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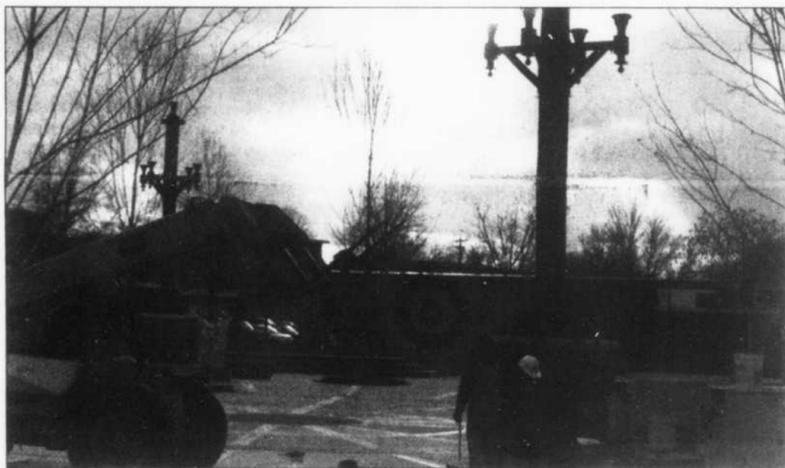
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Construction to end soon



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The fences surrounding the new courtyard in front of the James Walker Library (above) are expected to come down early next week. Late Wednesday afternoon, construction workers put in the last lamp post (left) in the center of the quadrangle. The grand opening for the courtyard will occur at President Sidney McPhee's inauguration April 19.

By Jessica Kent and Jason Cox
Staff Writers

The courtyard between the James Walker Library, John Bragg Mass Communication Building and the Business and Aerospace Building is nearly completed.

Jay Wallace, manager of construction administration, said final steps are being completed this week.

"As a matter of fact, [Tuesday] was a substantial completion," Wallace said, citing that the lights in the center of the courtyard were installed Wednesday and that the fences surrounding it will likely be removed Monday. The grand opening of the quadrangle is planned for the week of April 19 to coincide with President Sidney McPhee's inauguration ceremony activities.

Greg Schaffer, networking manager for the Office of Information Technology, said wireless Internet service will be available in the courtyard when the grand opening occurs in April.

Wireless internet will also be available in the Keathley University Center Grill and Lounge, on the Knoll and in the courtyard surrounding the Cyber Cafe.

Bids have been received for two upcoming projects. The winning contractor for the new honors college building is 101 Construction of Nashville, which agreed to complete the project for \$2.75 million.

The honors college recently met its \$2 million matching donation goal set by Paul and Lee Martin. Paul Martin was the first person to graduate from MTSU's honors college.

Renovation of the KUC, which will include moving Dwight's Mini Mart to the second floor, will be done by Walter Harmon Construction of Murfreesboro. The winning bid for this project was \$425,000.

Both projects are expected to begin around the first part of April, Wallace said, but no dates have been set yet.

Elevators in the James Union Building and the Cope Administration

Building are nearing completion, Wallace said. The elevator car currently is being built in the CAB, and the elevator shaft currently is being drilled in the JUB.

Inclement weather slowed the CAB project, Wallace said, while weather, coupled with problems encountered while excavating, caused the JUB project to be significantly delayed. The CAB project was set to be completed in October. The original completion date for the JUB elevator was August of 2001. In the past, the more than 800 disabled students who currently attend MTSU would have been forced to use the service elevators located in each of the buildings.

"I think we've solved all those problems," Wallace said, adding that both elevators should be complete by the first part of April.

Steam line replacement near the Wright Music Building is complete, Wallace said, with landscaping being the only task left. ♦

Doctorate degree conversions stalled

By Amanda Maynard
Assistant News Editor

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has officially tabled the decision to transfer MTSU's Doctorate of Arts programs to Doctorate of Philosophy programs.

In recent months, MTSU has proposed converting the programs to allow graduate students better opportunities in the economic market place. The proposed program changes would affect English, economic and physical education graduate programs.

THEC has been holding out on the decision to change the programs since January of last year. As of now, the decision is not on the agenda to be discussed at the next THEC meeting.

President Sidney McPhee was optimistic about the decision.

"I hope at some point the proposal will be up for discussion," McPhee said.

THEC has admitted that financial questions have postponed the decision since January. If the conversion were approved, THEC would consider the programs new, warranting new funding, though these programs have existed at MTSU for more than 30 years.

"There would be no further funding obligation on the



McPhee

state," McPhee said. "These are not new programs, and we already have faculty in place."

Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Donald Curry agrees that funding concerns are irrational and uncalled for.

"Personally, I'm not optimistic at all," Curry said. "The programs are being treated as new programs when they have been around for 30 years or so."

Currently, there is a moratorium over MTSU that does not allow the university to change the programs. If THEC decides

to convert the programs, the moratorium will then be lifted and graduate students can begin work on their Ph.D.

"Not changing these programs is going to be detrimental to the university," Curry said. "Students are not getting the degree for the work that they are doing."

For more information on the conversion of graduate programs, contact Curry at 898-5897. ♦

EYESORE OF THE WEEK

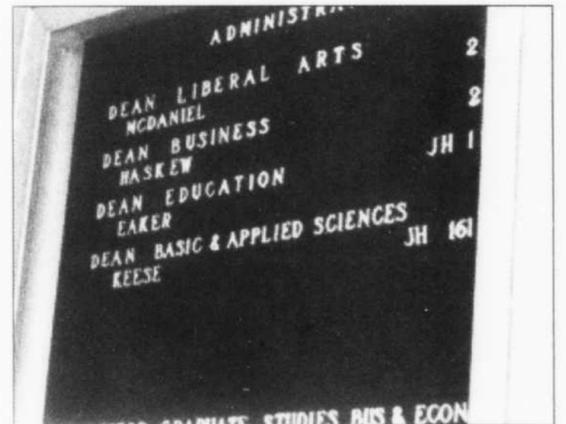


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Despite what the directory board in Peck Hall may say, the current deans of these colleges aren't Haskew, Eaker and Keese. Sorry, Bonner, Burton and Cheatham.

"Eyesore of the Week" examines the inadequacies of our campus in hopes of drawing attention to flaws that need to be addressed. If you have seen any "eyesores" around campus, please let us know by calling 904-8357 or e-mailing slmedit@mtsu.edu.

Awards announced for 2002 Black History Month essay contest

Topic addressed month's theme

Charlene Callier
Flash! Editor

Winners of the Black History Month essay contest were announced at the Distinguished Alumni Reception Friday in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

The contest was opened to all undergraduate students at MTSU.

The topic of the essay contest was based on the theme for Black History Month, "The

Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?"

According to Elyce Rae Helford, director of Women's Studies and essay contest coordinator, the theme each year is decided by a national organization, and the African American History Month Committee went with that theme.

"We were pleased with the depths and varieties of essays," Helford said.

She said there were 20 submissions for the contests, and some students wanted to turn in entries late.

Helford said the winning essays reflected so much of the

diversity on campus.

"I was very pleased with that," Helford said.

The first place winner was Tanya R. McLaughlin's essay, "Racism in the 21st Century." She received a \$100 gift certificate and her name on a plaque in the African American Studies office.

Helford said McLaughlin's essay was a research essay that provided an overview of defining, explaining and measuring racism.

The second place winner was Danita Edwards' essay "My Color, Your Color; My Eyes, Your Eyes" receiving a \$50 gift

certificate.

Helford said Edwards wrote a reflective essay about her experience with racism as a child, employee and mother.

Jose Archuleta's essay "Racism: Is It Dead?" and Shawn Whitsell's "Is Racism Dead?" both won honorable mention at the reception, and they won a Black History Month theme-related book.

"I focused on racism as a characteristic of society rather than characteristics of individuals," said Whitsell, an MTSU senior majoring in sociology and public relations of recording industry.

Whitsell said he thought it is very important to address how deeply rooted racism is in our legal, economic and social system.

Participants in the contest were to complete an essay form and write a research, personal or narrative essay on the assign topic or any relevant subtopic.

"The judges were looking for well-written, articulate and compelling essays," Helford said.

Once the contestants submitted their essays to the committee, the essays were sent in a stack to each of the judges read independently.

"We asked the judges to rank the essays," Helford said. "The first place winner was voted on anonymously."

The judges for the contest were Newtona (Tina) Johnson, associate professor of English; Mimi Thomas, assistant director of Student Programming; and John Pleas, psychology professor. Helford said that as coordinator, she had to also act as force judge to make final distinctions.

"I entered the contest because I like writing and felt I had a lot to say about racism in America," Whitsell said. "I really had fun with it." ♦

Police stumped in Kappa Alpha fraternity house shooting

Laren Anderson
Staff Writer

Campus police have stalled after a three-month investigation into the Kappa Alpha fraternity house shooting that occurred Dec. 2.

Scarce testimonials and information, according to Lt. Darrell Collins of campus police, have set back the investigation.

There is only one suspect and no arrests have been made, Collins added.

MTSU Crime Stoppers has offered a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the perpetrator's arrest.

"We search and search and search but can't find anything," Collins said.

Evidence is customarily found at a crime scene, he said Friday, but only five shell casings from a Russian or Chinese assault rifle were discovered.

The perpetrator and "shot" he said. The shells that were found surrounded a lamp post on Rutherford Boulevard, 210 feet from the fraternity house. One bullet penetrated a first floor window and skirted 28 inches from a resident's head, Collins said. A second bullet entered another window before striking a wall.

Yet another wedged into one of the four pillars on the home's porch, Collins said. Two vehicles parked near the fraternity house were also struck.

Officers Sean Garrison and Kenneth White of the MTSU Police Department arrived promptly, Collins said.

Officers cannot comment during an open investigation, White said Saturday night. He wouldn't make further comments.

According to Collins, the fraternity's pledges said the only person they suspected was a drunken man they had fought earlier that night behind the Campus Pub at 903 Gunnerson

Ave. The students couldn't be reached for comment.

Kappa Alpha members provided the officers with the name of a 27-year-old hourly worker, Collins said, but he wouldn't identify the man. When police later questioned the worker, according to Collins, the man said five or six fraternity members had "jumped him."

After the fight, the worker went to a friend's house, located approximately one-and-a-half miles from the Kappa Alpha home, Collins said. But he wouldn't identify the friend.

Yet, according to Collins, the police department has been

wary to call the worker a suspect.

The 27-year-old is without a criminal background and has never bought a gun, Collins said, but added the man could obtain a weapon illegally. However, his drunkenness creates further uncertainty, Collins said.

"I don't see how he got where he got," Collins said.

If the 27-year-old allegedly committed the crime, he either drove to the fraternity house while heavily intoxicated, Collins said, or he trekked with an assault rifle strapped to his back.

Mark Carter, owner and bar-

tender of the Campus Pub, said he has reservations that a customer committed the crime.

The pub hasn't had conflicts with students, Carter said. But he wants the police to catch the perpetrator, the owner said.

Maybe the \$1,000 reward will motivate someone to offer information, Collins said, and added he hopes a witness will come forward.

Information should be reported to Crime Stoppers at 893-7867, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the bulletin stated. The identities of the callers will remain anonymous. ♦

Students champion migrant worker's rights

By Jessica Kent
Staff Writer

Chris Berry, a senior anthropology major at MTSU, wants to start an awareness group that will work on educating students about the conditions of migrant workers in the middle Tennessee area.

Student Action with Farmworkers, a nonprofit organization designed to help improve conditions for farmworkers, has been actively involved in stopping the treatment and abuse of migrant farmers in South Carolina and Oregon.

Berry said the problem in these states has been going on for a very long time, and Tennessee really hasn't had time to abuse the labor.

"Migrant labor is fairly new in this area," Berry said.

SAF is a program that sends students to get documentation on migrant workers. The organization has inspired Berry to do research on the problem in Middle Tennessee.

"Anytime there is a move-

ment, you've got to get students involved to speak in one voice," Berry said.

The students also talk with the workers and make them aware of their rights as well as holding legal and health clinics for them, said Melissa Schmitt, who teaches anthropology at MTSU.

Berry said many of the migrant workers are concerned with everyday things and want to learn more. He said they want to learn to speak English, and they want to know how to get health care and insurance.

March 17-23 is Farmworker Awareness Week. Berry is planning events for this week. He plans on handing out basic information to students to make them aware of what is going on in this area.

He also wants to show a video titled *Harvest of Shame*. The video from the 1960s shows African-American and poor white farmers and the conditions they were forced to work in. Berry said that even though the video focuses on different races, the problems faced by

migrant workers today are the same.

"Wages haven't changed since the 70s," Berry said.

Berry has recently been working with Jackie Eller's graduate level sociology class to help him gather information. He has run into several barriers during his research.

"There's a lot of information out there, but there are gatekeepers who prevent you from getting it," Berry said.

While trying to conduct interviews in Shelbyville, he said, a landscaping farmer wouldn't admit to having migrant workers even though Berry could see many of them around the area.

"There are many problems that prevent people from gathering accurate information from migrant workers themselves," Berry said.

Schmitt pointed out that most of the migrant workers are undocumented and it is difficult to get information about who they are and where they are from.

They are also afraid to talk to

people because they don't want to get deported.

Language is an obvious obstruction Berry has had to deal with. The language barrier sometimes prevents migrant farmers from even shopping at the store.

"Just going to Wal-Mart can be very intimidating for them," Berry said. "This causes migrants to become dependent on their bosses for basic needs. That's when injustices pop up."

Students who are interested in getting involved with the cause have several options of action.

They can contact SAF to get the basic history of the program as well as other suggestions on things to do. Students can also contact Berry at 896-5337.

To take a more direct approach, students can volunteer to teach English. People can also boycott certain foods and food producers who abuse migrant workers, Berry said this is only effective if you tell people why you are boycotting and write letters to the food producers who are being boycotted. ♦

Speed, knowledge important in bowl

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi Academic Fraternity are sponsoring this year's MTSU Quiz Bowl Tuesday.

The MTSU Quiz Bowl will comprise of four-person teams representing registered campus organizations. The questions will range from academic to pop culture.

The competition will be held in the MTTV studio of the Learning Resource Center Tuesday at 6 p.m. The tournament will be taped for later replay on MTTV, which is on Comcast channel 10.

Ken Hollman, who holds the Martin Chair of Insurance, has been coordinating the tournament since its revival more than 10 years ago, when it was conducted by the Sigma Club.

"I thought it was an interesting way for students to meet other students in head-on trivia contests," Hollman said, adding that it helps bring credit to Gamma Iota Sigma.

Hollman said that because most of the questions are not

extremely difficult, speed in answering the questions will be just as important as knowing the answers.

"I've seen a lot of intense competition, bragging rights for certain organizations," Hollman said, and "enormous satisfaction from winning and much agony in defeat."

Jeff McSweeney, assistant professor of mathematics, used to compete in the competition and has emceed it in the past.

"It was a lot of fun," McSweeney said. "We had a lot of participation from different fraternities and organizations on campus."

"Ken Hollman and the Gamma Iota Sigma fraternity have put a lot of work in it and it shows in the quiz bowl," McSweeney said, adding that the competition was not televised in the past.

Friday is the deadline to enter. The entry fee is \$15 per team, with \$80 going to the first place team, \$40 for second place, \$20 for third place and \$20 to a random team that does not place.

Teams interested in participating should contact Hollman at 898-2673. ♦

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\$250 cash prize awarded to winner of JazzFest T-shirt contest

'DNJ' announces winners March 29

By LaQunda Partee
Staff Writer

Main Street JazzFest 2002 opens its fifth annual T-Shirt design contest sponsored by Mitzi Michaelson of Merrill Lynch, Brentwood, Tenn.

The winner will receive a \$250 cash prize and be introduced on stage at the JazzFest May 4. The winning design will be displayed on official T-shirts and other merchandise that will be sold at the event. The winning entry will be announced in the *Daily News Journal* by March 29.

JazzFest is a project of Main Street Murfreesboro/

Rutherford County, Inc. a non-profit program organized locally to lead the revitalization efforts for a 54-block area of the downtown Murfreesboro business district.

The organization provides services and education to assist in the promotion, historic preservation and economic development of the downtown area.

Last year the JazzFest drew a crowd of more than 20,000 people to Murfreesboro's historic courthouse square where a diverse selection of national and regional jazz artists performed.

The event organizers are looking for a really fun design which will show off the diversity of jazz music, the festival's family-friendly atmosphere and promote Murfreesboro's great-

est treasure: the beautiful historic, courthouse square, according to a press release issued by the Main Street JazzFest.

The design must appeal to both men and women, as well as incorporate the following: "Main Street JazzFest," "2002" and "Murfreesboro, Tenn."

Designs must be submitted to Main Street, attention Janelce

Wise, by March 8, no later than 4 p.m. Judging will be the following week.

For entry forms and official guidelines for the contest, contact Main Street at 895-1887 or by picking them up at the Main Street office located at 201 West Main St., basement suite 304, or at the art departments in local universities and high schools. ♦

Doctors push for higher smoking age

By Dexter Gauntlett
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) - The California Medical Association is trying to pass a law raising the smoking age.

The CMA - composed of approximately 35,000 physicians who work to promote smoking awareness and direct money from tobacco settlements to health care programs - voted Sunday to increase both the legal smoking age from 18 to 21 in California and punish stricter violators and called for stronger enforcement of existing smoking law.

CMA is currently in the process of searching for an author to propose the bill to the California State Legislature as soon as possible.

"What we hope is that, even though we know it won't stop every kid from smoking, it will at least put the legislation out there for a horrible habit that is detrimental to your health," CMA spokeswoman Heather Campbell said.

Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, CA, has been in communication with CMA but has not been officially to author the bill, said Scott Svonkin, chief of staff for Koretz.

"Assemblyman Koretz is very interested in raising the age limit to 21. There's no need for someone to get access to deadly cigarettes," Svonkin said.

Koretz, who is on the California Committee on

Public Health, worked with the CMA when it was a member of the West Hollywood City Council to pass a 1994 legislation that made it illegal to smoke in California restaurants.

Paul Koretz, vice president of communication for CMA, said the organization is in response to colleges, companies making a stronger effort to target youth.

Four thousand twenty-four, and an order to receive as a business one has to replace them with a new bill.

While many physicians in California support the increase in age limit, others such as Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, CA, oppose the legislation.

Though the bill is currently in California, it is still a state and smoking is a personal responsibility. It is not a state's responsibility to take responsibility for his actions, and not make everyone a victim, there's no any sort of responsibility."

The smoking age is 19 in Montana, Alaska and Utah, but no state currently has a 21-year legal age. ♦

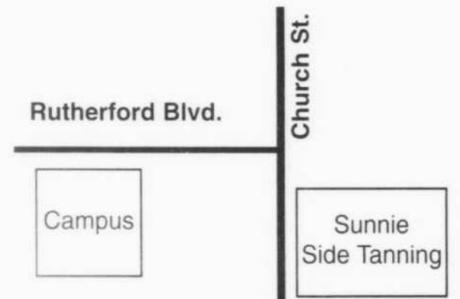
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OPINIONS

SIDELINES ♦ 4

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Editorial

Cell phone ban won't work – try courtesy

Nashville Metro Schools recently voted to keep their ban on cellular phones in classrooms. While their decision has relatively little to do with the thousands of students on MTSU's campus, it still makes one think about how far the government or a school board can go to try and enforce manners.

There's no question about it – a cell phone chirp, ring or beep during class can be annoying and disturbing to everyone in the room. Most students probably can recall at least a few times their classes were interrupted by an auditory cellular emission. Most students and professors are irked by the disruptions – especially if they occur during exams or student presentations.

However, banning cell phones from classrooms or even campus is an ineffective, unenforceable rule that only attempts to police politeness.

A recent *Sidelines* online poll revealed that the majority of students who voted agree that a ban on cell phones would not be the ideal solution to the problem, but that professors should be allowed to take disciplinary action as they see fit (thought arguably excessive may be a tad extreme).

Cell phone disturbances should be treated as any other class disturbance. Imagine if a fellow student stood up and started singing that annoying Nokia ring tone in the middle of class. Your professor likely would be infuriated at the sheer rudeness of the singing student. Of course, people with cell phones don't actually do anything wrong, except receive calls at the wrong places and wrong times, but they should shoulder some responsibility for not turning off their phones prior to class.

Ultimately, the manner in which professors treat cell phone disturbances should be completely up to them. We hope that they would be understanding if an occasional ring slipped out, and that they will learn to differentiate habitual "offenders" from those who mistakenly leave their phones on during class.

Surely, if movie theaters can request that their patrons turn off cell phones and beepers, learning institutions should be able to request the same courtesy. ♦

Battle over Ten Commandments rages close to home

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff
Columnist

Every once in a while, someone in government decides that society needs a moral shot in the arm. If he or she can find a sympathetic ear, the cause to post the Ten Commandments is often brought up.

This time it's the Wilson County Commission, which, for the time being, has not passed a resolution to post the document, but gives the Commission its stamp of approval, so to speak. They are following in the footsteps of Hamilton County, where the Ten Commandments are posted in several courtrooms.

According to the

Tennessean, the commission approved a resolution "supporting the importance of and the posting of the Ten Commandments in public buildings." They stopped short of actually posting the Commandments because of lawsuit fears. While the Commandments are not yet posted, this resolution would not have passed if the intent to post them were not again.

Once again, a person or group has decided that it is their duty to enforce their religion of choice unto the public, Christian or otherwise.

Efforts like these spit in the face of all those trying to promote religious diversity. The Commandments, which are clearly religious doctrine, do not belong in a public building, particularly a place of justice. The Establishment Clause, of course, prohibits govern-

mental promotion of religious doctrine, which is the basis of the lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Incidentally, some of the "concerned citizens" on whose behalf the lawsuit was filed include several reverends and rabbis. Additionally and perhaps more importantly, however, is the alienation of non-Christians that is likely to occur in buildings where this document is posted. In theory, church and state should be separate, but the spheres of influence intermingle when a religion is promoted.

I've recently questioned why groups feel the need to establish what can only be called dominance over minority religions.

Christianity is already the most popular religion by far in the United States. Simply believing in a

Judeo-Christian god places you in the religious majority. The government has no legal or moral right to promote a particular faith.

On the issue, one Wilson County commissioner said it's high time children get an "old fashioned raising," whatever that means.

A term as vague as "an old-fashioned raising" raises this question: Since when is it the government's right or responsibility to steer the moral direction of a child?

We have plenty of well-funded religious organizations that would love to do this if the parents aren't willing to do it themselves. This is the purpose these organizations serve.

If these counties truly wished to set a good example for children, they would disallow the posting of religious works in their buildings. Tolerance and

diversity are areas to be promoted and celebrated, and to acknowledge the need for a religion-free government would send a message to children that the Establishment Clause is a valid concept and that it is important to be inclusive.

The battles that ensue will be interesting, with impassioned speeches and angry letters to newspapers on both sides.

As always, when both sides believe strongly in such a cause, the battle will be hard and quite likely drawn out.

In the end, however, the court that ultimately decides the case must side with the Constitution instead of the Commandments.

Religion is an important part of society, but a government should not promote a particular religion's dogma. ♦

What's so hard about cremating a body for money?

I'm Just a Girl



Wendy
Caldwell

Every now and then, something on the news catches my attention. If there are lots of corpses, I really listen. If those corpses were sent to a crematory to be incinerated, that definitely sparks my interest. If it occurs in a town called Noble, Ga., we have a winner.

In the midst of my busy life I always allow time to just sit back and watch the

world slowly fall apart. And thanks to the wide variety of people who habitually screw things up I haven't been disappointed yet.

Anytime lots of decaying bodies are stored in one location, my brain immediately thinks "serial killer." However, most serial killers are not dumb enough to store all of their victims in one place.

I can only imagine the lovely smell that would produce.

Then I wonder why anyone would want to save dead bodies. Maybe for parts, but the Frankenstein story is not one to be a copycat case.

Finally, it occurs to me – they just want to save a few bucks. I have problems with this. If a guy wants to call 1-800-COLLECT, that's his business. If a guy who owns a crematory is just avoiding doing his job, that's just wrong in all kinds of ways.

The plot is spoiled. Authorities now know that the crematory has illegally provided a service it is not providing. If your job is to incinerate bodies, incinerate bodies. How hard can it be to remember that?

One of my biggest problems with these morons is this: Where do they get the ashes to give to the families whose relatives

they stuffed in a shed? Do they have an emergency store of ashes? Are they cremating other people? Do they burn legal documents or are they sharing the ashes of one person between two or three families? Either way, something is messed up.

It would seem logical that if the incinerator was broken, they would get either have it fixed or get something else. An oven was a fine choice for Hansel and Gretel, plus it beats fraud, fines, jail, the whole nine yards.

Anything beats jail for that matter. If holding a candle to a corpse for 48 hours is what it takes to

keep you out of jail (and/or debt), then do it.

I have no sympathy for these people. Don't come crying to me because the big bad authorities found your stash of decaying bodies. You deserve what you get.

If you cannot handle igniting a few corpses a day, it's time to close up shop. Besides, is money so important?

You should cremate people because you like to, not because you're getting paid.

Actually, that might get you in trouble. What I mean is, if you are getting paid to cremate bodies, then do it. ♦

Discovering racism on campus

By Jeanette Owusu
Guest Columnist

Lately there has been a lot of talk on race. Two topics which frequent my mind are "Does racism still exist?" and "Racism in the classroom."

I know many white people might feel that black I'm writing is petty, or that blacks are quick to say something or someone is racist, but until you are a black man or woman living in the United States, then you can not begin to understand our struggle, which, despite much progress, continues today.

A friend told me that she finally realized why Channel 19 has been gone for so long. She claimed that the channel did not want to dedicate an entire month to showing black movies. I laughed at first, but we live in a country that continues to suppress and minimize the contributions of African Americans. So her theory, as absurd as it might seem, made a lot of sense. Then I thought a little more and realized Channel 10's Web site was reconstructed so that black student anchors would not be featured on the home page.

I then began to think about racism in the classrooms. Does it really exist? And if it does, is it present at MTSU? Well, this question was easily answered. My roommate was expressing how upset she was with one of her professors. A white student in the class approached the professor to get necessary information for a lab. The professor told the student he did not mark her

present (you had to be present in the lecture to get the information in the lab). The student went on to tell the professor that she was, in fact, present for lecture. He told the student he would take her word for it and gave her the sample.

During the same class period, my black roommate approached the professor with the same concern. However, his response was different this time. The professor told the black student that he needed to flip through her notebook and observe the cover to make sure they were hers.

Now the average reader might think, "So what?" The different treatment of two girls in the exact same situation amazes me. I can't understand why, just because my skin is the color some people try to make theirs with the use of the sun and artificial assistance, they could treat me so differently.

I'm reminded every day that being black is being different. One of my professors doesn't seem to let me forget that I'm black, and while my look might not be good enough for a major network, there's always BET!

Racism in all forms is present and, at times, worse than it was during the Civil Rights movement. At least then we knew exactly who did not like us. We all need to look beyond the color of one's skin.

Although it's been said many times, many ways, the truth of the matter is we are all human, and we should not allow skin pigmentation to separate us. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

The mark of the Antichrist?



Applied Digital Solutions, a Palm Beach, Fla.-based company, has developed a rice-sized computer that the company would like to see used by travelers and high clearance government employees for security purposes.

The chip would be inserted with a needle under the patient's skin and would contain information including medical and identification records.

Containing no power supply, it would only become activated when a magnetic scanner is passed over it.

This technology is exciting. Long lines at the airport security checks would be obsolete because the chips cannot be reinserted after removal, eliminating any possible security risks.

Also, the chips can be encoded with information like allergies, reducing the risk of accidental death resulting from the actions of uninformed medical personnel.

However, no matter how

great the benefits of this technology, they are outweighed by the risks of exploitation.

What happens when the government requires these chips of all travelers or when they include tracking software in the package? That's not that far-fetched.

Eagles, whales, dolphins – they all wear tags so government agencies can track their movement. Who's to say immigrants – and citizens – won't be next?

Though I wouldn't consider myself a religious man, this new technology reminds me nonetheless of the infamous "mark of the beast" from the book of Revelation.

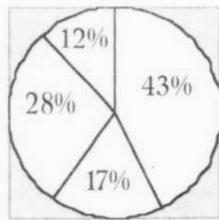
Yes, that book declares the mark will be found on the forehead or right wrist and in plain view; however, I doubt John had a complete understanding of microprocessors and their convenient size.

If I were the Antichrist, I know I'd rather keep things on the DL.

This is another example of seemingly innocent technology with the potential to destroy mankind.

As our society develops new technologies, citizens must be ever vigilant so that government doesn't overstep its bounds more than it already has. ♦

Last week's poll results: Should cell phones be banned from classrooms?



This week's poll question:

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No - that rule would never work, why bother with it?

Yes - if people are too rude to turn them off before class, ban them

Yes - why do you need a phone during class anyway?

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Surviving stress during Midterm Week

Rest eases worry levels

By Carla Rhodes
Features Designer

It's that time of the year again for sleepless nights, mass panicking and hyperventilating.

What's the cause of this depressing and stressful week?

Midterms.
What could be nicer and less painful?

Perhaps being run over by a car.

Midterms are almost as stressful as finals.

Professors throw huge, thorough tests at you and expect you to succeed.

What professors don't realize is that students also have lives outside of the classroom. Many students have other activities going on, such as hanging out at Wal-Mart or going to 2 for 1 at The Boro. College students are a busy bunch.

How do parents and teachers expect students to deal with all this stress?

There are many different approaches. First, if you want to avoid extreme amounts of stress, start studying early. Though this may be hard to do, students will be relieved that they did it.

An important strategy is to learn to

deal with the stress and manage it well. If stress is building up and it becomes difficult to handle, use it in a productive way. An example would be to just study. Instead of stressing and studying a huge midterm, buckle down and study for it. The more prepared students are for tests, the less stress they'll endure.

Freshman Aaron Sears agrees. "I think the best thing to do is go ahead and study for it," Sears said.

Another stress strategy is to prioritize. Do the important things first. Although playing Nintendo for nine

straight hours is more enjoyable, concentrating on studying for tomorrow's psychology test might be more beneficial.

Also, if there is an assignment due next week that is easier and less stressful than the test tomorrow, that doesn't mean that assignment shouldn't be finished before the test.

It's good to do homework in advance because it may give students an extra hour of relaxation on the weekend.

However, replacing tomorrow's test with next week's easy assignment could also be seen as procrastination, which will only increase the level of stress coursing through the body after realizing the number of hours left to study has diminished and the test is still going to take place tomorrow morning at 9.

This is a situation because it will affect one of the most important factors in passing a test — sleep.

Staying up late and making out with Peter O'Toole pin-ups, watching *The Simpsons* reruns or partying with some friends are all wonderful activities which many students like to do.

But there will be regret in the morning for procrastination. The alarm says 7 a.m., midterms start at 9 a.m., you've had maybe four hours of sleep and possibly an hour to cram for a test that's 40 percent of your grade.

Where's the caffeine?

For many students, this situation must be in every beverage consumed for the next seven days. They may be walking around like owls

because their eyes are so big, and they may feel like they're bouncing off the walls due to being very alert, but they made it through that sleepless night to finish memorizing every bit of information they must retain for the next two hours.

After the test, all that information will quickly disappear and the body will be screaming for sleep. Unfortunately, the grueling midweek isn't over yet — biology and English midterms are tomorrow.

Where's the caffeine? It's going to be another long night.

By this point, the student is thinking, "What did I do this weekend that was more important than studying for midterms?"

"Oh yeah, those free drinks at The Boro and checking out the new band at Wallstreet."

Well, it's done, and the tests are still going to take place once again. So grab the books, a coffee, coke or cappuccino and get to a lighted area to keep the body and brain awake for the rest of the night.

When midterms are over, depriving the body of sleep and overloading it on caffeine may not seem that bad, until next year.

Students who wish to avoid reaching the pinnacle of their stress level may want to rethink procrastinating

on tests that only occur for one week.

Concentrate on midterms for the night or so. Then go party for one week or weekend and worry about next week's assignments Sunday.

The best ways to get through midterm week, though, is to get plenty of sleep and don't forget to eat well. Rest and food nourishes the body and brain so that they work better together during important exam days. ♦

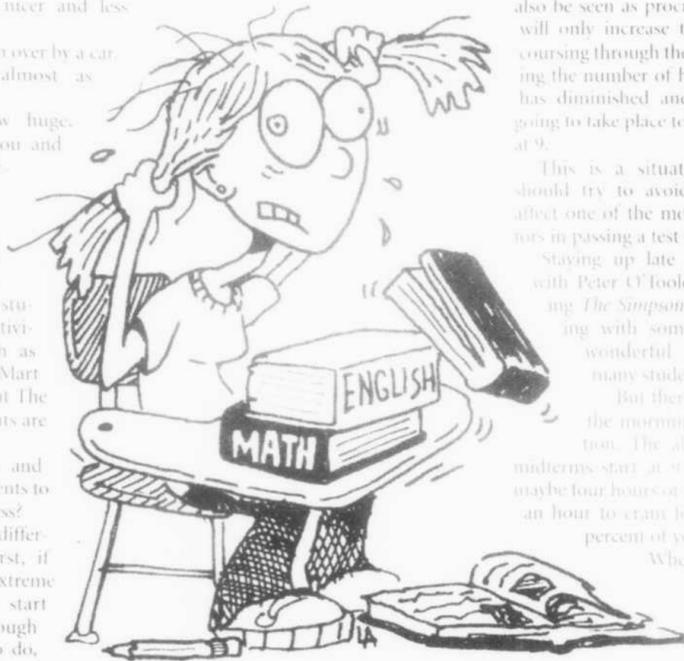


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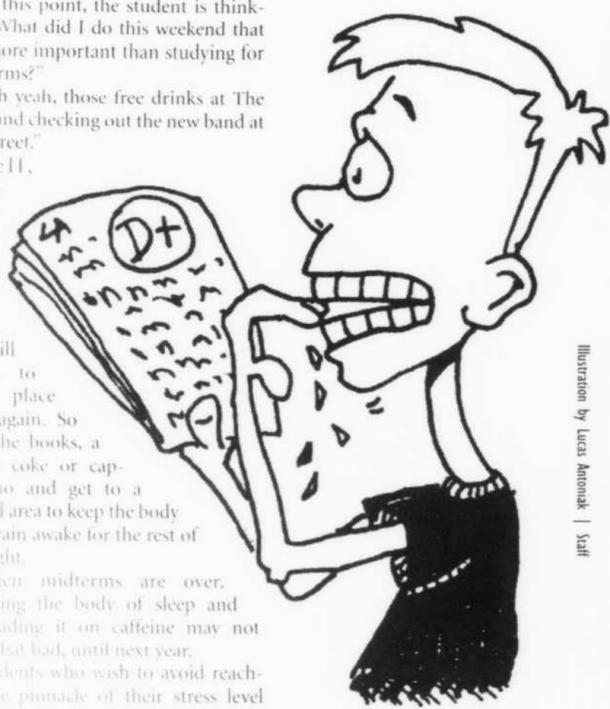


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Porter Hall sticks to roots with new country album

Band gets name from hometown

By Ryan Noreikas
Contributor

Welcome to Porter Hall, Tenn., a concentration of the ups and downs of reality — a place where nothing and nobody is perfect.

This fictional Middle Tennessee town is the concept in which local band, Porter Hall, TN is basing their debut album around, appropriately titled *Welcome To Porter Hall, TN*. The CD is to be released on Slewfoot Records, a Missouri-based independent label with which the band recently signed a three-album contract.

The signatures on the contract are singing/songwriting duo Molly Conley (acoustic rhythm guitar) and Gary Roadarmel (electric lead guitar). Other members of the band include Kenny Griffin (percussion), Ruth Marie (bass guitar) and Jason Sligh (mandolin).

Conley and Roadarmel have been writing songs together for seven years. In their hometown of Frederick, Md., they formed the band Porter, which had a punk rock sound.

Eventually, they grew tired of Maryland and playing punk rock and wanted to try something new.

A couple of years ago, the duo moved to Murfreesboro to attend classes at MTSU and start playing acoustic bluegrass music.

During an open mic night at The Boro, Conley and Roadarmel met other players of the same genre, and began play-weekly.

They gave themselves the name Porter Hall, TN, a slight change from the original name. The band hooked up with gigs around the city, opening for bands the members or their friends knew.

"In the early stages, we played mostly acoustic, using the gigs as our practice time,"



Photo provided

Molly Conley and Gary Roadarmel, who left their hometown of Porter Hall, Md., to attend MTSU, are the founders and creative duo behind Porter Hall, TN.

Roadarmel said. "Eventually, we progressed into an electric sound as well."

Through time and different members, Porter Hall, TN, as it is comprised today, has been playing together for about a year.

They have put out a few demonstration CDs on their own and are now in the process of releasing their first official album with a record label.

"I e-mailed Dale Wiley, president of Slewfoot Records, and sent him a live demo," Roadarmel said. "He responded by saying he wanted to hear more of our stuff. So I sent him a rough mix of *Welcome To Porter Hall, TN*. After that, he wanted to sign us."

Slewfoot Records was founded in late 2000 and bears artists of the American country genre. The label is distributed throughout the United States by City Hall Records.

Slewfoot recently signed a European licensing deal with Continental Record Services, a division of country label Rounder Records.

With this, Porter Hall, TN will be promoted, and their music will be sold through most of Europe.

Welcome To Porter Hall, TN is a combination of downhome music and honest lyrics. Conley

and Roadarmel write and perform from the heart.

"We stray away from the pop-country norm," Conley said. "We write our own songs and music and try to stick to the roots of country."

Porter Hall are making their mark in Nashville by performing in various venues, such as Billy Block's Western Beat show at the Exit/In last Tuesday.

According to the people at Western Beat Entertainment, Porter Hall's performance Feb. 19 should be achieved for listening pleasure.

Among an all-American country music ensemble, the band introduces the audience to its hometown sounds by playing multiple songs from their to-be-released album, including "Golden Chain of Hate," "Angel Without Wings" and "Screwed Blue," the band's first tune of the set.

With a satisfactory sound system and peaceful vibes, Porter Hall deliver a performance with style and grace.

Like every struggling band, though, Porter Hall's worst critics on how they do during performances are the band's members themselves.

Slight said the set sounded bad when Gary's guitar string broke during a performance.

Other spectators don't seem



Photo provided

Porter Hall, TN's new album sticks to its home-town roots with their lyrics and music.

to be as critical of the band's country roots, which seem to combine with other genres at times.

MTSU senior John Robertson said he really got into the band's style of country and punk rock.

The band hopes to bring in a larger fan base with their March 26 release of *Welcome To Porter Hall, TN* and a U.S. tour during the spring.

Their next performance will be Saturday at Nashville's Bluegrass Inn.

For more information on Porter Hall, TN, visit their Web site at www.porterhall.com. ♦

Students sacrifice desires during forty days of lent

By Elizabeth Brotherton
Daily Trojan (U. Southern California)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Spring brings many things — flowers, warmth, sunshine — and, for many Christians, it also brings the season of Lent.

Lent, which comes from the Latin word "Lente," meaning "springtime," dates back to A.D. 200.

It is a period when Christians, mainly those of the Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox faiths, take time to reflect on their lives and prepare for Easter, one of the year's holiest days.

The period is 40 days, excluding Sundays. The length of the holiday stems from scripture, which states that Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter.

"Lent is a time of renewal, conversion and preparation," said the Rev. William Messenger of the Catholic Center at the University of Southern California.

Because of the time that Jesus sacrificed, many Christians sacrifice as a tribute. Catholics, for example, choose not to eat meat on Fridays.

"I give up meat on Fridays, but since there isn't much to eat (without meat) on campus, I basically fast," said Jenny Schwartzkopf, a junior majoring in pre-business at USC.

For many Christians, Lent is a time to recommit to God.

To do so, they sacrifice something in their lives that is hindering their relationship with God.

While some give up one thing, such as chocolate, others choose to honor the season in a different way.

"It's hard to think of something because you have to give up something that is actually meaningful," said Roseanne Bermisa, a graduate visitor. Many Christians add

something to their lives rather than making a sacrifice.

Or they might work harder to do what is asked of them in the Bible.

"Instead of giving something up, I'm thinking of doing something extra instead," said Michael Muhlmeyer, a junior majoring in biomedical and electrical engineering at USC.

"I try to do something more for God," said Mia Navarro, a junior majoring in clarinet performance at USC. "I try to pray more, do community service, things like that."

"Taking on an extra thing is somewhat even better than giving something up," Messenger said.

"When you put the two together, it is a great combination."

Other Christians do not choose to sacrifice as much during the season. However, the period remains a spiritual time for them.

"We recognize Lent as a time of year, as it prompts people to think toward Easter," said Cindy Rogillio, a staff member of the campus organization Christian Challenge at USC. "Although our individual members might give up something, not all choose to."

Lent can often be a difficult time for college students, as they are trying to become more spiritual while also dealing with the pressures that college life brings, Messenger said.

Students should work together to keep their commitment, form support groups and work through prayer to stay focused, he added.

"I think the more seriously people take Lent, the more realistic the outcome," Messenger said.

"People tend to look at the season negatively because they are giving something up. But Lent is a positive season, a time for renewal." ♦

CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike | Features Editor

Thursday, Feb. 28

The June Anderson Women's Center has autographed books by African-American women authors on display. Other books of interest are available in their free lending library in Room 206 of the James Union Building. For more information, call 898-2193.

MTSU Films presents *The Man Who Wasn't There* at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday and at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 898-2551.

The Martial Arts Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center's aerobics room. Everyone in the MTSU community is welcome to start or

continue training in various martial arts throughout the semester.

The June Anderson Women's Center will host a free legal clinic from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

There will be a Solo Artist Competition in the Wright Music Hall at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

The chemistry department will host a seminar on "Methods

Development for the Gas Chromatographic Analysis of Semivolatile Compounds" in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building at 11 a.m. The lecture will feature Ngee-Sing Chong. For more information, contact Martin Stewart at 898-2073.

The School of Music presents Michelle Rowlette's Junior Clarinet Recital in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

Friday, March 1

There will be a visiting artist's seminar featuring performances by Deb Margolin and UH 3200 students in the Keathley University Center, Room 322. For more information, contact Claudia Barnett at 898-2887.

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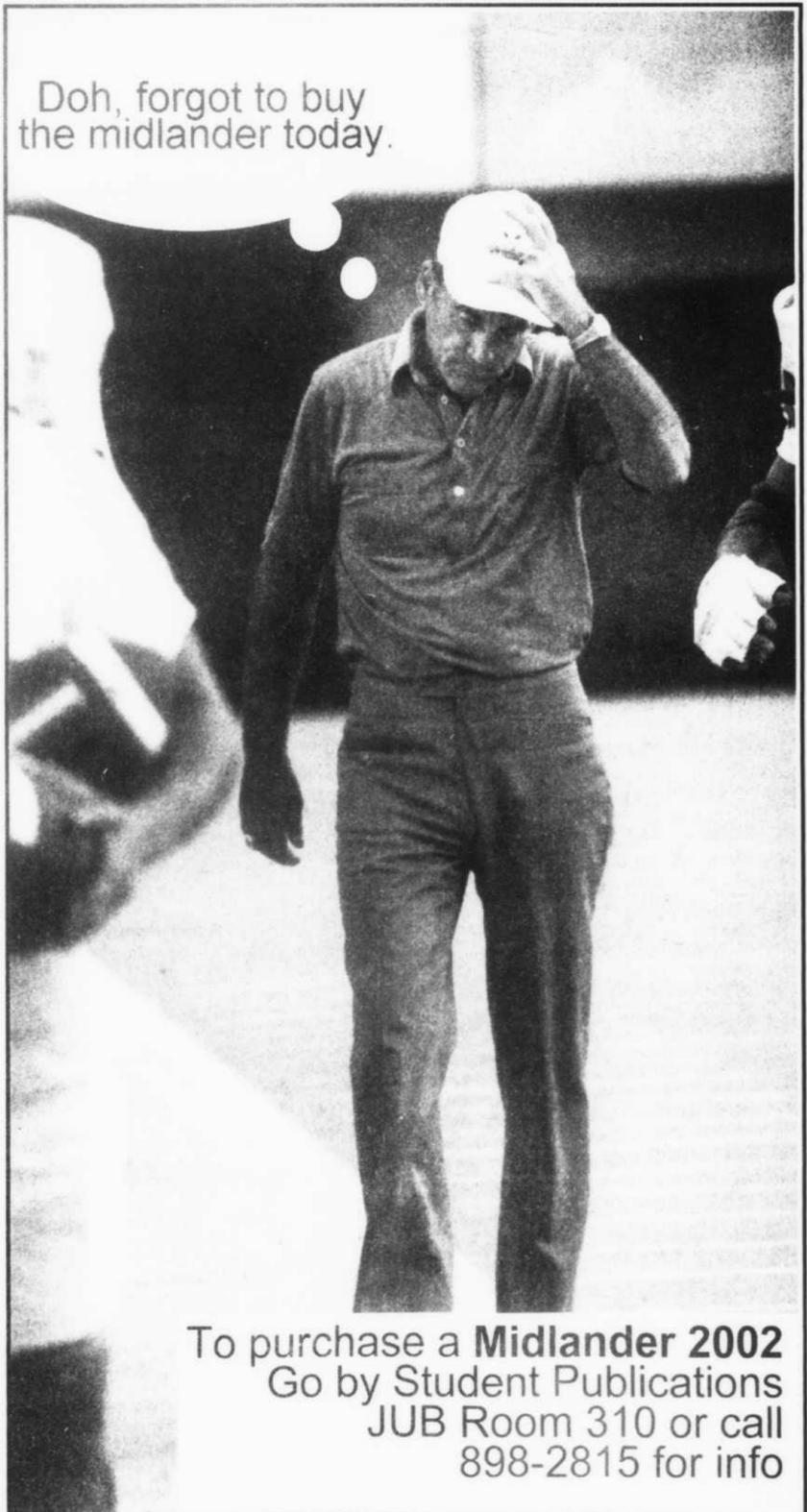
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Housing Reapplication Deadline March 4, 2002

The deadline for students living in on-campus to reapply for housing with priority for the 2002/2003 academic year is **March 4, 2002 at 4:00 PM**. Students need to complete the green reapplication form they received in their post office boxes, pay the \$200 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor, and return the green reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, through Monday, March 4, 2002. Additional green reapplication forms are available in the Housing and Residential Life Office, Keathley University Center, Room 300. For additional information or questions, please contact Housing and Residential Life, 898-2971.

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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

Holmes, Thomatis receive honors

Patrice Holmes received Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year honors and Jamie Thomatis was named First Team All-Conference as the Sun Belt announced its All-Conference teams Tuesday.

Holmes is the only Lady Raider to start all 27 games. She averages 12.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

Thomatis received first team honors for the second year in a row. She averages 18 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

The Lady Raiders open play in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament today at 4:30 p.m.

Nosse, Gunn named to All-SBC team

Lee Nosse became the first Blue Raider to receive All-Sun Belt Conference honors Tuesday.

Tommy Gunn received honorable mention.

Nosse set career highs in points and rebounds this season. He also became the 26th player to score 1,000 career points. He is only the 15th player to score 1,000 points and grab 500 rebounds.

Golf team finishes 12th at tourney

The Blue Raider golf team finished 12th in the Ron Smith Invitational Sunday.

Middle Tennessee shot a final round 298 in the rain-shortened tournament to improve four positions from the opening round. The Blue Raiders shot an opening round 312 Friday.

Due to rain and windy conditions, the second round was eliminated.

J.R. Wade, who missed the first tournament of the spring with a stress fracture in his wrist, tied for 13th with a 145 total.

Senior John Beedies tied for 45th with a 153, while freshman Carter Henderson had rounds of 78 and 77 to place in a tie for 51st. Charlie Gibson improved seven strokes from the opening round but still finished down on the list at 63rd. Gibson had an 82 in round one before coming back with a 75 Sunday.

Patrick Williams rounded out the scoring with a 77 Sunday to finish in a tie for 74th with an aggregate score of 159.

The Blue Raiders will travel to Baton Rouge, La., next weekend for the LSU/Spring Invitational.

Blue Raider baseball game rescheduled

The Blue Raider baseball team will play a doubleheader against Eastern Michigan Thursday to make up for the two canceled games earlier this week.

MT was scheduled to host Eastern Michigan Tuesday and Wednesday, but rain, snow flurries and cold weather canceled both games.

The doubleheader starts at 1 p.m.

Blue Raiders take two at spring tourney

The Middle Tennessee soccer team won two of three matches at the GSC Fury College Challenge in Memphis, Tenn., this weekend.

The Blue Raiders won their first game 2-0 over the Pensacola Samba. Emily Carter and Jenny Cox scored a goal each.

Laura Miguez scored the only goal of the match in a 1-0 victory over Hammer 17 in the second game of the day.

Middle Tennessee dropped the third game 3-1 to JB Marine of St. Louis.

Lindsey Bopp scored on an assist from Carter in the defeat. ♦

Men's tennis team hopes to become 8-0



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Trevor Short returns a ball in a recent match.

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

The No. 25 nationally ranked MT men's tennis team will be facing the University of Memphis this week in an attempt to keep their undefeated season going.

The Blue Raiders are 7-0 on the season so far. The match against No. 12 nationally ranked Mississippi State was canceled yesterday due to weather and rescheduled for April 2. This is the highest ranked team that MT has been scheduled to face all year long.

"It may be best due to our busy and tough schedule over the next few weeks," said MT head coach Dale Short. "Our schedule was somewhat light in April and not as tough as I'd like."

Short also pointed out that when the NCAA committee looks at selection and seeding, they tend to look a lot at late season results and the strength

of schedule the teams played.

MT was also scheduled to travel to the University of Alabama-Birmingham this afternoon but that game was canceled with no future date set.

The Blue Raiders face the University of Memphis Saturday at home. They bring with them to Middle Tennessee a 4-3 record. They won their last match against No. 61 University of Louisville but are not ranked themselves.

"To win, we'll need to continue to work hard and, most importantly, improve," Short said. "We'll also have to play to win and not try to protect anything."

In doubles, No. 5 ranked Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson enter the matches 6-1 for the season with their first loss against No. 51 ranked Roger Anderson and David Wright of Georgia Tech. The No. 47 ranked doubles team of Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson also lost their first

match of the season Sunday against the No. 56 ranked team of Scott Schnugg and West Nott for GT.

"Being that we're top 25 and 7-0 concerns me," Short said. "I worry that the guys may get complacent. These teams we face over the coming week are very good and much better than their ranking."

In singles, No. 15 ranked Daniel Klemetz will be in the No. 1 position. He is 5-1 for the season after a loss Sunday to No. 26 Anderson of GT. Klemetz will be facing Richard Magney of Memphis.

"Daniel struggled with his serve in the last match, as did a couple of others," Short said. "This will be one of our focus points this week, and I feel confident this will improve."

Magney, an Australia native, lost to Klemetz twice in pre-season tournaments. In the Southern Collegiate

See Tennis, 9

Women's rugby team hosts Arkansas State

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

The MTSU women's rugby football club will host Arkansas State University in a non-conference match Saturday at 11 a.m. at the MTSU rugby pitch located on Main Street across from the Circle K gas station.

The Lady Moose have been a USA Rugby Collegiate Division II team since the fall of 1997.

MT has an impressive record and is the Division II Conference D USA Rugby South Collegiate champion for 2002 after competing against the likes of Southern Mississippi State University and Auburn University.

The team will meet Florida Atlantic University in Savannah, Ga., March 16 in Division II semifinal action.

The Lady Moose are coached by Doug Wolfe, an MT men's team alumni player. In 2000, the team took the Mid-South Championship, beating Vanderbilt University and Western Kentucky University.

Standouts for the team include Angie Denney and Gina Earheart, who both recently tried out for the women's South all-star team, according to Jamie Charlet, team secretary.

"Angie has stepped into one of the team's most nerve-wracking positions of flyhalf," Charlet said. "Gina is without a doubt our best tackler. She is aggressive and unforgiving on the field and makes us happy she is on our side."

"Shelly Christian is almost a legend on our team," Charlet said. Christian was 17 and still in high school when she started playing for the team. "She is a crushing force in our defense and has saved us at key points of many games."

Charlet said Christian, who is in her last year of eligibility in the league, is the backbone of the team and has played through countless injuries, never coming off the field until the end of the match.

According to Charlet, the Lady Moose are in a rebuilding season despite their strong performance so far this year. The team lost many players to graduation.

Nevertheless, Charlet said, the team is very proud of its rookies.

"Although most of them have never seen a rugby game before, they are serious athletes and are eager to learn the sport," Charlet said. She explained that recruiting new players is difficult because of the rough reputation of the sport.

The Lady Moose practice Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the intramural field behind the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. New members are welcome to join at any time. For more information, contact either Jamie Charlet at jkc79@hotmail.com or Angie Denney at amd6941@msn.com. ♦

Men's rugby team wins easily

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

The MTSU men's rugby football club blanked Appalachian State University in a match at the University of Tennessee rugby pitch in Knoxville last weekend and enters the Northern Conference of USA Rugby South Collegiate Division I tournament next month undefeated in league play.

"MTSU controlled the game from the outset, leading ASU 42-0 at the half," said Moosemen head coach Tony Neely.

Despite missing a few players due to injuries, the team put substitutes in at the half and scored another 19 points to sew up the Northern Conference title and the match, Neely said.

The Moosemen didn't allow a single point by Appalachian State, which is coached by former MT rugger Will Maddox.

Moosemen team captain and 2001 All-American Cayo Nicolau had a powerful boot, making good on 7 conversions and one try to give the team 19 of its points.

No. 8 man Charlie Bedford touched down the ball for 3 tries totaling 15 points. Forwards Josh Scurlock and

Scott Knox both scored tries, as did backs Matt Little, Andrew Craze and fifth-year player Dara "Cowboy" Smith.

Smith, known for his speed, said he was able to score the last try of the game on a fine toss by flyhalf Nicolau and crossed the field in a diagonal sprint.

MT meets Arkansas State this weekend in non-conference play.

Arkansas State is a powerhouse in Collegiate Division II rugby, finishing the 2001 season as national runner-up in

Division II. The Tribe boasts its own All-American Matt Huckaby and has a former Mooseman, Grant Anderson, on the team.

The two teams last played one another last spring when the Tribe upset the Moosemen at Arkansas' pitch by a final score of 12-8.

This weekend's grudge match between the two teams will be held at 1 p.m. at the MT rugby pitch on Main Street across from the Circle K gas station. ♦



Photo by Amanda Harding | Staff

Moosemen push their weight around in practice.

Guard moves into spotlight

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

It was not an uncommon sight to see a 5-foot, 9-inch speedy point guard, blond hair

flying back, as if she was driving down I-24 on a Friday afternoon with the windows open this season for the Lady Raider basketball team.

Unfortunately for the



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Paula Pentilla calls a play against Arkansas-Little Rock.

opposing team, this usually meant they were about to give up 2 or 3 points. However, Paula Pentilla has not necessarily always been in the spotlight. She started playing basketball at 9 years old with her two older brothers in Lahti, Finland.

At age 9, she started playing with the Sinfonia basketball club, which is much different from the traditional YMCA leagues and church leagues that are played here in the United States.

Pentilla explained that in Finland, instead of having age groups, everybody plays against each other. So in other words, people who are 15 years old play against others who are 30 years old.

Pentilla also explained that there aren't as many recreational leagues in Finland as in the United States.

"Basketball is still a growing sport in Finland," Pentilla said.

"It was a good experience. It helped me get better, and, of course, it was always fun to beat them," Pentilla said.

After playing in the club leagues for a couple of years, Pentilla took a step up in the world. She next went on to play for the Finnish Junior and National team. During this tour, Pentilla played against several Division I schools and was named Rookie of the Year in the Finnish league in 1998 and MVP in the Division I

See Pentilla, 10

Men's Golf

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Georgia Southern (286-288=574)
2. Jacksonville State (282-295=577)
3. South Alabama (297-285=582)
4. Southern Miss (294-288=582)
5. Arkansas State (295-298=593)
6. South Florida (299-295=594)
7. Florida Atlantic (298-299=597)
8. Florida Southern (309-292=601)
9. Memphis (295-307=602)
10. Columbus State (308-296=604)
11. Notre Dame (305-304=609)
12. Middle Tennessee (312-298=610)
13. Troy State (310-302=612)
14. UT-Chattanooga (307-307=614)
15. Central Florida (311-303=614)
16. Austin Peay (310-305=615)
17. Marquette (319-312=631)
18. DePaul (322-313=635)

MT SCORES

- JR Wade (73-72=145/T13)
John Beedies (79-74=153/T45)
Carter Henderson (78-77=155/T51)
Charlie Gibson (82-75=157/T63)
Patrick Williams (82-77=159/T74)



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer
Robert Gustafsson waits as his doubles partner serves.

Tennis:

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Tournament, Klemetz won 6-3, 0-6, 6-4 over Magney. In the Omni Hotels Region Championship, Klemetz won 7-6, 6-4.

Michael Chamberlain, who played for MT two years ago, will be making a homecoming on the UM roster Saturday.

The UM match is scheduled to take place at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center at 1 p.m. The match may be moved to the Murfreesboro Racquet Club if weather hinders the original plans. ♦

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