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OIT suspends student's e-mail account

Officials admit no e-mail regulations were broken

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

Robert Lowe, the junior who sent a campuswide e-mail concerning parking, is being investigated by Judicial Affairs following an inquiry from a top university official.

Robert Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs, questioned the use of Lowe's e-mail account to send out the mass e-mail.

Lowe's e-mail account was suspended by the Office of Information Technology and the matter turned over to Judicial Affairs, as required under the university's computer and network acceptable use policy.

"I received Mr. Lowe's e-mail and I sent it to Lucinda Lea (assistant vice-president for OIT)," Glenn said. "I noticed that it was addressed to only men, but it was worded in such a

way as if it were addressed to everybody."

Jerry Gentry, associate director and systems manager of OIT, said Lowe was initially suspected of violating part of section 10 of the electronic mail procedures and guidelines dealing with deliberate interference with the computer system. However, Gentry acknowledged that Lowe's e-mail did not cause a disruption of service.

Gentry said because the message was unsolicited, that Lowe may have violated sections of their policies dealing with "spamming."

He also said because the message did not fall under specific guidelines concerning incendiary, criminal or indecent content, and wasn't of a commercial nature, that it was not a violation of policy.

Gentry commented that a

year ago, this same e-mail would have caused a disruption of service, but that "we've upgraded the system so that [a system crash] should not happen."

"From what I have read and what I know of it, [the message] does not fall under the [e-mail policies]," Gentry said. "I wish that he had used a different means of getting to the students with it, and that way would have been through the Student News box."

Gentry added that "it would only become a problem if it con-

tinued."

The guideline that Lowe was initially suspected of violating says that students must refrain from "deliberate interference or disruption of another user's work or system. The user must avoid any actions that cause interference to the network or cause interference with the work of others on the network by 'flooding' via the use of various automated e-mail generation systems."

See OIT, 3A

CAUTION
Children at playResidents hope
speed bumps will
decrease dangerBy Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer

Speeding drivers can be a danger everywhere on campus. But when negligent motorists speed in areas inhabited by children, the danger increases dramatically.

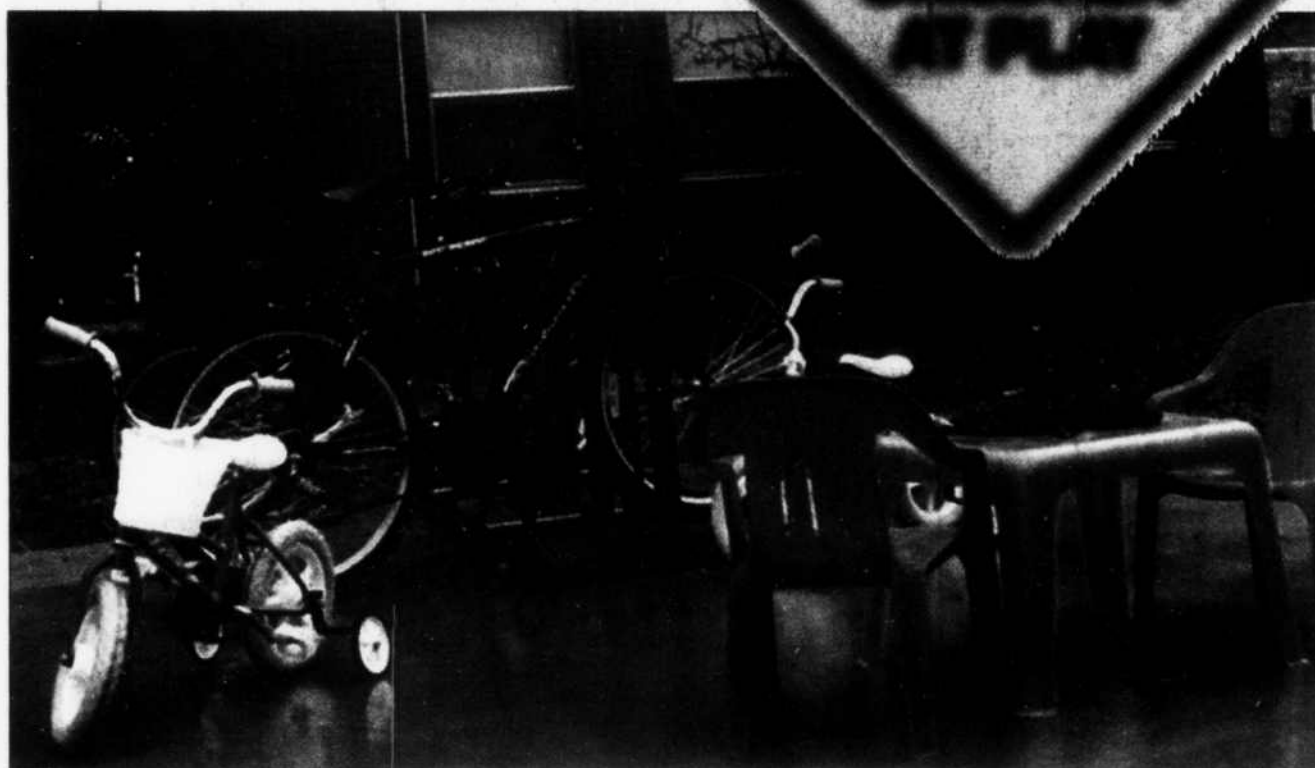
Family housing is plagued with drivers going well over the 15 mph speed limit, said Liz Fedynich, a resident of a Womack Lane apartments. Because numerous young children live there and play near the streets, speeding cars pose a danger to their safety.

Fedynich, the mother of a 3-year-old, says the lack of speed bumps in the family housing area is partly to blame for the high speeds. There are also no "Children Playing" signs posted to warn motorists of the dangers speeding may have.

"I think [drivers] really just don't think about it," Fedynich said. "I don't think there's any malice at all."

She said, despite the lack of intention to harm, eventually a speeding motorist could accidentally cause a fatality.

"It's not even a possibility; it's a probability that somebody will get hit," Fedynich said. "And with a child that weighs 30 pounds up against a truck or car that weighs 2,000 pounds, that child



Womack Lane housing area is quiet on Sunday afternoon as rain falls. Children's bikes sit idle when otherwise they would be out in the housing area streets.

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is going to die."

Courtney Boyd, Area V Government president and a mother herself, said there is a definite problem with speeders in the Womack Lane area. She said she has often observed cars passing in an excess of 50 mph.

In fact, she said, a child was hit by a car last semester but was not badly hurt. However, Boyd said that everything is being done to implement speed bumps as quickly as possible.

"We still have people speeding, but as with anything on this campus, [taking action] takes time," she said. "We came up with a proposal for [the department of] housing at the beginning of the fall semester to put in new speed bumps and repair the existing ones. That has actually been put through all the necessary committees and they are in the process of getting bids."

The bid process could take the rest of

the semester, because several construction companies will be competing for the job.

The housing department will probably be able to fund the project, said Deb Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life.

"We have a number of projects in Womack Lane that have been requested this spring and we're having to do some

See Womack, 3A

SGA debates
to air despite
recording
problems

Staff Reports

The presidential debate for the Student Government Association hit a snag Thursday night due to a recording error.

Jason Bailey, producer of the debates, discovered the mistake when he went to check the tape and realized that no one had hit the record button.

"It was crazy," Bailey said.

After the error was detected, the candidates were asked to participate in a second debate. Although some of the original questions were asked again, the moderator used mostly new issues so the debates wouldn't seem rehearsed.

"The second time actually went better," Bailey said.

The interview with Unopposed Speaker of the House candidate Jamie Burns didn't record either, but Bailey said Burns was unable to come back for a second interview.

The debates will run on Channel 10 at 7 p.m. and midnight, today through Wednesday. ♦

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Holocaust committee sponsors student writing contest

By Josh Burlison
Staff Writer

A writing contest is the newest addition to MTSU's biannual academic conference which seeks to spread awareness about the Holocaust throughout the campus and community.

Sponsored by the MTSU Holocaust Studies Committee, the contest is open to all MTSU students. This is the first year the committee has hosted a writing contest and they hope to make it an annual contest, possibly adding one for a local high school.

"The purpose of the committee is to be a community outreach and educate people on the holocaust," said Jimmie

Cain, chairman of the committee, which is made up of eight faculty members.

Submissions for the contest may be fiction or nonfiction as long as they relate to the Holocaust. The length of the submission must be between five and 15 pages (approximately 1,200 - 1,400 words). Deadline for submissions is March 31.

There is one first place prize of \$75 in each of the nonfiction and fiction categories. Second place winners receive books concerning the history of the Holocaust. There will also be honorable mention certificates given.

Awards will be presented at a banquet Friday, April 6. The banquet is open to the public, not only to those

who enter the contest. Lunch will be served at noon and the cost for the meal is \$10. The lunch portion will conclude at 12:45 p.m. for those who wish to attend without eating lunch.

Guest speaker Elizabeth Limor will speak on "Women's Voices: Lessons From the Holocaust." A short discussion and question session will follow. The banquet is expected to conclude by 2 p.m.

Questions and contest submissions may be sent to Jimmie Cain of the English department, Box 70, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 or contact by phone at 898-5960 or by e-mail at jcain@mtsu.edu. ♦





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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matt Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Feb. 27, and March 2. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Student learns "no passing" on campus

Feb. 27, 7:58 p.m. — Faulkinberry Drive at Voohries Industrial Studies Complex — An officer was dispatched to the area to check for a reckless driver. He found the vehicle parked on the street at the corner of A Street and Faulkinberry Drive, but the driver was not around.

The officer then met with the professor who made the complaint. The professor said the incident happened while she was dropping off her 13-year-old daughter for volleyball practice on campus. She stated that she normally pulled into the campus directory area on Faulkinberry so as not to block traffic, but there had been a vehicle parked there this time.

She stopped at the crosswalk in front of the Voohries building to let her daughter out. At this time, another vehicle passed hers — crossing into the opposite lane and narrowly missing oncoming traffic — while there were teenage girls in the area for volleyball practice.

The officer traced the vehicle to a student. He issued a dean's citation to the student for reckless driving and left a copy on the vehicle. About two hours later, the student went to the police department to ask about the citation. He admitted to passing the professor's vehicle, but said he didn't know that passing was not allowed on campus.

The officer advised him that signs are posted at each entrance to campus that say no passing, and told the student to contact the dean within 24 hours.

Man runs from police, fears being caught in girls dorm

Feb. 28, 2:29 a.m. — Cummings Hall — While on another call at Cummings Hall on the females-only fourth floor, an officer observed a male subject fall down in the hallway by the door to the stairs. The male, later identified as Frank L. Johnson Jr., then entered the stairway. The officer decided to investigate and entered the stairway after him.

He saw Johnson exiting the stairs and asked him to stop, but Johnson took off running. The officer chased him to the east side stairs and then out of the building.

The officer ran after him, telling him to stop about four times.

The officer caught up with Johnson in the parking lot, took him down to the ground and handcuffed him. After advising him of his Miranda rights, the officer asked Johnson why he ran. Johnson, not a student, said he feared being caught and identified inside the girls dorm.

The officer charged Johnson, 18, of 252 Evans Lane in Lenoir City, Tenn., with "resisting stop, frisk, halt, arrest or search" for running from a law enforcement officer and transported him to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$1,000.

Student receives harassing calls after shaving head

Feb. 28, 7:27 p.m. — Corlew Hall — An officer responded to a student's report that he had been receiving harassing phone calls. The student stated that around 1:06 a.m. he received a call from a male-sounding voice that said, "you bald-headed mother-f**ker, I'm going to kill you," and "I wish you were dead you f**king bald-headed faggot."

The student stated he had received a similar call a few days earlier. He is not sure who might be calling him, but did provide the officer with some possible suspects. If the suspects are caught, the student said he does not want to prosecute them, but would prefer for the university to handle the matter internally. The student also stated that he did not start receiving the phone calls until after he had shaved his head.

Man stumbles through Faces lot, arrested for DUI

March 2, 12:14 a.m. — East Main Street and Lasseter Drive — While on patrol, an officer observed a male subject stumble and stagger to his car in the Faces parking lot. The individual then got into his car and drove south on Lasseter Drive. The officer pulled in behind the vehicle and noted that the state on his license plate could not be read because the license plate holder covered it.

The officer initiated a traffic stop, and the vehicle pulled into the parking lot of Circle K. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer noticed the odor of an intoxicating beverage about that driver and that his eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred. Upon questioning, he stated that he drank a few beers a few minutes

earlier.

The officer asked the driver, later identified as Charles B. Case, to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. During the one-legged stand test, Case only got to a count of two before having to place his foot on the ground to steady himself.

Case failed to touch the tip of his nose several times, and once missed it altogether, while attempting the finger-to-nose test. He also wavered back and forth on his feet. During the nine-step walk-and-turn test, Case did not keep his feet heel-to-toe and stepped off the line to steady himself.

The officer then placed Case under arrest. During a subsequent search of his vehicle, the officer found an open bottle of beer on the passenger side floorboard.

Case, 20, of 910 South Tennessee Blvd., Murfreesboro, was charged with driving under the influence, first offense, underage consumption of alcohol and violation of the open container law. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$4,500.

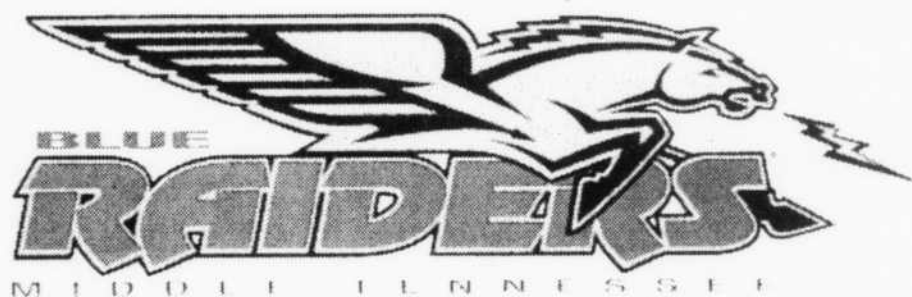
Poor driving alerts officer to student DUI

March 2, 1:57 a.m. — North Tennessee Boulevard and Greenland Drive — While on patrol, an officer observed the vehicle in front of him swerving back in forth in the lane, coming dangerously close to the curb, and braking at green lights. The officer initiated a traffic stop, and the vehicle pulled over in front of the Villager Apartments on Greenland.

After approaching the vehicle, the officer noticed the odor of an intoxicating beverage about the driver and that his eyes were glazed over. The officer asked the driver, later identified as Marty J. Usery, how much he had to drink. Usery stated that he drank a few beers after he left work.

The officer then asked Usery to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. During the one-legged stand test, Usery only got to the count of three before he put his foot on the ground to steady himself. While attempting the finger-to-nose task, he did not touch the tip of his nose. And during the nine-step walk-and-turn test, he stepped off the line more than once to maintain his balance.

Usery, 24, of 121 Webb Lane Northeast, Cleveland, Tenn., was charged with driving under the influence, first offense. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500.



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MTSU parking will be altered somewhat but spaces will be available to everyone

The TSSAA girls and boys basketball tournaments will be held at Middle Tennessee State University, March 7-10, and March 14-17, respectively. With the increase in population at the university, the traffic and parking patterns will be altered somewhat on campus.

As in the past, MTSU officials appreciate the patience and understanding of students, staff, and faculty during this important annual event. The tournament welcomes thousands of visitors from across the state to MTSU, which provides an opportunity for prospective students and their families to see the university close up.

"We have since 1975 hosted this tournament every year except for six years when we did not host the boys tournament," said Larry Counts, director of athletic relations. "It's a tradition-it's something that every high school in the state of Tennessee is accustomed to. And from past experience, we do know that any given time, there are parking spaces available on campus," he added.

Connie Hagberg, manager of Parking and Transportation Services, agrees. "The university has more than 500 empty parking spaces everyday on campus," she noted. "Those spaces are in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot and adjacent to the Recreation Center. We have a shuttle bus to help transport students, faculty, staff, and visitors." The TLC lot will be closed only on March 9 for the Tennessee Beef Agribition.

Hagberg said more parking is available this year than during last year's TSSAA tournament, including new green-permit spaces located close to the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. In addition, another new green-permit parking lot is located next to the reserved Greek Row parking lot.

Contrary to sentiments expressed by a few people every year during the TSSAA Tournament, MTSU does not receive any of the parking funds collected in the Greenland Avenue lot reserved for TSSAA fans, Hagberg explained. All of the Greenland parking revenue goes to TSSAA.

Additionally, MTSU Parking and Transportation Services is not a private corporation and does not receive income from TSSAA or an other events scheduled on campus.

"We are an 'auxiliary' department of the university, which means we are part of the university but completely self-supporting," Hagberg emphasized. "The department operates entirely from parking permit fees, citation fines, parking meters, and other special services.

"Being a self-supporting entity, revenue that comes into our department pays for parking lot maintenance, re-striping, all signage related to parking and the shuttle bus service, construction of new lots, sidewalks associated with parking areas, and parking lot lighting," Hagberg explained. "We also fund our operating costs, office expenses, staff salaries and benefits, as well as the purchase and maintenance of the shuttle buses, the bus shelters, and drivers' salaries and benefits.

"It's also important for the campus community to know that our department does not have any control over events that are scheduled on our campus. Like every other service-oriented department on campus, we try to accommodate our campus population as well as our visitors.

"While there may be some inconvenience during these two weeks, we always survive it, and I think the benefits of showcasing our university to the entire state of Tennessee far outweigh some adjustments that all of us are asked to make," Counts summed up.

OIT: Parking e-mail causes controversy

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This suspicion arose because Lowe did not use the Student News board, but instead obtained the names of everyone with a campus account and created a program to send the e-mail to them.

Lowe says that he obtained the addresses using a password listing available to anyone who accesses FRANK through the file transfer protocol system. Lowe said that the passwords were encrypted and could not be deciphered, which, he says, makes any security concern a non-issue.

"I would think that if this is, in fact, the case, this is probably where that would end," Glenn said after hearing of Gentry's response.

Lowe has consistently denied that he violated any of OIT's

policies, and has even charged that OIT broke some of its own policies in the way that it dealt with the incident.

Lowe claims "without my permission [an OIT official] went through my files to see what I had done," which he claims violates sections of the policy that restrict access to an account holder's directory.

Connie Fensky, a systems programmer with OIT, said that she entered Lowe's directory to move "the file that had created the e-mail into one of his subdirectories so that no one could see it" and use the program to send another e-mail.

Fensky admits she is not sure if she violated sections which place restrictions on when a systems administrator may enter someone's directory.

"All I know is that I was just trying to keep someone else

from doing what he'd just done maliciously," Fensky said.

Lowe had initially spoken to Fensky when his account was suspended. Lowe said Fensky did not know who had notified OIT of a potential violation, but that she was required to suspend his account by the written procedure for dealing with investigations of wrongdoing.

Lowe also claims, by suspending his account, that OIT violated the section that states, in part, that "no MTSU employee has the authority to intervene in the free exchange of ideas."

When asked about this charge, Lea said that OIT had "absolutely not" violated that rule.

Lowe's account was reinstated after he met with Gene Fitch, dean of Student Life, Tuesday. ♦

Womack: Final plans still in the works

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shifting [within the Housing budget] to try and see which of them we can do," Sells said. "Students have indicated to us that this is a particular priority for them so this will be one of the things at the top of the list that we're going to try to fund."

Sells confirmed that engineers with Campus Planning have surveyed the land and drawn up a plan for the number of speed bumps and the appropriate heights and locations. The next steps would be estimating

cost, taking bids and paying for the installation.

"I'm hopeful we can get to it this spring, or if not this spring, certainly this summer," Sells said.

Fedynich - who was hit by a car when she was three - said the end of the spring semester is too long to wait for the speed bumps.

"Yeah, [the proposals] have gone through pretty quickly, except when you consider the fact that someone could die any day," she said. "It's not as quick as it needs to be."

In the meantime, Fedynich

plans to make sure speeding drivers know they are endangering the lives of children. Most people, she said, don't realize they're committing a serious crime.

"It's a felony," Fedynich explained. "It's called 'criminal child endangerment,' and that's just for speeding."

While waiting for the speed bumps to be constructed, she hopes some "Children Playing" signs can be posted in the family housing area to warn speeding motorists who may not realize they are placing young lives in danger. ♦



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(Above) Valisia Little was named Miss Midlander during the 2001 Miss Murfreesboro - Miss Midlander Scholarship Pageant Sunday afternoon at the JUB.



(Left) Kjerstin O'Leary was crowned Miss Murfreesboro at the pageant.

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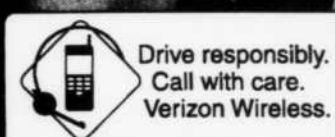
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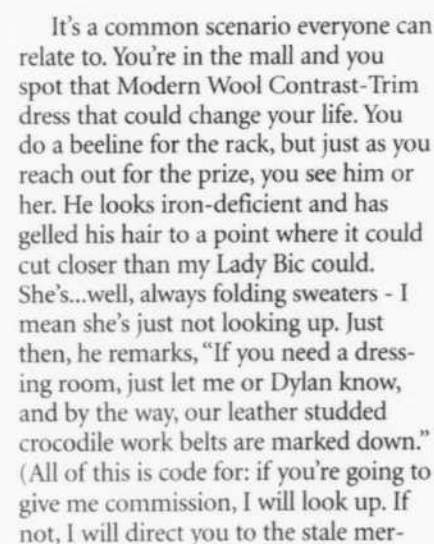
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The women of Afghanistan need our help to regain the basic freedom they have lost. We need to show groups like the Taliban that the stripping of human rights from anyone will not be tolerated. For more information and links to activist Web sites, visit www.mtsusidelines.com. ♦

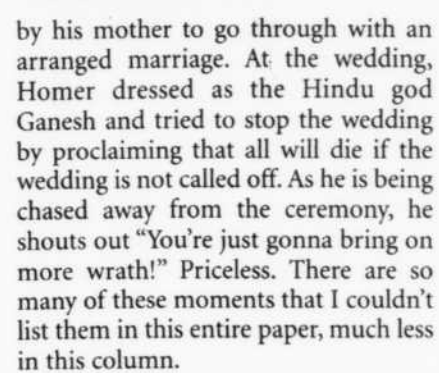
Don't misunderstand me, I love Banana. I am a loyal devotee of their clothing line. The way a guy's peccs can be magnified to Himalayan proportions when wearing one of those tight ribbed cotton crew-necks is magnificent. (Then again, some guys' just look like they have a massive swelling of the nipple region.) However, when torn between shopping in person or ordering out of a catalog, I go with the latter every time. My self-esteem just can't take it.



If you're wondering, I got the dress, and it didn't change my life. I even got the studded belt. I think my brother uses it for weightlifting. Well, I guess it's back to refreshing the Banana Republic webpage. ♦

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They are also known for occasionally engaging in blasphemy. A prime example is the episode (which aired recently on Fox) where Apu, the Hindu owner of the Kwik-E-Mart, was forced



So, the next time you're bored and it's time for *The Simpsons*, check it out. You just may grow to love it. As for those of you that despise it, well, eat my shorts. ♦

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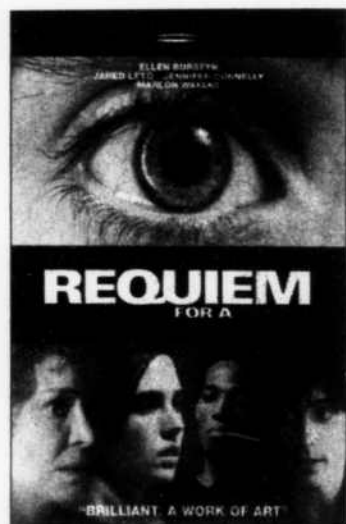
INTERESTS

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Monday, March 5, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

Requiem for a mediocre film



By Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Writer

With the completion of his second film, *Requiem for a Dream*, director Darren Aronofsky has set himself up as a prime auteur case study.

Just as he did in his 1998 debut, *Pi*, Aronofsky used split screens, disorienting camera angles, revolving cameras, extreme close-ups, split-second editing cuts, symbolism and loud — very loud — blasts of various sounds.

Before *Requiem* was released to the big screen, it was the beneficiary of inquiring minds after receiving an NC-17 rating from the Motion Picture Association of America.

It seems the rating was bestowed upon the film for, mostly, a seductive kiss between two females.

Nevertheless, once you get beyond the controversy and gadgetry of the filming process, *Requiem* doesn't quite live up to its expectations or potential. It's not as if the story line is as weak as the lead acting.

The plot follows the main characters — Harry Goldfarb (Jared Leto) and Sara (Ellen Burstyn) — as they each descend into their own personal abyss of hell.

Harry and his heroin addict pal Tyrone (Marlon Wayans, surprisingly effective in a dramatic role despite being typecast against his familiar comedic role) fall deeper into addiction, eventually pawing anything they can get their hands on.

Marian (Jennifer Connelly as Harry's aspiring designer girlfriend), like Wayans, turns in a quality performance but doesn't command enough screen time.

While Harry is busy pawing Sara's television set, Sara is busy trying to desperately lose weight for her appearance on a game show. Eventually, this leads her into the grim world of becoming a diet pill junkie.

Adapted from Hubert Selby Jr.'s novel *Last Exit to Brooklyn*, Aronofsky's foray is little more than a dramatic flare.

Requiem for a Dream will show in the KUC Theater all this week. Show times are scheduled for 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. ♦



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Michael Acree and The Second Time Through will hold their CD release party at the Red Rose on March 9.

Michael Acree and The Second Time Through release a labor of love

By Stacey Tomkiewicz
Staff Writer

It's a gray rainy day in the 'Boro, and a borrowed copy of the upcoming release from Michael Acree and The Second Time Through is slowly revealing itself on the CD player.

The songs sound and feel eerily parallel to the melancholy Sunday. "Run Back Home," a heart break ballad, touches the emotions and feeds a steadily sinking beat through the ears, soothing the place where pain and pleasure reside.

From the slow strumming and gentle vocals of "She's Not Thinking," to the wailing cries of "Generator," the band's new CD, *Four Cold Days in December*, captures the country pulse of this college town.

Four Cold Days in December is the first independent release for Michael Acree and The Second Time Through.

The Second Time through includes musicians: Lew Card (mandolin), an MTSU senior, Josh Pruiett (banjo, resonator, guitar), Matt Martin (drums),

an MTSU alumni, and Trev Wooton (bass) an MTSU senior.

Front man Michael Acree, 27-years-old and an MTSU senior, started playing guitar at the age of 13. He was heavily encouraged by his stepfather, who would gather his friends for a night of bluegrass and country jamming, including Michael in the circle.

As Micheal grew as a musician, he sought out musical inspiration, drawing from Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, Hank Williams, The Birds, Grand Parsons and later, The Flyin' Burrito Brothers.

Acree says the new CD "is like a dream I've always had. Nobody else was going to do it for us, so we begged, borrowed and stole to make it happen."

The album was recorded in Murfreesboro during four cold days in December.

Producer, Brian Carter, also produced the latest release from Champ Record's artists, Glossary. Molly Conely (additional vocals) and Gary Roadarmel (telecaster) appear on the

album as well. Conely and Roadarmel are from the local band Porter Hall.

"The release reflects a part of the strong community of talent in this town," says Acree. "It's all really exciting to me."

"We recorded in a cold space without shoes and we had to smoke outside. All the songs seem to conjure up December in Murfreesboro."

The CD is full of strongly personalized lyrics by Acree. The song "Generator" was No. 62 on MP3.com's Alternative Country cite in February. "Generator" is about a trip Acree took in a black Cadillac, from Phoenix, Ariz., to Kingston, Tenn.

"The car broke down 13 times and finally died 50 yards from the Kingston exit," says Acree. "I'm glad I lived through it, because it's a damn good song."

An equally enticing tale is behind the opening track "Big Sky." When Acree was 24-years-old, he took a job putting up antennas for cell towers.

"We would climb over 220 feet off the ground, set the antenna, then go to

the next town and do the whole thing over again," says Acree. "The song is about the lifestyle of that job, the people I worked with, the continuous motels and cable TV."

"All my lyrics lie close to home. I seek experiences that stand out to write about and share."

The poetry of "Big Sky" is beautifully conveyed as Acree sings, "sky, motel and dreams, drift through the air like tumble weed." The emotional connection Acree has with his songs seeps through his country twang and initiates the listener as part of his experience. Advanced listeners are pleased.

Michael Acree and The Second Time Through are performing at the *Four Cold Days in December* release party March 9, at The Red Rose Cafe. CDs are \$7 and Porter Hall's Conely and Roadarmel will open.

The boys would like to invite y'all to come on out and celebrate. There will be a free keg while supplies last. You can also visit their Web site at MP3.com/ Michael Acree. ♦

Art exhibit models psycho-killers

By Nathalie Mornu
Staff Writer

In an old song, the Talking Heads ask, "Psycho-killer, qu'est-ce que c'est?" — What is it?

Eric Philpott's art installation in the Art Cube at the Keathley University Center doesn't answer that question, but uses it as a starting point for dialogue. The show, Philpott says, pushes the limits of the stereotype of psycho-killers.

In the exhibition space, a couple of trash cans stand near a corner, one filled with a basketball, some Legos, kitschy objects and a plush toy. Various power tools, saw blades, a hatchet and a knife are strewn beside a newspaper trail. The

newspaper's edges are taped to the floor, like the outline of a body at a crime scene. The trail leads across the space to the back corner, where Philpott has hung a black tarp, which hangs from ceiling to floor and creates a small room within the space.

The area behind the tarp, Philpott says, is like a psychological space. To see into it, one must look through tears in the plastic. Inside is another trash can, this one with a tennis racquet, a wind-up toy and some bottles in it. On a move-

"the environment is one demented organism..."

—Eric Philpott
Artist

able wall, the artist has attached some photocopies of hands, a sketch of what might be religious symbols, and a lantern hung next to a photo of monsters. Philpott

has taped other photos of monsters from old black and white movies, such as *Frankenstein*, *Dracula* and werewolves, to the windows and door of the Cube.

The word 'monster,' Philpott says, comes from the Latin, to demonstrate. Webster's *New World Dictionary of the American Language* traces the word's

root to the Latin verb meaning "to admonish or warn." Monsters, then, demonstrate the problems or unresolved areas in our culture.

"As monsters, psycho-killers open up a discussion about control issues, feelings of inadequacy, violence against women and repressed homosexuality," says Philpott. "They release themselves brutally through sex and violence, much as TV viewers release themselves passively through their favorite shows."

"I can relate to the latent aggression," Philpott says. "I'm intrigued by it. A lot of us have similar problems, just not to those extremes."

Philpott has placed razor blades and

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Widespread Panic hits the 'Boro

By Jeremy Davis
Staff Writer

For the first time in three years, one of the great touring jam bands of recent years will invade the MTSU campus. In 1998 it was Phish, and now it's Widespread Panic.

Since 1985, the guys from Athens, Ga., have delivered their percussive style to adoring fans across the nation with an energy and dedication that is rarely seen in the music business today.

The band first performed together in the mid-1980s at the University of Georgia with John Bell and Michael Houser on guitars and vocals and Dave Schools on bass guitar. Not long after

that, Todd Nance brought his drums to the lineup and Domingo S. Ortiz brought his sought-after percussion skills to the group. Keyboardist John "JoJo" Hermann joined the band in 1992.

The group's first album, *Space Wrangler*, was released on Landslide Records in 1988. It went on to release eight records with Capricorn Records and recently formed its own label Widespread Records, which debuted with the band's last album *Another Joyous Occasion* in 2000.

Widespread Panic has collaborated with many renowned musicians, including saxophone great Branford Marsalis, fellow Athens musician Vic

Chestnutt, turntablist Colin Butler and gospel diva Dottie Peoples.

In 1992, the band had the opportunity to be one of the founding members of the H.O.R.D.E. Tour along with Blues Traveler, Phish, Spin Doctors, Colonel Bruce Hampton and the Aquarium Rescue Unit.

The band has one of the most dedicated group followings in the country today. Only Phish and the Grateful Dead could boast a bigger following. The massive bootleg tape-trading scene is the heart of the fans. A search for Widespread Panic on the Internet will reveal countless fan Web sites dedicated to trading concert tapes.

On Widespread Panic's official Web

site are the set lists for every single concert so fans can collect all the tapes available. It also has a massive e-mailing list called "Spreadnet" to allow its fans to keep up with the band.

It is obvious the group is very dedicated to its fans.

The group also publishes an Internet magazine called *Mountaintimes* every couple of months.

Widespread Panic makes its



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Widespread Panic plays Murfreesboro in April

Murfreesboro debut April 28 at the Murphy Center before heading out to Charlotte, N.C. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Monday, March 5

The MTSU Fencing Club teaches a beginning class on basketball court No. 6 in the Rec Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. through May. For information, contact Stuart Bernstein at 898-5998.

Campus Crusade for Christ invites everyone to attend CRU, the weekly fellowship and worship meeting on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For information, contact Mike Lipscomb at 848-6741 or Eric Rodgers at 896-2039.

The MTSU Martial Arts Club meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. For information, contact Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

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your schedule and contact information to franklincar-pool@aol.com or call 591-0290.

Sign up for all divisions of intramural softball at the Rec Center until March 6. Practice begins March 21. For information, contact Chris Gravlee at 898-2104.

Sign up for the men's and women's intramural wrestling tournament at the Rec Center. For information, contact Mark Owens at 898-2104.

The KUC Cube Gallery presents "Installation" by Eric Philpott through March 9. The viewer will be invited to participate in an interactive installation made of raw materials, trash, found objects, urban artifacts, kitsch and sound.

Tuesday, March 6

The MTSU Crime Stoppers is hosting a panel discussion on rape and sexual assault in the BAS State Farm Room at 7 p.m. After the panelists

introduce themselves, they will answer questions from the audience. For more information, contact Sgt. Tom Wright at 898-2424.

A lecture on "The Status of Women in Islam" is in KUC Room 314 at 1 p.m.

The Scribbling Mob general interest meeting is in KUC Room 305 at 3 p.m. For more information, e-mail scribmob@mtsu.edu

Wednesday, March 9

The Urban Music Society has an open house in Mass Comm Room 104 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

The African American Student Association is sponsoring an African Dance Class in the dance room at the Rec Center from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The class is free for all AASA members. For non-members, the cost is \$1. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

Carol Queen discusses the "Politics of 'Sex Positive' Feminism" in BAS Room S328 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Chi Omega is sponsoring the Mr. MTSU Pageant in the Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to the "Make a Wish Foundation." Tickets are on sell in the KUC, next to the Grill, March 6-8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for \$5. Tickets bought at the door are \$7. The pageant's theme is "Caribbean King," and a reception in Chi Omega's chapter room follows the contest.

There is a screening of the film *The Panama Deception* in the JUB Tennessee Room at 7:15 p.m.

A protest of the plight of females in Afghanistan is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of Senator Thompson's office, on the corner of West End Avenue and Murphy Road, Nashville. For more infor-

mation, call 269-7141 or e-mail now@nashville.com.

A continuation of the Afghanistan protest is from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in front of Senator Frist's office, at the intersection of West End Avenue and White Bridge Road, Nashville.

Friday, March 9

The AASA hosts "Expressions," an open mic night at the Cyber Café from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

Deadline for *Scribbling Mob* submissions. Spring issue forms may be obtained in Peck Hall Room 109B. For more information, e-mail scribmob@mtsu.edu.

A screening of the films *Crime of Honor* and *Ladies of the Lake* is in the JUB Tennessee Room from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Art: Exhibit brings a unique perspective to art

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vials of fake urine and blood on a window sill, "to suggest that the environment is one demented organism with its own inertia and psyche." The space has a raw, incomplete feeling, and Philpott will continue adding elements to it

throughout the exhibition. He plans to install a blacklight in the room created by the tarp, and to put in some music for ambience.

"I don't think there's any reason for it to be finished," he says. "It's an evolving thing... It's like an aesthetics of transience. It questions the idea of art as a

finished (object) and makes it harder to commodify. So (it) doesn't become part of a bigger problem, which is the capitalist machine."

Philpott is majoring in painting, with minors in philosophy and printmaking. He will graduate from MTSU this May.

Much like the Frankenstein monster

is a pastiche of parts, Philpott uses a lot of collaging in his work. He often recycles parts of his paintings to include them in others.

Philpott's installation runs at the Art Cube through Friday, March 9. On that day, the artist will have a closing reception, open to the public, at 4:30 p.m. The

Art Cube is located on the second floor of the KUC.

Also, Philpott invites the public to the opening of a show of his paintings and drawings at the Red Rose Café on March 15. Joey Rositano will play. For more information, call the Red Rose at 893-1405. ♦

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MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$300 in cash for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who took a blue *Sidelines* newspaper rack from the north side of the Keathley University center. This theft occurred sometime between 12 p.m. on Monday, January 29th and 10 a.m. on Wednesday January, 31. This rack was most likely taken during the evening hours of the 29th or 30th. If you have any information about this theft or any other crime committed on property owned by MTSU or a felony committed within Rutherford County, please call Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 (STOP) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All callers will remain anonymous and if your information leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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Murfreesboro, TN

Hot spots for March break offer excitement, parties, relaxation

By Kendra Kingsley
The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - For one week a year, students can forgo the cruel and unusual punishment of cramming and exam-taking and flock to the most exotic backdrops their spring break budgets can afford. From the sandy beaches of Mexico to international locales, students can find seven days of blissful relaxation for a relatively small fee.

Loretta Newland, a travel agent for A&M Travel Services Inc., said vacation packages often provide the best deal for student travelers.

"Traveling to places like Cancun, Cozumel and Daytona Beach are almost always cheaper when you buy a package deal from a travel company because they include their own chartered airline, hotel and food," she said. "Mexico is especially appealing because anyone can afford it (the cheapest packages range from \$300 to \$400) and

the touristy regions are really geared toward vacation."

Newland also said that, although many packages seem too good to be true, most are completely legitimate as long as students make sure to read all the fine print.

Students planning to take advantage of the deals at the last minute, however, had better start making arrangements for next year instead.

Cheryl Vulkowski, a travel agent for Carlson Wagonlit, said the earlier the trip is planned,

the more money students could save.

"If booked early, most trips range from \$450 to \$650, but if you wait until the last minute, they can usually run from \$850 to over \$1000," Vulkowski said. "As a result, most of our prepackaged plans have been sold out for months. Students should really start planning in September or October to get the best prices."

For those fortunate enough to have a vacation arrangement far in advance, the south-of-

the-border tradition offers more than an unregulated drinking age. Meredith Houx, a freshman business management major at Texas A&M University, said Acapulco has the ideal atmosphere for a beach-bound spring break.

"My week will be spent tanning, partying and meeting people in Acapulco," Houx said. "[My friends and I] got a vacation package, which includes a flight out of and into Houston, tips, a hotel stay in the Super Deluxe and all of our food, for

around \$800. I'm really excited about the trip because it's the same idea and price of Cancun but with a cleaner and more attractive atmosphere."

Although spending the week bathed in Mexican sunlight is an alluring option for many, others opt to stay within the boundaries of Texas. Andrew Offer, a freshman business finance major and member of the Greek organization Sigma Chi, plans to relax in a Texas

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Traveling Woes

Vacation getaways add extra expenses

By Heather Barber
The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Bulletin boards on campus are filled with flyers advertising discounted rates for all-inclusive spring break travel packages. Featuring beautiful beach scenes, nightclubs, bikini-clad women and low prices, the ads tantalize both the eye and the pocketbook. However, an analysis of some of the offers reveals many hidden costs not mentioned in the fliers.

Many students use spring break to travel to locations such as Cancun, Mazatlan and Acapulco through travel agencies and tour groups. Packages come in different sizes and may include amenities like snorkeling, wake boarding, wind surfing and free alcoholic drinks.

For travel companies like Student Express, found at springbreakfree.com, their promise of low fares is an important attraction for college students on a budget. The price of each package includes "round-trip air, deluxe lodging, hotel transfers, all resort taxes, add-on air from connecting city, 24-hour on-site staff, and various discounts."

Customers seeking a March 10 departure date to Cancun may have a problem because there are no flights available from anywhere in Texas.

The package advertised for

Mazatlan was also limited, and a departure from Houston for a four-night stay was the only option. The cheapest package was \$429, but that does not include a \$200 "air add-on connecting city" or the \$93 for taxes and fees. The total price jumps to \$722.

Other packages include a trip to South Padre Island for which participants must provide their own transportation. The prices do not include the mandatory \$25 fee for registration and a wristband.

The cheapest South Padre Island package offered by Student Express costs \$224. Customers will stay at the Iverness Resort and share a bedroom with five other people.

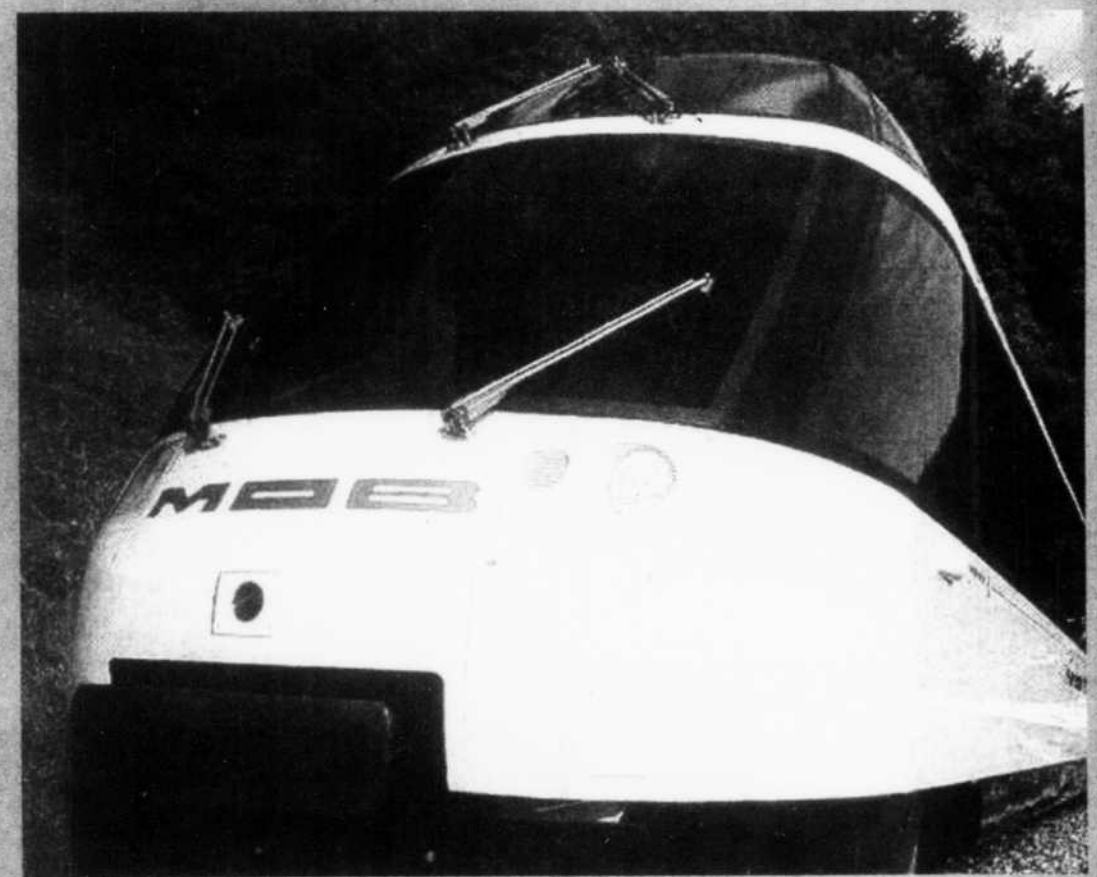
When registering for any of the Student Express packages, the participant must sign a "tour participant agreement" that discusses extra fees and costs the student may incur.

For example, customers must pay Student Express a \$40 "fuel surcharge." For all South Padre reservations, there is a mandatory damage deposit of \$50 in cash.

Some locations in Mexico require a \$100 room deposit per person.

Other fees that may be incurred include various airport taxes and immigration fees imposed by the U.S. and Mexican governments and air-

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Altering the spring break stereotype

MTSU students repair homes, lives during March break

Carmen Anderson
Staff Writer

During Spring Break, Mar. 25-30, the Alternative Spring Break program will give students the chance to travel outside Murfreesboro to perform community service.

This will be the fifth year of the Alternative Spring Break program at MTSU. This spring, a group of 15 people will be going to the Appalachian South Folklife Center, in Pipestem, W.Va.

The Folklife Center repairs homes, and provides food and clothing to low- or fixed-income families in the area.

Students who volunteer for ASB will be responsible for doing indoor and outdoor construction work. They will be doing home repair, landscaping and trailblazing. The students will also be able to volunteer in the soup kitchen or work with children.

"Alternative Spring Break is an enriching trip for students because they will leave their college environment to go to work in an environment they may not be used to," said Maggie

Prugh, ASB advisor.

While working in the center, students will be able to assist and participate in cultural programs. This gives them a better understanding of the people and the area they live in.

"Many times, the students who participate in ASB come from all over campus and do not know each other prior to the trip," Prugh said. "Every year, the group returns to Murfreesboro very bonded."

Kristen Lovett, a senior exercise science major, will be going on her fourth ASB trip this spring.

"It puts your life in a different perspective," Lovett said. "They have so little and they're the nicest people."

Students will be working during the day and cooking their own meals at night. All of the volunteers will be staying in rustic cabins.

The South Folklife Center has worked with several groups of students from different colleges and universities in the past. They are prepared and have plenty of opportunities for the volunteers to work. ♦

MTSU's Spring Break



Spring Break at MTSU
will take place

March 26 - 30.

- All classes cancelled
- Library closed
- Dorms open
- Cafeteria hours limited



Photo Provided
MTSU students Brian Ray and Sarah MacWilson work on building a home during last year's Alternative Spring Break.

Hot Spots: Students gear up for break, warm weather, and lots of fun

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town popular among college students during spring break.

"My fraternity is driving down to South Padre in an overcrowded Suburban to save cash," Offer said. "We were going to rent a Winnebago and camp out, but we decided to rent a beachside condo instead. There's about 15 of us staying in a house designed for six people, which means we can chill, party and hang out on the beach all week for around \$150 per person."

For those who prefer a more metropolitan experience, cities such as Dallas, Houston and San Antonio make perfect destinations.

Urban entertainment, from museums to four-star restaurants, comes with the territory of a city road trip. At www.ticketmaster.com, theater, concert and sporting-event tickets are available at the click of the mouse. Because many large cities offer inexpensive hotel rates and are within a few hours of A&M, students

may find metropolitan mini-vacations give the best bang for their buck.

Despite the Lone Star State's many attractions, some may prefer a change of scenery for their one week of freedom. Garrett Cornelison, a senior English rhetoric major, said his first choice for a spring break excursion includes plans to jump Texas' eastern border and head east.

"My friends and I made plans to spend the week in Fort Lauderdale," he said. "To save money, all five of us are staying in a hotel room modeled for two people. We are also planning to buy groceries and make a lot of sandwiches rather than making a habit of eating out."

"I've been skiing, but the beach just seems like part of the college experience," he said. "When the idea to take a road trip to Florida came up, I jumped at the chance. I need to get all the vacation I can before law school starts next year and relaxing is basically over."

If staying within the United States sounds less than appealing, consider

skipping the country. Jarrett Urban, a junior business accounting major, said he was looking for a unique adventure instead of the conventional spring break hot spots.

"My roommate, his sister and a few friends are spending seven days in and around Madrid," Urban said. "For the most part, we plan to visit museums, palaces and other historical parts of the city. We are also taking a one-hour bus ride to the monastery of San Lorenzo del Escorial and a train ride to Salamanca, where one of the oldest universities in Europe is located."

Urban described the innovative strategies he and his fellow travelers will use to save money.

"For under \$1,000, we have a reserved plane ticket, accommodations, food, transportation and the cost of attractions. Our goal is 'cheap,' so we're staying in a youth hostel, taking a train around Spain and buying our own groceries. I had thought about returning to London, where I interned last year, but I wanted a

different experience."

Whether spring break plans include an international adventure or a road trip to the nearest city, the most important aspect to consider is the quality of the trip versus its effect on a limited budget. Websites like www.priceline.com and www.travelocity.com are places to check for low prices for airline tickets, car rentals and accommodations — the most expensive necessities of travel.

If the budget just won't accommodate even the cheapest of road trips, consider indulging in a little relaxation. John Ray, a freshman industrial distribution major, said he will go home for spring break and catch up on the sleep he missed throughout his college career.

"I'll spend about \$40 for gas money to get home, which is cheap compared to the cost of an actual trip, and spend the rest of the week hanging out with friends, napping and relaxing," he said. "I had planned to go on vacation with a few guys, but sleep and saving money won out." ♦



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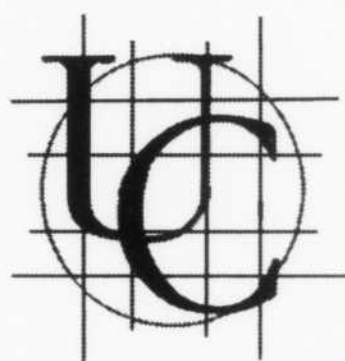
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Students try to tone up, trim down for break

By Josephine Pinsky
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - With two weeks to go before spring break, it's not uncommon to cram some exercise between midterms and papers.

Janet Perkinson, assistant director of fitness wellness at the University of Illinois Division of Campus Recreation, said beginners should "think about personal goals, what type of exercises they enjoy and what activities they can adhere to for a lifetime" when planning an exercise routine.

By following the American College of Sports Guidelines, they can then exercise in a way that "enhances the physical capacity to live life," she said.

Perkinson advised beginners to engage in cardiovascular exercise for approximately 30 minutes, three to five times a week. Perkinson said strength

conditioning is best limited to two to three non-consecutive days a week.

She went on to say that even if the 30 minutes is split into 10-minute "bouts" each day, beginners will still receive the same physical benefits.

"It doesn't matter how long it's done, as long as you hit all the major muscle groups," Perkinson said.

Terfa Kwembe, a fitness consultant at Campus Recreation Center-East, also stressed the importance of having a resting period between workout days.

"Work out Monday, but rest Tuesday; work out Wednesday, but rest Thursday, and so on," said Kwembe. "It's important because muscle groups need time to recuperate."

According to McKinley's Health Center's "Fitness" packet, rest periods are instrumental to weight training; it is recommended that lifting sessions be separated by approximately 48 hours of rest,

which becomes increasingly important as the intensity level increases.

Steve Alvarez, junior in LAS, who goes to the gym five times a week, advised beginners to gradually increase their level of intensity when lifting weights.

Kwembe said it is also important for beginners to distinguish the pain of a regular workout from the pain of overexertion.

"Regular pain is when you wake up in the morning and feel fatigued ... like you don't want to get out of bed - muscle pain," Kwembe said, adding that pain from overexertion is bone-intensive.

Perkinson said overexertion is never good for the body because it "depletes the body of nutrients," and in so being, "decreases the benefits of exercising."

Leslie Ford, freshman in LAS, has been exercising four times a week since last semester. She said she tries to avoid overexerting herself by varying her

schedule.

She went on to say exercising doesn't even have to be done in a gym.

"You can start lightly at first by walking to class instead of taking the bus," Ford said.

Kwembe said the problem with beginners is that their workout schedule can become too irregular.

"Beginners come in, but they aren't consistent," said Kwembe. "They don't prioritize their workout."

He went on to say beginners should set goals for themselves, which will motivate them to workout consistently.

Brenda Bickers, director of group fitness at the Fitness Center reminded beginners not to set unreasonable short-term goals for themselves, because it usually takes a minimum of six weeks to see results. ♦



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"I think what really gets students in trouble is when they drink too much or yell too loud," Wilson said. "You just have to keep it under control."

Incidents ranging from falling off balconies to overnight jail detention have occurred.

She further noted that although there are many people drinking and the situation is hard to control, the police do fine people and enforce Mexican law.

"They like to scare (violators)," Wilson said. "They will throw you in jail." ♦

Woes: Special rates make for special problems, headaches

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port authorities for all people traveling to Mexico. Student Express charges \$93 per person to cover taxes and fees for all persons traveling to Mexico.

Sue Antrobus, an agent with ITS Cruises and Travel, said, to avoid spring break scams, students should make sure the company is reputable and book their trips early. Antrobus said

that "a few years ago, there was a tour group that canceled at the last minute and did not reschedule a new trip for the customers."

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Holiday Express, Fun Jet, Go Go Tours and Continental.

Debbie Miller, a consultant with Executive Travel and Leisure, said that if students are using an unfamiliar travel company, they should talk to other people who have used that company.

Miller also suggested students investigate companies by calling the Better Business Bureau in the community

where the business is located. She also advised students to book spring break trips no later than Thanksgiving in order to receive the best rates.

Miller said students should pay with a credit card whenever possible. This way students can cancel payment on trips that are canceled or bogus.

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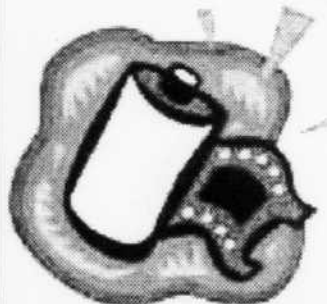
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Raiders season ends in OT

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee came out on Friday night with hopes of ending a losing streak of 14 games and it just happened that that win would have to come in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament against No. 3 West seed New Orleans.

MT took the Privateers to overtime, but didn't have enough steam left to finish the job and lost an overtime thriller 66-61.

MT came out of the gates cold and New Orleans built a lead that extended to as many as 11 points. However, with the score 32-25, the Blue Raiders went on an 11-0 run to end the half.

Tommy Gunn paced the Blue Raiders for the first half and was five of seven from the field, connecting on three of four from the three-point arc to end up with 13 points. Iiro Tennngren and Bryant Mitchell each added five points.

Equally impressive for the first half was UNO's Tory Walker, who matched Gunn's first half output of 13 points. Also the Privateers' Clyde Ellis dropped in eight points.

MT built their second half lead to 53-44 on a Tommy Gunn jumper, which set a new career high in points for him with 20. With 5:00 minutes remaining, Jermale Wilkerson drained a three-pointer to put the Blue Raiders up 57-51, but that would be the last time Middle would score another field goal for the half.

Ben Adams would score five points down the stretch including a three-pointer that would give the Privateers their first lead since the first half at 58-57. However, with 30 seconds remaining, Tommy Gunn stole the ball and drove toward the

goal. As he went up for the dunk, Clyde Ellis apparently fouled him, but no call was made. Dale Thomas gathered the rebound and missed the shot, but was fouled in the process.

Thomas connected on one of the two shots and tied the game up at 58 all. The Privateers had a chance on a last second shot from Tory Walker, who ended up with a game high 25 points, but rimmed out to send the

game to overtime. In the overtime period, MT seemed to have no life left in them. Clyde Ellis scored three points in OT, which gave him 15 points and nine rebounds for the game, as New Orleans would thump upset-minded Middle Tennessee 66-61.

"It's been a tough season for us," said coach Wiel. "We've had

our handicaps, but I feel good we ended the season by giving our all. We had to go to overtime for us to lose."

The loss was Wiel's first loss in a conference tournament's opening round.

"Middle Tennessee came out and stopped a lot of the things we tried to do offensively," said UNO head coach Joey Stiebing. "They gave us a lot of problems. Gunn had a great game for them and got them going right before the half. He is a kid that is going to be a great player in the league for the next three years."

In addition to Gunn's 20 points, Bryant Mitchell and Jani Hiltunen each had nine points and Iiro Tennngren scored seven. Senior Freddie Martinez was only one of seven from the field and scored two points.

New Orleans goes on to face Arkansas State while Middle has been sent packing back to Murfreesboro. ♦

"It's been a tough season for us."

-Coach Randy Wiel

Men's tennis team loses tough match at Miss. St.

Men's Tennis RESULTS

#17 Mississippi State def. #34 Middle Tennessee, 6-1

Singles:
Marco Baron (#31) (MSU) def. Daniel Klemetz (#15) (MT) 6-2, 3-2 ret. 2
Romain Ambert (#16) (MSU) def. Robert Gustafsson (#37) (MT) 6-1, 6-4 3
René-Charles Combette (#55) (MSU) def. Oliver Foreman (MT) 6-2, 7-6(7) 5
Michael Staniak (MT) def. David Ruiz (MSU) 7-6(7), 4-6, 6-3 6
Luiz Carvalho (MSU) def. Trevor Short (MT) 6-4, 6-0 1
Mathieu Soto (MSU) def. Kirk Jackson (MT) 6-4, 6-4 4

Doubles:
McDonald (#41)/Soto (MSU) def. Foreman (#22)/Gustafsson (MT) 8-3
Ambert/Baron (MSU) def. Klemetz/Staniak (MT) 8-4
Carvalho/Combette (MSU) def. Jackson/Short (MT) 8-3

Staff Reports

Mississippi is proving to be a rough state for MTSU tennis as the Raiders experienced their second loss of the season Thursday.

The Raiders traveled to Starkville only to see a 6-1 upset to No. 17 ranked Mississippi State. Both Mississippi teams are in the top 25 of the nation and both held tight reins on Middle Tennessee. Daniel Klemetz, the Blue Raiders No. 1 seed, was forced to pull out of his singles match due to a wrist injury. This allowed Marco Blanco to take a premature point for the Bulldogs winning the set 6-2, 3-2. Next up for the

Raiders was Robert Gustafsson who was outplayed by Romain Ambert. A third point went to the Bulldogs when Oliver Foreman lost a close match to René-Charles Combette 6-2, 7-6(7).

MTSU experienced its sole victory when Michael Staniak shut David Ruiz up 7-6(7), 4-6, 6-3. It was the first loss of the season for Ruiz, dropping his record to 7-1. Trevor Short and Kirk Jackson lost at numbers five and six.

The Raiders struggled in doubles as the Bulldogs took all three matches ending the tournament 6-1 in favor of the Bulldogs. ♦

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Softball: Lady Raiders lose to Samford, Tenn. Tech

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Middle's offense then went dry until the last inning. By then Tech had built a 3-1 lead. In the bottom of the third with the bases loaded, Holly Speiser doubled over the left fielder's head to score Tech's three runs.

Sherman started off the seventh with a single to left. After a walk to Hib, Martinez doubled to center. Sherman scored but Hib lost her footing rounding third and was tagged out. Tech pitcher LeeAnne Mongar struck out the next two batters to close out the Lady Raiders.

Stacy Praytor took the loss — her first of the season — for the Lady Raiders. She allowed six hits and just one earned run while striking out six and walking none.

After Samford handed Belmont a 6-3 loss, the Lady Raiders again faced off with Samford. This time was for a spot in the championship game.

Middle didn't fair much better this time. Mertens again shut down the Lady Raider offense. Middle Tennessee managed three hits this time around but couldn't put any points on the board.

Samford managed just one run in the sixth inning off an error.

Martinez took another tough loss for the Lady Raiders allowing only four hits and no runs.

"Pitching very well, defense pretty good," Green said when asked how she would rate her team's performance. "I think our base running mistakes were crucial, crucial mistakes. I think that our hitting for this weekend was atrocious."

It was former OVC rival

Tennessee Tech that won the Middle Tennessee Invitational championship.

Tech had no problem getting offense production this weekend.

Tech scored six runs in downing Belmont in the first game of the MTI. They put the game away in the third inning. Sophomore Stephanie Dallman singled and stole second. Then with the bases loaded, sophomore LeeAnne Mongar hit a single to right to score the first run. Next, senior Jennifer Smith doubled off the left field fence, scoring two.

The Golden Eagles still weren't done. Another run scored as Jadryen Layne reached on an error. A pass ball allowed Smith to score. Leanne Holley singled to center for the last of Tech's runs.

Belmont had several chances to score but failed to do so until the final inning. Freshman Crystal Guess took the mound for the Lady Eagles. She had some control problems, walking two batters. After a groundout, a fielders choice allowed Belmont's only run to score.

Mongar took the win on the mound for Tech. Mandy Miles took the loss for Belmont.

Tech's only game with any lack of offense production was their second game of the Middle Tennessee Invitational. The Lady Eagles were held to just six hits. A Mongar home-run in the bottom of the fourth proved to be the difference as Tech took the 1-0 victory.

After their defeat of the Lady Raiders, Tech became the No. 1 seed for the single elimination



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Kip Phillips (12) makes contact Friday during MT's game with Samford. The Lady Raiders fell in the game, 2-0.

portion of the tournament.

This meant another contest with Belmont. The Lady Eagles showed their offensive power once again in handing Belmont a 9-1 defeat.

Tech tallied four runs in the first and fifth innings along with a Mongar homer in the third.

From there, Tech was on to the championship with Samford. The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early two run lead behind the bats of Janet Middleton and Abi Casillo.

Tech rallied in the fourth. With the bases loaded, Layne hit a sacrifice fly to score Tech's first run. Williams followed with an

RBI single. Stephanie Dallman then hit a shot over the left fielder's head to score two.

The Lady Eagles sailed on from there. They scored four more runs and took the 8-2 victory.

Tech landed three players on the All Tournament Team. Dallman, Holly Speiser and

Mongar. However it was the Lady Raiders who had the Most Valuable Player, Jennifer Martinez. Also on the All Tournament Team for the Lady Raiders were Kip Phillips and Lisa Sherman. ♦

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Make it official, it's time for the Lady Raiders to receive a bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Raiders clearly deserve a chance to play in the "little dance."

Reviewing the Raiders

Middle Tennessee has an RPI ranking of 74. That means they are just outside 64, generally considered a make for any team wanting to make the "Big Dance" of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, not the smaller one. They clearly fall in the next 32 best teams in the country.

The Sun Belt is the eighth strongest conference in the nation, just behind the Mountain West Conference and the Pacific-10 Conference.

After losing six of seven in the opening days of 2001, the women tore through the Sun Belt, winning four of their last five, eight of their last ten and nine of their last 12.

Other than Tuesday's dismissal from the Sun Belt Tournament, the women's only losses since February have been to Louisiana Tech, which will likely receive a second seed in the NCAA Tournament and finished the regular season undefeated in the conference.

The Lady Raiders feature Jamie Thomatis, one of only two players to win Sun Belt Conference player of the week three times this season.

They lost to Western Division champion Denver by two in Colorado.

They defeated Florida International, likely another tournament team, by 15 at home and beat Western Kentucky twice down the stretch.

This makes their bid to the NIT stronger than Western Kentucky, who finished 18-13, ahead of MT's 17-12 mark.

Now the Lady Raiders must wait for a group to decide if they do or do not deserve one more chance. When they should down the numbers, they should conclude the same thing we do—the Lady Raiders deserve to dance.

MT Swim Club Splash

The MTSU Master Swim Club along with the Campus Recreation Aquatics Department are preparing to host the third annual Spring Splash to be held March 10 at the indoor pool. Any swimmers 18 and older are invited to participate in the event.

Warm-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. The meet will begin at 10 a.m. and finish around noon.

The cost is \$10 and participants can sign up in as many as five events. All participants will receive a spring splash T-shirt.

Sign-ups are at the campus recreation office. ♦

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Brazelton strikes out 14 to go 3-0

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Dewon Brazelton struck out a career-high 14 batters and pitched a complete game two-hitter as Middle Tennessee downed the University of Memphis 8-2.

Brazelton struck out five of the first nine batters he faced including striking out the side in the 2nd inning. Memphis's Paul Reuer drew a walk in the 4th inning and was the first base runner to reach for the Tigers.

"He did a great job," said Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson. "He owned their lineup. He pitched a great ball game."

Middle Tennessee's offense got started in the second, when left fielder Justin Sims took a Jason Weidmeyer (2-1) pitch and put it over the right field wall to give the Raiders a 1-0 lead.

In the sixth, MTSU also added some runs. Second-base



Phillip Campbell takes a pitch high against Memphis Saturday. The Blue Raiders improved to 6-1 overall.

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man Josh Renick led off the bottom half with a bunt single. Catcher Kyle Thomas's hit-and-run put runners on first and third for Sims. His sacrifice fly scored Renick to put the Raiders up 2-0 and gave Sims his second RBI.

An error gave third-baseman Brandon Johnson the chance to

play hero. He laced a Weidmeyer pitch off the left field wall scoring two. Johnson ended up going 2 for 4 for the afternoon.

"It's about time," said Johnson, who ended up with three RBI's. "I've been battling lefties. I finally got a fastball. I got more comfortable after

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2B - MT Nisbett, Sims, Johnson.
HR - MEMPHIS Uggla; MT Sims.
SH - MT Campbell.
SF - MT Sims.
SB - MT Renick.
CS - MT Smeets.
LP Weidmeyer (2-1).
WP Brazelton (3-0).

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In the eighth inning, Sims, who went two for three, roped a double down the right field line. Johnson singled to score Sims and a single by shortstop Phillip Campbell scored Johnson.

Memphis scored their two

runs in the final inning when second-baseman Daniel Uggla hit a two-run homer to make it an 8-2 game.

Brazelton improves to 3-0 and improves the Blue Raiders to 6-1 overall. The loss drops Memphis to 6-2. ♦

Host Lady Raiders lose three in tourney

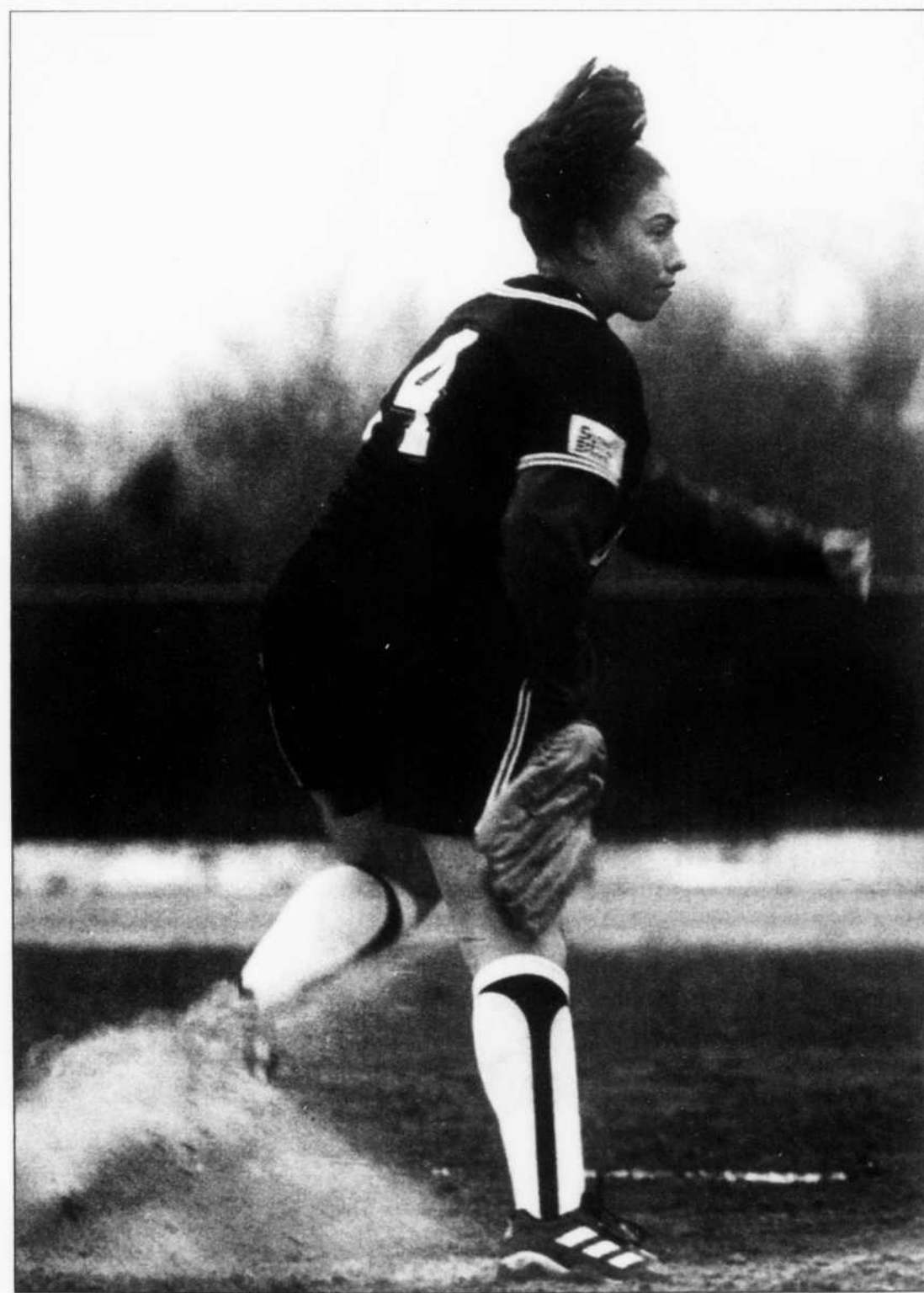


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Jennifer Martinez (14) throws last week. She earned MVP honors for the tournament.

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

It was a gloomy day with gloomy play from the Lady Raider softball team.

The Middle Tennessee Invitational saw the Lady Raiders struggling to find some offense and finishing with a disappointing 1-3 record.

The Lady Raiders won their first game against Belmont 8-1.

Amanda Kendall gave a great pitching performance for Middle. Kendall went the distance, scattering seven hits and giving up only two runs.

Middle Tennessee's offense came alive with 13 hits in this game. The Lady Raiders came out determined to use bunting and speed.

Middle got on the board in the fifth inning. Courtney Wallace singled to left and took second on a miss throw. Laura Brockman laid down the sacrifice bunt to move Wallace to third. Then Steffi Molina smashed a double down the left field line that just missed going out. Wallace scored on the double.

The sixth inning featured more offense for the Lady Raiders. Kristina Heib singled to right center. Lindsay Azevedo sacrificed her to second. Then with runners on second and third, Ashlie Way hit a shot to the gap in left center to score two runs.

Kip Phillips started the offense in the seventh with a slap single. She then stole second and advanced to third when the throw got away. Lisa Sherman laid down the suicide squeeze and reached base. Heib then singled. Martinez then hit a gapper to right center to score two more runs.

Belmont scored two runs in

the fourth inning. Amanda Jones doubled over the left fielder's head and stole third. LeAnna Crandell followed with a double to left center to score the runner. A single by Stacy Hill scored the second run.

"I thought we had good defense and good pitching," said Lady Raider head coach Karen Green on goblueraiders.com. "Our bats didn't come around until the second inning. We had excellent bunts."

The Lady Raiders didn't fair so well in their second game. Samford handed the Lady Raiders a 2-0 defeat.

Brianne Mertens pitched a masterpiece for Samford surrendering only one hit to Middle.

Phillips had the only hit for Middle Tennessee.

Martinez had a great game on the mound for the Lady Raiders, but picked up the tough loss. She allowed only four hits while striking out eight, walking only one, and allowing only one earned run.

"Their pitcher just flat out overpowered us," Green said. "We had two errors, and they scored on both of them. That proved to be the ball game."

Middle Tennessee suffered another tough loss Saturday morning to Tennessee Tech.

The Lady Raiders got on the board early. With one out in the first, Lindsay Sherman belted a double into the left center gap. Heib then hit a ball back to the pitcher. The pitcher had Sherman in a run down, but Sherman slid into third avoiding the tag. After two walks to load the bases, Ashley Way hit a grounder to first that was mis-handled allowing a run to score.

See Softball, 6B

Lady Raiders come home

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee is turning up the heat as the Lady Raiders make it into quarterfinals of the Sun Belt Tournament.

MTSU took an easy win over Louisiana at Lafayette 78-59 Thursday night in Mobile, Ala..

The win put Middle Tennessee in the quarterfinal round against No. 2 seed North

Texas. MTSU faced UNT earlier in the season where the Lady Raiders were defeated 85-70.

During the first half, MTSU and UL were dead even with 32 a piece, but Middle jumped ahead in the second half outscoring Lafayette 47-26. Having shot 31 percent in the first half, Middle stepped it up to shoot over 51 percent after halftime.

Jamie Thomatis scored a game high of 26 points while Chrissy Davenport and Keisha McClinic pulled down eight rebounds apiece.

The win was the 9th win for Middle in the past 11 games. It also put MTSU at 14-5 for first round tournament play. Overall, the Lady Raiders have a 23-13 conference record in the OVC and Sun Belt. ♦

Sun Belt Conference Tournament Second Round Result



72



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Lady Raiders eliminated.



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MONDAY

■ Golf

Matlock Classic
Lakeland, Fla.,
All day

TUESDAY

■ Baseball

Blue Raiders vs.
Jacksonville St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
3 p.m.

■ Golf

Matlock Classic
Lakeland, Fla.,
All day

WEDNESDAY

■ Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders vs.
Memphis
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
2 p.m.

■ Baseball

Blue Raiders vs.
TreviCCA
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
3 p.m.

THURSDAY

■ Baseball

Blue Raiders at
Jacksonville St.
Jacksonville, Ala.,
2 p.m.

FRIDAY

■ Men's Tennis

H.E.B. Invitational
Corpus Christi, Tx.,
TBA

SATURDAY

■ Baseball

Blue Raiders at
Tennessee Tech
Cookeville, Tenn., 2 p.m.

■ Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at
Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tenn.,
1 p.m.

■ Men's Tennis

H.E.B. Invitational
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SUNDAY

■ Baseball

Blue Raiders vs.
Tennessee Tech
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
2 p.m.

■ Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at UAB
Birmingham, Ala., TBA

■ Men's Tennis

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