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HAPPY EARTH DAY TO YOU! Students celebrate Earth Day at the Outback.

Journalism prof joins Perot campaign staff

TERRY MASSEY
Editor-in-Chief

MTSU professor James Squires has been named media campaign director for billionaire and potential presidential candidate H. Ross Perot, the *Dallas Morning News* reported Wednesday.

Squires, who holds the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence for First Amendment studies, is currently teaching two journalism courses. He will join the Perot campaign at the end of the semester.

Perot invited Squires to Dallas over the weekend to discuss the campaign and the position. The former editor of the *Chicago Tribune* and *Orlando Sentinel* has reportedly taken the position, although he has not confirmed his decision with MTSU officials.

"Knowing Jim as I do, I am sure he has struggled with this

decision," Ed Kimbrell, dean of the School of Mass Communication said. "He doesn't take steps by happenstance -- he thinks things through."

Squires, a native of New Middleton, Tennessee, is known as an innovator in the area of news and media organization. The themes of his seminar class stress the impact of technology on the old and new media cultures, also the subject of his book that is currently in the works.

"I suspect that if he runs for president, he would do it in an unconventional way, wouldn't you?" Squires told reporters after the announcement.

Although Perot has not yet announced his intention to run for president, a grassroots campaign to get the Texas businessman on the ballot is currently underway in all 50 states. Tennessee was the first state to do so.

Squires is still out of town and could not be reached for

comment. However, in a *Dallas Morning News* report, he said that Perot's candidacy could revitalize American politics.

Kimbrell said the combination of Squires' intellectual curiosity and the character of Perot were probably the determining factors in his decision.

"Jim is probably experimenting with his own career," Kimbrell said. "He loves a challenge and first experience."

In his career, Squires led the *Chicago Tribune* to several Pulitzer prizes in his eight-year reign as editor, turned the failing *Orlando Sentinel* into one of the nation's most successful daily newspapers and has been referred to as "the best editor alive in America today" by media great Al Neuharth.

Squires is expected back on campus next week to finish out the semester before joining the Perot campaign in mid-May.

Housing plan considered for non-traditional students

STAFF REPORTS

At a meeting on April 7, the University Housing office and the Adult Service Center examined the possibility of special on-campus housing arrangements for adult students. Under discussion were the usual benefits that on-campus residents receive as well as some additional benefits that adult students could get in a specially designated living area. It was decided that if a minimum of

50 individuals applied for adult student housing, a special living area responsive to their needs would be set aside.

Those benefits available to all residents include MTSU's on-campus rental rates, the lowest of the entire Tennessee university system. Also, all rooms and apartments are air-conditioned and each unit offers telephone access, smoke detector, venetian blinds, and furniture.

In addition, on-campus residents eliminate the expense, time and hassle of commuting back and forth. Plus, they live close to campus facilities: MTSU offers a cinema, outdoor stadium, music hall, theatre, post office, bookstore, tennis and basketball courts, library, computer workstations, music practice rooms, indoor swimming pool, and more.

Resident Assistants,

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Model United Nations team wins four regional awards

SAM GANNON

News Editor

NICOLE M. SIKORA

Assistant News Editor

Four out of five possible awards were captured by the MTSU Model United Nations in the 20th annual Deep South Model United Nations tournament.

The tournament was held on April 10-12 at the University of Southern Alabama. Over 30 teams attended the event.

"We more or less dominated it," said team sponsor and Associate Professor of Political Science Jack

Turner. "I'm very proud of their performance."

Mary Katharine Harvey, Cara Loeffler and Laura Patterson, representing the nation of Yemen, received the award for best delegation.

Harvey and teammates Beth Tidwell and Jason Harper received Best Delegate awards for participation in Model United Nations committees.

Harvey was delegate to the political and security council. Beth

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THE ELLEN JAMES SOCIETY

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*Mud Brothers
& Count Bass D

K.U.C. Courtyard:
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MUSIC STARTS AT 3:00 PM

Free concert Friday at KUC

STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU Special Events Committee will present recording artist *The Ellen James Society* in a free concert at 3 p.m. on Friday in the Keathley University Center courtyard on the MTSU campus. Special guests are *Count Bass D* and *The Mud Brothers*.

The Ellen James Society is an alternative college band that leans heavily toward rock'n'roll. The band recently returned from a national tour as the opening act for the *Indigo Girls*. *The Ellen James Society* is currently touring to support a second album for Daemon Records, "The Survivor Parade."

The Mud Brothers and *Count Bass D* are opening for *The Ellen James Society*. *The Mud Brothers* are a local college band performing original music as well as classic rock'n'roll. Rapper *Count Bass D* is a student at MTSU. Call 898-2551 for additional information.

Team

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Tidwell was delegate to the economic, social and humanitarian committee and Jason Harper served as delegate to the special political committee.

Loeffler and Dustin Lance earned honorable mention awards for their respective work on the economic and social committee and the special political committee.



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Criminal Justice Society meeting, 6:30 pm, Keathley University Center, call Michael Cristoph 893-5966.

Deadline for Softball Tournament entries, call 898-2104.

Sigma Tau Delta organizational meeting, 4:30 pm, Peck Hall 107.

College of Liberal Arts annual awards reception, 5 pm, Alumni Center, call 2640.

College Republicans meeting, 6:30 pm, KUC 313, call Jason 898-3976.

Society for Human Resource Management meeting and pictures, 3:15 pm, Peck Hall.

Womyn's Political Action Group elections, 4:30, KUC Grill, call Chris Taylor 3597.

Saturday, April 25

Stones River Clean-up, 10 am, meet in Greenland parking lot.

Health Fair, 8 am, Murphy Center.

Other Campus Events

Deadline for clearing financial debts for

grades, Tuesday May 5, 4 pm.

Pre-Law Society, display of trophies won in regional and national competitions, first floor lobby of Cope Administration building.

English department, tutoring lab, noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:40-4:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, appointments can be made in Peck Hall 324.

Greek Week, April 20-24, Volleyball, Olympics, etc.

Division of Continuing Studies classes, May 1992, call 2462.

Food Drive, April 22-23, 8 am-3 pm, KUC and Greenland Drive, call Michael Cristoph 893-5966.

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When does a date become a crime?

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Furthermore, university housing residents both at MTSU and around the nation maintain a higher GPA than students who live off campus. Repeated surveys here and nationwide have demonstrated this phenomenon. No doubt the time saved by not commuting allows residents to spend additional time studying, doing homework, or researching.

Beyond the usual benefits of on-campus living, adult learners in a specially designated floor

could request and receive a set of rules that reflect their particular concerns. For instance, given the businesslike approach that they bring to their studies, adult students can have their floor designated as one with 24-hour strict quiet hours. This would promote a serious study atmosphere as well as reduce the noise levels of social activity.

University Housing is also willing to appoint adult student staff for a specially designated adult student residence area. Since a number of returning students already work for Housing, this would not be difficult to do.

You can show your interest in adult student housing for fall 1992, by filing out a housing application form. Pick up an application in the Adult Service Center, Room 203, Peck Hall. Your response is needed no later than the first week in May, so if you plan to live on campus let us know right away.

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Opinions

Sidelines staffer calls rodeos 'bunch of bull'

The rodeo—many see it as innocent entertainment. It evokes nostalgia, All-American feelings, and visions of cowboys conquering the unknown. Good, clean fun, right? Think again.

I won't deny the gee-honey-let's-get-the-kids-and-spend-an-evening-together value of the rodeo. And I would be hard pressed to think of something more romantic than an evening with someone I care deeply about, gazing into my loved one's eyes while the scent of cow manure wafts through the air.

This sounds a wee bit on the sarcastic side. It is: I am sick and tired of the way living creatures are exploited. I am not an animal rights activist who would go into a pet store, tie up the manager, open the cages and scream "RUN FREE, RUN FREE!" Yet, I feel this is an important issue because animals are not the only ones who are exploited in society's warped search for entertainment. Children and the environment are other examples.

Calves that "participate" in calf roping often suffer from dislocations as a result. And don't you think horses and bulls that are ridden in numerous rodeos would eventually be tame enough not to buck? They would, if they didn't have straps around their flanks/genitals tightened enough to make them buck. Face it, these animals are forced to do acts that do not come natural to them—constituting abuse.

I implore everyone to boycott the Charlie Daniels rodeo being held at the Tennessee Livestock Center on April 24 and 25. The money you would have spent at the event (\$9) would have been donated to the Noon Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Send it there yourself: 115 Heritage Park Drive, Murfreesboro, Tn., 37129.

--Nicole M. Sikora

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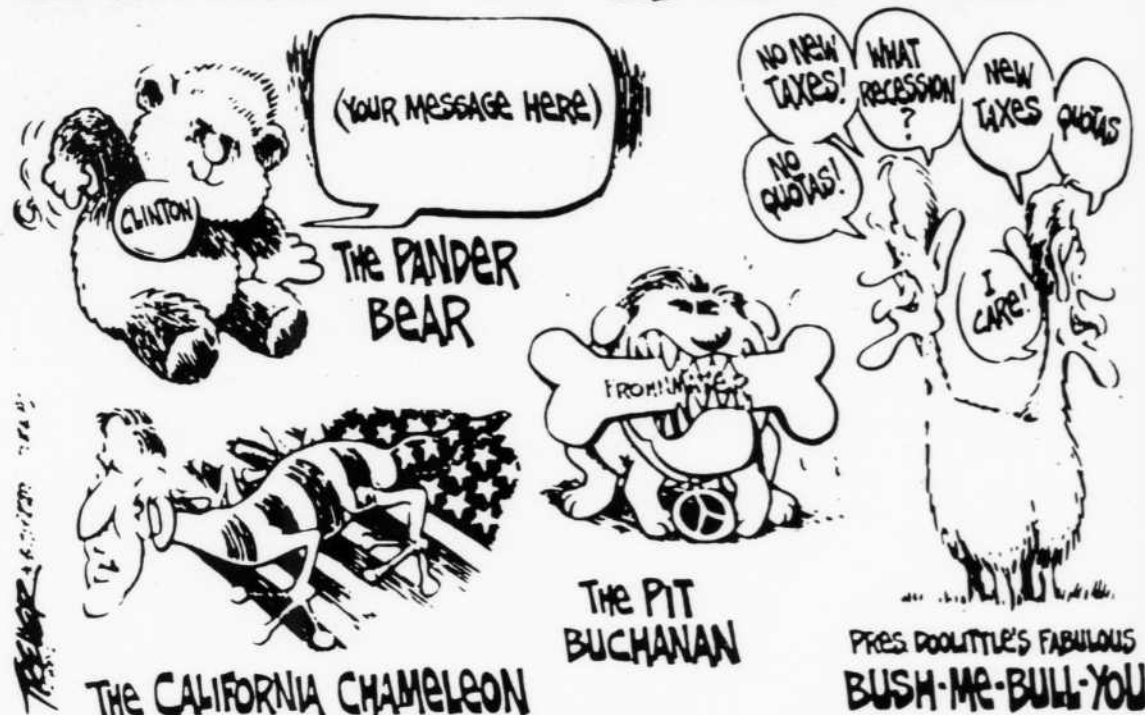
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CREATURES OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL:



Letters to the Editor

Fellow faculty member takes issue with Lewis

I read the April 13 guest column by Professor Stephen D. Lewis with increasing disbelief and even embarrassment. That a member of MTSU's faculty could show such cavalier disdain for students' sincere and informed health concerns is appalling enough. That he fosters the notion that his condescending critique of the Sidelines' editorial opinion on the condom machine issue is grounded in logical reasoning is incredible.

Many students in my freshman composition classes have voiced grave apprehension about the lack of adequate information on sex-related diseases and birth control at the high school level or earlier in Tennessee. Their distress is real and vital. They know whose lives may be at stake when the voices of ignorance and intolerance shout down their thoughtful and scientifically sound suggestions. Yet when students actively pursue a course intended to protect their own sexual safety, they are told to behave like the little children they no longer are.

Sex is a dicey business, and our bodies have a bad habit of short-circuiting our brains in a clinch, especially during those years, when our hormones are most active. Professor Lewis' suggestion that sexually active students keep condoms on hand is sensible enough, but his admonition to "plan in advance" for every sexual circumstance reflects a puzzling lack of understanding of the sometimes surprising and random nature of sexual excitement. If the condom supply is depleted, he implies, one should either resist

temptation or face the specter of death. He thus betrays a vengeful moralism that's shocking in its lack of compassion. In his view, the death of the occasional weak individual is a small but lesson-bearing price to pay for keeping condom dispensers out of our hallowed dorms.

Professor Lewis bases his entire harangue on the repeated assertion that "as we grow older we also grow wiser." As one who would pick apart the arguments of others on the basis of logic, he should note that his own case rests on a textbook non-sequitur. My freshman students know they would never get away with such a fallacious and insulting claim in the guise of a premise, and neither should he. After such "wisdom," what forgiveness?

Roger Register
 Instructor, English Department
 Box 70

Student slams Faculty Senate

To some degree, I may be one of those among the apathetic majority on campus. However, when I read the April 16 Sidelines article entitled "Faculty Senate asks for Parking, Protection," I could not help but be infuriated and hence I had to write this letter.

First of all, it seems the faculty senate is whining because they are losing approximately 40 parking places. Dr. Doyle, would you kindly count for me the number of parking places that have been taken from students for faculty use in the past 3 years? I chose that time period because that is how long I have been a full-time student here, and as such I have witnessed this occurrence several times. We had no choice or say so in the matter and we

survived. I believe you will, to "If anybody ought to be walking it ought to be the athletes. What????? That is brilliant reasoning, Dr. Doyle. Absolutely brilliant. From what institution did you receive your doctorate?"

Secondly, I would like respond to Ms. Isley's remark suggesting that: 1. "The faculty park illegally because they can't find parking spots" and 2. "I think that towing should be enforced for the students but not the faculty." I have heard great thought and insight into situation from toddlers. Ms. Isley, I suggest you remove your head from your sheets of music, would prefer other terminology here, but for the sake of decency "sheets of music" will suffice and join us in the real world. In answer to your first statement, why do you think the student park illegally? Perhaps some supernatural force compels us to do so. Hmmm. Who could be? Who could be making us do that? I don't know, could be....SATAN!!!! Wrong! The answer doesn't lie in the infamous statement of the Church Lady. Perhaps, Ms. Isley, you can't find parking places. And in response to your second statement, maybe you need to remember your place in the university. We pay you to teach us. We give you money and you give us a service. Do employees in a retail store get special benefits at the expense of the customers? I think not. Perhaps you and Dr. Doyle should put that in your pipes and smoke it, use an outworn cliché.

And by the way, Dr. Doyle and Ms. Isley, no disrespect intended.

Chris Brown
 Box 5468

Features

Alternative: Just another word for DIFFERENT

CHRISTAN YOUNG
Special to *Sidelines*

It's not *New Kids on the Block*, thankfully, nor is it the "shelf" preppie haircut or Ralph Lauren fashion. If it isn't any of these things then what is this alternative "thang" that can be better characterized by what it's not?

This is a question that many music lovers of R&B or country might ask because the alternative-progressive trend is becoming prevalent among young people today.

Alternative-progressive is a broad term for a variety of styles or music, fashion and social spots popular with college audiences. This trend is a subculture of young people with individualistic attitudes.

Jeff Smotherman, a student at MTSU, chooses *Skinny Puppy* without hesitation from his collection of about 50 compact disks. He pushes a few buttons and kicks back on his couch to listen to the industrial-sounding music he calls alternative. *Sonic Youth* and *The Smiths* are a couple of other favorites.

Smotherman wears a T-shirt with a winking smily face and the word "peace" on the front. The back of the shirt pictures

a smily face beaten and bruised with the word "war." He accents his alternative flare with red converse high-top tennis shoes and a small, wooden, beaded necklace. The fragrance he wears is Patchouli, which is made from an herbal root. His friend teasingly says, it smells like dirt.

Smotherman says he's letting his hair grow out long again and that is has been every style imaginable. He has a Who's Who award among various band posters adorning the walls of his small apartment.

"The alternative thing is people wanting to express themselves as being different. Maybe it is something similar to the '60s hippie trend, but it's really just listening to music that doesn't fall into the chart music that trends to be kinda cheesy," says Smotherman.

The alternative trend originated in Europe, according to Rob Taylor, an employee of the bar Midnight Sun. Taylor, uses the term "Euro-pop" for alternative music: European pop music that never even hits the American charts. The alternative bunch seem to like it that way.

The Economist magazine terms this alternative group as the "hardcore" market in the music industry.

"The hardcore is under 22, does not own property and may well still live with

it's lucky parents" says one editor of Economist magazine. "If it is in work, it has money to spend. It is serious about music, and will not be seen dead in a place that plays the charts."

Alternative music making its way to the charts is becoming more prevalent. A DJ at 100.1 discusses how the Grammy Award-winning group REM preferred being a small alternative band, but eventually grew commercial through widespread demand for its music.

Where do these bands begin their fame? Business is booming at the Cannery and 328 Performance Hall where alternative bands play quite frequently. Bare equipped for rock bands will have the D.J. kicking out some alternative tunes if a band is not scheduled to play. If no band is in town, be ready to dance to the sounds of *Jane's Addiction* or *Nirvana*. Forget about any slow dancing because the real alternative-progressive people will forgo romance for rock 'n' roll.

Dean Martin, assistant manager of The Underground on Second Avenue, describes alternative bargoers as doing a "brand-new high-energy dance." He calls some of the music "techno pop or computer synthesized music."

Stone Mountain, a store that spec-

ializes in alternative apparel, accessories, '60s memorabilia and other novelty items, has felt the new trend in its business.

"We've gone from being in the back room of a vintage clothing store on a back street to having four new stores of our own," says Jay Steinberg, an employee. The stores are located in Tennessee and Ohio.

Alternative fashion is dominated by black and white. You'll know you're hip if you're sporting those black lycra stretch pants or tights under a scrappy pair of jean shorts. A wide black belt holding up some baggy jeans with a flowing floral or psychedelic chiffon blouse will have you stylin' and profilin' with the best of them.

Don't forget alternative foot gear like Dock Martin boots and those black, clunky, kiltie wing-tip shoes. Alternative-progressive dos are short or shaved hair for women and long hair, shoulder length or beyond for the guys. The women with the short hair usually wear long, dangly, clear gem earrings.

It is easy enough to say what alternative is not. It is not Liz Wear, a bob haircut, Michael Jackson or a western bar. It seems similar to the '60s era of rebelling. Perhaps it is a trend that recycles itself for the sake of those who just want to be a little different.

Case in point

Skinny Puppy: *Dark side of reality*

Shudder of total collapse. Sound of dark unmanageable horrors. Breakdown on all levels. Document of delusion. Unforgiving synth snarls.

These phrases are contained in the first paragraph of the Skinny Puppy biography announcing the release of their new CD, *Last Rights*. The CD was culled from two months of spontaneous studio work on a meager \$40,000 budget. Needless to say, we're not talking about mindless shallow pop music here. Percussionist cEVIN Key states, "we make music for fans who need an extreme form of energy for entertainment."

In a phone interview with Key, he described the CD as "a document of lead singer Kevin Ogilve's hitting the bottom of drug addiction."

Kevin Ogilve, known as Ogre on stage, performed the main lyrical work for *Last Rights*. He describes his stint in hell which he took hand 'n hand with his drug addiction. Songs such as *Love in Vein* take on new meaning with Ogre's

BILL TAYLOR
Special to *Sidelines*

information. The aural sculpture is like a Bosch vision of hell. Beautifully manipulated samples weave in and out of the powerfully emotional music and make Ogilve's pain real and tangible to the listener. After all, art doesn't have to be beautiful, only honest, and this is an honest expression of a valid emotion.

The heartfelt emotion and terror evoked by *Love in Vein* could probably do more to deter drug use than any "Just Say No" program. Dear God, now we know what happens when you say "yes!"

Other songs on the album include *Killing Game* which seems to hint at the self-perpetuating cycle of childhood games feeding mans' fascination with self destruction. *Rivers End* is an instrumental piece magnificently put together and I

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BARK IS WORSE THAN BITE: Skinny Puppy's music frightens some, but die-hard Puppy fans know the true meaning behind the lyrics and defend their alternative music choice to the end.

Pioneer Days celebrate past

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A buckskin-clad guide, Johnny Hilliard, will share with visitors the perils of traveling on a flat-bottom river boat during Cannonsburgh's Pioneer Day celebration, Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Adventurer II, a replica of the flat-bottom river boat John Donelson and party traveled on when they left the East Tennessee Watagua Settlement headed for the "city on the bluff" now known as Nashville, is located inside the historic village.

Visitors of the fun-filled day will hear how Donelson's young daughter, Rachel, survived being shot during the trip and went on the marry the future president of

the United States, Andrew Jackson.

You will be able to hear the deafening blast from a black powder rifle, and find out how many beaver pelts it took for a trader to acquire a Hudson Bay blanket.

Cannonsburgh offers its guests a taste of life as it would have been in the 1800s and early 1900s. Some 20 restored log structures include a working grist mill, a country store, a doctor's office and a rural telephone office.

Also on the grounds are an active blacksmith's shop, a one-room school house, an outstanding collection of antique tractors and farm implements, the world's largest cedar bucket (that reportedly holds 2,000 gallons)

and a red caboose.

There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome.

Other activities planned are a craft show, live old-time and bluegrass music and cloggers, a horseshoe tournament, an antique automobile show, country cooked concessions, and art exhibit by the Murfreesboro Art League and the sale of historic books and journals by the Rutherford County Historic Society.

Cannonsburgh is located approximately 30 miles southeast of Nashville, just a few miles off of Interstate 24, exit 78-B. It is located on Front Street, just off Broad Street, not far from the public square. For more information call (615) 895-4225 or (615) 893-4297.

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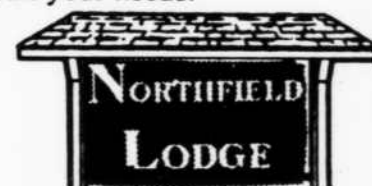
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Study on Study Day?

Boosters Club offers alternative to books

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bearing gifts and entertainment to provide a break from studying for exams on April 28, Study Day, the Boosters, a 90-year-old organization of Nashville's top business leaders, are making their first good-will tour to colleges and universities.

The Nashville Boosters Club, which has conducted an annual tour to promote the city for more than eight decades, is coming to MTSU to "join forces between business and education to secure a solid, dynamic, economic future for our community and state," says George Robinson, the group's president.

MTSU is the last stop on a two-day tour which will begin at Tennessee State University and continue to Tennessee Tech and UT-Knoxville.

Otterblot, a new rock group featuring local and Nashville musicians, will kick off the study break beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the Keathley University Center porch. Nashville entertainer Tom Grant will perform with his band, along with Opryland veterans

Russ and Becky Jeffers and a barbershop quartet.

Deploing the "brain drain" of Tennessee's students going to jobs in other areas of the country, Robinson says the Nashville business community must "make the economic situation better for our graduates so they won't have a reason to go anywhere else."

The Boosters' visit, Robinson says, will be a perfect opportunity for MTSU students to network with business people and perhaps lay the groundwork for future job opportunities.

In the same way, Robinson notes, faculty members can make business connections which may be helpful to them and to their students.

Study Day entertainment will be supplemented by a "spirit award." The group which exhibits the most enthusiasm (i.e. loud, loud, loud), will be awarded the prize. Each group should come with an identifying piece of clothing, (T-shirt, cap, etc...) In addition, there will be prizes such as overnight travel trips and General Jackson tickets just to name a few.

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feel one of the strongest on the CD.

A lyric sheet is absent, which makes clear understanding of all songs impossible, but nonetheless the core emotion comes through—something's not altogether right here. Ogre's vocals are buried deep in the mix-making. His malignant growl is harder than ever to decipher. Key states, "the vocals probably appeared more muddled because of Ogre's pain. It represents his state of mind at the time of the recording."

Key goes on to state that the work is probably not Ogre's best vocally and that the other members of the band also play

with a noticeable degree of angst. Key describes this as "anger with the state of the band at the time." The CD comes across as a honest depiction of the bands' state of mind at the time of recording.

The 10th track on the CD, *Left Handshake* is mysteriously absent. Key explains that the song used portions of a Timothy Leary essay describing the "proper" use of drugs. Ogre was greatly influenced by this, feeling he had definitely not followed Leary's guidelines.

Legal problems arose concerning the use of Leary's text, making its inclusion on the CD impossible. Key hinted that the song is already circulating around on the bootleg market and seemed to encourage those present at the interview to seek it

out. He states "I was very disappointed at not being able to include *Left Handshake* on the CD. It seemed to sum up Ogre's lyrical ideas very well."

Skinny Puppy is one of the most intelligent, thought-provoking performers active today. Concerts are much more than showcases of music, they're a gestalt-type overflow of emotions, not all of them pleasant.

Last Rights may be just that—the last rites of a document of societal despair. Key states that *Last Rights* will be the last record with Network Records, and if they don't get another recording contract, it will be their last performance as a band.

When asked about the bands' involvement with animal rights, Key states, "Things worse than that [mistreatment of animals] happen in society to people everyday, that's what we're about. We're not about gothic horror, we're about reality."

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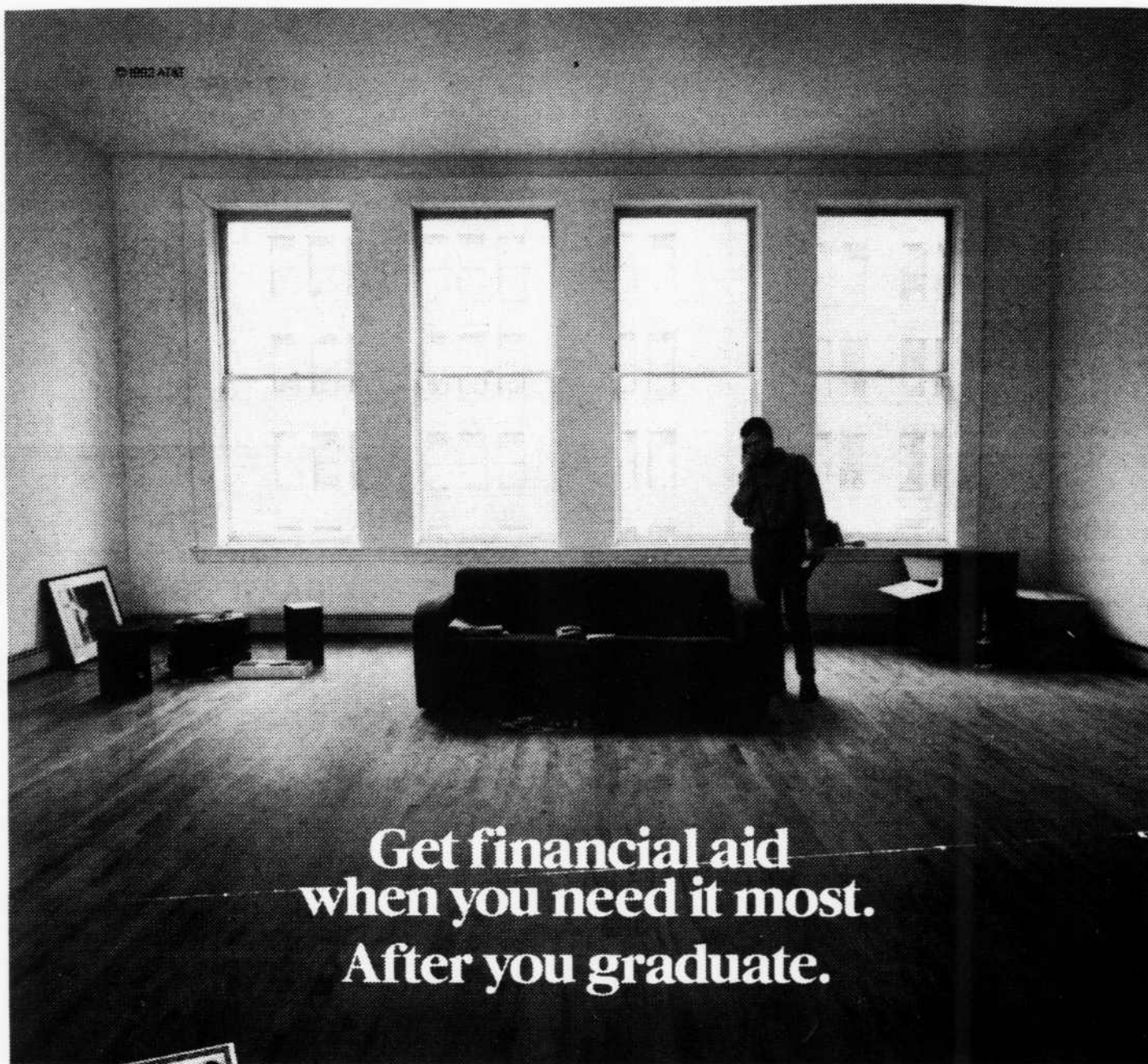
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Lorinda's a leader

Tennis star possesses intense desire to win

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She plays when she's hurt — even when the pain is so great that most people would quit.

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She is Lady Raider tennis standout Lorinda Weiss.

"She's a senior, and she's the leader," according to her coach Dale Short. "She's one of the best students at this university, and she sets a real strong example as far as work ethics on and off the court."

"There's no funny business when it comes to Lorinda, and I respect that. She's the ideal athlete that you'd like to have on your team."

"I'm a hard opponent and you don't mess with me."

-Lorinda Weiss

But this star doesn't bask in the sunlight of glory. Instead she likes to attribute her success to hard work, and she takes it one step at a time. Her leadership is just part of her job, and she takes it seriously whether she's eyeing her opponent or listening to the teacher.

"I feel like I have to set an example at everything I do on the court and in my schoolwork," Lorinda said. "I'm pretty disciplined when it comes to that, so it's not a problem for me. It's just a challenge to live up to and do what I'm supposed to do. I enjoy doing it and I try to help others whenever I can."

Her efforts have been noble and rewarded. The ethics she practices in the class have earned her a

constant spot on the Dean's List. Her dedication on the court made her MTSU's 1991 Female Athlete of the Year.

However, the road to success hasn't always been easy. Lorinda hails from Transvaal, South Africa — that's a long way from the United States.

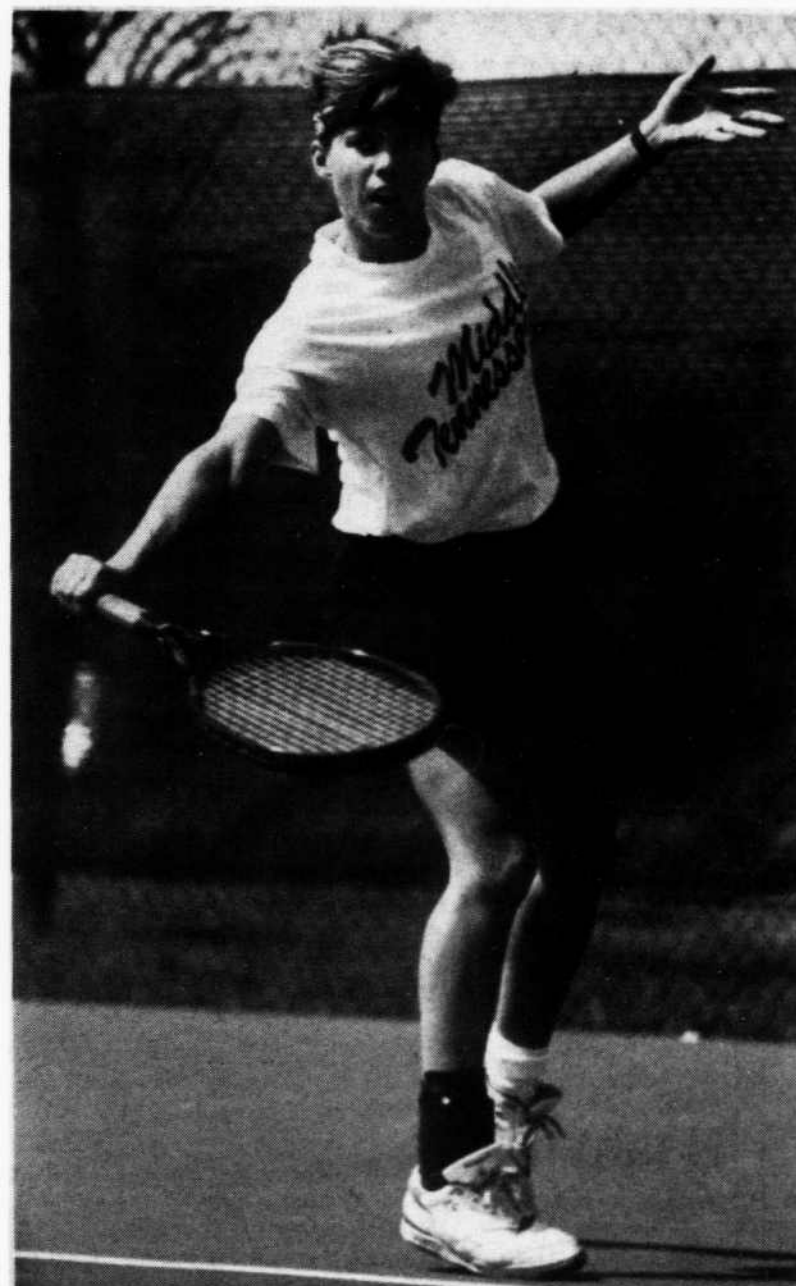
"I always dreamed about coming to America," Lorinda said. "I didn't know how I was going to do it, although tennis opened that door. I was so excited about coming that I just took it as it came, and it wasn't that big a shock. It's more a shock going home again after being here for a while."

Lorinda began mastering the game at age 11 shortly after her father had bought her a tennis racket for Christmas. Every day she could be found on the courts oftentimes with her father who fed her balls and helped coach her.

By the time she was getting ready to get out of school, she was a well rounded athlete with a shot at making it big. She transferred schools and lived with her coach for a year, only going home on weekends. During this time of separation, her family kept up its support and encouraged Lorinda to go farther.

"Both my mom and dad have been great supporters in whatever I do tennis wise," Lorinda explained. "It's nice to have a family support you in whatever you do."

Before long, Lorinda learned from a friend that Middle Tennessee State had a scholarship available for a lady's tennis player. She called, talked to



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LORINDA WEISS

Bivens has another banner recruiting year

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

While the Lady Raider basketball team has long since stopped worrying about the 1992 season and started preparing for the 1993 season, the Ladies have come out of the recruiting season with some top prospects.

The first recruit is Heather Prater, a 5-8 guard from Wayne County.

"She (Heather) was the Class A Ms. Basketball her junior year," coach Lewis Bivens said. "She lead Wayne County to four straight tournaments here in Murphy Center. She's a good passer and is the type of guard that makes others better."

Trella Thomas was the second signee for the Lady Raiders. Thomas is a 5-6 guard from Dyersburg, Tenn. Dyersburg finished 33-1 this past season under the leadership of Thomas.

"Trella has three speeds! Fast, faster, fastest. She combines quickness with a great deal of intelligence," Bivens said.

"Trella was the MVP of her district, region, and she was Player of the Year in West Tennessee. She averaged 19 points, 7 assists, and 5 steals per game her senior year."

Michelle Jackson is a junior college player who averaged 19 points and 9 rebounds. She's a 5-10 power forward who was all-state and all-region both years in junior college.

"She has a great deal of intensity and she works very hard. She has a blue-collar type approach to the game. She will push and make others better."

The fourth and final signee is Rhonda Cowan, a 6-0 swing player from Franklin County.

"Rhonda's a versatile player," Bivens said. "She can shoot the three's or go inside with her size. She comes from an excellent

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Track seniors say farewell

Coach Hayes will be busy trying to fill vacated shoes

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant Sports Editor

Track coach Dean Hayes has been busy trying to recruit new athletes to take the places his seniors will vacate — but most of these seniors will be hard to replace.

Lady Raiders Tracy Edens, Michelle Welch, Linda Brewer, Lea White and Raider Chris Layne will graduate next week and move on to graduate school and careers.

Edens, a member of Hayes' original recruiting class, was the only competitor the Lady Raiders had in the weight events. She ended her career on a good note by placing second in the javelin and fourth in the discus at the Ohio Valley Conference championships last weekend.

Now that Edens' track career is over, she will continue to work on her wellness and fitness degree.

"After I graduate in December, I might go on to graduate school at East Tennessee and work on my master's or work at a hospital wellness center," Edens said.

Welch, an accounting major, also belongs to the first recruiting class. She won the OVC long jump title indoors in 1990 and competed in a variety of events.

She said her achievements were inspired from within by her desire for "wanting something better."

Welch is getting married this weekend. After graduation in August, she plans to attend graduate school next winter.

Brewer, Layne, and White came to MTSU as transfer students.

Brewer, who had been recruited by Hayes, attended Arkansas State University instead.

"I didn't like the coach at Arkansas," Brewer said. "I couldn't run somewhere I wasn't satisfied, so I called coach Hayes one night and told him I was coming. MTSU was the best experience for me."

She finished the season with two of her lifetime best performances in the 400-meters and the mile relay and plans to continue running.

"I'm not through yet. Running is a passion. I've never quit since I started. I take 30 minutes everyday of my life to go running, except on Sundays," she said.

Brewer, a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, will graduate in May with a wellness and fitness Degree. That could be why she calls herself a "nutrition freak" and only drinks water.

She plans to work on her master's degree at either MTSU or University of Tennessee at Memphis or attend physical therapy school.

Layne, the only senior on the men's team, transferred from East Tennessee where he was a walk-on.

"I thought I was running really well at ETSU, but they didn't want to offer me a scholarship," Layne said. "I heard MTSU was starting the men's program back; and with Coach Hayes and his caliber, I thought it would be a good move."

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Farrar lands four top-notch players for '93 campaign

Middle Tennessee State has signed a couple of much needed point guards among its recruits for the upcoming basketball season, men's basketball coach David Farrar announced this week.

The Raiders were in need of a point guard after Kelvin Hammonds, Tim Corder and Jeff Hunter completed their eligibility at the close of last year.

Farrar landed two point guards and two other inside players as well.

Tim Gaither, a 6-1, 175-pound point guard from Gainesville, Ga., was voted the Northeast Georgia Player of the Year following a season in which he compiled a 26 point, 5.2 rebound, 4.2 assist and 3.5 steal average.

Point guard Rod Pryor will also join the team

from the junior college ranks. Pryor comes from Butler County (Kansas) Community College.

He averaged 8.6 points, 2.4 rebounds and dished out 202 assist last season.

Shawn Driskill, a 6-10 forward/center of Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College will add size under the basket. He'll bring an 8.5 point, 5.3 rebound average to the team.

Finally, Eric Jones of Dodge City Community College has inked with the Raiders. The 6-5, 210-pounder will have three years of eligibility remaining at MTSU.

He hit 57 percent of his field goals as a freshman and should add some depth to the inside.

Moosemen tame Tigers

TIM BURNS
Sports Writer

The in-state rivalry between MTSU and Memphis State presented few problems Saturday when Middle defeated the Tiger rugby team with relative ease.

Middle's "moosemen" dominated the game from start to finish. They controlled the ball the entire game; and when time expired, the final score was 20-3. Scoring in the match came from Brian Savasta, Daniel Carter and new team member Chris Mason.

"Memphis State put up a fight more than we expected, because we usually beat them by 30 to 40 points a game," team captain Clete Ledford pointed out.

Next on the list for the Raider moosemen is defending their title as champions of the Banshee Tournament held in Bowling Green, Ky. The tournament will be a two-day event in which rugby teams from across America come to play for this distinguished title. After the championship match is decided, all the teams and much of the town celebrate together.

"Last year's tournament had at least 5,000 people partying together," Ledford said. "It was wild."

The team is playing well together and seems to have a lot spirit for the game, Ledford said.

They will need to keep their morale high because at 1 p.m. May 3 they play alumni of the team.

"The alumni are already boasting how bad they are going to beat us, but we already know we can take these clowns," said Daniel Carter.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team will get an opportunity to play, and no one will get cut for trying out. If interested, call Eric Rainey at 849-9299, Clete Ledford at 893-6255 or Daniel Carter at 896-2496.

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former coach Sandy Neal and the rest is in the books.

"One of the highs of my career is just coming to America," Lorinda said. "You grow so much by getting away

and seeing different things, and it's been good for me."

It's also been good for the program since she will be guiding the team into the conference tournament this weekend seeking a third consecutive crown. Personally, she said she hopes to win the conference's No. 1

singles spot, which has eluded her in previous seasons.

"It's been frustrating, especially the last two years going to the finals and not pulling through," Lorinda said. "This is my final year, and I'm excited about the tournament. I'm prepared mentally, and I feel good about it."

Feeling good is a key considering her senior season has been plagued with injuries. First a pulled groin has hampered her all year. Next, a virus attack that drained her energy has caused her level of play to drop a notch occasionally.

"When I'm injured, it kills me inside," Lorinda said. "You realize how important and how you can't live without it when you can't play. This is my life, I've been doing it for so many years that I can't see myself not

doing it."

And that type of attitude has kept Lorinda plugging, trying to improve herself. When she's off the court, she's a lamb. But on the court, she turns into a lion.

"I'm a hard opponent, and you don't mess with me," Lorinda said. "I'm fair in everything I do, but sometimes there's conflicts with opponents and you have to learn to adapt."

Hopefully, that toughness will carry the MTSU star to her deserving crown over the weekend. She's been working hard over the season and she's had to battle uphill with the circumstances she's encountered. Her body is tired and worn, held together by mere heart.

But after it's all said and done Saturday, her brilliant collegiate career will be through and what's next?

"According to my doctor's, it's a few weeks off," she said.

And everyone agrees — she deserves it.

Bivens

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high school, Franklin County, which is No. 2 in the nation.

Besides all of the on-court talent the Raiders grabbed, Bivens and staff also looked at the off-court activities of each player.

"The recruits are very intelligent, versatile, and successful on and off the floor. The important thing in coaching is to find people that are successful."

The Lady Raiders are only losing two players from last year's team, and Sonya Morrow, a Prop 48 casualty this season, is expected to be an inside force. Bivens said he thinks this year's team could be "very competitive."

"If we get a good leader from out returning kids and develop a good work ethic, I'll look real forward to the fall."

Seniors

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Layne is a member of the 4 x 100 relay which won the OVC title. He will compete in the Penn Relays this weekend at University of Pennsylvania.

"I am going to continue to run. I would like to set a schedule and maybe concentrate on one event either the 200 or the 400," Layne said.

White, a Murfreesboro resident, was also recruited by Hayes out of high school. She wanted to go away to college, so she accepted a scholarship from University of Tennessee.

After being injured her first year there with tendinitis of the hip, she too transferred to MTSU.

"I called Coach Hayes and told him I was going to come to MTSU, but I didn't know if I was going to be able to run," White said. "Coach Hayes took me under his wing. He really

believed in me and gave me a lot of confidence. He said I would be able to come back again, and I did. My hip gradually got better. Not many coaches would do that at the college level."

White is only a junior in eligibility but will graduate in May with a physical education degree. She will start graduate school May 13 at the University of Tennessee.

She specialized in the distance events and placed second in the OVC 10,000-meters.

"I would like to run some marathons in the future. I'm an endurance runner, and they don't peak until about 30 years old, so I feel some of my best races will come then," White said. "Running has developed my self-discipline. I take academics more serious but both are important. Running keeps me healthy physically and mentally."

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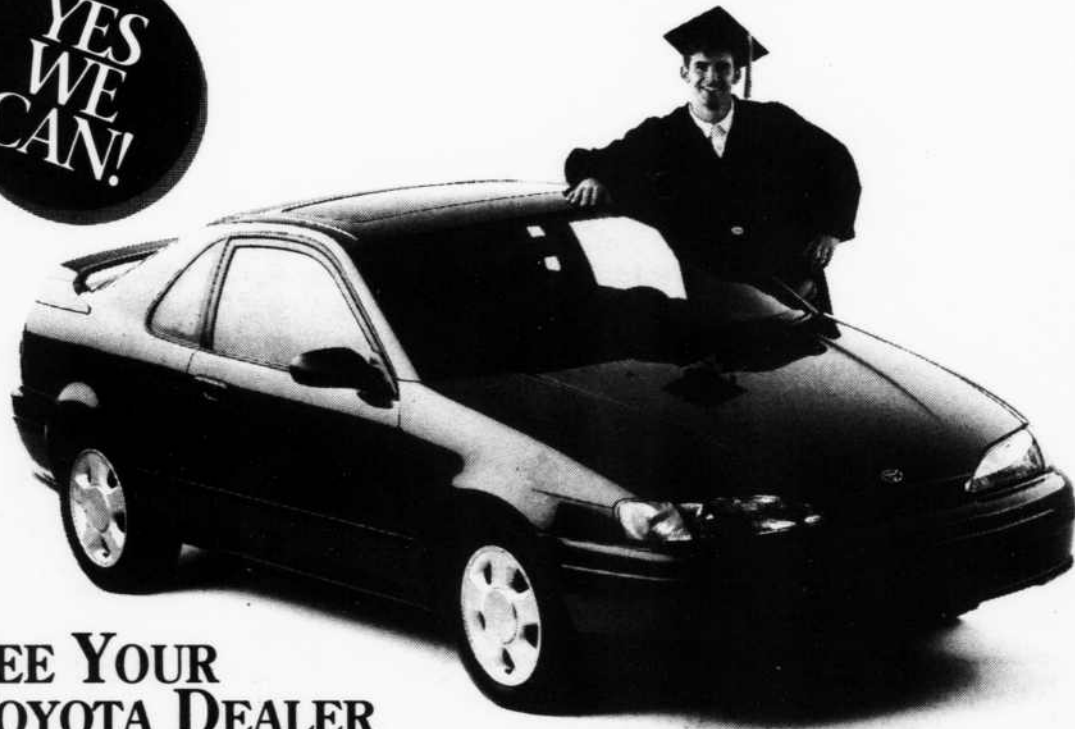
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Best Evidence - David Lifton

Murphy Center • 8:00 p.m.

JFK SCREENPLAY AUTHOR
THE ASSASSINS' TRAIL
SKLAR - FRIDAY

APRIL 24, Friday
The Trail of the Assassins
Zachary Sklar

Author, editor, and professor Zachary Sklar has worked on many books dealing with national security issues and with the broadcast media. For two years he worked closely with Judge Jim Garrison (the character portrayed by Kevin Costner in the film *JFK*) while editing his book *On the Trail of the Assassins: My Investigation and Prosecution of the Murder of JFK*. Oliver Stone bought the film rights to the book and co-wrote the screenplay for his movie *JFK* with Sklar.

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K.U.C. Courtyard
April 24

CUBA & THE MOB
25 YRS. OF COVER-UP
ANDERSON - SUNDAY

APRIL 26, Sunday
A Conspiracy: Cuba and the Mob
Jack Anderson

The nation's most trusted journalist and the world's most widely syndicated columnist Jack Anderson claims that there was a conspiracy to kill JFK involving an alliance of American mobsters and the Cuban government: an ongoing CIA project to assassinate Fidel Castro backfired and Castro retaliated by killing JFK. His theory is based on personal interviews over several years with Al Capone's chief executioner (who was then killed by the Mafia) and a Las Vegas crime boss. Anderson also claims that for the last 25 years there has been a cover-up conspiracy to avoid international chaos.

Friday
at 3:00 p.m.

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