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Letter from the Sports Editor's Desk

Did you watch the superbowl? Even if you didn't watch it you must know that the Cowboys stomped the Bills. Just wait until next year. The Bills will win it next year... Not!

Did she or didn't she? Those seem to be the questions on most people's minds these days. Did Tonya Harding know and approve of the plot to injure rival skater Nancy Kerrigan? Should Harding represent the United States at the winter Olympics in Norway?

If you have an opinion on this situation I want to now it. If you think that Tonya is getting a bum rap tell me. If you think that she is guilty and shouldn't go to Norway let us know. Send your comments to P.O. Box 5401.

Meanwhile, support the rest of the Olympic athletes as they represent our country in Norway later this month.

In local sports, the men's and women's basketball teams seem to be off to a great semester (Check out the related articles in this section).

Also, if you want to add to your knowledge of an unfamiliar sport take a look at the Sports Around the World column next issue.

Remember to watch the Olympics and keep on supporting the Mars Hill Basketball teams.

Send in your comments about the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan situation and I'll try to get them into the next issue.

Go Hillraisers!

Doubleheader Split for Lions

By Erik Barlik
Hilltop Staff Writer

As fans packed the stands for the men's game, Jan. 26, you could sense that this would not be a repeat of last year. One bold fan even predicted a victory over a staunch Presbyterian Blue Hose team which won the conference last year.

Mars Hill paced its way to a halftime lead of 33-26 on 44 percent shooting, and it looked as if the upset was staged and ready to occur. Even with better shooting, the Presbyterian team could not catch up, and Mars Hill pulled away to a 74-64 victory.

With only 10 seconds left in the game, Cedric Mansell gave the crowds an extra present with an exclamation point slam dunk. He would finish with 20 points on 8 for 12

shooting.

Lamont Jones scored 17 points and had 5 defensive rebounds for the game.

The women's game was also exciting. The Blue Hose battled to a 75-70 victory. Presbyterian was surprised it seems with the quality of MHC play. The Lady Lions held a 31-27 halftime lead. But, Presbyterian experience enabled them to shoot their way back to the win. The Presbyterian team outscored the Lions 26-16.

Michelle Johnson scored 15 points on 4 for 4 three-point shooting, with Susie Hopkins leading the way with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Freshmen forward Jackie Shelton came off the bench to basket 10 of the Lions' 16 bench points.

By Large Margin, Lady Lions Crush Limestone

By Erik Barlik
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Jan. 31, a Monday night at the Jungle, the fans attending the women's basketball game between the Mars Hill Lady Lions and the Limestone Rocks saw the Rocks get crushed. Well, O.K., they are not exactly rocks; they were bricks (they shot enough of them). Limestone shot only 31% in the first half, while Mars Hill shot 54% en route to a 49-24 halftime lead.

The second half was not contest, either. Limestone just fell into a deeper hole. Shannon Curtis of the Lions had a big second half, finishing the game with 8 points and 11 rebounds (10 on defense).

Lena Barber turned in her usual good performance with 18 points on 9 for 13 shooting, 2 blocks, 2 steals, 3 assists, and 4 rebounds.

Sherrell Brown impressed the fans with 10 points and 5 rebounds.

Super-Sub Jackie Shelton scored 7 and chipped in 6 rebounds. It became apparent early in the second half that head coach Sylvia White could take her starters out, but that did not stop starter Michelle Johnson who only played 24 minutes. Michelle ended up with 23 points and 5 rebounds.

The only suspense was provided by Jan Johnson, who the fans cheered on to score before the clock ran out. Her unselfish passing

and defensive style made the suspense even greater. In the end, though, she beat the

clock by a good 2 minutes. Late Update of Game v Limestone on Feb. 4: Lady

Lions grab another big win (score unavailable at time).

Paw Prints

Does anybody remember Sarah Holtzclaw, the starting guard last year who could play defense, shoot three-pointers, and run the offense to perfection? I can give you three good reasons why not: (1) Michelle Johnson knows defense; (2) Michelle Johnson can shoot three-pointers; (3) Michelle Johnson runs the Lady Lion offense to perfection.

Starting guard Michelle Johnson is only a 5'6" Junior, but she plays Jordanesque basketball. Her game against Limestone included 2 steals, 5 assists, 5 rebounds (4 on defense), 23 points and 5 three-point field goals in only 24 minutes. Projected out over her normal minutes (she was taken out because it was a

blowout) would mean 31 points, 10 assists, 7 rebounds, and 7 three-point field goals. That is production! Michelle has proven to all of the fans that she is worthy to fill those starting shoes. Her play is consistent, and her attitude remains one of willingness to help the team, not just to do everything herself. The only remaining quest for her is to make the All-South Atlantic Conference team (candidates are unknown at present time). She is currently tenth in the conference in scoring, third in steals, second in three-point field goal percentage, eighth in assists. The fans now have the responsibility to cheer Michelle on to her best.

Scoreboard Problems Postpone Intramurals

By Erik Barlik
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Intramural basketball games on Feb. 2 and 3 were postponed due to scoreboard trouble.

A new scoreboard is being installed, but the 1400-pound device had not been lifted off the gym floor as of Friday at presstime.

Anonymous sources point out that the new scoreboard was not due to be delivered until next season, but it arrived early.

The new scoreboard (estimated at \$100,000 according to the same sources) should provide a better range of vision for fans, while still advertising Coca-Cola at the same time.



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Literary Magazine

Edited by Brad Sproles

The Award-Winning literary and art magazine of Mars Hill College will soon be accepting works for the 1994 edition. Awards for art, prose, poetry, and other categories will be made at the annual unveiling ceremony.

Basket

By Erik Barlik
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On the men's side (a South Atlantic Conference-high 77.8 and the conference's best game. Lamont Jones was first in goal percentage (54.2), fifth in rebound percentage (62.2), fifth in blocked shots with James... throw percentages (8... Cedric Mansell was fifth in rebound percentage (68.2), seven... blocked shots (2.7), and... (4).

Bulldog

By Erik Barlik
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