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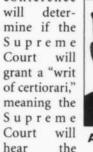
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Tennessee's unemployment still below national average

By Jassem Almuddaf Contributor

Tennessee's unemployment rate for the month of February is 5.4 percent, remaining the same as the January figure, Commissioner of Labor and Development Workforce Michael E. Magill announced.

The state rate remains below the February national rate of 5.5 percent.

'Tennessee's employment picture was fairly typical of February," Magill said. "Seasonal increases in construction, services and educational services were partially offset by seasonal declines in retail trade and transportation."

January to February figures showed that employment increased in services by 3,600 due to increases in hotels, personal services and amuse-

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Construction jobs were also on the increase in February, up by 1,200 jobs. Retail trade declined by 3,000 jobs and transportation declined by 1,100 jobs.

Manufacturing lost 1,200 because of declines in primary metals, electronic equipment, apparel and printing/publishing.

Federal government employment increased by 1,300 with increases in response to the tax season, and state and local government educational services recorded seasonal increases in student workers and substitute teachers.

From February 2001 to February 2002, services grew by 20,500; local government added 3,300 jobs; and finance, insurance and real estate increased by 1,900.

Major decreases took place in manufacturing, which was down by 20,800 jobs, with losses of 13,700 in durable and non-durable goods manufacturing. Transportation positions declined by 5,500, construction lost 2,300 jobs and the durable goods sector of wholesale trade lost 2,700.

A look back at the 2001 local fourth-quarter data confirms what most feared for the short term after Sept. 11. Initial unemployment claims in the Nashville area jumped by 106.3 percent in October from that month's level in 2000.

Since then, however, initial claims have fallen just as dramatically to zero change in January 2002 and a more modest increase of 19.3 percent in February, MTSU Associate Director of Business and Economic Research Center Kathleen Vinlove stated.

This may be a sign that the worst of the local slowdown occurred in the fourth quarter," Vinlove said.

Signals from recent unemployment data, however, are mixed. After inching upward throughout the past year, the state unemployment rate held steady at 5.4 percent between the months of January and February, according to preliminary labor and work force development estimates.

The data showed that Nashville's industry employment growth experienced a reversal from positive to negative after November.

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The hotel industry has recovered from the short-lived negative impacts of the September tragedy, with a healthy 4.5 percent expansion in February and growth in the service sector has remained positive throughout the period.

"A key element in the recovery process is consumer spending. Following September 11, consumer confidence in the Middle Tennessee region actually strengthened for two months before weakening in

"The initial rise reflected optimism about a short-term rebound of the economy in 2002 and positive perceptions about purchasing large-ticket items, but this willingness to spend has since waned as the lowering of the purchasing index shows," she said.

"Whether or not the local economy has rebounded from a mere recessionette depends on expectations of local businesses as well as continued spending in markets such as housing and automobiles that are in danger," Vinlove said.

Such structural change, relatively low energy prices and interest rates, and continued federal fiscal stimulus, may provide the proper climate to revive mid-state employment in the first half of this year. •

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The Rutherford County TCASK chapter has been working alongside the MTSU chapter in raising awareness for the Abdur'Rahman case.

On April 7, they hosted a viewing of the chancery video made by Abdur'Rahman's lawyers, which was sent to both Gov. Don Sundquist and the Supreme Court. The video featured testimonies from Abdur'Rahman's defense attorneys, friends, family, psychologists and original jury members regarding his character, mental illness and history of being a

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In opposition to the appeal, lower federal court prosecutors have successfully argued that procedural rules prohibit further hearings.

"We can only wait and see what the Court says," the office of Tennessee Attorney General Paul Summers about the stay.

If the court refuses to hear the appeal, the stay will be lifted and a new date will be set for Abdur'Rahman's execution.

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MTSU President Since Sidney McPhee's administrative reorganization in February, Haskew has been involved in numerous research projects.

She also has been preparing to teach an economics and finance course in the fall. Haskew was a finalist for the

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Haskew received her bachelor's degree in journalism at UTK in 1962 and her doctorate's degree in economics from UTK in 1969.

She resides in Chattanooga with her husband, Jerre. ♦

The history department's new class is "The American South" (HIST 4150), which will be taught by Robert Hunt.

Hunt says his class will fuse the old and modern South with the idea that the South

region as a whole, not just focus on one particular event," Hunt said.

History major lennifer Steelman completed Hunt's class on the old South, and said if this new class is anything like the other one, it sounds great.

Steelman does see the Civil War being the central point of the class, but said that is understandable.

'Whenever you have a war in your backyard, it is going to be a big part of the history. Up North, they study the Revolutionary War," Steelman said.

Another new class that will be offered by engineering technology is "Manufacturing Automation System" (ET 4590/5590).

This class provides the technical, business and human aspects of a modern automation system.

The department created this class after graduating seniors indicated a need to upgrade and modernize the curriculum.

In addition to new classes offered next semester, some old classes will feature new topics.

"Topics in Sociology" (SOC 4150) will teach the topic of terrorism.

Jackie Eller, who will be

mentally, interpersonally, nationally and internationally. "This course is an out-

growth of my own academic interests and desires to understand deviant behavior, as well as in response to current crises and fears," Eller said.

Sara Saunders, a senior majoring in sociology and psychology said this class sounds both interesting and beneficial.

[It] Sounds like an interesting class, to see the motives behind horrible acts. It would also be helpful for people seeking jobs in the FBI and similar organizations in this day in age," Saunders said.

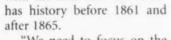
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Political science professor David Carleton said he will be looking at the politics, partisanship and issues surrounding major contemporary subjects in American education.

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It's about time Haskew has gotten another bid for a presidency. She is a qualified, dedicated administrator who has a vested interest in the development, growth and excellence of the university. Haskew was passed up by the Tennessee Board of Regents last summer during the MTSU presidential race, opting for Sidney McPhee.

Then Haskew, as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was reassigned to distinguished professor as a result of McPhee's reorganization in February. It would be a shame to see someone with such administrative experience - experience that stems back much more than a decade – just be a professor, even if she is "distinguished."

Right now, Haskew is involved in research and preparation for a possible class in the fall. Though she says she is enjoying doing a little bit of everything, her abilities and administrative knowledge deserve to be picked up by a higher learning institution somewhere if they're not being fully utilized here.

Haskew said she's negotiating with more than just UWF. It's nice to see that more than one university recognizes her abilities and contributions and wants to utilize them in the best way possible. Plus, Haskew has a degree in journalism, and we journalism geeks have a soft spot in our heart for our fellow reporters.

Haskew has been instrumental in the growth of MTSU throughout the years and could help a number of other universities grow and prosper with her knowledge.

So to Haskew, we wish you luck. Anyone who's dedicated enough to drive to Murfreesboro from Chattanooga on a neardaily basis is certainly deserving enough.

From the Opinions Editor Giving thanks to the **Raider Xpress drivers**

Technology overloading our senses

By Ashly Callaway Staff Columnist

It seems that everyone is doing something all the time. We, as humans of the 21st century, have become accustomed to a fast-paced lifestyle as technological advancements arise every day.

As members of the Information Age, we are constantly being barraged by more and more information; this, as a result, propels us into a constant state of inertia, and makes us become more easily bored, and more quickly. Think about all the

things you do in a day. I, for example, have a cell phone that is probably in use enough during any given day to create some kind of terminal brain illness

However, it kills the time. I commute to school every day, and the ennui of driving forces me to pick up my phone and call peo-

check the voice mail on my cell phone. When I get home from school, I check my e-mail from three different accounts, listen to the voice mail on my home line, and listen simultaneously for the two phones to ring.

Sometimes they ring at the same time, forcing me to have a phone to each ear. Is that not normal?

Then if I'm bored somewhere, say, waiting in a doctor's office, I can use my phone for instant text messaging, checking email and surfing the Internet.

The media certainly don't help in reducing all of this stimulation. The local news shows air at least three times a day, if not more, on each station. Then there's Dateline, Nightline, 20/20, the news anchors with their stern faces riling us up about one thing or another: unstable hotel cribs that

ple. After each class, I could potentially kill your assignments, I was reachchild, testing the amount of fecal bacteria on your computer keyboard, anthrax, the war in the Middle East, Siamese twins, you name it.

> When you turn on the radio, some stations speed up the songs, allowing for more songs to be played in an hour, so more commercials can be aired, therefore cramming more stimuli into our brains.

If you own a minivan and have kids, you may have installed a DVD player that faces the backseat, so the risk of your children becoming bored or irritated is somewhat reduced. Whatever happened to just being quiet?

I think I realized what an impact all of these things have on us when I went to the beach over Spring Break. After two and a half months of climbing my way out of a behemoth pile of essays, reading and research

ing the point of burnout, and a break from it all was quite welcome.

However, I found myself standing at the hotel bar on what was only the second day of my vacation saying I was bored. The weather was beautiful, the pool was refreshing, and yet I still needed something to do.

As I was ordering my third beer of the day, I started wondering if I was drinking to cure the boredom. We've all done it.

I'd seen two commercials for alcohol the week before that contained, as part of their slogans, the word "interesting." Cavit wine urges us to "Make it interesting," while Bacardi claims "Your night just got more interesting." According to the advertisers, we are tedious, comatose beings without alcohol or stimulation.

One theory behind this "motion sickness" is that

there has been in the past. I beg to differ. Were there not just as many wars, conflicts, discoveries and advances occurring in the past as there are now? Of course there were, but we are much more

there is a lot more happen-

ing in the world now than

exposed to it now because of improvements in communication.

We can turn on CNN or MSNBC at any time and hear every detail of every breaking news story around the world.

It's a mad world out there, and we could all use a little peace.

So when the TV is blaring, your voice mail is beeping, the e-mail is chirping and your brain is filled to the brim with all it can take of data and aural clamor, take a deep breath and try to relax.

I wish I had a more noteworthy conclusion, but I have to go. My cell phone is ringing.

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hundreds of years. They

still entitled to be there

Ishmael is the forefather of

since

Abraham's son

Addiction equals eviction

By Casey Hankey

Columbia Daily Spectator

(U-WIRE) - At a time when I would like to place as much faith as possible in governmental authority, I can't help but question the Supreme Court's latest ruling.

Its unanimous decision in favor of a one-strike law for residents of public housing decrees that even innocent tenants can be evicted if a family member or guest is caught with drugs in or near a housing project.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist is quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying the policy serves to make all tenants aware that they can be removed if they do not prevent drug use by their family members, and that furthermore, it protects law-abiding families from crime and violence in the projects.

How can parents or grandparents

mass-produce that kind of desperation in its poor.

Even worse off are those who would still subsist in the projects, for whom the social effects would be devastating.

With this law, the government demands that residents assume the role of police.

In doing so, they not only break sacred trusts with their children, but cast a suspicious eye on their neighbors, thus forging their world on a foundation of distrust.

A grandmother who would normally not think twice about taking her daughter's children under her wing now has her own livelihood to consider.

Additionally, this law ignores the addictive qualities of most narcotics, which will certainly impede the efforts of many tenants who might otherwise be willing to comply.

But citizens from the projects cannot

Land, not religion, basis for conflict

By Austin Timmons OSU Daily Barometer

really don't see why they (U-WIRE) - This colshould be booted because umn will attempt to serve it was a biblical-era kingas a "Middle East Conflict dom for the Jews. They for Dummies." claim that if that were the correct argument, they are

Please note that since this is such a broad topic, I cannot delve too deeply into any one portion, but hopefully this will spark enough interest for you to learn more.

Along with that, you should be able to keep up with what is being written be resolved without some on the front pages of newspapers today.

Most people think that

the Arabs. Thus, they as well are "Abraham's children" and are entitled to live there. This conflict will never serious compromise, or serious violence.

Israel is currently in the midst of a military aggres sion pushing into the West Bank in search of "terrorist activity" after an insurgence of violence by Palestinian groups. Don't think that this is a onesided thing though.



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I wanted to go home. It was just about 5:45, and I'd had a long day of Monday classes, and worked at the Sidelines office. There was nothing I wanted more than a warm dinner and a nap. As luck would have it, there was a Raider Xpress bus waiting outside Peck Hall, so I jumped on.

As we began moving, George (he never told me his last name), the driver, asked me where I was going (parking lot outside Scarlett Commons), and took me straight there, rolling past the bus stops where no one was waiting. George explained to me that he had been at work since 7 a.m., and was about to get off. I was going to be his last passenger of the day.

He dropped me off at my car and began rolling away. As I tried to open my door, however, I real-

ized that I had grabbed the wrong set of keys mine were back at the James Union Building. George, seeing I was having problems, drove back around to ask what was wrong. I explained what happened and was about

to start walking back to the JUB, when he told me to hop in. We picked up another

passenger, dropped him off outside Peck Hall, and then George went another figurative mile and parked outside the JUB while waiting for me to come back with my keys. He then gave me an immediate ride back to where I needed to go.

George the Driver is an amazing example of some of the truly great people who the university employs. Every time I tried to thank him, he told me he was just doing his job. Obviously, George went above and beyond. And that's after he had been driving in campus-wide circles for almost 11 hours.

So next time you ride the Xpress, give the driver a big "thank you." You never know when it might pay off. •

control their children 24 hours a day, let alone their adult acquaintances?

Can we expect to see the Bush family evicted from the White House because the president can't control his own daughters' substance abuse?

In order to control crime and violence, is the government also going to start evicting any family whose members get into a fight or are caught using a can of spray paint?

Under this law, a disabled individual could lose his home if his caregiver was caught carrying drug paraphernalia. Without prior knowledge of the situation, what control could one possibly exert?

In order to effectively detect and prevent drug use by fellow family members, unyielding surveillance would be required. As this is impossible, people with families face the highest risk under this law.

Astonishingly, not one judge considered the very obvious consequences of this ruling. This one-strike - or, let's face it, no-strike - law has many more victims than beneficiaries.

People who had been living in the projects, obviously not doing well to begin with, will effectively become homeless and most likely contribute to an increase in crime - the opposite end of the law's intent.

I recently witnessed the speech of a homeless man who announced that by giving him change, with which he would admittedly buy crack cocaine, I "might be saving a human life."

He yelled, "If I don't get what I want, I may end up killing someone tonight!" I was terrified, and I shudder to think that my government considers it wise to afford to just up and go to detox now that there is more at stake. The risk of losing one's home does not make quitting any easier.

People are forced to turn their backs rather than extend their hands to friends and family who battle addiction.

In effect, normal familial connections are severed and forced to undergo scrupulous review.

Of course innocent residents of the projects have the right to live in an environment free of drugs and crime. Their rights do not supercede the rights of equally innocent tenants with relations to people who are caught using drugs.

Under ideal circumstances, all families should be more vigilant about controlling drug abuse among their mem-

But people who live in public housing do not live under ideal circumstances. Punishing innocent people for others' faults is a cruel, senseless way to make public policy.

The biggest problem with drug eviction is that it ultimately targets the poor, violating a number of constitutional amendments. If I go to the park and get arrested for smoking dope, my dad is not going to lose his house.

Granted, government property is subject to different rules than private property, but if owning a house makes one exempt, that is not equal protection. It certainly doesn't take a chief justice to see that paying for a crime one didn't commit is cruel and unusual punishment.

We have become so concerned with putting a foreign face on terror that we have lost sight of it within our own borders. �

the Middle East conflict is all about religion. It's not. It's about land. Religious differences are not the backbone of this turmoil.

There are some religious affiliations in history you should know; Israelis are the Jewish followers, while Palestinians include not only Muslims, but Christians and Druze as well. Like I said, it's not all about religion.

The land we're talking about is approximately 10,000 square miles, which is about the equivalent of the state of Maryland, and in 1949 was split up into three portions - the state of Israel, the West Bank (referring to the lordan River) and the Gaza Strip.

The Jewish claims to the land are based on a biblical promise to Abraham that he and his descendants would have a homeland. This was the spot of the birth of the Jewish people, so it makes sense to them that Israel would be the spot.

Palestinians' claim to the land comes from their

There are actions and retaliations committed by small groups from both sides constantly.

President Bush has asked the prime minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon, to withdraw the Israeli armed forces from the West Bank. Sharon stated he would hurry their actions up and get out soon.

President Clinton spent much of his time in office working on Middle East peace initiatives, but it all blew up in his face.

Bush is taking a different approach - not doing a darn thing and hoping that if enough of the people are killed, the violence will stop itself.

It won't, but Bush has more important things to do, like hunt down "evil" and "stop it in its tracks." •

Correction

In Monday's Sidelines, we incorrectly stated the sponsor of the facepainting and prizes at the Easter egg hunt held on President Sidney McPhee's lawn. All MTSU sororities sponsored the face painting and prizes. Sidelines regrets the error.

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If you love yourself, leave abuse behind

By Latrice Williams Staff Writer

This is a terrifying scenario that is real for many women one every 15 seconds in America:

You are awakened from a sound sleep in the middle of the night by someone pulling you from the bed by your hair. Is it a crook, a rapist, a thief? No, it's the man you love. He's fussing and carrying on for no apparent reason. There is a brawl. He leaves you sprawled on the floor, crying, with your hands covering your face. You have a blue-black eye, scratches, bruises and a busted lip.

The abuse starts with a tight grip of the arm, a smack and a shove to the floor. He says it is your fault and that you're the reason he's acting this way. But you're not, and his abuse can lead you to the graveyard.

Domestic violence is the result of an abusive cycle that often can been prevented or stopped before it becomes worse.

"Violence is often part of a pattern of threats, insults, insane jealousy, explosive temper and attempts to isolate and overpower the woman," according to the Handbook of Domestic Violence.

Sometimes the abuse is followed by an excuse. He will apologize and say "I am sorry" or "I did not mean it." The apology is usually followed with an "I love you."

If you are weak-minded, then it's easy for him to per-

do, you come back to him time after time. For what? The same old thing, another day in which it starts back again.

If he tells you it will not happen anymore or he will not do it again, he is lying to you. First, there should not have been a first time. You may say, "but he loves me." That is not love. No one who loves you would hurt you or raise his hand at you.

"Domestic violence crosses racial, class, ethnic and economic lives," states the Web site www.geocities.com/abusiverelationships. "Violence in the home usually becomes more frequent and severe over time. The abuser's apologies do not mean that the violence will not occur again."

If he says, "If you leave, I'll kill you," he probably will. But leaving is well worth the risk. If you stay, he will still probably kill you. There are safehouses for you to go to if you feel you are in a danger.

There is help for you, but you must be willing to take it. In Murfreesboro, you can go to the Room at The Inn Day Shelter on 640 W. Main St. or call 896-7016.

If you say, "We have a history together," then I ask you this: How many years of torture, sleepless nights, days when you felt as if he were hanging over your head with a pillow about to suffocate you or holding a knife to your throat will you live through?

Issues like these stay on your mind constantly, but it does not

suade you not to leave. Or if you have to be this way. You should be able to tell him how you feel without fear of any consequences. You need to be able to communicate with each other. If not, then there are other people you can talk to.

> If you are on the MTSU campus, you can go to the June Anderson Women's Center located in the James Union Building, Room 203, or call Candace Rosovsky, director of the women's center, at 898-2193, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You also can go to Guidance Services at the Keathley University Center, Room 329, or call Assistant Director Joe Tucibat at 898-2670.

> Off campus, there are other licensed counselors you can contact. You can go to The Guidance Center on 118 N. Church St. or call 898-0770 or you can visit Positive Horizons at 150 Mitchell Ave. or call 355-

Where there is a will there is a way for you to get out of there alive. You may have lost yourself along the way, but you need to find your true self all over again. It is the best way to turn your life around. You need to tell yourself that you do really matter. Your life is precious, and you should treasure every minute of

Love is supposed to be pleasurable, not painful. Motivate vourself to leave him, without hesitating and never turning back. Stand alone; don't carry his heavy burdens. The weight is too heavy for you to take.



Illustration by Lucas Antoniak | Staff

Listen, you are not his mother, although he is acting like a baby. This is not the Maury Povich show. Keep in mind that you do not have to pick up after anyone but yourself. He needs to meet you at least half way. If not, do not cook and clean for him because you are not his maid. Do not scrub him down, give him a bath, clip his toenails or dress him. It is degrading, and you are only lowering your self-worth. If he is a man, he should be able to look after himself.

You should love yourself from within first before you can expect someone to love you the same way you love him or her. It starts with self-respect. You will only attract those who reflect what you think about yourself. You need a strong man who will help you celebrate your womanhood.

Are you tired of giving your all and receiving nothing in return?

You are not an animal or anyone's slave. You will carry all kinds of emotions over to the

next relationship, so be careful about starting another one. It takes time for your wounds to heal, so do not be so eager to start again. You still have some unfinished business to take care of - first, loving yourself.

I know that it is hard to be brave when you are left to feel so small about yourself. You fear him, yet you must live for no one but vourself. Remember that no one else should be making decisions for you. After all, being alone is not a bad thing. •





lience enters conscience stage left

'Fever' faces the struggle of humanity existing in souls

By Alice Fleenor Staff Writer

Even an audience member of The Fever, written by contemporary playwright Wallace Shawn, has one stage direction: enter conscience stage left.

After winning the Obie Award for the Best Play in 1991, Wallace Shawn earned the label as "America's most dangerous playwright." To experience The Fever is to understand how he got that title.

The Fever takes the audience on a 90 minute, uninhibited and emotional journey of the senses through amazing theatrics, interactions, lights and sounds.

The set, influenced heavily by capital punishment and

Catholic confessional booths, brings to life the struggles of a nameless character with her own privileged life, her chosen ignorance to painful self-truths and her actions that speak most clearly of her character.

Denise Hicks, who grew up outside of Philadelphia, plays the sole nameless character on this "theatrical journey."

As Hicks works through her own misunderstanding of self, she longs to grasp the true essence of human decency. Through self-scrutinizing dialogue, she reaches the conclusion that she feared the most.

Her passive good will and good intentions will no longer keep her own conscience at bay. Her justifications for a once comfortable life, filled with "reprehensible sympathy" and Professional Theatre awards. He "misguided attempts to do good," are futile.

'This play reminds us that society is made up of humans," Hicks said.

Her journey presents a particularly disturbing paradox. If she allows herself to see beyond the constraints of her privilege and accept what she now knows as truth, she must face the terrifying realization that the life once so dear to her will never be the same.

And for the nameless one, with that realization comes a tremendous responsibility that she fears she may not have the strength of character or the personal courage to truly accept.

Brian Niece, director of The Fever, is founding artistic director of the People's Branch Theatre. Niece, named Best Young Actor by the Nashville Scene in 2001, has received numerous Tennessean Annual is a teaching artist for The Nashville Shakespeare Festival and is involved with TPAC education as a professional performer.

Niece, described as a leader in the Nashville arts community and a champion for experimental stage work, says The Fever "documents a process, a struggle that exists in the soul of anyone willing to look at self closely" by "forcing us to face our own humanity in a very engaging and inviting manner."

After moving to Nashville in 1980, she worked in the Country Music USA show at Opryland. She has been working with the Nashville Shakespeare Festival for 11 years and became artistic director in 1998. She has been involved in all of the People's Branch shows to date.

For Hicks, preparing for the one-woman role was very

demanding.

'This play takes a great deal of physical strength and is the most challenging, psychologically speaking, that I've ever done," Hicks said.

"Preparing was a process of learning 90 minutes of streamof-consciousness prose and being in the physical condition to perform the physical score that Brian and I have created."

While the role was demanding and had its challenges, Hicks thinks the message was well worth the trouble.

[Wallace] challenges us to think about the lies we tell every day and encourages us to think about letting go of that burden every now and then," she said.

"The way our society has evolved, money has become the most important factor."

Hicks added that the play says without the money, there is no difference between any of us. She said that what she loves

best about the show is that there is no pretense.

"We are presenting this text directly from me to the audience," Hicks said.

"I talk to you, we share a cup of coffee and something sweet and think about our American lives together."

The Fever is a show with such a strong message that you will wish you had seen it sooner, or perhaps wish you had not seen it at all.

It is a piece with great social implications, and the creative partnership between Hicks and Niece brings down the "fourth wall" and exploits the experience to its fullest.

And as they like to say, "it is a show for anyone with more than one pair of shoes."

The Fever runs April 17-20 at the Darkhorse Theater. Tickets range from \$8 to \$16 and can be purchased by calling 254-0008.

Book Review =

Novel explores cult of silence



Ben Marcus is the author of

Notable American Women.

By Jennifer Cathey Staff Writer

At a time when many Americans are clamoring for extreme social changes, a novel like Ben Marcus' Notable American Women is exactly what readers need - a cautionary tale to warn the audience about the dangers of following any movement blindly.

Through flashbacks, lists of dates and places and documentation of different research projects, Marcus tells the story of an extreme cult based on silence.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of this work of fiction is that the author and the narrator are the same person, allowing the author to create a startling background.

When the novel begins, Marcus is a young boy who lives in Ohio with his father, mother and sister.

As the novel progresses, we find that Marcus' mother, Jane, is involved in a cult-like organization that teaches the virtues of complete silence over speech. Her involvement in the Silentists movement leads her family to move into the "cult compound."

The leader of the Silentist group, also known as the Women's National Pantomime Group, is a woman named Jane Dark.

Because Dark wishes to create a generation of purebred

fictional tale about his own Silentists, the young Marcus is used in the breeding program with the Silentist women.

Notable American Women goes on to mention several instances of child abuse, along with the dietary restrictions and research that occur inside the compound.

Parts of the novel are entirely related to a time line, leading up to the events mentioned in the novel.

These sections aren't just filler, either.

They are actually crucial to the plot and help the reader greater understand the range and scope of the Silentist movement.

Marcus has definitely created an unusual novel in writing Notable American Women. The novel, despite the level of reading difficulty, is really a very interesting story that brings important moral questions to light.

Characters like Marcus' parents and the elusive Jane Dark definitely draw in a reader. It's easy to continue reading the book just because Marcus keeps the audience guessing the exact depth and breadth of his parents' insanity.

The most brilliant aspect of this novel, though, is the use of the author as the narrator, despite the fact that the novel itself is fictional.

In fact, reading the first chapter, it is impossible to tell the whether the story is fact or fiction.

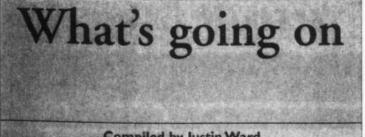
Luckily, the cover clearly calls Notable American Women "a novel."

Had the editor not made that wise decision, it would be nearly impossible to come to that conclusion.

Notable American Women is an electrifying novel, though it isn't for the faint of heart. A reader looking for an easy read will never finish this novel.

A reader, however, who wants something more challenging, will really enjoy it.

Recommending Notable American Women is like asking someone if they want to take the short cut or the scenic route. The choice is ultimately left up to the individual.



Compiled by Justin Ward Staff Writer

Nednesday, April 10 Freebo, Jim PhotoGlo, Aark T. Jordan, Danny lowers: 9 p.m., Bluebird Cafe 8. ASCAP Showcase featuring eremy Spillman, Trent Wilmon, Chris Stapleton and tobin Lee Bruce: 6 p.m.; Carol Ann Brown, 7:45 p.m.

Karaoke at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub: 7:30-close in the D. Room. HipHop Night: 10-close in the Barcar.

Ladies Night at Bongo Johnny's; ladies free before 11 p.m.

Kill Devil Hills and Serotonin at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

Bluegrass Boys and Cadillac at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Stephen Brutton Trio: 9 p.m., Bluebird Cafe, \$10. Diane Durette, Jimbeau Hinson, Ken Somerville and Marc-Alan Barnette in the round, 6:30 p.m.

Guest Bartenders for Charity 6-8 p.m. at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub. Cliff and the Cliffnotes 8-midnight. Juan Prophet Organization

at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

Neo at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m. College Night at Bongo Johnny's - \$3 with college ID. Rye Coalition, Forget Cassettes, One Fifth Griffith and The Contract at the Red Rose Cafe at 9:30 p.m. Skydog Gypsy at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Steve Seskin, Tom Douglas, Angela Kaset and John Davis: in the round, 9:30 p.m., Bluebird Cafe, \$10. Lance Cowan, 6:30 p.m.

Johny Jackson's All Good ridays with D.J. Terry Grant at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub at 9 p.m. Sony Holand and the Dennis Burnside Trio 6-9 p.m.

ro Bar and Grill featuring Byler, Wyatt Easterling and

Natti Love Joys and Hemingway at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 Bill Lloyd, Don Henry, Hillary Lindarym and Matt Keating: in the round, 9:30 p.m., Bluebird Cafe, \$10. Amanda Hunt-Taylor, Marla Cannon-Goodman, Steve Dean and Billy Montana in the round, 6:30 p.m.

Johny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub at 9 p.m.

Max Johns at The Boro Bar and Grill at 4 p.m. (free). Mo Rah at 9:30 p.m.

Benefit for Cancer at Faces Restaurant and Lounge featuring Kahil's Ego, Flesh Machine and Dr. Gonzo at 9:30 p.m. Son Caliente with Dalia at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m. Motion City Soundtrack at

the Red Rose Cafe at 9:30 p.m. O.J. Kids and Brian Taylor at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

Taryn Smith: 6:30 pm, Bluebird Cafe.

Louis Browns Firehouse Jazz Band at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub 5-8 p.m. D.J. Viper in the Barcar at 10 p.m.

Mike's Open Mic at The Boro Bar and Grill at 4 p.m. (free). Roland Gresham Jazz at 8 p.m. - \$3

Phat Sundays at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15

WSM-AM radio show caught in the webb: featuring artists on A Tribute to Webb Pierce including Gail Davies, Rosie Flores, Chuck Mead and Matt King: 9:30 pm, BluebirdCafe, \$8.

Tuesday, April 16

This is Pulp Country: featuring Kristi Rose, Fats Kaplin, Jack Silverman, Lorne Rall and Maxwell Schauf: 9 p.m., Bluebird Cafe, \$7. API in the Round featuring Drew Benefit for Cancer at The Womack, Sony LeMaire, Liz

Heartfelt tale of rookie lacks depth

Courtney Hall Staff Writer

When we are watching a film that has been going great we ask ourselves, "What's going to happen?"

The usual "what" is something bad quickly followed by something good to lift audience morale at the film's close.

The Rookie, however, does not follow this usual pattern.

This Walt Disney production, instead, embodies everything that Walt Disney seems to stand for - dreams and happy endings.

Dennis Quaid and Rachel Griffiths, followed by an outstanding supporting cast, lead the way on this heartfelt journey of hope and courage.

"If you don't have dreams you don't have anything," says Quaid's character Jimmy Morris.

The heart of the film revolves around achieving your

Plot too farfetched, unbelievable at times

Rebecca Parker Staff Writer

Picture the three most chauvinist fraternity guys you know, then put a wig, makeup and dress on them. You have Sorority Boys.

The film, produced by Larry Brezner and directed by Wally Wolodarsky, is in theaters now, but there are definitely better ways to spend \$7.25. It is funny at times, with its sexual humor, but the slapstick just cannot pull the plot along.

The fraternity is Kappa Omicron Kappa (KOM), and the name of the sorority is Delta Omicron Gamma (DOG.)

Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful students in the Aerospace Department for their emails, gifts, cards, and genuine concern during my illness, they have been a great source of comfort. also want to thank the wonderful faculty and staff of the department for their unwavering concern and support. Special thanks to Paul, Ron, Steve, Janet, John, Lester, Joey, Joyce, Mika and Chris for taking care of my classes and obligations without a second thought to the extra work load. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful caring people in my life. I am privileged to be working in the best department on campus.

dreams, no matter how fright-The importance of responsiening that prospect might be. bility is made clear in this scene Imagine being in your late but is not outweighed by the all-30's/early 40's and trying out for important theme of "follow that Major League Baseball, Imagine dream."

> However, the film does not cash in on the theme of costs. Had it done so it would have been a more effectual film. Costs make achievement much more important.

> The worst thing that happened to this man, that the film focused on, was when young Morris was forced to move to Big Lake, Texas, and there was no place for him to play baseball.

> It is mentioned, rather lightly, that he was injured and that the injury played a major role in his no longer playing baseball.

That may be so, but this film did not have anything. Luckily, it is Disney, and they can get away with such things. Nothing bad happens in a Disney picture.

Rookie is a feel-good film and should not be entered into under the false pretenses of it being a drama.

Being a feel-good film, it cashes in on hope and the dream of dreams. As such, that is how it should be entered into, with hope for the impossible.

The acting in the film is wonderful on the part of the young boy who portrayed Morris's son. Though he is not credited heavily, without that little boy, The Rookie would have lost a great deal.

The same goes for the magnificent Rachel Griffiths. Without her, the film would have absolutely no depth. She was the emotion in the film.

The Rookie could have been better and deeper, but even though it is not spectacularly clever and deep, it is still entertaining and heartfelt. Sometimes that is all vou need. ♦

Though depth is lacking, The

Sorority Boys' not best use of money

There are many plays on these names throughout the film. There are three guys, Dave

the fear of making a fool of

yourself in front of many

younger people, and the fear of

failure. There is nothing more

frightening than the possibility

Morris faces that fear, and he

overcomes it by succeeding. The

bigger question then becomes,

just because you can should

you? When should you stop

start winning, you try out

again," proposes Morris's high

It all begins with a deal. "We

You might have guessed that

In one of the most humor-

ous scenes in the film, Morris

fulfills his promise and goes to a

tryout, along with his three chil-

dren, one of whom is still in

of failure.

diapers.

dreaming? Never.

school baseball team.

the team started winning.

(Barry Watson), Adam (Michael Rosenbaum) and Doofer (Harland Williams) who turn into Daisy, Adina and Roberta after a fiasco involving the fraternity's money.

The guys are then sent on a journey through the trials and tribulations of daily womanhood. In other words, they get to find out what it feels like to be the ugly girls that have been the butt of their jokes for so long

The boys also have problems with love. Dave's love triangle with DOG's alpha, Leah (Melissa Sagemiller), will give the audience a few laughs, and Adina's run in with Adam's fraternity little brother is hilarious.

This idea is a good one, and it is nice to see that the jerks of today may be the Casanovas of tomorrow when given their just desserts, but the humor can tend to be a little unbelievable and farfetched at times.

It is funny to see how the guys get so into their alternative selves, with panty hose, high heels, accesorizing and dealing with having a huge derriere.

Much of the film seems very unlikely, such as the fact that the guy's closets in the sorority house came fully furnished with clothes left by the girls before them, and that they fit. It also Girls, rent it if necessary.

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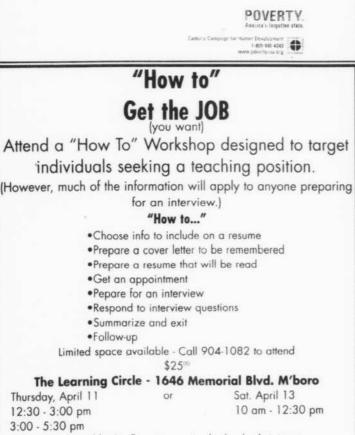
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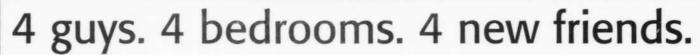
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Mark T. Jordan, Danuy Flowers: 9 p.m., Bluebird Cafe \$8. ASCAP Showcase featuring Jeremy Spillman, Trent Wilmon, Chris Stapleton and Robin Lee Bruce: 6 p.m.; Carol Ann Brown, 7:45 p.m.

Karaoke at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightelub: Canaon-Goodman, Steve 7:30-close in the D. Room. HipHop Night: 10-close in the Barcar.

Ladies Night at Bongo Johnny's: ladies free before 11 p.m.

Kill Devil Hills and Serotonin at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

Bluegrass Boys and Cadillac at Wall Strent of 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Stephen Brutton (rip: 9 p.m., Bluebird Cate, \$10. Diane Durette, limbeau Hinson, Ken Somerville and Marc-Alan Barmette un the round, 6:30 p.m.

Guest Bartienders for Charity 6-8 p.m. of the Cantina Restaurant and Nightelub: Cliff and the

Rye Coalition, Forget Cassettes, One Fifth Griffith

and The Contract at the Red Rose Cafe at 9:30 p.m.

Skydog Gypsy of Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Steve Seskin, Tom Douglas, Angela Kaset and John Davis: in the round, 9130 p.ml. Bluebird Cafe, \$10, Lance Cowan, 6:30 p.m.

Johny Jackson's All Good. Fridays with D.J. Terry Grant at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightchub at 9 p.m. Sony Holand and the Dennis Burnside Trio 6-9 p.m.

Benefit for Cancer at The Boro Bar and Grill featuring

Natti Love Joys and Freebo, Jim PhotoGlo, Herningway at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Bill Floyd, Don Henry, Hillary Lindarym and Matt Keating: in the round, 9:30 p.m., Eluchird Cafe, \$10. Amanda Hunt-Taylor, Marla Dean and Billy Montana in the

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Heartfelt tale of rookie lacks depth

Courtney Hall

that has been going great we ask.

the importance of responsibility is made clear in this scene. but is not ontweighed by the all

focused on, was when young Morris was forced to move to

Rookie is a feel-good film and should not be entered into under the false pretenses of itbeing a drama.

Being a feel-good film, it cashes in on hope and the dream of dreams. As such, that

The acting in the tilm is wonderful on the part of the credited heavily, without that little boy. The Rookie would

The Rookie could have been and heartfelt. Sometimes that is all vou need. 🔶

Sorority Boys' not best use of money

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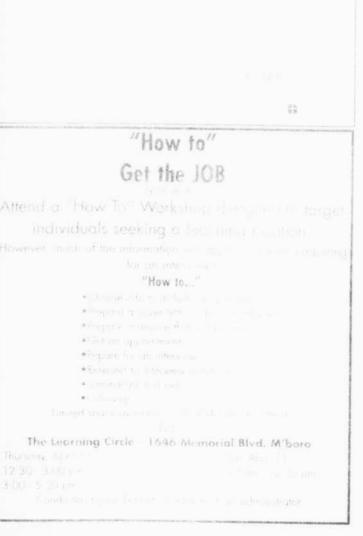
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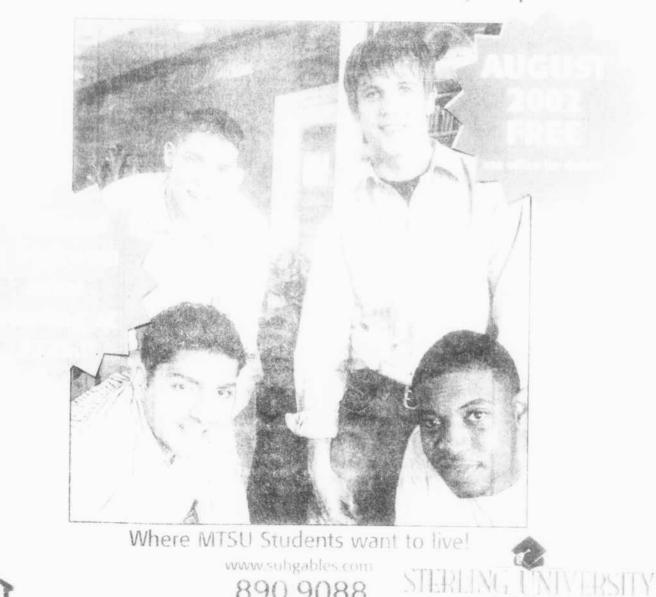
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Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Men's tennis team beats UL-Lafayette 5-2

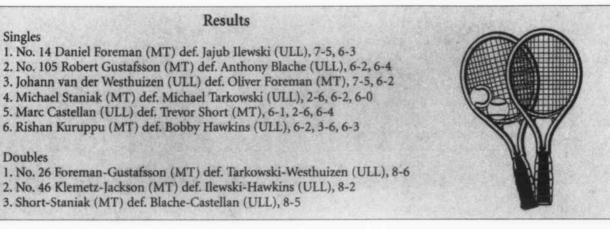
By Justin Ward Staff Writer

The No. 36 Middle Tennessee men's tennis team (14-5) defeated the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (4-13) 5-2 Sunday afternoon at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center, bringing their record to 14-5 for the season.

In doubles, the 26th-ranked team of Robert Gustafsson and Oliver Foreman defeated Michael Tarkowski and Johann van der Westhuizen at the No. 1 spot 8-6. In the No. 2 spot, 46th-ranked Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson defeated Jajub Ilewski and Bobby Hawkins 8-2, and Trevor Short and Michael Staniak finished the sweep by defeating Anthony Blache and Marc Castellan 8-5.

In singles, 14th-ranked Klemetz defeated Ilewski 7-5, 6-3 to claim the No. 1 spot for the Blue Raiders. No. 105 Gustafsson claimed the No. 2 spot by defeating Blache 61 6-4. Foreman lost at the No. 3 spot 7-5, 6-2 to 2. Westhuizen, and Short lost at No. 5 to Castellan 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. Staniak and Rishan Kuruppu both won at the No. 4 and No. 6 spots, respectively, to clinch the win for the Blue Raiders. Staniak defeated Tarkowski 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, and Kuruppu defeated Bobby Hawkins 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

The Blue Raiders have lost five of their last seven matches after starting the spring campaign with a 12-0 record. They have one regular season match remaining against Vanderbilt University today at 2 p.m. before traveling to Mobile, Ala., for the Sun Belt Championships April 19-21. ♦



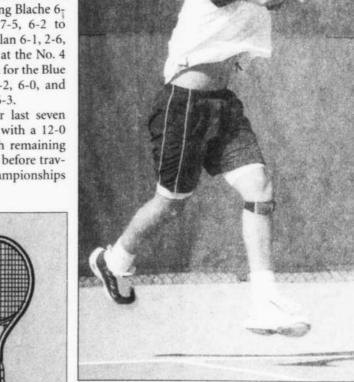


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer Oliver Foreman follows through on his return of serve in a singles loss.

Baseball team rallies over NMS

By Kevin Rose Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team (19-12, 2-4) rallied from a 6-run deficit but came up short Sunday afternoon losing to New Mexico State 13-11.

The Aggies improved to 26-10, 3-3 with the series-clinching victory.

The Blue Raiders dropped back-to-back Sun Belt Conference series for the first time in school history.

The Aggies built an 11-5 lead going into the eighth inning, but no lead is safe in Las Cruces, N.M. The Blue Raiders evened the score at 11 with a six-run eighth inning. The big inning was highlighted by RBI doubles from Chuck Akers, Nate Jaggers and Brett Carroll.

The Aggies responded with 2 runs in their half of the eighth to take the lead 13-11. Corey Harrington and Gabe Veloz singled for the Aggies to lead off the inning. MT reliever Marshall Nisbett beared down to get two outs, but an error by shortstop Jason Howarth allowed Harrington to score the goahead run. Veloz scored the final run of the game after a Hal Bisnett single.

Offensively, the Blue Raiders were led by Carroll, who had 4 hits, 4 RBIs and a home run. Akers and Jaggers added 2 hits apiece. On the game, MT had 18 hits compared to the Aggies 14.

> NMSU was paced by Gabe Veloz and Jesse



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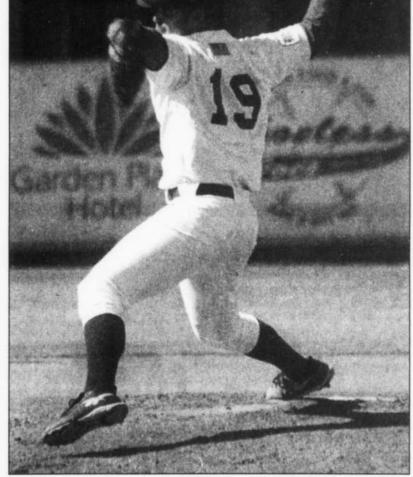


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer Steven Kines goes through his motion in delivering the pitch.

French. Both had 3 hits apiece.

MT starting pitcher Steven Kines lasted 4 and 1/3 innings, giving up 7 runs on 8 hits. Nisbett (0-2) took the loss for the Blue Raiders, going 2 innings and allowing 3 runs on 3 hits. Two of the runs Nisbett were against unearned.

For the Aggies, Justin Brown (2-0) picked up the win in relief of starter Christian Jackson. Brown pitched 1 and 1/3 innings and allowed no hits and no runs.

The Blue Raiders play out of conference today as they take on East Tennessee State at 2 p.m. Over the weekend, the Blue Raiders will have their first home Sun Belt Conference series as they host Western Kentucky University. Start times are 7 p.m., 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. All three games can be heard live on WMTS 88.3. ♦

Doug Kunicki rounds first base while looking for the ball in the outfield.

Raiders travel to Johnson City for match-up with East Tennessee State

By Kevin Rose

Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team (19-12) will try to get back on the winning track as they travel to Johnson City for a two-game series against East Tennessee State University.

The Blue Raiders will play the Bucs at 6 p.m.Tuesday, while Wednesday's game is at 2 p.m.

The Blue Raiders beat the Bucs in a twogame series earlier in the year 10-8 and 10-4.

ETSU will come into the game on a threegame winning streak. Over the weekend, the Bucs sweep a Southern Conference series over Georgia Southern by scores of 9-8, 5-3 and 5-4. They are 10-19 on the season.

The Blue Raiders will be coming off a Sun Belt Conference series loss to New Mexico State.

ETSU is hitting .264 as a team, led by a .424 average by Kirk Keathley. The Bucs do not possess much home run power. As a team, they have only hit 13 long balls on the season.

What the Bucs lack in power, they make

up for with speed. On the base paths, they have stolen 63 and only been caught 12 times. Tim Turner leads the team with 15 swipes in 15 attempts.

The ETSU pitching staff has a,6.54 ERA, and opponents are hitting .321 against Buc hurlers. Jarrod Hyder leads the staff with a 2-0 record and a 1.26 ERA.

For MT, Justin Sims continues to lead the offense with a .443 batting average, 9 home runs, 51 hits, 34 RBIs, 51 runs scored and a .757 slugging percentage.

MT head coach Steve Peterson will likely send right-handers Travis Horschel and Chase Swing to the mound in the two-game series against the Bucs.

Horschel is 3-1 on the season and picked up the only win of the series against New Mexico State. Swing is 0-2 on the season but pitched well enough to win in his last start against Memphis. The Blue Raiders were shut out 2-0 by the Tigers.

Both games of the series will be at Cardinal Park, home field of the Johnson City Cardinals. Johnson City is a Rookie League affiliate for the St. Louis Cardinals. •

Blue Raider Notebook

By Shane Marquardt

Staff Writer

The Easter break came to a close last weekend, and it appears no one is more reluctant to get back to work than the MT baseball team. The Blue Raiders are 1-for-4 in games following the break, with 2 losses coming on their home field and 2 coming in conference play. But grab some peanuts and Cracker Jacks because we're nowhere near the seventh inning stretch.

Cruel Las Cruces:

The Blue Raiders fell behind in Sun Belt Conference play with only one win in a three-game series against New Mexico State. The losses didn't occur because of a lack of bats, as home plate was buried in a stampede of runs. But the Blue Raider pitching staff gave up more runs than the MT bats

could keep up with, a trend happening all to fre-. quently since Easter. Left fielder Justin Sims shed some light in what was a bleak time for the Blue* Raiders. Sims went 4-for-6 and scored 4 runs with 5 RBIs in the Blue Raiders lone victory.

On the Road Again:

The Blue Raiders will take a 19-12 record, 2-4 in conference play, on the road to Johnson City thisweek. MT will swap hits with East Tennessee State. today in the second game of a two-game series in Sun Belt Conference play. Take Me Home:

The MT baseball team returns home for the weekend to spit in the eye of Western Kentucky. The series starts Friday in Murfreesboro and continues through Sunday. It couldn't come any sooner for the Blue Raider squad. MT is 11-4 within the confines of Reese Smith Field.

Golf standings and scores

Team standings

- 1. Auburn (284-283-294=861)
- Southeastern Louisiana (291-288-288=867)
 Southern Methodist (291-287-292=870)
 Mississippi State (289-291-295=875)
 Jacksonville State (297-286-294=877)
 Florida State (288-205-200-282)

- 6. Florida State (288-295-300=883)
- 7. Mississippi (294-299-291=884)
- 8. Memphis (300-293-299=892)
- 9. Middle Tennessee (295-302-298=895)
- 10. Georgia State (305-297-296=898)
- 11. Vanderbilt (307-293-301=901)
- 12. Tulane (302-305-304=911)

MT scores

- T10. Charlie Gibson (72-73-73=218)
- T23. John Beddies (75-73-74=222) T41. J.R. Wade (75-77-75=227) T49. Patrick Williams (73-79-78=230)

- T52. Carter Henderson (76-80-76=232)

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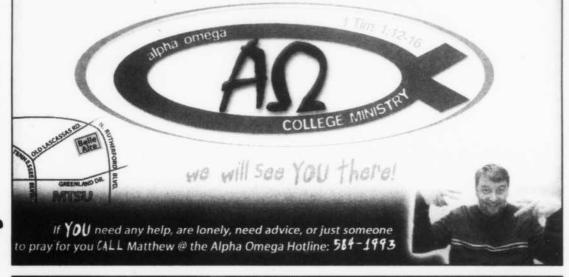
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Women's tennis team cancels match against Sun Belt opponent USA

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team canceled Friday's match with Sun Belt opponent South Alabama. Citing logistic concerns,

both coaches decided to table

the meeting and concentrate on the Sun Belt Tournament on April 19-21.

The Lady Raiders will play their final regular season match of the year when they travel to Memphis April 16 to take on the Tigers at 2:30 p.m. MT has won 10 of its last 12 matches. The Lady Raiders have won four straight matches, including a victory over the University of Alabama-Birmingham Saturday.

The Sun Belt Tournament will be played in Mobile, Ala. ◆

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