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Campus Briefs

MTSU Foundation supports non-traditional students

Five MTSU non-traditional students were honored recently by the June S. Anderson Foundation.

Senior Vicki Lee Coe, junior Crystal Lynn Smith, sophomore Jill Roberson, sophomore Dawn Marie Wolken and senior Mei Liu each received a \$3,000 scholarship to be used during the fall, spring, and summer sessions of next year.

The recipients of the scholarships were women preparing for typically male-dominated fields, such as law, biology, chemistry, criminal justice or accounting.

New scholarship available for graduate students

Graduate students pursuing a career in public school teaching or administration could be eligible for the new Warren Graduate Scholarship.

The charitable trust to Middle Tennessee State University Foundation has established an approximate \$2,500 endowment that covers all tuition and fees for 12 credit hours of graduate study. The scholarship created by Walton O. Warren is limited to graduate students who are residents of Tennessee, have a minimum of four years in the state public schools systems, has a bachelor's degree, and is planning to pursue a career in Tennessee public schools.

Contributions to the endowment should be made to the MTSU Foundation. Applicants can call 898-2840.

MTSU helps Rutherford County celebrate July Fourth

MTSU will host the Rutherford County Fourth of July celebration, which will also honor the 75th birthday of the Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

The event will include musical entertainment from the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and the band Black Widow, children's games and activities, a big birthday cake, and a fireworks display.

The "Celebration Under the Stars" will be located at the MTSU Intramural Field. This year's theme will be "Everything Red, White, and Blue." Children's events will begin at 5 p.m. and the fireworks will be at 9 p.m.

For more information, call Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation at 890-5333 or MTSU News and Public Affairs at 898-2919.

Nursing School receives \$460K donation

MTSU's School of Nursing recently received a donation of \$465,397 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The money will help support the FACES project, which promotes nursing workforce diversity. FACES is an acronym for Facilitate Awareness and Cultivate Educational Success (in nursing).

The project introduces the nursing profession among middle school children, as well as to promote goals of graduation among children of disadvantaged backgrounds. ♦

Summer enrollment up from last year

By Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

MTSU's enrollment-growth trend will continue at least through the next two months, as summer registration has surpassed 2001's summer enrollment by more than 500 students.

"Enrollment increases are always a double-edged sword," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

Robert Glenn.

Sherian Huddleston, assistant vice president for enrollment management, estimates that almost 9,000 students will attend summer courses this year.

Though an official headcount won't occur until July 14, the almost 9,000 students attending summer courses this year came as no surprise to university officials, Glenn said. He said the summer increase poses no immediate problems for the

university because there are plenty of available faculty and classrooms — usually a major concern involved with enrollment growth.

As of Friday, 1,849 sections are offered for this summer, compared to 1,610 last summer, according to the Scheduling Center. 1,458 of those this summer have students enrolled in them, while 1,412 last summer had enrollment.

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Summer enrollment totals 1993 to 2002

1993 — 7,368	1998 — 8,024
1994 — 7,377	1999 — 8,105
1995 — 7,395	2000 — 8,108
1996 — 7,779	2001 — 8,476
1997 — 8,069	2002 — 9,000*

*estimated

Oldest dorm to be office space

University's first dorm trades twin beds for briefcases

By Courtney Gundry
Contributor

This summer, Rutledge Hall will be closing its doors, but not permanently.

While MTSU is losing its oldest and smallest dorm building, it is gaining office space. The dorm will transfer over to academic facilities in August.

Changing the dorm to offices doesn't require the same upkeep with the piping in the rooms and bathrooms.

The money it would take to renovate the building is more than Housing takes in for it because of the resident capacity of the dorm, said Denise Scott, residence coordinator for Area One — Rutledge, Lyon and Monohan halls. Dorms have to pay for themselves, she said, and Rutledge just can't keep up.

"It's not something anyone wanted to do," Scott said. "It's just not worth it."

MTSU has had a history of housing overflow dilemmas. According to Scott, this year's problems were mainly with the male dorms, but even so, most of the difficulties came with the fact that more single rooms were rented out. Next year, Housing is reconsidering how many single rooms they will be allowing. Upper-level students predominantly occupy the

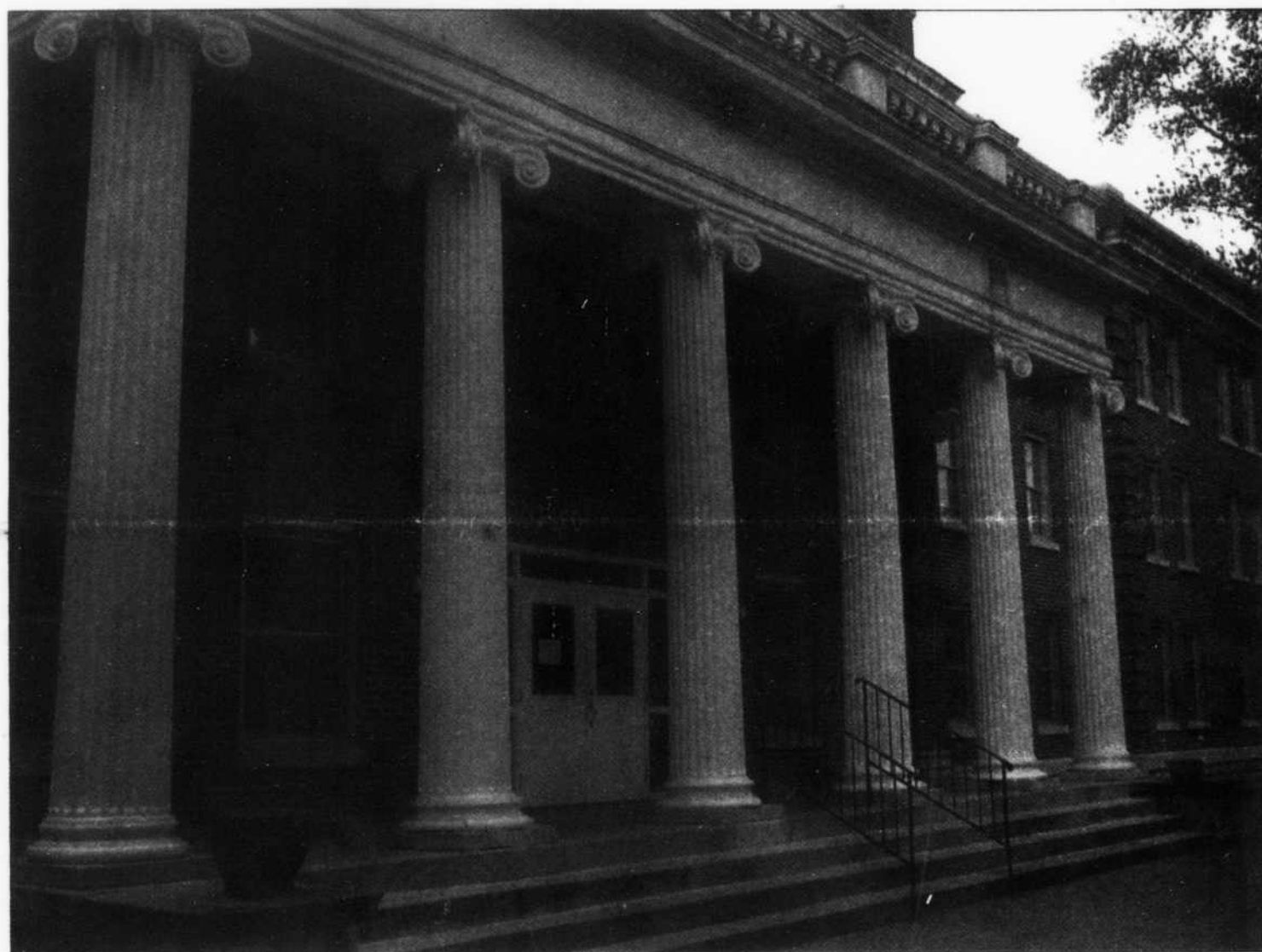


Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

Rutledge Hall, MTSU's original dormitory built in 1911 when the school was known as the Middle Tennessee Normal School, was last renovated in the 1980s. The dorm will be converted into university staff offices this summer.

Rutledge rooms. The turnaround with graduates will eliminate more of the problem.

Rutledge Hall was built in 1911 and houses 89 residents. While students consider its size a major perk of the building, Housing considers it an element of its downfall. It is located between the James Union Building and the Alumni Center, out of the way of most

of the class-going traffic. The dorm's age gives character and style to its personal setting, while its location adds serenity and convenience.

"I love the size of Rutledge," said Christina Cassano, a freshman living in the dorm. "It makes for a more intimate setting, makes you feel more at home, and it's extremely quiet. I know or at least recognize all of

the people in the building. I bet the girls in the larger dorms can't say that."

A maximum of 40 girls share two bathrooms each with two showers and three toilets. Each room is equipped with a sink and lacks the concrete walls typical of the MTSU dorms.

"It's the concrete and the confinement," Cassano said, likening the other dorms to jail

cells. "I feel fortunate I wasn't sentenced to live anywhere else."

"There is no good time for the closing," said Denise Reinhart, a resident assistant in Rutledge.

"It's kind of like the end of an era. I have a resident whose grandmother stayed here. The residents will definitely be losing something. I know I will be." ♦

Effectiveness office reminds seniors of nearing exit exam dates

Staff Reports

As summer enrollment numbers continue to increase, so do the expected graduation figures. What students need to remember, says Betty Johnson, executive director for Institutional Effectiveness, is that completed hours alone will not don a cap and gown.

"There is one test," she said, "that everyone must take to graduate, and another that certain majors must take as well."

The first is the Academic Profile, designed to assess the overall knowledge of the graduating students and does not count toward their final grade. The major-specific test is

required only by aerospace, agribusiness, animal science, plant and soil science, chemistry, engineering technology and industrial technology majors.

"Students should plan on the Academic Profile lasting about an hour and a half," Johnson said, "and the major field test should take about two hours."

The Academic Profile will be held June 10 and August 1 at 8:30 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The major field test dates are June 11 and July 31 at 8:30 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 314. ♦

Girls State teaches bill process



Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

Volunteer Girls State delegates simulate a legislative bill's passage yesterday in Tucker Theatre. More than 500 high school students will be on campus throughout the week participating in the annual event. Two girls will be chosen to represent Tennessee at Girls Nation, held in Washington, D.C., in July.

CRIME LOG

The following is a partial list of incidents that occurred between May 15 and May 30, as recorded by MTSU Public Safety. To report an emergency or crime, call 898-2424.

May 15 -- 1:29 a.m.
Tennessee Boulevard at Division Street
Brandon Jones, of Murfreesboro, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and underage consumption of alcohol.

May 16 -- 12:42 a.m.
Circle K on East Main Street
Kenneth Wendland was cited for driving on a suspended license.

May 16 -- 12:23 a.m.
Family Housing – MTSU campus
Caller advised that someone had broken into his vehicle.

May 16 -- 7:15 p.m.
Family Housing – MTSU campus
Individuals were seen trying to steal bike seats and ran when confronted by a resident.

May 17 -- 2:04 a.m.
Rutherford Boulevard
Tonnie Harney, of Cookeville, Tenn., was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. Subject refused implied consent.

May 17 -- 9:27 a.m.
Judd/Sims Hall lot
A vehicle parking permit was reported stolen.

May 17 -- 6:16 p.m.
Womack Lane – MTSU campus
A vehicle backed into another car.

May 18 -- 1:02 a.m.
Greenland Drive at Rutherford Boulevard
Jamil Moore of Decatur, Tenn., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and violating the open container law.

May 18 -- 2:36 p.m.
Scarlett Commons – MTSU campus
A bicycle was reported stolen from a bike rack.

May 19 -- 1:28 a.m.
Tennessee Livestock Center – MTSU Campus
Arrie Fuqua, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was charged with public intoxication.

May 21 -- 4:02 a.m.
Tennessee Boulevard
Michael Price, of Murfreesboro, was arrested and charged with a third DUI offense.

May 21 -- 6:27 p.m.
Family Housing – MTSU campus
Male reportedly assaulted a woman who wants him out of her apartment. Female was taken to safe house for the night.

May 22 -- 12:02 a.m.
Family Housing – MTSU campus
Patrick Dotson, of Murfreesboro, was arrested on outstanding warrants and simple domestic assault.

May 22 -- 12:41 a.m.
Rutherford Boulevard
Austin Chaimberlain, of Dickson, Tenn., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and violating the implied consent law.

May 22 -- 10:35 a.m.
Peck Hall – MTSU campus
Jonathon Hood, of Decherd, Tenn., was charged with public intoxication.

May 22 -- 10:37 p.m.
Greek Row – MTSU campus
Charles Hood, of Bon Aqua, Tenn., was charged with a second DUI offense and violating the implied consent law.

May 28 -- 3:48 p.m.
Business Aerospace Building – MTSU campus
A vending machine was broken into.

May 30 -- 1:02 a.m.
Tennessee Boulevard
Shawn McClanahan, of Nashville, Tenn., was charged with driving under the influence.

May 30 -- 1:30 a.m.
Tennessee Boulevard
Kermit Freels, Jr., of Murfreesboro, was arrested on outstanding warrants for theft under \$500.

May 30 -- 5:02 p.m.
Jones Faculty Lot – MTSU campus
Coach of baseball team called and reported that a player had an item stolen from the locker room.

May 30 -- 11:4 p.m.
Tennessee Boulevard
William Flippo, of Milan, Tenn., was charged with driving under the influence. ♦

Enroll: Growth expected

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According to Cathy Kirchner, scheduling coordinator, many teachers come back to school during the summer months to complete graduate degrees.

"The most popular [summer] courses – in my opinion – seem to be business and science sections," said Cricket Pimentel, Scheduling Center assistant director.

Although increased enrollment poses little problem throughout the summer months, Glenn said, it becomes a more complicated issue in the fall and spring semesters.

Already, Glenn said, pre-registration for the fall is 12 percent above what it was this time last year.

If fall enrollment continues to climb, the greater number of students might place a strain on the university's resources, he said.

"We're running out of space and faculty and we're still growing," he said. There has been no significant increase in the number of courses to be offered, he said. The same is true for the number of professors.

"Many faculty would say we're way behind," he said.

A number of factors influence enrollment growth, Glenn said.

One of the largest factors this year is that there has been a projected 16 to 30 percent increase in Tennessee high school graduates.

Six of the top 10 or 15 feeder counties – counties that supply a large number of MTSU enrollees – have undergone major population growth over the past few years, Glenn said.

Rutherford County is no exception. It has grown by more than 50 percent in the past 10 years, Glenn said.

Adding to the population growth factor is a post-Sept. 11 mentality that causes students to be less likely to want to move across or out of state to attend college, Glenn said.

"Students tend to want to stay closer to home," said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs.

to home," he said.

Glenn and other university officials met Thursday to discuss ways to control enrollment growth, which has occurred substantially every year for several consecutive years.

Among the measures being debated, he said, are stricter admission deadlines and higher admission standards.

MTSU, Glenn said, has tended to be lenient on application and admission deadlines and standards.

"We have always been an extremely user-friendly institution," he said.

Admission standards were raised in 1994, he said, and the university experienced no enrollment growth.

"Growth is going to be something we have to deal with in different ways," Glenn said. "It's going to be a wrestling match all summer long." ♦

Police arrest Oregon students, break up street riot of 500

By Darren Freeman
Oregon Daily Emerald

EUGENE, Ore. (U-WIRE) – Several police officers were injured and 11 people were arrested after a block party spilled into the streets late Friday and escalated into a riot, which left a two-block stretch of Patterson Street littered with broken glass, tipped trash cans and uprooted street signs.

The first police officers arrived at 11:30 p.m. and were quickly overwhelmed by angry partygoers, who threw bottles and rocks at patrol cars, according to police and area residents.

"They were throwing stuff directly at the cops," said D.J. Fuller, a junior who lives at 17th Avenue and Patterson Street, where the riot occurred.

Fuller said one officer backed his patrol car north down Patterson Street and waited for reinforcements while rioters, emboldened by the retreat, gathered outside.

But by the time officers arrived with riot gear, they faced as many as 500 student-age people in the streets.

"Someone yelled that the cops were coming, and everybody ran out to the middle of the street," said Alicia Spitzer, a freshman at Lane Community College.

Spitzer said people had been drinking heavily at a party in a nearby apartment building.

"Every single room was open, and there were kegs in every other room," she said.

Rioters uprooted street signs, lighted bonfires and hurled insults and bottles at police

until officers fired tear gas into the crowd, according to police reports.

"Many officers, myself included, were hit with bottles," Eugene Police Department Lt. Ron Roberts said early Saturday morning.

After the tear gas dissipated, more than 100 people returned to the scene, gathered at street corners and on balconies and continued to jeer police and throw debris until 2 a.m., when police regained control of the area.

By about 1:30 a.m., at least 40 officers from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg and state police agencies were walking through the area telling people to leave the streets or risk arrest. Crushed cans and broken glass crunched beneath their boots as smoke from a fire drifted south along Patterson Street.

A jet of water flowed into the street from a broken water facet, and broken strands of police crime-scene tape lay scattered throughout the area.

Police report that seven officers were injured, though none were hospitalized, three patrol cars sustained broken windows and 11 student-age people were arrested and charged with riot-related offenses. The student directory lists six of the 11 people arrested as university students.

Despite the violence, the mood among many of the student-age people in the area seemed almost jubilant. At about 1 a.m., dozens of people shouted support for their favorite sports teams and derided their least favorite, chanting

"Go Ducks" and "F--- the Lakers."

Several people posed for photographs with an advancing cordon of riot police in the background.

Friday's melee was the first since the 1997 and 1998 Halloween riots, which spurred the EPD's zero-tolerance policy against alcohol violations and the creation of a Party Patrol, a team of officers working overtime during weekends to bust parties and write alcohol citations.

"It's really unfortunate that this is where we are after having three successful seasons," Roberts said when the riot had ended.

EPD officer Pete Aguilar, who is assigned to the university area, said he was uncertain if the riot will compel police to revise party enforcement policies. Police heavily patrolled the neighborhoods surrounding the university on Saturday in anticipation of another riot, but the night was relatively uneventful.

"This may have just been a fluke, a set of circumstances that happened at one time," Aguilar said.

A handful of people at the riot disagreed and said the melee was a symptom of frustration with police.

"They just wanted to take over our party," Bradley Sparks, a Lane Community College freshman, said while his nose ran and eyes watered from exposure to tear gas. He was later arrested and charged with rioting, theft and disorderly conduct.

At the sidelines of the riot,

area residents watched in disbelief as their neighborhood transformed into a battleground.

Kate Cody, a university junior who watched much of the riot from her friend's porch, said organizers of the party in the apartment building notified neighbors of the upcoming gathering.

"I'd heard about this party for a while," she said. "Who would of thought it could turn out like this?"

Daniel Cathey, a 28-year-old Symantec employee who lives near the scene of the riot, stood by parked cars in his driveway with a broomstick in his hand while mobs of people roamed the street and police continued to pour into the area.

His roommate, Ted Green, a 38-year-old Symantec employee, also watched the riot from his driveway and said he was standing outside "protecting (their) property from idiots."

Further north on Patterson Street, Catherine Faber, 38, was surprised by the riot while she walked from her nearby house to visit a friend at Sacred Heart Medical Center. She pulled a downed street sign from the middle of the intersection to the sidewalk as she walked.

"I think they're idiots," she said while angry people, still coughing from tear gas exposure, walked around her. "I think they've temporarily gotten the idea that they're invincible." ♦

1 in 6

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Sheila Young.

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From the Editorial Board Enrollment growth must be harnessed

It's no surprise to current MTSU students that enrollment is continuing to grow. Despite tuition hikes in recent years, this university remains one of the best higher education bargains in the state.

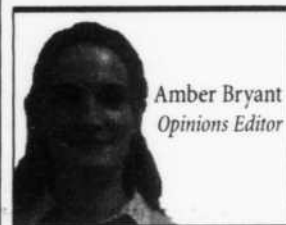
Enrollment increases have already begun to give MTSU growing pains, and with a 12 percent increase in students projected to occur this fall, it's time the university took some bold steps on behalf of the students already here and those who will one day walk the campus.

Admission standards should be raised. Guaranteed admission is granted to first-time applicants who have a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average – a high C. Guaranteed admission should be reserved only for the best students – those who have high B averages and ACT scores well into the 20s. Raising university admission standards will provide a little healthy competition, which might increase high school performance – and thus learning – in many students.

Admission deadlines should be set and strictly enforced. Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, said MTSU's various admissions departments aren't really sticklers for deadlines. Glenn also said students who apply for fall admission after Aug. 1 (and, apparently, there are several of these last-minute decision-makers) generally perform worse in their classes than students who had done substantial planning and enrolled months ahead of time. It's safe to assume that those who consistently perform worse in courses will either drop or flunk out, so – in a university sense – they're dead weight. In the interest of weeding out those not too interested in their studentship, deadlines should be made and kept.

At the very least, these two measures should be taken as soon as possible. It's becoming clear that a large number of students doesn't necessarily indicate a larger percentage of better students. ◆

From the Opinions Editor Barney doesn't buy your kids McNuggets and fries



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

If children are our future, it's going to be a fat one.

According to CNN Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, 15 percent of America's children are obese, due to replacing outdoor play with watching television. During an interview, he feigns nostalgia, claiming, "Gone are the days where kids used to play outside until dusk. Instead, kids are watching television. Lots of it." Poor television, always catching the blame that rightfully belongs to incompetent parents.

When I was a kid, I used to spend hours sitting on my hindquarters watching Nickelodeon and I remain a healthy weight to this day. The reason is that my mother didn't take me to McDonald's every other

day and stuff my face with greasy toxins.

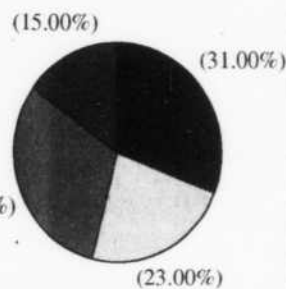
Even sitting still, children burn an obscene amount of calories, not to mention the energy they expend from the time they wake up to the beginning of prime time. As long as parents aren't using TV as an electronic babysitter, letting kids watch an hour or two of television per day isn't going to turn them into tubs of blubber, assuming the kids aren't given a twelve-pound bag of cookies to munch while they watch. Parents should encourage other forms of entertainment as well, such as playing outside, but television isn't the enemy; poor parenting is.

Parents should stop pointing fingers at inanimate objects and encourage their children to be healthy and confident. Unless you live in some alternate universe where Barney hops from the screen to stuff your kids' faces with junk, don't ban him from your household. ◆

Sidelines online poll results

Last month, we asked readers, "What do you think of THEC's 11-point plan approval?"

It's good – it'll raise the credibility of the university system. (31.00%)
It's good – it'll help eliminate wasteful spending. (23.00%)
It's bad – if it was around 5 years ago, I wouldn't have been able to go to school. (15.00%)
It's bad – the university should offer remedial and developmental courses. (31.00%)



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com and vote for this week's question: What can be done to control enrollment?

* this poll is not scientific

Top scholars Christian, conservative

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Managing Editor

The cream of the Tennessee crop spoke out in Monday's *Tennessean* about issues as varying as the budget, religion, tolerance and substance use and abuse.

Perhaps not surprisingly, many of the 353 valedictorians and salutatorians of Tennessee's 131 public and private high schools feel they have not received more than an average education. Only 14 percent of public school graduates gave their school an "excellent" rating.

Most of the students did not blame the quality of the faculty, which received an average or above rating from 63 percent of those polled, but pointed to a lack

of funding that some grads feel has hindered the quality of their education. In fact, a number of them feared that low funding was driving many of the best teachers out of state, where they can receive both higher pay and more classroom support.

Lisa Glenn, one of 17 valedictorians from Riverdale High School's graduating class said Tennessee's education system had the least support of any state she has lived in. She cited textbooks that had to be duct-taped together and maintenance problems such as missing ceiling tiles.

Technology received the biggest jeers from the crowd, with more than 50 percent of the students rating their school's technology as average or below. These would seem to be particularly important to this sample group, as the majority polled were going into engineering, medicine or education.

Despite the above results, most of the students will be attending a higher education institution in

Tennessee, which suggests that, while funding is abysmal, the benefit of remaining close to home outweighed these concerns.

In non-fiscal matters, it appears that the fundamentalists have done their job. The graduates revealed that more than half of them are, for instance, unwilling to date someone of a different religion. In addition, 75 percent said prayer should be allowed at any time of the school day.

The students sent a mixed message on their views on homosexuals. While a full 73 percent said that having a gay or lesbian extracurricular club is inappropriate, 62 percent were comfortable with having a homosexual friend of the same gender. When the question was asked about a friend of the opposite gender, the number jumped to 78 percent.

Perhaps most surprising of all, only 17 percent of the students believe that abortion should remain legal and 42 percent think it should not be allowed in any cir-

cumstance, which shows a surprising lack of empathy and ability to relate to those in different circumstances than their own. It should be noted that 9-in-10 of the students polled came from two-parent households with "comfortable incomes," according to the article.

Chances are, you'll be seeing some of these students in the fall, as MTSU is the top choice for valedictorians and salutatorians in Middle Tennessee, according to the voice that permeates MTSU's call hold system.

Perhaps the great liberal juggernaut that is MTSU's student body can convince these students to see the light on some issues, while they can show those who are already here that there is more to college life than beer bongs and bikini contests.

Then again, maybe not. ◆

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Spears sets bad example

All Due Respect



Courtney England
Staff Columnist

Very few entertainers truly disgust me. However, just the sight of Ms. Britney Spears makes me want to vomit.

It's not so much an issue of talent, or lack thereof, but the image that she portrays. There is only one word to describe her image, from the clothes she wears to the way she dances: slutty.

Acting like a slut is a choice that people are free to make. If she enjoys the barely-there outfits she prances around in, fine. Who am I to judge? Nevertheless, let's get real, Britney. The only people buying your music are 12-year-old girls and old, perverted men.

Forget the nasty geezers, what about the children? We are talking about girls who haven't even started puberty, looking up to her and plastering their walls with her image.

Just the other day I was watching an Oprah show on eating disorders. There

were girls as young as eight talking about starving themselves or purging because they thought they were fat. Their parents were crying and distraught because they had no clue from where this behavior stemmed.

If we allow our children to idolize celebrities like Britney Spears, we teach them they have to look a certain way or have a particular body type in order to be beautiful.

Has anyone paid attention to what pre-teens are wearing these days? They all look like sluts. Girls are becoming sexually active at a much younger age, because they see their favorite singer's new movie (*Crossroads*), which is about taking a road trip with the intent to lose her virginity. Our society is so backwards that we look down on teenage pregnancy, but allow our teens and pre-teens to worship someone who has sex written all over her.

I know that many of you are out there saying, "It's Disney. Her recording label makes her wear those clothes and choreographs her performances. If you want to blame anyone, blame them. Britney has no control, she just does

what they tell her to do." That's bull.

When Britney goes onstage in her skimpy clothes prepared to do her provocative dancing and she sees an audience made up of children, she could make a conscious decision not to act like a slut. If that means Disney drops her, so be it. I would applaud her for standing up and saying, "These children don't need to be exposed to this."

Anyone reading this piece is probably old enough to have some sense of who they are as an individual. The typical college student is intelligent enough to realize that Britney Spears' image, while juvenile, is also fake.

As a 20-year-old woman, I know that having a size zero waist and D-cup breasts is not the only way to achieve male approval. However, young girls who are just beginning to develop breasts and hormones can not distinguish between the reality of life and the fantasy of Britney Spears. ◆

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

On May 19, jailers in Jefferson County, Mo. had to deal with a prisoner who thought he had buns of steel.

It seems that an inmate, Garrate Bellew, was trying to make a half-assed escape attempt while awaiting trial on two counts of first-degree burglary. Not one to take things sitting down, Bellew leaped up from his holding cell, dropped his pants and charged toward a pane of bullet-proof glass, turning at the last second to slam his naked hams against the door. A guard on the other side of the door promptly came

in and restrained him.

What was the dumb-ass thinking? Did he think that his butt would lead him to freedom? Or was he scared to spend ten years in a state pound-you-in-the-ass prison?

It's not as if he had a bum rap. There is a chance that he wouldn't have been convicted of the burglary, that his slate would have been wiped clean. But not, if he is convicted, he'll have the most famous fanny in the system. Call us crazy, but if we were to go to prison, a powerful podex is not what we would want to be known for.

We thought it was common knowledge that a gluteus maximus, no matter how explicitly toned, could break



through material that was designed to halt a cylindrical piece of metal flying at 900 ft/sec. Maybe Bellew missed that day of physics class. He was probably busy trying to shatter cinder blocks with notebook paper.

In any case, he's dumb, and should be locked away. For the sake of his rump, it'll be in a padded cell. ◆

State Reps should take a stand on budget issue

Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery
Staff Columnist

June 19, 2002 could be a historic day for the state of Tennessee. On that day, House members will try to finally fix the budget. It won't be, however, thanks to the indecisiveness of two Rutherford County electees, Mae Beavers (R-Mt. Juliet) and Donna Rowland (R-Murfreesboro).

If one positive thing can be said about House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh and the 44 other pilferers who currently support his income tax bill, it's that they are willing to take a stand, even if it is immoral. It's pathetic that Beavers and Rowland can't make that claim.

Those two are part of a group recently dubbed the "do-nothing caucus" for their jelly-like spines. None of the 18 representatives have supported one of the three major tax proposals that have gone to the floor in the past three years. Even more disgusting is that not one of them has proposed an alternate plan.

In an interview with *The Tennessean*, Rowland had this to say about the tax situation: "I'm not willing to support a tax, period, until we have a constitutional budget."

When asked what she meant by a constitutional budget, Rowland stated: "I'm saying it needs to be a constitutionally correct budget, and that means living with the revenue we've got. The only comment I want to make is I want to see us have a constitutional budget."

Rowland is quite astute. A constitutional budget is one that is constitutionally correct. I bet she got an A in Intro to Logic when she attended MTSU all those years ago.

In her only official comment, she's established nothing other than the fact that deficit spend-

ing is bad for the state. What a wonderful political ploy – who could disagree with her statement? If she's ever targeted for not supporting an income tax, she just has to say that she thought it was unconstitutional. The opposite applies as well.

In interview with the same *Tennessean* reporters, Beavers said she voted against the McKee-Newton tax plan (which would broaden the existing sales tax to include more services) because she wasn't sure that "in the economy like we have right now, that we need to be raising that much money ... I don't have any problem with removing some of the [sales tax] exemptions, however I didn't agree with all of them."

She's "not sure" and "didn't agree with all of them." Yet offered no alternative plans. There she stands, ladies and gentlemen, firmly planted in the middle of the road. The problem with that philosophy is that it leaves you more likely to be destroyed by a speeding 18-wheeler.

State Rep. Ulysses Jones (D-Memphis) described the situation perfectly. "They're more than the do-nothing caucus. They're political parasites who are sitting around waiting for other people to come in and take all the heat."

I would use the word "cowardly." These representatives were elected to vote according to the will of the people, yet they refuse to side with any of their constituents.

If Rowland and Beavers think there is wasteful spending, let them present a plan that will eliminate it. They can't afford politically or morally to stay out of the fight any longer. ◆

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Jimmy eats Exit/In's world

Emo mainstays jam with Feable Wiener

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

A sold-out crowd packed in Nashville's Exit/In last month for a show by emo veterans and budding MTV darlings Jimmy Eat World.

Jimmy Eat World has been touring with Green Day and Blink-182 on the Pop Disaster Tour, but took a detour to play a full set at the Exit/In May 17. It presented what will likely be Nashville's last opportunity to see this band, who is in regular rotation on rock radio, in the sweaty ambience provided by the legendary club — which has hosted acts varying from Steve Martin to The Police to George Jones. The band rejoined the Disaster tour the next night with a show at Atlanta's Hi-Fi Buys Ampitheatre.

The band, some of whose members are old enough to have been the mostly 18-25 crowd's fathers, played a fast-paced, energetic set. Nearly everyone in the building sang along to songs from their most recent album, *Bleed American*, but the crowd energy remained high through material off of *Clarity* and *Static Prevails*, with longtime devoted fans singing nearly every word with them.

The set opened up with "A Praise Chorus," a *Bleed American* track that kicked in the built-up energy of the audience, some of whom had wait-

ed nearly five hours to see them.

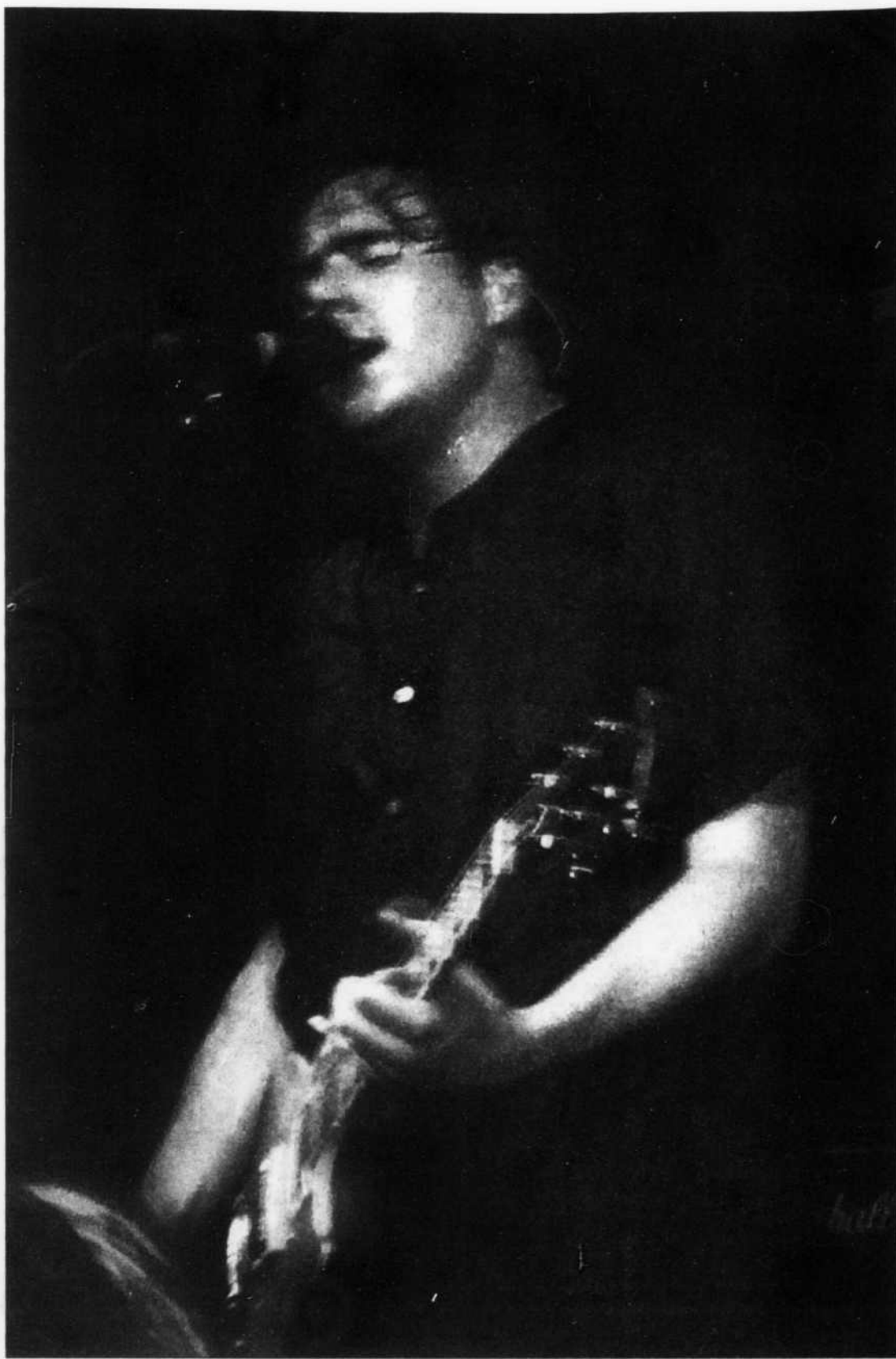
"Your New Aesthetic" took a hard-nosed shot at mainstream radio, charging listeners to "make them open up the request line and let selection kill the old."

The down-tempo, vastly abridged "Goodbye Sky Harbor" is best described by one opinion given to this writer: "I had to change my pants after that." The live version, significantly stripped down from the 16-minute opus that brings *Clarity* to a close, kept the crowd in a trance.

The older song "Rockstar," off of *Static Prevails*, had longtime fans belting out the lyrics to this laid-back rocker, with the band's newfound fans catching on to the song's irresistible groove.

The show started with Murfreesboro's own Feable Wiener, who displayed a lot of stage presence with monogrammed tuxedos and on-stage banter. They also promoted their new album, which is designed like the legendary Mead Trapper Keepers of the 1980s and early '90s.

For Jimmy Eat World to play a venue such as the Exit/In at this stage of their careers is a relatively rare occurrence, and the lucky few who had the privilege of cramming into Nashville's most storied club to see them and Feable Wiener got a show worth more than the price, even after Ticketmaster's share of the bill. ♦



Photos by Blake Pearson and Jason Cox | Staff

(Above) Singer Jim Adkins gets his groove on with a fan getting an up-close look.
(Left) The band slows down the tempo at Nashville's famed Exit/In.



Facing challenges

Non-traditional students carry additional burdens

By Brooke Hocker
Contributor

Imagine being a full-time student and having to pay rent, utilities, daily expenses such as food and gas and tuition.

Sound hard?
Now imagine having all that on your shoulders, plus the added responsibility of a child or two.

Sounds even harder, doesn't it?

Many of today's students have such responsibilities. Students of every age and from different family backgrounds are pursuing secondary education degrees here in Tennessee; many of whom are non-traditional students and/or parents. The daily struggle of finding time for

school and for the kids is a battle that takes time away from studying.

Marty Adkison, who recently graduated from MTSU, is the father of two sons, Jarred and Blake.

"I usually did my lessons late, late at night," he said. "When I got home from work I would spend an hour or two with them. Actually, I didn't get much sleep. I did my lessons from 10 to 12 at night and slept from about midnight to six."

Many parents, unlike Marty, do not have a spouse to help in the parenting of the children. A single parent has the added responsibility of being both mom and dad while providing for his or her children. Judy Culberson, a single parent, attended Columbia State Community College when

her daughters were nine and 13.

"I had gotten divorced and had never really planned on going to college. I worked full-time in the school system as a teacher's aid, but that wasn't enough," Culberson said. "Many females, especially from my generation, didn't plan on going to college because we got married right after high school. But things sometimes change and you have to do for yourself."

The first obstacle many non-traditional students must overcome is physically returning to the educational arena.

Mary Jane Adkisson wanted to begin a college career at the age of 17, but didn't because she was afraid. She had entered Columbia State Community College on registration day but was intimidated by the unfamiliarity of her surroundings and by the large number of students waiting to register.

"I just ran back out the door and never went back," said Adkisson, who recently, at

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Sloths slow to a halt at Atlas Street

Murfreesboro hardcore band prepares for final gig

By Ryan Noreikas
Staff Writer

Nothing lasts forever. It was a heck of a run, but the Sloths have had enough.

After almost a year of heavy strumming and pounding, shouting into microphones, bleeding and spitting on die-hard audiences, causing minor 20-minute riots and statewide touring, this local hardcore punk band became exhausted and called it quits.

The short, strange trip began sometime in early 2001. Lead vocalist/MTSU graduate Dave Copeland was working extremely hard at the Keathley University Center Grill. Something created an overload of frustration in the mind of this young man — maybe grease fumes.

One day, he realized he just

couldn't contain himself anymore. He began writing songs on menu slips when business was slow.

"I was writing about stuff that pissed me off," Copeland said, "like work and credit card debts."

At home, he pieced together chord combinations and created music for his heartfelt lyrics. Wanting to concentrate on vocals and jumping around, Copeland asked guitarist/MTSU senior Mike Leffler to practice the songs with him.

Copeland and Leffler began practicing weekly in Copeland's garage. They were soon joined by drummer/MTSU senior Justin Lee, who worked at The Grill with Copeland.

The trio gathered up some songs and performed their debut gig in Jamestown, Tenn., in January of 2001 under their original name, Slimy Sloths.

A few months later, The Sloths acquired bass player/MTSU senior Nathaniel Treat. The quartet began cranking out

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Industry veteran brings wisdom

By JaNelle Duhon
Contributor

If you work for *Inside Edition* and need an audio expert to prove that many of today's megawatt stars don't really sing at live concerts, who do you call?

For many, it's MTSU's own recording industry guru, Doug Mitchell.

At 5 feet 6 inches tall with long frizzy blonde hair, a denim jacket and a laid-back attitude, Mitchell resembles a college student, not a recording industry professor. Being an expert in many levels of the audio industry, Mitchell's knowledge is often called upon by those less familiar with the electronic communication world.

As a young boy living in

Milwaukee, Wis., Mitchell began to dabble in the complex world of tree technology by wiring his audio house to be a broadcasting station. He'd also begun to listen to music in a different way. His ear, as many recording industry professionals call it, had begun to develop. After graduation from high school, he went off to college at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do, at the time I was clueless," he recalled. "So I began studying political science."

Soon he realized that the political game was not his calling and dropped out. He worked several odd jobs for a while but continued to feel lost in life. So he returned to school at Wisconsin. This time he

majored in mass communication.

A few weeks into his new semester, he found a job that had always enthralled him — being a disc jockey at the college radio station.

"One of the shows that I really enjoyed working on featured a kind of music that is referred to as 'New Age,'" he explained.

It was while shopping for music for the station's New Age program that he stumbled into a job at Milwaukee-based record label, Narada Records. He became the fledgling company's sixth employee.

"That record label has since gone on to be part of the Universal music group," Mitchell said. "In fact, the president of the company works with

Peter Gabriel now."

It was during this time that he, along with a friend, built his first recording studio. While finishing his undergraduate degree, he worked at the studio as an assistant engineer, gaining crucial experience that would pay off sooner than expected.

During his senior year, the audio production program teacher at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee quit and once again a golden opportunity fell into his lap. Mitchell began teaching some of the same students that he had previously been in class with.

"It worked really well, it really did," he said. "They needed somebody that could teach audio. Well, that was me. I was

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Local hardcore punk band The Sloths will perform a reunion show June 16 at 1615 Atlas St.

RIM: Professor's storied career has taken him from central intelligence to cheap tricks

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there."

He continued to teach while also going on to get his master's degree in mass communication. His career had begun. It would only be a few years before destiny led him to MTSU and its growing recording industry program. With a resume under his belt that included working with such stars as The Talking Heads, Cheap Trick and the Violent Femmes, he could now move on to the next level of his career.

In 1992, while reading *Mix* magazine, Mitchell saw an ad for a recording industry school that was located in Tennessee. On a whim, he decided to call to see if they might have an opening. They did. That fall, he began to teach in what is now one of the top-ranked recording industry schools in the nation, MTSU.

"I love to teach. Well, I love to teach audio. I could not be an English teacher or a history teacher," he said.

Surrounded by stacks upon stacks of CDs, books on audio, an old radio collection, speakers in every corner and no less than nine guitars, it's easy to tell that this man eats and breathes his work. His living room coffee table is covered with remotes to various electronic devices that he uses for his constant surveillance of the ever-changing recording industry.

The self-described computer geek also played a large part in getting MTSU's recording industry into the online age. He, along with other faculty, developed MTSU's first Web site for the program. In 1997, he received the MTSU Instructional Technology Award and the Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology Award. The recognition from his peers is only overshadowed by the respect he receives from his students.

"Doug has made me realize that the possibilities in audio engineering are endless," said Yale Thomas, a recording indus-

try major. "He gets involved with his students and supports their efforts."

One of Mitchell's major desires is to expand the recording industry facilities so that the students will have more hands-on experience time in the studios. As many students of this program know, it is not unusual to go into the studio at midnight and work till 8 a.m. to finish a project.

"We are far superior to any other program," Mitchell explained. "The only thing that I think we are lacking is the necessary facilities to have all of them to get that studio experience."

Mitchell's career is not limited to music. He has worked as a forensic audio expert for an organization that has more audio needs than Sony and Capital Records combined — the CIA.

A forensic audio expert is someone who will go back and clean up the rough recordings that are needed to prove guilt in a court of law. Through this work, he has been named an honorary deputy of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department.

Mitchell's advice for students who want to have a career similar to his is to network. He believes students who just go to class every day and then leave without ever getting involved miss an important part of the college experience.

Organizations like the Audio Engineering Society offer students the chance to make valuable connections with other people working in the field. This networking could mean the difference between a job and the unemployment line.

All you would-be graduates should heed the advice of someone who has traveled the world of the recording industry and get involved.

With professors like Mitchell at your disposal you can gain the most out of your college experience with just a little participation.

After all, like he said, "This university rocks." ♦



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Recording industry professor Doug Mitchell (left) and renowned engineer Eddie Kramer (right), Jimi Hendrix's primary engineer, host a recording clinic in Studio B of the Bragg Mass Communication Building. Mitchell has worked for the CIA as a forensic audio expert.

Sloths: 'Tainted and Repainted' writers' reunion show set for June 16 at 1615 Atlas St.

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new songs, with each member contributing to the writing process.

They played Murfreesboro venues such as Sebastian's, Gentleman Jim's and the Red Rose Cafe. The band also performed a couple of gigs at New York Café before they were banned for the destruction of some restaurant décor. At these early performances, it was clear The Sloths already had a natural image about them.

Lee would count out, "One,

two, three, four," and then POW! It was like a massive hand of sound, sweeping across the dance floor and smacking each audience member in the face with extreme violence.

"Our gigs caused us some physical pain," said a chuckling Copeland. "I usually had some bruises by the end of the night. Nathaniel cut his hand a lot and bled all over his bass. Justin liked to dive through his drumset sometimes or simply throw it around."

"I never got hurt," said a proud Leffler.

The Sloths took their delightfully ruthless show on the road, playing in towns like Cookeville, Jamestown and Kingsport, Tenn.

"Our best gig was in Kingsport," Leffler said. "We played at a state park, inside one of the park buildings, for lots of kids that were very happy to be there."

"The strange thing is we were all completely sober," Copeland added.

In Murfreesboro, The Sloths hosted a few parties at the infamous Atlas St. house, where

they were joined by an array of local and traveling punk bands. These parties were crucial happenings for the local punk scene and won't soon be forgotten by those who were there.

In between playing local and more distant gigs, The Sloths found time to record some of their material. Their first recording was on a 4-track, which they recorded in Copeland's garage.

The band also spent some time in MTSU's Studio B. They recorded two live studio tracks for a RIM 440 project, and later

recorded seven tracks for another project.

"Stuck" and "Tainted and Repainted" are two songs the band favors.

"Stuck" is about being stuck in a situation or town that really sucks," said Copeland. "Tainted and Repainted" is about trying to fix problems with short-term solutions, and how it doesn't work."

After a solid year of heavy noise and violence, The Sloths have had enough, and wish to pursue other interests.

"Life started to suck, so we

all became quitters," Copeland joked.

But it wouldn't be of Sloth caliber to just up and quit without one last insane performance. The band intends to perform a reunion show June 16 at 1615 Atlas St.

For more information on The Sloths and the reunion show visit their Web site at <http://listen.to/thesloths>, which contains the band's biography, links, photographs and MP3s, or visit the 1615 Atlas St. Web site at www.geocities.com/atlasst1615. ♦

Non-traditional: Help available

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age 42, has begun classes at Tennessee Technical Center at Hohenwald.

The second hardship for many non-traditional students is fitting into the secondary education profile.

"In the surgery technician program, there are some people there older than me, some my age and a lot of teenagers," Adkisson said. "The teacher is younger than me. I didn't like it at first; I didn't like it at all. But she shows all of us respect and we show her respect."

"At Columbia State it wasn't so bad. There were a lot of people my age there," she said. "But at MTSU I was a lot older than the rest of them. I just didn't tell them my age. They just figured I was about their age. As long as I kept my face shaved and my haircut short I was fine."

Some people go back for education merely because they

are dissatisfied with current work conditions while others go back out of sheer determination.

"I hated my job," Adkisson said, "and my wife said go ahead and get student loans and do something you'll enjoy, so that's what I did."

"I got married when I was 14," Adkisson said. "I went back to school and the principal asked me to leave. He said I didn't need to be talking to the other girls about things married couples do, so he asked me to quit, and I did. I went back to Columbia State three years later and got my GED. I started working and worked for 16 years at the Williamson County Health Department. I've always wanted to go back to school. I've wanted to prove to everybody that I could do it."

Many secondary education facilities have organizations or entire departments for those who chose to return to the

classroom. At MTSU the Adult Services Center or the Older Wiser Learners group is available for:

- Student who did not enter college immediately after graduation from high school
- Students over age 23
- Students who have adult responsibilities
- Students who attended college years ago and are returning to complete a degree
- Students who have been phased out of a job and need additional skills in order to successfully compete for a new job
- Students who require additional skills in order to qualify for promotion in the workplace

Adult Services is located in the Keathley University Center, Room 320, and provides counseling, a study area, a lounge and encouragement for those who are OWLs. ♦

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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Gibson headed to British Amateur

Middle Tennessee sophomore golfer Charlie Gibson traveled to Porthcawl, Wales, to compete in the British Amateur from June 3-8.

Gibson, a Brentwood, Tenn., native, made the U.S. Amateur in 2000 by finishing second at a qualifier in Memphis, which gave him a three-year exemption to the British Amateur. Gibson chose not to attend last year's amateur.

The Blue Raider will be one of more than 200 golfers who will compete in the tournament at the Royal Porthcawl links course. Competitors play two complete rounds before sending the top 64 golfers into match play to decide the champion.

Gibson, who transferred to MT from Samford, competed in all 11 tournaments and had a 75.1 stroke average.

All-Sun Belt Baseball announced

The Sun Belt Conference announced its annual baseball honors for 2002 May 21 at the SBC Baseball Tournament banquet in Mobile, Ala.

Brad Eldred, first baseman for Florida International, was named Sun Belt Player of the Year. Western Kentucky head coach Joel Murrie was named the Ron Maestri SBC Coach of the Year.

Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson won this award in 2001 after leading the Blue Raiders to an NCAA regional appearance.

Junior MT outfielder Justin Sims and freshman utility player Josh Archer took the honors of being placed on the SBC All-Conference First Team. Senior outfielder Marshall Nisbett won Second Team honors.

The MT baseball team ended its season during the SBC tournament with a 7-6 loss to New Orleans. The Blue Raiders finished up with a 26-30 season.

Track season ends at NCAA tourney

Senior Godfrey Herring, sophomore Chris Kroger and the men's 4-by-100 relay team finished the 2002 season with a trip to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships from May 29-June 1 at the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

Herring, who qualified in the 400-meter dash, earned a spot on the All-American list after his sixth place finish Saturday evening.

Kroger, who participated in the in the high-jump category, finished 13th overall late Saturday night.

The 4-by-100-meter relay team of DJ Spann, Fred Williams, Wesley Dupar-Scott and Herring finished ninth in the event finals, running 40.01 seconds and just missing earning All-American status.

Martinez makes Second Team SBC

Senior standout Jennifer Martinez received All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team honors last month after a perfect game performance at the Sun Belt Conference softball tournament.

Martinez's perfect 1-0 game over Florida International marked the first perfect performance by a pitcher in SBC tournament history.

With a 16-14 senior performance, Martinez held a 1.86 ERA and also hit 3 home runs and 26 RBIs with a .272 batting average and .391 slugging percentage.

Martinez currently holds all career pitching records as a Lady Raider at MT. ♦

Lewis to defend titles on bluff

By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

People from all over the world will crowd into Memphis this week to witness the biggest fight of the century between World Heavyweight Champion Lennox Lewis and world-renowned bad boy Mike Tyson.

The fight, which will take place Saturday at The Pyramid Arena, will leave Lewis defending his IBF and WBC heavyweight titles against the former champ and controversial boxer Tyson.

Lewis, a 1988 Olympic boxing gold medalist, was welcomed into Memphis last Friday with a parade on Beale Street followed by fireworks and a ceremony in which he was presented a key to the city from Mayor Willie Herenton. Lewis also was named an honorary city council chairman by chairman Ricky Peete.



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Lewis responded by saying, "Yo, Memphis. Yah-yah-yah. I'm here. Thanks for all the love I've felt, 'nuff love."

A gathering of more than 3,000 fans crowded the street to witness the event.

"This is the biggest crowd

we've ever had on Beale Street," said John Elkington, Beale Street Historic District manager, to Ron Higgins of *The Commercial Appeal*.

"Bigger than the Liberty Bowl Parade. This is a great start to the week."

Tyson snuck into Memphis

late Friday afternoon and is staying hidden from the Memphis crowd that worships Lewis.

Lewis has already witnessed a bit of Tyson's background after a press conference gone bad late last month. A fight

broke out during the conference and Tyson apparently bit Lewis on the leg. Lewis reportedly went to the doctor and got a tetanus shot shortly after the incident.

The bite on Lewis' leg is not the first time Tyson has not been able to keep his mouth shut. After the June 28, 1997, rematch fight against Evander Holyfield, Tyson walked away with a one-year ban from boxing and a \$3 million fine. The fine still holds the position of the largest fine in sports history.

The fine and ban came after "the bite heard around the world." This was when Tyson bit off a portion of Holyfield's right ear and then began to chew on the other. Tyson said he did it because Holyfield kept head-butting him and the referee was doing nothing about it. So he decided to do something about

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Counts leads Vipers to win

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

After the performances of the past two games, the Tennessee Valley Vipers will be glad to have Pensacola off their schedule for the rest of the season.

Last week, the Vipers had their 11-game road win streak stopped with a 51-38 defeat by the Pensacola Barracudas. The Vipers got their payback last Saturday, taking a 40-39 victory over the same Barracudas in Arena Football 2 action.

With 29 seconds left in the game, the Viper defense knocked down a Barracuda 2-point conversion pass attempt to keep the Vipers ahead for good.

The game started out with Pensacola jumping out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead. Quarterback Charlie Peterson had 2 touchdown passes to Jerrian James and Jack Walker that were 24 and 29 yards.

The Vipers didn't score until 13:08 in the second quarter with a 23-yard field goal by Todd Latourette. The field goal started a 17-0 run in less than 6 minutes by the Vipers.

After a 64-yard missed field goal by Pensacola, former Middle Tennessee quarterback Wes Counts found Reggie Worthy in the end zone from 29 yards out with 8:57 left in the first half. The extra point put the Vipers

down 14-10. Worthy was the game MVP and Ironman of the game.

On the next play, Barracuda quarterback Charlie Peterson threw an

interception while falling to the ground. Brad Jefferson returned it 9 yards for a touchdown to give the Vipers their first lead of the game 17-14 with 7:24 left in the first half.

Peterson threw a 29-yard touchdown to Walker to give the lead back to Pensacola, 20-17 with 3:03 left in the half.

The Vipers ended the half by kicking a 24-yard field goal by Latourette to tie the score 20-20 at halftime.

The second half started with the Vipers having the ball for 5 minutes, 38 seconds. Then Reggie Worthy scored from 9 yards out to put Tennessee Valley up 27-20 with 9:22 left in the third quarter.

Also in the third quarter, Pensacola scored with a 17-yard pass from Peterson to Walker. Tennessee Valley answered back with a 1-yard touch-

down sneak by Counts to end the third quarter with the Vipers leading 34-27.

In the final quarter, Peterson threw a screen pass to Kelly Sluder. Sluder took it 31 yards for the touchdown. However, Pensacola lost control on the extra-point snap and missed the chance to tie the game 34-33.

With 4:04 left in the game, Counts found Ronald Bonner for a 12-yard touchdown. Latourette missed the extra point, giving the Vipers a 40-33 lead.

The Barracudas kept the ball for the next 3 and a half minutes with Peterson throwing his sixth touchdown of the game to Joseph Koroma for 13 yards with 29 seconds left in the game. Pensacola went for the win, but the 2-point conversion pass found the turf.

Tennessee Valley recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock for the 40-39 victory. The win is the fourth consecutive at home and improves their record to 7-1.

The win keeps Tennessee Valley in first place in the National Conference Southern Division.

Counts finished the game 27-for-33 with 201 yards passing and 3 touchdowns and 1 running-touchdown. Reggie Worthy had 10 catches for 152 yards with 1 touchdown. Pensacola's record falls to 3-5.

Next Saturday the Vipers will go on the road to take on the two-time defending Arena Cup Champs, Quad City Steamwheelers Saturday.

In 2000, the Steamwheelers beat Tennessee Valley 68-59 for the first Arena Cup Championship. ♦

Three honored with induction

By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Ken Gerhart, Leonard Staggs and Dr. O. Tom Johns will be inducted into the MT Hall of Fame June 21 at an induction breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Game Day Room of Floyd Stadium.

Gerhart is a 1983 graduate of Middle Tennessee and won Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Player of the Year in 1982 as a junior. Leading the Blue Raiders in six offensive categories during his campaign, Gerhart also earned First Team All-South Region in 1982 and contributed to the Blue Raiders run that brought the team within one game of the College World Series. Gerhart also played two seasons with the Baltimore Orioles before an injury cut his career short.

Staggs, a native of Nashville, played football at the University of Mississippi one year before fighting in World War II. After the war, he played football at MT and was a member of the first two of seven Volunteer State Athletic Conference championship teams under head coach Charles M. (Bubber) Murphy. Staggs died in the fall of 1988.

Johns, a 1968 MT graduate, was born and raised in Murfreesboro and attended Central High School. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Tennessee-Memphis and joined the Blue Raider Physician Staff in 1979 at the request of now Athletics Director Boots Donnelly. Johns has missed less than 10 of the 250 MT regular season football games in the past 23 years.

During his time at MT, he had the chance to travel to Atlanta, Ga., and served as a part of the 1996 Olympic Medical Team. He also was named a delegate for the state of Tennessee at the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine conventions for the past three years.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast are \$10 each. Contact Jim Simpson at 898-5632 for more information. ♦

Tennis closes season at NCAA tournament

By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's Manon Kruse, Stacy Varnell and Daniel Klemetz represented the Blue Raiders in the NCAA Tennis Championships during the last two weeks of May.

Ranked at No. 43 after her sophomore season, Kruse lost during the first round of the Individual Women's Championships and finished

the season with a record of 24-6. The German native was ranked as high as 29th during the course of the season.

Also making the cut in women's doubles action was Kruse and her teammate Varnell. Kruse and Varnell, who is a junior, made it to the second round of the tournament before losing to Stanford's Lauren Barnikow and Jessica Lehnoff 4-6, 7-5 and 2-6.

The Lady Raider duo ended

their season with a 28-8 record. Both have made their marks in the Lady Raider record books with Kruse taking over first place for most doubles wins with 30. Varnell is tied for second place for most doubles wins with 28.

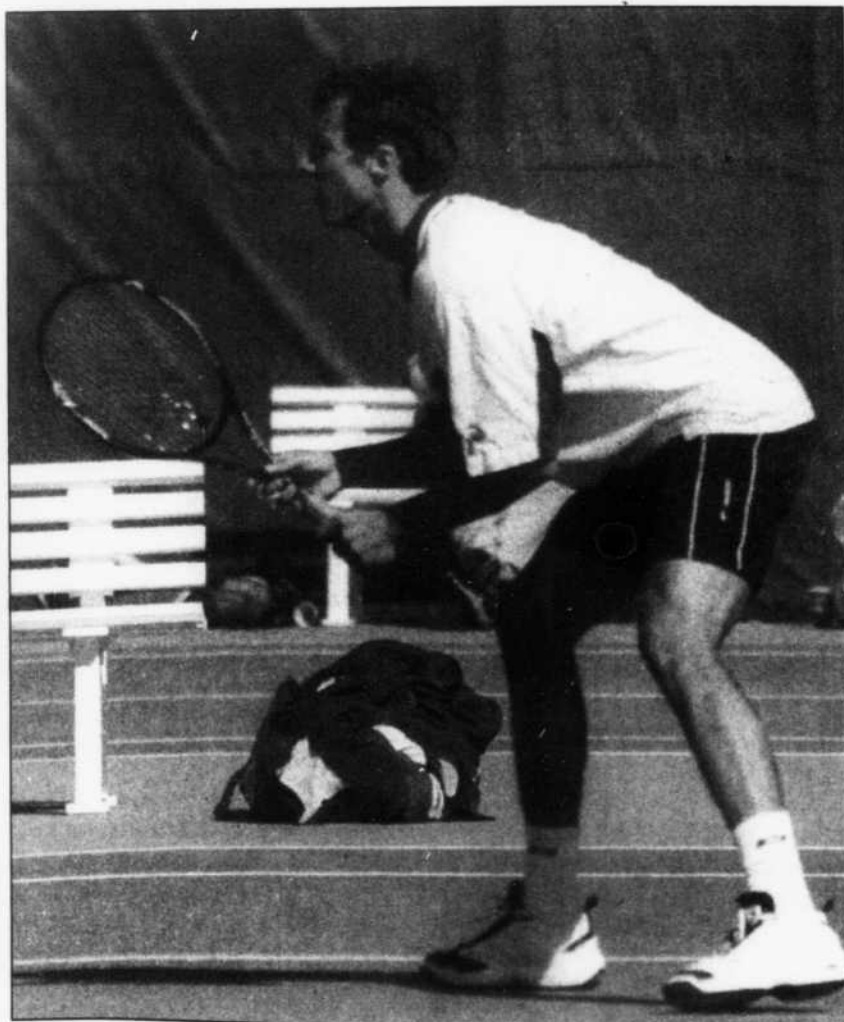
Swedish native Klemetz represented the Blue Raider tennis team in the NCAA tournament but was soon elimi-

nated after losing in the first round to 29th-ranked Alex Vlaski.

Klemetz, who is a junior, won the first set 6-2, but Vlaski took the final two sets 6-3 and

6-4. "Dan started off really well, but Vlaski made some adjustments and Dan just couldn't

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(Left) Manon Kruse returns a serve while Stacy Varnell prepares for the return. (Right) Junior Daniel Klemetz prepares for a serve.

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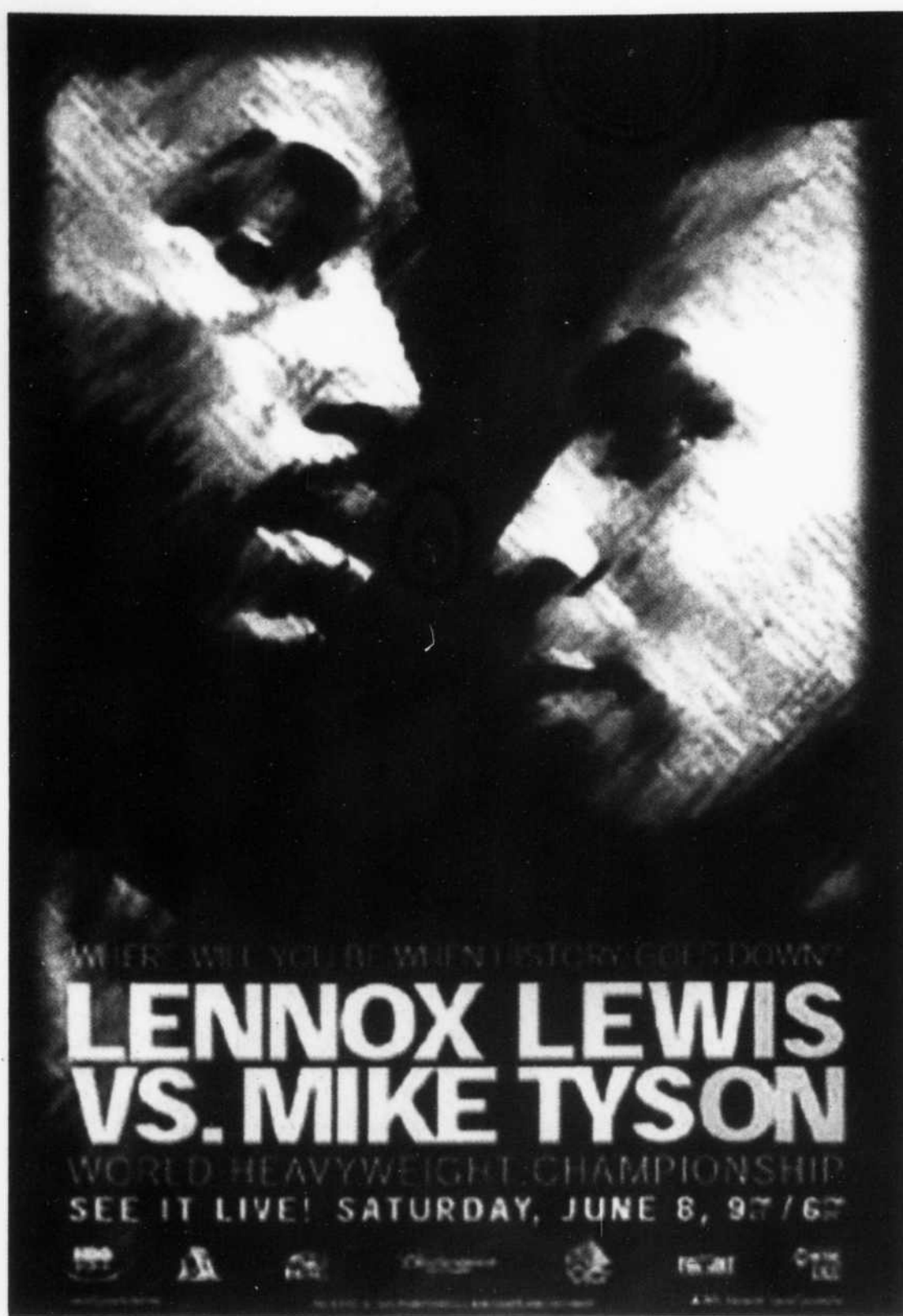


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The Lewis-Tyson match can be viewed on Pay-per-view Saturday at 8 p.m.

Fight: Memphis to host 'Battle on the Bluff'

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it. That incident isn't the only ghost that Tyson has lingering from his past. Tyson spent time in jail during his ban from boxing after being convicted of assaulting two men. He was also behind bars from 1992-1995 after a rape conviction.

Tyson's last fight took place Jan. 28, 2000. He made his British debut at Men Arena against England's Julius Francis. Tyson took the win over Francis.

Sunshine did shine on Tyson's career early on when at

the age of 20, Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion ever.

Lewis' background is a bit different from Tyson's. Lewis, who was born in London, moved to Canada. He passed up many college football and basketball scholarships to chase his dream of being a boxer and became the World Junior Champion at the age of 17 in 1982.

Canada sent Lewis to the Olympics as a boxer in 1984 and 1988. Lewis returned to Canada after the '88 games as a star after winning the gold.

The first time Lewis was

crowned WBC heavyweight champion was in 1989, shortly after signing a pro contract. Lewis defeated Holyfield on Nov. 13, 1999, to hold the heavyweight champion belt.

Lewis is not only known for his boxing. His charity work and millions of dollars in donations to the University of London have gained him many awards and recognition for his contributions.

The fight known as "The Battle on the Bluff" between Lewis and Tyson can be seen Saturday on Pay-per-view at 8 p.m. ♦



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Manon Kruse mentally prepares for a serve from the opposing team.

Tennis: MT represents in NCAA tourney

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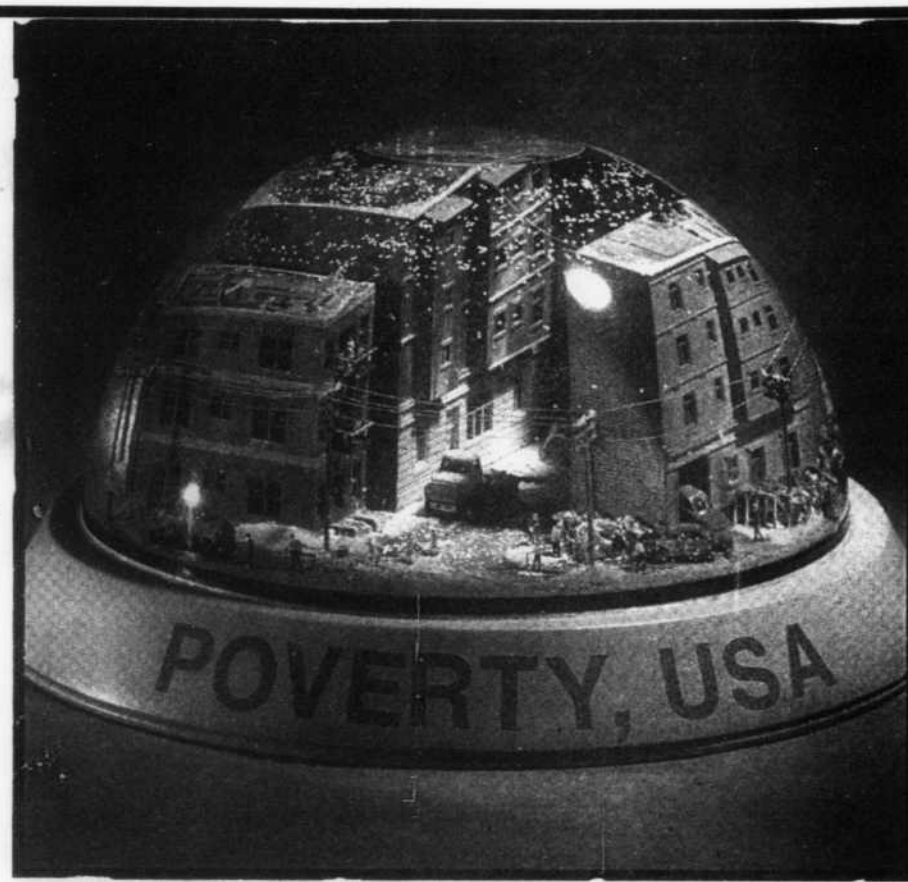
hold on to get the win," said MT men's tennis head coach Dale Short. "Dan had a terrific year and you hate to see it end this

way. But sometimes the breaks just don't do your way, and they didn't for Dan."

While at the tournament, Klemetz received the *National Tennis Magazine*/Arthur Ashe,

Jr. Sportsmanship and Leadership Award winner for the 2002 year.

Klemetz ends his season at 29-9 and compiled 49 victories over the academic year. ♦



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