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SGA elections: your choice or mere formality?

Three top races uncontested; one still vacant

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

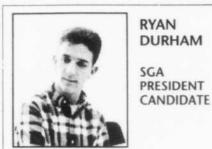
Candidates for the highest offices in SGA won't be sweating it out over hard-fought, dirty campaigns this spring. In fact, they won't have to campaign at all.

Only three students have signed up to run for the top four posts, each is running unopposed.

The elections will be held on April 2 and April 3 in Peck Hall and the Keathley University Center.

Speaker of the House, a positions providing \$1,500 in scholarships and funds for books, is without a candidate for the elections. A person will be elected by write-in votes, or a new speaker will be appointed by the new SGA president.

"It disturbs me," said Speaker of the Senate Ryan Durham, who is the only candidate running for SGA



Home: Summertown, Tenn. Class: Junior Major: Mass Communications Current Speaker of the Senate

Future Goal: Law school

president. "A competition really makes people work harder. Last year, the turnouts were great.

Last year, four students campaigned for president, which provides \$3,000 in scholarship money, as well as funds for textbooks. Durham will only lose the presidency if he is defeated by a write-in votes for another candidate-an unlikely possibility according to members of the

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Durham said he is relieved to avoid a massive campaign for president, that the "anxiety just goes off your shoulders," but regretfully added that he won't have the thrill of the last minute victory as the ballot results

"Getting students involved will be one of our top priorities next vear in SGA," Durham said.

Brian Lewis, chairman of College Republicans, is the only candidate running for Speaker of the Senate, another post providing \$1,500 in scholarship money and funds for books.

"I had a lot of fun campaigning last year," Lewis said, who was defeated for Speaker of the Senate last vear by Durham. "There seems to be a lapse in the number of people who want to compete.

BRIAN LEWIS SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

CANDIDATE

Home: Clarksville, Tenn. Class: Junior Major: Political Science Current chairman of College Repubicans.

Future Goal: To enter into local politics, such as the city council, and move up from there.

going to win." Lewis, like Durham, can only be defeated by a

know that I'm

majority of votes cast for a write-in candidate. Phillip

Crabtree, senator for the college of mass communications, is additionally unopposed, and virtually guar-anteed his candidacy for election commissioner.

"I don't think a lot of people know this position exists," Crabtree said, explaining the position provides no pay and is "a lot of behind-the-scenes

"I didn't know we could pick up the applications for the positions we are running for much before one week before Spring Break," Crabtree added.

The deadline for applications was March 19, during Spring Break.



PHILLIP CRABTREE

SGA ELECTION **COMMISIONER** CANDIDATE

Home: Athens, Ala. Class: Senior Major: Recording Industry SGA representative and senator. Vice president of Alpha Sigma Phi. Future Goal: complete MBA

Current Elections Commissioner Scott Davis took out two ads in "Sidelines" as required by the SGA constitution to inform the student body of the upcoming elections. The ads ran Feb. 3 and March 13.

In addition to voting for the top four elected positions, students will elect senators from their respective

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Open forums debate school name change

By Gregg Mayer/ staff

Dissenters from the traditions of MTSU want to change the university's name and euthanize Old Blue, according to an alumna Monday night who asked at an open forum "Are there any dissenters

An open forum was held in the Alumni Center to solicit community opinions about the pending name change-to the University of Middle Tennesseeand mascot change proposed by the Logo and Mascot Committee as MTSU moves into Division I-A football. Another open forum was held Tuesday night after press deadline.

Tammy Matthews, who called name change supporters "dissenters," told the crowd of about fifty that the university would "lose its identity" if the name change is approved. She was supported by a round of applause and a multitude of other alumni who said changing the name "would alienate the graduates" and is a "waste of money."

"This (name change) was put to a student vote once before and it was defeated," said Steve Hill, a 1989 graduate of MTSU. "I hope this process will put it to bed."

"If you don't like the name MTSU," another alumnus said who didn't mention his name, "then you should go somewhere else."

The Varsity Club, an alumni organization, sent representative John Major to the forum. He reported that the organization is "totally opposed" to changing the university's name.

Supporters for the name change, few and far between, at first were hesitant to voice their opinions.



Shawn Sidwell/ staff

SGA President Christin Baker expresses her support for changing the university's name to University of Middle Tennessee. An open forum was held Monday to solicity community opinions about the change.

to the microphone, jokingly telling the crowd she was afraid she might get something thrown at her: "M-T-S-U is archaic. It sounds like a community

college," she said, explaining the proposed name, the Please see NAME CHANGE page 3

But SGA President Christin Baker stepped up University of Middle Tennessee, has "an incredible ring to it.'

"The values will stay the same," she added.

Politicians address state cuts

By Staff Reports/ staff

Two state legislators and the vice president of finance and administration will answer questions about the proposed 1997-98 state budget cut at an open forum tomorrow sponsored by the College Republicans.

Sen. Andy Womack, Rep. Mae Beavers, and Duane Stucky will take part in the "Budget Crunch" open forum in KUC 322 on Thursday, March 27.

'We wanted to make sure students know what is going to be cut and the facts why the cuts are being made," said College Republican chairman Brian Lewis. "It's best to get all the information out.'

Participants in the conference will have the opportunity to address the speakers directly.

It is free and open to the public.

As library awaits move, questions over funding for new books persist

By Jamie Evans/ staff

In January of 1999, the new library is tentatively scheduled to open, but will there be enough books to fill all

The current books are expected to take up much of the space in the new building, but the library staff will be organizing the shelves so there is room for future expansion of the university collection.

The question of where funds for new books will come from has yet to be answered.

'We're hoping there will be money left over from the the new library's budget that we can use for new additions," said Library Dean Don Craig,

The library is already being forced to buy fewer and fewer new books, because book prices are continually rising, but the university's budget for new books has remained relatively stable, Craig said.

As far as journal subscriptions go, Craig said that none have been cancelled, and while no cancellations are planned, there are no plans to add any new subscriptions either.

The library, like so many other departments around campus, is facing staffing problems because of the proposed state budget cut of \$2.8 million.

Currently, there are three positions in the library staff that are vacant. Even if these positions were filled, the library would still be operating with only minimum personnel. The likelihood that these positions will be filled next fall is near non-existent, Craig said, since leaving the positions unfilled will soften the effects of the state budget cut. •

Special Olympics makes move to La Vergne

Staff Reports

This year's Special Olympic Spring Games for Track and Field events will be at La Vergne High School on April 11, according to John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services at MTSU and area director for the Special Olympics, Area 16.

The games are being held at La Vergne High School because stadium construction at MTSU, where the event has previously been

The Special Olympics are for athletes 8 years old and older who have been diagnosed with mental retardation.

We are interested in getting people with a diagnosis of mental retardation in the community participating and benefiting from something, rather than being hidden and sheltered at home doing nothing," Harris

Over 120 athletes from Area 16, which consists of Rutherford and Trousdale counties, will take part in the games. The opening ceremony will begin at 9:15 a.m., followed by competition beginning at 9:40. The games are free and open to the public.

Area teachers have told Harris that allowing these students to compete in Special Olympics has had a spill-over effect on classmates.

"The athletes get the benefit of being involved in something. It helps them develop self-confidence, self-esteem, and selfconcept," Harris said.

Josh Hodges, 8, a second grader at Smyrna Primary School, said it means a lot for him to be able to compete in the games.

"Before I was an athlete, I was just a normal kid and now I'm a Special Olympics athlete," he said. "Special Olympics makes me know that I can do stuff I never did

Hodges feels that participating in Special Olympics has made him a better

"I have learned to stretch and do 19 push-ups. I know how to do a good workout, take good care of my body, and be a good sport," he said. "I love Special Olympics because I'm a winner!"

Atheletes will participate in events such as the 50- and 100-meter dash, the 4x100 relay, the standing and running long jump and a softball throw. There will also be races for wheelchair users and a walk for athletes with physical disabilities who are not able to run. Each athlete is allowed to compete in two events and the 4x100 relay.

Harris said he felt his department should be involved in this event.

"We got involved in it because we think that it is an area we can make a

contribution. We serve a group of students and a population of students who are the recipients of a lot of services. Here is an actual group of people we can provide a service to as well," Harris said.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run will be held the morning of the games, and the torch will be brought into the stadium before the games begin. The torch run raises money for the Special Olympics so athletes will be able

Ken Hampton, a sergeant with the Smyrna police department, is in charge of the torch run in Smyrna and said he is glad that the police department is able to help the

"It is good to see the joy on the faces of some of the kids who participate at the

games," Hampton said. MTSU public safety officers are also

helping raise money for the torch run. "There is a job for everybody. Even

cheering for the athletes is a job," Harris said, adding that volunteers are welcome. The Special Olympics was started in 1968 by Rose Kennedy, who was looking for sports in which people with mental

People who would like to volunteer need to be at La Vergne High School at 8 a.m. on April 11, or call John Harris at 898-2783. •

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'Etiquette for kids' courses offered

Staff Reports

The Division of Continuing Studies at MTSU is offering two courses designed to improve your children's

Little Miss Charm Class is designed for young ladies ages 6 to 11 who would like to learn visual poise, poise for social affairs, modeling, good manners, etiquette, and grooming and wardrobe tips. This course will be especially valuable for any young ladies interested in modeling or entering pageants. Classes will be held Tuesdays, March 25 - April 15, from 6-7:30 p.m.

If you are tired of embarrassing table manners or afraid of letting your son answer the phone, the Manners for Young Men course can help. This course will teach basic table and phone manners, personal grooming, introductions, and social etiquette. This course is open to boys ages 6 to 11. Manners will meet Thursdays, March 27 April 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.

The instructor for both courses will be Joyce Neil. Neil is a graduate of the Patricia Stevens Modeling School of Minneapolis, Minn. A former model, she has instructed modeling for six years.

The registration fee is \$47 for each course. For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462. •



March 1997

Room 324.

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum. Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. Call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229.

WEDNESDAY, March 26 SGA House of Representatives will meet at 5:30 p.m. in KUC

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society will hold a writer's workshop for present and prospective members and their guests at 3:30 in PH 108. For more information call Jacob Truax at 898-0657.

THURSDAY, March 27

How to plan and compete a college paper. A seminar sponsored by the Pinnacle Honor Society to mentor students who desire help with planning and writing class papers. A five week program beginning noon to 1 p.m. in KUC 320. Call 898-5989 for more information.

Nashville Area College to Career Fair at Opryland Hotel and Ryman Exhibit Hall from 1 to 7 p.m. Free passes and rosters of employers available beginning March 10. Attendance limited to seniors, graduate students and alumni registered with the Placement Center. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more information.

College Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. in KUC 322. The subject is MTSU's budget crunch. Dr. Duane Stucky, Senator Womack and Mae Beavers will be present. Contact Brian Lewis for more information.

SUNDAY, March 30

Model United Nations meets every Sunday night. Anyone who is interested in international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

March-April 1997

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with parenting classes, or to assist with child care during the parenting classes. Training will be in March/April. For more information call Amy at 227-2273.

TUESDAY, April 1

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

Career Placement Orientation "Your Job Search" for seniors and graduate students at 11 a.m. KUC 305. Learn about

Placement Services, resumes campus interviews and employment opportunities. For more information contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

WEDNESDAY, April 2

Career Placement Orientation "Your Job Search" for seniors and graduate students at 2 p.m. KUC 305. Learn about Placement Services, resumes, campus interviews and employment opportunities. For more information contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

FRIDAY, April 4

Deadline for registration for Certified Professional Secretary Mock Exam is April 4. Exam will take place on Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 registration fee. Seating is limited. Contact Dr. Robert Blair at 898-2036 for more information.

SUNDAY, April 6

Peter and the Wolf presented by the Middle Tennessee Symphony. Admission:\$5 for each child,\$7 for adults. For tickets or more information call the symphony office at 898-

TUESDAY, April 15

The ACT-COMP make-up exam will be given in the Tennessee Room of the JUB at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. All graduating seniors are required to take this test. For more information, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

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Staff Reports

The image of your company or organization depends on the impression your employees give your customers. If you would like to learn how to develop the right kind of employee attitudes and behaviors, consider enrolling in "Profiting from Effective Customer Service," a

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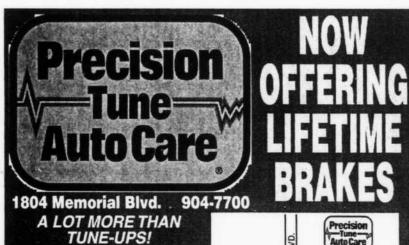
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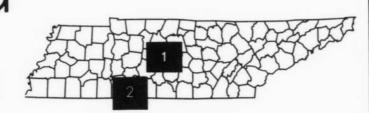
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Around the State



Indiana man arrested in 'Boro

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) - An unemployed Indiana man headed to Miami needed some money, so he robbed three convenience stores along the way, police say.

He won't make it to the beach.

Detectives arrested Ronald Douglas Rowsey Jr., 20, of Laporte, Ind., after a clerk at a Murfreesboro Amoco store gave police information about the man who had robbed her at 2 a.m. Monday.

The clerk, Lana Thomas, described the suspect's brown car and an Indiana license plate number to police.

Manchester police arrested Rowsey later in the morning on Interstate 24 near the McMinnville exit.

Rowsey admitted robbing the Amoco, as well as stores in White House, Tenn., and Franklin, Ky.

Detective Kerry Thorpe said Rowsey realized he needed more money to get to Miami.

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shortages in candidates.

SGA:

He was being held in

Five of the seven

Jake Huckaby is the only

represented colleges have

candidate for five seats in the

college of basic and applied

sciences. The other four seats

Rutherford County Adult but it's still serviceable. Detention Center. A hearing is scheduled Tuesday in General Sessions Court.

Pulaski church burns, services held outside

PULASKI, Tenn. (AP) Members Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church held Palm Sunday services under a pavilion after a fire broke out in their sanctuary early that morning.

No one was injured in the blaze, but the 100-plus-year-old church was destroyed, said Debbie Eubanks, whose husband, Philip, preached there Sunday.

"As soon as possible, we're going to rebuild," she said Monday. "We will be starting over from the ground."

For now, the church will have Easter Services at the nearby Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, one of five congregations where the couple preaches.

And if the weather is nice, future services will be held under a pavilion on the church property. Mrs. Eubanks said the fire partly melted the roof,

or appointed by the new SGA

race will be in the college of

liberal arts. Eight candidates--

Kelly Guy; John Womack;

Woods;

Crisman; Sean O'Toole;

Courtney Genosi; Katie

Cunningham; and Jason

The only contended senate

will be filled by write-in votes Lawson--are competing for only

change.

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The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is investigating the fire, but there was no overt evidence of arson.

"It's just a routine investigation," volunteer Giles County firefighter Dennis Gooch said, adding that the fire appears to have started near a central heating-and-air system in the kitchen.

"We're trying to find the origin and then determine the cause," said ATF spokesman Mike Durham.

About 75-80 white parishioners attend the church in rural Giles County, several miles outside Pulaski.

Federal and state investigators have been looking into church arsons the past few years, including many involving rural, Southern, minority congregations.

Since 1995, there have been 28 church fires in Tennessee, including eight with black congregations, Durham said. Twenty-three of the fires were arson and four were accidental

The Pleasant Ridge fire is the second church blaze this

Three referendums will

also be on the ballot: whether

to raise the student activity fee

from \$4 to \$5; a qualification

change for running for

freshman senator; and a poll

registering students opinions

about the upcoming name

NAME CHANGE: continued from page 1

Baker was joined by Metro Nashville Councilman James Stanley, who said UMT is an "excellent" new name for the university since it represents the entire Middle Tennessee area and is appropriate with the growth MTSU is currently experiencing.

Old Blue, the current drew mascot, sympathetic support from alumni, who cited another university-University of Tennessee at Knoxvillewhich uses a similar mascot and is quite successful in athletics. UT cheerleaders carry Smokey the hound dog around on a leash at most football games.

"I can't imagine a football game without Old Blue," said Janet Cornell, an alumna.

"Old Blue has been with us for twenty years," added Jean Moser, who served on the Athletic Master Plan committee for ten years. "I don't understand why they would want to change."

The open forum was moderated by community member Barbara Ford, who said she has no ties to the university.

The name change will have to be approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents before any action is taken. However, the logo and mascot can change by an internal vote at the university.

MTSU was established with the name Middle Tennessee State Normal on September 11, 1911. The name changed to Middle Tennessee Teachers College in 1925 and Middle Tennessee State College in 1943. In 1965, the university status was acquired and the college became Middle Tennessee State University

Blue Raiders has been the nickname at MTSU since

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In our view

SGA election cheats students

Choice is one of the most important elements of any democratic process. Unfortunately for the students at this university, a choice is the one thing they will not have when the SGA elections take place next Wednesday and Thursday.

In three of the top four SGA election races—those for SGA President, Speaker of the Senate and SGA Election Commisioner-not one will be contested. As for the fourth position, the SGA's Speaker of the House, students will not even have one candidate to choose on their ballot. Quite simply, it is an electoral force-feeding of candidates that should make students feel sick to their stomach.

How did MTSU find itself with only three candidates for its four most important student government positions? Certainly student apathy may have played a small role. But the onus of the blame should fall on the shoulders of one person who could have acted to prevent such a result: current SGA Election Commissioner

It is not what Mr. Davis did do as Election Commissioner, but rather what he did not do. As the Election Commissioner, Mr. Davis was given the responsibility to make the application process for this year's election as accessible and open to students as possible. He failed miserably in accomplishing this task.

Mr. Davis's most glaring error was when he made no effort to change the deadline for candidate application submissions, despite knowing that the submission deadline fell on March 19, during the middle of Spring Break. As a result, students wishing to run for SGA offices were given three fewer class days than normal to allow other students to sign their election petitions or get their applications in order. To change the day of the deadline, all Mr. 6 Davis had to do was propose a bill in an SGA meeting that would have moved the election to either a later or earlier date, thereby avoiding a conflict with Spring Break. To do otherwise is unsatisfactory.

Furthermore, Mr. Davis failed to publicize the upcoming SGA election properly, doing only the bare minimum required by the SGA Constitution—the placement of two advertisements in issues of "Sidelines." If the SGA and Mr. Davis truly wanted to increase voter turnout, then they could have resorted to a number of other methods, such as the distribution of flyers and press releases, the use of radio or TV advertisements, or even setting up tables in the KUC to hand out candidate applications. Instead of enlightening students about the role they could play in student government, Mr. Davis served only to leave this campus in the dark.

Because of Mr. Davis's ineptitude in fulfilling the duties he was elected to carry out, many students will likely wonder why they should even bother voting next Wednesday. While one would be hard pressed to blame them, it would be wrong to discount the merits of the candidates who did make the effort to be on this year's ballot. Ryan Durham, the only candidate for SGA president, has been an able member of SGA for some time, and receives this newspaper's endorsement, as he likely would if he were opposed. And Speaker of the Senate candidate Brian Lewis is a proven man of results, perhaps best evidenced by the role he played as College Republican chairman in getting some of the state's leading politicians to take part in this Thursday's budget open forum.

But while some candidates may deserve our votes, it does not mean students should be happy to have their votes reduced to a mere formality. This campus deserves better.

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A lesson to learn from my Spring Break



Ramblings Warren Wakeland

Some of you decide to take Spring Break and see how drunk you can stay for a week. It's an ambitious endeavor, making a fool of yourself in front of people you've never met.

I, however, decided to take a walk down memory lane. I came back with

a lesson in life. When I was just a wee tot, my grandparents owned a 300-acre farm in Russellville, Alabama - population

Russellville is about 30 miles south of Florence in northwest Alabama. It's in the heart of one of the poorest areas of America. The average yearly income in the county is not quite \$13,000, even though three manufacturing plants have opened

My grandparents built a twobedroom cottage on their land, about 500 feet off the main road. The front yard was pasture land, where my father taught me the fine art of cowtipping. At the age of five, it was the prettiest place I had ever seen.

It had been 20 years, I thought, since I was last there, and something told me it would be neat to see what Russellville was like now.

I took my own little tour last Friday, and not much had changed. When you live in a poor area, you make do with what you have until it falls apart. With enough hard work, 20 years is not enough time for things to fall apart.

I went out to the cottage to see if it and all the old homesteads my family owned were still there. Sure enough, they were, including the 15-room colonial mansion built on a 100-acre plantation in 1815-16 by my five-or-six greats (I think) Uncle Malcolm.

Then I went to see the family that farmed about half the county back then, including all my grandparents

land. Their name is Moore, and when I brought out the pitcher - and was 8-years-old I thought it was the coolest thing in the world to get up at 4 a.m. and go into the fields with them and bale hay.

Their house was still exactly as I remembered: the same paint scheme, the same equipment barns, even the same two cars they had in the early 1970s in the driveway - still running like champs. I felt like I was 8 again.

I ran into the family patriarch, Cecil. He is a hard, wiry man, about 5foot-9 and 150 pounds, who wears the same close-cropped crewcut he wore in the '70s (and probably for 50 years before) and the same silver-framed glasses I remembered him wearing 20 years ago. Though I hadn't laid eyes on him since I was 8, I knew him the instant I saw him.

Cecil turned 78 on March 1, and, before he suffered two strokes last October, still put in 12-hour days, six days a week. He gets frustrated now because his son, Larry, who runs the family bulldozer business (and also looks exactly like he did 20 years ago), tells him to stay away. Cecil knows he has to, but he feels useless to the family because he can't hold up his end of the work.

His wife, Ruth, is 72, and works from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., six days a week at the Frosty Inn restaurant on the bypass as a short-order cook. She picks up Sunday afternoon shifts after church when she can.

Cecil said Ruth loves the cooking, but she gets tired from being on her feet all day. She broke her back in a farm accident in 1965, and the constant standing makes it ache.

As I remembered Ruth 20 years ago, her job and her daughters-inlaw's jobs were to cook and clean for the men. Supper was always ready at 2 p.m. in the summer, nine hours after the 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. work day began, Monday through Saturday. Sunday was the day of rest, as the Bible says it

Cecil and I sat on their front porch with a pitcher of lemonade - "Now that Ruth is working, I have to fix everything myself," he quipped as he

reminisced for about two hours.

He said things had been "a little tough" the last few years. The bank foreclosed on their farmland and their business in 1988 after three straight summers of drought. They went into trucking for a while, but lost that in 1992. Now they have the dozers and, among other jobs, they level out land for chicken coops for the poultry plant that opened last year on land they used to own. A bitter irony.

I told him it sounded like things had been pretty rough for them, and they had done well to survive those

"Naw, that ain't rough," Cecil said. "You do what you have to do. We fed everybody. That's all we really needed.'

We started talking about work ethic, and he mentioned a young girl who works 40 hours a week at Ruth's restaurant and goes to junior college in Phil Campbell, about 20 miles west of Russellville.

"She came in one day last week and said, 'I don't waant to work today. I reeally wanna go home.' Can you imagine? She don't want to work! I cain't understand that."

I tried to defend the girl, saying combining college and work can make for long hours.

"Aw. She needs to be grateful the Lord give her the chance to do both. Think about all the people in the world who cain't do neither. How can you say you don't want to work?"

I had no response, but I did have a lesson. Here's a 78-year-old man, fussing and fuming because he had two strokes and his son won't let him work. His 72-year-old wife works 60 hours a week at a minimum wage job to help make ends meet.

And here we are, Generation X the cyber-generation - complaining when we have to work on Friday night instead of going out and having fun. Compared to our elders, we have some

work ethic, eh? I think Cecil and Ruth Moore can teach us all more about life than any instructor could.

Letters to the Editor

don't show up or quit.

I love all of the people who have come to the office and complained about the court and then don't offer any type of help. If you are interested in doing something besides flapping your gums about the court please come by the office, KUC 208, or call 898-2464.

Christin Baker, SGA President Senior/Radio/TV Production

Law School bid raises discrimination questions

To the Editor:

The recent bill proposed by Lt. Gov. John Wilder to the Tennessee State Legislature raises some interesting questions left unanswered by our own MTSU administration.

The bill in question will allow the Nashville School of Law to come under the auspices of the Tennessee Board of-Regents (TBR), under which MTSU and other schools of higher education are structured.

It has long been rumored that MTSU is interested in the Law School, something I've personally discussed with MTSU Vice President of Executive Affairs Earl Thomas more than a year ago.

Despite the estimated \$17.5 million it will take to bring the school within the accrediting standards of the American Bar Association (ABA),

MTSU will have a far more simple

task to complete. The ABA Standard 211 requires

the school to have a nondiscrimination policy specifically ensuring equal protection without regard to sexual orientation. The ABA will not accredit the school without it. Compared to \$17.5 million and

given MTSU's strong commitment to diversity and equality, this will no doubt be the easiest hurdle to take.

Through MTSU's Student Affairs, our campus has been told that ensuring equal protections is an issue for the TBR and the state, despite recommendations by a committee within their own department. Contrary to this regrettable misunderstanding, the University of Memphis has recently adopted a policy of their own (1:2a:12:05).

Although it is my hope that the prospect of gaining a Law School is enticing enough to help raise campus policy to national standards, I also hope ensuring equal protections is an enticing reward in and of itself.

In the coming months, the campus community hopes to see our Administration sign on to that same standard of commitment by adopting a policy ensuring equal protection without regard to sexual orientation. Michael Grantham SGA Senator for Education

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SGA president asks for traffic court help

To the Editor:

It is easy for anyone on campus to bash and bad mouth the parking situation. In fact, parking has been an issue at MTSU for at least 30 years. In looking at old bills and searching through SGA files it was an issue at an SGA election that long ago. Everyone is quick to tell me the problem and how to fix it.

I cannot fix the parking situation. In fact, I have very little to do with fixing parking and that department in general. What I do have some control over is the Traffic Court. This is another situation in which everyone is quick to criticize and have theories to fix the problem. I will be the first one to admit that Traffic Court is not perfect. A few years ago it was very inefficient. Now, with the increase in student enrollment and the construction, the problem has increased exponentially.

Let me tell you what really bothers me. The greatest problem that we have in this office is the fact that it is very difficult to find people to sit on the court. It is much easier for people to moan and complain about but they can't find one hour a week ... a week! ... to sit on the court. The justices we do have are wonderful. Unfortunately, some



Lecture explores patterns of cross-dressing in 1800s

By Chad Gillis/ staff

Did lesbians exist before the 20th century? Questions such as this as well as those concerning crossdressing and homosexuality, will be addressed tonight at an open lecture.

"Cross-Dressing in Victorian England," a speech by Martha Vicinus, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Room 121 of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

Vicinus, the Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor of English, Women's Studies and History at the University of Michigan, is the author of Lesbian Subjects: A Feminist Studies Reader and Victorian Sexual Dissidence.

She has spoken at such universities as Berkeley-California, Stanford, Harvard and Sydney about related subjects.

The speech is sponsored by National Women's History Month and was suggested by Nancy Rupprecht, former director of the MTSU Women's Studies Program and history professor.

"I had known of her (Vicinus) when I taught women's studies at Michigan," said Rupprecht, "she was the women's studies director at the

Rupprecht was made aware of Vicinus' speeches and topics via a bulletin from the University of

"I thought it was something that we (MTSU) would like to see," Rupprecht said.

Vicinus' speech traces the different images of cross-dressing women over the past 300 years and speculates about how this figure has changed

Throughout history, women have cross-dressed for many reasons, said Rupprecht, such as to participate in war, to be admitted to academic institutions and to get better jobs.

In addition to being an author, Vicinus has also taught several undergraduate courses, such as history of lesbianism and a graduate course titled Victorian Sexuality.

Vicinus also will be speaking (on Katherine Mansfield's "Bliss") in Rupprecht's 437-537 history class, which meets at 11 a.m. in Peck Hall Room 213. Tonight's lecture is free and open to the public.

Vicinus is currently working on a book on the formation of a modern lesbian identity from 1780 to 1930.

For more information, contact Nancy Rupprecht at 898-2645.

Crossing cultural boundaries

Women come together to celebrate diversity and unity at the International Women's Poetry Reading

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Ten women representing 10 countries will present international poetry in their original languages as well as English translations on March 26.

The Middle State Tennessee University Foreign Language and Literature Department, the honors program and global studies will be celebrating the sixth annual International Women's Poetry Reading at 4 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

"People like the sound of other languages," said Nuria Novella, an instructor in the foreign language department and second-year organizer of the event. "So we tried to choose ones that sounded exotic."

Among the languages to be featured are Farsi (spoken in Iran), French, German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic, Japanese, Spanish, Hungarian and Catalon. Catalon is a Romantic tongue like French, Italian and Portuguese. Spoken in northern Spain, it resembles French more than its neighbor speech, Spanish. Only one poem from each language will be read.

The readers, dressed in traditional garments, will talk about their own relationships to their particular country and the poet of the piece which they will present

"We have tried to involve students



Photos provided; photo illustration by Adam Smith/ staff

from MTSU, as well as other people in the department (of foreign language)," Novella said.

Readers include international students, as well as community participants.

During the reception provided by the honors program, cellist Ellen Croy, a junior majoring in music, will play selections from Bach and

A booklet of the poems has been compiled and will be published by the Middle Tennessee State University graphics department. The

illustrations and drawings for the book were produced by the students in art instructor Steve Ward's Drawing II class.

The format of the booklet will present the poem written in its original language on one page and in its English translation on the opposing page. Copies will be given on a first come, first serve basis to audience members at the performance.

The presentation is free and open to the public. •



Mixed Reviews



Miss Saigon spins poignant tale of love, tragedy

By Rachel Bailey/ staff

There are only three days left to see the show that has captivated audiences around the world.

Miss Saigon, one of the most celebrated musicals of all time, has arrived to grace the stage of Nashville's Tennessee Performing Arts Center. A musical of love and tragedy in the war-torn Vietnamese city of Saigon, Miss Saigon is a riveting masterpiece produced by Cameron MacIntosh and created by Alan Boublil and Claude-Michael Schonberg.

Drawn from the famous opera Madame Butterfly and influenced by a book titled Madame Chrysanthemum, this amazingly

realistic look at love amidst war is a culmination of Butterfly's plot hurled into one of the most tragic periods of our modern history, the Vietnam Conflict.

TPAC's production of Miss Saigon is highlighted by an exceptional cast, including DeeDee Lynn Magno (whose past credits include Sister Act II) in the leading role as Kim and renowned performer Will Chase as

This tragic love story begins on a humid night in Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War in a nightclub frequented by American marines. Chris, a young American sergeant, is reluctant to join the other boisterous Marines in their search for showgirls for the night's entertainment. But one of the girls, a 17-year-old orphan named Kim, catches Chris' eye, and he is drawn into the whirlwind of a love grown out of a senseless war between two very different worlds.

Three years later, after being tormented by many nightmares of what could have happened to Kim, who he left in Saigon, Chris has finally been able to begin a new life with the belief that he would never see her again. He learns, however, that she has survived as a refugee in Thailand, and circumstances arise

that force Chris to confront Kim and

Cameron MacIntosh's Miss Saigon is an event that heightens human awareness and touches one's emotions as it leaves one reeling with an unforgettable story of a love that could never be. With poignant midperformance footage of the "Bui Doi," the Amerasian children born of the terrible war, and through passionate, sometimes heart-breaking lyrics, this is a show that can't be missed.

The special effects of the musical are captivating. The audience is sucked into the harsh realities of a country exploited and destroyed by the devastation of war. Helicopters, strip bars and American GI's transport the audience into a time where thousands of lives were being lost and a culture was being torn

Miss Saigon will remain at TPAC through March 29 in the Jackson Hall Theater.

Opera Theatre presents classic tale of love, lust and betrayal Isley-Farmer rhetorically asks.

By Adam Smith /staff

The MTSU Opera Theatre will esent two performances of Mozart's operatic masterpiece, The Marriage of Figaro, on April 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music

Although the opera was written in Italian, the performance will be an English translation.

"We're being ambitious, but not that ambitious," says Christine Isley-Farmer, associate music professor and producer of the show.

The opera is centered around the peasantry outsmarting the aristocracy - a subject that was of great interest during the period in which it was written, when the French Revolution was the center of attention in Europe, said Isley-Farmer. Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, which takes place in Spain, is the second story of a trilogy written by French writer Beau Marchais, who also wrote The Barber of Seville.

"Why would someone want to come see The Marriage of Figaro today?"

"Well, the music is beautiful, but the subjects are timeless: love, lust, sex, faithfulness and betrayal - these are subjects that interest us, even in the 20th century." The performance will feature an-

all student cast. The part of Figaro will be played by Bryan Russell, and Susanna will be played by Valerie Walters. The parts of the Count and Countess Almaviva will be played by Oliver Henderson and Wendy Bledsoe. Holli Harrison will portray Marcellina. Bartello will be played by Matt York. Matt Thurman is Antonio, Jeana Leyhew is Barbarina, Will Lambert is Basilio, and Gerald Patton is Don Carvio.

The Opera Theatre regularly puts on a small production or scenes in the fall, and a large production in the spring, Isley-Farmer said.

Tickets for the production are \$10 at the door, but MTSU students will be admitted free with a student ID. For more information, contact Christine Isley-Farmer at 898-2479.

The English Patient big winner with 9 Oscars

Associated Press

Winners at the 69th annual Academy Awards on Monday night:

•BEST PICTURE: "The English Patient." ACTOR: Geoffrey Rush, "Shine."

•ACTRESS: Frances McDormand, "Fargo."

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Cuba Gooding Jr., "Jerry

•SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Juliette Binoche, "The English Patient." •DIRECTOR: Anthony Minghella, "The English

• FOREIGN FILM: "Kolya," Czech Republic. SCREENPLAY (based on material previously produced or published): Billy Bob Thornton, "Sling Blade"

•SCREENPLAY (written directly for the screen): Ethan Coen & Joel Coen, "Fargo."

ART DIRECTION: "The English Patient."

CINEMATOGRAPHY: "The English Patient."

•SOUND: "The English Patient."

• SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: "The Ghost and the Darkness."

•ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE: "Emma," Rachel Portman.

•ORIGINAL DRAMATIC SCORE: "The English Patient," Gabriel Yared.

•ORIGINAL SONG: "You Must Love Me" from "Evita,"

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

 COSTUME: "The English Patient." DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: "When We Were Kings."



Photo by Andrew Cooper; courtesy of TriStar Pictures, Inc.

Cuba Gooding, Jr. took home the Best Supporting Actor oscar for his role as Rod Tidwell in Jerry Maguire.

 DOCUMENTARY (short subject): "Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien.'

•FILM EDITING: "The English Patient."

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•VISUAL EFFECTS: "Independence Day." • IRVING G. THALBERG MEMORIAL AWARD:

Producer Saul Zaentz.

 HONORARY AWARD: Choreographer Michael Kidd. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OSCAR: Imax Corp. for its large-format movies.

Employers come to Nashville fair to help students find careers

By Adam Smith /staff

Of all the questions faced by graduating students, the most pressing is undeniably, "What do I do about finding a career?" Students often find the transition from college to career to be a long and difficult road, and few take the time to seek guidance from university placement

In recognition of the difficulty of this transition, local universities, in cooperation with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, will host the fourth annual Nashville Area College to Career Fair on Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m at the Opryland Hotel. The fair is open to seniors, graduate students and alumni of the participating universities, and it is designed to provide opportunities for graduates and prospective graduates to meet recruiters and learn about career opportunities.

"Several interviews and job offers have resulted from previous fairs," says Martha Turner, director of placement and student employment.

MTSU students who have registered with the Placement and Student Employment Center can obtain free passes to the fair through the center. Admission to the event is free, but there is a \$5 parking fee.

Now in its fourth year, the fair includes a University Consortium of Austin Peay, Belmont, Cumberland, David Lipscomb, Fisk, Martin Methodist, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Trevecca, University of the South, Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee State Universities, as well as the UT Space Institute.

About 160 employers will be represented, with interests in a wide variety of majors and career fields. Some of the companies present include: American General Life and Accident, an insurance company; Castner Knott; Nortel; The Bunting Group; Tennessee Valley Authority; The Tennessean; and England Book

Company, as well as many others. Students participating in the fair should dress professionally and bring a supply of resumes.

For more information, contact the Placement and Student Employment Center at 898-2500. The office of the Center is located in KUC Room 328. •



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Sunday March 30 9 p.m. Monday March 31 7 & 10 p.m.



The most controversial film of decades, Martin Scorsese's daring examination of the life of Christ may be his masterpiece. Surrounded by widespread protests and legal battles, the film proved to be an artistic triumph, highlighted by an uncompromising portrayal of the crufixion. Willem Dafoe portrays

Jesus not as a glowing and soft-spoken Christ, but as an insecure laborer torn between secular desires and service to God. The film transcends the typical Hollywood Biblical epic and depicts people struggling for spiritual fulfillment amidest sexuality, confusion, and hatred. (1988, nr, color, 163 minutes)



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Campus Showcase

By Jennie Treadway



Fraternity picks up pieces with new chapter

"We believe you should look at the character of a man," said Philip Crabtree, vice president of the new fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi.

Once a literary society at Yale University, this 152-year old fraternity installed Delta Psi as its first Tennessee chapter on March 1. Two and a half years after a representative from the national headquarters came to MTSU in late 1994 to start a new chapter, Alpha Sigma Phi is now on its feet.

"We started as an interest group in October of '94," said Crabtree, a RIM major. "By October of '95, we were officially colonized. By February of the next year, we were recognized as part of the Greek system.

After several disputes among the members about how to run the fraternity, the group fell apart just before its April 26 initiation. The ceremony was called off, and of the original 30 members, only

eight were left.

"We were told to start all over again," Crabtree said.

The remaining members took eight months to do what had previously taken a year and a half. During the summer of 1996, Alpha Sigma Phi recruited five new pledges, along with a new attitude.

"For the first time, we participated in Homecoming," Crabtree said. "We became more involved with campus activities instead of just talking about them.'

Now with 32 members and four pledges, Alpha Sigma Phi is still looking for new brothers. Their process for rushing is an ongoing process, according to Crabtree, and anyone interested is welcome.

"We are the only founding fraternity that has black and white members," Crabtree said. "We want to get back to the original Greek system of brotherhood and encouraging

When Alpha Sigma Phi first



Angela K. Shala/ special to Sidelines

The members of MTSU's new Delta Psi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi proudly display their charter. The group was originally organized in 1994, and it now has 32 members.

petitioned the right to join the Interfraternity Council, it had the highest GPA on campus.

"We're trying to be a fraternity that makes Greek life relevant to the campus," he

stereotype.'

For more information about the new fraternity, contact Chris Smith, Rush Chair, at 895-8065.

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cademy searching for next

Want to be the next George Lucas? Quentin Tarentino? Rob Reiner?

The Twenty-fourth Annual Student Academy Awards competition is now accepting applications and entries for young film artists on the college level.

Sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Academy Foundation, the competition is divided into four categories: alternative, animation, documentary and dramatic. Films of 16mm or larger must

be accredited to the university curriculum in a student/ teacher cooperation.

Three winning films are chosen from around the country and will be screened at the academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, CA, and voted on by the same film artists who select the Oscar winners.

Students selected as national winners will fly to Los Angeles and participate in a week of film-making activities and other social events. On June 8, the winners will attend an awards presentation

ceremony at the academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater. First, second and third

place medals will be given, along with a monetary award ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

If interested, send an application request with a selfaddressed, stamped businesssize envelope to: Academy of Motion Picture

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Freshman Howard hurls school's first no-hitter

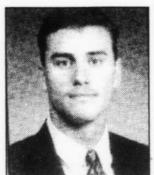
By Doug Malan/ staff

Although he had loads of potential coming in and consecutive quality starts under his belt, the coaches didn't think freshman pitcher Brad Howard would be starting in the first conference weekend of the season.

But Howard defied the odds and took it one step further by throwing a no-hitter against Tennessee Tech on March 16, as Middle won 12-0 and took two out of three games in the series.

Howard, who was making only his third collegiate start, pitched a complete game, striking out eight and walking four. According to the MTSU Sports Information Department it is the first no-hitter in school history.

"I realized in the seventh inning I had walked people but I didn't think I had given up a hit," the 2-0



Brad Howard

righthander said. "And then I got mobbed at the end of the game and I knew I had a nohitter.

threw a few no-hitters high school but I

never expected to get one on the college level. I expected to give up a few hits, hold them to a few runs and hopefully we could outscore them." Tennessee Tech entered the game

hitting .327 as a team and averaging seven runs a game.

"I already shook his hand in the

seventh inning and said, 'You're finished," head coach Steve Peterson said. "He had thrown a lot of pitches and there was no need to push him. Then someone on the bench told me he had a no-hitter and I said, 'Brad, you're back in the game."

The Blue Raider bats exploded in the fourth and fifth innings, giving Howard more than enough runs to win. Middle Tennessee scored ten runs on eight hits in the two innings and bolted out to a 11-0 lead. The Blue Raiders finished with 13 hits for the game.

Chris Snyder, who finished 6-12 with six RBI and four runs scored in the series, hit a two-run double in the fourth which preceded a RBI single and double from Clint Johnson and

In the next inning, Davis hit a

three-run bomb to leftfield on a hanging off-speed that completed a five-run fifth inning. It was Chip's third homer of the year after sitting out last season with an injured knee.

Snyder added a solo blast, his first, in the eighth to complete the scoring. Andrew Thompson went 3-3 and finished 6-8 on the weekend.

Tech starter Matt Frey (2-3) was tagged with the loss after giving up eight runs in four innings of work.

Saturday afternoon the teams split a doubleheader with Middle winning the second game, 7-1. The Blue Raiders got another sharp performance from left-hander Jamie Hill, who threw a complete game five-hitter to stay undefeated in two decisions this year. Hill struck out three and walked one in his seven inning stint.

Snyder went 3-4 with three runs

scored and an RBI single and Johnson and Davis both knocked in two runs against Tech starter Jason Brooker.

The Blue Raiders lost the first game, 4-2, as Mark Maberry and Chad Kirby both threw complete games. Maberry (4-0) struck out nine and scattered four hits in the win while Kirby (0-3) struck out five and walked four with six hits.

Middle trailed 4-0 in the seventh inning before Jeremy Owens was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Snyder followed with a single. The Blue Raiders failed to tie the game and they left the bases juiced as Maberry struck out three in the inning.

The Golden Eagles struck for three runs on three hits in the second inning as Brian Lee had a RBI single. Kirby pitched well after that, allowing only three hits and an unearned run the rest of the game. •

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MTSU's spring break.

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Spring Break

The Lady Raiders softball

Middle's women returned from

team had a busy spring break,

playing two games a day during

the Rebel Games in Orlando,

Florida with a 7-3 record in the

tournament. With only a day of

rest, the Lady Raiders returned to

their home turf this past weekend

to split a doubleheader with

Morehead State on Saturday, 3-2

and 6-7, and proceeded to sweep

Eastern Kentucky here in Murfreesboro on Sunday, 4-3 and

helped the Lady Raiders overall

record immensely after having lost

their first eight games of the

season. MTSU is now 10-12 on the

games on the road, beginning at

Tennessee State today at 2 p.m. The women won't return to home

action until April 8, when they

take on Austin Peav in

tennis sweeps

SEMO on road

The MTSU women's tennis team

Clare Sevier defeated Izabella

returned from spring break rested and

ready to sweep Southeast Missouri 7-0

Slowkowska 6-3, 6-3 in number one

Murfreesboro at 5 p.m. •

Women's

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The Lady Raiders next play six

The 10-4 spring break play

Men's tennis surges to top 5 Rolex ranking

Staff Reports

The MTSU tennis team has received its highest national ranking ever, moving to fourth in the most recent Rolex Collegiate Rankings.

UCLA is ranked first, followed by Boise State—a team MTSU defeated just over one week ago-and Kentucky. The Blue raiders are ranked just ahead of national powers Georgia (5), Mississippi State (6) and defending national champion Stanford

"I am very proud for our players," said Head Coach Dale Short. "The guys have worked extremely hard to get to this point and they deserve it."

Individually speaking, senior Fred Niemeyer of Magog, Quebec, is leading the charge. Niemeyer, 26-6 on the season, is ranked seventh in singles and sixth in doubles with teammate Anthony DeLuise.

DeLuise, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, is tied for 19th in the country in singles. He has a record of 25-5.

Melborne, Australia, is ranked 99th in the nation in singles with a 17-7 record. He teams with fellow junior Julius Robberts (Kempton Park, South Africa) for a number seven ranking in doubles with a 20-2 record.

"We have been fortunate to get good players who have the heart to become great players," added Short. "Niemeyer has worked hard on his game and has developed over his fourt years as one of the premier college players. He is considered to have the one of the best serves in the world."

"McNamara and Robberts have played superbly together this season in doubles, and David just continues to grow as a player both physically and mentally.

"DeLuise is a great story too," the Murphy Center courts. •

Short said. "He came back to school after a near-fatal arthritic-type condition to become a mainstary in the rankings.

Short's Blue Raiders are 12-2 on the season and 36-7 over the last two

"It is a great tribute to the hard work of the young men on the team and the years Dale Short has put into the program to reach the level it has," added Athletic Director Lee Fowler. "Our program ranks among the best in the SEC, Pac-10 and any other 'major' conference you want to note.

"We couldn't be prouder of Coach Short and his program."

MTSU men's tennis team returns to action this afternoon in a home match against local rival Vanderbilt. The Commodores are ranked 42nd in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings.

The Blue Raiders have been off for a week and a half, but the rest was definitely needed according to Short.

"We needed a break both mentally and physically," said Short. "We had a very emotional two weeks winning the Junior David McNamara, also of H.E.B. Championship and the disappointing finish at the Blue-Gray, the week off should help us regain our

Middle Tennessee could be without the services of DeLuise for the Vandy match. He is suffering from back trouble and is listed as doubtful

"If Anthony is able to play, we are the favorites; without him, it gets even more intense," added Short. "He has been so solid at the top of the lineup this season. If he can't play, we will have to draw together and play as a cohesive unit.

"We have the talent, it will just be a matter of tapping into it and competing."

The match is slated for 2 p.m. on



photo provided

Junior Julius Robberts (above) and David McNamara are the no. 7 doubles team in the nation. As a team, MTSU is ranked fourth in the nation.

Blue Raiders lead OVC, take two of three at EKU

By Doug Malan/ staff

Middle Tennessee stayed on top of the OVC by taking two out of three games last weekend at Eastern Kentucky. The teams split Saturday's doubleheader.

In Sunday's rubber game, the Blue Raiders (11-8, 4-2) scored five runs in the second inning and held on for a 7-5

Freshman Brad Howard (3-0) followed up his March 16 no-hitter with five innings of seven-hit ball while striking out three and yielding four runs, two earned, while getting the win. The Colonels' run in the third inning ended Howard's scoreless streak of 20.1 innings.

Andrew Thompson, who finished 2-3 with two RBI's, launched his third homer of the year in the ninth inning to give MTSU a 7-4 lead. Jeremy Owens had two hits and

three stolen bases, becoming the first Blue Raider since 1994 to steal that many bases in a game.

Owens, Thompson and Chris Snyder all had RBI's in the second

Lee Chapman finished 3-5 with two RBI's for EKU. The Colonels scored two runs in the third and fifth innings and staged a rally in the ninth against Ken Bedwell, who relieved Howard in the sixth inning.

Bedwell gave up three singles in Beddies' heroics.

the inning and one run before striking out the EKU designated hitter with the tying runs on base. Bedwell got his first collegiate save.

In Saturday's second game, Jordan Beddies drove home Ryan Dillard with a one-out single to break a 3-3 tie in the sixth and give MTSU a late-inning victory. It was the lone hit for Beddies while Dillard ended 3-3 with an RBI and a single as the inning's second

The Blue Raiders took a 3-0 lead on a Snyder homerun in the first and a Dillard RBI double and Owens sac fly in the second. Eastern Kentucky tied the game with two runs in the fourth and a single run in the fifth, setting up

Steven Lay had another impressive stint in relief and picked up his second victory of the year after three innings with three strikeouts

Eastern won the first game of the series as Ryan Saylor, a pitcher who has consistently given the Raiders fits, struck out eight batters in seven innings in the 3-1 win.

The Colonels scored three runs in the fourth inning on a sac fly, RBI double and Clay Snellgrove's error. It was more than enough for Saylor, who limited MTSU to five hits and a solo homerun from Thompson.

Chad Kirby (0-4) lost another tough luck start after a lack of run

singles while Jennifer Bryans beat Thara Olive 6-3, 6-0 in the number Third seed Alex Toelle defeated

Saturday in Cape Girardeau.

Vicky Wood 6-3, 6-3 and Michelle North nailed down her fourth seed spot with 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Melinda Thomas. Kim Glassman bested Brigette Stotter 6-1, 6-0 at fifth seed while Amy King defeated Michelle Gruber 6-0, 6-1 in the sixth spot. Larissa Liese sealed the singles competition for Middle with 6-0, 6-0 wins over Beth Doerr in the seventh

In doubles action Toelle/Bryans defeated Slowkowska/Thomas 8-5. Sevier/North took a 8-6 win over Wood/Stotter, and Glassman/Liese defeated Olive/Gruber 8-2 to seal the

The win brought the women's record to 6-2 on the season. Middle will be in action here at home this weekend with a Saturday match against Arkansas State University at 2:30 p.m. and a Sunday match against Auburn that has yet to be scheduled.

Atlanta trades Justice, Grissom to Indians for Lofton, Embree

ATLANTA (AP) — The Braves and Indians pulled off a blockbuster trade today in which Atlanta sent outfielders David Justice and Marquis Grissom to Cleveland for outfielder Embree.

The trade had great implications

for both teams.

"I'm in shock," said Justice. "If I was supposed to shed any tears, it was when I said goodbye to the guys.'

Added Grissom: "This is a

business. We had a great ball club. Now I'll go play my butt off (for Cleveland). I'll just have to get used to Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens."

The NL champion Braves were Kenny Lofton and reliever Alan looking to trade the high-priced Justice to free room in their salary structure for re-signing pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make \$12.5 million over the next two

The Indians were facing the loss of Lofton, one of the game's top leadoff hitters, at the end of this season. The center fielder already had told the team he didn't want to talk about a contract extension and plans to file for free agency once the season is over.

"I never said that," Lofton said Tuesday at a news conference from the Indians training camp at Winter Haven, Fla. "That didn't come out of Kenny Lofton's mouth. That was the

Indians who decided that."

Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz, whose team has been to the World Series four of the past six seasons, said the trade gives the Braves roster flexibility and allows them to be more aggressive signing

"We think with Lofton we get an established center fielder and leadoff batter, one of the best in baseball," he

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Booming bats help Middle sweep Memphis doubleheader 13-3, 4-0

By Doug Malan

In a city known for the blues, Middle Tennessee's Blues were more soulful and harmonious than anything Memphis could produce last Wednesday.

The Blue Raiders had every aspect of its game fine-tuned and knocked off the University of Memphis 13-3 and 4-0 to sweep the doubleheader.

In the second game, sophomore Jamie Powers (2-1) threw a complete two hitter as the Tigers were shut out for the first time in 74 games. The righthander finished with five strikeouts and two walks in seven innings and owed some of his success to Steven Lay, the starter in game one.

"In the first game, Lay told me they were having a lot of trouble with fastballs inside so

we just tried to come out and do decisive inning the same thing in the second game," Powers said. "We just tried to keep everything across the plate and keep the offspeed away and not leave anything up where they could hit it."

Jordan Beddies finished the night 1-3 and hit his second homerun of the year. Clay Snellgrove added an RBI double, and Clint Johnson got his second sac fly of the season.

John Tompkins (0-1) was pinned with the loss for the Tigers.

The first game was highly offensive for the Blue Raiders as they pounded out 16 hits and scored 13 runs off five Memphis

A seven-run fourth inning staked MTSU to a 9-1 lead and they cruised the rest of the game. Jeremy Owens finished the contest 4-5 with three runs and a two-run triple in the

Chris Snyder and Johnson both had three hits while Johnson drove in three runs. Snyder added an RBI single in the fourth. Ryan Dillard drove in a run with an RBI double in the inning and another run scored on a Memphis error.

Lay (1-1) pitched six innings of five-hit ball with five strikeouts and two earned runs. Randy Woodrum pitched the last inning in his first appearance of the year after returning from an arm injury.

"Everything was working today and it all fell into place, said Lay. "This year started real bad for me and hopefully the rough starts are over.

Daryn Miller and Heath Bender both had two hits for the Tigers. Starter Dave Erwin (1-3) got the loss for Memphis after allowing two runs in one inning. .

ready to play a spring training game the following day.

Preliminary salary figures showed the Braves' payroll was set to be the highest in baseball in 1997, an estimated \$62 million. That would have made the team liable for a luxury tax of more than \$3.8 million under baseball's revenue-sharing

Cleveland assures itself of

Baseball Next Games

Wednesday, March 26 MTSU @ Indiana State Univ., 3p.m.

Friday, March 28 Eastern Illinois @ MTSU (DH), 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 Eastern Illinois @ MTSU, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1 MTSU @ Western Kentucky, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2 Univ. of Alabama @ MTSU, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 26 Vanderbilt @ MTSU, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 MTSU @ UCLA, 10 a.m.

Lady Raider Tennis Next Matches

Friday, March 28 Arkansas State Univ. @ MTSU, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 Auburn @ MTSU, TBA

Tuesday, April 1 MTSU @ UT-Chattanooga, 2 p.m.

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said. "We think our 1997 team will be as strong if not stronger

Indians general manager John Hart said the Indians needed to make this move.

"We had to make this trade based on the fact that Kenny Lofton is a free agent at the end of the '97 season," he said. "We went through that last year with Albert Belle, and Albert left us. We were not prepared to let that happen again.

Lofton, 29, gives the

since they traded Brett Butler more than a decade ago. He hit 317 with 14 homers, 67 RBIs and 75 stolen bases last season.

The option year of Lofton's contract pays him \$4.75 million. Justice will make \$6 million this year and \$6.5 million in 1998, while Grissom enters the second season of a four-year contract that pays him \$4.8 million annually.

"I know how many guys from the '95 World Series team are gone, but it's a business,' Lofton said "They just transferred me from one business to another.

Lofton planned to join the Braves their best leadoff hitter Braves on Wednesday and be

While the payroll is cut in the short term, Atlanta now faces the daunting task of trying to re-sign three prominent players who are set to become to free agents after this season.

to bolster a lineup that lost Belle to the Chicago White Sox. It was the second major trade pulled off by the Indians, who during the winter acquired third baseman Matt Williams from San Francisco. Grissom, a 29-year-old

outfield stability and continues

native of Atlanta, was acquired from Montreal in a trade before the 1995 season. He led off for the Braves the past two years and had one of his best seasons in 1996, hitting .308 with 23 homers, 74 RBIs and 28 stolen bases. His on-base percentage was only .349 and it was believed he would be better suited at a lower spot in the batting order.

Justice, 30, separated a

shoulder on May 15 and missed the rest of the season. He seemed to have no lingering effects of the injury when he returned to the lineup this

Justice, whose best season came in 1993 when he hit 40 homers and had 120 RBIs, was one of the senior members of the team, having

first joined the Braves at the end of the 1989 season and then taking over the following year in right field when Atlanta traded Dale Murphy.

"It's been a difficult morning," manager Bobby Cox said. "Dave Justice has been here almost as long as I have. Marquis Grissom has been a great spokesman for the team.

He lives in Atlanta, has a family there. I hate to lose guys

By trading Justice the Braves create room in their crowded outfield for youngsters Jermaine Dye and Andruw Jones. Cox said they will share time in right field.

Embree, 27, was clearly a throw-in, but he does fill a need on the Braves staff. Atlanta had been seeking another lefthander to go with Kevin Rogers in the bullpen, allowing Terrell Wade to remain the fifth starter. Embree split time last season the Indians and Triple-A Buffalo, going 1-1 with a 6.39 ERA in 24 games with the Indians. •

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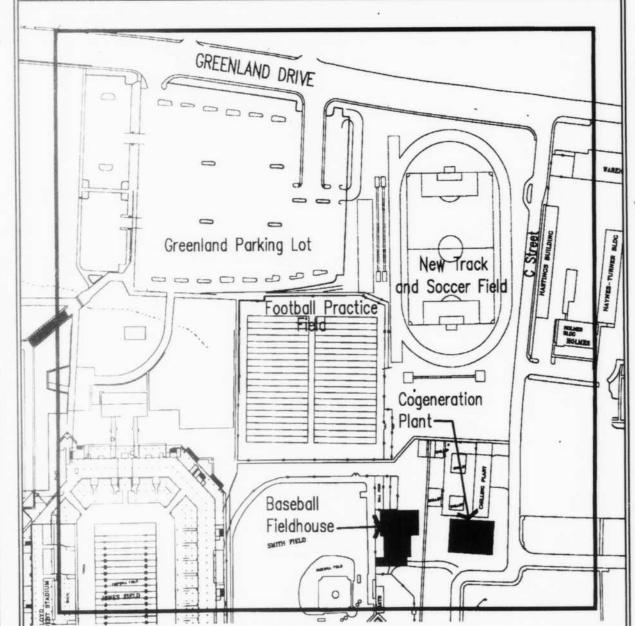
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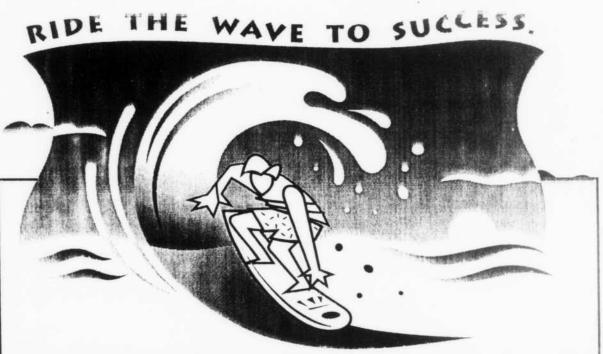
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