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Terry Massey • Staff

Daniel McPeake, a MTSU sophomore business major, enjoys the sun, surf and sights on St. Augustine Beach during the annual spring break migration to Florida.

Justice appointment confusing

JILL McWHORTER
Editor

The method of appointing Associate Student Body Supreme Court justices appears to be confusing not only to the ASB president, but also to the recently installed members of the court.

After submitting suggested names to be notified of their court appointments last May, ASB President Doug Holder believed that was all that was involved in setting up the judicial body.

"I gave the names to the secretary, and I assumed that's all I had to do," Holder said following the March 14 confirmation of the court. "I was under the assumption that it was taken care of months ago, but the people hadn't been sworn in. It didn't look good; it was basically a lack of communication."

The Supreme Court is defined by the ASB Constitution as having the power to decide cases of student discipline and to hear appeals from the General Sessions Court and Traffic.

The justices are chosen according to classification with two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and one freshman, with the justice with the most seniority serving as Chief Justice, as stated in the Constitution.

"I wasn't aware of my court appointment until this semester," said Chief Justice Heath Kane, "I was notified a few weeks ago by Billie Patton [the ASB secretary] and by Dean Cantrell.

"When you are appointed to the Supreme Court you don't just leave," said Kane. "The only way you leave is if

you resign, leave the school, graduate or are impeached. The odd thing about it is that there is no one returning from last year."

But Kane's name, along with fellow justice Robert Head, appears on a list of last year's Supreme Court members which is on file in the office of Dean of Students Paul Cantrell.

Referring to a note dated May 11, 1989, Cantrell said Holder had called his office and indicated that Head and Kane were on the court and he would fill the remaining seats "in the fall with freshmen and others that are required."

"I suspect that what happened there is that it didn't get done until we had a case arise that needed to be reviewed. At that point Doug went ahead and filled all the vacancies in the Supreme Court."

"This is my first time serving on any court," said Head. "I was first called on May 10, 1989. I applied last year not long after Doug Holder was appointed. He called to tell me he was submitting my name to serve on the court, but I understood that I had to go through an administrative process before I could be confirmed."

Head said that he would've served immediately after being called "if they had needed me."

Head was never confirmed as a justice until the recent joint session of the ASB when all members of the court were confirmed, whether present or not.

When Justice James D. Osborne was first contacted by the ASB office he was informed there would be a meeting

Policy for smoking awaits state action

TERRY MASSEY
Assistant News Editor

A bill recently approved by the state legislature has delayed efforts to change MTSU's current smoking policies.

Public Chapter No. 700, which states that at least one indoor smoking area must be designated in all state buildings, has passed both the state House and Senate. It now must be signed by Gov. Ned Ray McWherter before becoming law.

This has halted several attempts to adopt new smoking policies on campus since they could be ruled unlawful if the bill is signed.

"We will not be acting on the new (smoking) proposals until the governor either signs or vetoes the bill," said interim President Wallace Prescott. "His decision should come within two to three weeks."

Among these proposals include Dean Barbara Haskew's recommendation designating both Kirksey Old Main and the Business Building as nonsmoking facilities. Haskew made the proposal after numerous complaints by students and faculty.

"It is not possible for some to smoke without forcing their smoke on others," Haskew said.

Also affected is the ASB resolution which would limit smoking in both Peck Hall and Keathley University Center. If approved, smoking would be restricted to restrooms

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Campus Capsule

Campus Capsule is a service provided by Sidelines for campus non-profit groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in Campus Capsule, please bring a typewritten sheet with the information to our offices, James Union Building, room 310. Items must be received by Wednesday at noon for Thursday's paper and by Friday at 6 p.m. for Monday's paper. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on space available.

The annual A.A.H.P.E.R.D. conference will be held in New Orleans March 28 through April 1. Any H.P.E.R.S. student planning a professional career should attend. Ms. Brandon would be glad to answer any questions about the conference. She can be reached through the H.P.E.R.S. department. The next H.P.E.R.S. club meeting will be March 27 at 7 p.m. in the student lounge in Murphy Center. For more information, contact Marilyn Greene at 563-4772.

Attention all nursing students: Check your mailboxes if you are anticipating entering junior-level nursing courses in fall 1990 or in spring 1991. Please respond to memo regarding your proposed admission. If you do not receive a memo in your campus box or at your home address, please come by the nursing office (SAC, room 221) or call 898-2437.

ARMS is also accepting tapes for Musicfest III, to be held April 12 and 13. Send tapes to ARMS, Box 625, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Applications for Student Orientation Assistants (SOAs) for Fall Semester 1990, are now being accepted. Applications are available in room 130 of the KUC. Deadline for applying is Friday, April 6.

Phi Kappa Phi, the national honors fraternity, invites outstanding seniors to apply for nomination by the local chapter for graduate fellowships. If interested, please contact Dr. Fred S. Rolater, Peck Hall, room 279.

Honors Lecture Series will present "Tracing the Steps of Columbus" by James Neal, from the Department of History. It will be held at 3:30 p.m., April 2 in Peck Hall room 107.

The Tennessee Valley Section of The Society of Plastics Engineers will award four scholarships on June 1. The deadline for applications is April 1. The purpose of the scholarships is to give financial assistance to a student intending to pursue a career in the plastics field. For information call or write to Al Smith, P.O. Box 23228, Nashville, TN 37202 or (615) 244-1587.

An Al-Anon Family Group, Adult Children of Alcoholics will hold group support meetings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, come find serenity. For information, contact Thelma Schrader at MTSU P.O. Box 4084 or call Carole Carroll at 898-2519.

The Minority Affairs Office is now accepting applications for the position of Mentor in our Black Student Development and Enrichment Program.

The Sigma Club will have its annual banquet at O'Charley's tonight at 8 p.m. Both current and alumni are invited to attend.

The Stones River Conference for Language Studies will meet Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. If you're interested in learning or teaching language, contact Dr. Robert C. Petersen at 898-2579. Pre-registration is required.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship and the Baptist Student Union are sponsoring a Christian Music Night on April 4, at 7:30 p.m. Christian music artists are Brad Smith, A Boy and A Girl and Rev Kev and the Chorus. The concert is free and open to the public. It will be at the Baptist Student Union on TN. BLVD.

The MTSU Open April Fool's Mate Chess Tournament will be held Mar. 31-April 6 on the third floor of the KUC. Anyone can enter and there will be cash prizes! Registration must be completed before Mar. 31 with Mark Cobb at 896-7160 or P.O. Box 3491.

Applications for outstanding Senior can be picked up in Dean Cantrell's office, room 126 in the KUC on April 2. The applications are due in the same office on April 9.

Do you have any great ideas for Homecoming? Applications for positions on the 1990 Homecoming Committee can be picked up in Dean Cantrell's office today. They will be available through April 20.

The Mathematics Organization will have its next meeting on Thursday, April 5 at 4 p.m. in KOM room 163. Dr. Nell Rayburn of Austin Peay State University will give a presentation entitled "Killing Time - The Combinatorial Explosion."

Gamma Psi Phi, the science fiction and fantasy society, will meet on Wednesday nights in the KUC room 305. For further information call 893-0121

The International Student Service, office will be sponsoring an "International Cultural Day" on Saturday, April 21, 1990 at the JUB. We plan to host a banquet featuring ethnic dishes representative of many countries, as well as some type entertainment.

The Blue Knights, MTSU's chess club will meet every Thursday in the KUC 316 from 6-10 starting JAN.11. Beginners welcome.

Channel 33 has all management positions open for the Fall and Spring semesters. These include Operations Manager, Production Manager, News Director, Programming Director and Promotions Managers. There is a scholarship given with these positions. Anyone interested is encouraged to turn a resume into Dr. Spires office or drop it by the Channel 33 news room in the LRC. We need a heavy turnout to fill each one with the best possible candidate.

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Unique difficulties for many older students

DARRYL ATHANS
News Editor

The Association for Non-Traditional Students (ANTS) addressed the problems of anxiety among its members at its meeting Tuesday with Interim President Dr. Prescott.

"ANTS is a support group for non-traditional students," said Jackie Haskins, president of ANTS. "We help people find solutions when they come to campus with problems such as commuting and re-adjusting to school after a long absence."

The anxieties of non-traditional students (NTS) range from problems with embarrassment due to their older ages to juggling a family, a job and schoolwork.

According to Haskins, "A traditional student is someone that comes to the university right out of high school and usually, they are white males ages 18 through 22." She explained that "a non-traditional student may be women, handicapped students, older returning students or ethnic groups."

According to Auther Harris, a developmental studies counselor, "These non-traditional students are more interested in promotional opportunities and classes that will benefit their careers than they are with fraternities or sororities."

The anxieties these students feel are not caused by pressures to be accepted in social organizations, but instead they are caused by the pressures of trying to succeed at work and school, yet still spend time with their families, Harris said.

Prescott noted that the times are changing and that the typical student is no longer ages 18-22. The average age since 1987 has been 23 years old.

"Many students are coming back to school to prepare for a new career," he explained.

"In fact, the percentage of non-traditional students on campus is now around 49.59 percent of the student body," said Prescott. ■

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about the Supreme Court and was asked if he could be there.

"I didn't know until I showed up for the meeting that I had been selected or that I had met the criteria," Osborne said. "I felt like we were kinda being pushed into it."

At their first meeting in March, the yet-to-be-confirmed justices were handed materials pertaining to a disciplinary case that had been submitted for review of appeal.

"Dean Cantrell handed us each a packet that had a copy of the student handbook and the ASB Constitution. He gave us information on a case and a cassette tape. He said, 'I will be in my office when you reach a decision,'" Osborne said.

"We were there to review procedure and we didn't even know what the procedure was supposed to be."

Kane feels more preparation was needed by the court before the hearing of a case.

"I haven't been on any courts," he said. "I think they should at least have a formal meeting to learn what to do before a case comes up. I don't think anyone was really prepared, but we were as prepared as we could be because there hasn't been a case before the Supreme Court in several years."

"We didn't really look at the case until we understood what we were supposed to do," Kane said.

According to Cantrell, the last time the Supreme Court was in session for review of a case was in October 1987.

A decision on the case is expected from the Court this week or early next week, according to Cantrell. ■

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and/or lounges and "No Smoking" signs would be placed in areas designated for nonsmokers.

The resolution, which passed the ASB House and Senate Feb. 21, is awaiting approval by the administration.

Another resolution delayed by the legislation is Dean Paul Cantrell's recommendation to make smoking policies consistent throughout campus with the exception of resident halls and married student housing.— Also contributing John Davis and Samantha Boggs. ■

MTSU name change to be pondered

STEPHANIE FARIS
Staff Writer

The ASB House and Senate passed 7-6 a resolution that will form a committee to study changing MTSU's name to the University of Middle Tennessee in its March 14 joint session.

Changing the name would improve the university's image, said Sen. David Myers, sponsor of the bill.

"The name (UMT) would stick better in the minds of people," Myers said.

ASB President-elect Todd Burnett is against the resolution. "I haven't seen a real argument for it yet," he said.

Myers said the wordiness of the current name makes it sound as if it's a community college.

The university has been known by its present name since 1965 when university status was obtained by the institution.

Members present at the joint session also passed a resolution for the administration to appoint a committee to study the possibilities of beginning a shuttle transport system on campus by fall semester of 1992.

The system would ease parking problems, serve as a service for the handicapped and could be used at night as

A bill sponsored by House member Toby Gilley was passed stating that a depression in the sidewalk by the James Union Building be leveled out to solve the problem of large puddles and flooding near the JUB. The bill also included the correction of any other major sidewalk depressions.

The bill pertaining to the removal of the Blue Raider plaque was not discussed due to the absence of the bill's sponsor. This bill, if passed, would put the issue to a referendum to decide the fate of the monument which was removed from the KUC over the Christmas holidays.

Supreme Court justices were confirmed during the joint session.

The newly appointed chief justice is Heath Kane. The remaining justices are Robert Head, Bryan Schrock, Eugene Wilkerson, James D. Osborne, Larry Beaty and James Newberry.

The Outstanding Legislators were also selected from the House of Representatives and from the Senate. ■

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OPINION

Supreme Court filled with new appointees

Recently, a case came before the ASB Supreme Court concerning the future of a student.

The only problem was that there were no justices waiting to hear the case.

Now, if you're a higher-up in the student government, your options are somewhat limited. You need to scramble to find seven willing souls who would take on the unenviable task of deciding such cases.

One may ask why are there no justices on the Supreme Court? That is a very good question. Apparently all seven former justices either graduated or left the university. This shows an extreme lack of foresight by those who decide who shall become judges on the high court.

The only choice they are left with is to subvert the ASB's constitutional policies and fill the court immediately. Undoubtedly, the appointees are more than qualified. They have to be, since they will be hearing this crucial case before they are even sworn in.

If that was the only problem with the court, big deal. That's how the big boys in D.C. work. However, according to the ASB Constitution, there must be a system of choosing judges that guarantees there will always be someone with tenure. This is of the utmost importance since the high court is quite often overburdened with cases. In fact, the last case heard by them was in 1987.

Also, the Supreme Court decides the fate of many a student. That is, until their decision reaches Dean of Students Paul Cantrell who ultimately makes the final decision on their fate. If the student isn't happy with that, the next recourse is the university president.

Then the justices can go home and rest up for the next big case, say, in three years or so.



Simple steps given to curb pollution

Beth Tidwell

Guest Columnist

Concern for the environment is on the rise. It is nearly impossible to turn on the television or pick up a magazine without learning of the overwhelming dangers facing our earth. But while concern is the first step, it is not enough. There are some simple steps that can be taken by students here at MTSU to help save our planet:

STOP JUNK MAIL - Americans receive about 2 million tons of junk mail annually (that's about 100 million trees). By writing to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017, you can stop your name from being sold to most large mailing list companies. This can reduce your junk mail by up to 75 percent.

SNIP SIX-PACK RINGS - These rings are a hazard to birds and marine life which are often strangled or choked by them. By snipping the rings with a pair of scissors before discarding them you can prevent this.

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degradable. Think twice before taking a bag on small purchases; for larger purchases, bring your own reusable bag.

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MAKE A PHONE CALL - Check the Yellow Pages for recycling centers near you or call Mid-Tenn Metals, 895-7909. They accept quite a few recyclable goods.

GET INVOLVED - There are environmental groups in the Murfreesboro area which you can become involved in such as Recycle Rutherford and the Earth Day Committee. On campus, Students for Environmental Action holds meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 305 of the KUC.

For more information on what you can do to protect the environment, read *50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth* which is put out by the Earth Works Group, check for it in your local bookstore.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks from HPERS club

To the Editor:

The HPERS Club would like to thank all of the teachers and students who helped make our donut sale a huge success by purchasing our entire inventory.

Thanks to the members who took the time to take orders and to those that compromised their healthful lifestyles by eating them (repeatedly.)

Especially appreciated is the organizational team of Mitzi, Michelle, and our advisor, Ms. Brandon, who spent many long hours to ensure that things would go smoothly.

Marilyn Greene

"Un-naming" isn't a solution

To the Editor:

Whoa!
Sidelines actually printed an issue (March 15) without updating the Nathan Bedford Forrest plaque saga.

As matters stand, the problem did not get solved as planned when the ASB met the evening of Wednesday, March 14.

As mentioned by others in previous issues, this plaque was erected by people of an earlier time for reasons all their own. I'm at a loss here. Did somebody important dedicate the Nathan Bedford Forrest plaque on behalf of the K.K.K.?

Monuments, without regard to purpose, shouldn't be considered null and void.

Maybe Mr. Sam Ingram would like to help wreck a few graveyards. Maybe sandblast the words off the monuments on the city square.

Let's not stop there, why don't we UN-NAME all the buildings on campus? No offense intended, as two buildings are presently being renamed here at MTSU.

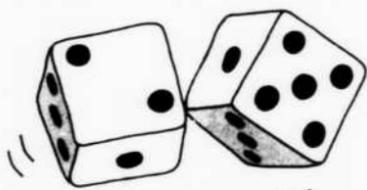
Quick, somebody check out the backgrounds of these two administrators before the ceremony. These two gentlemen served our community, of course we should honor them.

If in 1990 we see fit to honor Corlew and Abernathy, do we want to be slapped with disrespect by future generations? Many things, from scholarships to library books are named in honor of others.

Hey, you that want Forrest removed from our campus should get busy un-naming everything else.

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DAN SPINELLI

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FEATURES

Cruel Blue hopes unique style will breed success

LEE CASSON
Special to Sidelines

Meet Nadine. She's a real character.

She's about two feet tall, wears an orange pair of sunglasses and sports black lace hose.

A deer's foot and a foam-rubber alligator are draped across her body.

And she's always hanging around listening to her favorite band, Cruel Blue.

Nadine is Cruel Blue's special friend. In fact, she owes her life to them.

Rescued from a road-side ditch, she's an old, mud-covered doll tacked to the wall of the band's warehouse practice room.

Like American Gothic and hometown U.S.A., Nadine is also a symbol; without ever saying a word, her motley appearance expresses the band's unique sound.

They've been labeled power-pop, pseudo-alternative, and aggressive rock. But Cruel Blue thinks they have a style all their own.

The band's four members call Murfreesboro home: Tony Morreale, bass guitarist and MTSU graduate; Robert Bowden, vocalist and guitarist; Doug Smiley, drummer and MTSU biology major; and R. Marcum, guitarist.

They've not always been together. It all started about three years ago.

Morreale and Bowden were members of a band called the Human Taco, but they wanted something different.

"Bob and I didn't like where the Taco thing was going, and we weren't happy with the type of music being played," recalls Morreale. "We wanted to do our own thing — something more raw and different than what was around at the time."

That's when Cruel Blue started.

But they needed a new drummer. The original one just didn't work out. So Smiley came into the picture.

"He was practicing down at the musician's warehouse," remembers Morreale. "Bob was talking with the proprietor, and he asked the guy if he knew of any drummers. The man said that there was one back there playing."

"We went back and listened to him. We then asked him if he wanted to join the band and that was that."

For Morreale, Bowden, and Smiley, that seems like a long time ago. Since then, they've played in Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Knoxville. They've done two studio projects and have recently added Marcum.

"We'd been a three-piece for a while, and Bob's real busy singing and playing," explains Morreale. "He (Marcum) allows Bob to free himself up a little bit more; it makes the sound a little bigger, and hopefully it will bring in new creativity."

Marcum feels the same way.



Beth Gwinn • Special

Members of Cruel Blue (from left) drummer Doug Smiley, bass guitarist Tony Morreale, guitarist R. Marcum and vocalist/guitarist Robert Bowden. Cruel Blue's

"They decided they needed a change. Bob came and asked me, and I said sure. So I jumped right into it, and within two weeks I did my first show with the band on Feb. 11, 1989."

Cruel Blue is proud of their accomplishments both before and after Marcum joined the band. In January 1988 they made their first tape.

"We use the tapes for publicity purposes and to help us get shows. We've sent them out to record companies,

music has been labeled everything from "power pop" to "pseudo-alternative," but band members claim they have a style "all their own."

lawyers, and booking agents. That sort of thing," boasted Morreale.

Many of the tapes were sent to radio stations. They've been played on WRVU at Vanderbilt, the UT-Knoxville campus station and even WKDF's Local Show.

But making tapes and playing gigs requires hard work. Nadine can vouch for that.

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'Joe Versus the Volcano' a 'plain Joe'; latest videos reviewed

BRIAN WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, and John Patrick Shanley are three people riding a road to fame.

Hanks is cruising on major star power since his Oscar nominated performance in *Big*. Ryan is on a full tank thanks to her performance in the surprise hit *When Harry Met Sally*; and Shanley is driving a new car in directing in addition to his old car in writing — thanks to his Oscar winning screenplay with *Moonstruck*.

However, with all these roads going in one direction in the new comedy-adventure, *Joe Versus the Volcano*, the roads still seem to stop at a dead end.

This little fairy tale stars Hanks as Joe Banks. He is a burned-out chain gang advertiser/researcher for a run-down medical company.

Banks finds out from his doctor (Robert Stack) that he is suffering from a terminal "brain cloud" and has only six months to live.

On taking his doctor's advice to "live it well", Banks goes to the bank. He buys sophisticated clothes, a miniature

golf pad, an escort (Ossie Davis) to drive him around, a suitcase collection that Samsonite could only dream of making and finds three lady companions (all played by Meg Ryan).

However, there is a catch: Banks has been hired (by Lloyd Bridges) to jump into a volcano of orange drink worshippers led by Abe Vigoda.

Unfortunately, the movie is not as much fun as the storyline. The movie never seems to get in gear, although the film does have it good moments. What could have been a movie erupting in originality is instead very slow — and only picks up with Hanks on the cruise ship to the little island and his adventures on the island.

Joe Versus the Volcano has a mountain of talent oozing all over the place; however, the film is just overall a plain Joe. Grade: C.

Joe Versus the Volcano is now showing at the Cinema Twin located on S. Tennessee Blvd. across from Kroger.

Here are some mini-reviews of what's hot on home video: *Lethal Weapon 2* — Mel Gibson and Danny Glover are back for another go around in this sequel to *Lethal Weapon*;

this time out they are up against South African diplomats. Thanks to an impressive screenplay by Jeffrey Boam that surpasses the original, the film proves some movies can be better the second time around. Grade: A.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade — Harrison Ford returns for a third outing as the adventurous archaeologist Indiana Jones. The movie, which focuses on a search for the Holy Grail, also features Sean Connery as Indiana's father. A brilliant apology for the sloppy *Temple of Doom*. Grade: A.

Turner and Hooch — Tom Hanks stars as a clean-cut detective forced to partner with a slobbering, drooling, junkyard dog. Although the film is standard buddy fare, the relationship between Hanks and the dog makes the movie worth watching. Grade: B.

Parenthood — Ron Howard directs this comedy-drama centered around the good and bad of being a parent. The movie stars Steve Martin, Rick Moranis, and Dianne Wiest, an Academy Award nominee for Best Supporting Actress. *Parenthood* is definitely a nice piece of enjoyable entertainment. Grade: A. ■

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Cruel Blue practices twice a week at their mini-house, where many of their ideas are put into song. "One of us will come up with an idea, and maybe something will develop from it. And maybe it won't," admits Smiley. "If everyone picks up on it and it clicks, then we start arranging."

Each member of Cruel Blue contributes a different influence when writing the songs, but Bowden is responsible for the lyrics.

"Nothing we ever do sounds like I thought it was going to," laughs Bowden. "The lyrics come from just everyday life, I guess. It's really what everybody goes through."

Cruel Blue has been through a lot. From their first appearance at Jabb's to playing at the innery in Nashville, they could write a song about their every day life.

But every day life has its ups and downs. It's not always easy to find a gig.

Basically, you just play out and find people, friends, and other bands and start asking if you can play with them vice versa," explains Smiley.

For now, Cruel Blue is still trying to make it big. They'd like to find a record company that appreciates their style of music.

"In the future, I'd like to see a better band and try to make a living," hopes Bowden. "I'd just like to keep going and maybe somebody'll catch on eventually."

Maybe somebody will. But until the time comes, Cruel Blue will keep on playing the local circuit.

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If you stop by the James Union Building today, you're likely to hear conversations in the lobby peppered with buzzwords like "bipolar zero error," "hypercardoid microphone" and "nominal load impedance."

And if you step inside the Tennessee Room, you'll be treated to an exhibition of some of the latest equipment available in the world of audio technology.

The technical exhibition is being sponsored by MTSU's Audio Engineering Society Student Section and is the first AES convention to be held in the Southeast.

Vendors from throughout the country will display and demonstrate their equipment in the Tennessee Room from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today.

Those represented will be AGFA, AMPEX, Analog Devices, Audio Animation, Audio Prints, BASF, BOSE, KORG, Meyer Sound, Neotec, Neve, Posthorn Recordings, Pro Audio Shop, Redwood, Roland, Sam's Music, Solid State Logic and Studer-Revox.

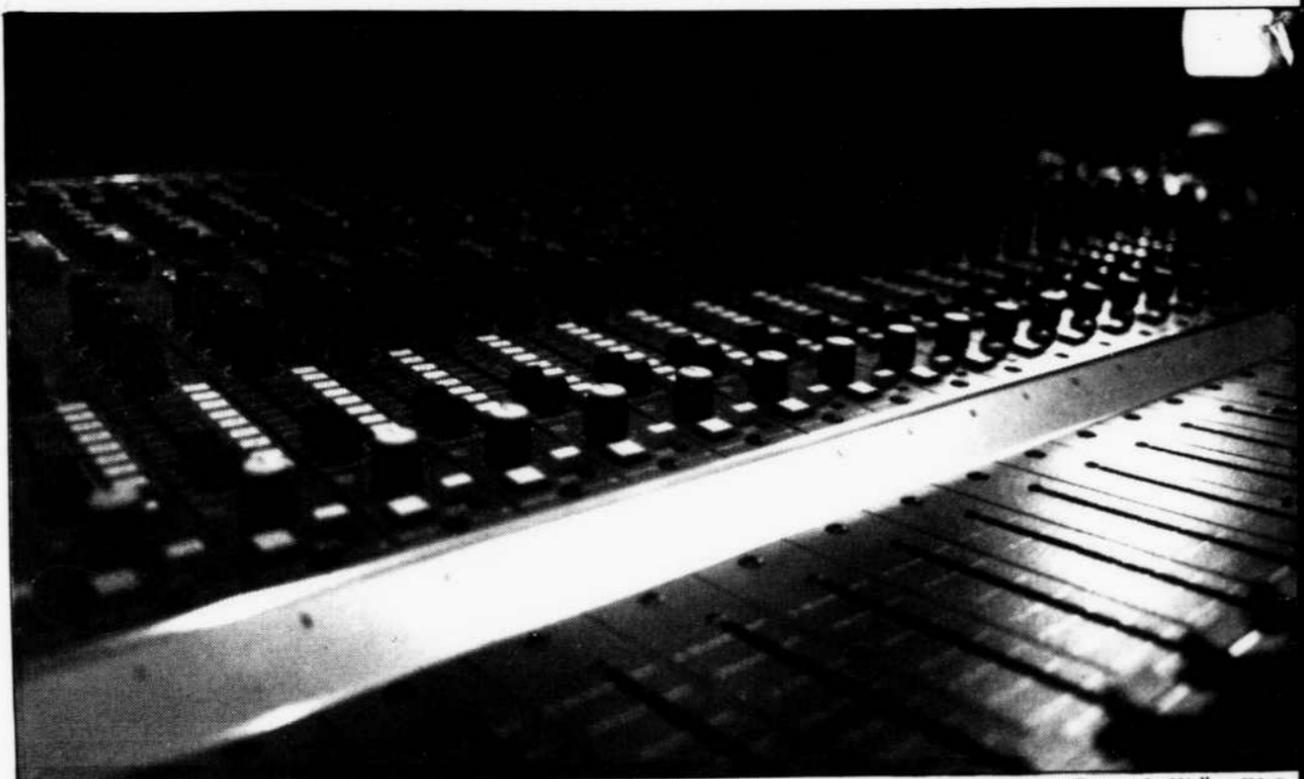
The exhibit will also feature several workshops in Dining Room B of the JUB, including Meyer Sound-Simcad seminars (9 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 5 p.m.) and a KORG current product demonstration from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m., recording engineer Jerry Bruck of Posthorn Recordings will lecture on stereo microphone techniques.

In addition, Bob Todrank will be conducting continuous presentations of the Waveframe Digital Editing System in Dining Room A of the JUB. In Studio B, Joe Perry will be presenting New England Digital's Synclavier Direct to Disk System.

The equipment and services displayed run the gamut from recording consoles to microphones to tape duplication services.

Vendor Bill Robinson of Audio Prints Inc. in Franklin notes that his business specializes in small scale tape duplication. "We take care of the guy that's just getting his



One of many high-tech pieces of audio equipment on display today in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building as part of a technical exhibition and

band started and wants to sell 100 copies out of his truck."

Other vendors serve a broader range of clientele, including Neve, the exclusive North American Distributor of Mitsubishi products. "We think it's important to support the studios and teaching facilities in the Southeast," explains Tom Semmes, Southeastern Regional sales manager for the company.

AES chairman Rodney Morgan and secretary Rick Jensen served as executive coordinators for the technical show.

Jensen explains that the idea for the event started when members of MTSU's AES chapter attended a technical

convention sponsored by MTSU's Audio Engineering Society Student Section. The event is the first AES technical convention to be held in the Southeast.

convention last October in New York. "We discovered big interest in having a convention held here," he observes. Jensen notes that the exhibit is the only convention on the side of New York or Los Angeles to be organized by an AES student chapter.

Jensen said he believes the convention will benefit the MTSU community by drawing attention to the Murfreesboro area, as well as by giving students the opportunity to talk with professionals in the field of entertainment technology.

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SPORTS

Owens 'catches' attention at MTSU

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

While growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the mid-70s, Jay Owens became a baseball fan, an action which would affect his future dramatically.

In a city with a knack for bringing home World Series crowns, Owens became a follower of the Cincinnati Reds, and a fan of such greats as Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Dave Concepcion and Johnny Bench.

Because Bench, Owens' hero, was a catcher, the junior decided to take up the position also, a position which he now holds for the MTSU Blue Raiders.

"[Bench] was the best," said Owens reminiscing about his idol. "I started when I was four, and I've always caught."

In high school Owens played both football and baseball. The 6-1, 200-pounder caught the eyes of several recruiters in both sports.

"I played football and wasn't bad," said Owens. "I was all-conference my junior and senior season as a fullback."

"Some small schools were interested in me, but I had no interest in football and I made that clear."

Owens posted outstanding numbers in baseball as well as football. His achievements in the sport were enough to get him drafted by the pros out of high school.

"My sophomore year I led the city in home runs," said Owens. "My junior year I was one short, and my senior season they didn't pitch to me. I only had around 12 homers, but my batting average was

We've got good pitching, good hitting and good defense. What's our excuse for losing? — Jay Owens

about .500.

"I was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 25th round. I thought I was better than that so I took my scholarship and came to school to find out. As it worked out, it looks like I made the right decision."

Despite being recruited by the likes of Michigan and Duke, Owens chose Middle Tennessee State.

"I was recruited by Michigan, but I didn't want

to go north. Duke was really interested in me, but I didn't have the grades.

"I knew baseball would take up a lot of time in college, and I didn't want to struggle.

"I came here because baseball here is good. We play a schedule like no one in the OVC. It's big time baseball."

During his freshman season, the Cincinnati native played on one of the strongest teams that the Raiders have ever fielded. Owens earned a spot on the all-OVC team as an outfielder with his .377 batting average and nine home runs.

The 1988 squad posted a 33-26-1 record and made a trip to the NCAA Regionals.

"If we'd had another pitcher, we would have won the regional and went to the [College] World Series," said Owens.

During his sophomore season, Owens was well on his way to earning another all-OVC selection. Batting .360 and having hit six home runs, Owens was struck by a pitch during a game against Alabama. The Cincinnati nativesuffered a broken hand and missed nearly half the season as a result.



Bruce B. Newland, Jr. Staff

MTSU catcher Jay Owens settles in behind the plate in a game earlier this year against Southern Mississippi.

"It was the second pitch," said Owens. "The first pitch was right at my head; I got out of the way. The second pitch was in the same place and I turned, but I didn't get my hands out of the way. It broke it pretty good."

Although watching his team from the bench, Owens felt like he benefited from the experience.

"When I got hurt last year, I missed out on being

a first-team All-American. But I learned how to call a game, how to set a batter up."

Entering his junior season, Owens was lauded by the national press media and numerous professional scouts as one of the nation's best catchers.

"The Sporting News picked me as one of the top ten catchers in the nation and pre-season OVC Player

of the Year," said Owens.

While his batting average remains above .300 and he has nailed five towering home run shots off opposing pitchers, Owens' chances of being drafted in this June's amateur draft are good.

"I've had people tell me that I'll go in the top three rounds, possibly the first or second," said Owens. "It

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Lady Raiders crush Western

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

To say that the MTSU Lady Raiders committed assault and battery against the Western Kentucky Lady Hilltoppers might be an understatement.

Indeed, it could be said that the Lady Raiders committed outright murder. MTSU rolled into Bowling Green, Ky., Tuesday and annihilated the Lady Toppers on their home court, 9-0.

"I was very pleased," said MTSU coach Sandra Neal. "Everyone played well and won strong."

"I think the girls have a lot of confidence in themselves right now. We've just got to keep working and improving."

The Lady Raiders started the match in routine fashion,

pummeling Western early and never looking back. MTSU won all 18 sets and held the Lady Toppers to only two games or less won in 13 of the 18 sets.

No. 1 seed Lorinda Weiss defeated Trish Mahon 6-1, 6-3. Yael Soresman, playing in No. 2 singles for the first time, trounced Kelly Haskins 6-0, 6-0 to remain undefeated on the season.

In No. 3 singles, Kelly Williamson upended Ellen Hogancamp 7-5, 6-4. Lynn Dillard smashed Wendy Gunter in No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-2 to post her 14th victory of the season.

Freshman Angie Leake ripped Stephanie Kirtley in No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-0. Katrina Beuchler cruised past Jane Clark 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles competition, Weiss and Soresman

thumped Mahon and Haskins in the No. 1 match 6-2, 7-5. Williamson and Leake defeated Hogancamp and Gunter 6-1, 6-2 in No. 2 doubles. Dillard and Beuchler downed Kirtley and Clark in the No. 3 bracket 6-0, 6-2.

The win marks the second time this season that the Lady Raiders have posted a 9-0 sweep. MTSU improved its season record to 8-3 with the win.

The Lady Raiders travel to Chattanooga today to take the court against the UTC Lady Mocs. MTSU hosts Tennessee Tech tomorrow in the OVC spring opener. The match will be played on the Murphy Center tennis courts.

Both matches are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. ■

Blue Raiders split two-game series with 'Bama

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

and
JEFF NEAL
Staff Writer

MTSU's Blue Raider baseball team split a two-game road series with Alabama, winning Tuesday and losing yesterday.

On Tuesday, the Blue Raiders stunned the Crimson Tide 10-4 behind the hitting of outfielders Jeff Avery and Corey Watkins.

The Raiders took a 4-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles by Avery, catcher Jay Owens, right fielder Darius Gash and second baseman Darryl Steakley. Alabama responded with back-to-back homers in the fourth to cut the MTSU lead to one.

Avery smashed a two-run homer in the top of the fifth, and Watkins added another fence-clearer in the sixth to up the score to 7-3. Alabama added another run in the seventh before MTSU scored twice in the ninth to seal the victory.

MTSU righthander Greg Raffo improved his record to 2-0 on the season with the

victory. Avery finished 3 for 4 on the day with four RBIs.

Owens tied an MTSU record with three stolen bases on the day, and first baseman Mike Severance tied another MTSU record with four walks on the day.

In the second game of the series, Alabama took advantage of several MTSU miscues to post a 6-5 victory.

'Bama's John Farrell scored on a leadoff home run to make the score 1-0. Avery and Owens smacked in one run each in the third to make the score 2-1.

Once again, the Tide took the lead on a Patrick Doyle RBI single in the third. And once again, MTSU battled back to tie the score on a Dwight Robinson RBI single.

In the top of the sixth, the Raiders loaded the bases. A wild pitch scored two runs, and a third 'Bama player scored on a squeeze play to give the Crimson Tide a 6-3 lead.

The Raiders scored twice in the eighth.

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MTSU tough enough, stuns Commodores

DAVID LEE GREGOR
Sports Editor

The Blue Raider tennis team upended the Vanderbilt Commodores yesterday in Nashville 5-4, scoring perhaps the biggest upset in MTSU history.

"It's the biggest win ever," said MTSU coach Dale Short. "It's a huge win for us."

The Raiders played Vandy tough all the way, winning three games or more in 14 of the 20 sets played.

Mark Agah defeated MTSU's Nick Sheumack in No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-2. MTSU's Craig Haslam came back against Anand Subramanian in No. 2 singles with a 6-3, 7-5 decision to tie the score at 1-1.

Johan Franzen defeated Vanderbilt's Keith Mumford in No. 3 singles 6-3, 0-6, 6-2 to give the Raiders a 2-1 lead. Vanderbilt responded by tying the score at 2-2 when Jeff Hotzbeierlein defeated MTSU's Brian Duncan — who moved from the No. 6 to the No. 4 singles bracket for

the match — by the score of 6-2, 6-2.

David Thornton downed Vandy's Fleming Wilt 6-4, 6-4 in No. 5 singles, and Robbie Williams defeated Mike Fox in No. 6 singles 6-1, 6-4 to tie the score at 3-3 heading into the doubles matches.

Haslam and Sheumack whipped Subramanian and Mumford in No. 1 doubles 7-5, 6-3 to give MTSU a 4-3 lead. In No. 3 doubles, Holtzbeierlein and Mike Osborne defeated Williams and Duncan 7-5, 6-4 to once more tie the score.

The No. 2 doubles match, the longest match on the day and the last to be completed, served as a fitting end to a dramatic, hard-fought battle.

After winning the first set of the match 6-4, then losing the second set 6-3, Franzen and Thornton posted a gritty, hard-fought 6-4 decision in the third set to win the match and give the Blue Raiders a long-awaited 5-4 victory.

"That's the first time we've beaten Vanderbilt

since I played," said Short. "It was real close, and it could have gone either way at the end."

"I think this is going to be a big boost for us. This was a real confidence-builder.

"We're really excited. It should give us a big boost going into conference action."

With the victory, the Raiders improve their season record to 8-5. MTSU is 1-0 in conference play.

The Raiders return to the home court today against the Western Kentucky Hill-toppers. The match is the first of a 13-day, eight-match home stand for the Blue Raiders, who will take the court against the Morehead State Eagles Sunday.

Both matches will be played on the Murphy Center tennis courts. The Western Kentucky match will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the Morehead State match at 10 a.m. ■

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on RBI singles by Steakley and Watkins to make the score 6-5. The Raiders could not

pull the game out of the fire, however.

MTSU's record stands at 15-5 and 3-0 as they head into conference action this weekend at Tennessee State.

TSU is 5-10 overall, and 0-0 in OVC action. The Raiders are 30-4 against TSU and defeated the Tigers in three games last year, including a game in which MTSU scored a school-record 29 runs.

The Raiders take the diamond against the Tigers on Saturday for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. The Raiders play TSU again on Sunday at 2 p.m. before returning home on Monday, April 2, to play Alabama in the third game of the series. ■

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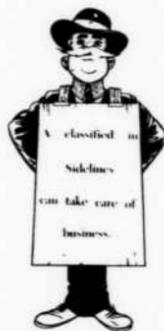
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