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Student charged with felonies

Sophomore faces May 9 court date for setting multiple fires on campus

By Wesley Murchison
Staff Writer

An MTSU sophomore faces a May 9 court date after being charged with three counts of setting fire to personal property on March 21, according to police.



Clonts

Stephen L. Clonts was charged with the Class E felonies after setting three fires March 16 within the hours of 1 and 2 a.m., according to police reports.

Clonts was released from the Rutherford County Jail March 21 on a \$9,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Rutherford County General Sessions court May 9.

Clonts, a 21-year-old mass communication major, confessed to the fires after being summoned to the MTSU police station for a 45-minute interview March 21, said MTSU Campus Police Investigations Sgt. Matt Foster.

The first fire was started at 1:11 a.m. in a trash bin south of Womack Lane Apartment building A. An officer was investigating a call box hang up when he noticed the fire, according to the police report.

See Felony, 2



Truck explosion caught on video by student

By Wesley Murchison
Staff Writer

An electrical problem may have caused a fire in a truck parked at the Nicks Hall and Walker Library parking lot early Thursday morning, police said.

The truck, a 2005 Toyota Tacoma, caught fire about 2 a.m., and is owned by Chad Huggins, a sophomore Criminal Justice Administration major.

Witnesses said the truck exploded before firefighters arrived on the scene.

Brian Harrison, a resident of Nicks Hall, recorded the fire on video while standing on the third floor balcony of his dormitory.

"We were in our room just watching TV when we heard a big boom, and we thought someone hit a car or something," said Harrison, a sophomore entrepreneur major. "We didn't think anything about it."

Another Nicks Hall resident, Chris Faulkner, a sophomore accounting major, also heard the explosion.

"I heard a pop and a second pop like a fire cracker and a delayed blast. I didn't think anything of it until I heard the sirens," Nick Hall.

The truck belonged to Nicks Hall resident Chad Huggins, sophomore Criminal Justice Administration major.

An hour before the Huggins truck caught fire, a witness called police about two suspicious men in the parking lot acting "like they were going to steal a car," Huggins said.

"The police came and did a run through into the parking lot and said that everything was fine," Huggins said.

Huggins said that a maintenance staff member saw the fire from the Business and Aerospace Building and called the police who then arrived and blocked off the area while waiting for the fire department.

Huggins said the total damage of the truck fire was about \$32,000 and about \$1,000 for his possessions inside.

A Ford Focus was also damaged in the fire with its left end tail lights melting and its paint being blackened.

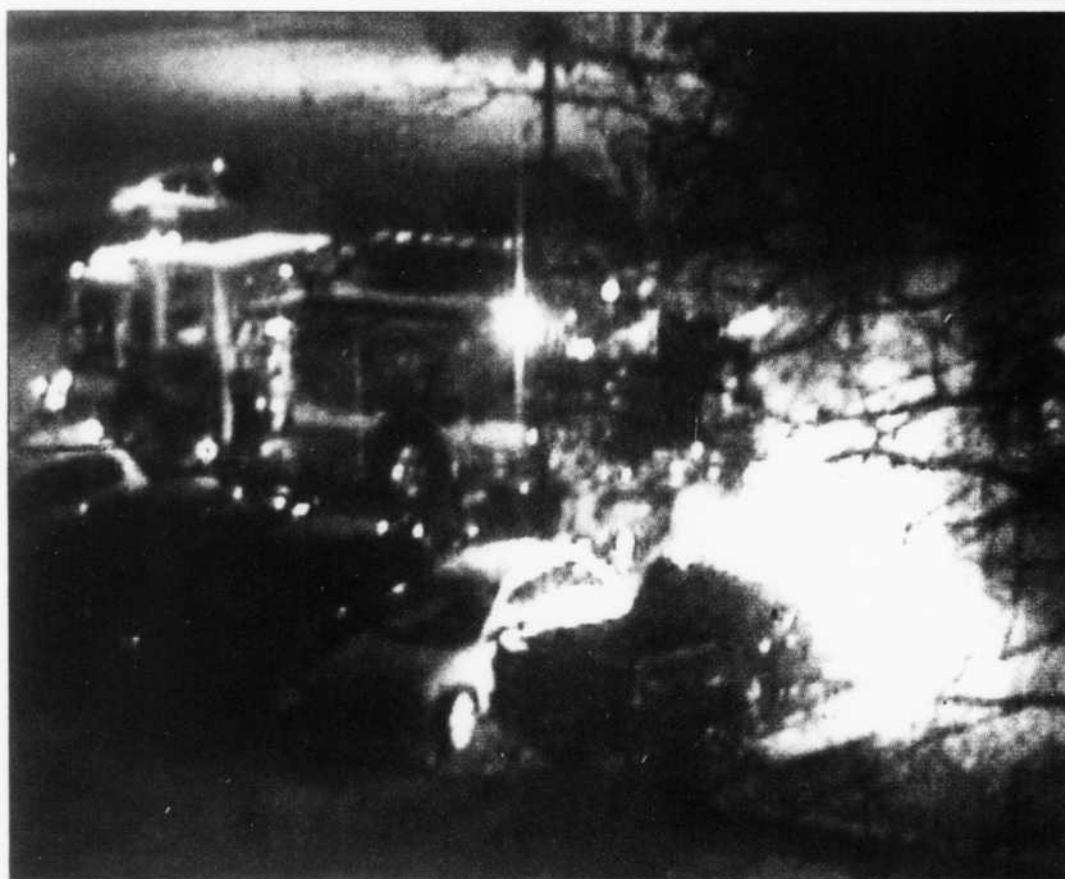


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Video footage captured by student Brian Harrison shows the truck explosion Thursday morning.

Africa Week to offer students multicultural experiences



Photo submitted

Ezinma Emetu showcases African fashions during last year's Africa Week. Africa Week begins today.

Traditional dancing, dining festivals and documentary

By Brian G. Reynolds
Staff Writer

Starting March 27, MTSU will be celebrating Africa Week, which will include several scheduled events celebrating African culture and the effects that it has on our own society.

To kick off the events, an Africa Fair will be held on the second floor of the KUC Monday and Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will display aspects of the 24 African countries that are represented on campus.

The event will also incorporate information on the five regions of Africa.

"We expect many African students and faculty members to bring in artifacts such as tapestries, statues or any other artifacts that represent their area," said Amanda Ryan, president of Global, a student organization for international awareness.

On Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Building, Global

will host an African fashion show, featuring the South Sudanese Dancers. During intermission the fashion show will also showcase MTSU's African Student Organization (ASO) dancers.

Following the fashion show, there will be an international student party in the same building. The festivities are free and open to the public.

"We're welcoming students and faculty to come to the show. We are also welcoming students and faculty member's children to model African clothing," the Ryan said. "So wear your best African garb."

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, there will be a pan-African panel speaking in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace building.

Six panelists, consisting of students and faculty, will discuss the general image of Africa within the continent, as well as the western perception.

Africa Week will also host the

Taste of Nations, an African dining festival Thursday in the McCallie dining hall from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Taste of Nations will present cuisines from Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt. Native students from each of the countries will be on hand to answer any questions about the cuisine.

Students can use their meal plan for the event, or buy tickets at the door costs \$8.

Africa Week will conclude on Friday night in BAS S328 with the showing of two films. The first is "The Lost Boys of Sudan," which chronicles the stories of many Sudanese who fled to the United States to escape genocide.

"Believe it or not, it's really not a sad film. It's more or less about their journey to America and how they became acclimated here," Ryan said.

"There's one part of the film where one of the Sudanese boys ate the salt packet on the airplane because he didn't know what it was or what to do with it."

The second film will be "Invisible Children," which is about the children in Uganda.

Uche Noso Egbujor, President of ASO, has positive ambitions regarding the outcome of Africa Week.

"I really want MTSU students to realize that Africa is a continent not a country. I'm hoping that students of all nationalities will come out and show their support. If they do they will realize that it is not all about safaris or starvation," Egbujor said. "Unfortunately, a lot of people have this negative perception of Africa."

"Most people think that Africa has basically one culture that is not modernized. This just isn't true. I think people will be very surprised what they find out about Africa as they learn more about it."

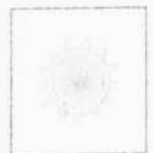
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Religious studies

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Edward Kimbrell

Students often generalize their professors as boring and uncompassionate—their classes too reliant on memorization. They rarely consider the daily life of a professor.

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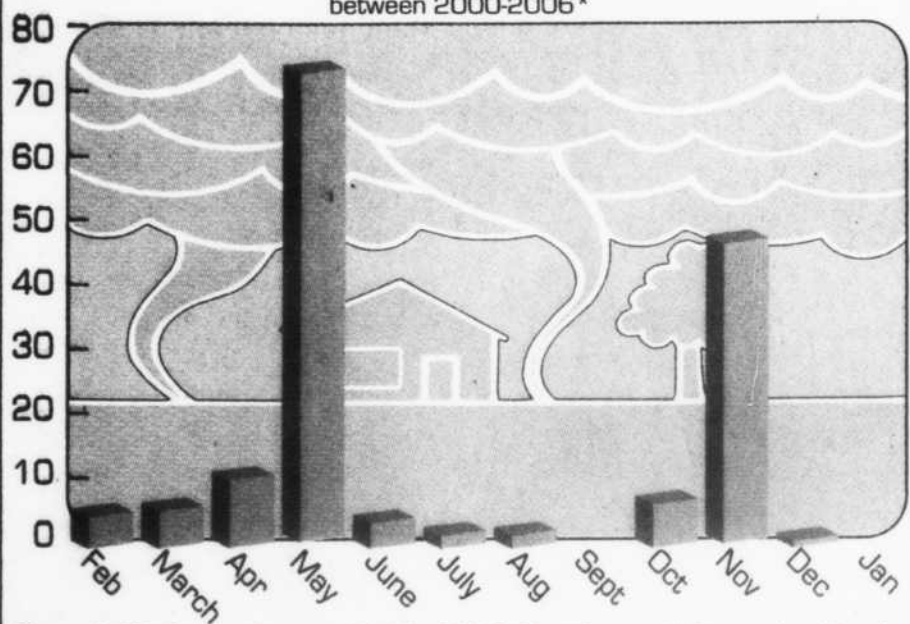
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Students show renewed interest in religious studies

By Josh Orendorf
Contributing Writer

Interest in spiritual issues among college students is surging, according to a recent study conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles and MTSU is no exception.

With increased enrollment in religious classes and more participation in campus ministries, especially Islamic and Jewish groups, the demand for spiritual outlets among students is growing according to Religious studies professor Rami Shapiro.

The research project titled "A National Study of College Students' Search for Meaning and Purpose" began in 2003 as a four-year experiment to examine the role spirituality plays in the development of undergraduate students.

Shapiro, who is also an ordained rabbi said: "The main point of the survey showed that undergraduates are very interested in matters of the spirit."

The study's most recent data, released at the end of 2005, summarizes the findings of college students' response to a religious survey. The Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at UCLA compiled the survey, distributing it to 112,232 first-year students at 236 different universities across the country.

"Too many people imagine that college students are all about sex, drugs and drinking, but this is not so," Shapiro said. "The undergraduate years are, for

many students, a time of great questing and questioning."

Shapiro said the religious studies program is in the process of adding a world religions course for the fall semester to address their desire to grow.

"In time we plan to add more specialized classes dealing with women and religion, mysticism, and Eastern religions," Shapiro said.

This rise in interest can also be seen in MTSU's religious studies program, which is optimistic about expansion—but there are some obstacles.

The program is currently available only as a minor and lacks the capacity to house an increased student demand. In addition to this it offers only six academic courses and employs just two part-time faculty members.

"We need to grow the course offerings, but it must be done slowly and carefully to insure the quality of what we teach," said Shapiro. "I would rather focus on quality than quantity."

Financial support for adding an academic major is a difficult task.

"It's very difficult to bring in new majors financially, no matter the demand," said Bob Glenn, Vice President of Student Affairs. "In my view, there seems to be plenty of interest among students. It's just a matter of whether or not it can make its way to the

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Consultants assess new science building's needs

By Daniel Potters
Contributing Writer

Consultants for the new science building visited campus to evaluate the requirements of MTSU's science departments in order to determine how to best accommodate needs with the available funding.

Due to budget constraints, not all science departments will be relocated to the new facility according to associate professor of biology Stephen Wright.

Wright, who has been working with Art Lidsky, a consultant from the design group Dober, Lidsky and Craig, which specializes in laboratory design, said some departments would be located in existing buildings.

"I have a feeling the new facility will

include biology, chemistry and maybe physics because of the requirements those departments have," Wright said. "The remaining departments could make use of renovated space in Davis Science and Weiser Patton."

James Hart, associate professor of mathematics, doesn't mind the prospect of being relocated to a renovated facility rather than the new building, which must meet the more complex requirements of the biology and chemistry departments.

"Their needs are much more specialized than ours, and much more out of date than ours," Hart said. "We're pleased that we're being included in the plan."

It is still uncertain which facilities will be renovated to house departments not relocated to the new science building.

"We're not sure exactly what's going to

be renovated," Hart said. "We won't all fit in the Davis Science Building and Weiser Patton building."

Kirksey Old Main and the Midgett Business Building are being considered for renovation for the math and computer science departments, Hart said.

Fellow math professor Lisa Green, said her primary concern isn't the state of the aging buildings, but the size.

"It's just a matter of accommodating the growth," Green said. "MTSU's been growing a lot."

Wright voiced concern that while much was being done to assess the departments' needs from a facility standpoint, meeting needs for the students should be the primary concern.

In an effort to include students, 50 science majors have been surveyed.

Wright said the survey asked: "What would they like to see in the new facility that would make them want to spend more time there?"

Students answered with requests for research spaces and computer labs, more physical space for student interaction, reading and vending.

"Those are really valuable suggestions," Wright said.

While Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen has recommended \$15 million be allocated for the project in next year's budget, Wright had a word of caution regarding funding the university expects to receive.

"It's almost a certainty those monies will become available, but it still has to be approved by the legislature," Wright said. "It's very likely that \$15 million will become available July 1, but it would be

foolish to spend that money before we have it."

The building, which is expected to cost a total \$94 million, has been a long time coming for the university's science department, which went to the Tennessee Board of Regents with a plan for a new facility in 1997. Still, assuming the funding comes through, it will be a long time before it comes to fruition.

"New facilities wouldn't be ready for about five years," Wright said.

Design and construction documents will take approximately a year to prepare before bidding begins, Wright said. After that it could take from one to six months to complete the bidding process before construction can begin.

"With fingers crossed it could be Summer of 07," Wright said.

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The second fire occurred at 1:12 a.m. "while on patrol observed a bag of trash that had been set on fire in front of the Cason Kennedy Nursing Building on MTSU Boulevard," according to police reports.

Foster said that at this point the night work crew, which includes custodial services, was informed about the fires and to report anything they saw that was suspicious.

MTSU Campus Police Officer Broede Stucky responded to the third fire, a small bag of trash, at 2 a.m.

While on patrol in the Nicks Hall south parking lot, Stucky was flagged down by a custodial supervisor Stephen Woodard who witnessed Clonts running behind the Keathely University

Center and the Learning Resources Center.

"[Clonts] spotted Mr. Woodard's truck and came running to them," Foster said. "[Clonts] was acting strange and asked where the acrosspace lab was located.

Stucky found Clonts in the lab alone and conducted a field interview. He reported Clonts was "acting real nervous and suspicious" and was sweating, at which point he decided to bring him in.

Foster said Clonts was given a summons to the police station.

"It is possible [that Clonts is responsible for the other two fires] but without the proof and confession it is hard to say," Sgt. Foster said.

Police also said there is no connection between Clonts and the truck fire that occurred March 23.

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NEWS

Student 'attacks' SGA bill of rights

By Jennifer Holder
Staff Writer

Although it was the one-year anniversary of MTSU's student bill of rights, John K. Wilson left his party hat at home.

"The academic bill of rights is not just an assault on the privilege and rights of the professors but is also an attack on students," Wilson said, adding that the bill is an assault on the very idea of the university, a place of free expression and the marketplace of ideas.

Wilson, who is a doctorate student at University of Illinois, adamantly opposes the MTSU student's bill of rights, which was passed by the Student Government Association March 3, 2005.

He calls it "among the worst" academic bill of rights he has seen while studying academic freedom in America.

In the bill, three rights were adopted to protect students' academic freedom.

The first right states that students should not be exposed to



Photo by Jenna Winstead | Staff Photographer

Doctorate student John K. Wilson gives a critique of the university's SGA bill of rights in his lecture

an environment hostile to their religious or political beliefs or controversial matter unrelated to the course.

The second right states that

instructors should grade students based solely on knowledge of the subject and not on political or religious beliefs.

The third right states the

University shall distribute funds from student activity fees on a viewpoint-neutral basis.

Wilson disagreed with the first right, in regard to the words

"controversial matter" and "hostile environment."

"It's saying that it's somehow a violation of your rights if someone says something controversial," he said. "That's particularly dangerous because that's what they ought to be doing — saying something controversial."

Wilson also said the professors are required to keep a hostile environment from happening. He said that while the student bill of rights is attempting to create the idea of just holding a professor accountable, it is actually an attempt to restrict speech.

He sees these rights as silencing the political dissent on college campuses and silencing the views of the political left.

"These kinds of rules are starting to have an impact," he said.

One such case is with Jay Bennis, a high school teacher in Denver, Colo., who was recently placed on paid leave for commenting on President Bush's performance in his world geography class.

In the class, Bennis told students Bush was starting to sound like Adolf Hitler; however,

er, he was careful not to equate the president with Hitler.

A student in the class recorded the discussion on his MP3 player and turned it into a conservative talk radio show.

Bennis was ostracized for the lecture, and the school district said that, although he had the right to express his opinion based on the 1st Amendment, it must be balanced.

While at MTSU, Wilson commented that a school system should say, "We oppose this person's opinion, but we defend academic freedom."

"Instead of censoring these people, why don't you criticize them?" he said. "The solution is not to ban any discussion. There has to be an actual positive movement."

Wilson was also concerned for the students' welfare in regard to academic freedom.

Liberal or conservative, Wilson said the proper course of action is to stand up to whoever is stripping you of your academic freedom.

"I always believe in fighting," he said. "The way to fight it is to speak out against it. Say 'Look, this point of view is wrong.'"

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Editor-in-Chief

Study: "Religious study increases"

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top of that greasy poll, so to speak.

There are about 25 active campus ministries according to Glenn.

"This speaks for a strong interest in religion among our student body," Glenn said. "What I see on campus is a wide variety of ministries and small groups of students trying to seek answers."

Jeanne Hoechst-Ronner, full-time counselor and adjunct professor of religious studies at MTSU, agrees.

"There has been a pretty strong surge in spirituality on campus,

not necessarily mainline Christianity, but spirituality as a whole," said Hoechst-Ronner. "I think that human beings seek purpose in their life, and spirituality is the deepest place of understanding purpose and meaning."

Despite the signs of growth inside the religious studies minor, philosophy department is also far from developing its own major.

"We've been working in that direction," said Ron Bombardi chair of the philosophy department at MTSU. "But you don't want to put a new program out there that will end after three or four years."

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OPINIONS

Debate over patriotism useful

By Matthew Hurtt

Hurtt Pride

When I think of patriotism, I indubitably think of men like George Washington, Patrick Henry, and Benjamin Franklin. In fact, after compiling a list of 25 American patriots, I noticed that only a couple of individuals on the list come from the 20th century (and none from the 21st century).

Why is that, you ask? Early American patriots rose out of a need – a need for individuals who realized that America was something bigger than any one person, than any one interest. These Americans had strong

feelings about life and liberty, and fiercely fought (some to the death) for these feelings.

The argument may arise that firefighters, teachers, soldiers, and others like them are patriots. While I believe that these individuals are important to American society, I also believe that they fit into categories like "hero" or "role model." These

people may exhibit patriotism, but they are not patriots in the sense that Thomas Jefferson or Andrew Jackson were patriots.

Where are today's patriots? Early patriots led military campaigns and argued for basic rights in the Senate and House. Some even rose to the position of President. I assure you that Senators like Dianne Feinstein

or Arlen Specter are not patriots. Congressmen like Harold Ford Jr. and Nancy Pelosi are not patriots. Presidents like Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton are not patriots (not to single out Democrats).

I like to think of myself as one who is patriotic. I love my country – I support its interests. Almost every day, I am on the

front lines of local politics, working with local politicians for the betterment of this community. While it is lofty to think that I will one day be a patriot, I daily strive to question our current situation. Is there a better way? Is there a more efficient way? The answer is undoubtedly "Yes."

Using this weekly column as a platform, I can get the attention of the students, faculty, and staff of MTSU, not for my own egotistical means (believe me, 50 pieces of hate mail is not ego-friendly), but for the advancement of the whole society. Healthy debate sparks new

ideas, thoughts, and perceptions that might not otherwise be exhibited.

If the campus liberals (and some conservatives) did not have the agitation that my columns provide, they would most likely do little more than associate with people who share their beliefs. There is an outlet, now, for these people to argue their own point. I applaud those of you who write coherent responses to my weekly columns.

I stand with French patriot Voltaire when I say, "I may not agree with what you say, but I shall defend (to the death) your right to say it."

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FAUX NEWS BY JOSHUA ARONSON

IT TURNS OUT THE LAZY, BIASED MEDIA IS LOSING THE WAR IN IRAQ



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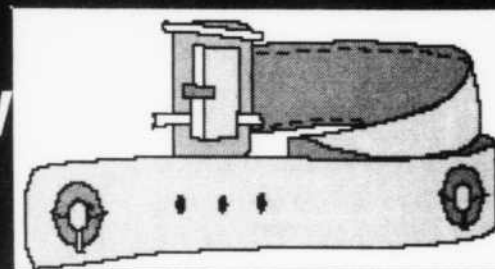
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Opinions Editor's note: This section takes the news and exaggerates it, or makes it up completely. Outside of this box, you're free to think for yourself.

Gender selection technology offers immoral choice

By DeAnn Currey

Staff Columnist

More and more couples are choosing the sex of their unborn baby through a procedure called Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), but is this the way life was supposed to be created?

PGD uses in vitro fertilization because the embryos have to be screened for their gender before being implanted in the mother-to-be's womb. The process was originally created for couples that could pass on a genetic disease to a healthy baby and for women who are likely to have a miscarriage.

According to Dr. Jeffery Steinberg, almost 2,000 couples have chosen to use the

PGD procedure to conceive their child, but 85-90 percent of those couples have chosen the procedure to pick the gender of their unborn child. As of right now, around 940 babies have been born using the PGD procedure.

Parents-to-be should let nature take its course and not have any say so in deciding their unborn child's gender. To me, it seems selfish to pick whether or not you have a boy or a girl. Can you seriously tell me that if you had a girl, and wanted a boy, that you would not love your daughter just as much as the son you wanted?

I have always said that when I have children I would like to have all girls, though I know that is not a guarantee. If I

were to have all boys I would be ok with that. I am not going to undergo any unnecessary procedures to so I can have the daughter that I long for. I am willing to let nature decide for me. Parents should be happy to create a child, especially if the baby is healthy. The desire to pass on the family name should not be the focus.

It is almost as if the doctors that are performing these procedures for couples are playing God. This can turn into a risky business—a business that I would not promote. Couples that are unable to have their own biological children should be encouraged to adopt. There are thousands and thousands of unwanted babies born every year here

alone in the United States, not to mention the unwanted babies born in foreign countries.

The cost of undergoing the PGD procedure is a costly one. At \$18,000 for one try, it runs about the same as adoptions costs right here in the U.S.

By adopting a child, a couple is able to choose whether or not they want a boy or girl. Couples that are able to conceive without the help of medical science should be grateful they can have a child.

Children are supposed to be made out of love, not out of a

lab straight from the movie "Gattica."

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While on a trip to Italy, First Lady Laura Bush asked the Pope what God's sovereign plan for America was. Benedict replied, "The Bible, quite honestly, is silent on the issue." (This was not a real quote)

FEATURES

One man, one goal, many titles

By Lemon Keith
Staff Writer

Students often generalize their professors as boring and uncompassionate—their classes too reliant on memorization.

They rarely consider the daily life of a professor—the one that goes on away from the lectern.

On the second floor of Bragg Mass Communication Building is an office that truly reflects the professor behind the door. Professor Edward Kimbrell's workspace is filled with posters, pictures of loved ones, comic strips and miles of books on the shelf.

Kimbrell is the founding chair of MTSU's Department of Mass Communication, and he has received prestigious awards, including the MTSU Outstanding Teacher Award, Gamma Beta Phi's Teacher of the Year Award—twice—and MTSU's Public Service Award.

These awards reflect a professor who says, "I teach free expression and mass media, and I love it." In addition to teaching, Kimbrell has been a reporter, photographer, and editor for wire service, newspapers, radio and television stations.

His passion clearly comes through in the classroom. He relates class information to real-life experiences and stories. The blank student canvases that enroll end the semester as journalism masterpieces.

His office is filled with framed photography from students. Through class lectures and conversation, his "love for the art" is unveiled. Kimbrell said he feels people need to "realize what art means and what it stands for."

"The best thing about art is it causes you to grow," he said. "You may not grow to like it, but it challenges how you think and feel."

He has taught media law, free speech issues and the history and social impact of mass communication—all without a degree in education.

Kimbrell, the winner of four Emmys for his weekly commentary on WSMV-TV Nashville, still considers himself "an old reporter at heart." He made his debut in the field in junior high school

when a fellow student had difficulty finding people to work on the paper. He hasn't looked back since.

"I don't like boredom, journalism is always changing and needs updated and corrections," he said. "The beauty of journalism is that [journalists]

"Teaching fulfills my passion," he explained. "I've always been scholarly."

Kimbrell said he feels it is his job to "prepare students for new culture." He describes the field as being "very demanding of personal life—you have to want it."

He challenges knowledge and keeps up with the expansion of news by reading eight newspapers a day.

"If [the new generation] read, they would have a more informed opinion," he said. "Without knowledge, it is just an opinion."

Kimbrell's love with art is well matched with his love of literature and music. One of his favorite authors is Thomas Jefferson, although he said he also holds Bill Moyers in high regard.

"I love [Jefferson] because he is a philosopher and believed in freedom of speech," Kimbrell said. "[Moyers] has great ethics and passion. I feel he is one of the greatest journalists of the profession."

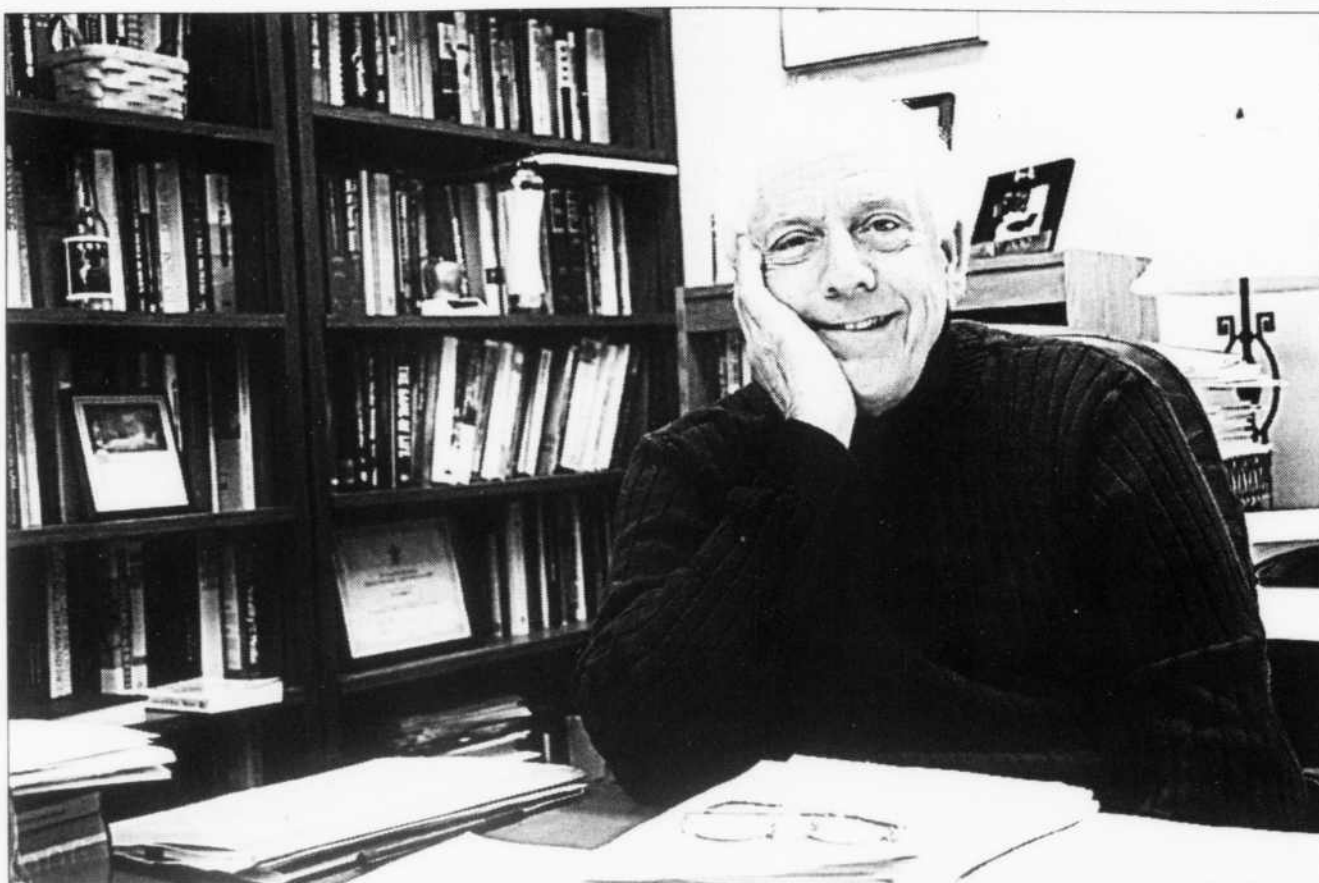
Although his office has two over-filled bookshelves, he claims his home collection puts his office to shame. He reads a "tremendous amount of non-fiction."

Aside from reading, writing and attending classical symphonies, Kimbrell finds peace while mowing his five acre lawn.

"I look forward to spring," he said. "I plant flowers and trees."

Kimbrell explained that mowing his lawn in solitude allows him to detach from things and allows him an escape from everyday life. He often enjoys the landscape with walks with his wife and pets.

After 34 years of teaching, he said feels MTSU still offers him "an opportunity to do something challenging."



Professor Edward Kimbrell sits in his office among the awards, books and memorabilia collected over a career of more than 34 years as an educator.

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E-journal recognizes student research

By Mary Rose Fox
Staff Writer

MTSU has an electronic journal that allows students to publish research papers over the Internet. SCIENTIA, the Journal of Student Research, was first conceived by current Honors College Dean Philip Mathis, then a professor of biology, in 1996.

SCIENTIA is an online journal, released bi-annually featuring the research of enrolled MTSU undergraduate and graduate students. When it was first formed, the journal only published work by students in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

"It used to be that only students in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences could publish in it," said Professor John DuBois, faculty advisor for the journal. "Back in 2003, we opened it up to anybody [who was a student], but the sponsorship is still in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences."

The first issue came out in the spring of 1997, and Mathis said starting the online journal not only gave students' work more exposure, but also helped students get more involved in the developing computer age of the mid-90s.

What makes SCIENTIA appeal to students? Students can get their work published online and still hold the copyright. This aspect of the journal allows students to get their work published in other journals in the future.

More than that, it gives international exposure to their work. Researchers can contact the authors of the papers for information about their research. Students have been contacted by researchers in other states and countries, and a few years ago, a researcher as far away as India inquired about one of the papers published.

"I know in this department we've got some undergraduate students that are doing research that would rival master's level work," DuBois said.

Mathis said all papers must be done by students, although a faculty member can be a co-author. He explained that faculty members are often listed as co-authors because they have helped students with their research and experiments.

"A faculty member cannot submit a paper with just his or her name on it," DuBois said. "[The paper] has to be a student work as well."

The second edition of the ninth volume of SCIENTIA will be posted online later this spring. The issue published in the fall is a compilation of the full-length manuscripts written by students from the semester before, and the edition released in the spring is a list of abstracts, or summaries of work, turned in by students during Scholar's Week, which is held in the fall.

It takes an entire semester to get student works published

because every paper and abstract has to go before an editorial board and be approved, Mathis said. That board consists solely of students—one for every department in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, and one from the Honors College. This means that ten students must evaluate each paper submitted before allowing the papers to be put on the Web site.

The journal also has a board of faculty facilitators. DuBois said all these representatives are from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, with the exception of one representing the Honors College.

"For the most part, the faculty just nominate students," he explained. "All those nominations go to the dean of [the College of] Basic and Applied Science, currently that's Dr. [Thomas] a, and he makes those appointments."

As of now, the journal does not have an editor, so it has taken longer for this issue to be published, but DuBois anticipates that the new issue will be released shortly.

Three decades of experience, memories

By Wesley Murchison
Staff Writer

James Fanguy of the MTSU Campus Police Department is modest. "I'm just not that interesting," he said, blasting a laugh that fills the room.

He might be modest, but he's more than willing to share his opinions, one of which is that Police TV is "terribly overrated."

Fanguy (pronounced fang-ee) hails from Jefferson, La., a small town outside of New Orleans. He said his Cajun roots have made him more open minded than most Middle Tennesseans.

"I miss the more liberal attitude," he explained. "I like the live-and-let-live type." He has a great sense of humor. After getting his degree at MTSU in biology and a minor in business, Fanguy was asked why he chose such a strange degree combination.

"[The combination] isn't weird if you want to sell drugs," he said, jokingly. He explained that he wanted to go into pharmaceutical sales but found the industry too competitive.

He became a police officer in New Orleans in 1973 while working construction. When the cement drivers went on strike, there were few options left for work. He was about to get married and decided to take the advice of a friend.

"My best friend that I grew up with was with the New Orleans police department, and he said, 'Hey, you know you can always be a cop, as long as there are people, you'll have a job.' I decided to give it a shot."

Fanguy says that—despite the cliché—he has always been someone who wanted to help others.

"I can think of no young officer who came onto the job at about that age that didn't have certain idealism or thought that they could change the world," he explained. "I suppose I had that same drive to do that sort of thing."

Fanguy came to Murfreesboro by an "unscientific method."

"We literally took a map and a ruler and measured in between Toledo and New Orleans," he said.

Fanguy met his first wife in New Orleans while

she was attending college away from here hometown of Toledo, Ohio. After the wedding, they decided to relocate to the halfway point between the two cities.

"[The halfway point] is somewhere down in Columbia," Fanguy said. "We decided to come up here and look around and tent-camp for a week at various state parks around the Nashville area."

Fanguy has worked for the Campus Police Department for 22 years, beginning with patrol and gradually moving up the ranks.

He now serves as the department's terminal agency coordinator. His responsibility is to work with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for the crime information computer. He is also the reporting agency coordinator for the Tennessee Incident Bases Reporting System. Both these positions require him to work with the TBI crime statistics unit.

Having worked at MTSU for so long, Fanguy has many memories about the university and the different graduating classes that have passed through the university.

"When I came on campus, we had probably 200 to 250 head of cattle and horses that lived on campus property and not at Miller Coliseum," he recalled. "We would get a call at three in the morning about cows being out in the Cummings parking lot. We would have to go round them up and call the farm guys to get them to come out and help us."

He feels that this generation of students work too much and don't know how to have fun. He misses the "playful relationship" the department had with various groups from fraternities to students living on campus.

"One Halloween, we arrested a dummy that the guys in Smith Hall filled up some cloths with straw and made out in the street like a drunk," he said. "So we arrested it and made them come here and bail it out—just fun and games kind of stuff."

Some calls were more funny than dangerous.

"One fall there was a street dance over at [Kirksey Old Main]," he said. "At one point during the dance, I

discovered a guy who was intoxicated. When I tried to stop him, he took off trying to run across the lawn there in front, and I had to stop because I was laughing so hard."

Not all of Fanguy's experiences are pleasant. The life and career of a police officer is often haunted by the horrific.

"You know there are some rare emotions that go through you at that time," Fanguy said reflecting on the moment when he held a 4-year-old child who had been suffocated.

"I had a son about the same age as the one I carried on the hospital on my lap in the back of another patrol car," he said. "He survived for about a day and a half."

Fanguy has dealt with these problems through training and spiritual discipline.

"If you listen to the people that have been there and are training you, you put that training into practice," he said, explaining his method for dealing with the tragedies of police duty. "About 99.9 percent of the time, you'll be ok."

With the scarring that comes with being a cop, Fanguy recognizes that police officers, like other people, aren't infallible and shouldn't be held to too high a standard.

"We still have families; we still have money problems; we still have children that we are raising; we still have spouses that die, moms and dads that die; we go through the same things everybody else does."

Losing a spouse is something Fanguy knows all about. He lost this wife to cancer after spending the better part of three years caring for her. Now remarried, Fanguy says he is going through some "soul searching."

Fanguy likes spending his time with his family and cooking.

"I'm Cajun—cooking is therapy for me," he said. "It has gotten to a point where I've done enough cooking where I'll try this or that to see what it does."

Listening to him relate his years of experience, however, it would be easy to mistake story telling as his real therapy.

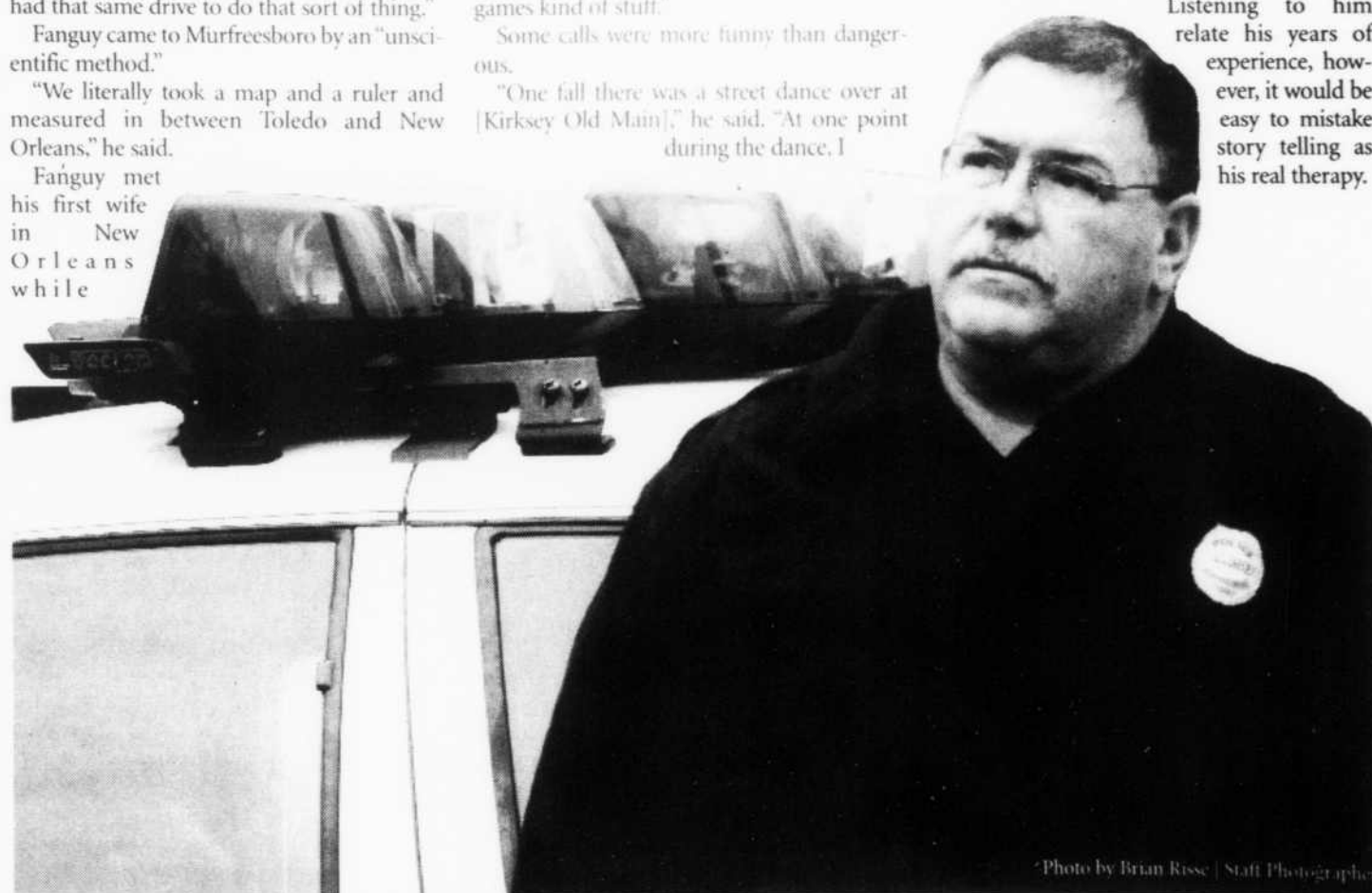
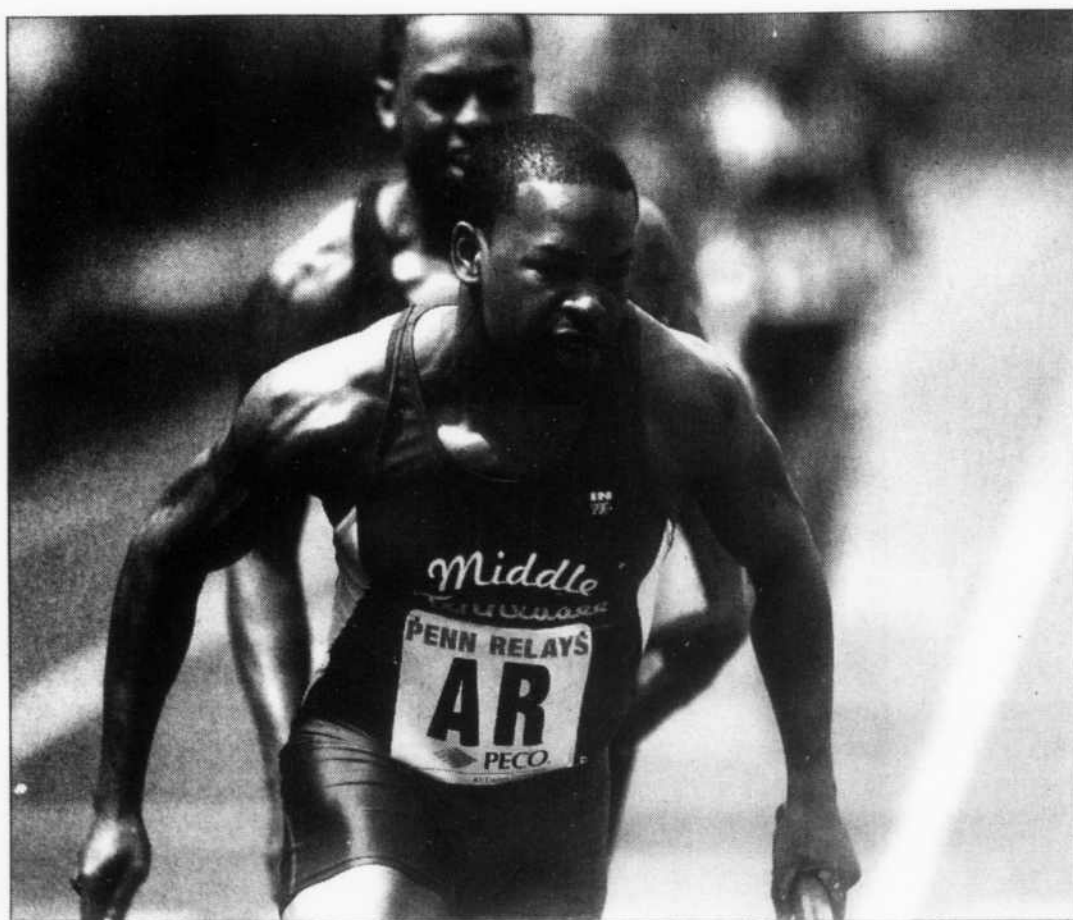


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SPORTS

Former MT stars honored by SBC



When asked what the future held for him, Scales replied, "An Olympic gold medal."

Another member of the All-time team is Godfrey Herring, who ran at MT from 1999-2002.

Herring was a five-time All-American and was named Outdoor Most Outstanding Track Performer in 2001 and 2002. He won six times at the SBC Outdoor Championships, and was the 400-meter winner at the 2001 SBC Indoor Championships. He holds the current record in the 400-meter event, both indoors and outdoors.

"Godfrey was very easy to work with; he couldn't wait to run the next relay or next event," Hayes said.

The final male member of the team is Victor Okorie, who was at MT from 2003-04.

Okorie set the SBC 400-meter intermediate hurdle record holder at the 2003 NCAA Championships. He is also a two-time SBC Outdoor Champion in the same event and a 2003 All-American.

He has represented his native country, Nigeria, in international competition.

On the women's side, two MT stars made the team: Kim Freeman and Rosemary Okafor.

Freeman, who competed for MT from 2000-03, was an All-American in the triple jump. She was also the 2001 and 2002 SBC Indoor Most Outstanding Field Performer. Freeman won three times at the SBC Outdoor Championships and four times in the SBC Indoor Championships.

Freeman stopped running three years ago.

Okafor, who ran at MT from 2002-04, is the SBC 400-meter record holder, and took the 100-

meter and 200-meter events in 2003 and 2004. She also was a part of the 4x400-meter relay in both seasons. She was SBC runner of the week on five occasions.

"She would run until she dropped," Hayes said.

Like Okorie, Okafor has represented Nigeria in international competition.



Former MT track star Mardy Scales, pictured above, was named the Most Valuable Player of the Sun Belt Conference's 30th Anniversary team.

By David Hunter

Sports Editor

The Sun Belt Conference continued its 30th Anniversary celebration by naming the All-Time Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team last week. Five former Middle Tennessee track stars made the list, and one was named Most Valuable Player.

"It's a honor for the athletes and [their] thanking them for all the hard work that they have put in and the competitive nature that each of them have," MT track head coach Dean Hayes said. "It's always nice to be on a team."

The honor of MVP belonged to Marty Scales, who ran at MT from 2001-04, and was a national champion in the outdoor 100-meter dash in 2003. During his time with the Blue Raiders, he received seven All-American honors. In 2004, he became the SBC Outdoor Most Outstanding Performer. He took nine event victories at the SBC Outdoor Championships in his career.

"It's an honor to be named any MVP when people think of you that high," Scales said. "It is a great honor."

Scales also had success in indoor track, including being twice named SBC Indoor Most

Outstanding Track Performer and winning the Indoor SBC Championships five times. He was selected as the 2004 SBC Athlete of the Year, and holds the SBC record in the 100-meter, 200-meter event and 4x100 relay team.

"I've been on the World Championship team, and won the National Indoor title," Scales said. "That was a big accomplishment. I [even] got signed to Nike."

Scales is now representing the United States in international events, and hopes to make the team for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Blue Raiders take two of three against UALR

Sunday, March 26

MT 8

UALR 7

Next Game vs. Samford,
March 28

By Russell Luna

Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders (8-11, 1-1) split their Sun Belt opener with Arkansas-Little Rock (18-10, 1-1) this weekend after a solid seven inning performance from Matt Scott and a three-run affair from Adam Warren helped lead the Blue Raiders to an 11-4 victory on Friday. UALR starter Trevor Clay pitched six innings, allowing one run on six hits before a four-run bonanza in the eighth inning that would helped the Trojans clinch 5-2 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Scott pitched seven innings, allowing three runs on seven hits, while walking only three and fanning six others to help lead the Blue Raiders to an 11-4 victory on Friday.

Scott's win helped improve his record against Sun Belt opponents to 8-1 for the past two seasons. Warren scored three runs and drove in two to help Middle Tennessee win their first back to back games since sweeping Jacksonville State in late February.

UALR narrowed Middle Tennessee's lead in the fifth inning after a two-run

single from Ryan Gotcher, to make the score 4-3. A double by Warren in the bottom of the fifth combined with walks on five of the first six Blue Raider batters and a left field double by Chase Eakes in the bottom of the sixth helped Middle Tennessee take an 11-3 advantage.

Friday's win improved Middle Tennessee's record to 5-1 in Sun Belt openers and 13-2 over UALR since joining the league.

The Trojans used clutch hitting and pitching to bring in the top of the eighth to score four runs and earn their first victory ever at Reese Smith field Saturday afternoon.

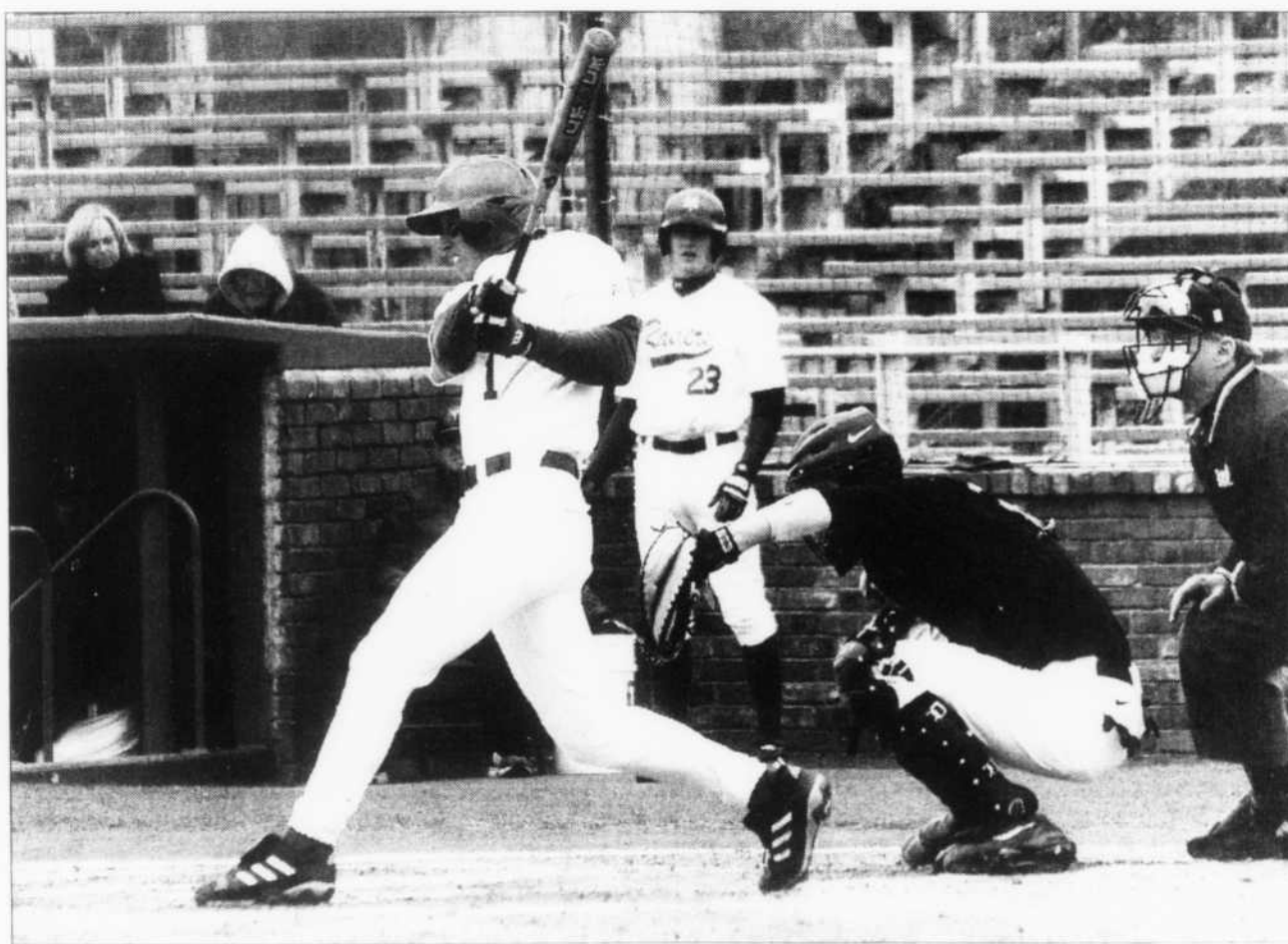
Two-run doubles by Trojan offensive leaders Gotcher and Matt Garlington helped score Brian Smiley and Brett Lawler to score giving the Trojans a 4-2 advantage, after Middle Tennessee tied the game in the sixth inning.

Tyler Copeland received a no-decision after pitching 4 1/3 innings allowing one run on five hits and striking out two. Newcomer Langdon Stanley (1-4) was credited with the loss after pitching 2 2/3 innings, allowing four runs on six hits, while fanning three UALR batters. Second baseman Wayne Kendrick led the Blue Raiders with three hits.

The Blue Raiders concluded their three game series with Arkansas-Little Rock on Sunday afternoon.

After falling behind early, MT scored two runs apiece in the seventh and eighth innings to come away with the 8-7 victory.

Jeff Beachum led the MT offense from the leadoff spot. The senior had three hits and two runs scored.



MT's Jeff Beachum takes a cut during the team's 8-7 win over UALR. Beachum had three hits and two runs in the contest.

After the contest, MT head coach Steve Peterson was happy with his team's gritty performance.

"Well I think it was huge," Peterson said.

"Their starter had a good arm and

threw very hard, but we were able to chip away and get some runs across."

"Any victory is a shot in the arm for this year," Peterson continued.

The Blue Raiders will host Samford Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 3

p.m. before beginning a four game road trip on April 4 at Lipscomb.

"It seems like everybody we play is playing well, and I just hope we can come out and play well against Samford," Peterson said.

Women's tennis loses weekend match to Louisville

By Casey Brown

Staff Writer

In a match fit for early birds, Middle Tennessee women's tennis was unable to catch the worm.

The Blue Raiders fell 5-2 to No. 69 Louisville in Saturday morning action at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro.

Coach Alison Ojeda's squad continued to struggle, losing their fourth consecutive match to drop to 6-10.

Ojeda remained positive after the match, describing this point in the season as a "transition period."

"Our goal is to be a Top 20 team in the next few years and in order to do that, we have to make changes," Ojeda said.

The first-year coach stressed that results would continue to be of diminished importance as the players attempt to integrate changes in practice into match play.

"The bottom line is we're just not executing yet, but at this point we're winning or losing at the matches right now," Ojeda said. "The other teams aren't beating us."

Louisville forfeited at No. 3 doubles due to injury giving MT an advantage from the outset. The Blue Raiders were unable to capitalize, however, posting losses in the other two doubles matches.

At No. 1 Marlene Chemin and Claudia Szabo of MT suffered an 8-3 setback to Robyn White and Suzanna Gracinin.

Natalie Laszkowski and Bianca

Gorbea claimed the point for UL with an 8-5 win over MT's Kelly Adams and Ann-Kristin Siljestrom at No. 2.

The Blue Raiders could not muster a comeback in singles, losing the first four completed match to seal the outcome.

Gracinin wasted little time with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Elvira Yusupova at No. 3.

Laszkowski followed a few minutes later with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Siljestrom at No. 4 to give UL a 3-0 advantage.

The Cardinals clinched the match when White's hard, flat groundstrokes proved too much for Chemin, who fell 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1.

With the outcome already decided the Blue Raiders attempted to close the gap, with some success.

In a match where emotions ran high, Szabo and Gorbea traded punches in long rallies, before Gorbea outlasted the Blue Raider sophomore, winning by a 7-6 (4), 6-2 margin.

MT did end the match on a positive note, posting wins at the No. 5 and 6 positions.

The consistency of Adams was enough in a battle of wills at No. 5, as the freshman, still hampered by back problems, prevailed 9-7 over Stephanie Velazquez.

"I feel like Kelly needs to be higher in the lineup, but as long as her back is giving her trouble we can't put her up there," Ojeda said.

MT's Pooja Kommireddi extended her winning streak to seven at No. 6, making short work of An Nguyen 8-0.

The win moved Kommireddi to 17-2 in dual matches this spring and 22-5 overall. The freshman needs just three more wins to tie for sixth on the Blue Raider single season wins list.

"Pooja has weapons, she just hasn't used them in a match," Ojeda said. "Now she's killing people, literally, rolling through matches."

Despite the loss, Ojeda was pleased with her team's performance.

"We've already turned the corner. The girls are starting to understand their club, the better, so it's not killing them confidence," Ojeda said.

The Blue Raiders travel to Little Rock on Friday to face off against Arkansas. Little Rock and Arkansas State in pivotal Sun Belt Conference matches.

Yarbrough wins again

By Clarence Plank
Staff Writer

MT men finished one-two in the 110-meter hurdles in the Clemson Relays in Clemson, S.C. Saturday.

Linnie Yarbrough won with a time of 13.97. This was his eighth career victory of the outdoor season. Juan Walker finished in second place with a personal-best 14.13.

In the men's 4x200-meter relay, the team of Jermaine Barton, Daryl Terrell, Sean Waller and VanTonio Fraley won their event with a time of 1:26.98. Fraley also competed in the 100-meters and placed fourth while teammate Terrell finished eighth.

The men's distance medley team of Tony Carufe, Tavaris Leak, Derek Dell and Jonathan Guillou finished second and the men's 4x1500-meter relay team of Carufe, Dell, Guillou and Matthew Young finished sixth.

In the long jump, JJ Strum placed third and Julius Defour finished for a tie in third in the high jump.

Willie Parker finished fifth, in the shot put, and eighth place in the hammer throw, and James Thomas placed fourth in discus and sixth in the shot put.

During the weekend, the MT women's team finished the meet with three first place finishes, three seconds, two third places, and two fourth-place results.

On Friday, Stephanie Tamgho won the long jump with a distance of 19-1.25. It

was her first ever-outdoor win. She was coming off an ankle injury that she suffered three weeks ago at the NCAA Last Chance Meet.

The women's relay team of Erika Palmer, Candice Robertson, Antranette Stringer and Tiffany Owens won the 4x100-meter relay in 46.43, and the 4x200-meter team of TraMayne Gillyard, Stringer, Shanna-Kay Campbell and Owens won in 1:39.11.

The women's distance medley relay team of Marjorie Gombert, Kerry Barrow, Carlissa Shaw and Sara Lunning finished third. Palmer and Owens both competed in the 100-meters and finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

Ashleigh Thaler finished second in the 10000-meters with a time of 42:14.08 and Robertson finished second in the 100-meters hurdles with a top collegiate time of 14.06. Veronia Patterson finished second in the 400-meters hurdles, clocking a time of 1:02.91.

Tamgho finished third in the triple jump with a jump of 39-7, and teammate Sierra Douglas was fifth.

Rounding out the day for the women was Meaghan Byrd who finished fourth in the hammer throw with a throw of 147-4. She finished fifth in the shot put and seventh in the discus event.

The Blue Raider track team heads south to Atlanta, Ga. to the campus of Georgia Tech Saturday to compete in the Yellowjacket Invitational.

Men's tennis beats Louisville



MT's Andreas Siljeström charges the net during the team's 4-3 win over Louisville on Sunday. Full coverage of the match will be in Thursday's edition of *Sidelines*.

Softball goes 1-3 in Louisville Tournament

Sunday, March 26

MT 9

Toledo 1

Next Game at Mississippi State,
March 28

By Erika Davis
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee softball team traveled to Louisville Tournament this past weekend and took on ranked teams in two out of their four games.

In the first game on Friday against the host No. 20 ranked Louisville Cardinals, the Blue Raiders were shut out 4-0. UL's Courtney Moore crushed a home run in the bottom of the first to put the Cardinals up 1-0. They scored two more in the second inning to increase the score to 3-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, Moore doubled and scored on a Lacy Wood double to end the scoring for UL.

That was MT pitcher Samantha Floyd's second loss of the season to fall to 0-2.

On Saturday, the Blue Raiders lost twice 4-2 to Eastern Michigan and No. 9-ranked Michigan.

In the third inning, the Eagles' Heather Giroux reached first base on an error she then advanced to second and reached third base on a second error. EMU's Ashley Straus connected on a single, which brought Giroux home, scoring the first run of the game. EMU continued to pile on runs adding two before the third inning ended.

In the fourth inning Middle Tennessee's Shelby Stiner's two-run homerun bringing the Blue Raiders within one, 3-2.

In the sixth inning, the Blue Raiders failed to take advantage to take the lead with runners on first and second, Katie Mielke popped up. Floyd struck out leaving Middle Tennessee empty.

Eastern Michigan scored again in the sixth inning making it 4-2 and that would be the final score.

In the second game, Middle Tennessee opened the scoring against the defending National Champions Michigan Wolverines.

Leftfielder Muriel Ledbetter hit a two-run homerun that put the Blue Raiders in the lead 2-0 in the first inning. The Blue Raiders didn't enjoy the lead for long as the Wolverines quickly capitalized in the bottom of the first with Samantha Findlay singling, and scoring Tiffany Haas, who was on third. Michigan tied the game with a single by Grace Leutele scoring Findlay.

Samantha Floyd pitched three scoreless innings for the Blue Raiders. It wasn't long before the Wolverines broke the tie in the fifth inning with Becky Marx's double that scored Tiffany Haas and Giampaolo, putting Michigan in the lead 4-2.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Blue Raiders were looking good enough to take the lead with Muriel Ledbetter hitting a leadoff double. Kristine Reed hit a single, advancing Ledbetter to third. However, two strikeouts in a row ended the chance for the Blue Raiders.

Yesterday, the Blue Raiders ended the tournament with a 9-1 victory over Toledo.

MT put three runs on the board in the bottom of the third. Justine Cerda singled and moved to second on a wild pitch. She scored on a double by Katie Mielke. Mielke scored on a wild pitch from third. Muriel Ledbetter walked and came home on a triple by Shelby Stiner.

The Blue Raiders added four runs in the fifth, and two more in the sixth.

MT pitcher Trish White took the win to improve to 2-7 on the year.

The next match up for the Blue Raiders is Tuesday at Mississippi State for a double-header. Game time is 2 p.m.

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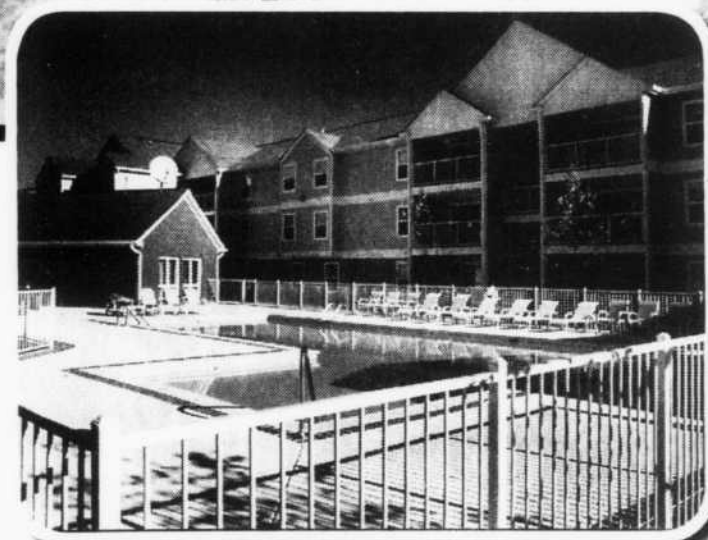
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SPORTS

Blue Raider football holds first spring scrimmage

By Wade Neely
Staff Writer

On a cool, windy Saturday afternoon, the MT Blue Raider football team held their first intrasquad scrimmage of the spring.

The scrimmage, which let both the offense and defense put in some full-speed workouts, was the first under the direction of first-year head coach Rick Stockstill. Stockstill, who has replaced former head coach Andy McCollum, said he had mixed feelings about the

scrimmage as a whole, particularly on the offensive side of the ball.

"I thought the offense was a little sloppy at the beginning but the group did some good things as the scrimmage continued," Stockstill told MT Media Relations.

The offense, led by senior quarterback Clint Marks, sputtered on their first five possessions, finally finding points on their sixth try.

After starting the scrimmage on a high note, the defense began to slump in the later stages of the game.

"The defense came on and made some plays and did some good things but we also gave up too many plays," Stockstill told MT Media Relations. "In the spring, I think you would like to see the defense pretty much dominate the scrimmage."

After having time to read and adjust to the defense, Marks got the offense in a groove, tossing a 10-yard touchdown pass to his veteran tight end, Stephen Chicola. Marks wound up passing for 108 yards and two touchdowns, while Chicola finished the game with three catches for 49 yards.

Dale Galvin, a redshirt freshman, led all receivers with seven catches for 69 yards, including a 14-yard pitch-and-catch from Marks.

Rounding out the scoring for the offense, walk-on running back Albert Webb finished with 12 carries for 37 yards, including a five-yard scamper to the endzone late in the scrimmage. Senior kicker Colby Smith also found the score sheet, notching a pair of field goals from 41 and 27 yards out.

Coy Williamson picked up a fumble for the defense and ran 50 yards for a

score. The recovery was one of the three turned in by the defense.

The Blue Raiders will hit the practice field Monday, with just two weeks left in their spring workouts. Despite the solid performances of late, Stockstill said he realizes that this team has to improve during these workouts.

"I like the attitude, work ethic and enthusiasm, but we must continue making progress throughout this spring," Stockstill told MT Media Relations.

Parker, Zolman lead Lady Vols to win, Elite Eight

By Joe Milicia
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Candace Parker showed she can do a lot more than dunk.

Parker scored 29 points with six blocks, and Shanna Zolman hit five 3-pointers and added 29 points to lead Tennessee over Rutgers 76-69 Sunday in the semifinals of the Cleveland Regional.

Parker, who last Sunday became the first woman to dunk in an NCAA tournament game, scored 12 straight points during a critical run by the Lady Vols. The freshman hit jumpers, blocked shots

and at times brought the ball up the floor, looking a little bit like NBA star LeBron James in his own building.

Tennessee (31-4) improved to 21-4 in the regional semifinals in its 25th straight appearance. The Lady Vols have not missed the regional finals since 2001.

Tennessee will play Tuesday night against the winner of the other semifinal between North Carolina and Purdue.

In a matchup of two of the three winningest coaches in women's basketball, Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer again couldn't get past her longtime friend Pat Summitt. The Scarlet Knights are 0-5 against the Lady Vols in the NCAA tour-

namment, including a loss last season in the regional final.

As Summitt left the floor, she stopped to kiss her son and her mother, who is in a wheelchair.

"One more mom. One more," said Summitt, who is seeking her seven national title and first since 1998.

Matee Ajavon led Rutgers (27-5) with 24 points and Cappie Pondexter, a Naismith player of the year finalist, scored 22 in her final game.

Zolman, who has made three Final Four appearances and is Tennessee's career leader in 3-pointers, shot 10-for-14 and played all 40 minutes. Parker and

Zolman accounted for all but 18 of the Lady Vol's points.

Rutgers' defense, which led the nation by holding teams to 51.1 points per game, disrupted Tennessee early, but the Lady Vols went on a 30-10 run to go up 54-41 with 10:46 remaining.

Rutgers twice got within seven but Parker hit two free throws and added a right-handed scoop in the lane with 1:15 left to seal it.

Parker went 11-of-13 from the foul line, had five rebounds and frustrated the Scarlet Knights inside.

Alexis Hornbuckle added some big hustle plays for the Lady Vols.

Hornbuckle, who sustained a concussion in the second round game and was playing with a wrist she broke in February, scored 10 points and had five rebounds.

Rutgers opened up a 23-14 lead with 7:08 left in the first half behind a 15-1 run led by Ajavon. The Lady Vols' offense went nearly six minutes without a field goal.

But Parker and Hornbuckle responded with a 15-4 run to close the half up 29-27. The Scarlet Knights committed 10 first-half turnovers and went more than six minutes without a basket.

"Big Baby" leads LSU to Final Four

ATLANTA (AP) — They've known each other since they were kids, drawn together at the basketball court.

Now, LSU's homegrown Tigers are heading to the Final Four together.

Glen Davis scored 26 points, including a decisive 3-pointer in overtime, and Tyrus Thomas added 21 points and 13 rebounds Saturday, leading LSU to its first Final Four since 1986 with a 70-60 victory over Texas in the Atlanta Regional final.

When the horn sounded, Davis marched to the front of the scorer's table, faced the

gold-and-purple-clad contingent and saluted. Then he let out a huge scream, prompted by his massive chest and was mobbed by Thomas, who was named the region's most outstanding player.

The portly Davis, known by the nickname "Big Baby," which is only appropriate for this group. No. 4 seed LSU (27-8) has three freshmen, including Thomas, and the sophomore Davis in its starting lineup. David Mitchell is the lone senior among the starters.

Three of those guys are from Baton Rouge, practically

in the shadows of the LSU campus. Another grew up in nearby Denham Springs, and Mitchell is from right down the road in St. Martinsville.

"We're like brothers," Mitchell said. "Brotherhood and togetherness."

They'll get together again in Indianapolis, facing UCLA next Saturday in the national semifinals.

The final margin wasn't indicative of a game that was close all the way. The lead changed hands 11 times, and there were seven ties. No one had a double-digit lead until the end.

But No. 2 seed Texas (30-7), who was trying to become the first Division I school to win national titles in football and men's basketball in the same academic year, fell apart in overtime. They were down seven by the time they got off their first shot of the extra period.

Texas couldn't overcome poor games by its two leading scorers. P.J. Tucker was held to 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting. LaMarcus Aldridge was dominated in the head-to-head matchup with Davis, making only 2-of-14 shots to finish with four points.

Bruins headed to Indianapolis

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The most storied program in college basketball is back in the Final Four.

Arron Afflalo, coach Ben Howland and the rest of the Bruins have returned UCLA to the lofty level of its glory years.

Afflalo scored 15 points and shut down Memphis leading scorer Rodney Carney, helping No. 2 seed UCLA defeat the top-seeded Tigers and earn a trip to Indianapolis for its first Final Four appearance since the school's 1995 NCAA championship.

Ryan Hollins added 14 points, nine rebounds and drew two charges on defense as the cold-shooting Bruins won their 11th straight game in the lowest scoring regional final since the shot-clock era began in 1986.

UCLA (31-6) will play in next Saturday's semifinals against LSU.

Darius Washington Jr. scored 13 points to lead the Tigers (33-4), who saw their seven-game winning streak end along with the career of Carney, a possible NBA lottery pick who hoped to play his final game in his hometown of Indianapolis for the Final Four.

Carney was held to five points on 2-for-12 shooting in his final college game. Afflalo swarmed Carney at every chance, only two days after defending national scoring leader Adam Morrison.

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