



'Road rage' lands student in hospital

Jenny Cordle
News Editor

An MTSU student was released from Middle Tennessee Medical Center Wednesday night after three hours of being treated for a broken facial bone, and multiple bruises, contusions, and abrasions, said MTSU public safety officer Lieutenant Jim Fanguy.

Four non-students allegedly assaulted an MTSU student Wednesday at 2:38 p.m. in front of Jim Cummings Hall.

Nashville residents Trevis Cambridge of 3677 Chesapeake Drive, Preston Beddingfield of 3660 Chesapeake Drive, and William Douglas of 3320 Parkway Drive were taken to the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center and charged with criminal trespass, aggravated battery and strong arm-robery, said Fanguy.

The fourth Nashvillian, whose name can not be released, was not found by police at press time.

The men allegedly ran a stop sign at an intersection on campus.

"The incident started over road rage," said Fanguy. "It then escalated into a physical confrontation, and wound up being four men on one."

MTSU public safety officer Major Roy Brewer said he doesn't know exactly where the incident was initiated or where the road rage got started.

However, Brewer said the actual assault took place on 2nd Street in front of Cummings Hall.

"From what I understand, the student shot the driver of the other car a 'bird,'" said Brewer.

"The driver took a great deal of offense to that and hit the student's car from behind."

The assault began after the student got out of his car, said Brewer. The men also allegedly stole a CD case from the student's vehicle, which was later recovered.

The extent of the damage to both cars is minimal, Brewer said.

The perpetrators then fled the incident. The assaulted student drove to Public Safety to report the incident, and ambulance

See Rage, 3

Pope makes plea for Middle East peace



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Pope John Paul II says a mass at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank Wednesday. In his remarks to the gathering, the pope referred to "legitimate Palestinian aspirations" and the need for peaceful negotiations to realize them. Soha, the wife of Palestinian President Yasser, is seen on the left.

Students to spend break helping needy

Matthew Kelly
Contributor

Beaches, bikinis, beer — yes. But building houses and bridging cultures?

While many students will spend their spring break partaking of the former, 11 MTSU students and one staff member will be doing the latter.

While many students are off partying in some exotic locale, this group will be in Cranks, Ky. — a rural Appalachian town that is anything but exotic.

They are going to serve, joining a growing number of college students in what has been generically termed "alternative spring break." Their reasons vary. Some simply want to help those in need. Others have a more personal reason: once

when they were in need, someone helped them. And now they want to return the favor.

"I'm from Kentucky, and my parents lost their home in a tornado in January," said Emily Bartlett, a 24-year-old actuarial science major. "We had to move out of our house in three days."

"The Red Cross and church groups were coming by. You don't realize how much a cup of coffee or a pair of gloves is appreciated at a time like that."

But that was a one-time event, Bartlett said. The people she's going to help have to contend with life-and-death problems on a daily basis.

"They go through this every day," she said. "I just thought I needed to give back a little."

Coordinator of Student Development Maggie Prugh, the one staff member going along, works for the university's student development office

and is coordinating the trip. She said they'll be working at Cranks Creek Survival Center, which serves the homeless and low-income families.

"We'll be doing some indoor/outdoor construction, home repair and possibly some landscaping," she said.

The center is run by a husband and wife team, said Bartlett. The husband is blind, and the wife has a third-grade education level.

"We might work in soup kitchens," said Amanda Hale, 21. "We might spend some time with some of the various families at night."

Hale, a RATV major from Murfreesboro, has never done anything like this before. "I thought it would be good to get experience," she said, "because I would like to do mission work

overseas eventually."

Kristen Lovett, 21, is the veteran in the group. This trip will mark her third year of participation in the alternative spring break program.

"The first year I did it because a bunch of friends were going," she admitted. "But it was really cool to know that you helped people instead of going to Florida and getting trashed."

"It makes you appreciate what you have," she said.

That first year, she went to West Virginia to paint and rebuild houses. Last year, she did more of the same in Franklin, N.C., but also got to work in an after-school program and a day care center.

"To see some of the babies come in, the parents wouldn't

See Break, 2

ACT report shows less students graduate college

John Oberleas
Contributor

More freshman students than ever are returning for their sophomore year, but fewer are actually graduating.

According to a recent ACT report, of the freshmen who attended public colleges for the 1999 academic year, 28.1 percent didn't return for their sophomore year.

Only 42.2 percent of students graduated — a percentage that has been steadily declining for the past 13 years. The report does not reflect the number of students who transferred from other schools.

"For some time, studies have shown the three primary reasons for students dropping out of college to be financial problems, inadequate academic preparation and difficulty adapting to college life," said Wes Habley, director of the ACT Center for the Enhancement of Educational Practices.

"Lately, universities and colleges have been addressing these problems more directly and increasing their efforts to support and retain students," he said.

"We are probably seeing the impact of these efforts in the

improved dropout rates of the last two or three years."

Habley commented on the disturbing percentage of students who fail to graduate.

"With more high school graduates, now about 67 percent going directly to college — you also have larger numbers of inadequately prepared college freshmen," said Habley.

"These students have more academic gaps to fill before they can progress toward their degrees."

Habley also said other factors include increases in part-time enrollments and initial enrollments at two-year colleges and the current job-heavy income.

"Students in the first two categories are much less likely to finish a degree within five years than are the full-time and four-year college counterparts," said Habley.

"The economy plays its part by encouraging students to work longer hours and take fewer classes."

Compared to national averages in the ACT report provided by Brian Noland, director of Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, MTSU had a freshmen retention rate of 78 percent for 1997-1998. ■

Holocaust ad stirs emotions

COSTA MESA, Calif. (TMS) — Jewish groups are criticizing student journalists at Orange Coast College for running an ad in the campus newspaper that suggested the Holocaust was a fraud.

The ad, which appeared Feb. 2, drew little attention when it first appeared, but since has become the focus of complaints from several Jews on and off campus.

Staff members of the "Coast Report" said they decided to publish the ad despite misgivings because, they decided, free speech is more important than the literal accuracy of the

claims.

"From hearing all the debate afterward and all the different opinions, I feel even more strongly that it was the right thing to do," David Song, co-editor of the newspaper, told the Orange County Register.

Members of Jewish groups say that logic provides an intellectual cover for anti-Semitism.

"When you publish something that incites people to hate, I think you are stretching the bounds of free speech," Sy Scheinberg, vice chairman of the California State University-Fullerton's history department, told the Register. ■

Pennsylvania legislators react to fraternity fire

HARRISBURG, Pa. (TMS) — Pennsylvania lawmakers reacted to a triple-fatal fraternity house fire at Bloomsburg University with a proposed bill designed to improve campus fire safety.

Rep. Michael Michael McGeehan, a Democrat from Philadelphia, on Monday announced proposed legislation that would require private and public colleges and universities to install sprinklers in all student housing within five years. The bill also provides a loan program that would help institutions pay for the sprinklers' installation.

The bill doesn't address off-campus, private buildings such as the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house that burned Sunday, killing three 21-year-old students: Kristoffer Polhemus, a former star wrestler; Cliff Vail and Marcus LaBuda. But lawmakers said they envision future legislation aimed at off-campus student housing.

Even before Sunday's fire, which burned the TKE house to the ground, Pennsylvania legislators were studying the possibility of requiring sprinklers in college dormitories and high-rises. State senate members



Photo provided

Students from Bloomsburg University console each other at the scene of an off-campus fraternity house fire Monday, Mar. 21. Three students from Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity died early Sunday morning in the fire.

agreed to do so after a fatal dormitory fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey that

killed three first-year students two months ago. ■

Crime Log

Theft/Burglary

When: Wed., March 1
Where: KOM Lot
What: Stolen parking permit

When: Thurs., March 2
Where: Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building
What: Computer Stolen

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Keathley University Center
What: Dean citation issued for possession of stolen parking permit.

When: Thurs., March 9
Where: Keathley University Center
What: Report requested on missing cell phone.

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Schardt Hall
What: Student reported that check was stolen and cleared the bank after signature was forged.

When: Mon., March 13
Where: Maintenance Lot
What: Tools were stolen from a maintenance vehicle.

When: Mon., March 13
Where: Corlew Hall
What: Stolen wallet and credit cards

When: Thurs., March 16
Where: Keathley University Center
What: Stolen cell phone.

Traffic

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Second Street at Cummings Hall
What: Pedestrian hit by blue Oldsmobile and refused release. Victim signed a release with ambulance.

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Scarlett Commons-Building 2
What: Subject reports that someone has hit her car by accident.

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Mass Communications Lot
What: Vehicle hit and run reported.

When: Wed., March 15
Where: Cummings Hall
What: Vehicle damage.

Assault/Harassment

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Alumni Memorial Gym
What: Harassing telephone calls

When: Tues., March 7
Where: Schardt Hall
What: subject reported a verbal assault

When: Mon., March 13
Where: Scarlett Commons
What: Subject stated that she was having problems with a non-student.

When: Wed., March 15
Where: Gore Hall
What: Harassing phone calls.

Arrests

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Fraternity Row
What: Matthew L. Mikesell of 2842 Lebanon Road arrested for public intoxication and underage consumption of alcohol.

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Family Apartment I
What: Cynthia Fields of 306 Page Road arrested for criminal trespass and simple assault.

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Family Apartments I
What: Michael Fields of 306 Page Road arrested for criminal trespass and assault

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Rutherford County Ambulance
What: Matthew Mikesell of 2842 Lebanon Road arrested

on five counts of vandalism under \$500.

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Bell Street Lot
What: James T. Burch arrested for DUI, first offense.

Miscellaneous

When: Wed., March 1
Where: Murphy Center-Equipment Room
What: Subject smashed hand in door

When: Wed., March 1
Where: Campus Recreation Center
What: Subject had back problems while playing basketball. Ambulance was called.

When: Sat., March 4
Where: Campus Recreation Center
What: Student received a knee injury while playing basketball.

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Clement Hall
What: Criminal trespass warning issued for solicitation

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Peck Hall
What: Trespass warning given to three subjects for shooting water balloons against building with slingshots.

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Smith Hall
What: Subject put his arm through the first-floor window and required medical aid.

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Cummings Hall-Softball Field
What: Subject hit in the head with a softball and sees double vision. Possible concussion.

When: Fri., March 10
Where: Business Aerospace Building
What: Elevator abruptly dropped and made loud noises. Subject possibly hurt.

When: Fri., March 10
Where: Murphy Center
What: Citation issued for driving without a license.

When: Tues., March 14
Where: Reynolds Hall
What: Student patrol noticed the smell of illegal substance and requested an officer to investigate.

When: Wed., March 15
Where: McFarland Health Services
What: Subject taken by RCAS for appendix.

When: Thurs., March 16
Where: Family Apartment B
What: Subject advised that a male was at her door trying to get in. Dean citation issued.

Vandalism/Damage

When: Fri., March 3
Where: Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Fraternity Row
What: Four vehicles with punctured tires

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Bryce Hall
What: Gottle thrown through window of dorm room.

FIRE

When: Mon., March 6
Where: Peck Hall
What: Fire call. Caused from trash in an ash tray.

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Business Aerospace Building
What: Elevator smoke, fire department dispatched.

When: Wed., March 8
Where: Sigma Nu-Fraternity Row
What: A fog system in second-floor room set off fire alarm.

When: Thurs., March 9
Where: Corlew Hall
What: Caller advises smelling smoke on the fourth floor.

Break: students choose alternative

Continued from 1

even change them," she said. "If it wasn't for the volunteers at the day care and after-school program, the babies wouldn't get cleaned or fed."

There was only one grocery store in Franklin, and, Lovett said, the town looked like it hadn't changed since the 1920s. "It was a real big shock," she said.

This year's group may be in for quite a shock, as well. Break Away, which is one of the largest national organizations that assists students in planning alternative spring breaks, offers a similar program in a different part of the same county. The group's Web site warns that culture shock is a real and foreseeable problem for students visiting the area.

Cranks is located in Harlan County, a southeast Kentucky county which saw its heyday during World War II. At that time, according to a National Public Radio report, the county's population topped 70,000.

Today it is less than half that. The latest Census Bureau estimates put the county's population at just over 34,000.

Of that 34,000, nearly 12,000 live in poverty, according to a 1995 Census Bureau report.

Cranks itself has just under 500 people, according to a 1990 "New York Times" report, and is striking in its contrasts.

In his story, the "Times" reporter describes a town where "neat brick homes stand just down the road from rickety shacks with junk-strewn yards and outhouses."

Hale has never been to Cranks before, but said that her father has seen the town and described it to her. "My dad said that literally there were small, dirty children on the streets like you would see overseas," she said. "And this is only a few hours away from where we live."

"It was a coal mining town, and now the coal mines have been depleted," explained Bartlett. "Now they don't have any form of income, and they have a low education level. They need help."

The county was once one of America's most productive coal-mining counties, according to

NPR. At the height of its prosperity, coal trains 80 cars long ran virtually non-stop.

Today, only two major mines remain.

Harlan County is part of a 90-county region spanning Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee and Virginia, that during the 1980s lost over 70,000 coal industry jobs, according to the "Times" report.

And things have not gotten any better since then. The NPR program, which aired in January, reported that the county has some of the highest occurrences of cancer, heart disease and diabetes in the nation.

Residents are trying to turn things around, however. All pregnant women, regardless of their income, must now go through a regimen of prenatal care mandated by the health department if they want to have their babies delivered in the local hospital, said NPR.

The group from MTSU will be staying at the Survival Center, most likely alongside the homeless men and women who seek shelter there.

"We'll be living among the people that we're serving," said Prugh.

Time is set aside each night for reflection to help the students make sense out of all they've seen and done that day.

"We'll sit down and talk about what we've done," said Prugh. "About what it means to them to see people living in this kind of condition."

"It allows time for everybody to really think about the effect they are having on people and how it is affecting them."

The students will also be encouraged to keep a journal of their thoughts throughout the week. In the beginning, Prugh said she often sees students writing only a paragraph or two each day.

"By the end of the week," Prugh observed, "people are writing pages and pages."

Lovett, the one student who's been through it all before, said it's all worth it, though.

"It's had such an impact on me," she said. "It's life changing. It makes me put my life in perspective knowing that I, in just a week of my time — just the little bit that I'm doing — could change their lives." ■

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Info:
<http://www.mtso2000.tripod.com>

March 25-31

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

March 25-April 2

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

April 3-7

The MTSU Goodwill Donation Drive will be held from 8-5 p.m. on the Knoll at the KUC. Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc. is a not for profit agency. The goal of Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee is to help people with disabilities and other barriers to employment prepare for and find jobs in the community. The goal is accomplished through the sale of donated items. Acceptable donations include usable clothing, furniture, books, computer equipment, housewares, pictures, shoes and electronics.

April 13

The Students of Objectivism present

"An Introduction to Objectivism" by Andrew Bernstein in the BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall at 4 p.m. Free for students and faculty and staff, \$5 for everyone else. <http://www.mtso2000.tripod.com>

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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



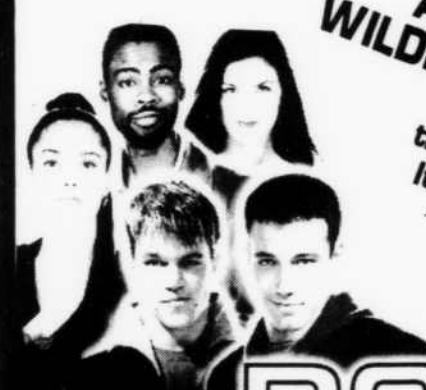
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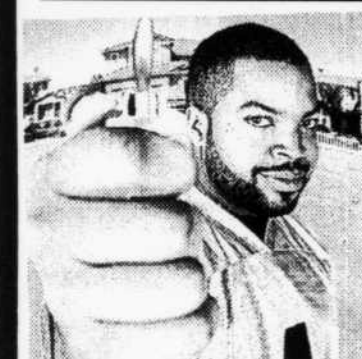
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Morgan State pulls plug on newspaper

BALTIMORE, Md. (TMS) — Officials at Morgan State University are taking heat from journalism advocacy groups across the country for stopping the presses of the student newspaper, the "Spokesman."

School officials said the newspaper's coverage of student elections would disrupt the campus' political process. They also argued that because student fees support the paper, it must remain neutral during the election.

They decided to pull the plug on the twice-monthly publication just as the printer was about to run off about 3,000 copies.

"It was really dumb, that's the only way I can put it," sophomore Kevin Howell, who edits the Spokesman said. "This is censorship, a violation of our rights under the United States constitution."

Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va.,

agreed.

"It sounds as though they (university officials) need some sort of First Amendment refresher course," he said.

Determined to get out the news despite school officials' actions, the Spokesman staff printed the publication's 18 pages and took them to photocopying machines throughout town. They also taped printouts on poster board that they set up near the campus' student center. ■

Alcohol may have played role in death

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. (TMS) — Alcohol appears to have played a role in the death of a 19-year-old Ferris State University freshman whose friends found him unconscious and not breathing.

Stephen Petz, a student in the college of technology, died Wednesday after hospital emergency efforts failed to revive him. An autopsy is planned, and authorities said they're certain it will turn up evidence of excessive alcohol consumption.

Kevin Courtney, public safety director of Big Rapids, Mich., said Petz is believed to have

been drinking Tuesday night at an off-campus rental house that is home to an "underground fraternity" — a group unregistered with the university and not subject to the institution's guidelines concerning greek affairs.

Police are investigating Petz' relationship with the group.

Last school year, two people at Ferris State died after drinking. Student Adriene Allen, 20, fell from a window, and Allen Hewer, 24, died of alcohol poisoning on a couch in a university sorority house. He was not a Ferris State student. ■

Binge turns deadly for Trinity College student

HARTFORD, Conn. (TMS) — Four Trinity College roommates, on what police said was a drinking and drug binge to celebrate the start of the Connecticut campus' spring break, inhaled a lethal mixture of prescription drugs Friday. One student died, and three others were hospitalized.

Joshua Doroff, a 22-year-old senior and son of Bloomingdale's executive vice president Frank Doroff, was buried Saturday. One of Joshua Doroff's roommates, Clement Kaupp III, also a 22-year-old senior, was listed in critical condition on life support Monday.

The other two Trinity stu-

dents — William B. Bachman, 21, and Joshua B. Eaves, 22 — were both treated and released over the weekend. Bachman and Eaves were arraigned on Monday on narcotics possession charges.

College officials said they didn't know whether the students had concocted the mixture themselves or gotten it from someone else. According to police, one of the students said the potion included prescription drugs used to combat anxiety, insomnia and migraine headaches. Investigators said they are also trying to determine whether the men also were using heroin. ■

'Date rape' Web site shut down

CHICAGO (TMS) — A Web hosting company took down a site advocating date rape after feminists across the country complained.

MyInternet.com deactivated DateRape.org, which touted itself as "a one-stop shop for all your date rape needs."

The site offered tips to men about how to drug and rape women as well as a \$49.99 "DateRape in a Box" kit, which included an instructional manu-

al; "Shut-the-Hell-Up-Bitch Duct Tape;" a medical prescription guide to read up on the side effects of certain drugs and the DateRape.org "Quick and Easy Cookbook."

Even if the site was designed to be funny, it wasn't by a long shot as far as many women were concerned. Marianne Schnall, president of Feminist.com, called DateRape.org "the most shocking and disgusting" thing she had ever seen on the Internet. ■

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Gore campaigns to students



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Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, who secured the nomination with a primary win in Florida, shakes hands with Florida A&M University student government president Cornelius Minor after Minor introduced him to the crowd in Tallahassee, Fla.

Rage: witnesses needed for report

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drivers took the student to MTMC.

Public Safety officers sent out an All Points Bulletin, and Murfreesboro Police Department officers found the men at the intersection of Old Fort Parkway and Salem Highway and placed them under the jurisdiction of Public Safety because the incident happened on campus.

"We all went in different directions on this, trying to pull this together," said Brewer about sending the APB so other officials could watch for the perpetrators in traffic.

The official police report was currently being compiled at press time. However, public safety officers are asking for witnesses's help.

"Because the extent of this," said Fanguy, "it will take a while to compile the report to where it's consumable."

"We are asking anyone who witnessed the incident to come forth and make a statement," said Fanguy.

"We appreciate the cooperation of the Murfreesboro Police Department," he added. ■

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'Exotic bar upsets officials near U. of Illinois

CHAMPAIGN (TMS) — A downtown bar near the University of Illinois that's planning to offer exotic dancing has some students excited, and city officials scrambling to stop the stripping before it starts.

News of the nude dancing at a bar named "Mabel's" has upset business owners and city officials,

who have worked for years to upgrade and revitalize portions of the downtown area. They fear the adult entertainment will drive away family-friendly businesses and pose safety risks. Some business owners are already rescheduling their staffs to ensure men are on duty at night when the bar offers strip shows.

"Right in the heart of what we're trying to do is a strip-tease place," Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart told the Daily Illini. "(Bar owners) are going to do whatever the hell they can to make a buck."

If they're not successful in thwarting the exotic dancing altogether, city officials say they're

determined to regulate the heck out of it. City council members are considering proposed legislation that would bar alcohol consumption during performances and would require dancers to maintain a certain distance from patrons.

The shows are scheduled to start March 24. ■

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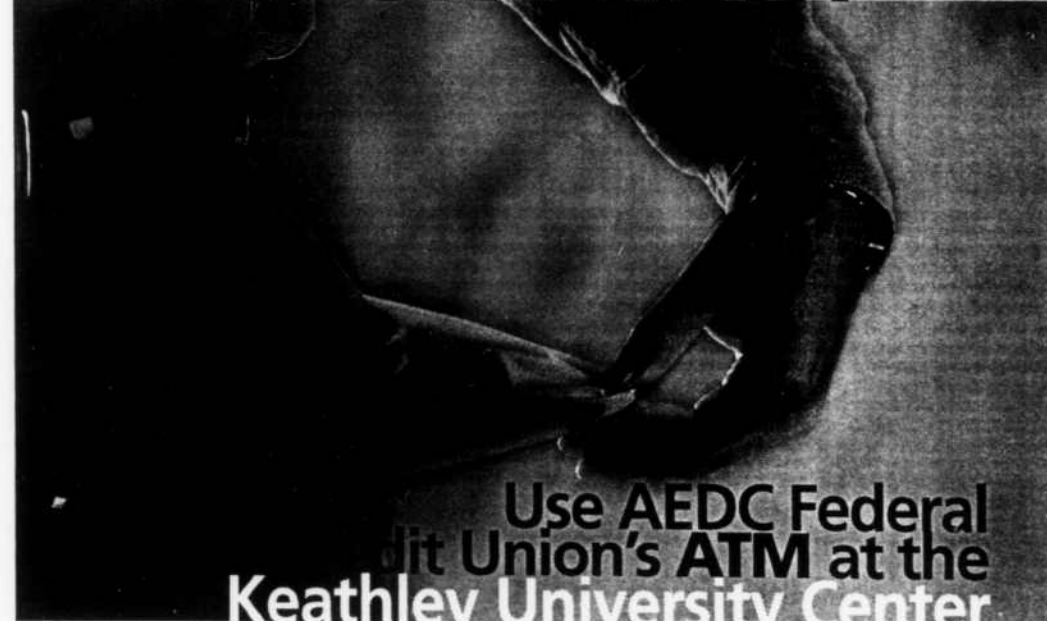
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Thinking Globally

by Luke Waack, Staff Columnist

Expanding Thought

Don't be surprised if we aren't alone

What is life? Scientists now theorize that a primordial soup, like the one that kicked off life on earth, could be present on the surface of Jupiter.

What could this mean for us? If life exists on other planets, unequivocally, then we must adapt a new world view.

We ignored it when bacteria was found on asteroids.

We ignored the evidence found on Mars of waterways and possible leavings of ancient civilizations.

What will it take to convince the world that we are not alone? When will we stop lying to ourselves?

We are no longer God's chosen planet. I think that scares people. Like God does not have enough love for all of creation.

It does not make sense to create something that you cannot love.

Isn't it ironic that when countries go to war, their peoples pray to God for victory?

As if God held one of these people above the other. The Great I am probably looks at them and says, "Y'all are stupid."

The gift of life was given to all of

God's creation, not just Earth, not just North America, not just Tennessee, and not just Murfreesboro.

Not only were all men created equal, but also every planet and every solar system has been created as part of the same whole.

This is the new world vision. It is becoming evident in subtle ways.

Yesterday, I was watching the new version of the "Transformers" cartoon. In it, the characters talk about self-realization, transcending thought and evolution. I think it is a fine idea to instill these thoughts in the minds of our youth.

Let us evolve beyond our doubts and beyond our fears.

Please send ideas and comments to lw2a@hotmail.com.

A note about last week's column. I want to apologize to Jeff and the staff at Papa John's.

Last week's column was written in the grips of strong emotions. It was not the kind of writing I want to do -- unfortunately, I realized my mistake before it could be stopped. ■

Americans can take technology for granted

Grant Sinclair

Kennesaw State University

As an American, I often take for granted the differences in lifestyle that technology has afforded us as a society.

On a recent trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, I rode through a small Mayan village on the way to the ruins at Coba, which lie surrounded by miles of some of the thickest jungle in the world.

As I rode through on a second-class Mexican bus, a spry elderly woman stooped and asked to ride the bus. It was apparent that the woman barely spoke Spanish and was having some difficulty communicating with the bus driver.

As I watched this exchange, three thoughts struck me. The first was an intense desire to interview the woman. Could you imagine being so isolated for so long, and then one day a bulldozer pushing its way into your tiny world bringing

with it a road, electricity, archeologists and eventually tourists. The second thing that struck me was how relatively unchanged the lives of the Mayans of that village have been over the past thousand years. They live in the same huts, harvest the same crops and live the same basic lifestyle.

Two things have had an impact on their lifestyle: cars and electricity. They know of the outside world now, yet many choose to remain in this simple, yet harsh existence in the jungles of the Yucatan.

Finally, I was really impressed that they live without all of the modern conveniences we seem so dependent on.

While we were upset over the Y2K bug and all of the expected societal downfall, life went on as usual in that Mayan village. They seem very content without the trappings of modern civilization. Maybe we could learn something from them. ■

From the Editor

I'm tired.

Our sports co-editor Josh is tired.

Our designers Teresa and Raymond are tired.

Our news editor Jenny is both tired and stressed.

Why are we so damn tired?

Try over nine weeks in a row without a single break.

Our spring break is falling at least one week behind those of most other schools.

Many schools are either now having their spring break, or already had it last week.

When we get back, we will have just a little over a month of classes left before finals.

I'm not sure what possessed

Spring break mysteriously late

the schedule-making authorities of this university to do this to us. Maybe it's a conspiracy by Walker to weed out the weak. Or maybe the administration just didn't think this whole thing through, or care enough to even consider doing so.

One thing I do know for sure: All I have the energy to do for my break at this point is sleep.

Students, if they do what they are supposed to do, experience a tremendous amount of stress. They face mountains of papers and exams. The more productive students also face jobs and other time-sucking responsibilities.

The real world doesn't even

hold a candle to what many of us experience while we're in school.

So why would anyone even consider such a thing as pushing an already too-late-in-the-semester spring break even further back?

Grades will suffer for this. I know mine will -- yours probably will too.

And if you think it's bad now, just wait until you come back and suddenly face the realization that you have five term papers and three exams to take before finals even start.

Angela White
- Editor in chief

Letters to the Editor

God does not give right to death penalty

After reading the article "Jesus Was All About the Death Penalty," by Andy Gonzales of Iowa State University, in the March 6th issue of "Sidelines," I thought your readers should be given an opportunity to consider the many faults of the argument it expressed.

Gonzales makes clear his view that the death penalty is purely for the purpose of revenge rather than deterrence, but he also attempts to show that the Bible supports it.

This is the fundamental problem with his reasoning. No matter how strongly parts of the Bible may seem to allow death as a punishment, the central concept of Christianity can never be bent and contorted to encourage such an act of hate, vengefulness and disrespect for the life of a fellow human.

Truly, the intentional killing of a human being is an act of hate. I don't have room to quote all of the verses in the Bible -- most of them from Christ's own mouth -- that command love instead of hate, and love in response to hate. Recall that Jesus said to those who follow Him, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," (Matt 5:43) "...for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," (Luke 6:35-36), and most relevant to this issue, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,' But I say to you, do not resist

an evildoer," (Matt 5:38).

If the verses that Gonzales cited are to be taken so literally, then surely Christ's challenging words in the Sermon on the Mount, as well as throughout the Gospels, must not be watered down in the least. These teachings clearly define love as the attitude and the action with which Christians must respond to the sin that is in this world.

While it is important that criminals are punished and that society is protected, violent action cannot be taken to serve these purposes by anyone who claims to be doing their best to care for and serve even the least of Christ's brothers and sisters (see Matt 25:31-46).

Also, I hope no one was fooled by the argument that since our punishment, as accepted by Christ, was death, then we too can inflict that punishment.

It is obvious that just because God has the power to punish in this way does not mean we do.

Even as Gonzales manipulates Christian scripture to support his argument, his very unChristian callousness towards humanity glaring from the page. When addressing the shortcomings of court systems that caused Illinois to stop executions, he said that, "People in America frankly don't care."

He states this misconception so confidently that some readers may not have stopped to think that these faults in judicial systems cause innocent people to be killed.

In that instance especially, the executioner and the state itself are unquestionably participating in murder on the behalf of us, the citizens.

The fact that the judicial system makes any mistakes at all in trying death penalty cases further proves that we as humans deserve only the authority to imprison, not to execute, which is both irreversible and immoral.

Finally, anyone who looked up Gonzales' reference to the Gospel could plainly see that his interpretation has no basis in Jesus' actual statement.

By saying to Peter, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matt 26:52), Jesus certainly did not give "government the authority to use capital punishment as a means of maintaining social order." Rather, he warned us that, by its nature, violence breeds violence.

Nor did he say that those who take the sword should perish by the sword. There is nothing in the statement that indicates that to be God's will.

Andy Gonzales misinterprets scripture and ignores the central focus of Christ's message in order to assert that "Jesus was all about the death penalty." I hope that anyone who read his article was not easily swayed by such a poor argument.

Daniel Rice, freshman
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Gun makers shouldn't be accountable

Justice?

Massive class-action lawsuits are being launched against firearm manufacturers across the United States. The litigants claim that gun-makers must pay for gun-related crimes.

This is a hazardous standard seeking to eliminate an individual's responsibility from his or her own actions. If the litigants win, it will give them almost unlimited power to molest any manufacturer of legitimate products.

No company should ever be held liable for the misuse of its products. A gun has a legitimate use, which is self-defense. There is a fundamental difference between a woman defending herself from a would-be rapist and a murderer. If a person uses a gun legitimately, it poses a danger only to criminals.

Liability law should be based on the standard of individual responsibility. An individual is liable for the harm his or her actions have caused. The litigants of this suit seek to transfer this responsibility to an inanimate object and its manufacturer. According to their standard, baseball bat manufacturers should be responsible for beatings, rope manufacturers for hangings, car manufacturers for hit-and-run's, knife manufacturers for stabbings. There are no limits to the ludicrous suits that could be brought under this standard.

Should our legal system shift the punishment of criminals to innocent parties? The purpose of justice is to punish criminals and to protect the innocent. This suit seeks to subvert justice.

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For the health of it
by Autumn N. Spence, staff columnist

One woman learns to live with HIV

One HIV-positive woman fights back through advocacy and holistic healing.

Bobbi Lee works for Nashville Cares, an organization that helps HIV-positive individuals and educates the general public about the virus. In addition, she has been a guest speaker several times at MTSU for LAMBDA and in psychology, sociology and nursing classes.

She spoke last semester in the Death and Dying course for the Social Work Department. She is looking forward to teaching students "bed-side manners" in a class about unconscious communication that she plans to coordinate at MTSU next semester.

Lee's world crumbled with the discovery of her illness. She had unknowingly been infected for ten years when she received a letter from a life insurance company denying her for having HIV.

She lost her friends and six-figure job. Then she lost her husband when he could not deal with her first bout of pneumonia.

Family members viewed the illness as God's punishment since she contracted the illness in between marriages.

When she tried to contact the man she caught it from, he had just died of AIDS. Also, many doctors refused to treat her out of fear of being exposed to a virus of which little was known about ten years ago.

She learned to live by facing death. When her doctor told her that she had a year to live, Lee gave in to the insinuation and to this day believes her attitude could have made it a reality.

Her health deteriorated during that year and included problems such as losing weight, chronic diarrhea, pneumonia and even passing out at grocery stores.

Lee said that her life changed forever the day after the end of the year she was given to live. She realized that her doctor's diagnoses meant she should have been dead yesterday and that today could be the last day of her life.

She now lives everyday to the fullest. She has written a book about her experiences in coming to terms with HIV titled "A Rose Left Behind," which will be available in bookstores soon.

HIV affects everyone involved. Today, both of Lee's ex-husbands blame themselves for her illness.

The first husband thinks that it is his fault because their marriage didn't work and she contracted the virus after they split up.

The second husband blames himself because he was the "wild" one and to this day has not showed up HIV-positive.

Her children, who are now adults, are devastated. Her daughter-in-law won't let her touch her grandchildren.

Lee has replaced her friends with people who can handle her illness and has adopted the University Center Church for Positive Living as her family. It is a non-denominational church located in Nashville that encourages incorporating positive energy and spirit into everyday life.

Lee's minister went to the hospital with her last week when she was diagnosed with lymphoma, cancer of the lymph glands. Lee has been HIV-positive for nineteen years and has recovered from several illnesses, including three cancers.

The preacher, the nurses and Lee all placed their hands on the bag of chemo and prayed for "the vibration of the energy from the chemo bag to match her body," since some peoples' bodies reject chemotherapy.

To the doctor's disbelief, she did not have any bad reactions, and her white blood count bounced back within a few days.

She's not sure where to attribute her good luck, but said that she finds her strength and healing in God and giving back to others.

Typically, people are afraid of interacting with HIV-positive individuals. People with HIV may have more reason to fear interaction with the general public.

Prior to Lee's chemotherapy, she had to endure tests to see if her body had a good chance of surviving the treatment.

She endured biopsies, a spinal tap, dye injected into her heart and a double tap in her chest for medication to be administered.

She is homebound for now because of the high susceptibility of catching an illness while her immune system is suppressed.

She has to wear a mask when volunteers (who also wear a mask) come to help her with housework that she is too weak to accomplish. She cannot go to the mailbox without her mask for fear of being exposed to everyday bacteria that is present in the air, plants and ground.

Her houseplants have been moved outside for now.

Her cat, she said, has to be the exception.

She has to be careful of what she eats because something as harmless as a potato chip could cut her gums.

Even so, Lee is keeping a positive attitude and looks to God to see her through yet another setback.

She told her mother last year before she died not to worry about her because she is not dying of HIV, but living with it. ■

Spirituality portrayed

"Dance for Life" exhibit on display in LRC through April 13

Turner Hutchens
Staff Reporter

Images of sprites and priestesses dance through the halls of the LRC. Margaretta K. Mitchell's photography exhibit "Dance for Life" captures the beauty and spirit of ancient Greek festival.

The show depicts women dancing in the tradition of Isadora Duncan, a turn-of-the-century dance innovator who held a deep love for the style of the ancient Greeks.

The photos in Mitchell's show seem to be divided between two distinct types. The photos of classes and performances at The Temple of Wings, the dance school built by Duncan, are more sedate black and white photos. And there are the large, colorful images of renowned dancer Lori Belilove dancing and posing against a black background.

These poster-sized reproductions in color show the less innocent side of Hellenic tradition. The images are wild and elated. Belilove, naked but for a cloth draped or wrapped about her, seems alive with hedonistic energy and spirit.

In "Nike IV" Mitchell captures a vision of dance so alive the body is blurred in the picture. The double image looks almost as if the soul were escaping into flight. The same is true in "Rose Petal I," where Belilove's moving arms against the black background have left the impression of a songbird's flight through the mystical garden. The impression of a garden is accentuated by the falling rose petals around her.

Some of Mitchell's images of Belilove seem to make her into the temple virgin or priestess of a deeply sexual goddess. In these almost life-size pictures Belilove's pale body is hidden only by a transparent white cloth. Her stature is stately and her eyes closed in seeming religious bliss. Each of these sensual pictures has in it some small icon of paganism. There is a white flower pressed against her navel, a goddess idol held gently in her hand or a smiling skull resting at her feet.

The light of these photos is strong, right and artificial. It casts almost no shadow and highlights Belilove as if she were in the stage's spotlight. She stands strong and alone.

The dramatic, colorful and flamboyant images of Belilove perhaps overshadow the simpler, almost

quaint images of the student in the "Temple of Wings."

A spectator who had returned for a second look at the show turned to the wall half full of small prints and said, "Oh, I didn't even notice those."

But these smaller, more modest works are by no means insignificant. Quite the contrary, they are sweet, intelligent, endearing and meaningful.

The pictures from the "Temple of Wings" are less precise, more naturalistic. The young girls in the photos — mostly high school age but some young enough for preschool — do not pose quite as elegantly. However, they express the vitality and honesty of youth.

In these small pictures Mitchell utilizes the ideas of rebirth and the timeless circle of life. She fills them with vital life of the young, of the old and of the wild world, with leaves and flowers often wrapped about the young dancers as well as the columns they dance among.

In "Finale: Southern Roses," teen-aged girls dress as nymphs or fairies spring through the shadows of flower-draped columns toward the viewer. Their feet are all stepping in unison, but the elation on their faces is clearly un-choreographed. That is the beauty of these smaller pictures. They show a true joy of youth.

The women and girls captured in the photos are timeless, almost archetypal. In "Come Dance With Me," young girls of no more than four or five swirl smiling around their silver-haired teacher, whose face is spread wide in a free-spirited laugh.

The children obviously do not run with the meticulous feet of their older companion, but the joyous round faces are just as expressive, and perhaps not as mugged for the camera.

The small black and whites also express a bond of friendship and camaraderie. In "Sisters," three beautiful young girls hold hands softly, showing real comfort and pleasure in each other's company. Almost all of the "Temple of Wings" photos show this camaraderie and companionship. They show how people draw true joy from each other.

Both the photos of the famous dancer and of the hopeful girls carry beauty in every pose and every motion.

"Dance for Life" will be on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the LRC through April 13. ■



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(Above) Lori Belilove performs "Many Faces of Love." Belilove is featured in the photographs in Margaretta Mitchell's exhibit, "Dance for Life." Belilove performed after Mitchell spoke on her exhibit Monday night.

(Below) Belilove dances to the song "Ave Maria."



Internet posted-for-pay class notes unnerve some colleges

Ted Gregory
Chicago Tribune

Andrew Coburn is studying bio-engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago with the dream of one day designing tissue to replace ruined ligaments. He already has a very marketable skill, however: taking notes.

Coburn, a senior from Lombard, earned \$2,000 last semester for posting the notes from his psychology class on a Web site. He was the top note-taker for Study24-7.com, a company that pays Coburn according to how many people look at his site. For that diligence, Study24-7 rewarded Coburn and his wife with an 8-day trip to Hawaii.

University and college administrators have been thinking a lot about Coburn and wondering like him who, with a few keystrokes, are becoming a controversial influence in higher education. Sprouting across the country in the last two years, e-businesses that pay college students for their notes are generating serious concern as well as praise.

Critics say the enterprises corrupt classroom learning and violate professors' intellectual-property rights. Supporters say the sites help students learn, create a healthy

exchange of knowledge and have almost no effect on class attendance.

"The key is that commercial enterprises are intruding into the world of the classroom," said Mathieu Deflem, assistant professor of sociology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., a leading critic of the note-taking e-businesses.

Added Jonathan R. Alger, counsel for the American Association of University Professors, in Washington, D.C.: "I don't feel that the thing is inherently evil, but the lesson that it sends to students is that even the classroom experience is up for sale. Everything has a price."

Companies providing notes on the Web contend that the service is a supplement—not a substitute—for class.

Furthermore, they say that professors typically encourage students to compare notes with classmates and that notes on the Internet are the evolution of a service that has been on campuses for decades.

StudentU.com President Oran Wolf, who made his national launch in fall 1999, said he had "a handful of professors calling and expressing their displeasure." This semester, he said, "we haven't had

any."

"Students know better than to use it as a substitute," he said.

Although it is unclear exactly how many note-selling e-businesses exist—Deflem has counted 13—the three major players say that they each have student note-takers on more than 100 campuses. The three, which make their money from ads on the Web site, also claim to have note-takers in thousands of classrooms.

As the companies spread faster than dirty laundry on a dorm room floor, professors and university administrators are debating the trend.

"Students have many ways of learning," said Michael Cummings, an associate professor of genetics at UIC who lectures for Coburn's educational and financial benefit. "If this is another way that they can use to learn the material, then I'm all for it."

Coburn informed Cummings at the semester's first class that he planned to take notes for pay. Cummings allowed it. Since then, Cummings reported, about four students have told him Coburn's notes have been very helpful, and attendance for the class has remained steady at about 200 students.

Cummings and other professors

did warn that students who depend solely on the notes from a Web site are "running the risk" of assuming the notes are accurate and complete. Many universities, including the University of Illinois, DePaul, the University of Chicago, Northwestern and Loyola, have no specific policy on selling notes on the Web, and no universities have filed a lawsuit against an e-business for the practice.

In September, however, the University of California at Los Angeles sent a letter demanding that Versity.com drop UCLA courses from its offerings. The letter stated that "commercial use of class notes or recordings constitutes an unauthorized commercial activity in violation of the UCLA Regulations on Activities, Registered Organizations and Use of Properties." Versity.com left UCLA.

The University of Minnesota's faculty senate declared Feb. 24 that the selling of notes for commercial purposes violates that school's student conduct code.

The next day, Yale University took it a step further, demanding in a letter hinting at litigation that Versity.com stop posting Yale notes on the Web "or we will take further action." Versity.com dropped Yale the same day. ■

Students focus Web cameras on everyday dorm life

Elizabeth Simmacher
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Carri Brodnax recently was talking long-distance from her Florida home to her boyfriend Ryan Scott, a Southern Methodist University senior, when the connection suddenly went dead.

Luckily, Brodnax's brother had already been online, so she quickly clicked on Scott's home page because she knew that her boyfriend's dorm room would be visible, thanks to a Web camera that was up and running.

There, Brodnax could see a seconds-old photo of Scott. "She saw me leaning back in my chair against the wall," Scott said.

Scott, who was diagnosed as an epileptic when he was in high school, had experienced a grand mal seizure.

Brodnax called Scott's mother, who managed to get medical attention for him in Dallas by calling 911 in Orlando, Fla.

He received help fast, thanks partly to the Web camera connected to the PC in his dorm room.

College students such as Scott are using some of the millions of inexpensive Web cameras to transmit pictures of dorm rooms and apartments on their Web pages, mostly just because they can.

Three popular sites featuring student home pages equipped with Webcams are Real College Life (www.realcollegelife.com), College Cams (www.collegecams.com) and WebDorm (www.webdorm.com). Many feature shots of the staples of college life: messy rooms and dirty dishes in the sink.

A 1999 Logitech-Greenfield Online study of teens and college students found that 63 percent keep in touch with their

families and friends more now than three years ago, thanks in part to Webcams. The same study found that 39 percent either used or were familiar with Web camera technology.

A study commissioned by Intel estimated that 2.5 million Web cameras were sold in 1999, up from 350,000 in 1997. By 2001, the projected sales will be 10 million cameras, according to the same study.

Typically, Web cameras capture everyday events in a student's life.

Amanda, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota and a devoted Webcam user. She asked that her last name not be used. She said she gets messages from viewers such as, "I saw you folding your clothes."

Inevitably, there are long, boring stretches: "I let people watch me sleep," Amanda said.

"It's just fun," she said when asked why she photographs her life and puts it on the Internet. Her friends generally don't mind, she said. "We're a crazy bunch."

But why broadcast your life? Lillian Beeson studies communication at the University of Pittsburgh/Greensburg campus, where she is an associate professor and the director of the Humanities Academic Village.

"I don't understand this usage myself," said Dr. Beeson. "I guess this is the age of exhibitionism for some. Look at the talk shows."

Or perhaps students are experiencing the same sense of community that mass media generated when a good portion of us watched the same television shows at the same time, Dr. Beeson said. Or, simply put, maybe "they get a kick out of watching each other."

For several reasons, college students are a natural market for Web cameras.

"College students are consummate communicators," said Bruce Friedrichs, senior vice president of worldwide marketing at Logitech, a company that makes PC peripherals, including a Web camera called Quick Cam.

"You're looking at a generation that grew up on the Internet," he said.

"College students probably are the most Internet-heavy group, and they have good Internet connections in their dorm rooms," said Allison Mahoney, a spokeswoman for the college-oriented Web site WebDorm.

These days, a basic Web camera and software cost about \$50 — around the price of a college textbook. Finally, college students are psychologically ripe for the Web camera phenomenon.

"They're in a very social part of their lives," said Friedrichs. They may be separated from family and friends for the first time.

Scott bought his Web camera as a way to keep in touch with his girlfriend and mother in Florida.

With the increase in geographically separated families, Webcams have become a new tool.

"In that sense, I think it could help families get closer together," said Dr. Beeson.

Katie Maris, 24, a graduate student in business and journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, uses her Webcam exclusively as a video-phone. She communicates with her parents, who live about an hour's drive away.

Not only can she see her parents while they talk, "it's free that way" because calls are just another Internet activity, she notes. Video calls must be prearranged, but the process is pret-

ty self-explanatory, she said.

Maris also has used her Web camera to have videoconferences with other students from Japan, Spain and Latin America, she said. She has used video phone calls to brush up on her Spanish.

On many sites with Webcams, it's possible to summon the cam owner for an impromptu plain-text chat.

Darren Rose, 21, a senior from Houston at the University of Texas at Austin, got a camera to communicate with a girlfriend.

He said he likes to update the photo on his home page frequently so people know that he uses it a lot. He has counted many more "hits" — visits to his page — since he installed the cam, up to a couple hundred a day, he said.

At first, Rose would forget that he was on camera and do things he didn't want to broadcast — like change his clothes, he said.

Now when he wants to shut the world out, "I just turn it off or point it up at the ceiling."

There's just one little problem.

"My roommate doesn't like it," said Rose. His roommate runs past the camera hoping that the Webcam will miss him. But his girlfriend has really gotten into it and friends are OK with it, he said.

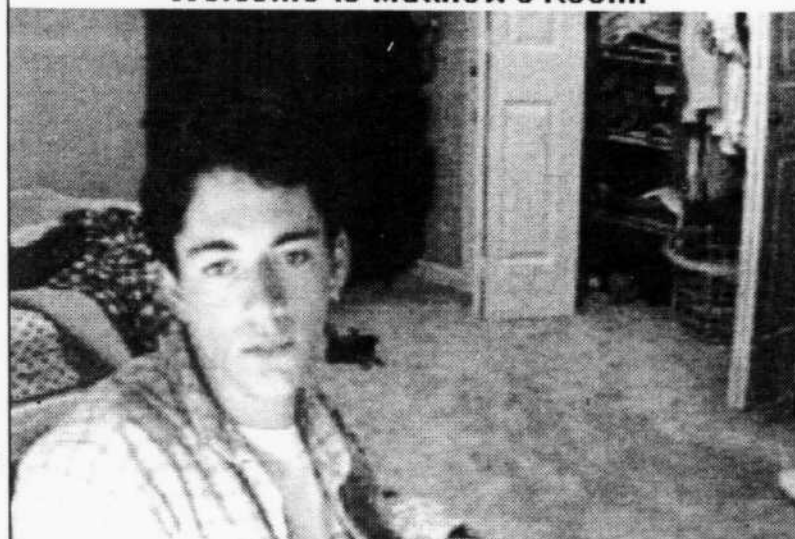
But not everybody gets a warning. "Sometimes," he admitted, "I like to surprise them."

Other students with Web cameras say friends and roommates don't mind or like the Webcam.

Right now, it's a wild, wild world out there, and some Web cameras record nudity and even sex.

The nudity issue could be the reason there seem to be more

Welcome to Matthew's Room!



Picture taken on March 21 at 22:18:05.

I'm sooooo tired!



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Photos provided

These photos, taken from realcollegelife.com, represent the lives of two college students who have chosen to display their world on the Web.

male students with Webcams than females, Amanda, the student at the University of Minnesota, agreed. She has a FAQ, or frequently asked questions, page that explains she doesn't do nudity.

Scott said the same: "I'm conscious of it 1/8 the cam 3/8 if I'm doing something I wouldn't want my mother to see."

WebDorm has an agreement binding its WebDormers to non-offensive images only. ■

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O-line - C'mon, get physical

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

It's where the offense on a football team starts and stops. These are the unsung heroes of football. This is the offensive line.

Middle Tennessee will return five players to the offensive line from the Blue Raider first division I-A team, that finished 3-8 overall. All five will be seniors and four of the five were starters last year.

At right tackle is 6-foot-6, 300 pound Barry Hall. Hall has been a starter at Middle Tennessee since he entered the university and will, perhaps, be the anchor of the line. At right guard is 6-foot-2 300 pound Gil Matias, while at center is 6-foot-2, 290 pound Brock Lillis. At his left will be another starter from a year ago, Reggie Primas (6-foot-1, 300 pounds). At left tackle will be the only player that did not start last year. Kevin Richer was at the spot, but Chris Howington (6-foot-3, 300 pounds) started several games last season and will fill it.

One crucial area that Middle Tennessee must improve in is the sack total. The Blue Raiders gave up 26 sacks last year, and only made 11 in 11 games. A reason for that may be that teams were able to key on the pass, because the Raiders didn't run the ball much. The coaches believe that can be helped by being more physical. The 26 sacks accumulated 145 lost yards. Considering the average scoring drive lasted only about



Photo by Josh Ezzell | Staff Photographer

The offensive line gets physical during practice Tuesday.

52 yards, the sacks took away about three touchdowns.

"We want to be physical. We want to be down hill. We want to get after people, hit them in the face, move our feet and create a mentality that will benefit our football team," offensive line coach Joe Wickline said.

Not only did the Blue Raiders give up numerous sacks, but they were unable to run the football. Statistically, they ranked near the bottom of the NCAA in total yardage, and will need to improve. Their leading rusher

was Jamison Palmer, who averaged only 50 yards, and less than 10 carries per game should be able to create more with a beefed up offensive line. As a team the Blue Raiders averaged only 113 yards per game. Once again, the coaching staff believes that the key to running the ball is the same for passing. Get physical.

"They've got to become more physical and they are doing that," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We've got to be able to run the ball, and we've

got to find ways to knock people off the ball."

"Anytime you're going to be successful on offense, you've got to run the ball."

Against Mississippi State, the Blue Raiders hung tough for about the three quarters, the first, third and fourth. In the first quarter, the Raiders were moving the football and even had some chances to score, but as the game rolled so did the Bulldog defensive linemen, and they began to take over the line of scrimmage. Depth and condi-

tioning may have been a problem last year, but according to the coaches it won't be nearly the problem it was.

"At this level of play, if you're not strong and you're not conditioned, it's hard to compete in division 1," McCollum said. "They are stronger and better conditioned than probably anytime they played."

The Blue Raiders brilliance will show this season. Middle Tennessee put redshirts on three offensive linemen that all tip the scales around 300 pounds and range in height from 6-foot-4 to 6-foot-6. All are redshirt freshmen. Gary Sanders is 6-foot-4 and weighs in at around 300 pounds, while Josh Willoughby stands 6-foot-4 and weighs in around 310 pounds. The third is one that the coaches are high, though he is fighting a hand injury right now. Brandon Westbrook is 6-foot-6 and weighs right at 300 pounds.

"I think they all have a chance to be fine football players," Wickline said. "Westbrook is going to be a good football player. He's got a bad arm. When he gets his strength, he'll be a lot better."

"We are a lot deeper right now than a year ago."

In sports, the head coach and the players usually get the praise with winning and the criticism with losing. That is no different at Middle Tennessee, unless the comments come from the McCollum.

The offensive line coach is just one of the reasons he feels Middle Tennessee can be successful.

McCollum said, "If there is a better offensive line coach in America, I'd like to meet him, because he does a super job with those guys."

Those playing one year of the best competition that college football can throw at them, the Blue Raiders now know what it takes to perform at the highest level of competition. Middle Tennessee lost eight games, some they should have won, but some they shouldn't have been as close as they were. Remember the first team Middle Tennessee played was in the hunt for the National Championship late in the year, and nearly went unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference.

"I think they all thought they worked hard, but after seeing it and lining up against it knowing that when we want to run the ball and when we want to get a first down, they have to have the mentality," McCollum said. "They're getting better. They've still got a long way to go, but they are developing a physical mentality."

Although the Blue Raiders do play five teams that went to bowls last year, including two who were in the hunt for the National Championship, Mississippi State and Florida, the Blue Raiders do believe that this team is just better than last year's team.

"We are a better football team than our last game that we played," McCollum said.

"We've got to be as good as we can be everyday, and if we do that we will give ourselves a chance." ■

Blue Raider win streak ends at seven

Staff Reports

The Blue Raider baseball team (10-10) saw their seven game winning streak come to an end Tuesday night with a 5-3 loss to host UAB (13-9).

Things looked good for MTSU early in the game. The Blue Raiders jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Leadoff man Josh Renick reached with a leadoff walk and was driven in by a Kris Lammers triple.

Josh Pride drove a sharp single into left field to send Lammers to the plate.

The Blue Raiders would add another run in the top of the third after Pride walked and Bryan Peck reached on a two-out error by shortstop Mark Garner. Another walk to Kyle Thomas loaded the bases. A wild throw on a failed pick off attempt by starter Jon Burgett allowed Pride to score.

That run would be the last that the Blue Raiders would muster.

UAB struck for a run in the bottom of the third. A walk to Brandon Isbell, the ninth hitter in the UAB lineup, came back around to score following back-to-back two out singles from Dan DeMent and Brent Laircey.

MTSU would have good chances to score, but could not capitalize. The Blue Raiders would load the bases in the fifth with no outs without plating a run and a one-out triple by Peck in the sixth would not become a run.

MTSU further hurt their chances by grounding into five doubleplays, four of which ended innings. The twin-killings also set a UAB record.

UAB plated another run in

the fifth and capitalized on two costly Blue Raider errors in the sixth to score three runs and take the lead.

The Blazers also used the stolen base as an effective offensive weapon. UAB stole four bases in five attempts to give them 84 on the season.

Head coach Steve Peterson said, "UAB's stolen bases and first-and-third plays forced our defense to make some mistakes. We made the front end of the plays, read the plays, and we initiated the execution of the play. We didn't make the back-end of the play and we gave them extra outs."

"The disappointing thing is that all we needed to do was make plays."

Middle Tennessee pitching was a bright spot for the team in the game. A solid starting performance from Jeff Parsons and a stellar relief outing for Kevin Davis kept the Blue Raiders in the game.

Parsons lasted five innings. He surrendered all five of the Blazer runs, but only three of those were earned. Parsons struck out seven in the contest.

Davis' outing was his best of the season. In his three innings of work, he struck out five of the 11 hitters he faced. He didn't allow a hit while walking two.

The Blue Raiders and Blazers will face off again Wednesday in a game slated to begin at 3:05 p.m.

Following the UAB series, the Blue Raiders host Wisconsin-Milwaukee Friday and Saturday.

Over spring break the Blue Raiders face UAB.

MTSU Begins Ohio Valley Conference play April 1 against Austin Peay. ■

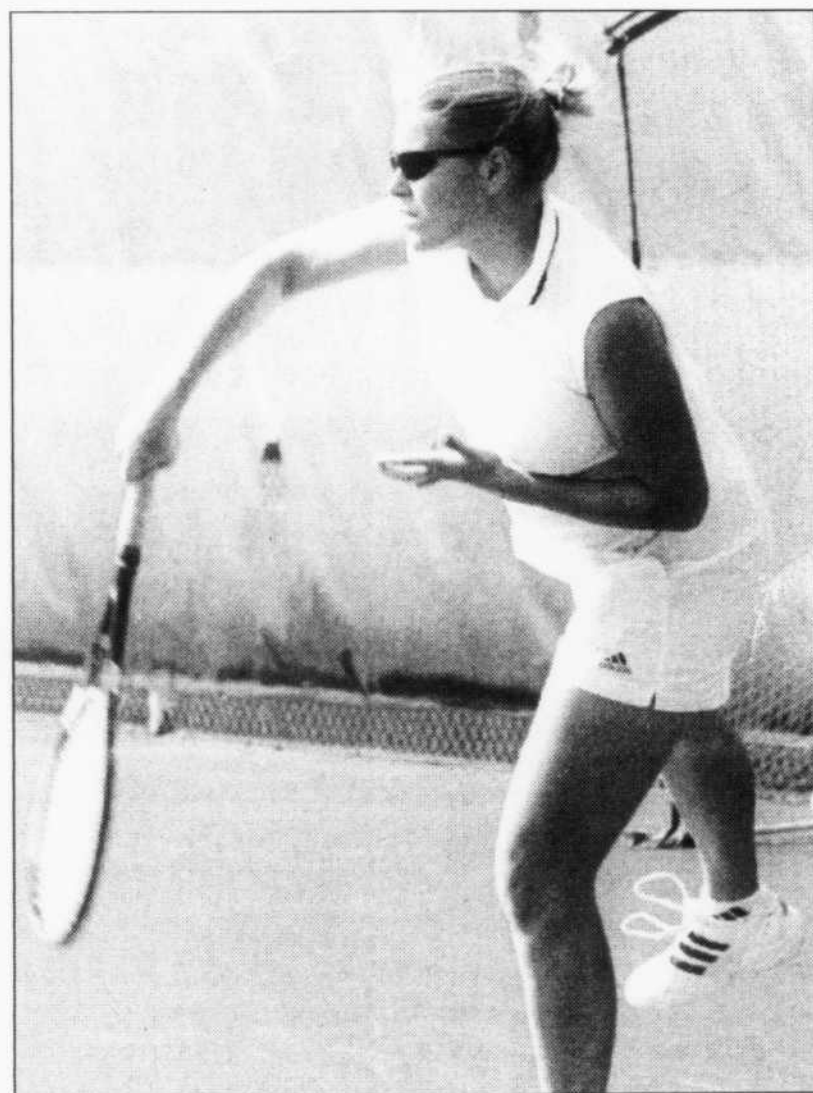


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Tina Hohnik serves during Tuesday's victory over Chattanooga.

Women's tennis wins eight straight

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

That's the best way to describe the Lady Raider tennis team.

Tuesday they won their eighth straight match, defeating Chattanooga 8-1. With the win, the Lady Raiders are 12-5.

"I'm pleased with the way we're playing," head coach David Thornton said. "We've paid the price in workouts and practice, and it's paying off. We're disciplined and we're talented, and it makes a big difference when you're like that."

Katja Kuehner won her 10th

straight singles match with a victory over Beth Henry. Sarah Grohnert and Tanja Buchheim won in straight sets, while Michaela Gridling prevailed in three sets.

"We played pretty good," Kuehner said. "We did what everyone expected and we won. It was expected we should have won."

Kuehner and Buchheim defeated Karolina Glowacka and Beth Henry in doubles, while Niger Kaur and Grohnert defeated Katie Hangstefter and Peita Horley.

"Everyone played their best,"

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Golf team finishes strong in tournament

Staff Reports

In its most impressive finish under head coach Johnny Moore's tenure, Middle Tennessee placed second at the tough Alabama Spring Invitational behind nationally-ranked Auburn. With heavy rain and winds at the Lagoon Park Golf Course, the Blue Raiders managed the second best round of the day with a 294.

"It was just an awesome tournament for this team," Moore said. "With all the highly-rated teams competing in the field, this has to be the greatest finish since I have been here. The kids really showed their mental toughness today by battling the weather conditions, while being paired with Auburn and Ole Miss in the final round."

The Blue Raider finish, which was two-under par, drew the head coach.

"There were two NCAA representatives at this weekend's tournament," Moore stated. "At the end of today's round they came to me and said Middle Tennessee may have just played its way into the NCAA Championships. That was music to my ears, but we all know we can't leave it up to other people. We need to take care of things for sure by winning the OVC tournament next month."

Leading the way for Middle Tennessee this weekend were junior Matt McWilliams and senior Brett Alexander. McWilliams, a transfer from Tennessee, enjoyed his finest tournament as a Blue Raider by placing in a tie for second over-

all. The Franklin, TN, native fired a seven-under par 209 that included a career best 65 in the first round. It marked the best finish by a Blue Raider this spring.

Alexander, from Richland, MO, registered a 214 to place seventh overall. The Blue Raider's top golfer was under par the final two rounds after shooting a 73 on Friday. Sophomore J.R. Wade bounced back with a 73 today to finish in a tie for 34th with an overall total of 221. Wade made up 16 positions on Sunday after putting up a disappointing 75 on Saturday.

Finishing up Middle Tennessee scoring were seniors Whit Turnbow and Richard Spangler. Turnbow, who was even par heading into the third round, fought the wind and rain to shoot a 78. The Shelbyville, TN, native ended the tournament tied for 39th with a 222.

Spangler, who was also at even par entering Sunday's final round, struggled with a round of 80 to tie for 47th with a 224.

McWilliams and Alexander were both named to the Alabama Spring Invitational all-tournament team.

The Blue Raiders will play their final event before the OVC Championships on April 3-4 at the Amoco Intercollegiate in Jacksonville, AL.

Following are MT individual results:

Middle Tennessee Scores: Matt McWilliams (12nd; 65-72-72=209); Brett Alexander (7th; 73-70-71); J.R. Wade (134; 73-75-73=221); Whit Turnbow (139; 72-72-78=222); Richard Spangler (147; 71-73-80=224). ■

Sweet sixteen upon us

View from the Top
A sports commentary



Michael Edwards
Josh Ezzell

Sports Co-Editors

All right, all right...now that everyone's brackets were shot down last weekend, you can find out what's going to happen next.

Let's start in the east, where perhaps the best game of the tournament is going to take place. Duke is taking on the deepest team in the field, the Florida Gators.

Edwards: Florida is deep, and so is Duke. This will be a close game, all the way to the wire. Of course, like every game, rebounding will be the factor that determines the outcome of this game. Florida has a stronger, more physical and deeper post, but the Dukies have Shane Battier, who is the most underrated

player in the country. With Kenyon Weeks, Eudonis Haslem and Brent Wright, the Gators should be able to control the boards, therefore getting missed shots and extra buckets on offensive rebounds. Oh yeah, Florida has a guy named Mike Miller. He shoots pretty well. Gators blow it open late, and win by 11.

Ezzell: Florida is talented, but it's also young and inconsistent. Duke is tough inside and has Shane Battier. I'll go with the Dukies by six.

Oklahoma State versus Seton Hall:

Edwards: Ah, the Cowboys are taking on Seton Hall. I've got two words for you. Who cares? I'll set my alarm for the end of this one. Anyway, Oklahoma State has two good players, and Seton Hall has two. Doug Gottlieb is getting way too much credit for his passing, considering when I watched the Pepperdine game he turned it over about three straight times down the floor. But, if Hollaway doesn't play, John Wayne will be smiling. Cowboys by six.

Ezzell: I agree with Edwards.

North Carolina versus Tennessee:

Edwards: Well, the Vols' run is coming to an end. They have more talent than anyone in the field of 64, but Jerry Green is not a good coach. Hey, remember when Middle Tennessee went to Knoxville? I've seen more organization

and teamwork at the Rec Center than I did at Thompson-Boling that night. Take their first six off the bench. They could all go pro after this year, and maybe all get drafted in the first round. First, Tennessee has really good finesse players on the inside, but as we saw against the Ragin' Cajuns, they are soft. North Carolina is big and tough. Haywood is going to leave marks on C.J. Black's chest, and we should be able to hear Ron Slay crying all the way from Austin. Ed Cota will eat Tony Harris's lunch, and Joseph Forte will take out either Higgins or Yarborough. Capel will take the other. Kris Lang will dominate Ron Slay or C.J. Black. Tar Heels by 15.

Ezzell: Time for a Tennessee letdown. Expect Tony Harris to turn the ball over numerous times, and C.J. Black and Charles Hathaway to get their butts kicked inside. Tarheels by 10.

Miami versus Tulsa:

Edwards: I don't know if anyone remembers, but when I wrote about college basketball early in the year, I picked the 'Canes to go to the sweet 16. I did that because of two guys: Johnny Hemsley and Mario Bland. Those two are a great inside-outside duo. Bland, if he is not in foul trouble, has the potential to take over on the inside. Hemsley can shoot, slash and rebound. Miami is looking sharp, and they will beat Tulsa in a barn burner by

three. P.S. Don't blink. Look at the south — there will be one of those four that will be in the final four. Wow.

Ezzell: 'Canes will put an end to Tulsa's season. Miami by six.

Wisconsin versus LSU:

Edwards: Unfortunately, due to my bias to one of the teams I can not comment on the outcome, so that I don't jinx them.

Ezzell: LSU's too tough inside. Expect to see the Tigers in the Final Four. LSU by 16.

Purdue versus Gonzaga:

Edwards: This takes me to my favorite movie, "Hoosiers." Richie Frahm is Jimmy Chitwood, and Matt Santangelo is Ray. Calvary is Strap. The Zags shoot much too well for Purdue. The Boilermakers do, however, have a punishing inside game. Cardinal is a very good player, and really hustles. Any coach in America would like to have him as a big man. Gonzaga has too much outside ability, and shoots to well. Zags by seven.

Ezzell: Clock doesn't strike 12 for Cinderella. Gonzaga by three.

Michigan State versus Syracuse:

Edwards: Spartans win by a lot. Mateen Cleaves is arguably the best lead guard in the nation, and he is accompanied by Morris Peterson. That is a very pun-

See Column, 11

Carruth baby's grandmother wants to sell

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The grandmother of Rae Carruth's child is asking a judge to give her control of the former football player's house and cars so she can sell them and use the proceeds for the baby's child support.

The 26-year-old Carruth, a former wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, is charged with first-degree murder for allegedly plotting the fatal drive-by shooting Nov. 16 of girlfriend Cherica Adams. Prosecutors said they will seek the death penalty against Carruth and three codefendants.

Soon after Adams was shot, she gave birth to a baby boy, Chancellor Lee Adams. Cherica Adams died Dec. 14.

Her mother, Sandra Adams, requested control of Carruth's assets in court papers filed late Monday. She is asking Mecklenburg District Judge Yvonne Mims Evans to transfer to her ownership of a Ford Mustang, two Lexuses and Carruth's south Charlotte home.

"Only by selling off his remaining real and personal assets will the defendant be able to make future child support payments for the support of the minor child," Adams' motion says.

Sandra Adams and Cherica

Adams' father, Jeffrey Moonie, have filed a custody and child support lawsuit against Carruth. Adams has temporary custody of Chancellor.

Evans has frozen Carruth's assets while a child support agreement is worked out. The next hearing in the case is set for March 30.

In early February, Carruth agreed to pay \$3,000 a month in temporary child support for Chancellor, and paid \$12,000 retroactive to December.

Sandra Adams' attorney argues in the motion that Carruth will not be able to make his April payment because of his lack of income.

Should Evans not give Adams custody of Carruth's possessions, the motion asks the judge to require Carruth to post an "adequate bond" to continue to guarantee payment of \$3,000 per month.

Carruth received his last paycheck of \$38,382 last November, court documents said.

In an earlier court motion, Carruth's attorney, David Rudolf, argued that liquidating Carruth's assets is "premature and unnecessary" until a permanent child support agreement is reached. Carruth's family and friends now possess the cars described in Adams' motion. ■

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Column: Sweet sixteen

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ishing duo, Charlie Bell is a very comparable two guard and will help against the Orangemen's perimeter game. The Orangemen will counter with Etan Thomas, Ryan Blackwell and Jason Hart. The near loss against Kentucky really showed weaknesses, though. A poor shooting Kentucky shut down Thomas and control Hart. The Wildcats owned the glass late in the game, and Kentucky had a weak team compared to the Spartans. Oh yeah, they are playing in Auburn Hills! Yeah, that's the Spartans by 8.342.

Ezell: Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson prove too much for the 'Cuse. Spartans roll on by nine en route to the national title.

UCLA versus Iowa State: Edwards: The Bruins and the Cyclones will have a great match up. Earl Watson and Jamal Tinsley will have a great battle. Don't forget about a matchup on the post with Dan Gadzuric and Marcus Fizer. Fizer has quickness and finesse. Gadzuric has power and height. In a close one, Bruins will win by one in sextuple overtime.

Ezell: The Bruins are possibly the hottest team in the tournament. They upset the Cyclones by two.

Announcements

The Middle Tennessee football program will host **The 2nd Annual Andy McCollum Football Clinic for Women April 8th.** The event will take place in the Floyd Stadium Game Day Room from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., for a cost of \$25 dollars.

For more information, please contact the Middle Tennessee Football Office at 898-2570.

Cynthia Cooper is speaking tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Murphy Center - Admission is FREE.

The Blue Raider Backyard Bar-B-Que (Cook-off Contest) will take place April 14-15, at the Greenland Drive parking lot on campus. Admission based upon categories entered. For more information, contact Mark Owens, 898-5057; Larry Counts, 898-2450; or Josh Ambrose, 256-1151.

Tennis: eight straight

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so that's pretty good to see," Kaur said. "Everyone is so tired because we've had so many matches lately."

The Mocs only win came when Tina Hojnik defaulted because of sickness against Glowacka.

Chattanooga's top player, Daniella Greco, set out due to NCAA rules which restrict the amount of dates an athlete can play.

The Lady Raiders play No. 37 Tulane Monday and No. 15 South Alabama Tuesday.

"This gave us a lot of motivation," Hojnik said. "If we play like this we can do very well."

Singles

Karolina Glowacka def. Tina Hojnik (MT) 4-6, 1-0, default
Katja Kuehner (MT) def. Beth Henry 6-0, 6-1
Tanja Buchheim (MT) def. Peita Horley 6-0, 6-3
Michaela Gridling (MT) def. Katie Hangstefer 4-6, 6-0, 6-4
Sarah Grohnert (MT) def. Angela Miller 6-1, 6-0
Niger Kaur won by default

Doubles

Buchheim-Kuehner def. Glowacka-Henry
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