



A thin line between English and history

Class to write historical novel

Randy Allen
Staff Reporter

The line between English and history will begin to blur when the fall 2000 semester begins. A new English honors class under the direction of Ron Kates, an assistant professor of English, will undertake the semester project of writing an historical novel.

The novel will be based on Jefferson Springs, a local resort

that was a popular vacation destination during the early part of the 20th century.

People traveled from all around to drink from a sulfur spring discovered between Smyrna and Murfreesboro around 1850, which was thought to be the "elixir of life."

The area's popularity grew in the early 1900's as dance halls, a bowling alley and a bathhouse were built. The dance halls were filled to capacity on Saturday nights as the orchestra played songs such as "Yes, We Have No Bananas" and "That Old Black Magic."

"Rumors indicate that the resort may have been visited by

the infamous gangsters, Bonnie and Clyde," Kates said.

Although World War II and the construction of the interstate system took their toll on the resort's economic potential, its demise ultimately came with the creation of J. Percy Priest Lake.

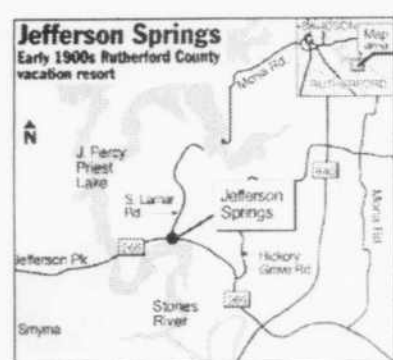
Kates said it was the Flood Control Act of 1938 "that allowed the Corp of Engineers to flood the area," and in the late 1960's, the lake covered the spring and the landmarks associated with it.

The Walter King Hoover Collection, which is housed on MTSU's campus in the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center, contains extensive documentation on the Jefferson Springs area. Among the many documents, letters and photographs is a history of the resort written by Margaret Denny Hoover.

According to the January 2, 2000 edition of the "Tennessean," Hoover is the grandchild of the owners of The Campers Store, which was located in Jefferson Springs.

Her history provides a solid foundation for the work Kates' students will perform.

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Photos provided by the Albert Gore, Sr. Research Center

Jefferson Springs vacationers pose for the photographer as they canoe through Sulphur Springs in the early 1900's.

Entrepreneurship major approved

Staff Reports

MTSU is the only public university in Tennessee to offer an undergraduate major in entrepreneurship.

A Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship was recently approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The addition of this major to the business curricular was in response to student demand and interest in entrepreneurship.

An interdepartmental major, the entrepreneurship program of study is a result of the joint efforts of the business education, marketing education and office management department and the management and marketing department.

The development of the major was spearheaded by Jim

Steward, Marsha Smith, Kim Soyoka and John Mullane.

The major will prepare students for a career in business with specific focus on special competencies in planning, organizing and operating entrepreneurial or small enterprise.

In addition, students interested in becoming entrepreneurs at the corporate level will benefit from this major.

The program is designed to prepare individuals for successful venture, creation and implementation, and will provide opportunities for students to acquire necessary operational entrepreneurial knowledge to start a new enterprise; study the success and failure factors involved in being an entrepreneur; develop a comprehensive business plan for loan acquisition; gain an

awareness of skills and knowledge needed to be a successful entrepreneur; and study marketing, management, economics, finance, accounting and information systems from an entrepreneurial perspective.

Colleges and universities throughout the country are responding to the desire of students to own a business by offering programs in entrepreneurship.

The formal study of entrepreneurship has blossomed recently, growing from just a handful of academic programs 15 years ago to more than 500 formal academic programs today.

Statistics acquired from the Tennessee Department of Employment Security show industry employment projections that indicate entrepreneurial activity in Tennessee

from 1992 to 2005 will increase by 25.92 percent.

The College of Business has an Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, and has offered a minor in entrepreneurship since 1996.

The College of Business interdisciplinary undergraduate minor, implemented in 1996, has attracted students from the colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences, Education, Liberal Arts and Mass Communication.

Individuals interested in learning more about the entrepreneurship major can contact Linda McGrew, chair of the Business Education and Marketing Education Department, at 898-2902, or Jill Austin, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, at 898-2736.

Tennessee primary mostly meaningless after dropouts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's presidential primary wasn't garnering much attention anyway, but now that the Democratic and Republican nominations are set, voters are going to the polls Tuesday mainly for one of two reasons.

For Republicans, it's a chance to embarrass Vice President Al Gore in the state he calls home. For Democrats, it's an opportunity to show their pride and support of a native son.

State election officials don't expect much of a turnout, but that's not stopping Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush from canvassing the state just before the primary.

So, why so much attention for a primary that means little now that Sen. John McCain and Bill Bradley have dropped out of the race?

Because Tennessee will be a battleground come November.

"This is the first stage of the general election," said Tennessee Republican Party Chairman Chip Saltsman. "For some people (embarrassing Gore) may be a motivation, but what I'm interested in is carrying the state."

Republicans say polls now show that Bush could take Gore in Tennessee, but Democrats scoff.

Gore, who spent summers in Carthage and worked in

Nashville, has never lost an election in the state. But he says he's not going to take anything for granted.

Gore is coming to Nashville Monday night for a fundraiser before heading to Carthage to visit his mother, Pauline Gore. He plans to vote in Carthage on Tuesday.

"We want to build on the enthusiasm Tennesseans have for their native son," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane. "It's where his roots are. We want to keep that energy level up high."

Longtime supporters and friends of the vice president started the push before Super Tuesday was over, and McCain and Bradley were out of the race.

"I think people in Tennessee will get out and vote for him. You support what you feel is right," said Nancy Jenkins of Dickson, who sported a "Yellow Dog Democrat" button above her "Gore 2000" button at a recent Gore rally.

The Tennessee primary may have been a little more interesting if McCain had stayed in the race because Tennessee allows voters to cross party lines, and that could have attracted Democrats wanting to gig Bush.

Plus, Tennessee is a bellwether in presidential elections. The last losing presidential candidate who carried the state was Richard Nixon in 1960.

Editor discusses ever-lingering challenges for female scientists

Staff Reports

The first woman to be appointed editor of "Chemical & Engineering News" will discuss "Challenges for women scientists in the new millennium" today at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace building.

Madeleine Jacobs will examine the status of women scientists over the past three decades.

Judith Iriarte-Gross, assistant professor of chemistry, said Jacobs plans to discuss the reasons for the lack of progress and provide a plan

of action for male and female scientists.

Iriarte-Gross said Jacobs will address several questions:

- How much has changed for women scientists in the past three decades?
- How much has the salary gap between men and women been narrowed?
- How much progress has been made in breaking through the glass ceiling at universities and in corporate boardrooms?

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Gordon votes to increase minimum wage

Staff Reports

Increasing the minimum wage by \$1 will help more than 238,000 Tennessee workers who now toil to feed, clothe and house their families on \$5.15 an hour, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon said.

Last Thursday the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Wage and Employment Growth Act, which will increase the minimum wage by \$1 over the next two years and provide tax relief for the small business community, which has created many of the jobs fueling the nation's current economic prosperity.

"A single Middle Tennessee mother of two working at the current minimum wage only earns \$10,700 a year," Gordon said.

"That's \$3,200 below the poverty line. You can't raise a family on that kind of money."

The Senate has passed a bill increasing the minimum wage over a three-year period.

Differences between the two bills will have to be ironed out

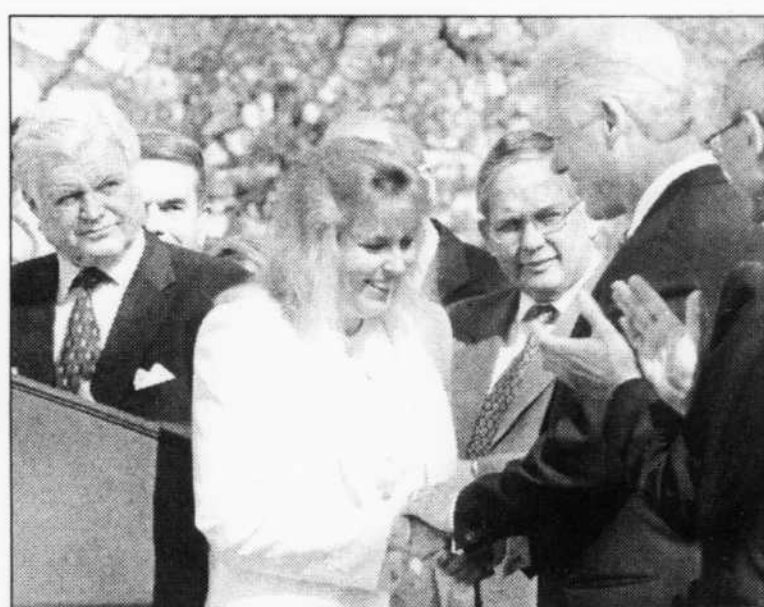


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President Clinton joined Democratic leaders of Congress in a South Lawn ceremony to press Republicans to increase the minimum wage. Clinton was joined by Cheryl Costas, a checkout clerk from Colton, Ala., who spoke of her struggle to care for her four children and disabled husband with little money.

before the legislation is sent to the president.

Clinton, however, has threatened to veto the bill if it still includes business tax cuts that would cost the federal

treasury \$46 billion over five years and \$123 billion over 10 years.

Statistics indicate 60 percent of minimum-wage earners are women; nearly three-

fourths are adults; three-fifths are the sole breadwinners in their families; and more than one-half work full-time.

"We're in the middle of the longest peacetime economic expansion in history," Gordon said. "We've gone from a record \$290 billion budget deficit in 1992 to a projected budget surplus of about \$170 billion this year. The country as a whole is experiencing phenomenal economic growth, but some are still being left far behind."

"It's time to give a break to those hard-working people trying to get by on \$5.15 an hour," said Gordon. "All workers should be able to share in such a time of unprecedented prosperity. And so should small-business owners who make up the backbone of our nation's economy. That's why tax relief is being provided for in this bill."

"Inflation, unemployment and interest rates are at all-time lows, and the stock market is soaring. It's a perfect time to increase the wages of the working poor," he said.

Brown officials suspend three students after attack

TMS Campus

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (TMS) — School officials at Brown university recently banned three male students accused of attacking a black female student in a campus dormitory.

Brown officials made the decision Feb. 29, just days after 200 students staged a march on campus calling for the disciplinary actions against the attackers.

The suspects in the attack, Adam M. Santee, 19, and Jesse M. Savage, 21, were temporarily banned from campus after allegedly holding and kicking Ebony Johnson, 21, at her dorm on Feb. 21. The identity of the third student accused of the assault was not released.

While a motive for the attack has not been established,

according to the Providence Journal-Bulletin, one of the three men told Johnson during the attack "you are just a quota."

"The university recognizes and understands the fear and anger expressed by students, particularly female students of color, as a result of this incident," Sheila E. Blumstein, Brown's interim president, said.

According to the Journal-Bulletin, both Santee and Savage will be allowed to go to their classes while they are banned from any other non-academic activity and the third unidentified student is allowed to use all university facilities, but may not attend non-academic events. All of the students are banned from campus until the university ends its investigation. All three may face criminal charges.

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March 16 •Nashville Cares Table

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•"Mock Around the Block"

7:30p.m. Begins at Rec Center with

\$5,000 "Natural High" Basketball Shot followed

by mocktail parties on Greek Row

On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

March 13-17

Safe Spring Break Week 2000 will be hosting several events. To participate in Alcohol 101, The Condom Carnival and self-defense demonstrations, stop by the KUC Grill. For more information, call Gina Poff or Kerry Lane at 898-2454.

March 13-31

The Heart of Tennessee Chapter of The American Red Cross is holding a series of blood drives throughout the month. Dates and locations include the following: March 10, 410 W. Lytle, from 1-6 p.m.; March 13, Union Planters Bank, Shelbyville Community, from 2-7 p.m.; March 15, Southeast Baptist Church, 708 Minerva, from 3-8 p.m.; March 16, MTSU, 3rd floor of KUC from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 17, 24 and 31, Red Cross, 410 Lytle St., from 12-6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for a blood drive, call 893-4272.

March 14

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a bench press contest. Participants must register by March 10. The cost is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for teams (five to a team). Contact Allison or Jerry at 898-2104 for more information.

March 15 & 16

Two faculty open forums are scheduled to be held in BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall, Room S102/204 at 1:30 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss university matters of interest.

March 16

Alpha Omicron Pi and Student Development, in conjunction with Safe Spring Break Week 2000, will be hosting "Mock Around the Block," a night with "mock-

tails" and educational information about the effects of alcohol. The event will take place on Greek Row at 8 p.m. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Contact Kerry Lane at 898-2454 for more information.

Omega Phi Alpha is hosting a blood drive that will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third floor of the KUC.

March 21

The seventh annual Nashville Area College Career Fair will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the I-24 Expo Center. The fair is sponsored by area universities and the Nashville Area Chamber Commerce. It is open to seniors, graduate students and alumni of participating universities. MTSU students and graduates who are registered with the Placement and Student Employment Center may obtain free tickets to the fair. For more information, tickets and rosters, contact MTSU Placement and Student Employment Center in KUC, Room 328, or call 898-2500.

A Death Penalty Teach-In will be held from 12-1 p.m. The TN Coalition to Abolish State Killing will have an information table set up on the quad outside the table to distribute literature, have students sign petitions and inform about upcoming events.

Tim Wise of Nashville TCASK, Joe Ingle of the TCASK, Neighborhood Justice Center, Harmon Wray of Restorative Justice Ministries and Ron Kristy of Journey of Hope will speak on death penalty issues and present videos from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in KUC, Room 314.

There will be a viewing of "Dead Man Walking," followed by a panel discussion from 4-7 p.m. in BAS, Room S272.

March 25-31

The Campus Recreation Center will host a ski summit to Colorado for spring break. There will be a pre-trip meeting on March 14. Two price packages are available. A \$200 deposit will reserve a spot. For more information, call Mitch, Sean or W.T. at 898-2104.

March 25-April 2

Outdoor Pursuits is hosting a raft, canoe and funyack trip of the Rio Grande. The cost is \$199 for students with a limit of 15 participants. For more information, call W.T. at 898-2104.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS, Room S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for more information.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Open Mic Night" every Monday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

The MTSU Peer Education Program is currently accepting new members. Credit hours are available. Applications may be picked up in KUC, Room 303, or call 898-5453 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center will be hosting a weekly support meeting, "Women: Food and Body Image," Tuesdays in the CKNB, Room 124 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. The group is also holding meetings Thursdays titled, "Looking Forward," a support group for survivors of sexual abuse, at the same time and location. For more information, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The Student Pagan Organization holds meetings every Thursday in the second floor lounge of the KUC at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in Wicca, Paganism, Shamanism or any other alternative spirituality is welcome. For more information, contact John Bryan at 907-3328.

Raider Victory Ministry and Champions for Christ are holding weekly Bible meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Room 317. Contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348 for more information. They are also holding worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. in AMG Alumni Gym. The service is open to students, faculty and the community. For more information, contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348.

The MTSU Crime Stoppers Board is currently looking for people interested in joining its board of directors, especially graduate and undergraduate students. If you are a full-time student or employee at MTSU and wish to apply for one of these openings, pick up an application at either the campus police department or KUC, Room 303.

Part-time campus jobs are available in food service, catering, concessions, student patrol and dispatch. Students interested should contact the Placement and Student Employment Center in KUC, Room 328.

The Martial Arts Club of MTSU is holding weekly meetings in the Recreation Center aerobics room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

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History: students needed for class

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Kates developed the idea while reviewing an alumni newsletter from a former university. He approached the dean of the Honors College, John P. Montgomery, who Kates said was "very supportive."

According to the January 3, 2000 edition of the "Daily News Journal," Albert Gore Sr. Research Center Director Lisa Pruitt is "encouraging the study."

With Montgomery's approval, and the help of Pruitt and her staff, the idea will become a reality next fall.

Students enrolled in this class can look forward to guest speakers who have experience in historical writing as well other aspects of historical research.

Much of the work will be done outside of the classroom. Groups will handle different aspects of the daily resort life the visitors enjoyed. Some students may find themselves working at interviewing former visitors, while others may find they are more interested in studying the music that was played on Saturday nights.

Kates believes "this is more than an English class," and expects to attract students from other disciplines.

Students will have access to an office, located in Felder Hall, which will be available for historical research and writing 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The result of this class will be

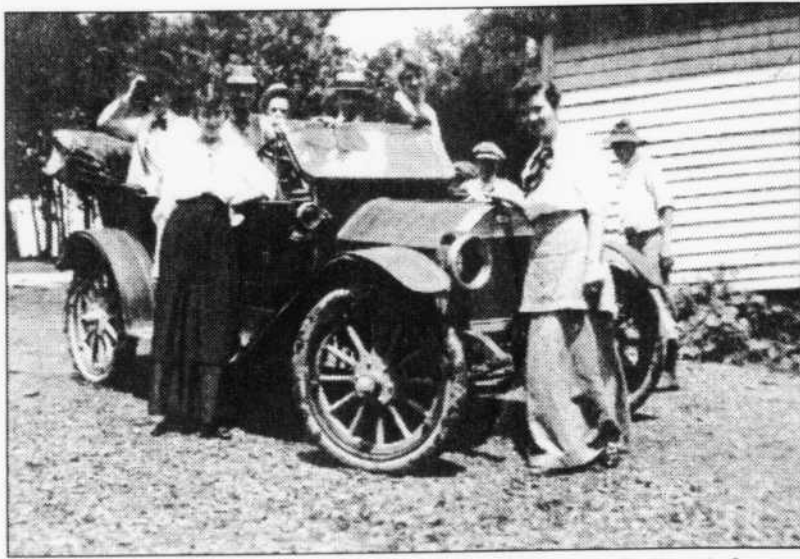


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"Saying goodbye": campers pose next to the Ford Model T.

a 50 to 70-page book, which will target seventh and eighth graders.

Students will receive recognition for the work they do. Kates plans to acknowledge each student as a contributor to the book.

The class will work with a local library and middle school both located in Smyrna.

If this class is a success, Kates hopes to follow in the ideals of August Wilson, the playwright responsible for the "Piano Lesson," "by writing something for every decade" that will document the Rutherford County experience.

"This is something that is unique to MTSU and is not offered at other Tennessee universities, to the best of my knowledge," Kates said.

Students will be said to a

concept that will make them more desirable in the job market, said Kates.

Students looking for a new experience and believe they can be an asset to this project can contact the English department or look in the upcoming fall registration schedule book. Kates said seats are limited, but he thinks students who register early should have no problem being admitted.

Although he is a newcomer to the Rutherford County area, Kates is taking positive steps in becoming apart of the community.

By promoting and producing a published history of one this county's forgotten sites, he is encouraging further research into the area he now calls home.

Johns Hopkins allowed to deny diploma to convicted murderer

TMS Campus

A Maryland court of appeals has ruled that Johns Hopkins University was within its rights to deny a diploma to a student who completed all the required coursework before killing another student on campus.

Robert J. Harwood shot and killed Rex Chao in April 1996. Harwood argued that a lower court erred when it rejected his lawsuit against the university for withholding his degree.

However, the Maryland

Court of Special Appeals stated in its decision that a relationship between a student and a private institution is "largely contractual" and that Harwood had clearly violated the university's code of conduct when killed Chao. The code states students "who harm or have the potential of harming others ... will be disciplined and may forfeit their right to be members of the university community."

Harwood pleaded guilty to murder and is now serving a 35-year sentence.

"The policy outlined in the (student) handbook clearly states that a student will not receive a degree based solely on the completion of coursework," Judge Sally D. Adkins wrote for the three-judge panel that decided the case. "Moreover, the policy informs students that they must comply with JHU's policies in order to receive their degree and must resolve all outstanding charges of misconduct before being approved for graduation."

NYU to demolish Poe's former home

Emerson College

NEW YORK (TMS) — One of Edgar Allan Poe's former homes may be gone forever.

New York University is considering tearing down the writer's former home to make way for administrative and classroom space.

The four-story brick building, located at 85 W. Third St., was home to Poe for several months in the 1840s. The building now houses to offices

and classrooms for NYU's law school.

NYU officials say the university's facilities are cramped. And after recently buying the last lot on the block it didn't already own, the university was presented with an opportunity to tear down a couple buildings and rebuild to suit its needs.

Poe fans and preservationists are opposed to the plan.

Michael Deas is part of a group that is circulating a petition on campus, asking the uni-

versity to restore the building rather than tear it down.

But NYU administrators say the building has neither historical nor architectural significance. They're quick to point out that it has been renovated several times and now has fluorescent lights and linoleum floors.

Still, the university is battling itself against efforts to thwart its plans by people who consider the building a place of literary history.

Speaker: Women's status examined

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- Can women scientists, especially those with children, really balance a personal life with a professional life?
- Are things really better?
- What can each of us do to make a difference?

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News" is published by the American Chemical Society for its members and other professionals.

The magazine, with a staff of 42 people in seven news bureaus around the world, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1998. The current audited circulation is about 148,000.

Jacobs graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with honors and distinction in 1968.

She did graduate work in organic chemistry at the University of Maryland before joining the staff at "Chemical & Engineering News" in 1969.

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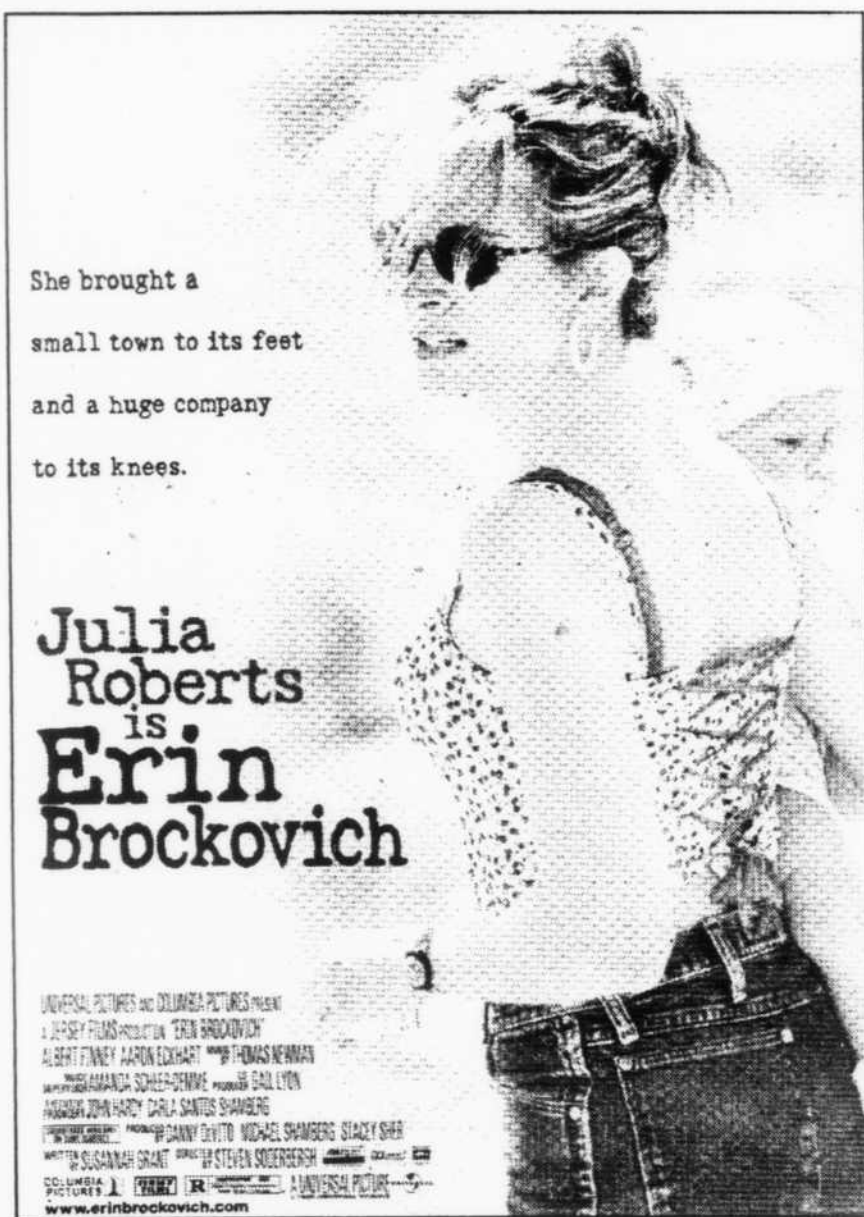
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Murfreesboro, TN

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

Kill Apathy

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It's a two-horse race for the presidency.

After months of campaigning, Bill Bradley and John McCain both ended their presidential bids on the same day.

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The problem lately in general elections has been apathy, not not lately.

Energy has been restored by John McCain. However, with his withdrawal, it will be interesting to see if the political fervor of the previous months will intensify, or recede back to 'politics as usual.'

Many McCain supporters had hoped he would run as an independent.

However, in previous weeks McCain had said that he would support the Republican nominee, regardless of who it was.

Other than that, he gave little promise of actually helping George W. Bush in campaigning for the presidency and will seemingly fade back into his senate seat.

The Arizona senator plans to continue the crusade for campaign finance reform in Congress.

Bill Bradley, who raised over \$32 million, failed miserably in the primaries, after being labeled a serious contender.

Bradley said that he believed a Democratic president could accomplish more for the country than a Republican one.

So, as the country shifts gears, the race is going to be a dead heat, according to the "Wall Street Journal."

Hypothetically, with McCain running as an independent, Gore held a two-percent lead over Bush and a 13-percent lead over McCain, with a sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percent.

McCain supporters were also mixed between choosing Bush or Gore. Bush held 37 percent of McCain's constituents, Gore 35 percent, and 28 percent were undecided.

Will it be a clean campaign? That's at best a rhetorical joke.

Both Bush and Gore will most likely tune a majority of Americans out, perhaps creating a lower voter turnout than the 1996 number of 48.8 percent. But once again, that's up to us.

How dirty will the campaign be?

Gore's campaign chairman Tony Coelho told Larry King in 1994 that "the only way you can win races today is with negative advertising."

Gore also said in 1991 that you had to put your heart and soul into a campaign and then "rip the lungs out of anybody else who's in the races."

Don't think that Bush will be the highlight of "clean campaigning."

Just 12 years ago, Bush's dad ran the most ruthless, negative campaign in the history of presidential politics.

Register to vote. Watch the debates. Jump on a political bandwagon.

But, remember to buckle your seatbelts.

Your seatbelts. E-mail comments to slopinio@mtsu.edu or MTSUVIEWS@email.com.

From the Editor Police risk safety in name of sports

Remember last week when I bitched about TSSAA?

Well, I'm gonna do it again.

It was one thing when the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association took our parking space and our streets. A somewhat not-so-minor inconvenience, but livable nonetheless.

But now, they've taken our cops.

Public Safety is playing "baby-sitter" to the high school event.

In the process, they are dropping the ball when it comes to doing their job here on campus.

Our news editor Jenny Cordle tried to get information regarding an update on the story we ran on

the busted elevator in the BAS building. There was no officer available at the headquarters for her to speak to.

Our Flash! editor Robin Wallace was in a car accident Saturday morning. She basically backed into someone. The police came and did their business, but told her it will take a while for the report to be filed -- they were too busy with...that's right, you guessed it -- TSSAA.

I guess her insurance company will just have to wait.

And if you think it was bad last week, just wait until the boys

come. It's sexist, but it's true. On a more serious note, how

can our police be patrolling the campus adequately enough to protect the safety of students if they're too busy being security and traffic guards at a high school basketball game?

With the increased amount of people on campus due to this event, it is actually more dangerous than ever. Danger increases, security decreases -- am I the only one seeing a problem?!

Enough is enough. We didn't ask for any of this. We want our police back. Speeding tickets and all.

Angela White
- Editor in chief

Letter to the Editor

SunTrust apologizes, but did what was necessary

As Regional President of SunTrust Bank in Murfreesboro, I wanted to respond to the letter written by Luke Waack relative to service received by our bank.

While it is always disappointing to learn that we have not adequately met the needs of any of our customers, it is important to be made aware of any event which falls short of our customers' expectations.

First and most importantly, on behalf of our bank, I apologize for our not in delivering the level of service Mr. Waack expected and deserved.

We work very hard to fully meet the expectations of all of our customers, particularly those related to MTSU.

We have a long history of positive relationships with the university and many of the faculty, administration and students, as well as a long history of providing significant financial support to the university.

Serving our customers in a positive way is paramount to us and to our future success.

It is important that I defend the policy of our bank relative to obtaining proper identification.

Based upon Mr. Waack's letter, he visited our university

branch desiring to withdraw funds from his account after having lost, on two separate occasions, all forms of identification.

Since we were unable to properly identify him, we regretfully declined the transaction, indicating that once he obtained identification, we would be delighted to meet his needs.

Understandably, banks must know with whom they are negotiating transactions to protect not only the bank, but also our customer's funds.

Unfortunately, Mr. Waack felt that we did not communicate professionally and courteously to him -- and for that we apologize.

We strive to be responsive to our customers when they are in challenging circumstances while providing them service that they should expect.

We appreciate Mr. Waack sharing his story, and we look forward to professionally and courteously meeting the needs of all of our customers.

Lee M. Moss
Regional President of
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Rudeness takes its toll on society

Bernice Kanner
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Even as Americans become more wealthy and more technologically proficient, we are getting ruder.

At home, on the highway and on the job, bad manners are likelier to win out over good ones.

Three-fourths of workers agree the workplace had become a ruder place in the past decade.

Companies are paying the price for the growing lack of civility, according to Christine Pearson, a professor at the University of North Carolina and also the director of the survey.

Fifty-two percent lost work time worrying, and 22 percent intentionally cut back on their effort at work in response to shabby treatment at the workplace.

Pearson theorized bad manners are a direct result of ill will from previous downsizing, and the increasing pressure to do more with less, as well as from technology like e-mail enabling employees to "zap" one another anonymously.

If our language is any indication, then our manners have definitely slipped.

During my own research, I found people swear an average of 16 times a day.

One-third of us say if we have to belch, we simply let it rip.

A third of us admit that given

the opportunity we sometimes or always poke around in other people's medicine cabinets.

Slightly more of us sometimes or always steal a glance at other people's mail.

Yet shreds of decency and courtesy in America remain.

Some 72 percent of the overall population--and, amazingly, 80 percent of Generation X--say they give up their seat on the bus for a pregnant or elderly person.

Eighty-four percent say they typically step back to allow women to get off the elevator before them.

Seven percent of us confess to sometimes sticking our chewing gum under the furniture.

Anyone who goes to the movies knows that some folks aren't fessing up here.

Yet our movie manners seem to have improved in other aspects.

Audiences once hissed and booed irritating theater ads.

Now they're essentially indifferent, getting up for popcorn or chatting.

And once the film starts, two-thirds of us become vigilant, reminding ourselves to mind their manners with a loud shush.

An amazing figure, given the current antismoking attitude, is our attitude to cigarette smokers.

If a fellow restaurant patron is puffing away and the smoke was bothering us, nearly three of four of us won't say anything but simply inhale and bear it.

Corrections

Corrections for "Task Force evaluates yearbook" - March 9:
1. Carol Ann Baily is the director of the Adult Services Center.
2. David Badger is an associate professor of Journalism.

Correction for "Editor resigns, managing editor takes position"

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Jimmie Cain, Jr. is the chair of the Student Publications Committee.

"Sidelines" regrets the errors.

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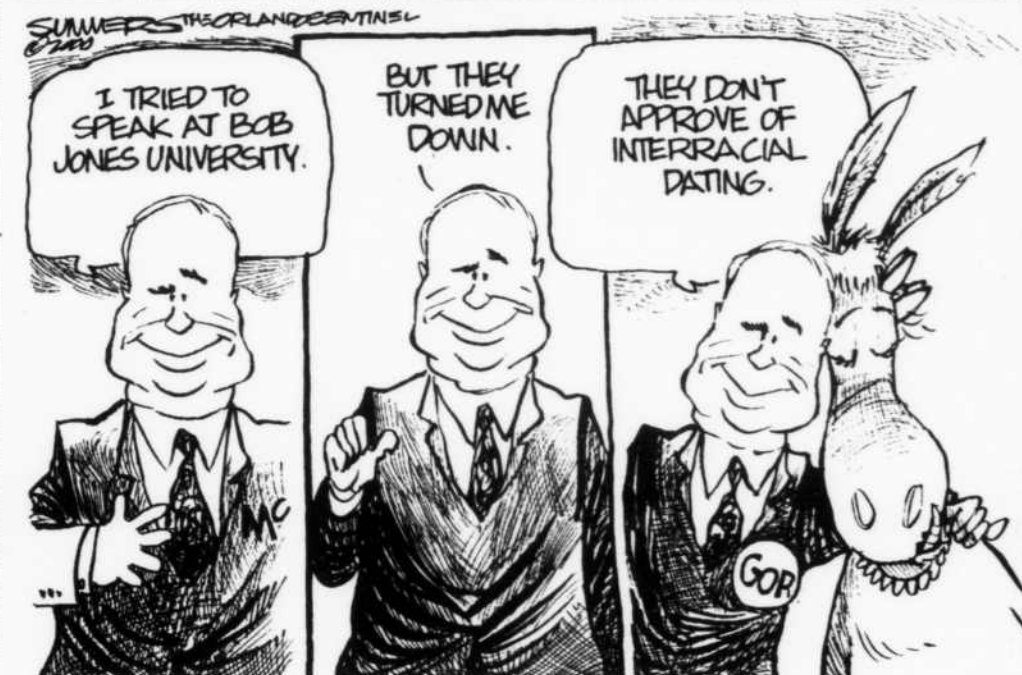
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Murfreesboro, TN

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SIDELINES # 5

Finding a place where you can belong

Belle Aire Baptist Church attracts MTSU students with group events, Christian concerts

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

Jehovah Java, a monthly series of Christian concerts, is the most visible part of the many activities of Alpha Omega, the college-age group at Belle Aire Baptist Church.

The concert last month featured Bebo Norman, a well-respected Christian musician and songwriter, who traveled with Caedmon's Call before launching his career as a single artist for Watershed Records.

An audience of around 350 students, joined by a few families from Belle Aire Baptist, gathered in the Tennessee Room on the second floor of the James Union building to watch Norman perform both in person and via a larger than life video screen above his head.

This month's concert, held Tuesday evening, promises to be equally enjoyable. The featured performer will be Eli, another well-known Christian singer who records for Forefront Records.

Eli will also be at the Lemstone Bookstore in Stones River Mall Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. He will be autographing his latest CD, "Second Hand Clothing," which features the hit single, "Stand," according to Brenda Manning, spokesperson for Lemstone.

The concert series grew out of a weekly coffeehouse, also called Jehovah Java, that Alpha Omega held on Tuesday nights in the James Union Cafeteria for the past three years.

Aaron Coe, Belle Aire Baptist's minister to college students and single adults, explained, "When God births ministries, they have a certain life span. The coffee house was very successful at first, but we came to realize that it was no longer meeting its original purpose."

"Most students were coming only when we featured a well-known artist. We decided to focus on what was working. We want to provide MTSU students [with] a quality concert, once a month, on campus."

Alpha Omega also has some fine musicians among their membership. One of the singers, Morgan Harris, a senior recording industry major, has participated in the Belle Aire music program for three years.

She said the approximately 30 members of the group divide into smaller bands to provide music for the traditional Sunday worship at the church, the 11:30 a.m. Sunday contemporary worship service, the Sunday school and Innercession, the weekly service at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights geared toward college students.

Harris added that the group, led by Wayne Burns, meets regularly not only to practice but also "to pray about things before we do them."

At the Innercession held last Wednesday, Harris opened the service with a solo that was especially encouraging.

The approximately 150 casually-dressed students at Innercession were extremely friendly, and the atmosphere was one of acceptance and encouragement.

Coe addressed the students and pointed out, "God knew us completely before we even were. He has given us a gift to use right

where we are. We sometimes concentrate on the next big thing we hope will happen in our lives and completely miss the things that God wants us to do today."

Although Coe grew up in a minister's home, he never wanted to be a minister himself. He came to MTSU as a recording industry major and was attending Belle Aire Baptist when the campus minister moved elsewhere. He agreed to fill in on an interim basis. After a year of searching for a replacement, they offered him the job.

"I had always seen my whole life as ministry, but now I realize that God has called me into vocational ministry with this church," Coe said.

Coe graduated from MTSU last December, but he plans to remain with Belle Aire and Alpha Omega indefinitely.

Alpha Omega members also have the opportunity to join a small group Bible study composed of seven to 15 students. There are about 100 people participating in such groups. There are three groups of men and five of women. They each consist of a student facilitator who leads a Bible-based discussion of whatever is on the minds of the students in the group.

Another group meets on Sunday nights to pray for the MTSU campus, the community and requests turned in by members of Alpha Omega. This group devotes its time solely to prayer. There is no message or music. Travis Wurges, a junior recording industry major, began the group because, according to Coe, "he has a heart for prayer."

Four to 10 people participate in the prayer services.

Many of the Alpha Omega members are leaders in the One Goal Sports program, which Belle Aire oversees. This program provides over 250 children in the Murfreesboro area with an opportunity to participate in sports leagues that emphasize learning and fun rather than winning.

Trevor Atwood, a senior computer information systems major, and Lance Warren, a senior aerospace major, lead the program. Both are hoping to continue working with One Goal full-time after graduating.

Belle Aire Baptist is rapidly outgrowing its facilities. The church will begin to erect a new building on Rutherford Blvd on May 1.

The structure will include a 6,000 square-foot area for Alpha Omega. Their new home will have what Coe called "an Old Navy Store feel" to it. He described it as a sort of warehouse with a stripped down look, a concrete floor, no carpet and a coffee bar. However, it will have a stage with full-stage lighting.

Coe wants it to be a place where Alpha Omega members will feel comfortable just hanging out.

He explained, "Students who come to MTSU are looking for a place to plug in, a group where they feel comfortable. Many times their memories of church are not pleasant."

"We are not your grandmother's church," he declared.

"We try to be real," he persisted, "to meet needs. We know that we do not have all the answers, but together we can seek the answers through Bible study and prayer."



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Justin McRobertson, above, opened last month's Jehovah Java performance on Valentine's Day.

Bebo Norman, right, was the lead act in last month's show. He traveled with Caedmon's Call before launching his career as a single artist.



Photo provided

Feminism not dead yet: Third wave in full force

Meredith Goldstein
Knight-Ridder Tribune

NORTON, Mass. — Apryl Berney remembers the 1998 Time Magazine cover that featured the floating heads of Susan B. Anthony, Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan, next to the emaciated face of Lonely, confused thirtysomething Ally McBeal.

The headline asked: "Is feminism dead?"

"No. Of course not," answered Berney, 21.

It's not that feminism is dead, it's just that its message is expanding and there are different women leading the movement, she said.

Young feminists now address issues of race and class and all of the inequities that make it more difficult for those on the bottom rung of the ladder to move to the top.

There is a group of strong young feminists, Berney said, and thankfully, they are nothing like the television character Ally McBeal.

"I swear it was the fifth time they asked that question," Berney said, shaking her head. "Feminism isn't dead. That's just the way the media sees the issue."

Berney and other women's studies students at Wheaton College celebrated their feminism and the beginning of Women's History Month with a visit from Steinem.

The 66-year-old icon of the women's movement came to speak about the his-

tory and future of women's rights and to receive the school's Otis Social Justice Award.

Steinem co-founded Ms. Magazine in 1972 and founded the Women's Action Alliance and the National Women's Political Caucus.

Steinem agreed that feminists are still hard at work. Young women today have just as much to fight for.

They're learning how to work for equality, and how to better their situations, she told a group of about 60 students and teachers — mostly women — who attended a panel discussion on the future of feminism.

"The third wave of feminism cannot be defined by 'Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?'" she said. "Young women have a lot to accomplish and are doing some great work."

Steinem, who dressed in black with her hair tied neatly in red rubber bands, sat a few seats away from purple-haired Kathryn Baxter, 21, a women's studies major who spoke on the panel about the next generation of feminists.

"There is this notion that we are done, but we are not finished," Baxter said, as Steinem offered an approving glance.

Young feminists, she said, must focus on ending domestic violence and rape.

They must fight for the rights not only of white women, but also of people of different races and ethnicities, homosexuals and transgendered people (transsexuals and transvestites.)

"The third wave is about responsi-

"The third wave is about responsibility. We aren't all middle-class white ladies anymore."

Kathryn Baxter, women's studies major at Wheaton College

bility," she said. "We aren't all middle-class white ladies anymore."

Many women of Baxter's generation consider themselves "third-wave" feminists.

First-wave feminists are said to be the pioneers of the movement, the women who won the right to vote and took the first steps toward independence.

The second-wavers, like Steinem and Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique*, brought women out of the kitchen and fought for abortion rights and birth control.

The young "third-wave" feminists say they're fighting not only for true equality, but also for the identity of a movement that many think was left behind in the 1970s.

Many of these young women are studying feminism in university women's studies programs.

They read the work of authors and theorists such as Angela Davis, bell hooks, Andrea Dworkin and Linda Alcoff.

Steinem said it's inspiring to watch the movement grow and become a respected part of academic institutions.

But feminism is worthless, she said, unless it can be used as a tool outside of the classroom.

When she speaks at universities, she is often asked what kind of feminist she is: Liberal? Radical? Separatist?

"I mean please, what does this mean?" she asked. "I'm not much into labels. Feminism is about what you do."

Berney, who became a women's studies student after working during the summer for the Feminist Majority Foundation in Los Angeles, said Steinem's concern that feminism has become too academic is a genuine problem for young women who study the movement.

"It's the struggle between theory and practice," Berney said. "We know the theory, but it's up to us to put it into practice. That's where the third wave has come from."

Sharon Lauricella, a Wheaton graduate who just finished her doctorate in women's history at the University of Cambridge in England, came back to the college with her father to hear Steinem speak.

She admitted that they were somewhat starstruck to see her in person.

"It's really great that Wheaton asked her to come. She is amazing," she said. "She really had a lot to say."

Lauricella, 28, said it is important for young feminists to know their history. Seeing Steinem reminds them that they

have mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who fought for the same freedoms.

It's especially important on a campus with a history of female solidarity. Lauricella said she realized the importance of a women-centered environment after attending Cambridgeshire Corpus Christi College, which began admitting women in 1998, the 100th year Wheaton began admitting men.

"Sometimes I worry that students don't remember that this was once a women's college," she said. "I think it's important that they understand the importance of that history."

Lauricella said that women, young and old, define feminism differently.

It has many faces, many meanings. It stands for different causes and beliefs. She remembers that in Whitman, Mass., where she grew up, the word feminism was used infrequently.

Most people were white and just made a decent living.

Residents were educated and feminism was often disguised.

But she does remember a public school teacher who would refer to the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, as the "first amendment."

Lauricella remembers getting angry and wanting desperately to defend her freedom, even though she was just a young student who knew little about the women's movement.

"I realized when I got to school that that something had a name," she said. "It was being a feminist."

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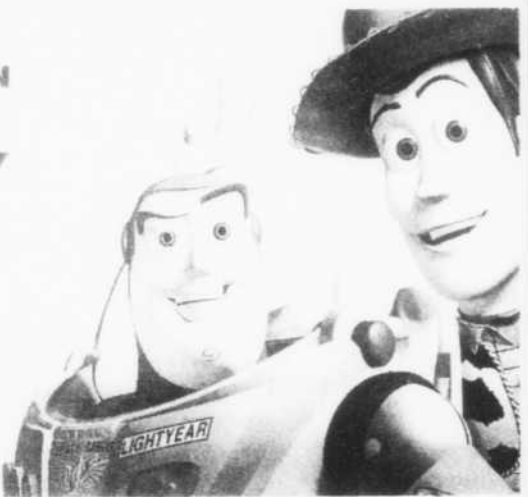
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Knight Ridder Tribune

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SPORTS

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Football pre-season underway

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

Preparation for year two of I-A football is in full swing.

Hard work in the off-season was obvious Thursday as spring practice began at Floyd Stadium. Unlike last year, intensity and comfort were evident.

"We've been working hard," junior right tackle Barry Hall said. "We've all gotten better, we're all quicker and we're all in shape."

Cutting down on turnovers and getting tougher on defense are the foci of spring practice. Last season the Raiders committed 27 turnovers before forcing 22.

"Offensively we can't turn the ball over," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We can't put our defense in bad positions. There were some times when we got points scored on us and our defense wasn't on the field. That can't happen -- we can't do that."

Being physical will also be an emphasis this spring.

"We're going to be a physical football team," McCollum said.

"We're going to have a physical mentality. We've got to learn how to get off blocks and make tackles, and we've got to learn how to stay on blocks on offense."

Spring practice began with 18 starters and 47 lettermen from a year ago. Ten of the starters are on offense, including junior quarterback Wes Counts, all five offensive linemen, last season's leading rusher, junior Jamison Palmer, and the their three receivers -- sophomores Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico and Hansford Johnson.

Counts threw for 2,603 yards, 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions last season. He averaged 236 passing yards per game, and he completed 64 percent of his passes.

While Counts put up big



File Photo by Derrick Wilson | Staff Photographer

Tailback Jamison Palmer carries the ball in spring practice last year.

numbers last season, he thinks the Blue Raiders have room for improvement.

"We need to get more consistent with what we do," he said. "We can't have turnovers and mental mistakes. We got to get chemistry."

"We have to get faster and stronger. That was the thing that killed us last year. We couldn't catch people on defense, and we couldn't out-run people on offense."

Newson led the receivers with 69 catches for 918 yards and five touchdowns. Calico caught 65 passes for 695 yards and five touchdowns, and Johnson caught 47 passes for 513 yards and four touchdowns.

Palmer lead the rushing attack with 548 yards and nine touchdowns, while averaging

nearly five yards a carry.

"We've got to find ways to run the football," McCollum said. "What we have to do is put points on the board and not turn the ball over, and that's when we become a good football team."

Eight starters return on defense, which ranked 100th or below in four categories. It ranked 108th in total defense, 105th in scoring defense, 100th in pass-efficiency defense and 102nd in rushing defense.

Last year's leading tackler, junior safety Mario Kelso, who had 106 tackles, returns to lead the Raider defense. Linebackers Wes Stephens, junior, and Keith Pauldo, sophomore, also return. Due to the loss of junior Eugene Shaw, Pauldo has moved to inside linebacker.

"We have to get a personality,"

McCollum said. "We have to be relentless on defense, and we have to understand assignments. We can't have breakdowns, which turn into big plays."

"It's not okay to miss a tackle. It's not okay to miss an assignment. It's not okay to give up a big play. We've got to have that attitude."

Special teams is also a concern for the Blue Raiders. Last year's place-kicker and punter Keegan Ray is gone. Freshman Robert Billings will be the punter, while the place-kicker position isn't decided yet.

"We've been jawing at the defensive line, and the defensive line's been jawing at us," Hall said. "If we do what we're supposed to do and block who we're supposed to block, we'll be all right."



Raiders shoot down Flyers

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

A last at-bat homerun propelled Middle Tennessee to a 4-1 victory over the Dayton Flyers during the first game of a twin-bill at Reese Smith Field.

Sophomore Dewon Brazelton pitched a three hitter, giving up only one run and fanning eight in seven innings of work. He made one mistake, when he gave up a solo homer to Shawn Bolinger in the fourth inning.

Although Brazelton was able to shut down the Flyer bats, the Middle Tennessee bats remained in hybernation. The Raiders did, however, pound out six hits through four innings. None of those batters scored. That included the bottom of the fourth when Middle Tennessee looked to rally and take a lead.

After senior right fielder Bryan Peck grounded to third, senior leftfielder Justin Links singled to shortstop, but was caught stealing one pitch later. With two outs, junior designated hitter Kyle Thomas struck out, but since the ball got away from the Dayton catcher, Thomas was able to reach first safely. He would move over when junior third baseman

Brandon Johnson reached on an error by Dayton second baseman Jeff Bourassa. Senior shortstop Wes Whitehead singled to left, but quick relays disabled Thomas from scoring. With two outs, Senior center fielder Jeff Parsons stepped up and grounded to third, ending the Raiders' rally.

Parsons, however, would redeem himself in the bottom of the seventh. After Johnson singled to left, he was able to move to second on a wild pitch. Whitehead got caught pitching, and Parsons ripped a pitch into leftfield, scoring Johnson and tying the game at one.

"Earlier in the bases loaded, I grounded to third," Parsons said. "I felt like I let him down the way he had pitched."

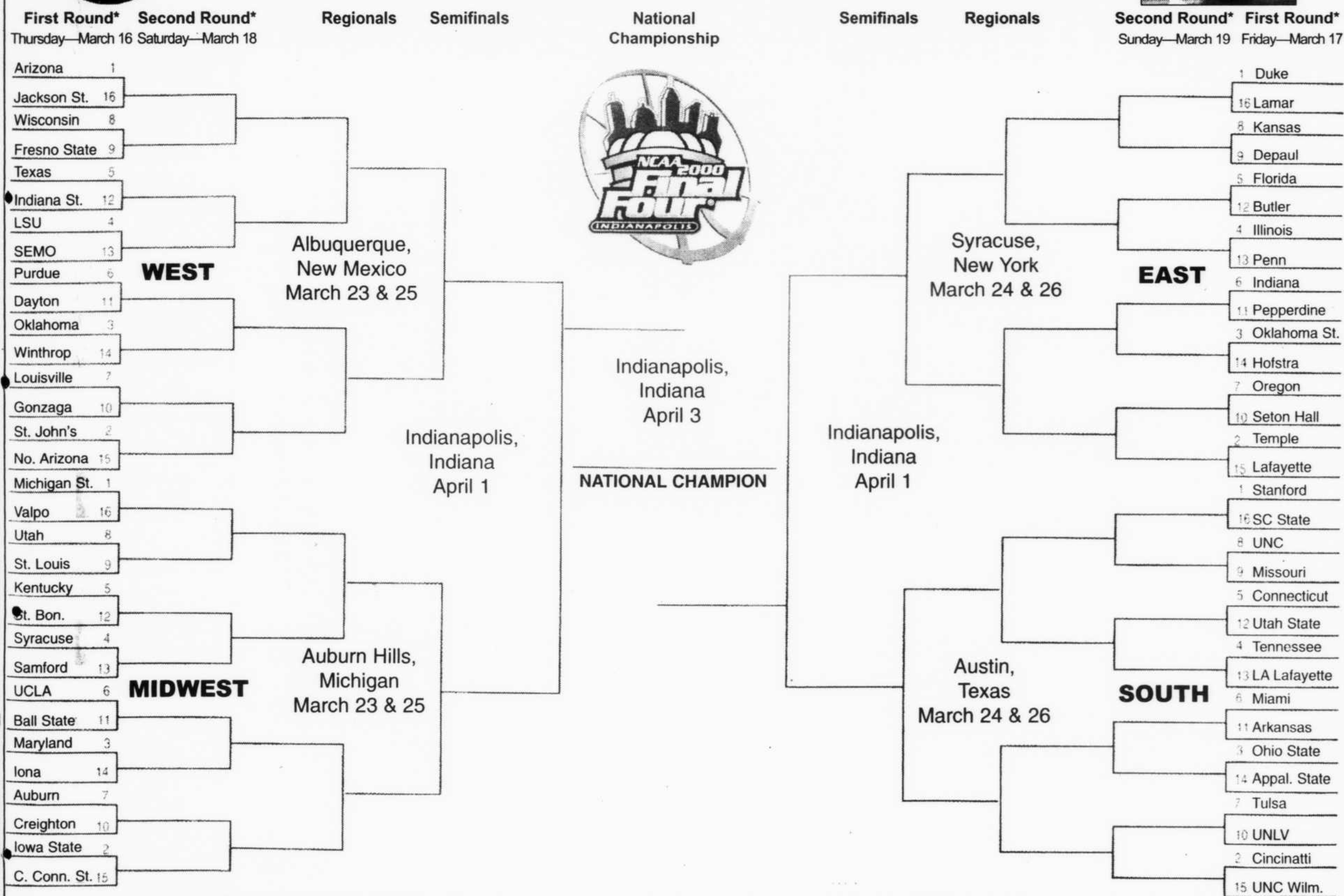
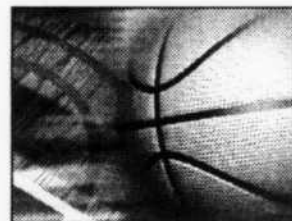
Parsons stole second, and junior first baseman Kris Lammers drew a walk just before All-American senior catcher Josh Pride stepped in and belted a three-run homer to put the Raiders over the top.

Parsons, who had been batting at the top of the order earlier for a few games, was moved to the bottom for the Dayton game. Head coach Steve Peterson's move paid off. Although, he went 1-for-3 on the

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Football experts have high hopes for Raiders

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

Through the eyes of Andy McCollum, football at Middle Tennessee is no different than it is at such powerhouses as Florida State, Georgia Tech or anywhere else for that matter.

That's exactly why, when he was hired as head coach a little more than a year ago, McCollum said he and his staff would recruit the best players available bar none.

With national signing day already come and gone, the 2,000 class of signees for the Blue Raiders rates as the best in school history.

In fact, for a program that is set to begin just its sophomore season at the I-A level, the class ranked in the top half among all 114 I-A programs. Not bad for a program that had, until recently, been synonymous with I-AA football.

"It's pretty amazing," said Forrest Davis, host of Fox Sports' Count Down To Signing Day and publisher of the Forrest Davis Football Recruiting Annual.

"It's impressive, what was done for a school like Middle Tennessee, in its first year."

After finishing 3-8 in their inaugural I-A season, and road trips to Florida, Mississippi State, Illinois and Maryland looming in the coming season, the coaching staff had their sights set on improving three key areas: speed, size and

strength.

And, in gazing over the list of 27 signees, one characteristic is evident to even the most casual of fan: speed.

To say the Blue Raiders have improved their speed would be a drastic understatement.

The truth of the matter is they immensely improved their overall speed on both sides of the ball -- the skilled positions and even incoming linemen will give the team a marked improvement in terms of quickness.

Among the fastest are a trio of Georgia signees: Hasheem Joyner, Rashard Lee and Kerry Wright.

Getting guys like Rashard Lee, who's a five-star player, [Hashem] Joyner and Kerry Wright is a great start. Kerry's the real deal, he's big time, Davis said. Top to bottom, it's a real solid class.

The key will be doing that three more times.

While Davis may have signaled out Lee, Joyner and Wright, the class also features a number of other top-rated players, including Don Calloway, Brandon Lynch, Deshaun O'Neal, Joe McClendon and junior college transfer Kevin Sharp.

Calloway, who logged 6,385 career rushing yards, was recently named the Player of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, an honor voted on by coaches from all 32 regions in the state.

"To get a guy who has just been named the best player in

the state by the coaches, and another [Wright] who's playing in the Georgia/Florida game," said Ray Broadway, executive director of the GACA.

"I think it's safe to say, Middle Tennessee is clicking on all cylinders."

McClendon, a Brunswick, GA, native, was a "USA Today" honorable mention All-American, while Lynch and Joyner possess legitimate 4.3-speed among 15 signees who have all been timed at under 4.95 in the 40.

Speaking of Georgia signees, 15 members of this year's class are from the Peach State, all of which are highly-regarded players.

The Blue Raiders were able to land top-rated players who were considering such perennial programs as Florida State, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Mississippi, Auburn, Clemson and Oklahoma State, among others.

"Andy did a great job down here," said Broadway of McCollum's ability to land Georgia's top prospects. "That whole staff needs to be commended for their efforts down here. We heard Middle Tennessee mentioned more than we ever have before."

Davis expanded that same thought in pointing out that McCollum and recruiting coordinator Joe Wickline began the recruiting process with a solid game plan before they ever left the Middle Tennessee campus.

"They were smart about how they recruited," Davis said.

"First, they were very intelligent about who they wanted. They went after the three or four big ones they felt comfortable with -- the ones they felt they had a shot at. Second, they didn't lose their heads, thinking they could get everyone."

This just proves there's room for schools like Middle Tennessee.

Georgia, however, wasn't the only focus of the coaching staff.

They made a concerted effort to tab into their own backyard and prevent mid-state players from leaving the area, when in fact the Middle Tennessee program is a viable avenue to pursue big-time college football.

And, the staff landed three of Tennessee's big-time players: Ron Akins, Wardell Alsop and Jerry Vanderpool.

Akins and Alsop both led their respective schools -- Riverdale and Oakland -- to state high school championships. Alsop was a two-time all-state member, while Akins was a Mr. Football finalist in 1999.

Joining them will be Vanderpool, a standout from Brentwood Academy.

Vanderpool, a former high school teammate of current Blue Raider Josh Willoughby, was a Mr. Football Lineman of the Year finalist in 1999.

"They weren't just here and there," Davis said.

"When that staff was out recruiting, they really seemed to go at it and get to know the high school coaches and players. And it paid off."

Baseball: Flyers shot down

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day, his one hit and one run batted in were crucial, since they helped tie the game.

"I had been struggling with off speed stuff," Parsons said, "I could see a few more fastballs at the bottom."

The Raiders started the year at 4-9, after some bad outings against teams like Southeast Louisiana and Southwest Missouri State. Middle Tennessee lost six games against

those two teams.

However, just as bad as they played in those games, they played well in games against Memphis and Southern Mississippi.

"After being 4-9, we needed some games," Parsons said.

Middle Tennessee improved their record to 5-10 before heading into the Ohio Valley Conference portion.

Their next home game is Wednesday, March 15 against Jacksonville State. ■

Lady Raiders duo earns All-conference

Brian Alberson
Sports Information

throw average (78.3%).

She has scored 20 or more points seven times this season with five double-doubles.

The second team All-OVC squad honorees were Murray State's Monika Gadson, a junior center/forward and Heather Bates, a senior guard; Southeast Missouri's Paula Corder-King, a senior forward, and Tennessee State's Tamara Washington, a junior center.

Receiving honorable mention were Morehead State sophomore center Tasha Gales; Middle Tennessee sophomore forward Joanne Aluka; Eastern Illinois senior guard Angie Patzner and Murray State junior forward Liz Stansberry.

Aluka, a 5-11 sophomore forward from Augusta, GA, is averaging 11.3 ppg this season, 13.4 ppg in league play. She was named OVC Freshman of the Year for her exploits during the 1997-98 season, as well as earning a place on the All-Freshman team. ■

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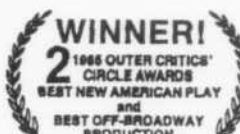
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Track star honored

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

Godfrey Herring went to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships virtually as an unknown.

The Pontiac, MI, native, however, leaves Fayetteville, AR an All-American — having set a new school record in the 400-meters.

Herring ran a 46.52 Saturday, just .04 off of qualifying for Saturday's finals at the Randal Tyson Track Center.

"As far as missing by .04, that's not far but it's like a mile in terms of advancing," Middle Tennessee track and field coach Dean Hayes said.

"He has done a good job indoors and we expect better in the outdoor season."

Herring, who already held the school record, rewrote the record book Saturday and became the 32nd athlete at Middle Tennessee to earn All-American honors.

"On an eight-lap track like that," Hayes said, "that's a great time. It's one of the best times in the world, even though eight people beat him."

During Hayes' 35-year tenure as head coach, 32 athletes have now earned an impressive 66 All-American honors.

Typically, the top eight qualifiers for the finals earn the honor. However, there are a number of international com-

petitors who advanced to Saturday's finals — easily paving the way for Herring — who finished ninth — to receive the recognition.

It's third time this season Herring has reset the indoor 400 mark, a record he had already had entering the 2000 indoor season as well.

"I'm really happy for him," Hayes said. "He deserves this."

Heading into the outdoor season next Friday and Saturday when the Blue Raiders travel to the Florida State Invitational, Herring is the odds on favorite to win the Ohio Valley Conference outdoor title in early May, as well as possibly taking the Sun Belt title the following week. ■

Preds hold off Oilers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vitali Yachmenev is playing the role of unsung hero quite well.

Yachmenev's 50th career goal and his 14th of the season got Nashville started in a 4-3 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday, just the Predators fourth win in 16 games.

"Yachmenev is one of those underrated players," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "He has 14 goals and he hasn't seen any power-play time. Vitali does a good job killing penalties, but he goes unnoticed and doesn't get a lot of defense."

Rookie defenseman Karlis Skrastins scored the game-winner in the third period as the Predators escaped with a win despite blowing a three-goal lead.

Skrastins broke a 3-3 tie with a slap shot 7:15 into the third period, just 58 seconds after Mike Grier scored to complete the Oilers' three-goal comeback.

Edmonton dropped its fourth straight and the Oilers remained just one point ahead of eighth-

place San Jose in the Western Conference playoff hunt.

"We've just got some guys who aren't getting into it early enough. It hurts us," Oilers forward Bill Guerin said. "Momentum is something you get when all your lines are working hard."

Yachmenev got the only goal of the first period and the 50th of his career at 18:57. He ripped a shot over goalie Bill Ranford's stick from the left circle. Yachmenev's 14 goals are the most he has scored since his rookie season with Los Angeles five years ago.

Cliff Ronning wasted little time making it 2-0 in the second, ripping Patric Kjellberg's pass over Ranford from the right circle at 1:16. Just 1:03 later, the Predators' Mark Mowers and Randy Robitaille crashed the net together and Robitaille whacked it in.

Ryan Smyth cut the lead to 3-1 at 6:11 on a soft shot from a tough angle on the right side. Somehow his backhand shot

dribbled through Mike Dunham's pads. Todd Marchant made it 3-2 at 9:47, sliding the puck under a fallen Dunham from the right post.

After Grier tied it at 6:17 of the third on a point-blank shot, Skrastins scored on a blast from the left point, set up by a drop pass from Ville Peltonen.

"Nashville's been tough on us," Oilers coach Kevin Lowe said. "To get down 3-0 and battle back is an incredible thing, so that was a hurting goal for sure."

The four goals were the most Nashville has scored since Feb. 23.

Dunham, who made 32 saves, made things tougher on himself moments later by firing the puck into the crowd and taking a delay-of-game penalty.

"It gave them life, sure it did," Trotz said.

But Dunham rallied for his 16th win with several huge saves in the closing minute when Ranford was pulled for a sixth attacker. ■

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