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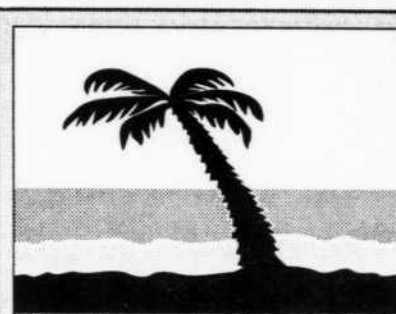
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SGA Speak Out gives candidates exposure

Candidates
discuss their
plans for the SGA
if elected

TRIPP BALLARD
Staff Writer

Eight hopeful candidates running for the highest Student Government Association positions got their chance to tell the students about their election platform at the annual candidate speak-out held on Wednesday in the KUC Grill.

The candidate speak-out is designed to give each candidate five minutes to outline their platform and share any ideas that they plan to capitalize on once elected.

Out of the eight candidates, four are running for SGA president, three for Speaker of the Senate, and one for Speaker of the House.

The candidates for SGA

president include Jim Cabbage, E.J. Gonda, Shane McFarland, and Todd Taylor. The Speaker of the Senate candidates are Christin Baker, Jason Potts, and Milburn Fender. Jaime Groce is running unopposed for Speaker of the House.

The four presidential candidates have slightly different platforms addressing many of the same problems that MTSU

students have faced for years, including parking, safety and student involvement.

Shane McFarland, a junior business major, was

the first presidential candidate to speak. His platform is based on giving more money to student organizations and reaching a new level of communication and involvement with the students.

"I want to see more money allocated to the Student Activity Fee Fund. We never have close to the amount of

SGA Speakin' Up



BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Christin Baker, candidate for Speaker of the Senate, addresses students on the issues facing this year's SGA hopefuls Wednesday afternoon at the KUC Grill.

money that student organizations ask for. I would like to get more money by taking a percentage of the huge parking revenue and put it back into student

organizations."

Todd Taylor, a senior psychology major, followed McFarland with a platform that differs from many as it focuses on better

representation for the small organizations on campus.

"MTSU is growing rapidly, and I feel it is important to provide

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SGA holds impeachment hearing for excessively absent senators

Discrepancy in
rules and
constitution leads
to confusion

MARK BLEVINS
Assistant News Editor

SGA Attorney General Scott Little filed a motion in the SGA House of Representatives Wednesday night to impeach four SGA senators for excessive absences.

Brad Jennings, Rick Parlow, Jason Potts and Tita Vilanova were the four senators cited for having excessive absences. Potts was the only senator on trial

who was present.

House member Deborah Jackson sponsored Little's

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-Scott Little
SGA Attorney General

motion for impeachment.

"If the SGA process is going to work, SGA members

need to vote," Jackson said.

The SGA constitution states that any senator who misses more than three Senate meetings must go before the Senate to "show just cause why he/she should not go before the House to be impeached."

However, the Senate has established an excused/unexcused policy which allows for excused absences to not count towards the three absences. This policy does not have a constitutional or Senate By-Law foundation.

At the hearing before the Senate, Little argued that

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Referendum placed on election ballot

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

The referendum to appear on the SGA Spring 1995 Ballot will attempt to raise the qualifications for candidacy, amend the Senate representation process and add two dollars to the Student Activity Fund.

Listed as Bill 2-95-S on the ballot, the amendment gives the voter the choice of raising the eligibility of President, Speaker of the House and Speaker of the House candidates from the current 2.0 GPA to a 2.3 GPA.

Bill 3-95-S is a proposal

to change the representation of the Senate. Currently, senators are chosen according to grade level. For example, students with 30-59 hours elect the sophomore senators.

The bill proposes to elect senator to represent the different colleges on campus. The colleges of Liberal Arts, Basic and Applied Sciences, Graduate, Education, Business and Mass Communication will be allotted one senator for every 750 student enrolled in the college. Students with undeclared majors will receive representation in the

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Nationally celebrated storyteller to perform

MARTHA STROUD
Staff Writer

The nationally renowned Jackie Torrence, the Story Lady, will be performing in the LRC Multi-Media Room from 7:00 to 8:30 Monday night.

"I think we are extremely fortunate to have someone like Torrence coming here," said Diane Cummings, co-chair of the National Women's History Month committee.

Torrence's performance is being co-sponsored by the National Women's History Month committee, the Multi-Cultural Policies committee and the Fine Arts committee.

Torrence has eight award winning albums and three award winning television shows. She has been featured in magazines ranging from the *Wall Street Journal* to *Parade Magazine*. She has made radio and television appearances on programs including the "The Late Show" with David Letterman, CNN news and CBS "Nightwatch".

Torrence has appeared at colleges and universities, fairs, festivals, conferences and conventions. She spends about 280 days a year on the road, making as many as three performances a day.

As a child, Torrence suffered from low self-esteem stemming from a speech impediment caused by impacted teeth. Torrence attributes her turn success to

"There are times in everybody's life that demand stories and tell experiences that we all have, and a lot of people don't remember them."

-Jackie Torrence

a high school teacher that helped her to overcome these obstacles.

Today Torrence travels internationally to tell stories that she has collected from her family, the Appalachian people of North Carolina, the citizens of towns she has visited. Torrence has also created many new stories of her own.

Torrence said she believes everyone should gather stories.

"There are times in everybody's life that demand stories and tell experiences that we all have," she said, "and a lot of people don't remember them." ■

SGA Elections

in the order of the ballot

President:

Jim Cabbage
Todd Taylor
Shane McFarland
E.J. Gonda

Speaker of the Senate:

Jaime Groce

Speaker of the House:

Jason Potts
Melburn Cinder
Christin Baker

Sophomore Senate:

Travis Close
Jana Turner
Jennifer Jones
Brian Lewis

Junior Senate:

Susan Gwin
Shane Berry
Stacey Green
Dennis Vaughn
Chad White
Steve Haley
Scott Davis

Senior Senate:

Thom Reel
Lyric Lewis
Amy Jenkins
Rick Parlow
Bill Miller
Roy Roberts
Jarred Marshall
Elizabeth Milsaps

Campus Capsule

Today
The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold an Interview Preparation Seminar on Thur. March 9 at 3 p.m.; and a Resume Critique on Fri. March 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All sessions are in KUC Room 318.

Christian Music Society organizational meeting: 6 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. Come all ye students, faculty, staff, whether a musician or not. If you're interested in Christian music, come join us. Good things are happening.

The Native American Indian Org. will hold a meeting today and March 16 from 5 - 6 p.m. in KUC 316.

The Womyn's Political Action Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in KUC Lounge.

Friday, March 10
Creation of an Assoc. of History Graduate Students at 2 p.m. in KUC Room 315. Dr. David Rowe will be giving the keynote address.

Monday, March 13
Campus Rec will be sponsoring a table tennis tournament on March 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Deadlines for entry will be March 13. \$2/person.

Upcoming & Ongoing

A photography show by Jane Alden Stevens will be in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC from Feb. 26 - March 30.

A Doughnut Sale sponsored by the Erudite Emancipators will be held March 15 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in KUC downstairs lobby. If anyone is interested in pre-ordering doughnuts (any flavor), contact Bonnie Shipp at 2655 or Sterling McNeal at 4636.

SEA Mug Sale will be held March 14 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in KUC downstairs lobby. Come buy a mug for \$3.50; worth discounts at the Grill, Sub and local businesses.

Free MCAT application seminar sponsored by the Kaplan Test Center on March 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Kaplan Center, 3212 W. End Ave., Suite 403, Nashville. Call 383-8638 to register.

BICYCLISTS: Get fit and enjoy the beautiful spring weather with the M'boro Bicycle Club! Rides leave the Greenland Parking lot at 3:30 p.m. every Tue. Length and speed

determined by consensus. More info from 898-2688. (Helmets required.)

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals meets every Friday in VIS 103 from 11 - 11:50 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome!

Single Fathers: I am doing a research study concerning the rights and the problems you may have encountered with state and federal laws. Please, call me. I am interested in your stories, and I want to help change the laws for your equality. Ashley Rouse, 781-0136.

If anyone is interested in studying Ayn Rand and the philosophy of Objectivism, write to: MTSU Box B-890. Email: m_c_000b@frank.mtsu.edu

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

The Horseman's Assoc. meets at the Tenn. Livestock Center Mondays at 7:30 p.m. All majors are welcome. Come share a love and interest in all breeds of horses.

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

The Honors Student Association Movie Night is being held every Friday night in room 108 of Peck Hall. The first movie begins at 5 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m. Movies to be shown will be posted in the Honors Lounge from Wed. until Fri. night. All HSA members are welcome and may bring one guest.

MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION: A social support group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. For more info. call 780-2293.

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer the statewide *Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline*, to work with parents of newborns in the *Parent Pathway Program*, to assist with *Parenting Classes*, or to assist with childcare during parenting classes. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Rolanda Payne at 898-4065.

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Women's Studies Undergraduate Symposium



CLIFF KARELL/staff

Sonyia Patell performs a solo during the third annual Women's Studies Undergraduate Symposium held Tuesday in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

SGA acts as liaison between students and administration

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association gives students the ability to participate in the governing the University by ensuring an exchange of ideas and opinions between students and the administration.

SGA elections are held each spring to elect the student body President, two Vice-Presidents which act as the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate, and Senators from each respective class. Each fall the SGA elections are held to elect Freshmen Queens and the Homecoming Queen and court.

"We've worked very hard in trying to increase student interest in the SGA," said Drew Bergman, SGA President. "Students should get involved with the SGA so they can change things they don't like and improve things they do like."

Members of the SGA are appointed to voting positions on Standing University Committees such as Academic Appeals, Grade Appeals and the Technology

Fees committee. These committees deal with various aspects of the university's operation such as building and grounds, curriculum and traffic and parking.

The House of Representatives and the Senate are the legislative branches of the SGA. The

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**-Drew Bergman
SGA President**

Senate meets every other Tuesday of the month and the House of Representatives meets every other Thursday of the month.

The Senate is composed of students from the sophomore, junior, senior and

graduate classes. The House of Representatives is composed of one representative from each recognized campus organization.

"The SGA offers good experience for students at MTSU," said Jason Potts, Junior Senator. "It provides a person with a better working knowledge of how individuals interact and make decisions that benefit the University."

Campus issues that the Senate and the House of Representatives have previously dealt with include the new Student Recreation Center, teacher evaluations, parking and the revision of the SGA Constitution.

The SGA is currently trying to get a representative on the Murfreesboro City Council.

"The SGA is the first place the administration looks to get formal responses to various issues," said Dr. Robert LaLance, Vice-President for Student Affairs. "The SGA insures that students have an opportunity for fair consideration."

SGA elections will be held March 14-15. ■

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MTSU NEWS**Platforms discussed
at candidate debate**

Parking, student activities dominate the conversation

ROBIN DIXON
Managing Editor

Candidates running for the office of SGA president announced their platforms and answered student's questions Monday night in the KUC.

The candidates, all currently involved with student government, spoke on issues ranging from quality of dorms to shortcomings of student government.

Presidential candidates Shane McFarland, a former SGA sophomore senator; Jim Cabbage, a member of the SGA House of Representatives, and Todd Taylor, a member of the electoral commission, introduced themselves to the audience and discussed many of the problems currently facing MTSU.

Major themes of the night included funding for campus organizations, buildings and parking.

McFarland, the first candidate to speak, suggested using revenue raised from parking violations to add to the student activity fund. Nearly 10 percent of the fund currently goes to student programming and homecoming, he said.

"Last year, we had a revenue from parking [violations] of \$300,000," McFarland said. "I want to take three to five percent of that and give it back to the students."

"You and your organizations can apply for that money and get the things that your group needs," he added.

McFarland also suggested that the student government should lobby state legislators as well as university officials in order to receive greater funding.

Cabbage talked about the need for a new library.

"I am a little curious about the fact that we are able to find the money somewhere to build a new building where we could go run and jump...and play some ball," Cabbage said. "I am for athletics, but we have two perfectly good buildings to play in."

"I don't know why something of this nature gets more priority over our library and dorm conditions."

Cabbage suggested

setting up a table every month in Peck Hall, where SGA representatives can inform students of their actions, and students can voice opinions on issues such as funding.

Taylor said that the university has not grown enough to meet the demands and needs of a growing student body. He, like McFarland, suggested that the SGA should look into other means for funding organizations. He also said that the SGA should become more involved with campus organizations.

"What I propose is establishing a solid base with organizations on campus through leadership programs and through better funding for them," Taylor said. "From all the different organizations I've talked to on campus, a lot of their problems is that they don't have a lot of student participation."

"I think by increasing SGA involvement with a lot of these organizations we can start developing and having a better campus atmosphere."

Cabbage also mentioned the need for a more involved student government.

"It is my opinion that student government, over the last couple of years, has been a little out of touch with the students," he said. "A lot of students say that when somebody runs for president...they forget all about us."

On the issue of parking, McFarland suggested that the time the university stops giving tickets should be moved up to 6:00 p.m., so night students can park closer to campus.

"Fifteen dollars for a parking ticket is outrageous," McFarland said. "In my hometown [Monteagle, TN], I don't think there is a ticket on the mountain that costs \$15."

Cabbage also agreed to move the ticket time up, but suggested it be moved to 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m., so that night students will have more time to get to class.

The candidates expressed the need for a greater voter turnout in this year's election, at the close of the event. In order to increase voter participation, there are now two days and one night for students to vote.

The SGA elections will be held in the JUB from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the KUC from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 14 and 15. ■

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the constitution allowed for the impeachment to take place.

But the hearing ended quickly after Potts' public defender, Representative Demosthenes Nestoros, claimed that proper impeachment procedure had not been followed. Procedure states that a five-member panel of House representatives be appointed for an investigation before the hearings take place.

The rest of the Senate, acting as jury, agreed and the hearing was bound over.

The House panel is to be appointed at the next House meeting April 5, according to Little.

If a House investigation panel is put together and finds the senators have more than three absences, the senators must plead their case before the Senate. The Senate can then send the impeachment proceeding on to the House if the parties are found not to have just cause for the excessive absences.

Speaker of the Senate Alison Gambill said this is the first year that absences have been handled with an excused/unexcused policy to her knowledge. As a senator last year, she said that a roll was taken but action was not taken for excessive absences.

"I think it was being handled well enough. The senators knew to get in touch with me [if they were going to be absent]," Gambill said.

Potts said he has a class during Wednesday night meetings. He said he reviews the minutes after each meeting to see if he approves of the passed

legislation. If he did not agree with passed legislation, he said, he would motion for a recall vote. He said he can get other members to sponsor any legislation he might propose.

Potts said the meeting time for the Senate was established after members gave Gambill their class schedules. Gambill then scheduled the meetings for the time when the most members could be present.

"It was, and still is, my understanding, according to Speaker of the Senate Alison Gambill, that she is empowered to rule on absences," Potts said after the meeting.

"I'm heavily involved with MTSU. I fear the thought that I can't make a difference," Potts said.

Little sees things differently.

"If these people have been elected and they only have to show up twice a month, and they're not showing, the students are getting screwed."

Vilanova said she has told Gambill that work was now interfering with the Senate meetings and that she told Gambill to find a replacement at any time. Vilanova is one of the two graduate members required by the SGA constitution and she said that graduate members are hard to come by. She said this is why she has not been replaced.

Parlow and Hopper could not be reached for comment.

Any SGA official who has been impeached and convicted is barred from holding office or serving in any other capacity in the SGA by rule of the SGA constitution. ■

AMEND

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same fashion.

Bill 4-95-S proposes to amend clauses in Article II-Section 2, Article III-Section 4, Article V-Section 2 and Article V-Section 10 of the SGA Constitution.

The conditional clause, "without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin," in Article II-Section 2 will be replaced by "Admission to the University's facilities and activities is open to all full-time students. Part-time students are allowed these services, facilities and activities unless deemed otherwise by the administration."

The change in Article III-Section 4 would designate that the location of balloting will be decided by the Electoral Act instead of the Commission of Election Officials.

The amendment on Article V-Section 2 would give the President the power to appoint a replacement for a vacant Senate seat, pending the approval of the House and the Senate.

Article V-Section 10 will be amended to include "In the event that a resolution or bill passes both houses of Congress in different forms, a conference committee made up of three members from each house shall be established to reach a compromise."

The last issue on the referendum will be 16-95-S, a proposal to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$2.00. The Student Activity Fee funds all the organizations on campus. Organizations petition the SGA for money, and funds are awarded on the basis of need and availability.

SGA can currently manage to fund only one-third of all the requests they receive. At the University of Alabama, the student activity fee is approximately \$5.20 a semester for the 12,000 students enrolled. In contrast, Texas A & M charges their 46,000 students \$85.00 a semester.

These amendments of the SGA Constitution will go into effect upon two-thirds vote of the student body. ■

The Student Publications Committee is now taking applications for *Sidelines'* Summer and Fall Semester Editor Qualified candidates should:

- Be an MTSU student registered for course work at the time of application.
- Have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application.
- Have worked on staff at least two semesters. Comparable media experience applies.
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SPRING BREAK '95: Project Daytona Beach

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

On the Central East Coast of Florida lies Daytona Beach, long-time haven for spring breakers looking for a party to relieve them from the tension of college mid-terms. The area—which includes many small communities knitted together along 23 miles of Sun-bathed Florida coast—welcomes thousands of students each year, and is one of the few places where automobiles are still allowed on the beach. The beach—up to 500 feet wide at low tide—was used in the '30s and '40s to test automobile engines and to set land speed records. Ormond Beach, the area's northernmost community, is known as the "Birthplace of Speed" because of its use by the likes of Henry Ford and Louis Chevrolet to conduct these kinds of tests. In 1902, the top speed on the beach was a blazing 57 mph. By 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell was driving his "Bluebird" at 276 mph.

Though you are encouraged by the local police not to try setting any land speed records, you can still cruise along the beach checking out the student wildlife on one side of your car and the vast Atlantic on the other. \$5 per vehicle is charged for the drive on the hard-packed sand, and the beach speed limit is 10 mph.

Also on the beach students will find motorcycles, bicycles, umbrellas and floats for rental, as well as t-shirt vendors and hot dog carts. At the Boardwalk, an amusement park offers miniature golf, arcades, and decadent snack foods (hey, you can diet when you get home). Sailing, surfing and jet skiing are popular water sports in the area, and competitions are held year-round. Within walking distance from the beach is the Halifax River, where sailboats, jet skis, and sailboards can be rented by the hour. Power boats are also available for water skiing.



A group of students get the jump on Spring Break '95 in Daytona Beach, FL. Planning is underway to make Daytona Beach Spring Break '95 the best ever. Call (800) 854-1234 for more information.

The average temperature of Daytona Beach is a mild 70.5 degrees, but in March the temperature can range from 50 degrees at night to 75 degrees in the afternoon. If the Sun doesn't cooperate and you find yourself lacking something to do, the surrounding area offers attractions ranging from the Daytona International Speedway, which host motorcycle races in March, to The Casements, the former winter estate of John D. Rockefeller which now houses a museum and cultural center for the city of Ormond Beach. For a view of the Daytona Beach area, drive south a few miles to the Ponce De Leon Lighthouse, a

working lighthouse and gift shop.

Centrally located, Daytona is only 53 miles from Orlando, home of Walt Disney World, and 53 miles from St. Augustine, where history buffs will enjoy touring the old city and viewing the centuries-old architecture. Daytona Beach is also only an hour away from Kennedy Space Center.

For racing enthusiasts, the Halifax Museum in downtown Daytona Beach offers historical information about the Daytona International Speedway, and about auto racing in Daytona Beach. The Gallery of Legends at the Speedway Visitors Center includes

photos from the earliest days of Daytona auto racing.

At the Klassix Auto Museum, a new attraction in Daytona Beach, a collection of Corvettes from every year since 1953 is housed, and an area of the museum is dedicated to Daytona racing history.

Fishing is also a popular activity in Daytona Beach, and charters depart from several marinas every day. For a half-day trip, students might spend \$25 and catch a red snapper, grouper, or other native fish.

After dark, students will find many bars and nightclubs as well as

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The Landshark, Universal Studios one and one-half ton, 13 foot tall promotional vehicle and mobile studio, will be in Daytona this spring.

You're going back to school boy

In order to get his inheritance, Billy Madison has to go back to school

DONNIE HITCHCOCK
Special to Sidelines

When Billy (Adam Sandler) was in high school he was the most popular person there. He made straight A's, and made it through with only one problem: His father paid his teachers to give him the grades. Billy is now in his late twenties and is next in line to take over one of the largest hotel chains in the

nation. One more slight problem: He acts like he is still in kindergarten. So that is where he is headed.

Billy Madison is a story of how Billy takes on a task he never thought he would have to go through again. To inherit the company he must pass each grade in two week sessions. If he fails one grade one of his father's top executives, Eric Gordon (Bradley Whitford), will take over control of the company. Eric is mean and conniving and will do anything to keep Billy from taking over his company.

In kindergarten Billy finds that he is not fitting in too well. Then as his favorite part of the day starts, recess,

he starts to win over a few friends. The two weeks go by fast and he passes. Afterwards, he throws a huge party for all of his little classmates. He also passes first and second grade, but in third he hits a roadblock when he falls in love with his

Billy Madison

☆☆☆ (out of five)

teacher, the lovely Veronica Vaughn (Bridgette Wilson). He struggles through third grade and continues meeting new challenges.

Billy finally makes it through grade school and gets to go back to his old stomping grounds. When he

pulls up in a black Trans-Am, wearing an REO Speedwagon shirt and blaring 70s rock music he finds out that a few things have changed and he is no longer the big man on campus.

When Billy starts ninth grade Eric plays his trump card. He blackmails the principal of the grade school into saying that Billy paid his way through school again. When Billy's dad (Darren McGavin) hears this, he wants to give the company to Eric right then. Billy challenges Eric to an academic decathlon to decide who gets the company.

Adam Sandler is another in the long line of Saturday

Night Live graduates to have a starring role on the big screen. Sandler reminded me a lot of a young Chevy Chase. He is witty, delivering a lot of hilarious one liners. He could have a big future on the big screen.

The supporting cast is fabulous. Bridgette Wilson is a knockout. This former Miss Teen USA shows that she is one heck of an actress in addition to being a beauty queen.

Sandler is joined by fellow SNL cast members Chris Farley and Norm McDonald. Farley is his usual hilarious self and McDonald plays a dull friend of Billy's. Farley shows that he is the next

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restaurants serving fresh seafood, international cuisine, and hamburgers, the old American favorite. Over 400 restaurants in the area serve something for everyone, and whether you are looking for gourmet dining or a place to have a burger and a beer in your swimsuit, Daytona has the place for you. The Daytona Beach area also offers accommodations for a wide range of budgets with over 400 hotels and motels and 16,000 rooms, suites, and apartments. Campgrounds are also available for those of you who don't mind having a little sand in you sleeping bag.

While in Daytona Beach this spring students should also watch out for a 30 foot long, 1 and one-half ton shark.

The 13 foot tall, street-legal Landshark, from Universal Studios, will be visiting the Daytona area this spring and bringing along free stuff like passes to Universal Studios and t-shirts.

Daytona Beach will host the Sports Illustrated Beach Club March 20-23, with activities ranging from the Gatorade Joust-a-Bout, where students can attack each other with padded pugil sticks, to Right Guard Sport Stick Hot Shot Basketball, a timed basketball competition. Toyota will be

sponsoring an Obstacle Course, which will include a bungee run and obstacle course competition run against other spring breakers, and 1-800-COLLECT will sponsor Sumo Wrestling, an event that will have students donning padded suits and wrestling with opponents.

According to Daytona Beach Mayor Paul Carpenella, Spring Break '95 will be better than ever.

"We have so much planned for students for spring break, it wouldn't matter if the Sun never came out at all," he said.

Hotel owner Scott Edwards, a member of the Daytona Beach Spring Break Marketing Committee, warns students to make reservations in advance for their break, because Daytona hotels are often sold out during peak spring break periods.

Information about Daytona Beach Spring Break '95 can be accessed via the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.america.html>; or send e-mail via the Internet to waverave@america.com. Short articles about attractions, beaches, clubs, concerts and hotels will be found here, as well as advertisements and a few photos.

For more information, students should contact the Daytona Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-854-1234. ■

BILLY

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SNL member ready to take on a starring role. Look for him to do so this spring.

Billy Madison is a hilarious look at how far money can get you these

days. It's a very funny movie, but loses a little toward the end. If you are looking for a break from reality and need to have a few chuckles choose *Billy Madison*. It's rated PG-13 for harsh language and is good for a few laughs. ■



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New East Orange release really rocks

New release offers good sound, but don't start the fan club just yet

JASON E. YOUNG
Staff Writer

East Orange is the band that will redefine the popular music scene for the 90s. At least that is what their promoters are saying. From what I have heard of this band from Georgia, its good but I wouldn't go as far as to call them legendary, at least not yet.

In their debut album, *navigation without numbers*, listeners are exposed to four original songs that really rock. The sound is raw, the mood is rough, and this disk needs to be played loud. These guys sound like they would be a great band to see live, but for now all we can judge them on is this recording which doesn't make me want to go out and join the East Orange fan club but does make me want to play it for friends.

It is refreshing to hear more music with a rough edge coming out of the south after R.E.M. turned into a fluffy MTV band on a crusade to save the World. East Orange plays with the vigor of early Replacements and with musical rifts reminiscent of some of the Pixies harder stuff.

The opening track on

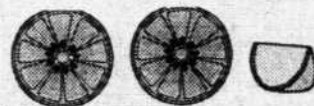


navigation without numbers is "Hank Williams," but don't expect to hear a twangy country guitar from this tune. Guitarist Mark Skinner blazes a groove into a song that is made into an anthem when accompanied by the lyrics of vocalist, Alex Etchison. Songs that are also worth critical praise are "Something to Prove" and "Peace of Mind." The only song that really didn't do much for me was the over dramatic "Twenty-Five."

I am sure this band will be going places after a successful appearance at the NEA Extravaganza this year. If you want to check out the

band, they will be appearing at Main Street on Wednesday, April 5. I know that the show date is a while away, but this band deserves some early recognition. This disk is not great, but it is worth giving a listen. These guys are not grunge, they are good old fashioned rock and roll. On a scale of one to five oranges, I give *navigation without numbers* two and a half. ■

navigation without numbers
2 1/2 out of 5 oranges



Daytona Beach Bike Week attracts chrome and leather

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lon Sisson, looking like Buffalo Bill with his long hair, beard and mustache, sits atop his 1956 Harley describing his favorite vacation: Bike Week at Daytona Beach.

"I love it. I wait all year for it," said Sisson, a Daytona Beach city worker. "I get to see all my friends I haven't seen since last year — partying, checking out all the bars, just celebrating life."

The 54th annual Bike Week — described as the world's largest motorcycle event — is a 10-day invasion of mayhem and madness that is expected to draw 500,000 bikers: from weekend wannabes in leather to Hell's Angels, Outlaws and Pagans.

You can hear the throaty roar of hundreds of Harleys after you cross the Intracoastal Waterway, entering Daytona. Main Street, a few blocks from the Atlantic Ocean, is the hub for bikers who park their Harleys, chug beers and watch the daily procession of characters and chrome.

As Sisson talks, a young woman on the back of a Harley lifts her shirt and bares her breasts as the cycle motors down the street.

"I've been coming here for 14 years now," said biker Tim Bennett, a hospital electrician and bar owner from Lost Creek, W.Va. "Somebody said they had races down here, but I've never seen them. We're here to party and that is spelled P-A-A-R-T-E-E!"

The Daytona International Speedway hosts motorcycle races during the week, including the Daytona 200 on Sunday. There are swap meets, auctions, fireworks, parties, pig roasts, motorcycle exhibits and rock concerts.

Bike Week, which began last Friday and runs through Sunday, also features women's coleslaw wrestling, women's corn-flake wrestling, women's wet T-shirt contests, women's hot-legs contests, women's tattoo contests and the Miss Bike Week pageant.

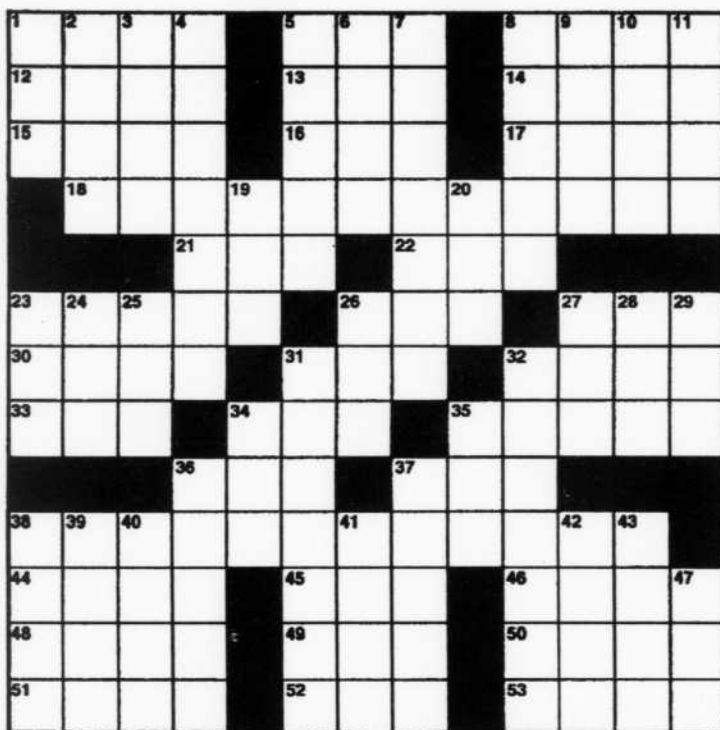
The week concludes with the blessing of the bikes ceremony at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and the annual Harley Davidson Parade from the beach to the speedway.

Suzanne Heddy, of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, said 390,000 bikers poured into town and spent about \$212 million during Bike Week last year.

"It is the world's largest motorcycle event," Heddy said.

Back on Main Street, a large bearded man in a hat holds a wiggling ferret in each of his massive hands. When a motorcycle roars by, the pets try to duck for cover. Asked his name, the man says "Tiny, just Tiny."

"This is my Christmas," he says, adding that his father owns a T-shirt store on the street. "This is when we make our most money: Keep the rats fat." ■

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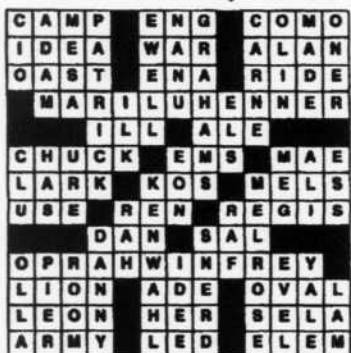
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Answers to Monday's Puzzle



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CHAOS by Brian Shuster

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No OVC tourney trouble here

After reading my esteemed colleague and Assistant Sports Editor Drew Butler's column on Monday concerning the trials and tribulations he faced at last weekend's OVC tournament, I

Rob NUNLEY



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I felt it was my responsibility as a journalist to give my own views on the whole event.

First of all, I was just tickled pink to meet Rob Washburn at the Austin Peay game

in late February.

Why, you ask?

Well, it wasn't because I admire his position. As information director for the OVC, he has a really hard job, mainly because he has to deal with all of those pretentious media types. It wasn't because he and I are both members of the "Hey, my name's a verb" society, either. And it certainly wasn't because I am jealous of the relationship he has with Dan "Mr. Sportsmanship" Beebe.

No, the reason I was so glad to see Rob was because he is the man to see for credentials to OVC events, and he was the man who had the little piece of pink cardboard that would allow little old me to get into the Municipal Auditorium for FREE.

And get in free I did, from the very first night of the tournament. No, I wasn't assigned to cover the men's game against Murray State, but I wanted to go and the little pink pass said that I didn't have to pay. You can imagine how cool it felt to walk right past the ticket window and right in the front door.

I was a bit nervous about sitting in the stands with no ticket, but when I saw the sparse group of fans in attendance, I had the feeling that I wouldn't have any problem. In fact,

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MTSU honored for indoor track coach, athlete of year

Hayes, Florence honored as other Blue Raiders prepare for NCAA's

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The OVC indoor champion Lady Raiders were given another honor this week, earning two awards for outstanding performances during this indoor season.

The awards were voted on by the conference track and field coaches after the OVC indoor championship meet.

Lady Raider Mia Florence was chosen as the OVC women's indoor track athlete of the year.

Florence competed for Middle in the field events over the indoor season and was consistently among the top

finishers in those events.

During last month's OVC indoor championship meet at Murphy Center, Florence helped lead her team to the overall victory by winning the high jump, triple jump and long jump.

Florence tied the existing school indoor record in the high jump at the championship, winning with a leap of 5-8.

According to Coach Hayes, Florence's being the only athlete in the meet to win three individual events was the main reason she was chosen as athlete of the year.

"She's worked hard this year and is beginning to show a leadership role," Hayes said. "I'm very happy for her."

Coach Hayes has yet another reason to celebrate. He was chosen by his colleagues as OVC indoor coach of the year.

While thankful to be honored in such a way, Coach Hayes was very modest and refused to take all the credit for the

award.

"The only way you can be chosen for something like this is if you have people on your team who can really do the job," Hayes said. "It's nice to get them but to me the biggest thing was winning the championship."

Athletes from the men's track team have also had a great deal of success recently.

Keith Watkins, Mario Allman and Micah Otis earned berths in the NCAA meet this weekend with their performances last week at the Last Chance Invitational at East Tennessee State University, where Watkins and Allman finished first and second respectively in the 55 meter dash.

Coach Hayes was quick to cite his team as the real reason he received the award.

"When you have quality athletes, that's what's really important." ■

SEC Tournament opens today in Georgia Dome

ATLANTA (AP) — There's nothing like winning three of four games against two nationally ranked teams to give a team confidence.

Auburn has done just that, and the Tigers are a confident team going into Thursday's opening round of the Southeastern Conference tournament in the Georgia Dome.

"We think every team we play we can beat," coach Cliff Ellis said Wednesday. "We feel like if we play our game, we can beat anybody on a given night."

"We don't feel we're underdogs coming into the tournament," said Lance Weems, Auburn's leading scorer with a 13.8-point average.

The Tigers begin their SEC tourney quest against South Carolina in the second game of the afternoon doubleheader, which starts at 1 p.m. EST with Louisiana State taking on Vanderbilt.

The night session starts at 7:30 with No. 20 Alabama

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UT Football Team hires former MTSU assistant

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Andy McCollum, promoted only a month ago to assistant head coach at Baylor, was named linebackers' coach at Tennessee on Monday.

McCollum, 36, fills the void in Vol coach Phillip Fulmer's staff created by the promotion of John Chavis to defensive coordinator, succeeding the UCLA-departed Larry Marmie.

He also is the second member of the Baylor staff hired by Fulmer. Three weeks ago, Pat Washington was named the Vols' receiver coach.

"I am happy to returning to the section of the country where I grew up and to the

state where I played college football," said McCollum, a native of Marietta, Ga., and a graduate of Austin Peay. "I look forward to being at Tennessee and working for coach Fulmer."

Fulmer described McCollum as "an outstanding coach who has an aggressive temperament on the field that will fit in with the defensive attitude we are trying to create."

McCollum coached at Middle Tennessee State (1981-89) and Texas-El Paso (1990-92) before joining the Baylor staff, where he coached special teams and linebackers. ■

The man's got ups



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Blue Raider senior Bobby Clark goes in for a dunk against Murray State in the first round of the OVC tournament. Clark had nine points in the game, although the Raiders were defeated, 75-67.

SPORTS

ROB

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my friends and I moved to a better seat before the game started. I'd have loved to take advantage of the opportunity to get in on Friday night and then for Saturday's championship, but that'll wait until next year.

I even used my new "big shot" status to roam around the arena a bit during breaks in the court action. I checked out the media "work" room, where all the newspaper, radio and television folks could go and collect media guides, game notes, statistics and press releases from the various teams, as well as use the provided work space, telephones and fax machines on hand to complete and send their game stories. When that work was finished, the media was free to use the arcade basketball game on hand to work on their jump shot, or take advantage of the free food and beverages that the conference was generous enough to provide. Needless to say, my media guide collection, my shot and my appetite were aided by this little feature only offered to us journalistic types.

I took a little stroll around the press row area during halftime Thursday night to check out the who's who of area sports reporters. I stopped by where Drew was positioned and I'll have to agree with him — he got shafted in the seat department. But there were

a lot of reporters on hand for the first round action, and I guess they felt the Middle Tennessee State University community newspaper was just not important enough to warrant a spot on the side of the court.

It could have been worse. Drew could've had to sit with the television people.

Fortunately for me, everything was all good for the women's games, which I was supposed to attend. I got great mid-court seats on press row, and wasn't bothered by any cheerleaders, bands or anything. I was accosted by "Governor Peay", Austin Peay's nightmarish mascot, during the first round game, but it was over quickly and left me relatively unscathed.

Also, Sports Information intern Jim Horten and I were told by an usher at the courtside tunnel that we couldn't walk around the court on Sunday afternoon, but when we whipped out our passes like Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday she figured out just who she was dealing with.

Once again, it would have been a lot nicer if I could have traveled to Municipal on Monday night to see the women in the championship, but that can wait until next year, too.

But hey, I did see Eddie "Ol' Blue" Johnston bury a behind-the-back half-courter in the final game of his sparkling mascot career, so for me the tournament was a great experience. ■

adding that he told his players to forget about their last outing — a 127-80 rout by Kentucky last Saturday.

"The teams match up pretty well," Brown said. "In size, we match up. The speed, or lack of it, is about the same. Our benches are similar."

Vandy coach Jan Van Breda Kolff agreed.

"We are similar to LSU in that we have played well in a lot of games. We are like them in that we have been in position to win five or six more games, but sometimes the bounces go against you," he said. ■

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Editorial

SGA can make a big difference if you help

Student Government elections are coming up next week. This is the average student's chance to have a say in what happens at this university.

This year there are a total of eight candidates for SGA president, Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the three most influential positions in the governing body.

Last Monday the presidential candidates participated in a debate sponsored by the Department of Housing and held at McHenry Hall.

Other than the candidates, two people showed up to listen.

People on this campus constantly complain about how SGA does nothing for them, how SGA is just run by and for the Greeks, and how SGA is used solely as a resume booster by those involved.

Well, now is your chance to change that. Get motivated. Elect the people you believe will work hard for your rights as students.

Seek out their opinions. Don't just wait for the forums. If you want to talk to them in a more personal setting, ask the SGA office to put you in touch with whomever you wish to speak.

Believe it or not, SGA is in place to help students. But it is hard for them to get motivated when only 6 percent of the student body shows they care by voting in their elections. That number should be at least 26 percent and even 46 percent.

Take an interest. Vote.

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One man's guide to college: tests, papers and BEER:30

school daze



Warren Wakeland

You know, I've been going to college for three years now and I still haven't learned not to cram. Cramming is that ritual whereby college students spend a particular day going to class, going to work, hitting a party after work or getting a six and going to a friend's house, then getting home at 2 a.m. and saying, "Shoot (or some other word), I forgot to study for my 8 a.m. comparative psychology test!"

The student must then sober up, study until time for the test, fail it (and if it's comparative psychology, I'm definitely going to fail it), then go home and party some more.

Wait a minute—that's the definition of college. Strike that.

Cramming is that ritual whereby you know Jan. 13 that you will have an eight-page paper due March 27, then on March 26 return home via the all-night-long end of Spring Break party drive and remember that you still need to go to the library and get information for that paper.

Then you get the info, write for a while, throw in a little BS, go see your friends whom you haven't seen for at least eight hours, party some more, then sober up and go to class.

The difference is that you get an "A" on the paper.

College is great in that respect. You can forget to do

something, then stay up all night studying or writing to get an "A" on the test or paper. You don't even need your parents permission.

College is all about tests and papers. Your teachers will try to tell you that coming to class is important and paying attention is essential. It isn't.

What is essential is getting good grades on tests and papers.

Some instructors make you come to class by telling you that you will be failed if you have so many absences. That's why you have to go to class. If you have a friend in the same class or with the same instructor, you can snooze it once in a while.

I try to do three things in college—make good grades, put out a quality newspaper and pay my bills before I'm thrown out of my lavish in-town cubbyhole. I usually get the first two done no problem. We won't discuss the bills.

For me, getting to class is a priority because if I miss a day of class I feel a week behind. But it can be made up. You don't have to go to class.

Of course, try telling that to your comparative psych instructor. That stuff seems so complicated to me that if I missed a day I may as well drop the class. I'd be in outer space after missing one of those classes. Stick a fork in me—I'm done.

I'm in outer space after missing one of my consumer behavior classes. That's close to comparative psychology, isn't it?

For me getting the bills paid is a priority, unless I have a craving for a Molson Ice. When I'm stressed out, Molson has to take priority over the bills.

At that point it's BEER:30.

What is BEER:30? BEER:30 is a clock measurement that only college students can see. BEER:30 can take the place of any time on the clock at any time, day or night. BEER:30 is that time when you have had enough stress for the day and it's time to relax. You've crammed all that you can cram, kind of like being all that you can be.

For me, BEER:30 is 8 a.m.

Picture this: you're sitting in your comparative psych class trying to follow the unfollowable. You look at your watch and see there's 40 more minutes left in the class. You sigh heavily at the prospect.

Well, hey! It's BEER:30!

Finish the class and hit the Molsons! It's BEER:30! That time of day (it seems to come along every day, doesn't it) where school, the job(s) and everything else has gotten to be too much. There are too many people at the gym, it's too cold to ride the bike, and Davis Market is an easy walk.

Do you see the point? College isn't about getting a degree or making that 4.0 GPA. It isn't about getting to all the Raider home football, basketball, baseball games and cricket matches. It isn't about joining the right fraternity and meeting all the frat bigwigs so you can get a job when you leave these hallowed halls.

College is about tests, papers and BEER:30. If you do these three things right, everything else will fall into place.

But try to be 21 before you do the BEER:30 part.

How's that for a little comparative psychology.

OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

Reader takes stand against gay letterwriter

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter by JheanShetan Wolfsbrother entitled "Gay reader takes offense to Basil."

As a Christian I am offended by the misrepresentation of the quote you used in your March 2nd letter to the editor when you said, "he that is without sin starts throwing stones." Earlier in your letter you also said, "It is a very natural occurrence that happens among every species on the face of this planet, human beings included." When I read those statements it upset me in the fact that if you, in fact, knew anything about the Holy Bible it condemns acts of homosexuality referring to homosexuals as "being filled with all

unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers. Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." (Romans 1:26-31.)

As a Christian I am to judge no one for who they are or what they do, but before you go quoting excerpts from the Holy Bible to support your argument do some "legitimate" research to find out what it also says about events that deal with everyday life.

Christian and Proud of It,
Jason Williams
MTSU Box A-722

Basketball fan says Dump Dave

To the Editor,

Well last Thursday night ended yet another season for the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team. The 75-67 conference tournament loss to Murray State ended the Blue Raiders season with an overall record of 12-15 and marked the third consecutive losing season under David Farrar.

The last two to three weeks of the season I was disappointed to see all the articles in the local newspapers stating "Save Dave" and "Give Coach a Chance," which supported Farrar. I was also very disappointed when I read that MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler had decided to honor the last year of Farrar's contract.

When Farrar took over as head coach MTSU was under NCAA investigation, but he also had a team as talented as there has ever been in

the Ohio Valley Conference. Even so, Farrar could only manage a 16-11 record and runner-up in the OVC.

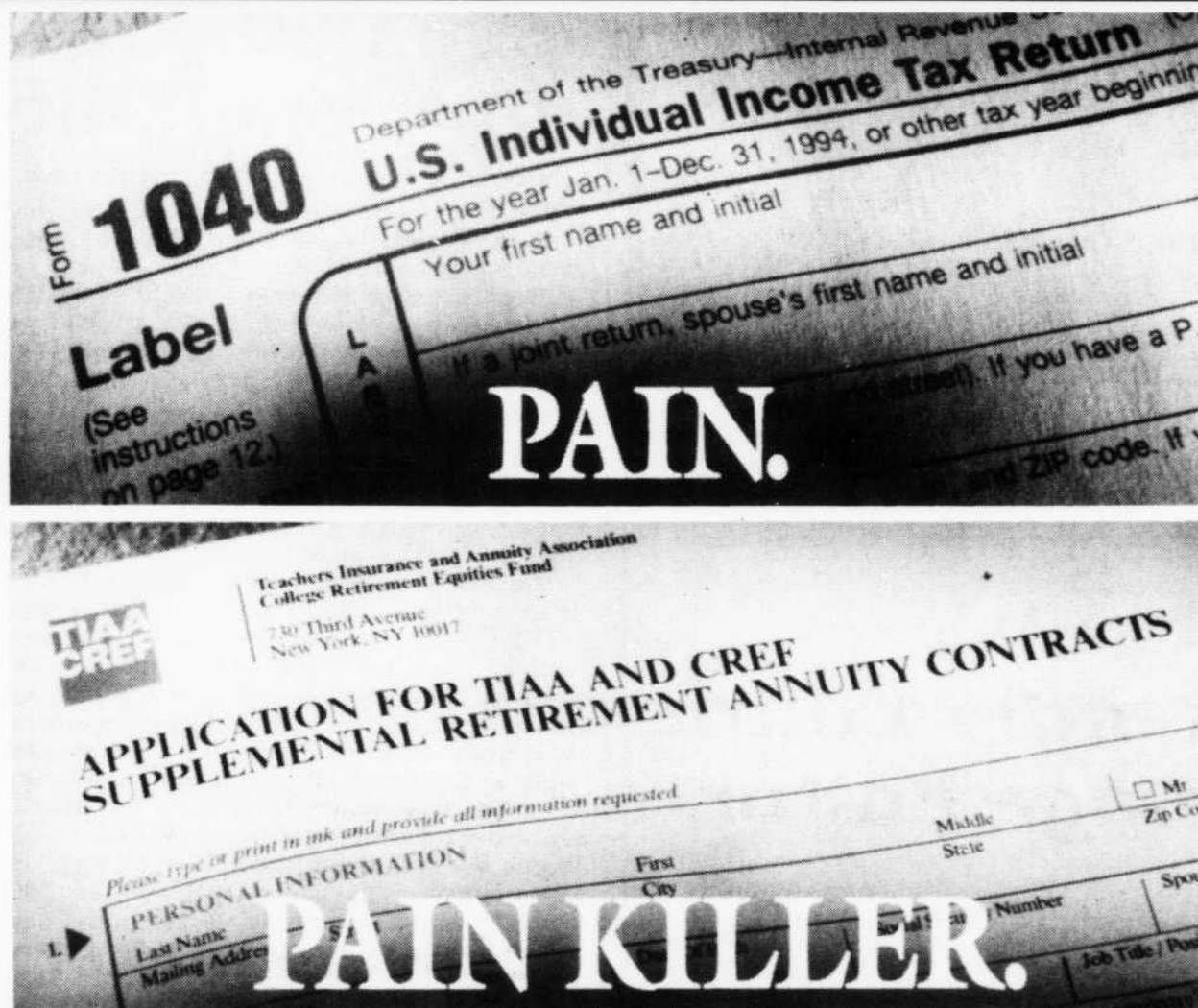
The next two years Middle's team posted records of 10-16 and 8-19 under NCAA probation. With talented players and support like MTSU had, other teams have won where Middle under the direction of Farrar did not.

This season Middle had another very talented team of athletes. The team, however, posted a disappointing 12-15 record and an embarrassing last place finish in the final OVC standings.

Farrar was "hired to keep up the basketball program through NCAA probation," but like every other coach in America he was hired to win basketball games and he has not done that. If they win the OVC outright next season and go to the NCAA tournament I will gladly step back and apologize, but if they do not remember, "I TOLD YOU SO!"

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Thought for the Day

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The swallows are coming back with a little bit of help

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (AP) — This way to the bug buffet!

Swallows — whose annual return to Mission San Juan Capistrano brings as many tourists as birds — are getting encouragement in the form of ladybugs and green lacewing larvae strewn about the grounds.

"Without a helping hand from the mission there wouldn't be any more nesting," said Linda McLeod Evans, executive director of the Pacific Wildlife Project. For years, McLeod has been adopting and raising swallows in trouble, often releasing them at the 218-

year-old mission.

Development has eliminated habitat and feeding areas for the swallows, which migrate 6,000 miles from Argentina.

By tradition, they return each March 19, accompanied by some 10,000 tourists. The tradition inspired a 1939 song, "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano."

Just before dusk Monday, Evans strolled through the mission's courtyard, her arms covered with ladybugs as she scattered them among the rose gardens.

The ladybugs and the lacewings attract swallow "scouts" that arrive in advance of the main migration to find nesting sites.

It seemed to work on the

first try. No sooner were the bugs out of their pint-sized box than swallows and swifts began buzzing the roses.

"I don't think there's going to be any problem," Evans said.

The treatment will be repeated weekly.

Local merchants helped pay for the project, which also includes placing replica nests made by local artist Lyrae Perry. A dozen of the hollow clay blobs will be placed in conspicuous places.

"They will see this as an invitation to join the crowd," Miller said.

The mission also expanded its "swallows wallows," mud holes in strategic locations for the swallows to find building material. ■

Selective Service gives 80-year-old draft eligibility

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — When Elbert Lewis got his draft notice, he told his wife goodbye. Then he thought of his children. And his seven grandchildren. And his great-grandchild.

The Selective Service was cracking down on potential draft dodgers, and government records showed Lewis failed to register as required by law when he turned 18 in November.

The problem: Lewis turned 18 in November 1932.

The records showed his birthdate was Nov. 11, 1976, instead of in 1914, which makes him 80.

What's more, Lewis did register for the draft — in 1941. He served on a Navy anti-aircraft cruiser during World War II and received a Purple Heart.

When Lewis got the draft compliance notice Saturday he broke the news to his wife, Janie.

"He came into the den and said, 'Well, I have to tell you goodbye,'" she said. "Then we called our kids. We just cut up and acted silly about it, really."

"We really got a laugh out of it, and so did all four of my kids," Lewis said.

He dashed off a copy of his birth certificate and honorable discharge to the Selective Service. The agency removed his name from its list, spokesman Lou Brodsky said.

The idea of being 18 again was appealing, to a degree.

"I wouldn't mind it, taking away the war," Lewis said. ■

Software maker sued over program slur

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A \$40 million libel lawsuit was filed by a man offended by the ability of computer software to recognize and respond to a racial slur.

The lawsuit alleges that Thomas D. Wallace and his sons, Terry, Todd and Troy, suffered emotional distress after finding the word "nigger" in an encyclopedia in software from Compton's NewMedia of Carlsbad, Calif. The lawsuit also names Compton's owner, Tribune Co. of Chicago, and Best Buy, where the software was purchased.

Wallace, who is black, said he discovered the slur when he inadvertently typed "nigger" while looking up the

Niger River. In response, the computer found reference under "Drama," "Martin Luther King Jr.," "Black Americans" or "African Americans" and "English Literature."

The word appears in manuscript, the title of play, the title of a book and quote in which someone attempted to slur King, said Tribune Co. spokesman Joseph A. Hays. "The complaint is without merit," Hays said. "What's more, it's just plain silly."

Wallace's first lawsuit in state District Court was dismissed in December. He refiled the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles last week. ■



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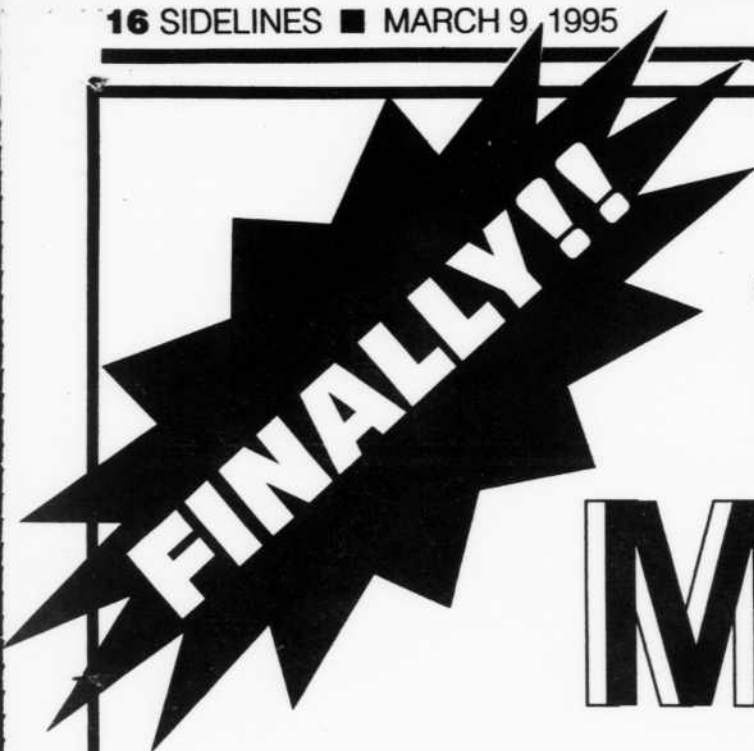
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