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Manning dissolves presidential committee

Decision ends afternoon full of debate

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

The Presidential Advisory Committee was dissolved Tuesday while in the midst of narrowing the list of presidential candidates for MTSU from five to three.

The committee interviewed all five of the finalists yesterday and voted to select which three would return to campus during the first week of May for additional interviews.

Richard Davenport, provost and senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Central Michigan University, and David Wilson, associate

provost at Auburn University, both tied for the committee's first pick with a total of nine votes each.

Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at MTSU; Sidney McPhee, executive vice chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents; and Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration at MTSU, all received eight votes.

The committee was preparing to either vote for a tie-breaker or leave all five candidates in the race when TBR Chancellor Charles Manning interrupted the proceedings.

Manning told the committee

that it was originally formed to advise him on selecting a presidential candidate, and that he didn't need any more advice.

Of the five remaining candidates, two are from outside Tennessee and the other three have close ties to the state and MTSU. Manning said he felt the committee had found a well-qualified and diverse pool of candidates, and he didn't see any need for the committee to narrow the list further.

At one point, some committee members discussed the possibility of hiring a private firm to find additional qualified candidates for the position.

Committee member Hubert

McCullough — who also serves as chairman of the Tennessee State Board of Education and representative of District 6 which includes Murfreesboro — was one of the strongest advocates for the hiring of a private firm.

McCullough made a motion to have the committee cut the list of candidates to three and then halt the rest of the proceedings until it was determined if the funding was available to hire a private firm to add to the presidential search.

Committee member Thaddeus Smith, chair of MTSU's history department, didn't agree with McCullough's suggestion.

Smith said he was "fairly disgusted" with the committee because it was not sticking to

the scheduled agenda which was set at the first meeting and because it wasn't fair to all of the other candidates who had been dismissed.

"If we take this action, we could be up against court action," Smith said, "because we changed the rules of the game after the game began."

Smith added that the committee had no idea if funding was even available for such an action and that was a bad situation.

"This is a bad decision that could affect the university for the next 10-15 years," he said.

The committee voted against the motion.

The five candidates will each be brought to campus sometime before the end of the semester for additional inter-

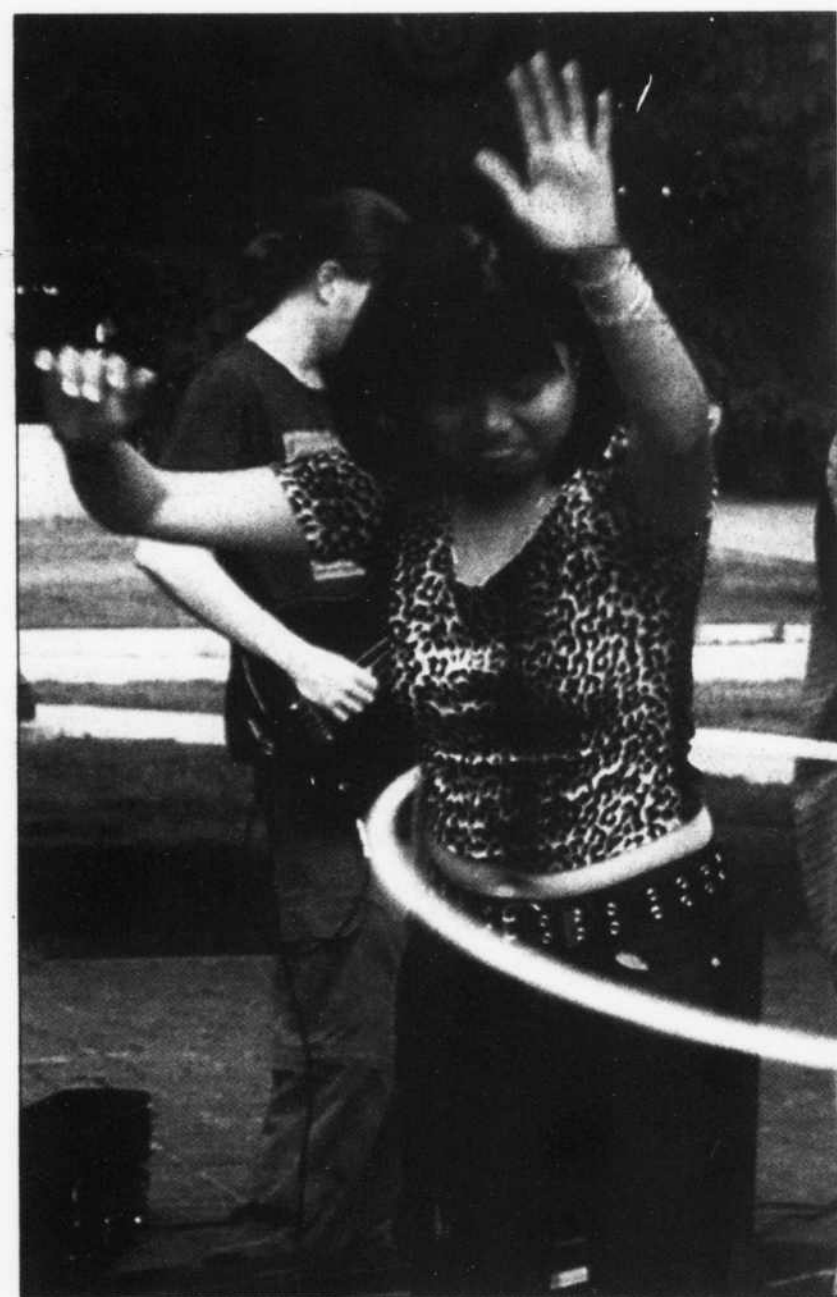
views with various focus groups comprised of students, faculty, administration and alumni.

From those interviews, Manning said he will make his selection for president and present the candidate to TBR for confirmation.

Originally, the final round of interviews were scheduled for May 8, 9 and 10. The interview dates will be changing though, because the final day for exams is May 8. Manning said he wanted students on campus during the interviews and knew that no one would be here after exams.

"We do not want to have the candidates here when students are out," Manning said.

Manning's decision ended the meeting that had been full of debates. ♦



SQUARE MEAL

Students combine food, fun at campus block party



Photos by Lindsey Turner & Pam Hudgens | Staff
(LEFT) Thuc Le, a biology and chemistry tutor in Cummings Hall, won the hula hoop competition and received a stuffed Lightning. (ABOVE) Students enjoy the hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken at yesterday's block party behind Cummings Hall.

Org. fair rescheduled; planning time limited

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

MTSU's Student Organization and Volunteer Fair has been moved up to the first week of fall classes, and organizers are worried some groups might not be ready.

The fair, which in the past took place the third Wednesday in September, has been rescheduled to be included in orientation and welcome-week activities.

"It just seems like the logical thing to do," fair organizer Maggie Prugh said. "We want to let the students know what's going on right off the bat."

This is only the second year of the fair, and Prugh expects some problems with organizations not being prepared in time.

"I'm sure it will be difficult and there will be some groups that will miss it," she said.

Many organizations and volunteer groups are still unaware of the change and Prugh fears they will not receive notification in time to participate.

To try and spread the word, she recently sent out a letter to last year's participants informing them of the scheduling

change. She also has not restricted the sign-up date for organizations that are interested. Organizations may sign up until the day before the fair if necessary.

The main purpose of the fair is for clubs and organizations to recruit freshmen and transfer students in August. Many organizations' recruitment period had already ended when the fair took place last year and students were discouraged.

Organizers moved the fair up to recruit members early and allow enough time for organizations to advertise before recruitment deadlines, which come later in the semester.

The fair will be held on The Knoll the week of August 20. Organizations will have tables set up displaying their awards or accomplishments, and they will distribute brochures stating their recruitment procedures.

"The fair is a really good recruitment tool," Prugh said.

She also hopes that the new date of the fair will give students more time to get into the swing of things before becoming new members of an organization or volunteer group.

For more information, contact Prugh at 898-8418. ♦

Philosophy for dummies

Lyceum encourages applying philosophy to everyday issues

By Lindsey Turner
Assistant News Editor

The word "philosophy" is frightening to many people.

It often invokes mental images of bearded old men, meditating deeply by candlelight about the meaning of life.

Robert Hood, MTSU assistant professor of philosophy, says many people are intimidated by the idea of philosophy because, traditionally, philosophers have been concerned with "deep" issues that everyday, working members of society don't have time to ponder.

But there is a branch of philosophy that deals with issues which are very much a part of the lives of non-philosophers - applied philosophy. It deals with

everyday concerns like race, the environment, gender and conflict.

"There's been a movement in philosophy over the last 20 years to deal with issues that are obviously relevant in people's lives," Hood said.

The philosophy department annually sponsors the Applied Philosophy Lyceum to promote applied philosophy and its importance in all the lives of all individuals. Now in its 11th year, the lyceum brings renowned names in philosophy to campus to discuss and debate often controversial social, political and moral issues.

"We try to bring people to campus who are dealing with contemporary issues - values, the meaning of life; these kinds

of foundational questions of cultural conflicts of race, gender and sexual orientation," Hood said.

The speakers are chosen by the philosophy department based largely on suggestions and input from students.

Hood said the department tries to bring dynamic, lively speakers to campus who will be interesting to students - philosophy majors and non-majors alike.

"We will continue to bring to campus people of the very best intellectual caliber to deal with issues students and people in the general public have a lot of opinions about," Hood said.

"I would like [the lyceum] to show people that everybody engages in these kinds of philo-

sophical questions at one time or another, that it's a natural part of being a human being."

On April 6, Christine Overall from Queen's University presented her views on the benefits of extending human longevity. Earlier this semester, John Lachs from Vanderbilt University discussed his take on immortality.

The third and final speaker in this year's lecture series, Donald Scherer from Bowling Green State University, is scheduled to discuss environmental issues at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the James Union Building, Room 304. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information on the lyceum, contact the philosophy department at 898-2907 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~phil. ♦

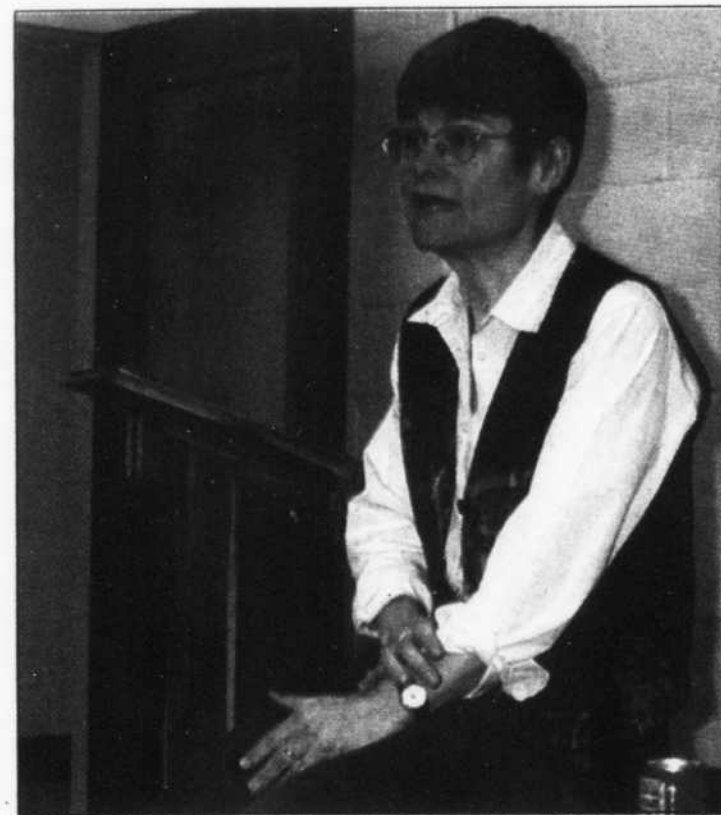


Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

Christine Overall, Queen's University, discussed her views on human longevity April 6.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

By Lindsey Turner - Assistant News Editor

Honors library dedicated to Martinelli today

The dedication ceremony for the Michael Martinelli Memorial Library is today at 3 p.m. in the lobby area between Wood and Felder Halls, home of the Honors College Living and Learning Residential Center. MTSU is the only public university in Tennessee that offers an Honors College education, which emphasizes self-directed study and research.

Creating the library was the students' idea - in memory of fellow honor student Martinelli, who died in an auto accident in 1996. Over 400 books have been collected, but more are always welcome. ♦

Sculpture program sponsors iron pour

In celebration of International Iron Cast Day, MTSU's sculpture program will present a free slide presentation and lecture by internationally renowned cast-iron designer Rick Bratten. The lecture, which will begin at noon today, will feature images of iron pours and some of his own art made from iron casting, as well as background information of cast-iron art. He will answer questions after his presentation. Bratten, from Alabama, designed the furnace currently in use in MTSU's metal shop. An "Iron Pour Workshop" will

be held for any interested faculty, students or staff. It will consist of two "Mold-Making Workshops" today from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow at the same time in the Art Barn Gallery, Room 113, and an "Iron Pour" Friday at noon in the Art Barn Annex. Participants are encouraged to wear leather shoes, jeans and safety glasses. For more information, call Shelly Moore at 898-5653. ♦

Urban Music Society celebrates music, life, community

The Urban Music Society is sponsoring "Urban Music Week: Celebrating Music, Life and the Community" this week. Today there will be a table in the Keathley University Center lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. full of information and literature about the UMS and the week's events. The UMS's compilation CD, "Earomathrapy," will be on sale for \$10, and all proceeds will benefit the Damien Bell Memorial Scholarship. A party at Plaza Garibaldi will be Wednesday night at 10 p.m. Thursday, Kashif - a Grammy-nominated songwriter, producer and author who has worked with Whitney Houston, George Benson, Kenny G., Dionne Warwick and Melba Moore - will conduct a seminar at 12:30 p.m. in John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 149. He will also be the keynote speaker for Recording Industry Majors' Career Day in Mass Comm, Room 101, at 2:15 p.m.. At 4:30 p.m. Kashif will conduct a question-and-answer session in Mass Comm, Room 149. The UMS will also participate in the Ebony Achievement Awards at 7 p.m. at the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro. Friday, the UMS will sponsor an urban music festival on the Knoll featuring GP, Black Cotton, Troubled Waters, Big Fella & Te'Arthur the Great, DJ Homer, DJ Rob Storm and DJ Redd. Canned food and clothing donations are welcome, and will benefit the Women's Abuse Center and the Salvation Army. Saturday, the UMS and the African American Students Association will be having a field day with children at the Spring Valley Community Center. All events except the banquet are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-

Cheerleader Tryouts

Tryouts for the MTSU spirit squads are just around the corner

What: Blue Squad Tryouts
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Tryout Process: There will be clinics on April 27, 28, and 29 in which participants will learn materials and demonstrate skills. Participants will be evaluated at all clinics and cuts will be made after each clinic. Participants will be evaluated on the following.

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- Partner Stunts such as: Toss Shoulders Pop Off, Walk in Extension Pop Off, Toss Liberty Pop Off, Toss Stretch Full Cradle
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 The Athletic Committee

For descriptions of committees, please go to www.mtsu.edu/sga. All members selected will serve for the 2001-2002 academic year and will be notified by mail at the beginning of the fall semester. For those interested, please contact Jamie Burns, SGA Vice president of Administration and Public Affairs, at 898-2870 or by email at jburnsadpi@hotmail.com

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

By Jeremy Davis - Political Columnist

US missionary plane shot down in Peru

Peruvian fighter jets shot down a civilian plane carrying American missionaries Friday over the northern jungle of Peru. The plane was mistaken for a drug trafficking plane.

Roni Bowers, 35, and her baby daughter Charity were the only passengers killed in the accident. The victim's husband Jim, 38, and her son Cory, 6 were not injured.

The CIA assists the Peruvian government in tracking and shooting down drug traffickers in Peru. The United States said the Peruvian fighters ignored warnings from the American team saying that the plane may not be a drug smuggler.

Peru officials say the plane had no flight plan, ignored radio warnings and tried to maneuver away from the fighters. The missionary plane had been on a different frequency than the Peruvian fighter. The missionaries' pilot was talking to air traffic control while the plane was being shot at.

The Peruvian government denies the American claim that the Peruvian fighter is at fault and blames the United States for assisting in the accident.

The missionaries were sponsored by the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, which has since produced the flight plan of the plane as proof that there was a plan and the Peruvian government ignored it.

Since 1995, Peru and the United States have worked together to fight drug traffickers. They have shot down more than 30 planes and seized more than a dozen on the ground. ♦

Bush debuts in Quebec

President Bush made his debut on the world stage at his first international summit of his administration last week-

end in Quebec City. Bush was the star of the 34-nation Summit of the Americas, which included every nation in the Western Hemisphere except Cuba.

Bush hopes to gain fast track authority from Congress this year to freely negotiate the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas by 2005. The agreement will open up free trade to all 34 nations in the West except Cuba.

"I've always believed the best foreign policy is one that improves your own neighborhood first," Bush said. "So when I say a priority of ours is this hemisphere, it's not idle chitchat. It's reality."

While the president was meeting with Western leaders, violent protest roared a few blocks away in a sealed off section of the city. The protestors claim free trade will hurt environmental and human rights concerns in poorer countries. ♦

Bush turns down Taiwan's request for advanced arms

President Bush decided Monday to not sell Taiwan the advanced Aegis radar systems it requested. However, Bush did leave the option to sell advanced arms to Taiwan in the future open if China escalates its presence across the Taiwan Strait.

Bush did agree to sell less sophisticated weaponry to Taiwan. Taiwan will receive four Kidd class naval destroyers, 12 P-3 "Orion" anti-submarine aircraft and assistance in buying eight diesel submarines.

The sale is a result of the Taiwan Relations Act that requires the United States to sell Taiwan any defense weapons it needs to defend itself against China. The act exists even though the United States recognizes Beijing as the sole authority over Taiwan. ♦

Commentary by Jeremy Davis

Why you should never vote for Al Gore

If Al Gore should attempt to run for Democratic primary in 2004, don't support him. It's not his robotic demeanor, his gross exaggerations of everything, his inability to not look like he's lying, his futile recount effort or even his beady little eyes that bother me. It goes deeper than that... much deeper.

Many pundits on "Hardball," "Crossfire" and every other political talk show have cited the obvious problems in the Gore campaign as reasons for him not to run again. Gore completely failed to capitalize on Clinton's popularity and economic success and lost to a guy who has only been in politics six years.

The best reason I have heard for Gore's failure came out two years before the election. Who could create such prophecy? Your friend and mine, Hunter S. Thompson. In a *Rolling Stone* article after the impeachment of Clinton in 1998, Thompson said Gore would have a difficult time living up to Clinton's standards of lewdness. Thompson said Clinton would deliver one of the best set-ups for a vice president in history, but the lewdness hurdle would have to be passed.

Gore didn't take Thompson's advice. Gore didn't even try to run with Clinton's image like Thompson said he would have to do. He ran against it and lost. However, this is not the reason you should vote against him.

The real reason comes from a story an unnamed miscreant friend of mine told me last week. Let's call this friend Raoul.

Raoul was sitting in the lobby of the Business and Aerospace Building last Monday afternoon to meet a friend of his. While awaiting the arrival of his friend, Raoul was suddenly hit by a great urge. You know that urge: that running down the hall with your hands fiercely clutching the seat of your pants urge.

Needless to say, Raoul hustled off to the nearest WC when a member of the Secret Service stopped him dead in his tracks.

"Where do you think you're going?" demanded the agent. However, Raoul was not fazed by this affront.

"I have to take a dump and I have to take it now," Raoul demanded.

The agent thought it over a second, and then said, "Go ahead, but make it quick."

Raoul bolted into the first stall and unleashed great fury upon the porcelain altar. A few minutes later, amidst the fury, the same agent stomped into the excretory sanctuary and barked, "Are you finished in there?"

"No, I've got a turd hanging out of my ass!" exclaimed our hero.

"Well, this is now a secured area," announced the Secret Service stooge.

Secured area? What could this mean? Our hero sat there puzzled and amused when suddenly the sound of men's dress shoes tapping on the tile filled the room.

Oh yes, it was Al Gore.

Raoul did not physically identify the man as Al Gore, but who else at MTSU has the Secret Service declare a bathroom a "secure area" before they go relieve themselves?

The former VP commenced in relieving himself, amidst the fury, and then zipped up and left. The agent quickly returned to declare the area unsecured.

I promise this is true, and the chances of it happening to anyone except Raoul are slim to none, but did you notice something missing in the vice president's performance? Yeah, that's right, he didn't wash his hands. He didn't wash his hands!

When our hero Raoul first told me this story, I couldn't stop thinking about all those scenes on the news during the campaign of Al Gore shaking all those hands. Thousands upon thousands of Americans have possibly been infected by Gore's biohazard paws.

We cannot and we must not allow this kind of negligent behavior to go on among our leaders. I don't know, but this could be part of Gore's insidious plot to infect America's precious bodily fluids with his robotic exaggeration disease. Gore would then create a master race of pasty white tree-huggers that would overrun the country and force everyone to put their guns, internal combustion engines and souls in a lockbox.

As you can see, the situation is dire, and the country is depending on us to spread the word. Fight the future. Don't let this country go down in flames. So when 2004 rolls around, remember this story and vote accordingly. ♦

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Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff

Manning's actions injustice to MTSU

Tuesday, Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning made the decision to disband the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which has been weeding through MTSU presidential candidates for a little more than a month.

Manning said the committee was formed only to advise him in selecting a president, and that he didn't need anymore advice.

How noble of him.

Out of the five remaining candidates, three are closely connected to MTSU. In an attempt to narrow the list to three, the committee voted on the five hopefuls. The two out-of-state candidates both tied for the committee's first choice, with a nine votes each.

The three in-staters - two of which are MTSU vice presidents and one who is vice chancellor of TBR - all tied for the third slot with 8 votes each.

The committee was considering voting on the three runner-ups when Manning interrupted and told the committee that its services were no longer needed. He said it had done its job, and he would take it from there.

How convenient for him.

Since the beginning of the presidential search, rumors have been flying around that Sidney McPhee (the TBR vice chancellor who's running for the position) would be chosen, and that the formal process was just for show.

Manning's actions Tuesday only enforces those rumors.

If the committee would have been allowed to vote, McPhee could have been voted out of the race. Manning didn't let that happen.

All of the five candidates are highly qualified, but the three connected to MTSU know the system. What the university needs to advance further is a fresh perspective from an outsider.

James Walker, our former president, was an outsider, and look at all of the innovations and progress he made. He turned MTSU into the largest school in the TBR system. Before he came, MTSU was considered by most of Tennessee as nothing more than a glorified community college.

McPhee is well qualified, but if he were to get the presidency through unfair means, it would be a disservice to everyone involved in higher education in Tennessee, including current and potential students. It seems to be a major conflict of interest for Manning to decide the fate of his own vice chancellor.

Manning's actions makes it impossible to know what may have happened.

How unfortunate for us.

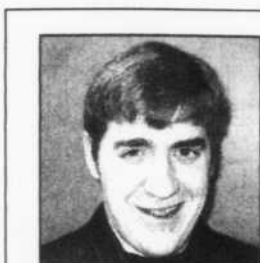
CANADIAN BACON

Revisiting the MTSU strip club

After a semester's worth of columns on various topics, I've discovered the one thing that is guaranteed to get students to read my column: sex. So I thought it was only appropriate to use my last column of the semester as a follow-up to one of my more popular previous columns: the MTSU strip club.

The original column was a mere joke — a challenge to see if I could make a rational argument for a completely outrageous idea. But as people continued to track me down to discuss it, I began to think it might have some merit.

While there are many obstacles in the way of getting our own private



Patrick Chinnery
Staff Columnist

dens of debauchery on campus, there appears to be major support for the idea at the grassroots level.

I know because I asked.

A couple of weeks after the idea surfaced, I surveyed several people a day to see what they thought of the idea. While I do not claim that my survey is a representative sampling of MTSU's student popula-

tion, I find it hard to believe that the respondents do not represent a large portion of the campus' wishes.

When completed, my study had responses from 76 people, 40 guys and 36 girls. They were selected randomly. I walked around campus and asked people if they wouldn't mind answering some questions about campus social life and work-study programs.

The results may surprise you. Sixty-four of the respondents (about 83 percent) surveyed said they would support the idea of a stripping-for-work-study program, although only 15 of them said they would participate as a stripper (about

20 percent).

It probably won't surprise you that the majority of those in favor were male, although 26 of the 36 ladies were also in support.

There was also another interesting trend. Out of the 15 people who said they would participate as a stripper, 11 were female.

Figures are great and all, but they don't tell the entire story.

The intensity of the response to the questions is also an important part of the story. While most people were for the idea, those opposed to it were more passionate when discussing their views (including one female who suggested that I would end up in Hell for

suggesting such an idea).

My final analysis of the whole situation?

Among us will most likely have to struggle fruitlessly for years before any headway is made, let alone before the first one is broken.

Like Nixon's silent majority, those in favor of this war are unwilling to let their views be widely known.

But I will not let this fight languish in the annals of time. As long as I have a column there will be a voice in the crowd, vocalizing the wishes and desires of at least 64 people on campus. ♦

FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE

Uncle Sam is watching us



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

Well, the word is out. The government would be tracking Web users.

A report, released by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (chaired by Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson), stated that 64 federal Web sites used unauthorized files to track what Web users were

browsing and buying.

This affirms a fear that many have had since the Internet came into creation.

With all of the great things that the Internet has to offer, it also creates the potential for tremendous and unprecedented abuse of users' privacy.

The worst part is that many people won't mind. A little less privacy for a little more convenience, or safety or peace of mind? Many of you would say yes.

Cookies, small software files that allow the Web master who installed them to track the activities of an individual computer, also save preferences on indi-

vidual Web sites so that a user wouldn't be inconvenienced by having to enter all of the information again.

Government Web sites are only supposed to use cookies in cases of compelling need, and the user must be informed they are being used. According to the report, many users are not doing this.

A chilling question arises: If the government is tracking our Web browsing habits, what's to stop them from doing other, even more intrusive things?

Hopefully the committee will be able to get the government to be honest about this practice, but it's

highly unlikely that they will be 100 percent successful.

I've never been a conspiracy theorist but this is alarming.

Why does the government need this information? Is there any driving need to have this information?

Probably not.

This has the potential to circumvent our Constitutional rights by invading our privacy at home.

If you think it hasn't happened before, think again.

Currently, a government agent could be using heat-seeking equipment to examine your home for

indoor growing equipment and other items you may keep in your home. They do this without a warrant or notification.

As Charlton Heston said recently, "If you are not shocked at that, I am shocked at you."

If we keep trading a bit of privacy here and there for more convenience, or so-called "safety," we may come to the point where we have no freedom left to trade with, but at least our posteriors will be fat and comfy.

To submit fully to any government, even one as great as ours, is to submit everything that we hold dear about this country. ♦

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Dear Annie True Friends

Dear Annie,

I think I'm too nice. I always go out of my way to help my friends. I entertain them when they're bored, console them when they're sad, drive them home when they've partied too much, and it seems like we only have "just girl time" when they're either single or their boyfriends are busy. I don't want to call them up and beg for a friend. I shouldn't have to, right? You'd think they would call and say: "Hey, haven't seen you in a while... let's go to breakfast." It's like I'm their friend when it's convenient for them. Am I expecting too much? This seems to be a consistent pattern in the friendships I make. My feelings are hurt. Do you understand what I'm talking about?

Disappointed

Dear Disappointed,

Do we have the same friends?

I'm sitting at the City Café having breakfast, alone, and I'm starting to wonder where my friends are. They're probably with their boyfriends.

It's a common tale: girl gets a boyfriend and forgets about her girlfriends. But she shouldn't. Guys come and go but friendships last forever (copyright Hallmark).

You're not expecting too much. A friendship, just like a relationship, takes two to make it work. A one-sided friendship isn't a friendship. You shouldn't have to yourself to keep a friend. If you allow someone to take advantage of you, they will.

Realize your friends are selfish. Don't expect them to throw you a bone and you won't be disappointed and hurt when they forget. Stop being their flunky. You don't always need to be available. Let them play Tiddly Winks when they're bored, talk to their teddy bear when they're sad, charge cab fare when they've partied too much and boycott "just girl time" because you're busy.

You don't have to be "catty." Hopefully, this will give you a chance to express your hurt feelings to them. It sounds like you're trying to be a good friend. If they're true friends, this will be a great wake-up call. If your so-called friends disappear after your new attitude, you haven't made friends with the right people. Start looking for more than just company. Look for character — friends who will give, not just take.

By the way... how about we go to breakfast next week?

Letters to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu.
Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Slay has earned my trust

To the Editor:

In the United States, the land of the free, you are innocent until proven guilty. However, in *Sidelines*, I find this is not the case. First of all, Dr. Slay is a great doctor. It does not matter to me what minor drug conviction he had way back when you were still in diapers and in kindergarten.

Second of all, Dr. Slay has not been recently hired by MTSU. He has worked in Counseling and Testing for years part-time and just recently was transferred to Health Services as a full-time doctor. Also, Dr. Slay is the only doctor on campus who gives prescriptions to psychotropic medications.

Now that he's gone, we get to pay money out of our own pocket to see a psychiatrist to prescribe us the medication we need in order to function properly. You may say that Dr. Slay will not ever earn the trust of anyone on campus ever again, but to me he has already earned that trust.

Tony Bernard
Junior in Accounting

If students can't get away with drugs, neither should staff

To the editor:

OK, so let me get this straight. Prospective students can not receive financial aid if they have a misdemeanor drug conviction, yet the person hired and paid for by the university to treat a student's medical ailment is a repeated drug abuser. And to the extent that he thought Eagleville School was a shopping mall?!!

If that's the case, come on everyone—write in Scott Weiland of the Stone Temple Pilots for Homecoming King this fall! We deserve better than this. How are students to know that a prescription written by Dr. Slay won't kill them and that it was, in fact, written with a clear mind of how drugs interact with each other?

If MTSU keeps this doc, every kid kicked out of school for illegal drugs should file a complaint. Bless that man and get him out of MTSU and where he belongs...jail or rehab, without a medical license, people!!

Thank you, *Sidelines*, for running a headline to let all students know about their on-campus-healthcare providers.

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Abolishing the Anti-Drug Provision isn't the answer

To the Editor:

In response to Lindsey Turner's article in the April 19, 2001 edition of "Sidelines," I think there is a better resolution to this argument than abolishing the Anti-Drug Provision of the Higher Education Act of 1998.

I agree that it's ridiculous to allow murderers, rapists and other felons to receive Federal Financial Aid while rejecting aid to minor drug offenders. However, I don't think the abolition of the Anti-Drug Provision is the answer.

Why don't we get rid of the ridiculousness of the provision by eliminating all convicted felons from the eligibility for Federal Aid? (Just for a specified time, like the one-year for most drug offenses.)

And in regard to Miss Turner's mention of alcohol related incidents, throw that in the mix too.

Miss Turner, you asked the question, "Why should the government put its big bureaucratic foot in the way of any student and education and then complain and fret about increased drug usage?"

If I am appropriately interpreting this question, it's implying something that is as ridiculous as allowing murderers to receive the

aid in question. Insinuating that people use drugs because they couldn't go to school is crazy. People use drugs because they want to. Rich or poor, male or female, it's a conscious choice to use drugs.

The only harm that I see in this Provision is that it's discriminatory. But the way I see it, most things in life are discriminatory. Convicted drug offenders can't receive any aid but murderers can. There are minority scholarships but no majority scholarships. Do you have more than twelve items in your cart? If so, you can't use the "Express Lane"! Such is life. I've learned to deal with it.

Sean Lankford
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The MTSU library needs more books

To the Editor:

I want to say a few words about the beautiful new MTSU Library.

While I agree that the building is beautiful, bricks and mortar do not a library make.

First, I want to congratulate the library staff for being as helpful as they are and doing as well as they can with what they have.

However, I also have a couple of complaints about the library. I want to repeat the tired and often-repeated frustrations expressed about the library hours, which, particularly on weekends, are inadequate. I would like to see the university hire more staff and keep the library open 24 hours a day, or as close to it as possible. Next, I want to question the priorities of those who installed the computers. Is it just me, or are there simply too many in there? SOME computers are necessary, but there is one almost every three feet.

My main gripe with the library, however, is the books, or rather, lack thereof. Recently, while composing a paper on the Cold War, I noticed as I compiled my bibliography that every book the library had on the subject was published in the '60s or '70s. The library is under-stocked particularly on subjects that are contemporary, which makes writing papers containing up-to-date information almost impossible.

I know the marble floors and vaulted ceiling, as well as the plethora of electronic technology makes for an impressive sight to drag prospective students through. However, perhaps we should attempt to make the library a bit more useful for the students who already attend this university, rather than use it to entice future enrollees. I strongly urge the university to do what it can to increase funding for the library, and make it as impressive and modern on the shelves, as it is on the surface.

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Tennis teams place 2nd, 3rd in tourney

By J.P. Plant
& Adam Sparks
Assistant Sports Editor
& Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Men's Tennis team came up short in their bid for its first ever Sun Belt Conference Tournament

Championship. The Blue Raiders fell in defeat to the eleventh ranked South Alabama squad 4-0 Sunday in the finals of the conference tournament.

"I though we played well (in the Sun Belt Tournament)," head coach Dale Short said. "I also think there's room for

improvement, but overall, I think we played as well as we've played all season."

The next thing for the Blue Raiders is to wait and see where they go in the NCAA tournament. Short, a member of the NCAA Tournament selection committee, predicts his team to

possibly go as high as a No. 2 seed, but says at least a No. 3 seed is guaranteed and more likely.

The Blue Raiders (16-6) were ranked as high as 26th in the country this season.

"We came real close to meeting [our expectations]. I felt

like we had a few good wins, but I also think we lost to some teams we were better than. But it's not over yet; we're going to be in the NCAA tournament, it's just a matter of where and who we play and we're just going to have to wait to see what happens.

"Your record doesn't really matter, what matters is who you beat and who you lose to."

The Lady Netters bounced back from a semi-final loss to host South Alabama Saturday to win third place by defeating Louisiana-Lafayette 4-1 in the consolation match Sunday. ♦

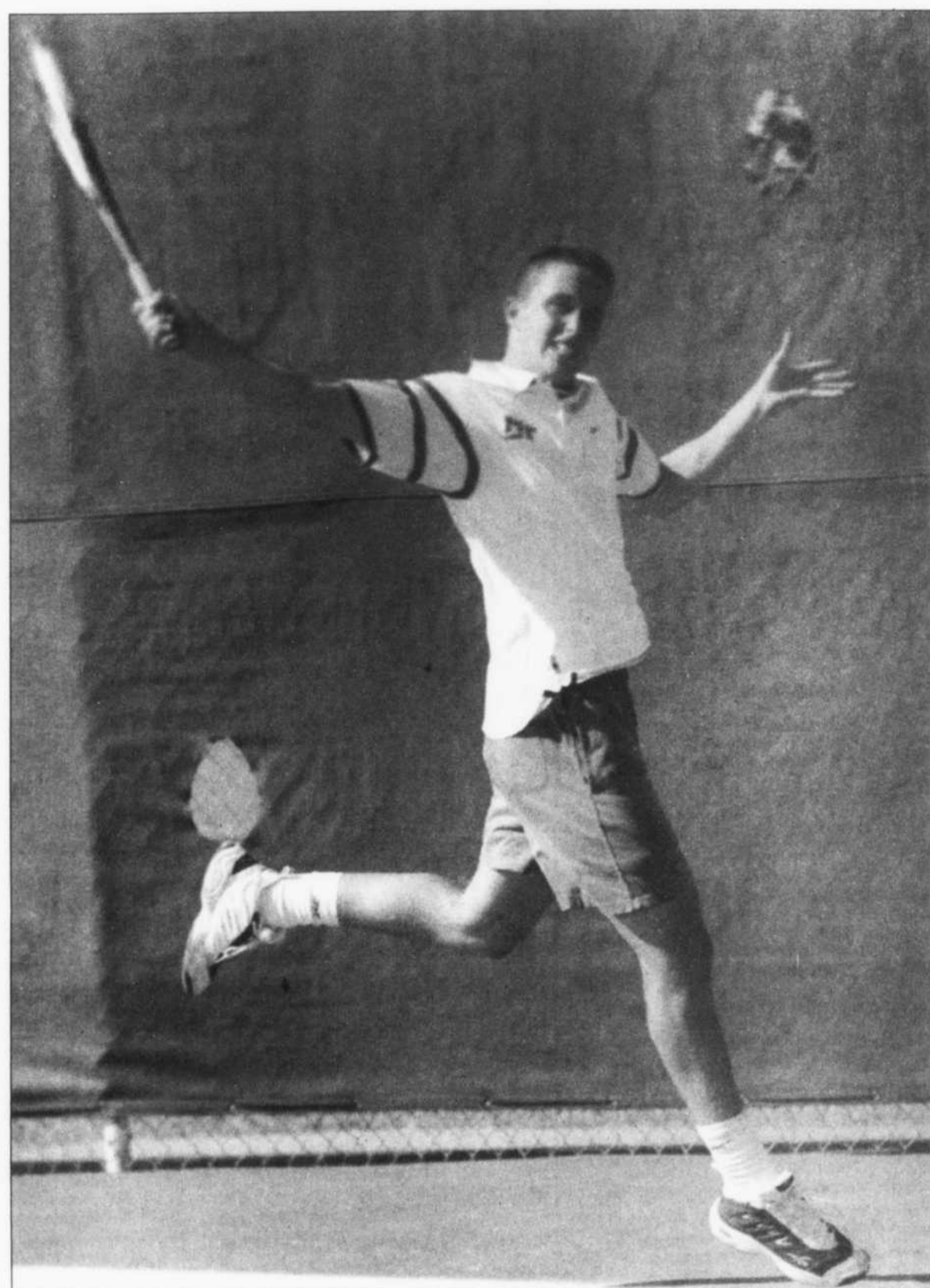


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Oliver Foreman (above) is one of five Blue Raiders named to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team.

Five Blue Raiders make all-tournament

Media Relations

Middle Tennessee's men's and women's tennis programs had five players named to the 2001 All-Sun Belt Conference team.

The men's team, who finished second in the conference to South Alabama, had two singles players and one doubles team named to the All-SBC team.

Daniel Klemetz, the Blue Raiders No. 1 and 39th ranked player in country, and Robert Gustafsson, who is currently ranked 95th in the nation, joined

three players from South Alabama and one from New Mexico State on the All-SBC singles team.

Gustafsson and Oliver Foreman were one of three doubles tandems to be named all-conference. The duo has spent nearly the entire season ranked as one of the Top 50 teams in nation and currently stand at No. 35.

Manon Kruse was the lone Lady Raider named all-conference in singles and teamed with Stacy Varnell to earn all-SBC in doubles. No women's team had more than one player or doubles squad named all-conference. ♦

Women's Tennis RESULTS

Middle Tennessee def. Louisiana-Lafayette, 4-1

Singles:

Manon Kruse (MT)
def. Ariana Uratani (UL) 6-2, 6-2
Vince Rampen (UL)
def. Cariea Venter (MT) 6-1, 6-1
Tanja Buchheim (MT)
def. Robin Singh (UL) 6-4, 6-3
Inge Weirich (MT)
def. Amanda Cowieson (UL) 6-2, 6-0
Amadine Hubert (UL)
vs. Michaela Gridling (MT) DNF

Doubles:

Kruse/Varnell (MT)
def. Uratani/Rampen (UL) 8-4
Gridling/Buchheim (MT)
def. Singh/Cowieson (UL) 8-3
Hubert/Novatna (UL)
def. Venter/Weirich (MT) 8-0

Men's Tennis RESULTS

#11 South Alabama def. Middle Tennessee, 4-0

Singles:

Tomas Chatar (USA)
def. Robert Gustafsson (MT) 6-3, 6-3
Kosta Zinchanka (USA)
def. Kirk Jackson (MT) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3
Zlatko Stupavsky (USA)
def. Trevor Short (MT) 6-1, 6-3
Christian Thall (USA)
vs. Daniel Klemetz (MT) DNF
Julien Raynal (USA)
vs. Oliver Foreman (MT) DNF
Vince Bandet (USA)
vs. Michael Staniak (MT) DNF

Doubles:

Thall/Zindranka (USA)
def. Gustafsson/Foreman (MT) 8-6
Bandet/Kaynal (USA)
def. Staniak/Klemetz (MT) 8-4
Fowler/Chatar (USA)
def. Short/Pellerin (MT) DNF

2001 Women's Tennis

2001 Men's Tennis



Front Row (left to right): Manon Kruse, Stacy Varnell, Michaela Gridling, and Cariea Venter. Back Row: Asst. Coach Tim Caldwell, Tanja Buchheim, Niger Kaur, Laurie Ferguson, and Head Coach Randy Holden (Not picture: Inge Weirich).



Front Row (from left to right): Head Coach Dale Short, Michael Staniak, Robert Gustafsson, Oliver Foreman, Mark Pellerin, Asst. Coach Julius Robberts. Back Row: Trevor Short, Belal Hamadeh, Kirk Jackson, Daniel Klemetz, Sean Bowen, manager Randy Gibson



7 Day
Sportscast

WEDNESDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Cumberland Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

Softball

Lady Raiders at Samford (DH) Birmingham, Ala. 4 p.m.

Golf

Sun Belt Championships Dallas, Texas, all day

THURSDAY

Outdoor Track

Penn Relays Philadelphia, Pa., all day

Outdoor Track

Drake Relays Des Moines, Iowa, all day

FRIDAY

Softball

Lady Raiders vs. Florida Int'l Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.

Baseball

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

Outdoor Track

Penn Relays Philadelphia, Pa., all day

Outdoor Track

Drake Relays Des Moines, Iowa, all day

SATURDAY

Softball

Lady Raiders vs. Florida Int'l Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. New Mexico State Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m.

Outdoor Track

Penn Relays Philadelphia, Pa., all day

Outdoor Track

Drake Relays Des Moines, Iowa, all day

SUNDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. New Mexico State Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

MT steps outside the Sun Belt, looks to continue momentum

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee and Cumberland face off for the second half of their home and home series today at Reese Smith Field.

Middle Tennessee defeated Cumberland 13-10 just two weeks ago in Lebanon.

Since that game, the Blue Raiders have gone 6-1, including five conference wins to run their record to 31-9 for the 2001 campaign and 11-7 in the Sun Belt Conference.

Middle Tennessee sits in a four-way tie for first in the Sun

Belt and currently would own the number one seed in the conference tournament next month to face off against Louisiana Tech, which the Blue Raiders hold a 2-1 record against after last weekend's series.

The Blue Raiders have also received support in the polls. They received eight votes in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll, placing them 39th in country.

Junior Dewon Brazelton garnered another honor. He was named Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season after his 13 strikeout performance to become Middle Tennessee's all-time leader in the

category with 285. He becomes the first pitcher to win the Pitcher of the Week award twice in a single season.

Brazelton also leads the nation with the lowest earned run average in Division I baseball with a 0.96 average.

Middle Tennessee is ranked 12th in Division I with a 3.20 ERA. That mark is good enough to lead the Sun Belt.

Senior Justin Sims has been busy too. Sims needs just two triples to tie the MT single season record of eight. He hit .526 last week and drove in nine runs over four games.

Senior Josh Renick is third in

the nation in batting average at .462.

The Bulldogs have been busy too, going 9-2 over the two week stretch to move to 40-14 (16-3 in the Mid-south conference).

They'll look for strong performance from Juan Campos, who went 4-for-6 in the last meeting between the schools, and Chris Smith, who went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs on the afternoon. Campos and Smith belted homer runs in the contest.

The game will be played under the lights at Reese Smith Field, with the opening pitch slated for 7 p.m. ♦

Wiel excited about new recruits

Staff Reports

After a disappointing first season in Sun Belt Conference play, men's head basketball coach Randy Wiel is desperately seeking immediate help with a string of potential Blue Raiders.

"We're excited about the people we've signed so far," he said about the players the Blue Raiders have harnessed during the early signing period. "We really feel we've gone out and recruited some people that will help us compete in the Sun Belt."

Those people include early signees Eric Parham, John Humphrey and Charles Anderson.

Of the three, Anderson, a power forward hailing from Chattanooga, appears to be one of the biggest catches during the early signing period.

Listed at 6-8, Anderson looks to have all the tools that will be

needed as the Blue Raiders hope to add size to their front-court next season. In high school he averaged a gaudy 19.5 points per game and collected nearly a dozen rebounds, all while shooting 63 percent from the field. Anderson's post-season accolades include an AA All-State selection and a nomination for McDonald's All-American.

"We feel he has the ability to score and rebound," explained Wiel. "But the most exciting thing about Charlie is that he is still growing. He's got a lot of playing experience and he should be able to come in and get a lot of minutes and help compliment us on the inside."

Although courted by some of the more prominent basketball schools in the country, Wiel said Anderson's ultimate decision to pick MT over schools such as Western Kentucky, boiled down to a persistent coaching staff

and the early establishment of a relationship with him.

Humphrey and Parham both come to MT and will in all likelihood enter the fracas as guards.

Parham, a 5-11 guard from Nashville averaged 16.5 points per game and set his school record with 248, which averaged out to nearly 10 per contest. He also led his squad to the Ocala Junior College Tournament where he earned MVP honors.

"He's a different type of point guard than we've had here in the past," explained Wiel. "He's extremely athletic, has great speed and can score. We'll really look to him as a slasher; someone who can penetrate and dish."

Finally, a Raleigh, N.C. native, Humphrey, brings to the table what Wiel calls a classic two-guard. At 6-2, Humphrey is a second team JUCO All-American who was sixth in the

nation last year in scoring with 24.2 points per contest. For two years running, he was named as the Region III Player of the Year and led Louisburg Junior College to a 22-win season and a runner-up spot in the regional tournament. His squad fell just one game short of making an appearance in the National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas a season ago.

"He's really built more like a football fullback," Wiel said. "He's big and strong and we'll be relying on him with the loss of people like Kevin White, Ortiz and Martinez."

Wiel said even with the signing of the three players during the early signing period, his coaching staff still has miles to go before they sleep.

"We've still got two more scholarships to give out," he said. "With those, we'll probably go out and see if we can get another big body." ♦

Raiders 3 back after day 1

First Round Results

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- 2) Denver (302,+14)
- North Texas (302,+14)
- Western Kentucky (302,+14)
- 5) Middle Tennessee (304,+16)
- 6) South Alabama (305,+17)
- 7) Arkansas State (307,+19)
- 8) Louisiana (308,+20)
- 9) New Mexico State (310,+22)
- 10) Louisiana Tech (314,+26)
- 11) New Orleans (316,+28)

MT Media Relations

After the first day of competition at the Sun Belt Conference Golf Championships, Middle Tennessee stands in fifth place after shooting a 304 on the Trophy Club Course. The Blue Raiders are just three shots behind first place Arkansas-Little Rock.

"I'm pretty pleased to be in the situation we're in after the first round," head coach Johnny Moore said. "The practice round on Sunday and today's round played totally different due to the wind change and

some of the tough hole locations also played a part in some of the higher scores. I thought we adjusted pretty well to the wind, but we have to get ready and make a move on Tuesday."

Junior J.R. Wade paced the Blue Raiders with a 3-over par 75 to stand in a tie for 11th place. Patrick Williams and Hunter Ingram are tied for 17th after shooting a pair of 76s, while Dane Randle is in 29th after recording a 77. John Beddies finished out the Blue Raider scoring following round one with a 79, which put him in a tie for 35th. ♦

Correction

In Monday's edition of Sidelines, the article titled SBRAA kicks off Thursday incorrectly identified membership fees.

Instead of \$25 to \$100 a semester, the article should have said it is \$25 a semester and either \$40, \$60 or \$100 a year.

Sidelines regrets the error.



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By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

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Director: Vondie Curtis Hall
Actors: Mariah Carey, Max Beesley

Blurb: Carey stars as Billie Frank, a young singer looking to develop a music career. The movie takes place in New York City with the backdrop of a club scene. Through struggles of her childhood, finding her family and working on her voice, she meets her producer and eventual lover. The movie ends with a tearful yet joyful conclusion.

Title: *Planet of the Apes*
Director: Tim Burton
Actors: Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth, Kris Kristofferson

Blurb: As a second *Planet of the Apes*, this movie begins with a pilot crashing on a planet where apes are in charge. Unlike the original, this adventure does not take place on Earth, but on an unknown planet. The majority of the movie closely follows the original though. Burton was greatly affected by the 1967 version and wanted to bring this story back to life. He, as well as the rest of the *Planet of the Apes* team, is excited about its release.

Title: *Moulin Rouge*
Director: Baz Luhrmann
Actors: Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor

Blurb: Set in 1900 at a Paris nightclub, this film focuses on music, song and dance to capture the audience's attention. It's a tragic love story dealing with death and separation. Luhrmann uses pop songs of the 20th century to set the mood for artists such as Lennon, Hammerstein, Elton John and Dolly Parton.

Title: *Kiss of the Dragon*
Director: Chris Nahon and Luc Besson
Actors: Jet Li, Bridget Fonda, Tcheky Karyo

Blurb: In this action thriller Liu Jian (Li) is sent on a secret mission to Paris. Not long into his journey the mission goes bad and Jian becomes trapped in a conspiracy where he's accused of committing murder. He runs into a prostitute (Fonda) who helps him through his sticky situation.

Indie cinema at it finest in 'When Brendan Met Trudy'

By Zack Hansen
Staff Writer

The opening shot is of a man lying face down in a gutter, rain pounding down on his suit-coated back. A voice-over indicates how he had always wanted a pool and now he had one. For most people this might not make any sense whatsoever. To film buffs, however, this is a hilarious moment and the first of many homages to the history of cinema.

Brendan's life is a rather boring one. Every other phrase that leaves his mouth is a quote from one of his favorite movies. Films are his life so much that he gives biographies on Truffaut to young children as Christmas presents, hoping they will adapt to his lifestyle as well. He doesn't have much luck with the ladies and his day job is at a boys' school. He can't even remember the students' names, let alone effectively teach them.

Then one day he meets and falls in love with Trudy, who turns out to be a thief. At first his cinematic lifestyle clashes with her rebellious one, but they soon discover that they complement each other nicely. Brendan even goes to the mainstream multiplex to please her. The marquee advertises a film called *The Usual Shite* and they leave talking about the picture they just saw, entitled *Remedial Action*.

As they embark upon their adventures, Brendan narrates their exploits in the old Hollywood style. At one



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Socially inept male meets pretty girl thief - classic.

point, he mentions to Trudy how pretty she is when she gets mad and refers to her as "Pilgrim." During another moment, he stands in the middle of the street in the rain screaming, "I'm hysterical and I'm wet!"

Why is there so much rain adorning the sorrowful parts in *When Brendan Met Trudy*? Because it always rains in the movies of course!

Numerous other cinematic references abound, including mentions of Babe the pig, the hunchback of Notre Dame and *Trainspotting*. There are more comical non-film related jokes as well, such as a hilarious scene involving Iggy Pop's "The Passenger" and a student named Dylan.

Throughout the film, it's clear that Brendan has a great affinity for Godard. He gives a book about the great director to his mother, who unsuccessfully feigns excitement upon receiving it. Posters for *Breathless* are seen in both his

classroom and apartment, as well as Brendan's preferred movie theater.

This affection leads to the film's best, most magical moment. For no apparent reason, Brendan dons Belmondo's suit and hat while Trudy runs along at his side wearing Jean Seberg's New York Herald Post shirt. They walk down the street together in a fabulous tribute to the most famous New-Wave French films of the 60s.

If nothing in this review makes any sense to you, *When Brendan Met Trudy* may still prove to be a worthwhile film to catch but it might not hold that extra something. However, if you are a huge film fan and in-jokes are your thing, this film is highly recommended. It's hardly a perfect film, but as far as pure enjoyment for obsessive viewers goes, this is as good as it gets. ♦

Two movies in the name of love

By Zack Hansen
Staff Writer

A new pair of films is now in theaters — both exploring what happens when relationships fall apart. Each film follows the lives of people involved in affairs, including the effect the betrayal has on the innocent parties. They both have a very different and distinct way of conveying these emotions.

Faithless was written by the great Swedish director Ingmar Bergman and it was directed by his past leading lady and mistress, Liv Ullmann. Some research on Bergman's life reveals this to be a very autobiographical script.

In the film, an old film director is listening to a woman tell him about her torrid affair with her husband's best friend. It's very possible that the best friend, who is also a director, is the old man's past self. The woman who is recounting her tale is not really there. She represents his memory, which is reminding him of what happened years ago. The end credits reveal that the old man's character is in fact named Bergman, making it even more obvious who the film is really about.

Faithless does not concern itself with being flashily directed, although the colors often correspond to the mood of the scene — bright colors when the affair has its passionate beginnings



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'In the Mood for Love' transports love to Hong Kong.

which pale towards the end. Having strange camera angles is not necessary in a story and character-driven film such as this one. The film is extremely well-written, putting the viewer in the center of the characters' situations. A custody case about two-thirds through almost turns the film into a soap opera, but then a series of shocking revelations allows the movie to finish strongly. This is an extraordinary character study of the effects of infidelity.

In the Mood For Love is the new film by Asian writer and director Wong Kar-Wai. The film takes place in 1960's Hong Kong and follows two lonely characters. Mr. Chow and his wife rent a room next door to one being lived in by Mrs. Chan and her husband.

It soon becomes evident that Chow

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The Condor

by Truman Capote

Like the mighty Condor,
It's vulture wings
Against a copper sky.
I have waited and watched
For my prey!
My victim is immortality-
To be something and be remembered-
Is that not, too, your idle dream?
For in remembrance we hold life itself
Cupped tenderly in aged hands.
You say- "He's a fool and a dreamer."
I laugh, and let my laughter,
Like a bright and terrible knife,
Go tearing through your hearts!
For you know and I know,
No matter how young, how old,
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So it is today and
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'Freddy' crosses the line

By Patrick Chinnery
Staff Writer

Freddy Got Fingered is the classic story of a boy (or 28-year-old man) who wants desperately to please his father and to win the love and admiration that he craves.

If this film were under the creative control of any one other than Tom Green, it might have had Oscar potential. Sadly however, this was not the case. What Green managed to come up with was hands down the most outrageously disgusting piece of cinematography ever to appear on the silver screen.

When *Me, Myself and Irene* came out last year, I thought no one would dare to raise the filth bar higher. Then barely a month later, *Scary Movie* appeared. I assumed, incorrectly it turns out, that a more repulsive film could never be made.

As for *Freddy Got Fingered*, it wasn't the whacking off of the horse that offended me, nor was it the scene where Green guts a deer and dances around while wearing its carcass. It was things like Green cutting an umbilical cord with his teeth and then swinging the attached new-born around the room by holding onto one end.

Don't get me wrong. I laughed wholeheartedly at most of the scenes in the movie. I even laughed at the delivery room scene, although that was because I didn't know what else to do.

Green's high jinks did provide some good laughs for a couple of hours. This movie, however, will only be truly appreciated by those who are willing to take nothing seriously. The movie was done in good humor, although I'm not sure how it kept an 'R' rating. Fans of the *Tom Green Show* will not be disappointed. Everyone else will be appalled. ♦



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Freddy Got Fingered was written and directed by comedian Tom Green. Green also stars in the outrageous film.

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Dancin' in the streets

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Flash Editor

When the Nashville humidity rises to off the charts and the ratio of cowboy boots crossing Broadway is higher than the number of cars, only one thing can be assumed: it's time for Dancin' in the District.

THE summer event for those who want to be seen and local sensations who want to be heard, Dancin' in the District offers a summer crammed full of music – and don't forget the great price – free.

But this year the Cricket cell phone and Nashville Rage sponsored event will be celebrating more than just summer fun and booty shakin'. The year 2001 marks the 10th anniversary of the event.

To honor the occasion and the rise of such a wonderful city-offered, free occasion, the staff at Dancin' in the District has selected an exquisite line-up for this summer. There are names you'll recognize and names you forgot you knew, but



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They Might be Giants will perform at Dancin' in the District June 26.

all of them will satisfy that summer music sizzle aching in your heel.

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and Chan's spouses are having an affair with one another. To comfort each other, Chow and Chan begin to spend time together but never become intimate or loving. Their reason for this is if such a thing were to happen, they would not be any better than their cheating spouses, who are never shown on screen interestingly enough. This wise move allows us to focus on the main characters' sadness.

The camera figures into this film a lot more than in *Faithless*. There is not as much dialogue and the characters' emotions are shown more through facial expression, body language and are accentuated with colors, slow-motion and music. Fade-outs end most scenes. Chow and Chan often pass each other slowly on the stairs without speaking. Colored lights and cigarette smoke dance across their faces and it's easy to see the pain on their faces due to the fact they can't be together.

Similar to another Wong film, *Chungking Express*, he reuses dialogues and songs throughout the movie. Another of his signature moves is the

inclusion of lots of food. Often, when Chow and Chan pass each other, she is going out to get noodles. Another scene shows the two at dinner, each one ordering for the other what their spouse likes.

What makes this film a standout is that it has a very voyeuristic way about it. There isn't so much of a story as there is a feeling that the viewer receives by watching the film. It does a fantastic job of showing the pain of not being able to be together.

Both of these films are highly recommended because of the beautiful way in which the stories are told, which is highly unusual in Hollywood films. While Americans are perfectly content to make sappy films about unreal situations in which a character is killed off at the end to get a good cry from the audience, foreign directors tend to do a better job. They tell a story in a realistic fashion, don't censor themselves and leave the viewer with something to think about afterwards besides, "that was really sad." *Faithless* and *In the Mood For Love* are admirable for these reasons and deserve a larger audience. ♦

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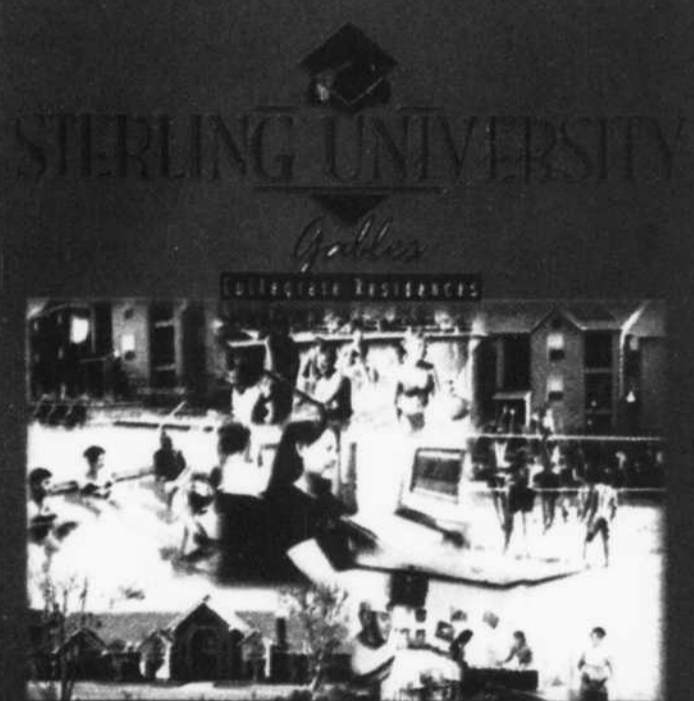
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