

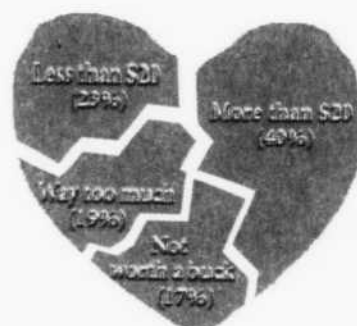
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All computer lab printing to be free March 1

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

All printing in campus computer labs, classrooms and the library will be free of charge beginning March 1.

"Students complained to us about having to pay for printing," Student Government Association President John Marshall said. "We voiced [the complaints] to the Technology Task Force and they took action."

Students pay a technology access fee at the beginning of the year that typi-

cally pays for new computers, technology in the classrooms, supplies, infrastructure, bandwidth, the Office of Information Technology and compensation for student workers and support tech.

The technology access fee generates more than \$4 million each year.

"Students were concerned about the allocation of funds in the technology access fee," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Barbara Haskew said. "The Technology Task Force recently moved to the position of not

charging for printing because the access fee should be sufficient to cover printing costs."

Free printing was granted to students in the past but only lasted a semester because of problems associated with it.

"Students were printing pages and leaving them in the printers, printing multiple copies and printing off unnecessary Internet copy," James Burton, dean of the College of Business, said. "I certainly hope that students understand that we are deal-

ing with limited resources, and hopefully, they will not abuse this privilege."

The Technology Task Force has not yet discussed the monitoring of printing.

"We are allowing free printing on a trial basis to see how things work out," said Watson Hannah, director of Academic Technology Planning and Projects for Academic Affairs. "As problems arise, we hope to come up with solutions for them."

Some programs not connected to Internet and e-mail software, such as

the library's Voyager databases, will not be subject to the free printing, and there will still be a charge on copy machines.

"Research confirmed that other TBR schools allow for free printing and the cost of doing so falls within the budget," Hannah said. "We are anticipating that students will use this privilege wisely."

Free printing has already started at the computer lab in the Business and Aerospace Building. ♦

Earnhardt dies at Daytona

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Dale Earnhardt, one of the greatest stars in auto racing history, died Sunday from injuries in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion had to be cut out of his car after slamming into the wall on the final turn of the race while fighting for position. He was taken to the hospital accompanied by his son, Dale Jr., a young NASCAR star who finished second in the race.

"This is understandably the toughest announcement I've ever had to make. We've lost Dale Earnhardt," NASCAR president Mike Helton said.

Earnhardt died instantly of head injuries, said Dr. Steve Bohannon, of Halifax Medical Center.

"There was nothing that could have been done for him," he said.

The death comes at a time that driver safety issues were under increased scrutiny. Three NASCAR drivers were killed in wrecks last season.

The accident happened a half-mile from the finish of the NASCAR season-opener, won by Michael Waltrip.

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Dale and Teresa Earnhardt relax in victory lane with Dale Earnhardt Jr., "Little E," early in his career.

Photo by Phil Cavali | Winston Cup Scene

MT cheerleaders look toward competition

By Eilene Veale
Staff Writer

Following a recent competition at the Universal Cheerleading Association Nationals in Florida, the MTSU cheerleaders have high hopes for the future.

"We're getting ready to compete at the Sun Belt Basketball Tournament in Mobile, Ala.," cheerleading coach Micah Hartsfield said.

The Sun Belt Conference is an intercollegiate athletic convention consisting of 12 universities, including MTSU. The cheerleaders will be attending the conference March 1-6.

"The conference is basically for up-and-coming I-A teams such as MTSU's," added Hartsfield. Hartsfield has cheered at the University of

Tennessee as well as Tennessee Tech, and currently cheers for the Tennessee Titans.

"Most people don't realize how much hard work is put into cheerleading," cheerleader Jeremiah Lawson said. "During football season we practiced two hours every day."

Those cheerleading practices pay off, literally. The team is divided into Blue and White squads which each receive different incentives.

Members of the Blue squad receive \$500 in scholarship money a semester, books paid for in full and two tickets to each football home game. The White squad receives their books paid for in full for the spring semester, when they do most of their cheerleading. The Blue squad cheers for all football games and men's basketball. The white

squad cheers for home football games and women's basketball.

Lawson said that collegiate cheerleaders can go on to work for the UCA at events such as summer camps and national competitions, or they can cheer professionally for NFL teams.

Tryouts for the Blue squad are on April 26-29. Tryouts for the White squad are held at the end of August and beginning of September.

Tryouts for Lightning, MTSU's school mascot and member of the Blue cheerleading squad will be held March 10 in the Alumni Memorial Gym, Room 216.

For more information concerning the cheerleaders or the Sun Belt Conference, go to <http://www.goblueraiders.com/> and <http://www.sunbelt-sports.org/>, respectively. ♦

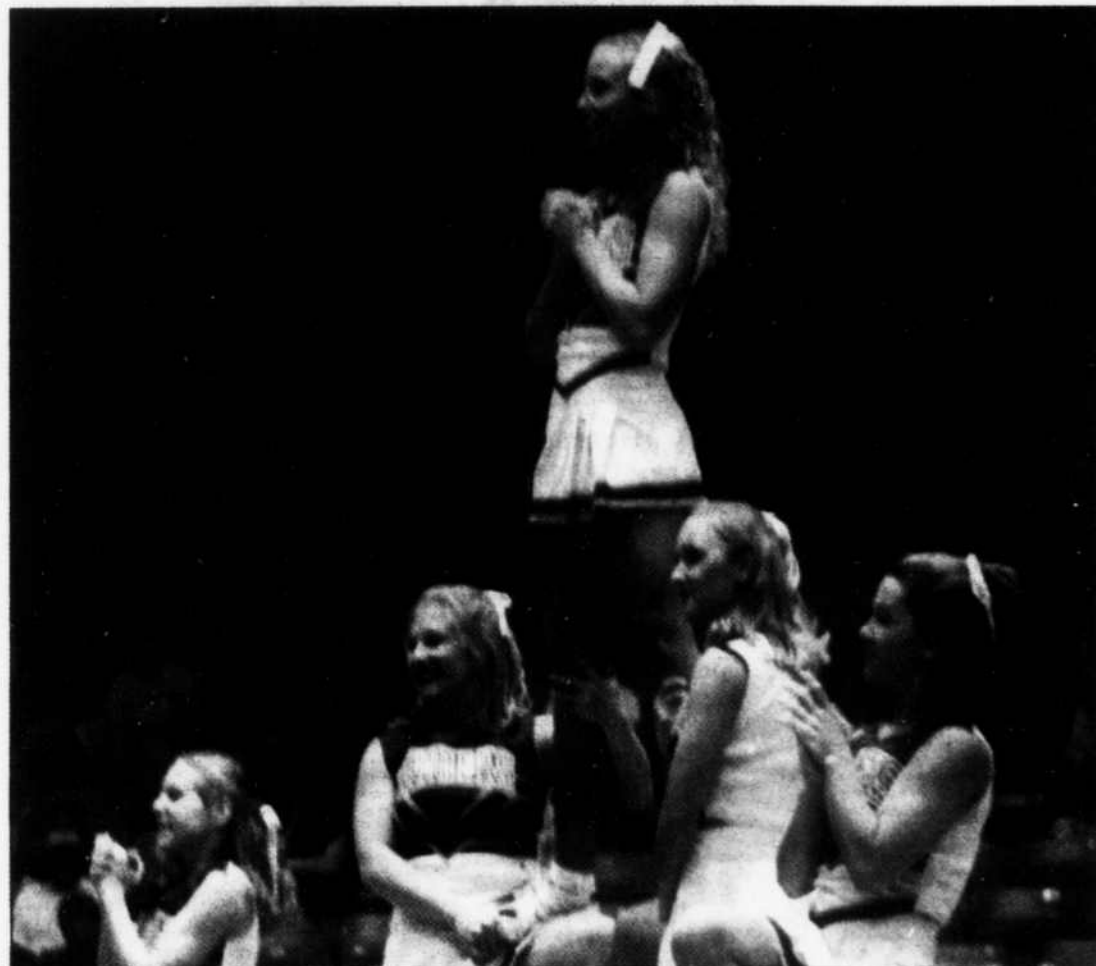


Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

Looking for a little love on Valentine's Day

By Laura Finger
Staff Writer

Help arrived for lonely freshmen last Tuesday, with MTSU's own version of *The Dating Game*. Single residents of Cummings and Corlew Halls, participated in the game as contestants and judges.

The event, sponsored by student tutors and resident assistants of both halls, was designed as a lighthearted way for residents of Corlew and Cummings to interact with one another. A special Valentine's twist was thrown in with the prospect of a love connection by the evening's end.

Following the format of the popular game show, three bachelors/bachelorettes sat behind a curtain and answered questions posed by Masters of Ceremonies Courtney Huckabay and Bryan Seadorf.

Questions ranged from the racy to the practical. The girls were asked questions such as "What's your favorite ice cream flavor?" and "How far would you go on a first date?" The men, on the other hand, were asked to repeat their favorite pickup line and answer the eternal ques-

tion of "Boxers or briefs?"

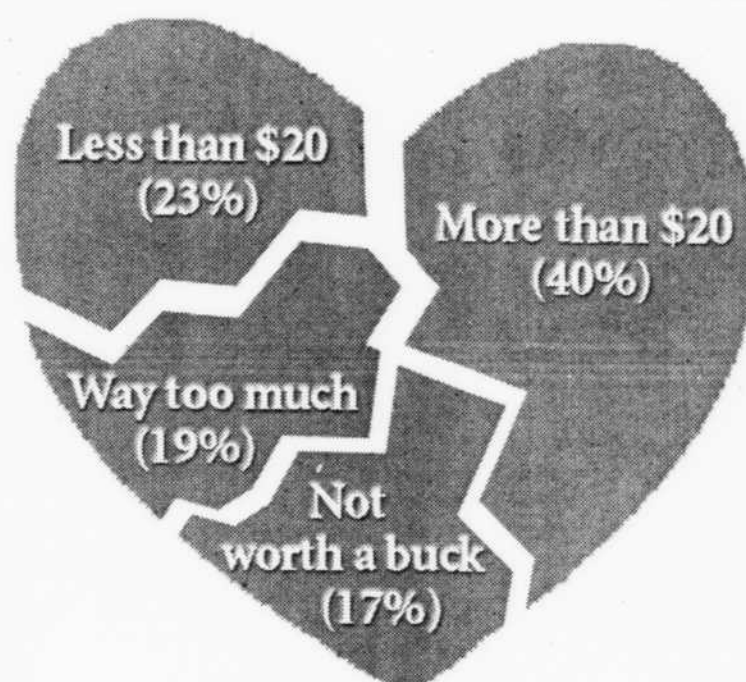
The winners of each round received a free dinner at an area restaurant and two movie tickets. Between the rounds, audience members received door prizes.

Judges were originally to make the final decisions on the winners, but soon the audience received voting privileges as well. Judges at first seemed confused at the turn of events, but eventually the program turned into a night of on-the-fly silliness. Judge Sam Greer added, tongue-in-cheek, "I think the Dating Game was a huge success because many matches were made that could be future romances."

Most participants, however, seemed to take the game as a chance to have fun and cut loose, not plan for long-term relationships.

The audience, composed mostly of freshmen, filled the lobby of Cummings. Keeping the contestants' identities secret proved to be difficult as friends of each contestant yelled words of encouragement throughout the program. The comments from the audience served to add more energy and jest to the game. ♦

Last week *Sidelines Online* asked students how much they were spending on their Valentine. As a positive note to society, a majority said they intended to spend more than \$20 on their sweetie. Sadly, 17 percent said their significant other was not worth a lousy dollar. Everyone else fell in between the two extremes.



Graphic by Raymond Hutzler | Managing Editor - Design

Tornado sends MTSU students whirling at journalism conference

Award ceremony interrupted amidst chaos

By Courtney Huckabay
Managing Editor

COLUMBUS, Miss. - What do you get when you put over 250 journalism students in one building with the threat of a natural disaster? A media frenzy, jumbled with fear is what you got at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss. where two *Sidelines* reporters and one MTSU journalism professor were caught in the eye of the storm Friday, while attending the Southeast Journalism Conference.

"I wasn't that afraid until I saw the storm through the windows on the way down the stairs," MTSU senior Charlene

Callier said. "Then when the lights went off, I really got scared."

A strong line of thunderstorms and high-speed winds hit the MUW campus at approximately 2 p.m., and students were rushed to the ground floor for safety. As soon as everyone was settled on the floor, the power went out and everybody was surrounded by darkness due to the lack of emergency lights in the Hogarth Banquet Room.

"I think it was fairly frightening with that many people in the dark and with no direction as to what was going on," SEJC faculty delegate and MTSU Professor Glenn Himebaugh said. "We were fortunate that no

one was hurt."

The storm hit Mississippi State University in Starkville about an hour and a half before and caused an estimated \$3 million damage to the campus. As for the MUW campus, which has several buildings registered as historic landmarks, the damage was clear. After the storm, 200-year-old trees were completely uprooted, glass windows were shattered, roofs were blown off and water flooded the streets, walkways and lobbies of the campus.

The tornado warning came just after the SEJC awards were presented at a luncheon for all of the schools that attended the conference. *Sidelines* staff members Keith Ryan

Cartwright, Josh Ezzell, Raymond Hutzler and Robin Wallace received awards.

After the warning was given, students and sponsors nonchalantly headed toward the stairs to follow procedure. But as soon as one was able to see the violent storm brewing a few feet away, panic struck. Students screamed and ducked as large tree branches blew by and doors flew open, letting in rain and debris. Several fearful students started running back into the banquet room and had to be calmed down and led downstairs to safety.

"I had practiced for a tornado drill before, but this was the first time I'd ever been in a real tornado," Callier said. "You could just feel the nervous energy from the crowd of people at the conference and it made it worse. I had calmed down, but

by being around all that nervousness, I got worked up again."

As the worst part of the storm died down, student journalists jumped at the chance for an eyewitness story opportunity and began running around outside filming and photographing damage and talking to other conference attendees.

Most left the campus and went back to their hotels in hopes of working power and phones, including the MTSU group. But no luck was to be found. Upon reaching the Landmark Hotel, Callier, Himebaugh and Huckabay were told to leave because the hotel had also received great damage and had no power. So they made the 300-mile trip back to Murfreesboro in torrential rain the entire way, with some awards in hand.

The SEJC awards include: Cartwright won a first place award for the best in-depth story open category and another first place for the best feature story open category. Ezzell received an honorable mention in the best sports story open category. Hutzler got third place for the best computer-generated news artwork. Wallace earned an honorable mention for the best sports game photograph. *Collage* Editor Nathalie Mornu won third place in the best magazine article category. WMTS broadcaster Elizabeth Hansen also placed first for the best radio news story.

Reportedly, *Sidelines* won a few other awards, but those were to be given out on Saturday, and because the remainder of the conference was cancelled, the staff is still in suspense. ♦



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Up 'til Dawn: Partying with a purpose

Committee to give rides to class, eatery charity for fund-raising efforts

By Omar Burgess
Staff Writer

In an effort to raise awareness and money for underprivileged children, MTSU will host its second annual Up 'Til Dawn festival at 8 p.m., Feb. 23 in the Recreation Center.

Building on last year's successful campaign, which raised \$21,000 for St. Jude's Medical Center, the Up 'Til Dawn coordinating committee aims to raise \$25,000 this year. Campus organizations as well as off-campus organizations can sponsor an unlimited amount of

teams. Participating organizations pay a \$750 entrance fee per four-to-eight-member team, with all proceeds going to St. Jude's.

"Funding the event may be the only downside because it's extremely expensive," said Emma May, a student worker in the Up 'Til Dawn recruiting committee.

With backing from Ci-Ci's Pizza, Sterling Gables apartments and radio station 107.5 The River, corporate sponsorship plays a large part in making the Up 'Til Dawn fundraiser successful. This allows the

general public, who can attend for a \$10 admission fee, access to such activities as massages, makeovers and quality food.

Games, patient speeches and dances are also incorporated to literally keep participating team members up until dawn. Anthony Criss, who attended the event last year, said the event has "something for everyone." While Criss does admit to being very tired after the event, he says that the patient testimonials made his fatigue seem much less important.

May, who also attended last year's event as a team member of the sorority Chi Omega, said, "When you see someone who's suffering from leukemia, the fact that you've been there for 12 hours seems a lot less important."

A spirit committee helps keep morale up with dances and door prizes for teams and individuals who are doing things to improve morale. This can include anything from interaction with a patient to excelling during group dances.

"You're really trying to get the 'Big L.O.V.E.'"

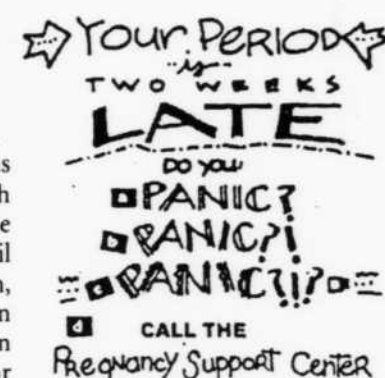
award, which stands for living our values daily," Criss said. "If you're in a fraternity or sorority you live for this kind of stuff, because it's really all about giving back to the community."

In a separate fund-raising effort, the Up 'Til Dawn Committee is sponsoring Karts for Kids. Committee members will be driving around campus today giving students rides to their classed in golf carts. Rides will be \$1, and students can be picked up at the information table on the Knoll. The event is scheduled

from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The committee has arranged a benefit lunch at Outback Steakhouse Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. For a \$10 donation, supporters will receive an outback special or chicken on the barbie, a caesar salad, a drink and a blooming onion per table.

For more information on the Up 'Til Dawn fundraisers, contact Maggie Prugh in the Keathley University Center, Room 306, or call 904-8418. More information also can be found on the official Web site at www.mtsu.edu/uptildawn.



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MTSU to sponsor free health fair

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

The cold and flu epidemic may be running wild, but MTSU is getting prepared. MTSU's annual Community Health Education and Promotion Fair is Tuesday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

The fair will offer many free health services to the public. These include blood pressure checks, vision and hearing

screenings, body fat testing, bone marrow testing and sickle cell testing.

The African American History Month Committee, the Public and Community Health division of the health department, and the School of Nursing are assisting in the event.

Representatives from the organizations will be distributing free literature concerning nutrition, prostate cancer, breast cancer and sexually-

transmitted diseases.

The fair's primary sponsor, Central Tennessee Area Health Education Center, is also providing a limited number of glucose and cholesterol checks.

Participants for these tests are urged not to eat or drink anything before testing.

The fair will also include programs featuring Dr. Barbara Akins Hodges of Family Health Associates in Murfreesboro and Tennessee National Guard Captain Nikki Gentry.

The fair is taking place during Black History Month, and Hodges will take this opportunity to speak on African-American health issues.

Gentry will be discussing the threat of methamphetamines in Tennessee. The program is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the Health Education Fair, call 443-5180 or contact event directors Cheryl Ellis at 898-2987 and Ralph Metcalf at 898-2987.



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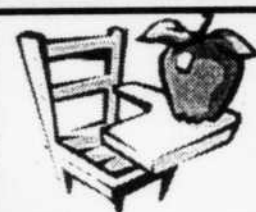
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Murfreesboro, TN

Natalie Norton

Sweater Success



Photo by Phoenix Taylor | Staff

Dr. Teresa Robinson working with material for her sweater line.

By Phoenix Taylor
Fashion Writer

Teresa Robinson, a Smithville native, is one of the three main teachers who works in the Human Sciences building, teaching fashion classes.

In 1999, she received an award giving her the honorary title of "Professor Robinson", from her department. She has acquired a B. S. degree in fashion merchandizing, a Masters and PhD degree in textiles, merchandizing and design from U.T Knoxville.

Not only is she a professor, who teaches at least nine academic classes a year, but she is an international businesswoman.

Her enterprise T. Bryan and Associates is co-owned by her husband Ken Robinson, who is a professional photographer at MTSU. T. Bryan and Associates is a woman's apparel sweater company that imports and wholesales hand knitted sweaters from Montevideo, Uruguay in South America.

She has two daughters Chloe, age 12 and Claire age five.

Robinson from childhood has always had fashion in her blood. At age two she "made her first retail sale", by selling a pair of overalls to a farmer in her father's retail store Maurice's Family Clothiers. As she has matured, her selling skills, patience, and watchful eye has lead her to become a successful woman in the competitive world of fashion.

Phoenix Taylor: You exemplify today's millennium woman. How do you juggle teaching classes, managing your family, and having your own business?

Teresa Robinson: Juggling a family, a

teaching career at MTSU, and maintaining a business are tough. I've learned to organize time as efficiently as possible, and handle multiple tasks simultaneously.

PT: When you were growing up, did you look up to any fashion designers? Who provided your motivation into the fashion field?

T.R: Growing up, this sounds corny, but I looked up to my parents for motivation. Both my mother and father were in the fashion business for over 75 years. So, I grew up in the business. My mother was the creative one, and my father had the business savvy of the industry. I was always watching and observing everything, to determine what trends were occurring, what was selling, etc.

P.T: Have you ever faced any difficulties, being a woman and entrepreneur, while trying to get your business off the ground?

T.R: The biggest difficulties that I have faced really had nothing to do with being a female. I have NEVER let that become an obstacle in my life. My major obstacles has been dealing with sourcing suppliers, and learning more about importing, etc. And, of course, the language barrier presents a challenge. I know just enough Spanish to be dangerous!

P.T: What has motivated you to specialize with sweaters instead of creating other garments like pants, skirts ect.

T.R: My motivation for developing a sweater line, as compared to other apparel, came from a "heart-to-heart" discussion with my husband. We both had desires to accomplish something more in life, and we hoped to do so, by combining our interests - my interest in the fashion business, and his interest in South America (he grew up in Uruguay and Brazil as a missionary kid). So, our initial research involved looking at skills and manufacturing capabilities in the apparel industry in both countries. From our research and communication with embassies, we soon found that, hand knitting, is a very viable skill that exists in Uruguay. Also, wool is a very available resource in Uruguay, due to the large sheep industry. Likewise, hand-knitting skills are NOT readily available in the United States. So, any product that we developed would not compete with current U.S. industry/labor.

PT: How long does it take to process

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48th Annual Philosophy Conference coming to university

By Alan Coulter
Staff Writer

Many southern students are sick of being referred to as less intelligent because of their geographical location. Television shows, movies and books tend to depict us as rednecks with only half of our teeth.

Perhaps these stereotypes would vanish if more people were to see us in our academic light. Well, here is one of the many chances to do that.

MTSU will proudly host the 48th Annual Southeastern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on March 2-3, 2001.

Approximately 30 students throughout the South have been invited to read and exhibit the fruits of their intellectual labor. The represented universities include, but are not limited to: Vanderbilt University, Tennessee State University, the University of Memphis, UT- Martin, UT- Chattanooga, Emory University and Belmont.

Five of the 30 speakers will be our own fellow MTSU students. Damon

Runnels, Damon Matthew Carter and Bryan Chance spoke at last year's conference and are scheduled to make another appearance.

Two newcomers, Kirsten Julsgard and Lori Bruner, will also grace the audience with papers from their philosophy courses.

The institutions' philosophy professors turned in all participants' names. The chosen 30 papers have been recognized by professional philosophers to have extraordinary merit and need to be shared outside of the classroom.

Each student will have 20 minutes to present his or her work. They will have an additional 15 to 20 minutes for feedback and discussion from conference participants. The discussion portion tends to be more beneficial for the students by giving them a chance to add renowned philosophers' views directly to their own.

Clarence Johnson, MTSU professor and coordinator of this year's conference, hopes the series of meetings will prove to be an inspiration.

"Because this conference is open to

the public, we hope to have students of other academic interests attend - not just philosophy," said Johnson. "It will make others feel they can do this too, regardless of their program."

Each year, a keynote speaker is asked to attend. This year's speaker is Professor John Lachs of Vanderbilt University.

Key topics are usually chosen to gather maximum interest from the students and other members of the public. This year is no different. Lachs' address is titled "Immortality and Other Unintelligible Hopes."

"When anyone mentions God, death, hell, dying [and] spirituality, people's ears perk up," says Johnson. "We wanted a subject that was timely to our society's interest."

Because of the magnitude of such a conference, planning starts early.

Generally, the school chosen to host the event begins planning two years before the conference date. MTSU was no exception. With little money and a big motivation, the pieces finally fell into place.

Johnson would like to give special

thanks to Myra Norman from the Office of Special Projects.

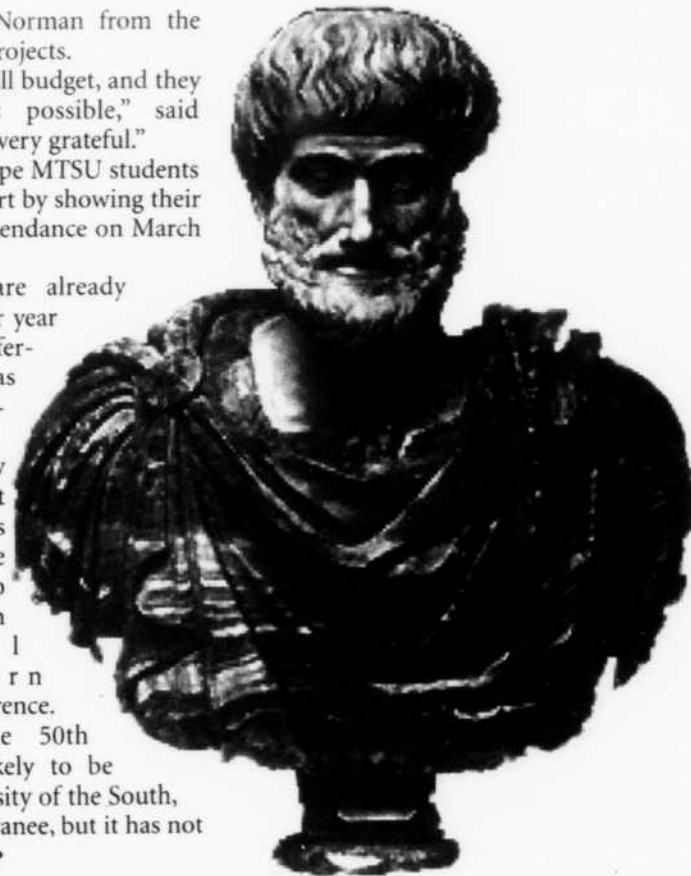
"We have a small budget, and they have made this possible," said Johnson. "We are very grateful."

We can only hope MTSU students will repay this effort by showing their appreciation in attendance on March 2.

Future sites are already preparing for their year to host this conference, which has become an academic tradition.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has already made arrangements to host the 49th Annual Southeastern Philosophy Conference.

The milestone 50th anniversary is likely to be held at the University of the South, also known as Sewanee, but it has not been confirmed. ♦



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Campus Crusade for Christ invites everyone to attend CRU, the weekly fellowship and worship meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For information, contact Mike Lipscomb at 848-6741 or Eric Rodgers at 896-2039.

Campus Recreation sponsors a springboard diving class through Feb. 23 at the Rec Center pool from 7 to 7:50 p.m. For information, call 898-2104.

The MTSU Martial Arts Club meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. For information, contact Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

Through Feb. 23, the KUC Cube Gallery presents KC Stout performing a painting using the space of the cube as her framing device.

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Sign up for men and women's intramural wrestling tournament at the Rec Center. For information, contact Mark Owens at 898-2104.

Want to be one of the 15 students chosen by Campus Recreation to attend a Nashville Predators hockey game on March 1 at 4:30 p.m.? Contact Ray or Vanessa at 898-2104.

The June Anderson Women's Center sponsors a lecture by Dr. Cheryl Ellis, "Our Bodies Ourselves," from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Sun Trust Room in the BAS. For information or to sign up, call 898-2193.

Thursday, Feb. 22

A Free Legal Clinic is at the June Anderson Women's Center from 7

to 9 p.m. For information, contact Chastity Hyde at 898-2193.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 20

A session on the "Importance of Finishing High School and Going to College" is in the KUC at 8 a.m.

Dr. Adonijah Bakari speaks on "Reflections On a Sojourn to Nigeria" in Peck Hall Room 222 at 12:30 p.m.

Congressman Harold Ford speaks in the BAS State Farm Room at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Justice Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr. recognizes the "Writing Contest Winners" at the School Student Luncheon in the JUB Tennessee Room at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

A debate on the "Disunity Among Black Students" is in the AASA Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Fashion: Professor teaches fashion from a unique perspective

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and manufacture your sweaters?

TR: Working on a sweater line begins AT LEAST nine months in advance of the selling season.

PT: Do you plan on expanding your product line?

TR: At this point, there are no expansion plans. I do occasionally design a few men's sweaters, but primarily for my husband. I had some pieces specially made, when I was pregnant but have no plans for developing a maternity line. Occasionally, I do have a skirt, or jacket, shawl, etc. in the line, but that is not the dominant focus.

PT: Where can your sweaters be found?

TR: Our sweaters have typi-

cally been wholesaled in the Atlanta and Chicago apparel marts. On the average, they have been sold to high-end specialty stores in cold weather markets, and in ski markets.

PT: What sizes and styles do you offer? What are the price ranges?

TR: The sweater line typically is made in S, M, L sizing. Wholesale price points range from \$60.00 - \$75.00, meaning that the retail prices (at the store) averages \$120 - \$150.

PT: As for your fashion line Jane Ashley, do you have a staff of artist to create visuals or motifs patterns?

TR: My line actually falls into two categories. One of the category sweater lines has colors and patterns typically found in ski sweaters. The other category is more fashion forward. These

sweaters are mostly made out of abstract patterns, varying in mostly vibrant colors. I have a designer in Uruguay who helps work out the knitting patterns, etc. with me.

PT: Being that it's winter and temperatures are cold, what should a consumer look for in purchasing a sweater?

TR: Look for the Woolmark label, which tells the consumer that the wool yarn used in the product has passed very high quality standards and is approved by the International Wool Bureau. We use only Wool Bureau approved woolen yarns.

PT: As far as quality, and comfort, how do you care for sweaters?

TR: The safest way to care for your wool sweater is to have it dry-cleaned regularly. Folded storage is much better than

hanging storage, for shape retention. Wool garments need to "air" periodically also. With proper product knowledge, wool sweaters can be carefully hand washed in a very mild detergent, and lay it flat to dry. NEVER put a wool sweater in a dryer - the end result will be a sweater that might fit your Barbie doll!

PT: I once heard it was better to specialize in one area of product development and be the best at it. Of course, you should be the best at anything that you do. Do you feel that has helped you in the fashion industry?

TR: I do feel that some degree of specialization is good; sometimes it's difficult to decide on the specialization. I had some background in hand knitting, but I really had to "become

an expert, through my research and efforts.

PT: Right now the long sweater jackets are hot this season. They are becoming a classic piece to have in your closet, are you carrying those?

TR: I have had long sweater jackets in my line, from time to time!

PT: Do you have tips, advice for young fashion designers, or any body exploring the design field looking to start their own business?

TR: Develop a very sound business plan. Carefully investigate ALL possible expenses of the business.

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Legend: NASCAR loses 'The Intimidator'

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Earnhardt, running fourth, grazed Sterling Marlin's car, crashed into the wall at the high-banked fourth turn going about 180 mph, and was smacked hard by Ken Schrader.

Neil Bonnett, one of Earnhardt's best friends, was killed that same year in practice for the Daytona 500. Rodney Orr died in a wreck three days later, also in practice, and was the last driver killed at the track until Earnhardt's accident.

"NASCAR has lost its greatest driver ever, and I personally have lost a great friend," NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said.

It was the second major wreck in five years in the Daytona 500 race for

Earnhardt, a driver known for his aggressiveness on the track. He flipped wildly on the backstretch near the end of the race in 1997 but was not seriously hurt.

Earnhardt is the leader among active Winston Cup drivers with 76 career victories. He also had the most victories at Daytona International Speedway, 34.

"My heart is hurting right now," Waltrip said before news of Earnhardt's death was announced. "I would rather be any place right this moment than here. It's so painful."

Earnhardt was a factor throughout, and spent the final laps close to his son and Waltrip, trying to block Marlin. Marlin had just passed Earnhardt, who was trying to

get back by him on the low side of the track when there was slight contact that sent his Chevrolet spinning up the banking.

It turned to the right and hit the wall, and Schrader could not avoid hitting Earnhardt's car. Both cars slowly began to slide down to the bottom of the track as the rest of the field raced by.

Earnhardt Jr. quickly left the post-race celebration for Waltrip, and sprinted to the infield care center to be with his father. It took several minutes to get the elder Earnhardt out of the car, and he was quickly taken to Halifax Hospital.

Busch Series driver Adam Petty, the grandson of stock car great Richard Petty, and Winston Cup driver Kenny Irwin, were killed in Loudon,

N.H. last season.

After the Loudon race last season, it was Earnhardt that voiced his disapproval of restrictor plates, which are normally only used on NASCAR's two fastest tracks, Daytona and Talladega.

Earnhardt's was that the plates prevented drivers from accelerating to make passes and get out of tight spots.

"Race cars are race cars, not late model stock cars," he said. "They put late model stock cars on short tracks for kids to learn how to race." ♦



Earnhardt

Softball: MT must rely on youthful infield

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Ashlie Way and sophomore Kelly Cormier at first and senior Wendy Pollock and freshman Kristina Hieb at third. Hieb and Cormier each hit over .300 for the fall season.

One thing that has stayed the same for the Lady Raiders is the pitching staff. Junior Jennifer Martinez returns to lead the staff. She pitched 200 innings last season recording a 20-12 record and a 1.40 earned run average. She also sat down 229 batters while walking only 33.

Sophomore Stacy Preator racked up 136 innings last season. She had a record of 12-7 with an ERA of 1.64. She racked up 134 strikeouts while only allowing 21 base on balls.

Senior Amanda Kendall should also see time on the mound. Last season she tossed 61 innings and recorded a 6-2 record. Her ERA was just above

two. Another senior Courtney Wallace could also see time on the pitching rubber. She saw limited action last season.

"We finally got that depth! I learned early when we lost our number one pitcher for so many years in a row," Green said.

Junior Laura Brockman leads a Middle Tennessee offense that led the OVC in hitting last season. Brockman led the team in hits (50), home runs (9), and RBI (30) last season. Junior Steffi Silvia was second in hits last season with 48. She also posted a .304 on base percentage and tied for second on the team with eight stolen bases. Silvia also flashed a little leather at shortstop committing only three errors.

Sophomore Erica Buhl had the best fall season offensively. She hit .464 with four home runs and 14 RBIs.

The Lady Raiders take this

attack into the Sun Belt conference this season. The Sun Belt is not easy by any means. In fact, it is quite the contrary.

The Sun Belt boast Louisiana-Lafayette whose tradition in softball might be compared to that of Louisiana Tech in women's basketball. Lafayette has been to the regional several times as well as to the College World Series. According to Coach Green, Louisiana-Lafayette was ranked eighth in the nation in the most recent poll.

New Mexico State is new to the Sun Belt this season as well. They have beaten then number two in the nation Arizona. NMSU features a team with eight freshmen but an experienced outfield.

Louisiana Tech was once a softball powerhouse. As of late Tech has fallen out of any polls. They consist of seven freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors,

and three seniors. Last season Tech posted a 22-16 record.

Florida International has been ranked in the top 25 in the past.

"I think it's going to be very even," Green said. "You better be ready to play on any given night or you're going to get a spanking."

"If we continue recruiting the same type of talented players we've had in the past and have now and have a work ethic and go about our business, we'll still have success in the Sun Belt," Green said.

The Lady Raiders plan to take this season one game at a time. They would like to be in the top two in the Sun Belt, have a good non-conference showing, and possibly receive an at-large bid to the regionals. Most of all, Middle seeks to improve.

Middle Tennessee travels to Troy State this weekend for six games in two days. ♦

Preview: Deep pitching staff expected to lead Blue Raiders

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Middle Tennessee over the weekend.

The team will be lead by 11 seniors and one highly touted junior. That would be 6-foot-2 junior from Tullahoma, Tenn., Dewon Brazelton. After being probably the biggest surprise on this past summer's U.S. National Team, in which he posted the lowest earned run average in team history.

Brazelton was tabbed by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and Baseball America as a First Team All-American. He has been named as one of the top five draft-eligible college prospects in the country by Baseball America.

Hyped as a first round pick by several publications, he has attracted interest from major

league clubs that indicates that these predictions may be accurate. Coach Peterson hopes that Brazelton will provide the team with much more than his golden arm.

"He can be a leader and a rallying force for our team this season and has been able to keep attention on our program. We're also hoping that he will create competition between the members of the pitching staff that will have to follow him in the rotation."

Jason Moates will look to recover from a disappointing sophomore season as a Blue Raider. After transferring from the University of Alabama, Moates suffered a season-ending knee injury to his medial collateral ligament as well as recovering from tendonitis in his elbow.

Moates is eager to put the past behind him and move on.

"I'll be on a limited pitch count when the season gets started," he says. "But at least I'll be throwing. I'll probably be relieving at first, but hopefully I'll be able to work my way into the starting rotation again."

Pitching is not the only thing the Blue Raiders will be bringing to the table this season. The team hopes to have an improved offense. Coach Peterson also says the team has three to four legitimate base stealers.

He also feels the team has pretty good balance from both sides of the plate.

The Blue Raiders finished last season with 39 victories, but that was competing in the Ohio Valley Conference. This is 2001 and MTSU will be playing in

one of America's premier baseball conferences, and things may not be as easy as last season.

One preseason publication has predicted the Blue Raiders to finish in the middle of the 10-team division. Coach Peterson believes this team has the potential to be better than last year's squad.

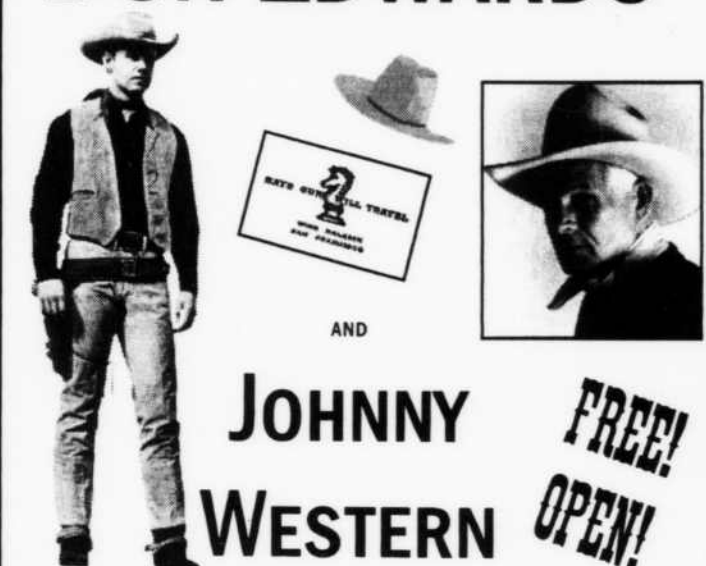
"We had a great year last year," said Peterson. "Hopefully we can take that final step. A lot of our guys got a taste of championship experience. There are lots of teams in the Sun Belt going to the regionals every year and I think if we do well in this conference then you've got to be considered for an at-large bid." ♦

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Sweep: MT starts strong

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you saw what kind of talent we have. I realized that I am one of the leaders. I just needed to keep an even keel. When my teammates saw that I was calm it helped them to relax."

In game two, Kris Lammers was brilliant in his first outing of the season.

The senior left-hander threw six scoreless innings, striking out nine and giving up just one hit. The Blue Raiders lone run came in the fourth inning when Kyle Thomas led off with a walk, advanced to second on a

grounder to first base by Tjerk Smeets, then stole third before coming home on Marshall Nisbet's sacrifice fly.

The Blue Raiders held on in the seventh inning as UNC-Asheville loaded the bases with one out. But reliever Jeremy Armstrong struck out two straight Bulldog batters to end the threat. Armstrong went on to earn the save.

The Blue Raiders met the Bulldogs again on Sunday, results were unavailable at press time. ♦

Blue Raiders 6, Bulldogs 2

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Men drop 12th straight

By Nicholas Hefley
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee got a break before the game even started on Thursday, Louisiana Tech senior superstar Gerrod Henderson was suspended for the game for violating team rules. However, the other Techsters didn't seem to notice as they romped to a decisive victory over the Blue Raiders 68-53.

La. Tech jumped out to an early 15-9 lead thanks to Marco Cole, who scored 11 of the Bulldogs' first 15 points. Cole, who came in the game averaging 12.6 points, stepped it up with the absence of Henderson and had his second best output of the year, scoring a game high 25 points.

MT would cut the lead to two when lino Tenngren scored to cap a 6-0 run and make it a 17-15 game. However, the Bulldogs would go on a 10-2 run and end the half up 34-25.

Louisiana Tech shot an amazing 14-23 (60.9 percent) from the field the first half. Cole ended the half shooting 6 of 7 from the field, 3 of 3 from three-point range, and scored 16 points. Antonio Meeking also stepped up and scored 10 points and grabbed 7 rebounds.

Middle Tennessee, however, shot 9-24 (37.5 percent) and only shot 1-8 (12.5 percent) from behind the arc. Tenngren led the way for the Raiders with 9 points and Bryant Mitchell contributed 5 points.

Louisiana Tech came out gunning the second half and with 14:30 remaining in the second half, the Bulldogs were leading 48-34. The closest MT would get the second half was after a Jonathan Whitworth lay-up cut the Tech lead to 63-51, however the Raiders would not have enough time and the Louisiana Tech would win 68-53.

In addition to Cole's terrific output, Meeking had a double double scoring 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Also, Zach Johnson and Marcelle Davis each ended up with 8



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lino Tenngren goes up for two in a 68-53 loss to La. Tech.

points.

"They made their shots," remarked sophomore Jani Hiltunen, who ended up with a season and career high 13 points as did Tenngren.

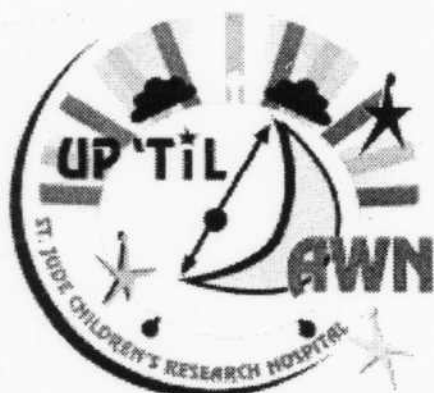
"Our game plan was to try to limit Meeking's touches," said MT coach Randy Wiel. "Everything we tried, they had an answer for, we just couldn't make shots."

The Blue Raiders lost their 12th in a row against Louisiana-Lafayette Saturday and have

dropped to 5-19 overall (1-12). Louisiana Tech improved to 16-9 (10-3) in Sun Belt play. They now sit alone in second place because Arkansas State lost to New Mexico State 92-71.

However, Florida International didn't help them any as they lost to division leader Western Kentucky 69-49. Western still holds a one game lead over Louisiana Tech with both teams looking very tough going into the final weeks of the season. ♦

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Softball opens season 2-3

The Lady Raiders softball team opened their 2001 campaign Thursday winning two games at the Troy State University (TSU) Invitational. Both wins came following a loss to the host team Troy State in the opener. Two more losses came on the second day of the tournament.

"I think we had the first game jitters," said head coach Karen Green. "We have had four days outside and it showed."

TSU, however, had plenty of days outside winning its fifth straight game to start the season with the 4-0 shutout.

Middle was able to muster only two hits, both of which came off the bat of Ashlie Way. Pitcher Jennifer Martinez threw a complete game allowing seven hits and two earned runs.

The second game Thursday saw the Lady Raider bats come to life as they pounded out 10 hits and eight runs in only five innings shutting out Faulkner 8-0. May, newcomers Lisa Sherman and Lindsay Sherman and lead-off hitter Kip Phillips all were keys to the offensive onslaught with May blasting Middle's first homerun of the season.

The Lady Raiders swiped six bases in the game with two coming from Kendall Silva.

Amanda Stedall pitched five innings for the win as she allowed only one hit with five strikeouts.

Middle was able to redeem its earlier loss to TSU in the third game of the day winning their second straight game 3-0. Stayc Preator was ace on the hill for the Lady Raiders striking out seven going the distance for the complete game shutout.

Phillips and Azevedo once again had stellar performances from the batters box.

"Overall I was pleased with the exception of the first game," Green said. "We settled down after the first game and played better."

Fatigue, however, set in during the second day of competition as the Lady Raiders ran out of gas losing both games. Middle played both Troy St. and Faulkner once coming up short by one run in each game.

The first game went into extra innings against Faulkner with Middle losing 3-2.

After getting a one-run lead in the top of the eighth, Faulkner tied it in the bottom half of the inning. The Lady Raiders scored again in the ninth for another one-run lead with Preator on the mound. Faulkner was able to push two runs across, however, giving them their first win of the tournament.

Despite the loss Phillips went three-for-five with a run batted in (RBI). Erica Buhl drove in the second run with an RBI double.

Martinez was involved in another gritty battle during the rubber match against host Troy St. The Trojans were able to push across a single run in the bottom half of the seventh inning for the win that one-upped a run by the Lady Raiders in the top half of the inning.

The Lady Raiders end the weekend with a 2-3 record. Up next for MTSU is a tournament in Statesboro, Ga. this weekend. ◆

Softball swings into spring

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

Spring is around the corner. With spring comes bats, balls, and softball season.

Softball season brings about the great pitching, stellar defense, and powerful offense of the Lady Raiders.

Middle Tennessee lost

almost the entire infield from last season. Catcher Melanie Manley, first baseman Shay Haskell, second baseman Carisa Chavez, and third baseman Tamara Davis are gone.

Manley started 58 games for the Lady Raiders last season posting a .269 batting average and .349 slugging percentage. Haskell tallied a .274 average

with a .376 slugging percentage while also starting 58 games. Chavez started all 60 games for Middle recording a .270 batting average and 25 RBIs. Just as imprint was the defense these ladies played each of them posted a fielding percentage above 93 percent.

Still Lady Raider head coach Karen Green says this year's

defense is as strong or stronger than last years.

Stepping in at second base and catcher are two junior college transfers. Junior Lisa Sherman will take over at second base. Meanwhile junior Lindsay Azevedo will assume the catcher's position.

"We went with the junior college route since we lost so

many," Green said. "We needed some extra immediate help there so we went the junior college route."

Azevedo had a nice fall season batting .464 including one homerun.

Looking to fill in the other two infield spots are junior

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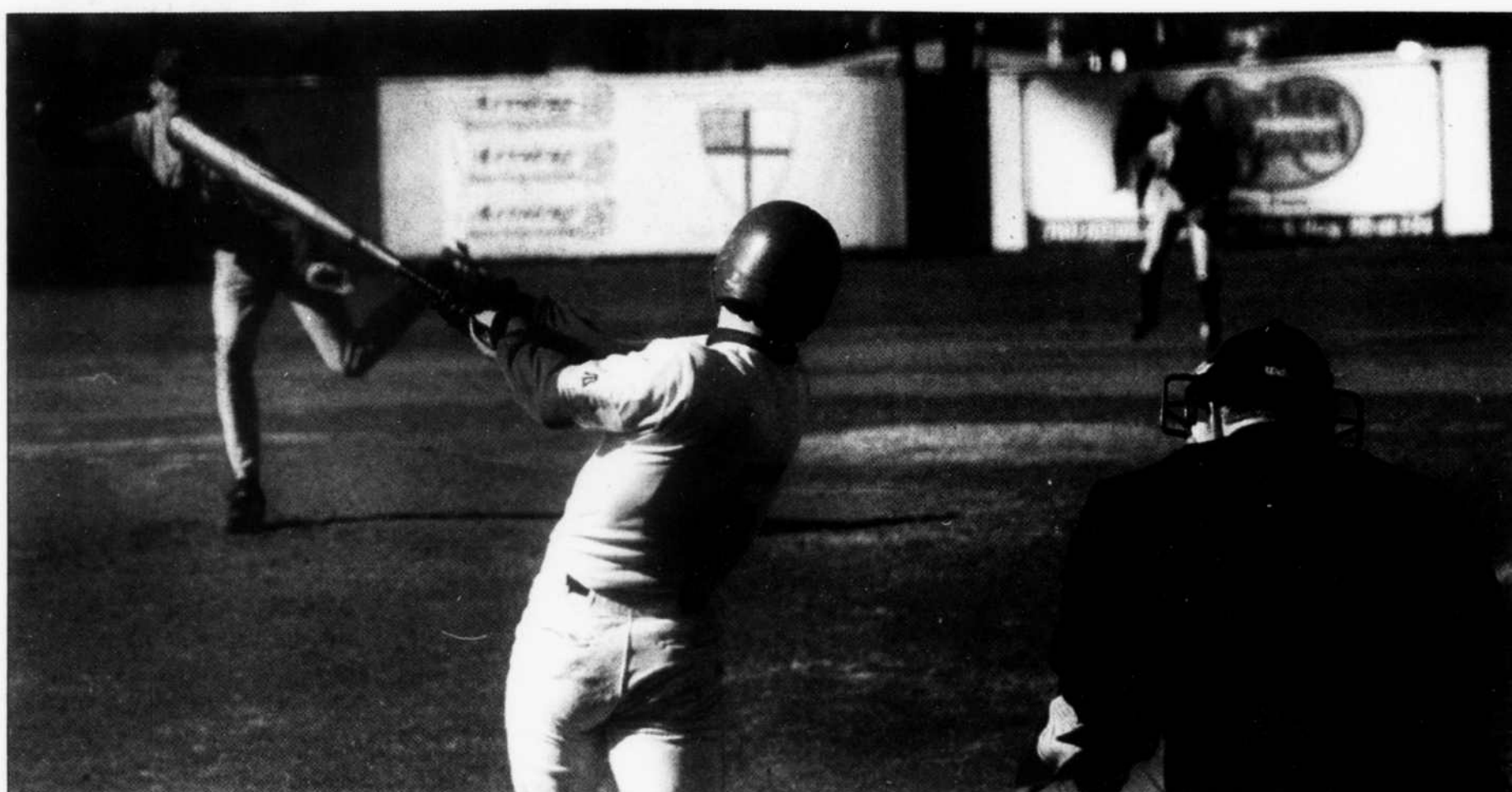


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Phillip Campbell (5) cuts at a pitch in Saturday's game against UNC-Asheville. The Blue Raiders swept both games, 6-2 and 1-0.

'Look at me, I can be centerfield'

Baseball team begins rise into the Sun Belt

By Michael Barrett
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders will begin their 2001 baseball campaign as defending OVC champions, but will be unable to defend their title.

After 40 plus seasons in the OVC the Blue Raiders embark on a new adventure, the first season as a member of the Sun Belt Conference. The Blue Raiders will have a challenging season ahead, since the Sun Belt is one of the NCAA's most competitive baseball conferences. Sun Belt member University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns

knocked off then No. 1 University of South Carolina, before being eliminated from the College World Series in Omaha.

The Blue Raiders won the OVC tournament last year and received a bid to the NCAA tournament. They lost their first regional game against Clemson University, but went on to win two more games, before being eliminated by regional host Clemson.

Coach Peterson will be entering his 13th season as head coach of the Blue Raiders and became the all time winningest baseball coach at

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Blue Raiders sweep first games

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee swept UNC-Asheville Saturday to open the 2001 baseball season in what turned out to be an historic day at Reese Smith Field.

With the 6-2 game one victory over the Bulldogs, head coach Steve Peterson recorded win number 403 to become the schools all-time winningest coach. The Blue Raiders won the second game, 1-0.

"I really had not thought about the record," said Peterson. "But it really means a lot to me now because it's so big for Middle Tennessee baseball, its former players and great coaching staffs of the past. It was also great because coach (John) Stanford was here and

he was the man who hired me 13 years ago. Somewhere down the road I hope to see someone break the record I hold."

In the doubleheader, the Blue Raider pitching staff combined for 22 strikeouts, allowed only eight hits and no earned runs. Josh Renick went 3-for-6 at the plate and was the lone Blue Raider with multiple hits.

In game one, Phillip Campbell, making his first start as a senior, drove in three runs with a bases loaded double to ignite a five-run fourth inning. The eruption erased a 2-0 deficit.

All-American pitcher Dewon Brazelton struck out five in five innings of work to earn his first victory of the year and his 16th of his career.

Senior right-hander Kevin Davis picked up the save as he came on to strike out six and allow only two hits in three innings of work.

UNC-Asheville got on the board first in the first inning as Corey Mercer and Curtis Muncus came home thanks to two MT errors. Both runs were unearned.

That would be all the Blue Raiders would allow for the remainder of the contest. MT scored an insurance run in the fifth when Jason Howarth drew a bases loaded walk with two outs.

"In the first inning we were all a little nervous," Brazelton said, "but we picked it up and

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Lady Raiders win big against Ragin' Cajuns

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders crushed Louisiana-Lafayette 77-52 after losing earlier in the week to Louisiana Tech.

Middle Tennessee came out pounding the ball inside and built up a 23-8 lead. Louisiana-Lafayette shot under 30 percent for most of the first half. The Ragin' Cajuns never got closer than 35-26. Middle put the game away in the first half. The second half was just a matter of maintaining the win. The Lady Raiders pulled down 54 boards and collected 17 steals in the win.

"It wasn't a pretty game. It was kind of sloppy, but we won and we are happy with that," Smith said. "It is not the kind of basketball game I want

us to play. I am really concerned with our energy level right now."

Thomatis again paced Middle Tennessee with 20 points and seven rebounds. She has scored 20 or more points 14 times this season.

Senior Kelly Chastain moved into 16th place all-time on the Lady Raiders scoring list with 15 points. Keisha McClinic had 10 points, nine rebounds, and five steals.

Jessica McClure scored 12 points. Joanne Aluka contributed nine points. It was the first time in 11 games that Aluka failed to score in double figures.

With the win the Lady Raiders remain one game behind Western Kentucky for third place in the Sun Belt Eastern Division. Middle hits the road for a game Thursday at New Mexico State. ◆


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THURSDAY

Women's Basketball

Lady Raiders at New Mexico St.
Las Cruces, N.M., 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Blue Raiders vs. New Mexico St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.

Golf

Ron Smith Invitational
Tampa, Fla., All day

SATURDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Lady Raiders vs. Western
Kentucky
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

Golf

Ron Smith Invitational
Tampa, Fla., All day

Men's Basketball

Blue Raiders at Western
Kentucky
Bowling Green, Ky., 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at Tennessee
Knoxville, Tenn., 6 p.m.

Golf

Ron Smith Invitational
Tampa, Fla., All day