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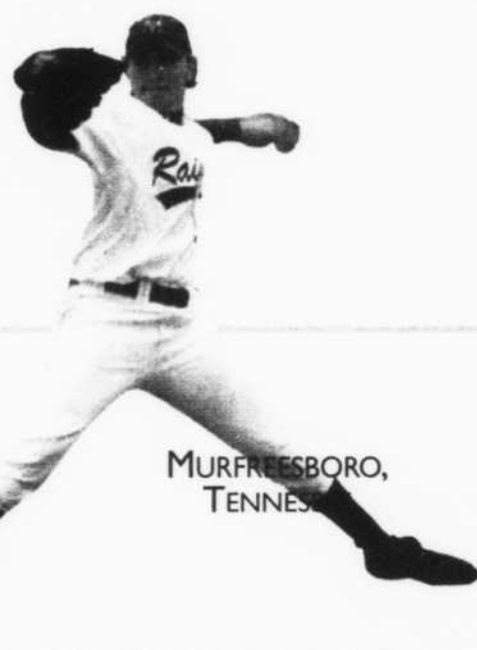


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University avoids crisis through planning

\$4.3 million of current budget to be impounded

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Despite the cloud of an 8.8 percent budget reduction looming next year, MTSU has managed to weather the fiscal crisis this year partly due to planning and forethought.

When the Tennessee Board

of Regents asked MTSU President Sidney McPhee to submit plans for a 5 percent budget impoundment from the 2002-2003 year, McPhee made a goal to protect academics at MTSU.

"In making that final decision, I decided to hold harmless the academic departments,"

McPhee said. "So all the colleges and schools for the one-time cuts were spared taking those cuts in an effort to minimize the impact on the academic side of the campus."

According to the plans submitted to the TBR on Feb. 18, instruction cuts in the form of salary and operating savings

amounted to only \$700,000 of a total \$4.3 million impoundment.

This means that some unfilled positions will be cut, travel budgets will be reduced, equipment purchases will be put on hold, and positions for students and graduate assistants will be reduced.

"We wanted to protect our general education classes. We

wanted to protect the academic areas, and we were able to do that this round with our existing cuts," McPhee said.

However, sparing academics resulted in making bigger cuts in the non-academic areas and university accounts.

The impoundment plan calls for reductions in academic support, student services, institutional support, and operation

and maintenance.

Programs such as the Faculty Institute, Chair Institute and the Tennessee Teacher's Hall of Fame have all been designated as areas to eliminate to afford the impoundment.

"There are some services that you are going to see that we are

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Solidarity to join 'Books not Bombs'

Wednesday
protest to start
at KUC Knoll

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Solidarity will host the "Books Not Bombs" student strike Wednesday on the Knoll at 10 a.m. to protest the possible war with Iraq.

"[The strike] is about power; youth and student power," according to the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition Web site. "During the one-day International Student Strike, students will walk out of class to oppose the war and make anti-war demands on [President George W.] Bush, Congress and their local administrators and officials."

The National Youth and Student Peace Coalition, which is heading up the nationwide strike effort, was formed after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The NYSPC's Web site states that the coalition has "worked to build strategic, long-term student and youth opposition to war, both abroad with bombs and bullets, and at home with

racism, cuts to education and freedom-limiting 'anti-terrorism' policies."

Numerous campuses across America, from California to New York, including some high schools, are participating in the strike along with countries throughout the world, including Bulgaria, Canada, France, Brazil, Scotland, Greece, Australia and Spain.

But MTSU administrators want to make sure that students understand that the university is not officially canceling class Wednesday.

In a recent e-mail sent out to faculty and administration, Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Glenn reiterated the university's policy on dismissing classes.

"Middle Tennessee State University is not dismissing classes to protest the war effort," the statement said. "As a general policy the university only dismisses classes for recognized holidays or inclement weather."

Vice Provost Diane Miller also reinforced the university's stance on the protest in a recent e-mail.

"The event is not a university-sponsored function;

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American Indians celebrate history



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Dennis Lee Rodgers, left, celebrates his Navajo heritage during Saturday's American Indian Festival at the Tennessee Livestock Center. The festival, which highlighted American Indian history, continued through Sunday.

SGA voting begins today, ends Wednesday

Ballot includes
candidates,
two referendums

Staff Reports

In addition to officer and senator candidates, two referendums will be included on this week's Student Government Association ballot.

The first referendum involves a "dead week" proposal that passed at last week's SGA meeting. Students will vote whether or not MTSU should implement a "dead" period seven days prior to the start of final examinations in both the

fall and spring semesters. This has never been done before.

If passed, professors would be unable to assign or conduct tests, quizzes, papers or other projects seven days before finals, basically giving students an entire week free from homework other than studying for their finals.

If the referendum passes, it essentially becomes a student-backed proposal to the administration.

The proposal is sponsored by Sen. Brittany Rodgers from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

The second referendum

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Candidates for SGA Senate

Basic and Applied Sciences

April Burke
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Jason Hooper

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Brooke Robertson

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Jenny Rowan
Ashley Elizabeth Graham
Ashley Haun

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Christopher Treidel
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Bridget Baggett
Lea Wilson
Deryk Bellew
Kasey Talbott
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Johnna Lynn Percy
Mandie Thacker

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Photo by Juanita Thouin | Staff Photographer

Nashvillians organized Friday night at Centennial Park downtown to support President Bush's war policies.

Citizens gather Friday to support war efforts

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

It was a mixed crowd of nearly 2,000.

Children bundled against the cold, veterans proudly displaying various insignia, young and old waving signs and flags, active-duty military wearing camouflage and Kurdish immigrants anxious to tell their stories.

Each was a participant in the "Let Freedom Ring Rally for America" held Friday evening at Centennial Park in downtown Nashville.

Chanting, "U.S.A! U.S.A!" their common bond was a desire to counteract

Hollywood's anti-war rhetoric.

"I'm sick and tired of looking on TV and seeing actors saying they're talking for America. They're certainly not talking for me," 21-year-old Jason Henry said.

Jeremy Todd, 23, agreed with Henry.

"We can think for ourselves," Todd said. "I want to be part of a voice that isn't so anti-American."

Supporters of America's leaders and military troops braved 30-degree weather to assemble for the event featuring guest speakers and musicians. Newly elected congresswoman

See War, 2

Black dependency on media topic of discussion

Professor talks on conflict, Kwanzaa

By Mealand Ragland
Staff Writer

Francis E. Dorsey, professor of Pan-African Studies at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, delivered a powerful lecture to those in attendance last Monday night.

The lecture covered topics such as conflict among people of African descent, a dependency upon the media and Kwanzaa, an alternative to Christmas.

Dorsey said that blacks today

have created a dependency upon the media, to the extent that whatever is published or appears on television is the truth.

"The media has even determined the community's leaders," he said.

"Do not let the media create another King, Malcolm or Fannie Lou Hamer without giving credit to Marcus Garvey," Dorsey said.

With only a sixth-grade education, Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement

Association and became a famous speaker and writer. The organization modeled itself after the Tuskegee Institute and was dedicated to racial uplift. The association established educational and industrial opportunities worldwide for people of color during the early part of the 20th century.

Dorsey went on to say that people worldwide have been taught to hate all people of color.

"Isn't it interesting that all people of color that come to America and are taught to hate us [blacks]?" Dorsey asked.

Dorsey also said that the government plays games to influence the thoughts of those of African descent.

"In America, people of color are a minority but are a majority globally," Dorsey said. "The fact that Hispanics are considered the new minority is also a lie."

"Hispanic groups are language groups. But Africans are a race group," he added. "The media told you all that and you fell for it."

As the lecture continued,

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Weather holds up blood drives

Snow, flooding cause shortage

By Mealand Ragland
Staff Writer

In early February, the American Red Cross quarantined blood in hospitals from northern Florida to Missouri.

Initially, Red Cross officials believed that white particles found in donated blood came from the bags used during donations and not the blood itself.

According to reports by *The Tennessean*, the substance had only been found in bags manufactured by Baxter Healthcare Corporation's Puerto Rico plant.

On Friday however, further studies by the Food and Drug Administration determined that the particulate matter was

composed of normal blood elements, mainly platelets. The platelet clumps appear in donated blood when blood banks do not pull the platelets from the whole blood. Now, hospitals have two choices. They can strain the blood prior to use in medical procedures, or they can continue the quarantine.

According to the Red Cross Web site, they will release the previously quarantined units on two conditions.

All units must be "leukeoreduced," or free of white blood cells, and they must go through a second inspection. Any units that contain platelet clumps will be discarded.

The Red Cross supplies about half of the country's

blood supply.

In this area, recent bouts of snow and flooding have caused Murfreesboro's chapter to cancel many of its scheduled blood drives.

"This goes to show you with all the bad weather we have had this winter, we are way under what we need to collect," said Madeline Methvin, director of Blood Services for Murfreesboro's Heart of Tennessee Chapter.

The HOT chapter scheduled a blood drive at a local high school Feb. 25, but the school was closed due to bad weather.

"The goal was 150 units," Methvin said.

Tomorrow, the women's rugby team and Alpha Delta Pi sorority will sponsor a blood drive on the third flood of the Keathley University Center.

The drive will go from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Free pizza and T-shirts will be given to all donors.

There are eight classified blood types.

"Only O-negative, B-negative and AB-negative are below the five-day inventory level," Patricia M. Smith, spokesperson for the Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region said in a press release.

She urges donors to come forward, as the region's blood supply is in "dire straits."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds.

Donors must not have given any whole blood platelets, red blood cells or plasma in the last 56 days.

To find a blood drive in your area, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. ♦

War: Kurdish community attend to support military

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Marsha Blackburn spoke amongst the crowd.

"There's nothing like coming home to a bunch of freedom-loving people," Blackburn told the vocal crowd. "Freedom is what's worth standing up for."

Her comments were strengthened by Isa Tayip, a Kurdish refugee and member of the Kurdish Human Rights Watch organization. Tayip told the audience how he and other members of his family escaped the chemical weapons of Saddam Hussein by fleeing through the mountains for three days and three nights. Nineteen other family members weren't so lucky.

According to Tayip, 182,000 Kurds disappeared under Saddam's campaign of genocide, and 100,000 were killed.

Many members of Nashville's Kurdish community attended the rally to not only express support for military action, but to also protest Turkish invasion in Kurdistan.

"We want to urge President Bush not to give the Turks a free hand in the Kurdish region of Iraq," Tayip said.

The rally also featured rock musician Mark Slaughter and country music star Daryl

Worley. Slaughter sang a newly penned song, "Just Me," which chronicles his feelings about the situation in Iraq. Worley sang his recent hit, "Have You Forgotten" about the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Both men spoke about their commitment to support the troops.

"I can go home and sleep at night because of these troops," Slaughter said.

"No matter who you are or what you believe, you need to find a way to support these military troops," Worley said.

Slaughter admitted that many in the entertainment industry are afraid to speak out in favor of possible military action in Iraq.

"This might not be a good career thing, but I'm an American," Slaughter said.

David Owen, an active duty member of the U.S. Army, was happy to see so many coming to support the troops. But he claimed the anti-war marches weren't much of a problem for him and his comrades.

"I don't really pay much attention to them. None of the soldiers do," Owen said. "They [the protesters] have the right to do what they want. But I'm ready to go. We're doing the right thing." ♦

Solidarity: University sticks to policy on class cancellations

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therefore, classes will not be canceled and students should be held accountable for attending class according to an instructor's attendance policy," Miller said.

Nevertheless, the NYSPC and Solidarity encourage students to attend peace rallies Wednesday to unite the nation and world in an anti-war effort.

"I learned about the strike through a variety of online sources. Given its wide range of endorsers, such as Campus Greens, United Students Against Sweatshops, Student Alliance to Reform Corporations and others," said Michael Principe, philosophy professor and Solidarity faculty adviser. "The information was widely distributed."

Students participating in Wednesday's effort will hear music and guest speakers, including students and faculty.

"There are many reasons for my opposition" for a war with Iraq, Principe said. "Many people will die if we go to war including soldiers, regular folk and children. Given this fact, there is a tremendous burden of proof on those calling for war. Is it necessary to protect U.S. citizens?"

The NYSPC Web site also states several reasons why the

group opposes a war with Iraq.

The reasons include endangering the lives of U.S. servicemen and women, increasing the suffering of the Iraqi people while slaughtering thousands of innocent people, encouraging terror attacks against the United States both around the world and at home, be used as an excusing erosion of civil liberties, diversion of resources from education and social services and subversion of historical precedents and international law.

Solidarity formed in spring of 1998, and the organization has participated in many protests in Nashville and has sent several students to Washington, D.C., for demonstrations against the IMF/World Bank.

Locally, the group has held smaller peace rallies on the Keathley University Center Knoll after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. They also held a peace rally in commemoration of Sept. 11. Additionally, the group sponsors lectures, teach-ins and films.

For more information about the protest or MT Solidarity, contact Principe at 898-2048. To find out more about the university's policy regarding absences Wednesday, contact Glenn at 898-2440. ♦

SGA: Senators to be elected

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pertains to parking. Sponsored by Sen. Jason Searles, SGA presidential candidate and senator from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, the referendum will address the issue of opening all white spaces to students at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to the two referendums, executive officers and senators will be selected.

Candidates for president are

Schlyar Shoates, Michele Butler and Jason Searles. The lone candidate for vice president and speaker of the Senate is Amanda Newman.

Candidates for vice president of Administration and Public Affairs are John Festervand and Jon Stewart. Election commissioner candidates are Jimmy Baker and Brittany Rogers.

Votes can be cast on PipelineMT at www.mtsu.edu. ♦

Dorsey: Implementations of Kwanzaa principles key to improvement of race

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Dorsey brought up other interesting key points, such as how black suburban communities began and how their influence has gone mainstream.

"The world wants to imitate us, and we don't want to be ourselves," Dorsey said of the culture spread.

Blacks represented \$600 billion dollars of America's spending in 2002.

"If the black community was a separate nation, our economy

would rank No. 10 in the world," Dorsey said. Only 5 percent of that money stayed in the African-American community.

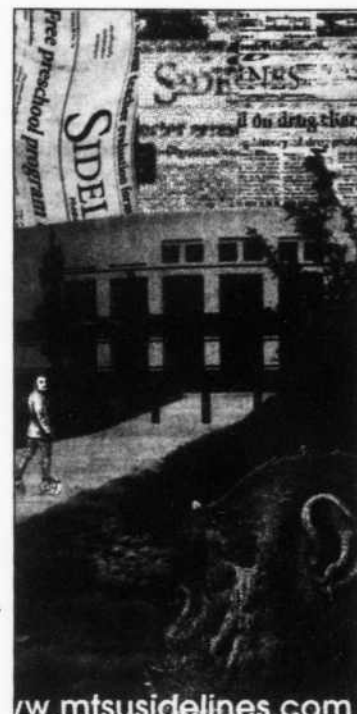
Dorsey said he believes that if the seven principles of Kwanzaa, collectively called the Nguzo Saba, were at work in African communities worldwide, then the race as a whole would do better.

The principles of Kwanzaa are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Dorsey's lecture was sponsored by the African-American Student Association. Ralph Metcalf, director of Multicultural Affairs, said that AASA members first heard Dorsey speak at a leadership conference at Miami University at Ohio.

"His speech left a lasting impression on them," Metcalf said.

To become involved in AASA or for more information about activities, contact Multicultural Affairs at 898-2987. ♦



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SCHOLARSHIP

The Amy Spain Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded this spring to a graduating senior planning on attending law school this fall. Amy Spain was an alumni of Middle Tennessee State University and an active Alpha Delta Pi from 1982-1986. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree she went on to graduate with honors from the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphrey School of Law. Amy obtained a position as an Assistant United States Attorney in Memphis. She held this position until a tragic automobile accident ended her exceptional life.

To continue Amy's legacy, some of her friends and family have established this scholarship. The Memorial fund will be used to further the education of an MTSU Greek female who plans to attend Law School. Candidates must demonstrate the leadership, dedication, commitment, and integrity which characterized and described Amy.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please obtain an application from Betty Smithson, Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office, Keathley University Center Room 212. Deadline for applications is March 26, 2003.

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Budget: Savings attributed to reserve of money for expected increase in health care

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cutting out, and things that we are going to stop doing that are important, but we have to prioritize," McPhee said.

Because the process for recommending cuts was decentralized, the deans, department chairs and faculty made the decisions about where money could be saved.

The biggest savings came as an anticipatory reserve of money for an expected increase in health care costs for state employees.

The cost of the health care increase totaled about \$1 million, which was set aside last year by McPhee and former Vice President for Business and Finance Duane Stucky.

"I decided to be conservative in our budgeting last year," McPhee said.

McPhee explained that normally the state government pays for those regular increases, but he didn't bank on that happening, considering the state's financial economy.

Unfortunately, McPhee said not all Tennessee universities

anticipated that increase as well.

"The universities that didn't do that, in addition to the 5 percent cut, now have to come up with that money," McPhee said.

"So that reduced our real cuts from \$4.3 million to \$3.2 million."

In addition to this planned reserve of money, MTSU's steady increase in enrollment each year aided the university due to the enhancement funds provided by the state.

"The growth thing is really a two-edged sword," McPhee said.

"Last year we got \$5 million in new money as a part of our growth when other institutions didn't get anything," McPhee said.

These enhancement funds allowed the university to add 30 new faculty positions over the last two years, new classroom furniture and increase funds for academic advising and support.

Moreover, MTSU received a 5 percent raise in salary last year and a 4 percent raise the year before, McPhee said.

"We can handle these cuts much better than some of our

peer institutions within the Board of Regents system," he said.

Currently, the university administration is drafting a budget for the next fiscal year to submit to the TBR next week.

McPhee admitted that the forecast for the next year looked grim but said the university is well managed and will continue on its growth path.

"While these cuts are going to hurt, and we're going to be laying off some folks, and we're going to be cutting vacant positions. We're still going to find ways to move the university forward," McPhee said.

While he cannot protect academics like he did this year, McPhee is committed to keeping next year's budget cuts from affecting the library, the University Honors College and the Public Safety department.

"There are certain things that we must maintain even in these tough times," he said.

"We're going to provide the best education the state can afford." ♦

Nick Fowler contributed to this article.

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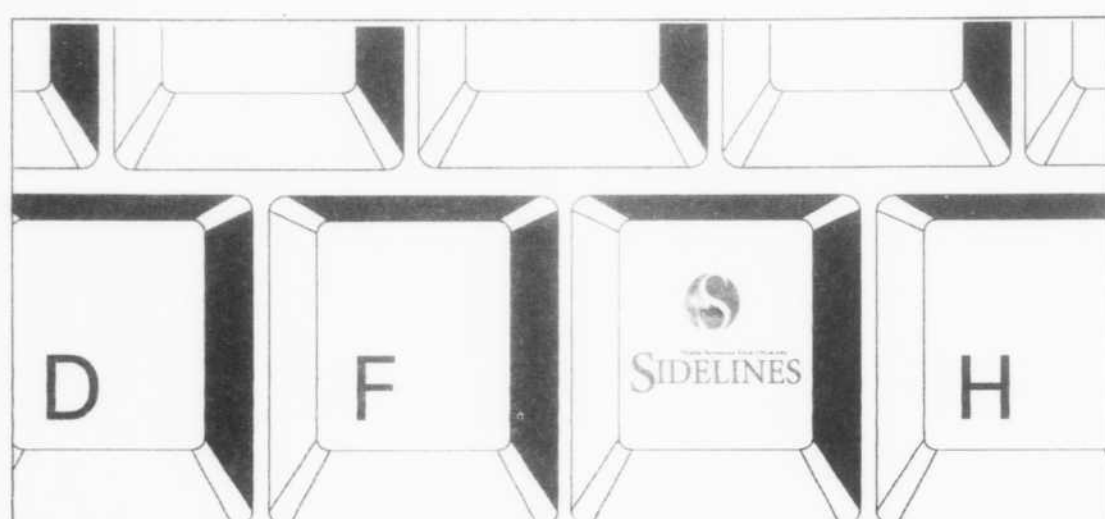


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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board

Smart budget cuts crucial for success

Thanks to some wise planning and a commitment to minimizing the state's negative fiscal impact on academics, MTSU found a way to make the cuts dictated by the state's projected revenue shortfall without significantly impacting classes and faculty.

Overage from a reserve fund for health care coverage trimmed the amount needed to be cut from the university, according to university President Sidney McPhee (see "University avoids crisis through planning," p. 1).

While the funds' availability was more a stroke of luck than genius, it nevertheless allowed the university to keep slightly more than \$1 million that it otherwise would have lost. Unfortunately, these cuts have come at a price. The Faculty Institute and the Tennessee Teacher's Hall of Fame have been put on the university's hit list. In addition, academic support and student services will be reduced – which could create big problems down the road if these continue to be targeted areas.

In an effort to make sure cuts come in the proper places, the budget reduction was decentralized so that deans, faculty and department chairs could designate certain areas of their own programs for cuts. This gesture both allows the most effective budgeting – no one knows the departments like the people who directly run them – and eliminates any rumbling that these types couldn't control their own destiny, so to speak.

The university has rather impressively displayed its dedication to making sure the core education of the students remains as intact as possible. With a tuition hike looming over the horizon, it becomes even more critical that students get the education they're paying more and more for every year. If Tennessee doesn't have the money to make classes any better than they currently are, the university must do everything it can to make sure things don't get any worse.

Meanwhile, the state must find a way to keep from consistently falling short, be it an income tax (not likely), revoking cushy tax breaks to businesses for coming to Tennessee (no way in hell) or anything from a myriad of options.

The extra stuff completes the college experience and is extremely important, but when left to decide, the university has made many of the right choices. Classes must come first. ♦

Hussein bad, America worse

By Joshua Liner
Guest Columnist

Democratic "regime change," as U.S. policymakers term it, sounds eminently desirable for Iraq. However, the American buildup in the region (effectively unilateral) confirms that a pressing possibility is not simply regime change, but "regime change by force as spearheaded by the United States."

Clearly, this proposal is not identical to the first. The fact that no U.S. intervention has ever installed a "regime" that is democratic by prevailing standards should lead us to evaluate it differently. Consider the Shah of Iran, Chile's Augusto Pinochet, and the Congo's Mobutu Sese Seko – each picked by Washington for the bloody replacement of popular, non-repressive leaders, with famously deplorable human rights records to follow.

A United States-led change won't simply empower some new Iraqi regime. It will extend American power as well,

via the inevitable byproducts of intervention: a new, dependent and gratefully loyal ally, expanded global military presence (and therefore expanded reach) and financial and military contracts, precedent-setting for interventions to come. It follows that America's own record is no less relevant than Hussein's to assessing the "regime change" proposal.

Our government has most often chosen "stable" dictatorship and brutality against internal efforts for democratic "regime change" when it has taken sides at all. Throughout the 1980s, Iraq's trade potential (and strategic placement) made Hussein no exception: The description of his "tactical torture" in Bush's State of the Union Address omitted the important fact that these victims were drawn largely from lists of dissidents produced by U.S. intelligence, for the very purpose.

It is also relevant that those chemical "weapons of mass destruction" exercised against Iran were obtained by Hussein largely from U.S. firms, inte-

grated into Iraqi weapons systems by our military during the war itself and deployed at sites selected by U.S. intelligence.

"If this is not evil, evil has no meaning," indeed – and it appears the record of Hussein's worst evils is that of our own. Yet, we hear no calls from Washington to sanction, contain or bomb itself.

Hussein's assault on his own Iraqi Kurds failed to slow this supply of weapons of mass destruction to his regime, continuing to the literal eve of the Kuwait invasion. Even now, the since-exiled orchestrator of the infamous Kurd gassing at Halabja tops Bush's short list for Hussein's successor. Nor often is this charge accompanied by criticism of our Turkish NATO ally, whose own systematic torture and murder of native Kurds exceeds Hussein's by the tens of thousands of casualties, and, unlike Hussein's, continues to the present day. This campaign, too, owes itself to explicit U.S. diplomatic approval and intelligence direction, an 80 percent

American-made arsenal, and special forces trained in Washington for no other end.

A decade of economic sanctions enforced by the States killed off more of Iraq's regular citizens than Hussein ever attempted – a full 7,000 children dying monthly above typical mortality rates during peak years.

As Karl and John Mueller note in the May-June 1999 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, "[these] sanctions may well have been a necessary cause of the deaths of more people in Iraq than have been slain by all so-called weapons of mass destruction throughout history."

Iraq's case is hardly unusual. Outstanding also is America's approval and funding of the Indonesian annexation of East Timor in 1975, continuing, with supports parallel in every respect to the Turkey case, until 1999. Those human rights groups Bush quotes against Hussein's atrocities cite this as marking the greatest genocide relative to population since the Holocaust – with some

200,000 East Timorese slaughtered among a population of 600,000 to 700,000.

While Hussein's regime is bad – monstrous, even – it doesn't come close to our own.

We've been worse for the ordinary people of Iraq and those of the world. And we stand, by implication, as the worse threat. Surely an elementary consideration of any "regime change" program is that it not trade one independently brutal regime for the client of a categorically more brutal regime.

The "containment" of U.S. expansion will be accomplished the only way it ever has: popular struggle.

A small opportunity comes to MTSU on Wednesday with the nationwide call for students to strike in protest of the war effort. Students and faculty are urged to skip classes and rally on the Knoll from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ♦

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March month to reflect

I'm Just a Girl



Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

Doing this project was uplifting.

Imagine, after all this time, we still have incredible role models to look up to, and thankfully, they're not movie stars. They're everyday faculty members and students.

March: in like a lion, out like a lamb, or so they say. How fitting that this should be National Women's History Month.

Although, women throughout history began as lambs and then became lions.

For hundreds of years, women were viewed as the weaker sex. Then, last century, the place of the woman began evolving and taking shape to fit a changing society.

Women began working, stopped staying home and putting their lives on hold. They truly began living.

For National Women's History Month, I interviewed five extraordinary women here on campus.

I only wish I had time to speak with more of the amazing women at MTSU.

Women at MTSU are truly making their mark. They are involved in various projects around campus, from water quality awareness to putting computers in our dining halls. Some of them have founded sororities, or are mothers working towards degrees. Some are bilingual; some are trilingual.

How refreshing to live in a society where such greatness can be accomplished by anyone who is willing to put forth the time and effort.

Gender roles are changing, and restrictions and limitations based solely upon sex are fading away. Women have come a long way toward equality, and while there is still more room to go, it's definitely a step in the right direction.

This month, take some time to focus on the women in your life. Who influences you? Who inspires you? Who has helped you to become the man or woman you are today?

As we enter March, we face a changing of seasons: winter to spring. Women, too, have faced such changes.

From housewives to doctors, women are now free to do whatever they please – they are no longer restricted.

I urge everyone to get involved with National Women's History Month. Attend the various activities on campus, or just take the time to tell your mother, grandmother, sister or aunt how much she means to you.

Let's continue the trend of appreciating our heritage without losing sight of our future. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

Picture this – you're a parent having some quiet family time when your 18-month-old child starts having a seizure. Like any rational person, you'd get someone to call 911 while you try to save your child. But what if the 911 operator feels argumentative?

That was the plight of the Del Toro family of Pacoima, Calif., the evening of Feb. 25. Once they noticed their youngest child was suffering a seizure, the mother, Linda, had her daughter, Adriana Cubias, 14, call the emergency number for help.

However, when the dispatcher asked Cubias to verify her address, he refused to send help. Why? Because the address in his database didn't match the address Cubias was providing. Instead of listening to her impassioned pleas, the dispatcher sent paramedics and an ambulance to the address he had in front of him, in the town of Sylmar, Calif.

There go his chances for employee of the year, although maybe he can apply for an honorary Darwin Award.

When the paramedics arrived at that address and found nothing wrong, they were finally given the address the girl had been trying to provide all along. Twenty-five minutes passed before they finally arrived at the Del Toro



house. Lucky for them, and for the schmuck of a dispatcher, Linda had already successfully performed CPR.

A spokesperson for Verizon Wireless, which operates the 911 system in the San Fernando Valley, apologized and said that an investigation would soon be underway to determine what happened. Just a hunch, but we can identify two problems – their database is wrong, and their dispatcher is an idiot.

What could he have been thinking?

"Oh, here's a silly little girl who doesn't know what she's talking about. I've never heard of a computer error. We run Windows XP. Nothing could possibly go wrong. Let's send help to the real address."

Granted, people can say some crazy things when they're under severe stress. If your sister's life is on the line, though, we're going to bet you'll remember your own address. Hopefully, the dispatcher won't ever forget it, either. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

America only escalating cycle of violence

To the Editor:

Patrick Chinnery needs a history lesson ("Hussein's evil follies justify war," Feb. 24). Were he to look at Hussein's record of atrocities in Iraq, which began in the early 1980s, he might ask himself why we didn't invade Iraq 20 years ago. The obvious answer is that they were our ally then because they were cooperating with U.S. oil interests. We didn't mind the fact that they were killing innocents as long as they sent that black gold in our direction. When they stopped obeying our orders in the early 1990s, we took actions that best served our interests and allowed Hussein to go on slaughtering his people when we had the best opportunity to stop him.

I can hear Chinnery's response to this argument already: "Just because we didn't stop Hussein's killing in the past doesn't mean we should allow it to go on now." Well, he should know that a U.S. invasion would probably end up killing thousands more Iraqi civilians, something that our economic sanctions have been doing since the first Gulf War.

Does one evil folly justify another?

This uninformed columnist should also know that the U.S. has no grounds to condemn a country for the slaughter of civilians and storing of weapons of mass destruction when our own record in this area is far worse than anyone else's.

While Chinnery is learning his history on our relations with Iraq, he should also look at some of the other things that the American government has done, such as supporting the Indonesian government and training its military to assist in their slaughter of hundreds of thousands of their own people and people in East Timor from the mid 1970s to the late 1990s, invading South Vietnam on unjust grounds, eventually killing millions and turning the country into a moonscape through massive bombings, training the mujahedeen in Afghanistan to draw the Soviet Union into a war so we would not have to fight and dropping a nuclear weapon on the civilian population of Hiroshima while America's president told his citizens that it was a military base.

There are countless other examples, but I think I have made my point.

If slaughtering civilians and amassing weapons of mass destruction are grounds for invading a country, then Washington, D.C., is the first place to attack. We need to clean our own hands, not escalate the seemingly endless cycle of violence.

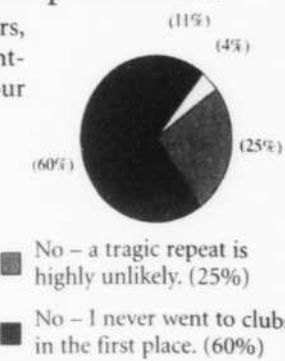
Eric Blevins

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Will the two recent night-club tragedies affect your clubbing habits?"

Yes – I'll be more reluctant to party at bars and nightclubs. (11%)

Yes – I'll make sure to stand near unblocked exits all night. (4%)



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "What do you look for in a Student Government Association president?"

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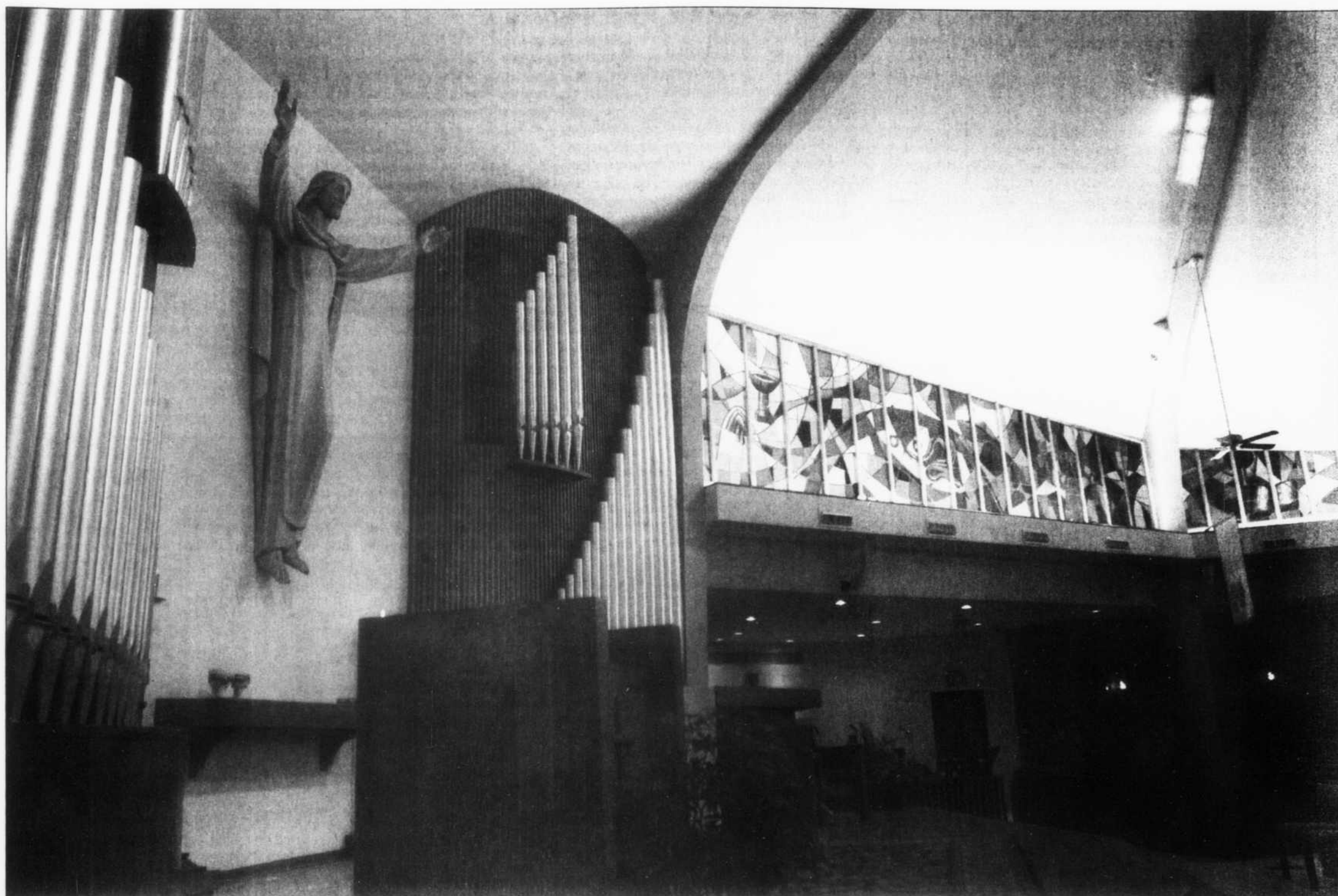


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The ornate interior of St. Rose Catholic Church boasts stained glass windows, organ pipes and religious art. St. Rose, along with the Catholic Center, seeks to minister to

students as well as the community through Bible studies, mass, prayer services and community volunteer projects. St. Rose is located at 1601 N. Tennessee Blvd.

St. Rose blossoms for community

St. Rose Catholic Church and Catholic Center minister to students

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

Throw any misconceptions you might have by the wayside for a few minutes and open your eyes to read about the MTSU Catholic Student Center and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

The Catholic Student Center began as a very small group in the mid-1980s. It was dormant for a few years but within the past five years grew to a respectable size due in part to increased publicity around campus and the annual retreat program known as Search.

During Search, people come together as a group and "search" with each another to find God and the Holy Spirit in their lives. Many people returned to the Catholic Center to be a part of this fellowship when it came back to life a few years ago with the help of then co-directors Mike Labo, Karen Panek and Sara Burmer.

The current co-directors of the house are MTSU students Jennifer Schaffer and Jason Bradford. They, and others who help out at the center, are available for anyone, day or night. They live at the house in order to be there for others.

"We are here for anyone who needs us. We are not a stand, sit and kneel type of place," Bradford says. "That's what some people think at first, but then many discover it's just a cool place to hang out. It's a

home away from home."

Besides being available for counseling, they also hold weekly events. There is a prayer night on Tuesday, a Bible study on Thursday and a movie night every Monday. All of these events happen at 7:30 p.m.

The Bible study is a special six-week study of the book of Revelations. There's a summary at the beginning of each meeting so people can get caught up if they've missed a week. Movies for movie night have included *Spiderman*, *Minority Report* and *Sweet Home Alabama*.

"We welcome students of any faith," Bradford says. "It's actually interesting to have people come in and discuss their beliefs with us."

They have even had people come in off the street. Sometimes they just want someone to talk to, and sometimes they want money. Usually, though, they just want help. And if they can't help them, they direct them to St. Rose Church.

That isn't to say that the Catholic Center takes its religious traditions lightly.

For example, Tuesday is Shrove Day, when they eat a big meal before fasting for a week. The food of choice in this case is pancakes, and they have a pancake dinner along with Bible study led by a former Episcopal minister.

The Catholic Student Center's official mission statement is "to provide a place for fellow students to

share our faith among our peers and throughout our community, to bring everyone into a relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and to grow together as Christians in a loving, supportive environment."

Many who are involved with the Catholic Center are also involved with St. Rose Church in various volunteer activities, such as cleaning up after a recent boy scout spaghetti dinner held there. Some, including Bradford, are Eucharist ministers at some of the masses.

Father Wyatt is the priest of St. Rose, and Bob Carney is a youth minister who helps with high school ministries and leads retreats for seventh and eighth graders.

Meeting times for the church include a Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m., Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from September to May. There is also a special service for Hispanic members of the church on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

The church congregation totals approximately 1,500 people.

For more information about the church, call 893-1843.

For more information on the MTSU Catholic Center, call 896-6074 or visit their Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~catholic. ♦

Hal Newman, Mystics of Time impress audiences

MTSU professor embraces New Orleans-style music

By Mitchell Chapman
Contributor

At an early age, Hal Newman's parents knew right away he possessed something special. They first noticed his singing ability at a local barbershop in his hometown of Mobile, Ala.

"My first big break came at the age of three," Newman recalls. "I was singing 'Sarah's Got a Secret' for a local business commercial, and, at five, I began playing the piano when my hands were deemed big enough."

Thus began an illustrious career.

Sitting in Newman's office, it's easy to see why he's so successful. Records, pictures and awards hang on cream-colored walls as the sun shines through a window behind his desk, highlighting a stack of papers that could keep a beaver busy for days.

But this is just the beginning.

For the past 18 years, he has fronted America's Party Band, Hal Newman and the Mystics of Time. He also finds time to teach at MTSU.

"I love working with students and young songwriters," Newman says. "I think I can help them improve their

songwriting skills."

He began songwriting when he was 12 years old and really concentrated on it in his 20s. He has written close to 500 songs. Some of the most notable titles include "Baby Your Baby," which was recorded by George Strait, and "Wound Up Tight," recorded by Lonnie Brooks.

"I have known Hal for 22 years and have worked with many writer/artists, but I have never known or worked with a more dedicated and committed writer than Hal," says Nashville producer and colleague J. Aaron Brown. "He is an exceptional musician and

arranger as well, but most importantly, he is a good and honest human being."

Since his return to MTSU in 2001, he has performed far more than just in-class teaching. Recently, he founded the first student chapter of the Nashville Songwriter Association International, which provides students with professional feedback and critiques on their songs and exposure to different songwriting techniques.

"Hal has a tremendous amount of personal experience as a performer,

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Master pianist Abbey Simon to accompany symphony orchestra

By Amy Delvin
Staff Writer

Grand master of the piano Abbey Simon and the Murfreesboro Symphony Orchestra are set to make beautiful music together tonight.

As a special guest, Abbey Simon will accompany our own Philharmonic Orchestra at Tucker Theatre.

Over a span of 50 years, Simon performed with nearly all major orchestras in the music capitals of six continents. Simon's albums for Philips, EMI, HMV and Vex make him one of the most recorded classical artists of all time.

The orchestra consists of more than 70 instruments led by musical director Laurence Harvin. Harvin is the founding music director of the

Murfreesboro Philharmonic and the founder of the Murfreesboro Philharmonic Association. Harvin conducted the National Philharmonic of the Ukraine in Kiev, celebrating Gershwin's 100th Anniversary.

Harvin is trained in classical violin. He is husband to another classical violinist and a father and grandfather as well. Harvin is excited to be directing the orchestra with accompaniment by Simon.

"He is an international artist," Harvin said.

"He's probably one of the most important pianists of this century, so we're very pleased to have him in Murfreesboro."

The program tonight consists of such classics as *The Ride of the Valkyries*, *Entrance of the Gods into Valhalla* and *Petrouchka*. Simon was sched-

uled to perform *Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini*, Op. 43, but that was changed to the less physically challenging *Beethoven Concerto No. 5* after a close brush with disaster.

"He got into an automobile accident," Harvin said. "Someone ran a red light, so Mr. Simon was bandaged for a while. The piece we had picked was full of big chords, and we just didn't feel like he could handle all of that."

The show takes place at 7:30 tonight at the Tucker Theatre.

The orchestra loves fresh faces and sounds, and this may be Murfreesboro's only opportunity to hear Abbey Simon in concert.

If you haven't purchased tickets yet, don't despair; they will be on sale at the door until showtime. ♦

Newman: Professor possesses multiple talents as a songwriter, performer, publicist

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songwriter and publicist," says Geoff Hull, a professor and colleague of Newman at MTSU. "But his two greatest assets are his care and concern for the students and his passion for songwriting."

Newman started a series of songwriters' nights at The Red Rose Cafe in downtown Murfreesboro that gives MTSU students an opportunity to perform their original songs in front of classmates and faculty.

"Mr. Newman has brought a lot of excitement to the program with NSAI and the songwriters' nights," former student Cal Majure says.

"He gives the perspective of an artist, which brings a different teaching element to the program."

But ever so often Newman

trades in his sweater and jeans for some colorful beads and lights up the stage with his *Mystics of Time*.

"Growing up in Mobile, I got accustomed to New Orleans-style music, and that's the kind of music I built my song list around," Newman says.

"My high school had an active fraternity and sorority system that sponsored dances on the weekends. This is where I saw acts like Ray Charles, James Brown and Wilson Pickett."

He took his talent many places, from New Orleans and Memphis to one of his favorite gigs, Universal Studios.

"It was '97 or '98, and Universal Studios had a Mardi Gras celebration [for] which bands were invited to play for a week," he recalls. "We were playing in front of 10,000 people each night. Every move we

made, every song we sang, went over well with the crowd, and that's what you do it for."

Even though he doesn't travel quite as much as he used to, Newman says he still likes to bring a little Mardi Gras flavor to Nashville.

"Our 15th Annual Mardi Gras celebration is coming up at 3rd and Lindsley on fat Tuesday, and we'll be ready with costumes and fresh beads," he says. "Last year at the Mardi Gras show my piano bench caved in, and I haven't sat down at a gig since. Even though I sit at a desk all day, you can bet I'll be standing on Tuesday."

The concert is tomorrow at 7 p.m. at 3rd and Lindsley in Nashville.

For more information on the band, visit www.mysticsoftime.com. ♦

Campus Events

March 3

The Spring 2003 Honors Lecture Series, "Cultures and Customs," presents "The Counterculture." The lecture will be given by Larry Gentry and will be held in Peck Hall, Room 109A, from 3 to 3:50 p.m. For more information, call 898-2152.

Abbey Simon and the Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucker Theatre. For ticket information, call 898-1862.

March 3-5

The Academic Profile will be given in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The test is for business, liberal arts and mass communication majors who will be graduating this May.

Student Government Association elections will be held. Vote on PipelineMT at www.mtsu.edu.

March 7-9

The 15th Annual Tennessee Beef Agribition will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information, contact John Bartee at (931) 645-2470.

To submit a campus event, come by the Sidelines office in JUB 310 or call 898-2917.

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The Bush administration is plunging America into an illegitimate Iraqi war that will only increase danger for Americans and the world, while education, health care and the economy are being gutted. It is time for youth and students to take a stand for America's future!

On March 5, 2003, MTSolidarity will be hosting a Peace Rally at the KUC Knoll from 10:00 to 2:00. Following the Rally, there will be a March down Main Street to Bart Gordon's Office in the Square. We are asking that students not attend class and for professors to cancel class to make a dramatic statement against the war. Please join us for a day of peace and action!

Courts open for spring matches

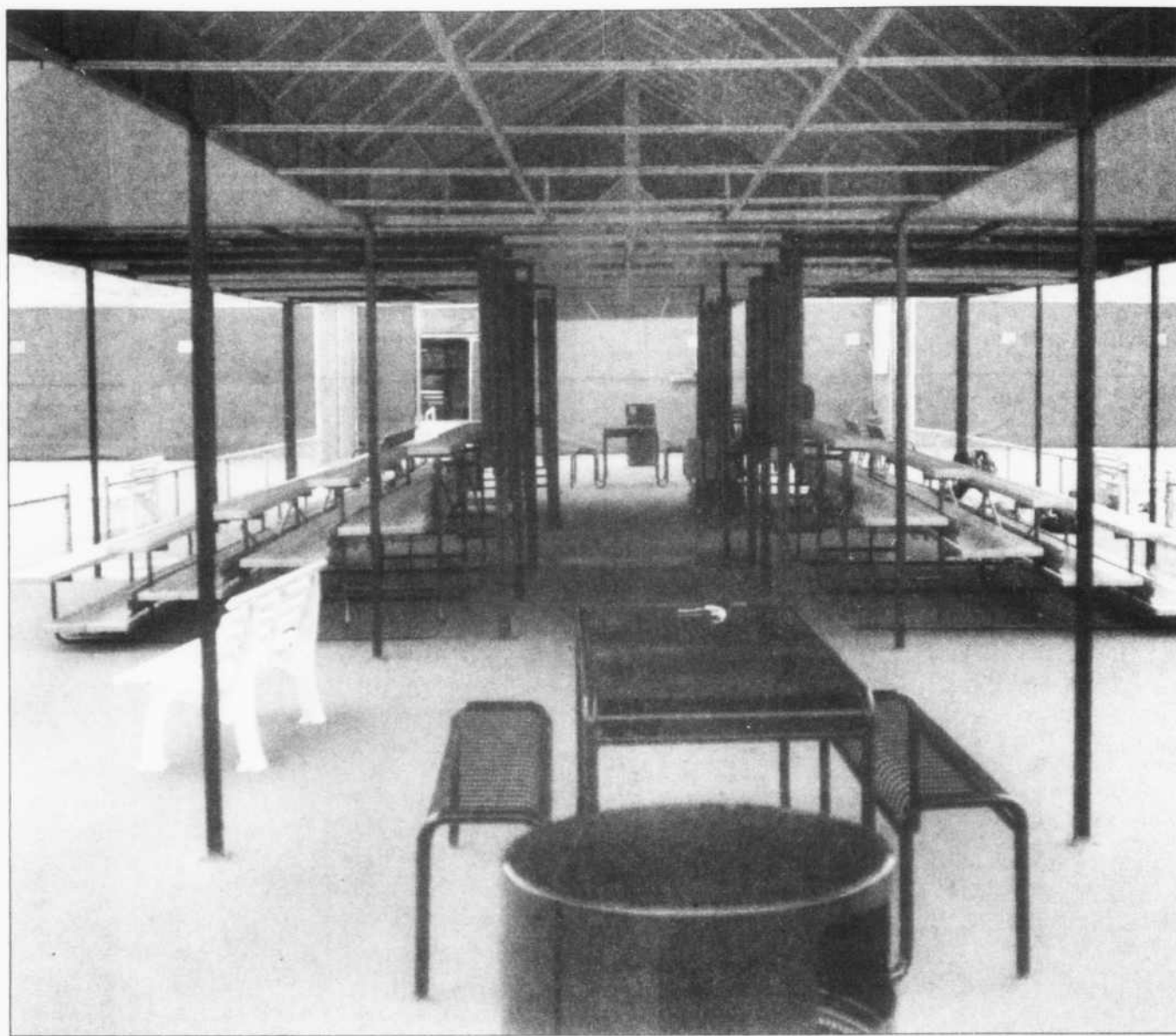


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The Buck Bouldin Tennis Center is the home of the Middle Tennessee men's and women's tennis teams but it also hosts the Ohio Valley Championships and other community events during the off season.

By Trey Porter
Staff Writer

In the shadows of the Murphy Center and hidden below a moderate tree line is the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders play on a total of 14 courts, and just like most athletic venues here on campus, the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center is in great shape. It boasts six newly renovated varsity courts finished during the fall of 2001.

The eight courts closest to the Murphy Center received three inches of new asphalt late last summer. The eight old courts were remodeled and dropped

to six courts and are used by both the Blue Raider men and women's varsity tennis teams.

The six new varsity courts have divider fences between them and were painted blue with a gray outline. New blue wide screens sporting the MT logo line the fences around the complex. Also, there is a walkway between the varsity courts and the other eight. The Buck Bouldin Tennis Center also has bleacher seating with canopies built in the middle for fans at the varsity courts.

Early September marked the completion of the \$150,000 project, when the Blue Raiders hosted the 15th Annual Pro-Am on campus.

The Buck Bouldin complex has many more things to offer beyond tennis courts. It houses the Tennis Center, which features everything from offices to team rooms. Restrooms and equipment storage facilities are also located there. A patio/reception area was added for events and other various activities in the spring of 1999.

MTSU and the public maintain usage over the remaining eight courts. The courts are also available for night matches; lighting was installed in 1995.

When the Blue Raiders are not busy serving it up on the courts, they host

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Bulgarian senior finishes off Blue Raiders' chances

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee (14-13, 9-5 SBC) fell to Western Kentucky (21-8, 12-2 SBC), 89-75, in front of a hostile crowd at E.A. Diddle Arena on Saturday.

At tip-off, the atmosphere in the stands was electric. The game was a close one in the first half, with six lead changes. Western's biggest lead was eight points, with 6:30 left in the first half, but MT closed the deficit to one at 36-35 on an electrifying 360-degree dunk by Tommy Gunn to end the half.

MT opened the second half with a jumper by William Pippen that gave MT a one-point lead at 37-36, but the Blue Raiders were rudely introduced to Philip Videnov, who scored 15 points in just three minutes and 15 seconds.

"I thought Philip Videnov was the difference in the second half, especially in the first five minutes," said MT head coach Kermit Davis. "He was able to score Western's first 15 points of

the half during that span, and he took advantage of some defensive breakdowns on our part."

MT tried to keep the game close, but that 15-5 run was more than MT could overcome. Western extended the lead to 12 on a pair of Philip Sparks free throws. MT would cut that down to 10 when John Humphrey hit a bucket with 10 minutes left.

Western led by 17 points in the second half, feeding off of the very noisy crowd of more than 7,000 red-clad fans. Middle Tennessee-clad fans turned out in full-force for Saturday's game in Bowling Green. An estimated 500 blue-clad MT fans were on hand for the game.

"Middle Tennessee is outstanding. I think that they are playing tremendous basketball as a team," said WKU head coach Dennis Felton. "I knew we would have to come to play well with a great deal of aggression to come out on top."

Tommy Gunn led MT with a

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Western women top Lady Raiders, snap MT winning streak

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

Despite a late rally, Middle Tennessee (16-11, 9-5 SBC) lost to Western Kentucky (19-8, 12-2 SBC) 84-73 on Saturday, in front of a rowdy crowd at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky.

The MT loss snapped a five-game winning streak, while WKU extended its winning streak to 11 games overall and seven straight at home. The game appeared as though it was going to get out of hand for the Lady Raiders as the second half began.

After WKU began the second half with an 11-2 run, the Lady Raiders proved why they are one of the hottest teams in the conference as they answered with a 14-point swing to tie the game. Unfortunately, during the MT retaliation, freshman standout Tia Stovall was sent to the senior with her third foul. Senior Mia Parviainen began the run for the Lady Raiders

when she scored six straight points.

The Lady Raiders took a momentary one-point lead on an Eboni Kirby three-point bomb with 10 minutes to go, but Western eventually built an eight-point lead with 5:40 left to play. MT pulled within six points twice in the remainder of the contest but could never get any closer.

"We lost Jennifer Justice a couple of days ago in practice, and we were a little bit limited in our rotation and a little winded," said head coach Stephany Smith. "We had a couple of miscues. I don't think it was anything specific. One of the turnovers we had was when Patrice busted a pass over to Stovall."

Stovall led the Lady Raiders in scoring with 20 points, shooting 7-of-13 from the floor, as she also connected 6-of-7 from the free-throw line. She

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Tennis team uses singles successes to down UTC

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee rallied to win five singles matches in straight sets and take a 5-2 victory over UT-Chattanooga on Feb. 26 at the Racquet Club.

The visiting Mocs began the match by winning two of three doubles matches to take the point, including wins at the No. 1 and 2 seeds.

Trevor Short/Michael Staniak lost 8-3 at the No. 2 seed before the duo of Jason Ontog/Thomas Knizat won Chattanooga the doubles point with an 8-5 win at the No. 1 seed over Daniel Klemetz/Kirk Jackson. The Blue Raiders did

salvage the final doubles match as Greg Pollack and Rishan Kuruppu won, 8-6.

The Blue Raiders bounced back to win five of the six singles matches, with only Staniak falling at No. 3.

Fourth-ranked Klemetz defeated Ontog, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 1. The win gave Klemetz his third win in his last four matches. He is beginning to look like the old dominating Daniel Klemetz, who was extremely successful last season.

Jackson won 6-2, 6-3 at the No. 2 seed. Kuruppu took care of Kane, 6-2, 6-0, with Anant Sitaram winning 6-2, 6-4 at

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MT wins three games in three days

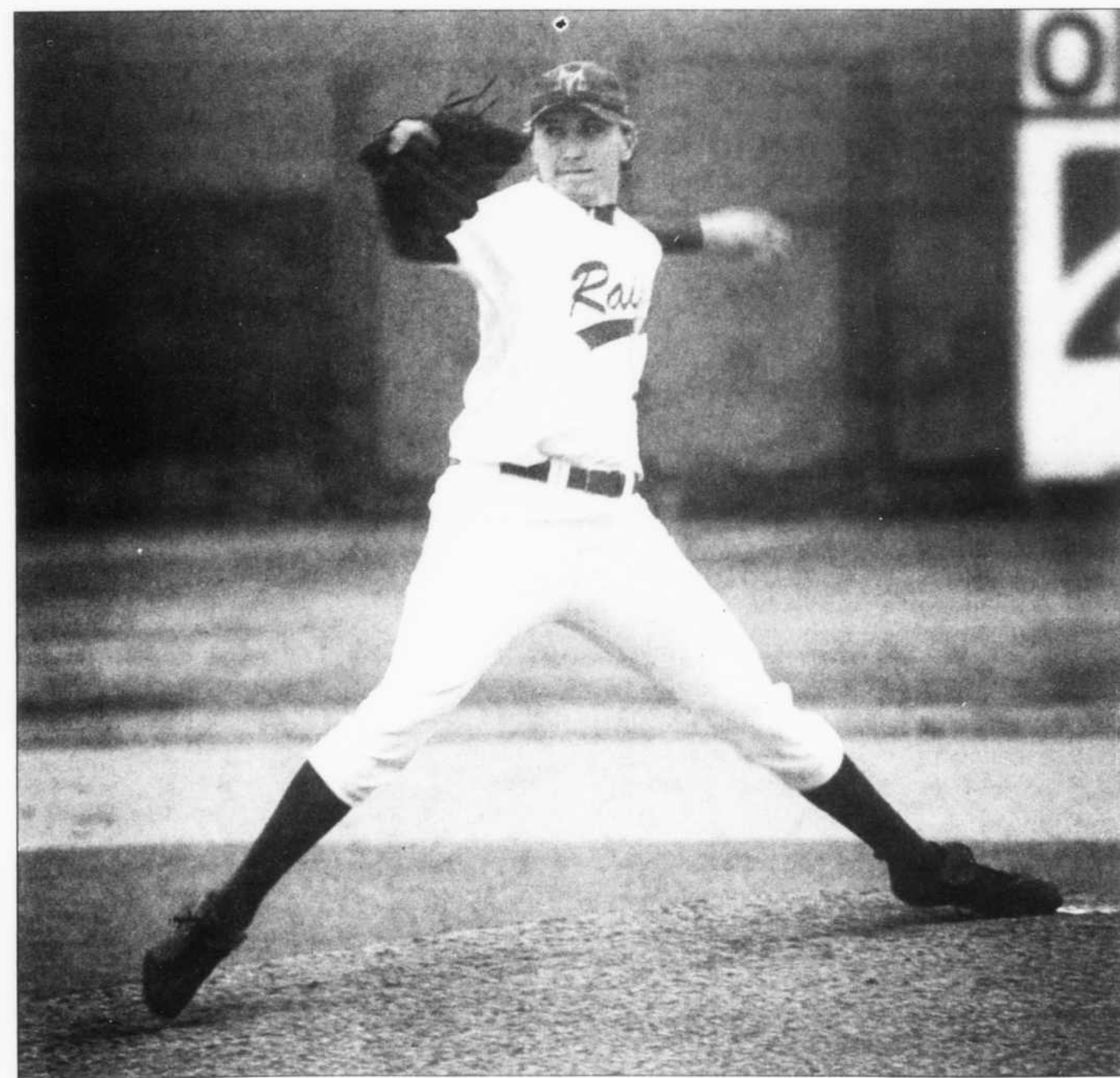


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The Blue Raiders made a three-game sweep against Rutgers and Kent State to improve their record to 4-2. Left-handed pitcher John Williams is one of 15 hurlers on the Blue Raider roster. The baseball team is scheduled to play against Tennessee Technological University tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Cookeville, Tenn.

Courts: Vandy and GSU to visit center

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numerous events and activities. Some past events include the Ohio Valley Championships and other state and regional USTA sanctioned matches.

During the summer of 1999, Middle Tennessee and The Racquet Club of Murfreesboro came to an agreement allowing the Blue Raider and Lady Raider tennis programs priority access to their indoor facility.

The facility is just what

Middle Tennessee needed. It is an asset to both the men's and women's tennis program. It provides shelter from the elements, giving the teams a place to practice as well as have matches if necessary.

"Having an indoor facility is a necessity in collegiate tennis, and we have an outstanding facility right in our backyard," head coach Dale Short said.

The Racquet Club offers 11 courts: four hard courts, three clay courts and four indoor

courts.

The clay courts are helpful for individual Blue Raiders who compete in the National Clay Courts Championship each year, one of the three collegiate grand slam events.

The Blue Raiders travel next to Montgomery, Ala., for the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic. The Lady Raiders will see action Wednesday when they host Memphis. The match begins at 1:30 p.m. ♦



Tennis: Blue Raiders pick up third win of the season

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No. 5 seed. Brandon Allan won in straight sets as well, 6-4, 6-1. Knizat made a big comeback against Staniak, winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The 59th-ranked Middle Tennessee netters won the doubles point and held on for a 4-3 victory over Arkansas-Little Rock thanks to sophomore Rishan Kuruppu's win Friday afternoon at the Racquet Club.

"It was good for us to get two wins this week, get some confidence back as a team," Blue Raider head coach Dale Short said. "It wasn't pretty in either win, but we needed the victories. We'll have our work cut out for us on Sunday."

The Blue Raiders (3-7) received wins from No. 1 and No. 3. The 58th-ranked doubles tandem of Kirk Jackson/Daniel Klemetz defeated Juan Carlos Baca/Sebastian Falk, 8-1, at the No. 1 seed, with Trevor Short/Michael Staniak taking care of their match, 8-6. Brandon Allan/Anant Sitaram were not so fortunate, losing 8-6 at No. 2.

The Blue Raiders then got wins at the top two spots in singles, as fourth-ranked Daniel Klemetz won 6-0, 6-3 over Baca, and Jackson defeated Poutchins, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, at No. 2.

But the visiting Trojans would not go down lightly as they fought back, and they won the next three singles matches before Kuruppu salvaged the deciding point at No. 6 for Middle Tennessee.

Falk beat Greg Pollack, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 3, while Murali took care of Staniak, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 4. Baxendine defeated Sitaram, 0-6, 6-1, 6-3, at No. 5, before Kuruppu gave the Blue Raiders the victory with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Jarrad Bunt.

The Blue Raiders will look to build on their two match winning streak when they travel to Waco, Texas, to face fourth-ranked Baylor on Sunday. Middle Tennessee will then play in the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, March 13-16 in Montgomery, Ala., before returning home March 21 to face Georgia State. ♦

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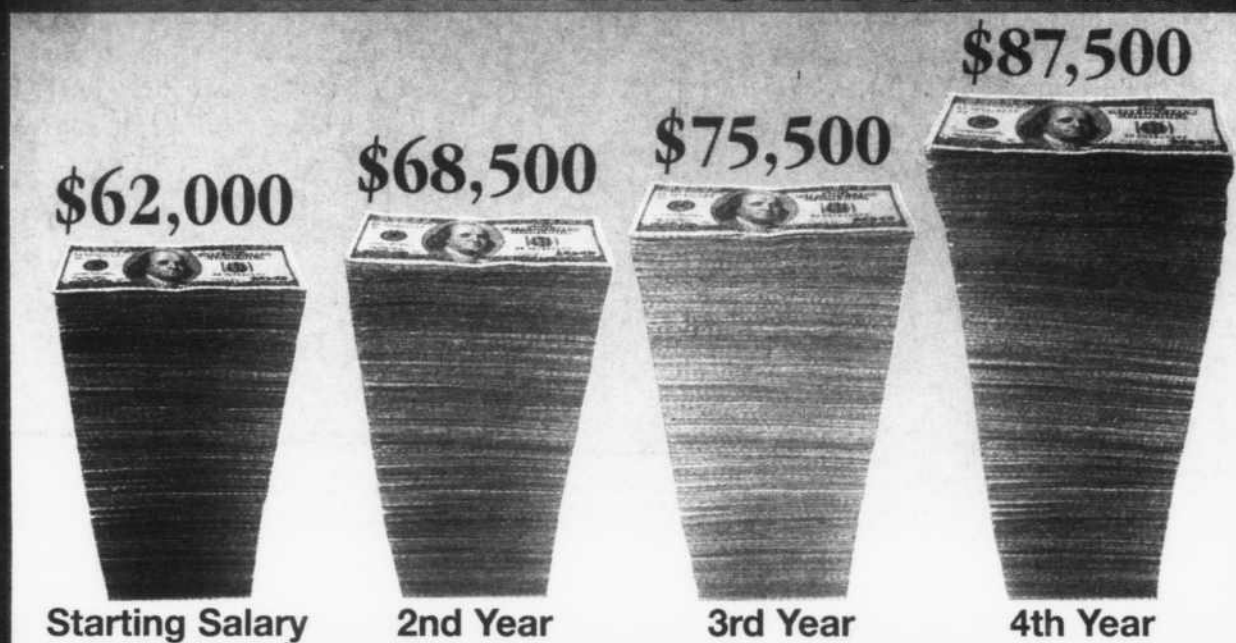
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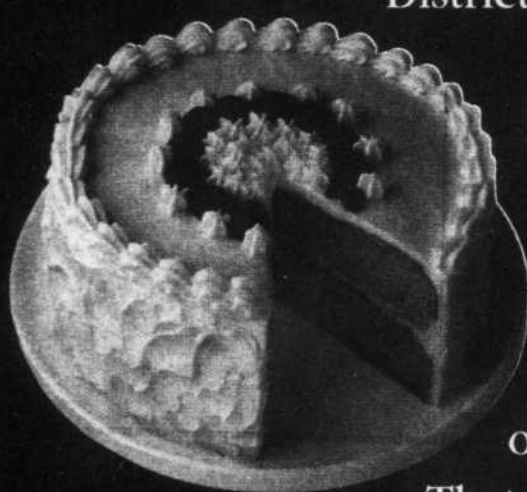
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