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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Five hundred tickets sold for Cosby show

MTSU student programming held a student promotion Friday, selling two student seats for \$10. About 500 tickets were sold.

"Students were standing in line this morning at 7:45," Rich Kershaw, director of student programming, said.

Cosby will perform in Murphy Center at 8 p.m. April 8. Tickets will go on sale Monday at \$15 each for students, faculty and staff; \$35 each for the general public.

Solidarity will hold teach-in Wednesday

Middle Tennessee Solidarity will hold a teach-in Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the James Union Building, Dining Room C.

A panel of students and faculty from different departments will discuss the social and political dimensions of using the word "lady" to designate women's sports teams.

"A commitment to gender equity requires a hard look at this inconsistency," Michelle Principe, a solidarity member, said in a press release.

The event is cosponsored by the Women's Studies Council.

Urban Music Society hosts demo listening

The Urban Music Society will be hosting a demo listening session Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Bragg Mass Communications Building, Room 103.

Students will have the opportunity to submit their demos to peers and industry professionals for review. Five artists will be selected to perform at Lovenoise at the Bar Car in Nashville on April 10 at 9 p.m. Free tickets to Lovenoise will be raffled to demo listening participants.

E-mail UrbanMusicSociety@yahoo.com for more information.

Film Noir lecture held Thursday afternoon

R. Barton Palmer, author of *Hollywood's Dark Cinema* and *Joel and Ethan Coen*, will be giving a lecture titled "The Noir Redemption Film: From *The Accused* to *The Man Who Wasn't There*."

The lecture will be Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Honors Building, Room 106.

Abortion rights group to hold benefit concert

VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood of MTSU will hold a benefit concert Thursday at the Boro Bar and Grill. The benefit starts at 9 p.m.

Performers include Cutthroat Junction, Miles of Clear June, the States, Destiny and the Glitter Dragons.

Proceeds will benefit VOX of MTSU to help fund their mission of educating students about reproductive rights, contraception and safer sex. ♦

Sudanese student remembered at funeral

Refugee's remains to return to Sudan

By Matt Anderson
Campus News Editor

Student and Sudanese refugee George Olla was memorialized Saturday, and his remains will be sent to his native country Thursday.

Olla, who was working toward a doctorate in education, died in a car accident on Interstate 24 earlier this month. He entered I-24 from the wrong direction and ran into another car.

Olla was 45.

"We don't know what happened, although it was raining," said Karen Case, faculty adviser to MTSU's South Sudanese Students Organization.

Funeral services were held in Nashville Saturday, and members of Olla's tribe, the Acholi, donated money to cover his burial costs, according to Irene Augustino, a sophomore business major and Acholi tribe member.

Augustino said Acholi tribe members came from around the United States to attend the funeral, and that each family donated at least \$100.

"[The Acholi] pulled together," Chuck Crawford, director of Crawford Mortuary, said. "It's incredible how they pull together in these situations. They were intent on sending him home."

Augustino knew Olla personally. Her grandmother was from Olla's clan, the Omayo. Within each tribe in Sudan, there are several clans.

"Sometimes he came and saw my husband or played with our son," Augustino said.

The cost to return Olla's remains to Sudan is around \$8,000, Case said. Those costs have not been completely covered, according to Augustino.

"When you don't have a will and don't have life insurance, who pays for you?" Case said.

A fund has been established to help cover the costs. Contributions can be made to the George Olla Memorial Fund at any Bank of America branch

in the United States.

Jacqueline Victory, director of student organizations and community service, sent out a memo to all student organization presidents asking for help.

Victory said she wanted to get across the fact that no one knows when he or she will need assistance.

"This is a situation where if a group only gets \$20, then that little bit is going to help," Victory said.

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Corporate climb hard for some minorities

By Rebecca Newhouse
Staff Writer

Businessman George White III spoke about how hard it is for minorities to succeed in the professional world in a lecture Friday.

White should know - he went through it himself.

White as a part of the Black Achievement Lecture Series in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business Aerospace Building.

With his natural science degree from the University of New Orleans, White said he wanted to be a geologist, but after the oil crash, there were no jobs for geologists. Taking odd jobs, White said he seemed fine with his life until his mother learned about a job interview and sent him to it.

That is how White began a career in finance.

Within four years of working for American General Finance, White was promoted from finance representative to a manager position. In Louisiana, his office branch was successful for nine years.

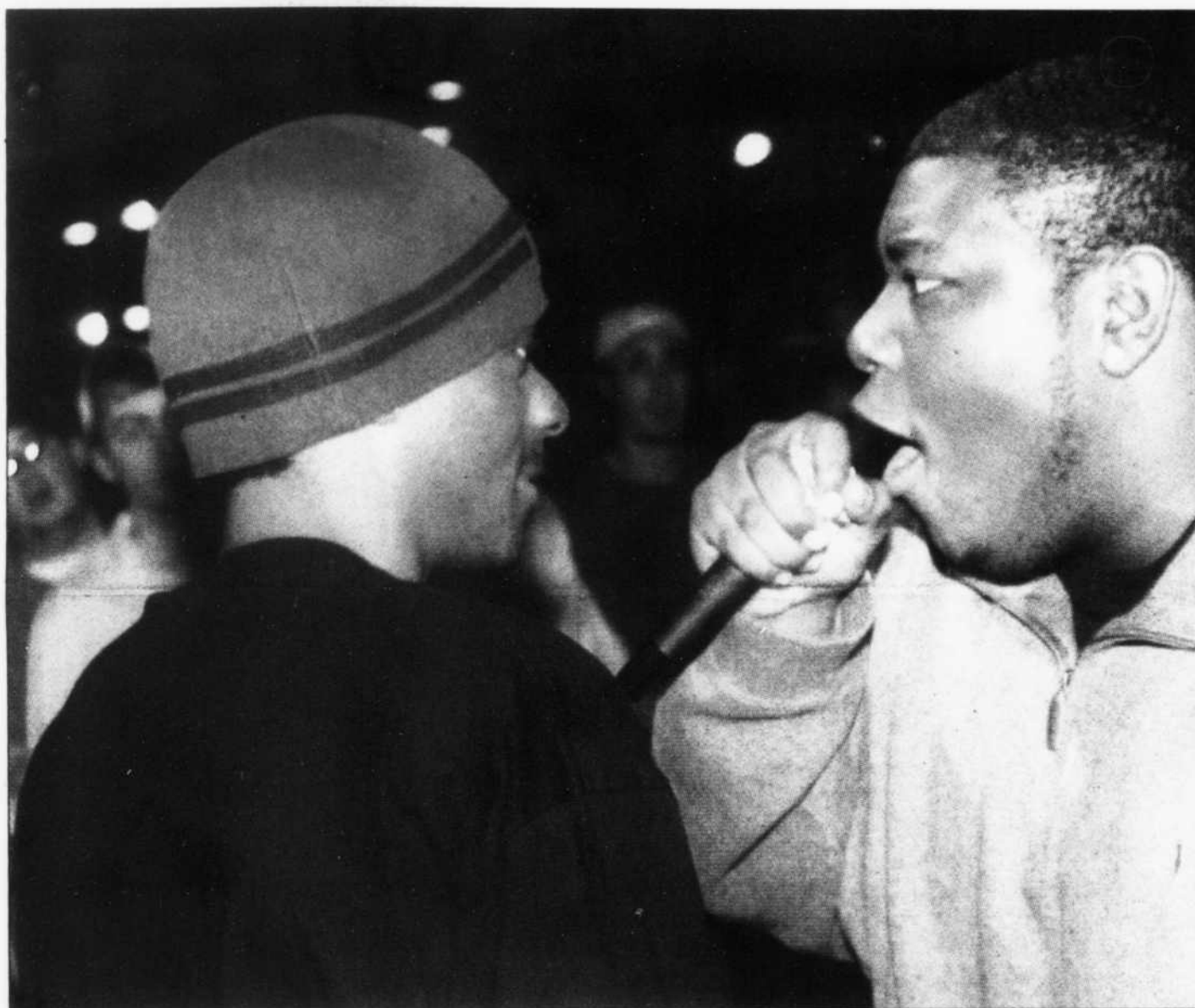
However, he said he wanted more. He said he wanted to advance to a higher position and had the qualifications, but he said he was turned down several times for promotion.

"[It was] because I was black," White told the audience. White said people were interviewed for the job didn't have the credentials that he had. After not getting the job, White said he left and didn't look back.

Not long afterwards, White received an opportunity from George Pryor, a mentor, who told him about Citigroup. White was hired two months later, getting another chance,

See Corporate, 2

Block-rockin' beats



97 (left) and Breeze (right) perform at the Master of Ceremonies Battle Thursday. The winner of the battle, Nate Lopez, received a \$100 cash prize and free recording time at Herringbone studios in Nashville.

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Clark pledges to get more involved on campus

By Courtney Gundry
Staff Writer

Apryl Clark is the unopposed candidate for Student Government Association election commissioner. Her former opponent, Jon Harper, dropped out of the race.

She is a 19-year-old sophomore and is majoring in journalism, specializing in advertising. Her minors are sociology and marketing.

The responsibilities of the election commissioner are to appoint the election committee and organize and carry out elec-



Clark

tions. Clark said she feels that she is "open-minded, responsible, organized, motivated, ambitious, and is willing to work hard for the position."

Clark said that being approachable is one of her most important qualities.

"If someone had a problem they could come to me." But there is a boundary she said. People need to find the balance between being nice and being walked on.

Sidelines will feature more profiles on the 2005 SGA candidates later this week

"I'm not too busy being someone's friend. If I have to be the bad guy, I have to be the bad guy."

In high school, Clark was involved in mock trial and model United Nations. She said that those experiences have familiarized her with the legal system and delegation. She knows the guidelines of run-

ning an election and said that she is qualified to administer those rules.

"I'll ensure that all elections are carried out fairly and honestly and ensure that all candidates have a fair chance," said Clark.

Clark's goal is to get more students involved on campus.

"The decisions for the entire school are being made by a handful of people. It doesn't seem fair," she said.

This election's lack of participation is a prime example of

See SGA, 2

Sexuality, status of black men discussed during Great Debate

By Dana Owens
Staff Writer

Students debated the sexuality and status of black men in America Wednesday night.

The African-American Student Association sponsored the debate "The Demise of the African-American Male in America" as part of their Great Debate series and African-American History Month. Topics that were covered included the "metrosexual" black man, interracial dating and the standing of black men in America.

Moderators Dennis Clark and

Amber Perkins, president and vice president of the association, posed questions to an intimate crowd in an informal debate. The first topic discussed was the prevalence of metrosexual black man.

According to an article by Jonathan Yardley published in *The Washington Post*, Mark Simpson coined the term "metrosexual" in reference to heterosexual men who dress fashionably and are in touch with their feminine side.

"It had to be the pimps," David Smith said. "They have got the best job, money, sex and style," he explained. "People want to be pimp."

Jordan Oliver, a senior mass communications major involved in the African-American Student Association, defined metrosexual as a "term of fear because we can't identify it."

He went on to explain that labeling men as metrosexuals is putting them in category because they are misunderstood, such as what's been done to homosexuals and black people.

When the discussion moved to interracial dating, the crowd was vocal in their views as well. The main issue

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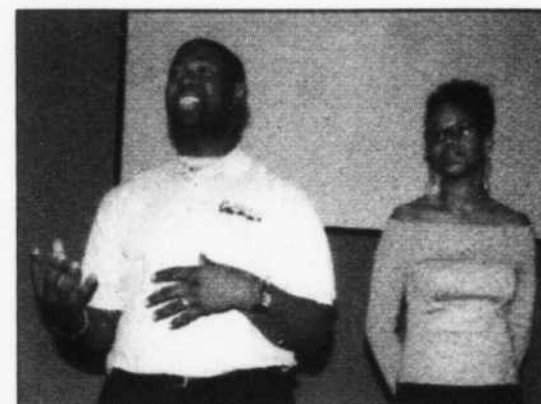


Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer
Dennis Clark and Amber Perkins moderated the debate last Wednesday.



This week's poll question at
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Refugee: Money still needed for Olla's expenses

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Because Sudan is an embargoed country, burial arrangements can be difficult, according to Crawford. Olla's remains will be flown to Uganda, and then transported over land into Sudan.

Olla's uncle, Odeya Acheonso, will receive the remains, Augustino said. Acheonso raised Olla.

Olla earned his bachelor's degree in Cairo, Egypt, and then he began work on his master's

degree in India.

When he returned to Sudan, the janjaweed militia, funded by the country's Islamic fundamentalist regime, was carrying out acts of violence against Olla's fellow tribesmen.

After fleeing to Kenya, Olla came to the United States in 1996 and began working on his master's in business education at MTSU in 1999.

"He was a hard-working man and a good, loving person," James Obedmot, a member of MTSU's South Sudanese

Student Organization, said in a press release.

"Especially in the Sudanese community, they are remembering him now very much [for] contributing to the development of the community,"

According to Bob Womack, one of Olla's education professors, Olla had just applied to Tennessee State University in Nashville to complete his doctorate.

MTSU offers classes toward a doctorate in education but does not offer the degree. Womack

said his class follows a seminar format, and Olla had trouble contributing because his English wasn't perfect.

"I want all my students to talk all the time," Womack said. "He was very reluctant to do that, but the week before he got killed he came out. He made observations and the class complimented him."

"[The class] couldn't believe it, that last week he was here, this week he's dead," Womack said. "The shock of it got their attention." ♦

Corporate: Students motivated to achieve

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but he said problems still plagued him. He said he was relocated to Memphis because of his race. The office grew under his management, and he was promoted to operations vice president.

White lost his job with Citigroup in 2004 after 22 years of employment, but another opportunity soon presented itself. He was told of a position for the floundering Citigroup West coast operations. White took the job and relocated to Las Vegas from Tennessee as Center Director, building the operation to a net worth of \$1.5 billion in mortgage business within six months.

Even though White said his journey hasn't been easy, he said it was worth it to be where he is now.

"You make decisions and you have to live with them," White said.

He also had advice about rejection.

"Leave. There are other alternatives," he said. "Just make sure that you're going some place that's going to afford an opportunity in a better situation."

After the lecture, students said they had mixed feelings about the difficulty of climbing the corporate ladder.

"Oh, yeah," said Dennis Clark, a political science major. "Being a minority, there are

racial barriers that keep us from climbing the corporate ladder, like blacks aren't capable of climbing the ladder like our white counterparts. It's a problem."

Tiffany Morton, a business major, didn't seem concerned. "I hope that I don't have to be concerned," she said. "I don't [want] to go through the things that he had to go through constantly."

Kenya Moore, an accounting major, said she didn't have concern either.

"But I learned that you have to sacrifice a little bit to get where you want to be."

White said he has seen other minorities struggle to be promoted, and added, "To this day, I can still walk in board rooms, in meetings ... I'll still be the only one."

Despite prejudice plaguing his professional life, White said, he never thought once about leaving his profession. He said he made it to the top of the ladder with determination.

"He's the prime example of perseverance of fighting up the corporate ladder," Clark said.

"It's good to see that another African-American male can climb the ranks," Roderick Watkins, a marketing major, said. "He motivated me to know that I'm capable."

White said his journey up the ladder shows that with strength and willpower, minorities can achieve greater heights. ♦

Debate: Culture and color in interracial dating discussed

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discussed was black men dating white women.

Oliver raised the idea that "whiteness is good ... a lot of guys buy into it," while Clark raised the issue that black men can see white women as more submissive. Smith agreed that black women "have got a lot of attitude," and "it's good to have

variety."

Most of the audience generally agreed that the main obstacle in interracial dating comes in the difference of culture, not color.

The final question concerning black men in society that Clark raised was, "are we taking care of business?"

He touched on issues of academic, political, economical and family life within the black

community.

Some students said they thought that it's difficult for a black man to live in America.

Many in the audience agreed that black men do not have the same privileges as others.

One noticed that black people can't live their lives looking for an easy way out.

Though the audience was small, they were all engaged and willing to share differing view-

points. The implied concept throughout the program was one of recognizing a black man's role in America and overcoming stereotypes.

The African-American Student Association will sponsor their next debate in March, but there will be many other cultural events on campus until then to recognize African American History Month. ♦

SGA: Clark running unopposed

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like to see more people voting and making an effort to better the school. She said she hopes that by being an SGA official she can encourage others to join in.

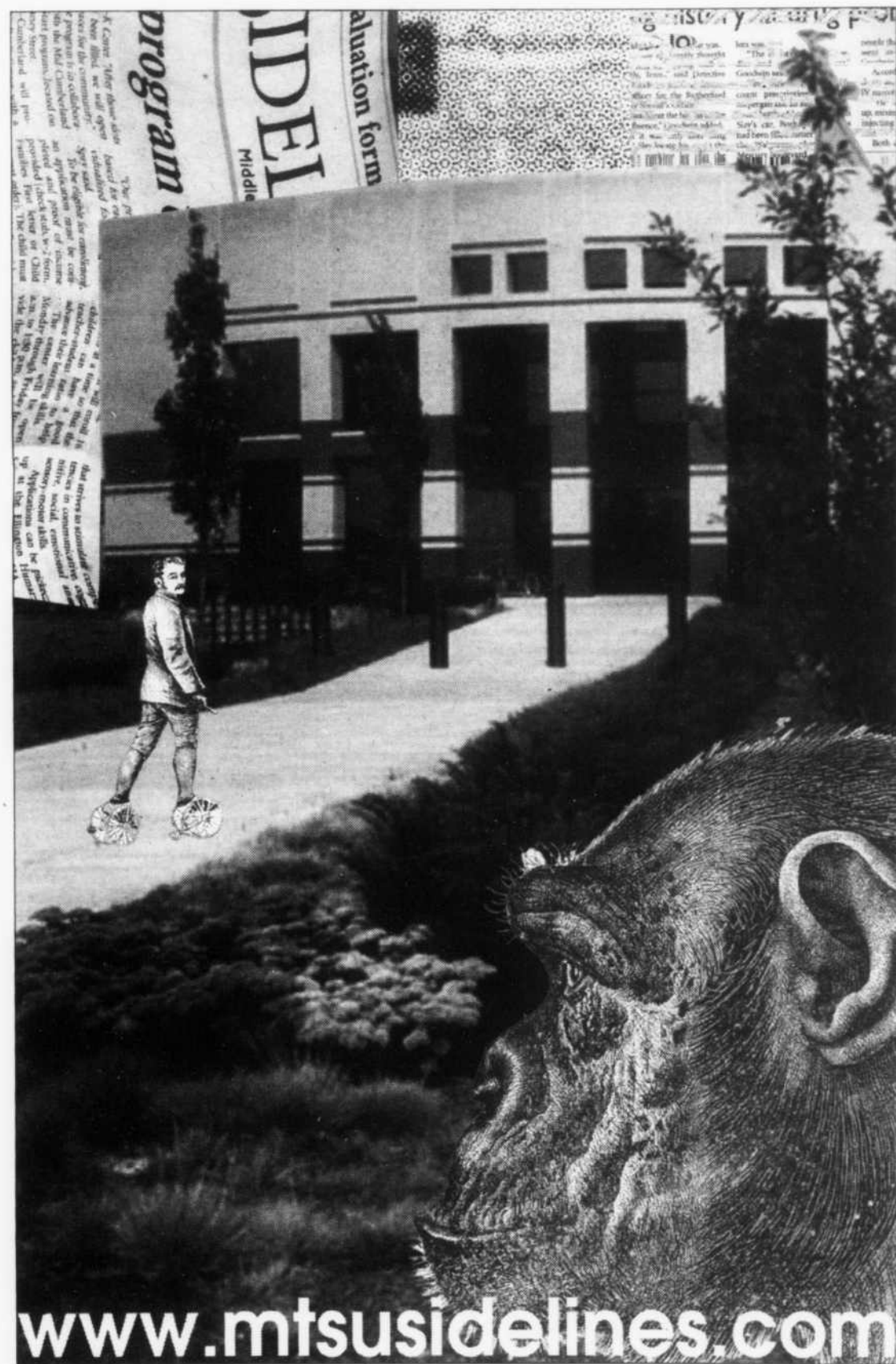
She is currently a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

When not busy with school, she waits tables at O'Charley's and enjoys "doing the same things everyone likes to do, having fun and sleeping."

She said she especially likes making time to visit with her family in Clinton, TN. ♦

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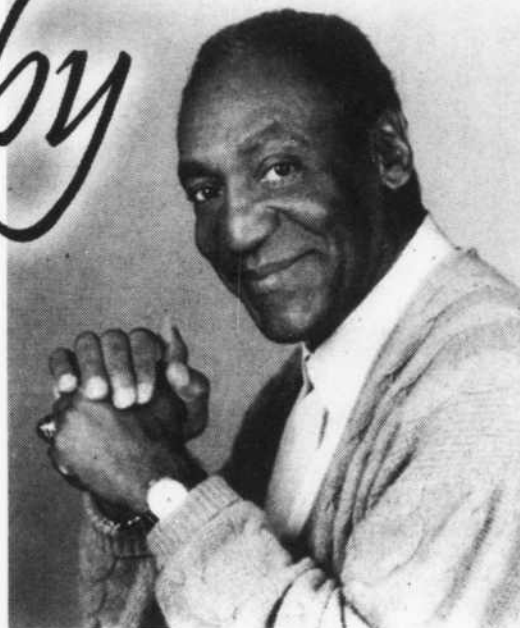
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The Amy Spain Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded this spring to a graduating senior planning on attending law school this fall. Amy Spain was an alumnus of Middle Tennessee State University and an active Alpha Delta Pi from 1982-1986. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, she went on to graduate with honors from the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law. Amy obtained a position as an Assistant 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 Jennifer Lane in the Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office, Keathly University Center Room 212. Deadline for applications is March 16, 2005.

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I-24 interchange nearly finished

By David S.T. Driver
Staff Writer

A new interchange off interstate 24 should be completed by June, according to Murfreesboro traffic director Dana Richardson.

Drivers will gain new access to Interstate 24 through Manson Pike. Manson Pike connects with Thompson Lane and will eventually connect with Medical Center Parkway, extending east of Thompson Lane.

"The interchange will offer another option than [Old Fort Parkway and Church Street] getting onto the interstate," Richardson said.

This should open up the already congested routes of Old Fort Parkway and Church Street, Richardson said.

This project is only one phase of the city's Major Thoroughfare Plan set to continue through 2025.

Another interchange is expected in the future for access to the university at New Salem Highway connecting it with Tennessee Boulevard.

Phases of this interchange project have been completed such as the widening of Samsonite Boulevard, but Richardson could not give a definite timeline on its full completion. The city's plan gives the completion dates as the end of 2007.

Richardson said the city is about to let bids on the widening Tennessee Boulevard from Broad Street to Main Street

from two to five lanes and later a three-lane extension of Tennessee Boulevard from Northfield Boulevard to Wenlon Drive.

Once the bids are in order a better timeline can be put on that phase of the project, he said.

Eventually, the completed access route to and through the Tennessee Boulevard edge of the campus will be named Middle Tennessee Boulevard in May.

The federal government is picking up the tab on the widening of Tennessee Boulevard from Main Street to Greenland Drive to five lanes and the Manson Pike interchange.

The Major Thoroughfare Plan will cost an estimated \$211 million, of which \$103.2 million will come from the city and county, \$54.5 million from the state, \$42.8 million from the federal government, and \$11 million from local contributors.

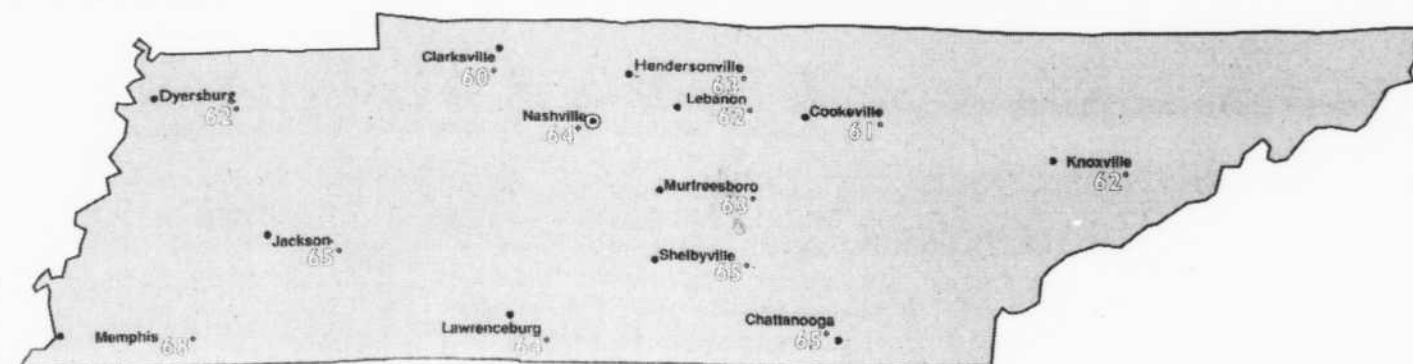
Other phases are going on around the campus including reconstruction of Old Lascassas Highway from Greenland Drive to Rutherford Boulevard.

This project will add a third left hand turn lane to Old Lascassas' two-lane road. Construction will begin this March and will be completed May 2006.

The same restructuring will occur with Greenland Drive from Highland Avenue to Tennessee Boulevard. This project will take one year and will begin in April. ♦

Tennessee Weather – Thursday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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Gay marriage ban looks unstoppable in legislature

By Lucas L. Johnson II
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh may not like it, but he has no plans to fight a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in Tennessee.

"Any resolution like this is bad public policy," said Naifeh, a Democrat from Covington. "But it has overwhelming support, so I'm not going to stand in the way and get run over by that train."

Tennessee law already defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman, but lawmakers are trying to prevent courts from allowing gay marriages in other states from being recognized here.

The Legislature approved the ban last session by a simple majority, and now needs a two-thirds majority this session before the question can be put to voters on a gubernatorial ballot.

So far, the bill is getting little resistance. Both the Senate Judiciary and House Children and Family Affairs committees approved the legislation earlier this week with only a few voices of dissent. Rep. Johnny Shaw is another Democrat who doesn't agree with the bill, but is backing it anyway.

"I'm going to support it because it's a political issue that a lot of folks have gotten all involved in, and feel like it's going to make them heroes," said Shaw, who is also a minister. "But I have been preaching the gospel for 24 years, and if the Bible don't change a man's heart, legislation is not going to change it."

A small number of lawmakers say the ban is an attempt to write discrimination into the state constitution, and they are refusing to support it.

"I was at the constitutional convention in 1977, and I was very proud that Tennessee finally repealed from the consti-

tution a section that didn't allow people of different races to marry," said Sen. Steve Cohen, D-Memphis. "It's about 28 years later, and I don't see any reason to write discrimination back into our constitution."

Rep. Beverly Marrero, another Memphis Democrat, said she's also against "altering the constitution" and "doing anything that takes away the rights from a minority of citizens in our community."

But the bills' Republican sponsors — Sen. Jeff Miller of Cleveland and Rep. Bill Dunn of Knoxville — said their intention is not to discriminate, but provide a more definitive description of marriage.

"It goes beyond something that is quoted in the Bible," Dunn said. "I think it's good for the state to have a policy that encourages a man and a woman to come together and be the very foundation of our society."

Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil

Liberties Union in Tennessee, said lawmakers are actually defeating their own purpose.

"They're choosing to exclude a group of people and choosing to prohibit them from creating legally recognized, loving nurturing relationships," Weinberg said. "I think it's a sad day in Tennessee when we see our elected officials willing to discriminate against a group of people."

Melissa Snarr, an assistant professor of society and ethics at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, said it's tragic that lawmakers are even focusing on this issue right now.

"There's a hand full of biblical references on human sexuality, but there are hundreds on economic injustice," Snarr said. "But you don't see anybody rallying for a constitutional ban on poverty."

Nonetheless, most lawmakers expect the bill to get the required support for passage. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

Lackluster SGA elections caused by old controversy

It's hard to get excited about this year's Student Government Association election when three out of the four executive officer candidates are running unopposed. Only the position of president is contested this year, now that Jon Harper has dropped out of the race for election commissioner. This situation seems highly indicative of a general campus-wide dissatisfaction given the debacle during last year's election.

Matt Chapman won the presidential contest last year with almost 40 more votes than current president Jon Stewart, but the Election Commission disqualified him for posting his Web site two days before campaigning technically started. This minor issue resulted in weeks of appeals and ultimately a proposal to clean up the Electoral Act.

There is a serious public relations problem within the SGA that most candidates hint at, but no one has really said it outright. Almost everyone outside of the SGA thinks it is a clique that doesn't take kindly to outsiders trying to usurp their power. The Chapman ordeal just solidified that position.

The Election Commission, headed by Brittany Rogers, essentially chose the president, despite what the voters wanted. Why would any student want to vote when the Election Commission can veto their vote? Why would outsiders (i.e. non-Greek members) want to run for an executive position when last year they voted, clear that even if an outsider could gather the votes, he or she might have to face the Election Commission?

Let's face it. The Greeks run the SGA and they intend to keep it that way. It's not really hard for the Greeks to hold their power, either, which is why this whole situation seems stupid. Greeks are the only ones who show up to vote, and as a result, they are making decisions for a non-Greek student population that totals more than 90 percent.

Here's a little advice to the only outsider running this year, Blake Pearson, who is not a member of a fraternity: Make sure you keep your nose clean. ◆

From the Opinions Editor

'Hot' issue demands serious solutions from governments

If you thought global warming was just a bunch of liberals blowing hot air, think again.

Reuters reported last Thursday that new computer models released by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography have provided scientists with the most conclusive evidence of global warming to date.

Speaking before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Tim Barnett said, "The debate over whether or not there is a global warming signal is now over, at least for rational people."

The news should come as an alarm to the George W. Bush Administration, which just a week ago announced its alternative to the Kyoto Global Warming Treaty – an alternative that seeks to cut greenhouse gas production in the United States by 500 million metric tons, the equivalent of taking 70 million cars off the road.

Officials with the White House told CNN that "if the United States can get the global community, including developing nations, to participate in the president's plan, then the actual reduction of greenhouse emissions would be larger than under Kyoto."

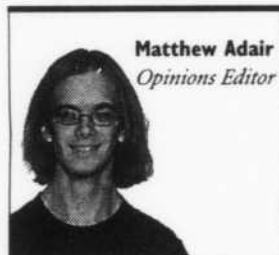
With the Kyoto agreement having taken effect on Feb. 16, the recent findings of environmental scientists, and pressure from the constituencies that helped the president win a second term in office (in the form of a letter from religious leaders in 45 states demanding a clear environmental policy from the president), it's clear that something needs to be done to address issues such as global warming.

Some, such as Michigan state Senator Michael J. Goshka, would argue that humanity has the right to use nature as it pleases, regardless of the potential consequences. "These people are placing the rest of creation ahead of mankind," he told reporters for *The Saginaw News*, "I think they have it backwards."

The only sort of backward thinking, however, is that which ignores a reality that all nations should confront. People like Goshka can ignore global warming if they want. National policy makers, however, should use the newest proof of man's damaging impact on the planet to develop a plan to stop this process.

Of all the hot-button issues facing world leaders, this is one that none of them can afford to give the cold shoulder to. ◆

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Lack of debates cripples academics

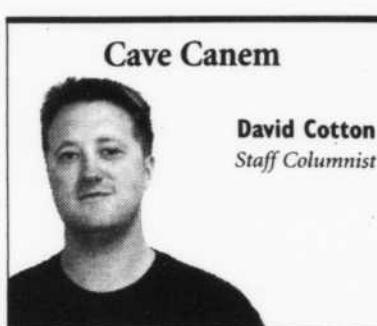
Last week, I wrote a column about Professor Ward Churchill of the University of Colorado and the negative press he is receiving for a paper he wrote on United States foreign policy. In my opinion, it is an organized Republican effort to remove from influential positions those who disagree with them.

My allegiance to free speech and intelligent debate supercedes any leanings I have towards partisanship, so it is convenient that I have this week an example of another university academic in trouble for his ideas. This time, however, it is mostly liberals that are demanding a resignation.

This past Thursday, Harvard President Lawrence Summers released the transcript of a presentation he made before the National Bureau of Economic Research conference last month.

Summers has received criticism for his part in a discussion of the small number of women in top jobs in the science field. In his talk, Summers downplayed the role of discrimination as cause, and made the unpopular argument that differences between the sexes exist and may be as important as cultural factors in determining choice of careers.

The nature versus nurture



Cave Canem

David Cotton
Staff Columnist

debate is an old one, but people get downright nervous when the discussion veers towards anything even suggesting any kind of genetic predetermination for humans. Nancy Hopkins, a biology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, walked out on Summers' comments.

"I felt I was going to be sick," said Hopkins. "My heart was pounding and my breath was shallow – I was extremely upset." Apparently, Hopkins was pretty upset, though I hope she made sure she wasn't having a stroke.

I do find some irony in an act of walking out on a speaker for being closed minded, as walking out and refusing to even hear another's viewpoint would seem to be the very definition of closed mindedness.

Summers has been accused of sexism in his remarks. Critics say

he is not committed to diversity and point to the fact that offers of tenure to women have decreased at Harvard in recent years.

Summers, who became the president of Harvard four years ago, is no stranger to controversy. He has been both applauded and criticized in the past for his opinionated statements. The presidents of Princeton, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have all, no doubt with some relish, criticized Summers for his recent remarks. Yale's president, Richard Levin, is being criticized for not speaking out on the matter.

In typical mass media fashion, the news services that have covered the Summers controversy have not even made a decent attempt to paraphrase his argument, instead choosing to focus on a few select remarks. CNN played over and over again a clip of a young Harvard student complaining that women have it hard enough without the additional "barrier" that Summers created.

Is this the current state of academic discourse? Does an informal discussion of possibilities automatically become a barrier if it broaches some taboos? If there is no longer any place for open

debate and challenging conventional wisdom in the universities, then they become nothing more than glorified vocational schools.

Summers' reliance on genetic behaviorism may be unpopular, but he did say he hoped he was proven wrong and felt further study would help. He said that his discussion was nothing more than "some questions asked and some attempts at provocation," and that he was "speaking unofficially."

Unfortunately, it has become all too easy in this country to simply dismiss an argument without it ever being heard. Public and political pressure have become the popular way to silence others by those in both the red and blue states.

Students and faculty at Harvard should not be too upset at their president. At least his controversy surrounds his challenging ideas about an important issue. That's the Ivy League for you. For those of us taking our higher education in the Bible belt, the only controversy our university president can stir up involves the groping of a co-worker. ◆

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Shades of evil: scientists create degrees of villainy

Good news: You may never again have to wonder how evil someone on death row is.

Two psychiatrists have developed a rating system to determine just how evil a person is. They did this in order to help juries decide which criminals deserve the death penalty and which ones do not, according to a report on www.WorldNetDaily.com.

New York University professor and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Michael Welner said evil was a more emotional term that should be clearly defined.

Thus, he conducted a survey to collect various opinions about what one deemed "evil." Thousands of entries were collected – via a Web site.

Well, that's a relief. I'd hate to be sentenced to death based on data collected from comment cards at the local Denny's.

"Billy was a great waiter, but he has this tic in his right eye, and he gets really excited when you order something that he has to cut up, like a whole apple pie. I'd say an unnatural affinity for slicing dessert is definitely an indication of underlying homicidal tendencies."

Now, poor Billy's in an institution being monitored by a man in a long, white coat who's about to be gnawed on by the Hannibal Lecter copycat in the next room.

Another study, conducted by Columbia University professor Dr. Michael Stone, found 22 levels of evil by studying 500 killers in a New York psychiatric center.

Wow. Out of 500 New York killers, there are only 22 levels. I imagine there'd be at least 720.

Whether or not a person is evil cannot be determined by asking a bunch of psychopaths why they did what they did. It cannot be determined by asking people what they think is evil.

I have no doctoral degree that makes me qualifying to make any judgment about the human psyche, but odds are you don't either, so I'm going to anyway.

If a person performs actions that are evil, then the said person was evil at that particular time. It doesn't mean the person will always be a hopeless case. It just



Half Naked

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

means they temporarily gave in to the dark side.

Attempting to classify people into levels of evil is about as pointless as our terror alert system. Unless they tell me I'm going to blow up today, I pretty much don't need to know about it. I don't even know what all the colors stand for, and I really don't need to know. If it's really bad, I'll probably already know by the massive panic and collecting of canned goods and batteries.

However, this brings up an interesting point: Why not color-code this evil system? These two psychiatrists are attempting to push this system into legislation to make jurors more aware of evil so they can make more informed decisions. If I'm told that Lunatic Larry is an evil level of "bloodlust red," I won't have to think too hard on that. Maybe Self-defense Sally is just a "passive purple." It may help.

But, I digress. The only two color systems that seem to work are traffic lights (there are only three of those, and they're easy to remember) and ocean caution flags (I do pay attention when the life-guard puts up a yellow flag).

This whole rating of evil is really just one more way to over-categorize every human on the planet. Soon, when high school kids take their ACT, they'll have to check an "evil rating" box right next to the one that requests the preferred religion.

It's true, we probably all have a little evil in us, but some of us are better at hiding it than others. Developing echelons of evil won't make the evil go away. Let's not kid ourselves. ◆

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Complexity in nature indicates existence of God

To believe, or not to believe in God – that is the real question that drives each individual life. Nothing will impact your life more than the decision you make on this very subject.

I recognize that a vast majority of college students have made up their minds by this point in life, but there are also those out there who feel confused or are even skeptical that a God could exist.

From my own experiences, I have concluded that a God is much happier if he or she believes there is a God. Faith provides the soul when the world seemingly is spinning out of control and answers to problematic questions appear far away.

However, faith is worthless if one only has it to make him or herself feel better about life or bases it on raw emotion. Evidence is overwhelming for God's existence.

The world, our bodies and other wonders of our universe show a supreme being's handiwork. Design demands a designer; it's a very simple, yet extraordinarily powerful concept that necessitates a supernatural creator.

Think about your car: it only runs because an intelligent designer put together various valves, gears, gadgets and countless other items to create a vehicle for you to travel in.

No thinking person would ever believe that a car came into being by accident. The Big Bang theory would suggest that each part of the car came from nothing and magically assembled in working order after a massive explosion.

When you consider that a single thread of your individual DNA is much more complicated than any car, it must be concluded that an intelligent designer pieced together each part of our bodies in masterful fashion. The same could be said for animals, plants or other aspects of nature.

If there is a God, then why do bad things happen? To answer this question, I merely turn it around. If there is no God, then how do we know how to distinguish between good and bad?

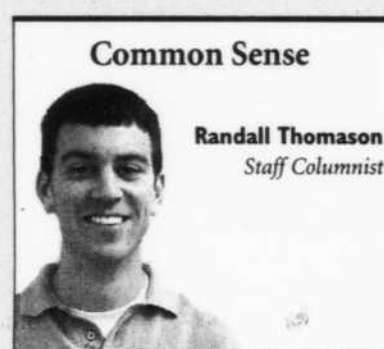
The only means to explain the human race's conscience is a supernatural creator. We were each ingrained with a moral fiber that lets us know from an early age that it is bad to kill people, steal or commit any other wrong that one could imagine.

The temptation to not believe in God stems from another human desire: the desire to not be accountable to a higher power.

If we can convince ourselves that the human race is at the pinnacle of all existence, then we can have free license to engage in any activity we would like to join.

The evidence is just too powerful to ignore, however. I've only listed two reasons to support a creator's existence. There are certainly others, but these two are sufficient and irreversible. They stand alone as reason enough to accept our place as subjects to a higher power. ◆

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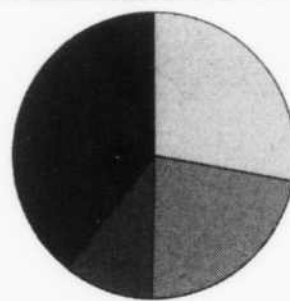
Common Sense

Randall Thomason
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Sidelines online poll results

How do you feel about covenant marriages?

- They should be mandatory. (28 percent)
- It's OK as an option for some people. (22 percent)
- It's 2005. It goes completely against the direction of the rest of civilization. (10 percent)
- Woohoo! More useless laws! (31 percent)
- I'm paralyzed with not caring very much. (8 percent)



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Correction

In the column "Securing borders vital to homeland defense," (Feb. 17), it was said that the USA Patriot Act passed unanimously. The bill passed Congress on a vote of 98-1. *Sidelines* regrets the error.



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On-campus parking issues pose problem for off-campus apartments

By Brandi Fleck
Staff Writer

You're probably asking yourself, "Hasn't this story been overdone?" and then you're probably responding, "Yes, so why do we keep talking about parking problems?"

MTSU parking is continually being brought up because there is a problem.

Director of Events and Transportation Services Ron Malone says that instead of going to exterior lots and riding the Raider Xpress, people circle interior parking lots to find spaces that inevitably will not be available; therefore causing traffic congestion and frustration among students.

Kim Burrows, a freshman early childhood education major, had planned on parking in the Murphy Center lot her first day of class.

When she found the lot full, she had no back-up plan. And, not knowing how to get from a different lot to the building she needed, she opted to park at Belle Aire Apartments on Sloan Street diagonal from the Murphy Center.

"If you can't find a place to park, then you can't go to class. I don't mind walking, but you have to park your car to have somewhere to walk from," Burrows says.

Burrows admits that she could have planned better, because every university has its parking problems, but she still missed her first class at MTSU.

On-campus parking problems have caused many apartment complexes nearby to reevaluate their parking policy or to defend the current policy because student residents are complaining about not having a space of their own or for their

guests.

Royal Properties apartment complexes Raiders Crossing and The Woods at Greenland market to the student population and monitor resident parking like each space is the Hope Diamond.

"We have 552 people who live at both [complexes] combined. We'd have to have a whole new parking lot if everybody had one visitor," says Leshelle Baxter, leasing manager of Raiders Crossing and The Woods at Greenland.

Under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, apartment complexes must provide adequate parking for residents. Some complexes contract towing companies, and others — like Raiders Crossing and The Woods at Greenland — use United Parking Enforcement.

UPE "boots" a car that is

parked illegally. A boot is a yellow locking device that keeps the car immobile until the driver pays a fee to have the boot removed. If the owner does not show up within two to three hours, the towing company is called. Fees for the boot and towing both must be paid.

Students think that this double fee gouges their wallets unnecessarily, but John R. London, director of operations at UPE, argues that booting a car is more ethical.

London says tow trucks are more likely to damage vehicles, plus people have the inconvenience of finding a ride to their cars.

UPE charges \$95 to release the boot.

"Because there is a collegiate atmosphere we give out more warnings and let go more people than we actually do charge," London says.

However, the towing company for Royal Properties and Belle Aire Apartments, A Wrecker Service, opened in 2003 by David Simmons, charges \$75 to retrieve a car.

Every day a car is left with

the company, \$20 is tacked onto the charge.

Raiders Crossing and the Woods at Greenland have at least one car towed every day, and patrolling hours are only from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

London says the large student population there presents a party atmosphere and more "nuisance parking" naturally has to be fought.

Since Belle Aire Apartments changed its parking policy in October of 2004 to a permit system, allowing two guest passes per apartment, from no parking regulation, only four vehicles have been towed.

Pat Shelton, manager of Belle Aire Apartments, says that there's a mix of students and non-students at the complex, but there's not a problem with parties.

Simmons, who only wanted to have one tow truck when he opened A Wrecker Service as a hobby, now has three trucks due to demand.

When it comes to demand on campus, a 10-year parking plan that has been put in effect may alleviate some of the frus-

tration at apartments as well as on campus.

The Raider Xpress shuttle buses were implemented eight or nine years ago — when MTSU accommodated 10,000 fewer students than it does today.

"By the time you wait on the bus you may as well have walked [to class], and you'll be late either way," says Meagan Starnes, a junior photography major and Belle Aire Apartments resident. Starnes has also lived on campus at Womack Lane and off campus at Northfield Lodge.

Malone agrees.

"The shuttle buses can only be as efficient as the traffic they are sitting in," he says.

Plans to add 1,400 more parking spaces by fall 2005 will be put into action this summer.

The final goal is to have 3,500 total additional spaces, as well as widened roads across campus so the Raider Xpress can have its own shuttle lane to help traffic run more smoothly.

Malone hopes these changes will encourage students to park in exterior lots instead of elsewhere. ♦

Tea Ceremony gives students insight into Japanese culture

By Melissa Bowman
Features Editor

Honors College students received a taste of Japanese culture Wednesday — literally.

Members of the Japanese community came to MTSU to perform a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony as part of the Honors College's R and R program, which offers students presentations from various cultures throughout the semester.

Amy Mauritson, a senior biology major, was one of two students chosen to actually participate with the Japanese women in the ceremony.

The bright red cloth on which participants and observers knelt and the grass mats covering the floor set the stage for the formal ceremony.

The students were required to remove their shoes and follow a pattern of bows around the area before taking their spots on the red cloth.

Mauritson says the ceremony was very "patterned and methodical," making it hard to follow along and see what she should do next.

Each step was carefully executed, from kneeling in a certain way, to bowing at appropriate times, to holding and turning the bowls a specific way.

Two of the Japanese participants, Yukari Iba and Akiko Sakabe, led the students in each specific action, but it wasn't always easy to follow.

"I couldn't even watch her well enough to figure out what I was supposed to do," Mauritson said.

"I thought, 'I'm butchering this,'" she said.

Keegan Ennis, a junior at Franklin Classical School, was also chosen to participate in the ceremony.

"It was very meticulous," he said. "The entire ceremony was very specific, and you didn't just sit down to everything. There was a certain way it had to be done. That really made it an art."

Terumi Tanaka acted as server for the ceremony.

She ritually cleaned and prepared the utensils and containers used in the ceremony. She prepared each bowl of tea using bamboo utensils.

There was a utensil to scoop the green tea powder from a small black container and a whisk to carefully and deliberately combine it with hot water.

When each participant was served, he or she could not immediately drink. There was a patterned way of lifting the bowl and a specific way to turn it before the tea could be drunk.

Even the artwork on the bowls was important to the ceremony.

"[Iba's] had a crane on it. Mine had Mount Fuji on it," Mauritson said. "When you're looking at the bowl, you're supposed to appreciate it."

The picture had to do with how to turn the bowl before drinking.

"[They showed us] how to pick up the cup and turn it so that you were drinking from the part that doesn't have the picture on the side," Ennis said, "because the picture is usually [made from] an expensive metal or something. You don't want to wear it off."

Both Ennis and Mauritson enjoyed the tea.

"It was very good," Ennis says. "It was very different from what you'd normally drink in America."

Mauritson said the green, foamy liquid was "bitter," but — in small quantities — enjoyable.

Both Mauritson and Ennis are martial artists, and they say their interests in that brought them to the ceremony. "It was very interesting to see a lot of the oriental cultural things first-hand, as opposed to hearing about them or seeing them in movies or something like that," Ennis said.

Georgia Dennis, events coordinator for the Honors College, put together the event as part of the R and R series.



Photo by Ryan Conley | Staff Photographer

Akiko Sakabe, Terumi Tanaka, Yukari Iba and Noriko Mochizuki, members of the local Japanese community, accept questions from the audience after the tea ceremony is over.

Spring 2005 R and R programs

Feb. 23
Lakota Spiritual Philosophy

Mar. 2
Into The Circle: An Introduction to Native American Powwows

Mar. 16
Acoustic Irish Music by David Coe and The Rogues

Mar. 23
Documentary, *Without Lying Down:* Frances Marion and The Power of Women in Hollywood

Mar. 30
Therapeutic Healing Touch

Apr. 6
Delmer Holland and the Blue Creek Ramblers with Rebekah Weiler

Apr. 13
Natural Nutritional Healing

A complete calendar of Honors College events can be found at www.mtsu.edu/~hcevents.

Baseball team earns split on opening weekend



Photo by Jay Richardson | Photo Editor

Matt Scott allowed one run in six innings on Saturday.

By Jonathan Hutton
Staff Writer

With yesterday's game cancelled due to rain, opening weekend for baseball at Middle Tennessee was a split decision between Ball State and the Blue Raiders.

Game 1 on Friday featured good pitching from Ball State in a 7-4 Cardinal victory, but MT featured the same type of play on Saturday en route to an 11-2 win.

On Opening Day Friday, Ball State took the lead early as first baseman Brad Miller singled to center field, scoring Mike Sullivan. Later in the inning, with runners on first and second and two out, an error on MT first baseman Josh Archer allowed another run to score, giving BSU a 2-0 lead.

Cardinal starting pitcher Joe Ness looked good early, retiring the first four batters he faced. MT had a chance to load the bases in the bottom of the second, but a close sec-

ond-strike call on designated hitter Chase Eakes prevented a walk, and Eakes eventually struck out.

Blue Raider starting pitcher Eric Blevins settled down for the second and third innings, allowing only two hits, and the Blue Raider offense started to show some life in the bottom of the third. MT catcher Michael McHenry came through with the first run of the season for the Blue Raiders with his third career home run.

Two batters later, third baseman Nate Jagers blasted a two-run shot over the left field fence, scoring Nathan Hines. MT got three runs on four hits and led 3-2 after three.

BSU got more on the board in the fourth, scoring three runs on two hits. MT scored only one more run in the game, once again from McHenry, who hit his second homer of the game to left field in the bottom of the fourth. At the end of four, it was 5-4 Cards.

Cardinal relief pitcher Michael Hale came

on in relief to hold the Blue Raiders to no hits while on the mound through the eighth.

BSU picked up two more runs in the top of the ninth to post a 7-4 victory over the Blue Raiders in the season opener.

"You hate getting beat, but Ball State is a pretty good team," MT head coach Steve Peterson told MT Media Relations on Friday. "They are experienced and came out supporting their pitcher. They did not panic today."

On Saturday, MT poured on the offense, scoring 11 runs on 13 hits while roughing up BSU starting pitcher Ben Snyder. The Blue Raiders, however, did not have to go far into their bullpen at all.

MT starting pitcher Matt Scott was solid in his first start, going six innings and allowing only one earned run along with only one walk.

"My mindset for this start actually began

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Blue Raiders cruise in weekend victories

Five players tally double figures in dominating win

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team used balanced scoring to pick up a dominating 80-60 win over Arkansas State on Thursday night.

The Blue Raiders had five players who finished the game in double figures. Mike Dean led the scoring machine with 18, with Fats Cuyler adding 17. Michael Cuffee chipped in with 13, while Steve Thomas and Marcus Morrison had 11 and 10, respectively.

"We just shared the ball, made the extra pass, and we have several guys on this team who can score," said Dean, who hit one field goal but connected on 16-of-18 free throws.

"I saw my shot was not going

MT	80
ASU	60

down early so I tried to adjust my game before it got too late," Dean said. "I was able to get to the line and hit the free throws."

Cuyler nailed five shots from downtown. In the first meeting between the teams, Cuyler also scored 17 in a 70-68 victory on Jan. 13.

"I was talking to Coach [Kermit Davis] earlier today, and I was telling him I was going to try and have a good game, pressure the point guard,

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Seniors lead team to win against Big Sky leaders

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

Saturday night was a night of celebration at Murphy Center as three players played their final home game, a championship team was honored and one lucky student drove away with a new vehicle.

The Blue Raiders defeated Portland State, the top team in the Big Sky Conference, 83-62 on Saturday night as part of the ESPN Bracket Buster series.

"I think our team is continuing its improvement," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "We're playing with a lot of energy. We are defending well, and we are playing with a sense of urgency."

Seniors Mike Dean, Michael Cuffee and Steve Thomas played their final home game in front of 4,023 fans.

MT	83
PSU	62
Next Game: Feb. 24 at Western Kentucky	

"The seniors are great leaders," MT forward Marcus Morrison said. "We were looking for leadership, and those three stepped up from day one. They led us through the ups and downs [and] gave us good advice about life along the way."

Cuffee scored 18, while Dean added 12. Thomas finished with four points and 10 rebounds.

"It was fun; I enjoyed it," MT forward Michael Cuffee said.

"The team played well. We

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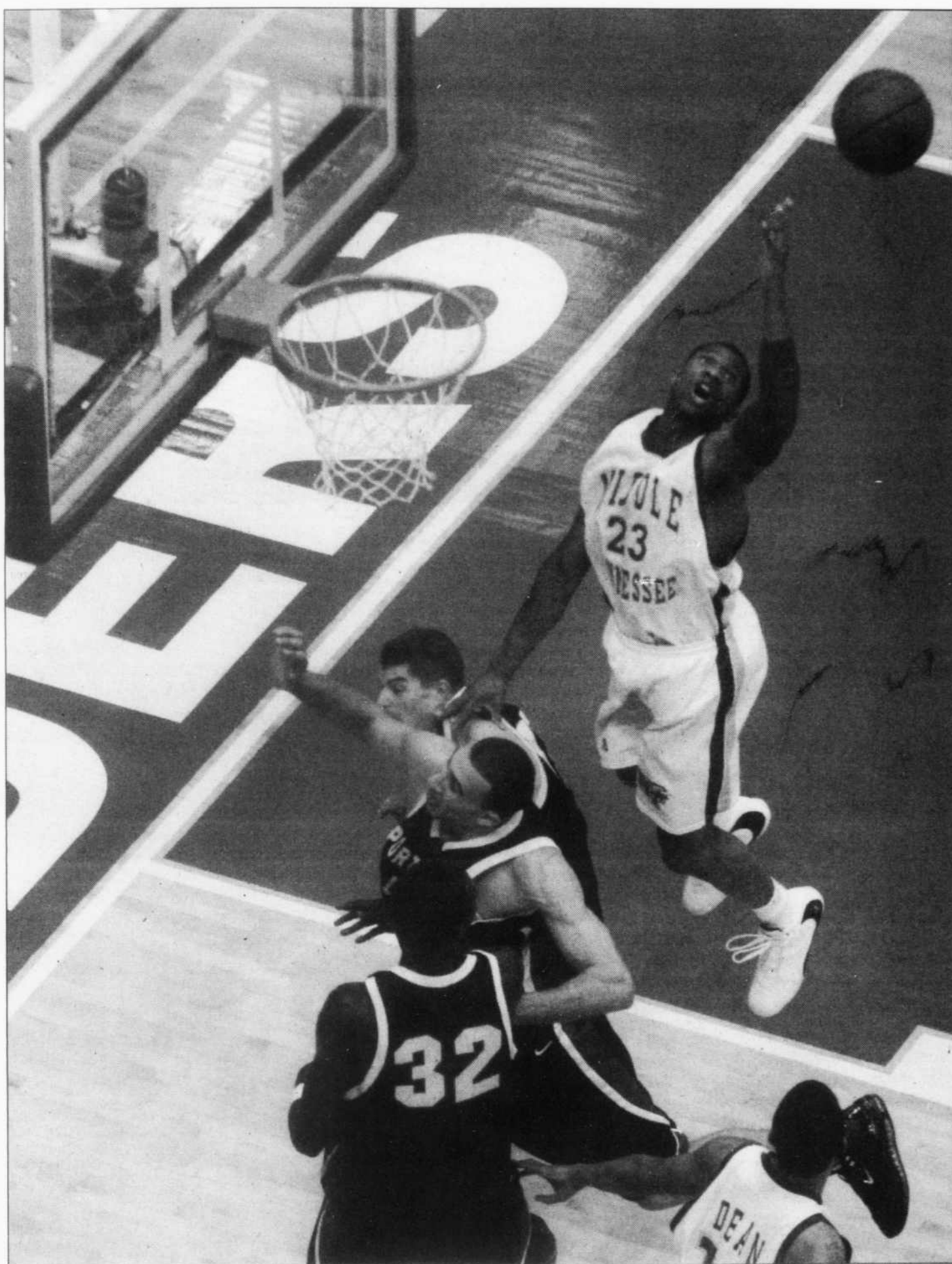


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MT's Michael Cuffee scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds in the team's 83-62 win over Portland State.

Holmes' shot too late in loss to ASU

By Jori Rice and Colby Sledge
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders finished two road games in Arkansas with a win and a missed opportunity to move into second place in the Sun Belt East.

Middle Tennessee defeated Arkansas-Little Rock 62-54 on Thursday, but Patrice Holmes' 25-foot three-pointer at the buzzer was ruled no good in Jonesboro on Saturday as Arkansas State defeated MT 72-69.

In Thursday's game, UALR led 32-27 at halftime, but MT opened the second half with a 9-0 run. UALR responded with a run of its own to tie the game at 40, but the Lady Raiders regained the lead for good with a 12-5 run.

The Lady Raiders committed a season-low 11 turnovers and shot 56 percent in the second

half, compared to 29 percent in the first half.

Stovall led the Lady Raiders with 18 points, and Horton had 13. Holmes ended the game with 12 points and four assists.

UALR (9-15, 3-8 SBC) was led by Alicia Cash with 16 points, and Jocelyn Love scored 12 and had four assists.

Saturday the Lady Raiders came up short in the final minutes of the second half after coming back from an 11-point halftime deficit.

"We were very disappointed in ourselves in the first half," MT head coach Stephany Smith told MT Media Relations. "We played tentative, not a characteristic of this team. We were playing not to lose instead of taking it to them to win."

Ciara Gray scored 15 of her career-high 17 points in the second half as the Lady Raiders shot 63 percent from the field after halftime. The Lady Indians stayed close, however, and tied the game at 63 with 3:31 remaining.

After a back-and-forth battle, ASU's Kelsey Lock scored a three-pointer with 22

seconds remaining, giving the Lady Indians a 70-67 lead. Givens then hit a jumper to cut the lead to 70-69.

ASU's Ali Carter went to the foul line with 3.6 seconds remaining, however, and hit both free throws, and Holmes' desperation heave came after the buzzer.

Although Smith was not pleased with her team in the first half, she saw a change of attitude in the second half.

"In the second half we hit a big shot early, and that gives you then energy to be more aggressive on the defensive end," Smith said. "I feel great about the team that played in the second, but we have to play that way for 40 minutes."

Lock scored nine of her 11 points in the second half. Adrienne Davie and Rudy Sims led the Lady Indians (18-8, 10-2 SBC) with 18 points each, and Carter also had 11 points.

Givens scored 16 points for the Lady Raiders. Stovall had 15 points, and Holmes scored 13. ♦



Photo by Brady Purnell | Staff Photographer

Chrissy Givens scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds on Saturday.

MT finds winning formula involves Morrison, Cuyler

By Jonathan Hutton
Staff Writer

Hustle, intensity, aggressiveness and physical play are all signs of a good basketball team, and the Blue Raiders last game displayed them all last week.

In last week's games against Arkansas State and Portland State, fans found a Middle Tennessee team with a desire to win and a balanced attack.

"As a team, we are starting to hit our stride, so hopefully we can just keep it rolling on," junior Marcus Morrison said Saturday.

Gone were the slow starts and poor first-half play. MT held both Arkansas State and Portland State to just 26 points in the first half, while putting up 38 and 39 points, respectively.

The strong play continued in the second half as both games ended as blowouts: 80-60 over ASU on Thursday and 83-62 against PSU on Saturday.

"We're becoming a better offensive team, and our whole play is starting to get better," Davis said.

MT has found a winning strategy late in the season, hoping to gain some momentum heading into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The Blue Raiders have won four of their last five games.

Davis stressed to the team the mindset of being the best team at the end of the season, regardless of conference record.

"We came out and competed," senior Michael Cuffee said after Saturday's victory. "Everyone played hard and contributed. [Portland State] is an NCAA Tournament team, and hopefully we will make it there. We plan on it."

Morrison and Fats Cuyler are two players for MT who have picked up their game in the past week. Both proved after the past homestand they should be a key factor in how far this Blue Raider team can go in the SBC tourney.

Cuyler, who shot 64 percent from behind the arc during the week, proved he will knock down the big shot when needed. Morrison, meanwhile, posted 29 points the past two games.

In a key sequence against PSU that defined how the Blue Raiders have been playing, Morrison stole an inbounders pass after he hit a free throw and found Cuyler for a big three, giving MT a 13-5 lead.

"[Morrison and Cuyler] are playing with a lot more confidence now, and they are making us a

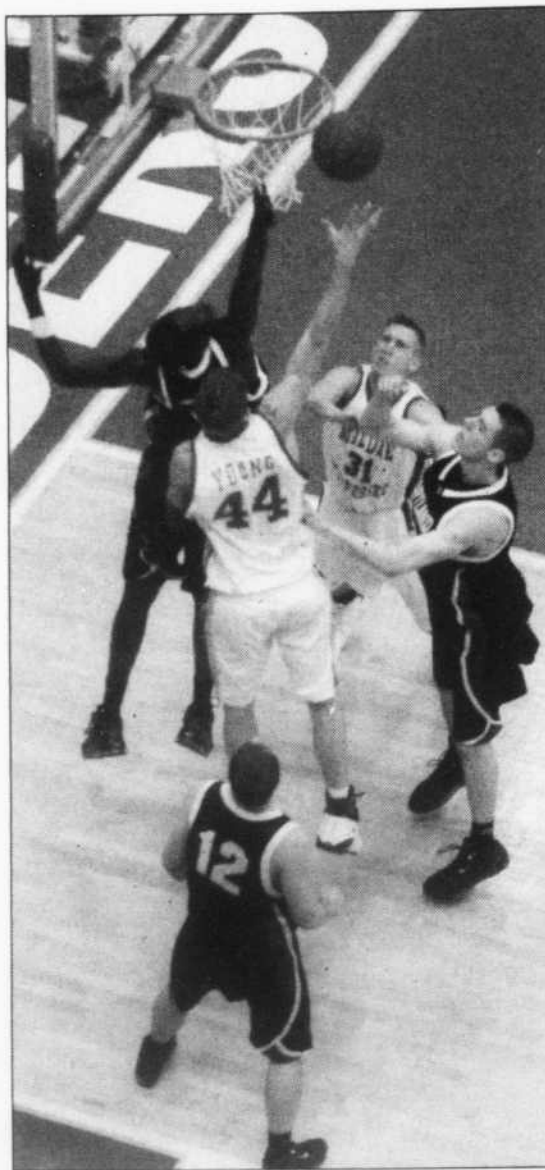


Photo by Jay Richardson | Photo Editor
Kyle Young (44) had six rebounds Saturday.

lot better team," Davis said.

When asked about why his team had success against a good PSU team, Davis seemed pleased with his guard play.

"We are sharing the ball, having more assists than turnovers," Davis said. "I really like the way we shared the ball against the press because it gets the floor spread, and that's where we are better."

Now the Blue Raiders will look to take their momentum on the road against rival Western Kentucky on Thursday. ♦

Tennis Weekend Review

Men's team stays hot with two home wins

By Casey Brown
Staff Writer

Resiliency has been the name of the game for Middle Tennessee tennis of late.

The No. 45 Blue Raiders hung tough on Friday, claiming the last two singles matches to defeat No. 62 Virginia Tech 4-3. An hour later, MT showed little sign of fatigue, easily handling Southern Illinois 7-0 to win its sixth straight match.

Against the Hokies, the sailing was smooth at the onset. MT claimed the doubles point as the No. 58 team of Andreas Siljestrom and Marco Born upset the No. 28 duo of Stephane Rod and Arvid Puranen 8-6 at No. 1. Siljestrom

then made short work of Puranen at No. 1 singles, winning 6-2, 6-3 and giving the Blue Raiders a 2-0 advantage.

Things tightened up as VT claimed the next three matches, highlighted by a marathon Rod defeated Born 3-6, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (3).

With two matches left on the court and the Hokies up 3-2, MT responded with authority. Anant Sitaram took a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 win over VT's Adel Abbas, and Brandon Allan wrapped things up with a 7-6 (2), 6-3 victory over Alexei Sergeev.

"I am extremely pleased with the way we played today. Virginia Tech was a legitimate Top 20 team," Blue Raider head coach Dale Short told

MT Media Relations.

With little time to catch their breath, the Blue Raiders then played host to the Salukis of Southern Illinois.

Showing no ill effects from the previous match, MT breezed past SIU, sweeping all three doubles and all six singles matches for a 7-0 win.

Every Blue Raider won his singles match in straight sets. Greg Pollack blanked Sergio Sanchez 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3, and Marc Boiron made his debut in dual matches for the Blue Raiders, claiming an 8-4 decision over SIU's Nick Bauer at No. 6.

The Blue Raiders will face Ole Miss and Mississippi State on the road next weekend. ♦

Lady Raiders shut out Chattanooga 7-0

By Casey Brown
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders defeated another in-state rival on Friday, sweeping UT-Chattanooga 7-0 at the Manker-Patten Tennis Club. The win improved MT to 3-2 on the season.

The Lady Raiders jumped to a 1-0 lead after sweeping the doubles matches. At No. 1, Jennifer Klaschka and Ann-Kristin Siljestrom defeated Lindsay Ballard and Bonnie Adams 8-2 to move to 4-1 overall.

In the other doubles matches, Emily Vest and Ana Maria Cibils defeated UTC's Kristie Wilson and Emily Harpe 8-4 at No. 2, while Claudia Szabo and Jacqui Williams held on

8-6 against Bethany Everett and Francesca Guerrieri.

"Starting off with winning the doubles point was big for the team," head coach Neil Stapp told MT Media Relations. "We really struggled this afternoon in our singles matches, so the win at doubles really helped us."

Despite the struggles, Middle Tennessee also swept all six singles matches from the Lady Mocs.

Klaschka defeated Ballard 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 after dropping the first set at No. 1. Szabo took care of Wilson 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2, and Cibils defeated Everett 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 3.

Newcomer Siljestrom continued to impress, defeating Harpe 6-3, 6-0 after being moved up in the lineup again,

to No. 4. The freshman has not lost a set this season.

"A big-kristin is playing she is a big-time player," Stapp told MT Media Relations.

In other singles matches, Vest triumphed over Adams 6-4, 6-1 in straight sets at No. 5. Williams rounded out things at No. 6 with a 7-5, 2-6, (10-6) victory over Christie Fazio of UTC.

The loss dropped the Lady Mocs to 0-4. The Lady Raiders lost 6-1 to No. 58 Ole Miss on Sunday at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro. *Sidelines* will have full coverage of that match in Wednesday's edition. ♦

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Split: Scott earns win for MT

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[on Friday]," Scott said. "I was on the chart and just taking notes on every hitter where I thought I was going to throw them. I reviewed that pretty extensively and worked off of that the whole game."

Good defense from the Cardinals prevented the Blue Raiders from scoring in the second inning. BSU center fielder Mike Sullivan, who had two great defensive plays in the game, dove and caught a ball that McHenry hit in the left field gap, robbing him of extra bases.

MT's next hitter, Todd Martin, was robbed of a base hit by BSU second baseman Kyle Dygert. Eakes, who had a great day from the plate, finally punch a hit through the defense scoring Jagers to take a short-lived 1-0 lead. Scott did not give up a hit until the fourth inning of work, when he faced the BSU lineup for the second time around.

"I made a few bad pitches, and they capitalized on them," Scott said, "but luckily I got out of there with only the two runs scoring, and that's because we turned the double play with the bases loaded."

In the bottom of the fifth, the

hitting attack began for MT. Jeff Beachum had a double over BSU left fielder Marc Franz's head to score two, and on the next at bat, Marcus Taylor ripped a two-RBI double off the right field wall.

Nate Jagers placed a hit down the right-field line, scoring Taylor, to give the Blue Raiders a 6-2 lead they held through the end of the game.

Eakes blasted a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth that put the game out of reach.

"I really like hitting off of lefties," Eakes said after the game. "He left some up, and I saw some fastballs. I am just glad to get the opportunity."

MT pitcher Aaron Wallus came on in the seventh inning to post five strikeouts in relief of Scott.

"I thought Matt Scott did a very nice job," Peterson told MT Media Relations. "He got in some trouble there in the fourth inning, but he battled through it."

MT grabbed three more runs in the seventh, two from wild pitches and another by an RBI double from Eric McNamee, to account for the final score. The Blue Raiders hit the road this weekend to play in the Screen Tech Wireglass Classic in Dothan, Ala. ♦

PSU: Seniors win final home contest, student wins Scion

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just all came out and played tonight."

MT fell behind early 6-5 but took the lead for good when Fats Cuyler stole the ball and laid it in.

The Blue Raiders never trailed again and in the second half extended the lead to 32. Marcus Morrison led MT with 19 points, while Cuyler added 17.

"I just wanted to win, because it was the seniors last game at the Murphy Center," Cuyler said. "I was going to do whatever it took for us to win this game."

PSU's Seamus Boxley, who came in as the leading scorer in the Big Sky with 20.5

points per game, scored 18. However, Will Funn, who was second in the nation in assists with 7.83, was held to two.

"[Funn] dominates all of these games," Davis said. "He had 14 assists his last game. We just really tried to get into him."

The Blue Raiders improved to 17-10 on the season, while PSU dropped to 18-7. The win was MT's fourth in its last five games.

The win was also the 950th win in school history, and Davis earned his 50th victory as MT head coach.

At halftime, the 1975 Ohio Valley Championship team was honored. That year the team finished 23-5 and won their first regular season and conference tourna-

ment in school history.

That team also earned the school's first NCAA Tournament bid, but the Blue Raiders lost to Oregon State in the first round.

In addition, MTSU student Stephen Smith had the right key to open the door of a new Scion vehicle that he won in the attendance contest.

"I have to give God the glory," Smith said. "It's a blessing to get a car."

The Blue Raiders will finish the regular season with road games against Western Kentucky Thursday and Florida International on Feb. 28. ♦

ASU: Blue Raiders take third

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and everything else just worked for me," Cuyler said.

MT was up 20-16 with 7:39 to go in the opening half before going on a 15-4 run to take control of the game.

"I thought our team came out with a lot of energy," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "We did a really good job on the offensive boards, and we had balanced scoring."

In the second half, ASU was able to close the gap to 11 points as the Indians shot 39 percent from the field. A testy moment

occurred with 6:14 left in the game when ASU's Kitus Witherspoon fouled Dean hard driving to the basket.

The teams did some trash talking, but nothing else happened. In the meantime, ASU was called with a technical foul for an illegal substitution for leaving the scorer's table. Dean then hit four consecutive free throws.

The Blue Raiders improved to 16-10 (6-6 Sun Belt) to take over third place in the SBC East. ASU dropped to 13-12 (5-7). J.J. Montgomery led the Indians with 13, and Dewarick Spencer scored 12. ♦

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