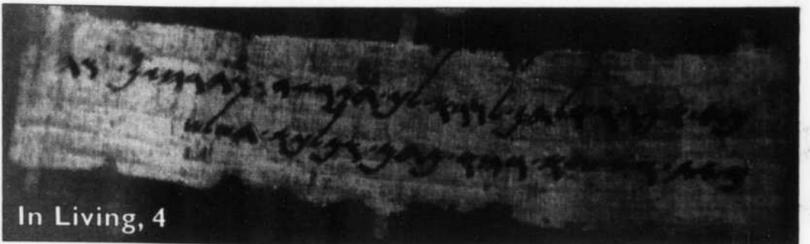




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Chinnery to be new 'Sidelines' editor

By Amanda Maynard
News Editor

A change is in store for *Sidelines* after the University Newspaper Board announced its choice for editor in chief of summer and fall 2003.

Previous Opinions Editor and current Copy Editor Patrick Chinnery, a political science major, will officially take over the position at the beginning of May.

Lindsey Turner, current editor in chief since May 2002, said she feels Chinnery will perform his duties to the best of his abilities and enjoy the responsibility of being a leader.

"I think he has the leadership skills it takes to delegate his large responsibilities," Turner said. "He's been here long enough to where he knows how the paper works and what strategies will work and which strategies won't work."

The editor in chief position is chosen each semester by a board composed of seven members - four from the journalism school, two students and one outside professional.

Members of the committee included School of Journalism Chair Richard Campbell, journalism instructor and *Sidelines* faculty adviser Wendell Rawls, Faculty Senate representative Larry Burriss, Dean of Student Life David Hays and outside professional and reporter for *The Tennessean* Jack Hurst.

The student representatives from the Student Government Association were not present at the meeting.

Applications for the position were due by March 6, and each candidate went through the interview process Thursday.

"I think, hands down, this was the toughest field of candidates in the past several years," Chinnery said. "Each candidate has their own field of expertise."

Chinnery hopes to broaden *Sidelines'* readership as well as improve relationships with student organizations and administration.

"I hope to expand the news coverage to include more of the Murfreesboro community and not just campus," Chinnery said. "I hope to expand the *flash** entertainment section to include more entertainment events because Murfreesboro is an entertainment-centered community."

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Weeklong celebration



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Director Jen-Jen Lin prepares for her dance. The International Banquet played host to various cultural groups such as the Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville.

Culture on campus

Students talk on diversity issues

By Esparonda Waller
Staff Writer

MTSU international students talked about their love for living and studying at MTSU, their love for Tennessee and the United States and their feelings about the war with Iraq at coffee hour on Wednesday.

For most of the students, living and studying in America was different from their countries of origin because of the language and education system in America.

Mia Parviainen is a business management major from Finland.

"This is my fourth year at MTSU, and it was difficult at first because of the language," she said. "I had to learn how to translate, and the words were easy to learn."

Parviainen said in Finland, there were fewer classes at universities. She also said she thinks people in America are more independent.

"It's fun living and studying in America because I was born loving to travel," Younes Zoabi, a computer

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Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Jen-Jen Lin performs a Chinese dance during the International Banquet.

Alumni pick MT for commercial



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MTSU alumnus Scott Pessoni films a regional anti-perspirant behind the Business and Aerospace Building Saturday. The commercial will be aired in Middle Tennessee and Minnesota and was created by Gemini Productions.

Center hosts 'Take Back the Night'

Sexual assault awareness focus of events

By Rachel Cox
Contributor

In order to build awareness of violence against women, the June Anderson Women's Center will sponsor MTSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Week today through Thursday.

The National Center for Victims of Crime reports that every five seconds, someone is sexually assaulted, and approximately 84 percent of reported rapes involve an assailant the victim knows.

The NCV estimates only 39 percent of all rape or sexual assault is reported to law enforcement agencies. Since 2000, only 11 cases of sexual assault were reported at MTSU in the Crime on Campus Report.

"The key issue is that people are not reporting their assaults and, of course, this would lead to a low statistic of cases reported," said Tennisha Smith, coordinator of MTSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Week. "I would love to believe the numbers are accurate, but with so many people not reporting their assaults, it's impossible to know just how many people have been affected."

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that the main reason victims did not report

these crimes was that they felt the crime was a private matter. Other reasons included embarrassment, fear of retaliation or the victim's feeling to blame for the assault.

Take Back the Night, which has been part of MTSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Week since 1993, encourages women not to be afraid to report incidents of sexual assault.

At the event held on April 16, participants will march in protest of conditions that cause women to feel unsafe when they are alone at night on the streets.

Demonstrators will march from MTSU to the Rutherford County Courthouse. A rally will then take place with a band, a keynote speaker and a speak-out from survivors. The demonstration will end with a candlelight vigil.

Another part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week will be the Rape Aggression Prevention Class. The class is specifically designed for women and will be taught by a certified martial arts instructor. The course will focus on teaching women how to protect themselves if ever attacked.

In other attempts to "break the silence," the JAWC will also sponsor the Clothesline Project.

This visual display will exhibit shirts with written messages and illustrations that demonstrate the impact of violence on individual lives. Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault design the shirts as a way to encourage other survivors to create their own shirts expressing feelings about violence. ♦

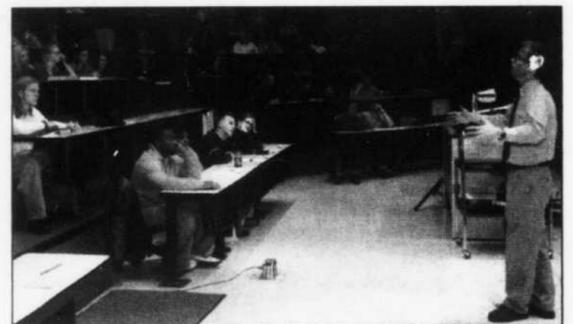


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Professor Joseph Trafton lectures about the history of Christianity Thursday in the Learning Resources Center.

Evidence for Jesus' life focus of lecture

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Campus Crusade for Christ invited Joseph Trafton, a professor of religious studies at Western Kentucky University, to speak about historical evidence for Christianity during their regular meeting Thursday.

Mitch Mask, president of CCC, said the purpose of the lecture was for non-Christians to hear the historical basis for Christianity.

"It's not about what Christians believe, but what is historically correct," Mask said.

The lecture focused on proof for Jesus' resurrection because that event makes Christianity unique, Trafton said.

"Christianity is not about churches. It's not about a moral or ethical lifestyle," Trafton said. "It is about God doing some-

thing in history."

In addition to relying on the gospels in the New Testament to prove Jesus' existence, Trafton also named historians who wrote about him close to the time of his death.

"We know this is true not just because the New Testament gospels tell us so but because we have people outside of Christianity, opponents of Christianity, who admit there was a Jesus," Trafton said.

One of these historians was Josephus, a Jewish historian, who was born around the time of Jesus' death and was raised around eyewitnesses to Jesus' life.

"Josephus knew the truth," Trafton said. "He had no reason to go along with a fictitious Jesus created by Christians."

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International: Students agree lives, education changed since studying at MTSU

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information systems major from Jerusalem, said. "At first, I came to America to visit a few states and just to have fun, but then I decided to go to college."

Zoabi said he lived on a beach in Jerusalem, and it wasn't hard to learn the English language because lots of people who spoke English always stopped by.

Jennifer Klaschka, a mass communications major from Germany, said her English wasn't very good, but she made good grades because of helpful professors.

Yan Zheng, an accounting major from China, has been here for one year, and she noticed how different the education system is from that of China.

"In China, we went to school every day and the entire summer," she said. "There are wider ranges of professions to major in here."

The students agreed that they like MTSU because it has a peaceful environment and friendly people. They also agreed most professors are nice and helpful.

"I like MTSU because it's close to Nashville, it's a big school and has nice buildings," Klaschka said.

Zheng said she found a lot of information about MTSU from the Internet.

She thought of it as a state university with a small number of students, but to her surprise, there were many.

Most of the students chose MTSU because of their majors. The students expressed differ-

ent views about Tennessee and the United States.

"I think Tennessee is country," Parviainen said. "Although I like bigger cities, I have gotten used to Murfreesboro, and I like it."

Zoabi said Tennessee is like a second home to him. He said the freedom level in America is about the same as that in Jerusalem, but the United States is more peaceful.

"The only things I really knew about Tennessee were Memphis and Elvis Presley," Klaschka said.

Klaschka said she loves the United States because the people are cool and easy-going. She said she felt more secure in Germany because she could walk down the streets at night and not have to worry about being attacked or killed.

"What I love the most about Tennessee is Nashville," Zheng said.

"When I saw Nashville for the first time, I was really impressed."

Zheng said she fell in love with Nashville because of the beautiful houses. She said she likes the U.S. because students are free to voice their opinions about different topics.

Some of the students agreed that although they are from different countries, Americans never treated them differently. Instead, Americans were curious about their countries, beliefs and their cultures.

"The only thing that I find interesting and rude is when someone can't understand what I'm saying and then they ask the person next to them what I said instead of asking me,"

Parviainen said.

Zoabi said the only thing he didn't like about Americans when he first arrived was the level of prejudice towards him, but now he doesn't have that problem because he has a lot of friends.

Most of the students agreed they don't like the war and the U.S. government should find another solution to the problem.

"I'm against the war because it seems like the U.S. is trying to act as if they are the world leader," Parviainen said. "The European countries didn't want to get involved in the first place."

Parviainen said Finland is a very peaceful country, and, because of that, it's hard for her to agree with the war.

"Going to war is wrong but

in one way it's right," Zobai said. "We should get rid of Saddam, but I don't like seeing innocent civilians getting killed. I think they should find another solution."

Klaschka said that she noticed the cause of the war is worth fighting for, but too many people are getting killed.

"I hate politics, and war is not a good stage for people because they die, and some are homeless," Zheng said.

The international students agreed that their lives and education changed over the years, and they love living and studying at MTSU despite the continuation of the war. ♦

Evidence: Professor argues on God's role in world

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Trafton identified three primary facts of the resurrection and provided proof for why each fact was indisputable.

The first fact he discussed was that the tomb was empty and women, not men, found the tomb empty.

Trafton argued that since the culture at the time of Jesus' death was largely patriarchal, using women to find the empty tomb would not be believable by others.

"You're not going to make up women finding this, if women are viewed as unreliable witnesses," Trafton said.

The second historical fact, according to Trafton, was that people claimed to see Jesus after his death.

The books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all use eyewitness accounts to describe Jesus' resurrection after the crucifixion, Trafton said.

The third historical fact Trafton mentioned was that people's lives were altered in crucial ways after Jesus' death.

One example Trafton used was Paul, who opposed and persecuted the Christians before becoming a Christian himself.

"He went from being an

arch-opponent of the Christians to becoming the great missionary who takes the gospel throughout the Greco-Roman world," Trafton said.

Trafton then argued against common explanations, aiming to disprove the story of the resurrection, the first of which was that Jesus did not die on the cross but simply lost consciousness.

"Crucifixion is nothing light," Trafton said. "If he had survived, I don't know how he would have gotten out of the tomb."

Another explanation Trafton discussed was the notion that the resurrection was really a symbol for the feeling that Jesus lived on through the preaching of his disciples.

However, Trafton said that this explanation does not account for the empty tomb, the appearances after his death or Paul's transformation.

"The natural explanation, the obvious explanation for the historical facts, is that he came back to life," Trafton said.

"Once we understand that, then we realize that our understanding of the world is limited, insufficient if it does not include a God," Trafton said. ♦

Editor: Background helpful for future role at newspaper

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Before his decision to run for editor in chief, Chinnery held many positions on the Sidelines staff including opinions editor, copy editor and assistant news editor. He said his experience in these areas will improve his approach to his new position.

"That background [as opinions editor] has given me a lot of exposure, gaging how the campus feels on certain issues and what issues are important

to the campus," Chinnery said. "Working in the news section helped me really get a pulse for the news that goes on on campus."

Chinnery's ultimate goal is to ensure the best, most accurate deliverance of news on campus and for Sidelines to become the first place students look to find out about their university and community.

"Although an effort will be made to cover things that students are interested in, the read-

ership of Sidelines will also see a concentrated effort on our part to draw attention to activities, events and news items that we believe the student body should be interested in," Chinnery said. "It's the role of the newspaper to bring information to the students, and that's what we're going to do."

Although Chinnery already has plans developed for the future of the paper, challenges may still arise as they have in the past.

"The most challenging part of the job is learning how to govern your peers and your friends, learning when you're supposed to be the boss and when you're supposed to be a compassionate comrade," Turner said.

Other candidates for editor in chief included senior Jenny Cordle, junior Jason Cox and senior Melissa Coker. All are students in the College of Mass Communication. ♦



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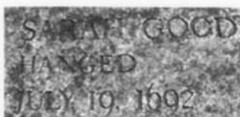
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From the Editorial Board

Take Back the Night step toward solution

The annual Take Back the Night march and rally this week is set to be the one night of the year when the public conscience is focused on the issue of women's safety.

Women and men will join together to march the streets of Murfreesboro, spreading awareness and "breaking the silence" about sexual assault and, in essence, "taking back the streets" from predators and attackers, which are no stranger to this campus.

Unfortunately, the issue of sexual assault might disappear slowly from the public conscience shortly after the event, and not be addressed again until next year's rally and march.

But these issues are ever-present in the minds of women, who are practically raised to be on the defensive at every turn in case that fabled attacker is crouched around every corner. Don't walk alone, don't daydream and always be alert and carry pepper spray, we tell our women.

But this defensive approach isn't enough to get to the root of the problem of aggression against women and eliminate it. Just telling women to be alert and safe and then shrugging helplessly when yet another woman is attacked is unacceptable.

Our society has yet to get to the root of the problem of sexual violence, which is hardly about sexuality. Instead, complex power relationships are more likely to blame than passion or lust. And society should work together to begin understanding these relationships and pinpointing why some men feel compelled to victimize women in such horrific ways.

Of course, it should be recognized that there is also violence against men perpetrated by both women and other men. All unprovoked violence is needless and as a society, we should work to eliminate it.

But the issue of violence against women is something much larger and pervasive. Women deserve to live in a society where they can walk at night and not have to worry about shadows or strange noises.

The Take Back the Night event is a solid step toward achieving this goal. ◆

Same-sex marriages need laws, too

A Single Voice



Heidi Ward
Staff Columnist

Before the Civil War, slaves weren't allowed to marry. It was just one more basic right denied them.

Until 1967, there were states that didn't allow interracial couples to marry.

These laws denied those couples not only recognition as a true relationship but many legal rights given to married couples.

These people were denied the rights freely given to others because they weren't recognized as being true couples.

It's a good thing America has grown past that archaic thinking, huh?

Nope, we haven't. We're still denying a segment of our population the right to marry because many people don't recognize them as true couples. I'm talking about gays and lesbians.

The most frequently given reason homosexuals shouldn't be allowed to marry is religious. But religion isn't necessary for marriage. Many people marry in front of the justice of the peace for that reason.

Not giving a group of people marriage rights because of religious beliefs is ridiculous. Our country is supposed to separate church and state. Separate beliefs aren't supposed to come into legal actions.

We don't give heterosexual couples marriage benefits because of their religions.

We give them benefits because they, as a couple, decided to live their lives together, working together and supporting each other. For that reason, the country recognizes them as one and gives them legal rights and benefits.

For example, marriage legally recognizes the spouse as a person with the right to see his or her husband or wife in a hospital. It also gives the spouse the authority to make major

medical decisions.

Gay couples are only permitted this right if the family of the hospitalized partner allows it. Otherwise, they can't make decisions in such things as allowing operations to be performed or even if the plug should be pulled on a coma patient.

If their partner should die without a will, they aren't entitled to any of their partner's property or possessions. The survivor even lacks decision-making powers over burial arrangements of his or her partner.

Because married couples share their bills, they can have joint insurance policies for their home, cars and health. Gay couples can't do this. They're also not entitled to insurance benefits for spouses that are given by many employers.

It's not an issue whether the marriage will work or not.

Many marriages don't work — that's why the divorce rate is so high. But, there are legal rights in

divorce also denied to gay couples who stay together just as long.

Divorce rights would be just as useful as marriage rights. It could help in the division of property or even allow financial support for the partner that might need it. More importantly, it would allow child custody proceedings if the divorcing couple were raising a child.

As a gay couple, joint custody is not allowed. Therefore, one of the parents raising the child has no legal rights to it. This not only means that if the couple separates, one parent absolutely cannot have custody of the child, but that even if they are together, in the case that something happens to the legal parent, the remaining parent wouldn't necessarily be given custody.

Other rights gay couples could gain through marriage include government benefits, such as Social Security and Medicaid, tax deductions, tax credits, tax exemptions, witness and testimony

rights, right to enter premarital agreements, the right to file a wrongful death suit, the right to obtain domestic violence protection orders, the right to be notified of parole or escape of an inmate, spousal immigration benefits and many others depending on the state of residence.

Whether people agree with homosexuality or not, it exists.

These couples deserve the same rights as heterosexual couples because they are willing to make the same commitment.

Whatever genders comprise a couple, they deserve the right to be legally recognized if they want to. Our country needs to stop trying to decide what a true couple is and recognize existing couples' rights to love and support each other by making homosexual marriages legal. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Women in combat disadvantageous

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in response to Audie Sheridan's column ("Lynch proves combat sexism should be given the boot," April 10).

Sheridan has obviously never served in the military and seems not to have done his research on this topic. The reason women are not authorized to serve in "infantry" roles is not because of a desire to keep the "boys only" rule, but to ensure our forces are not put at a disadvantage. I'm not saying women are physically unable to do the job. It's more of a psychological disadvantage I'm referring to. You see, American men are raised, for the most part, to respect and care for the females in our society. Our mothers and fathers teach us to open the door for a lady, pay for her dinner and compliment her shoes. This type of teaching contradicts what the military needs. In the military, the mission comes first, before all personal needs and wishes. When women are in combat, the soldiers will do whatever they can to protect them, sometimes at the cost of the mission. This was proven when the Israelis put women in combat units.

Another concern is that if you have two injured soldiers, one male and one female, the female soldier will be given medical attention first, even if the male is more seriously injured. Again, this was proven when women were placed in combat roles.

The final concern is one of morale. When women start dying, morale drops. This happens when men die as well, but when the casualties are women, this problem is magnified. A unit with terrible morale is as useless as one that has been decimated by enemy fire. This isn't sexism, but forethought. There are combat jobs open to women. For instance, a woman can fly a fighter jet.

As a veteran, I can tell you the military takes every precaution to ensure there's no sexism in their ranks. Sometimes it happens, but that's true in the civilian world as well. In the military, there are no "glass ceilings" for women. My wife served, too. Ask her.

Josh Sweeton

Editor's note: Audie Sheridan served four years in the Marine Corps, stationed with an infantry platoon.

'Entertainews' reinforces American myth

To the Editor:

In wartime, part of the problem is the entertainment/news media, which is now one and the same. This notion of "entertainews" didn't happen recently, nor has it been recognized recently. It's just that the ubiquitous Iraqi war coverage brought it into sharp focus. The idea of "blurring" the line between news and entertainment is over. There is no longer a line. The Rubicon has been crossed. There is no turning back.

The continuous images we see of struggle and victory on CNN, FOX and MSNBC, as well as in magazines, papers and movies, are part and parcel of a long and, to me, sad "showbizification" of media and the retelling of our American myth.

We have to recognize that the narratives we are fed and the complementary symbolic images we see about war from the government, entertainment industry and press go to reinforce our American myth — a myth not that far removed from the Greek myths of unicorns or flying horses. Because throughout history, myths have been stories humans dream up and tell themselves in order to make sense of their chaotic world; to make sense of or justify their abiding cruelty or foolish generosity; to make sense of the senseless.

Our American myth helps us believe in and understand our deeds and ourselves, and our myth is seductive. It empowers and ennobles us. It gives shape to what we picture ourselves to be. It says we are the good guys, we come to liberate, we are the heroes and we will defend freedom and liberty with our fortune and our blood. It's this myth that spans more than two centuries and is read in our history books, seen in our movies, broadcast by "entertainews" and heard incessantly on radio talk shows. Such stories reinforce the myth, boost ratings and sell newspapers and movie tickets.

But myth comes with a dark side. Our American myth is one that allows us to suspend individual conscience, maybe even individual consciousness, for the good of the order. And most regrettably, it eschews other points of view. Other points of view that might prompt debate or doubt and ignite a deeper examination that, should we ever have the courage to peer into such an abyss, may horrify and shame us. But there is little chance of that. If we even try to argue with such myth, it seems unnatural, heretical and unpatriotic.

Our American myth, therefore, is powerful, justifying and necessary. During wartime, it's a central "entertainews" narrative. One we need to see and hear over and over and deeply, unquestionably believe — for if we don't, just who are we? What have we done? And why have we done it?

Bob Pondillo
Assistant professor, electronic media communication

Reality television anything but

I'm Just a Girl



Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

Here's a frightening thought: What if life were like reality television?

How often do you and several complete strangers compete for a rose — and a proposal — from a man you've just met on national television?

When was the last time you were mooned on an island with nothing but a bandanna and one "luxury" item?

As a brief side note, what's the deal with calling it a "luxury" item? When I think luxury, I think a day at the spa followed by a delicious gourmet meal. If you're going to stick me on an island with a blunche of back-stabbing, alliance-forming, money-grubbing freaks, my luxury item better know how to do shiatsu or construct the Eiffel Tower completely out of molded sugar.

All of these reality television shows speak volumes about our culture.

I can't even count the number of people I know who huddle around the television once the latest "American Idol" contestant how much they suck.

"Trading Spaces" is a bit more tolerable. You get to redecorate someone else's living space — that sounds like fun. I'd love to give Kirksey Old Main a once-over.

Reality television does wonders for the world of marriage. It used to be special, and now several of these programs have just made a mockery of the whole thing.

Women competing for a man, believing he's really a millionaire? Men vying for the affections of a woman? Families of contestants choosing their mate? Is this really necessary? Whatever happened to just meeting the right person, even if it didn't happen to be broadcast on national television?

Then again, reality television does have a certain appeal.

I would love to be able to just get rid of the people who annoyed me simply by "voting them out of the tribe." It sure would be refreshing every now and then to be surrounded by a completely new group of people. I imagine living with strangers for several months really heightens your interpersonal skills.

These shows have evolved for the worse. Contestants are becoming more attractive and less diverse. Now, instead of one token cute blonde, there's five or six. Instead of one cocky, muscular guy in his 20s, there are four.

I'm not sure what reality these people are living in. One would assume the producers would cast a few older people and a few not-stick-thin people, just to make it more life-like.

So, the next time you curl up on the couch to watch your favorite reality television show, think for a minute: Do I want to watch people competing for a prize (sometimes a person), or would I rather rot my brain away with Cartoon Network?

The decision is yours, but there's nothing wrong with watching "The Powerpuff Girls." ◆

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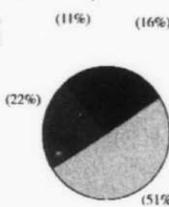
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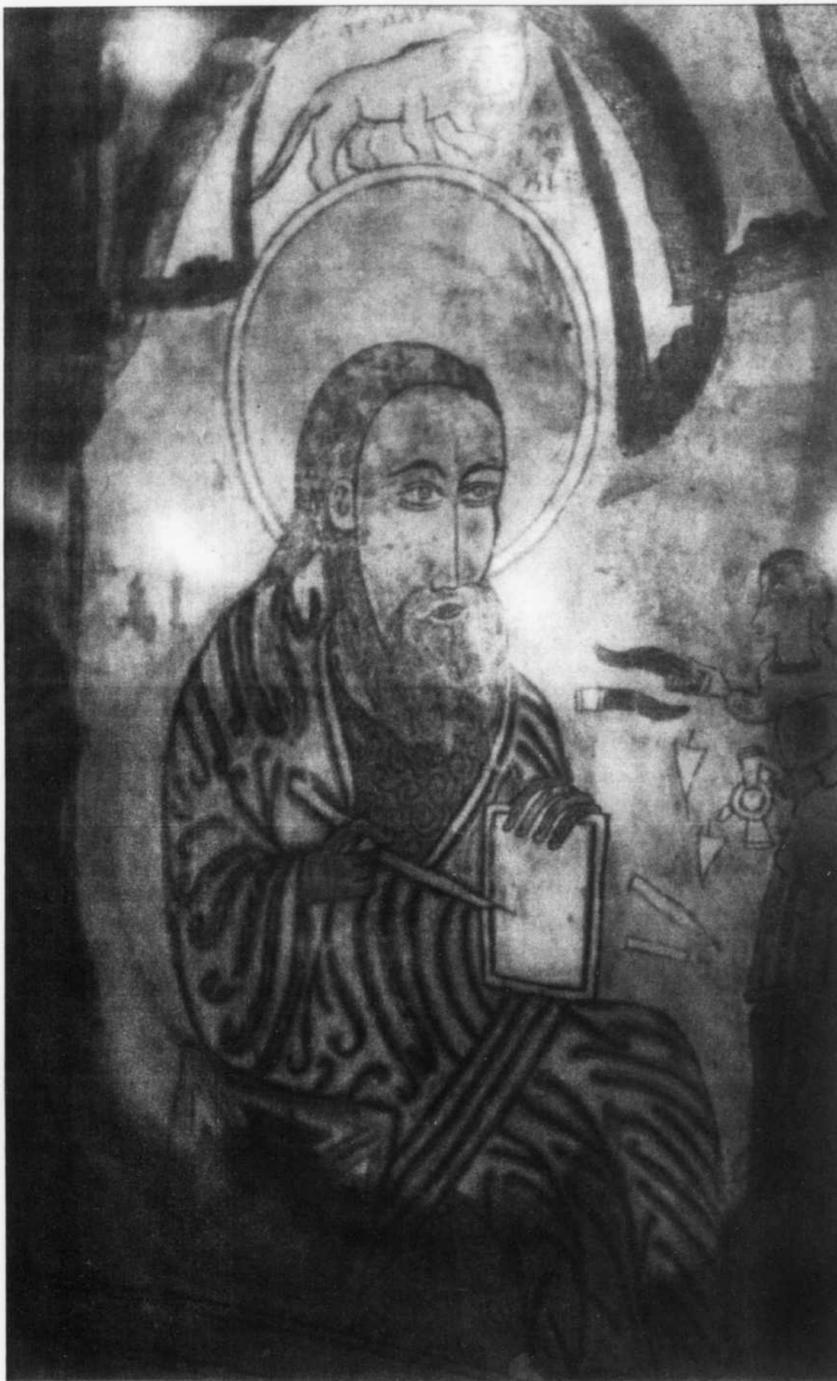
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Ancient scrolls displayed in Murfreesboro



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The Center for the Arts will host the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit until April 29, with artifacts such as this 15th century Coptic illumination of St. Mark writing his gospel.

Dead Sea Scrolls highlight Bible history, pictographic language

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Center for the Arts in Murfreesboro is an opportune event to see the evolution of the Bible over the centuries and throughout countries and civilizations.

The exhibit is a presentation of material from four collectors, which spans Biblical history from the fragments of the more than 2,000-year-old scrolls to the first Bibles printed in America.

Michael Reinhardt, general manager for the center, says that the staff only had about three months to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime exhibit.

"It turned out better than I had hoped for," Reinhardt says of the exhibit that started April 6 and runs until April 29.

Lee Biondi, one of the collectors, owns the fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls and brought them here to display with the core collection of early English Bibles owned by William Noah.

"This is a unique opportunity to see this type of ancient Bible history and English Bible history at the same time," Biondi says.

The first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a wandering Bedouin shepherd in a cave on the northwestern side of the Dead Sea, Israel's saltwater lake and the lowest point on earth.

The event has been labeled the archeological find of the century as subsequent investigation unearthed the ruins of a settlement now called Qumran.

According to Biondi, the Israeli government owns the bulk of the scrolls and currently houses them in the nation's museums.

"Only tiny fragments ever escaped into private hands between 1948 and 1956," Biondi says.

Although the ink is visible on the fragments on display, most of them are so corroded that the writing is illegible.

"They've been photographed under infrared light, and the photography reveals the lettering," Biondi explains.

Small, reddish-orange clay tablets under a glass display reveal the earliest form of writing known in history called proto-cuneiform, a type of pictographic language.

"Most of this ancient writing that is on clay is administrative, bureaucratic or agricultural," Biondi says.

Greek papyrus fragments of the Hebrew Scripture known as the Septuagint from around 350 B.C. display the transition from scrolls to books.

"These are the earliest witnesses to the book of

Exodus that exist in private hands," Biondi says.

The progression from bound book was followed by the development of separate chapters within the scriptures in the 13th century Parisian Bible, which is on display in the exhibit.

"That is an important phase of Bible history from about 1190 to 1220, when they were formulating the correct order of the books as we now know it," Biondi says.

Before 1450, scribes copied all books and Bibles by hand, which made texts expensive and valuable.

After Johann Gutenberg perfected the printing press, the first printing of the Bible, known as the Gutenberg Bible, started the transition from manuscript to printed form.

Antique book dealer Craig Lamp owns the leaf from a Gutenberg Bible that is included in the exhibit, and Biondi estimates the value to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

"Gutenberg leaves are always on the market, but Gutenberg Bibles are never on the market," Biondi says.

Another prize of the exhibit is a genuine martyr's Bible from 1515. Richard Hunne was killed because he sued the Church of England under civil law.

"This belonged to a man who was killed for his beliefs and had the Bible with him when he was killed," Biondi says.

Hunne was on trial for heresy when a bishop of the church publicly called him a heretic during Mass.

Because Hunne's trial was not over, he sued the bishop for slander, but the courts refused to rule against the church and instead had Hunne executed.

A major figure in the development of the English Bible was William Tyndale, a printer who produced the first English New Testament in 1526 from a Latin translation.

Huge panels from the British Museum tell Tyndale's story and surround the exhibit's displays.

There are only two copies of the Tyndale Bible left in the world, but the exhibit has a facsimile on display.

Biondi said that Tyndale's translation is really the foundation for subsequent Bibles, including the most popular Bible, the 1611 King James Bible.

"The New Testament in the King James Bible has been computer analyzed to be something like 83 percent exactly Tyndale," Biondi says.

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'An Evening of Dance' enchants MTSU

Students in MTSU dance program dance for fun, fitness, experience

By Esparonda Waller
Contributor

Students in the MTSU Dance program talked about their love for dance, the differences between ballet and jazz and their roles in last week's recital, "An Evening of Dance."

The dancers agreed that the purpose of dance is to express their emotional feelings in a physical way. Although many of the dancers have practiced dancing for years, many are not interested in becoming professional dancers.

"I don't want to become a professional dancer, but I would like to teach dance on the side," Melissa Kane says.

Kane is a Spanish major with a minor in dance education. She says that she would like to keep dancing as a hobby.

Outside the studio, Kane attends yoga classes to help keep

her muscles strong for dancing and to maintain relaxation. She says her style of dancing in the recital will incorporate tap and ballet.

Amanda Davis is a theatre major minoring in dance education.

"I want to become an actress and dance," she says. "Acting and dance blend in together."

Davis says that she dances because it keeps her physically fit and is fun to learn.

"I usually do the basics, such as push-ups and crunches, but I also watch what I eat to stay fit," she says.

Davis' style of dancing in the recital will include syncopated tap and modern dance.

Adina Oosterwijk is a child development/family studies major minoring in dance. A dancer of 11 years, she performs modern dance in the recital.

"I want to use dance as ther-

apy for children who are troubled," she says.

Oosterwijk says she eats well to maintain a balanced diet and is a vegetarian of 12 years.

Misty Frederick is an undeclared major minoring in dance.

She takes dance for fun and performs modern dance in the recital.

"If I get better at dancing, then maybe I'll choose it as a profession," she says.

Frederick says she doesn't exercise outside of class because she takes a tumbling and dance class and gets most of her exercise from those classes.

Charlotte Lewis is an international relations major and dances just for fun, but was interested in professional dance at one time. She performs modern dance in the recital.

"Sometimes professional dance doesn't work if you don't have the right body frame," she says.

Lewis runs and lifts weights three to four times per week at the Recreation Center. She also

takes dance classes during the semester to stay healthy and physically fit.

The dancers say it usually takes a whole semester to practice for dance recitals. In January, they begin practice once a week for two hours. Toward the end of the semester, they practice every day for two hours.

"We only receive one hour credit for the dance class, but we put in two-thirds more time than what the dance class is worth," Kane says.

"Although dancing can be fun, there are many injuries that can occur if the routines are not done properly," Frederick says.

"One of my previous dance instructors broke her back because her dance partner accidentally dropped her on the floor," Lewis says.

According to the dancers, some of the injuries that occur are shin splints, sprained ankles, sore knees and back injuries.

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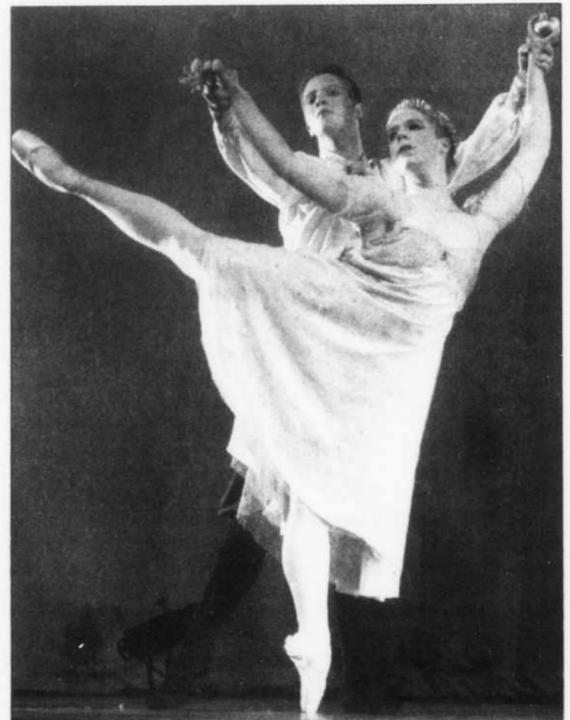


Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Laura Beth Jackson and Tim Norris dance in Nancy Ammerman's *Firebird* at 'An Evening of Dance' Saturday.

Campus Events

Ongoing

• The women of Alpha Theta Omega will hold a prayer meeting open to all students every Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Keathley University Center. For more information, contact Ailisha Vaughn at (615) 668-2616.

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

• Now through May 2, Circle K is hosting a children's book drive to benefit the Christel House. There will be competitions between organizations, offices and individuals to see who can donate the most books. Prizes include pizza, money and vacations. All must register by April 22 to be eligible for prizes. Students and faculty can drop off books in the KUC, Room 326. For more information, contact Rebecca Pickering at (615) 898-2533 or e-mail her at rep2c@mtsu.edu to obtain a form.

April 14

• The Spring 2003 honors lecture series, "Cultures and Customs," presents "World Culture, Organizational Culture and Worker Commitment" today from 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

• In honor of Greek Week, the Interfraternity Council is hosting a speech given by Josh Orendi in the Murphy Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Ceccarelli at (615) 631-2162.

April 15

• The Campus Freethought Alliance will hold a meeting in the BAS, Room S 341, at 6:30 p.m.

April 16

• MTSU Fine Arts and Student Programming present Step Afrika! in Tucker Theatre at 8 p.m. Step Afrika! highlights young artists from the United States and Europe, and the South Africa-based Soweto Dance Theater. For more information, contact Timmy Gibson at (615) 898-2551.

• The Greek awards will be given in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 7 p.m. Contact Mike Ceccarelli at (615) 631-2162 for more information.

April 19

• The American Beefalo International Sale will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Contact Joe Davenport at (615) 563-5170 for more information. ♦



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer
Dancers perform in *Firebird*, a Russian fairy tale choreographed by Nancy Ammerman, during 'An Evening of Dance.' The ballet is one of the most famous performed.

Dance: Ballet, modern dance vary in movement

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They also note that arm injuries are rare but may still occur.

Lewis says the most common injuries are tearing muscles and ligaments. In ballet, many dancers require hip replacements and turning. Also common are toe injuries because of the length of time the dancers have to stand in their point shoes.

According to the dancers, ballet and jazz can be blended together, but they are different.

The dancers agreed that bal-

let has a more restricted movement and mostly a lot of steps but is not very expressive.

They also said jazz has more facial expressions and freer movement.

"Ballet is a mathematical formula that is more constricted," Kane says. "It offers less room for personal interpretation."

Most of the dancers agreed that modern dance, which is featured the most in the dance recital, helps them contract abdominal muscles to initiate movement.

Students who attended "An Evening of Dance" witnessed

the modern, syncopated rhythms of ballet, tap and jazz dance. ♦

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In addition to the main exhibit, a special room houses early Bibles printed in America, including the first printed Bible commissioned by the U.S. Congress in 1781.

With all this rare and unique material in one place, the center has increased security by stationing Murfreesboro police officers both inside and outside the building, setting up a metal detector in the front entrance and blocking off the front parking lot.

"Security is amazing," Biondi says. "Usually when I exhibit in private exhibitions, it's just bonded security, private cops."

Tightened precautions haven't scared away any patrons, though. Reinhardt says that people as far away as Chicago and Florida have come to see the exhibit.

As a result, he doesn't recommend visiting on the weekends.

"Saturdays are almost completely sold out," Reinhardt says.

Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$15 for adults. Call 904-ARTS for tickets and information. To visit the exhibit online, go to www.deadseaxhibit.com. ♦

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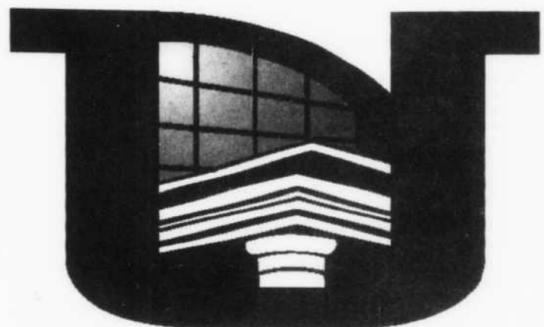
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Green wins Pepsi 300 at Nashville Superspeedway

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

David Green broke a long losing streak in nail biting fashion with a last lap pass of Johnny Sauter, giving Green the win at the NASCAR Busch Series Pepsi 300 at the Nashville Superspeedway last Saturday.

After passing Ashton Lewis Jr., for second place with two laps to go, Green set his sights on leader Sauter by going side-by-side coming off turn 2. Green finished the winning pass down the back stretch.

"There was a lot of fire burning there [at the end]," Green said.

Sauter knew his win was doomed after seeing Green pass Lewis.

"David had a really good run on me going in the corner, and maybe drove a little too deep,"

Sauter said. "It was a matter of time before he got me."

It was the first victory by a Busch Series regular this season. In the other seven Busch Series races, drivers from the Winston Cup Series took home every checkered flag.

The last time the Owensboro, Ky., native Green won a Busch Series race was on June 22, 1996, at Myrtle Beach, S.C. The win ended a streak of 133 starts since his last victory.

It was the second time Green, the 1994 Busch Series champion, won a Busch Series race in Nashville. His first win came in March of 1995, when the Busch Series raced at the Fairgrounds Speedway.

Early on, pole-sitter Randy LaJoie dominated, leading 49 of the first 59 laps. However, his day ended when he hit the wall hard in turn 4 on lap 106. LaJoie

finished the race in 32nd place.

Bobby Hamilton Jr., also had an excellent day leading the most laps in the race with 68. However, because of pitting out of sequence on lap 196, Hamilton dropped to a 10th place finish.

"We gave it away. Every time we try to do something like that, try to stay out, it bites us, and it bit us again today," Hamilton said. "The best car didn't win this race. The best car finished 10th."

There were 15 lead changes among 10 drivers, with seven caution flags for 35 laps.

Other local drivers did not have a good day at their home track. Mt Juliet's Chase Montgomery and Franklin's Brad Baker were involved in the same accident on lap 24. They finished 39th and 41st, respectively. Joelton's Justin Ashburn

was involved in an accident on lap 67 and ended his day in 37th place. Columbia's Steadman Marlin spun in turn 3 on lap 100 but was able to continue and finish 25th.

The rest of the top five included Lewis in fourth and rounding out the top 5 was David Reutimann.

The win puts Green third in the Busch Series point standings with 1035 points, 85 points behind leader Todd Bodine. Ron Hornaday Jr., is second, 78 points behind Bodine.

The Busch Series travels to Fontana, Calif., on April 26 for their next race. They will make a return trip to Nashville Superspeedway on Saturday, June 7. ♦

Pepsi 300 final results

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| 1. David Green | Timber Wolf Pontiac |
| 2. Johnny Sauter | PayDay Chevrolet |
| 3. Ashton Lewis Jr. | Civil Air Chevrolet |
| 4. Mike Bliss | Rockwell Automation Chevrolet |
| 5. David Reutimann | CellularOne Chevrolet |
| 6. Stanton Barrett | OdoBan Ford |
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| 8. Chad Blount | APP Pre-Paid Gas Cards Dodge |
| 9. Brain Vickers | GMAC Financial Services |
| 10. Bobby Hamilton Jr. | Team Marines Ford |
| 11. Scott Riggs | Nestle Nesquik Ford |
| 12. Kevin Grubb | Jo Dee Messina Dodge |
| 13. Todd Bodine | Herzog-Jackson Motorsports |
| 14. Shane Hiniel | Goulds Pumps Chevrolet |
| 15. Martin Truex Jr. | SeaWatch International |
| 16. Ron Hornaday Jr. | ACDelco Chevrolet |
| 17. Lance Norrick | Dr. Pepper Dodge |
| 18. Jeff Fuller | CarSponsor.com Pontiac |
| 19. Hermie Sadler | Toys R Us Chevrolet |
| 20. Ron Young | RBI Motorsports Chevrolet |

Baseball wins first SBC series win over ASU

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team put together two of its best performances of the season Friday and Saturday on the road to capture two wins over Sun Belt Conference foe Arkansas State.

MT head coach Steve Peterson was pleased with his team's collective performance.

"To win our first Sun Belt series of the year was really great," Peterson said. "Chris LeGuenec came up there and got a big hit and drove in two runs. Carroll swung the bat great today. Beachum just keeps going out there and getting hits; Archer's driving runs in it. It was nice to have Jagers out in that field and be able to do different things with the DH [designated hitter]."

The Blue Raiders jumped on the board early in Friday night's 4-2 victory in Jonesboro. Jeff Beachum led off the top half of the first inning with a single to left field, which Chuck Akers followed with a single to right field. Two outs later, Josh Archer slammed a three-run homer to give MT an early 3-0 lead.

MT starting pitcher Steve Kline put together another solid outing on the mound, allowing just two runs over seven innings to get the victory, improving his record to 4-2 on the season.

MT's other run came in the third as left-fielder Chris LeGuenec lined a single to center field to drive in Akers, giving his team a 4-1 lead.

Chase Swing relieved Kline in the eighth and held the Indians scoreless over the final

two innings, squelching an Arkansas State rally in the ninth to nail down the series-opening victory.

MT scratched out another close victory in Saturday's contest, overcoming the Indians 7-6 to ensure the Blue Raiders their first Sun Belt series victory of the season.

Jagers struck early, scoring a run in the first inning on consecutive doubles by second baseman Nate Jagers and first baseman Josh Archer.

The early lead did not last, as the Indians answered in the bottom half of the first inning with three runs aided by two Blue Raider errors, putting the Indians up 3-1.

The next scoring strike for MT came in the fourth inning, as Archer, Derek Phillips and Brett Carroll hit three consecutive singles to load the bases.

After Shane Kemp struck out for the inning's first out, Kevin Suba lofted a sacrifice fly into right field to score Archer. Then LeGuenec laced a single to right field, scoring Phillips to tie the game 3-3.

MT forged ahead in the fifth with some aggressive base running. Akers and Jagers reached base with one out in the inning, putting runners at first and second. Akers stole third base and

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MT splits doubleheader against Lady Hilltoppers

By David Lawrence
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders (18-15, 1-5 SBC) split a doubleheader 3-2, 3-6 Saturday at the Lady Raider softball field against the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

Senior Stacy Preator of El Cajon, Calif., took over second place in the Lady Raider record books with her 66th career complete game.

She allowed six hits, struck out five, walked one and allowed no earned runs. Both of the Toppers' first innings were unearned.

Second baseman Jennifer Dorais knocked in the winning run and broke up a 2-2 tie with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Kristina Hieb got her first double of the season in the bottom of the second and pulled the Lady Raiders to within one run at 2-1.

Pinch runner Megan Stapleton tied the game in the bottom of the fifth on a miscue by the toppers.

The second game ended in a

victory for Western Kentucky, despite a strong opening from the Lady Raiders.

Courtney Mitchell hit a first inning sacrifice fly to send home Hieb, who had doubled.

The Toppers got three runs in the fourth on a two-run homer and an error.

Catcher Leah Grothouse tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the fourth on a two-RBI double, scoring Megan Cherinka and Megan Stapleton.

Western Kentucky got the lead back in the fifth thanks to an RBI single by Renita Pennington making the lead 4-3.

The Toppers scored another run in the top of the sixth after pinch runner Brandy Hawkins was awarded a walk to home plate after an interference call at third base.

The Lady Raiders are set to take on David Lipscomb University in Nashville on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in a rescheduled game. The original was cancelled due to weather. ♦

Football team hosts Spring Fling

By Grant Ellington
Staff Writer

Blue Raider football was in full force Saturday afternoon as several Middle Tennessee fans tailgated in preparation for the annual Blue-White Spring Fling Scrimmage.

More than 600 eager fans gathered on the sidelines of the practice field to take part in the action that concluded spring practice for the Blue Raider football team. MT's Dwone Hicks and ReShard Lee were also on hand to watch the afternoon event.

After seeing the defense control most of the spring drills, the offense came through with a huge afternoon. The MT quarterbacks combined for 267 yards passing and one touchdown while the Blue Raider running game managed to get 176 yards and three TDs on 33 carries.

Quarterback Clint Marks was very impressive, completing 12 of 14 passing with 118 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Edmiston. Andrico Hines was 4 of 10 for 84 yards on the day, while Josh Harris completed 4 of 9 attempts for 65 yards.

Kevin Davis led the running backs with 88 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown.

Don Calloway ran five times for 39 yards, and Kelvin German gained 24 yards on six carries.

The defense did well, too. Devarick Scandrett had two sacks in the game, costing the offense 13 yards in the process. Alvin Fite added one sack for minus four yards. Mid term signee Danny Tolbert made an impression with the defense's only interception on the day.

The team's effort in the game, and throughout spring drills, seemed to leave head coach Andy McCollum with a positive outlook for this year's team.

"I thought it was a good scrimmage," McCollum said. "I thought our offense came on today. The defense dominated thus far, but I saw a lot of good things on both sides of the ball. This is perhaps the most physical we have been

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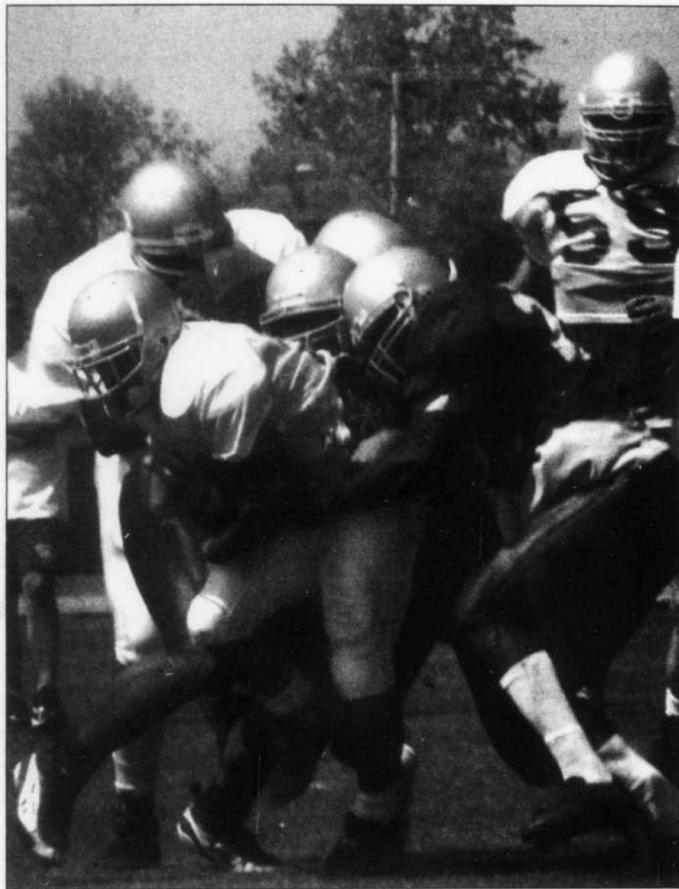


Photo by Jamie Loran | Staff Photographer
The Blue Raider defense, above, takes down an unlucky running back. The Middle Tennessee football team held its annual Blue-White Spring Fling Scrimmage on Saturday.



Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer
MT running back Don Calloway ran 39 yards during the scrimmage.

MT soccer team pulls three wins in weekend tournament

By Trey Porter
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders netted three wins in Saturday's soccer tournament here on Blue Raider Field.

The all-day event consisted of four teams. UT Martin, Evansville Elite and the Murfreesboro Strikers, playing alongside MT, made up the field.

Middle Tennessee defeated Evansville Elite 2-0 in the first match of the day.

After a slow start, the Blue Raiders came out firing. MT broke the game open when Ashley Elliot cleaned up the

trash off a corner kick at the 36-minute mark. Emily Carter finished the scoring at the 22:45 mark off of another MT corner kick.

"We put the ball down and found our forwards feet really well," said junior forward Jenny Cox.

In the second match of the day, MT went up against in-state foe UT-Martin and was victorious 1-0.

Mascaro set the tone early with a hard foul that seemed to wake up both teams.

The teams then traded bad passes around for the better part of the game. Down the stretch, after some toying, MT

coach Aston Rhoden placed the right players in the right spots and cashed in as the Lady Raiders found net with 24:45 on the clock. Mascaro sent a beautiful, well-placed ball, which found the head of Miguez for MT's only netter.

Martin would not roll over quietly. Twenty seconds after the Lady Raiders' goal, Martin's forward launched a rocket of a shot from MT's 18. The shot sailed inches over the post. Game two's excitement ended with MT keeper Danielle Perreault making her only save of the day with 12:48 left to play.

The Blue Raiders finished the day against the Strikers and

earned a 3-0 win. The Strikers, who were not scheduled to play at all, teamed up with five players from Alabama's Olympic Development Team, the team originally slated to play.

Though they played tough defense and at times controlled the tempo, the Strikers could not hold MT back. Deep in the Strikers' box, Mascaro made a clean cut left and fired, finding net with 27:12 left to play.

Miguez nailed a penalty kick with 12:31 on the clock, and Carter closed up shop, netting the final Blue Raider goal with 35 seconds left to play. ♦



By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

If there's one thing I've learned in life, it's that you must always mind the little things.

They make more of a difference than you would think, and they're the ones that usually get you. Just like spiders armed with power tools, you never see them coming. Then the next thing you know, your shoes are spider duplexes.

Case in point: National Wrestling Alliance's Total Nonstop Action kicked off properly with a three-way Asylum Arsenal match. Weapons were scattered about the arena, and almost anything is legal. The Sandman and New Jack teamed up to face the Harris Brothers and the Disciples of the New Church.

I think New Jack is the only wrestler in the world who can take a man down with a cheese grater.

Slash was taken out by a balcony dive courtesy of New Jack, but, sadly, the former ECW greats didn't win the match. The Sandman was dragged back to the ring and creamed by an H-Bomb courtesy of the Harris Brothers.

Slash and Brian Lee got some payback when they beat up the Sandman with his own cane, then they topped that by setting New Jack on fire later in the show.

All right, I would never say

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Ron and Don Harris would count as "little things," but everyone kept paying attention to either the Disciples or the ECW crew. They were both favored to win over the lumbering Harris.

Next, in something I never thought I'd see, Dusty Rhodes fought in a ladder match. The prize at stake here was the old World title belt currently being used by David Flair. The ladder itself was perhaps the smallest ladder I've ever seen. They could have used a step stool, and I don't think anyone would have noticed the difference.

Brian Lawler did a lot of bumping for the match, but Dusty pulled in the victory. Of course, he couldn't actually make it up the ladder, so Nikita Koloff had to climb the ladder instead. It looks like Koloff and Rhodes are back together, despite the fact that Koloff joined S.E.X. when he first arrived in TNA. Eric Watts stole the old title just as the reformed Superpowers were celebrating.

Mike Barton and Perry Saturn had perhaps the best match of their respective careers. The fight started out on the back and ended up in the ring, with Saturn making Barton submit to cap off nearly a perfect match.

Next, Mike Sanders and D-Lo Brown fought a pretty decent bout. Brown won, but the assembled forces of S.E.X beat him up.

In a non-title match, Kid Kash challenged Raven. Kash continued to act like a jerk toward Trinity, even ordering her to back off when she helped him. As it turns out, he probably should have kept her at ringside, as Raven used the distraction to nail a perfect Evenflow DDT on the unsuspecting X-title champ.

But the best match of the night was the tag team match to determine the number one contender for the X-title. Four teams slugged it out, with the winning teams fighting each other next week. Christopher Daniels and Elix Skippers represented Triple X. Featuring Shark Boy, Jason Cross, Jerry Lynn, Amazing Red, Chris Saban and Johnny Storm, the match was perfect. After 13 minutes of everything TNA is doing right, Lynn and Red won.

Jeff Jarrett came out for an interview, and he became paranoid. Raven came out to talk afterward, and somehow the match ended with Jarrett knocking Dusty Rhodes out.

All things considered, it was not a bad show. S.E.X. is getting far too large to be easily managed, but other than that, things are pretty good.

If you want to see the show live, then head out to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on Wednesday. General admission is \$10, and ringside seats are \$15. ♦

Blue Raiders' 4x400 team lands third place in Sea Ray Relays over weekend

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

A pair of Middle Tennessee men's relay teams finished third Saturday at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. The men's 4 x 400-meter relay team of Tim Hicks, Victor Okorie, D.J. Spann and Sean Walker took third in the event, posting a time of 3 minutes, 10.1 seconds at The University of Tennessee's Tom Black Track. The Blue Raiders men's 4x110 meter also took third in the shuttle relay as Jasper Demps, Garland Martin, Brad Orr and Linnie Yarbrough ran 57.95 seconds.



Hicks



Brown

MT did not compete in every match, a few MT track members did very well, defeating some of the best athletes the surrounding universities had to offer.

LaToya Brown lit up the day with a monstrous leap, setting a personal best in the women's long jump with a mark of 18-8 1/2, winning the event. She also posted a win in the women's high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 6 inches, setting a personal best.

Edwin Koech, the MT junior hailing from Kapsabet, Kenya, placed third in the men's 800-meter run with a time of 1:59.21, just 2.13 seconds behind Nolan Speichinger from Belmont University, who finished first with a time of 1:57.09.

MT's Jerkita McClorin placed 18th and Ayana Riviere followed behind, placing 22nd

in the women's 800-meter event.

In the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase, Zack Wood finished second, 24 seconds behind leader Sammy Shaw.

LaToya Brown finished strong in the women's 100-meter hurdles, placing fourth, with Ayana Riviere placing seventh against a strong Tennessee Tech group.

In the men's shot put, MT's Willie Parker finished third, slinging the ball 43 feet, 1 1/2 inches and finished fourth in the men's hammer throw with a 130 feet, 8 inch mark. MT's Meaghan Byrd placed third, in the women's shot put with a mark of 39 feet.

Jerkita McClorin had a close finish in the women's javelin throw placing third and a mere two inches behind the leader.

Former Blue Raider Christian Nsiang won both the 100-meter with a time of 10.70 seconds and 200-meter, setting a time of 20.70 seconds at the meet on Saturday.

Both squads will travel to Nashville next Friday and Saturday to compete at the Vanderbilt Invitational. ♦

Baseball: Team improves record to 16-18

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was able to score as Indians catcher Zach Shipley's throw got away from third baseman Brad Hayes. Akers came in to score and the Blue Raiders went ahead 4-3.

The Indians answered in their half of the fifth, tying the game again on a home run by Blake Denischuk.

The action continued in the sixth frame as Carroll led off the inning with a double and advanced to third on a bunt single by Shane Kemp.

LeGueneec then drove in another run, sending a sacrifice fly to right field to score Carroll. Kemp then stole second base

and scored on an RBI single by Beathum to give MT a 6-4 lead.

The Indians cut it to 6-5 in the bottom of the sixth on a solo homer by George Sterner and tied the game in the bottom of the seventh.

The game remained tied into the ninth. Jagers ignited the Blue Raiders' ninth inning rally with a one-out single to center field. Archer then tapped a ball back to the pitcher that appeared to be the start of a sure double play. However, an errant throw by Indian pitcher Kevin Cutler allowed both runners to be safe and moved Jagers to third.

Phillips then plated Jagers with a sacrifice fly to give MT a

7-6 advantage.

MT pitcher Jerry Knox added to his solid relief work on the day by holding the Indians scoreless in the bottom of the ninth, giving the Blue Raiders a 7-6 win.

Knox earned the win by pitching 3 2/3 innings out of the bullpen in relief of starting pitcher John Williams, who allowed five runs, though only two earned runs, in 5 1/3 innings of work.

The two wins improved MT's record to 16-18 overall and, more importantly, upped their conference record to 5-6 going into Sunday's series finale in Jonesboro, Ark. ♦

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Spring Fling: More than 600 fans arrive to support team

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this spring. We will come out ready to go in the fall."

Students and other fans enjoyed a combination of good football, food, refreshments and lots of fun. McCollum also said he was pleased to see so many fans at the game.

"I thought it was a great fan turnout today," McCollum said. "The fans seemed like they had fun today, and our kids had a lot of fun. We have great fans at Middle Tennessee, and it's always great to get to play in front of them."

As spring ball concludes, the countdown begins for the opening of the fall season.

The team is slated to begin fall practice in the early part of August and kickoff for the season opener is slated for Thursday, Aug. 28, against Florida Atlantic.

This will be the Blue Raiders' first Thursday night game since stepping up to Division I.

Other games of interest for the 2003 football season are against Temple University at home on Oct. 4 and an away game against the University of Georgia on Sept. 6. ♦



New recruit Pedro Holiday plows over Blue Raider defender Alvin Fite.

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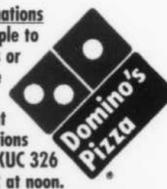


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