

he says. As it turned out, getting dropped (falling behind—this is cyclist talk, we'll discuss it directly) was the best thing that could happen to him. It didn't disappoint him or frustrate him, it simply made him "want to work harder."

So he did work, and he kept racing; about 10 races later, Bowers found himself picked up by the Sun-Drop racing team in the summer of 1993. So now, from March to October, Bowers races semi-professionally, his expenses covered by Sun-Drop. And while 1994's racing season is yet to begin, Bowers still rides.

"You ride every day," Bowers says, "unless it's cold or a deluge is coming down, and even then, you ride an indoor trainer."

Bowers also tends to avoid riding alone. He rides either with a buddy of his named Greg Blankenship, or with Dave Brown, who has raced nationally.

"It's easier to have someone to train with," according to Derek,

"because it keeps you motivated. You push each other. If I had a day where I didn't feel motivated, I'd go out with Greg and he'd push me, we'd push each other. You push each other mentally, physically."

In other words, Greg and Dave keep Derek from bonking.

Bonking? That's cycling slang. The Unabridged Bowers' Dictionary explains thusly: "It's when your body runs completely out of energy—it usually happens when you're farthest away from home."

Other terms include *going off the front*—the phenomenon of a racer breaking out of the pack in a tight race. There are also *attacks*, or the cunning tactics of a team of racers. And, when the attack is successful, it's called *breakaway*.

"Yeah, like the movie," Derek says.

MARK MILLER: TRAIL, SHMAIL

Mark Miller's thing is mountain bikes. It almost wasn't

Oh, sure, he had always been a cycle man—"I'd always ridden the 10-speeds," he says—but Mark was very nearly lured by the easy temptations of motorcycles. He went so far as to actually buy one, and someone else went so far as to steal it.

The motorcycle was, apparently, in the wrong place at the wrong time. Mark wasn't.

"I was livin' with a buddy of mine at Brownstone (apartments)," Mark says, "and he had a mountain bike." Otherwise rideless, Mark headed for the mountains; and, when he came down, he had decided to spend the money he had been saving (to repair his motorcycle) on a mountain bike of his own.

"The freedom has kept me with it," says Miller, who also defines a mountain bike as "the most efficient machine made—you get so much out of what little effort you put into it."

What Mark has gotten out of it, besides the usual endorphins

and adrenaline, is incredibly sharp hand/eye coordination. Why?

"When you're slammin' down a trail at 30 miles an hour, bouncin' all over the place, you gotta use your hands and eyes real fast."

If you don't learn to use them, you wind up with something like what Mark has on display at Murfreesboro Bike, where he works. He has an old cycling helmet, broken into eight pieces and held together by tape. It was on Mark's head when it broke. (They're supposed to break on impact, incidentally, much like a car's crumple zone.)

The wreck didn't phase Mark; it's hard, really, to imagine what would. "I was never afraid to go out too far," he says of his early cycling days; "I'd go until I was out of light."

He's finding it easier to ride locally, because people are finally letting mountain bikers onto their private land. They know, or are

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Martin Luther King lives again on stage

One-man show highlights the life of the controversial civil rights leader

Yanetra Mitchell
Staff Writer

It's not too often that the attributes of African-Americans are acknowledged by a wide audience.

This is especially true considering many African-Americans feel they aren't acknowledged the remaining 11 months of the year.

One great thing, however, is that Americans have the choice of attending college, a place of higher education, to learn about the accomplishments of these prestigious African-American influences.

Perhaps this is the reason why the African-American Students Association and the Fine Arts Committee of MTSU are presenting the live stage performance of "MLK: We Are the Dream," in honor of African-American History Month, 1994.

"We wanted to show the significance Martin Luther King had on African-Americans," Ronald Malone of the African-American Student Association says. "Why he promoted non-violence."

"MLK" is not just any stage

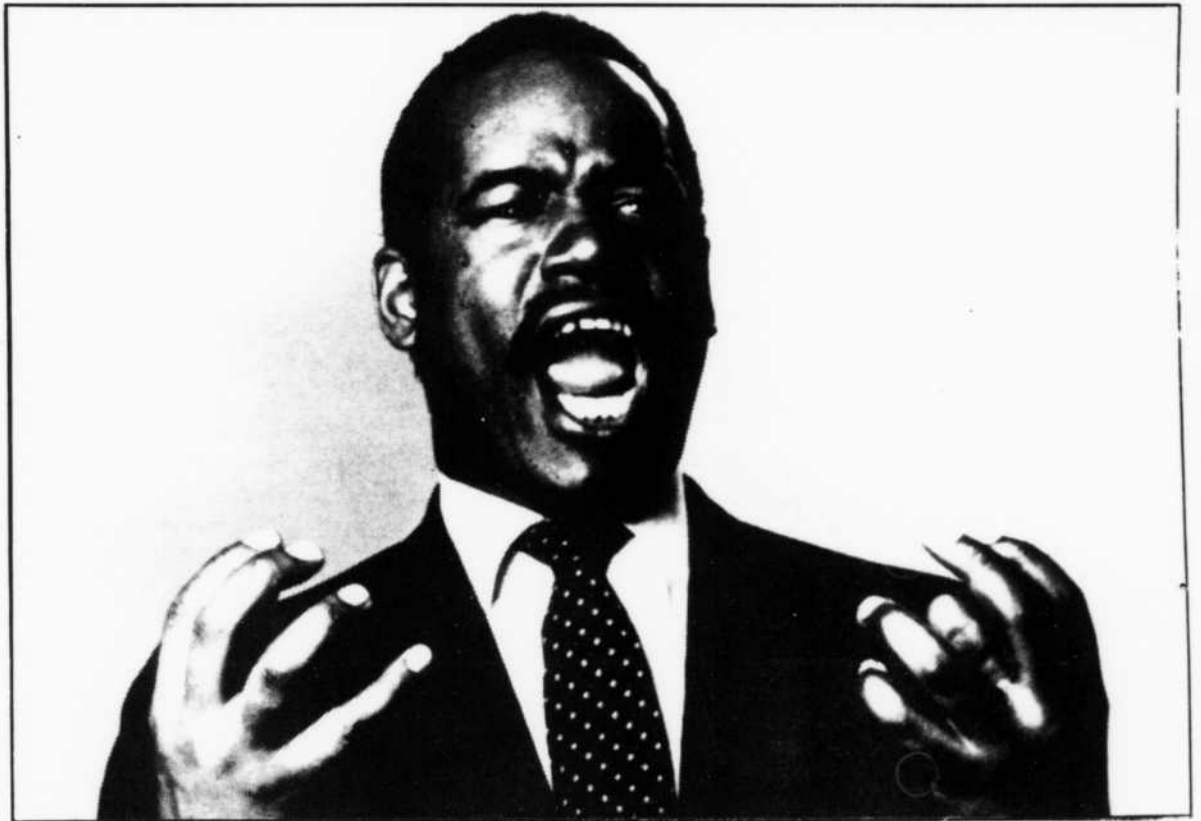
performance. It doesn't lecture on a great man who many of us probably have either heard, or otherwise already know about through our textbooks and various newspaper clippings. "MLK" is more of a journey into the life of King and his contributions in the Civil Rights Movement, as performed by the young actor Al Eaton.

An actor from Los Angeles, Eaton re-creates the portrayal of King as the non-violent and benevolent Civil Rights leader through his realistic facial expressions, vocal resonance, and lively gestures.

"He breathes life into the character. Students will have an opportunity to see Martin Luther King come to life on stage," Malone says.

Eaton doesn't only focus on the Civil rights leader. He also dramatically creates four other characters who had personal reactions to King and the Civil Rights Movement.

The first is Willie Smith, the narrator. He is an eccentric and wise elder who lived through not only both world wars, but also Rosa Parks' courageous decision not to give up her bus seat to a



MLK REVISITED: Los Angeles-based actor Al Eaton will be presenting his one man show on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. as part of African-American history month.

white man.

There's also Nathaniel B. Wright, a well-educated Northerner unsure of where he stands regarding the movement. He joins the Student Non-Violent Coordination Committee (SNCC) on his own initiative, although his vigilant parents persuade him not to join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Ben Freeman is the subservient worker of the tobacco field whose fear of his boss keeps him from disliking the Jim Crow laws that he respects.

Eaton's last character, Robert "Hassan" Butler, is an angry and militant member of the Black Panthers who seeks revenge on the "white devils."

And while you would expect a dramatic set with a dynamic performance, the set is actually bare, except for a few stage props. There is a table, a chair, and a lectern, which Eaton uses to stand behind to transform himself into King.

A backdrop, hanging with his clothes, is also used to display photographs of marching people holding signs.

"MLK" will give you the opportunity, as a student of higher education, to indulge in a little information about the magnificent impact that the Civil Rights Movement and its leader had on race-conscious 1960s America.

"MLK" has a lot to offer," Malone says. "Not just showing one side of how things were done, but showing a balance."

"MLK" performs live at Keathley University Center Theater, Sunday, at 8:00 p.m. ■

Bad Brains continues famous sound with new release

Don Carr
Staff Writer

As the '70s came to a close, the original punk music scene found itself somewhat in disarray.

When punk first exploded onto the American masses in the mid-'70s, it represented a small faction of music listeners who had grown tired of the FM radio banter of Boston, Fleetwood Mac and the like, and sick of the disco craze that was overpowering the American entertainment world.

As punk's popularity grew, it became unavoidable that its aggressive, obnoxious appeal would soon be harnessed by the powers that be (record labels, the media and many of the artists themselves) and neutered into a more commercially viable product.

By 1982, punk "stars" such as the Sex Pistols and the Germs had either died, disbanded or evolved into new wave artists like Billy Idol, Adam Ant and the now "radio-ready" Clash.

While mainstream American radio began clamoring over these new, "outrageous" stars, faithful legions of punk fans were preparing a second wave of underground heroes.



BAD BRAINS

Among this new generation of hard-core heroes stood Bad Brains. Hailing from Washington D.C., this quartet of Jamaican-rooted musicians combined the musical brutality of punk with the spiritual and political awareness and rhythms of reggae. This is an odd coupling, but one the Bad Brains pull off brilliantly.

For nearly 15 years, Bad Brains has remained at the forefront of the underground music scene, releasing several independent label records and performing on countless tours. Among their best releases are "Quickness", "Banned In D.C." and "Live."

Bad Brains' biggest break

came a few years ago when they landed a deal with Sony's Epic label. This break did not alter their sound and will broaden their fan reach.

However, before the band could enjoy their new-found success, they had to weather the storm of personnel changes.

Original vocalist HR, who had been drifting in and out of the band over the last few years, left the group permanently in order to pursue a solo career.

His replacement, former Faith No More singer Chuck Mosley didn't work out, and he, too, soon departed.

After several well-publicized try-outs, the band settled with frontman Israel Joseph-I. Along the way original drummer Earl Hudson exited the band replaced him with Mackie Jayson who did some session work on 1989's "Quickness."

With a new line up in tow, the Bad Brains began work on their first major release: "Rise". This 12 song CD stays within the framework of the bands' customary style. Bad Brains know what their fans want and, as with previous albums, they deliver.

The group pulls no punches on the power-driven tracks

"Unidentified," "Free," "Rise" and "Hair," as guitarist Dr. Know slams out damaging chord patterns and technically fluid solos over a solid rhythm, provided by drummer Mackie and bassist Darryle Jenifer.

Vocalist Israel Joseph-I bears a strong resemblance to former vocalist HR, while adding his own personality to the band's over-all sound.

As always, Bad Brains has included a handful of reggae numbers that blend in well among the other tracks. Both the ballads and up-beat numbers, "Love is the Answer," "Yes, Jah" and "Without You," are well-crafted and could easily fall in among any traditional reggae artist's catalog.

Though many of the songs on "Rise" could fit the programming of alternative radio, it is doubtful that much, if any, of "Rise" will hit the non-college market radio.

New listeners may not know what to make of the Bad Brains' mixture of sounds, but fans of the band should not be disappointed with the new release. "Rise" is not much of a variation from the Bad Brains of the past. This is more of a continuation of a sound and style fans have grown to expect, respect and admire. ■

Mmmmm, good Cracker

Drew Reynolds
Staff Writer

"Songwriting is like stripping," explains David Lowery of Cracker, "Some dancers just go a little farther than others."



CRACKER

If that's the case, Lowery, frontman for the Southern California-based alternative rockers, shows a lot of himself on *Kerosene Hat*, the band's second album for Virgin Records.

Released last fall, *Kerosene Hat* earned four-star reviews for the band and acclaim for singer/guitarist Lowery, who wrote or co-wrote all but one of the album's tracks.

Cracker's tour in support of *Kerosene Hat* comes to Nashville Friday night for a show at 328 Performance Hall.

Following the 1990 breakup of his former band, Camper Van Beethoven ("Take The Skinheads

Bowling"), Lowery recruited guitarist/co-writer and longtime friend Johnny Hickman to form Cracker.

The band's self-titled 1992 debut album and its single "Teen Angst (What the World Needs Now)" were well-received by critics and landed the band on the college charts.

In the interim before the second album, the band also released *Tucson*, a four-song EP recorded in a one-day session. Two of these songs are bonus tracks on *Kerosene Hat*.

Recorded in an abandoned movie soundstage in the California desert, *Kerosene Hat* builds on the strengths of the first album, again demonstrating both solid hooks and Lowery's wry humor. The band's sound reflects a unique combination of influences, from the country-blues of the Stones' *Sticky Fingers* era to the raw, garage rock of Neil Young to the surly insolence of the Sex Pistols. Hickman's tasteful guitar work substitutes feeling for flash, and provides the vehicle for the band's music. But, Lowery's raspy delivery and charisma drive the band. (The two are joined on the tour by ex-Poi Dog Pondering bassist Bruce Hughes and ex-Pixies drummer David Lovering.)

Lowery's knack for offbeat stories is apparent throughout the album. Whether writing about an actress beheaded in a car accident

("Movie Star") or telling the true story of a Soviet Cosmonaut abandoned in space while his country collapsed below him ("Nostalgia"), he always keeps it interesting. Lowery also avoids predictability: on the first album, he trashes the Flower Power mind-set in "Don't F*** Me Up (With Peace And Love)"; on *Kerosene Hat*, the band covers a Dead song ("Loser").

Refreshingly, Lowery stays away from the politically-correct posturing rampant in today's music world. His lyrics scoff at the idea of pop artists as angst-ridden sages bringing their wisdom to the masses (for example, Stipe, Vedder ad nauseam).

He also rejects the idea of pop music as a tool for raising social consciousness. In "Teen Angst," Lowery claims both ignorance and apathy about the plight of the world ("I don't know what the world may need"), but says that good stiff drinks and V-8 engines would probably help.

The chorus of "Get Off This" from *Kerosene Hat* shouts "If you want to change the world/shut your mouth and start this minute."

Lowery's songs focus simply on intriguing characters in interesting situations. You won't find any heavy "message" songs here. Lowery prefers punchlines to politics, and it's a great change of pace. ■



Carl E. Lambert, Staff

BUG OFF: Cathy Griggs and James Brown are appearing in The University Players production of "The Bug." The play opens this weekend in the Arena Theatre. For reservations and ticket information contact the University Box Office at extension 2716.

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Cycle...

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arning, that there exists "a strong unwritten law" among mountain bikers, the law being "Respect the trail."

"They know we won't ride in thick mud, and cause ruts; they know we won't leave six-packings, or kill the flowers," he says.

"I was going down a trail at Monteaule one time I hit a downhill; branches and leaves were hittin' me, and I remember just giving up, just going, 'I'm crashing, I'm giving up.' And then came through, and I was on the trail."

DAVE BROWN: CAT ONE.

There's something cool about referencing old athletes (Ruth, Ali, Grange, Walton); there's something cooler about referencing international athletes (Liston, Pele, Sadahuru). Add another international to your repertoire-Carlos Alvarado. He's one of the top cyclists in Costa Rica.

Dave Brown knows him.

"I started racing when I was about 14-just like here in little league, y'know?"

When he was 18, Dave came to America. No longer in a country where cycling was "as big as basketball," it was easy for him to join the then-small United States Bicycling Federation. "My number was 1,170-now, people's numbers are about 32,000."

Since joining, Dave has raced in Gila, Caspar, and the Wisconsin Super Week, among others; he has also raced in a 13-day race in Costa Rica-the World Series of Costa Rican racing.

In 1984's race, he was able to race on a team with his longtime hero, Carlos Alvarado. He helped Alvarado up a 26,000-foot mountain. "Sometimes, you're leader's not a good climber. You help him up, you chase the other riders."

Dave is 35 now; at his peak, he was racing in the pro leagues. He was a Cat One-a racing category limited to the country's best riders, who ride full-time. Racers in this category frequently race for up to \$25,000-and they're considered amateurs.

"There's a fine line between a great amatuer and a decent pro," Brown says. "You're getting paid, sometimes as much as \$100,000-but you're doing it for the love, supposedly." He laughs.

Brown is marking his 15th

year in the Federation. He no longer races constantly, listing himself as a "Weekend Warrior."

He still focuses on bicycling, even if he's not riding; he's pursuing a doctorate in sports physiology.

"When we started," Brown says, "it was just, 'pound your balls into the concrete and ride as hard as you can. We didn't even know what a heart-rate monitor was. Now, we wouldn't think about riding without a heart-rate monitor.'" Brown was frequently studied by physiologists at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale; at the time, he rode so much that his body fat went down to 4%.

By the way, Dave wants something made perfectly clear: bikers do not shave their legs for wind resistance. It's for hygiene. In the biking game, one's legs get hurt a lot, and hairs impede the healing process. "How could a few hairs change wind resistance?" Dave asks.

How indeed. So sayeth Cat One.

ANYTHING ELSE?

Yes. I spoke to Glenn Hawkins, the manager of Skeddadle's, a cycle shop that's been doing steady trade in Murfreesboro for 13 years. According to Glenn, "There's a lot happening here for commuter use of cycles, and families interested in cycling."

Specifically, Congressman Bart Gordon is allocating federal funds to build bike routes. The city has also hired a North Carolina-based company, Greenways, to survey the town and generally research feasibility. If market demand is a factor, then it's a sure thing. Mountain bikes, racing bikes, hybrids, and all the various accoutrements are leaving Glenn's store at a steady pace. For some, the bikes offer health benefits; Hawkins particularly cites runners who can't take pressure on their legs anymore. But mostly, Hawkins feels that bicycles are, for most people, "something they enjoyed in their childhood...they associate a lot of fun with a lot of good memories."

Whatever the reason, the bikes are moving. Everyone I talked to spoke of "freedom"; every rider seems to view their bike as a ticket to freedom. And if they'll be the 'Boro's ticket to becoming an environmentally-conscious town full of calm, healthy people, so be it. Let's go off the front. ■

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Sports

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Air Jordan coming to MTSU?

Possible if Michael becomes a Sound

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

What started as a fundraising event is steadily snowballing into the unexpected and perhaps one of the biggest moments in MTSU athletic history.

On April 4, 1993 the Nashville Sounds, the Chicago White Sox Triple A baseball team will make a guest appearance at Reese Smith Field to play an exhibition against the Blue Raiders. That in itself is impressive, but the fact that Michael Jordan could be there is causing a circus, according to MTSU coach Steve Peterson.

"With the possibility of Michael Jordan coming, it has made this thing a circus event with our stadium being right in the middle of it," admitted Peterson.

That isn't necessarily bad. In fact, Peterson is quite delighted.

All funds taken in at the ticket booth will be donated toward the building of an indoor baseball facility on campus. Tickets, which went on sale yesterday for \$10

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- Steve Peterson
MTSU baseball coach

each, are already selling like hot cakes and with all the commotion, officials are exploring alternate seating at Reese Smith Field that could expand its capacity from 2,600 to the possibility of 5,000. Student tickets, priced at \$5 each, also went on sale yesterday.

"We want to entertain anybody who buys a ticket," Peterson said. "It's a 50-50 shot (that Jordan will play for the Nashville Sounds) and the public knows that. But this will be an unbelievable event. If everything falls into place, it'll be something that the Middle Tennessee State community, not just the university, will never forget."

Like Peterson explained, it's only a 50-50 shot that Jordan will end up in a Sounds uniform. The nation got its first glimpse of the basketball wonder in a gym working out just days ago. Baskets that he reached so easily in leading the Chicago Bulls to three straight NBA titles were raised to the roof and the baseball made a strange thud as it hit the wood floor. One grounder went right through Jordan's legs. Yet grounders don't seem to be the determining factor, hitting does.

Jordan took more than 50 cuts in the batting cage and hit only several line drives.

"Obviously he's a tremendous athlete and I think basketball players are probably some of the best athletes in the world and if they put their total commitment into whatever sport they choose to go into, they could probably be successful" said Peterson.

But

"The thing is baseball is a very, very, very unique sport just

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Nashville Sounds

vs

MTSU Blue Raiders

Monday April 4

\$5 student tickets now on sale at the Athletic Ticket Office in Murphy Center. You must have a student ticket and valid ID to get into the game. All other tickets are \$10.

Lady Raiders head south for warmer tennis action

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

With winter weather blowing unpredictable in Middle Tennessee, most people wish they were further south. MTSU's tennis Lady Raiders are currently fulfilling that desire by playing West Florida this Friday in their first action of the spring season.

"We've got a couple of new players and its too early to tell what they'll do and we haven't played outdoors much, so we've already got some strikes against us," said MTSU coach Dale Short. "But it's going to be great to get out and play some solid competition. I guess you could say we've had 'cabin fever.'"

West Florida is an NAIA powerhouse, but Mobile is the NAIA defending champion and the Lady Raiders will make a stop there on Saturday. Sunday, they'll challenge Southeast Louisiana.

"We've got a lot of depth, and that should help us," admitted Short. "We have eight girls up and down the list that are all pretty even."

Short's men also hit the hardcourt this weekend, facing Vanderbilt and Miami of Ohio on Saturday in Nashville.

However, it won't be the first action of the spring for all the Blue Raiders. Recently Paul Goebel and Fredric Niemeyer participated in the Nationals, where they finished eighth. It was the first time in MTSU's tennis history that a team had competed in such an event.

"They beat the seventh-ranked team (New Mexico) and then they got beat by the number one team (from UAB, who they beat recently)," Short said. "Even though they didn't win, it's the best thing to ever happen to us. We now have three wins over some of the nation's top doubles teams. Barring we don't

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Schmittou licking his chops

Jordan in a Sounds uniform equals bucks for Nashville

Lucas L. Johnson II
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — City officials know Michael Jordan as a Nashville Sound would pack the stadium, they're also thinking it will help local businesses.

"People will plan trips around baseball games and, hopefully, not just go to the baseball games but everything else Nashville has to offer," Erma Choate, of the Nashville and Tennessee Hotel-Motel Association, told The Tennessean in a story published Tuesday.

Jordan signed a contract with the Nashville Sounds Monday. The Chicago White Sox are affiliated with the Class AAA American Association team.

Sounds president Larry Schmittou more than welcomed the news.

"I feel like Joe Carter must have felt when he hit that home run at the end of the World

"I feel like Joe Carter must have felt when he hit that home run at the end of the World Series."

- Larry Schmittou
Nashville Sounds President

Series," Schmittou said.

"Every line here in our office has been busy. I've talked to some people I haven't heard from in 15 years."

Schmittou said the Sounds have already sold well over \$100,000 worth of tickets since Jordan's announcement.

"Most of the tickets we've sold have been season tickets, priced at \$360," he said. "Tomorrow (Tuesday), we're going to start selling regular game tickets on a pre-paid basis."

Word of Jordan's signing also set off a ticket craze at other American Association cities.

Schmittou knows there's danger things could fall through. The White Sox will have to decide if Jordan indeed is ready to play Triple-A ball. And Schmittou has to live with decisions about Jordan made by White Sox management.

Jordan is set to report to Chicago's spring training camp next week in Sarasota, Fla.

"This doesn't mean it's 100 percent he'll be here," Schmittou said. "He's got to make the team. If it's left up to me, he can play here whether he has (major league) potential or not."

Ray Methvin, a bartender at local sports bar the Box Seat, said he was already a Nashville Sounds fan and predicted Jordan would draw an extra 2,000 people a game.

"I'm glad to see somebody try something new," he said. "He's a talented player, and usually talent translates through (different) sports. But I prefer to see him in basketball." ■

Blue Raiders must learn how to win

"It's an old adage in sports; you have to learn how to win."

If I had a dime for every time I have heard MTSU men's coach David Farrar say that this year, I would definitely be a rich man.

The thing is, it's not a cliché; in the case of the MTSU men's basketball team, he is absolutely correct.

Despite a 5-15 overall record, MTSU is not a 'Bad' team. This is a team that in all reality should be above the .500 mark for the year. This is a team that for all of its losses, has only really been blown out of two games. It is a team that simply needs to learn how to win.

The Blue Raiders' problem this year has been coming to play for 40 minutes. Against Murray State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and both Tennessee State games there has always been a scoring or defensive lapse that has allowed the opponent to get a victory.

Even in their victories against Austin Peay and UT-Martin, Middle has let big leads slip to allow the games to stay close.

What can a coaching staff do? I don't know.

I do know that Farrar has tried every possible thing he can. However, there is only so much a



Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

coaching staff can do, the players are the ones that must perform.

Despite all of the rough luck MTSU has endured this year, there was one thing that has impressed me about them, they never quit during a game.

That was true until Saturday night.

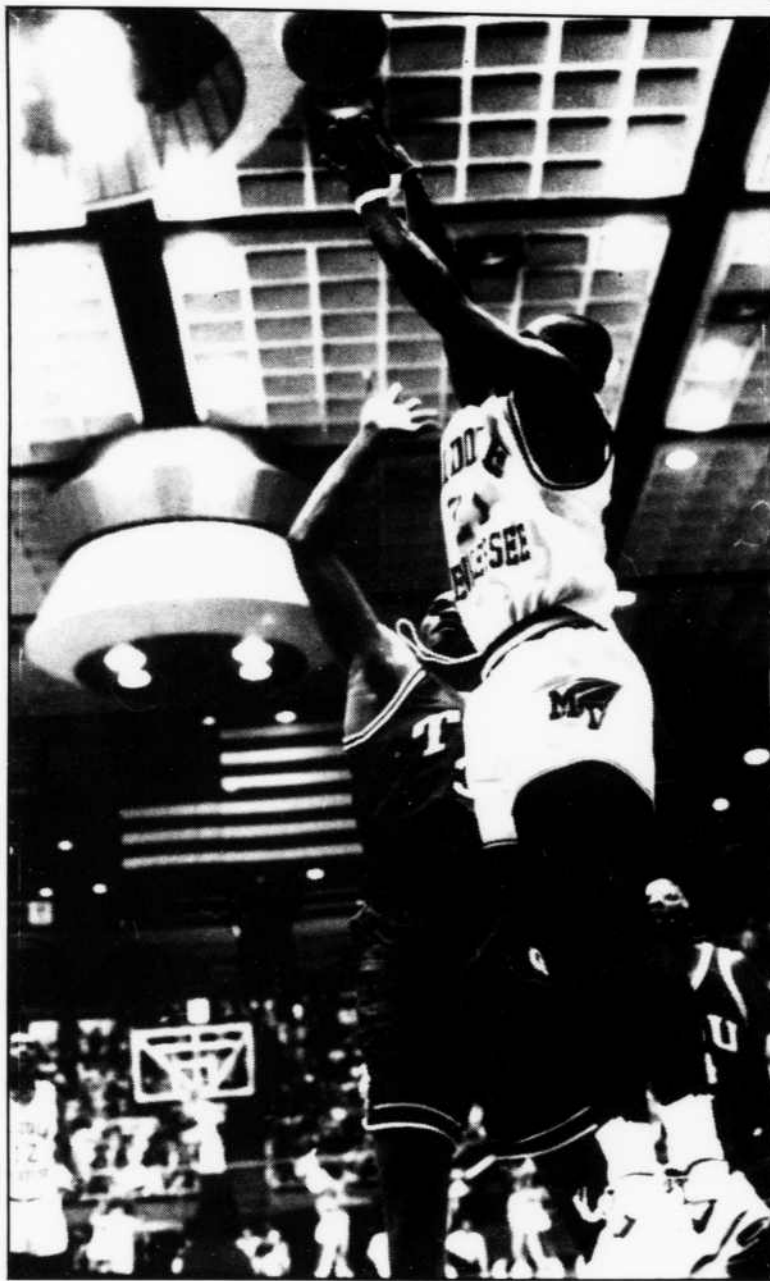
After playing TSU to a relative draw in the first half, before over 9,000 hostile fans at the Gentry Center, the second half had all of the makings of an exciting finish.

Instead it turned out to be a boring cakewalk for TSU. What went wrong?

Another scoring drought that was combined with an unaggressive defense. After that, the Blue Raiders just simply quit.

Although it may seem far-fetched, this Saturday night's game could go a long way to telling the future of MTSU basketball. The OVC leaders,

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Coley Jackson, staff

LONE SENIOR: Milton Dean is the only senior on the MTSU team.

Track meet set for here Saturday

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee's Roland McGhee, who has already met the NCAA qualifying standard in four events, will lead the Blue Raiders against a field of six teams for a track meet at MTSU's Murphy Center on Saturday, starting at 11:30 a.m. (CST). Admission is free.

The six teams invading the MTSU campus for both men's and women's competition include Southeast Missouri, Western Kentucky, UT-Chattanooga, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Alabama A&M. A&M's women are the defending NCAA Division II national champions.

McGhee has already met or surpassed NCAA qualifying standards in the 55-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the long jump and triple jump. He is undefeated this season in both the sprints and long jump.

Teammate Micoh Otis has qualified for NCAA competition in the high hurdles and long jump. Other possible point winners for the Blue Raiders include Carlos Gupton in the 400-meter dash, Ron Lloyd in both the 55-meter and 200-meter races, and Tom Hampton in both the

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ON THE LINE

INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 11.

Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque.

If a game has MTSU 'vs' TSU, it means the game is at a neutral site. Also note that some contests will be womens games and some teams will appear more than once since they play more than one game per week.

Send entries to 'On the Line', Box 42, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tn. 37132 (Box 42 if sent through campus mail), or come by the JUB, room 310 and leave them in the sports mailbox. Late entries won't be accepted unless postmarked by the deadline date.

Congratulations!

Sorry, we're still waiting on the first week of results. Barring we can keep up with them this week, we should have some standings next week.

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_____	NC State at Florida St.	_____	_____	SE Missouri at Tenn. Tech	_____
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_____	Mich. at Ohio State	_____	_____	Temple at UMASS	_____

Foul-up axes first week of 'Line' picks

Due to a mistake, the first week of 'On the Line' has been nullified.

Following MTSU's game with UT-martin on Monday, Jan. 31 I, Tony Arnold, inadvertently placed my note pad on top of my car while opening to door and removing something from the front seat and I didn't pick it back up.

Upon my arrival at home, I realized my mistake. I traced my tracks backwards and found evidence of the pad at an intersection, but it was gone and in it was an envelope containing everyone's entries for the first 'Line.'

I apologize for the mishap and in order to make up the 16 games, we've doubled the size of this week's 'Line.'

In order to make it fair for a T-shirt, we'll count the right and left sections different. A perfect 16-0 record in either will qualify you for the shirt.

My Apologies,
Tony J. Arnold

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Future

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Murray State, will be coming to Murphy Athletic Center and it will be interesting to see how Middle will bounce back. They will have had a week off to prepare and get over the loss to TSU.

At the end of this year, Middle will lose only one senior, Milton Dean. Of course, someone who averages over 20 points a game like Dean will not be easily replaced, but everyone else will be back.

MTSU should return second-leading scorer Tim Gaither. Also returning after battling injuries this year should be a healthy Shawn Driskill and Corey Norwood. Plus, Middle will add 6-foot-10-inch Minnesota transfer David Washington to the line-up at the Christmas break next year. MTSU has the makings of a good, quality basketball team next year.

But the Blue Raiders need to step up their game against Murray State Saturday night and prove their talents now. They

Tennis

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stump our toes in the next few matches, we should be ranked in the top 10."

Being ranked high would be a treat for Short and his team, this weekend's action weighs heavily

Jordan

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by the fact of hitting. A lot of the time, just being a good athlete, just having good hand-eye coordination will not let you become a good hitter. There's more to it than that."

And therein lies the reason why Jordan may end up in a Sounds uniform.

"If he shows any type of promise in spring training, I can't see them sending him to A or AA because it's not a two to three year deal. They're going to put him against pretty tough competition so he can see himself and he'll know if he has a shot to make it. If he sees he can't, I think he'll be the first to say 'thanks, but I can't do it.'"

Major league teams, like the Chicago White Sox, have farm teams and these are classified by A's with Single A being the players beginning at the bottom to Triple A (AAA) with rosters filled with players on the verge of making the major leagues. Even if Jordan doesn't make it to

Track

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hurdles and the 200-meter dash.

Jacqui Brown, who has met the NCAA long jump qualifying standard of 20-4 3/4, and sprinter Natalie Brown are expected to lead the charge for the Lady Raiders against a strong field.

The MTSU women also show considerable strength in the hurdles behind Kim Williams and

need to prove to themselves that they will not get down and quit. They need to learn how to win and they need to learn now.

A few victories at the end of the season would be a big boost carry over to next year.

As I saw in a commercial once and it applies here "The Future Is Now."

One quick thing. When I started covering MTSU men's basketball team this year, I must admit I was nervous. Having read or heard so many negative things in various places about Coach Farrar, I dreaded having to get postgame interviews from him.

However, I must say that the majority of what I had heard was untrue. As Farrar told *The Nashville Banner* earlier this year "I think if you talk to 10 different people, you'll get 10 different opinions about my personality."

Well, here is my opinion. Farrar is a straight-forward, honest, hard-working coach. As MTSU is lucky to have him. ■

on his mind, especially since Patrick Zackrisson and Matt Follett are nursing arm problems.

"Vanderbilt has some of the young talent and it'll be tough to beat them," Short said. "We'll all have to deal with the injuries, but we have a lot of depth and that should help." ■

Nashville, fans will still be in for a treat when game-time rolls around.

"Let's not lose sight of the fact that getting a pro baseball team to come in here and play us is a major accomplishment and there are a lot of players that have been in the bigs," said Peterson. "It's going to definitely be a night to remember."

It will be a night to for see some future pros but also at the ticket office, where a 5,000-person night could, at most, result in a \$50,000 night that would go a long way in building the desired baseball facility.

Currently, the program has amassed \$40,000 through fundraising. Peterson said he anticipates the structure will cost a ball park figure of around \$300,000.

"It's something we need as a team and it's something that will add beauty to the campus and everyone will be proud of it," Peterson said. "It'll be around many years after I'm gone and it'll be quite a feather in MTSU's cap." ■

Nadrian McGill. Nikki Woodard placed in the 600-meter run in Indiana last week and MTSU's mile relay team, composed of McGill, Kim Watson, Tyjuan Phillips and Melanie Hall, broke four minutes last week.

As in the men's competition the shorter races could offer the top events of the day. SEMO and Alabama A&M both will be bringing an outstanding blend of sprinters to the meet. ■



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