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Women have less power: Kirkpatrick

Former ambassador addresses crowd



Belinda Butler/Photographer

KIRKPATRICK SPEAKS: Former ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick addresses women's roles in society during a presentation last Friday in Tucker Theatre.

DANIELA GOPPERT
News Writer

Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick compared women's roles and opportunities in democratic societies with those in the Third World at MTSU last week for National Women's History Month.

The presentation was provided by the MTSU College of Business through the sponsorship of the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise.

Kirkpatrick, former ambassador to the United Nations, was invited to speak by Joe Rodgers, the Jennings A. Jones chairholder and former U.S. ambassador to France, on behalf of Women's History Month.

Kirkpatrick said that although advances for women

have occurred, women still have less power.

"While legal and political rights of women are essentially equal today, in a modern democratic society, there is no society in which power positions are the same for men and women," she said.

"Women have less wealth, influence, education and property

modernization, women are receiving more and better opportunities.

She said that in almost every country of the world, women are the majority not the minority.

"Women are not a minority and shouldn't be considered as such," she said.

While teaching and nursing have always been open to

'We will see the first woman president when we have a large enough pool of professional women who have the desire and are willing to pay the price.'

—Jeane J. Kirkpatrick
Former U.N. Ambassador

than men. Even [women's] diseases get less attention," she added.

Kirkpatrick said that as society moves toward democratization, which comes with

women, admission to most other professions came later, after the right to vote, Kirkpatrick said.

According to Kirkpatrick, it is only in the last 25 years that

See Ambassador, Second Front

Workshops target racism problems

DAVID A. SMITH
News Writer

MTSU is currently holding a series of workshops every Thursday from now through April to help combat the problem of racism that has plagued the Murfreesboro community in recent years.

"What we are trying to do with the workshops is to start at the beginning," said William Ahlhauser, co-leader of the project. "It seems difficult for us to talk to each other across racial lines without offending each other."

Ahlhauser said the main focus of the workshops, entitled "Institute for Healing Racism," is to discuss problems that have bothered both sides of the issue and to honestly listen and ponder what others have to say.

The Institute of Healing Racism is based on the premise that all races can listen to each other with sincerity and depth, he said.

The workshops, co-sponser-

Information:

The workshops take place each Thursday night at 7 p.m. in KUC 322, with the exception of the Thursday during Spring Break. The workshops are open to the public.

ed by the Council on Redemptive Dialogue and the Office on Minority Affairs, will be held over a seven-week period and will cover such topics as: defining racism and how it is perpetuated, subconscious racism, internalized effects of racism, developments and effects of stereotypes, institutional racism and achieving unity and preserving diversity.

Co-leader George Minter, assistant principal at Oakland High School, hopes that by sharing information about one's own feelings, an atmosphere of growth can be created.

"Basically, what the workshops are designed to do is to help people get in touch with their own feelings and to create an awareness about racism and where they are in relationship to where they ought to be, ideally,"

Minter said.

Both men see racism as the most challenging issue of our time, and have both seen the effects of racism throughout the community.

"When there was trouble with the gangs a year ago, a lot of people got together and said, 'We ought to do more,'" Ahlhauser said.

"As a teacher and an administrator," Minter added, "I see the effects of racism at schools and in the community. I am motivated to do something about it."

The workshops take place each Thursday throughout March and April with the exception of the week of Spring Break. The workshops will meet in KUC 322, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are open to the public.



Peter Parker/Photographer

RUNNERS TO YOUR MARK: Theresa Peacock (#4) finished first in the Women's 5K run and 2 mile walk on Sunday.

CAMPUS CRIMES

On Feb. 11 two students were stopped in the ROTC lot for taking four milk crates from the KUC loading dock. The matter was turned over to Gail Stephens for disposition.

On Feb. 11 Norma Pickard's vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the ROTC lot.

Tara Cross reported on Feb. 11 that \$200 cash had been stolen from the bookshelf in her room in Deere Hall.

On Feb 10, a staff permit was found being displayed in a vehicle parked behind Industrial Studies. The permit had been reported previously as stolen.

Brenda Martin reported on Feb. 11 that her car had been keyed with a sharp instrument while it was parked on Raider Drive.

Denise Banks reported on Feb. 12 that her purse had been taken from the Library. The purse was returned but \$15 had been taken.

Larry Jones reported on Feb. 13 that a window was broken out of his car while it was parked in the Judd/Sims Hall lot.

On Feb. 14 Brian Young was arrested for Outstanding Warrant from Bedford County.

On Feb. 14 John Whiteaker was arrested for Driving on a Suspended Driver's License.

On Feb. 15 Leesa Bray reported that on February 11 that her vehicle was keyed while it was parked on Raider Drive.

George Camp reported on Feb. 17 that a stimulator had been stolen from the Training Room at the Murphy Center.

Keith Wenzler reported on Feb. 18 that his vehicle was egged while it was parked on B Street.

On Feb. 19 five subjects were issued written Trespass Warnings.

George Camp reported on February 19, that a navy blue canvas bag had been stolen from Murphy Center.

On Feb. 18 William Puckett was arrested for Reckless Driving, Failure to Frisk, Halt and Stop and False Report to Officers.

On Feb. 22 Kenyan Flowers reported that while he was away from his dorm room last week a TV, VCR, stereo, Nintendo cartridges and two textbooks were stolen from his room in Smith Hall.

On Feb. 22 \$5 was missing from the mail in Stephanie Corder's P.O. box at the MTSU Post Office.

Michael Jordan called on Feb. 23 to report that the Grundy County Sheriff's Dept. advised him they had recovered his Chevy Corvette.

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

TODAY

Lambda Association will have the First Annual Lambda Aids Benefit Concert at 8 p.m. at Mainstreet. The concert will feature 4 Below Zero, Vendetta, Seth Timbs and the Madhatters, and MoonBisquit. For more information call Stacie Moore 459-2465 or Juli Kryslur Ext. 2609.

Students for Environmental Action will meet at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. For more information call Andy, 895-5384.

Honors Lecture Series will have Ronald Messier, History, to discuss "Autonomy for Palestinians and Security for Israelis: Are they compatible?" from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at PH 107.

Construction Management Association will have an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. in VIS 243. There will be a guest speaker and an election of officers. For more information call Tom Shull, 890-6492.

Listening to the Students, comments, and questions will be directed by President James Walker, Dr. LaLance, Head of Student Affairs at 6:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Lobby.

TUESDAY

Raider Amateur Radio Club will have a demonstration of Ham Radio Operations every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the KOM at the club station. These demonstrations show communications via shortwave, and newer digital radio methods in this rapidly expanding field. For more information call Dr. Mack Thweatt, Computer Science Dept. Ext. 2390.

Office of Minority Affairs and Bahai Association will have an Institute for Healing Racism from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in KUC 322. This is a sponsoring for a 7-week workshop every Thursday except spring break. The purpose is to educate people about how racism is perpetuated and to work on healing this social and

spiritual malady.

Aerobic Stepping for Arthritis is presented by Alpha Omicron Pi and G-Force will be at the G-Force Fitness Center from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. and the cost is \$2 which will benefit arthritis research.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Placement and Student Employment Center will have "Your Job Search" at 3 p.m. in KUC 324. Placement Orientation is for all Seniors and Graduate Students. For more information call Martha Turner Ext. 2500.

WEDNESDAY

Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian Club will have a get together from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at KUC 314. For more information call Jonathan Maxwell Ext. 4101.

ONGOING

Lambda Association will have AIDS Awareness Week, March 8-11. Literature on AIDS will be handed out and red ribbons will be sold in the KUC. For more information call Stacie Moore, 459-2465 or Juli Kryslur Ext. 2609.

Weekly College Worship sponsored by **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday, 9-10 p.m. at PSF house across from Alumni Gym.

Bicyclists and Triathletes can start spring training now. Rides leave Greenland Parking Lot each Tuesday at 2 p.m. Distance and speed to suit whoever shows up. For more information call Murfreesboro Bicycle Club, 898-2688 or 890-6051.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room, underneath the home side of the football stadium. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Ext. 1470 or 3234.

COMING SOON

Coming soon to a television near you...**Grilletales**, watch for it!

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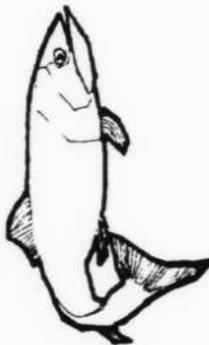
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PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You rule the night. It's time for you to start acting like it. Sleep all day and think all night. Fish is brain food. Think about it, won't you?



Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) Look under your bed this week You might gain monetarily. Stay away from seafood in both personal and professional arenas. There's a Pisces out to ruin your con.

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21) You radiate an aura of trustworthiness this week. Whatever you're trying to get away with will best be accomplished in the light o' day right under the nose of your victim. Especially if they're a Cancer.

Gemini (May 22 - Jul. 22) I see travel in your future. The stars assure me that you have nothing to worry about. Safety is your watchword. Avoid sporting events and tent revivals with equal enthusiasm.

Cancer (Jun. 22 - Jul. 22) Keep to yourself with regard to money this week. That new purchase can and should wait. Start small and work up to the big decisions. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Leo (Jul. 23 - Aug. 23) Though March came in like a lion, you seem to be headed for a lamb-like week. Listen to colleagues. Plan for adversity. Spend as much time on the couch watching television as humanly possible. If you're a betting lion, try to fill that inside straight.

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Oct. 23) There is a Leo somewhere that's thinking of you. Find the cowardly lion and give him what for. There is nothing in the known universe that can stop you this week.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Watch your back, but not too much because you'll fall face first into trouble. You're not the first to make this mistake. Take it in stride and look to Capricorn for advice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Question authority especially this week. Someone higher than you in the power structure is asleep at the wheel. Whistleblowing may catapult you to the stars.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Keep your opinions to yourself this week. No matter who questions you, there is no right answer. Go with "no comment" and all will be well. Release a statement around Thursday.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Beware Scorpio this week. There's a scorpion trying to sting you. The wound will be superficial, however, so stock up on incense and Neosporin.



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Entrants must be currently enrolled at MTSU.

Deadline for submissions: March 15, 1993

An award of \$100 will be presented during National Women's History Month for the best film/video submitted.

For further information contact: Dr. Robert Spires (898-2217) or the June Anderson Women's Center (898-2193)

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993

Information Table

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., KUC basement

Drinking and Driving Program

1:30 p.m., KUC Theatre

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Mr. MTSU pageant set for late March

TODD SHELTON
 Special to *Sidelines*

The 1993 Mr. MTSU will be chosen on Thursday, March 25. The Mr. MTSU pageant is a yearly event sponsored by the Ladies of Chi Omega.

The pageant is mostly for fun, unlike the Miss MTSU pageant which is a scholarship based pageant. Mr. MTSU receives a trophy and gift certificates from local merchants. Some former Mr. MTSU winners have made public appearances on campus.

"It [the pageant] was dif-

ferent, enjoyable, and very exciting," said Edward Farmer, 1990 Mr. MTSU. "I would definitely recommend it to guys for the experience."

The participants compete in three categories: casual wear, formal wear, and questioning. The participants are judged in each category.

This year's pageant will be held at the Veteran's Administration Hospital Auditorium.

"Last year it was at Murphy Center," said Susan Stieb, co-director of Mr. MTSU. "At the VA, its closer to the cause."

The proceeds from the

pageant go to benefit the patients at the VA Hospital, Stieb said.

"It's a good cause that we chose since Chi Omega has no specific philanthropy," said Stieb. "Last year Chi Omega bought a wide screen television for the patients."

"Anybody can be in it [Mr. MTSU]," said Stieb. "You just have to find a sponsoring organization."

The entry fee is \$25. The deadline to register is March 15th. For more information contact Candi Moses, Susan Stieb or Chi Omega, first floor of Cummings Hall, or call 898-4437.

Former dean discusses forces shaping society

ELLIE ROSS
 Special to *Sidelines*

The Honors Lecture Series continued last Monday with a lecture titled "Sinead O'Connor: Torn Photos and Torn Fabrics."

Dr. Edward Kimbrell, former dean of the college of Mass Communication, focused his lecture on the four "mega forces that have shaped our society." These forces include technology, education, political change, and freedom of expression, Kimbrell said.

"Though these forces help provide society with a backbone," Kimbrell said, "they should not be

interpreted to mean that society is continuously stable."

"You say health care is the biggest crisis in America," Kimbrell said. "It is not. The information overload crisis is the biggest crisis facing us."

Kimbrell said a new type of interactive television may become a part of everyday life in the future. He also said virtual reality [a new way of using the human senses to interact with computers] may be used as a new type of escapist media form, and shape tomorrow's definition of the "learned" person.

Kimbrell said the reason Sinead O'Connor shredded the photo of Pope John Paul III on

Saturday Night Live is because, like other artists such as Madonna, she is rebelling against the Roman Catholic Church.

"Once you start that, you better be ready to pay your dues," Kimbrell said. "Madonna and Sinead were not ready to pay the dues."

"Some versions of truth are brutal, and some are beautiful," said Kimbrell. "We can be reduced or enriched by art in relation to what we decide is acceptable in our own eyes. We must learn to be learned. You must concede freedom of expression to others, to have it for yourself."

Fraternity offers free tax advice

KAY KINGSLEY
 News Editor

Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting fraternity, is offering free help through mid-April to MTSU students and Rutherford County residents who are having trouble filling out their income tax forms.

Members of the fraternity are available in Keathley University Center in front of the Grill every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. until the deadline (April 15), with the exception of Spring Break week.

The free service, called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, began in February. Melissa Light, president-elect of Beta Alpha Psi, said they are helping a number of people.

"A lot stop by to ask questions," Light said. "Some come by and then show up the next day with their forms."

The volunteers review recent changes in tax laws, fill out tax forms and have passed a test during training.

"We have four or five volunteers there to help each time," Light said.

Barbara Harris, accounting instructor, emphasized that there is no charge for the assistance.

"It's a service," she said. "We want to let the community know that we're here to help."



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 Sociology Major, MTSU

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SIDELINES' CONSENSUS

Mosaic instead of melting pot

Our country has long been considered the 'melting pot' of classes, races and religions.

That image brings to mind a fondue; a cheesy, perhaps bland mixture that smothers individual flavors.

America is supposed to be different than other countries. We are supposedly accepting of those that are different than us, welcoming immigrants with open arms because our ancestors were immigrants, too.

Our ancestors left their homelands for various reasons: religious intolerance, class restrictions and oppressive political structures among them. Whatever the reasons, America gave a sense of hope to other countries' "undesirables."

Tolerance is the cornerstone of our founders' ideals, and yet our founders were intolerant of the Native-Americans who welcomed us.

While these are probably not revelations, the fact is, America is not a 'melting pot.' Perhaps a better analogy would be the one used by Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition: the American Mosaic.

A combination of the many differences that divide us, could create a better and more diverse pattern than the individual pieces.

We should work toward understanding our differences, accepting them and integrating them into our lives. One needs only to look at the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina to be reminded that 'united we stand, divided we fall.'

We cannot eliminate the "Other," nor should we want to.

Sidelines wishes to encourage everyone to attend the seminars on racism sponsored by the Institute for Healing Racism, in hopes that we can learn how to create a new analogy for the next century.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality a 'function of biology'

To the Editor:

Choice, n.1) the act of choosing; opportunity or right to choose. (Webster's Dictionary)

This morning I chose to take a shower, not a bath. I chose Cheerios, not Corn Flakes. I choose to go to class instead of staying home. All of these things I chose to do.

Mom and Dad, my green eyes, my height and being right-handed are things that I did not choose: Including my homosexuality. Everyday, someone out of their own ignorance (or prejudice) claims that gays and lesbians choose to live this way. Why? What benefits does this lifestyle bring? Homosexuals are denied the basic rights that heterosexuals enjoy and are treated as second-class citizens. Why would anyone chose this way of life?

Homosexuals do not wake up one morning and just decide to become an ostracized, outcast, ridiculed member of society. We are BORN this way. Argue till you're blue in the face, but soon enough scientists and geneticists will prove that this is not a choice. A recent UCLA School of Medicine study conducted by scientist Laura Allen and Roger Gorski reported that in autopsy studies, they found a certain brain structure in homosexual men that was much larger than that of

heterosexual men. That finding adds more weight to the fact sexual orientation is not a matter of choice, but "a function of biological design or development." (A report on that study can be found in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Fall 1992)

The only choice gays and lesbians make is to accept their differences and to live the way they were created. Yes, we could live a lie and cover up the truth. Just like we can change our hair color, buy colored contacts or disown Mom or Dad. All of that is superficial and only a temporary cover-up from the reality.

If Ginger Kendall and every other heterosexual who claims homosexuality is an immoral choice would talk with a gay man or women, they might be more understanding. Listen to our stories of denial and fear that every gay person goes through before coming to terms with our sexuality. Some never accept it. The fear of loosing a job, of being disowned by family and friends or getting beat up by some redneck who needs to prove his manliness is too much of a risk. Yet people who don't know anything about us continue to believe we choose to live in this type of environment.

Every day, I pray (yes, I believe in Jesus Christ) that God will soften the prejudice of those hardened bigots who would rather

send us off to modern day concentration camps than to open their hearts and minds and learn more about us. The God I believe in said "LOVE Thy Neighbor", and I'm sure he meant everyone!

We Are Everywhere,

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Bible says not to judge

To the Editor:

Racial and alternative lifestyle hatred, in fact, stems from fear. Fear not only of others, but of what we might find inside ourselves.

In the last few weeks I have read a lot of letters attacking each other's points of view. Before I go further, let me tell you a few things about myself. I am a single, white, 24 year old, heterosexual female. I am Jewish by birth and proud to be so, even though I do not practice any one exclusive religion. I am pro-life and pro-choice (not a contradiction).

God's word and man's interpretation of it which are found in the 'Bible', are by no means to be taken lightly, or to be used as a judgmental weapon. I can't quote the 'Bible' to you chapter and verse, but I would like to tell you something about the God I believe in. He is good, loving and generous. He forgives faults, as He knows we are only made in His image, but we are still just humans. I do not believe that such a wonderful individual

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VIEWPOINT

America needs to pay its bills

MIKE REED
Managing Editor

Sometime during the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan told America that it was time for a wake-up call. In essence, it was time for this "great land of ours" to reclaim what many thought we had lost: our sense of honor and our place as the dominant world power.

Well, we're here. We are the sole remaining superpower (whatever that means) and we have a new president who also has a wake-up call for us.

If we want to continue the overnight-stay-at-a-cheap-motel-metaphor, President Clinton is telling us that it is check-out time and we need to settle the bill.

In what has been heralded as the boldest (and by many the craziest) economic plan in history, Clinton has put a bullet in the mouth of every citizen and commanded us to bite down.

Bravo! America has been living off plastic for way too long. It's time to start balancing those checkbooks and cashing in those war bonds. This has to be done, people, and it has to be done now. Any delay will only make it harder to climb out and face the music later.

The Clinton plan (on the surface) seems pretty simple. The rich get soaked, the middle-class get to suffer for a few more years, the elderly will pay taxes on more of their social security benefits. Students can go further into student loan debt (up to \$5,500 per year!), and work off the obligation after graduation. Small business owners get a capital gains tax cut. Everybody's energy bill will go up by around \$11 dollars per year.

This plan, along with other programs, should reduce the deficit by around 470 billion dollars by 1998.

It is going to hurt like gangbusters, but it needs to be done.

Those opposed to the

plan says that it doesn't go far enough to cut spending. This is coming from the GOP (who remain silent when asked to suggest further cuts).

Clinton's plan needs a little work. Even with all his tough talk about getting rid of 100,000 bureaucrats and cutting government waste, Clinton hasn't touched such sacred cows as the Superconducting Supercollider, the Space Station Freedom and the Seawolf attack sub. It's time to pay your bills, people.

Porkbarrel programs in congress are strangling the American economic system. If we cut out appropriations whose sole purpose is to get congressman re-elected, it might reduce the calibre of bullet America is forced to chew.

I realize that all of us want government funding for our pet projects. I know that we like it when our congressman shows up on our doorstep with a big pork sandwich and says "Here ya go, knock yourself out. Just be sure to remember me come election day."

But we need to realize that isn't what's best for the country. We can't continue this pattern of screwing the future to keep some savings and loan from faltering until after elections.

Now that you're being asked to dig a little deeper into your pockets to pay for some of these programs, you might try taking a closer look at how that money is being spent. You might not like what you see.

So go ahead and complain, America. Thrust your fists toward Washington, D.C. and scream until your throat is raw and bleeding. That won't change the size of the deficit. It won't reduce the national debt. It won't cut your taxes. It won't hurt Clinton's feelings. It might make you feel better, though.

Until the medical bills come in.

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would condemn a person to eternal purgatory simply because the love of someone's life is of a different race or the same gender.

If God would choose to do so, despite the goodness of a person's life, than I would not choose to look up to Him. If, however, this is the case, then so be it. It is in the Bible that we SHOULD love one another, and it is NOT our place to judge what is between them! I won't be there and neither will you, if they can or cannot make peace with God, then so be it. It is so hard to find someone to love and trust, that I can only feel joy when I see two people who are happy and have found each other. God bless them, whoever they are! Instead of reacting in anger to each other, why don't you open your mind and get to know people, instead of going against God's word and judging them. I have friends who are straight, gay, Lesbian, black, white, Asian, Baptist, protestant, catholic, Jewish, involved in inter-racial relationships, and the list goes on. I am very proud to have each of these people as a friend. I can only gain by enriching my life through all of them.

Because they are bigoted, they lose the ability to meet all of my other wonderful friends. I do not exclude these friends, however, because they help me to appreciate each and every day my mother who promoted within me the ability to be friends with someone because of our similarities, and not to hate someone because of our differences. Wake up people; you only get one chance, so do it right. I recently read something which I have made my motto and I hope you will too. It is: Spread random acts of kindness and senseless beauty. So plant a tree, or smile and say hi to someone. It's not how much it costs that determines what it is worth.

Barbara Broads
Box 5397

Can't change past

To the Editor:

Why are we arguing about the past? You cannot change the past. Getting rid of plaques and flags will not change anything. I am from the North and do not care for the South's view of Confederate philosophies, but its symbols remind me of my ancestors' struggle to keep this country united. Abraham Lincoln was a great leader in a time when leadership was crucial to keep this country together. Yes, the Civil War was

fought over slavery. Yes, the 13th Amendment prohibited it.

History teaches us to learn from our mistakes; that's why it is required in college. But what is next? Get rid of all monuments from the war. Let's go farther, tear down all the battlefields and parks, sell the property for money to build housing. Next, let's change the name of our school; I mean do you really know what a Blue Raider is? After we get rid of all the memories of the war, then we'll forget about it. Maybe fifty years down the road we'll have another one; why not, the first one was fun?

This war was supposed to unite us, why are people trying to use it to divide us? It should not matter what race you are, an American is an American; we are Mutts, to quote Bill Murray in *Stripes*, meaning that we all come from different countries, around the world, a mix. Why are blacks called African-Americans? They should be first class Americans with a capital A. I do not go around calling myself a European American. It is a device used to divide us. As Malcom X points out, rich people are using this to brainwash us to divide and control us. I am not asking you to become any race or change your religion, just be yourself. We should try to build a better future today like the American Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. had.

Start now. I know more pressing issues like health care and jobs for when we actually get out of this institution to argue about. You can not change the past or 2+2=5 would have happened a long time ago.

Greg Hoenie
MTSU Box 8091

Read Bible for more than quotes

To the Editor:

As a belated response to the letters of both Lori Hutton and Ginger Kendall from Feb. 25, I wish first to thank them from the thought-provoking scripture recommendations concerning homosexuality and the Bible. However, upon reading the verses in question in addition to surrounding text, I found that the selective dissection by these two persons left much to question concerning conclusions drawn from indicated passages.

First of all, Ms. Kendall claims that 1 Cor.6:9-11 labels homosexuality a "sin". If we are to accept these verses in their totality,

it seems we must also delegate anyone who has sex for any purpose other than reproduction as an irreparable sinner. That also knocks a great number of us heterosexuals off any sort of divinity list. Next, Ms. Hutton cites Galatians 6:17-22 as reason for one to "...not fulfill the lust of flesh." It is possible that my King James version of the Bible is a factory second, but more likely it appears that the section in question seems to define this "lust of the flesh" as the desire of those, "who are circumcised [i.e. the Jews]...to have you [St. Paul's "Brethren] circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh" (vs.13). They do this, "only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ" (vs. 12).

Does this mean one should also belittle Jewish people or that circumcised medical technicians who circumcise infants are doing so to vent feelings of guilt concerning the crucifixion of Jesus? But didn't the "word of God" proclaim the Jews to be "chosen people"? Am I the only one sensing a contradiction? If the "divine God of Heaven" is not homosexual, as Ms. Hutton claims, then I should also hope that the deity is not schizophrenic nor flippant.

Not to be unfair, I must admit that in Romans 1:1-27, cited by Ms. Kendall, Paul does indeed denounce, "...men with men working that which is unseemly..." So all "good Christian folk" should shun homosexuals? Wrong. In order to return the favor of provocative reading, I offer the following. Try Romans 2:1-13, first. It reminds us that, "...thou art inexcusable, O man, whosever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." Next, 1Cor. 6:01-5 states that, "...ye are unworthy to judge the smallest matters." And finally, Galatians 6:1-7 tells us plainly, to "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Another facet to this argument is the question, "If God is not homosexual, then what is He?" If He is heterosexual, then how could He understand homosexuals and be omnipotent without understanding their perspective? Further, if God is a heterosexual then the deity is male, given the 'Bible's' consistent use of the pronoun "He", and therefore could not understand the perspective of females who

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compose at least half of the world's population. But what if God has no sexual identity? Then how could "man" be created in his/her/its image, being that humans have sexual identities? It is possible that since God is a spirit found in all of us that there is no bias concerning race, creed, color, sexual preference, etc. But then, how could God be against homosexuality?

By this point I have probably been labelled a blasphemous fool by many readers for raising such questions.

Please remember that Jesus also came to doubt God when he cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt.27:46). I don't think Jesus was denying God. Rather, he too was seeking guidance when what he believed became uncertain. I simply hope that this reply has shown that if a few lines of the Bible are severed from its totality, then the bigger picture of its meaning is lost. Such arrogant interpretations have been used to justify everything from "manifest destiny" to "holy wars" (talk about an oxymoron!) and even "gay bashing" at present. If we don't put our education to use, we will not become a great flock, but rather a dumb herd content to chew our cud.

To borrow an analogy, the 'Bible' is like a finger pointing towards the moon. If we aren't careful, we may begin to see only

the finger and not the beautiful luminescence of the moon. So please, read the 'Bible' if you will, but read it entirely and don't hack it into a *Reader's Digest* condensed version for the squeamish.

Donovan Ball
MTSU Box 7259

Republicans aren't true conservatives

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter of March 1, by Travis Brown. Travis, you have written a very thoughtful, mature letter, until you get to the childish name calling in the last line.

Your definition of conservative thought is well stated. In fact I would like to quote it, in case anyone missed it last week: "The real meaning of conservative thought is the individual's right to personal freedom and self-determination, with a minimum of governmental interference." Later you stated, "This nation was founded on the principles of personal freedoms, and it should be a common cause to preserve them."

As I said earlier, I believe these are very mature, thoughtful statements, and I support them. I wish the Republican leaders, i.e. Bush, Quayle, Buchanan, etc. believed those statements. I have a hard time reconciling your statements with Republican stands that are against the law of the land;

a law allowing "personal freedom and self determination, with a minimum of governmental interference." I, of course am referring to the right that a woman has control of her body.

Travis, how do you reconcile your statements that supposedly all conservatives believe, with Bush's "gag order", with Bush's, Quayle's and Buchanan's attack on a woman's choice to control her own body and her own destiny? Or do Republicans have a choice of when they want to believe in "personal freedom and self-determination, with a minimum of governmental inter-ference"?

Melinda Lickiss
2602 Regency Park Dr.

Republican Party intolerant of others

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Travis Brown's letter on March 1, which was chock-full of contradictions and misguiding information.

First let's get to the issue of the KKK and racism in conservatism/Republican views. Yes, it is true that the majority of Republicans don't wear white sheets and dunce hats. But racism, as much as you may hate to admit it Mr. Brown, is in the Republican party. Just look at David Duke. Yes, Mr. Dunce Hat did exclude himself from the KKK, but afterward started the National

Association for the Advancement of White People NAAWP (a racist organization that the last time I checked was still functioning).

I also find it very interesting that soon after "quitting" the KKK [Duke] started running for political offices. Not to mention the Klan connections he more than likely still has, considering the Klan has not denounced him as a trader. Another example of racism in the Republican party is Pat Buchanan, who wants to stop immigration into this country. Mr. Brown, if you have not realized it, you too have something in common with the KKK: you both dislike homosexuality and call it "immoral."

Both Duke and Buchanan are Republicans and have Republican supporters and they also supported Bush in last year's election. The majority of the Republican party that I know of also supports the same anti-homosexual ideal that you do. Therefore, there is some basis for linking the KKK and the 'Republikkkans', even if their beliefs (though maybe not as strong or blatant) were not stated in the party's platform.

Mr. Brown states twice that "the real meaning of conservative thought is the individuals right to personal freedom and self-determination, with a minimum of governmental interference." Yet, in the paragraph preceding this statement (the second time it was stated) he denounces homo-

sexuality as "immoral" and calls those who support it "trash." This seems contradictory considering he is for an "individuals right to personal freedom and self determination," or did he forget to add "for those who think as I do." Also seeing as the party he supports (Republicans) is for the ban on gays in the military and against gays rights. This goes against "with a minimum of governmental interference" or did he once again forget to add "for those who think as I do?"

In closing, I would like to sat that I, unlike Mr. Brown, affiliate myself with no party or set views/ideals. Therefore, I put no boundaries on my "free thought," as Mr. Brown does. Yes, this nation was founded on the principles of personal freedoms and it should be a common cause to preserve them. But the conservatives and Mr. Brown are raping us of these freedoms with their oppressive values which they try to force down the throats of those who see things differently. In the future Mr. Brown, I hope you will refrain from making such dogmatic, hypocritical, and generalized statements, or you will end up looking even more like an idiot than you are now.

Brett Miller
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P.S. I am of no relation to the Brian Miller who Mr. Brown was responding to..

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A woman's work

Candace Rosovsky focuses on Women's Center

CHARLES RAMSEY/SPECIAL TO SIDELINES

Growing up in the midst of the socially revolutionary 1960's forced Candace Rosovsky to ask hard questions of herself and her world.

Those transition years between old ways and new social alliances were critical in the development of the minds of American women.

And as our generation finds itself in a dizzy swirl of social, racial, political and ecological changes Rosovsky, the new director of the MTSU Women's Center, wants students to know that they have choices.

And she makes herself available to talk about them.

For a recent interview Candace arrives 10 minutes late and work-weary. She charges through the door and smiles graciously.

As director of the June Anderson Womens' Center, Candace has put in her hours since her November arrival. With a heaping slate of activities on her agenda, 12-hour days are common.

She is a focused lady. She is also friendly.

"I care passionately about a lot of things," Candace explains.

"It's important to me that students learn how to think deeply and push themselves to ask hard questions."

Today's students have a different set of problems, she knows, but they can still get answers.

"They don't have to be beaten down. There are places they can go," she emphasizes.

Providing a "safe place...an intellectual haven" is the basis of support groups specifically designed for resident students and the diverse flux of commuters who move through MTSU.

A newsletter the center is now publishing will headline information on new scholarship and fellowship opportunities. Non-traditional students should note that the June Anderson Scholarship Fund is already serving working mothers and grandmothers. Candace just "wants women to be empowered."

She knows what she is talking about. When Candace entered her first year of her Master's work at Brown University, her mother broke status quo rank by finishing her Bachelor's Degree in English/Creative Writing at the



Aubrey Haynes/Photographer

CANDACE ROSOVSKY

University of Washington.

Her parents, she said, instilled in her a strong "can do" ethic. As a child, Candace was the best baseball player in her neighborhood of boys.

It became clear to her as she finished undergraduate work at the University of California at Santa Cruz that her strength would be in law.

However, there was no one there to encourage her to pursue a law career. That was a time when ancient standards for women were held fast. Few women became lawyers in the not so distant past.

Finding no role models, Candace picked up her Master's Degree in teaching at Brown University and a Doctorate in curriculum planning for womens' issues from the University of Washington, and has been in the higher education field ever since.

Her first job was as an English teacher at a community college in Seattle, where she later started a women's center and writers' groups.

A published poet herself, Candace welcomes a discussion about some of her favorite works of literature. Books by Diane Wakoski, Denise Levertov and Carolyn Kizer have a prominent place on her bookcase. Her grandfather, a professor at Ole Miss, was a fishing buddy of William Faulkner.

She is currently working on the opening essays about her

grandmothers in a book to be titled, "Snapshots: A Family Portrait."

The scattered stacks of files in her office represent the full schedule she has lined up for the Womens' Center. Support groups for older women students, sexual abuse victims, and a weekly brown bag lunch that begins this fall, are included in her game plan. The Center and Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW) are in the process of filling a counselor position.

Candace won't stop there. She represents the Center on several campus committees, such as those focusing on safety and health issues, and teaches a womens' studies class as well.

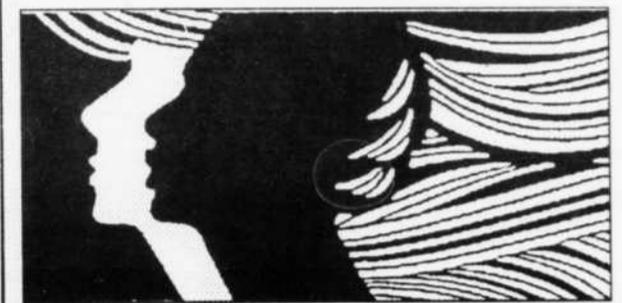
"Having women in leadership positions in institutions has changed how we think about the institution. Many issues such as rape and sexual harassment have been brought to light," she explains.

Citing that womens' issues defy the patriarchal academy, Candace says she wants the university to take these issues more seriously.

"I wish denial of womens' issues didn't exist, but it's a fear of change," she adds.

Change is one thing on which Candace insists.

Experience has taught her that it can happen. She just wants to make sure it does.



Women's History Month Activities

Tonight: Student Symposium in Social Sciences: 6-9 p.m., KUC 322.

Tuesday: Visual Artist Noris Binet "Wholeness: A Woman's Vision," Reception, 3 p.m. March 1-31, KUC Cube Gallery.

"Jules et Jim," film. 8-10:40 a.m., LRC N and O.

Wednesday: CNN correspondent Susan Rook: "Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling," 11-12 noon, BDA Tucker Theatre.

Dean D'Ann Campbell: "Women in the Military," 4:30-6 p.m. Stark Bldg. Room 125.

Thursday: Women's Movement in Developing Nations: Round Table Discussion, 4:30-6 p.m., Stark Bldg. Room 125.

"Jules et Jim," film, 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., LRC rooms N and O.

Friday: Dr. Susan Middleton-Keirn: "Black Women in South Africa," 10-10:50 a.m. LRC Room T.

Spring Break: March 15-19. School out, no activities.

March 22: Visual artist Anne Binford, 3-5 p.m., Stark Bldg. Room 125.

"Jules et Jim," film at 12 noon, LRC Rooms N and O.

Misha: "Feminism, Cyberpunk, and a Metis Way of Seeing," Fiction reading, book signing, 7-9 p.m., Stark Bldg. Room 125.

March 23: Jane Curry: "Nice Girls Don't Sweat." 4-6 p.m. KUC Theatre.

Misha: "This Writer's Life," 3-4 p.m. PH 226-227.

March 24: Dr. June McCash: "Jules et Jim," Film discussion. 10-10:50 a.m., LRC Room T.

International Poetry Reading: 4-6 p.m., PH 109A.

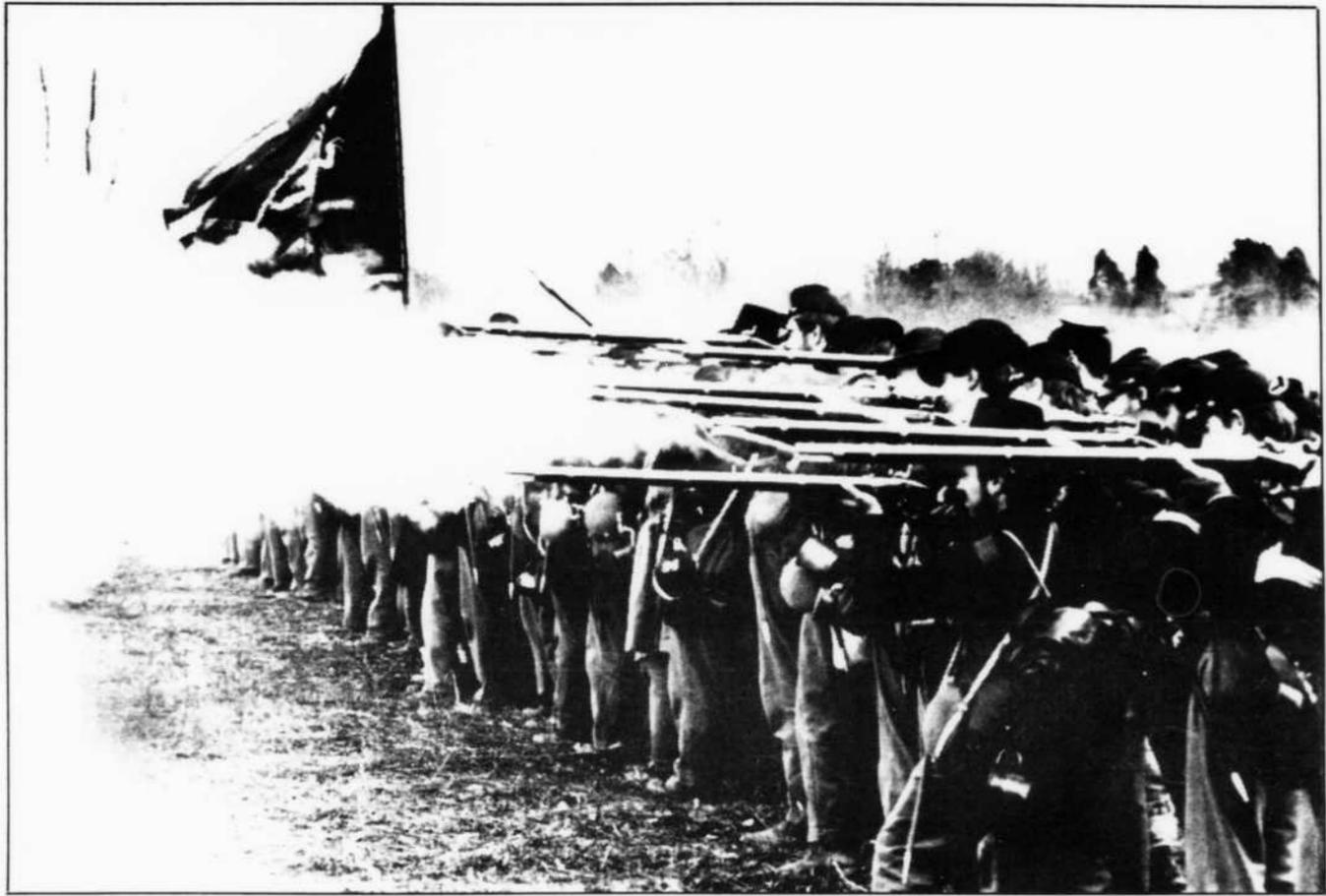
March 25: "Rambling Rose," film, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., LRC Rooms N and O.

March 26: "Rambling Rose," film 12 noon, LRC Rooms N and O.

Alumnae in the Classroom, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A House Divided

This weekend thousands converged on Rutherford County for a grand scale re-enactment of The Battle of Stones River, known in the South as the Battle of Murfreesboro, which took place Dec. 31, 1862-Jan. 2, 1863. With heavy casualties on either side, the battle was considered a draw. Re-enactors from around the nation and across the Atlantic traveled here to re-create this pivotal event in local history.



'Old War Dreams'

In midnight sleep of many a face
of anguish,
Of the look at first of the mortally
wounded, (of that indescribable
look),
Of the dead on their backs with
arms extended wide,
I dream, I dream, I dream.

Long have they pass'd, faces and
trenches and fields,
Where through the carnage I
moved with a callous compo-
sure, or away from the fallen,
Onward I sped at the time-- but
now of their forms at night,
I dream, I dream, I dream.

—Walt Whitman

Of scenes of Nature, fields and
mountains,
Of skies so beauteous after a
storm, and at night the moon so
unearthly bright,
Shining sweetly, shining down,
where we dig the trenches and
gather the heaps,
I dream, I dream, I dream.

American poet Walt
Whitman wrote this
poem, and many others,
after witnessing the
atrocities of the Civil
War



Train hoppers love thrill of the chase

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When I was young, I always wanted to...TRAIN!"

So goes conversation with Scott, MTSU student and compulsive thrillseeker, who has found his thrill in late-night jumps onto moving trains.

Scott and his buddy Chris (not his real name) see the train coming and dart for the bushes that run beside the tracks, to camouflage themselves from the train's engineer.

The night is pierced by the bright light on the front of the train. The rhythmic churning sound of the train is only halted by its deafening whistle. The passion that now fills the young men's eyes with eagerness blinds them to the danger they are about to face.

Once the engine is safely out of sight, they begin their ritualistic battle against the train. Chris and Scott begin the hard, unrelenting sprint into the large rocks beside the tracks.

They hurl their vulnerable bodies onto the moving ladder of the train. The adrenaline that has pushed the blood through their veins holds them tightly to the ladder until they have claimed victory.

"The adrenaline rush is what attracts

us to play with death the way we do," boasts Chris.

The hobby that consumes Chris and Scott, an athletically built student from Tennessee Technological University, is train riding, but you won't see them purchase tickets and sit in a pampered seat.

"We catch 'em by the ladders on the sides," said Scott, "and hang on tight."

All their adventures take place in

'The adrenaline rush is what attracts us to play with death the way we do.'

Calhoun, Tenn. Calhoun is about halfway between Knoxville and Chattanooga.

"It is the perfect place," says Scott. "There are plenty of places to hide from the cops if they get after you."

"We just try to look like a bush," chuckles Chris, "and hope they don't see us."

Playing with death and the law are some things that excite Chris and Scott. The two caught a train a little late once and had to ride it over a bridge.

Both of them realized that the train station was on the other side, and they would be caught for sure. So their only option was to jump into the river - 80 feet below.

"That was the most scared I have ever been," says Scott.

The two jumped and landed in the river. The river caught them and carried them more than a mile from where they started.

—Chris Train Jumper

"The more danger involved, the faster the train, and the closer we are to getting caught," says Chris, as a devilish grin comes across his face, "the bigger the rush."

To jump trains, Chris and Scott plan a night when the trains are running at regular intervals.

"I can feel my heart pounding when I hear the train whistles in the background," spouts Scott, pounding his fist repeatedly into his chest.

When they go out, Chris covers his skinny legs with old black jeans with holes in the knees and dark shoes. He also has on a black, long-sleeve T-shirt that is turned inside out, so the colorful emblem on the back won't attract attention. Scott is clad in a black toboggan pulled down to his eyebrows. He also has on a black sweat shirt and navy sweat pants.

"I couldn't find any black pants to wear," adds Scott.

The night is cool, and very clear. Chris and Scott bounce from track to track as they talk about boyhood dreams that will never be accomplished.

They are just passing time until a train runs.

"When I was young, I always wanted to...TRAIN!"

Whatever Scott was going to say is forgotten in the glare of the engine light.

The leap from the train to freedom is a painful one, but well worth all the anguish. The screams of success tell the story of their feeling of accomplishment.

Chris staggers to his feet and looks about, thrilled and relieved.

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Gary Deken, the director, calls "The Grilletales" "a dark comedy" in the mold of the TV show "Dark Shadows."

"It's about a mad professor," explains Deken, "[who] kidnaps students and plants them like flowers around the Grill."

Fourteen aspiring actors auditioned for seven parts.

Lisa Linde is a veteran of the audition process who has appeared in several Nashville commercials and promotional spots. She recently won a part in an upcoming MTSU theatre production.

At the studio, the crew are busy running cables, testing audio levels and the videotape recorder and creating a makeshift set.

Back in the lobby of the LRC

building, Ron Queen, the show's producer, hands out copies of different monologues to the actors.

"Do we have to memorize this now?" asks someone.

"Not really," answers Queen and adds with a wry smile, "but it would be nice."

Queen, with his dry sense of humor, is the perfect liaison between the director and the auditioners.

Vest, a member of the crew.

With the boom firmly in place by weighted sandbags, Linde continues with her reading. Afterward, she admits that the incident "helped break up the tension."

Tension is exactly what each auditioner feels before taking the stage.

"Butterflies in the stomach are a part of the business," confirms Valerie Smith, a part-time student and model. But she

perform a scene. Deken says this enables him to see how the actors handle interaction and if any "chemistry" exists. The third year Radio-TV major and first-time director doesn't like to provide direction during the audition. He judges by how well "they can be that character."

Sometimes, the appearance or resemblance of a person to the character has a bearing on a director's decision, but Deken says that he doesn't take that into consideration.

Smith, on the other hand, believes that a certain "look" does help in obtaining roles.

The atmosphere in the lobby has changed dramatically. The tension resulting from the monologues has faded away into laughter and conversations as the group divides up into pairs. Smith is looking for the "right guy" to play Phil opposite her Amethyst.

Finally, the audition ends, and Queen utters those fateful words known to all actors: "If you made it, we'll call you."

Now, the real waiting begins.

Editor's note: "Grilletales" will begin airing next month on Channel 12.

'It's about a mad professor [who] kidnaps students and plants them like flowers around the Grill.'

**—Gary Deken
Director, "Grilletales"**

"Trust me," Queen assures, "we are organized."

Linde is the first to audition. She states for the camera: "My name is Lisa Linde and I am reading for the part of Ms. X."

Then, suddenly, the boom holding the microphone begins to tip and fall toward Linde. As quick as a cat, she dodges to get out of the way.

"We couldn't get through this without something happening," exclaims John

says she is "more nervous afterwards." An accomplished dancer, Smith admits to "freaking out" after her routines because she says she suppresses "all of my emotions" when performing.

Even though the audition is a competition among actors for parts, there's a kind of togetherness among them, discloses Smith, since everybody knows what the others are going through.

Step two in the audition process is the dialogue reading, where two actors

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MTSU looking I-A way

Committee recommends program explore Southern move

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU is looking Southern's way again.

The Master Plan Steering Committee, in conjunction with the Ingram Group, will recommend to MTSU president James E. Walker that the university explore the idea of leaving the Ohio Valley Conference and join the Southern Conference if, and only if, the conference plays division I-A football.

Currently, the Southern Conference has plans to split into two divisions, much like that of the Southeastern Conference, and step up to Division I-A football.

"It's not an official recommendation yet, because the final draft isn't completed," Walker told the *Daily News Journal* last week. "But I don't expect the recommendation that we pursue I-A football to change. I expect the Ingram Committee to make that recommendation."

The 36-member committee is expected to recommend

that Walker notify the Southern Conference by March 15 of MTSU's intentions.

It was two years ago that another committee at MTSU explored the idea of leaving the OVC.

They too recommended that Middle seek affiliation with the Southern Conference. However, the league wasn't

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**—MTSU President
James E. Walker**

interested in expanding at that time.

"The main thrust of the first task force was conference affiliation," Walker said. "The Ingram Group is making recommendations for the year 2000.

"Some of the members are the same, but this

committee is preparing a master plan, which I understand will recommend that we are Division I-A in all sports."

Currently, the Southern has expressed interest in expanding by accepting two new members, one of which it wants to be a private institution.

Apparently, MTSU is getting outside support in its decision to leave the OVC and this support is coming from the Southern Conference members.

"Yes, we are getting support for us to join from the members of the Southern Conference," Walker admitted.

But the whole scenario boils down to one thing. Money.

MTSU will have to get the financial support to make such a move. It will have to double the size of its current stadium and the number of scholarships handed out will be increased.

"I'm going to have to know where it's (financial support) coming from before we jump into such a move," said Walker. "If we don't know and if we can't get the support, we couldn't last a year at the I-A level."

All-OVC honors for MTSU's Kidd

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Blue Raider senior center Warren Kidd was honored recently by making the All-OVC first team.

Kidd led the nation in rebounding with 14.8 boards and he averaged 15 points a game.

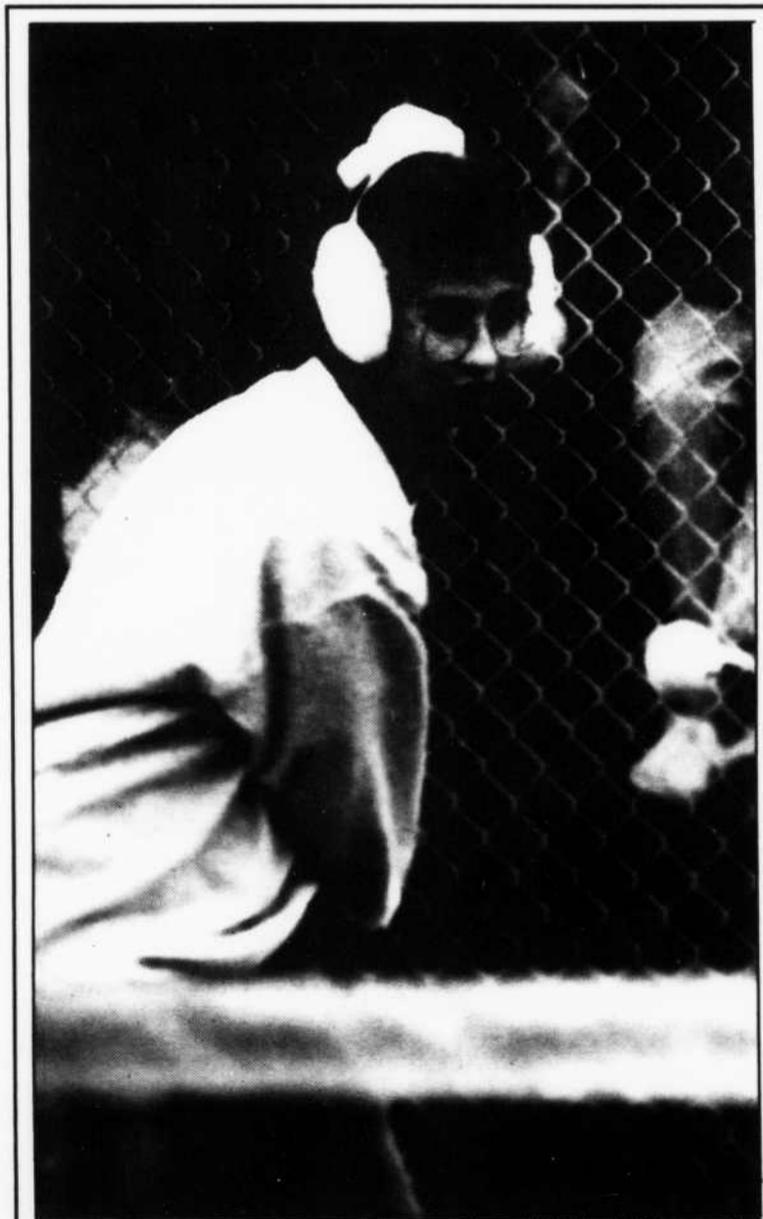
He was joined on the team by Carlos Rodgers of Tennessee State, John Best of Tennessee Tech, Doug Bentz of Morehead and Devon Lake of Southeast Missouri.

Rodgers, who averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and 3.3 blocks, was named the OVC Player of the Year.

Despite missing the final eight games of the season, MTSU guard Robert Taylor earned second team honors.

Tennessee State head coach Frankie Allen was named Coach of the Year while his star freshman, Monte Wilson, was named the league's Freshman of the Year.

Allen's TSU squad won the leagues automatic berth to the NCAA tournament by winning the OVC tournament Saturday with an 82-68 victory over Murray State.



George L. Walker IV/Photographer

SPRING TENNIS? MTSU's Lady Raider tennis team may be in the middle of its spring schedule, but the elements outside haven't been very agreeable as evident by the winter wear of Jenny Olivera. See story on page 17.

Lady Raiders open OVC tourney tonight

Third time the charm for one team

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

They say the third time is the charm. The only problem with that is who is the charm for?

MTSU's Lady Raiders (20-6) hope to take a third consecutive victory over Eastern Kentucky's Lady Colonels (12-14) tonight, which will propel them into the finals of the OVC tournament.

Eastern has other plans. The charm for them would be downing Middle after a 76-62 loss and another 80-66 setback that left Eastern in a pressure situation with the threat of not even making the OVC tournament.

Unlike the men's format, which takes all the teams, the women only take the top four teams from regular season action. Both Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State tied with a 10-6 conference mark, but EKV won the tie-breaker and earned the third seed in the tournament.

Eastern and Middle, which is seeded second, will tip-off tonight at 5:30 in Tennessee Tech's Eblin

Center. Tech, the top seed, plays TSU following the first contest, with the winners advancing to Tuesday night's finals which will be televised on SportSouth cable network at 7:30.

"We've had the luxury of shooting the ball well both times we've played them," said MTSU head coach Lewis Bivens. "To tell you the truth, they scare me. They have not really played well at all against us in the two ballgames.

"We're just going to toe it up and see if we can do it three times in a row."

This time, the team expects a tougher road. As Bivens mentioned, MTSU has been fortunate to nail its outside shots. That, in turn, opened the inside where Priscilla Robinson has taken care of business including a 24 point performance recently.

"We don't think they'll play us the same because we've already beat them twice," Robinson stated. "Eastern is a good team but I feel if we play as a team, they can't beat us. Three

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Morrison making things happen



David McCrory/Photographer

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS: Julie Morrison unleashes a jumper during a recent MTSU workout.

Soft-spoken Lady Raider leader hits it hard on and off the basketball court

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Julie Morrison entered the elevator and pushed the button.

Seconds later it stopped, the iron jaw doors opened and Julie stepped out to make the trek down the hallway. What was only a few steps seemed like a mile.

This time, she had no one to pass the ball to. She was on her own. This time she was pitted against one of her fiercest opponents — her own fear.

Julie finally arrived at the proper room, and walked into an unfamiliar world.

"I didn't know what I was going to say," Julie admits. "I didn't know what condition he was going to be in, what he was going to look like. I was worried."

Julie found her coach, Lewis Bivens, in a hospital bed. He'd recently been paralyzed as the result of a medical accident.

"You see your coach lying there. He's always been the strong one but he was helpless. He was struggling."

But she knew she had to be the strong one this time. Julie held the tears back to a later time

and delivered one of her patented assists by being one of the many people that helped him through the hard times.

It wasn't the first time the Lady Raider senior guard performed such an act, and it won't be the last.

Whether on or off the court, Julie has become an inspirational leader of her team. Her on-court actions speak for themselves and her off-court antics set an impressive example for not only the team, but all those who know her.

"If I ever get down, she always cheers me back up," says freshman point guard Heather Prater. "She's always in a good mood; she's always chipper. She has a positive attitude and it carries over to everyone."

Such a positive attitude isn't easily achieved either.

Contrary to skeptic's beliefs, an athlete's life isn't a glamorous one. Practice, study time, food, and a little sleep have taken the forefront of Julie's life since she entered the halls of MTSU four years ago.

There have been times when it didn't seem worthwhile and most people would have given up.

But Julie's attitude pulled her through.

"There have been a lot of days when I think if I take on anymore than I am right now, can it get any worse?" Julie says. "It's extremely hard to space it out and budget your time. Sometimes you get so tired you just want to close those books and go to bed, but there's something inside that says 'hang in there and take it one test, one day, or one hour at a time. Whatever it takes.'"

And the little voice inside has worked.

Julie will graduate in the upcoming months with a wellness and fitness/physical therapy degree. More impressive is that she has attained a 3.6 GPA in doing so, which sets a great example in itself.

"I hope (everyone) sees how hard I work and I hope that it will have an influence on them," she says. "I know where I want to go and I know what it takes to get there."

This type of outlook on life has driven Julie since childhood.

Whether a member of the Frogtown Flyers or being such a

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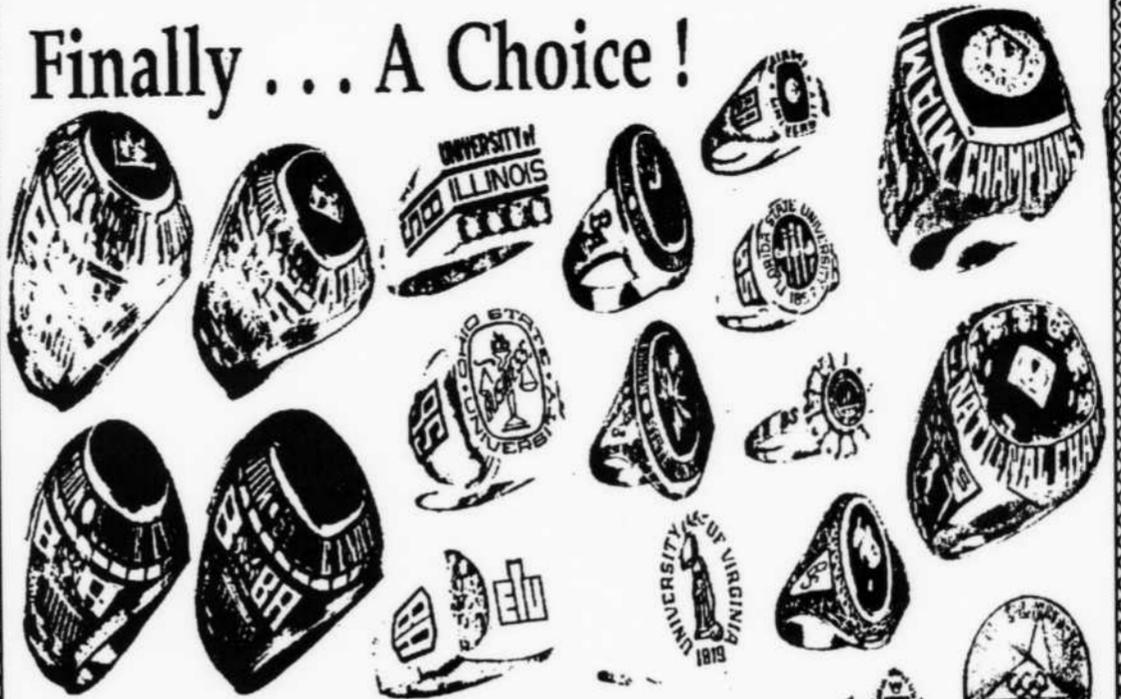


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times or four times, if we play as a team, we can win."

MTSU hasn't played as a team in the initial two games though. Although both were wins, the Lady Raiders jumped out to early leads and played even ball for the remainder of the game.

"We've come out real intense and we get a big lead and we think they're going to lay down and die," Robinson said. "But Eastern isn't that type of team. We've got to have the instinct to put a team away once we have them down, and not let our intensity level drop down to theirs."

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RIGHT BACK AT YA: MTSU's Keith Harrietha returns a shot during action Friday. MTSU won the match 5-2.

Raider tennis teams picking up the pace

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

After showing promise by competing with some of the nation's better teams, MTSU took out a little wrath over the weekend with some victories.

The Blue Raider men sent East Tennessee State packing with a 5-2 setback on Friday, despite losing both its top two singles matches.

The men have most of the week off before returning to action Friday at Virginia Commonwealth.

MTSU's Lady Raiders also picked up the pace in impressive action.

On Friday, the women fought off the dreary weather, as well as East Tennessee, by virtue of a 6-1 victory.

The team's hot streak continued Saturday when it drilled Western Kentucky 9-0. The Lady Raiders lost only 13 games in six singles matches.

The ladies have the week off and will participate in several matches at Hilton Head, SC. over spring break. They'll face Bradley, Marshall and Campbell University.

The teams won't return home for a while. The next home matches will be on March 27 when both teams host Mobile College.

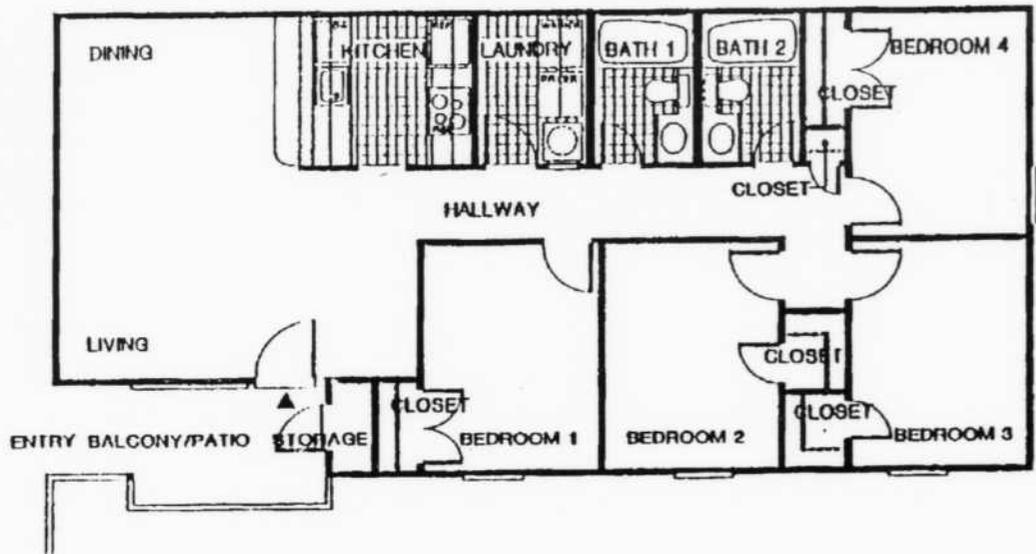


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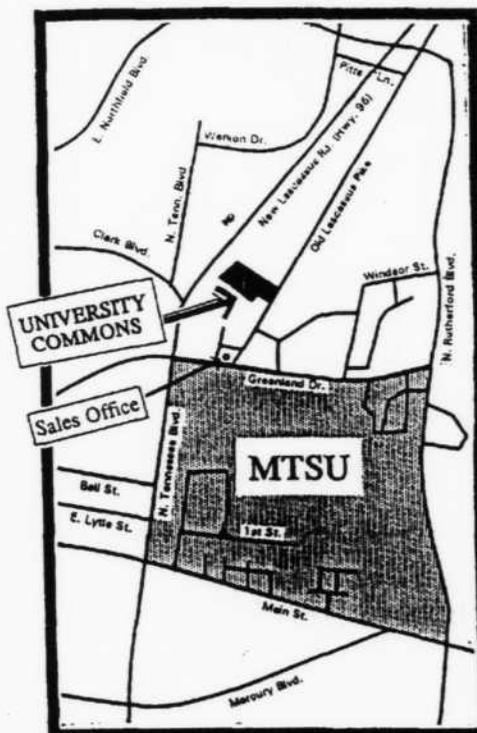
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'In sum, the proportion of American college students who are actively smoking marijuana on a daily basis has dropped more than three-fourths since 1980.'

attending four or two-year institutions.

In use of drugs, 29.2 percent of the respondents reported using any illicit drug, including marijuana, in 1991, down from 33.3 percent in 1990. With marijuana factored out, 13.2 percent of the students used illegal drugs in 1991, compared with 15.2 percent in 1990.

"In 1991, we saw a continuation of the longer-term gradual decline in the proportion of all three populations involved in the use of any illicit drug," the report said. Researchers found that media reports about the danger of drugs,

especially cocaine and crack cocaine, were instrumental in bringing some of the statistics down in drug-use categories.

"We believe that the particularly intense media coverage of the hazards of crack cocaine ... likely had the effect of 'capping' that epidemic early by deterring many would-be users and by motivating many experimenters to desist use," the report states. "...the hazards of cocaine use received extensive media coverage in the preceding year, but almost surely in part because of the cocaine-related deaths in 1986 of sports stars

actively smoking marijuana on a daily basis has dropped more than three-fourths since 1980," the report said.

● Between 1981 and 1991, heavy drinking (five or more drinks in a row) dropped only 0.8 percent for college students, much less of a decline than rates recorded for high school students and 19 to 20-year-olds who are not in college. For the same 10-year period, the measure for heavy drinking dropped by 11.6 percent for high school seniors and 8.8 percent for the non-college 19-20-year-olds.

"It is interesting to conjecture about why college students have not shown much decline in heavy drinking while their non-college peers and high school seniors have," the report said. "One possibility is that campuses have provided some insulation to the effects of changes in the drinking age laws. Also, in college, underage individuals are mixed with peers who are of legal age to purchase alcohol in a way that is no longer true in high schools and less true, perhaps, for those 19-22 who are not in college."

● Daily drinking for college students has shown some decline since 1984. In 1991, 4.1 percent of the respondents drank daily, down from 6.6 percent in 1984.

● Cigarette smoking has declined somewhat. The daily smoking rate fell from 18.3 percent in 1980 to 13.8 percent in 1991.

(University of Maryland basketball forward) Len Bias and (Cleveland Browns defensive back) Don Rogers."

The major findings include:

● Twenty-nine percent of the college students had used an illicit drug, down from 56.2 percent in 1980.

● Marijuana use dropped from 51.2 percent in 1980 to 26.5 percent in 1991. Daily use among college students fell from 2.1 percent in 1986 to 1.8 percent in 1991.

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Proposed parking lot presents problems

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Special to *Sidelines*

Several MTSU residents are upset with a proposal to convert part of the courtyard shared by Clement and Gore Halls into a parking lot as part of the University's master plan.

The master plan, which outlines the expansion of MTSU, calls for more student parking, which is something which many students say they need. What has many Clement Hall residents upset is the location of the planned lot.

The site extends from the ends of both Clement and Gore Halls to the road in front of the Wesley Foundation. The area, roughly the size of a football field, is often full of residents having a little enjoyment after a day of classes.

The plan will eliminate the recreation area for to provide more accessible dorm parking.

Clement Hall resident Jason Dean said he does not

agree with the plan.

"It's ridiculous," Dean said. "Yes, we do need parking, but if you take away the scenery, you'll make MTSU a trashy place."

Dean's roommate, Brian Gray, agrees with Dean.

"I would much rather have a nice courtyard than parking near my room," Gray said.

Clement Hall president Matt Henney was equally displeased.

"We feel that even though there is a parking problem, taking away recreational land meant for recreation is wrong," Henney said.

Dot Harrison from MTSU's public relations office provided insight on the problem.

Both Clement and Gore Halls will still have plenty of recreational room, said Harrison.

She said the master plan is meant to make the campus more attractive, not take away from its natural beauty.

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women have been able to enter 'great' schools such as Harvard Business School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Polytechnic.

"Dramatic changes have occurred since I began teaching at Georgetown in 1967-68," Kirkpatrick said. "Then I was one of two women in the Political Science department. Since then there has been a revolution in women's opportunities and roles," said Kirkpatrick.

She said that it is much worse in almost all Third World countries.

Moslem, Hindu, African and Chinese women are deprived of rights and dignity. Polygamy and illiteracy are an examples of women's unequal status in Third World countries.

"Little girls are sold into

slavery," said Kirkpatrick. "Girls have few opportunities for education and even less opportunity for employment."

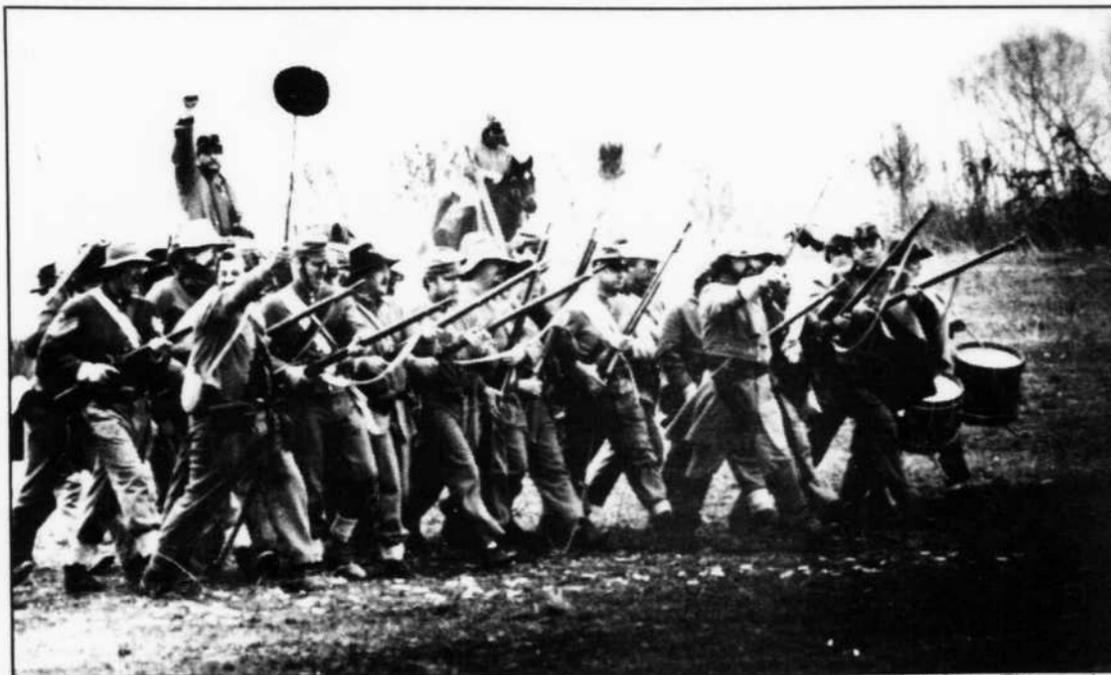
Kirkpatrick said that modern democratic societies allow women more freedom.

"We will see the first woman president when we have a large enough pool of professional women who have the desire and are willing to pay the price," she said.

"Any creature with a little initiative can find its way to accomplishment," she said in her closing statement.

Jennifer Williford, an MTSU freshman, said Kirkpatrick had important things to say about women's issues.

"She made very good points on behalf of women across the nation," Williford said.



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CHARGE! A brigade of "Confederate soldiers" prepares for battle at this weekend's re-enactment of the Battle of Stones River. For additional photos, please see page 11.