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## Campus Briefs

### College of Business hosts career fair today

The Jennings A. Jones College of Business will be hosting a Sales and Marketing Career Fair today in the Business and Aerospace Building, South Lobby, beginning at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 898-2346.

### 'Midlander' photos taken through Friday

Photographers for *Midlander*, MTSU's student-produced yearbook will be on campus through April 4 in the Keathley University Center second floor lounge. There is no sitting fee, and portraits appear in the 2004 yearbook free of charge. Undergraduates do not require appointments. Students graduating in May, August or December should call 898-2815 to make an appointment for a graduation portrait.

### Relay for Life to sale beanbags for cancer

The MTSU Administrative Services Relay for Life team is sponsoring BeanBags for Fighting Cancer.

Beanie bears fashioned with an American Cancer Society tag include individual names and birth dates. Each beanbag is \$5, and all proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

For further information, including ordering details, contact Karen Milstead at 898-2929 or Deborah Roberts at 898-5781.

### Professor to explore gendered speech

As part of MTSU's Women's History Month celebration, various departments are collaborating to present "Tigers and Sweeties: Differences in Parents' Speech to Boys and Girls."

The lecture will feature Jean Berko Gleason, a professor of psychology at Boston University.

The event will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

### Clothesline Project to give victims a voice

The June Anderson Women's Center will be hosting its annual Clothesline Project on the KUC Knoll 14-17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature a clothesline of T-shirts designed by rape and sexual assault victims.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the JAWC at 898-2193 or by e-mail at jawc@mtsu.edu.

### Star Party will view Gaseous Nebula Friday

The First Friday Star Party, a monthly astronomy meeting held on the first Friday of every month, will meet Friday for a lecture, titled "Gaseous Nebula." It will be held in Wiser-Patten Science Building, Room 220, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-5946. ♦

## Tunnel of love



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

Students exiting the Tunnel of Love or Pain yesterday take a post-test to see what they learned about sexually transmitted diseases.

## Students learn lesson in sexual protection

By Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Assistant News Editor

Health education students and faculty gathered Tuesday to educate the MTSU community about the dangers and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and infections with the Tunnel of Love or Pain.

"Considering the statistics and rates of infection, it is important for students to know that these diseases aren't for the dirty," said instructor Amy Nance, of the department of health, physical education, recreation and safety. "This can happen to anyone."

The event consisted of a large tunnel with images and information for students to walk through and view. Prior to entering the tunnel, a pre-test was taken to assess initial knowledge about STDs and infections.

Once through, students could talk to health education students and educators about various STDs and STIs and take a post-test to determine what they learned. Printed materials were also available on related subjects.

"The point of this event is to get across the idea that STDs and STIs happen to everyone," said Wendy Cowan, a human performance doctoral student. "Many young people don't think this could happen to them."

The Metropolitan Health Department of Nashville, Project C.O.P.E. of Meharry Medical College and MTSU Health Services were also on hand to aid in educating students.

Students from HPERs professor Cheryl Ellis' Teaching Human Sexuality and Advanced Methods in Human Sexuality classes, as well as a variety of student athletes, also answered student questions.

"I hoped I helped to educate students today about the realities of STDs," senior Eric Morgan said.

Organizers placed an emphasis on informing versus scaring students when educating about these afflictions, a new tactic in STD and STI education.

"In health education, we've found that

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## Center gets endowment to digitize

19th century  
music now  
Net friendly

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will allow the MTSU Center for Popular Music to digitize 19th century songs.

NEH awarded a \$46,636 grant to the Center to help catalog, scan and digitize about 3,300 songs from the Kenneth S. Goldstein collection. The collection was acquired from Goldstein shortly before his death in 1995 and consists mostly of American broadsides from the 1800s.

According to Lucinda Cockrell, an archivist for the Center of Popular Music, broadsides were small sheets of paper containing the lyrics of songs that were popular during that era.

Because there were no musical notes, there would be a line or two at the top of the page stating the tune the lyrics are meant to be sung to.

"It was the common folks' music," Cockrell said.

The average American could buy a broadside song sheet for a penny or half-penny.

The lyrics often have themes that reflect the times. The songs may talk about political issues and natural disasters, as well as timeless themes such as love and other emotions.

The Center hopes to help preserve these pieces of history better by digitizing them.

Once the entire collection

has been scanned and put online, it will be available for anyone in the world to access and study.

"They are here," Cockrell said, "but people have to come here physically to see them."

Cockrell went on to explain that many of the lyric sheets are fragile because they were folded up in pockets or tacked to trees and walls so that they would be available to anyone.

By digitizing the collection, anyone who wishes to view the pieces may do so without fear of damaging them further.

The songs will be placed into the Online Computer Library Center, which is a national bibliographical utility started and searchable database by the Library of Congress.

"The library does have some [broadsides] online, but we have one of the largest and nicest collections in the nation," Cockrell said, explaining why MTSU was awarded the grant.

The Center for Popular Music plans to install a server to aid in the digitization of the songs over the summer.

They also hope to begin advertising two part-time jobs to be filled, hopefully, by MTSU students. The jobs would include helping scan and catalog the songs.

The project is expected to take about two years to complete.

When the Center applied for the grant, Cockrell said, the Goldstein collection was chosen because it would be one of the easier and more fascinating collections to digitize.

For more information about the Center for Popular Music, visit the Web site at <http://pop-music.mtsu.edu>. ♦

## Lecture examines environment

Professor  
compares ancient,  
modern society

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Reporter

As American troops advance on Baghdad and American and Iraqi casualties escalate, some Americans are concerned for another victim of the war: the environment.

During the Persian Gulf War in 1991, 4 million barrels of crude oil were dumped into the Persian Gulf and 600 Kuwaiti oil wells were set aflame, according to a March 20 *Washington Post* article.

The same article also reported that U.S. forces fired 320 tons of depleted uranium on Iraqi forces during the Gulf War, in the form of armor-piercing munitions tipped with radioactive material.

During Monday's lecture, English professor Tom Strawman emphasized that the nature of our society is the reason why our culture shows such disrespect for the environment.

"During war the land is carpet bombed and napalmed," Strawman said. "We are enculturated to believe such practices



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

Professor Tom Strawman talks with a student about the relationship between the environment and society.

are normal because for us the land is viewed as dead, simply a commodity to be bought and sold, to be exploited as much as possible."

His lecture, titled "The Primacy of Place in Recent Native American Writing," compared the connection to the land between modern societies and the ancient agricultural culture of Native Americans.

Strawman illustrated through passages in Native American novels how their culture not only depended on the earth for sustenance but also had a spiritual kinship to nature

as well.

N. Scott Momaday's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *House Made of Dawn*, was used as an excellent example that shows the unique relationship that Native Americans share with the environment.

"Momaday celebrates the union between the human and the natural world, both as an ethical obligation to the creator and as a potent source of human identity," Strawman said.

Modern cultures, Strawman

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## U.S. troops rescue Iraq POW Lynch

WASHINGTON (AP) — American troops rescued Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who had been held as a prisoner of war in Iraq since she and other members of her unit were ambushed March 23, the Defense Department announced yesterday. Lynch, 19, of Palestine, W.Va., had been missing since nine days ago with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company. Five other members of her unit were later shown on Iraqi television answering questions from their Iraqi captors.

### Purported Saddam message calls for jihad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi television said Saddam Hussein would address the nation last night, but the speech was delivered instead by his information minister — an unexplained absence that comes at a time of increased speculation in Washington and London about Saddam's health and leadership. Instead, Iraqi viewers saw Information Minister Mohammed al-Sahhaf read a speech in Saddam's name to rally them to a holy war against U.S.-led forces.

### U.S. forces clash with Republican Guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — American ground troops are battling Republican Guard troops around Karbala, a holy Shiite Muslim city about 50 miles south of Baghdad, defense officials said Tuesday. Heavy fighting raged as U.S. Army units battled parts of the Medina Division of the Republican Guard, Iraq's best trained and equipped forces.

### Powell visits Turkey, seeks to patch rift

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — In a move highlighting the rift between Washington and Ankara, the United States is withdrawing warplanes from a Turkish air base and is sending them to the Persian Gulf for the war, U.S. officials said yesterday. Secretary of State Colin Powell is to meet with Turkish officials today in an effort to repair the fractured relationship, which has left Washington alienated from NATO's only Muslim member at a time when the United States is desperate for support in the Muslim world. ♦



# Faculty takes one for charity



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer  
**Manger for Construction Administration J. E. Wallace takes a pie in the face for MTSU's relay rally to benefit the American Cancer Society yesterday. The event was held by the Administrative Services Relay for Life team.**

## Crime Log

Friday, March 21 – 5:33 p.m.  
**Theft**  
 Keathley University Center Grill  
 Employee believes his/her paycheck was taken from his/her locker.

Saturday, March 22 – 2:36 a.m.  
**Vandalism**  
 Cummings Hall  
 Obscene graffiti on sixth floor door.

Saturday, March 22 – 1:54 p.m.  
**Harassing phone call**  
 Womack Lane office  
 Complaint of threatening calls from ex-husband.

Monday, March 24 – 3:15 p.m.  
**Minor hit and run**  
 East parking lot – James E. Walker Library  
 Suspect vehicle: Grey Mitsubishi Eclipse. Suspect driver: White female, brown hair, white shirt. The suspect struck another car and drove away. ♦

## Honors: World faces crisis, professor says

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said, do not readily understand or accept the Native American cultural belief that all nature has a spirit and thus deserves respect.

"What is perhaps most foreign to Western technological peoples about the religious beliefs of Indian cultures in the new world is the constant presence of spiritual power and forces in everyday life," Strawman said.

This idea of a spiritual nature is in direct conflict with modern culture's views of environment as simply a challenge to overcome with the right technology.

Some examples of techno-

logically advanced farming include adding chemicals and herbicides to plants and injecting livestock with growth hormones.

"We see no limitations imposed on us by nature," Strawman said. "Technological cultures have felt that it is not only desirable but necessary to control nature."

As a result, Strawman said he believes that the world is facing an ecological crisis – one humans brought upon themselves.

"Science alone is not enough to force us to acknowledge the simple but radical fact that humans belong more to the biosphere than the biosphere belongs to us," Strawman said. ♦

## Tunnel: Focus on prevention

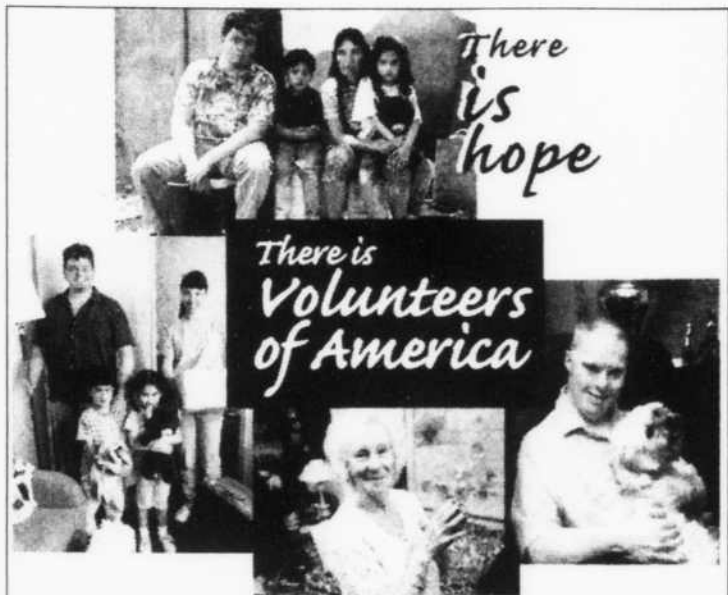
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scare tactics only work on the short term," health education professor Sandy Neal said. "We're trying to make a greater impact."

Instead, awareness educators focused on prevention and real-

ities of these diseases and infections, Ellis said, and trying to draw attention instead of fear when discussing these issues.

The health education department plans to continue hosting this event every April as part of National STD Awareness Month. ♦

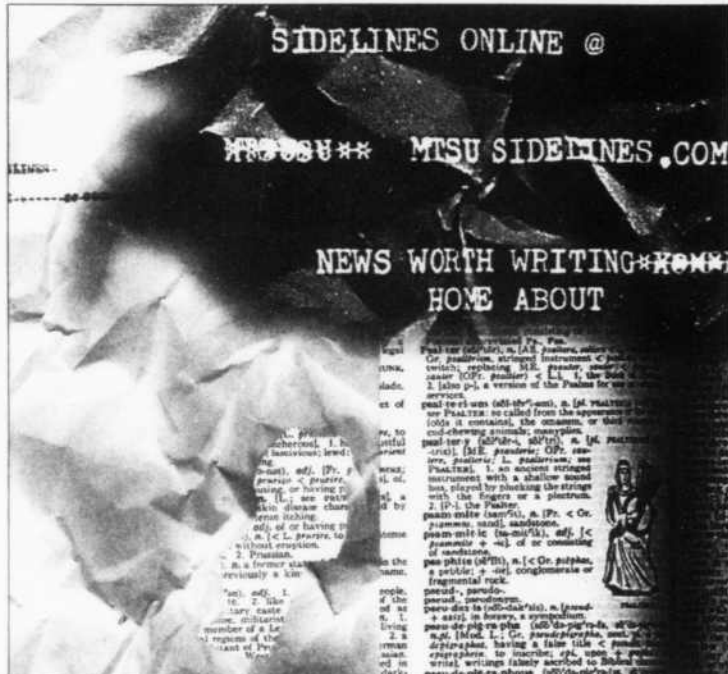


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### THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY ANNOUNCES ITS 2003 BIENNIAL ORGANIZATIONAL CONVENTION

**When:** Saturday, April 12, promptly at 10 a.m.  
**Where:** The Court House on the Square in Murfreesboro, second floor.  
**Purpose:** To elect county executive committee members and officers for two-year terms lasting through the 2004 election cycle.  
**Eligibility:** Any legal resident of Rutherford County who is an eligible voter and willing to sign a Pledge of Support for the Rutherford County Democratic Party.

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## From the Editorial Board Students should be STD-aware, safe

The Tunnel of Love or Pain display yesterday in the Murphy Center dance studios was a graphic reminder of just how horrible sexually transmitted diseases really are.

And, because at least two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 or younger, it's especially important that college kids – such as ourselves – make it a priority to learn all we can about STDs and other infections related to sexual activity.

There are alarming statistics attached to STDs, according to the American Social Health Association. At least one in four Americans will contract an STD at some point in their lives, but less than half of adults ages 18 to 44 have ever been tested for an STD other than HIV/AIDS.

April is National STD Awareness Month, but students – and everyone – should be aware of the potential for STDs year-round.

MTSU's Health Services offers free and confidential testing for some STDs, including gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomoniasis – three STDs that seem to be escalating in prominence across college campuses.

Though young people may receive mixed messages from their peers, their church, their government and other sources, the issue of sex and its consequences often either becomes exaggerated and blown out of proportion, or completely ignored.

College students, who are decision-making adults, ultimately have to decide what sort of lifestyle is right for them.

Sex, at one point or another for most people, becomes a fact of life. Shouldn't individuals do all they can to become informed about sexually transmitted diseases and infections?

To find out more about STDs, visit the Web site of the American Social Health Association at [www.ashstd.org](http://www.ashstd.org). You can also visit [www.iwan-naknow.org](http://www.iwan-naknow.org). Or contact Health Services at 898-2988 to find out the specifics on the kinds of tests they offer. ◆

## Dixie Chicks keep on clucking

### Thoughts While Driving



For anyone who may not know why the Dixie Chicks are in the news lately, I'll quickly summarize: Natalie Maines, lead singer, voiced an opinion on behalf of the band that they were ashamed President Bush was from Texas, their home state. She made this statement while on their "Top of the World" tour.

Maines' statement caused an uproar back here at home. Many radio stations stopped playing Dixie Chicks records; fans boycotted the band and refuse to buy Chicks albums; there are even drop-offs where you can dump your Dixie Chicks CDs. I think I even heard about one radio station

that collected Dixie Chicks CDs and then ran over them with a steamroller.

There has been quite a stink about the whole thing.

At first I couldn't have cared less what the Dixie Chicks think of President Bush.

As a matter of fact, I didn't think I could care less about what the Dixie Chicks think about anything.

That is, until they apologized.

Actually, there was another comment made before the apology. A day or so after the first comment, the Chicks released a joint statement meant to be an explanation. Within this statement, Maines added, "My comments were made in frustration, and one of the privileges of being an American is you are free to voice your own point of view."

I agree with Maines and was glad she had the courage to defend her right to free speech. But now I question her defense.

You see, four days after expressing her view of President Bush, she apologized, saying, "As a concerned American citizen, I apologize to President Bush because my remark was disrespectful. I feel that whoever holds that office should be treated with the utmost respect. We are currently in Europe and witnessing a huge anti-American sentiment as a result of the perceived rush to war. While war may remain a viable option, as a mother, I just want to see every possible alternative exhausted before children and American soldiers' lives are lost. I love my country. I am a proud American."

Note this apology came four days after the original comment. For four days the Chicks read and heard stories of how Maines' comments were affecting the band's popularity. No airplay on country stations across the nation can devastate a band. Fans stopped buying albums and were even destroying ones they

already had. But I cannot get over the apology. Did the Chicks admit to doing wrong? Are they truly sorry? If they are, I can't see it in the apology. If they aren't sorry, why say anything else? I read the apology a second time, a little closer.

Maines states that as a "concerned American citizen" she apologizes because her "remark was disrespectful." There are two things I need help with here: What is she concerned about, and who told her that her remark was disrespectful? If she was so concerned about disrespect, why did she say it initially? Maybe because that is the way she felt. Good for her – nothing wrong with feeling it out loud.

Next, Maines explained that the Chicks are in Europe and "witnessing a huge anti-American sentiment." So she expressed her shame of her own President? What, is she trying to fit in over there? She

then follows with something about her being a mother, which seems to be pretty irrelevant to anything. Finally, she says she loves her country and is a proud American. Be careful here: Being a proud American is not the same as being proud to be an American.

The other day, I was a pissed off American, which is different than being pissed off to be an American.

The whole point in writing this column is to explain why I have lost respect for the Dixie Chicks, and why you should, too. Not because they're ashamed of Bush, but because they said it and then backpedaled when they tapped heat for it. They didn't have to say anything at all, let alone a half-assed apology that doesn't really apologize for anything. ◆

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## Changing America begins with attitude

By Andrew Emerson  
Guest Columnist

Did you know that your attitude can change the world?

Attitude is something everyone struggles with. One of my closest friends is a talented composer and musician. When I buy a CD, he always judges it before he reads the lyrics or hears the music. You see, he already has the attitude that he won't like the music. I don't hate him for acting this way, but I want him to change his attitude about the situation. I hate his attitude.

Before Sept. 11, 2001, Americans carried the attitude that we're the greatest nation on earth and aren't vulnerable to any other nation in the world. We learned our lesson after that day – or did we? Thousands of innocent people died in New York City because of our nation's attitude. Americans are so imperialistic and conceited. Our naive way of thinking cost this country innocent lives.

I'm beginning to realize Americans have again adopted this naive and imperialistic way of thinking. I see this in the war protests, on television and in the newspapers. I've heard the argument that Saddam Hussein has no means or technology enabling him to launch a missile from Iraq that would hit the United States. However, he has the means to provide other nations with weapons that can and will eventually reach the United States.

Hussein is one of the largest suppliers of weapons to terrorist cells, rogue nations and anyone else who wants to get their hands on these weapons. He also pays Palestinian families to use their children as human bombs in order to kill Israelis. Some say Hussein has nuclear weapons, and some say he doesn't. It doesn't matter, because he's dangerous either way. Chemical and biological weapons can kill as many people as a nuclear bomb can. People are naive if

they think Hussein has no means of destroying innocent people. They believe we are invulnerable to attack from anyone in the world. They have proven they still remain faithful to the elitist American philosophy of, "If it doesn't hurt me, then I don't care."

Until a few months ago, our country held the attitude that we can wait until we're attacked before we retaliate against another country. This attitude changed when we deployed large numbers of our military in Iraq for a preemptive strike. We're there to eliminate the vicious dictator and his regime, which has left his people in ruins and starvation for the past 20 years. We're there to help the Iraqi people establish a democracy. Remember, the United Nations economically sanctioned Iraq in 1990, not the United States.

Many people believe we're going into Iraq for cheap oil. I have news for everyone – America already gets cheap oil from Iraq as of 2000. The four biggest oil suppliers to the United States starting from largest to smallest are Saudi Arabia, Canada, Mexico and Venezuela. We're saving the oil fields in Iraq off their people can live off the wealth of one of their four major resources after Hussein and his regime are taken out.

It's my hope that people will eradicate the naive, imperialistic attitudes about our nation. I also hope people will start caring about nations who have no freedom.

I urge everyone who reads newspapers to research the writer's facts, whether you agree or not. It's easy to adopt someone else's ignorance. Many Web sites can help you understand the oil situation, energy policies and CIA findings in the United States. Look at them before deciding. ◆

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## Protesting war just as patriotic

### Yesterday's Tomorrow



There have been many opinions voiced in recent weeks about protesting this war. Many people seem to subscribe to the theory that we have no right as citizens of this nation to question our government in a time of war. I would like to rebuke that argument.

First of all, this country was founded by protesters. If it weren't for the bravery of the founding citizens, America would still be a part of England. For example, the Boston Tea Party was a protest about England's unfair taxation of the American colonies.

When the founding fathers constructed the framework that would later become the American system of democracy, they knew the value of protest. This is why they included the right to assemble in the Bill of Rights.

Our right to assemble is not restricted by the government's policies or popular opinion, nor is it restrained to times of peace.

The right to peacefully assemble is guaranteed to everyone in this nation through the good and bad times.

Take a moment to reflect on other times of protest in our history. If people had not spoken out against slavery in the 19th century, then this practice would undoubtedly have continued for a longer period of time.

For nearly the first two decades of the 20th century, women didn't have the right to vote. It wasn't until hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of women took to the streets that they won this fundamental right.

During the 1950s and 1960s, this nation witnessed the most influential protest since its conception. The Civil Rights

movement ensured all Americans were guaranteed the same fundamental rights under the Constitution.

The protests of the Vietnam era gave 18-year-olds the right to vote and helped bring attention to the thousands of young Americans being sent to their deaths. Are we to look back and label those protesters as unpatriotic because they went against the status quo and didn't blindly believe in?

Protesting a war you don't think is right isn't unpatriotic. You're using your right to voice your opinion. People are getting more politically involved and aware, showing they still have the ability to reason and form their own opinions on issues.

If you look at your conscience and see this war as totally justified, that's fine. However, we shouldn't try to limit the rights of others because they don't agree with the government or popular opinion. By that rationale, your opinions are only justified when they coincide with the current administration.

As soon as you disagree, your right to free speech and to assemble would be revoked. We have to be careful in this post-Sept. 11, 2001, world, where the government is granting more power to the CIA and FBI.

Once you start limiting people's rights to voice their opinions because it goes against the government, society starts to resemble something out of George Orwell's dystopian novel, 1984.

It's true that America will probably never become like the nations in 1984.

However, the people of Germany, Russia and China didn't believe this was possible either.

They slowly gave up their rights and didn't realize what they had done until it was too late.

To protect against the attack I'm almost certain some will try to use against

me, I'd like to shift gears. Somehow, people think you're supposed to be against the troops if you protest the war.

I don't view this as true. In fact, I am not anti-military. My grandfathers served in the Vietnam War. To the people who would still dare say I am against the soldiers, I would just like to tell you of my experiences during the first Gulf War.

My dad was one of the hundreds of thousands of coalition troops sent to liberate Kuwait. Mail was terribly slow, phone calls were impossible and e-mail didn't yet exist. I only received three letters over the nine months he was in the region.

There's nothing like watching the news and learning of seven American soldiers killed by a Scud missile and wondering if one of them is your dad. This is fear. This is distress.

This was the fourth grade.

The fear of not knowing is terrifying. I wouldn't wish it on anyone.

I was lucky – my dad came home. There were plenty of other families who lost sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers.

My heart goes out to them all, just as it does to the families of today's soldiers. All soldiers, in this war and wars past, should be respected, honored and remembered.

Everyone should have the right to voice his or her opinions (even all the hell-bent movie stars). Once we take that right away from citizens because they disagree with what the government is doing, we start to chip away our democracy from the inside out.

In that case, we don't have to worry about foreign nations or terrorists destroying American ideals and values – we will do it for them. ◆

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## Mix and mingle: Faculty forum feels like home

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

An unofficial, informal MTSU faculty group mingles monthly to discuss favorite hardware stores and, in the process, creates university unity. It's clubhouse atmosphere meets college campus.

"This is an avenue to create unity," says Chuck Higgins, originator of the MTSU informal faculty group and assistant professor of physics and astronomy.

From restaurant rendezvous in downtown Murfreesboro to occasional dinner parties that branch from the informal get-togethers, a group of new faculty diversify and intertwine MTSU

departments at the dinner table, according to assistant math professor Lisa Bloomer.

"It's called 'the new faculty group,'" Higgins says of the campus community group.

Made up of entirely new professors, this faculty family has increased in number since its founding in the fall of 2001, thanks in part by open mike discussions on a variety of issues and a diverse cast of characters.

Higgins, who taught at Penn State, adapted this informal welcoming committee at a faculty orientation association meeting.

"It's good to talk to people that are not in the math department, not that there's anything wrong with mathematicians,"

Bloomer, the organizer of group dinners, says.

Ranging from physics to English to nursing, this diversified clubhouse of new scholars has not only broadened the spectrum of ideas discussed but also breaks down departmental walls and establishes an open community on campus.

"You tend to get so wrapped up in your own little details that getting together gives you a broader [view of MTSU]," says Bloomer, who came to MTSU in 2001.

From the lottery's impact on MTSU to getting a fresh view on student performance, any and every issue is up for discussion in the group.

"We talk about everything from what houses are for sale to applying for a research grant, from good restaurants to keeping students motivated after midterm," says Laura Dubek, assistant professor of English.

Dubek, who taught at the University of Iowa before coming to MTSU last fall, says the group aids her in becoming one with her new surroundings.

"The group has helped me to claim this community as my own, to see myself as a faculty member rather than just a department," Dubek says.

In meeting faculty members from different departments, professors gain insight into the lives of their students.

"The more you talk about [teaching], the better the teacher you are," Bloomer says.

Both Bloomer and Dubek agree that critical insight into the lives of their students is gained from the diverse social spectrum.

"If I get to know faculty members in [other] departments, then I'll have a better sense not only of the kind of work my students are doing, but also the pressures they face," Dubek says. "The more I know about my students, the more effective I'll be as a teacher."

With goals to increase in number within the next two years, this cast of college scholars connects casual settings with intellectual concepts to increase thought on campus. ♦

## Local women football players show true grit, athleticism

By Andrea Gillotte  
Contributor

An aroma of raspberries, strawberries and a slight but distinct smell of vanilla fills the air, along with the sound of cleats hitting the pavement and the crash of helmets and pads colliding together.

It's not what the average person would expect from a professional football team.

But this is no ordinary team, and they are no ordinary football players.

Last year, 35-year-old Christie Trost was able to purchase a dream. The Nashville Dream is the first professional football team of the National Women's Football Association and the team where she was also once a player.

Mona Overstreet is the oldest player in the league at 45 years old. Power lifting has been her passion for many years. She stands at about 5 feet 5 inches, and has a great sense of humor.

"Did you ever want to just hit somebody and not get in trouble? Well, you can do that here," Overstreet says.

The Nashville Dream is an outlet for her athleticism, but Overstreet has other goals in mind, too.

"Most of these girls just want to play, but I'm looking at the long haul," she says. "I am essentially paving the way for younger ladies – the next generation."

The league originated in the fall of 2000, and many of the current players have been fighting since day one to make a difference in a profession dominated by men. Most of the women have been athletic all of their lives, but some are finally getting the chance to participate in a professional sport for the first time.

The team consists of mothers, wives and stu-

dents who have a wide range of occupations. Players come from all over for the chance to play. One woman drives from Bowling Green, Ky. Other players come from Springfield and Franklin.

Jennifer Young, 31, proves to be a positive character. She is bubbly and seems to be good friends with all of her fellow players, greeting them with high fives and a smile.

She participates in softball, basketball and golf – anything to stay physically active.

"There is nothing out there that we cannot do," Young says. "You simply have to have heart for the game and be committed."

When Young is not playing or practicing, she is running her own cleaning business.

Anndi Coffey, 38, is a tough cookie, standing at an intimidating 5 feet 8 inches.

Her image is reminiscent of a rock 'n' roll band member, and she is nicknamed about her position on the team.

"I used to be a middle-linebacker, and now I eat them for lunch!" Coffey says.

Instead of fighting off the center playing a defensive position, she's now on the offensive side as center. When Coffey isn't playing for the Nashville Dream, she's practicing her culinary skills as an executive chef at a local restaurant. She also anticipates an upcoming commercial for a woman's medication that she will be starring in.

"There is no doubt that these ladies are determined and enthusiastic as well as committed, not to mention very passionate," Trost says.

The Nashville Dream currently consists of approximately 40 players, ranging in age from 19 to 45. There are six coaches who also coach youth teams as well, but at the moment do not get paid.

"They believe in this and they do not want to



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## Campus Events

### Ongoing

• Students for Environmental Action is seeking students to participate in a student symposium April 24 at 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up to present at the symposium, send an e-mail to tm2d@mtsu.edu.

### April 2

• Judy Shepard will speak out for gay and lesbian equality and for hate crime legislation due to the death of her son, Matthew. Her speech will be given in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 7:30 p.m.

• Solidarity will host guest speakers, two migrant farmworkers from Florida, at 3:30 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 204. The farmworkers, members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, will be speaking on the issues of sub-poverty wages and violence.

### April 3

• MTSU Concerts and Student Programming presents "Shut Up and Drive," a WMTS 88.3 FM radio show. The live show will run from noon to 3 p.m. on the Keathley University Center Knoll, will feature the Orange Juice Kids and is free and open to the public. Contact Greg Feiling at 898-2551 for more information.

• The MTSU School of

Nursing and Alvin C. York VA Medical Center will offer blood chemistry tests, prostate screening for men, cancer screening for women and other tests from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Each test requires a fee. Appointments are preferred. Call 898-5950 for more information and to make an appointment.

• The Rev. April Baker and Mark Caldwell of Glendale Baptist Church will speak on "The Bible and Homosexuality" as part of "Spring Out!" at 7 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center, Room 221.

• The College of Education and Behavioral Science Academic Awards will be held in the JUB's Tennessee Room at 6 p.m.

### April 4

• A Friday Star Party will be held in Wiser-Patten Science Hall, Room 220, at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be "Gaseous Nebula." For information, contact 898-5946.

• A social as part of Lambda's "Spring Out!" will take place in the JUB, Dining Room C, at 7 p.m.

• The philosophy department is sponsoring, as part of its annual Applied Philosophy Lyceum, Helen Longino from the University of Minnesota. Her lecture, "Feminism, Science and the Politics of Knowledge," will

take place at 3:30 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 304.

### April 5

• "An Evening of Dulcimer" will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Performers include the Nashville Dulcimer Quartet, the Gallier Brothers and Stephen Seifert. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mary Nichols at 898-5677.

• The Panhellenic Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the Sidney McPhee's lawn at 2 p.m. For information, contact 898-5996.

### April 6

• The Alpha and Delta Ball, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, will take place at the Garden Plaza Hotel at 9 p.m. Admission is free with an Alpha Week pass and \$10 without one. Contact Jimmie Wilson at 494-9179. Rides will be provided.

### April 7-10

• The fourth annual Student Film Festival will take place in the KUC Theatre at 7 p.m. each night. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551.

Submit your campus events to [sfjeatur@mtsu.edu](mailto:sfjeatur@mtsu.edu).



# Dear Annie

## Wife, mother needs girl time

Dear Annie,

My friends and I are growing apart. I don't feel like I have much in common with them anymore. We have been friends since high school, so I feel like I should try and work things out. You see, I'm married, and I have a three-year-old. My life is my son, husband and going to college. My only pleasure is horseback riding. I can't go out and party and drink, and that's what my friends do. They're always talking about which guy to go out with next, and I'm talking about raising my son. I want to save these relationships because we've been together for so long, but I just don't know how. — Seeking Advice

Dear Seeking Advice,

Many times in my column I've answered questions about breaking up with a significant other. I think it's important to realize that the same doesn't apply to friends.

You feel obligated to your friends because you've known them since high school, and you should. Friends don't grow on trees. Just because people change doesn't mean that you can't remain friends. You are just at different points in your life. One day your friends will be married and possibly have children of their own. You've just been put in this situation sooner.

I would also plan to do things with your friends that don't involve drinking a few beers in a bar. Have lunch with them one day or meet for an afternoon coffee. I would also try to make friends with people who share your same interests. Find a horseback riding trail partner or meet some parents in your child's play group. There is no reason why you can't

make new friends who share common interests.

You are right to make your top priorities your child, your husband and school. But I also want to make sure you remember yourself. Do not deprive yourself of fun conversations with the girls. Take time to indulge yourself in an afternoon horseback ride. Just give your friends some time to grow up. You may have grown apart for now, but that doesn't mean you can't grow back together. ♦

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).

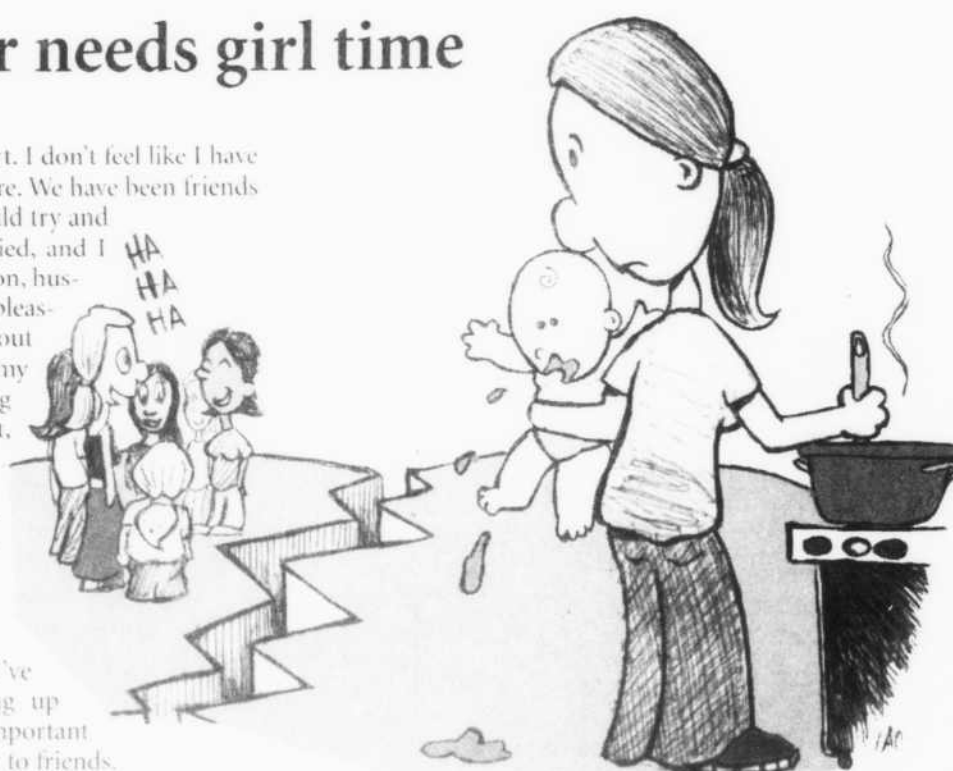


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## Football: Women's league has 30 teams, six divisions

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get paid 'til the players get paid," Trost says.

"I know that I will probably never see a dime," Overstreet says, "but someone has to be the first to show the way and be an example."

Overall, the league presently has 30 teams with six divisions.

"The women's football leagues are growing at a fast pace but their biggest obstacle is community involvement," Trost says.

Knowledge and word of mouth are not spreading fast enough for these women. You can catch these girls sporting silver, royal blue and red — their team colors.

If you are interested in checking out the Nashville Dream, visit Glendale High School, the Dream's home field, Saturday and watch their pre-season game against the Columbus Flames, or visit [www.nashvilledream.com](http://www.nashvilledream.com) for further game listings. ♦

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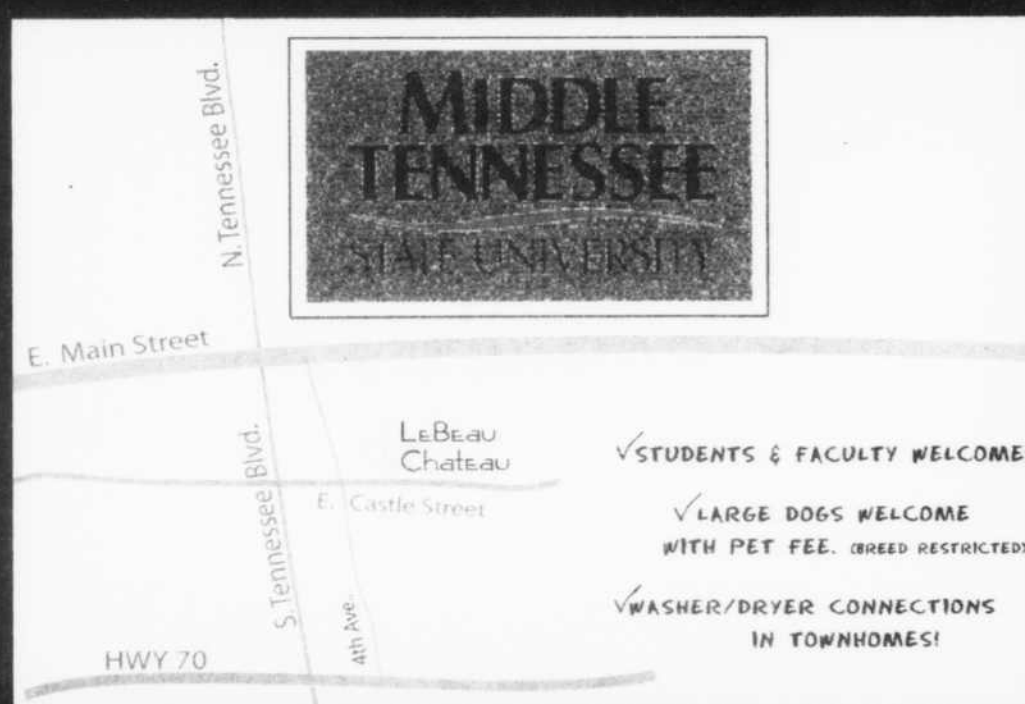
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# SPORTS

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Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Ragin' Cajuns avert late rally by Blue Raiders

By Grant Ellington  
Staff Writer

Louisiana-Lafayette's (10-21, 3-3 SBC) Jordy Templet went more than seven innings, and the Cajuns were able to hold off a late Middle Tennessee (11-14, 2-4 SBC) rally to win 5-3 Sunday afternoon.

The Cajuns scored five runs in the first four innings before the Blue Raider bullpen could get their game going. Middle Tennessee wasn't able to push enough runs to catchup as the Blue Raiders stranded a total of nine base runners in the contest.

The Cajuns got on the board first with a solo home run by Dallas Morris in the bottom of the first.

The Blue Raiders rallied to tie the game with a Josh Archer lead-off double off the left field wall and later scored on a single

from Chuck Akers. The double stretched Archer's hitting streak to eight games.

Blue Raider starter Jerry Knox struggled to find the strike zone early in the first but got out of the inning with help from an inning-ending double play from Phillip Hawke. The struggle continued in the second, as Knox allowed a single, walked one and then, later hit a batter to load the bases.

MT head coach Steve Peterson went to the bullpen and brought out Shay Horseman. The freshman led with a strikeout and then gave up a single over the leaping left Beachum, scoring two runners for a 3-1 Lafayette lead.

The Cajuns added to the lead in the fourth with a lead-off walk, then scored on a double to left center. Horseman was taken out of the game, but the Cajuns kept on scoring. With another

hit, Lafayette scored again and increased the lead to 5-1.

MT cut into the lead with a fifth as Troy Harp led off with a double down the left field line. Harp went to third on a deep fly ball to center from Cooper, and then scored on a Marcus Taylor line drive. Cooper has now extended his hitting streak to a team-high 12 games.

The rally was cut short by a diving backhanded stop to get the Cajuns out of the inning which prevented the Blue Raiders from adding any more runs onto the board.

Chris Mobley tossed three shutout innings for the Blue Raiders to keep the game close, allowing three hits and walking two. Danny Borne came on to start the seventh, allowed a double, and then did not cover the bag on a ground ball to first, putting runners on the corners with no outs.

Travis Horschel came out of the bullpen strong and got the Blue Raiders out of the jam. The Cajuns hit into a double play and then hit a fly out to center, holding the contest to a three-run game.

The Blue Raiders got one run in the eighth inning before exiting with the bases loaded. Brett Carroll hit a single with one out, and then Chris LeGuenece was hit by a pitch. The Cajuns brought in their left fielder to the mound. Archer hit a single to left center, but the runner held at third base.

After Shane Kemp's fourth strikeout of the contest, Beachum hit a single, driving home a run, and cutting the deficit to two runs. Akers then flied out to center, leaving the runners stranded and ended the inning and a chance for Middle

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Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

Blue Raider John Williams sets up for a pitch.

## ENHANCEMENTS FOR ATHLETES



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

The Middle Tennessee football team conditions during spring workouts. According to strength and conditioning coach Robb Rogers, cases of ephedra use are rare in collegiate sports.

### Ephedra draws mixed results from experts

By Josh Beasley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sports enhancement supplements, which contain ephedra, are at the forefront of controversy in all levels of sports.

Recently, ephedra, which has been labeled an energy booster and a weight loss substance, has been the center of media attention due to its adverse and potentially deadly effects.

Ephedra sinica, also known as ma huang, is the plant most commonly used as a source of ephedra products. Ma huang is a popular dietary supplement in the United States and has been used for thousands of years in Chinese medicine. Ephedra includes "ephedrine alkaloids," which are naturally occurring compounds that are found in plants.

"As a component in ma huang, it's a very nice gentle acting herb," said drug education expert and associate professor John Winborn.

Scientific studies support that ephedra products, when used as part of an overall weight loss program, are safe. In particular, a six-month study by researchers at Harvard and Columbia universities on ephedra products concluded that the products were safe and produced significant weight loss.

Nevertheless, critics of ephedra often cite Adverse Events Reports, which are anecdotal reports compiled by the Food and Drug Administration, as cause for concern.

The NFL, NCAA and the International Olympic Committee have taken action against ephedrine. According to the NCAA, for the academic year of 2002-2003 the natural herb Ma Huang and ephedra have been banned. Student athletes who test positive for the substance are subject to certain restrictions and are not permitted to play.

Although the NCAA plans to firmly enforce its own policies and regulations, institutions involved with the NCAA have inscribed their own policies to seek disciplinary action against student athletes engaging in per-

formance-enhancing supplements. Such actions include counseling or further suspension in addition to the initial punishments.

"When you look at Division I universities and how many programs they have, the chances of finding an athlete using performance-enhancing drugs are rare," said MT football strength coach Robb Rogers. "It's not a problem like it was in the 1980s and earlier."

These institutions have not moved to ban the substance for minor reasons. Although scientific studies have been conducted to show that ephedra when used in the way it is intended are completely safe, other studies counter their results proving that ephedra does increase heart rates, causes anxiety and increases blood pressure.

For years, college and professional athletes have ingested ephedra in some form for a variety of reasons. And there is a clear danger when the substance is used recklessly.

"In the sport setting, there is such a drive and such a desire to perform," Winborn said.

"If someone is trying to make it into the next level whether it be high school to college or college to the professional level, unfortunate as it may be, there are those who will seek an unethical edge to out perform the competitor."

According to doctors who studied reports of bad reactions to the herb, it's unsafe even when taken in recommended doses and should be restricted. U.S. poison control centers reported 1,178 adverse reactions to ephedra dietary supplements in 2001.

"What has been done with ephedra and ma huang is the same thing that has been done with drugs throughout the common era," Winborn said.

"We find something that has this gentle acting effect that's really very positive, and then some enterprising chemist starts synthesizing out all the other stuff from it, isolating a single active ingredient. Someone, somewhere along the way, has found a way to mimic the chemical structure with a non-herbal origin, and we have these really potent forms of ephedra." ♦

## TSU Tigers have new head coach in Alexander

By Teresa M. Walker  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Teresa Phillips introduced Cy Alexander as Tennessee State's new basketball coach yesterday morning, then quickly took a seat to let him start talking.

The athletic director said she plans to remain in the background from now on, leaving herself as an historical footnote as the first woman to coach a men's Division I basketball team.

"He won't officially start for a couple weeks. We're still waiting for final board [Tennessee Board of Regents] approval on some things, but I'm pretty much through with it," Phillips said.

Phillips hopes hiring Alexander, 49, of South Carolina State will end the turmoil that embroiled the men's team this past season, which includes an NCAA investigation of possible recruiting and practice rules violations by the former staff.

The Tigers went 2-24, and on Feb. 13 Phillips stepped in to coach them for one game. They lost to Austin Peay 71-56, but they gave one of their best efforts of the season.

The historic move came about after interim coach Hosea Lewis was suspended following a bench-clearing brawl against Eastern Kentucky on Feb. 10. Nineteen players were ejected, and Lewis and Eastern Kentucky coach Travis Ford were suspended for one game by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Phillips promoted Lewis from assistant to interim coach after Nolan Richardson III resigned Jan. 8. Richardson admitted bringing a gun to a Christmas night practice during an argument with Lewis.

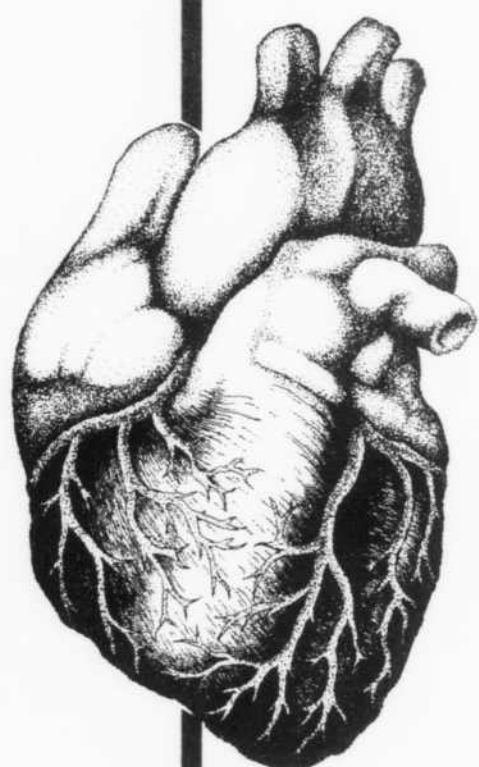
The Tigers finished the season losing 21 straight games, and Phillips spent the past month looking for a new coach.

She found a proven winner in Alexander with five 20-win seasons. Richardson, hired before Phillips took over as athletic director, had never been a head coach when hired by Tennessee State. Alexander had a record of 277-202 in 16 seasons at South Carolina State. He turned around a program that had nine straight losing seasons before he arrived, taking the team to five NCAA tournament berths, including this season.

He inherits a similar program now. Tennessee State has had seven consecutive losing seasons and has not been to the NCAA tournament since 1994.

But Alexander said he sees opportunity for higher seedings in the NCAA tournament because the Tigers are in the

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# Lady Raiders net win against FIU

By Josh Beasley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team (8-10) picked up a 4-2 win over Sun Belt Conference foe Florida International (5-13) in Miami Monday afternoon.

Junior Stacy Kruse and doubles partner Stacy Varnell, ranked 24th, opened the No. 1 match by winning the doubles point over FIU doubles duo Mei Ly and Bruna Discordia. Laura McNamara and Jennifer Klaschka volleyed to remain undefeated this spring. The dynamic duo, at No. 3 doubles, picked up their eighth straight match victory 8-2 over Christine Suard and Davina Durinio.

MT junior Manon Kruse (18-5) got back to her winning ways, defeating Discordia at No. 1 singles in straight sets 6-1, 6-0. Kruse, ranked 50th in the ITA, picked up her first match win since having a 13-match winning streak snapped when the team played Florida Atlantic last weekend.

Prior to her loss last weekend, Kruse held a singles match win streak dating back to Jan. 17th.

Kruse stole the doubles point after a win at No. 1 singles, setting up an MT match-clinching victory by Varnell at No. 4 singles as she went on to defeat Suard in three sets.

Varnell won the first set and dropped the second. However, a clutch third set victory sealed the deal for the Blue Raiders. Klaschka added to the Blue Raider damage with a precise win at No. 2 singles over Ly in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

"This was a huge win for us in regard to conference seed-

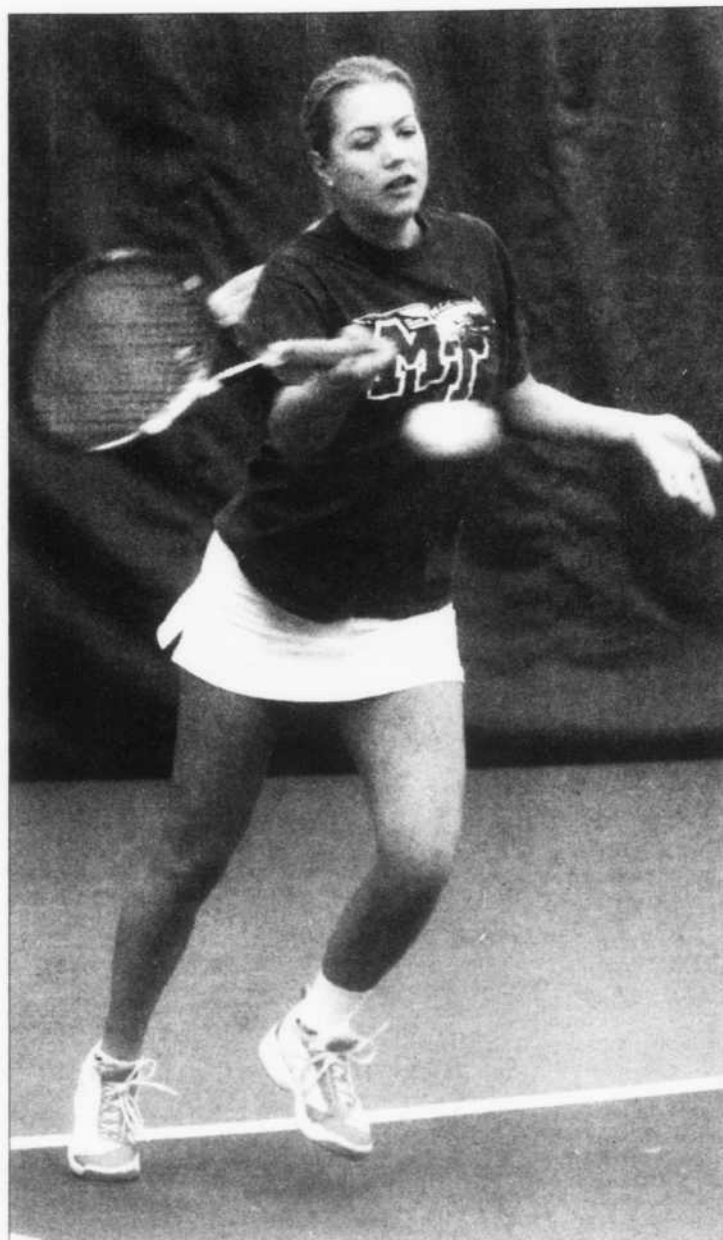


Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

MT tennis player Jennifer Klaschka won in singles play against FIU player Mei Ly Monday afternoon.

ing," said MT head coach Randy Holden to MT Media Relations. "We showed great team effort and a lot of intensity on the court."

Middle Tennessee welcomes Central Florida for their final

home match of the year on Sunday.

The match at Buck Bouldin Tennis center will be the final farewell tour for senior Stacy Varnell. ♦

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# Sun Belt Conference News and Notes

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	SBC Games				All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	L5
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	0	.000	W14	18	5	.783	W3	4-1
Middle Tennessee	0	0	.000	W5	15	10	.600	L2	2-3
Florida International	0	0	.000	L1	22	19	.537	W7	5-0
Western Kentucky	0	0	.000	W1	16	17	.485	W1	2-3
New Mexico State	0	0	.000	L4	7	36	.163	L3	2-3

## Recent Results

### March 22

Fla. International 6, Colgate 1  
 Fla. International 9, Towson 3  
 Maryland 2, Western Kentucky 1  
 WKU 11, Lipscomb 3  
 Troy State 11, WKU 9  
 Georgia State 5, Middle Tennessee 3  
 MT 5, Princeton 4  
 No. 17 Florida State 5, MT 0  
 New Mexico State 4, Texas-San Antonio 3 (8 inn.)  
 NMSU 3, Missouri-Kansas City 2

### March 23

Middle Tennessee 4, Nicholls State 2  
 Western Kentucky 5, Radford 1  
 New Mexico 8, New Mexico State 0  
 FIU vs. San Jose St., canceled (rain)  
 FIU vs. Wright State, canceled (rain)

### March 26

New Mexico 6-8, New Mexico State 0-2  
 Tennessee-Chattanooga 1-13, Middle Tennessee 0-12  
 Mercer 2-6, Western Kentucky 1-5

### March 27

No. 25 Louisiana-Lafayette 2, #16 Alabama 0

### March 28

No. 25 Louisiana-Lafayette 10-4, Prairie View A&M 1-0  
 Tennessee 8, Western Kentucky 0  
 WKU 5, Liberty 1

### March 29

Western Kentucky at Tennessee (canceled, rain)  
 Western Kentucky vs. Liberty (canceled, rain)

### March 30

Florida International 2-1, Florida Atlantic 1-0

## Upcoming Games

### April 2

Middle Tennessee at UT-Martin (DH), 2:30 p.m.  
 Evansville at Western Kentucky (DH), 3 p.m.

Louisiana – Monroe at Louisiana-Lafayette (DH), 5 p.m.

### April 5

•Florida International at New Mexico St. (DH), 2 p.m.  
 •Middle Tennessee at UL Lafayette (DH), 2 p.m.

### April 6

•Middle Tennessee at UL Lafayette (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Western Kentucky at Louisville (DH), 1 p.m.  
 •Florida International at New Mexico St. (DH), 2 p.m.

### April 9

Middle Tennessee at Tennessee State (DH), 4 p.m.

### April 10

Lipscomb at Middle Tennessee (DH), 3 p.m.  
 Tennessee State at Western Kentucky (DH), 5 p.m.

### April 11

St. Thomas at Florida International (DH), 5 p.m.

### April 12

•Western Kentucky at Middle Tennessee (DH), 1 p.m.  
 •New Mexico St. at Louisiana-Lafayette (DH), 1 p.m.

### April 13

•Western Kentucky at Middle Tennessee (DH), 1 p.m.  
 •New Mexico St. at Louisiana-Lafayette (DH), 1 p.m.

### April 15

Western Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky (DH), 2 p.m.



## Lafayette:

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Tennessee to cut the lead.

The Raiders had another chance in the ninth with Cooper up to bat. Cooper hit a soft shot to center to get the second out. Taylor then singled to give Carroll one last opportunity. However, the sophomore struck out swinging to end the contest.

Knox (1-2) allowed three runs on two hits with two walks in 1.2 innings. Horseman struck out three and gave up a pair of runs in 1.2 innings of work. Borne only faced two batters

before Horschel came on to get six straight outs while striking out three.

Archer and Beachum each had three hits. Taylor, Beachum and Akers all drove in a run in a tough loss for the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders continue their seven-game road trip on Tuesday with a contest at Libscomb at 3 p.m. They will then travel to Austin Peay in Clarksville today for a game at 6:30 p.m.

Middle Tennessee comes back home to host Florida International next weekend at Reese Smith Field. ♦

## Tigers:

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OVC, which is rated higher than the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference for South Carolina State.

"The potential is unlimited here. Now we've got to turn that potential into reality. That's where the hard work comes in," Akers said.

Tennessee State has until late May to respond to the NCAA, and Alexander said Phillips told him she hopes bringing in a new staff will lessen any sanctions.

"Whatever the sanctions are, we've got to live with them. It's really that simple," Akers said.

Alexander directed most of

his comments to several of his new players who attended the news conference. He listed his rules, which include no braids or twists, being on time for classes, not wearing hats inside buildings and playing tough defense on the court.

Roshaun Bowens, who will have until August to change his twists to a simpler hairstyle, welcomed Alexander as a fresh start after a difficult season.

"I don't think we can totally forget it," the sophomore forward said. "It made us stronger and kind of brought us together. There's many positives that came out of all the negative things, and we're ready to put the past behind us." ♦

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