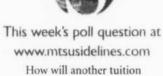
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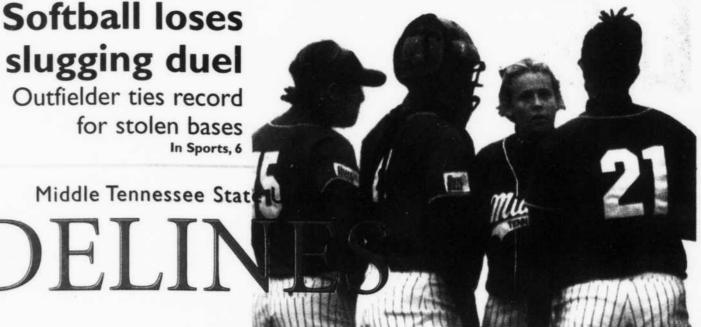


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Biking for Humanity

Student will bike cross-country to promote Habitat for Humanity

By Jennifer Bardoner Staff Writer

MTSU sophomore Trey Amerson Pegram will set out this summer to see the country from the seat of his bicycle.

Pegram is part of a group of 60 college students chosen to ride in a crosscountry odyssey spanning 4,000 miles to raise money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity.

The program selected participants on the basis of their college history and previous work with the organization.

Pegram, who has worked with Habitat for Humanity through his church since junior high school, is excited because of the obvious benefits that his participation will have for others.

"It's an opportunity to help other people," Pegram said. "I've got so much that I can give back what the community's given me. And now I have a chance to help across the nation, so that'll be

The nine-week ride will begin in New Haven, Conn., at the beginning of June. From there, half of the participants will head south, eventually arriving in San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 3. The other half will stay north, even crossing through parts of southern Canada, before ending in Seattle, Wash., on the same day.

Pegram, a Tennessee native, chose the northern route.



Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

Sophomore Trey Pegram shows off his new bicycle, donated by corporate sponsors, inside a Habitat For Humanity house in progress.

"I really haven't been past Kansas," he

Pegram also expects better weather and has friends in many of the cities on

New bikes and supplies for the trip, broken down into 60 and 70 mile segments, are donated or paid for by corporate sponsors.

Volunteers and churches will provide food and shelter for the cyclists along the

In return, the participants spread the word about Habitat for Humanity through public relations and speaking events in every town they stop in.

In several of the cities, they will actually take part in the building of Habitat for Humanity houses.

Participants are also required to raise

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Senator talks on tuition, lottery funds

By Erica Rodefer Contributor

Sen. Larry Trail discussed tuition increases, the lottery and getting involved in party politics at MTSU's College Democrats meeting Thursday.

"Your tuition is going to go up again next fall," Trail said.

"We just cut 9 percent of higher education. That's 9 percent of what was already probably a low budget. Tennessee has not been supporting our education as well as other states have."

Tennessee's tuition is still relatively low compared to other states, even with recent increases, Trail noted.

Trail, a Rutherford County resident and MTSU graduate, said he wishes there was some kind of relief for students in sight, but there are no indications of future tuition relief.

"I'm very proud of MTSU," Trail said. "Part of my job in the



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Though he is a big supporter of higher education, Trail said he does not support using all of the possible revenue from Tennessee's recently passed lottery for college scholarships.

With a 58 percent "for" vote, Tennessee voters decided to remove the lottery prohibition from the state constitution through an additional referendum question on the ballot for

The new referendum stated that legislatures can develop a

See Trail, 2

Tuition hike imminent for fall 2003

Proposal may raise tuition 8-14 percent **Staff Reports**

MTSU may face up to a 14 percent tuition hike this fall under a newly approved plan by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The increase would come as part of the plan by the TBR to deal with \$57.3 million cuts in state funding under Gov. Phil Bredesen's proposed budget, which also includes 9 percent spending reductions across the state.

Other institutions affected by the cuts include Tennessee State University, Austin Peay University and Tennessee

Technological University.

The University of Tennessee system has yet to announce their plans for cuts or tuition increase.

The TBR plan would eliminate 982 jobs - 659 full-time, 165 part-time and 158 seasonal.

"Developing the plan was a painful process," Regents Chancellor Charles Manning said in a Tennessean article Saturday. "We need to raise tuition."

While taking money from higher education may seem extreme, it is not uncommon.

The University of Georgia cut \$40.3 million - \$24.8 million in the current budget and \$15.5 million for next year. About 600 faculty and staff

See Tuition, 2

Business College revamps logo

By Mealand Ragiand Staff Writer

The Jennings A. Jones College of Business recently introduced a new logo.

"It connotates a revitalized, future-oriented, forward moving program," said Tom Tozer, of News and Public Affairs.

College of Business Dean Jim Burton said the need for a new logo has been an issue since the college was named in Jones' honor three years ago.

Jones served as mayor of Murfreesboro from 1950 until 1954 and is still one of city's most prominent businessmen.

"The logo says, 'Here we are, we're special," Burton said.

The new MTSU logo, introduced in April 2002, symbolizes the university as a whole, and the College of Business sought something unique to identify

Burton also wanted to establish the college's identity as separate from the university.

The new blue and white logo features the name of the college and five white pillars, resembling the college's main entrance.

The designer, MTSU alumna Lawanda Baker, created three possible designs for Burton to choose from.

for roughly weeks two before presenting them Burton, and all were distinct. according to director of New Business Publications and Graphics

Suma Clark.



College logo

Burton made his decision shortly after.

"Then it was a matter of fine tuning to create a final design that worked well for different uses," Clark said.

A press release announcing the change stated that Burton plans to use the new logo on all letters and memos, as well as Web pages, in hopes of creating a unique visual identity for the

With a changing curriculum and new programs, including the new entrepreneurship major and the accelerated master's of Business Administration program, Burton thinks a new logo was an appropriate change.

"If the College of Business continues to nurture its reputation of excellence ... the new logo will be an indelible image that represents that level of excellence," Tozer said.

To see the new logo, visit Baker worked on the designs www.mtsu.edu/~business. ◆

Exhibition displays essence of Africa

Photographer Betty Press photographed various African

natives such as this woman in Mbao, Senegal, in 1988.

Photographer captures culture By Jenny Cordle

Staff Reporter

When photographer Betty Press traveled to Africa more than 15 years ago, she saw a continent and country colored by culture and impoverished by

Press found herself releasing the shutter in the presence of various African characters she says may live more fulfilled lives than we do.

Press uses the example of a woman clothed in an ornate robe cleaning rice in a Kenyan village, a group of native Samburu men jumping in unison in a traditional African dance, a woman gathering fish off the sand for a meal in Senegal and a young artist who uses a paintbrush to communicate in Benin

Her exhibition in the See Africa, 2

Baldwin Photographic Gallery, titled Reflections of Africa, does not reflect the stereotypical views of African people.

Photo courtesy of Betty Press

Her images are printed in black and white, she says, to directly connect the viewer with the subject who might otherwise get caught in the color.

"What I've chosen to show in the exhibition are the more positive images," Press said. "When you see these images, you see the strength of the African people. There's no way to deny that war and poverty exist, but they also rise above that."

Press accompanied her journalist husband Bill to Africa in the late 1980s to photograph while he wrote articles for The Christian Science Monitor. After The Monitor agreed to publish her photos with his work, other publications such as The New York Times and Newsweek began accepting freelance assignments of her African journey.

state governor in 2002.

Media struggling to provide objective coverage

Professors seek answers to questions of bias

By Leonard Robertson Staff Writer

Since the war in Iraq began, questions have continued to arise concerning the media's role in the coverage.

Many question whether the media dispenses too much or too little information and whether they are spreading truth or propaganda.

According to mass communication professors Larry Burriss, Bob Pondillo and David Ryfe, today's war coverage shows improvement since the Persian Gulf War in

"During the Gulf War there was a concern of the media giving tactical information because satellites were able to capture ration coverage" and said sometimes the live footage," said Burriss, who worked in Air Force public affairs for 20 years.

Pondillo said the difference between the current war with Iraq and the Persian Gulf War is the level of military control and availability of information.

In the first war, the military allowed little access to reporters, Ryfe noted, and many reporters didn't thoroughly seek out stories and information.

Another downfall about the media during the Persian Gulf War, according to Ryfe, a researcher of news and politics, was that since the military limited their access, few reporters took the initiative to find stories.

The professors also talked about problems with the stories and footage the media

Burriss said there is a media tendency to show too much footage. He called it "satu-

media repeats stories because there is no

Burriss also discussed the responsibility of viewers to control their own war cover-

"The public can see as much or as little as they want," Burriss said. "The people have the power of tuning in or tuning out." Media outlets also face a struggle to pre-

sent the news as objectively and accurately as possible. 'I don't think we are seeing lies on TV," Pondillo said. "I think we are seeing little

slices. The trick is to put slices together to form a full picture." Pondillo also discussed the need to seek multiple sources of news in pursuit of accu-

Multiple sources cover varying perspectives on issues such as war. •

Africa: Photographer returns to teaching

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What struck her about the Africans was how they valued the act of photographing.

"They're not self-conscious," Press said. "They are very 'this is who I am'. In the pictures, they are very serious. I think the serious pictures reveal more about their characters.

"They are a very spirited people with a lot of humor," Press continued. "But there it's a serious thing to have a picture taken. They wouldn't do that clowning around that you get

For eight years, Press lived in various places throughout East and West Africa, also traveling to Trinidad, Belize and Cuba. She extensively photographed the people, their culture, the effects of poverty, the urban or middle class areas and those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

Even after being subjected to the realities of life in Africa, Press mentions a photograph taken of a child looking at her with a genuine smile on his face.

"I want people to see the humor in this child," Press said. "He has nothing, but he can manage to give something back to me.

"There is a sense of life that is there no matter what," she continued.

"What they know is war and crime, but in every place you have problems. Some of them may live more fulfilled lives than we do."

Press hopes that in eight years of photographing African lives one photograph would strike a chord with somebody.

Press realized after her journey that being a photojournalist was not conducive to the life she dreamt for herself. Although she says she was never formally

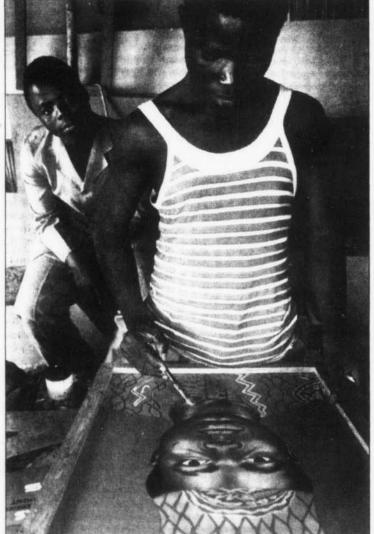


Photo courtesy of Betty Press

Photographer Betty Press captures this African artist in Cotonou, Benin, as he paints a self-portrait.

trained as a photojournalist, she felt a real responsibility to present their lives and show them in a better light than the media

Press became a photography professor at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., after returning

"My students pass on a lot to me," Press said. "They've taught me to be a little bit more free in my own creativity. They allowed me to open myself up to the whole world of photography."

After Africa, Press photographed a midwife in Florida as a personal project to keep up her photography.

She is currently working on publishing her photographs of AIDS patients in Africa.

Press will present a lecture in the McWherter Learning Resources Center, Room 221, at 7:30 tonight.

Event to educate students on sexual health, diseases

By Jason Cox Managing Editor

The health, physical education, recreation and safety department is holding the Tunnel of Love or Pain from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Murphy Center dance studios.

The event is intended to serve as an educational opportunity for students, faculty and the Murfreesboro community and will provide free counseling and HIV testing to those who want it, according to Cheryl Ellis, a HPERS professor assisting in coordinating the Tunnel of Love or Pain.

"The ultimate goal is to raise the awareness level of college students about STDs and STIs," Ellis said. "Students need to know that there's joy associated with living a life where your awareness level is high in terms of protecting yourself against these horrible diseases that can lead to death."

Ellis said that information on many of the most common STDs and viruses, including HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes and genital warts, will be available at the event.

"Chlamydia is high on college campuses," Ellis said. Among the collegiate population, (the infection rate) may be as high as 80 percent among sexually active females."

Free HIV testing will be provided by Nashville CARES, according to Richard Chapman, director of Health Services. He said testers would use oral swabs to obtain a sample, with results available in approximately a week. Counselors will be at the Health Services building on campus to those tested, give those tested their results in person and to provide any needed counseling.

Both Ellis and HPERS chair Dianne Bartley emphasized that the event is not intended merely as a scare tactic, but to educate students on the dangers they may face.

"It's scary so that they can see they don't want to get that (an STD), but it's also educational," Bartley said.

Bartley said the idea for the event came from the Metro Public Health Department of Davidson Nashville and County, which hosts the STD

Haunted House in Nashville.

'We replicated the idea of the tunnel, but we have a different theme," Bartley said.

Ellis said while Nashville is a much larger community than the MTSU area, the very nature of a college campus lends itself to a well-rounded presentation on STDs and STIs students may not be aware of.

"We live in this Nashville area, and there are so many people coming in from different parts of the world, bringing so many kinds of STIs," Ellis said. "What goes for Nashville really goes for MTSU, because we are like Nashville in that MTSU is an international community," she said.

The Metro Public Health Department will also be on site providing more information and counseling to those who seek it, according to Lynette Whitlow of the department's Sexually Transmitted Diseases division.

Students from Ellis' Teaching Human Sexuality and Advanced Methods in Human Sexuality classes will participate in the event by providing information to attendees. •

Trail: Allocation of lottery funds discussed prison populations go down. I

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lottery in Tennessee from which the money raised will provide for college scholarships.

The current debate in the Senate is how much of the lottery profits should go to college scholarships, and how much - if any - should be reserved for the other programs.

Trail wants the state to use around \$150 million of the lottery money for the scholarship program and reserve about \$50 million for one of the other pro-

He was especially supportive of the early childhood program.

The studies have shown that this is a superior program because if you can get a 3- or 4year-old up to speed by the time he's six, generally speaking, that means that when he's 12 he's still going to be equal with his classmates," Trail said.

"We won't see results for 15

think you'll see children staying in school. It's just a tremendous program.'

Trail said he thinks K-12 education could benefit from a portion of the lottery money.

'We're about \$3 billion behind in Tennessee just in building classrooms, and that's money we can't get any place else to help local school systems," Trail said.

Trail said he thinks the lottery-funded scholarships should be limited to families with an income level of below \$100,000, but he might not oppose removing that cap a few years after the lottery has been established.

Trail admitted that he thinks the lottery is a bad way to raise money because of its regressive nature and tendency to prey on people that don't know better, but he voted for it twice because he wants money spent on lotterTennessee, he said.

Trail also promoted student involvement in all areas of government, such as working in political campaigns and voting. "Rutherford County needs

some young blood," Trail said. "All they're looking for is somebody that's bright and that's willing to work." He pointed out that the rea-

son younger and lower income

citizens sometimes get ignored

in state government is because they don't vote as often. "You want to know why senior citizens get discounts? They

vote," he said. Trail is a practicing lawyer and farmer who represents Tennessee's 16th District, which includes Bedford and Moore counties, and 75 percent of the population of Rutherford County in the State Senate.

"I farm and I practice law. And I also piddle with the state Senate," Trail joked. ◆

Habitat: Cyclists ride to raise money lar events before, including the

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\$4,000 each for the Habitat for Humanity of New Haven, its student-run Collegiate Build and chapters in New Haven's sister cities throughout the

Pegram has already raised \$2,500 through letters to family and friends and is confident he'll have the money by the start of the event.

Grace Lutheran Church where Pegram is a member, was instrumental in his involvement with the organization, and they are planning a free will offering and possibly a fund-raising event.

Pegram participated in simi-

Fifth Annual Cycle for Habitat ride in Tennessee.

According to Pegram, his involvement in "the mother of all benefit rides" is the next step, and his family supports his decision, even at such a tumultuous time "Most are really excited for

me," Pegram said. "They see it as a once in a lifetime opportu-Pegram also said he plans on

riding no matter what and hopes the war in Iraq will not distract people from the needs found within their own coun-

"There's still a need for help

other countries across the world, but that's not to take away from the efforts for freedom in Iraq," Pegram said. "I definitely will be riding thinking about our troops over

As for now, Pegram's working on conditioning himself and breaking in his new bike that arrived last week.

The program does not include training, but Pegram says he tries to ride at least 100 miles a week. Currently, he does this in 40 to 50 mile increments but is working on increasing that number to 80 or more.

To learn more or to donate, visit the program's Web site at in our own country and in www.yale.edu/habitat. •

Tuition: Increases not unique to MTSU

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positions will remain unfilled, and the university must seek a \$500 tuition increase per semester beyond whatever systemwide increase the Tennessee Board of Regents sets, according to a March 24 Associated Press article.

At the University of Virginia, nearly 24 percent of the university's budget was cut this year, including \$39.8 million in oper-

Tuition increases aren't new to MTSU students. A 7.5 percent increase was implemented last year, on top of a 15 percent increase the previous year.

Bredesen spoke to the TBR and expressed his concern over another increase.

"States across the nation are going to be raising tuition this year," Bredesen said in the Tennessean article. "Tennessee is not unique. I don't like to see it happen. I'm somebody who went to college by putting money together from every known possible source, but we have to live within the resources

Tuition increases and final budgets will be set by the TBR after the legislation approves a budget for the new fiscal year. Lawmakers hope to accomplish this goal by the first week of May.

In the Tennessean article, Bredesen also mentioned the need for citizens to get used to making up for cuts in state appropriations in ways like tuition increases.

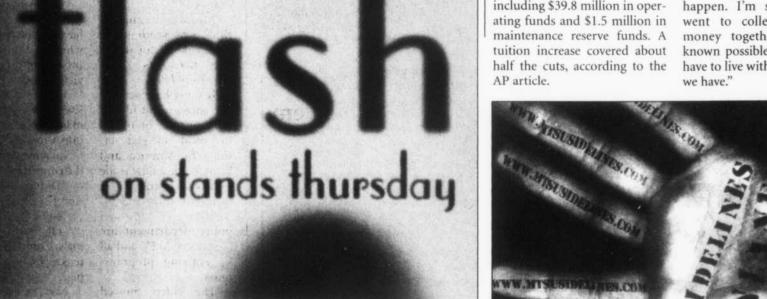
"There are no free lunches," Bredesen said. "You have to have a certain amount of money coming in from somewhere or another." •

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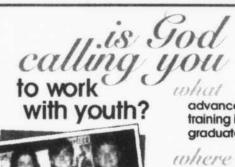
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certain classes to graduate

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From the Editorial Board

TBR breaks promise, plans for tuition hike

Do you ever get the distinct feeling that you're the subject of a mean-spirited game of keep-away, the ball just out of your reach?

Ever get the feeling that what's being tossed around, back and forth, over your head, is something you really need?

Welcome to the life of a student in the Tennessee higher education system.

For a year now, the General Assembly, the

Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission have been tossing around ways to balance the state budget while not completely eradicating the chance at affordable higher education in Tennessee.

As we approach the end of yet another fiscal year in which state officials are scrambling to balance the budget, it has become clear that tuition hikes are probably the only way for colleges and universities to absorb the brunt of the major cuts requested by Gov. Phil Bredesen.

This revelation (and the accompanying nausea) comes after TBR and other education officials proclaimed loudly at the end of 2002 that they would not raise tuition.

However, the TBR may have to break its verbal promise – the most recent plan approved by the group would institute an 8-14 percent tuition increase. The plan would also eliminate 982 jobs – 659 of which are full-time.

TBR Chancellor Charles Manning Friday called the proposal's development "painful."

We would bet that his sentiments are shared by most students. We constantly seem to be in a state of trying to catch that ever-elusive solution that will allow the state to support both its students and constituents and make all of them equally happy (a pretty unrealistic goal).

Our pain, however, seems to radiate from a dying trust in our state's leadership - and the consequences their follies hold for ourselves and those who follow us. •

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Give working students a registration break

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It's that time of year

The birds are chirping, the weather is starting to balance out and people are daring to show skin after a cold, wet winter.

Of course, all these signs also mean it's time for one of the most frustrating times of year - class registration. Every year, I do my best

to look forward to this eventful week. It will, after all, determine how I spend most of my summer and Registering a half hour

past my scheduled time could mean an entire semester of getting up for an 8 a.m. class.

When I was a wee freshman, I carried a chip on my shoulder about the timetable of registration. "Why should an idiot

them fill up. What did a freshman care? There were two or three years left in my undergraduate career; the concerns of the upperclassmen mattered not a

Now, the shoe's on the other foot. I'm a senior, and the pressure is mounting to graduate. That last history class has to be open, and you can bet there'll be some busted skulls if PS 4800 is closed. Now that the time has arrived, I completely agree with the seniors of yester-

Even with senior standing, however, there's a chance, albeit a small one, that the needed classes won't be open.

This is due to the fact that some students are given the privilege of registering first, regardless of

senior with a 1.95 GPA get their class standing. These the Presidential Scholars and student-ath-

> Allowing the scholars to register early is completely understandable. It's a benefit of the scholarship, a selling point the university offers to potential students to entice them to attend MTSU. So many other universities offer this perk that our school must to recruit the best and the brightest.

If we are to become a premier university of the Southeast, as is President Sidney McPhee's honorable goal, top-notch students are nothing less than a necessity.

Emory, the University the South and Vanderbilt didn't earn their strong reputations by recruiting average students; they went after the true scholars.

Allowing athletes to register early is another matter entirely.

The argument for athletic pre-registration goes something like this: student-athletes spend so much of their time practicing and doing team activities, they must be able to get into the classes that fit into their predetermined schedule. Otherwise, they won't be

able to be part of the team. There's something to this argument. More cohesive teams typically mean better teams. Better teams typically mean more fan support, and more fan support means more money for the university as well as more name recognition.

However, the university has failed to be consistent in helping out students with strict time schedules.

What about the 20year-old who has been cut off by her family and must work full-time to support herself in addition to going to school?

What about the father of two who's trying to raise his kids as well as take classes so he can earn a higher wage?

These people deserve to register before the traditional student body and the athletes. Earning a college degree to make way in

the world or to support a family is much more important than any sport or game.

While sports entertain the student body and student athletes put forth much hard work and dedication, there is something noble respectable about students who have to work their way through school.

It's too late for change this semester. It is not too late, however, for next semester.

Putting in place a schedule where those students who work more than 20 hours a week or have dependent children get to pre-register along with the Presidential Scholars is not only a good thing to do, it is the right thing to do.

The icing on the cake think of what it'll do for the university's reputation as a school that cares. •

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It's getting 'hot in herre' building full of other peolow, medium, high or off),

I'm Just a Girl



Living in the dorm helps to create a typical college experience, but it has its ups and downs.

I love the convenience of being so close to my classes. I'm actually able to sleep until 10 or 15 minutes before my class starts, and I'm still not late. It's wonderful.

I don't have to go through the ordeal of finding a parking space every day and then running to class to avoid being late.

on-campus hot spots, like ... well, should there ever be one, I would be just a stone's throw away. Living in a dorm pro-

I'm close to the many

vides for camaraderie within the hall. It's a quick way to meet new people. Currently, my dorm is participating in a food and clothing drive for Haiti.

There are the downsides, though. Living in a the air conditioning on

ple is never desirable. Having to share a hall and a bathroom with some of the loudest people I have ever heard is really agitating when I've been up since 4:45 a.m. and still have a paper to write.

This is especially a problem in living in the close vicinity of freshmen, I've noticed.

I guess it's because freshmen are so excited about college. I was, but I didn't feel the need to go yelling through the hall because of it.

At least the people in my hall are making an effort. It may be a feeble one, but it's still an effort.

Dorm life is fairly comfortable in the summer and winter months. However, when the seasons change, there are problems.

I remember when it first began to get cold sometime in October.

Unlike apartments and houses, residents of dormitories don't have control over the temperature. We can control to some extent our own rooms (turning

but that doesn't have much effect if the fan is on with only heated air billowing

The current problem is the air conditioning. Several days in the past week or so, the temperature has neared 80 degrees and we still have no access to cool air. When the outside tem-

perature is hot enough, opening a window does more harm than good. Besides, the window in my room doesn't even open, so it's unbearably hot.

The residents in my dorm have gone so far as to put up a petition next to the bathroom requesting our air conditioning be turned on.

Hopefully, the powers that be will decide air conditioning is essential in Tennessee when the weather is warm. Until then, those of us

in the residence halls will just have to keep signing petitions.

Wendy Caldwell is a sophomore math major and can be reached via e-mail at VISA717@aol.com.

WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

We love There's so much to see - the lions and cheetahs, the macaws and penguins, the snakes and turtles, the four fraternity pledges committing criminal trespassing...

Whoa, one of those things is not like the other. One of those things is not like his

As part of their initiation, three pledges for Sigma Chi Omega fraternity decided to scale a wall of the Buffalo, N.Y., zoo and give themselves a tour one night. That was mistake number

Mistake number two filming escapades.

You would think people would know better than to purposefully make evidence of their crimes.

Mistake number three was sending the tape to MTV for use in that network's show, Fraternity Life.

It must have seemed like such a great idea at the time to be on one of the most watched stations in America and bring home a little pride to your chapter.

t's just too bad members of the Buffalo police department are big fans of MTV and all its enticing programming.

The video showed the three pledges walking around the zoo and talking about stealing one of the animals for a chapter mascot.

Maybe the gazelle was too fast, or the orangutan too strong, but they went home empty-handed.

We would say they

experienced a sudden attack of good moral judgment, but that's a ittle too far-fetched for this crew. After watching the video, a spokesperson

for the zoo informed members of the media that the zoo would seek charges against the feral threesome. Prosecutors said they could face criminal trespass charges, which carry a sentence of up to 90 days in jail.

We'll bet they'll meet some wild and crazy animals there.

You know, it's not like the three are going to have a good story to tell when they arrive (assuming they're convicted, of course). It's not that impres-

sive to say, "Yeah, we're in here because we broke into a zoo." Imagine the rest of

the conversation.

"Did you say a store?"

"No, a zoo."

"Oh, you like animals. Come here and I'll make you squeal like a Now, that sounds like

a fun MTV special protecting yourself in prison.

Maybe the network can get these former stars to host.

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-Letter to the Editor-Moore's attacks attempt to solve problem

To the Editor:

I'm writing in regards to Brandon Morrison's column on Michael Moore and his comments at the recent Academy Awards show ("Blind attack Moore's specialty,"

Morrison shows complete ignorance in his column. First, the film Roger and Me is about General Motors, not Ford, shutting auto plants down in Flint, Mich., so the fact that Ford donates to charities is meaningless. Morrison then says that Moore portrays Roger Smith as having no moral fiber. The facts are that Smith convinced the city of Flint to give General Motors tax breaks, saying it would protect jobs. He also convinced the UAW to give back wages, promising it would help protect their jobs. Then Smith used the money to build plants in Mexico and lay off the workers anyway. Not only did Smith lay off the people in Flint, but he constantly lied to

Morrison claims that Moore attacks just to get his voice heard, not to make a difference. First, thanks to Roger and Me, Smith was forced out as chairman of General Motors. Moore succeeded in getting K-Mart to stop selling handgun ammunition after the Columbine shootings and has been working to get Wal-Mart to do the same thing. Plus, he has raised money to help the people of Flint. Moore has done more than just yell about problems, he has succeeded in helping to solve them. If Morrison wants to write a column about Moore, he should actually do some research before he decides to make accusations.

Jacob Holt

Our April Fool's issue hits stands tomorrow.

Read it or we'll break your hip.

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Will McCallie Pining Hall's failed health inspection deter you from campus eateries?"

Yes, I'm concerned about the quality of food they serve. (43%)

Yes, but I'll avoid eating specifically at McCallie. (32%)

affect you?"

No, a little dirt never hurt. (9%) No more than usual. (16%)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "How will another tuition increase

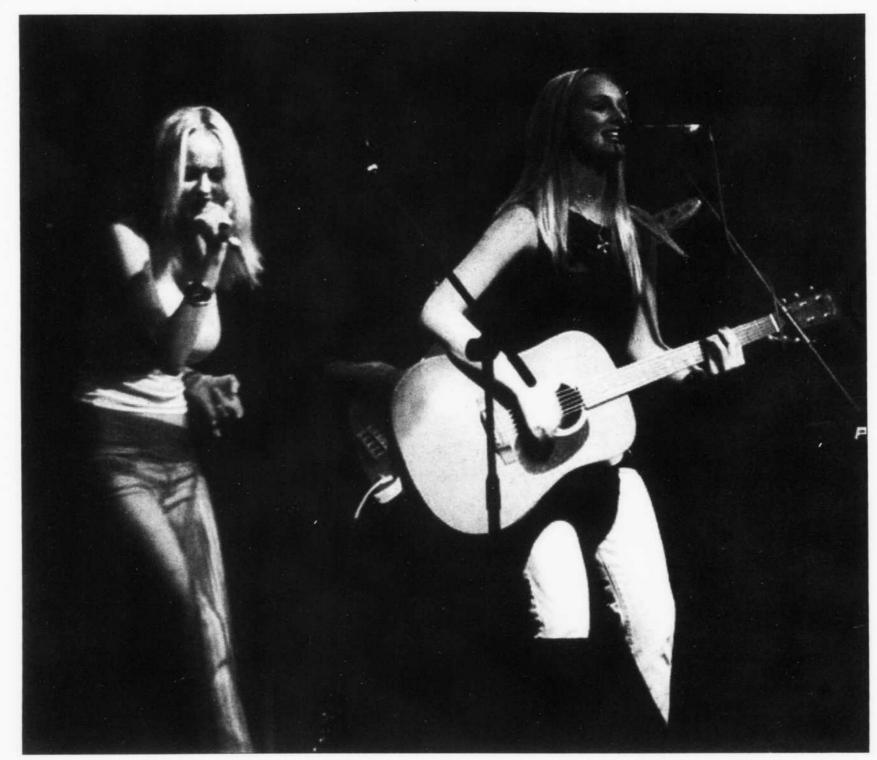


Photo provided Debutante, a group from Mississippi, consists of twins -Brandi and Lea. The group, along with several other singers and songwriters, performed at the Songwriters Guild showcase March 21 on the Keathley University Center Knoll.

Songwriters showcase sounds of success

By Melissa Coker Staff Writer

There was a constant chill in the air on March 21, a disappointing change from previous sunny days.

But it would take more than that to artists in the counkeep MTSU's songwriters off the try circle. Among Keathley University Center Knoll that these are a recent cut day. There were 12 groups of people, most of them students, who gathered despite the less-than-favorable conditions to provoke thought and enter-

It was a "small but quality crowd" that congregated that afternoon, said Lisa Carver, a Songwriters Guild mem-

The show was organized by Greg Feiling of MTSU Concerts along with the Songwriters Guild of America, who were on hand to provide students with information about publishing and related royalty rights.

The majority of music performed by these artists had a country feel to it, and the afternoon (the show went from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) proved an enjoyable

tapestry of melodic art. Rachel Pearl and Ben Gortmaker were a great combination. Their last song, "I'm Not That Kind of Girl," was very humorous, particularly when Gortmaker took on its lyrics. Matt Walberg has a sound that may remind

of

Matthews. Next up was Paul Jefferson, a songwriter with several cuts by known by Trace Adkins, a song about addiction written with Keith Urban for his current album, You're Not My God. According Jefferson, it took he and Urban all of 15 minutes to write,

and the Aaron Tippin hit, "That's as Close as I'll Get to Lovin' You.'

"That song allowed me to buy things. You know, little things ... like a house," Jefferson joked.

A funny, must-hear song about crazy women named Susan had the crowd in fits of laughter. It seems Jefferson had more than one bad experience with women by this name, and the idea of the song was that he'd go on a date with a girl, as long as her name wasn't Susan.

Paul Jefferson is a member of the band Hilljack, who are scheduled to play at the Bluebird Café tonight at 9

Songwriters Guild Performers

Rachel Pearl and Ben Gortmaker (student songwriters)

 Matt Walberg (student songwriter) Paul Jefferson (Songwriters Guild member)

Jason Ellsworth (student songwriter)

• Paul Sikes (student songwriter)

· Jesse Lee Campbell (student songwriter) Lisa Carver (Songwriters Guild member)

• Erin Enderlin (student songwriter)

Rich & Andy Karg (student songwriters)

Debutante (Songwriters Guild member)

Becky Robertson (student songwriter)

Jed Watts (student songwriter)

Jason Ellsworth, a blind MTSU student, played the keyboard and sang. His repertoire included a touching song, "More than Meets the Eye," which was about his blindness.

The timing seemed perfect as he sang a line about never seeing an airplane flying overhead, as an airplane did indeed fly over.

Paul Sikes provided a very involving set. One of his songs featured the creative thought, "Our love is like the interstate/ while we were on this road, I should've read the signs." Another song, "Hero," was written for his dad

on Father's Day and closes with Sikes singing, you're my hero, too," just in case mom might get

lessie Campbell and Lisa followed. Carver Campbell shared the story of her Carolina North home the and clever, "Hard Times (Are Easy

You). Carver formed quite

number of raucous, rowdy and sometimes lustful tunes, one of which boasted the wordplay of, "I can tell by the way you walk you're ready to fall."

On another she sang, "I'm old enough to be your lover/ You're finally old enough to take home ... I'll break it to my kids/ You break it to your moth-

She has soon-to-be cuts by Willie Nelson including the wry "Unhip Holly." Her voice and style conjured up thoughts of fellow singer/songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter.

"I'm used to playing in little honkytonks, so I might just stomp a big mud

pit up here," Carver said. "And if you can't tell by how many times I've said 'v'all' today, I am a Southern girl."

Erin Enderlin, whose voice is often compared to Reba McEntire's, sang several traditional-sounding pieces, including one about suicide (brought on, of course, by the loss of a love) which she explains was born late one night while she was listening to a Johnny Cash four-album box set.

"About the time I got to the murder CD, I wrote this song," she said.

The Brothers Karg covered the classic "Dream, Dream," as well as a few of their own creations, "Checkin' Out Chaquita," about a woman checking out in their grocery aisle, "Maybe I've Forgotten How to Fall," and "The Coolest Girl Never," which told the story of being in love with a girl that

doesn't actually exist. Debutante, Becky Robertson and Jed Watts closed out the show. Debutante - Brandi and Lea - are two twin females from Mississippi and staff writers for Extreme Writer's Group in

Debutante can be seen playing around town in venues such as Douglas Corner and 3rd & Lindsley.

For more information on any of the songwriters, please call 898-2551. ◆

A link to the past

Stone walls focus of preservation efforts



Photo by Aaron Eckerman | Staff Photographer

This wall between Franklin and Murfreesboro is a historic marker, showcasing a building technique that dates back hundreds of years.

By Jennifer Bardoner Staff Writer

Leave no stone unturned, or so the

saying goes. But recently, these stones, or rather the ones that make up the stone walls that dot the Tennessee countryside, have become the focus of community members and advocacy groups all over the state. And they want them left just as they are - as cultural and historical markers.

Most of the walls date back to the days of plantation life, when they were used not only for aesthetic purposes but for practical ones, as well, according to Mary Allison Haynie, a graduate student at MTSU. Haynie, who is studying for her doctorate in history and historical preservation, has been involved in the walls' classification and

preservation for several years. Carroll Van West, of MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation, who also takes part in these efforts, identifies the walls as a "folk art form," passed down throughout history.

"It's not anything someone went to school and learned," he notes. "It was passed down through oral tradition. It was taught by your father or your grandfather."

Van West said the technique is extremely intricate and has stood the test of time

They're real sturdy," Van West said. "It's not something you or I

The method of dry stacking was brought over by Irish immigrants and taught to slaves, who constituted the majority of the labor in these parts.

Although communities have quietly raised the issue for years, it was not until the involvement of Haynie and Van West that the movement began to take shape.

Van West first became involved with the issue in 1992 with the Tennessee Century Farms Program, which identifies "historic family farms" throughout the state. "These are farms that have been in

the same family and in agricultural production for at least 100 years," Van West notes. "Most in Tennessee were founded before the Civil War, pre-

According to the program's Web site, there are nearly 900 farms spanning every county in the state, several of which were successfully nominated to the National Register of Historic

"Stone walls are often found on the farm and should be considered part of

the farmland," Van West adds. The same preservation laws that apply to the historic farmsteads also

encompass the stone walls found on their property, but there are hundreds of other walls that do not fall into this category. They are constantly being threatened by natural forces, such as erosion and tree roots, but more notably by road projects and housing developments.

"I'd been talked to by folks in Williamson County," Van West explains. "They knew [the stone walls] were important but didn't know how to identify and classify them."

That's where Haynie came in. "We have to make certain things are protected by state and federal laws," she says. "Stone walls are not. They (Williamson county residents) were looking to get legislation passed. They needed someone to do research in the form of surveys to get an understanding of criteria to be used to determine [stone walls'] significance."

This was exactly the kind of work required for one of Haynie's graduate courses, taught by Van West in 2000. Wanting to do something new and different, she volunteered.

"At the time, I was developing a strong interest in rural lands," Haynie recalls. "I felt this was broader in scope and an upcoming issue in Kentucky and Tennessee."

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Campus Events

March 31-April 4

· MTSU's Lambda Association presents "Spring Out!," a weeklong celebration of MTSU's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. See individual dates for events.

March 31

- · As part of "Spring Out!", there will be an information fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Keathley University Center
- The American Association of University Women will have a book sale on the first floor of the Keathley University Center beginning at 7 a.m. For more information, call 898-2569.
- Photographer Betty Press will present a slide show and lecture regarding her photo exhibition, Reflections of Africa, which will be in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery until April 10. The lecture will take place in the Learning Resources Center, Room 221, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-2085.

April I

- · As part of "Spring Out!", a film night will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room
- · The MTSU Relay for American Cancer Society will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. between Peck Hall and the Cope Administration Building. The event, which will feature food, fun and pies in the face, is a fund-raiser for the ACS and will be conducted by the MTSU Administration Services Relay for Life Team. For more information, please contact Deborah Roberts at 898-
- · The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity presents a comedy show featuring Damon Williams. Williams has appeared on numerous comedy shows,

including BET's Comic View. The show will be held in the State Farm Room of the BAS at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with an Alpha Week Pass, and \$5 without one. See a member of Alpha Phi Alpha for a pass. For more information, contact Kevin Gentry at 594-0120.

· Circle K will have an informational meeting for anyone interested in service, leadership opportunities, networking, scholarships, social activities and community service. The meeting will be held in the KUC, Room 313, at 6 p.m.

April 2

- Judy Shepard will speak out for gay and lesbian equality and for hate crime legislation due to the death of her son, Matthew. Her speech will be given in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 7:30 p.m.
- A sales and marketing career fair will be held in the Business and Aerospace Building south lobby at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 898-

April 3

- · MTSU Concerts and Student Programming presents "Shut Up and Drive," a WMTS 88.3 FM radio show. The live show will run from noon to 3 p.m. on the KUC Knoll and will feature the Orange Juice Kids and is free and open to the public. Contact Greg Feiling at 898-2551 for more information.
- · On Thursday, the Rev. April Baker and Mark Caldwell of Glendale Baptist Church will speak on "The Bible and Homosexuality" as part of "Spring Out!" at 7 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center, Room 221.
- A student recital hour will be held in the Wright Music Building Music Hall at 11 a.m. For more information, contact 898-2493.
 - The College of Education and more information.

Behavioral Science Academic Awards will be held in the JUB's Tennessee Room at 6 p.m.

April 4

- · A Friday Star Party will be held in Wiser-Patten Science Hall, Room 220, at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be 'Gaseous Nebula.' For information, contact 898-5946.
- A social as part of "Spring Out!" will take place in the JUB, Dining Room C, at 7 p.m.
- The Eighth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held in the Alumni Center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 898-5837.

April 5

- · "An Evening of Dulcimer" will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Performers include the Nashville Dulcimer Quartet, the Gallier Brothers and Stephen Seifert. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mary Nichols at 898-5677.
- The Panhellenic Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the president's lawn at 2 p.m. For information, contact 898-
- 'An Evening of Dulcimer Music' will take place in the WMB Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.

April 6

· The Alpha and Delta Ball, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, will take place at the Garden Plaza Hotel at 9 p.m. Admission is free with an Alpha Week pass, and \$10 without one. Contact Jimmie Wilson at 494-9179. Rides will be provided.

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Walls: Criteria developed for evaluation

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She then undertook a study of several rural roads close to River in Harpeth Williamson County with a high concentration of stone walls. She did extensive field work and interviewed local property own-

Through this study, Haynie helped devise a list of criteria for evaluating stone walls for preservation, including craftsmanship, context, age, integrity and extent. The criteria, which have been accepted by the Tennessee Historical Commission, are, according to Haynie, "not that far off from the National Register," which Van West lists as "being at least 50 years old, having national state or local significance, architecture, historical association and archaeology."

According to Haynie, stone walls are now listed on the state's 10 "most endangered list" as the "No. 1 endangered cultural resource of Tennessee." Legislation passed in 2002 protects walls on private property and along public roadways from vandalism. However, many feel this is not enough.

Van West, along with Caroline Wooly of Kentucky, wrote an application to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, seeking to get these walls listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The trust's annual meeting isn't until October, so Van West isn't expecting the news any time soon.

For now, he, Haynie and the several community groups close to the issue are working on raising the issue in the public's consciousness.

'We're trying to raise awareness that they are really sort of old resources and really inter-

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esting, too," Van West says. "They're endangered in large part because they're not often recognized. People often drive by them and don't recognize

So, the next time you pass

Stones River Cemetery, or if you find yourself driving down Old

Natchez Trace Road or Old Hillsboro Road, take the time to acknowledge one of the few remaining links to the past. •

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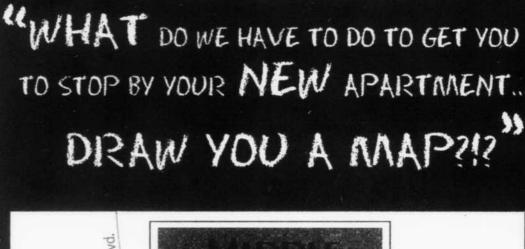


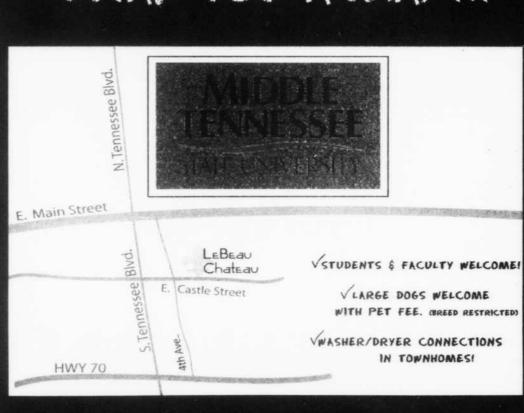
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Monday, March 31, 2003

Okafor records multiple victories in Mississippi State Invitational

By Josh Beasley Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore Rosemary Okafor continued her dominance in the Mississippi State Invitational Saturday afternoon

at a blustery Carl Maddox Track in Starkville, Miss. Okafor won both the 100and 200-meter races, while sophomore Wesley Dupar-Scott and freshman Meghan Byrd both set personal best records.

Okafor, who posted the only multi-victory day for either squad, took the 100 meter in

11.75 seconds and the 200meter in 23.8, Kishara George also chipped in for the Lady

Raiders with a victory in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in her first try at the event, while Dupar Scott and Rob Jordan picked up

wins for the Blue Raiders.

For the Lady Raiders, LaToya Brown took third in the 100meter hurdles while Trisha De Valcourt was sixth in the 1500meter. Freshman Kerry Barrow finished third in both the 200and 400-meter while Lanora Grav was fourth in the 400-

For Byrd, a personal best was the shot put with a measurement of 43 1/2 feet, she finished seventh in the discus with a mark of 108-5. Dara McLean finished seventh in the javelin, and Brown finished eighth in the long jump.

For a Blue Raider win in 21.34 seconds, Dupar-Scott ran all over the competition while

setting personal best in the 200-meter. Omar Ali and Victor Okorie finished up behind Dupar-Scott, wrapping up the event seventh and eighth place.



Duper-Scott

Dupar-Scott also finished fourth in the 100-meter, while Ali finished sixth in the same event. Okorie battled to take the second place finish in the 400meter while Blue Raider teammate Tim Hicks placed fifth.

Levi Sybert and Anthony McGary represented the Blue Raiders in the 1500-meter with second and fifth place finishes while Martin and Linnie Yarborough placed second and third in 110-meter hurdles.

For the second consecutive week, senior Rob Jordan won the long jump 24-3 1/2 to defeat

Arkansas State's Mesut Yavas by a mere inch. Sun Belt Conference foe Yavas had not been defeated in the event this year except for a loss at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

For MT, Edwin Koech placed third in the 300-meter steeplechase, Jasper Demps placed seventh in the 400-meter high hurdles and freshman J.J. Sturm placed seventh in the long

Both squads will be back in action this weekend at the Yellowjacket Invitational in Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday. •

Softball loses slugging duel

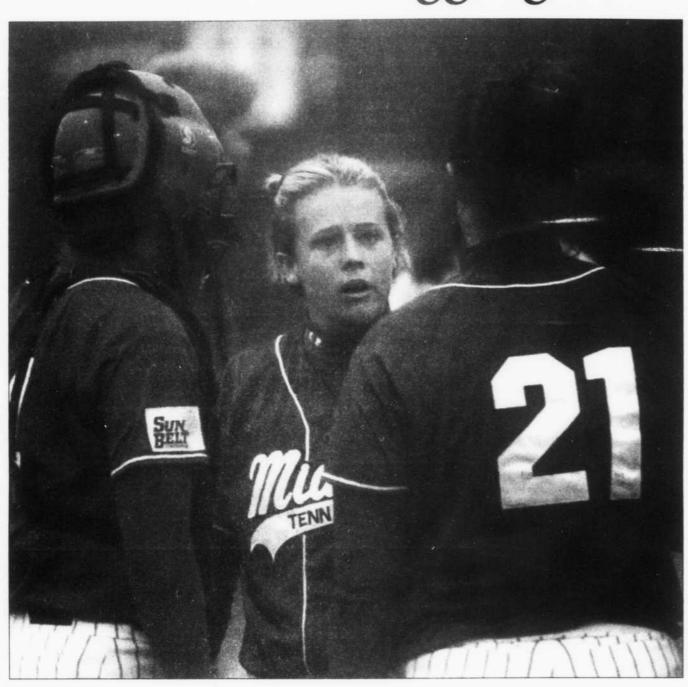


Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer Second baseman Courtney Mitchell confronts pitcher Stayc Preator and her catcher during a contest last

week. The softball team lost a 13-12 game against Chattanooga Wednesday at Frost Stadium. Lady Raider outfielder ties record for stolen bases

Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders traveled Chattanooga Wednesday where they were defeated twice.

Senior Kip Phillips tied for third place for stolen bases in a career with 52 in Middle Tennessee's (15-10) losses to 1-0, 13-12 Chattanooga (19-19)Wednesday at Frost Stadium.

The first game opened up

Herbert, knocking out a single, putting her on first. Herbert made it to second off of a sacrifice by Bryn Favor when Melissa Ramirez singled, pushing Herbert to

Finally, Jennifer Reed brought Herbert home with an RBI single. That run was all that they would need.

Stayc Preator gets credit for the loss, dropping the senior ace to 9-3 on the sea-

with Chattanooga's Teri son. She let Chattanooga hit four while she struck out

> four on the game. In the third, Katie Tompkins got her first hit of the year. MT had the chance to strike in the top of the sixth with back-to-back singles by Cortney Mitchell and Muriel Ledbetter, but they could not get anyone across

the bases. The Lady Raiders fell 13-12 in twelve innings to Chattanooga in game two of the road trip. In the first extra inning game of the year for MT, Chattanooga broke the 12-12 lock, scoring off a

Middle Tennessee error. Ledbetter got home in the first after Mitchell nailed her fifth home run of the year with a double RBI rocket over the center field wall. Chattanooga came right back in the bottom of the second when Paige Cochrane blasted an RBI double that

brought Reed home. Leah Grothause hit her first triple of the season in a two RBI effort in the third inning after consecutive walks from Ledbetter and Mitchell. MT notched one more run after Erica Buhl hit an RBI single, which reeled in Grothause.

Chattanooga came back swinging. The answered the call with two runs on three dubs by Ramirez, Lindsey Brown and Reed. Ledbetter entered the

was pulled, throwing a crazy pitch that sent Reed to third. Ledbetter pressed Leslie Barron to bounce out to Mitchell at short and she got the final out of the inning when Paige Cochrane floated one to Jen Dorais.

The Lady Raiders would not go away as Phillips opened the fourth with a single to left field. After Ledbetter walked Mitchell singled to load the bases, Grothause got her third RBI. Erica Buhl notched her second dub of the season in a two RBI effort, and Kristina Hieb, Dorais and Michelle Wikes each grabbed hits in the inning.

Phillips started the second rotation of the fourth with a sacrifice fly to right to send Hieb home. Ledbetter drew her fourth walk of the game, which tied her for most walks in a single game. Mitchell followed with her third RBI of the game on a single to right.

Chattanooga pulled within two runs, 12-10, in the bottom of the fourth with a seven run campaign. They eventually tied the game on back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the fifth.

After a few days of rest, the Lady Raider sluggers will travel to UT-Martin on Wednesday, April 2. •

Blue Raiders rally to even series at I-I

By David Lawrence Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee evened the series with the Lousiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns with a 9-5 win on Saturday after losing a heartbreaker, 4-3, in a Sun Belt Conference match-up.

Saturday's game appeared to be a repeat of Friday's game at the beginning, but all that changed when third baseman Brett Carroll singled with one

out before Chris LeGuenec sent the ball flying over the left field wall to put the Raiders ahead 2-1 the in fourth inning. After that,



the Raiders blazed their way through the game, expanding their lead in the sixth to a 5-1 advantage, with a single home run that sailed over the scoreboard.

The Cajuns rallied back, scoring four runs in the seventh inning when Blue Raider pitcher John Williams fell behind 2-0 to Cajun first baseman Philip

The Blue Raiders overcame all the setbacks to score two runs in the final inning to bring the score to 9-5. Pitcher Danny Borne struck out four batters

The Blue Raiders (11-13, 2started out against Louisiana-Lafayette on fairly even terms in the first game with both teams failing to score any runs in the beginning of the

game. The Blue Raiders took charge in the third inning when Blue Raider shortstop Chad Cooper scored the first run of

The fifth inning saw the Blue Raiders once again take the lead by one run, helped by Chuck Akers beating out an infield single, but the team quickly lost the advantage the next inning.

Lafayette got on the scoreboard with a single run in the sixth, nailed by Corey Coles. Coles sent the ball screaming over the 375 sign in right center

The game almost turned into a tug of

war, with each team gaining the upper hand one minute and losing the advanthe tage next. The sev-

enth inning

MT regain its fire as Jeff Beachum led off with a single and made it to second base.

Beachum

The Cajuns took control in their half of the inning, which made a tie a possibility.

But the real turning point for the Blue Raiders was near the end of the eighth inning, as Lafayette scored two runs, whereas MT had been unable to

The game continued in the Cajun's favor as they repeated their string of luck in the ninth inning, with Dallas Morris singling the winning home run for the Cajuns, which brought the game to a close with a final score of 4-3, Lafayette.

This win was the second consecutive for the home team, after defeating No. 19 Tulane last Wednesday.

The next in-state game will be the Blue Raiders versus Libscomb University in Nashville tomorrow at 3 p.m. ◆

Men's Baseball splits twin bill with University of Memphis

By Trey Porter

Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders split a doubleheader with Memphis Wednesday at Nat Buring Stadium.

Freshman B.J. Church had nine strikeouts in more than four innings and Chad Cooper scored two runs in a 2-1 Middle Tennessee second-game victory.

Church was exceptional in only his second start of the season, allowing one run on three hits and a career-high nine strikeouts, walking two in 4.2 innings to seal his first collegiate victory. The freshman is 1-0, as he had the Tigers whiffing at the slider late all day.

Game two was anything but slow as the leadoff pitch of the contest hit Cooper. Cooper went on to steal second and take third after a ground ball. Brett Carroll plated the run with a sacrifice fly to left, giving MT an early 1-0 lead.

The Blue Raiders tried to build their lead in the second when Shane Kemp singled and Derek Phillips walked before Jeff Beachum singled to left. Kemp, however, was chopped down at the plate by the Tigers' Jordan Hart, who made a nice throw to the keep the contest interesting at one run.

Cooper was up to it again in the third for MT, leading off with a single to left and then stealing second, his fourth theft of the day on base. Carroll got to first off of catcher's interference, and Chris LeGuenec's ground ball was nailed by Tigers third baseman Kyle Scott, loading the bases. Jerry Knox plated the run with a sacrifice fly to right field for a 2-0 Blue Raider

lead. Scott nailed a home run in the fifth for the Tigers, cutting the Middle Tennessee victory in half. An error and two walks later in the inning loaded the bases for Memphis. Jeff Kasser came on in relief for Church to get Michael Lewis to line out to Beachum at second, ending the

Memphis got the tying run on base in the seventh when Hart singled to right field with two outs, but Travis Horschel got a strike out of Kevin House to end the contest and give MT a split in the double header.

In the first game of the day, Middle Tennessee notched four runs in three innings to take Blue Raider starter Steven Kines to an early lead.

Cooper led off the game with a single, stole second and third

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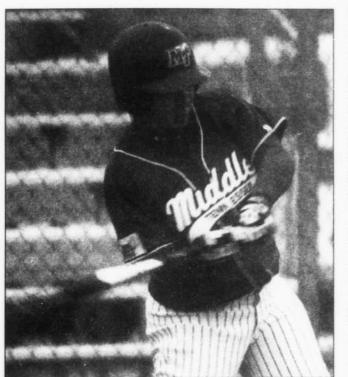


Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer The Lady Raider softball team faces off against UT-Martin on Wednesday in Martin.

By David Lawrence Staff Columnist

Singer Jim Croce once said, "You don't tug on Superman's cape. You don't spit into the wind".

He should have added "You don't challenge a guy who let himself into your locker room using a chainsaw as a key," which A.J. Styles did to start off Total Nonstop Action with a bang, proving his devotion to that wonderful instrument of destruction known as the chainsaw when he almost made Glen "The Gift" Gilberti sing a few octaves higher.

The best match of the night was the phenomenal Jerry Lynn versus Konnan match. No partners, no run-ins; just two men fighting. This match was everything that TNA is doing right and the World Wrestling Entertainment is doing wrong. You don't need special effects to entertain the crowd if the action in the ring is sound. Jerry Lynn defeated Konnan. While the match could certainly have lasted longer, it was pretty good wrestling regardless of the dura-

tion. Lynn continues to impress me every time I see him.

Sadly, this would be the match of the night as, in some bizarre joke on the bookers of Monday Night Raw, Dusty Rhodes took on David Flair in a Bunkhouse Brawl, similar to a hardcore rules match. Now, if someone offered me the chance to see a Flair/Rhodes match 20 years ago, I would have jumped at the chance. Seeing how Dusty is apparently trying to grow another head under his chin and David Flair can barely master the art of convincing turnbuckle grabs, I think I would have to rethink that offer today. Rhodes mopped the ring with Flair's head, but he was beaten postmatch by Brian Lawler and Eric Watts.

After that came a Sadistic Madness match between Sports Entertainment Xtreme, represented by the tag team champs Elix Skipper and Christopher Daniels along with the Harris Brothers, versus the Disciples of the New Church. The Sandman sided with the Disciples to help even the odds, and he brought in a surprise guest: former WWE

and ECW superstar Perry Saturn. Triple X carried out the real

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grunt work with the Harris brothers just wasting space. A lot of near falls came when Ron 'The Truth' Killings rushed out and attacked the Harris Twins. It's never a bad thing, but when he brought yet another surprise guest out, that's when things got ugly. And when I say ugly, I mean it, as his guest was none other than former WWE star Viscera, who some of you might remember as Mabel from Men On a Mission.

Saturn pinned the crushed remains of Ron Harris after Viscera nailed him with a Fat Bomb. I think Killings is at his best when he is a tweener, but the TNA booking seems to be flip flopping on what to do with him. Last time he turned on Jeff Jarrett, now he beat up Ron Harris. Not that a beaten-up Ron Harris a bad thing, mind you, but it still couldn't hurt to show some direction.

To see the next show, all you have to do is head on up to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. General admission is \$10, and ringside seats are \$15.

Tulane tramples on men's tennis

By Josh Beasley Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team continues to struggle after dropping two matches while on the road last week.

The MT netters fell victim to No. 27 ranked Green Wave of Tulane Saturday, 4-0, and dropped their previous match with the University of South Alabama last Thursday, 4-3.

Saturday, the Green Wave (13-5) won three singles matches and earned the doubles point to clinch the match victory.

In doubles action, Tulane's Michael Kogan and Victor Romero defeated MT's doubles duo Daniel Klementz and Brandon Allan, 8-2, at No.1, while Goran Vasiljevic and Dmitry Koch gave Tulane the doubles point with a 9-8 victory over Anant Sitaram and Kirk Jackson at No. 2. However, MT's Michael Staniak and Trevor Short reigned victorious 8-4 at No. 3 over Tulane's Mattias Westerberg and Jorge Lievano.

Koch and Romero each won 6-2, 6-2, decisions that gave the Green Wave a 3-0 advantage that set up Hannu Piirooinen's 6-1, 6-4, victory over Sitaram to wrap up the victory for Tulane.

In singles play, Victor

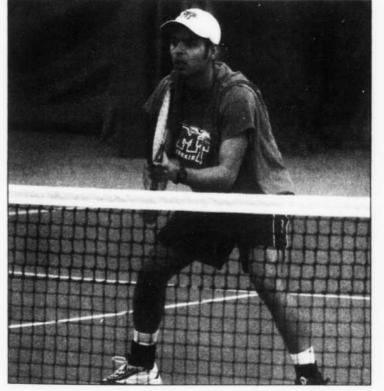


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Anant Sitaram lost in double's action against Tulane on Saturday, but won earlier in the week against South Ala.

Romero defeated Kirk Jackson, 6-2, 6-2, Dmitry Koch defeated Michael Staniak 6-2, 6-2, and Hanny Piiroinen defeated Anant Sitaram 6-1, 6-4.

Other matches included Michael Kogan versus Daniel Klementz, Jorge Lievano versus

Rishan Kuruppu, and Mattias Westerberg versus Brandon Allan, which all did not finish due to women's tennis scheduled matches.

For Tulane, the Green Wave

See Green Wave, 8

FAU snaps Middle Tennessee tennis winning streak

By Osby Martin Staff Reporter

The Lady Raider tennis team snapped its five match winning streak in a 5-2 loss to Florida Atlantic Saturday afternoon.

Alena Dyorakoya, who extended her own winning streak to 16 straight matches, put an end to junior Manon Kruse's streak of 13 straight wins. Kruse (14-3) hadn't lost since Jan. 17 but fell in straight sets 6-2, 6-3 at the No. 1 seed.

FAU was too much for the Lady Raiders (7-10). FAU started strong by taking two out of three doubles matches and finished just as strong in winning four of the six singles matches.

Besides Dyorakoya's win, FAU's Maria Aquirre-Gomez defeated Carien Venter in over Stephanie Beaulieu 6-3, 6straight sets 6-1, 6-1.

MT's Laura McNamara dropped her match to Krystel Borg 6-3, 6-4, and FAU's Jessica Burrow won in straight sets over Emily Vest 6-1, 6-0. The doubles matches won by

FAU were Aquirre-Gomez and Burrow 8-6 over Kruse and Stacy Varnell and Dyorakoya Karolina Roubickova defeated Venter and Vest to clinch the doubles point for

Middle Tennessee got wins at No. 2 singles where Jennifer

Klaschka defeated Tania Rivera 7-5, 7-6 and at No.4 singles with Varnell winning in straight sets 4. MT's No. 3 doubles tandem of Klaschka and McNamara won over Borg and Rivera 8-6.

For the Lady Raiders, some streaks ended. The loss marked an end to the team's winning streak, Kruse's winning streak and Venter's five-match winning streak.

But some of the Lady Raiders remained hot were Klaschka, who has won five of her last seven matches, and Varnell, who now won four of her last five matches.

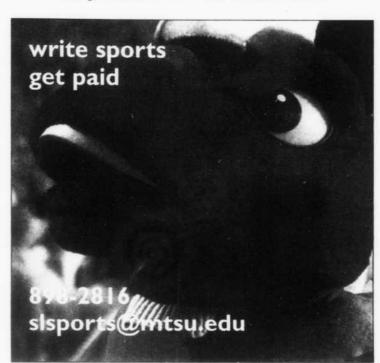
The Lady Raiders are peak-

ing at the right time of the season. They only have three matches remaining before the Sun Belt Tournament begins. Two of those three matches will be on their home court.

MT has really turned their season around since starting 2-9 by winning five of their last six matches.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Miami today to take on Sun Belt Conference foe Florida International.

The match is set for 1 p.m. The Lady Raiders, then close the season with two home court matches against Central Florida and Murray State. •



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and scored when the throw to third from Tigers catcher Kurt Welch skipped into left field. Carroll and LeGuenec came through with singles and Carroll later scored on a fielder's choice from Kemp.

The Blue Raiders kept swinging and added two more runs in the third as Carroll singled and scored on a Kemp single to left for a 3-0 lead. Kemp stole second, and Beachum made it 4-0 with an RBI single into right center field.

The Tigers would not roll over, and in the bottom of the third, Hart rocketed a solo homer with one out in the frame. Lewis then singled with two outs before Kines hit Josh Payne. Welch drove a 2-0 pitch over the left field wall, tying the contest at four.

Welch singled and Ryan Martin doubled before Scott was intentionally walked to start the eighth for Memphis. Brent Dlugach then singled to deep center, plating pinch-runner Chad House with the game winner and a 5-4 University of Memphis victory.

The Blue Raiders will take their bats to Clarksville tomorrow, as they play Austin Peay at 6:30 p.m. •

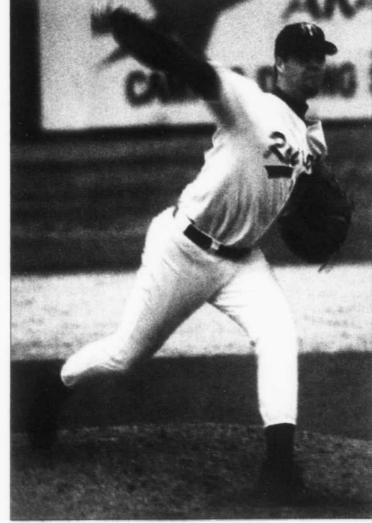


Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer Pitcher Steven Kines hurls a fastball toward the plate for the Blue Raider baseball team.

Green Wave: Final home match on April 9

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wrapped up its 20th consecutive home match win. For the Blue Raiders, it was their second loss Anant Sitaram took an 8-6 deciof the week.

Last Thursday, the Blue Raiders looked to invade the Bruce David Lubel Memorial Tennis Courts in Mobile, Ala., but were greeted rudely by USA.

scoring doubles point victories at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. Michael Staniak and Trevor

Short defeated David Nylen and Aurelio Di Zazzo 8-3 at No. 3. While doing so, the Blue Raider's Kirk Jackson and sion over Jorgen Vestli and Pavel Mazaev at No. 2.

The Blue Raiders had a 3-2 advantage but could not hold. MT's Sitaram won 6-4, 6-3 to give the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead. Mazaev knotted the match at

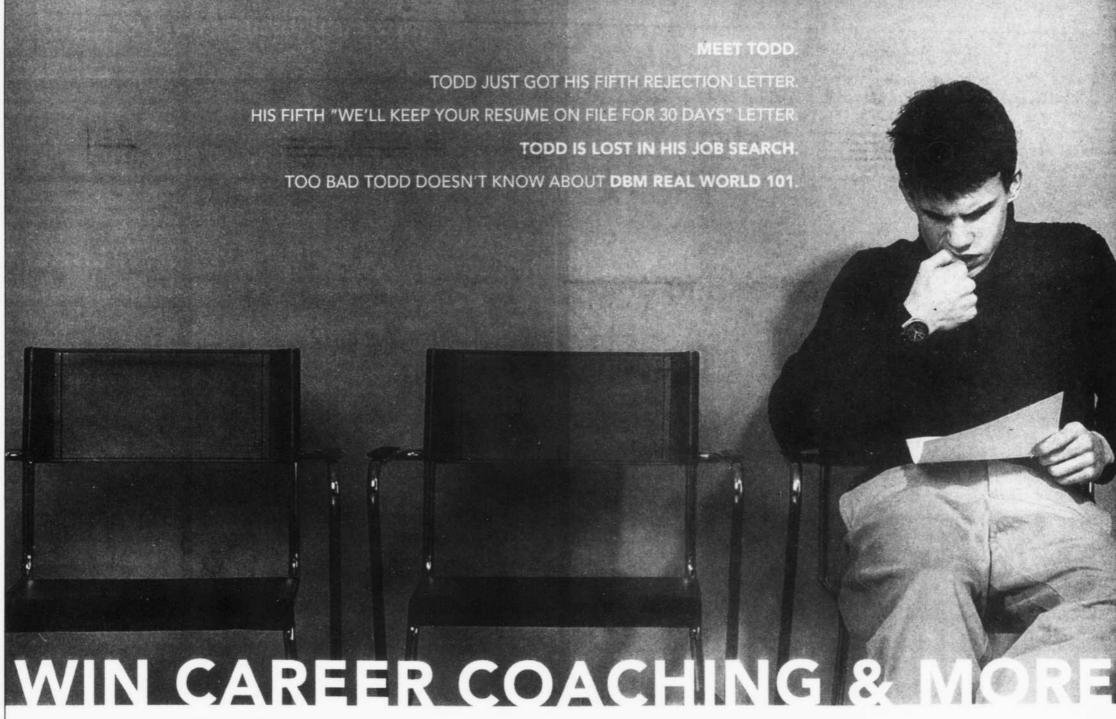
win at 6-4, 6-3 over USA's Di Zazzo to vault the Blue Raiders out to a 3-2 advantage.

For the Jaguars, defeat was inevitable. But a clutch win for Heinrich Heyl over Klementz evened the match once again, setting up Vestli's winning point, upending Allan 7-6, 3-6,

The Blue Raiders will travel to Atlanta, Ga., Apr. 6 to face Georgia Tech before hosting Vanderbilt April. 9 in the final home match of the year at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. •

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