



Professor cleared of assault allegations

Editor's note: The "Sidelines" staff only recently obtained some of the following dated information, but to be fair to the parties involved, the staff wanted to go through with the publication of the story.

James Evans
Managing Editor

English professor Jacquelyn Jackson, who in October was accused of assault by a student, has been cleared of all the allegations by Academic Affairs.

On Oct. 4, Sophomore Brad Miller filed a complaint with Public Safety and the English Department against Jackson, claiming she had pushed him out of her office.

Miller said he went to the professor's office to get help with a paper he was writing for her Detective Fiction class.

Jackson, who was with another student, told Miller she couldn't see him until that afternoon. Miller refused to leave, and after exchanging words with Jackson, claimed she pushed him out of her office and slammed the door in his face.

To the contrary, Jackson told officials she did not lay her hands on the student, but merely closed the door because she considered the student's actions threatening and inappropriate.

"He demanded to see me at this moment and angrily shouted that he would not leave even though I told him that I had a scheduled conference, showed him my conference sheet and asked if he could see me at 1:20 p.m. after the last scheduled conference," Jackson said in a formal statement to the English department and to Judicial Affairs.

According to statements

given at the time to Public Safety Officer Larry Nixon, Miller went to Jackson's office to show her a rough draft of one of his papers. Upon entering her office, she told him to wait outside because she was with another student.

Miller waited outside of the office for approximately eight minutes before re-entering the office. According to Miller's statements to Public Safety, he re-entered the office because he did not want to be late to his next class. He asked Jackson for a "minute of her time," at which time Jackson "stormed" out of her office and proclaimed that she was calling the police, but instead, she then returned to her office.

Miller stepped back into the office, and Jackson allegedly pushed him out of the doorway and slammed the door in his face.

Jackson told Public Safety that Miller had a history of coming to her office and interrupting meetings with other students. She said he had been told in the past to make appointments just like everyone else.

Deborah Carroll, secretary in the lower-division English office, told Public Safety that she overheard Jackson admit to the allegations.

Miller went to Carroll to file the complaint, according to her statements to Public Safety. She gave him instructions on how to complete the complaint. Carroll said Miller finished the report and left.

A few moments later, Carroll said Miller returned and asked her to accompany him to Jackson's office. Carroll said she did not want to get involved. Jackson then entered the office, and she and Miller

continued their "discussion," according to Carroll's statement.

Carroll said she then overheard Jackson admit to the allegations.

"Dr. Jackson did admit to pushing the student out of her office and slamming the door in my presence," Carroll said in her statement.

However, two students — the one that had been in Jackson's office and another that was waiting outside her door — made statements that Jackson didn't push Miller and that Miller had acted irrationally.

William Connelly, chair of the English Department, said he took the matter to the University's attorney that day, and Jackson was cleared of any wrong doing.

"She simply closed the door," Connelly said. "We had two eyewitnesses, and neither corroborated what the student

said had happened.

"Dr. Jackson did nothing wrong."

Still, Miller pushed the issue further, and Student Affairs began an investigation into the incident, but concluded that the evidence supported Jackson's version of the story, not Miller's.

"We looked into it at the time," said Robert Jones, associate vice president of Academic Affairs, "but found no grounds to take action against Dr. Jackson."

Miller was put on disciplinary probation extending until the end of the spring 2000 semester and was forced to drop Jackson's class.

An attempt to find Miller for comment was unsuccessful before deadline. Jackson — who in the past said she would not comment on the incident — was not contacted. ■

Tell me a story . . .



Photo by Jessica Norton | Staff Photographer

Two young students watch as published author Vicki Grove autographs a book at MTSU's Young Authors' Conference Saturday. As many as 600 Rutherford County first through sixth graders shared their own writings and heard from published authors in workshops set up in the LRC, BAS, KUC and Peck Hall. MTSU theatre students also presented storytelling sessions. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Special Education.

12 professors nominated for Outstanding Teacher Awards

Twelve professors have been nominated for the Outstanding Teacher awards for 1999-2000 year. After students and peers evaluate the nominees, five winners will be announced. The MTSU Foundation will present the winners with checks at the Fall Convocation on August 18.

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Memory Walk needs students

Staff Reports

The Rutherford County Memory 2000 Walk will kick off the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Alvin C. York Medical Center.

The MTSU team is looking for more walkers and supporters.

Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, has offered to give \$15 toward the \$25 registration fee to help the first 40 students register for the walk.

Honorary co-chairs of the event include Senator Andy Womack and Andy Adams, president of the National Health Care Corporation.

According to a letter from the co-chairs of the MTSU team, Suzanne Prevost and Judy Campbell, "The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to providing education, support, counseling, resources and referrals to patients, families and professional caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's."

Prevost is the NHC Chair of Excellence in Nursing and Campbell is an associate professor of Nursing.

The Alzheimer's Association is a privately-funded nonprofit healthcare organization.

For more information, contact Prevost in the Cason Kennedy Nursing Building in office 223. ■

Faculty Senate elects president

Camille Murray
Staff Reporter

Associate professor Dennis Oneal has been elected president of Faculty Senate.

Oneal was nominated by a nominating committee a couple of weeks ago for the position.

As an associate professor of Radio-Television/Photography, Oneal teaches Electronic Media Management and Media Law courses in the College of Mass Communications.

In 1979, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been a professor here since 1983.

At the present moment, Oneal holds the title of president elect for Faculty Senate. This position entails one year of training. Once in the position, the term will last a year.

Currently the position is held by Kathy Mathis. Mathis is a professor in the English Technology and Industrial Studies departments.

Oneal will take over as president for Faculty Senate starting Fall 2001.

Beginning next fall, Oneal will start training for the position of president while holding the

title of president elect. In this position, he will be representing the faculty before administrative and before the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Meetings will be held to discuss the faculty's viewpoints on all subjects.

Oneal said he's very excited about the position. He plans on communicating the desires of the faculty and keeping them in front of the administration.

He also said he's not going into the position looking to change things. He feels that in the past, the faculty has been

very well represented. Oneal said he feels good about being in a position in which he could do some good for the faculty, and he plans to stay open to all comments and ideas.

"I have a feeling that in a position like this, I have the opportunity to accomplish something good."

Dennis Oneal

During the Fall 2001 semester, Oneal will lighten his class load. He will still be teaching the Intro and Electronic Media classes, but he will no longer be teaching Media Law, and may possibly drop another one of his classes.

Oneal said he feels very honored to be president elect for Faculty Senate.

"I have a feeling that in a position like this, I have the opportunity to accomplish something good," he said. ■

Local Census 2000 office recruiting census takers

Staff Reports

The Census Bureau's Murfreesboro Census Office is intensifying its efforts to recruit local residents to perform temporary Census 2000 jobs.

Non-response Follow-up (NRFU), the largest field operation of Census 2000, began April 27 and will run as late as July 7.

Initial training sessions for the census taker selection began April 24.

Additional selections and training sessions will follow. The training prepares census takers to clearly explain the importance of the census for their communities, and the confidentiality of all responses provided.

Census takers undergo security screenings.

"Our goal is to hire and train local people who are committed to a successful count in their neighborhoods," said Steve

Allbrooks, local census office manager.

"Participating in the census is critical to the well-being of our community and to each of us individually," said Susan B. Hardy, Charlotte Regional Census Center director. "The number produced determine how Rutherford County gets its fair share of more than \$185 billion in federal funds annually. Our responses determine how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives and provide the means for states and localities to define their voting districts."

"The numbers help various groups within our community receive adequate attention from federal, state and local programs," Hardy said.

The Murfreesboro Census office is located at 630 Broadmoor. For more information about obtaining temporary Census 2000 employment, call 1-888-325-7733. ■

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.

May 1

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is hosting "Y-Blu-K, Sigma Week 2000" on the following times and dates:

4-27 Display table in KUC with "Baby Blues" and "Sigmawaging War Against Cancer," Ebony Achievement Awards in the JUB Tennessee Room at 7 p.m. and an after-party at the Boys and Girls Club;

4-28 Community service at Spring Valley Community Center at 3 p.m., Movie Night at the LRC Multimedia Room at 8:14 p.m. and an open mixer at Haynes Manor Clubhouse at 10:14 p.m.;

4-29 Alumni Dinner at 12:14 p.m., "Steppin' In Style" step show at AMG at 7:14 p.m. and an after-party to be announced;

4-30 Cookout at Murphy Center Pavilion at 3:14 p.m.; 5-1 Faculty Appreciation in KUC, Room 322 at 3 p.m. and a Zeta Phi Beta Sigma Informational Meeting in the Hazelwood Dining Room at 7:14 p.m. For more information, contact Justin Harris at 898-1252 or online at www.mtsu.edu/~pbs.

The Japan-U.S. Program with NEK presents Ashle Baxter: "Teaching English in

Japan," Monday beginning at 6 p.m. at Jade Dragon Restaurant on 1433 Memorial Blvd. The lecture is open to the public, with no admission charge.

May 4

The MTSU Rutherford County Alumni Chapter hosts their annual Cajun feast 6 p.m. Thursday at the Tennessee Livestock Center. There will be musical entertainment by Abe Manuel and the Cajuns. Proceeds will benefit the Rutherford County Alumni Scholarship. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call Alumni Relations at 898-2922 for tickets.

May 6

The first Rutherford County Memorial Walk 2000, which will begin the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Alvin C. York Medical Center. The MTSU team is asking for students' and professors' support as a walker or supporter. Contact Suzanne Prevost in office 223 in the Cason Kennedy Nursing Building for more information.

May 11

There will be a "Planning

and Leadership Strategies for the New Millennium Seminar" from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$59 per person, \$50 for groups of four or more and \$20 for students. Featured speakers will include Earl Swensson, Nashville architect and holder of MTSU's Chair of Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning, who will present, "Focus on Planning: Considerations for Tennessee, the Region, and Beyond in the 21st Century;" and Dr. Mark Mendenhall, J. Burton Frierson Chair of Excellence in Business Leadership. For more information or to register, call Carol Puryear, Continuing Studies, at 898-2462.

May 27

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee is seeking volunteers to answer the statewide Parent Helpline/ Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with families of newborns, to facilitate parenting classes, and to assist with childcare during the parenting classes. Training begins Saturday. For more information, please call Jennifer Watson at 868-4468, ext. 12. PCAT is a non-profit child abuse prevention agency serving families across Tennessee.

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.

The Murfreesboro Salvation Army has nearly run out of food, especially chicken and hamburger. They urge anyone who is able to donate food to bring it to the Salvation Army headquarters at 1137 West Main Street. Kathy Wheeler, business manager, said they also need salt, sugar and other condiments. For more information, call Wheeler at 895-7071.

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.

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

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.

Students for Environmental Action invite all students to weekly meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 201. For more information, e-mail Lori Bruner at greenmind@home.com.

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.

Protest planned for MSU graduation

TMS Campus

EAST LANSING, Mich. (TMS) — Students at Michigan State University already are bracing for a graduation day filled with protests because of World Bank President James Wolfensohn, who was invited to give this year's commencement speech.

Students gathered at the campus' union to organize a demon-

stration during the May 5 ceremony. Many said they want their protest to be informative, but not disruptive.

"I feel it is good to protest before and after the graduation," senior Natalie Milbrodt told the Associated Press. "But I don't feel we need to turn the graduation itself into a protest."

The World Bank, which loans money to countries for economic development, has come under fire from groups accusing it of

burdening poor countries with overwhelming debt. Protesters, who staged raucous demonstrations at the bank's recent meeting in Washington, D.C., also fault it for supporting policies that lead to poor working conditions and environmental damage.

Student protesters are mulling over various protests. One proposal up for consideration would involve seniors walking out of the ceremony as Wolfensohn begins his speech. ■

Students in Iran skip classes to protest

TMS Campus

TEHRAN, Iran (TMS) — Hundreds of university students skipped classes Tuesday to stage rallies backing Iran's president, whose reform efforts took a hit this week when opponents closed down 13 pro-democracy newspapers and magazines.

The newroom shutdowns and arrests of two of the country's prominent journalists indi-

cate the power hard-line clergy still wield despite President Mohammed Khatami's popularity nationwide. Khatami, a moderate cleric, has sought to loosen restrictions since taking office in 1997.

He has found favor among students. More than 300 attending Khajeh Naseer Technical University in Tehran left classes, assembling instead on a front lawn, where they chanted in support of him. On an iron

fence around the university, protesters posted the last editions of the 13 publications that were closed.

"The hard-liners are desperate," Hamid Khorsand, a student protester told the Associated Press. "They want to cling to power even if it means pushing the country toward a crisis."

"But no matter what the hard-liners do," he continued, "reforms are irrevocable." ■

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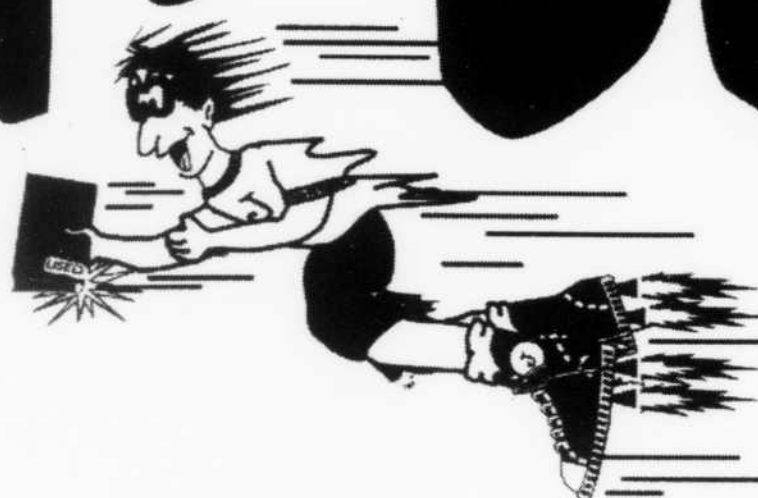
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Police: Man's online alias lured student

Pete Slover
Dallas Morning Star

AUSTIN, Texas — To the folks online, kelleymc was Texas A&M pre-law student Kelly McCauley, a slight brunette in a sundress, judging by the e-mailed pictures she offered by way of introduction.

In truth, police said Thursday, kelleymc was Kenny Wayne Lockwood, 31, an unemployed 6-foot-2-inch Aggie wannabe who used his Internet alter ego to lure a bona fide Aggie sophomore to his death.

Hays County Sheriff Don Montague announced the arrest of Lockwood, of San Antonio, in the killing of Kerry Kujawa, 20, of Richmond, who was found dead April 19 on a ranch about 20 miles outside of Austin.

"Following his arrest, Lockwood gave a full confession," the sheriff told a news conference Thursday, about eight hours after Lockwood's 2 a.m. arrest at a hospital where he was a patient.

"It helped today at the funeral, as I put my son to rest," said the victim's mother, Lucille Kujawa. "We were relieved, because it means he can't do the same thing to somebody else. I just wish we knew what would make him do such a thing."

The sheriff was tight-lipped, as were officers from the Texas

Rangers and the Texas A&M Police who assisted in the investigation.

But an arrest warrant affidavit filed by an investigator in the case revealed the police version of events leading to the discovery of Kujawa's barefoot, decomposing body.

Interviews with people who knew the victim and the killer online bolstered the suggestion in the affidavit: that Lockwood, faced with the discovery of his online gender deception, killed the suitor who had pushed for a face-to-face meeting.

Then, with the body stashed, Lockwood allegedly got back online to continue the facade, e-mailing the victim's family, confiding to a chat-room buddy that "she" and Kujawa were engaged.

Lockwood, whom police confirmed had applied for admission to A&M in February, even visited Kujawa's dorm room, where he bumped into the dead student's roommate.

According to the affidavit, after Kujawa's body was identified with dental records on April 22, investigators found his car at the College Station airport, with human blood in the hatchback area and a parking ticket indicating it was left there on April 10.

A&M investigators learned that Kujawa had been corresponding via computer with

somebody using the handle kelleymc and that he had made plans to visit that person in San Antonio on April 7.

On April 9, Kujawa's roommate told police, he logged onto the computer and was contacted by somebody using the kelleymc name, but claiming to be Kujawa. That person told the roommate that he was staying with "Kelly" till the next day, but that they would be returning to A&M on April 10.

The person told the roommate not to be surprised to find "Kelly's" younger brother in their dorm room, and the next day the roommate ran into a person in his room. He told police he then assumed that person was the brother, but later identified him as Lockwood from a police photo. The person in the room had a duffel bag the roommate identified as belonging to Kujawa.

Later, police confirmed from parking records that Kujawa's car entered his usual garage about that time, about a half-hour before the car was clocked at the airport. A surveillance videotape showed a person resembling Lockwood hauling the duffel bag through the garage, police said.

To track down the identity of the person known as kelleymc, police talked to operators and participants in a chat room started by kelleymc and her then

online boyfriend after they were booted out of another chat room.

Those people, all expressing the belief that they had been dealing for months with a woman, passed along the address and phone number given to them by Kelly, which actually traced to the house where Lockwood lived.

A neighbor of the ranch where Kujawa's body was found told investigators that Lockwood was a longtime family friend. As such, the neighbor said, Lockwood had visited the neighbor's spread and would have knowledge of the property and the road where the body was found.

Texas A&M and its alumni association offered a \$10,000 reward for information in the case, but it wasn't immediately known Thursday whether that money would be paid out.

Online Thursday an introductory message was displayed in the chat room where the victim and the alleged killer were among what participants estimated at less than 50 regular visitors.

"Today we are honoring the Memory of Kerry Kujawa."

Lockwood had crafted a fully textured fake identity, said Karey Lynn Lee of Etoile, Texas, an operator of the room. She claimed to be a pre-law student at A&M, age 21, and a graduate of a San Antonio high school.

And, he said, since January kelleymc had chatted constantly about a new boyfriend, Kerry, saying the pair had met at the Alamo Bowl game.

During online chats when Kujawa was not signed on, kelleymc would say that he was in the next room, or that she was fixing him dinner, Lee recalled.

"She — I'll say she — talked about Kerry more than I wanted to know," Lee said.

He and others who knew kelleymc online assumed that she communicated with Kerry in person or in another forum, since Kerry actually spent little time in the trivia room.

Lee said it struck him as suspicious that kelleymc always signed on through America Online instead of through an A&M Internet service.

The violence, as well as the betrayal of trust, has shaken the odd intimacy of a domain where people meet for months on end without disclosing their real identities.

"We're close, like family," said Lee, 57. "But this has put a chill on it."

The last he heard from kelleymc was a Good Friday message, chilling in retrospect.

"She said they were engaged. They were going to see his parents," Lee said. "All this while the kid was already dead."

Talk turned to the slaying in the Aggie chat area Thursday.

"All I know is that three of us here are VERY lucky to be alive," wrote a participant with the handle Sheepy98. "One of us in particular."

None of the chat room witnesses quoted in the affidavit said they had actually talked to Kelly, but instead that they communicated online. One recounted the use of a code: calling the San Antonio number, letting it ring, then hanging up.

Scott Schneider, a 21-year-old psychology senior from Austin, said he co-founded the chat room with kelleymc last year and that they had had an online romantic interest.

He told police that he had talked to her supposed brother, Isaac, and even attended an A&M football game with him. Only when police questioned him, did he identify "Isaac" as Kenny Wayne Lockwood, the affidavit said.

He began to get suspicious and the relationship cooled when he discovered that there was no person named Kelly McCauley attending A&M.

But, he said, it never occurred to him to unmask Kelly as a fake.

"I told my roommate, 'I don't think this person is real,' " he said. "I don't appreciate somebody pretending to be a girl. But that's the Internet. You can be whoever you want to be." ■

Family of student killed by drunk driver asks prosecutors to drop charges

TMS Campus

MADISON, Wis. (TMS) — The family of a student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison who was killed in a drunk-driving accident have urged prosecutors to honor the customs and practices of their native country of South Korea by dropping charges against another UW student charged with her death.

Minji Kim, 22, was killed in

November when the car she was in struck a tree in the university's arboretum. The driver, Hang Lee, 21, an engineering student also from South Korea, had a blood-alcohol content of 0.14. He was charged with homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle and faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted.

Lee suffered serious head injuries in the crash. Medical experts testified that he has no recall of the accident and suffers from bouts of amnesia and from

speech and thought impairments. Because he can't remember the accident, his attorneys have asked a judge to dismiss the case.

Kim's family agrees that the case shouldn't proceed. Given the heartache endured by both students' families, her father sent prosecutors a letter stating that he has "reached an accord with Hang Lee and his family pursuant to our culture, practices and customs."

"We are fully satisfied with

the outcome, and desire nothing of Hang or his family," Tai O. Kim, Minji Kim's father, said. "We ask you, the court and the state of Wisconsin to do nothing that would ensure Hang's incarceration or jeopardize his ability to return home."

Despite the family's wishes, Deputy District Attorney Brian Brophy said it appears the case is headed to court.

"We listen to the victims, and we listen to the victims' families to see what they have to say," he

said. "Their voices will enter into our consideration, but they won't trump our obligation to ensure public safety."

Prosecutors have offered to settle the case, but Lee's attorney has yet to accept the offer — the terms of which haven't been revealed in court.

So far, UW students have not weighed in on the matter, Brophy said.

"Normally, if there were to be an uproar about a case, my desk would be flooded," he said. ■

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Family holds memorial service for Coe

MCKENZIE, Tenn. (AP) - Family and friends of Robert Glen Coe, the first inmate put to death in 40 years in Tennessee, gathered at a memorial service at a small country church to remember his life.

"He knew we loved him, and we'll miss him with all our hearts," said Coe's sister, Billie Jean Mayberry, as tears ran down her face. The one-hour memorial service Saturday was attended by about 30 relatives and friends of Coe, The Jackson Sun reported in a story Sunday.

Coe, 44, was executed April 19 for raping and killing 8-year-old Cary Ann Medlin of Greenfield in 1979.

Mayberry, who witnessed the execution, said after the service that there was no way to describe the pain of watching the death of the brother, whose nickname was "Flubby."

"It was different when our mother was sick and died. We had to watch them kill him," said Mayberry. Mayberry, along with her sister Bonnie DeShields, their brother, Jimmy Coe and his wife, Frances, witnessed the execution.

Coe's ashes sat in a black box at the foot of the pulpit, flanked by a grade school picture of an young boy with an impish grin and a photo, taken about a year ago, of Coe hugging his siblings. On top of the box sat a child's drawing of a brightly crayon-colored rainbow, a picture sent to him in prison.

"I am sure Robert was not comfortable with his soul in this life. But I am confident that he is well with it now," said Sky McCracken of Jackson's East Trinity United Methodist Church. McCracken befriended and counseled the family in the months leading up to the execution. "There is no more fear, no more pain, no more confusion."

Three of Coe's four siblings spoke after the service about their brother and their lives as the relatives of a convicted murderer.

They have been shot at, threatened repeatedly, shunned, fired from jobs and gossiped about because of their relationship to Coe, they told The Jackson Sun.

"If people know that you're Robert Coe's sister or brother, they don't want anything to do with you. It's like you're shut off from the world," DeShields said.

DeShields said that through everything, the family saw "a God that loves little children, even Robert. We know that the only way to have real peace is keeping our minds on God."

They said they feel for the family of Cary Ann and can understand why her mother, Charlotte Stout, campaigned for Coe's execution.

"I think she's still hurting. Just because they killed my brother doesn't mean it's going to stop her pain," Mayberry said. "I can't put myself in her shoes; I wouldn't want to. But we hurt right along with her."

They are united in belief that Coe was innocent and that capital punishment should be abolished in Tennessee. It wasn't always that way.

Mayberry always believed her brother was innocent. DeShields did not, until about a year ago, when Robert Coe sent her court documents his attorneys filed to support their theory that someone else committed the crime. Those claims were rejected by the courts in appeals.

"We knew Robert had mental problems. We knew that he flashed," DeShields said. "When we were children, the welfare people were called to our house. They would never help us."

Details about childhood abuse, reported repeatedly over the years by media agencies, embarrassed the family.

Roger Coe does not talk about his brother and declined to be interviewed.

Coe had a daughter, who was born about nine months before his arrest for Cary Ann's murder. Rebecca, whose name was changed by the courts in an attempt to protect her identity, wrote to her father from the time she was 14 until last year. About two months ago, she moved away and has not been heard from since by Coe's siblings.

The siblings said they spent about six hours with Coe during the last few days of his life.

DeShields said she plans to continue fighting the death penalty.

Coe's remains will be placed in a private family location.

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Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

Turn Two

Reaching goals, making wrongs right take collaborative effort

"They just don't always end up the way you play them out in your head" is the line I believe I'm quoting by Kelly Preston in "For Love of the Game."

I guess that's the way it is with the last column of the year.

I've written about some of the most pointless things imaginable over the last months, and when I finally focus my writing energy in the last month, it's already the end of the semester, so I decided to write the final "View."

Continuing with a baseball analogy, I want to tell a fairly popular story, at least if you're from Chicago.

There was a double play trio that was famous far and wide in the Windy City around the turn of the century, Tinker to Evers to Chance.

The Cubs won the World Series in 1907 and 1908. Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance are in the Hall of Fame. Each man was elected in the same year of 1946. Tinker was the shortstop, Evers was the second baseman, and Chance played first.

This trio lasted from 1906 to 1912. However, the reason they live in history was because of a journalist and poet named Franklin P. Adams.

He wrote "Baseball's Sad Lexicon" about the trio, which first appeared in July 1910 in the New York Evening Mail.

Adams, an avid New York Giants fan, wrote the poem in disgust of the three Cubs' proficiency in turning double plays that killed Giant rallies, saying, "These are the saddest of possible words: \ Tinker to Evers to Chance \ Trio of bear cubs, fleetster than birds \ Tinker to Evers to Chance."

The story always makes me think of team effort. The game of life is easily comparable to baseball. Those who think baseball is boring forget what life meant in a simpler time. Beauty and perfection can be attained on the field, but it never can in real life.

However, the true beauty in baseball comes from the each individual effort, which determines who wins and who loses.

Rarely does one man lose a game all by himself -- even more rare does one man win the game by himself.

Records fall, but for all the boys who played in the summer, the little league coach's eternal words ring through their ears, "It doesn't matter if you get a hit, just go down swinging. Never leave the bat on your shoulder."

Everything we do in life is a team effort. Even the most individualistic student thrives as a team. Professors, staff at MTSU, friends, they all make up a part of the team.

No professor wants to end your college career -- they simply want to challenge you, make you stronger.

The opportunities you have or have had here should prepare you for everything to come.

Seniors, congratulations, you've passed the test. Now it's time to play in the biggest ballpark of all for the rest of your life. You only get one good chance, and you may only get one good pitch. Seize the day.

Underclassmen, enjoy your time in the "minor leagues."

There is still sand in the hourglass. Yes, the sand is quickly running out, but you still have time to right a wrong, help a friend in need, find peace in your life. Do it.

Our newspaper, "Sidelines," thrives because of the team we have assembled.

Better yet, "Sidelines" will thrive because of the team we are assembling. We have a new poise, a new direction, and great things will come.

While it might not be as dependable as Tinker to Evers to Chance, it is our playing field, and we're playing to win.

That's the last View from the Crowd.

Enjoy your summer, I'll see you at the ballpark. ■

From the Editor Finals absolutely useless

For my last editorial of the semester, I've decided to evaluate the importance of final exams.

I know the ideal behind finals.

You study intensely all semester, and at the end of that semester you are given a comprehensive exam for which all you need to do is a simple review because you've already learned everything on that exam throughout the semester.

I also know the realism of finals.

You basically do nothing to learn any of the material throughout the semester, with the exception of cramming information bit by bit for periodic exams that fades away as those

tests are over. Then finals hit, and you cram five classes' worth of information into your sleep-deprived, caffeine-overdosed brain for a five-day period, and then the material quickly dwindles from the brain bit by bit as each test ends.

Our professors know we do this. They must also know that we learn absolutely nothing from this process.

So why the hell do they put us through this torture?

Our entire testing system is dysfunctional, not just finals.

It's all focused on memorization -- definitions, lists, formulas -- and not on actually learning.

Anyone can memorize the

words and spit them back out onto a test, but that doesn't necessarily mean that person knows what those words put together mean.

It's all about doing the absolute minimum necessary to make the grade.

We're not here to learn -- we're here to graduate. We'd say the sky is purple if it'd get us an A. But where do we end up in the end? Out in the real world with a 4.0 and absolutely no idea what the hell we're doing.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go cram for finals.

Angela White
Editor in Chief

The West Wing

by Adam Tune, Staff Columnist

Hate cannot stop citizen's rights

On Wednesday, our U.S. Supreme Court had to meet with the Boy Scouts to discuss the gay rights issue.

The argument is that gays should be able to participate openly in the Boy Scouts.

Back in 1990, James Dale was dismissed from his duties as a New Jersey scout leader because he admitted that he was gay.

The New Jersey courts said that the Boy Scouts violated state anti-discrimination laws.

This is just another issue where the first amendment is argued on both sides. One can argue that we are granted the freedom of association and the freedom of speech. If the Boy Scouts are told to accept Dale as a scout leader, then they have been violated their right of free speech.

The group believes that homosexuality is immoral.

Dale's position was that he didn't use his preference to promote homosexuality within the Boy Scouts.

Even if he had, he still would not have violated anything because the boy scouts motto includes serving "God and My

Country," not "We Hate Gays."

The papers said that "If Dale becomes a scout leader again, then Church groups that sponsor the scouts have said a victory for Dale would lead them to drop out."

That would be an enormous dent in a group that big.

Well, here is my motto.

Stop the hate.

I swear, every time you look around you hear people arguing about whether or not to let gays serve in our military or in the boy scouts. God hates Gays, they say.

Whatever!

If this is the way that the Boy Scouts want to conduct their organization, then my son will never participate in one of their little pine derbies, because he won't be a Boy Scout.

If Dale is given his job back by the courts, people say, "that is a victory for homosexuals."

Ok, so what?

"They will lose a lot of church sponsors."

Ok, so what?

I won't be attending those churches

either. I don't think that Jesus would have shunned away a group just because they had a homosexual leader. I think he would have welcomed them because Jesus loves everybody.

This is just another example of the way that those "Christian Coalition, Pat Robertson following" people hate.

They are fighting a losing battle.

In Vermont they just passed the law that states gay couples can have all the privileges that married couples have. Soon, all states will follow.

Please stop the hate! Is there a reason that we can't accept everyone? No!

Those of you that think that want to stop gay rights and think that it will die off, you are sadly mistaken.

Look back into the early '90s.

In just one decade, the gay right movement has come a long way, and it will keep moving forward.

Those that protest it will just die off. Those are the ones that will be losing.

They will destroy themselves with their own hate. ■

Letters to the Editor

Tune is wrong, Larry Davis cannot stand above the law

I am writing in response to an item appearing in the April 27 edition of "Sidelines," written by Adam Tune. The item is called "Larry's dead."

According to the description of events provided by Mr. Tune, Larry Davis initially agreed to allow police to search a bag in Mr. Davis' car, then changed his mind and put his car in drive.

According to Mr. Tune, one police officer was standing in front of Larry's car, and a second officer was standing at the side of the car.

When Mr. Davis put his car in drive, both officers opened fire, killing Mr. Davis.

This description seems clear enough.

What I find amazing is Mr. Tune's contention that this is somehow a murder performed by two police officers.

Whether or not Mr. Davis had a gun (or for that matter a knife, a club or any other easily recognizable weapon) is irrelevant.

From Mr. Tune's description of events a police officer was in front of the automobile that Mr. Davis had just put into drive. The police officer had every reason to believe that his life was in danger, and in fact Mr. Davis' weapon was his automobile.

I find it amazing that Mr. Tune could not reach this conclusion from his own description of events.

Perhaps Mr. Davis believes that police officers have some special powers causing automobiles to bounce off of their bodies?

Mr. Tune then asks three questions which I want to address in order.

1. "Why didn't they just shoot the tire?"

What possible good would this have done in the first place? Has Mr. Davis ever had a flat tire? If so, he would know that whether or not there is air in a tire, it is still possible to drive a considerable distance.

Shooting the tires does not cause an automobile to come to an immediate stop.

Furthermore, there is the very real danger to innocent bystanders, including the two police officers, of ricochets. Perhaps Mr. Tune would be comfortable with the idea of bullets bouncing off of the pavement and flying around the area indiscriminantly, but I certainly would be concerned.

2. "Why didn't they point the

gun and give him a warning?"

How much time was there for the police to do this? The automobile was in drive, the police officer was in front of it, the danger to the officers life was imminent.

3. "Why didn't they chase him?"

In the first place, one of the most dangerous situations for police to be involved in is a high speed car chase. Everyone, the suspect, the officers and innocent motorists and pedestrians are placed in extreme jeopardy.

This is why police departments have been reviewing their policies regarding how long and how intensely to pursue these types of chases.

Secondly, the purpose of the chase is to eventually force the suspect to stop.

What sort of sense does it make to allow a stopped suspect to initiate a chase in the first place?

And once the suspect is stopped, what are the officers supposed to do -- get out of the cars, allowing the suspect to drive off and begin the chase all over again?

Mr. Tune, the bottom line is very simple. A man is dead because he was a fool. The fool's

name is Larry Davis.

Anyone who attempts to assault a police officer under any circumstances and with any weapon is placing his life in jeopardy.

Had Mr. Davis not attempted to murder a police officer with his automobile, he would have had every opportunity to defend himself in court.

Lastly, your contention that the state courts, the legislature, the governor and the police have no right to murder a person is correct.

But in this case, no one was murdered. A suspect was killed by police in the line of duty while trying to flee the scene, and while jeopardizing the life of one of the officers.

It is apparent to me that Mr. Tune's knowledge of proper police procedures has been obtained from movies and television.

It is my opinion that Mr. Tune needs to spend more time learning police procedures from police, and less time filling his head with nonsense from Hollywood.

Terrence A. Lee
Associate Professor of
Chemistry

Evans' editorial failed to show advancements of SGA

I appreciate your thoughts and concerns about the upcoming issues in the Student Government Association.

I do not take your editorial as criticism but more of a challenge for the new administration.

Yes, my goals are set very high for my term as Speaker of the Senate, but I have no doubt that with the new senators, these goals will be achieved.

However, we all need to realize that in the world of politics -- even campus politics -- some policies take effect immediate-

ly and some policies take years to take place.

I do want to say that criticism of the Crismon administration was unfair and inconsiderate.

Crismon started the Blue and White card system to award students who performed well academically.

Under the leadership of Megan Smith, the Senate made the toy drive a major success and implemented the "Make a Difference Day" community service project.

Another fact I want to point out is that the previous individuals that held these three top offices have only had one year to achieve any goals.

With this fact, it is hard to keep a balance from one administration to another.

I want to end this letter by saying that I will give all my energy and power to give MTSU a better learning environment for the students of today and the future.

Josh Pounders, Sophomore
Speaker of the Senate

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Letters to the Editor

Resident claims University Courtyard infringes on rights

I have lived at University Courtyard since August.

Now first off, it is a nice concept and a good idea for those who don't want to live on campus. However, I am at the point now where I have had enough. University Courtyard has a few secrets that I think warrants attention.

First off, the staff is very unprofessional and is constantly trying to rip someone off. They assign miscellaneous fees for things like trash, damages and even noise.

University Courtyard sent out letters in January saying that if you wanted to renew your lease, you had to do so by February. Technically, leases are not up until July 31. Why should a college student renew a lease five months in advance?

If you didn't renew, you had to give them another \$300 security deposit, as well as relocate to another apartment.

What is so hard about transferring the deposit that they already have? And if you give the them another deposit, what happens to the one that they already have?

University Courtyard is notorious for not fixing things as well.

I moved in last August, and my carpet still hasn't been cleaned, and the blinds have been broken since day one.

When maintenance does decide to come to your apartment, don't worry about being there. They already have a key, and you never get any warning that they are coming.

They are supposed to give you 24-hours notice. Also, they never conduct inspec-

tions while you are there, and they try to charge you for damages. But, I never have an idea about what they are doing because I am never there.

Why would anyone decide to randomly inspect around Christmas break when they know people are going to be out of town?

Adults live here and pay rent. I have trouble understanding why they want to resort to some of the things that would take place in a dorm.

Speaking of rudeness, let me tell you how room assignments have been known to go.

My roommate and I have lived here since August. In November, they decide to put a new person in. You would think that the profile cards that we fill out when we move in and review so that we can move in with someone that we feel comfortable with would serve some purpose, right? Well, one day some girl came to my door and walked in with boxes in her hand. My initial response was, "Who the hell is this?"

She had signed a lease, and the people in the leasing office suggested our apartment. It would have been nice to get a call from the office to let us know that someone was considering our apartment.

Furthermore, we could have at least met the girl before she moved in. She could have been an ax murderer, kleptomaniac or any other colorfully dangerous or weird human being.

When I brought this to the attention of management, they told me they would gladly fill out a police report in the event of a

mishap.

I have a friend that used to live in University Courtyard, but guess what our friendly staff did to them.

These two females had been in their apartment for about six months. About three weeks ago, management decided to fill the apartment since there were some available rooms.

Little did my friends know one of the two people they moved in was a male. Yes, the opposite sex, and they didn't even consult with those that had been living there.

These are just a few reasons that I feel the University Courtyard is only concerned about money.

They falsely advertise on a regular basis — they don't pay for referrals, even though they say they do, and the bus that they supposedly have to bring students to school and provide transportation to and from Courtyard — it doesn't exist. But they use that as a reason for people without transportation to move in.

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If you are looking for somewhere to live and want to save yourself money and hassle, I strongly suggest anywhere but University Courtyard.

Loreida Jennings
Freshman, College of Basic
and Applied Sciences

University Courtyard also fails to keep its promises

I moved into University Courtyard in May of 1999 because I did not have a car and they promised bus service to campus.

When the bus service was suddenly discontinued two months later, I spoke with both University Courtyard and MTSU officials to no avail.

I then reported University Courtyard to the Better Business Bureau for breaking their promise.

They never acknowledged my complaint or offered to try to compensate for my trouble.

Thankfully, after a year of

riding my bike or walking to class through the rain, snow and mud, my lease is almost up.

While I am unaware of any problems currently being experienced by other lessees, I tend to believe them.

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SIDELINES ■ 1B

On a good note...

Sorority hosts lip sync contest for philanthropy fundraiser

Amanda Virgillito
Features Editor

Sounds of happy chattering, group chanting and Top 40 hits filled Tucker Theater last Thursday night.

Zeta Tau Alpha, an MTSU Panhellenic sorority, sponsored their first annual Lip Sync contest to raise money for their philanthropy, the Zeta Foundation, "which supports the Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Foundation," according to Zeta Tau Alpha president Becky Logan.

Logan, who worked as head of the program, said the Zeta Foundation promotes "research to find the cure."

I enter the theater Thursday night, and I'm immediately bombarded by what seems like thousands of voices, all in anticipation of the night's events. I see a young man rush by sporting a minidress and blond wig, followed by a group of girls wearing matching bandannas.

However, despite the festivities, these fraternity and sorority members have come for an important reason — to support a good cause.

Chris Howell, member of Alpha Tau Omega and performer in the show, commented, "It's something fun and for a good cause. That's really what Greeks are supposed to be about — philanthropy and service."

He also didn't hesitate to mention that "our chances [of winning] are good."

The show kicked off with the crowd pleasing sounds of Butterboy, a local band. Immediately the crowd began dancing and cheering. Butter, the lead singer, also served as emcee for the evening.

I managed to sneak a few words with the judges to see what they were going to be looking for.

"You're assuming we've given some thought to this," joked Bob Glenn, vice-president of Student Affairs.

Beth Teague, another judge, commented that the performers must "entertain the audience."

Judges for the evening included Bob Glenn, Beth Teague, Glen Hanley, Jim Henry, Maggie Prugh, Hari Garbharran and Christy Carter.

Logan welcomed the audience and thanked them for helping "us fight the war against breast cancer."

The first performers for the evening, Alpha Gamma Rho, definitely started the show out right with "What the devil and Johnny were really thinking about." Boasting cardboard fiddles, an overall clad Johnny and the head-to-toe devil duked it out.

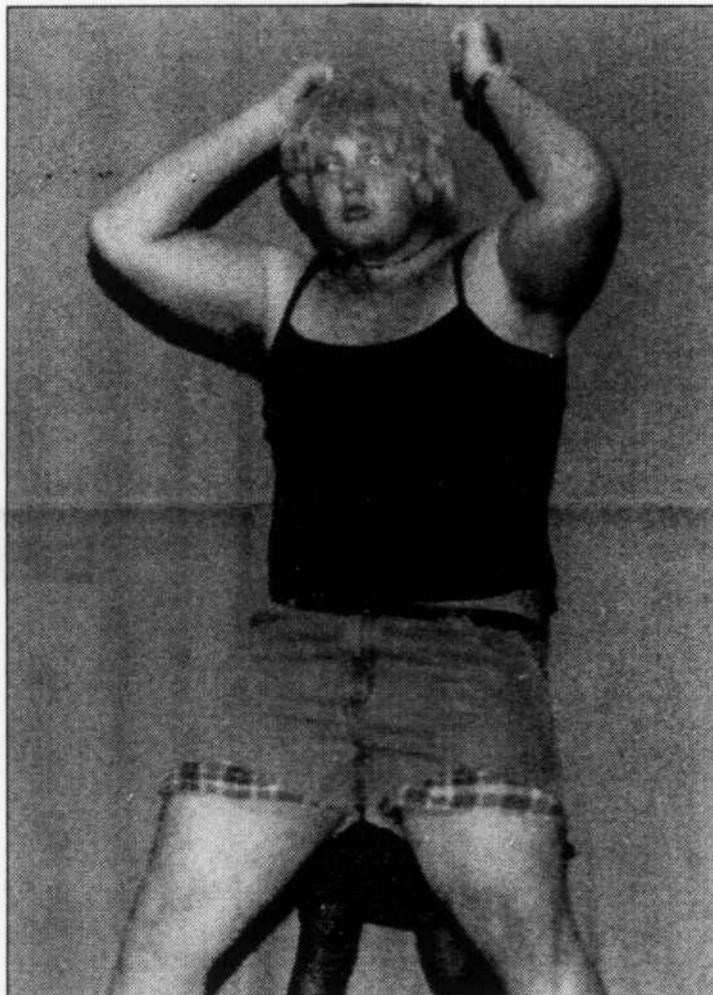
Suddenly, the tempo changed to the song "Trashy Women," as a stunning young man came out dressed like a woman. Butter commented, "I used to have this really weird thing for pantyhose, but I don't anymore."



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Photographer

Above, Matthew "Muff" Oakley leads Alpha Tau Omega with his impersonation of Sisqo. Alpha Tau Omega took home first prize in the men's division Thursday night.

Right, Brendan Cowell of Sigma Nu spices up the stage with his group's version of the Spice Girls. Sigma Nu won second place in their division.



Continuing their duel, the devil revealed his passion for thong underwear to the sounds of Sisqo, and the act was concluded as the group shook their butts. Overall, it was a hip-hop sound, country fried and covered in gravy.

Alpha Omicron Pi offered a journey to the past with a cute version of "Leader of the Pack." Poodle skirts and leather jackets took the stage as Johnny, the motorcycle hunk, strut her stuff on a child's tricycle.

Sigma Nu provided two acts for the show, and the first was quite

creative.

Sounds of the Spice Girls got the audience out of their seats and cheering on the boys as they pranced around the stage in their pushup bras and wigs.

"I like the blue hair, plumber-butt thing," Butter said after the act.

Alpha Delta Pi got their revenge as they said "Goodbye Earl." Complete with many props, the girls were quite lovable. Creative dance moves and expressive faces offered an enjoyable time as a potbellied "Earl" got what he

deserved.

Alpha Tau Omega definitely stole the show with their perfectly choreographed number. Epitomizing the boy-band trend, they opened with N'Sync's "Bye Bye Bye." They took over the stage with their confident smiles and trendy clothes.

The music suddenly changed to "Rump Shaker," giving the boys a chance to break it down. Finally, Sisqo's "Thong Song" concluded the high-energy act. Matthew

See Charity, 3B

RIM student doubles as rock star

Kirk Gipson
Contributor

Nicole Yraguen doesn't look like a rock star. Don't get me wrong. I don't say this in any negative way. But, from first glance, this part of her life would be easy to miss.

It's not something that the 22-year-old senior from western Oregon necessarily advertises.

Always reserved and cool, the thin brunette usually limits her attire to jeans and a fleece vest. Her hair is shoulder length and well kept. There are no visible tattoos, and her ears are the only pierced part of her body. This is not exactly the uniform of a rocker.

She is a student of recording industry business, which could offer a hint.

But still, this isn't much of an indicator of how Nicole spends her summers.

Living on the border of Oregon and Idaho can be strange. The music scene in Boise, Idaho is much different than the one MTSU students are familiar with. Perhaps that's why Nicole isn't quick to brag about her experience.

Or maybe it's the band she plays in. "We're kind of weird," she said. "Our lead guitarist was actually our band teacher in high school."

High school is where the whole conquest began.

Jerry Camp was indeed Nicole's band director. It was initially his idea to put together a band. He assembled the group, which included his son, Jeremiah, on bass guitar.

Nicole, who was involved in several choral groups, was an obvious choice for vocals.

Soon into the venture, Nicole would be doing more.

The band's first gig was at another teacher's wedding. About a month before the show, Jerry Camp decided the band needed a rhythm guitarist. Instead of finding a new band member, he pushed Nicole to learn to play.

So she did.

"It sounds like such a lie, but I learned to play, like, 36 songs in four weeks on guitar," Nicole said nonchalantly. "Jerry taught me the way you'd expect a high school teacher to. He was very repetitive, saying, 'No, it's like this. Try again,' until I got it right."

Amazingly, by the time the wedding rolled around, Nicole was a decent rhythm guitarist.

Playing all cover songs, each band member made \$75 for their first show. That might seem like small change to many, but it was an added incentive for the members of the new group.

The band continued playing around the Boise area. At first it was just private shows featuring all cover songs, but as the student members of the band grew older, more dates were booked and more original songs were written.

You might think graduation would mean the end for the group. The truth is the band didn't really get going until the members of the band left high school.

No matter the distance between college and home, the summer vacation meant a revival of the band. Each summer for the past three years, the members have gotten together, reworked some old covers and taught one another the new material they had written.

"Ultimately, we're still a cover band," Nicole said. However, just as the band has grown, so have the cover songs. For instance, the band plays a slower version of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon Rising" that Nicole describes as "ethereal."

The band is not without its share of good original tunes. Jerry writes long, exploratory songs. An "on again-off again" drummer contributes the most, and arguably best, material, but he has had some personal problems which make him less than reliable.

As for Nicole's own contributions, she says they are mostly novelties.

"Most of the songs I have written take the form of Adam Sandler-ish humor," she said.

However, she notes that these songs, while a rarity in the live setting, add comic relief that is sometimes needed after a long serious song.

That isn't to say Nicole is incapable of writing a serious song. She just decided not to venture too much into serious songwriting with this band.

Nicole's experience with crowds is very different than what bands come to expect in the Nashville area. Here, people don't particularly want to hear covers, and there is a very critical air about the crowd.

"That's just not the case in Boise," she laughed. "There just aren't hardly any bands there at all."

In the Boise area, crowds welcome cover songs rather than dread them. Live music is a rarity, so anything goes, from Janis Joplin to Donovan to Garth Brooks.

The entire experience has been pleasurable for Nicole.

So, you might be surprised to hear it's coming to an end.

"Last summer was the last summer," Nicole said. "The younger members have begun to move in different musical directions. Each summer it's become clearer that things wouldn't last forever."

And Nicole is graduating. No longer will she have the summers to travel home to work at Sam's Club by day and be a rock star by night.

Instead, she hopes to make it with a career in music business. She plans to work in publishing, and she will soon be auditioning to sing backup for some Nashville artists. Her vocal talents and quick wit alone are enough to keep her moving forward. The experience with the band shouldn't hurt, either.

Happily, there are no regrets. Nicole is glad to be moving on, and also very happy that she had the opportunity to play with the band. She had a good run in the Pacific Northwest.

She has no complaints about what it has meant for her life. Her future looks bright as well. ■

Massage program works out the kinks

Turner Hutchens
Staff Reporter

A new massage program is scheduled to start at MTSU over the summer, offering licensing for massage therapy.

There are four other massage-therapy schools in the Nashville area, but Bill Whitehill, the HPERs professor starting the program, believes MTSU's program will offer unique opportunities.

"We will be the only four-year college in the state with a program like this," said Whitehill. "That gives us some great potential for resources. We will have facilities and the library. We have research facilities and abilities that other massage schools don't have."

"And our program will be cheaper," said Whitehill.

The other programs in the area cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 for the entire program. MTSU's program should cost about \$6,000.

Classes will be offered on a quarterly basis, each quarter lasting 11 weeks. Courses will cost from \$125 to \$700 depending on the amount of time required for each class.

Books will be included in the cost.

The program is scheduled to start July 10. The program still needs final approval from the Health Related Boards, the state institution in charge of regulating the licensing of massage therapists.

"That should happen in about three weeks," said Whitehill. "I don't think there will be any real problems with that."

The program has not been publicized yet, but interest is already growing.

"We get two or three calls a week now from people interested in the program," said Whitehill. "I've had three chiropractors call who want to teach for the program."

Students enrolling in the massage program will not have to enroll as normal MTSU students.

"A lot of the people we're focusing on recruiting aren't in college," said Whitehill.

All that is required to enter the program is that an applicants be at least 18-years-old and have a high school diploma.

The program will be managed by the Division of Continuing Studies, the same division that operates the Emergency Medical Technician program.

"We think it's a growing field," said Whitehill. "We'd like in the next couple of years to add a masters program in holistic and complementary healing. Eventually, we would like to have programs like acupuncture and acupressure."

Whitehill says instruction for the courses will be top of the line. All the hands-on experience will be taught by licensed massage therapists, and academic courses will be taught by qualified experts.

The state requires students to log 500 contact hours actually doing massage before they can become certified.

Students in the program will also take academic courses, such as anatomy.

Students will be able to transfer in credits from their normal academic courses.

"Some student will have as much as a third of their course work done already," said Whitehill.

There might also be advantages for other MTSU students not involved in the program.

"Once we get this going, we might set up a massage table in the KUC," said Whitehill, "and give five-minute massages for free."

"It would be good publicity for us, but we'd also be providing a service." ■

College interviews go high-tech with video

Martha Woodall
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Students from Cherry Hill High School in New Jersey took part last month in what organizers said was a ground-breaking event — online college admissions interviews using videoconferencing.

Arrayed in front of a pair of big-screen TVs, 11 juniors and sophomores watched, listened and asked questions of college admissions representatives in three states using the latest, high-speed, Internet-based videoconferencing technology.

"I'm Jack Scheidell," the Cherry Hill West High School guidance counselor told the on-screen image of Teresa Buscher, admissions director at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. "Welcome to Cherry Hill."

Scheidell's words may have lacked the drama of other communication firsts, including "What hath God wrought!" that Samuel Morse transmitted over telegraph wires 1844. But Scheidell and others believe their experiment could usher in a brave new world in college admissions.

"Technology is just revolutionizing the way we do admissions work and education in general," said Buscher. "We don't have a big presence in the

Philadelphia area ... But I am more interested in this as an experiment to understand what this technology could provide us."

Admissions officers say this approach may allow colleges to reduce the time and money spent sending recruiters to high schools.

Many schools use videoconferences to communicate and collaborate with students, professors and experts in far-away places.

But Cherry Hill officials believe they were the first to apply advanced online videoconferencing technology to college admissions.

Verifying the "first" of anything can be tricky. Joyce E. Smith is executive officer of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, a professional group in Alexandria, Va., that represents high school and college admissions counselors.

She was unable to confirm that the Cherry Hill session was the first of its kind.

But she said she was not aware of any other admissions interviews conducted via videoconferencing, although other PC-based approaches have been tried.

For more than a year, the admissions office at Rochester Institute of Technology has been using a combination of tiny Web cams mounted on

"I could see this as a way to tap into students and families and guidance counselors without having to travel there."

Martha Jordan, director of recruitment at Penn State.

computer terminals, special software and phones to communicate over the Internet with prospective students who are seated at similarly equipped computers at home or at school.

Carnegie Mellon University plans to try a similar approach.

But Cherry Hill officials, the college admissions representatives and officials at the VTEL Corp., a multi-national company based in Austin, Texas, which sells the videoconferencing

equipment, believe they broke new ground. VTEL provided the system, which normally costs about \$45,000, to the district at a reduced rate.

"This sounds like a real innovative application," said Russ Colbert, VTEL's director of education.

"I have not heard of this being done before ... I think it is quite new and quite exciting."

In addition to talking with Buscher about Rhodes College, Cherry Hill students talked with admissions representatives from schools such as King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Richard Stockton College in Pomona, N.J.

Parent Kenneth E. Hartman and Scheidell came up with the idea for the high-tech admissions interviews when they saw a demonstration of VTEL's videoconferencing technology at the district's tech center in January.

After discussing the experiment with Scheidell, Hartman sent a brief e-mail to officials at 1,000 colleges who subscribe to an e-mail "listserv" at the National Association for College Admission Counseling asking if any schools would be interested in participating.

"Within minutes I received several phone calls and e-mail messages from interested deans of admissions," Hartman said.

"We see it as a pilot right now," said Martha Jordan, director of recruitment at Penn State. "I could see this as a way to tap into students and families and guidance counselors without having to travel there. ... It could be a great use of resources."

For students, the TV session initially seemed awkward.

"It's a little strange at first to talk to a TV," said Meighan McFalls, a junior.

Even Orr, also a junior, said that although it was like watching television, videoconferencing allowed him to ask questions and receive a personal response.

Orr thought the technology would be most useful for learning about distant schools.

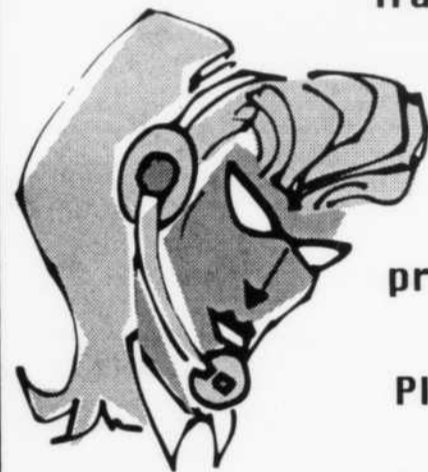
Before yesterday, he had never heard of Rhodes College, but now wants to find out more based on the session with Buscher.

"When you look at picture books of campuses and go to their Web sites, it's all the same," he said. "But when you talk to someone like this, this is the kind of place you would be interested in going."

Buscher told students that while videoconferencing admissions interviews could be helpful as they consider their choices, she cautioned them: "The only way to get a true feel of what a college is like is to visit."

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top female cadet at Citadel demoted for reaction to prank

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The Citadel's top-ranking female cadet, one of the first women to attend the school, has been demoted over her reaction to being targeted by a mess hall prank.

Petra Lovetinska went from cadet major and battalion executive officer to senior private and received 20 demerits. She also was ordered to do 40 marching tours in the barracks. Each tour is 50 minutes, at a pace of 120 steps per minute, while carrying a rifle.

Lovetinska, who graduates May 13, was targeted by the prank called "wiping out the shoes," said Citadel spokeswoman Heather Anderson.

The prank — part of the 154-year-old military school's tradition — goes like this: An upperclassman tells a freshman cadet, called a knob, to crawl under the table and pour condiments

such as ketchup or salad dressing on an upperclassman's shoes without getting caught.

Success wins the knob the admiration of classmates, commanding officers and other upperclassmen. Failure typically results in a pitcher of tea being poured on the knob.

What got Lovetinska in trouble is the way she reacted, Anderson said. She grabbed the knob, a male cadet, and wiped her shoes on his trousers.

The commandant of cadets, Brig. Gen. Emory Mace, issued the punishment Thursday.

Lovetinska, one of the first four women to attend The Citadel in 1996 after the school dropped its all-male admissions policy, has done well at the school. Lovetinska has consistently made the dean's list. She was the first female cadet major. And in March, Lovetinska received The Citadel's highest

honor, the Palmetto Medal.

But Lovetinska was punished as any other cadet charged with gross poor judgment, Anderson said.

Disciplinary matters generally are kept secret. But Lovetinska gave school officials permission to discuss the situation with The (Charleston) Post and Courier.

A telephone message left Sunday at Lovetinska's residence by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

Lovetinska cannot regain her rank, but Citadel policy will allow her to wear her cadet major stripes — the highest rank she attained — on her uniform during graduation.

The knob who put what was thought to be French salad dressing on Lovetinska's shoes April 20 and the upperclassman who asked him to do it were not disciplined. ■

Charity: donations for a good cause

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"Muff" Oakley, one of the choreographers, sported silver Sisqu-like hair and some smooth moves.

Just before intermission, door prizes were given away to ticket-holding audience members. Local vendors contributed over 20 prizes for raffle.

Justin Martin, member of Alpha Tau Omega, said that "at the intermission, ATO is the runaway, going by the crowd." Surely he wasn't biased.

The second Sigma Nu act started the second half of the show. Reliving the eighties, these boys performed a New Kids on the Block medley, complete with vests and hats.

Chi Omega followed, looking tough in their jerseys and red bandannas. N'Sync's "Bye Bye Bye" filled the room once again as the girls performed some great dance moves.

Delta Zeta "streaked" through

the show when they performed an old Ray Stevens favorite. Rednecks and mall hair filled the stage, and an unidentified streaker made several appearances.

The Panhellenic group paid tribute to Jason Goforth, Interfraternity Council representative, as they performed "Whatta Man." Goforth looked quite comfortable receiving praise from such lovely ladies.

Sigma Phi Epsilon took us back to the old school with their presentation of "Ice Ice Baby." They worked the stage and got the crowd going.

Three dancers performed flawless dance steps in the back-ground.

Kappa Sigma also gave a very creative version of "Goodbye Earl."

Butter introduced them as "the fraternity who likes to dress their men up like women." And, oh did they. Long blond wigs and short skirts looked great on

these guys.

As the judges made their final decisions, Zeta Tau Alpha performed "Britney Spears going clubbing at the Roxbury." Complete with plaid skirt and knee socks, a Britney impersonator was attacked by two Saturday Night Live favorites.

Finally, the winners were presented. Chi Omega took second place in the women's division, and Alpha Delta Pi was awarded first place.

The Sigma Nu Spice Girls won second place in the men's division, and true to Martin's prediction, Alpha Tau Omega won first place.

Second place winners received plaques, and first place winners took home huge trophies.

Kim Kramer, member and performer for Alpha Delta Pi, commented, "It's going for a great cause, and it can only get better in the years to come." ■

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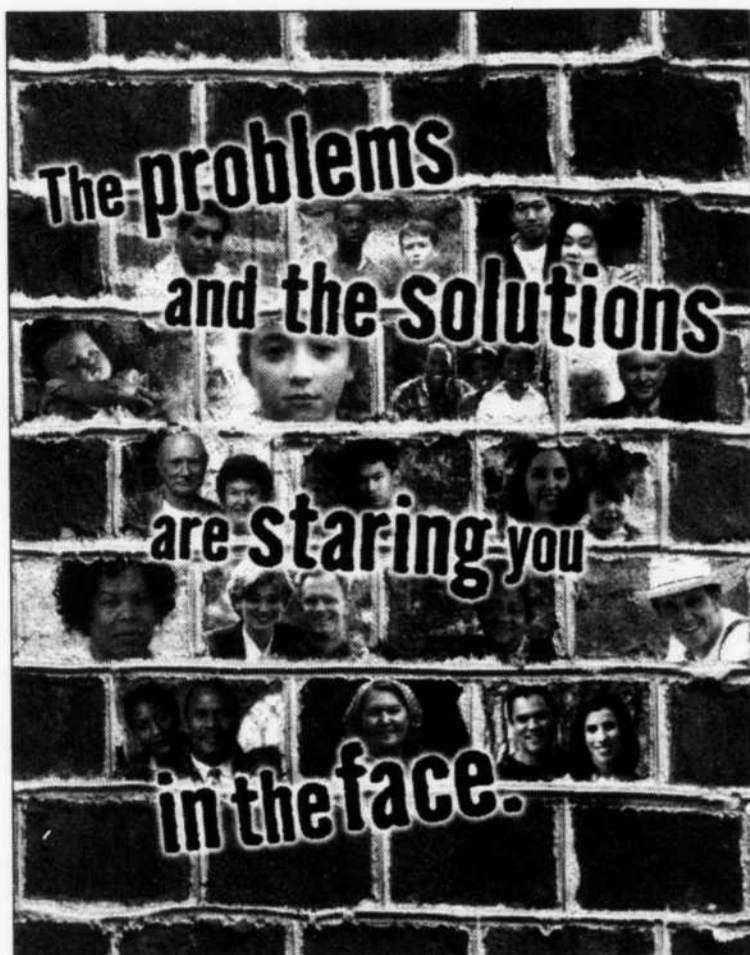
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Sports Information

Josh Renick earned himself a new nickname Saturday night in Cookeville en route to helping lead his team to an important doubleheader sweep of OVC rival Tennessee Tech 5-0 and 10-4 at Quillen Field.

The lead-off second baseman laced five doubles in the twin bill earning him the moniker *deucef* as the Blue Raiders won their 12th and 13th games in a row in the nation's second longest current NCAA winning streak.

Fortunately for Renick, the Golden Eagles defensive outfield played him around to the right side all night. Renick responded by slapping four of his five doubles down the left-field line.

"Josh was the catalyst for us today," Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson said.

"He went out there and did what a lead-off hitter should do."

Known as a patient hitter who works pitchers deep into the count, Renick was 5-for-9 on the evening, with six runs scored, an RBI and a stolen base.

While Renick put on an offensive display teammate Jeff Parsons pitched perhaps his best game ever in going to the mound in the opener.

Parsons, who normally throws in the nightcap of conference doubleheaders on Saturdays, got the No. 1 spot this weekend.

The right-hander has been the Blue Raiders most consistent pitcher of late.

For the second time in three games Parsons garnered himself a complete game shutout.

The senior from Hendersonville went the distance allowing just hits through-out seven innings of work. He struck out seven, walked two and faced only three over the minimum.

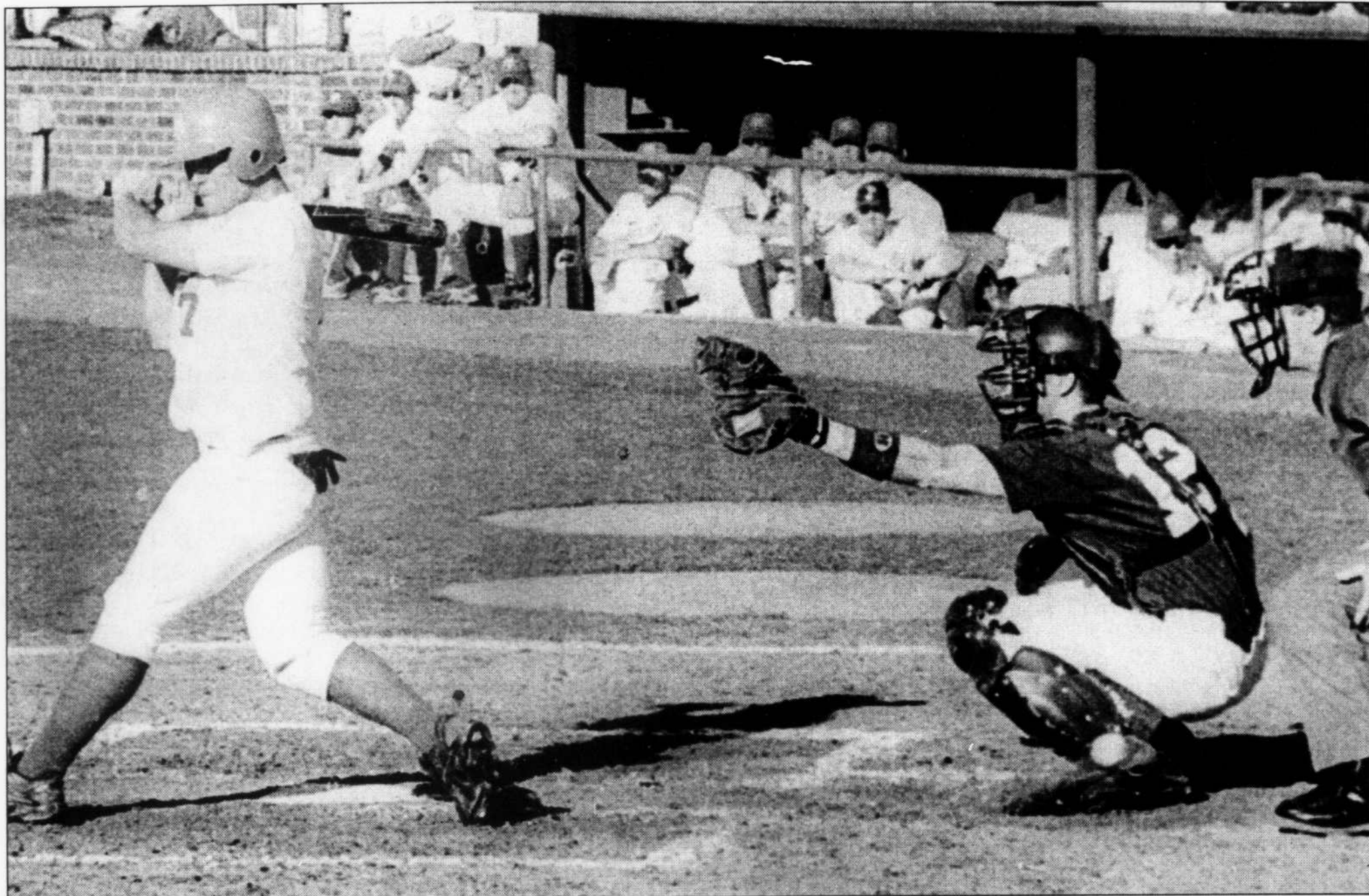
"Lets talk about Jeff Parsons," Peterson said.

"I put him out there in the opener so he didn't have sit around and think about pitching. That way he could get his game in and then go out and play the outfield loose."

"He came out and responded."

His teammates responded as well, only they responded to a near bench-clearing brawl.

The Blue Raiders headed into the fourth inning scoreless when they pushed one run across and designated hitter Kyle Thomas tried in vain to make it 2-0 with a collision at the plate with Golden Eagles catcher Michael Miehl.



The two got tangled up and nearly exchanged blows.

When the teams were finally sent to their respective dugouts Thomas was ejected for apparently throwing an elbow into the chest of Miehl when the two made contact on the play.

The incident was just enough to spark the Blue Raiders who scored twice in the fourth and fifth innings before adding an insurance run in the seventh for their 12th straight victory.

In the nightcap, the Blue Raiders got yet another big come-from-behind win by exploding for four runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and another three in the seventh after trailing 4-1.

Golden Eagles starter Bubbie Buzachero cruised through four innings but finally the fastball that had been his best friend early, became the Blue Raiders best friend in the fifth.

The Blue Raiders batted through the lineup in the fifth, sending nine men to the plate in collecting four hits in the inning as Blue Raider hitters tattooed anything close to the plate.

To go with Renick's big night at the plate, Josh Pride and

Brandon Johnson each got two hits in the opener, while Pride and Peck got two in the nightcap.

Pride scored twice and drove in a run while earning two walks in the nightcap. In the same game Peck drove in three runs as he hit two doubles to the wall in the fifth and sixth innings.

Pitching in relief of Kris Lammers, Jamie Powers was the pitcher of record in the second game.

He gave up just one hit in one inning of work before Kevin Davis came in and closed the door for good.

Davis earned his 7-1 record to go along with his 3-1 record. Davis worked three innings.

The senior from Indiana allowed one hit, walked one and struck out five as the Blue Raiders inched one game closer to first place in the OVC. Frontrunner Southeast Missouri split its afternoon doubleheader with Murray State losing the first game 5-4.

The Blue Raiders will wrap up the series with the Golden Eagles at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon. ■

File Photos

Above, Outfielder Bryan Peck checks his swing in a game against Yale. Over the weekend, the Blue Raiders took two of three games from Tennessee Tech but had their winning streak snapped. At the time, the streak was the nation's longest.

Right, first baseman Kris Lammers attempts to pick off a Yale baserunner. Lammers has helped lead the Raiders to the top of the Ohio Valley Conference in baseball.



2000 OVC Baseball Standings

(Through games of April 30)

	OVC	PCT.	GB	Overall
Southeast Missouri	12-2	.857	1.0	29-10
Eastern Kentucky	15-3	.833	—	24-19
Middle Tennessee	13-3	.786	2.0	27-16
Murray State	8-6	.571	5.0	17-22
Tennessee Tech	5-8	.455	6.5	20-20
Eastern Illinois	7-10	.412	7.5	16-23
Austin Peay	6-9	.400	7.5	22-23
Morehead State	2-13	.133	11.5	18-23-1
Tennessee-Martin	0-14	.000	13.0	8-33

Last Week's Results

April 21

*Middle Tennessee 7-7, Murray State 6-2

*Eastern Kentucky 2-6, Eastern Illinois 1-4

*Southeast Missouri 11-7, Morehead State 1-0

*Austin Peay 13-6, Tennessee-Martin 3-2

April 22

*Middle Tennessee 5, Murray State 2

*Eastern Kentucky 12, Eastern Illinois 8

*Southeast Missouri 3, Morehead State 2

*Austin Peay 7, Tennessee-Martin 3

Tennessee Tech 10-2, Belmont 4-3

April 25

Middle Tennessee 16, Jacksonville State 5

Murray State 4, Southern Indiana 3 (10 innings)

West Virginia 14-3, Eastern Kentucky 4-7

Union (Ky.) 14, Morehead State 11

April 26

Eastern Kentucky 10, West Virginia 1

Belmont 3-4, Morehead State 1-5

Georgia State 3-2, Tennessee Tech 5-10

Eastern Illinois 12-15, Ball State 10-8

Murray State 0, Southern Illinois 3

Tennessee-Martin 6, Saint Louis 5

Middle Tennessee 11, Western Kentucky 6

Austin Peay 4, Mississippi 9

April 29

Belmont 5-6, Eastern Kentucky 1-5

*Eastern Illinois 5-11, Tennessee-Martin 2-4

*Austin Peay 18-16, Morehead State 4-3

*Middle Tennessee 5-10, Tennessee Tech 0-4

April 30

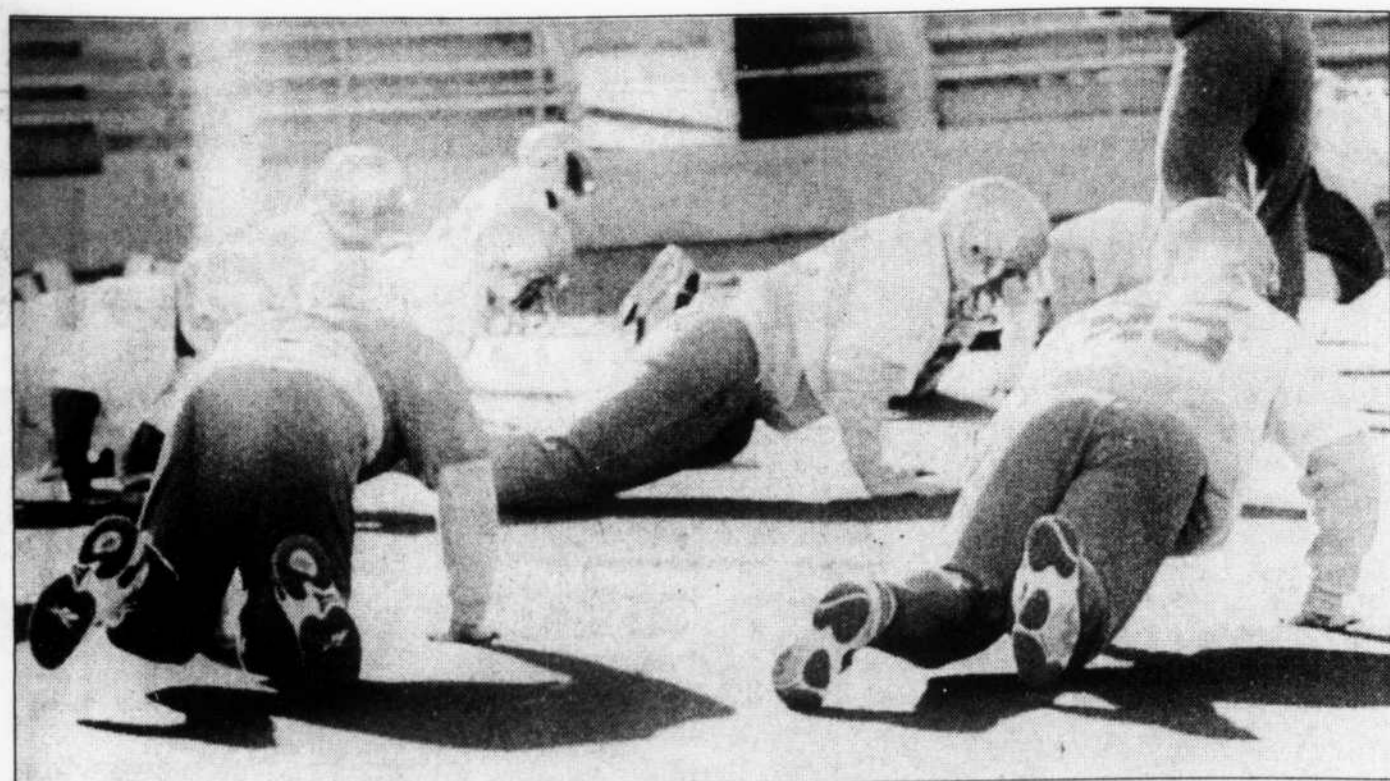
*Austin Peay 3, Morehead State 8

*Middle Tennessee 0, Tennessee Tech 9

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Middle Tennessee football players participate in calisthenics following a spring practice. The news came to Middle Tennessee early last week that in the Blue Raiders' first season in the Sunbelt, they will be battling for the opportunity to play in the New Orleans Bowl in the New Orleans Super Dome. The first game will be in the 2001 postseason.

2000 OVC Softball Standings

(Through Games of Apr. 26)

	W	L	T	PCT.
Middle Tennessee	14	2	0	.875
Eastern Illinois	12	3	0	.800
Southeast Missouri	11	6	0	.647
Tennessee Tech	9	7	0	.563
Eastern Kentucky	10	8	0	.556
Tennessee-Martin	9	8	0	.529
Morehead State	6	11	0	.353
Austin Peay	2	14	0	.125
Tennessee State	1	15	0	.063

Last Week's Results

Monday, April 24

Evansville at Southeast Missouri (2) - cancelled

Tuesday, April 25

@Western Kentucky 2-0, Austin Peay 0-3

@Eastern Illinois 3-1, DePaul 2-9

*@Morehead State 8, Eastern Kentucky 0

*@Middle Tennessee 2-3, Tennessee Tech 0-0

Wednesday, April 26

Kentucky 7-8, Morehead State 2-2

Southeast Missouri 4-3, SW Missouri State 1-1

*Tennessee State 2, Tennessee-Martin 8

Eastern Illinois 1-4, Illinois State 2-12

Tennessee 4-4, Tennessee Tech 0-1

Thursday, April 27

*Austin Peay 1, Middle Tennessee 4

Saturday, April 29

*Middle Tennessee 0, Eastern Illinois 2

*Eastern Kentucky 5, Tennessee State 2

* - denotes OVC game

Sports Information

A pair of one-run losses at Eastern Illinois, 0-1 and 2-3, moves the Panthers back into first place, one game ahead of the Lady Raiders.

Middle Tennessee could have clinched the regular season championship with two wins today, but now the outcome is clouded.

The Lady Raiders, who have only one conference game remaining after the series with Eastern Illinois, which concludes on Sunday, will have to watch and wait while Eastern Illinois plays one against Southeast Missouri and three versus Eastern Kentucky.

Despite picking up a loss in both games, Jennifer Martinez has not given up an earned run in eight consecutive appearances.

She pitched 6.0 innings in game one, giving up only three hits and striking out

three. The Lady Raiders managed only three scattered hits in game one, never giving themselves an opportunity to score. Shay Haskell and Laura Brockman each finished the game 1-for-3. Kip Phillips went 1-for-2.

The Panthers' lone run came in the third on an Adrienne Noll single to left field that was mishandled by Courtney Wallace.

The error allowed Kristen Becker to score from second.

It took four extra innings to determine the outcome of game two.

Stayc Preator started the game on the mound for the Lady Raiders.

She pitched 6.1 innings and gave up two runs before being relieved by Martinez.

Martinez finished the game, giving up three hits and striking out two.

After taking a 2-2 tie into the tenth, the teams implemented the international tie-breaker rule, which puts a runner on second to start the inning.

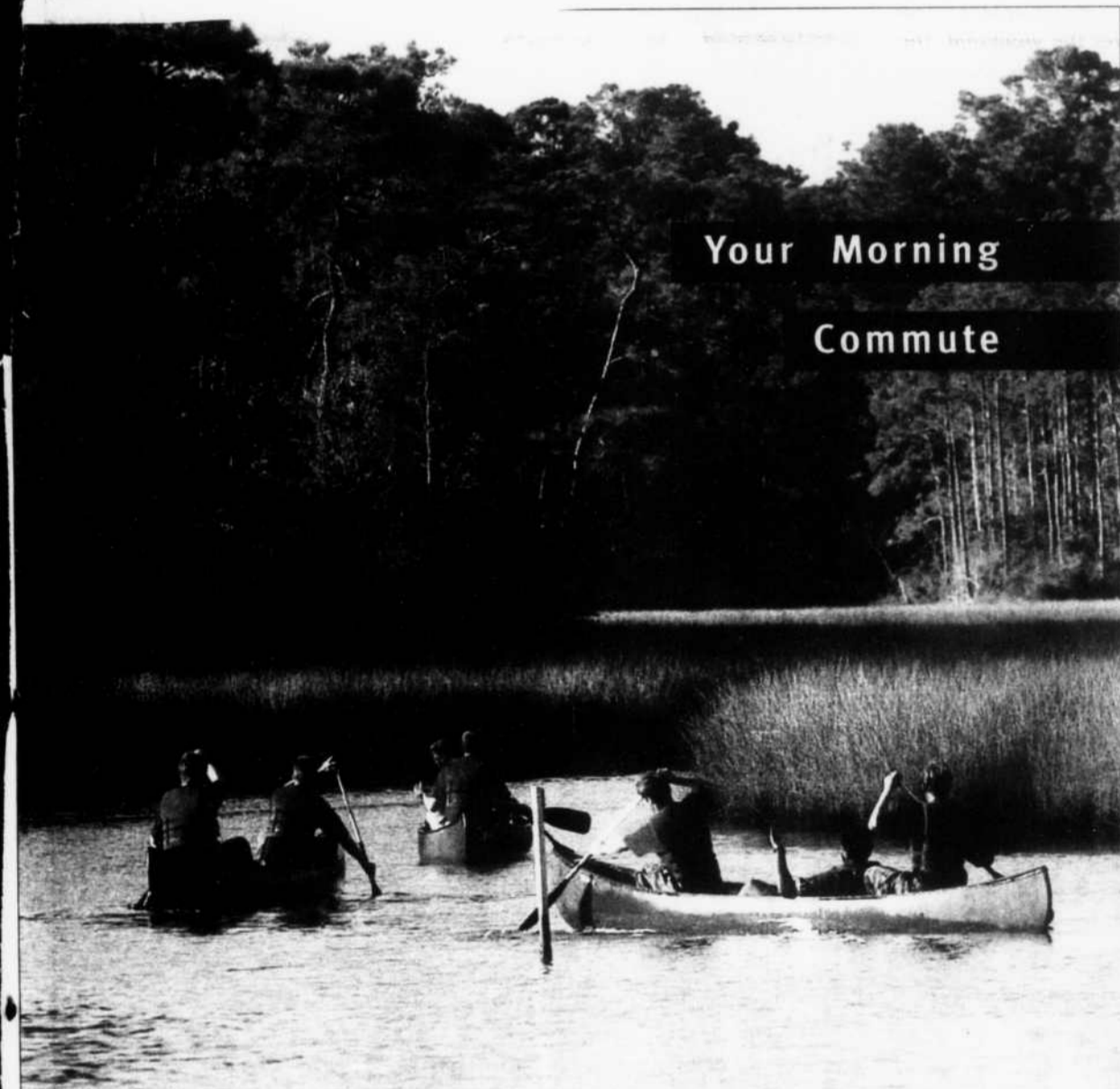
Both teams went three-up, three-down in the tenth.

A double play and a pop-fly to center field ended Middle Tennessee's run in the eleventh. The Panthers' Sara DeLaere singled to center field, scoring Carissa Friedewald for the game-winning run.

Laura Brockman, Tamara Davis and Kerry Allen each finished with a pair of hits. Allen picked up two RBI.

"I don't think we played our best game," said Middle Tennessee assistant coach Mark Mattson of the loss. "It wasn't because of lack of effort, we just made some mental mistakes. This puts us in a situation where we have to win tomorrow. I think tomorrow we'll come out with more focus and play the type of ball that we're capable of."

Middle Tennessee plays a single game against the Panthers on Sunday before traveling to UT-Martin to wrap up regular season play. Game time on Sunday is set for 1:00 p.m. ■



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Lady Raiders land star basketball player

Sports Information

Audoshia Kelley, a 5-7 guard from Savannah, GA, has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Middle Tennessee in the 2000-2001 season.

"Audoshia is coming off a state championship team in Georgia," said Middle Tennessee head coach Stephany Smith. "She is a hard worker that dives for loose balls and is not afraid to take a charge. She is a slasher and penetrator that can also shoot the three, but is better going to the basket. She defends the basketball well and gives us a type of athleticism we haven't had in a while."

Kelley averaged 20.0 points per game last season, an average that steadily increased as she helped lead Beach High School to its first State Championship in over twenty years.

She also averaged eight

rebounds, four assists and four steals during her senior season.

Kelley is a two-time Player of the Year honoree and Team MVP. She is also a three-time All-Region selection and a USA Today Honorable Mention pick for the state of Georgia.

"Audoshia is a versatile player with tremendous will," said Beach High School head coach Ronald Booker. "She served as team leader on a team that lacked experience. I think of her as a blue-collar superstar because she is the kind of player that hustles on every play. She is our defensive stopper in addition to being our best offensive threat. She also has a 30-inch vertical leap that makes her a great rebounder."

Kelley joins a signing class that includes Michelle Simmons, a 5-6 guard from Memphis, TN, April Kelley, a 6-3 center from Moreland, GA and Keisha McClintic, a 5-10 guard from Stockbridge, GA. ■

Mississippi State beats Tennessee in close game

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Jamie Rock doubled home Ty Martin in the bottom of the 11th inning Sunday to help Mississippi St. claim a 4-3 win and a series sweep over Tennessee.

Martin, who earlier singled to extend his hitting streak to 14 games, singled to lead off the final frame.

Rock capped a 2-for-4, two RBI day with his double down the left field line that scored Martin from first base with the winning run.

Tennessee (35-20, 7-15

Southeastern Conference) took an early 1-0 lead with a run in the second inning, but the Bulldogs fought back to tie the game at 1-1 on a bases-loaded walk to Matthew Maniscalco in the fourth.

Tennessee regained the lead at 3-1 after a two-run seventh inning.

Mississippi St. (33-12, 14-7) fought back again, scoring two runs in their half of the seventh.

Steven Dowe pitched a perfect 10th inning to pick up the win and improve his record to 3-0 on the year. ■

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