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Group to aid sports majors

Networking, career options available

By Leonard
Robertson
Staff Writer

A new Sports Marketing Student Association recently formed on campus for students interested in the sports industry.

Don Roy and Colby Jubenville's organization gives students the opportunity to network with people in the sports business and pursue a career in the sports industry.

According to Roy, the organization is beneficial to students because internships are limited and the sports business is difficult to break into.

The Sports Marketing Student Association has numerous goals. Their primary goals are to unite students interested in the sports industries and to provide students with a chance to socialize with other students.

The organization prepares students to get internships so they will be able to get employment in the sports industry. Students can interact with the sports business in Middle Tennessee through guest speakers, site visits and service projects.

Participants will also provide labor support for MTSU athletics' game-day/event management and market research support to assist MTSU athletics in serving its fans, boosters, corporate partners and other stakeholder groups.

"The organization is open to all students of all majors as long as they are interested in the sports industry," Roy said.

There are 50 members currently in the organization. Roy and Jubenville both said they have high hopes and think the organization's membership will continue to grow.

"By the end of next year, there will be about 100 members in the organization," Jubenville said.

The association doesn't require funding due to its lack of operation costs.

"Most of the things are local, so they don't require funding," Roy said. "Membership dues are \$15, which covers all of the activities."

The Sports Marketing Students Association provides events for students to network with people in different sports industries.

"We are set up to conduct market research with the Nashville Speedway and the Titans. We are also working on a partnership with the Nashville Sports Council."

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Dance troupe steps out



Members of Step Afrika!, a percussive dance ensemble based in Washington, D.C., perform for MTSU students in Tucker Theatre Wednesday night.

Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Equestrian team grabs championship

Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The MTSU equestrian team is getting ready for national competition after capturing the Zone Championship earlier this month.

Middle Tennessee won four out of five blue ribbons in the western team competition, securing first place in the 2003 Zone Championship, held April 5 and 6 in Statesboro, Ga. The team now advances to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championship.

The team rode to victory with 32 of 35 possible points, outscoring last year's Western champion Auburn University. Both MTSU and Auburn, first and second places, respectively, will be present at the national competition.

There are two different types of competition, western and hunter seat, and each team must

have riders at each of the five different levels of expertise.

"We've had a phenomenal year," said Middle Tennessee equestrian coach Anne Brzezicki. "We've been building up to this for several years."

Senior Sarah Elder won the Reining Zone Championship for the fourth year in a row. She had already secured a place in the national competition during the regional tournament on March 28.

Elder will compete six times during the championship; most people only qualify for a single event. She will ride four times for team events and twice in individual events.

This will be Elder's last national competition as an MTSU rider.

Freshman Jaclyn Craddock will also individually represent MTSU at the 2003 Nationals in

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Wooden cross adorns courtyard

Organization leaves symbol after service

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Students walking between the James E. Walker Library and the Business and Aerospace Building Thursday morning might have noticed a new but temporary addition to the courtyard.

A 10-foot wooden cross draped with a large purple cloth was erected in the center of the courtyard by the campus organization Alpha Omega, which is sponsored by Belle Aire Baptist Church.

Matthew Harding, the off-campus director and campus pastor for AO, said the organization had a church service where they built and erected the cross Wednesday night.

"We left the cross up on campus as a symbol for Easter and to show that there is a reason for Easter and we shouldn't forget it," Harding said.

However, John David Hays, associate vice president and dean of Student Life, said the office of Student Affairs did not approve the cross and requested removal at 12:15 Thursday afternoon.

"We can't regulate content, but we can regulate time, place and manner," Hays said.

Harding said that AO had permission to hold their service Wednesday night, but he knew they did not have permission to leave the cross in the courtyard.

"We suspected it would be removed after a while," Harding said.

The cross on campus prompted the topic of separation of church and state and the clash with freedom of speech for some students on campus.

Mat Pauley, president of the Campus Freethought Alliance, supported the organization's right to free speech, but said the manner in which it was



Photo by Matt Pauley | Contributor

Alpha Omega displayed the wooden cross for church services Thursday.

expressed caused problems.

"In regards to Rosenberger v. [Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia], technically, the cross was constitutionally valid," Pauley said.

The 1995 Supreme Court case determined that the university's refusal to fund the printing of a religious organization's flyers violated the free speech clause of the First Amendment.

The university argued the need to comply with the First Amendment's establishment of religion clause, but the Supreme Court ruled that if the university's activity fees funded other groups, it must fund the religious groups as well.

The Campus Freethought Alliance is affiliated with the national organization Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

AO did not leave the cross with any indication of who put it there so students and faculty had no way of knowing whether the university erected it or not.

"The cross gives the appearance that the school supports religion, and that's wrong," Pauley said.

However, Harding said he didn't feel that was a problem.

"No one in their right mind

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Peace organizers protest Oak Ridge

By Nathan Christen
Contributor

The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance compared Department of Energy officials to Iraqi leaders after they declined to let their Citizen's Inspection Team enter the Y-12 nuclear plant premises looking for nuclear weapons.

OREPA organizers said they were not surprised at the DOE's refusal to grant them entry.

"Clearly, they have plenty to hide," said Ralph Hutchison, coordinator of OREPA.

The recent war with Iraq sparked anti-war activists, war supporters and Oak Ridge Police officers to clash during an OREPA sponsored protest March 30. During the protest, six protesters attempted to gain entry to the Y-12 nuclear plant to perform a nuclear weapons inspection of their own.

"Using the philosophy of President Bush, we decided that failure to cooperate with inspectors was an admission of guilt," said Marcelle Good, spokesperson for OREPA.

Officials said the inspectors could not enter the premises because it is under a Condition 2 Alert Status, similar to when the nation went to Code Orange high terrorist alert level.

"We respect their rights, but we also hope that OREPA will respect that we are at a heightened state of security," said Steven Wyatt, spokesperson for DOE's Oak Ridge Operations.

Oak Ridge's Y-12 facility helped produce the deadly atomic bomb in 1945 so pivotal in the United States victory over Japan in World War II. The Department of Energy's facility provided the highly enriched uranium for the deadly bomb.

"If the Department of Energy permits inspectors to enter the

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Oak Ridge Eighty-year-old participant jailed after events

By Nathan Christen
Contributor

The Oak Ridge Police Department demonstrated April 9 that the illegal protesting of nuclear weapons production at the Y-12 Nuclear Plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., will not be tolerated, regardless of who you are.

An 80-year-old protester was jailed after her second arrest for protesting the weapons production.

Sylva, N.C., native Dorothy Strubhar Ross received a jail sentence from the Anderson County courtroom after she was previously warned she would be jailed if convicted of the same crime a second time.

"I did not pick her out," said General Sessions Court Judge Don Layton. "She had a prior

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Marketing:

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Jubenville said. "The organization had two major activities this semester," Jubenville said. "We had a career fair with the Predators on March 20. The other activity was when we conducted market research at the Nashville Speedway on April 12," Jubenville said. For more information, call Don Roy at (615) 904-8564 or Colby Jubenville at 898-2909), or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~hypers/sports_management/reasearch.html. ♦

Equestrian: Team preparing for games

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the Hunter Seat Division. Teams from the nine zones will converge on the recently completed Miller Coliseum, where MTSU will host the national championship. The Middle Tennessee equestrian team will represent Zone five, Region one. Zone five includes Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee and Southern Kentucky. Altogether, the zones represent 47 states containing 314 colleges and universities. Each zone will advance two teams to the national championships.

According to Brzezicki, Texas A&M, Ohio State, Colorado State and other colleges with highly respected equestrian programs will be among the competition MTSU will face. The IHSA National Championship will be held May 2 through May 4. Admission is free, and the show is open to the public. Competition starts with some jumping at 8 a.m. on each morning of the competition. MTSU was originally scheduled to host the national competition two years ago, but the date was pushed back because of construction delays on the coliseum.

Middle Tennessee last hosted the national championship in 1979 and has taken part in competitions ever since. The students started preparing for competition during the second week of school last fall. In the past, students trained and practiced their horsemanship at the Tennessee Livestock Center, but next semester they will move to the Horse Science Facility next to the Miller Coliseum. For more information about the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, go to the Web site at www.ihsa.com or contact Brzezicki at (615) 904-8481. ♦

Protest: Events have past

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plant, they will observe and photograph activities related to nuclear weapons production and the storage and disposition of weapons components and materials," stated an OREPA press release. "If DOE refuses to submit to inspections, they will be determined to be in default of the Nonproliferation Treaty, and citizens are expected to take steps to halt illegal activity." Protestors have gathered at the Y-12 facility since 1988, where peace activists have participated in nonviolent protests usually on the anniversary of the United States attack on Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was first used. They decided to hold the most recent protest because of the war in Iraq. "We believe the United States has a responsibility to do what it asks other nations to do," said Good, who was one of about 200 anti-war protesters present. "If weapons of mass destruction are bad for Iraq and North Korea, they're bad for us. If inspections are in order for other countries, they are in

order here." OREPA members deemed the protest a success in the long run. "I think our protest was successful in bringing public attention to the fact the United States is in clear violation of the Nonproliferation treaty," said OREPA member Abigail Singer. There were about 40 war supporters present. They countered the protestors by waving the American flag, playing "The Star-Spangled Banner," and chanting, "Support our troops." There were also several who disagreed with the protesters, although they did not share sides with the anti-war protesters or the war supporters. "They're wasting your and my tax dollars by having to pay for all of the security and police overtime, vehicle use expenses, equipment wear and tear and costs of operating the courts," said retired police officer Randy Tedford. "Maybe some of that money they're causing to be spent could and would be better used to pay for food, medicine, social programs, etc., instead of the expenses you're causing." ♦

Arrested: Second offense brings jail time for protester

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conviction for the same offense last August. At that time, her sentence was suspended, and she was placed on probation." Ross participated in a March 30 protest in which a group of around 100 people marched on Scarboro Road near the entrance to the plant. Six members of the group eventually crossed a police line attempting to gain access at the gate of the plant, resulting in the arrests.

The six protesters, one of which was Ross, were arrested and charged with the class C misdemeanor of obstructing a highway or passageway. A class C misdemeanor has a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail for first-time offenders. All six of the protesters pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 30 days in jail, although all of the sentences were suspended. They were placed on probation and had to pay court costs.

Because Ross was convicted of the same crime in a similar protest last August, she was also charged with violating her probation from the first sentence. Ross was sentenced to two days in jail and was fined \$300. "Once it becomes a pattern that deviates from the law, I don't have an option," Layton said of the sentence. "If a person continues to violate the law in the same manner, the law will extradite a greater punishment." Members of the OREPA

praised Ross for her heroics during the protest. "Ms. Ross risked arrest to bring public attention to the fact that there are still nuclear weapons present in our country," said OREPA member Abigail Singer, who was present during Ross' arrest. "She is setting a good example that people need to fight for what they believe in." Ross has an unlisted telephone number and was unavailable for comment. ♦

Cross: Seen as opportunity for positive discussion

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would assume the university put it up," Harding said. Hays said the university permits the posting of religious symbols on campus as long as an organization has them

approved through Associate Dean of Student Life Gene Fitch and if the symbol is in connection with an event. Clinton Nadeau, president of AO, said his organization never intended to cause a disruption on campus, but said that discus-

sion is sometimes positive. "The way I see it, it was just like the flyers that people put up all over campus," Nadeau said. "This one was just more stable and more wind-resistant." Hays said he did not know whether a disciplinary action

would be taken in regards to the unapproved cross and any investigation of the event would be up to John Dickerson, assistant dean for Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services. ♦

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From the Editorial Board Free speech useless when breaking rules

The cross displayed Thursday on the Quadrangle, as might be expected, certainly drew attention and a bit of controversy on campus.

According to John David Hays, associate vice president and dean of Student Life, Alpha Omega – which sponsored an event on Wednesday night using the cross and left it up until the next afternoon – didn't have permission to leave the cross up. He ordered it taken down by 12:15 p.m. Thursday.

For his part, Off-campus Director Matthew Harding said he knew that Alpha Omega didn't obtain permission to leave the cross in the courtyard after Wednesday's service, but left it up "to show that there is a reason for Easter, and we shouldn't forget it."

We respect Alpha Omega's right to free expression, just as we support it for any organization. However, the university has both a right and a duty to regulate the place, time and manner that statements are made when issues involving separation of church and state are involved.

In this case, there was no way of distinguishing (perhaps other than common sense) who was responsible for the display. This puts the school in a bind because it could appear to some that the cross was put up by the university – a big legal no-no.

Considering that Alpha Omega didn't have permission to leave the cross there until well into the next school day, the university took the proper course of action.

Any display or event of any significance on campus requires administrative approval. The Genocide Awareness Project's anti-abortion display in 2000 was offensive to a much larger group of people than the cross in the courtyard, but it was nevertheless allowed. The reason? GAP got permission; AO did not.

It certainly doesn't seem that AO objected to the cross being removed, so hardly anyone is crying foul. If they want to do something like this in the future, it would be wise for them to clearly mark the display and get permission from the university. ◆

Correction

In "Women for Women hosts music camp" (April 17), two quotes were attributed to Misty McElroy. These statements were made by Kelly Anderson. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

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Joe's summer selling computers

Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

Joe's summer job journal, page 4:

It's about time to get a summer job. Better hurry, or you'll get a job in tele-sales like I did. I sold computers for a major computer manufacturer.

So, I get a call from Randy the Racist about an hour before it was time to close.

"So, what kind of computer can I get for you?" I asked.

"Well, I was looking for one that's, uh, adult entertainment compatible," Randy the Racist said.

"Adult entertainment? You mean like *Frasier*, or *The Golden Girls*?" I asked.

"Naw, I mean, like, um, explicit pornography," he said.

"I see. You want your new computer to be compatible with pornography. Not all kinds are compatible with the new operating systems. What kind of pornography do you like?" I asked. I couldn't resist.

"Well, I like the pictures of the girls," he said.

"How about water sports, mature women, lesbian, group, oral, anal or gay sex?" I asked. It's important to find out the customers' needs so they get the right computer.

"Um, sure – gimme all that," he said.

"And so we get enough memory in the system, how often will you be looking at these pictures?"

I asked.

"Once or twice a week I suppose," he answered. Clearly he's lying.

"I see. It just so happens our prurient interest upgrade package is on sale. Its only an extra \$150. You'll also want to get an anti-virus program to protect you from sexually transmitted diseases," I said.

"Sounds good."

"And you'll want to go ahead and get the three-year warranty, right?"

"No thanks. I'm sure glad you speak English. I called earlier and got one of them foreigners. I can't never understand what they're saying," Randy the Racist said.

"Did you have a bad connection?" I asked.

"Naw, It was the way they talked. It just ain't right. They come over here

and get our jobs and can't even speak our language. At least they didn't get your job," he said.

"That's not a problem. We keep all those types in the basement. It's called the quota floor," I said.

I try to take the customer-is-always-right approach in situations like this.

"A whole floor? Now that's the way to do things," the jackass said.

"I was just kidding," I said.

"What?" he asked.

"I was just kidding. We don't tolerate racism here at this fine computer corporation. You, sir, disgust me. Are you married?" I asked.

"Um, yes."

"Stop saying 'um.' It makes you sound dumber than you already are. Here's what I'm gonna do.

I'm gonna come to your house and share your pornographic interests with your wife. Then we're gonna make sweet love. We'll have lots and lots of babies. Did I mention I'm black?"

Remember – he can't see me.

"That's right, we're gonna have lots of little black babies. How does that make you feel, sir?" I asked.

By this point I was screaming. My manager overheard me.

"Um, Joe. What's going on here?" he asked.

"He doesn't want the three-year warranty. I thought I might pressure him," I said. ◆

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Tax debate requires logic

By Ian Campbell
Guest Columnist

The issues involved in the income tax debate dwell in the realm of the philosophical, and a proper decision cannot be made without an appeal to logic, rather than hasty emotion.

The real decision we find before us as a state is a choice between progressive or regressive taxation. A brief (and slightly misleading) explanation of these polar regions of tax philosophy is given: With a progressive tax (read "income tax"), the more you earn, the more you pay in taxes; and with a regressive tax (sales tax), the less you earn, the more you pay in taxes.

A classic, if somewhat clichéd, example of a regressive tax goes like this: Joe Millionaire makes \$300,000 a year, while Joe Sixpack makes \$25,000 a year.

They each spend \$100 a month on groceries, translating into \$5200 annually, which translates into \$468 in sales tax annually at a 9 percent tax rate.

Joe Millionaire barely feels the sales tax, which makes up a mere .195 percent of his annual income.

Joe Sixpack, on the other hand, pays 1.87 percent of his salary on sales tax – nearly 10 times as much.

From this blatantly oversimplified example, it's clear that a regressive tax "soaks" the poor, while the rich don't even feel it. But, with this line of thinking, one can argue that buying groceries hurts the poor, since they spend a larger percentage of their income on food than the rich do.

I don't mean to sound trite, but the truth of the matter is a sales tax is an optional tax.

Sure, there are the necessities (i.e., groceries), but nearly everything else falls into an all-absorbing category titled "luxuries," and, by defin-

ition, luxuries are unnecessary.

A consumer decides whether or not to buy something, and ipso facto, whether or not he wants to pay taxes. Thinking of it this way, you might call a regressive sales tax "soaking the spendthrifts."

This leads to another important aspect to consider about sales tax – the fact that rich people spend more.

While the proletariat might envy the nicer clothes, cars, food and general lifestyles of the upper class, it's these luxuries that largely finance our sales tax-based government, not groceries. With this in mind, the burden of taxation is placed back into the hands of the rich.

Furthermore, the bevy of other taxes our state levies leans towards high-income lifestyles. Property and franchise taxes, usually associated with wealthier individuals, make up a significant part of our state revenue. A professional privilege tax, associated with any licensed profession, from brokers to mechanics, will be as much as \$400 annually by the end of this year (almost as much as Joe Sixpack was paying in sales tax for groceries). There is even an "income" tax on investments, called the Hall tax, which taxes interest on everything from stocks and mutual funds to bonds issued by churches.

A casual glance at Tennessee's state budget revenue streams clearly shows it's the rich who support this government.

A progressive income tax, conversely, is typically thought of as a way to tax the rich, while relaxing the tax burden on lower income individuals.

But, the "flat" income tax proposal being floated around the state legislature merely levels the playing field, with everyone giving the same percentage of their income. While this appears fair, if

the sales tax is lowered or dropped altogether, the income tax must compensate for the lost revenue.

That, coupled with the effects of an income tax exemption for people earning less than \$15,000 a year (often college students who spend a lot of Dad's money, which will no longer be taxed), could mean that low-to-mid-income individuals, the backbone of this state, will end up losing a greater percentage of their income to taxation. Groceries would be cheaper, but their situation wouldn't improve.

More importantly, they will have lost an optional tax in favor of a mandatory one.

There is a myriad of other economic ramifications involved in adopting an income tax that deserves close scrutiny, far too much for a column in *Sidelines*.

It's my hope that, if for nothing else, I inspired you to investigate this issue, since it's an issue that will soon affect all of us.

Always a good place to start, the Internet has a wealth of information and opinions, both for and against.

The Cato Institute, an independent public policy research organization, has an excellent article titled "The Case Against a Tennessee Income Tax" posted on their Web site that outlines the effects an income tax would have on the Tennessee economy, based on the past experiences of states in similar situations (www.cato.org/pubs/briefs/bp-053es.html).

Also, the Tennessee State Government's Revenue site (www.state.tn.revenue), contains all information needed to make an informed decision on this issue. You supply the logic. ◆

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Holidays too widely commercialized



Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

With it being a holiday weekend, I couldn't help but notice how commercialized Easter has become.

It seems that in the United States, Christian religious holidays have lost their meanings.

Is this the only way people will enjoy holidays – if they receive presents or candy in return?

Christmas has become a national holiday for anyone to give and receive presents.

I guess that's not too far from the normal birthday celebrations in America, so I can let that one slide. But Easter?

That's taking things a little too far.

First off, where do we get off calling the Friday before Easter "Good Friday?"

It wasn't a good Friday. It was a very bad Friday.

It wasn't until Sunday that Friday could even be considered a good day. Jesus died on Good Friday.

"Good" just isn't the best way to describe it.

I don't understand where the eggs, bunnies and marshmallow chicks came into the picture, but I'm guessing it wasn't back in the days of Jesus.

It's not like the next year everyone sat around recalling the crucifixion and resurrection while their children were hunting for colored hard-boiled eggs.

It wasn't until the 1500s in Germany that the rabbit, believed to be one of the most fertile animals in the pre-Christian era, appeared in writings as an Easter Bunny.

Until then, it was just a fertile animal.

In fact, Easter was originally a pagan celebration of the springtime and the offspring goddess, Eastre,

whose earthly symbol was the rabbit.

Note the similarity in spelling. It's not an accident.

Eventually, missionaries tried to convert pagans while allowing them to celebrate their holidays in a Christian manner so the missionaries could celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

Christians eventually adopted the holiday and now we have Easter, a commercialized holiday celebrated by most Americans, regardless of faith.

Isn't it nice how some things in life just make a circle like that?

Why is it that Christian holidays are often celebrated by everyone (at least in America)?

If we don't have a set religion for the country, why are so many of our holidays Christian holidays?

I've never known someone not of the Jewish faith to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

How many non-Muslims do you know who fast to celebrate Ramadan? It's probably not very likely that on the evening of April 30, you'll find a Christian leaping over fires, drinking wine and dancing the Maypole in celebration of Beltane.

Some religious holidays people just don't pick up on unless they're of that faith.

It's time other holidays ceased to be commercial. It's nice to get a day off of school or work for a holiday, but it's also important to remember why that day is remembered.

If your faith does not celebrate the holiday, celebrate one of your own that occurs around the same time.

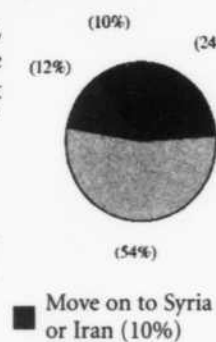
Or, you could read up on a holiday that isn't of your faith – it just might be interesting. ◆

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Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "What action should the United States take now that the Iraqi regime has fallen?"

- Remove our troops from harm's way (24%)
- Set up a stable representative government for the Iraqi people (54%)
- Drill for oil (12%)
- Move on to Syria or Iran (10%)



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "What's the most effective way to prepare for finals week?"

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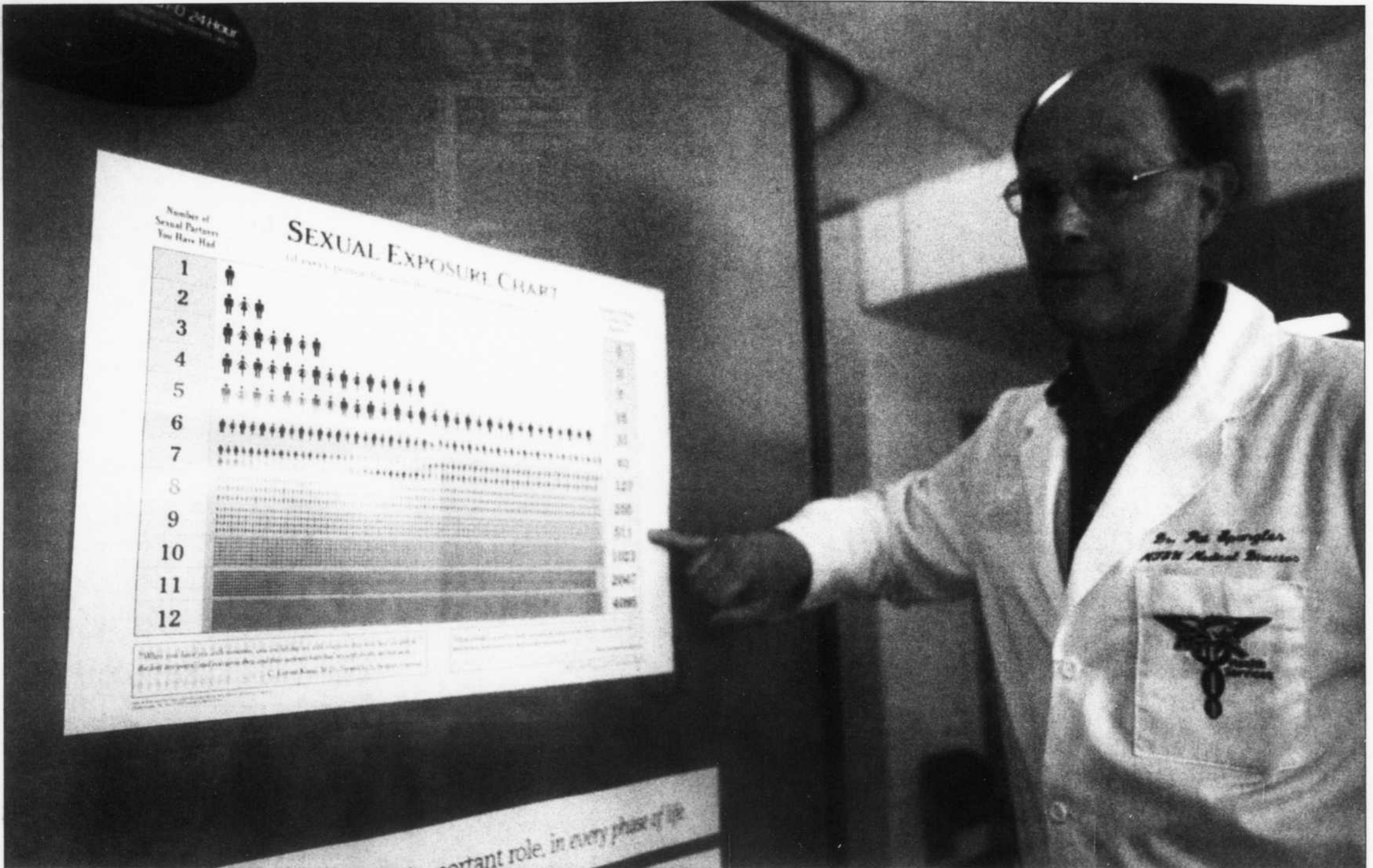


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Dr. Pat Spangler explains a sexual exposure chart, which illustrates how the amount of partners one has had corresponds to the amount his or her partner has had.

Students at risk for sex-related diseases

MTSU medical director urges abstinence, but pushes protection

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

It's no secret that sex is thought of quite a bit in our society.

It also shouldn't be a secret that a few bad things can potentially accompany the pleasure that lies with it. So if you're going to romp in your bed without protection, keep in mind that there could be serious consequences for irresponsible behavior.

"Abstinence is the best precaution," advises Dr. Pat Spangler, medical director of MTSU Health Services.

For effective prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, after abstinence comes the practice of limiting partners. Fewer partners equal less risk.

Condoms can prevent disease, but they're not always 100 percent effective, according to experts. Though consistent condom usage is effective against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and many STDs, the risk of condom breakage or other mishaps still exists.

Ideally, abstaining from

intercourse would seem to be a 100 percent guarantee to stay out of harm's way; however, this is not always the case. Several diseases can be transferred through bodily fluid, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"Some of the most important advice I can give about STD testing is to get it done," Spangler suggests. "Women and men alike can contract the disease but may not show any symptoms. Asymptomatic doesn't mean they are not infected."

The most common sexually transmitted diseases afflicting people today, Spangler says, are:

- Chlamydia: Also known as a "silent" disease because three-quarters of infected women and half of infected men have no symptoms. The infection frequently goes undiagnosed or untreated until complications develop.

- Human Papilloma Virus or genital warts: Most people who have a genital HPV infection don't know it. The virus lives in the skin or mucus membranes and usually causes no symp-

toms. Other people have visible genital warts. The warts usually appear as soft, moist, pink or red swellings. They can be raised or flat, single or multiple, small or large. Some cluster together, forming a cauliflower-like shape.

- Gonorrhea: When initially infected, the majority of men have signs or symptoms which include a burning sensation when urinating and a yellow-white discharge from the penis. Sometimes the testicles become painful or swollen. In women, the early symptoms of gonorrhea are often mild, and many infected women have no symptoms of infection. Even when they do, the symptoms can be so non-specific that they are mistaken for a bladder infection.

- Herpes Simplex Virus or genital herpes: Can be found and released from the sores that the viruses cause, but it is also released between episodes from skin that does not appear to be broken or infected with sores. A person almost always gets the HSV-2 infection during sexual contact with someone who has genital HSV-2.



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Information about sexually transmitted diseases can be found in Health Services on campus or online at several Web sites. Visit www.ashastd.org for more information.

- Hepatitis B: Half do not show symptoms, but possible signs are jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), dark-colored urine, flu-like symptoms and odd tastes or smells.

- Syphilis: The time between infection with syphilis and the start of the first symptom can range from 10-90 days (average is 21 days). The primary stage of syphilis is usually marked by the

appearance of a single sore, called chancre, but there may be multiple sores as well. The sore is usually firm, round, small and painless. It appears on the spot where syphilis entered the body. The sore lasts three to six weeks, and it will heal on its own. If adequate treatment is not given, the infection progresses to the secondary stage.

- AIDS, caused by HIV:

HIV/AIDS is a communicable disease that can be spread sexually and is characterized by unexplained, persistent swollen glands, drenching night sweats, fever, chills, significant weight loss of more than 10 pounds in less than two months (unrelated to illness, dieting, or increased physical activity) and immobi-

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Travel woes: Students jetsetting even after war

By Jennifer Bardoner
Staff Writer

The war with Iraq and the ongoing threat of terrorist attacks have hit the travel industry hard.

However, airlines can still expect some business from MTSU students and professors who won't let anything stand in their way.

"The world is a risky place," says French professor Rosemary Kew. "America is a risky place just as much as anywhere else in the world. You have to decide if you're going to get out there and experience new things, or if you're going to curl up into a ball and never leave your house. We're encouraging our students, judiciously, to go out there and experience things."

It seems a number of students are taking that advice. Working with three university study abroad programs, Kew will send a total of 14 students to various locations in France over the next year.

"My students are eager to go and are making comments about how they wouldn't miss it for the world," she says.

Although Kew herself is not going, it's not because of safety reasons.

"Politically, I'm not sure where it (the relationship between France and the United States) stands, but there are polls to suggest that as far as the French people are concerned, even if they have a problem with American policy, they don't have a problem with individuals," she says. "Whatever happens at the geopolitical level, international friendship is especially important when things go bad."

Shelley Thomas, another French professor, seconds that notion. She will travel with about five students and her 13-year-old son to Amiens, a town just north of Paris for three weeks this summer.

"I've been there twice before," she says. "I know the people, and I

know they really like Americans and are really eager for us to come. I don't expect any feelings of animosity. They encouraged us to come and to not let this come between countries that have been friends for a long time."

However, some people aren't willing to let that much distance come between them and their children. Thomas' group usually includes about 10 students.

"I know for a fact that some students have told me their parents won't let them go," she says.

Tech Wubneh, director of International Programs and Services, reports that several of the Kentucky Institute for International Studies programs have been canceled due to lack of enrollment. KIIS is the consortium through which MTSU and several other Southeast colleges send their students to non-English-speaking countries.

"They did not have enough

enrollment because people that would normally enroll were scared of the war and terrorism," he says.

They may not be too off base. Wubneh points to the recent bombing of a McDonald's in Asia.

"People have to be careful where they go," he says. "In Europe, there is less of a threat, but in the Middle East, the threat is real."

However, he went on to say that "there are Middle Easterners living in Britain, France and Germany. There are Arabs in those countries that may not be happy with the policy in the Middle East."

Thomas says she feels this danger is most exaggerated in large cities. However, she still reports no such incidences in France.

"We have students over there currently, and none of them have reported any ill will [directed] toward them," she says.

Although she refuses to advise

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Campus Events

Ongoing

• The women of Alpha Theta Omega hold their weekly prayer meeting every Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Keathley University Center. For more information, contact Ailisha Vaughn at (615) 668-2616.

• Now through May 2, Circle K is hosting a children's book drive to benefit the Christel House. There will be competitions between organizations, offices and individuals to see who can donate the most books. Prizes include pizza, money and vacations. All offices and organizations must register by tomorrow to be eligible for prizes. Students and faculty can drop off books in the KUC, Room 326. For more information, contact Rebecca Pickering at (615) 898-2533 or e-mail her at rep2c@mtsu.edu to obtain a form.

April 21

• Students for Environmental Action present, as part of Earth Week, "Alternative Lifestyles: Displaying energy efficient transportation" on the KUC Knoll from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 4:15 p.m. in the Stark Agricultural Building, Room 125, Michael Principe will speak on Cuba's paradigm for sustainable agriculture.

• Jan Simek, University of Tennessee professor of anthropology, will present a lecture, "On the Backs of Serpents: The Prehistoric Cave Art of the Eastern [Tennessee] Woodlands," at 2:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S102. The event is free and open to the public.

• The Stones River Chamber Players will perform selections from the group's upcoming European tour at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Center. The concert is free and open to the public, but organizers request that those interested in attending call (615) 898-2476 to check seating availability.

April 22

• Students for Environmental Action, as part of Earth Week, presents Recycling Education: SEA and the MTSU Recycling Department on the Knoll. An Earth Week benefit will take place at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9 p.m. The benefit will feature Kati, Rockwell Kilgore and the Harveys.

• Golden Key International Honor Society's last meeting of the year will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the KUC, Room 316. The organization will be discussing upcoming events and fund-raisers, as well as potential officers.

• The Military Science Spring Awards Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the Wright Music Building Auditorium. For

information, call (615) 898-2470.

April 23

• Yoga will be held on the Knoll at 8 a.m.

• The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the KUC from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

April 24

• MTSU Concerts presents "DJs on the Knoll" from noon to 3 p.m. The event will feature DJ Jolby and DJ Dank and is free and open to the public. For more information, call (615) 898-2551.

• The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 206. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at (615) 898-2193. Remember: This is the last clinic this semester and space is limited.

• A free unity barbecue will be held at 2 p.m. on the field behind the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. The barbecue is sponsored by Alpha Theta Omega and is co-sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi. There will be free food and games. For more information, call Ashley Fussell at (615) 582-4174.

• A Students for Environmental Action symposium will take place in the KUC Theatre at 5 p.m.

April 25

• Poetry slam duo Matthew John Conley and Big Poppa E, otherwise known as Broken Word, is performing at MTSU as part of Earth Day celebration.

• Student Programming presents Earth Day celebration with Drums & Tuba, Stephen Gaskin, Juan Prophet Organization, Spooky Johnson and Broken Word.

April 26

• Customs' new student orientation begins in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace Building. For more information, contact Gina Poff at (615) 898-2454.

• Anyone wanting to participate in a flat rock cleanup as part of Earth Week will meet on the Knoll at 8:30 p.m. to caravan. Volunteers are welcome. For more information on any Earth Week events, contact Tomi Winfree at 898-5184. ♦

Travel: Keeping low profiles suggested for U.S. travelers

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international travel, she is not worried about the trip.

"I will say that I feel confident about taking my students and my son to France this summer," she says.

However, she and the other faculty encourage students who choose to travel to keep a low profile.

"We encourage students not to advertise by way of baseball caps, shirts, loud, boisterous behavior – anything that would draw attention to them that might be inappropriate at this time when we're trying to keep a low profile," Thomas says.

Wubneh adds that students should also "read what the state department says about the safety and security of the country you are going to. Be alert, and don't get involved in large

groups of people at one time."

Jennifer Campbell, international programs coordinator, will host a pre-departure meeting, which will address these issues and more. The meeting will be held on Saturday in Peck Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is mandatory for all MTSU students planning to study abroad.

The purpose of this meeting is to "help students manage themselves when studying abroad," Wubneh says.

Wubneh also lists things such as who to contact in case of emergency, the location of the American Embassy in the students' host countries and what to wear. However, this year he said he thinks that there will naturally be more emphasis on safety and security.

For this reason, parents are also encouraged to attend the meeting. ♦

Hear ye, hear ye!



Sidelines' Campus Events calendar is back in business.

Come by the JUB, Room 310, and fill out the campus events form.

Awareness: 'More responsibility' displayed, doctor says

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lizing fatigue. Because these signs are also common in other diseases, seeking medical attention to determine their cause is important.

Gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis are relatively easy to cure with antibiotics if caught early. AIDS and viral STDs such as genital warts and genital herpes are incurable, but are controllable.

Health Services recommends treatment for STDs if there are bumps or blisters near the sex organs or rectum, pain in the

pelvic region, burning or itching in or around sex organs, pain with sex, bleeding between periods for women, or if there is any unusual discharge. Also, they urge everyone to make sure their sex partners are being tested or treated for STDs.

Health Services offers testing at a discounted rate from those of comparable providers. Birth control pills are available for \$11 per pack. Cultures and blood testing for men, birth control counseling for women and pap smears are also provided.

"I am seeing more responsi-

For more information on the symptoms and treatment of STDs, visit the Centers for Disease Control online at www.cdc.gov or visit MTSU Health Services online at www.mtsu.edu/~mthealth. You can also visit the American Social Health Association at www.ashstd.org.

bility in our college students and I'm very proud of that," Spangler says with a smile. "The two largest groups I've seen for testing are those who are changing sex partners and seniors wanting to be tested before they leave." ♦

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SPORTS

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Monday, April 21, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Blue Raiders win first place in Vanderbilt Invitational

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee men's track team used a team effort including two wins by junior Mardy Scales to finish ahead of Illinois State by one point, 148-147, and win the Vanderbilt Invitational team title this weekend.

The Lady Raiders, led by sophomore Rosemary Okafor, brought home a fourth place finish at the same meet.

Scales, running in his first meet of the outdoor season, earned the two fastest times on the team this season to win both the 100-meter and 200-meter events in respective times of 10.27 and 20.77. Freshman Sean

Waller kept the wins coming by taking home the 400-meter event in his best time of the season and personal best 46.72.

The Blue Raiders also collected another victory in the 4 x 400-meter relay with a time of 3:13.42. The 400-meter relay team completed the event in second place but was the top collegiate team with a time of 40.11.

On the women's side, Okafor had a victory in the 200 with a

time of in 23.50 and was the top collegian and second overall in the 400 with a time of 52.61. The time in the 200 was Okafor's fastest of the season and the 400 time broke a record that she set earlier this season at the Alabama Relays last month.

Besides the victories, the team as a whole used several top finishes to help their standing in the final results.

The men had Victor Okorie finishing sixth in the 100 and third in the 400-meter hurdles behind teammate D.J. Spann who had a time of 50.58 to be the top collegian and second overall in the event. Linnie Yarbrough and Jasper Demps earned sixth and eighth respectively in the 400-meter hurdles.

Fred Williams and Omar Ali also had high finishes in the 400 race with Williams taking home

third and Ali in sixth behind winner Waller. Garland Marlin, Yarbrough and Demps finished in succession in the 110-meter hurdles in fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Andrew Owusu got the victory in the triple jump with a mark of 53-4.25. Rob Jordan had a third place standing in the same event with a mark of 49-2.5.



Scales



Williams

The Lady Raiders also had strong performances to finish the meet in fourth place with a score of 97.50.

Kerry Barrow completed the 200 in fifth place and seventh place in the 100. Kishara George had a sixth place standing in the 400. Jerkita McClorin and LaToya Brown had fourth and sixth finishes in the 100-meter hurdles. Candice Robertson had a fifth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles.

The Lady Raiders placed in the top spot in the 400-meter relay and the second place finish in the 4x400 relay. Brown tied for sixth in the high jump, and Jennifer Howard finished in the same position in the pole vault. Kim Freeman, who, on Friday

night, won the long jump with a mark of 18-2.5, took home a fifth place in the triple jump. McClorin came in sixth place in the same event.

Levi Sybert had a season best 9:12.58 to place him in second place in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Zack Wood and Josh Carroll had seventh and eighth finishes in the same event.

This weekend the track team will be at three different places. A portion of the team will be at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Another part of the team will be at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

Most of the team is going to compete at the Murray State Invitational in Murray, Ky. ♦

USA Jaguars take series



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

University of South Alabama center/infielder Ryan Fillingim takes a cut at a low ball during yesterday's game against the Blue Raiders. Fillingim went 0-3 at bat on the day.

Jaguars nail six runs in three innings

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders (19-20, 6-8 SBC) have split the first two games of a three-game set with Sun Belt Conference co-leader South Alabama (26-12, 7-4) at Reese Smith Field.

The 7-4 win on Friday night gave the Blue Raiders their sixth win in seven games and three of the last four in conference play.

Middle Tennessee starting pitcher Steve Kline (5-2) worked into the seventh to get the win, allowing three runs on five hits. Kline struck out two and walked three. Chase Swing worked the final three innings to get his fourth save of the year and third in his last four appearances, though the sophomore right-hander worked out of jams in all three innings.

The Blue Raiders finally broke through against Clark Girardeau in the fourth, with Josh Archer blasting a homerun over the left field wall to lead off the inning. Brett Carroll then walked and scored on Chad Cooper's double just inside the third base bag for a 2-0 Middle Tennessee lead.

Cooper went to third on the play when USA shortstop Brett Parker's throw short-hopped the catcher and went to the backstop. Phillips followed with a single up the middle, giving the Blue Raiders a 3-0 edge.

Middle Tennessee took advantage with a sacrifice bunt, and pinch-hitter Chris LeGuene singled in both runners for a 5-1 Blue Raider advantage. USA loaded the bases with nobody out in the seventh, but was only able to capitalize on scoring two runs to cut the Blue Raider lead to 5-3.

The Jaguars threatened again in the eighth but came up empty, as some timely pitching was able to get MT out of the jam. MT was able to answer in the bottom half of the inning as Derek Phillips, who went 3 for 3 with three RBIs, belted a two-run homer to give Middle Tennessee some insurance and the final margin of 7-3.

South Alabama scored runs in five of the first seven innings and got three hits apiece from T.J. and Josh Touchstone to defeat Middle Tennessee, 8-6, Saturday afternoon at Reese

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MT starting pitcher Chris Mobley had five strikeouts in three innings of play against USA yesterday.

MT slides past SEMO, 11-9

By Grant Ellington
Staff Writer

Nate Jagers was the hero, hitting a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth, to lift the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (18-19) to an 11-9 victory over the Southeast Missouri Indians (18-11) in a Wednesday afternoon game at Reese Smith Field.

The win gave the Blue Raiders their fifth win in the past six games.

The game featured 20 runs, 28 hits and seven errors as the Blue Raiders posted eight unearned runs — a reflection of Southeast Missouri's three errors.

MT scored four unearned runs in the first, thanks to a pair of Indian errors and a home run from Jerry Knox.

Jeff Beachum led off the inning

with a single and later moved to second on a wild pick-off throw. Beachum came around from second to score when Josh Archer's ground ball was booted by the first baseman. Brett Carroll followed with a single before Knox tallied in on his third home run in two games for a 4-0 Blue Raider lead.

SEMO got a run back in the second on a solo homer to center field. The Indians put together four straight hits in the third to score two more runs to cut the lead to one.

Derek Phillips lifted a ball over the right field wall in the fourth for his first homer of the season, a solo dinger to give Middle Tennessee a 5-3 advantage.

The Indians reached first on a

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Preator sets record against Austin Peay

By Grant Ellington
Staff Writer

Senior pitcher Stacy Preator (16-6) recorded a season-high 11 strikeouts and took the decisions in Middle Tennessee's (24-15) 5-2 and 3-0 victories over Austin Peay (15-23) Thursday at Lady Raider Field.

Stacy Preator pitched 17 innings without allowing one run in the three games she made appearances in and went the distance in two of the contests thus far. Overall, the Lady Raiders of Middle Tennessee are riding a six-game winning streak.

Erica Buhl knocked her first three-bagger of the season in the first inning of game one, which allowed Kristina Hieb to score for the first run of the game. Sophomore Dani DeCamino's sacrifice fly sent in Buhl for the second run.

Courtney Mitchell hit her 21st double of the season to take over as the leader for doubles in a season. She accomplished this feat in dramatic fashion, as she hit a ball to the right field fence

with the bases loaded to score three runs for the Lady Raiders.

Austin Peay's Jenny Kelley put the Lady Gobs on the board when she hit a two-out RBI single in the top of the fourth. Freshman pitcher Leora Brannon replaced starting pitcher Stacy Preator and went on to throw three scoreless innings.

In game two, Jennifer Dorias got the scoring started in the second inning when she hit a single to send in Davis. Leah Grothaus added two more runs in the third inning with a double to center field. Magan Cherinka went 3 for 3 as Austin Peay was not able to record one strikeout against the Lady Raiders on the day.

Austin Peay was no match for Preator as she went on to throw a near flawless two-hit complete game shutout, striking out 11 and moving on to get her 16th victory of the season.

The Blue Raiders will host Lipscomb University on Friday at Lady Raider Field. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. ♦

Lady Raiders finish series with win over Murray State



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Laura McNamara won in doubles play with fellow Lady Raider player Jennifer Klaschka.

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

Klaschka stayed perfect by defeating Cheryl Graham/Tami McQueen, 8-5, in the No. 3 doubles match.

In singles, No. 45 nationally ranked Kruse improved to 16-3 with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Spencer at No. 1 singles. Also of note was senior Varnell, winning her final home match of her career at No. 4 singles with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Annette Steen.

Also, Klaschka had a straight sets win over Leeper, in 7-6, 6-2. Carlen Venter won her match in a three set marathon over MT's Jennifer Ward 6-2, 6-7, 10-8.

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By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

This edition of *Total Nonstop Action* began with Raven and his newly assembled flock cutting a promo in the ring. After listening to it, I can only sit and wonder why the World Wrestling Entertainment let him go?

But after the promo, Raven challenged D-Lo Brown to a fight. Raven used his flock as a shield when he blinded Brown with a white powder. Brown hit both his finishers on the unfortunate Julio Dinero and Alexis Laree, while Raven swooped in and nailed Brown with an Evenflow DDT, scoring the pin. It's amazing what can happen when someone is used properly. The WWE put Raven in the purgatory known as "Sunday Night Heat," and they just forgot about him. Brown buried him with ridiculous ideas, but in TNA they came across as gold.

Glen Gilbertti trained for his falls count anywhere match

against A.J. Styles by having Don "Heavy D" Harris punch him in the face. Not the way I work out, but what ever floats your boat, I guess. The fight itself was brutal, just like a good street fight should be. Gilbertti got the win when he slammed Styles' throat onto a steel chair.

The X-title champ Kid Kash apologized to his valet Trinity for his actions last week right before his title match against Mike "A-Game" Sanders. Fast, furious and probably a few other words that begin with "f" are the best ways to describe the match. Kash won, but after the fight, the Harris Brothers rushed down to the ring. Kash left Trinity to be beaten down by the lumbering duo. The Harris are still coming off as third rate Dudley Boys, although they at least have the good sense to stay away from the tables.

The Rev. Jim Mitchell announced his latest member of the New Church would take on Perry Saturn. I was surprised to see that the latest member was

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none other than former ECW champ, and that 1970s guy, Mike Awesome. The match was amazing, perhaps even better than the Saturn/Barton fight last week. The match ended with Awesome taking home the win after New Jack and the Sandman rushed to the ring. The rest of the New Church came out seconds later to a full-scale brawl. A feud between Saturn and Awesome would be, pardon the pun, awesome.

Next, "Cowboy" James Storm versus David Young. Young tried to cut a heel promo before the match Sonny Siaki interrupted, insisting that he do all the talking. Despite his lack of microphone abilities, Young put Storm away with a fairly decent spinebuster.

Then, Brain Lee and Slash challenged the Sandman and New Jack to a fight. Decent, but the real surprise happened after the Disciples won. The light went out, and when they came back on, Justin Credible was in the ring! After beating a few members of the new Church

with a kendo stick, Credible posed with his former ECW alumni in the ring.

When the smoke from that finally cleared, Triple X challenged Jerry Lynn and the Amazing Red for the World Tag Team titles. This was, beyond any shadow of a doubt, the best match of the night. Lynn and Red make one of the best teams I've ever seen, and they proved me right by beating Elix Skipper and Christopher Daniels for the titles. A great, great match.

Sadly, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, as the main event had NWA world heavyweight champ Jeff Jarrett taking on Raven's flock in a bizarre non-title match. Jarrett mostly beat the stuffing out of Laree, but after interference from Raven, the Flock won. Very strange, and there's nothing I can add on that.

As always, if you want to see the show live, head up to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on Wednesdays. General admission is \$10 and ringside is \$15. ♦

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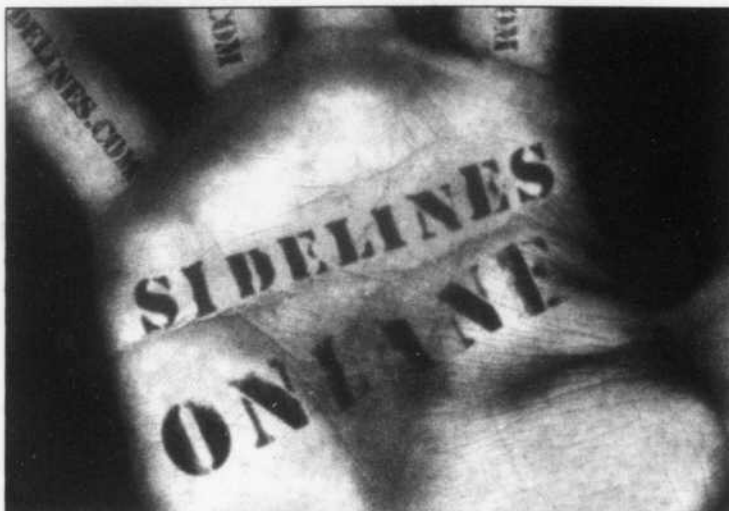
Emily Vest was also victorious in straight sets 6-0, 6-3.

MT failed to win only two matches. One was in the doubles, as the team of Venter/Vest dropped their match 9-7 to MSU's Ward/Steen. The only singles loss was a hard fought match, where Laura McNamara dropped her match 3-6, 7-5, 8-10.

MT closed out the season on

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Softball wins doubleheader against Lipscomb

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders won both games of a doubleheader over Lipscomb Wednesday, 2-0 and 8-0, at Lady Bison Field in Nashville.

Pitcher Stacy Preator proved extremely hot on the field as she pitched a one hit shut-out. She got 12 consecutive batters out before Lipscomb got their only hit of the game. She also struck out seven.

Designated hitter Brandy

Davis got the Lady Raiders on the board in game one with an RBI double, her first of the season, which plated Jennifer Dorais. Kip Phillips then hit a single, and Davis scored on a Lipscomb miscue.

Leah Grothouse hit a three-run home run, the second of her career, over the left field wall to get the Lady Raiders going in game two. Courtney Mitchell walked, and Dani DeCamino reached base on a fielder's choice before Grothouse hit the

three-run homer.

The team was on fire in the fourth inning, scoring five runs total. The Lady Raiders loaded the bases, and Courtney Mitchell hit a single that sent outfielder Kip Phillips home. Next, Dani DeCamino knocked in two runs. Dorais sent in DeCamino on a single, and Mitchell scored on a Lipscomb error.

The Lady Raiders' next game will be a doubleheader against Tennessee State tomorrow at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. ♦

Baseball: Beachum extends streak to seven

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two-out error by third baseman Kroll in the sixth and ended the day for Blue Raider starter Shay Horseman. Knox went to the mound and quickly gave up consecutive singles, allowing the Indians to score another run, cutting the MT lead to 5-4.

Chad Cooper gave MT two more runs in the bottom of the inning, hitting his second home run of the season, a solo shot over the left field wall.

The Indians scored two unearned runs in the seventh to tie the game at six. Carroll's wild throw to first rolled all the way to the Blue Raider bullpen, allowing a run to score. SEMO then hit a single, scoring the tying run.

The Blue Raiders came fighting back in the bottom of the seventh as Beachum led off with an infield single, his third hit of the day. Beachum went to second on a wild pitch and then scampered down to third on a Akers' single to left. Jagers drove in the run with a ground out and put the Blue Raiders back on top 7-6.

The Blue Raiders were unable to hold the lead, as two Indians' singled against Steven

Kines, making way for a 3-2 pitch blasted over the right field wall, giving SEMO a 9-7 lead.

Cooper drew a lead-off walk in the bottom of the eighth. Phillips then hit into what looked to be a double play ball, but ended up scoring an error. The wild throw to second allowed Cooper to move to third. Suba then singled up the middle off the shortstop's glove, scoring Cooper and cutting the deficit to one.

MT had two runners at the corners with no outs. That would quickly change as Beachum's bunt attempt popped up for an out, and Akers followed with a fly-out to deep center. The game got tense as Nate Jagers came to the plate with two on and two outs with SEMO on top 9-8. But Wednesday was Jagers' day, and he was not going to be denied as he belted a three-run blast, and eventually the game winner, over the left center field wall to give the Blue Raiders a commanding 11-9 lead.

Horseman allowed three runs on eight hits in 5.2 innings, striking out nine and walking just one.

Shay Horseman is 2-0 with a no decision in his last three

starts, striking out 21 in 15.2 innings pitched. The Blue Raiders are 3-0 in those starts and 3-1 in Horseman's four starts so far this season. Knox missed the win, giving up two unearned runs on three hits in 1.2 innings. Danny Borne (1-0) got six outs to get the win, allowing one run and striking out one.

Jeff Beachum extended his hitting streak to seven games with a leadoff single in the first. He had three hits in the game, his 11th multi-hit game of the season.

It also marks his fifth three-hit game of the year, the second in a row and third in six games. Beachum also scored two runs. Brett Carroll extended his hitting streak to six games with a single in the first. Derek Phillips lengthened his hitting streak to seven games with two hits, including a home run in the fourth and also scored twice. Chuck Akers extended his hitting streak to six games with a pair of base-knocks on the day.

Nate Jagers' home run in the eighth extended his hitting streak to eight games. Jagers drove in four runs, while Knox drove three RBIs with his homerun in the first. ♦

Jaguars: Blue Raiders set to play Belmont

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Smith Field and even the three-game series at one-all.

The Jaguars drew first blood in the contest in the second inning with a solo home run from catcher Tim Land over the center field wall. South Alabama came right back in the top of the fourth, scoring four runs to give the Jaguars a 5-3 advantage.

Brett Carroll got the Blue Raiders within a run with a solo blast to lead off the bottom of the inning, clearing the scoreboard in right center.

South Alabama got another

run in the fifth with a double to right center from Josh Touchstone before Adam Lind singled home the run for a 6-4 Jaguar lead. Sytko's solo homer to deep left center to start the sixth chased Blue Raider starter John Williams from the contest.

The Blue Raiders threatened to cut into the lead in the sixth but came away with nothing after a pair of hits. Josh Touchstone added to the lead in the seventh for the Jaguars with another solo shot, this one just to the right center field for an 8-4 USA advantage.

Once again MT got leadoff singles from Shane Kemp and

Cooper in the seventh only to come away with nothing to show for it. Phillips and Cooper both walked in the ninth and Jagers doubled home two runs to make it a two-run game, but Archer struck out swinging to end the contest and send the two teams into a rubber game on Sunday.

The Blue Raiders and Jaguars concluded their three-game series Sunday at 1 p.m. at Reese Smith Field. Middle Tennessee hosts Belmont and Austin Peay tomorrow and Wednesday, respectively, both at 7 p.m. ♦



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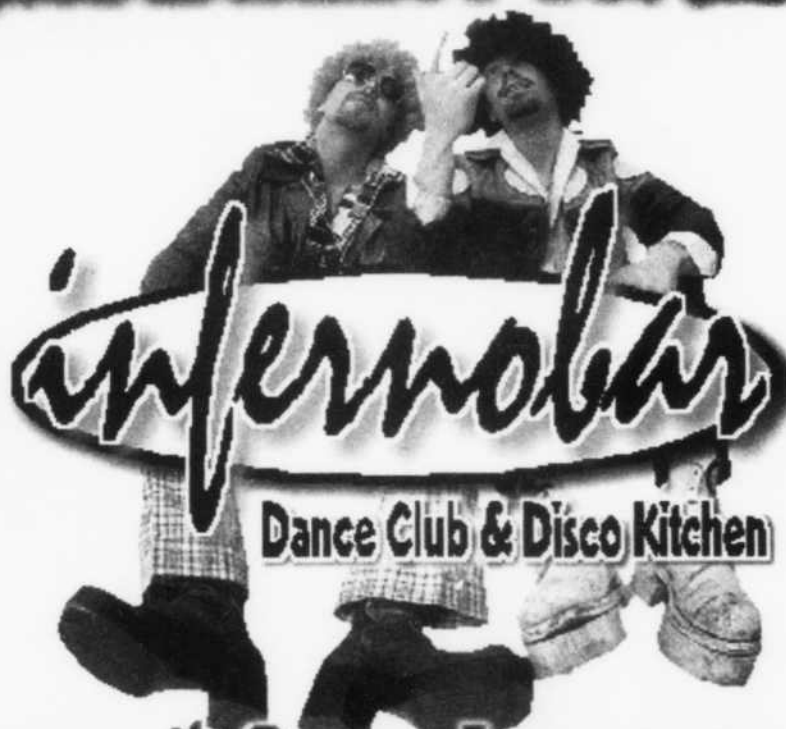
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