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Clinton, Bush winners in mock election

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Assistant News Editor

George Bush and Bill Clinton were chosen by students as the top candidates in their respective political parties in a mock presidential primary held at MTSU last week.

The primary was held Thursday in the Keathley University Center, political science department of Peck Hall and Smith and Lyon halls.

Voting in the election were 1,621 students, and of those, 820 voted Democrat and 801 voted Republican.

Bill Clinton led the pack for the Democrats with 367 votes, or 44.7 percent of the vote. Paul Tsongas came in second with 178 votes, or 21.7 percent. Third place went to Jerry Brown with 84 votes, or 10.2 percent. Tom Harkin and Bob Kerrey brought up the rear with Harkin capturing 27 votes, or 3.2 percent and Kerrey receiving 20 votes, or 2.4 percent.

An additional 36 votes, or 4.3 percent, went to Democratic write-in candidates.

Students who indicated they would vote for a Democrat but remained uncommitted to a particular candidate cast 108 votes, or 13.1 percent.

Incumbent Bush prevailed as the leading Republican candidate with 502 votes, or 62.6 percent of the vote. Pat Buchanan received 161 votes, or 20 percent, and David Duke received 45 votes, or 5.6 percent.

Republican write-in votes totaled 25, or 3.1 percent, while 68 votes, or 8.4 percent, were cast as Republican Uncommitted.

Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess said the total number of students voting was equivalent to 10 percent of the student body, and he thinks the election went "very well."

"I think if we could have had election machines rather than ballots, they would have been more visible and we would have gotten more students to vote," Burgess said.

Charles Johnson, coordinator of Area II residence halls and coordinator of the mock primary, said he was "satisfied" with the involvement for the election. However, he said he thought the turnout was low and attributed that to short hours, limited polling places and spans of time that polls had to be closed because of lack of volunteers to man them.

Polls in Peck Hall had to be closed occasionally because there were no volunteers to monitor them.

"I think it speaks well of the people who voted. They care about their future, and this lets people know they are concerned," Johnson said.

"I think one of the problems of our time is that people have given up on the political process to solve problems," Johnson said. "We're all in this boat together, and we all suffer when things aren't made right."

Johnson said because students are exposed to the same advertisements and campaigning that other Tennessee residents are, "I think we got almost what we can expect on Super Tuesday."

"I was a little surprised by the number who supported David Duke and the number of students who voted undecided," Johnson said.

Several students gathered at the Murfreesboro Courthouse on Friday after hearing rumors that Democratic candidate Bill Clinton would arrive at Representative Bart Gordon's office on his way to speak in Nashville.

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Democratic votes

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Brian Rogers/Staff Artist

Problems not over for TV-12

VICKI NEAL
Assistant News Editor

Finger-pointing and pleading for involvement were just a few aspects to Wednesday's TV-12 information meeting.

David Hames, station manager, said he hopes the Radio-TV department will get more involved with the station so that continuing problems will end.

"The Radio and TV department says TV-12 is a co-curricular station, which means the department will help if they want to," Hames said. "I think the department should be more involved with Channel 12."

Michael Johnson, the station's adviser, was not present at Wednesday's meeting and could not be

reached for comment about the meeting's main points Friday.

The station has about \$3,500, \$2000 received from the Student Government Association's activity fund and \$1,500 received from the Radio-TV department.

Still, TV-12 is more than \$1,800 in debt.

Hames also added that the business office was responsible for Channel 12's financial problems.

"The accounting department [the business office] never said 'You're deficit spending,'" Hames said. "Others [the business office] said the SGA is sending money, and it's taking time [to get the money]."

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"It was a complete shock to me that we were \$1800 plus in the hole"
---David Hames

Michelangelo virus takes no prisoners on campus

BRIAN ROGERS
Staff Writer

The Michelangelo virus, known for crashing both hard and floppy disk drives, did not affect the campus computer system Friday, Computer Services specialists said.

"Anyone who has an IBM compatible machine will be affected. The campus mainframe, however, will not be affected," said Vicki Sargent, coordinator of Computer Services.

"Students, faculty, and administration people came in

to get the repair programs. A lot of people showed up to get it," Sargent said.

Sylvia Brace, microcomputer specialist in the Computer Services department, sent faculty, staff and administration a memo March 2 notifying them about two shareware packages that detect viruses.

Copies of the two packages, McAfee Scan, which scans PC's for viruses, and McAfee Clean, which repairs virus-infected PC files,

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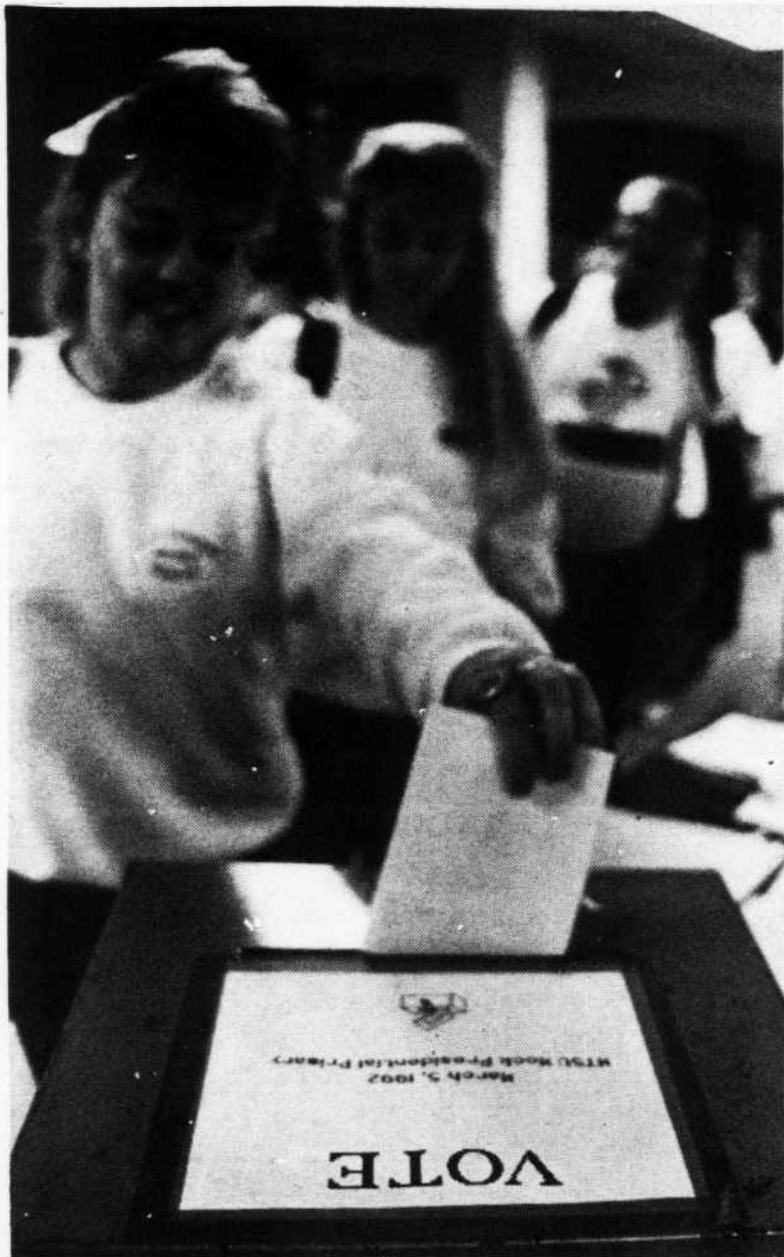
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The Blue Raiders fall in the first round of the OVC Tournament.

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE: Students vote in Thursday's Mock Presidential Primary.

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were made available for people to check for the virus.

Brace said in the memo that the department had received a number of calls from people

inquiring about the virus.

"This virus is a 'bomb' that infects IBM-compatible microcomputers. The Michaelangelo virus was designed to destroy the file allocation (FAT) table and file directory on both floppy and hard

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Twelve MTSU students assembled at the courthouse, hoping to hear Clinton speak.

Amy Thompson, a sophomore majoring in English, voted for Clinton in the mock presidential primary on campus and was among those hoping to see Clinton at the courthouse.

"I voted for Clinton because he's the only one with a good stand on the environment," Thompson said.

"I think we all want jobs when we get out of school, so if we want jobs, we can't vote for Bush because he's not going to give us any jobs," said Thomas Mercer, a sophomore majoring in political science. "Clinton is the only person who's going to restore education, give us jobs, and help fix health."

Todd Hill, a senior majoring in plant and soil science, said he thinks Clinton has the most potential and is the most charismatic of the Democratic candidates.

"I think the economy is just in shambles right now, and I know that Bush is trying to get things in order, so you can't necessarily blame it on him," Hill said. "I feel that we need a strong Democrat running and Clinton would be the one."

Hill said he went to the courthouse hoping to hear Clinton discuss his views and possibly even meet him.

disks on March 6," Brace's memo stated.

"We checked all of ours [computers] in the department," said Robert Aden, acting chair of Information Systems.

"We are protected against it," Carlos Coronel, director of the Computer Lab, said Friday. "We run checks every morning. We don't have any problems."

"Stoned is another virus that is just as deadly to the hard drive as the Michaelangelo virus is, but it can be defeated just as easily," Sargent said.

Campus Capsule

Today

Deadline for sign-up for Spring Break Backpacking trip, call Campus Recreation, Ext. 2104.

Deadline to sign up for intramural softball, call Campus Recreation, Ext. 2104.

Bicycle Training Rides for Cyclists and Triathletes, 2 p.m., meet in Greenland parking lot, call Ext. 2688 or 890-6051.

"Ethics in Coaching," Boots Donnelly, Honors Lecture Series.

Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group, 6 p.m., Keathley University Center 315.

Hare Krishna Club Information Table, KUC bottom floor, call Adi Purusa-das 759-6888.

Tuesday, March 10

Christian Music Society, 7 p.m., Mass Communications Building 151, call Eric Nance at 849-9531.

Opera Theatre/Workshop, An Evening of American Opera, 8 p.m., Wright Music Building Music Hall (also on Wednesday and Thursday).

Wednesday, March 11

Lunchtime Seminar on Back Pain, sponsored by HPER Department, 12-1 p.m., KUC 322, call Ext. 2811.

Murfreesboro Jaycees Student Affiliation, membership information, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., KUC lobby, call Ben Lachey at 895-2972 (also on Thursday and Friday).

Society of Professional Journalists, initiation and speaker Mike Pirtle, 7 p.m., Mass Comm 104, call Glenn Himebaugh, Ext. 2205.

Students for Environmental Actions, 5 p.m., KUC 305, call Dave 849-8732.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship, worship, 9 p.m., 615 N. Tennessee Blvd., call 893-1787.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, meeting, 8:30 p.m., Blue Raider Room, call John, Ext. 3716.

Thursday, March 12

Faculty Car Wash, free car wash for all faculty members with a valid faculty parking permit, sponsored by Sigma Chi, 12-4 p.m., Boro Bar and Grill, call Kyle Bradley at 895-8300.

Summer Jobs Fair, MTSU Placement Center, 1-4 p.m., KUC 322-324, call Martha Turner, Ext. 2500.

"Current Status of Legislation and Strategies for the Future for Higher Education," Jerry Winters, 3-4:30 p.m., KUC 312.

General Musical Recital, 11 a.m., WMB Music Hall.

Other Campus Events

TV-12 is looking for a Station Manager and a Program Director for the fall 1992 semester, send a letter of interest to David Hames, P.O. Box 9515, no later than Friday.

Submissions for "The Ultimate Rush," a video/film talent television special produced by Radio-TV 415, accepted until Thursday, call Allison Ferrara 898-1799.

Transportation to hear Minister Farakan speak in Memphis, Tenn., call Kamahl at 832-7167 or Sumayya at 895-6162.

Student Government Association seal contest, drawings should be submitted by noon March 25 in the Student Government Association office, KUC 304.

SGA Luncheon Forum scheduled for March 24, 11:50 a.m., in the James Union Building Tennessee Room.

Videotaped Mock Interviews, Placement Center, every Monday and Tuesday by appointment, KUC 328, call Ext. 2500.

Co-op job opportunities available, deadline for Fall '92 placement is Friday, call Wayne Rollins, Ext. 2225.

Sitcom script writing, call Miles Hunter, Ext. 1799.

English Department, tutoring lab, noon-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:40-4:20 p.m.

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"It was a complete shock to me that we were \$1,800 plus in the hole."

Bob Adams, associate vice president of the Business Office, said his office is not responsible for "sending up red flags" to organizations in trouble.

"We send monthly financial reports to the Radio-TV department. Whoever is sponsoring the station would get those reports," Adams said.

"Any university account can go into deficit," Adams said. "There's not going to be something to stop it from spending. Whoever is responsible for the group should be stopping their spending."

Adams also said the station has \$722 in a foundation account that could be accessed at any time.

Dr. Elliott Pood, chairman of the Radio-TV department, said the money in that account was "raised by sponsorships" so that it could be "transferred to an expenditure account."

Pood said the station was going to use the foundation money if necessary.

Although the station is undergoing problems, students are not stopping their production work.

Channel 12 Production Manager Joel Raney said forms have been made up so students may "write up" any technical problem(s) they may have with any equipment, which can point out problems specifically to the station's chief engineer.

One master control operator said he had no idea there was even a chief engineer.

The station's audio board is the biggest technical problem right now, Raney said.

"The audio board honestly needs to be replaced," Hames said. "It [the board's replacement] has been halted because of the budget freeze."

Another meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Learning Resources Center 241 between students and faculty to discuss what can be done to help TV-12.

Hames is hoping the meeting on Tuesday will open faculty eyes to what is happening to TV-12.

"No one has come and asked 'What can I do to help Channel 12?'" he said. "Shows need underwriting, but it takes money for producing."

Students are encouraged to voice their concerns at Tuesday's meeting in the LRC 241 with department faculty.

"Television is hard work," the manager said.

Breakfast honors women and introduces new awards

NICOLE M. SIKORA
Assistant News Editor

Two new awards will honor the accomplishments of women on campus, the director of Women's Studies announced Friday at the Sixth Annual International Women's Day Breakfast.

The breakfast, which was held in Dining Room B of the James Union Building, drew more than 80 people, the largest crowd to ever attend the event.

"This is the biggest turnout we've ever had," said Harriette Gaida, a User Services librarian and president of the Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women.

During the breakfast Director of Women's Studies Nancy Rupprecht introduced two new awards for achievements in Women's Studies.

The Ayne C. Durham Award was instituted for outstanding service in the area of Women's Studies.

Dr. Durham is an English professor, founder of MTSU's Women's History Month and past coordinator of the Women's Studies program. She was given the award for this school year, receiving a silver Paul Revere style bowl. Her name will be

engraved on a plaque that will have the names of subsequent winners.

"I was very surprised to have an award named after me and be its first recipient," Durham said. "It's an outstanding honor to have so many women deserve this and to have me singled out."

The Women's Studies Council Award was created to honor outstanding student scholarship in Women's Studies.

"This award will not be offered annually because we're so proud of honoring only true excellence that will we honor it when we find it, whenever we find it," Rupprecht said.

Nancy Goldberg, assistant professor of Foreign Languages, and Jackie Eller, associate professor of Sociology and Anthropology, were named chairpersons for MTSU's 1993 Women's History Month celebration.

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Hammer to pound Murphy Center again

SAM GANNON
News Editor

Students with valid identification cards can get discounts on limited advance concert tickets that go on sale at 10 a.m. today for Hammer with guest Boyz II Men.

Hammer's will visit MTSU again with his "2 Legit 2 Quit" tour, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in Murphy Center. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster for \$23.50 for limited advance. With id cards, students will get a \$1 discount.

"At some point in time the price will go up," said Georgia Dennis, compositor of Student Programming.

Student Programming also will welcome country artist Travis Tritt on May 1, said Mimi Johnson, graduate assistant to Student Programming.

No further information was

available about Tritt's concert.

Other coming events include American Gladiators and World Championship Wrestling, Dennis said.

Try-outs for American Gladiators will be March 14 in the Alumni Gym. Anyone is welcome to try out. Twelve people will be chosen.

The actual show taping will be March 28. Tickets for the event will be \$15.50 for reserved theatre chairs and \$13.50 for bleachers, said Harold Smith, director of Student Programming.

World Championship Wrestling will take place Saturday, April 11. Tickets are still available for the event, Dennis said. "They are having a recession special," she said.

Tickets for the event are on sale now. Reserved ringside seats are \$10. Theatre seats, which are general admission, are \$8, \$4 for children under 12.

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Florida students protest education budget cuts

(CPS)A crowd of 3,000 angry students descended on the Florida Capitol to protest a proposed \$44.6 million budget cut for state universities.

"No more cuts!" the students roared as they marched three blocks to the Capitol. The students arrived by bus and car from as far away as Miami for the rally, organized by the Florida Student Association a collective show of anger.

The Feb. 4 rally also gave students an opportunity to meet with state legislators to demands more money for Florida's nine universities, said Tracey Newman, the student group's chief lobbyist.

A number of government and university officials, including Gov. Lawton Chiles and Chancellor Charles Reed, attended the rally and jointed students in wearing T-shirts that read, "We're off our duffs—now it's their turn."

"We are sick of government. We need to lobby for tax reform," said Jeanne Belin, a Florida State University student senator.

"It doesn't take a scientist or an engineer to know that 125 students are not learning as much as a class of 25 students would," said Leslie Jorgenson, an English



student from Florida State University.

The protesters carried signs that read, "Education Cuts Don't Heal," "Don't Up Our (Tuition), Up Yours," and "Ha, Ha, Your Children Will Be Stupid."

The universities' budgets already have been cut \$165 million in the past two years. If the proposed \$44.6 million cut passes the Legislature, schools may be forced to scrap more funding for summer school, lay off faculty and staff, reduce money for financial-aid programs and raise tuition.

To counter that, the governor has asked the Legislature to pass his proposed budget under which universities would receive \$200 million in added revenue.

"Florida is broke," Reed said. "The legislature needs to pass a tax increase. We're willing to pay for it."

Recycling programs mean scholarships for students

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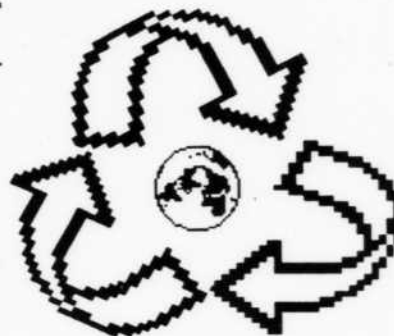
Recycling programs, started by Dr. Patrick Doyle of the biology department, now provide more than 80 scholarships to MTSU students.

The programs, which began in 1972, are divided into three separate branches, one each dealing with aluminum can, white office paper and newspaper recycling.

Doyle estimates that the recycling programs have collected almost \$7,000 apiece for 18 different scholarships funds.

He believes that amount would be even higher if the economy were in better shape and the demand for recyclable goods higher.

"When we get the money back from the recycled goods, we put it in different scholarships funds and then use the interest this money collects to go out and gather more recyclable goods," Doyle said.



"Since the economy is so bad, we can't afford to use anything, but the interest to help keep our programs running," he said.

Part of the financial expenses for the programs are eased by community and campus involvement. Doyle said help provided by other businesses and MTSU students and staff keeps collection and recycling costs lower than what they normally would be.

"The community and other business organizations, in particular, have been very helpful because they know the money will be going towards

student scholarships," Doyle said.

"The students themselves have been pretty good about the aluminum can recycling program, and most of our money from the white office paper program comes from the MTSU administration and staff," he said.

Doyle said his desire for recycling products goes beyond simply providing scholarships. He said recycling also helps keep the environment clean and, to some extent, helps conserve energy.

"It takes the equivalent of 14 pounds of coal to make one aluminum can from ore and since burning coal provides most of the electricity in Tennessee, the less cans we have to produce means more coal for electricity," he said.

"Also, just think of the pollution problems we could solve if everyone recycled their aluminum cans and paper instead of throwing them away."

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Opinions

Consensus

Alumni Association's poll on name change yields tainted results

There will probably never be an accurate alumni poll regarding the proposed name change, plain and simple. Certain people have seen to this matter, and though another poll would seem fair, the audience is already biased.

Anyone who reads the preface to the alumni association's survey instrument and concludes that the wording is "perfectly all right" must be either blind or blatantly biased.

And anyone who can write such a preface and contend that no bias was meant or intended needs to attend the ethics series being offered by the Honors department.

The preface mentions nothing, we repeat, nothing about the positive aspects of the name change. Six out of 20 lines deal with the potentially negative things. Could there have been a problem including some positive points? There shouldn't have been.

Was it biased? Was it unjust? Or was this a way of getting some people's personal agendas accomplished? We vote for all three.

Unfortunately, this poll could have given university officials a true picture of the alumni's feelings on the proposed name change. But now we'll never know.

Should the Student Government Association conduct another poll? Probably not. We think another sampling would be tainted with the personal views of some people on campus. These few have decided for the whole.



Letters to the Editor

Whites should also be proud of heritage

After reading Ms. Wright's letter in the February 27 edition of *Sidelines*, as a white male I feel I must respond.

Contrary to popular belief, all white males are not born with a silver spoon in their mouths. All white males cannot feel a special tie to the history taught to all children in our schools. Finally, all white males are not chauvinist, racist cretins.

My father came from a sharecropper's family of eight that picked cotton and lived in hovels scattered throughout middle Tennessee. He has shown me some of these dwellings and I would not keep a dog in them. He and his family were considered "white trash"; however, they had no agency to provide them food, lodging, or health care. If there had been one, they were too proud to use it. He has worked his way up and has instilled in my brother and in myself the values of independence that have enabled us to succeed. He spent his youth and most of his adult life performing the kind of backbreaking labor that has left him with increasingly painful back trouble.

Ms. Wright's statement that "this country was literally built on the backs of African-Americans" is very insulting to me and also to the white Slavs, Poles, Italians, Irish, and Germans who have contributed to the development of this country. The Hispanics have made contributions as have the

Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and all other people of differing nationalities who have built this country on their backs as well.

When my history books have a special section listing the accomplishments of blacks and women, I look for a section listing the accomplishments of the Irish and American Indians from whom I am descended. Most chapters on wars list the special and specific contributions of blacks and the number who served or were killed. None list like numbers of other specific ethnic groups. I realize this is an attempt to atone for the unforgivable treatment of blacks in history. But the multicultural movement in history should be based on facts and should not be a new batch of untruths no better than the lies told in the ethnocentric history of the past. Is special and differential treatment to one group the answer to the problems of the blacks in this country? Telling a black youngster that Beethoven or Cleopatra or even George Washington was black may instill in him pride in his self, but is a lie a good basis for a person's self-image? In my case it is not. I grew up thinking I am descended from a group who fled religious persecution, conquered the savages of a new land, and populated that land with the best society ever to grace the face of the earth. At the age of twenty-seven I discovered in a history class that my ancestors from Europe practiced genocide on the native people, destroyed the

environment, and treated other races in barbaric ways until well into the twentieth century. It was quite an awakening. I feel ashamed in a sense, hurt as a descendant of the great Cherokee people, but proud at the same time. You can condemn the actions of my ancestors but do not try to erase my heritage. It may be tainted, but it is mine.

Daniel G. Porter
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War on apathy a worthy cause

I wish to express my appreciation of those involved in the upcoming "War on Apathy" protest on March 30. Our government is based on the philosophy "of the people, by the people, for the people." Do you think this represents our government today? Despite the rights to vote for women and blacks, voter registration is very low. Too low. I know many people who preach on saving the environment and the injustice of our society but refuse to vote. I know many more people who just don't care. If enough Americans were educated on the issues, we could legally take back the power of the government. No, it won't happen overnight, but the only way to retrieve what is rightfully ours is to fight for it. The fight could be dangerous, but do we want to continue being slaves to those in power? Are you ready to be dangerous?

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Democratic field of four offers healthier alternatives to Bush: College Democrats

The big question in past presidential campaigns has been "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" If asked that today, the majority of Americans would answer a

LANETTE MUMFORD
Guest Columnist

resounding "NO!"

The short-term policies of Reaganomics and the Bush administration have played out and the results are dismal - a huge deficit, high unemployment, environmental chaos, and skyrocketing health costs. It's time to move on to a leader who will confront these problems with long-lasting solutions.

The Democratic party is offering four candidates who can do just that: Jerry Brown (former governor of California), Bill Clinton (governor of Arkansas), Tom Harkin (senator from Iowa), and Paul Tsongas (former senator from Massachusetts).

How do these candidates propose to address these problems? To help the ailing economy, Bill Clinton favors a 10 percent middle class tax cut to be offset by a tax increase for those earning more than \$200,000 a

year. Jerry Brown offers a replacement tax system with a flat 13 percent tax on all income. Tom Harkin and Paul Tsongas both oppose a middle class tax cut, favoring instead investment tax credits for job-providing industries.

An issue that all the Democratic candidates stand firmly behind is the environment. Emerging from four years of total neglect, the environmental crises now demand immediate attention. Brown, with possibly the most comprehensive environmental package, supports protection of ancient forests, expansion of wetland regulations, increased auto efficiency standards, calls for a moratorium on new garbage and hazardous waste incineration, and he supports a global treaty aimed at preventing global warming.

Paul Tsongas also favors increased regulations protecting wetlands and he favors raising gas taxes to promote incentives for new energy sources. While advocating protection of ancient

forests and endangered species, Tom Harkin also favors protection of workers from undue hardships that these policies may cause. Bill Clinton supports the halting of logging in ancient forests and the protection of workers who earn their livelihood from these forests.

Currently, millions of Americans are excluded from health care coverage because of escalating costs. Each of the Democratic candidates has affirmed that total reliance on the private sector for health insurance will be devastating. To combat this long-standing practice, all of the Democratic candidates call for universal health care coverage in their platforms, though their course of action varies.

These are a few of the issues that are on the minds of Americans in this election, partly because of George Bush's failure in these areas. It is obvious that each of the Democratic candidates offer genuine solutions for the problems of our nation. In



LESS IS MORE: Paul Tsongas, who is a far cry from a glamour candidate, has caught fire with a message that is light on sizzle, but full of steak.

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LYNNE HATLER
Special to *Sidelines*

Women of all ages, races, cultures and ethnic traditions have had an enormous impact on the building of our nation. However, even into the late 70s only about 17% of our history books addressed women's lives and contributions to the growth of our nation.

This fact is at least partially responsible for the organizing of the first Women's History celebration in 1977 to recognize women of achievement throughout history.

Sharon Murphy and Madelon Schilpp wrote in their book about great women journalists, "In the cases of many great women, one must search the records of the man with whom she was associated to find evidence of her accomplishments." Historically this is accurate, but in light of women's changing roles in society this is no longer the rule, and Women's History Month celebrates women's roles in society, past and present.

Originating with a one week celebration including March 8,

International Woman's Day, the celebration has steadily grown, and its success has necessitated expansion into the entire month of March.

MTSU's observance of women's history has grown similarly. Originating with a one week celebration in 1983 at the suggestion of Ayne Durham, professor of English, the current celebration spans the entire month. From only four activities in 1983, the celebration has grown to a month filled with nearly 50 events in 1991.

Over the years, activities have included films, plays, lectures by visiting artists and scholars, displays, readings, art exhibits, rallies, book talks, musical programs, athletic events and essay contests.

Highlighting MTSU's observance of Women's History is the "Women in the Curriculum Series," in which many of the university faculty open their classrooms to guests for lectures focusing on women. co-coordinated this year by planning committee members Sara Dunne and



Alan Jasenovic/Photographer

SO MANY OPTIONS, SO LITTLE TIME: Dawn Ellis, pre-law major, Jennifer Ballard, early childhood education major and Tonya Duran, psychology major, are representative of today's woman who can choose a traditional lifestyle or enter the career world--or both.

Susan Seyfarth, the series expands throughout the entire month.

"Previously we only had one week in March packed with about 30 activities. We decided to try the whole month this year and it seems to have been a good idea," Seyfarth explains.

Professor Jackie Eller describes the presentation titled "Body Image, Extra-Marital Friendships and Pool Hustling" scheduled for her Friday, March 27 Introductory Sociology class, as a joint presentation by three graduate students based on their research on women. Melinda

Rea will explore body image differences between straight females and lesbians. Lorraine Petty's research focuses on serial marriages and Marilyn Ervin will focus on the impact of gender in

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Dane Herndon/Photographer

HELP HAS ARRIVED: Pamela Williams has taken on the role of friend and counselor to MTSU women.

Women's Center hires crackerjack counselor

CINDY MARTIN
Feature Writer

It's almost half-way through the semester, and like many women, you may find that life is getting the best of you. Dealing with problems like child-rearing, the breaking up of relationships, and squeezing in study time (when nobody in the family wants you to be going to college anyway) can be too much for anyone to handle. So what's a woman to do about it?

Well, ladies, you don't have to grin and bear it because Pamela Williams has come to the rescue! Since January, Williams has been the counselor for the June Anderson Women's Center in the James Union Building. A counselor has been needed for quite some time as Rebecca Rice, the center's director, was wearing two hats.

Williams holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and family development from Auburn University and a master's degree in counseling and human development from Troy Univ-

ersity. She has extensive experience as a clinical therapist, including having dealt with rape and sexually abused victims. She has worked in residential facilities for abused and neglected teenage girls and has worked with chronically ill patients.

Williams is busy working with female students who have a variety of problems such as divorce and family problems, drugs, rape, abusive relationships and eating disorders. Sessions are generally scheduled ahead of time but Williams also does crisis intervention over the phone during business hours at 898-2193.

The center's new counselor is busy planning an eating disorders workshop for MTSU students.

"Eating disorders affect many people, especially a campus like this where over half of the students are women and many of them in the traditional student age range of 18-23," Williams explains. You can meet Williams tonight as she will be attending a presentation on

eating disorders which will be held in the James Union Building, Dining Room, at 7 p.m. The speaker is Kristen Button from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Support groups are high on Williams' list of priorities. "Everybody has issues," she notes, "even if they grew up in a healthy family. Support groups help you feel less alone and can be a source of information."

The June Anderson Women's Center has a lending library with resources on a variety of issues for those who would like to borrow materials. If a problem is presented that the center is not equipped to deal with, the appropriate referral will be made.

Williams says she plans to begin working on her doctorate of education in Human Resource Development at Vanderbilt this fall, but she will continue working full-time here in the Women's Center. She says the staff here is great and she feels proud to be working here.

We're glad she's here too.

Women

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pool hustling.

"Margaret Fuller: Transcendentalist Feminist" will be the top of Professor Stephanie Moran's English 211 class on Wednesday, March 11. "She was a woman of firsts," Moran explains.

"She was most well known in the Transcendentalist Movement, and even there she was sometimes considered too feisty," adds Moran. Moran will focus on how Fuller affected the status of American literature in helping to clarify the once uncertain national literary Identity. Defying female convention throughout her life, Fuller was certainly of the first feminists and the first to equate female oppression with slavery, Moran adds.

"Divorce, Blended Families and Gender" is the topic for Carole Carroll's Tuesday, March 31 sociology class, Life Cycle.

Carroll plans to focus on the differences in the impact of divorce on children depending on age and sex, and the differences in expectations of male and

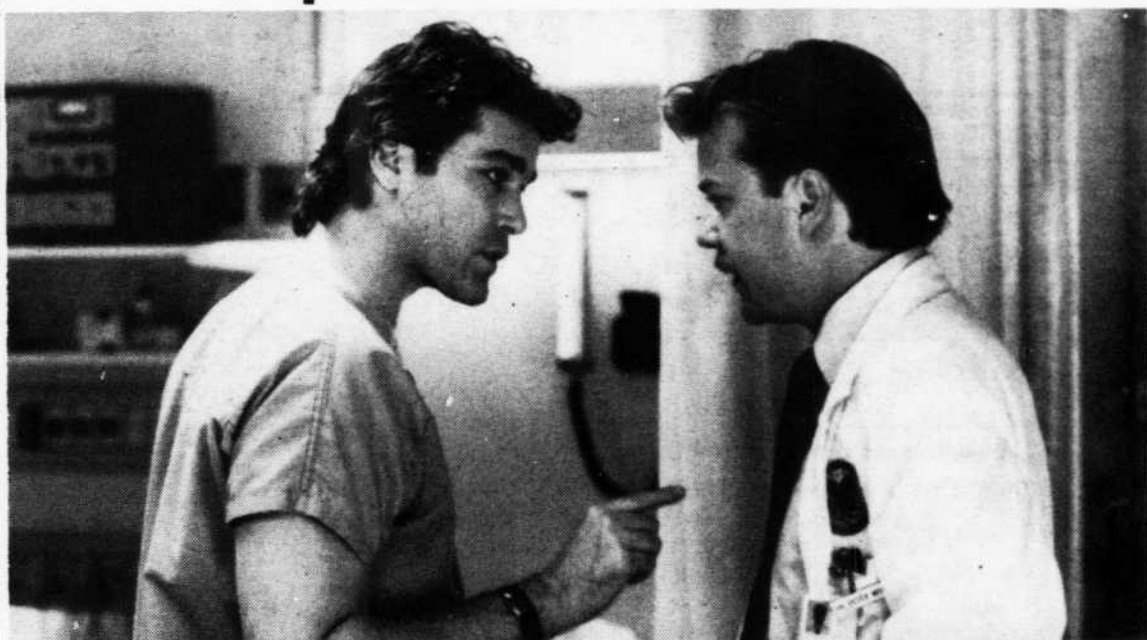
female stepparents. "There are different expectations for mothering than for fathering," Carroll explains.

These are only a few of the offerings from the "Women in the curriculum Series," and many more will be offered each week through March. The rooms will be designated with a red flyer on the day of the lectures, and most all professors welcome guests into their classrooms for these specially focused lectures.

The 1992 planning committee is co-chaired by Jill Austin and Gloria Jordan, and the success of the celebration is due to the organization of the seven-member committee working with numerous groups and organizations across campus and in the community.

"Women's History Month" clearly helps to promote awareness of the contributions of women to the building of our nation. As a result, perhaps future history books can more equally attribute credit to all those, regardless of gender, age, race or ethnicity, who contributed to the development of our country.

Movie depiction of Vets hits home



"Don't worry honey, Uncle Sam will take care of me," Pat Travis, a Korean vet with heart trouble, tells his wife as he leaves for the Veterans Administration hospital.

Little does he know that he'll have to undergo wheelchair races, he'll be "turfed" to different sections of the hospital every other day, sleep in a laundry room, and even get mistaken for a dead patient — only to have his illegal triple bypass surgery performed in the dark with a crowd of F.B.I. agents just outside the door trying to get in.

"Article 99" promises veterans "full medical benefits; however, as the diagnosed

BRIAN ROGERS Movie Review

condition cannot be specifically related to military service, treatment is not available at this time."

While "Article 99" is not a true story of one hospital in particular, it depicts the reality encountered by medical staffs at many major Veterans Administration hospitals.

The medical staff is made up of Dr. Sturgess (Ray Liotta, who most recently starred with Robert DeNiro in "GoodFellas"), Dr. Morgan (Kiefer Sutherland of "Flatliners"), and Dr. Handleman

(Forest Whitaker of "Platoon"). They discover that a sense of humor, a blatant disregard for authority, and a commitment to healing is what it takes to survive the trials of the hospital.

"Article 99" has a similar feel to "Born on the Fourth of July." It left me with the same wild urge to go out and try to fix our government; I had a desire to rid the federal institutions of number-crunching bureaucrats such as the administrator, or should I say "judge and jury," of the establishment in "Article 99."

With a public release date of March 13, "Article 99" is a perfect movie for election time.

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School officials hope for safe spring break

Staff Reports

Spring break is traditionally viewed as a time when students enjoy beach vacations, mingling with new people — and over imbibing.

Drinking has become the No. 1 health problem on college and university campuses. President Bush included alcohol in the 1992 National Drug Control Strategy, citing it as "the most abused substance by students."

But officials here are attempting to bring alcohol awareness to students and are sponsoring a "Safe Spring Break" campaign through MTSU's Alcohol Awareness Center and BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students). A display will be set up in the KUC basement Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. promoting tips to having a healthy, enjoyable spring break, said Rosemary Cope, coordinator of the alcohol awareness program.

The goal of the campaign is to get students to take a pledge not to drink and drive, not let their friends drink and drive, or ride with an impaired driver. When students take this pledge, they will receive a spring break cup and become eligible to win their choice of a 1992 Chrysler vehicle. The winner will be chosen from the pledge cards sent

in by universities nationwide and those signed at the BACCHUS Chrysler Welcome Centers located at various spring break destinations.

Having a safe spring break is of paramount importance, Cope said.

A 1991 survey of high school seniors and college students by Michigan's Institute for Survey Research indicated an increase in the number of "binge drinkers" (five or more drinks in a row) and daily drinkers in the college-age population.

College students spend about \$5.5 billion annually to purchase 430 gallons of alcoholic beverages. This alcohol consumption can lead to dropouts, campus violence, risky sexual encounters and even death.

For example, charges of rape against a University of Richmond student were dismissed last year when the victim testified that she was too drunk to know she was being sexually assaulted and the defendant testified that he was so drunk that he did not realize at first that she was not consenting.

It is estimated that among those currently in college, between 240,000 and 360,000 will eventually lose their lives due to drinking.

"Being aware of the risks and dangers can possibly save a life," Cope said.

Tragedies of College Drinking

*The father of an intoxicated 20-year-old killed in a fall from a window of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Clemson University is suing the university, the fraternity, and two downtown bars.

*A student of the University of Montana in Missoula has been convicted in the shooting deaths of two friends. After traveling to a gravel pit to drink beer, the youth shot his friends point blank and then torched the car they had ridden in.

*A 22-year-old Franklin and Marshall tennis player from Sweden was found unconscious in his dormitory room. He died in the emergency room of respiratory arrest with a BAC of .40. He had passed out after drinking in a friend's dormitory room.

*A University of New Haven student was charged with vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated after his car struck a tree, killing one passenger and injuring two.

*At the University of Idaho, alcohol problems have become very serious. More than 80 percent of the Medical center's emergency room cases are alcohol-related, and five students have died this fall in alcohol-related incidents.

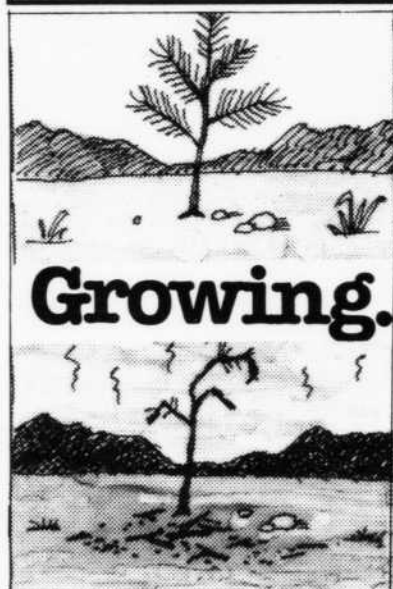
*A Cal-Poly fraternity member from San Luis Obispo, Calif., suffered an acute alcohol overdose after a drinking game with a usually-fatal BAC level of .57.

*Seven people were arrested for underage drinking at Marian College. One youth who was arrested for disorderly conduct was also given his fourth underage drinking citation.



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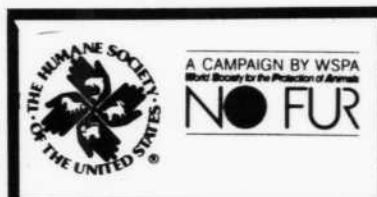
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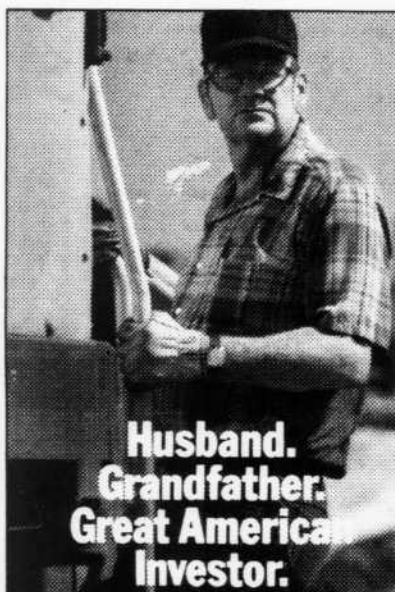
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Judging team has season of excellence

STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU horse judging team judged in three national contests in the recent fall judging session. The team was first in two of the contests and second in the other.

The highlight of the fall was winning the prestigious American Quarter Horse Congress Judging Contest in Columbia, Ohio in October 1991. This is the largest and oldest contest held in conjunction with the world's largest horse show. MTSU scored above thirty other collegiate teams to capture the win. Second was Texas A&M followed by Oklahoma State and Texas Tech.

The team was also first at the competition in conformation judging, first in oral reasons and third in performance judging.

Individually, all five MTSU team members were in the top bracket of the contest. Paul Rogers was high individual, Cliff Lamb was third, Lynnette Ramsey was fourth overall and Julie Wytrychowski was seventh in oral reasons while Mary Beth Butler was eleventh in oral reasons.

At the Solid Gold Horse Show & Futurity held in Springfield, Illinois in late September, the team was again the winner over 27 other teams. The team again won oral reasons and conformation with Paul Rogers winning high individual overall and in oral reasons. Top ten individual awards were won by Cliff Lamb, Lynnette Ramsey and Julie Wytrychowski.

In November, MTSU's team competed at the World Championship Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City. The team was



PORTRAIT OF SUCCESS: From left to right, the MTSU Horse Judging Team consists of: Mary Beth Butler, Cliff Lamb, Dr. Dave Whitaker (coach), Julie Wytrychowski, Paul Rogers and Lynnette Ramsey.

second overall only to Colorado State but were again first in oral reasons. Individually, Paul Rogers finished first in oral reasons, second in conformation and fifth overall. Lynnette Ramsey was fourth in performance and fifth in oral reasons.

"This is the best horse judging team we've had at MTSU," said team coach Dave Whitaker. "Their record speaks for itself. They have worked hard and traveled a lot of miles to horse farms, shows and ranches to practice judging several hundred horses. This is great exposure to an industry they'll soon enter."

In sports, we analyze a season by overall record. In football, a team 11-0 or 11-1 has had a great season. A basketball team that has a 30-5 season is considered a really good team. If we put the MTSU horse judging team in the same perspective, the team's win-loss record for the fall of 1991 is 89-1, a season of excellence.

"Horse judging requires mental preparation much like sports participation," commented Paul Rogers, the high point individual in two contests and undefeated this fall in oral reason competition. "In addition to judging horses, we must give oral reasons on several of the classes.

That's the toughest part. It's similar to a sales talk because we are actually selling our opinion on the horses."

Team members include Mary Beth Butler, a senior from Dyersburg majoring in animal science; Cliff Lamb, a junior from Zimbabwe, Africa majoring in pre-vet; Lynnette Ramsey, a junior animal science major from Crawfordsville, Indiana; Paul Rogers, a senior from Elizabethtown, Illinois; and Julie Wytrychowski, a junior pre-vet major from Sterling Heights, Michigan. The team was coached by Dave Whitaker and Deborah Hall.

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Sports

Morehead sends MTSU home early *Blue Raiders bow out in first round*

SCOTT HASSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The game of basketball is filled with pressure situations and snap decisions that make the difference between champions and runner-ups. The quarterfinal game between Morehead State and Middle Tennessee featured all of the elements that make basketball exciting.

But when crunch time came it was the Eagles of Morehead that were able to make the better decisions and quicker reactions while defeating the Raiders of MTSU, 81-80.

Down the stretch, Morehead was able to hold off every rally and charge hurled at them by the Raiders to come away with a hard fought victory. MTSU grabbed its first lead of the ball game with 15:41 remaining in the game on a lay-up by Warren Kidd. From that point on the dog fight was on to see who would advance.

Morehead called upon the OVC's player of the year, Brett Roberts, to take control while the Raiders countered with junior

Murray claims OVC tourny title

Murray State completed its fifth year of domination in the OVC with a 81-60 win over Eastern Kentucky in the OVC finals Sunday.

The Racers have won the regular season crown each of the past five years and have advanced to the NCAA tournament four of those.

Popeye Jones, who led the way with 22 points, was named MVP.

He was joined on the All-Tournament team by Doug Bentz (Morehead), Maurice Canon (Murray), Frank Allen (Murray) and Mike Smith (Eastern Kentucky).

guard Robert Taylor. Each possession became more important than the last as each team pushed the tempo.

Doug Bentz of Morehead tied the game at 79-79 on a lay-up with 1:27 left, but the Raiders pushed the ball back up court and

began to run their motion offense for a good shot. Tim Corder, playing his final game as a Blue Raider, found that shot but was fouled and went to the free throw line for two shots.

Corder missed the first free throw but converted the second to give the Raiders a 80-79 lead. Morehead then pushed the ball up the court and called on Roberts for a basket. Roberts didn't deliver the basket but he was fouled and nailed both free throws to give the Eagles the lead once again, 81-80.

With only :38 seconds remaining, the Blue Raiders could hold the ball for the final shot, but Taylor threw up a three pointer that hit the back of the rim. Morehead rebounded and Roberts was fouled with :07 seconds remaining.

Roberts, the conference's best free throw shooter, missed the front end of the one-and-one and the ball was rebounded by Taylor. Taylor pushed the ball up

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MTSU - ECU Part III *This time it's getting personal*

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

As if the rivalry between the Lady Raiders of MTSU and Eastern Kentucky's Lady Colonels wasn't already intense, it just got worse.

Monday night, the two teams will meet again in the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament after two grueling contest during the regular season. Middle won the opening game at Murphy Center 69-59, but the Lady Colonels returned the favor on their home court 82-75.

In that game, Middle possessed a commanding five point lead down the stretch before unraveling. They missed several free throws and turned the ball over in key situations allowing Eastern to slip away with the victory.

After the contest, as the teams were exiting the playing floor, an altercation occurred between players of both teams. That flair-up has not been forgotten. In fact, it's turned into a personal war.

ECU's Angie Cox and MTSU's Maggie Cox have not lost any love since then. Perhaps its because no love ever existed.

"MTSU had been running their mouth all game, especially Maggie Cox," ECU's Cox said. "After the game ended, (Maggie) kept smarting off and, with me being a senior, I stepped in."

"Personally, I've heard that she hates me. We're from the same region although we never played against each other. I think she's jealous because I'm going to Eastern and she wants to."

Maggie is one to quickly disagree though as she claims that being a Lady Colonel was one of the last things on her mind when she exited the halls of high school.

"I never talked to Eastern," Maggie said. "I got

stuff from them in the mail but it's a big party school. I wanted to go somewhere where I could get an education."

"From what I've heard about Eastern, the players sleep in class and they don't even have to go. Here the teachers make you come to class and you have to work."

So Maggie chose to become a Lady Raider,

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American Gladiators

Try-outs for the March 28 event will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 2:00 P.M. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. Tickets for the main event are all reserved at \$16.00 and \$12.00. For additional information about both dates, please call Ticket Pro at 1-800-834-5678 or the MTSU Ticket Office at 898-2103 or 898-2551.

* Tryouts are open to all males and females, 18 years of age or older, in excellent health. Friends and family are welcome to come and watch.

* Four Males and four females will be selected to participate in the main event. Four alternates will also be chosen.

* **All athletes trying out will be required to do the following:**

- 1) Complete entry form at the try-out site.
- 2) Must be 18 years of age or older.
- 3) No one using steroids or growth hormones will be allowed to participate.
- 4) If you currently have an injury, you must have a doctor's certificate stating that you are physically able to participate in contact sports.

* **Tryouts will consist of:**

- 1) Complete a set of push-ups in one minute (range 45-55)
- 2) Complete a 40 yard dash in a set time (different for males and females)
- 3) Complete a set of pull-ups in one minute (range 15-20, male only)
- 4) Perform on a hand bike (an inverted pedal device on an overhead track that is propelled by the hands)

General Information:

- 1) Participants should arrive 1/2 hour prior to try-out start time.
- 2) Participants should come dressed in workout attire.
- 3) Admission is free. Friends and family are welcome to observe.
- 4) Participants must fulfill designated tryout requirements before continuing on to next event.

How the scoring works:

Only if you meet the standards of the first test are you allowed to attempt the next. If you successfully complete all the steps, you will be paped with other hopefuls for games of "Powerball" (putting soccer balls in receptacles while others try to stop you) and "Joust" (with seven foot pugil sticks).

Hopefuls with successful showings will be interviewed by an American Gladiator representative. The twelve contenders will be announced the following day. You will be contacted via telephone.

Could this be the best MTSU rugby year yet?

Seems tough after past success

TIM BURNS
Sports Writer

MTSU's rugby team has been in existence since 1980 and they have had many promising seasons, yet something was special entering the '92 campaign.

This year's team is considered one of the best teams they ever had. That appears to be high remarks considering the strength of a team that went Midsouth Championship Tournament a year ago.

This sport of champions takes teamwork, which is something the Raiders have done to attribute their success. It takes 15 dedicated players, any of which can display individual talent. It is a game where a player with great skills and a never-say-die attitude can dominate from any position on the field.

That attitude was there for Middle as they made it to the championship of the Midsouth Tournament last year, yet they lost to Tennessee in the championship game in the last half 22-11. However, they didn't walk away empty handed as they conceded the crown after beating strong teams like Auburn and Kentucky.

Still though, MTSU had a world of talent coming back earning them the No. 1 ranking for the area. But something has happened.

Thus far, the season hasn't gone as expected. The Raiders have had some unexpected losses including one to arch-rival Vanderbilt, a team which Middle has dominated for five straight

victories.

The road ahead doesn't look easy either with teams such as Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Memphis State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Western Kentucky, Tennessee Tech.

If the Raiders can deal defeats to these opponents, it will be a force to be reckoned with when the NCAA Tournament of 64 teams takes place.

The Raiders are coached by previous MTSU players coach Eric Rainey [86-88] and coach Robert Keith [80-87]. Rainey has played in the National League in England while Keith is one of the remaining members of the original MTSU team.

"The team is open for tryouts," Keith said. "No experience is necessary and everybody who tries out will get to play for the team."

The squads key players include Clete Letford, Brian Savasta, Rob Miller, Daniel Carter and Scott Daniels. Several of which have expressed that they like the high-offensive, fast-paced excitement of the game.

"Competing against other top universities is what we like the most," Letford admitted.

But perhaps the most famous thing the team portrays is the parting. After every game they have parties with the other team in the sign of good sportsmanship.

Anyone who wants to watch the games, try out for the team or come to their parties after the games are encouraged to do so. For more information contact coach Rainey at 849-9299 or Letford at 893-6255.



Alan Jasenovic/Photographer

RUNNING WILD: Scott Daniels tries to avoid the opposition during rugby practice. MTSU's rugby club is open to any interested student.

Kentucky earns Blue Raiders respect

Short's schedule toughening up Big Blue tennis squad

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When Dale Short makes out his tennis schedule, he doesn't put the University of Kentucky Weaving on it.

While talking to a well respected coach this past weekend, Short heard the opinion that his men's schedule was as tough as they come outside of the Top 15 in the nation. But his philosophy is you only get better if you play someone better.

So Thursday, the Blue Raider men ventured to Kentucky to take on the mighty Wildcats who quickly earned some respect

with a 9-0 whitewashing of the Raiders.

"We we're overmatched," Short said. "Our confidence was shaky because we've been playing some tough teams before and lost. We knew that Kentucky was better than them."

"There is no doubt, that this Kentucky team is a contender for the national championship."

Immediately following the loss, the Raiders went to Louisville where they edged out a 4-3 win in the final match of the day.

"We went to Louisville knowing that they were better than they were last year," Short said. "The big question was how we'd do because our confidence was so low. I figured it would be a dog fight."

After six singles matches, the squads were tied at 3-3. Mother Nature intervened with rain forcing the match to be continued indoors where Louisville has only one court.

The coaches drew out of a hat to see which doubles team's would play and it was decided that David Thornton and Paul Goebel would make the last stand as No. 1 singles was drawn. They produced with a three set win.

"That should give us some confidence heading into spring break," Short said. "When I made the schedule, I knew we'd get beat up."

"So far, we haven't beaten anyone ranked higher than us but we haven't lost to anyone that we shouldn't have either."

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Rupp 'Revival' enlightening, but is it fair to all schools?

While the "Revival at Rupp" was an uplifting experience for the OVC, it was nothing but a waste of money for MTSU fans.

Immediately you can assume that I'm upset because Middle lost in the first round and you're right. Yet even if Middle had been able to win, I'd feel sorry for the other Tennessee schools or Murray State if they lost.

As the basketball season opened in 1991, the OVC announced that it would play its post-season tournament in Lexington's Rupp Arena instead of following its usual format.

In the old system, the brackets would have been the same with the exception that the first round game would have been played on highest seed's home court. Take for instance Middle and Morehead. The Raiders were seeded third and Morehead sixth, therefore the game would have taken place at Murphy Center.

Regular season champ Murray State would get a bye and the three winners of the first round games would go to Murray for the final four in Racer Arena.

Obviously, this system favored Murray or whoever the regular-season champ might be. It was a home court advantage to the crown holders.

So the heads of the OVC got together and came up with the idea of playing at a neutral site so everyone has a fair shot. Lexington graciously opened its arm's and the tournament was placed there.

But how neutral is it?

Middle, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, Tennessee State and Murray (which is in Kentucky)

TONY J. ARNOLD 'Round the Rim

are all quite a long distance from Lexington and take anywhere from three to five hours of travel time.

Meanwhile Eastern Kentucky is less than thirty miles away and Morehead is no more than an hour away. Both brought numerous fans while the other schools, with the exception of Murray who led the way in attendance, had minimal support.

Middle fans, and those of the other schools in Egypt, were obligated to stay in the Lexington area. That can turn into a pretty expensive trip considering a cheap hotel cost no less than \$40. Naturally you have to eat too and entertain yourself because the games don't last 24 hours.

Of course, after the opening loss, fans could have also gone home and wasted the \$30-75 dollars they spent on tickets.

I agree that the old system should have been changed but it's tough for the fans in Tennessee and those of Murray State to gamble their money in hopes of seeing their team advance to the championship round.

I know for a fact that Middle fans aren't pleased over a long road trip for nothing. OVC officials say that they got to watch a good tournament between OVC schools, but how good can that tournament be when the brackets contain only three teams with records above .500?

Even the championship game was a drag. Murray destroyed Eastern 81-60 and it wasn't really

that close. The only good game was Middle's.

I don't want to see the tournament resort back to the old format, but I would like to see some changes.

Perhaps they should have it one year in the local area, possibly Vanderbilt, where the Tennessee schools don't have to go so far. Then the next year, they could have it back at Rupp.

If that doesn't work, let's put it at a real neutral site away from everyone. Possibly Louisville or somewhere else in Northwestern Kentucky.

Yet, according to some, that wouldn't be as big since the legend of Rupp Arena plays such a big part.

Rupp Arena is full of tradition and the tournament was well organized. The atmosphere was definitely one of 'March Madness' and I'll look forward to going back.

But then again maybe the OVC should stop worrying about living off someone else's tradition and begin making a new one of its own.

Raider baseball fever to hit Reese Smith Field Thursday

GREG ADKINS
Sports Writer

MTSU rebounded from a 7-3 loss to Ole Miss on Friday by tromping the same team 11-1 on Saturday. This loss ended Ole Miss' 6-game winning streak, making their record 7-3.

The Raiders jumped to an early lead, scoring one run in the first, five in the second, two in the third, and one in the fourth. The Rebels were unable to answer until the seventh when they scored their solo run.

A total of six pitchers rotated across the Rebels' mound Saturday, while MTSU racked up 16 hits. Patrick Mayes picked up the win for MTSU pitching seven quality innings, giving up only one earned run and six hits.

Bob McDowell and Jeff Browning each pitched one inning, protecting the substantial lead.

Big league bats were shown off by several members of the Blue Raiders' line-up. Brent Greer chalked up a 3-for-5 day with three singles, scoring and driving in a run.

Mudcat Brewer went 3-for-4 with a homer and two singles, scoring three runs and driving in one RBI. Jason Maxwell matched Brewer's performance with a homer, a double and a single, scoring three runs and driving in one. Jamie Hicks was the third to go 3-for-4, picking up a homer, double and single, scoring two runs while driving in two.

MTSU brought their average to .500 making their record 4-4.

Home opener is slated for Thursday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Reese Smith Field here on campus, across from Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. Students are admitted free to the game.



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court and drove to the middle of the floor. He launched a desperation three pointer that drew iron, but not net, ending the Raiders' season.

"I trust Robert (Taylor) more than I trust our pen and pencil on the sidelines," Raider coach David Farrar said, "I felt we had a better chance to make the basket in transition than we would against a set defense."

The ball wouldn't fall for the

Raiders and many fans second guessed the decision to shoot a three pointer when only two points were needed.

"I thought I could've made the shot," said Taylor, "I thought I could shoot the jumper and if I missed we could get the offensive rebound. My teammates thought I should've drove to the basket."

Coach Farrar stood behind his guard though.

"Both of Robert's shots were pretty much what we wanted. It's pretty easy to look at when its over...we just didn't make the

shots," Farrar said.

The Raiders must now live with the terrible feeling of wondering "What if?" Their season record ends at 16-10, a long shot for any kind of post-season bid.

In a season filled with ups and downs, Raider senior Quincy Vance said it best, "We were promised one more game and we knew this was it. We didn't make the shots that we were supposed to make. It just really hurts to lose."

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Cox —————

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despite Eastern being close to her hometown of Stanford, Ky, and Middle is glad that she chose to do so.

After playing sparingly as a freshman, Maggie has developed into a starter who averages nearly nine points game. She is well-rounded and figures to be a vital cog in the upcoming seasons.

However, according to Eastern's Cox, there was no place for Maggie on her squad.

"(Maggie) wanted to come here and we offered her a chance to walk-on," Cox said. "We didn't feel like she had the talent to play for us. We already had several good players at her

position so we didn't need her."

So the war of words has begun and someone will be put in their place tomorrow night at 5:30 in Cookeville's Eblin Center.

"I'll be thinking about tournament time, not Middle," Angie Cox said. "But if they start talking again it will get us fired up and give us more incentive to put them away."

And as for Maggie's feelings - well, they never really change from game to game.

"I hope we kick they're butts," she said. "If we play well, we should have no problems."

"As for the trash talk last time, it works both ways and if (Angie) can't take it, she shouldn't be out there."

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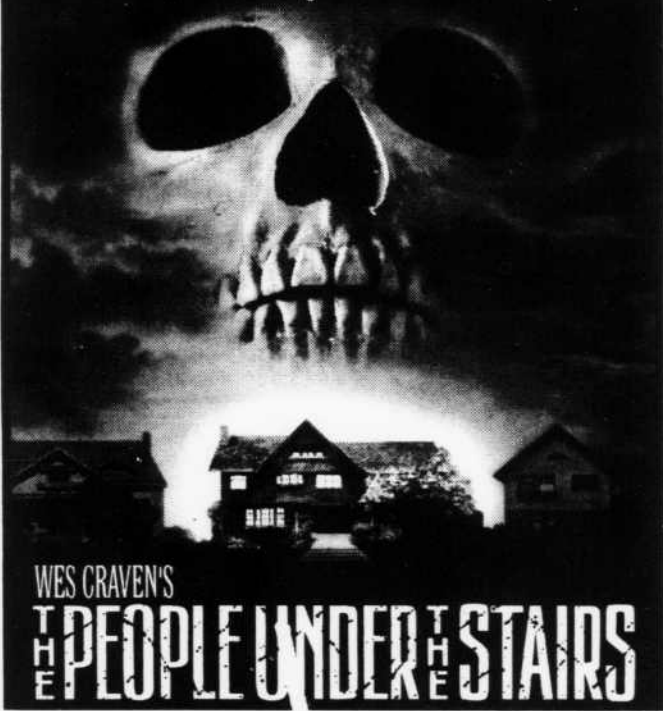
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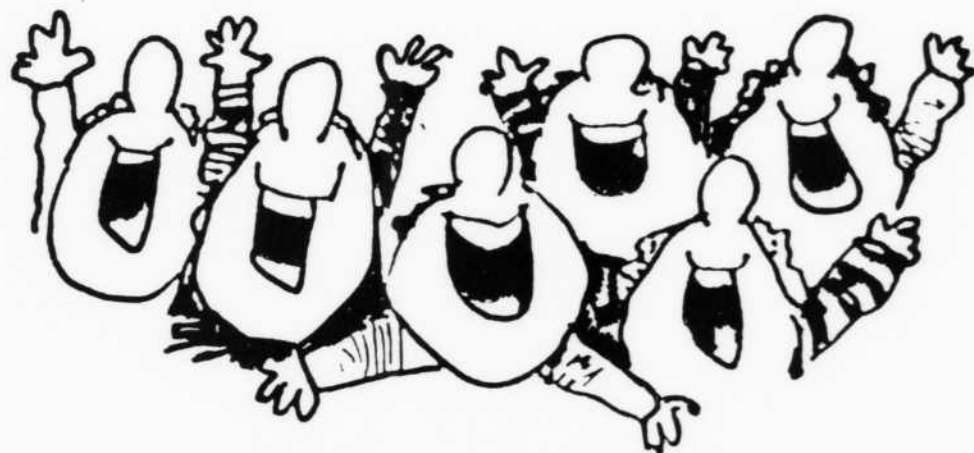
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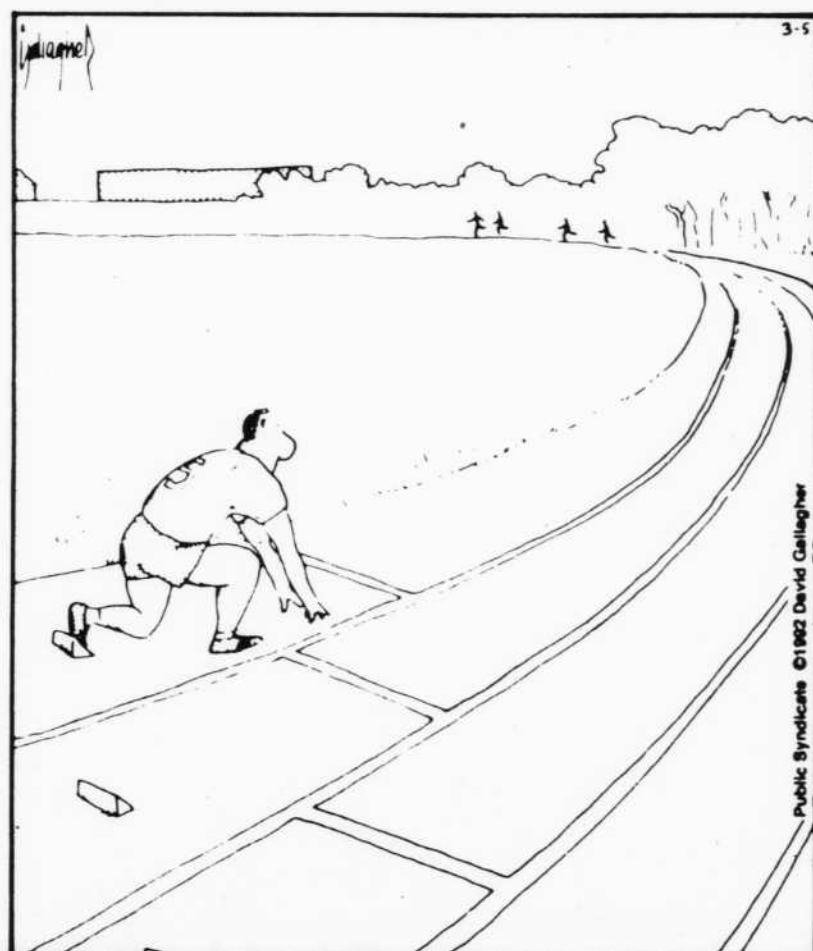
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