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Applications being accepted for study abroad

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

MTSU students can earn college credit overseas this summer.

Students may take classes in England, Ireland, Scotland, Barbados, Australia and New Zealand through the university's participation in a consortium of colleges, the Center for Study Abroad.

According to MTSU Study Abroad Coordinator Richard Pace, MTSU has participated in the CCSA since 1994. Students may take three to six hours of credit at the normal tuition rate.

Class size typically ranges from five to 15 students. Because the courses are offered through MTSU, credits won't need to be transferred.

Many of the classes offered through the CCSA this summer will be taught by MTSU faculty. Peter McClusky, Paul Fischer, Patricia Grimes, Martha Hixon, Kenneth Lancaster and David Lavery will be teaching various courses in England, Ireland and Scotland.

The CCSA divides the summer course work into various sessions, including the Ireland Early Summer Program, the

Scotland and England Program and the London Summer Program.

Grimes will be teaching a course titled "Issues in Irish and American Education: A Comparative Study" during the Ireland Early Summer Program, which runs May 16-31 in Dublin. She said the class is oriented toward education administration majors and will give masters and specialist level students many research opportunities.

"It will make things more relevant for them," she said. "Not so much textbook oriented, but real

world."

Lancaster and Hixon will be working during the England and Scotland Program which takes place June 14 - July 2. Students in this program will split their time between London and either Edinburgh or Glasgow. Lancaster, a professor of social work, will teach a course comparing the social welfare systems of the United States, England and Scotland.

Hixon's course is based on the Victorian children's literature class she teaches each spring. She described the format of the class saying, "We will be reading

about a dozen...books and then visiting the places...that inspired the authors or are dedicated to the books- Kensington Gardens in London, the inspiration for *Peter Pan*; Hill Top Farm, the home of Beatrix Potter; the homes of Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson and George MacDonald...; and the Jane Austen Museum."

McClusky, Fischer and Lavery will all be participating in the London Summer Program, which runs July 5 - Aug. 6 at King's College. This program allows students to take up to two courses.

McClusky's class is titled "Shakespeare in London" and will include performances of Shakespearean plays at the Globe Theatre and in Stratford-upon-Avon.

"I can't think of a better way to study Shakespeare than to visit the places that inspired him and to see his plays performed by some of the world's greatest actors," McClusky said.

Fischer's course will explore the connections between British and American music. He remarked, "As English speaking

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MTSU helps save lives in South Africa

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

Hari Garbharran, associate professor of geography and geology at MTSU, is the lead director of a team of researchers and students involved with improving the lives of people in South Africa.

MTSU has partnered with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the University of Durban-Westville in South Africa to help improve water resources, sanitation and health issues in squatter communities in the Durban Metropolitan Region and KwaZulu-Natal development of South Africa.

Garbharran, a native of South Africa, discovered the conditions of the people living in the squatter communities on his visit to South Africa in 1995.

"I was amazed at the number of shacks located outside the large cities," Garbharran said. "This is when I knew it was time to try and help."

Squatter communities are shacks made by people from the poor areas of South Africa that have moved closer to the cities in search of jobs to better their living conditions.

"These people come with no jobs and build shacks from planks, mud, cardboard -- anything they can find," Garbharran said.

Garbharran said that he grew up in South Africa during the apartheid system when

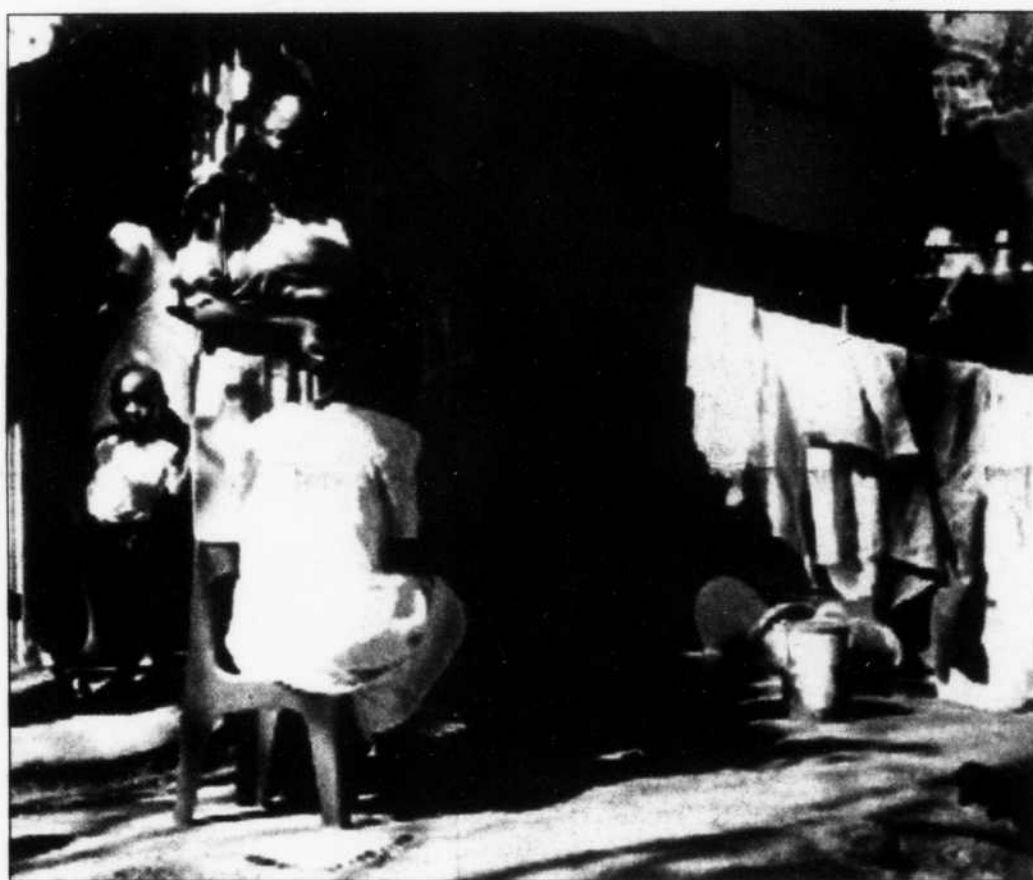


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they were racially segregated to live in certain areas.

"I lived in a separate community according to racial differences, but we lived in regular houses," Garbharran said.

In 1997 and 1998 Garbharran took students in his field study course to the squatter communities to collect data.

"I took the students to the Zulu communities for safety because I could speak the lan-

guage," Garbharran said.

The data that Garbharran and his students collected revealed that 33 percent of the South African population lived in squatter communities and 40 percent were unemployed.

In September 1999, MTSU was funded with a \$100,000 grant for its proposal titled "Sustainable Environmental Management of Informal Settlements in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa" by the

Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation and Development and the United States Agency for International Development.

The team won another \$100,000 grant in June 2000 titled "A Health Outreach Program in HIV/AIDS Prevention for Sustainable Management of Major Public Health Problems in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa," by ALO-USAID in cooperation with

the White House Education for Development and Democracy Initiative.

The purpose of this grant was to strengthen the educational program to include HIV/AIDS prevention in the communities.

The first step of the project began in April when Garbharran, along with students and faculty from the UDW Geography Department gathered information on the communities that revealed their conditions.

The research team went to South Africa and trained the people on how to collect data so the team would always have accurate data.

The second step of the project occurred when representatives from MTSU and SIU met in the summer to identify target student groups from the communities to train people about water sanitation and other issues.

In June 2001 the team will train three women from the squatter communities to become "program leaders." The three program leaders will choose eight women from each of the three communities to become health educators, and these 24 health educators will then train 480 community members about health, hygiene and sanitation.

"We will only be working with women and adolescent females from the Zulu popula-

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Aerospace updates Boeing 727 trainer

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

The aerospace department is enjoying the return of its cockpit procedure trainer back from nearly two years of updates.

The work, performed by ALH Systems, included replacing the old switchboard, full of knobs and switches, with a computer that simulates emergency situations. It is a replica of a Boeing 727 cockpit, with two pilot seats and a flight engineer's position.

According to Gail Zlotky, aerospace professor, the update was feasible because of a grant and a donation of almost \$100,000 from a private donor, to help with the total cost of just over \$400,000.

"It's a really valuable tool for us now, and it specifically targets the flight engineer's position," said Paul Craig, interim chair of the aerospace department.

"We brought that old airplane's cockpit and instrumentation up to at least the '90s," Craig said.

Craig said the CPT will soon allow aerospace students to receive their flight engineer rating while in school. He said that

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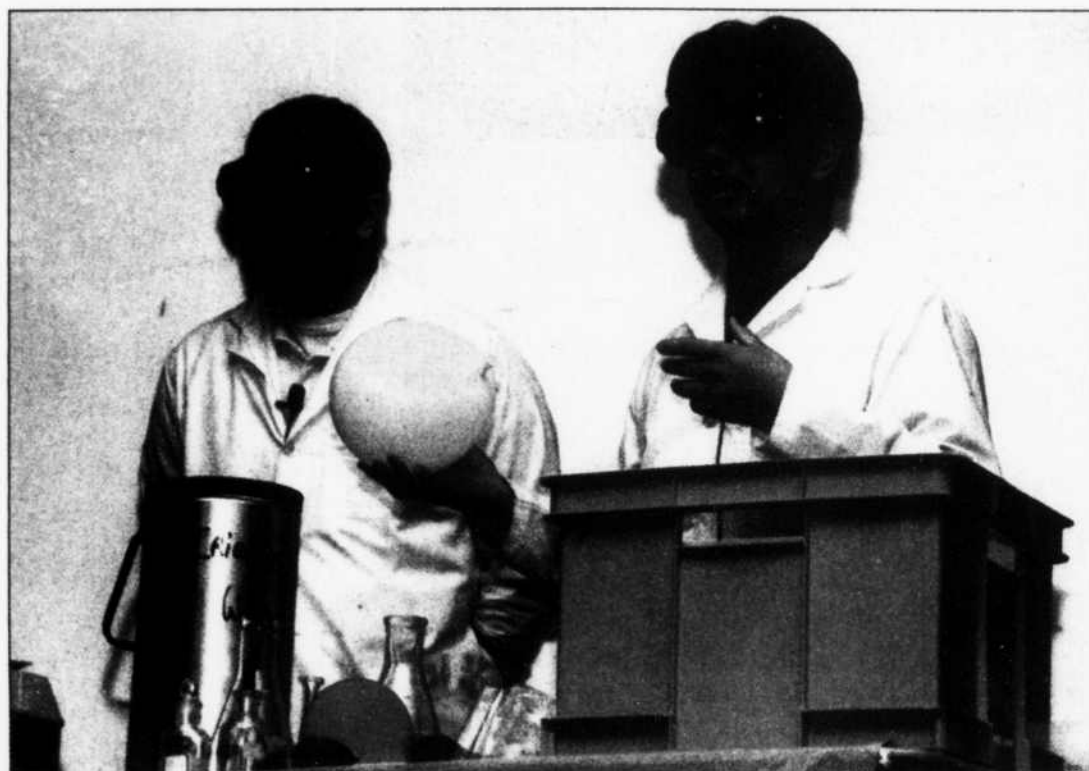


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Chemistry was exploding on campus Thursday at the KUC Theater during Demomania 2001. Hadi Arman and Tim Decha-Umphai performed a demonstration using frozen balloons as hundreds of students looked on.

Social work professor wins John Pleas award

By Amy Calloway
Staff Writer

Sharon Shaw-McEwen will be honored as this year's recipient of the John Pleas Faculty Award at a reception in the Alumni Center Feb. 28 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The award is given annually to a member of the minority faculty and is chosen by the African American History Month Committee at MTSU.

"I am so grateful and humbled because my colleagues chose me for this award," Shaw-McEwen said. "It means they see some value in the things I've done and tried to do."

"It just seems to me one of the most wonderful things that can happen to a person is that the folk that they work with appreciate and regard noteworthy the things that you've done."

The reception honoring Shaw-McEwen is free and open to the entire university community. The formal part of the reception will take place at 4 p.m. and will include various speakers including Shaw-



Shaw-McEwen

McEwen's son, an MTSU junior, who will reflect on his mother's accomplishments.

"I am looking forward to my students being there so they can meet my family," Shaw-McEwen said.

Serving as chair of the social work department, Associate Professor Shaw-McEwen is going on her 10th year at MTSU. She has taught various courses in social work and has served as the director of field courses.

"I supervise those students who go to work in social service agencies and make sure they have all the experiences

See Pleas, 4

CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matt Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Feb. 21, 2001, and Feb. 22, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Professor discovers sick student

Feb. 21, 10:51 a.m. — Davis Science Building — An officer responded to a biology professor's report of a sick female student. The professor had discovered the student lying on the floor across from Room 100. The student stated that she felt weak, dizzy and nauseated, and that her left arm was tingling. The Rutherford County Ambulance Service arrived and transported the student to Middle Tennessee Medical Center for evaluation. ♦

Reckless driver pleads case

Feb. 21, 1:09 a.m. — Faulkinberry Drive and A Street — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling on A Street. It first appeared that the vehicle was going to turn west onto Faulkinberry Drive, but then the vehicle accelerated — making what the officer estimated was a 270 degree turn — and went east on Faulkinberry instead. The officer also noted that there were pedestrians in the area because a dance had just ended.

The officer activated his emergency lights and approached the vehicle on Faulkinberry Drive, pulling directly behind the vehicle after it turned onto B Street in front of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The vehicle did not stop until it was in front of Corlew Hall.

The officer approached the vehicle, asked the driver to step out,

and placed him under arrest for reckless driving. After putting the driver in handcuffs and placing him in the back of the patrol car, the officer then transported him to the police station to complete the necessary paperwork.

At first, the driver explained his actions by saying that his foot had slipped on the accelerator and that the road was slick due to rain, but later recanted, saying he made a mistake, he was sorry and he didn't want to go to jail.

The individual continued to plead with the officer, as he had done from the time of his arrest. He asked if there was any other form of punishment that could be given instead of going to jail, such as performing community service.

The officer decided not to criminally charge the driver and instead issued him a dean's citation and a campus citation for the incident. ♦

Purse stolen at Alumni Gym

Feb. 21, 2:35 p.m. — Alumni Memorial Gym — An officer was dispatched to McHenry Hall at 5:04 p.m. to speak with a student who reported that her purse had been stolen earlier in the day while she was at the AMG.

The student stated that she had her purse with her when she went to a class in the AMG at 2:35 p.m. She said she first went to the locker room and that she had her purse with her. She then went to class. During the class, she went back to the locker room to use the rest room and noticed that her purse was missing. She checked both the classroom and the locker room, but could not find her purse anywhere.

The stolen purse is described as a brown snakeskin purse contain-

ing a wallet, driver's license, Social Security card, student identification card, two credit cards, an ATM card, ATM receipts and \$5 cash. The total loss is estimated at \$50. The student contacted her bank and credit card companies to report the loss. ♦

Man sings himself to jail

Feb. 22, 12:58 a.m. — Saunders Fine Arts Building — An officer responded to a report of an intoxicated male in the building. He met with a custodian who led him to a man crouched by the telephone in the third-floor print studio. The custodian said that earlier the individual had been loud and was singing. The custodian also stated that he had seen an intoxicating beverage in the hallway.

The officer approached the individual, later identified as Brent S. Clifton, who indicated that the officer should wait until he finished his phone call. The officer eventually convinced Clifton to hang up the phone and speak with him. The officer noted that Clifton's eyes were glassy, his speech was slurred and he had the odor of an intoxicating beverage about him.

The officer asked Clifton if he had been drinking. Clifton replied that he had quite a bit to drink earlier, but that he regularly did this when he came to work in the graphics studio. He further stated that he would probably spend the night in the building because his wife would not let him come home.

The officer placed Clifton, 26, of 738 Dejarnette Lane in Murfreesboro, under arrest for public intoxication and took him to the Rutherford County Jail where his bond was set at \$250. The officer noted that "Clifton sang with abandon all the way to the jail." ♦

Study: Financial aid available for participants in study abroad program

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cultures, music has passed easily back and forth between them over the last several centuries."

His course will include visits to the National Centre for Popular Music, as well as Liverpool, the hometown of the Beatles. He also plans to incorporate a "Rock'n'Roll Walking Tour" of London.

Lavery, who has taught with the CCSA previously, will teach a class covering the genre of science fiction in British literature. According to Lavery, it was the British who developed science fiction.

"It's hard to conceive of modern fantasy without the contributions of such major figures as Tolkien, Lewis and now J.K. Rowling," he said.

The class will also cover science fiction films and television series.

"Literature, history, film (and) art all come alive when you study them on native ground," Lavery said.

McClusky explained that there is an additional cost for the programs to cover airfare, lodging and meals.

"The Ireland program costs \$2,295, the Scotland and England

program costs \$2,895 and the London Summer Program costs \$3,595," he said.

Pace stated that interested students may use financial aid to help offset the program fees, including Stafford and Perkins Loans and Pell Grants. He suggested that students consult with their financial aid advisor for specific details.

Pace also noted that several scholarships are available through the

CCSA for \$500.

Lavery and Hixon also stressed that March 1 is the deadline for students to make an initial deposit.

Interested students may pick up applications and further information from Pace, who can be reached at 904-8058, or from Tech Wubneh, the director of International Programs and Services, at 898-2238. ♦

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Election approaches for outstanding business professor

By Amy Calloway
Staff Writer

Elections for Outstanding Professor in the College of Business will be held Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the first floor of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The elections are being sponsored by the Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma insurance fraternity. Any student with a major or minor in the College of Business is eligible to vote.

"This is a way for students to express their appreciation to a teacher who is good at what he or she does or who has been particularly helpful to that student in one way or another," said Kenneth Hollman of Gamma Iota Sigma. Hollman is a professor at MTSU and serves as the Martin Chair of Insurance.

The winner of the Outstanding Professor Award will receive a plaque and will be

honored at the Omega chapter's initiation banquet April 12.

"The award is important because teachers are often not recognized for their sacrifice of time and effort for their students and for the service they render to their profession," Hollman said.

The winner's name will be added to the plaque that lists the 12 previous winners and is displayed in the faculty lounge on the fourth floor of the BAS.

With 60 members, the Omega chapter is one of the largest and most active chapters in the country. They have won over 45 major awards in competition with other chapters since 1983, Hollman said.

"Gamma Iota Sigma is a professional fraternity organized to promote, encourage and sustain student interest in insurance, risk management and actuarial science as a profession," Hollman said.

"We encourage high moral and scholarship attainments

and facilitate the interaction and cooperation of educational institutions, industry and professional organizations by fostering research, scholarship and improved public relations," he added.

Gamma Iota Sigma collegiate chapters have been chartered on 40 college campuses across the country. The Omega chapter at MTSU holds bi-weekly meetings with alumni and insurance industry leaders as speakers.

"We published a resume book of insurance majors and minors that was sent to over 300 potential employees," Hollman said. "We will also hold a career day on March 21 where members will get a chance to meet with more than 25 insurance companies."

Gamma Iota Sigma participates in other campus and community activities. For more information, contact Hollman at khollman@mtsu.edu. ♦

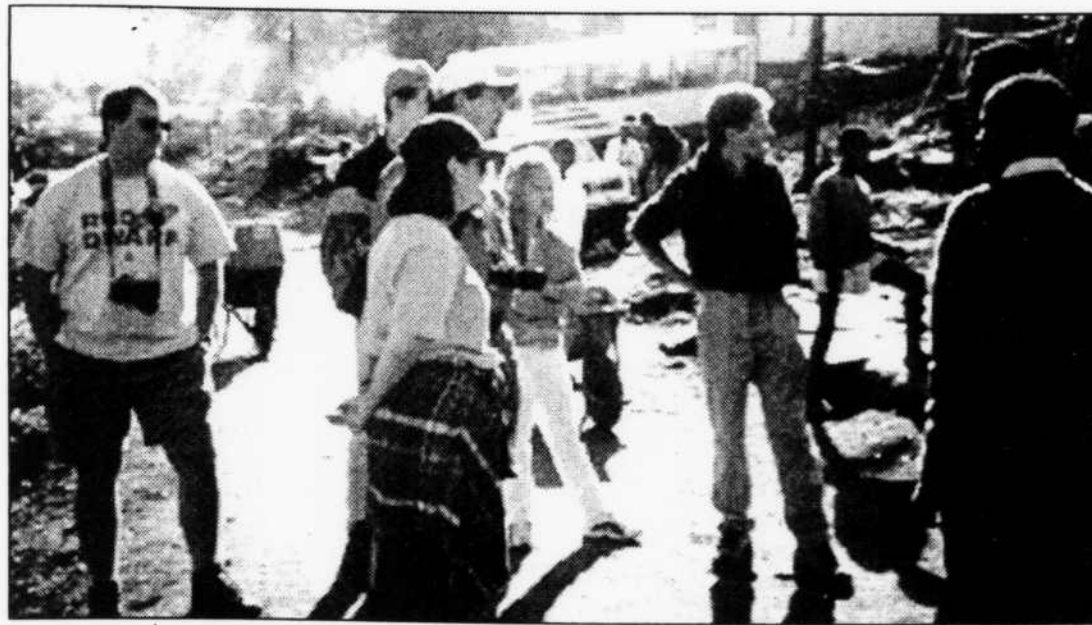


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Africa: MTSU to educate at NY conference

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tion to help empower the women," Garbharran said.

"The progress of the program has been phenomenal."

The program has provided people in the squatter communities access to sustainable shelter, basic water, sanitation and health services, and has given MTSU students access to SIU and UDW geology programs and a U.S.-South Africa Study Abroad program that will be established at MTSU.

The team has designed a Web-based course to introduce public health concerns for informal settlement communities in South Africa. The course will show results of ongoing research between the universities in the

United States and South Africa.

Garbharran and eight students from the Geographical Information Systems will represent MTSU Feb. 27-March 3 at the Association of American Geographers Conference in New York titled "Freedom from Aidsdom in South Africa," where they will present a special session.

The interdisciplinary team of researchers from MTSU includes Hari Garbharran, associate professor of geography; Martha Jo Edwards, who holds the Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services and is director of the Center for Health and Human Services; Mary Kathryn Mathis, associate professor of engineering technology and industrial studies; Peggy O'Hara

Murdock, professor of health education; and Mala (Don) Beard, assistant professor of engineering technology and industrial studies.

The partnership includes Ben Dziegielewski, professor of geography and director of the International Water Resources Association at SIUC.

The faculty from UDW and researchers from South Africa are: Brij Maharaj, Johnny Lutchmaih, Riyad Ismail, Neeta Somers, Neeta Guthraim, Hyacinthia Naidoo, Craig Allan, Reg Bailey, Shelley Gielink, Rob Hounsborne, Michelle Binedell, Vasna Ramasar, Makhosi Mkhize, Nonzwakazi Dlamini and Patience Mbali. ♦

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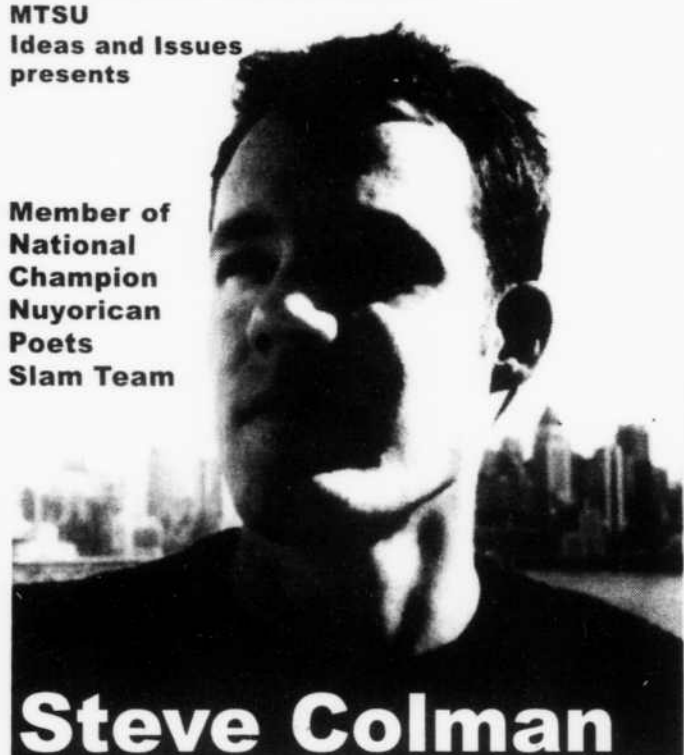
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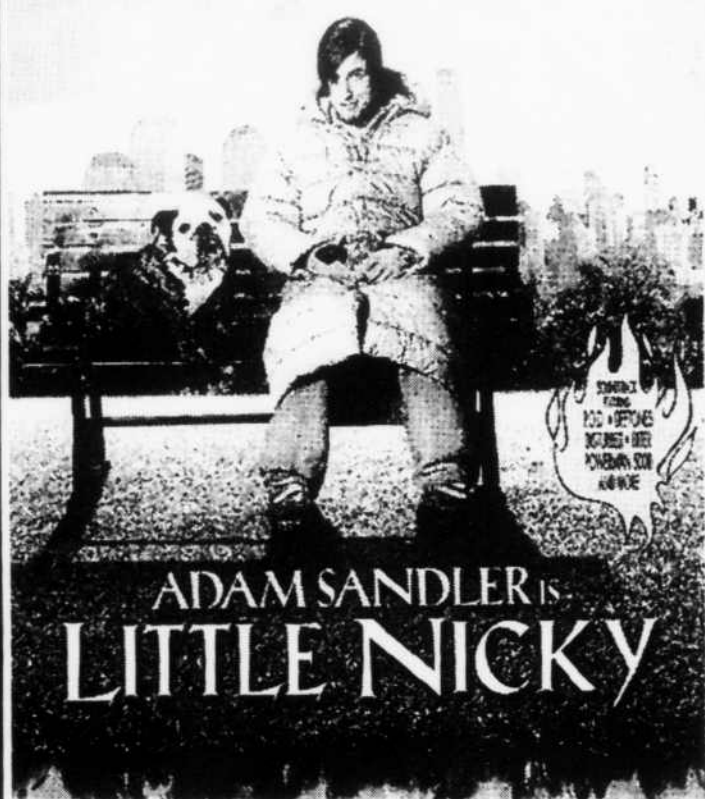
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Maintenance procedures questioned by some students

By Roshon Lewis
Staff Writer

An ongoing issue that has some students concerned is the housing maintenance procedures at MTSU.

"I think that it's real messed up how maintenance workers can just bust into my apartment whenever they feel," said former Clement Hall resident Theodore Fletcher. "These people could be eating out of my refrigerator or anything when I'm not there."

Maintenance workers explain that there are regulations for entering dorm rooms.

"Usually maintenance workers are not supposed to enter into residents' rooms without knocking and announcing," said

maintenance employee Jim Ferguson. "They're really not supposed to enter into a room if a specific work order has not been placed."

Some residents are not as concerned about maintenance completing work orders as much as they are about other annoyances that come along with maintenance work.

"I really feel that my privacy is being violated," said Chris Waller, a Womack Lane resident. "Just the other day maintenance workers just came into my apartment and unscrewed the chain off my door."

"They claimed that they had announced it, but I didn't hear anything about them going to do this," he added. "It seems that

they just have the right to do whatever they feel necessary, regardless of what students think or feel."

Waller said this was not the only incident in which he has had a negative encounter with maintenance workers.

"For two whole hours I had to listen to them clean out my neighbor's drain with a Rotor-Rooter," Waller said. "If it takes two hours to make that much noise, then I think the school needs to hire some more help."

Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life, said that much of this tension is due to a lack of staff members.

"We only have about eight full-timers and nine part-timers, so it's kind of hard to handle

work orders when it's convenient for students," Sells said. "We typically have to fix problems as soon as we hear about them."

"We try to perform when we are going to announce a large task like spraying for bugs or doing room inspections," Sells said. "There is no true way to announce the small work orders, they just get done then and there."

Sells pointed out that some annoyances are unavoidable.

"If a person has a leak in an upstairs apartment that's dripping into a downstairs apartment, then both individuals suffer," she said. "It's not fun for anybody, but things have to be fixed or the school would fall apart." ♦

Flight: Training helps open job opportunities for students

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allowing students to have this training gives them an advantage over other applicants for a flight engineer's position because the airline would not have to incur the additional cost of training for the position.

Craig said the CPT is not in full use yet and will have to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration before it can be used to certify students.

"It is our hope that in less than a year [we'll] be able to [offer] those ratings in addition to what we [already] offer in the aerospace department," Craig said.

Craig noted that the university does not have any flight simulators because they are able to do actual in-the-air training, but that a CPT allows for training that cannot be performed in the air.

"While they're here in school, there are other things that you can do with simulation that's even more important to us, which is to simulate emergencies," Craig said.

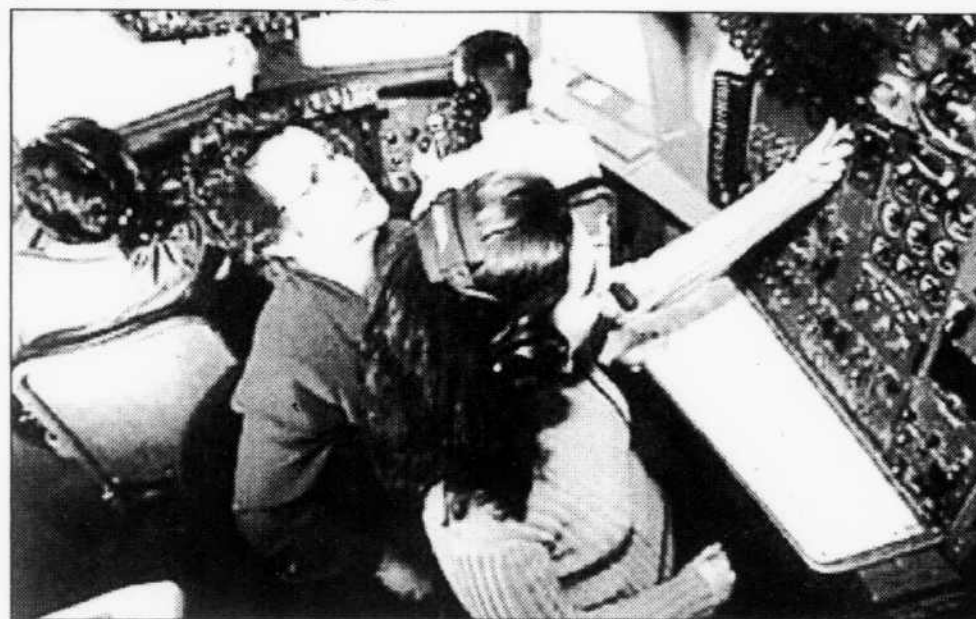


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Zlotky coordinated this project and was responsible for initially bringing the CPT to MTSU. It was donated to the university by American Airlines in 1997. ♦

Pleas: Shaw-McEwen appreciates award recognition

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they need to have," Shaw-McEwen said.

She also provides leadership for a cultural diversity initiative at MTSU and currently teaches a cultural diversity course.

"Every student needs to establish and understand relationships with people of other cultures," Shaw-McEwen. "All students and faculty need to develop skills to be culturally competent."

She encourages faculty and

students to share ideas on this topic with her.

Outside MTSU, Shaw-McEwen serves as a national consultant on matters of cultural diversity and has served as an expert consultant for Substance Abuse Prevention in Washington, D.C.

In Nashville, she founded and has served as chief executive officer for 15 years at the Centers for Family Life.

"The center provides culturally appropriate programs for African-American families," she

said.

The John Pleas Award holds special meaning for Shaw-McEwen because of her belief that blacks have had to overcome many obstacles.

"African Americans haven't always been able to teach at MTSU or attend MTSU, so it's taken some work to overcome the barriers put up," she said.

"I think the [African American History Month Committee] intends to reward that extra effort," she said.

Shaw-McEwen would like to

thank a "higher power" and her family, whom she refers to as the stabilizing force in her life.

Originally called the Faculty Award, the award was first presented in 1996 to John Pleas, professor of psychology at MTSU. In 1997, the African American History Month Committee voted to rename the award in honor of Pleas.

For more information or to share ideas and comments on cultural diversity, contact Shaw-McEwen at sshaw@mtsu.edu. ♦

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Fashion Writer

Black History Month is significant for many African Americans making major contributions to the American society.

It began as one week in February of 1926 – spearheaded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an educator and historian – as an initiative to bring national attention to black people and their achievements.

For so long, history books and the portrayals of blacks reflected negative and inferior images in American culture.

Woodson picked February because it honors two famous American birthdays: Frederick Douglass, abolitionist and journalist, and President Abraham Lincoln, who freed the slaves during the Civil War.

Soon after, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History started the Black History movement. Just within the 20th century, black

Americans have gained a respectable presence in history books.

So, in honor of this month, alumni Tracey Owens – fashion merchandising major who graduated in December – is recognized for her achievements. Owens is just one of the three African Americans in the Middle Tennessee Region who works as a promotional consultant for Clinique Cosmetics, a skin care line created to improve the quality of all types of skin.

If not for John H. Johnson, the founder of Johnson Publishing Company in 1942, who started black cosmetics lines such as Fashion Fair and Supreme Beauty Products, the market for ethnic cosmetics would not exist.

Owens, age 23, has always had a great interest for cosmetics and all aspects of the retail industry. After wearing Clinique's products for a year and a half, she established a friendship with the sales count-

er manager. Owens then expressed her interest in exploring career opportunities with Clinique on a merchandizing level. From there, she was given information and began working as a Promotional Consultant based on her previous years in retail work and a successful sales track record.

"As a promotional consultant for Clinique," says Owens, "I basically work directly with the company – traveling to different promotional events that the corporation hosts at all stores that carry the Clinique line."

"Being a promotional consultant has lots of perks. Not only is the pay great, but you can receive free cosmetics."

She attributes much of her success and expertise to the academic classes she took in the Human Sciences building for the Textiles Merchandizing and Design program. The classes: Social Aspects of Clothing, History of Costume, Fashion

See Skin, 7



Photo by Phoenix Taylor | Staff

Owens, seen here at work, is being honored during Black History Month.



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'Little Nicky' falls short, even for Sandler

By Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Writer

Immature!
How else could you describe an Adam Sandler film? Then again, would you expect anything else from the onetime star of *Saturday Night Live*?

Nevertheless, when *Little Nicky* makes its run at the KUC Theater this week, it will no doubt sell its fair share of tickets. Although Sandler's latest effort may not have been his best, it's exactly the type of humor and comedic relief one would expect to be enjoyed on a college campus.

There's a gratuitous peep show in the movie's opening scene, and yes, she's amply endowed.

As filmgoers have come to expect, Sandler assembled an impressive list of supporting and cameo roles: Patricia Arquette, Harvey Keitel, Reese Witherspoon, Dana Carvey, Jon Lovitz and Quentin Tarantino.

Unfortunately, not all of Sandler's supporting cast provides exactly what they're capable of. Keitel, however, showcases some of his comic intuitions despite the adolescent script.

One such flickering moment comes in response to his unwillingness to accept Dan Marino's soul in exchange for a Super Bowl ring.

After being told "you did it for Joe Namath," Keitel deadpans, "but Joe was coming here anyway."

Playing the straight guy more than normal, Sandler says, "you're a good devil dad," in order to set up the real joke.

Keitel wryly responds, "And a Jets fan."

And you thought it was an intellectual comedy. How could you – especially when you consider the premise of the entire plot?

Sandler (Nicky), the son of Satan, played by Keitel, makes a pilgrimage up from the under world in search of his two brothers, Adrian (Rhys Ifans) and Cassius (Tiny Lister Jr.).

It seems Satan self-appointed himself the leader for another 10,000-year term in spite of his two power hungry sons, both of whom decide to leave Hell. And, you guessed it, the gates of Hell freeze, and its up to Nicky to bring them back.

Little Nicky is everything one would expect from Sandler, and less. For maximum viewing pleasure, a person might consider throwing back a few 40s with the boys.

As for the ensuing headache, solace can be found in the fact that *Little Nicky* is only 90 minutes long – a short film by today's standards. ♦



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ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Monday, Feb. 26

Sonia Sanchez speaks in the JUB Tennessee Room at 6 p.m.

The MTSU Fencing Club teaches a beginning class on basketball court No. 6 in the Rec Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. through May. For information, contact Stuart Bernstein at 898-5998.

Campus Crusade for Christ invites everyone to attend CRU, the weekly fellowship and worship meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For information, contact Mike Lipscomb at 848-6741 or Eric Rodgers at 896-2039.

The MTSU Martial Arts Club meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at

the Rec Center. For information, contact Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

Live in Franklin, Brentwood or Cool Springs? Save money on gas, time and energy by joining the student carpool. Send an e-mail with your schedule and contact information to franklincarpool@aol.com or call 591-0290.

Sign up for all divisions of intramural softball at the Rec Center until March 6. Practice begins March 21. For information, contact Chris Gravlee at 898-2104.

Sign up for the men's and women's intramural wrestling tournament at the Rec Center. For information, contact Mark Owens at 898-2104.

Want to be one of the 15 students chosen by

Campus Recreation to attend a Nashville Predators hockey game on March 1 at 4:30 p.m.? Contact Ray or Vanessa at 898-2104.

The KUC Cube Gallery presents "Installation" by Eric Philpott through March 9. The viewer will be invited to participate in an interactive installation made of raw materials, trash, found objects, urban artifacts, kitsch and sound.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

The Placement and Student Employment Center hosts the Nashville Area College to Career Fair & Nashville Area Teacher Recruitment Fair, located off of Interstate 24 at the Expo Center in Smyrna. The Career Fair is from noon to 5 p.m., and the Teacher Fair is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fair is open to

Skin: Clinique consultant is recognized for Black History Month

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Promotion and Apparel Selection Evaluation are taught by fashion professors Harriet Estes, Nancy Kelley and Teresa Robinson.

"These classes had immensely boosted my overall knowledge of fashion and reinforced my selling and promotional skills that I acquired from undergrad and my years of work in the retail business," says Owens.

As an African American working for Clinique, she has faced few struggles. Her only barrier was to gain the customers' acceptance and trust.

"At first, Clinique customers were surprised and took a moment to accept the presence of a minority face," says Owens. "But with time, the customers have come to understand that it is all about being well trained, knowledgeable and believing in the products you are selling, regardless of race."

Owens has learned a lot from her position as a promotional consultant.

Clinique stands out from other beauty companies because "it has one of the most comprehensive training programs in the retail industry due to its hands-on learning, classes and one-on-one training," describes Owens.

She also believes that "Clinique is a universal product because it focuses on skin care for everyone. Their makeup line has a broad range of availability

and accessibility for all to enjoy.

"They continually address people's concerns and strive to improve and broaden skin care for many people of various ethnic backgrounds."

As for future plans, Owens' career endeavors consist of continuing with her work as a promotional consultant for Clinique and moving to New York City for graduate school at New York University.

Owens also adds, "you must love

doing your job and find a profession that will bring you joy. There is nothing like being in a career that you can enjoy and knowing the gratification from your customer when they appreciate and respect your knowledge of the product you are selling to them.

"If you are knowledgeable about your skill, the respect will come. Never underestimate the power of what networking can do for you!" ♦

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The TSSAA Basketball Tournament will once again be held at MTSU with the girls competition running from March 7-10, and the boys competition from March 14-17.

On March 7-10 and March 14-17, the Greenland Drive Parking lots will be reserved paid parking for TSSAA ticket holders. All other TSSAA fans will be directed to the lots on the east side of campus. (TSSAA receives all Greenland parking revenue during the tournaments.)

Student Commuters who usually park in the Greenland lots will be directed to C street, where, at the intersection, those with MTSU parking permits will be allowed to turn right onto B street and park in any legal green-permit space. Please watch for redirection signs and public safety personnel who will help direct you. (All TSSAA visitors will be instructed to turn left at the intersection.)

The Tennessee Livestock Center lot will be closed for the Tennessee Beef Agribition March 9. All other days, student commuters may find available parking in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot.

To avoid C Street traffic, student commuters may want to enter campus on 2nd Street from Rutherford Boulevard to access parking on the east side of campus, near the Greenhouse, Health Services, and in the lot near the Recreation Center.

The entrance to Faulkinberry Drive on Tennessee Boulevard will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, March 7-10 and March 14-17. Any persons who park on Faulkinberry will need to exit the campus via Loop Drive by Peck Hall.

The Raider Xpress shuttle service will run its normal routes throughout campus except for the Greenland Drive lots.

Parking and Traffic Rules and Regulations will be enforced as usual. Every effort is being made with signs, public safety personnel, parking attendants, and shuttle service to prevent undue confusion and inconvenience and still ensure the safety of everyone on campus.

We apologize for this temporary parking displacement and ask for your patience and understanding. Hosting the TSSAA tournament is an opportunity for thousands of prospective students and their families to see MTSU up close.

For questions and concerns, please call Parking and Transportation Services at (615) 898-2850 or Public Safety at (615) 898-2424. Thank you.

OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, TN

Monday, February 26, 2001

SIDELINES ♦

From the staff

Stop pointing fingers, share the blame for student apathy

The Student Government Association recently proposed a referendum for changes in the constitution. Eighty students voted in favor of the referendum, while 78 voted against. However, the referendum failed because it did not attain two-thirds of the student body vote.

With a student body of approximately 19,000, there is no reason to have only 158 students voting. Why students didn't vote is something we don't really know. Was it because the referendum wasn't publicized well enough? Was it because students didn't understand? Or, was it because students just don't care?

Whatever the reason, we can probably all agree there is a great deal of apathy when it comes to issues such as this. As we all know, apathy is nothing new on this campus. Rather than pointing the finger, let's try sharing the blame this time and find a solution on which we can all agree on.

As students it is our responsibility to come out to the SGA meetings and find out what's going on. As of now, we still have a House of Representatives for student organizations to become involved in. Each organization should have one person designated to attend these meetings every Monday and report back to the rest of the organizations.

The SGA can help this situation by coming up with more creative ways of publicizing events. It's important to gain the attention of the students.

It's true that many students don't care what's going on in student government. However, it is the job of the SGA to make students care. Show the students exactly how certain things affect them and why it is important for them to have a say in all issues.

We do part by assigning a beat reporter to cover the SGA on a regular basis. However, there is always room for improvement and if anyone has ideas on how we can better inform the campus, please let us know.

The SGA is pushing for a new referendum during the general elections March 5-7, so you get a second chance to vote on the constitution, as well as elect officers for the 2001-02 academic year.

If the referendum fails next time, it should be because students voted against it, not because of the lack of participation. ♦

Leave Clinton alone already

You know, after watching eight years of certain conservatives trying to bring down Bill Clinton, I'm up to my ears in it, and it has to stop.

After all of the investigations into White Water, the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Paula Jones and others, relatively nothing has come of it. Was it worth spending millions of taxpayer dollars to find out that Clinton is a bad husband? Absolutely not.

I don't like to agree with Hillary Clinton, but she hit the nail on the head when she said that there was a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to bring down her husband.

Clinton's conduct with Lewinsky and the others, while irresponsible and immoral, was not worth the toil and trouble the country went through with the impeachment process. While Clinton did lie under oath, he did what many Americans trying to save their families from pain and their careers from ruin would have done.

If I had been Clinton, I would have told the independent counsel where they could shove their subpoena. Some things just aren't our business.

Now the conservatives are bitching again about the Marc Rich pardon, supposed White House thefts and pranks and the office plan that Clinton finally

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

offered to move from midtown Manhattan to Harlem. Even with Clinton's concession with the office space, they're complaining that some workers will have to relocate to different floors to make room for Clinton's staff.

You never can satisfy some people. One Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter, has suggested impeachment against Clinton for his pardon of Marc Rich. There has been a lot of debate about whether a trial before Congress could be allowed for a former president, but the fact that Specter even brought it up stirs up a fascist vibe.

It disturbs me that certain Republicans are absolutely dead set on further tarnishing Clinton's legacy instead of focusing on the problems facing our country.

This is not intended as a dis to all

Republicans. Even President Bush, who I've often slammed in this column, is trying to tell the members of his party to call off their dogs and let the man live the rest of his life in peace. Kudos to Dubya for that. Regardless of whether he genuinely wants to let the man go, if he's following the political winds, or just wants Clinton the hell out of the press, Bush is doing the right thing.

If only his peers would listen.

Regardless of the outcome of the Marc Rich hearings and other issues these guys are bitching about, Clinton is always going to be remembered as the guy who got impeached because he thought with his penis instead of his brain. What guy hasn't done that?

If I were a member of Congress, I'd refrain from even mentioning Clinton's name and start thinking about the future instead of the past.

If I were a Republican party member, I'd call every participating congressman I could get a hold of and tell them they're full of crap.

As an American, I'm outraged that my money is being thrown out the window with all of these further investigations. We've already spent enough.

Let the man go home and rest. After all, it's not easy being Hillary's wife (and no, that isn't a typo.) ♦

I don't get the greek thing

Have you ever played a human version of Donkey Kong where your friend rolls a keg down a flight of steps as you attempt to hurdle it? Have you ever dived off your roof, grabbed a tree trunk and slid down it, all the while remaining unscathed. What about the Mile High Club - ever heard of it?

Well, if you're not one of the 40 or so members of a certain fraternity on campus, these may sound like strange pastimes. But for the last three years I've gotten a glimpse into the fraternity system, and I can happily report that these guys would make Bluto proud.

The Greek system seems to be instant fodder for the MTSU student body. A clear line has been drawn with beer-guzzling frat boys on one side and the beer-guzzling student body on the other. The latter seem to relish in alluding to Greeks as good 'ole boy skirt-chasers, while the fraternity members themselves seem to shrug it off and crack open another Natural Light with their two front teeth.

I myself have never figured out why the Greek system inspires such strong reactions from non-Greeks. Maybe we wish we could funnel beer with our buddies in one of the gorgeous new mansions on Greek Row instead of having to resort to University Courtyard.



Fancy This
Jennifer McMillen
Staff Columnist

Or maybe, deep down, we wish we could wear T-shirts with snappy exclusionary sayings on them like "if you didn't get a bid, we didn't want you."

I once thought I might be sorority material and decided to go out for rush. I remember one sorority put on a skit for us involving a jungle theme. "Growwwl," snarled one sister who I think was supposed to be a tiger while another was on all fours pretending to be lost in the thicket. I don't know. I just couldn't take them seriously after that.

So, I decided to ditch the sorority scene without looking back. At the time, it seemed the guys were having more fun anyway. What I have to show for it three years later is the greatest best friend a girl can ask for, and many fond memories with only one that I'd rather forget.

I stood back and observed a strange

code of morality that gives the thumbs up to alcohol, while frowning upon any mention of a joint. Newcomers are welcome, but brothers who drop out before they graduate run the risk of being deserted like rats off a sinking ship. As a friend of mine saw, the brothers don't exactly take kindly to homosexuals either.

Lately, however, the brothers have polished their image with a series of community service acts that go beyond picking up empty cans and bottles in the back yard.

"I don't think the student body is aware of our extensive community service record," says Jeremy Money, a Greek and personal friend. "We run veterans hospitals and homeless runaway shelters in our basement."

All joking aside, the Greeks do raise money for serious causes such as providing a chance to compete in Miss Tennessee.

So, to the students who choose to go Greek, I say good for you and remember to pace yourself with any liquid labeled "Grog." To the independents - lighten up. In four years, when there's no chance of anyone getting drunk and stripping down naked at the company's yearly Christmas party, you'll wish you had joined. ♦

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Where will science take us?

Modern science has always been a symbol of progression and accomplishment for the human race. Many devote their whole lives to researching and testing the limits of human logic and knowledge for the sake of science and man. Sometimes, however, those limits do not have the sake of mankind in mind. The primary example for these times is the concept of cloning.

It was just four years ago this past Saturday, that scientists in Edinburgh, UK, witnessed the birth of Dolly. But not only did they witness the birth, they fathered the mammal. No, I don't mean like that. They used a now-patented cloning process to simulate the reproduction of a sheep.

Although it was a surprise to many, cloning was known to be possible for decades. I'll admit that I was a bit taken aback by the event. It really is mind boggling to think that we have the capability now to, in essence, make life.

Now the question I immediately asked myself, being the moral, upstanding gentleman that I usually act like, is whether it is right. But that was my first mistake right there. Right or wrong.

That is the biggest mistake anyone could possibly make. Is that right or wrong? Well, you don't find answers that way, because common truth doesn't lend itself to the extreme objectivity of morals and ethics.

What I should have asked is whether it would benefit nature to take the role of mini-God and make living creatures (but even that has its flaws in my mind). My answer is and always has been no!

Why? It's simple and not at the same time.

We as a species are gifted with unfathomable brainpower. We have the power to manipulate neural signals at many times the speed of the fastest super computer available. But we are also cursed. We have the power to think infinite possibilities, but we are still lowly animals. This can be a horrible combination.

You see, we want all the knowledge in the universe and beyond, so we can achieve greatness. But it is impossible, and to accept that is to accept limitations, which we as a thinking people can't seem to accept. This is why the idea of a god is so awe striking and scary.

Because it represents that which has achieved some desirable state which we cannot attain. But our capacity to think in infinite terms tells us that in some far-off way, we could be like that.

Now, not everyone has this kind of destructive thought process, but it is my strongly held belief that our species as a whole somehow thinks it can reach this state through science. There are a lot of things people would never admit to, and I think this is one of them.

What a horrible thing to think. Who are you to say that cloning is bad? Just think of all the good it could bring. What if you needed a new liver or were faced with death, or what if an extinct species could be brought back to earth? You've heard the scenarios. A man and his wife find out that they're infertile, so they go to a private or government-held corporation and ask if they can qualify by law to have a daughter cloned so that they don't have to suffer anymore.

First response is to say that there's no doubt that you should allow it. We wouldn't want the folks to not have a child. Because that's a bad thing, and we don't like bad things in our society.

Letters to the Editor

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

Thanks 'Sidelines' for open mic info

To the Editor:

I just read the article "Free Entertainment at Open Mic Night" in the Feb. 22 issue of *Sidelines*, and I'd like to say I'm thrilled to see that our campus hosts such an event where new, fresh-faced talents can express themselves in any way they please. I'm especially excited about catching some good jokes deroga-

tory to women by the seemingly brilliant freshman Jackson Price. There's nothing I enjoy more than a little lighthearted sexism to brighten my day. Thanks to *Sidelines* for the show information. I'll see you at the Cyber Cafe.

Most Sincerely,
Chris Spoltore
RIM Major

Election commission should utilize tech.

To the Editor,

In the wake of the low turnout voicing their opinion of the Constitutional Referendum, this author believes that the SGA Election Commission needs to utilize the campus-wide e-mail system to inform students about the issues. Complaining that students are uninformed falls back on the complainant. If the SGA wants to ensure that students are

informed about specific issues, which is its responsibility, it is incumbent on the SGA to take the needed steps to do so. Utilizing the campus e-mail system would not only be cost effective in informing students of issues, it is also a constitutional means of announcing dates, times and places of balloting venues.

Douglas D. Moore

Frankly My Dear

David Sargent



Staff Columnist

But what I say is if nature wanted you to be infertile then we should have to abide by that fact. We live in a Microsoft world where we think we should always be able to press that undo button and have everything be ok. I believe in the power of nature. I don't think that any scientific studies we do to try to make things better ever truly meet their end whether it is cloning a human body part or finding out why smoking kills.

I know that sounds pretty narcissistic, but it's not really. I don't think that everything we do is in vain, but mortality is a fact and living with that fact is infinitely harder than making Dolly or David Sargent 2. I just think we should be a little more humble sometimes and realize that we can't fix everything, because everything is already perfect as is. ♦

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Miserable season coming to an end

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Seniors Jonathan Whitworth, Freddie Martinez, Fernando Ortiz, Kevin White, Dale Thomas, and Marcus Mason were honored before Thursday night's game in what was their final game at the Murphy Center. However, they had no time to celebrate as New Mexico State rocked Middle Tennessee's party with an 80-61 victory.

The first half was not noteworthy for the Blue Raiders. MT shot a terrible 6-24 (25.0 percent) for the first half. Thanks to that bad start, New Mexico State would open up the floodgates and lead at the half 36-18.

The 18 points for the half was the lowest 1st half total for the Blue Raiders all season. Junior Iiro Tennngren totalled 6 points for the half, along with a

4-point, 4-rebound effort by Thomas.

New Mexico State would shoot 15-36 (41.7 percent) from the floor. Eric Channing, last week's Sun Belt Player of the Week, and James Moore each had 11 points. The Aggies main advantage for the first half was rebounds. NMSU outrebounded Middle Tennessee 25 to 16.

With 14:06 remaining in the first half, Martinez hit a lay-up and was fouled. He connected on the free throw attempt to cut the Aggie lead to 54-34. Channing would dishearten any chances of a comeback when he knocked down two straight three-point shots and increased their lead to 26.

Down the stretch, the Raider seniors knew that their final effort would be in vain with the Aggie lead at more than 20. Mason got in the game and hit a late 3-pointer to finally get

every senior in the point column, but the Aggies would close out the game and preserve an 81-60 win.

Channing was the story of the game. He finished with 28 points, going 11-18 from the field and 6-11 from 3-point land. Teammate Moore added 15 points, Dennis Trammell had 8, and Brandon Mason contributed a 7-point, 7-rebound, 7-assist game.

Not a single Middle Tennessee player reached double figures. Tennngren and Dale Thomas tied for the team lead with 8 points. Tommy Gunn and Bryant Mitchell would also add 7 points a piece. They shot much better, 15-24 (62.5 percent), for the half, but only brought their game total to 43.8 percent from the field.

"We both played good defense, they just shot the ball better than we did," said White.

Regarding his career at Middle Tennessee, he added, "It's been a long, but good four years."

Thomas, who could actually come back next year if he graduates before the start of the fall semester due to his Prop 48 status, said "It's been a quick four years, I didn't think it would go this fast."

On Saturday, Middle Tennessee fell on the road to Western Kentucky, 92-51.

Middle Tennessee has now lost their 14th game in a row

and have eclipsed the 20-loss mark, dropping to 5-22 (1-15).

They begin the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Mobile, Ala., next week where they will open up against Louisiana-Lafayette.

New Mexico State improves to 13-14 (9-6) and have won 8 out of their last 9 games. They are looking very good heading into the conference tourney with coach Lou Henson at the helm. ♦



Photo by Jonathan Trundle | Staff

Sophomore Paula Pentilla (10) pushes the ball up the court with sophomore Mia Parviainen (13). The Lady Raiders face University of Louisiana-Lafayette Thursday.

Sun Belt Conference Standings Men's Basketball



Institution	East		Overall	
	Conference W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Western Kentucky	14-2	.875	21-6	.778
Louisiana Tech	10-5	.667	17-10	.630
Arkansas State	10-6	.625	16-12	.571
Arkansas-Little Rock	9-7	.563	17-10	.630
Florida Intl	4-11	.267	6-20	.231
Middle Tennessee	1-15	.063	5-21	.192

West

South Alabama	11-5	.688	20-9	.690
New Orleans	10-6	.625	16-11	.593
Louisiana	10-6	.625	15-12	.556
New Mexico State	10-6	.625	14-14	.500
Denver	5-11	.313	10-17	.370
North Texas	1-15	.063	4-23	.148

Sun Belt Conference Standings Women's Basketball



Institution	East		Overall	
	Conference W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Louisiana Tech	16-0	1.000	25-4	.862
Florida Intl	11-5	.688	18-8	.692
Middle Tennessee	9-7	.563	16-11	.593
Western KY	9-8	.529	17-12	.586
Arkansas State	8-8	.500	14-13	.519
Arkansas-Little Rock	0-16	.000	6-21	.222

West

Denver	14-2	.875	22-4	.846
North Texas	10-6	.625	18-9	.667
New Orleans	7-9	.438	13-13	.500
New Mexico State	6-10	.375	9-17	.346
South Alabama	5-11	.313	12-15	.444
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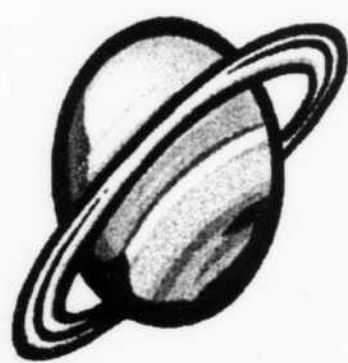
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Baseball: Pitching dominates weekend, but Lions win 12 inning thriller Sunday, 4-3


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CS - George, Yarbrough
SH - Rusnak.
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WP Brazelton (2-0).
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DP - SELA 1.
LOB - SELA 9, MT 5.
2B - Lowe(2), Krajancic.
3B - Thomas.
SB - Hayes, Nisbett(2).
SH - George, Campbell(2).
LP Kuhn (0-1).
WP Watson (1-1).

26 pitches in the first inning, Trosclair threw just 74 for the rest of the game. He gave up six hits, two runs and two walks while striking out five.

"We'd seen Trosclair last year in relief," Peterson said. "He had three pitches in the strike zone and he changed speeds well."

"Dewon had to match him."

Brazelton did.

Using his 95-plus mph fastball and an array of offspeed and breaking pitches, Brazelton smoked through the first two innings.

"I'm thought of as a power pitcher," Brazelton said. "Batters get geared into my fastball, but a lot of the great pitchers have good curveballs and offspeed pitches to compliment their fastball. I think my pitches compliment each other."

However, the power pitcher hit a speed bump in the third.

Freshman Dustin Weaver swung at the first pitched and smacked it into centerfield for a single. Sophomore Chris Rusnak sacrificed Weaver to second and junior Phil George grounded a ball deep in the hole that junior Jason Howarth smothered, but didn't quite have the range to throw out the speedy Lion.

Then, Brazelton seemed to unravel just slightly. He threw three straight balls to freshman Matt Rogelstad before walking him on the fifth pitch to load the bases with one out.

Brazelton then threw two balls to junior Aaron Lowe to fall behind in the count 2-0. However, Brazelton recovered, throwing two strikes. On the 2-2 pitch, Lowe grounded to Howarth, who turned the 6-4-3 double play to end the Lions' threat.

Brazelton faced seven 2-2 counts on the day. He struck out five batters, gave up one single and the double play ground out by Lowe in the third.

"Dewon has three different offspeed pitches," catcher Kyle Thomas said. "He threw the change-up to every left-handed hitter up there on a 2-2 count."

"It makes it real easy and fun for me to catch him."

After the third inning, Brazelton (2-0) developed into a smooth rhythm. He threw eight innings of work in 97 pitches, including a 7-pitch eighth inning. The Tullahoma native ended the day giving up five hits, no runs and striking out nine en route to the 2-

0 combined shutout with closer Kevin Davis.

"I know I'm looked at as a leader of this team," Brazelton said. "If I do what I'm supposed to then I expect everyone else to do what they're supposed to. I set the tone."

It was a tone of speed and precision Friday. The game took just an hour and 54 minutes.

Saturday's game brought the two teams back to Reese Smith Field for another promising Blue Raider pitcher Kris Lammers to take the hill in.

The senior actually has put up better statistics in his two starts than the pre-season All-American Brazelton.

Lammers (2-0) threw seven shutout innings against the Lions, allowing just three hits and striking out eight to drop SLU, 8-2.

The Manchester native leads the team in strikeouts with 17 and allowed just four hits in 13 innings of work.

However, it was the bats of MT that came alive. Recording a season high 15 hits, the Blue Raiders once again got on the board early, scoring one in the first and two in the second innings.

Justin Sims went 4-for-4 to lead the charge. Josh Renick also extended his hitting streak to five games.

Sunday's game sent freshman John Williams, former Oakland standout, to the hill.

However, it was the Lions who struck first with back to back hits bringing in senior Jeremy Owen to put the Lions up 1-0.

By the fourth inning, the Lions had extended to lead 2-1, however the Blue Raiders loaded the bases and senior Phillip Campbell came to the plate.

Campbell squeezed a bunt scoring Howarth and reaching first safely, leaving the bases loaded. Freshman Chuck Akers followed with a walk before Nisbett flied out and senior Brandon Johnson was thrown out at home to end the fourth with MT leading 3-2.

Coach Peterson relieved starter John Williams with two outs in the top sixth inning in favor of junior Kyle Sparkman. Williams went 5 and 2/3, giving up two runs while striking out three.

Southeastern Louisiana leveled the score 3-3 to send the game into extra innings.



Photo by Jonathan Trundle | Staff

Jason Howarth swings before his at bat.

In the top of the 12th, the Lions' persistence paid off scoring the winning run after sophomore Robert Larsson scored on junior Aaron Lowe's double to centerfield with two outs.

The Blue Raiders went in order in the bottom of the 12th for their first loss of the 2001 campaign, 4-3.

Junior Jason Kuhn (0-1) pitched five innings of relief and took the loss, despite the fact that he didn't give up an earned run. The defense struggled, committing five errors for the day.

The bats also went silent after a 15-hit explosion on Saturday. Middle Tennessee could only manage five hits in 12 innings of play.

The Blue Raiders must regroup for their first road trip. They will take their show on the road this week with games tomorrow against Samford and Wednesday against the University of Alabama at Birmingham. MT returns home this weekend to play a pair of games against in-state rival Memphis Saturday and Sunday. ♦

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Wade jumps 11 spots in one round

Junior J.R. Wade shot an opening round 72 Friday at the Ron Smith Invitational in Tampa Fla. Wade's round at the University of South Florida Golf Course was good enough for a tie 15th place tie overall.

Wade bettered his one-over-par performance Friday with an even-par 71 Saturday, the fourth best round of the day. The even-par round jumped Wade 11 spots from 15th to fourth.

Blue Raiders stand in 10th place alone after two rounds. After placing 10th in the Beau Rivage Classic in the first tournament of the season, head coach Johnny Moore was hoping for a better performance at the Ron Smith Invitational. Middle Tennessee finished the first round tied for 12th place with Tennessee-Chattanooga with a team score of 304.

"Charleston and VCU were outstanding today," said coach Moore. "I am not sure if anybody can catch those two, but if we come back strong on Saturday we can leap over a lot of team. We just have to start scoring better and make a few putts and a lot of things will change. It was great seeing J.R. have a good day. He's had a lot of bad luck recently and hopefully it will all start going his way now."

Wade led the Blue Raider attack in the second round as a score of 297 jumped the Blue Raiders from 12th to 10th. Hunter Ingram and Patrick Williams both followed Wade with rounds of 75. Heading into Sunday's final round, Ingram was tied for 37th (76/75 = 151), while Williams sits tied for 48th (78/75 = 153).

All alone in third

The win over Western Kentucky Saturday night clinched sole possession of third place in the Sun Belt Eastern Division for the Lady Raider basketball team. As the third seed from the east the Lady Raiders will play the sixth seed from the west, Louisiana-Lafayette, whom MTSU beat 77-52 in mid-February at the Murphy Center in their only meeting this season. A win over the Ragin' Cajuns in the first round will give the Lady Raiders a rematch with North Texas in the second round.

Lady Raiders making The Lady for NCAA

The Lady Raiders have won eight of their previous ten games with the only two losses coming to No. 6 Louisiana Tech. The Lady Raiders are 6-1 in February alone, and are 27-6 in February under Stephany Smith. With the Sun Belt Conference's strongest schedule according to College Basketball News' RPI index, the Lady Raiders have made a strong statement that they belong in postseason play.

Farewell to two seniors

Kelly Chastain and Nicole Perkins played their final game for the Lady Raiders in Murphy Center. The seniors were honored before the game in a short ceremony. Perkins fittingly received her first start of the season. ♦

Lady Raiders head to Mobile on a roll

By Adam Sparks
Staff Writer

With the third seed in the upcoming Sun Belt conference tournament on the line, the Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders outlasted Western Kentucky 75 to 70 Saturday.

Going into the season finale, MT and WK were knotted at 8-7 in conference play for a third place tie in the Sun Belt eastern division.

The victory ensured the Lady Raiders of a first round game against the last seed of the Sun Belt's western division.

Jamie Thomatis led the way for the Lady Raiders with 31 points, scoring seven in the last three minutes of the game. MTSU led by as much as 15 in the second half, but saw their lead shrink to three before Thomatis finished off two layups in the paint to pull away.

"We never did panic," Thomatis said. "We knew we had had a nice cushion there for a while, but I think we still finished the game out strong."

Late in the first half, MTSU took a minor blow when junior guard Jessica McClure went down with a "slightly dislocated knee."

The injury was not serious, according to Lady Raiders head coach Stephany Smith. McClure should be healthy for MTSU's first round conference tournament game.

With McClure sidelined for the remainder of the game, sophomore Paula Penttila provided a spark off the bench with 11 points and five assists. She also hit a key 18-foot jumper as the 30-second shot clock expired late in the game.

The Lady Raiders' bench, including Penttila, outscored the Lady Toppers' substitutions

26 to 10 and out rebounded them 18 to seven.

"We always rely on our bench," coach Smith said. "It takes our entire team to be successful and I can always count on them."

Joanne Aluka also contributed to the win with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Other MT scorers include: Mia Parviainen, nine points; Keisha McClinic, four; Chrissy Davenport, two; Jessica McClure, two; and Kelly Chastain, four.

Both Chastain and Nicole Perkins were honored before the game as part of senior appreciation night.

Chastain in the game inched closer to the 1000-point career milestone. She currently sits at 980.

If Chastain reaches the barrier in the post-season, it would mark the third time in school

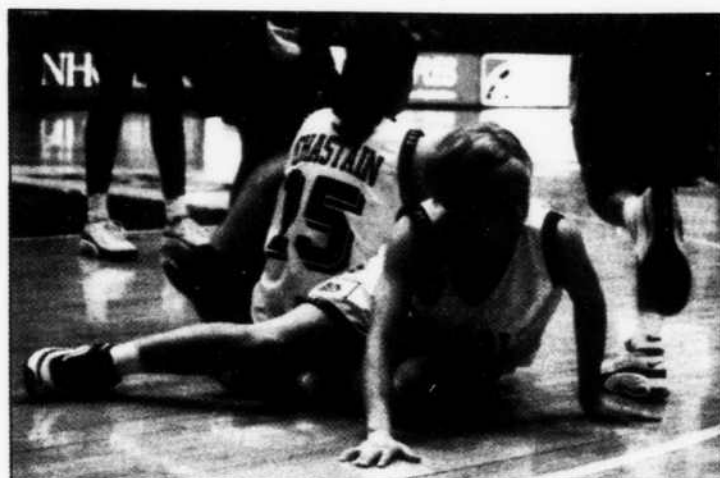


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Sophomore Paula Penttila (10) recovers after a scramble for the ball in Saturday's win against Western Kentucky.

history that two players reached the milestone in the same season. Thomatis reached 1000 earlier this year and now has 1346.

With Saturday's win, the MTSU women's team ends the

regular season at 17-11 (9-7 in the Sun Belt).

They will face Louisiana-Lafayette in the first round of the Sun Belt conference tournament Thursday at Mobile, Ala. ♦



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Senior Josh Renick (4) attempts to squeeze a bunt in the fifth inning while junior Marshall Nisbett (1) steals second. Renick walked in the at bat.



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Dewon Brazelton (18) is the subject of conversation during the 7th inning.

Blue Raiders win two, drop finale

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

Coach Steve Peterson couldn't ask for much more.

The Blue Raiders opened the season 5-0 before dropping Sunday's game against Southeastern Louisiana in 12 innings.

"Success isn't going to be there all the time," Peterson said. "But when we go out there,

my goal is to win."

And win they have. Pitching and defense have become a staple of early season baseball for the Blue Raiders.

Junior Dewon Brazelton took the hill Friday afternoon against SLU's Steve Trosclair in what turned out to be a pitching duel.

However, it was Trosclair that got off to a shaky start. The Blue Raiders struck first

in the bottom of the first inning when senior Josh Renick drove in freshman Chuck Akers on a single.

Akers reached on that single followed by junior Marshall Nisbett's slow roller, which was bobbled by the first baseman. Nisbett beat out the play bringing up Renick.

Senior Kyle Thomas walked on four pitches, loading the bases for sophomore Justin

Sims. Sims grounded out, but Nisbett scored to make the game 2-0.

Senior Brandon Johnson and junior Seth Yarbrough were the first strikeout victims of the game for Trosclair.

After the initial runs, Trosclair cruised, never allowing a runner to reach third base for the rest of the afternoon. After

See Baseball, 10

Softball team wins four games in Georgia

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders kicked off the Georgia Southern/Reebok Invitational this past weekend with four consecutive shutouts. Lady Raider pitchers threw 28 innings, giving up only 10 hits and striking out 25.

Middle Tennessee opened the tournament with a 2-0 shutout of Jacksonville State. Junior Jennifer Martinez (1-2) struck out 10 and allowed just two hits to pick up her first win of the season.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth when junior Ashlie Way drilled a home run to left with junior Laura Brockman on second fol-

lowing her double to lead off the inning. Martinez helped her own cause with two hits, while Brockman, Way and junior Lindsay Azevedo each added one hit.

Game two saw an equal performance between the two teams. Preator as she struck out 11 Coastal Carolina batters giving up only two hits and no runs. Preator ran her record to a perfect 2-0 as the Lady Raiders won their second straight 2-0 shutout.

Scoring first for the Lady Raiders was Courtney Wallace on a single to center by Steffi Silva in the third inning. Three consecutive singles in the fifth added and insurance run.

Kristina Hieb to it started with a shot to right field, then Silva singled past the shortstop before Kip Phillips recorded her first hit of the day to drive in Hieb.

In day two of action Saturday, Middle Tennessee continued their dominating pitching recording two more shutouts. Samford was upended in game one 4-0, followed by a 1-0 shutout of host Georgia Southern.

Amanda Kendall went the distance in against Samford striking out four and giving up only two hits. Kendall took a no-hitter into the fourth inning before a single by Samford's Janet Middleton broke up the

bid. By that point the Lady Raiders already had four runs on the board.

Azevedo starting the scoring for Middle when she doubled in Phillips in the first inning. Hieb cleared the bases in the third inning with a triple putting the Lady Raiders up for good, 4-0. Eight different Lady Raiders collected one hit each in the third straight shutout of the tournament.

The bats cooled off in game four as Middle was only to gather five hits. Pitching, however, countered the lack of offensive prowess as Preator collected the team's fourth consecutive shutout of the tournament, defeating host Georgia

Southern 1-0.

Preator (3-0) gave up only four singles and increased her streak of scoreless innings to 23 completing her third game in four starts.

The Lady Raiders' lone run came in the fifth inning. After reaching on an error, Wallace moved to third on Silva's first hit of the day. Phillips followed with a groundout scoring Wallace for the only run of the game.

The Lady Raiders will conclude the tournament Sunday with single elimination play. As the No. 1 seed, Middle will begin play at 2 p.m. Results of the game were unavailable at press time. ♦



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