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SGA candidates disagree on issues

Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

Student Government Association (SGA) Election 2000 candidates hashed it out last Thursday night at a live televised debate, co-sponsored by "Sidelines" and Channel 10.

"Sidelines" editor Randall Ford monitored the candidates' banter as he took upon the role of "debate moderator."

The debate began with candidates Dustin Rawls and Matthew Walker, both competing for the position of speaker of the House.

Rawls and Walker discussed the current bicameral governing system and disagreed upon whether the House of Representatives should be sustained.

"The House only has roughly 25 percent of its members in attendance at each meeting," Rawls said. "This has become an ineffective system of governing, so we must reform what we have now for reproductivity."

Walker disagreed, stating that "the House gives smaller organizations a voice, although it is regretful that so many choose not to participate."

Rawls and Walker were also divided on the issue of who should control student publications, the university or the students.

"Combining the student publications with the university limits the voice and gives a biased view," Walkers said. "There are problems with quality, but it is important to keep it separate from the university."

Rawls, on the other hand, said he believes the combination of student publications and the university is beneficial.

"The merge will provide for a better publication and more access to the university's tech-



SGA presidential candidate John Marshall discusses an issue while Nathaniel Mills and Chris Montague wait for their turns in the SGA Debate 2000 last Thursday in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

nology," Rawls said. "It's an advantageous process to put students and faculty working together towards a common goal."

This year, there is not a race for the speaker of the Senate position; Josh Pounders is the only one running. Students will be able to write in other candidates.

Pounders states that he is qualified for the position because "I have been in the senate since a freshman and I am a political science major, which both give me the experience for the job."

"I want to dissolve the House because of lack of representation," Pounders said. "We should add Senate seats to

spread out representation on our campus. I'll even go as far to say that we should propose seats be added to represent campus residential areas and dormitories."

When in office, Pounders has plans for a campus beautification project including the planting of trees and flowers around campus.

Pounders finished off with an

invitation to all of the student body and faculty to come into his office and talk to him about any concerns they might have and he also encouraged participation in all Senate meetings.

The three candidates running for SGA President include John Marshall, Nathaniel Mills and

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Parking spaces reserved for events

John Oberleas
Contributor

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association basketball tournament means fewer parking spaces and up to 43,000 fans on campus for the rest of this week and part of the next.

From March 7-11 and 14-18, Greenland Drive will be reserved for TSSAA fans and closed to students.

The entrance of Faulkinberry Drive from Tennessee Boulevard will also be closed March 8-11 and 15-18.

"This is a way for TSSAA to earn some money," said TSSAA representative Matthew Gillespie.

TSSAA is a non-profit organization and will collect all of the parking revenue for the tournament.

In return for the parking revenue, MTSU receives the opportunity to host the basketball tournament.

Larry Counts, director of the athletic department said this is an "excellent occasion" for recruitment of potential college students.

The team buses will be parked along the east side of Tennessee Boulevard from the president's driveway north to Division Street, creating single-lane traffic for a brief stretch

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Professor: instituting state lottery would take two years

Staff Reports

A well-known political analyst, author, and teacher discussed the issue of legalized gambling at this year's annual William and Westy Windham Lecture Series in Wright Music Hall last Wednesday night.

Michael Nelson focused on the issue of how gambling has long been debated among Tennesseans mainly because Tennessee is one of three states nationwide that does not allow any form of legalized gambling.

"Tennessee is bordered by more states than any other state in the Union," said Nelson. "All of them have legalized gambling, whether it's a lottery in Georgia, casinos in Mississippi, or race tracks in Arkansas, and many Tennesseans leave a lot of money behind in those states. Thus, the pressure is constantly on the legislature to consider a lottery or even casinos."

Nelson, who teaches political science at Rhodes College, is recognized throughout the nation as one of the chief analysts of American politics and the American presidency. He has also established a reputation as a strong proponent of a liberal arts education. He has authored or edited nearly 20 books, including titles on each of the presidential elections since 1984.

"Professor Nelson's insights into the pros and cons of gambling as a form of raising state revenue should be especially important at a time when the state is facing an apparent revenue shortfall and when



Photo illustration by Grant Fletcher | Staff Photographer
Political analyst Michael Nelson discussed the pros and cons of gambling in Tennessee as part of the annual William and Westy Lecture Series in Wright Music Hall last Wednesday.

(Tennessee) remains one of the few states that does not raise revenue in this manner," said John Vile, chairman of MTSU's political science department.

Nelson's lecture also focused on the subject of a book-length study he's working on with John Lyman Mason, and its topic is especially timely in light of current debates about state revenue needs and the fact that Tennessee is not a host to any forms of legalized gambling.

"One reason why Tennessee has not legalized gambling is that doing so would involve a constitutional amendment, and Tennessee has the most arduous amendment process of any state in the country," said Nelson. "Another reason is that budget crises like one Tennessee is

experiencing now seems to cry out for immediate solutions. But to institute a lottery or get casinos up and running as a way of raising revenue would take at least two years."

Vile said, "Few political scientists have done more to communicate with the general public than professor Mike Nelson."

Now in its ninth year, the Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts was established in 1990 through the William Foundation. MTSU Windham was a member of the MTSU history department's faculty from 1955 to 1989, where he served as the department chairman during the last 11 years. Westy Windham (1927-1991) earned a master's degree in sociology at MTSU and founded the Great American Singalong. ■

Academic Affairs tries to deter theft

Angela White
Managing Editor

Academic Affairs is cracking down on access to campus buildings after hours.

Groups meeting in academic classrooms will now be required to have a student worker accompany them, Academic Affairs officials said.

This worker will see that proper security measures are met and help the groups use the equipment available.

According to Watson Hannah, financial management analyst for Academic Affairs, \$3.23 million a year are allocated from student technology fees to purchase equipment for classrooms and computer labs.

The recent thefts of this technology, including that of three BAS projectors worth around 6,000 dollars each, has caused concern about the lack of security on campus.

"When we leave the doors [to buildings] open, we are providing access for the community to come in and steal from us," said Hannah. "I feel we need a safeguard. That's a lot of money coming out of [students'] pockets. We're really needy for that equipment, and I hate to see it walk off."

With this in mind, Academic Affairs held a meeting with many of those involved with the buildings on campus and the technology they hold, including custodians, security and OIT, to find a way to better protect the equipment.

"It's a myth that campus security comes around and locks classrooms and that custodians lock classrooms," said Hannah. "Those classrooms, if they're open Friday afternoon, stay open."

In addition, buildings lose

security when groups have them opened to meet and don't have them locked properly afterward, and don't follow proper safety guidelines while they are there.

"Campus security will respond to a call to open up a building for an event. If that group starts to prop the door open or let anybody in, then it's open season," Hannah said. "When the event's over on Saturday afternoon, they don't call campus security back to lock the building. It's open all weekend."

"We decided that we need to limit what's going on [in the buildings]," she continued. "If students are still in the building and they don't have authorization from the department to be there, they will be asked to leave. If there is a group coming in who needs to use the building on a weeknight or on a weekend, then they need to go through Event Coordination."

The student worker will open the door to the building, stay with the group, watch the door to make sure it doesn't get propped open and lock it when the group leaves.

The worker will also see that the technology is protected.

"We had a group come in one weekend, and they dismantled the instructor station," said Hannah. "So 8 o'clock Monday morning when the faculty comes in, the station is torn apart, and they can't teach."

Some groups will have to pay for that student's assistance.

"We met with Student Affairs and told them that if they had a student group who wanted to use one of the academic spaces, they have to pay the labor cost of the student," Hannah said. "If somebody doesn't want to pay, there are certain rooms you can meet in for free."

According to Lori Ducey,

manager of Event Coordination, off-campus groups will receive bills for using classrooms, and money from that will go to pay the student workers.

Departments on campus do not have to pay for the service.

Event Coordination is currently hiring students for this purpose.

"We try to hire people who already work on campus who we know already," said Ducey, who said they also aim to hire students with technical experience.

The job pays seven dollars an hour. Applications can be picked up in Cope, Room 211.

Academic Affairs is coping with the sudden need to increase security, and hope that the thefts will be stopped.

"This is new for us," said Hannah. "The policy has been there for a long time to secure buildings, but we have just had a lot of thefts lately."

"And there's the issue of a lot of students being in the buildings at night. I'm very concerned — what if a student interrupted one of these thefts? The safety of the students is a concern."

Hannah also fears these thefts could hamper the advancement of technology on this campus.

"If I have to replace everything that's stolen, then we won't have any money for new equipment," she said.

"I don't know how students feel about this. I would think they'd want us to safeguard the equipment. We're increasing everyone's awareness and making everyone inconvenienced so we can actually find out who's responsible for doing this."

"I don't know where we're going with it, but we're simply trying to secure campus a little more." ■

On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

March 3-5

Campus Recreation is hosting a backpacking and rappelling trip to Sipsey Wilderness, Ala. A pre-trip meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center March 1 at 5 p.m. Contact Mitch, Sean or Karolyn at 898-2104 for more information.

March 3-8

Intramural softball registrations will be taken at Campus Recreation. Men's, women's, co-rec and IFC teams available. There will be a captain's meeting March 9 at 5:30 in the gym storage room.

March 7

Zeta Tau Alpha is beginning its Spring recruitment at 7:30 p.m. in Cummings Hall ZTA Chapter Room. For more information, call Natalie at 896-2568.

The Champions for Christ and Raider Victory Ministry event called "Deliver Us From Evil," presents live music by the band Morningstar. There will also be a multi-media presentation called "Why is there evil in the world?" Events begin at 8 p.m. at the Pike fraternity house on Greek Row. Free admission and free refreshments.

March 8

President Taisuke Yoshihara and Professor Katsuo Ando of Fukushima University, Japan, will visit MTSU. The NE, a Murfreesboro-based Japan-informal friendship society, will host an informal dinner reception in honor of the professors. There will be a short presentation by students and faculty who will discuss their experiences in Fukushima and Japan. The buffet price is \$7.95. The social is open to the public. For more information, call the Japan Program of MTSU at 898-2229.

March 9

Middle Tennessee Students of

Objectivism is hosting a video-lecture presentation titled "How Do You Derive Morality from Facts" at 7 p.m. in KUC 313. For more information, call Luc Travers at 893-9531.

Campus Recreation and Human Services is sponsoring a Nutrition and Fitness Awareness Fair from 1-4 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Lounge. Find out your body composition, weight, blood pressure, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness. Nutritional and fitness educational materials will be available to all participants. For more information, call Jerry or Allison at 898-2104.

Representatives from Student Conservation Association will discuss student internship and employment opportunities within our nation's parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other public lands at 12:30-2:00 p.m. in KUC Theater. No previous experience is necessary. Open to all MTSU students. For more information, call Eric Frauman at 904-8359.

March 10

The General Studies Committee will be holding an open forum in order to give feedback before a final version of the General Studies Mission Statement is drafted. The meeting will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in BAS, Room S126. For more information, call Bill Bradley, director of general studies, at 898-8416.

March 13

MTSU and National Women's History Month present Madeleine Jacobs, editor-in-chief of Chemical and Engineering News, at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building. Her presentation will address employment and gender equality issues of women scientists.

March 13-17

Safe Spring Break Week 2000 will

be hosting several events. To participate in Alcohol 101, The Condom Carnival and self-defense demonstrations, stop by the KUC Grill. For more information, call Gina Poff or Kerry Lane at 898-2454.

March 14

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a bench press contest. Participants must register by March 10. The cost is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for teams (five to a team). Contact Allison or Jerry at 898-2104 for more information.

March 15 & 16

Two faculty info forums are scheduled to be held in BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall, Room S102/204 at 1:30 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss faculty issues or other university matters of interest.

March 16

Alpha Omicron Pi and Student Development, in conjunction with Safe Spring Break Week 2000, will be hosting "Mock Around the Block," a night with "mocktails" and educational information about the effects of alcohol. The event will take place on Greek Row at 8:00 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Contact Kerry Lane at 898-2454 for more information.

Champions for Christ presents a Night of Champions with all-pro NFL stars Tony Boselli, Mark Bruynell (Jacksonville Jaguars) and Chris Sanders (wide-receiver for the TN Titans) at the Alumni Gym at 7 p.m. Hear their success stories. Free admission.

March 25-31

The Campus Recreation Center will host a ski summit to Colorado for spring break. There will be a pre-trip meeting on March 14. Two price packages are available. A \$200 deposit will reserve a spot. For more information,

call Mitch, Sean or W.T. at 898-2104.

March 28

The seventh annual Nashville Area College to Career Fair will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the I-24 Expo Center. The fair is sponsored by area universities and the Nashville Area Chamber Commerce. It is open to seniors, graduate students and alumni of the participating universities. MTSU students and graduates who are registered with the Placement and Student Employment Center may obtain free tickets to the fair. For additional information, tickets and rosters, contact MTSU Placement and Student Employment Center, KUC 328, or call 898-2500.

March 25-April 2

Outdoor Pursuits is hosting a raft canoe and funyack trip of the Rio Grande. The cost is \$199 for students with a limit of 15 participants. For more information, call W.T. at 898-2104.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS, Room S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for more information.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Open Mic Night" every Monday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

The MTSU Peer Education Program is currently accepting new members. Credit hours are available. Applications may be picked up in KUC, Room 303, or call 898-5453 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center will be hosting a weekly support meeting, "Women: Food and Body Image," Tuesdays in the CKNB, Room 124 at 3:15 p.m. The group is

also holding meetings Thursdays titled "Looking Forward" at the same time and location. For more information, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

The Student Pagan Organization holds meetings every Thursday in the second floor lounge of the KUC at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in Wicca, Paganism, Shamanism or any other alternative spirituality is welcome. For more information, contact John Bryan at 907-3328.

Raider Victory Ministry and Champions for Christ are holding weekly Bible meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Room 317. Contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348 for more information. They are also holding worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. in AMG Alumni Gym. The service is open to students, faculty and the community. For more information, contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348.

The MTSU Crime Stoppers Board is currently looking for people interested in joining its Board of Directors, especially graduate and undergraduate students. If you are a full-time student or employee at MTSU and wish to apply for one of these openings, pick up an application at either the campus police department or KUC 303.

Students for Environmental Action invite all students to weekly meetings every Wed. at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 201. For more information, e-mail Lori Bruner at greenmind@home.com.

Part-time campus jobs are available in food service, concessions, student patrol and dispatch. Students interested should contact the Placement and Student Employment Center in KUC, Room 328.

TSSAA: Parking limited

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heading north on Tennessee Boulevard

On March 9 and 10, the Livestock Center lot will be closed for the Tennessee Beef Agribition. Parking services have arranged for those students with black parking permits to park in green parking

places for the duration of the agribition.

Parking Services Manager Connie Hagberg suggested that students might wish to get to campus early to ensure a good parking spot.

Hagberg has also taken steps toward alerting students to the upcoming lot closures. Flyers have been

placed on cars parked in Greenland and the Livestock Center lot.

Hagberg said the Livestock lot will be monitored and any empty spots available are open to students. The Raider Xpress will run its normal routes with the exception of the Greenland lot. ■

Student didn't stop for police

TMS Campus

PEWAUKEE, Wis. (TMS) — A student at Milwaukee Area Technical College told law enforcement officers who stopped her after a nine-mile car chase that she didn't pull over right away because she was told in a police

science course that 99 percent of chases are called off, authorities said.

"Unfortunately, if that's what she really believed, then that one percent got her," Pewaukee police Lt. Gary Bach said.

Authorities said police started chasing the 18-year-old woman

early Saturday after they tried to stop her for speeding.

"I know this is no excuse," police quoted the woman as saying. "But I'm a police science student at MATC, and my teacher said that 99 percent of pursuits are called off, and I thought that if I kept going, I could get away." ■



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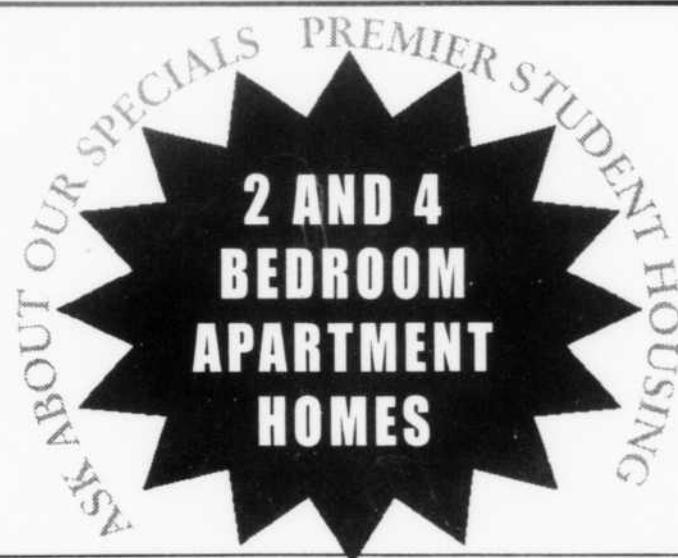
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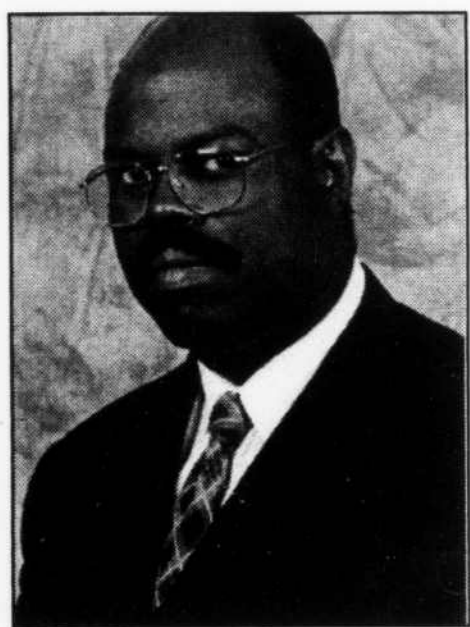
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SGA: Debate 2000 gets candidates' issues on table

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Chris Montague.

The presidential banter begin with discussion of the apathy and lack of motivation displayed by students on campus.

Marshall and Montague agreed it is important to stress all levels of communication, focusing on word of mouth versus the traditional signs and flyers to publicize events.

On the other hand, Mills felt a different solution is the key to the problem.

"I don't think the issue is a matter of communication but activity," Mills said. "SGA should give students what they need and want and then the student body will see SGA working in their interest."

Parking was discussed at the debate with candidates all agreeing that there is a parking problem but disagreeing on the solution to the problem.

"There is not enough parking on campus; however, I think we are better off than most universities in Tennessee," Mills said. "The solution is to raise more money, and I believe we can do this through the football program."

"Once students are involved, the program becomes more active and you then incorporate the public outside of the university which draws in the money."

Montague argued there are enough parking places but that they are not being utilized.

"There is a parking lot beside Tucker Theater which is faculty parking," Montague said. "Half of the time, those spaces are empty."

Marshall had a different perspective and stated that "Parking Services have to work on the terms and the level of the students of MTSU."

All three candidates agreed that student programming could be increased on campus. Montague said that "we need more programs catering towards special interest groups" and Marshall said that "we need more free activities to spark the interest in students."

"Having fun is a part of college," Mills said. "It is the SGA's responsibility to give the students an opportunity to enjoy this freedom."

The hot topic of the evening was devoted to whether or SGA should be run by a bicameral or a unicameral governing system.

"I am in favor of the bicameral system, because it is the voice of all of the smaller student organizations on campus," Montague said. "There isn't much participation, so that is what we need to work on."

Marshall, an advocate of the unicameral governing system, said, "We have to try to adapt and recognize why people actually attend house meetings for the involvement or for the student activity fee money?"

"About a month ago, I cast my vote regarding the issue

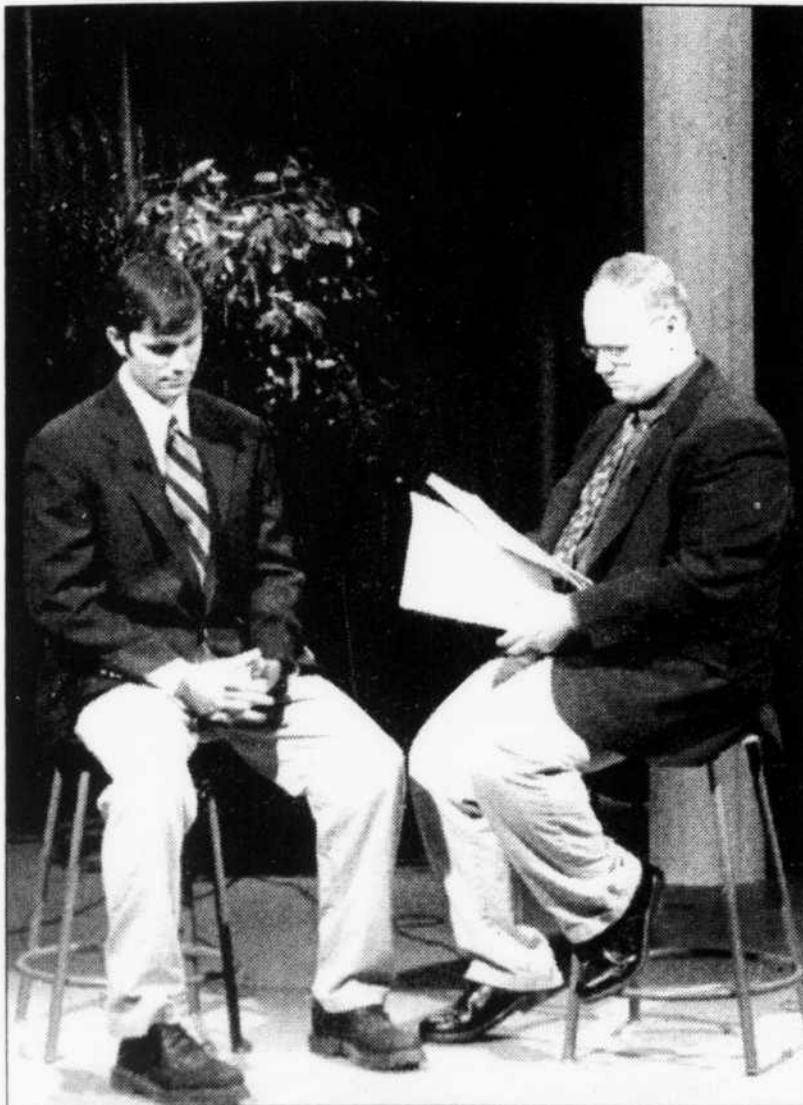


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"Sidelines" editor in chief Randall Ford (right) interviews SGA speaker of the Senate candidate Josh Pounders at the Thursday night SGA 2000 Debate.

along with approximately 200 other students," Mills said. "I don't think we should question what our student body has already decided."

The debate closed for the

evening with all candidates having the opportunity to voice their beliefs on the issues.

Student government elections will be held this week through WebMT. ■

SGA candidates tackle the issues

Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

Student government elections are coming up next week. Whom will you vote for? It is important to know what each of the candidates represent in order to adequately choose the person who will represent the student body. The purpose of the candidate profiles below are to give you, the student, insight into what each candidate believes. Voting will be through WebMT March 6-10.

1. What kind of experience do you have that qualifies you for the position you are running for?

2. What do you feel are the top five most important issues in need of addressing on campus?

3. Is student apathy and lack of motivation a problem on our campus? How do you tackle the issue of apathy/lack of motivation?

4. Should student government be run by a bicameral or a unicameral system? If elected, do you plan to support the house or dissolve the house? Why?

5. What do you say to people who think that SGA cannot pass legislation and make change happen on campus? How do you think you could conquer the student body's negative attitude towards SGA?

Speaker of the Senate

Josh Pounders

1. I was Freshman Senator in Fall of 1998 and Spring of 1999. I have been a senator for the College Liberal Arts. I have also served on Interfraternity Council as a delegate for Sigma Nu Fraternity and currently serve on its judicial board.

2. a) The dissolving of the house; b) student apathy; c) the new grading system; d) improving the campus, such as the maintenance of buildings and keeping it looking cleaner; and

e) extending the hours to facilities.

3. As I have pointed out in the previous question, student apathy is a major concern with me and many people inside the SGA. What do we do to tackle this issue? One thing is to promote more school spirit. Presently we really do not have any long-standing traditions such as the UT Knoxville's, Alabama's, or Ole Miss's. What I propose before games is pep rallies or have the players meet with their supporters to give the Student body a feeling of importance in building a prime time Division I program. There are many other areas where we can improve with student interests. An area I would also like to focus on is the SGA I would like to make the SGA more open with the media sources on this campus, by giving an open invitation to both Channel 10 and Sidelines to come into meetings at any time or have an interview with myself and the Senators at anytime.

4. In theory, the bicameral system works the best as you see by the example of the United States government. And in all honesty, I was against dissolving the house at first. Based on the evidence shown by the lack of interest of the house members, it would be in the students' best interest to dissolve the house. First, it is unfair to require student organizations to come to meetings to receive funding from the school. The second reason is that it is much easier if the house is dissolved to communicate with a smaller body, which is the senate. Now people are wondering about lack representation, what we are proposing is to add five new at-large seats to the senate. I will go even further in proposing that either each dorm shall have a seat in the senate or at least each at-large shall have a seat.

5. First, I say to the people who think the SGA cannot pass legislation that they need to

See Election, 6A

Tennessee state flags need flip-flopping

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Over courthouses, schools, businesses and the like, the state flag of Tennessee flies proudly and, about half the time, upside down, says one state lawmaker who wants to right the wayward banners.

A 1905 Tennessee law directs that the flag, with its three stars inside a blue circle against a red background, be positioned so the highest star is also the one

closest to the pole.

It's a distinction, however, that is lost on many Tennesseans hoisting the banners skyward.

So Sen. Bob Rochelle, D-Lebanon, has introduced a bill in the Legislature to require that flag manufacturers label the symbol's top so there will be no mistake.

The Senate approved the measure 25-3 on Thursday,

though some lawmakers interpreted the addition as desecration.

"There are certain things that shouldn't be on a flag," said Sen. Ronald Ramsey, R-Blountville. "I don't want to fly a flag with the word 'top' on it."

Unruffled, Rochelle unfurled a new flag in the Senate chamber and noted the words "3 by 5... Nylon... Tennessee" already on it in small letters.

"I don't think it would be taken by anyone as defacing the flag to try to help people fly it correctly," Rochelle said.

The House version of the bill is pending in a subcommittee.

The flag was designed by Tennessee soldier LeRoy Reeves, who chose the arrangement of three stars to represent the three grand divisions of Tennessee. ■



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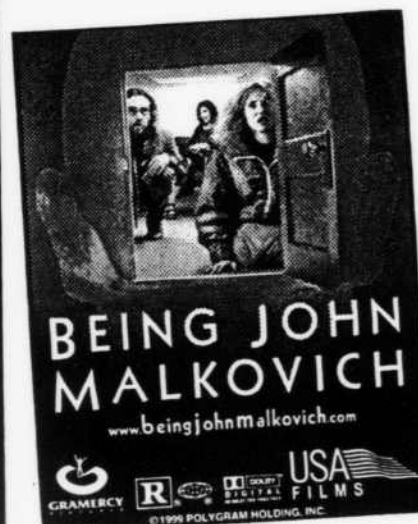
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Election: Candidates speak out

Continued from 4A

educate themselves. This last session under the leadership of the Speaker of the Senate Megan Smith and Speaker of the House Kevin Travis we have passed a large amount of positive legislation that I feel will make a huge impact on this campus. I feel one of the ways to conquer the negative feelings about the student is to establish better public relations with Sidelines and Channel 10.

Speaker of the House

Dustin Rawls

1. I have served one semester in the House of Representative and one year in the Senate. I have attended four leadership seminars and chose to facilitate another. I am currently or have been involved with nine different campus organizations.

2. a) Participation/apathy with any form of campus organization; b) extended facility hours for greater access; c) parking rules, terms, times and places; d) student activities that would interest all of MTSU students; and e) whether or not to change the system of government we are currently under.

3. Apathy is a large problem on this campus. First, you are not going to get any student or organization to participate in anything without first asking them to do so. Secondly, I doubt you will get anybody to participate in something they are not already doing out of sheer habit. I feel that our first and best option is offering small incentive programs. MTSU is full of income, why not share some of the love back with the students.

4. Who knows? I know this much, under the current system, the SGA is not running as efficiently as it could or should. With only around 20 percent of student organizations actively participating in the House of Representatives, some changes need to be made. When this was first brought to my attention, I was all for dissolving the House. I still feel it would make our student government run more smoothly, but the bicameral

al system does offer a perfect system for checks and balances. If there were a way to achieve at least 66 percent participation from organizations, I would strongly encourage keeping the House. But, the simple facts and history show that it will not happen. I feel that it is finally time to have a serious change in the system to produce better results.

5. I would say to them, where do you think we would be if everything we passed actually went into the handbook as law. Whatever is said, it all still comes down to a bunch of kids trying to govern another bunch of kids. Without faculty supervision, advice, and their ability to veto anything we do, we would probably have been on tap in the KUC and Champagne rooms in Jones Hall. My point is this, you cannot let a group of kids set up laws for other kids, because when all of the smoke clears there would be no laws. The first way to effective legislation is input. If the university doesn't hear about it, it obviously isn't a problem. But, the university tires of hearing the same problems from the same people, week in and week out, semester in and semester out. Without the opinion of the entire student body, none of our requests will be heard.

Matthew Walker

1. I am a junior here at MTSU and have lived on campus for my entire academic career. I understand the issues that face the MTSU student body.

2. a) Administrative responsibility—the administration should work for the students and provide the best academic and social environment possible; b) MTSU community—there is a notable lack of community among the student body at MTSU, and we should endeavor to provide activities and services that bring the student body together. These are the two most important issues to me, and to name others would be unproductive.

3. There is apathy on campus for a good reason. SGA hasn't done anything to help the students on cam-

pus. When students see no benefit in an

organization, they lose interest in that organization. To change this, SGA

must make itself an active entity to provide students with what they need.

4. I believe the students already decided that with the last referendum.

5. The student body holds this poor opinion of SGA because the SGA has never noticeably impacted their lives for good or bad. Until the SGA becomes viable in the opinion of the people, it will never have their support. Therefore, I will work to make the student government an agency that acts for the student body and meaningfully affects life on campus.

Election Commissioner

Julia Graves

1. I have worked with MTSU student government for two years and held the offices of Homecoming Director and SGA Senator. I have been actively involved with the election process for Homecoming, so I understand the job and the responsibilities that come with it.

4. If elected the Election Commissioner, I must show no bias toward the House situation. My job will be to remain impartial and respect my responsibilities to carry out elections to the best of my ability.

5. I would address the negativity issue by responding that SGA has no ability to make changes unless students and administrators believe in the SGA and its capability to make things happen. A better, more productive SGA could be obtained by empowering those individuals and volunteers who not only have good ideas, but are willing to listen to the student body. SGA is a service offered to the student body, and if utilized by students who want changes made, the campus of MTSU will improve as a whole.

Travis Jordan did not submit a candidate profile. ■

Senator says students should get involved in political process

Christine Tatum
TMS Campus

CHICAGO (TMS) — Presidential campaigns are zooming into high gear these days, but many college students are stuck somewhere in first gear, if it not stalled altogether.

Sure, many say they'll vote in the next national presidential elections. But local elections? Probably not. Campus elections? What in the heck are those?

"College students have a lot on their minds with classes, friends, work and the future," said Michelle Miller, a student at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. "Who, after a long day of writing that sociology paper between classes, wants to research political candidates? Certainly not I."

Many students echo her sentiments. They're far less likely to talk politics, vote in student elections or even bother to keep up with political affairs than their parents were when they were their age. According to the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of Los Angeles, only 14.8 percent of last year's entering freshmen reported that they discussed politics frequently. Only 26 percent said it was "essential or very important" for them to keep up with political affairs — down from 57.8 percent of students answering the same question in 1966. And only 20.5 percent of students said they'd bother to vote in campus elections — compared with 76.9 percent of college freshmen in 1968.

So, what's causing the growing gap between students and American politics? The list is long, many students say. Corruption, governmental inefficiency, mudslinging and scandals are common answers. So is a great feeling of powerlessness, said Linda Sax, director of the UCLA study.

"Many, many students have told me there's not much they feel they can do to influence political agendas and change," she said. "They feel many political issues are very distant from their own lives, and they find it difficult to relate."

That makes tons of sense to Claire Zulkey, a student at Georgetown University who finds it tough to care about issues such as elementary school education and Social Security.

"I don't pay substantial taxes, and I'm not yet financially independent," she said. "So a lot of what politicians are talking about really doesn't matter to me right now."

Compounding student-voter apathy is a roaring economy far freer from the threat of war and domestic disputes experienced by students in the 1960s, many students say.

"I remember no hard times, no recessions," said Alex Ross, a student at Tulane University. "I don't remember Vietnam or social injustice or the equality or civil rights movements. I just remember good old prosperity, and when there's prosperity, people are apathetic."

"Just wait until there's a recession or a war," he added. "Then you'll get voter turnout."

In all fairness, college students' quickly declining interest in American politics mirrors the disengagement seen in older voters across the nation. Voter turnout in 1996 was 49.1

percent, the lowest in a presidential election year since 1924, and 36.1 percent in 1998, the lowest in a non-presidential year since 1942.

Nevertheless, there's reason to believe a "great awakening" in American politics is on the horizon, said U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat who broke with party ranks to harshly criticize President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky. In his new book, "In

Praise of Public Life" (\$21, Simon & Schuster), Lieberman notes that this year's presidential election is marked by one

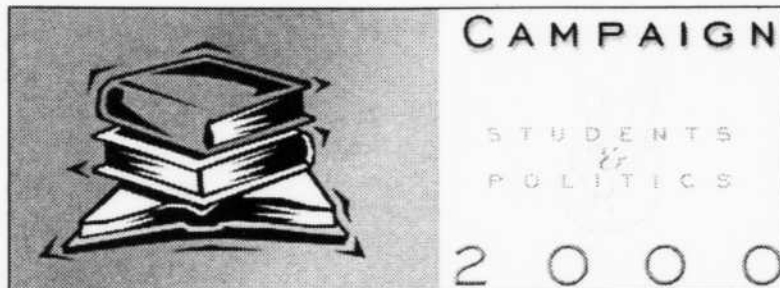
resounding sentiment from the voters with whom he's spoken: "I want a president I can respect."

"...There seems to be increased public interest and serious questions of the candidates, as if people are coming to understand how much they and the country lose when they are disengaged from the political system and when their leaders act irresponsibly," he wrote.

So, with the problem — and some of its contributing factors — clearly identified, what's there to do about it? Lieberman says the only way to cure the apathy is to snap out of it and get involved. For starters, he suggests that everyone register to vote — and then do it. He also urges citizens to contact their elected officials on a regular basis and to work in campaigns for candidates who support their beliefs.

That makes sense to Jalima Subervi, journalism junior at the University of Texas at Austin.

"It's ridiculous that people our age don't take the initiative to get involved because we're the ones who can have the greatest impact," she said. ■



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OPINIONS

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Monday, March 6, 2000

SIDELINES ■ 7A

From the Editor No excuse for withholding vote

It's easier than ever to vote in SGA elections. You don't have to wait in line. The nice lady doesn't have to swipe your ID. Just log on and click.

Elections start today to choose SGA leaders for next year, and this time — with online voting via WebMT — there's absolutely no excuse for not voting. It only takes a minute.

But take it a step further than that. Don't just click the name whose flyers you've seen the most. Get to know who the candidates are, what they have to say and what their ideas are.

Vote with a purpose.

I always hear the complaint that SGA doesn't accomplish anything for anybody. The truth is SGA doesn't do anything for anybody who doesn't care.

This year's candidates have brought up dozens of issues that really could affect your future at MTSU.

But if you don't know about them, you're giving up your fundamental right to speak out.

There are several ways you can study up on what the candidates have to say. Read their question-answer profiles in "Sidelines" (last Thursday's and today's issues). Watch "Debate 2000," co-

sponsored by "Sidelines" and running all this week on Channel 10, which was co-sponsored by "Sidelines." (I promise I don't mention these just as shameful plugs.)

Or go out and speak with the candidates yourself. Ask them what's on their mind and tell them what's on yours. Ask them what they have to offer and why they feel like a better choice than their opponents.

Then make educated decisions about your next student leaders.

Randall Ford
Editor

Letter to the Editor

SGA candidate's co-op bookstore unrealistic

I don't know if I'm just in a bad mood or what. Maybe I got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning. Maybe it's just that mid-semester crankiness that we all know and love. Or, maybe...just maybe...something has just gotten under my skin for so long that I just had to do something about it.

It's election time and whoopie doo, we have some candidates. One has his own Web site (domain and all, mind you) and they all seem to have good qualifications for office.

Most of the candidates for SGA president seem to have good, revolutionary ideas about changing MTSU in order to better serve students.

That's all well and good, but if you look closely at some of these ideas, you might find that they're going to be difficult, if not impossible, to implement.

First of all, let's clear the air about this entire "student run bookstore" thing.

Wow. What a good suggestion: a cooperative bookstore that would, in theory, sell books for cheaper costs than the competition (namely Phillips and BRBS) and give students rebate checks at the end of the semester. It's nice on paper, but it doesn't work in practice. Let me tell you why.

I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that just about everyone at MTSU buys textbooks at some point or another.

Another assumption is that, generally speaking, we want to pay the cheapest price we can.

Usually this means settling for a slightly tattered edition of a Norton Anthology of British Literature or a Health 310 book

with missing pages.

These are called "used books," and are usually cheaper. Those of us with a few extra dollars may opt for the nice, classy "new" books with the shiny covers and the higher price tag.

However, the voice of the students seems to suggest that Phillips and BRBS may be in league with the devil, determined to overcharge students for books in the name of profit. If that's true, then so is every other bookseller in the nation.

I am an English and philosophy double major. That means that I buy from 20 to 25 books per semester. This semester I thought I'd be smart and shop around.

I spent two hours creating a spreadsheet with all of my textbook requirements on it, then spent an additional six hours surfing the Web at sites such as Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, Varsitybooks.com and Efolet.com. Then I took my pen and paper to both Phillips and BRBS.

What, you ask, did I discover? To begin with, had I bought each book at a separate dealer (the one with the cheapest price for that book) I would wind up spending around \$375 for all my books. Not bad, huh?

That would involve buying about 60 percent of my books at Barnesandnoble.com (the cheapest, for the most part) and the remaining 40 percent at ...Phillips Bookstore.

Now here's the kicker. Had I bought all my books at Phillips Bookstore I would have paid just under \$390. I managed to save \$15 by wasting a grand total of 8 hours in my seek-and-destroy mission of comparative shopping. That means my time was worth just under \$2 an hour. I make more than that at Wal-Mart.

My conclusion is, there-

fore, that Phillips Bookstore has just about the cheapest prices that a student is going to find whether in Murfreesboro or cyberspace. Yes, you pay less money for used books; about \$35 less in all for someone buying 20 books.

How, then, is a student-run bookstore going to make a difference, even if they carried primarily cheaper, used books? Let's see...add in startup costs of creating an inventory (at wholesale prices, which is what I paid at Barnesandnoble.com), hiring a work force (I don't know of many students who will work for free), advertising (my father always said that "advertising is the lifejacket that keeps business afloat") and a business license.

Now, as I said before, I'm an English and philosophy double major, not a business or math major. Yet common sense still tells me that a large amount of startup expenses alone will be accrued.

These expenses will inevitably be passed down in the form of price markups. A business cannot survive unless it at least breaks even.

These inevitable markups will then raise the cost of books above and beyond the prices listed at Phillips, BRBS and all those dot-coms in cyberspace. In short, the business will fail because of its higher prices that it cannot help but charge just in order to break even.

Even after the business is well on its way (if ever), it will still need to mark up textbooks above wholesale prices in order to pay for shipping costs, employee wages, electricity and other such luxuries.

What, then, are we to do? The answer is "stick with what we've got and be happy." We're going to pay a lot for books and we need to get used to that idea.

We can shop around, like I

did, but we may find that the best buys are often just across campus or on the Internet.

Seeing as how I've spent so much time on the bookstore issue, let me briefly address the issue of longer library hours.

Yeah! I like it.

I like it a lot.

I work every Sunday night, and if the library were open Sunday mornings I would be one happy camper. But here's the kicker: The students will have to pay for it.

We like to drive on these things called "roads," we like these things called "police officers" who protect us from the bad guys, and we adore all those nice traffic lights that stop us from ramming into each other on the highway.

However, we gripe and complain to NO END about the taxes we must pay in order to enjoy these roads, police officers and traffic lights.

But if that's going to happen, then we must expect a tuition increase in order to pay for a 24-7, all-you-can-read, convenience library.

I think I've said enough for now. Just know what you're voting for on the week of March 6, and know which expectations are realistic and beneficial in the long run for MTSU and its students. If we always got what we wished for, we might find that we are shooting ourselves in the foot in the process.

Ron Fields
College of Liberal Arts

Editor's Note: "Sidelines" reporter Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum wrote an analysis of textbook costs from online venues to local book sellers ("Textbook trauma busts students' wallets," "Sidelines," Jan. 13) and concluded Phillips Bookstore offered students the best deal.

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

Death drug New odorless, colorless drug can lead to rape, death

Club drugs have become vastly popular among college students across the nation, causing a new wave of date rape attempts to occur.

Common club drugs include ecstasy, GHB (gamma hydroxybutyric acid), Rohypnol, ketamine, methamphetamine and LSD.

The most popular of these drugs is now GHB, or Liquid G, which replaced ecstasy's reign.

The main reason for the change from ecstasy to GHB is the cost. Liquid G costs around \$5 and lasts for two to three hours.

The Drug Enforcement Agency has stated that the drug GHB has accounted for the deaths of 58 people and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses.

GHB is illegal as of Feb. 18, 2000, when President Clinton signed the Hillary J. Farias and Samantha Reid Date-Rape Drug Prohibition Act of 2000. However, it matters very little.

Samantha Reid was 15 when she died of GHB overdose last year after the drug was slipped in her soda at a party in Michigan.

Hillary J. Farias died in 1996 after drinking a soft drink laced with the drug at a nightclub in Texas.

GHB has been placed in a category of drugs that are the most strictly regulated by the federal Controlled Substances Act. Anyone who possesses, manufactures or distributes GHB could face a prison term of up to 20 years.

GHB is odorless and colorless and often stored in soft drink bottles. Though illegal, it is still being sold on the Internet.

While GHB is illegal, it matters very little to "rave" party-goers, mainly because of GBL.

GBL is a legal, organic solvent used in cleaning circuit boards and as a paint thinner.

"The Drug Enforcement Agency has stated that the drug GHB has accounted for the deaths of 58 people and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses."

It can be ingested and then converted by the liver into GHB by combining it with over-the-counter materials.

The conversion can take as little as 15 minutes by a proficient user.

While there have been no official reports of date rape drugs on campus, rumors have swirled through the Greek community.

The best way to control date rape drugs is through awareness, and many of the suggestions to keep the drugs out of your system are common.

Don't leave drinks unattended. Watch who mixes your drinks. Make sure you go with a friend in case you get sick or woozy.

Finally for guys, don't try and do something stupid like giving a girl a date rape drug.

First, you'll be arrested. Second, you'll spend up to 20 years for possession of the drug.

Third, they'll add about that much more for the rape.

You only have one life -- don't ruin it trying to get one girl in the sack.

Even ugly people get lucky. Basically, don't do the crime if you aren't willing to serve the time.

That's the View from the Crowd. E-mail slopinio@mtsu.edu or MTSUViews@email.com.■

Nuclear facility, locals 'self destructing'

Luke Waack
Contributor

Hanford is a federal nuclear facility located in south-central Washington state.

Until the early 1960s, weapons-grade plutonium was manufactured at this site.

The facility released an estimated 737,400 curies of Iodine-131 between 1944 and 1957.

Iodine-131 concentrates in the thyroid glands of animals. It is a toxic substance.

The Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction (HEDR) Project estimated that during this period, Iodine-131, Strontium-90, Plutonium-239 and Ruthenium-106 escaped containment.

Hanford is a disaster. Due to improper disposal methods, like dumping 440 billion gallons of radioactive liquid directly onto the ground, this 650 square miles is considered one of the most toxic places on earth.

There was more iodine-131 released into the atmosphere at Hanford than at the Three Mile Island meltdown.

Fifty-six million gallons of radioactive waste is stored in underground tanks, and 40 percent of these tanks leak.

From 1944 to 1971, iodine-131 was released into the Columbia River through water used by the reactors at Hanford, and now 230,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel is stored only a few hundred feet from the Columbia River.

There is not enough water in the Pacific Ocean to dilute all the iodine-131 stored at Hanford.

One hundred-twenty square miles of ground water is contam-

inated beneath the Hanford facility.

Twenty-five tons of plutonium is kept under constant armed guard.

Since it is a federal facility, we all pay for it.

Everyone who worked and paid federal tax spent some money on Hanford this year.

"Our AAA Gun Battery was close to a reactor and a nuclear waste disposal tank. A steam looking vapor cloud would drift from the reactor to our gun position," Calvin J. Post said, who served in the military at Hanford for 15 months.

"We ate locally grown foods, meat and milk. Our mess hall was instructed to use locally grown produce as good PR with area farmers."

Post developed scoliosis in 1970, 13 years after leaving Hanford.

He has chronic sinus problems, arthritis and stomach pain.

In 1989, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and had a lymph node removed.

One year later, he lost his gall bladder.

His body is in the same shape as Hanford — they are both self-destructing.

During its defense production years, the Hanford site was under strict military security and was never subject to outside oversight.

Now that the cat is out of the bag, it is time to speak out. Write your local congressmen. Tell them how you feel.

Nuclear waste is like debt. It stays with us until we take care of it. The more it is ignored, the worse it gets.

It is time to pay up.■

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Jesus was all about the death penalty

Andy Gonzales

Iowa State University

The death penalty debate in the United States is dominated by anti-death movements. The deceit by many capital punishment opponents suggest that prisoners' lives are worth more than their victims.

Life imprisonment versus punishment equals one thing: injustice.

First, death penalty opponents suggest those who support the death penalty see it as a "solution to crime." In reality, executions are reserved for those who commit crimes worthy of death.

For example, the white men who dragged the Jasper, Texas, gentleman to death deserve nothing less than execution.

Then we come to those who are saved/born again Christians who claim that they can lead reformed lives. What about the

victims' families — can they lead reformed lives? The Christian community is called upon to articulate standards of justice. Capital punishment is one of those standards of punishment as set forth in Genesis 9:6

Opponents argue that the sanctity of human life is worth more than people realize. If that's true and no crime deserves the death penalty, then why is it fitting that Christ be crucified for our sins?

The same divine law which forbids killing people (1st Commandment) also allows the exception that Christ be crucified as guilty. The fact that Christ was put to death demonstrates that death was the exacting punishment for those who were guilty.

Rejecting capital punishment as a "higher Christian way" that demonstrates Christian compassion is bogus. Referring to Jesus' execution Paul said, "It is not

without purpose that the ruler carries the sword. He is God's servant, to inflict his avenging wrath upon the wrongdoer." (Romans 13:4)

Opponents again equate an execution as murder, believing that if two acts have the same results then those results are equivalent.

I beg to differ. For example, is rape the same as making love? They both result in sexual intercourse, but to equate rape to love making is absurd, as is execution to murder.

Christ himself regarded capital punishment as a just penalty. (Matthew 26:52) Christ gave the government the authority to use capital punishment as a means of maintaining social order.

Currently, the Beets case in Texas has death penalty opponents fuming because she wasn't granted a reprieve that could have introduced evidence about abuse during her five marriages that possibly although unlikely

could have led to her release. In Texas the only way to be granted clemency is if the accused is not guilty and/or if the accused did not have a fair trial.

Beets was found guilty and received a fair trial. If her lawyer had brought evidence of abuse before the court, perhaps the outcome would have been different. Beets and her lawyer decided against it. It was their job to prove her innocence, not the prosecution's.

The fact that this woman brutally executed her fourth and fifth husbands in Mafia-style manors demonstrates she was a psycho and deserved what she got.

Pope John Paul II said that the only time executions could be justified is to save lives by "defending society." In this context, the execution of Beets saved future lives. Beets was found guilty, and no amount of public pleading would have helped her.

Simply surmising that we should grant reprieves for people who have "issues" is ludicrous. If this were the case we might as well open all the prison gates, give the criminals weapons and tell them, "Go on your way. We understand your pain. It's not your fault you're a murderer, it's ours."

The fact is there should be more executions. According to FBI statistics, there are about an average of nearly 365,000 crimes that warrant capital punishment yet only about one percent of these cases become capital punishment cases.

Let presuppose that most cases are as bad as those in Illinois, and cases around the country should be stayed to inquire about biased trials. People in America frankly don't care. Looking at the cases, many say prisoners get what they deserve, an eye for an eye.

But there are so many protests, something must be

wrong, right? No. Most death penalty proponents are often quite and reserved, while juxtaposed, opponents are very loud and try to make as much commotion as possible. The mere fact that seven out of ten Americans support capital punishment is no coincidence.

We often forget about the lives criminals destroy. What happens to the families? What restitution is made on their behalf? Who remembers the victims once they are buried? Nobody except the loved ones.

How about the kid who was recently dragged six miles to his death before passing motorist forced him to stop? Should he be charged with car-jacking or first-degree murder?

Opponents would say car-jacking, try looking the mother in the eye and telling her that.

You couldn't do it, because you are like the other millions of people who believe that criminals deserve what they reap. ■

Confessions of a closet WB teen drama buff

Mark Lowry

Knight-Ridder Tribune

A few weeks ago on "Dawson's Creek," Pacey (Joshua Jackson) explained to his brother why he could never tell Joey (Katie Holmes) that he's in love with her. It would have disastrous effects, something akin to the tides changing directions, floods destroying the Earth and a Hell Mouth opening up and unleashing hordes of havoc-wreaking demons on humankind.

Whew. Pacey watches "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" too. Glad to see I'm not the only one.

I have plenty of friends who share my stalkerlike obsession for the Buffinator. I've never felt embarrass-

ment in proclaiming adoration for Buffy, Xander, Willow, Giles and the rest of the Scooby gang, especially since every TV critic in America has backed me up.

But what about all those other WB dramas largely designed for teen-age girls? You know the ones: "Felicity," "Dawson's Creek," "Roswell," "Popular," "Charmed," etc.

What are 30-year-old men like me to do when their peers are watching "adult" dramas such as "Homicide" and "Law & Order," and we're glued to the Frog Channel watching 17-year-olds frolicking on life issues they shouldn't be worrying about until they're, well, our age?

You make excuses. For months, I had been referring to shows such as "Felicity" and

"Dawson's Creek" as "guilty pleasures." A friend finally clocked me. "Either embrace them or quit watching," he said. "No one has that many guilty pleasures."

Point taken. It's now time to come out of the closet. Yes, I'm a WB drama teen-aholic and proud of it. So, like, shut up!

These shows have some of the best writing on TV. Now, if you're not up-to-the-minute on pop culture, much sail over your head faster than "Popular's" Nicole can throw away her discount store bracelet when a fashion-minded friend busts her for donning it. And the acting's not bad either.

But before I totally kick open the door, let me first offer a few disclaimers: First, as someone who keeps

himself entrenched in the local arts scene, I can't be accused of succumbing to Couch Potato Syndrome, for which they're still searching for a cure. Most of these shows I view the following morning from the tape in my VCR. Let's just say I go through a lot of videocassettes.

Second, I do watch a few "adult" shows, mainly "The X-Files," "The Practice," "Once and Again" and, though I'm even embarrassed to admit to this vice, "Ally McBeal" (although I don't know why I continue to hang on; "Ally" gets dumber each week). I must confess that I've completely given up on sitcoms. Well, once reruns kick in I might catch up on lost "Simpsons" and "That '70s Show" episodes. Currently, those two are up against "Felicity" and "Freaks and

Geeks," respectively. (By the way, the latter is probably the best slice-of-high-school-life show on television, now that Buffy's protecting a college campus, but we're just talking WB.)

Second, I do watch every WB drama. Don't do "7th Heaven." Can you say "Touched by an Angel" meets "Eight Is Enough?" And "Safe Harbor" might as well be called "Baywatch 7th Heaven." What's that all about? I quickly lost interest in the ultraboring "Jack and Jill," and besides, the new "X-Files" season finally began. And "Charmed" just has too many unfunny royal witches (read: former stars of bad TV shows Shannen Doherty and Alyssa Milano) to care anymore. Then there's the new show, "Zoe Dot-Dot-Dot," but like I said, I can't be bothered with sitcoms. ■

United States Census 2000

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Portraying adolescent pain

Cannon County High School students deal with school violence in original script

Amanda Virgillito
Features Editor

In a time of violence and tragedy, Cannon County High School students are working to make a difference. The Cannon County Players, along with the help of three MTSU professors, wrote an original play entitled "The Broken Mirror," promoting violence prevention.

The students filmed the skit and pre-formed it via satellite for schools in six surrounding counties and through cable for Rutherford County schools.

The students were featured live yesterday for interviews and questions for the six counties. John Sanborn, Stacey Borasky and Chuck Frost, all MTSU professors of social work, interviewed the students and asked them to relate the situations to their own lives.

Sanborn lives in Cannon County and is on the board at the Cannon County Arts Center. He and Scarlett Turney, director of educational programs at the Arts Center, came up with the idea for the play.

"We were going to do an existing play, but we didn't get permission to put it on [the air]," Sanborn said.

As a result, the two sat down with the students and came up with some ideas.

"We pulled the ideas together. It's basically [the students'] show," Sanborn said.

The first scene begins with a group of popular students standing in the hallway. Two unpopular boys pass and the group begins to tease them.

"It's a situation where you feel out of the groove and it's not right," said Will Copeland, a sophomore who played one of the unpopular boys. "It's not like [his character] should be an outcast -- he just has different qualities."

The students tried to show how something as simple as teasing can turn into something much deeper.

"You try to get a laugh by hurting someone else," Copeland said.

As the play progresses, the scene turns to one of the popular girls studying alone. One of her friends approach-

es and questions her having a date with an unpopular boy. Immediately put on the defensive, the first girl ridicules the boy, saying she would never have anything to do with him.

Another friend joins in and the scene ends with the first girl storming off.

"We give people a hard time because we want to boost ourselves up," said Kathryn Turney, a freshman at Cannon County High School. She said it was difficult to play such a mean role because the girls are actually good friends.

Frost led the interviews in this segment and offered some helpful advice in dealing with bullies. "A lot of times bullies aren't expecting a positive response to their negative behavior," he said. "You should be reaching out, but sometimes you pull back. You could also reach out physically, [such as] a hug or a pat on the shoulder."

The scenes increase dramatically with segment three, when the girl in question actually does ask the boy out. Feeling pressured by her friends, the girl immediately attacks him.

She tells him how "uncool" he is and says she'll have nothing to do with him. He leaves and the girl feels overwhelmed by the pressures surrounding her. She looks at herself in a hand-held mirror and drops it to the ground.

"How sad it is when we can't see who we really are," Sanborn said.

The play reaches its climax when, in segment four, three friends discuss a shooting that happened in school. The girl under pressure eventually became too overwhelmed and as a result shot the two unpopular boys and one of her taunting friends.

The remaining popular kids gather to discuss the events while exhibiting common reactions to tragedy. One was incredibly sad, while another was angry. The third faced denial.

"You go through stages," said Jed Copeland, an eighth-grade student at Woodland Elementary School. "You're sad, angry [and] you deny it. [You] try to find a reason, [and you] try to find someone to blame."

Borasky, who led this segment, said, "These guys were really doing some-



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Chuck Frost, MTSU social work professor, interviews Kathryn Turney and Ashley Wilson, Cannon County High School students, Friday in the LRC. The students acted in an original play promoting violence prevention.

thing that was good for them, to sit and talk together."

Borasky offered two other reactions that may occur following tragedy: bargaining, and eventually acceptance.

The final scene shows the girl, who is now in a mental institution. She is visited by visions of the people she killed and is forced to confront buried emotions. The audience finally realizes the pressure she felt.

"In reality, this does happen," said Frost. "People lose control, [and they] don't know how to manage their anger."

Turney, from her character's perspective, commented on the death. "She took everything away from me," she said. "They don't realize it's forever and that the consequences are real."

Frost concluded the session by encouraging people to reach out to those who are hurting.

He suggests letting people know that you've felt the same way, in hopes that they may open up.

"It's important to let other people know how real it is and [that] it's not something to joke about," Turney said.

This is the second year that the Cannon County Players have performed such a play. "We're trying to provide a program that will help high school students deal with anger," Sanborn said. ■

Bob Jones University delights in resistance to change

Steve Kloehn
Chicago Tribune

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Books and tracts attacking the Roman Catholic Church as the "harlot of Babylon" are lined up on several shelves at the Bob Jones University Bookstore, over the label "Cults, New Age and Other."

A few hundred yards away, in the Bob Jones University Museum and Art Gallery, room after room is lined with paintings of Madonna and child, of popes and saints — an outstanding collection with works by Botticelli, Tintoretto, Titian and Reni, masterpieces of Roman Catholic art through the centuries.

Bob Jones University continues to ban its students from dating people of different races, drawing angry criticism around the country.

But in the racially charged debate over the Confederate flag atop the South Carolina Statehouse, university president and founder's grandson Bob Jones III recently argued in favor of taking the flag down, on grounds that "the Bible speaks against giving unnecessary offense."

It's all part of the curious life of an institution that calls itself "the world's most unusual university," a bastion of old-time, hard-edged Christian fundamentalism that has refused to budge as American society and even conservative Christianity move further and further away from it.

Being unusual has become distinctly uncomfortable for the students and staff of Bob Jones University in recent weeks. First Republican presidential candidate John McCain repeatedly criticized his opponent, George W. Bush, for speaking on campus and failing to denounce the university's policies. Then the national media began to highlight the university's perceived racial and religious bigotry.

Now both Congress and the South Carolina legislature are debating resolutions that would condemn the private, non-denominational university. The school is also being used as a cudgel in the Democratic presidential debates and congressional elections, as politicians compete to see who can best dis-

tant himself from the university's policies.

The furor has caused the school, already gated off from the world around it, to close ranks. Last Friday the university barred its 5,000 students from giving interviews, preferring to bypass the media with its Internet postings and with an unusual, paid advertisement scheduled to run in USA Today on March 3.

CNN's "Larry King Live" has announced that the university's president will appear March 3 to answer questions.

In one of the few interviews given this week, the university spokesman Jonathan Pait told the Tribune that McCain simply used the university as a foil to divide social conservatives for his own political benefit.

"We had to be labeled as racial and religious bigots to make that happen," Pait said. "But I would challenge [McCain] to find anything that is a disparaging remark about African-Americans or Asian-Americans in what we say. And I'd even challenge him to find anything disparaging about Roman Catholics."

"The views that we hold are traditional, Protestant views. Where we are different is that we have not altered our traditional, standard views."

On Bob Jones University's campus, Wednesday had previously been declared a day of prayer, a chance to pray for missionaries abroad and needs at home.

But as young women in ankle-length skirts and young men in neckties gathered in matching, yellow-brick buildings to meet with their professors, many of the petitions they made were for the university, for its continued strength against outside pressure.

That us-against-the-world stance is mirrored in the university's leadership.

Pait said that the interracial dating ban is not strictly scriptural, and is therefore always open to internal debate. He said he believes it is likely that the policy will eventually be moderated to allow interracial dating with parental approval, but not because of outside criticism.

Such defiance is a recurring theme for the school, which has courted con-

Bob Jones University continues to ban its students from dating people of different races, drawing angry criticism around the country.

trovery since its founding in Florida in 1926 as an independent, non-denominational college.

Bob Jones Sr. was a popular revival preacher, an evangelist second only to Chicago's Billy Sunday in national fame when he decided to found a college that would fight the growing tide of atheism and modernism in academia. He and his new college were squarely in the middle of what was then a unified fundamentalist movement.

During the 1930s and 1940s, that movement fragmented, and Bob Jones College, as it was then known, grew increasingly conservative compared with other evangelical institutions. In the 1950s Bob Jones Sr. split with evangelist Billy Graham, revoking his honorary degree for Graham's ecumenical efforts to work with more liberal Christians. That pattern repeated itself in the 1970s, when Bob Jones Jr., then president of the university, split with Rev. Jerry Falwell over Falwell's decision to include conservative Catholics and Jews in his Moral Majority.

"Increasingly, [Bob Jones University] is left by itself," said professor Larry Eskridge, associate director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College.

The isolation became apparent to the non-evangelical world in 1983, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the university would have to drop its ban on interracial dating or lose its tax-exempt status. To the IRS' surprise, the university chose to keep the ban and began operating as a tax-paying business. It is believed to be the only college in the nation with that status.

Because large donors cannot deduct

their donations from their taxes, the university relies mostly on the \$10,000 annual tuition, room and board fees each student pays, and keen cost-cutting that keeps most faculty making less than \$50,000 a year.

Perhaps the key to the university's financial survival — officials will not divulge budgetary figures, except to say that the university operates debt-free — is its prolific book-publishing and multimedia operations, geared toward preachers, home-schoolers and like-minded church members scattered around the nation.

On campus, students pursue a variety of religious and secular majors in an atmosphere of rigorous social discipline. Dating is permitted only during set hours, in a room in the student center that is monitored by chaperones. All rock music, including Christian rock, is prohibited. Women are not allowed to major in the school's elite program, ministry and preaching.

"There is still a hard-edged, militant, separatist, fundamentalist movement out there... but it really puts them out there on the end of the spectrum," said Joel Carpenter, a church historian and provost of Calvin College.

Darrell Jackson, a state senator from Columbia, S.C., and the pastor of Bible Way Church of Atlanta Road, said that as a Christian, it is important for him to defend interracial relationships.

As a legislator, he introduced a bill that would prevent students from taking state-funded college scholarships to Bob Jones University, as well as a resolution condemning the university's interracial dating ban and anti-Catholic sentiments.

"It's important for the state of South Carolina to say to the rest of the world that we do not endorse the positions of Bob Jones University," Jackson said. "Now that the whole world knows that Bob Jones University exists, and here are its policies, it enhances (the resolution's) chances."

At the same time, Jackson, a Democrat, said that a private meeting with Bob Jones III last fall convinced him that Jones is "a decent human being... who has inherited some very archaic principles he is now attempting to defend."

Jackson credits the meeting for the letter Jones wrote to the Greenville News in October asking that the Confederate flag be removed from the statehouse, a stand that outraged conservatives across the state.

The university's local defenders also seem of two minds about the school.

State Sen. Mike Fair, a Greenville Republican, said that though he grew up in a conservative church himself, he had many misimpressions about and biases against Bob Jones University.

Now he said, he has much more respect for the institution, even though he disagrees with the interracial dating policy. Pait said that the university wants to be heard fairly on the issues. The interracial dating ban, for instance, is based on a reading of the Genesis story of the Tower of Babel, which is interpreted to mean that God intended nations and races to be separate.

Moreover, Pait said, the ban is in no way discriminatory, because it applies to all races. As for the anti-Catholic charges, Pait said they are based on critiques the Joneses have made over the years of the church and its theology, not any bias against members of the church. The university defines a "cult" as any group of believers who do not adhere to its own creed, he said.

The university's Web site says: "All religion, including Catholicism, which teaches that salvation is by religious works or church dogma is false. Religion that makes the words of its leader, be he pope or other, equal with the word of God is false."

"We love the practicing Catholic and earnestly desire to see him accept the Christ of the cross, leave the false systems that have enslaved his soul, and enjoy the freedom of sins forgiven that is available for any of us in Christ alone."

Once the dust settles, the university would just like to be left alone to educate as it and its constituency see fit.

And despite the frustration over the notoriety, Pait said the university would probably continue to let politicians come on campus to address students and staff.

"Yeah, we probably would let them," he said, "if they were crazy enough to do it." ■

Kick-ass granny walks for a reason

Melody Sias
Knight-Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON — Doris Haddock walked for more than 400 days, covering 3,200 miles in 12 states, to prove a point.

What would move a petite 90-year-old great-grandmother with arthritis and emphysema to walk across the country? The same thing that has moved some presidential candidates to bounce all over America, and some Democrats and Independents to vote for a conservative Republican this year: a passion to change the way America's political campaigns are financed.

Haddock, a New Hampshire native who brought her cross-country crusade to the steps of the nation's Capitol Tuesday, isn't new to advocacy. In the 1960s, she helped stave off a canal in Point Hope, Alaska, and she's still standing in the way of a highway that would be built across her property in Dublin, N.H.

What's new is her approach. For starters, the canal and the highway found her. This time, she found the problem.

She and her women's group regularly study issues and events in the world and, she says, "When we came to campaign finance reform, it struck a bell with me and I said, 'This is not right. We are losing our democracy. We are letting it go down the drain with illegal money and that's not right. I think we need to do something about this.'"

Haddock and her group started a chain letter to friends and family. After two years of gathering signatures, the petitions were sent to the appropriate senators.

"We got back from the senators, 'Dear little ladies, do not be upset about this,'" Haddock said. "'We are going to take care of it. We just don't like the McCain-Feingold bill.'"

The bill proposed in the Senate by Arizona Republican and presidential candidate John McCain and Wisconsin Democrat Russell Feingold would ban so-called "soft money," unregulated and unlimited contributions to political parties from labor unions, corporations and individuals. The House passed a version, but the bill has been blocked in the Senate.

Haddock, called "Granny D" by her great-grandchildren, knew a brush-off when she heard one, but she refused to let the issue rest.

Riding to Florida with her son, Jim, she passed an old man walking along the road, dressed much too warmly for the weather and far from a village or town.

"It must be wonderful to get out there and just walk across the country," she



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Doris Haddock, 90, of Dublin, New Hampshire, known as "Granny D," walks past the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Friday in the final day of her cross-country walk to protest campaign finance reform. Through frail, Haddock averaged 10 miles a day in a trek that began in Los Angeles and ended on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

said. Jim said she was too old.

Haddock decided to do it, anyway. "It wouldn't make any sense to walk across the country, anyway, unless you have a purpose," Jim told her.

"Oh, I have a reason," she replied in a conspiratorial voice.

She would walk across America to mobilize interest in campaign finance reform.

She trained for a year in 1998, working her way up to walking 10 miles a day, carrying 25 pounds on her back. Then she set out behind the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, Calif., in January 1999 and kept on walking — through the Mojave Desert and finally, on Tuesday, to the steps of the nation's Capitol.

Along the way, she learned why Americans weren't voting. "They said to me, 'They're all crooks,'" Haddock said.

She suggested that politicians weren't crooks, but victims of the system.

"We are supposed to be a government of, by and for the people. The corporations, the unions, the special interests

are taking over our elections and it's being done quietly and stealthily and with soft money, which is a curse on our society."

People aren't apathetic, Haddock said: Their failure to vote was an attempt to tell politicians that they wanted better the voices that had been drowned out by those who finance political campaigns.

"People who have a vested interest (campaign contributors) have their voices heard when the laws are being written," said Leigh Bradley, 42, who traveled from North Carolina to walk the final steps with Haddock.

If the hundreds of people who gathered here to walk with Haddock to the Capitol, are any example, Granny D isn't alone.

"I think Granny D speaks for the common folk, for people who don't have fat wallets," said Bradley, who carried a "Granny D speaks for me" sign.

Amy Murray is not eligible to vote yet, but she carried the same sign — attached to a crutch, the result of a basketball injury. The 17-year old from

Frederick, Md., learned about campaign finance reform in a high school class.

Granny D taught her more, she said.

"The common man doesn't have the privilege to run for president," Murray said.

"You have to be rich to run for president. (Rich people) don't know what we want and aren't willing to listen."

Asked Tuesday about Granny D, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., at first said, "I like her hat."

Then he went on to say, "She'd do more good if she'd talk about issues that really affect people's lives every day."

Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., who co-sponsored the House version of the McCain-Feingold bill, said he thinks Haddock's walk may make a difference, however.

"At a time when there are few American heroes, Granny D has turned people on to this issue," Meehan said. "I hope that it will make a difference to at least five members of the United States Senate, so that we can get this bill passed."

World's population is getting fatter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's population is growing - at the waist.

For the first time in history, there may be as many people overweight, 1.1 billion, as underfed, researchers report.

Just because people are gaining weight does not mean the world is better fed or healthier than it was two decades ago when millions more were starving, the environmental research group Worldwatch Institute said in a report released Sunday.

In fact, the report says being obese and underweight often results from the same problem: malnutrition.

In some countries there is a growing "weight gap."

Well-off minorities in India, China, Brazil and some other developing nations are growing fat as the poor go hungry.

America and other wealthier countries have the opposite problem: The richer and better-educated tend to eat right, while the poor often balloon from a diet of cheap and fatty fast foods.

"Often, nations simply have traded hunger for obesity, and diseases of poverty for diseases of excess," said Worldwatch researcher Brian Halwell, who wrote the report with fellow researcher Gary Gardner.

In the United States, 55 percent of the population is overweight, with one in four adults considered obese, according to the most recent surveys cited in the report.

Russia, the United Kingdom and Germany also have overweight majorities, U.N. studies show.

In comparison, 56 percent of Bangladesh's population is underweight.

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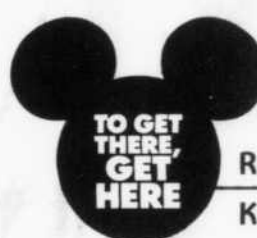
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MTSU joins high school choral groups for performance

Staff Reports

Performing separately and collectively, the MTSU Women's Chorale, along with the Riverdale Women's Chorale and the Oakland Women's Chorale, will present genre-spanning choral music from classical to black gospel at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Wright Music Hall in MTSU's Wright Music Building.

Under the direction of Angela Tipps, an assistant music professor, the MTSU Women's Chorale will perform a set of opera choruses by composers Handel, Leoncavallo and Bernstein, as well as a three-movement work, "Earthsongs," by David Brunner. The latter work also will feature MTSU student Amanda Thompson on oboe.

The Riverdale High School chorus will be under the direction of John Bryan, while the Oakland High School chorus

will be under the direction of Brenda Gregory.

After separate performances by each of the Riverdale and Oakland choruses and the MTSU chorus, all three will combine forces, 100-women strong, to sing a motet by William Byrd, a movement from Vivaldi's "Gloria," a French folk song (assisted by four MTSU percussion students) and a black gospel number.

"Under the direction of Angela Tipps, the MTSU Women's Chorale has developed into an outstanding ensemble," remarked Raphael Bundage, choral professor at MTSU.

"She programs in a very intelligent and entertaining way that delights audiences of all ages. We're looking forward to yet another in their series of great concerts."

The MTSU Women's Chorale is one of the university's five choral ensembles. Its members represent a variety of majors,

including music, speech/therapist, elementary education, psychology and mass communication.

The chorale performs at least two concerts per semester.

Paula Bell will accompany the MTSU Women's Chorale on piano. She teaches piano classes at MTSU and accompanies extensively in the vocal department in addition to maintaining an active private studio in her home.

Tipps, who is now in her second year as assistant professor of music, also is the musical director for the Nashville Chamber Singers, an auditioned ensemble that primarily performs a cappella choral music. In addition to conducting, she teaches conducting and music education courses at MTSU.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tim Musselman in the Department of Music at 898-2493. ■

Championship flutist to bring passion, energy to MTSU

Staff Reports

Erika Inge Leake, winner of numerous flute competitions, will perform as a guest of the Department of Music at 7:30 p.m. today in Wright Music Building's Wright Music Hall.

Deanna Hahn, an assistant professor of music and a flute instructor at MTSU, said the champion flutist is known for her high-energy level and passion-filled performances.

"She is a wonderful friend and colleague who will be performing a program of 20th century flute works, including composers such as, Yman, Piazzolla, Foote, Honneger, Martinu and Takemitsu," Hahn added.

Leake, who has a bachelor's in music from Florida State University and a master's in music from Indiana University, has also studied in England with Trevor Wye. She has also studied in the United States with James Scott at Indiana University.

Currently Leake is involved in her second year of studies toward a doctorate of musical arts at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, where she studies flute with Bradley Garner and piccolo with Jack Wellbaum.

While still at FSU, Leake won the Florida Flute Association's Young Artist Competition, the National Flute Association Master Class Competition and

was a semifinalist in the National Flute Talk Competition. In addition, she won the Flute Concerto competition her last year at IU.

In May 1999, Leake was selected as a finalist in the Myrna Brown Competition and chosen to perform as a soloist for both the 1993 and 1999 National Flute Association Conventions.

As a soloist, Leake has given recitals throughout America and England. She has been principal flute of many symphony orchestras, opera orchestras and chamber groups.

For more information, please contact Deanna Hahn in the Department of Music at 898-2481. ■

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Sisters unite



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Onawumi Jean Moss, left, chants with some of those who attended the Women Are Truly Amazing Workshop entitled, "Crafting Sisterhood: Moving Stumbling Blocks," which was held last Friday on the second floor of the JUB. The workshop also featured songs and chain storytelling.

Student performance involving oral sex causes controversy

SAN FRANCISCO (TMS) — It was a performance that several students at the San Francisco Art Institute aren't likely to forget.

About 25 people — including two professors and one of the college's security guards — watched as a student artist performed a piece that included defecation, an enema and oral sex with a blindfolded volunteer. The performance, delivered last month, has prompted university officials to investigate.

In the meantime, the artist, 24-year-old Jonathan Yegge, told The Chronicle of Higher Education that school officials have removed him from the class for which he staged the piece,

put him on a year-long probation and prohibited him from having sex on campus.

Yegge said he landed in trouble after the male volunteer, whose name was not released, told administrators he felt violated by the performance, which happened last month.

Though the volunteer wasn't told exactly what the performance would entail, Yegge said he did sign a consent form stating he wouldn't take complaints to school administrators or a court and that he would agree to participating in "acts of a violent and sexual nature."

Yegge also said he and the volunteer agreed beforehand that

if the volunteer felt uncomfortable at any time, he could say "stop," and the performance would end.

Yegge said no one — including those in the audience — every directed him to stop.

A spokeswoman for the institute said "we will have no comment until our investigation is complete."

Yegge said his instructor, Tony Labat, approved the general content of the piece — which Yegge called "an exploration of the notion of the master-slave dialectic in Hegel" — before it was performed.

However, Labat has denied discussing the work with Yegge

at all. Labat called the piece "bad art," but also said that wasn't reason enough to stop it.

"The professor is only there to teach, look and talk," Labat told the Chronicle. "A professor is not there to police students about their work."

"As a responsible young artist, (Yegge) should only be talking about what he did and why."

Yegge's piece was for an assignment for an introductory course in the new-genres department, which the institute has touted as "the ideal place for art-making that includes everything and anything the artist can justify."

Fat: Conclusions based on Body Mass Index

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Latin America since 1980, the number of underfed children continues to grow in the poorest countries, in sub-Saharan Africa.

Both the overweight and the underweight live in worlds of sickness, disability, shortened life expectancy and lower productivity levels, Halwell said.

"This is not based on some fashion magazine's notion of proper weight or the standard set by the latest sitcom star," but on a widely accepted international standard, Halwell said in an interview.

The conclusions are based on the "body mass index," or BMI, with 19-25 considered normal.

A person's BMI is weight in pounds, divided by the square of height in inches, then multiplied by 703.

"We have the coexistence of a sizable and growing population of overweight people with a persistent population of underweight people in poorer countries," Halwell said.

Both groups suffer from malnutrition, he said, a condition of nutritional deficiency often associated only with those who have too little to eat.

While countries, including the United States, do not gen-

erally include height and weight questions in census questionnaires, medical clinics, doctors and hospitals in most countries collect and report the data.

Halwell and Gardner use World Health Organization, United Nations and individual government figures to calculate that a global weigh-in would find 1.1 billion men, women and children underweight, down slightly from the 1980s, and about the same number overweight — a considerable increase.

The conclusions differ from recent U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that 790 million people in poor countries are chronically hungry.

Halwell said that figure is lower because it is based on calories available in the food supply rather than actual medical data.

In contrast to the hungry Third World, reports in the Journal of the American Medical Association in October described obesity as a U.S. epidemic that now affects one in five adults, killing 300,000 a year.

A decade ago, only one in eight Americans hit the obesity mark of 30 on the body mass index.

Hanks to film in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A trim Tom Hanks is due in Memphis next month to film parts of a movie in which he plays a FedEx executive, a spokeswoman says.

Hanks ("Saving Private Ryan," "Forrest Gump," "Big," "You've Got Mail") plays a workaholic Federal Express executive who survives a plane crash and is stranded alone on a small island in the film, "Cast Away," a 20th Century Fox and DreamWorks studios production with Robert Zemeckis directing.

Actress Helen Hunt ("As Good as It Gets," "Twister") plays Hanks' girlfriend, said

Jane E. Russell, spokeswoman for the film.

While on the remote island, Hanks has to "completely transform himself both physically and emotionally in order to survive his circumstance," Russell said.

The film began production in early 1999 with scenes in Los Angeles and Moscow.

Filming took an eight-month break during which Hanks was requested to lose more than 40 pounds.

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Clock strikes 12 for Cinderella

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

The clock struck 12 a little early for Cinderella on Saturday.

Middle Tennessee headed into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament on a roll after winning 10 of their previous 12 games, but none of that would matter as they fell to Southeast Missouri, 78-60, for the seventh straight game on Saturday at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"They're a better team, I think," head coach Randy Wiel said. "I still think they play better than us."

Junior guard Fernando Ortiz led the Raiders in scoring in 15 games this season and did the same against SEMO on Saturday, but in that game he fell three points short of his season average and totaled only 12 points. The only other Raider in double figures for Middle Tennessee was Junior guard Ron McKnight, who scored 10 points in 29 minutes. Junior center Lee Nosse had scored 20 points or more in the previous three games was held to only eight points and three rebounds.

Michael Stokes led the Indians with 22 points on 6-of-14 shooting, while the Indians key post player Roderick Johnson tallied 14 points and hauled in 17 rebounds. Southeast managed only one other player in double figures, Amory Sanders, who scored 10 points in 19 minutes.

"We played some fantastic games to this point," Wiel said. "They were so jacked up and got out of things we wanted to do."

Middle Tennessee played the Indians two times this season prior to the semifinal game. Both times the Raiders dug themselves



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Junior Guard Ron McKnight looks for an opening against Southeast Missouri at Saturday's game.

deep holes, of which they were unable to climb out. In the first game, in Murfreesboro, the Raiders found themselves down by double digits with over 10 minutes remaining in the first half, and were down 12 at the half. In the second game at Southeast Missouri, the Raiders dug themselves a 15 point lead by halftime. In the Gaylord Entertainment Center, the third game, the Raiders managed to shoot 20 percent in the first half, and be down by 18 at the break.

"Every time we dug a ourselves a hole," Wiel said. "During

the first 10 minutes we were getting shots out of our offense."

"The same story repeats," Ortiz said. "We came in lackadaisical."

A key to Saturday's game for the Raiders was Junior point guard Jonathan Whitworth picking up his third foul with over nine minutes left in the first half. Wiel decided to leave Whitworth in the game, and he picked up his fourth foul only five minutes later. In the first, Whitworth totaled two points, no assists, one turnover, one rebound and four fouls. "We're better when he's run-

ning the point," Wiel said. "He picked up some touch fouls."

"It was big because we didn't have another point guard," Ortiz said. "It took us out of our rhythm."

Middle Tennessee shot out of the gates, when Johnson missed a 12-foot jumper, and Ortiz was fouled on a break. He would make both free throws giving the Raiders their first and only lead of the game. SEMO's Mike Branson, and Stokes knocked down back to back three pointers, giving the Indians a 6-2 lead. However, just as they did all year, the Raiders

continued to battle.

The Raiders tied the game at 6 after Nosse hit a jumper and Ortiz made a steal, missed the lay up, but Junior forward Dale Thomas followed with a thunderous slam with 17:37 on the clock. That basket would be the last field goal the Raiders would net until the 12:48 mark.

SEMO scored 13 points and the Raiders contributed one free throw, but the damage was done. The Indians led 19-9 at that point. Southeast Missouri scored six more unanswered points extending their lead to 16 with 11 min-

utes to play in the first half.

After Johnson's tip back, the Indians claimed their largest lead of the game of 23 with over three minutes left in the game. Middle Tennessee, though, would cut the lead to 18 by the end of the first half.

In the first half, Middle Tennessee made only six of 30 shots, while the Indians hit 13-of-29.

Though down by 18, the Raiders still thought they had a chance.

"In the second half, we came out and hustled," McKnight said. "We didn't think we were out of it. We definitely thought we had a chance."

"We went more to pressing," Wiel said. "In the second half, we dug ourselves out, and played like we were supposed to."

In the second half, the Raiders would punch back on the scoreboard. Wallace made one of two free throws, while the foul plagued Whitworth knocked down a three pointer cutting the deficit to 14.

Southeast would take a 19 point lead after a 12-7 spurt. Middle continued to battle and would cut the lead to nine after a 12-2 run with under 10 minutes to play. Middle and SEMO continued to trade baskets, but time was quickly ticking away and with 7:31 left the Indian lead remained at nine.

That, however, would be as close as the Raiders would get. With 3:50 remaining in the game, the Indians would embark on an 8-2 run stopping the scoring at 78-60.

"They made some big shots and went up by 15," Ortiz said. "It was hard to come back."

The Raiders finished the season with a 15-13 record, and a loss to Southeast Missouri. ■

Lady Raiders drained by Peay in semi-finals

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

The NCAA Tournament is now out of reach for the Lady Raider basketball team.

Saturday, Austin Peay State University defeated them 67-58 in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament at the Gaylord Entertainment Center. The loss snaps a 10-game winning streak for the Lady Raiders, who are now 18-11.

"We weren't the aggressor," MTSU head coach Stephany Smith said. "We played a bit nervous and stagnant and didn't get the ball inside. We didn't have a good shooting night."

Neither team shot well. The Lady Raiders shot 41 percent from the field, while the Lady Gobs shot 36 percent. The Lady Gobs, however, hit six 3-pointers, while the Lady Raiders hit only three.

Turnovers were crucial. The Lady Raiders committed 23 turnovers, and the Lady Gobs converted them into 17 points. While the Lady Raiders forced 16 turnovers, they converted them into just seven points.

Guard Jessica McClure committed 10 turnovers — nine in the first half — and dished out only four assists.

"I played awful today," McClure said. "They (Austin Peay) wanted it more than us."

Free throws also hurt the Lady Raiders. The Lady Gobs hit 19 of 24 free throws, while the Lady Raiders hit only 11 of 20.

Lady Gov guard Brooke Armistead led all scorers with 21 points. Guard Paige Smith and forward Jocelyn Duke each contributed 13 for the Lady Gobs.

"Jocelyn Duke played great," APSU head coach Susie Gardner said. "She came up with some big-time shots and rebounds."

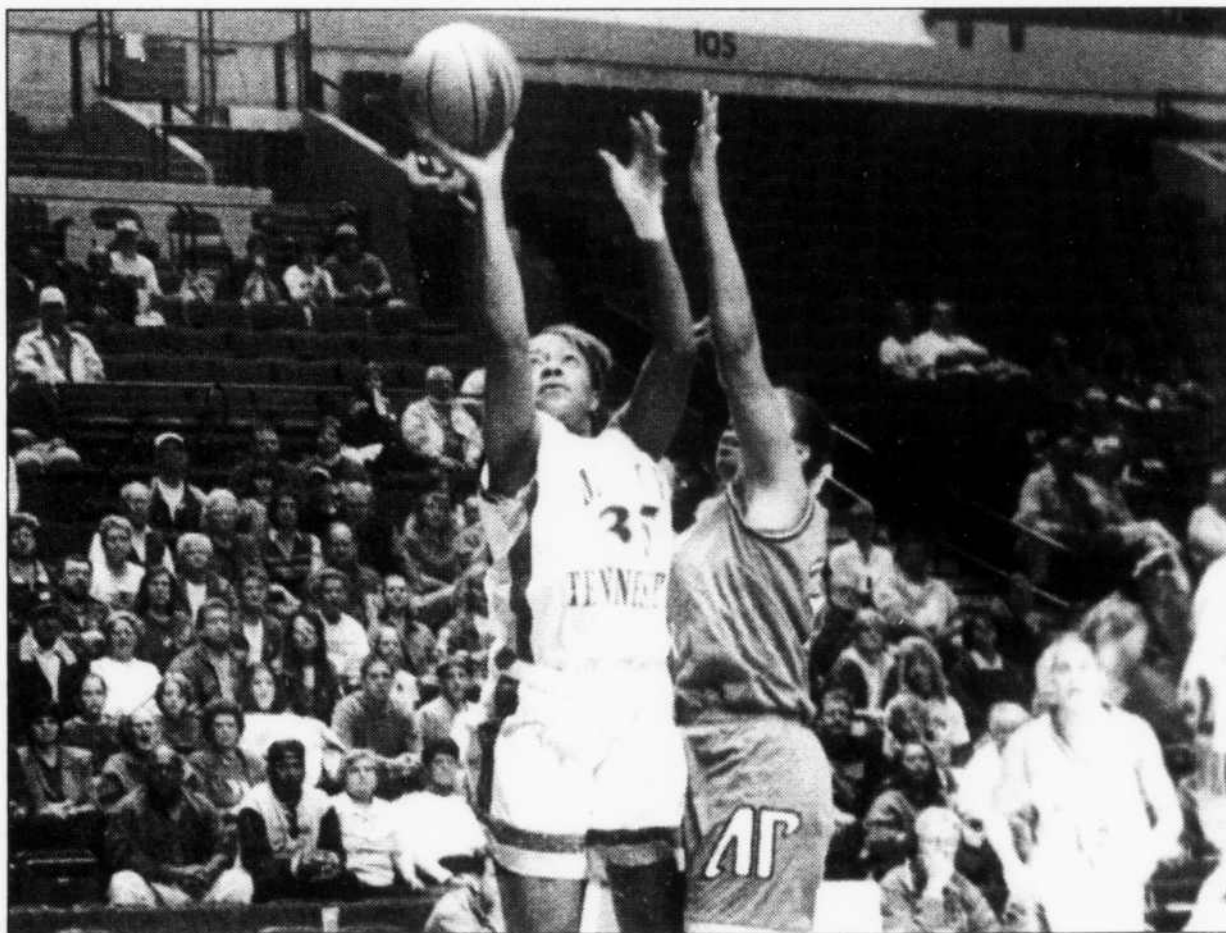


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Sophomore forward Jamie Thomatis scores 2 of her 18 points against Austin Peay on Saturday.

Forward Jamie Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 18 points. Forward Chrissy Davenport scored 16 and grabbed 12 rebounds—nine of them offensive.

The Lady Raiders led only once in the first half — 6-4. The lead lasted only 36 seconds. Guard Kelly Chavez gave the Lady Gobs the lead for the duration of the half at the 10:13 point with a 3-pointer.

Every time the Lady Raiders threatened the Lady Gobs answered.

The Lady Raiders got within two at the 9:14 point, and Armistead answered with a jumper. Guard Erica Lufkin got the Lady Raiders within three with a 3-pointer at the 4:05 mark,

and the Lady Gobs answered by scoring five straight points. Davenport cut the lead to five with a jumper at the 2:13 mark, and once again the Lady Gobs scored five straight points.

The Lady Gobs led 31-23 at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders mounted a comeback. Trailing 46-40 with 10:45 remaining, the Lady Raiders embarked on an 9-0 run and took a 49-40 lead. Davenport scored four points during the run and Thomatis scored five.

"Even after we took the lead, it still felt like we were down 15 because we fought so hard for so long to come back," Smith said.

But the lead didn't last long for the Lady Raiders. Armistead

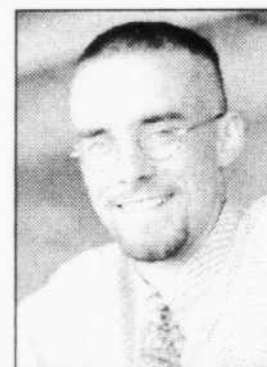
gave the Lady Gobs the lead for good with two free throws at the 3:40 point.

"When we got the lead we were trying to control the ball and keep the lead," guard Kelly Chastain said, "but we turned the ball over and didn't take good shots and that was the story."

Led by Armistead, the Lady Gobs ended the game with a 10-run.

"It's a shame things ended the way they did because I thought we were playing really good basketball," Smith said. "I know that we were prepared to play this weekend, and I know there's nothing we wanted more than to win a championship." ■

Blue Raiders finish with pride

View from the Top
A sports commentaryMichael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

The Blue Raider basketball team finished their season on Saturday after a loss to Southeast Missouri, 78-60, on Saturday, but the loss in no way reflects the effort and heart the Raiders showed to the Ohio Valley Conference in the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

The game was a heart breaking loss to perhaps the best team in the conference. The Blue Raiders never quit for 40 minutes. Let's face it. When you shoot 20 percent in the first half, your not going to win a lot of basketball games.

For those of you that are band wagon fans and cheer for the team that is doing well, finally catching MTSU basketball games when they won 10 of 12, I congratulate you on having the nerve of getting to the bar a little later and supporting your fellow students. For those of you, like Wes Counts, who never miss a game, I salute you, and thank you for supporting the Raiders all year long, through the ups and the downs.

After this basketball season I have never been more proud of a team than I am of the 1999-2000 men's basketball team. Not because they won 10-of-12 down the stretch, and not because two of them told me that a column of mine motivated them into their winning streak, but because they never quit.

Even after losing to teams they had no business even being close to like Campbell and Central Florida, they still managed to bounce back and finish 10-8 in the conference. When they were down 15 to Tennessee in Knoxville, they fought back and gave themselves a chance to win in their last possession. They only lost to the co-Southeastern Conference Champions by one point on their home floor.

When they were down big to Kansas early in the year, they fought back and made a game of it. When the Raiders trailed to Belmont at the half by nine, they came back and won by 11. And when trailing to SEMO by 18 at the half they had a chance to win the game in the second half.

Just like the players on the floor, my emotions were running high before the OVC tournament semifinals, not even a five inch Clinton, a k a cigar, could calm my nerves. When the game started, the hot wings I inhaled an hour earlier, were trying to exit the wrong way. When the Raiders were down 18 at the half, I still thought they could win. And when the final buzzer sounded and the Raiders had lost, my eyes began to water. Hey, it's the

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Men's tennis loses to Sooners

Staff Reports

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. - The University of Oklahoma men's tennis team edged No. 46 rated Middle Tennessee, 4-3, at the H.E.B Championships. The match was held at the H.E.B Tennis Center. The loss dropped the Blue Raiders to 9-5 overall, while the Sooners improved to 6-4.

In singles competition, the Blue Raiders' top two seeds, Oliver Foreman and Daniel Klemetz, came away with wins to get things started in Middle Tennessee's favor. Number three seed Robert Gustaffson then lost a heartbreaker to Charlie Roberson in a tie-breaker (4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10-3)), while No. 6 seed Mark Pellerin also fell in a tie-breaker to Tobias Kronlein (4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8)). Middle Tennessee's other singles win came when No. 5 Michael Chamberlain defeated Rick Warren, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (10-2).

The Sooners then picked up the deciding point by winning two of three doubles matches. The No. 1 team of Foreman and

Olle Nystrom fell to Roberson and Rick Warren, 8-1, then the No. 2 team of Klemetz and Gustaffson dropped an 8-5 decision to Dusty Beard and Tobias Kronlein. The third doubles match was suspended.

SINGLES

Oliver Foreman (MT) d. Dusty Beard, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (10-5)
Daniel Klemetz (MT) d. Jeremy Dunham, 6-3, 6-3

Charlie Roberson d. Robert Gustaffson (MT), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10-3)
Julio Martinez d. Olle Nystrom (MT) 6-2, 6-0

Michael Chamberlain (MT) d. Rick Warren, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (10-2)
Tobias Kronlein d. Mark Pellerin (MT), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 (10-8)

DOUBLES

Roberson-Warren d. Foreman-Nystrom (MT), 8-1
Beard-Kronlein d. Gustaffson-Klemetz (MT), 8-5

Pellerin-Michael Chamberlain (MT) vs Matt Ogle-Chris Mitchell, Suspended■

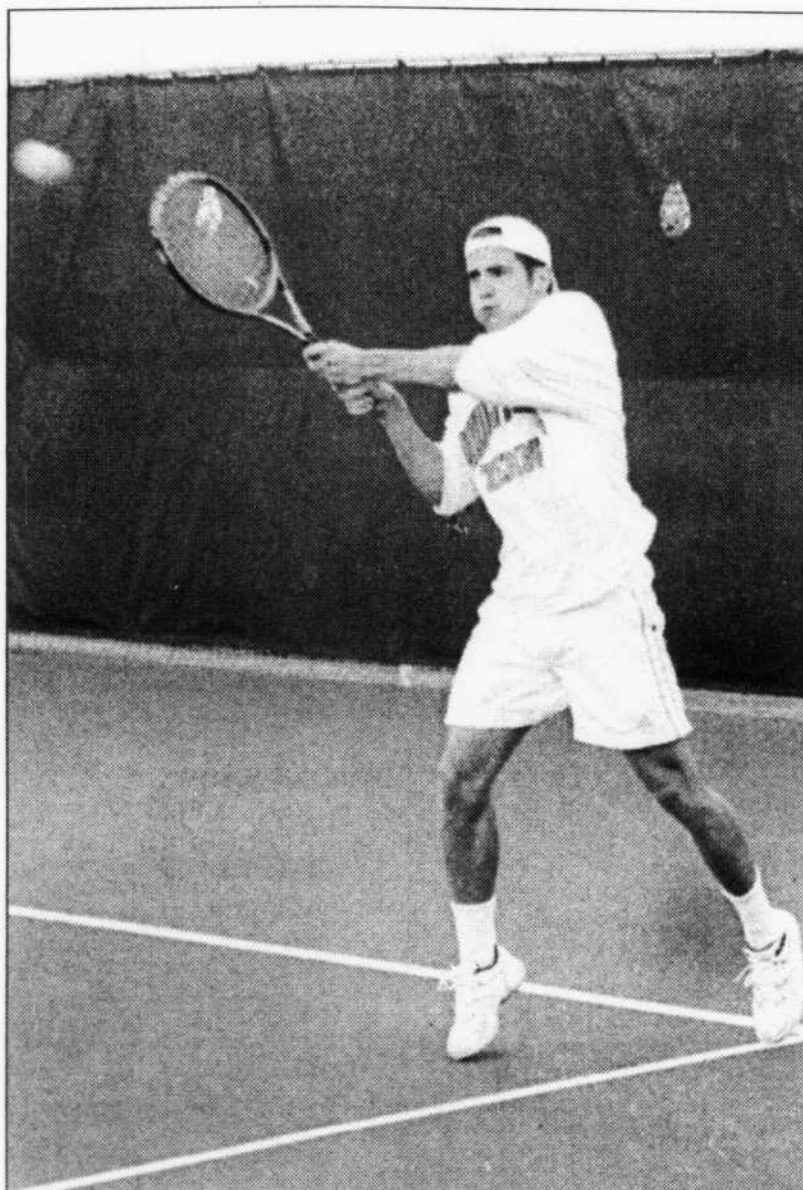


Photo by Dave Cerchiaro | Staff Photographer
Olle Nystrom and the Blue Raiders fell to Oklahoma this weekend.

Commentary: Blue Raiders finish with pride

Continued from 5B

21st century, I cried...a little.

Although I have hammered some people in my columns, I still know when to give credit and show my appreciation when the time comes. Well, that time is now.

Iiro Tenngren, Fernando Ortiz, Lee Nosse, Dale Thomas, Kevin White, Jonathan Whitworth, Ron McKnight, Freddie Martinez, Kenyata Chisholm, Marcus Mason and Jani Hiltunen, I salute you all. Thank you for your service to this school. I salute head coach Randy Wiel and his staff for always being honest with the media, even when the truth hurts.

Most importantly, I salute the two seniors on the Blue Raider team this season, the "Man of Steel" Johnny Cobb and the "Elevator Man" Cedrick Wallace. The two of you have left a lasting memory in the hearts and minds of all Middle Tennessee fans.

I will leave the players with a final thought. Temple head coach John Chaney told new Philadelphia Eagle offensive lineman something when Runyan signed with the Eagles, and it applies at MTSU.

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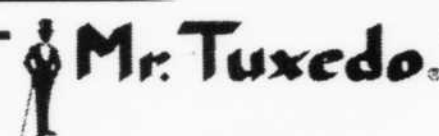
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SEMO jinx remains

Jay Carlton
Staff Reporter

● The third time wasn't a charm for the Blue Raiders in Saturday night's OVC men's basketball tournament semifinals.

Suffering a 78-60 loss at the hands of Southeast Missouri's Indians, the Blue Raiders fell victim to the Indians for the third time in the 1999-2000 season.

The Blue Raiders looked sluggish in the opening period and fell behind early, which became the catalyst for the game.

"We've played SEMO three times," said MTSU Head Coach Randy Wiel. "It seems like every time we play them we dig ourselves a hole. We get down by 10 points and then start playing."

Facing a 43-25 deficit at intermission, coach Wiel's squad had an uphill battle to fight in the second half.

"We went to pressing them full-court, which we were planning on doing in the first half, but never got an opportunity," said Wiel. "In the second half all we did better was we played together and got the shots that we wanted."

● This theme of poor starts against SEMO is all too familiar. In the first regular season game versus SEMO, a 61-48 victory for the Indians, MTSU was only 16 of 54 from field goal range while only hitting 2 of 11 three-point attempts. In the second game against the Indians, a 76-56 Blue Raiders loss, Middle

Tennessee shot 14-48 from field goal territory and was only two for six (.333) from three-point land.

Having won five out of the last six games, including the 87-70 thrashing of Tennessee Tech in the first round of the OVC tournament, the Blue Raiders were poised to make a run for the championship and an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament.

"I really felt like we had a very good chance of beating them," said Wiel. "I was very confident. If we play at our best, which means offense and defense, we can beat them. It just didn't work out that way."

Coming into the game the Blue Raiders were counting on more offensive production from their leading scorers Fernando Ortiz (15.4 ppg), Cedrick Wallace (12.3 ppg), and Tiro Tenngren (11.1 ppg). Apparently SEMO's size and strength was just too much for Middle Tennessee.

"They give a very hard guard up against us," said guard Fernando Ortiz. "Their big guys don't move from the lanes and that's what makes it so hard for us to play against them. You've just got to forget about this and prepare for next year."

The Blue Raiders also missed the offensive production of 6 foot 10 inch center Lee Nosse, who was recently named OVC player of the week. Coming off a career-high 32 points against Tennessee Tech, hopes were high for another big offensive contribution against SEMO.

The Indians had other plans for Nosse as he was limited to eight points on the night. For most of the night he mixed it up with SEMO senior center Brian Bunche.

"They [SEMO] really did what I wanted them to do, which is play behind me, but the shots just weren't falling," said Nosse.

It was definitely a disappointing loss for the Blue Raiders, however, the team did show a lot of poise and continued to play hard until the last buzzer sounded.

"My thoughts on ending the season this way are terrible," said a somber Lee Nosse. "We did make the best out of a terrible season and I apologize to all the seniors for sending them out like this."

Quite possibly SEMO has a mental edge over MTSU having won all three games by a 17-point average margin. Essentially it just comes down to fundamental basketball: being physical, shooting well, and playing solid defense.

"We've played really well all three games against them," said SEMO Head Coach Gary Garner. "We've shot well all three games, but I really can't tell you why we've handled them pretty good."

With Middle Tennessee moving into the Sun Belt conference next season the Blue Raiders will not play SEMO with any regularity. There will be some out of conference games scheduled, so there still might be another opportunity for The Blue Raiders to try to solve the SEMO jinx. ■

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Softball team captures title

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee's Lady Raider softball team captured the 2000 Middle Tennessee Softball Invitational on Sunday after beating the Belmont Bruins 1-0 at Lady Raider Field.

Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Martinez retired the first nine batters she faced and allowed only four baserunners to reach all day against the Lady Bruins. She struck out eight and allowed only two hits in her complete game victory.

"We changed up the calls from earlier in the tournament," head coach Karen Green said. "We used the curve only we she got ahead."

The Lady Raider bats were silent during most of the tournament but when they needed a big pitching and defensive performance they got it. The Lady Raiders, after all, only got hits on four of 27 at bats.

"We did it when it counted," Senior catcher Melanie Manley. "Our defense shut down their offense."

In the championship, the Lady Raiders got little offensive production from their top three hitters, 1-of-9. However, the fourth hitter, Sophomore center-fielder Laura Brockman reached base two of three times, and drove home the Lady Raiders only run of the game, while five hole hitter, Senior first baseman Shay Haskell, singled two times in three at bats.

In Sunday's morning game against Miami of Ohio, the Lady Raiders trailed 4-3 heading to the top of the last inning. With their backs to the wall, the Lady Raiders scored four runs in the seventh and took a 7-4 lead. A lead that would not be topped.

"On the first two days of the tournament, we really struggled with our bats, but we played solid defense," Green said. "On the third day, we had lost so many close games, we really didn't have anything to lose."

On day two of the tournament the Raiders faced off



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff Photographer

Senior second baseman Carisa Chavez takes a cut on Saturday.

against Tennessee State and tournament juggernaut, Western Michigan.

Against TSU, the Lady Raiders managed only three runs, but were able to ride the arm of Junior Amanda Kendall, who through seven innings of one hit softball. She struck out 10 in the process.

Senior second baseman Carisa Chavez combined with Sophomore outfielder Laura Brockman for all three runs batted in, and a 5-for-5 day at the plate.

In game two, the Lady Raiders led 3-2 heading to the bottom of the seventh, but could not hold the lead. Pam Labar singled scoring Alison Honaman and tying the game at 3.

Middle Tennessee and Western Michigan battled for four more innings before another team could score. The Lady Raiders landed what seemed to be a winning blow, when Melanie Manley singled, driving in the go ahead run. The Lady

Raiders led 4-3 heading to the bottom of the twelfth.

However, Western Michigan tied the game and when Michelle Johnson singled to the outfield, Jen Myslinski scored the game winning run in the bottom of the twelfth.

In the first game on Sunday, the Lady Raiders were facing elimination when they batted against Miami of Ohio in the Middle Tennessee Invitational on Sunday morning.

The Lady Raiders were beaten by the same Red Foxes earlier in the round-robin portion of the tournament by a score of 2-1. Lady Raider freshman Stacy Preator threw all seven innings and nearly was able to pull off the victory. However, in the first extra inning the Red Foxes scored and won the game in the bottom half of the eighth inning.

Middle Tennessee beat up on Belmont in the second game of the tournament, 5-4 which propelled them into Saturday's contests.

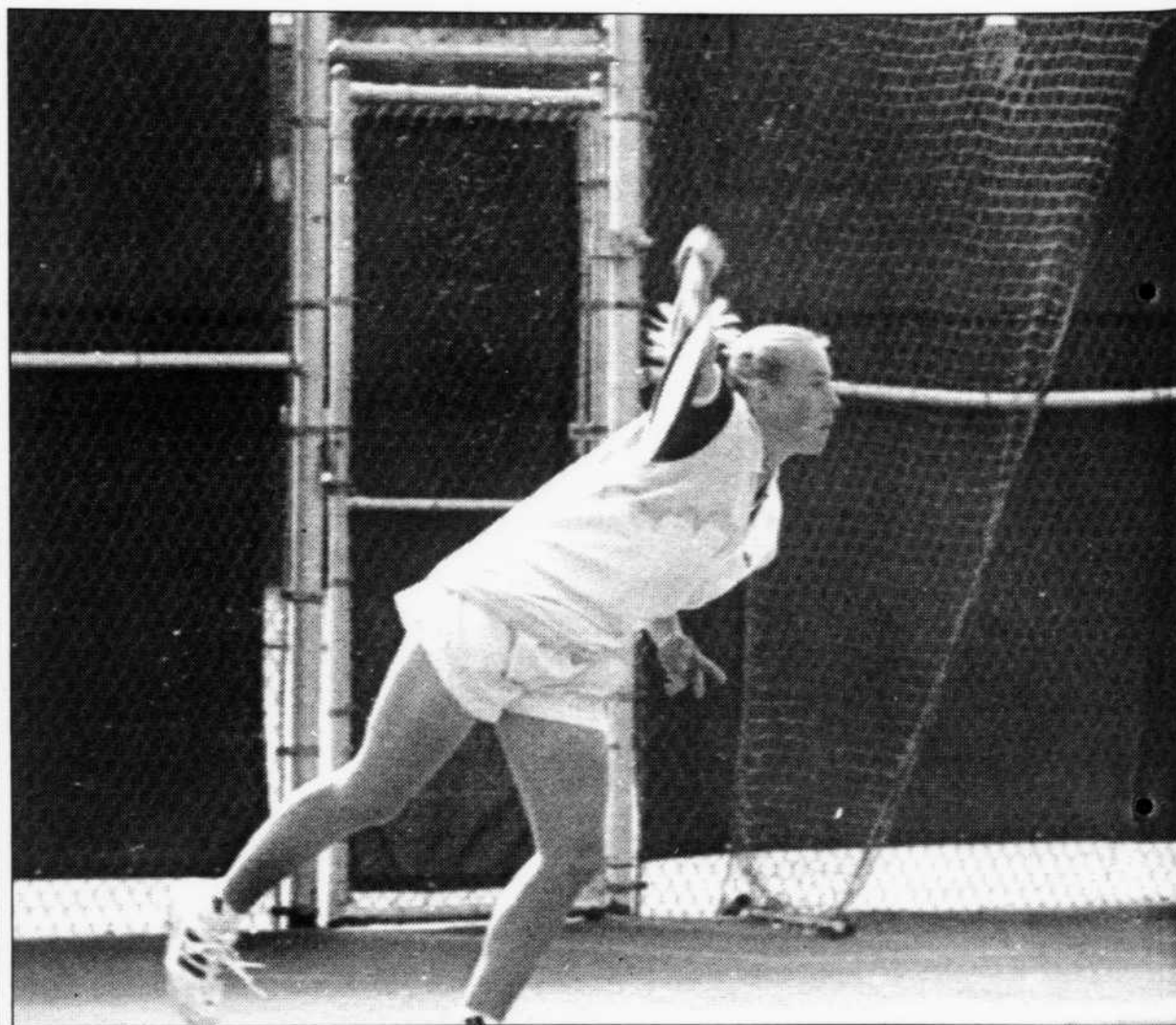


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Lady Raider tennis swept UAB and Troy State on Saturday in Murfreesboro.

Lady Raiders leave court with no 'love'

Staff Reports

The MTSU women's tennis team overpowered UAB and Troy State at home Saturday to move its record to 7-5 for the season. The Lady Raiders dominated the Trojans in a morning match, 9-0, then came back to down UAB in the afternoon, 8-1.

"We were pretty dominant today," head coach David Thornton said. "We only lost one doubles match and one singles match all day. Overall, I am very pleased with our effort. Now we have to build on these performances." Against Troy State, the Lady Raiders won all six singles matches, while taking two of the three doubles matches. In the win over UAB, MTSU took five of the six sin-

gles events and all three doubles matches.

MTSU's Michaela Gridling, Stacy Varnell and Sarah Grohnert were all undefeated for the day. All three won their singles matches, then came back to sweep the doubles events to complete a perfect day. Following are the results from today's play: MTSU vs Troy State SINGLES 1. Tina Hojnik (MT) d. Misty Riley, 6-2, 6-2 2. Katja Kuehner (MT) d. Talia Flores, 6-2, 6-1 3. Tanja Buchheim (MT) d. Janyne Hutchinson, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 4. Michaela Gridling (MT) d. Sally Linden, 6-4, 6-4 5. Stacy Varnell (MT) d. Marcia-Lynn Vanderlinde, 6-0, 6-1 6. Sarah Grohnert (MT) d. Trish Greaves, 6-4, 6-0 DOUBLES 1. Hojnik-

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