

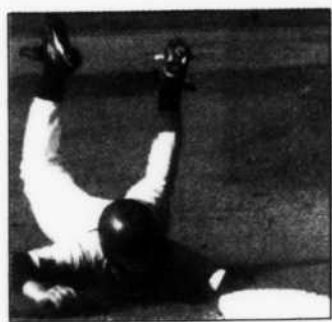
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Program promotes current students' alumni status

By Lindsey Turner
Assistant News Editor

All MTSU students who have completed one academic semester are considered alumni of the university.

To promote awareness of students' alumni status, MTSU's student ambassadors will be distributing blue and white M & M's to passersby March 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of Keathley University Center.

The free candy is being distributed to publicize the student ambassadors' Alumni in Residence program.

Established at MTSU in the fall of 1999, the program seeks to inform students of the importance of MTSU alumni status as well as encourage pride in the university.

Most people don't realize they are already alumni before they graduate, said Lisa Poepsel, president of the student ambassadors.

Being an alumnus or alumna allows one several benefits, said Poepsel. Traveling with the alumni association and networking more efficiently are just two of the advantages alumni status offers students.

"The more you get involved, the more your degree is going to be worth when you leave," she said.

Betsy Williams, the interim advancement coordinator for Alumni Relations, agrees that alumni status is important

because it allows students to contemplate how their futures can be enhanced by the ties they have to the university.

"It's never too early to start thinking about your long-term relationship with the university," Williams said.

In addition to M & M's, students can pick up an application for student ambassador membership.

An active campus organization since 1978, the Ambassador group is an elite, diverse group

of students who serve as the official hosts and hostesses of the university.

"We're mainly a liaison between students and alumni," Poepsel said. "We work everything from the sky boxes at football games to receptions for teachers who get awards."

Being an ambassador provides students with an opportunity to gain leadership and networking skills, said Poepsel. Scholarships are also available to ambassadors.

To be considered for membership, students must have completed at least one semester at MTSU and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Potential ambassadors also need to demonstrate a willingness to participate in monthly meetings and campus events.

Applications for the student ambassadors program are available until March 23 and can also be found in the Alumni Center. ♦

New lab opens with broken computers

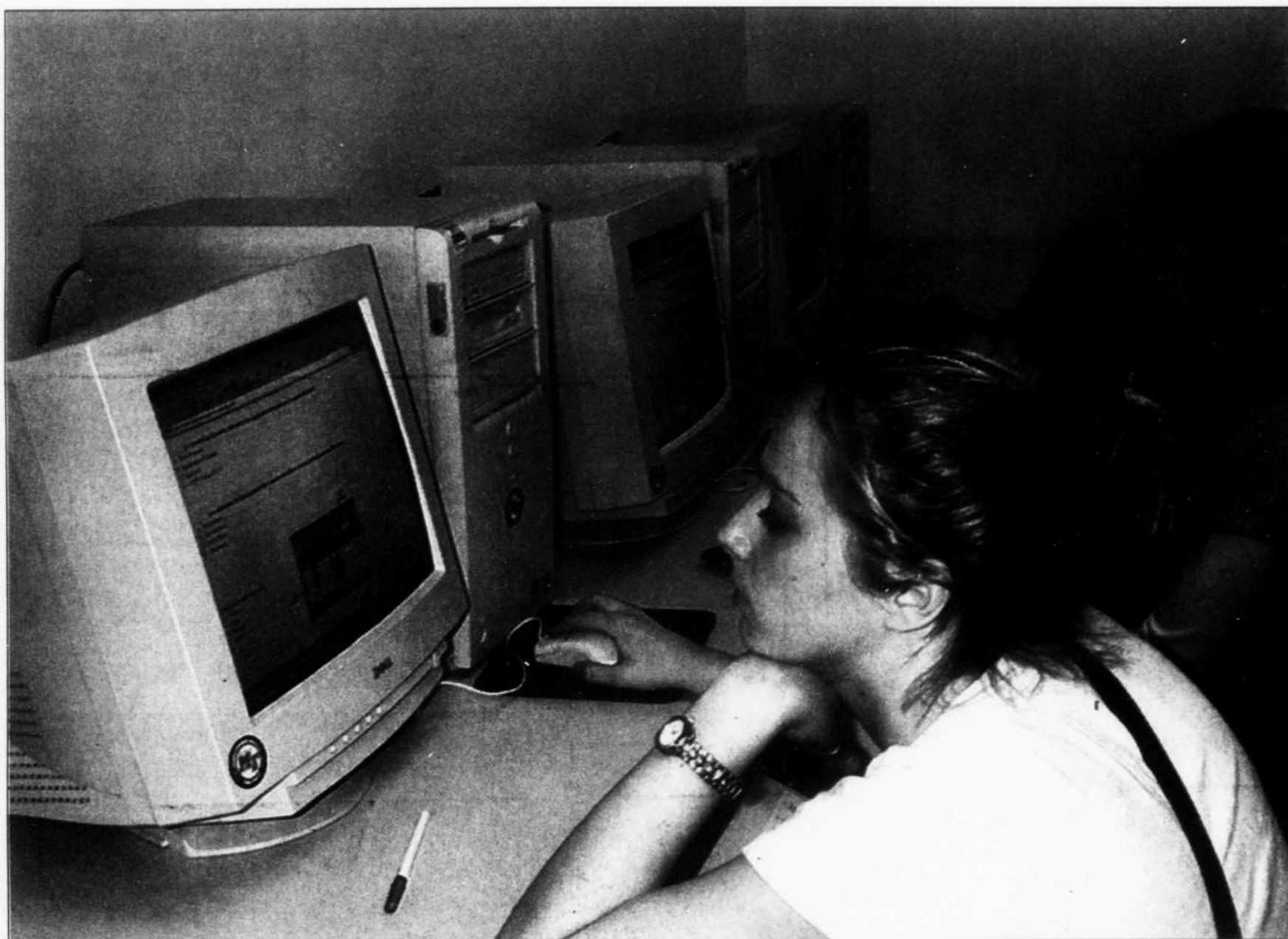


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Meredith Mazanek is busy taking advantage of the new Computer Lab at Corlew Hall.

By Carmen Anderson
Staff Writer

Students have another option when seeking a computer to use on campus with the opening of a new computer lab last Wednesday in Corlew Hall.

The computer lab was a project of Housing and Residential Life Department. The renovations for the lab were funded by housing, said Jennifer Danylo, the area coordinator at Corlew.

The lab is equipped with seven computers - most of which have Internet access - and new chairs. It is open from noon until midnight every day. Assistants are always on duty to help students with questions.

"Right now only four of the computers work," resident assistant Kim Cabany said. "And there are signs on the others saying that they don't work."

Cabany spoke with Corey Foster, who is in charge of the labs on cam-

pus, about the lack of working computers.

"He said that the computers are out of date and that they were broken when they went into storage so no one has fixed them," Cabany said. "He is trying to get them operational."

"It's more convenient, because it's located in the lobby," said Eric Corbin, computer lab coordinator. "It is open to any resident on campus."

The lab has not been very crowded, since many students do not know it is

open.

"It hasn't been too busy but the usage has been very steady," said Molly McNemar, a computer lab assistant.

To use the lab, students should present their student identification card and Residence Hall Association card.

Computer lab workers for Corlew are still needed, and applications are available in the Keathley University Center, Room 303. ♦



Mr. MT crowned tonight

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Students wanting to see some scantily-clad bodies tonight will have the opportunity, but the bodies won't be those of women - they'll be men.

The 32nd annual Mr. MTSU Pageant is tonight at 7 in Tucker Theatre, and all the proceeds will go to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Junior Emma May, president of Chi Omega sorority, said the event is treated like a formal pageant.

"It's just fun," May said, "but the guys take it really seriously, which is really funny."

Last year, Matt Thie of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity won the title, and the event raised \$4,500.

The pageant will open with a dance performed by the 16 guys participating. Other categories include casual wear, swimsuit, talent and an interview session.

May said some of the planned talents include a magic show, singers, a ballet routine and one guy who's playing a flute.

The winner doesn't get roses, but he will get the title of Mr. MTSU for a year, a trophy and a crown.

Tickets for the event are \$5 if bought in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets will be on sale all day today outside the Keathley University Center Grill. ♦

Films document wide variety of women's issues

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

An Academy Award-winning filmmaker headlines the Women and Power conference film series this weekend.

Barbara Trent will discuss her film about the 1990 U.S. invasion of Panama immediately after its showing at 7 tonight.

Trent's film is part of a three-day film series presented by the National Women's History

Month Committee. The series will run tonight through Saturday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The film sessions are a combination of film presentations and discussions about the films which deal with the diverse roles of women as well as some controversial cultural issues that affect women in the world.

Films in the series include Trent's *The Panama Deception*

as well as three other films focused on women in foreign countries — *Crimes of Honor*, *Ladies of the Lake* and *No Man's Land: Women Frontline Journalists*.

Trent, a former welfare mother and now a social activist, inspires women to assume active responsibility for themselves and their world. She is co-founder and co-director of the Empowerment Project, a resource center for progressive

videographers.

Crimes of Honor and *Ladies of the Lake* will be shown Friday from 10-11:30 a.m.

Crimes of Honor is a 44-minute documentary on Islamic women in Jordan who are hunted and killed for dishonoring their families by refusing arranged marriages or losing their virginity. Such acts are forbidden in their culture, and the film focuses on the fight for justice for these women.

Ladies of the Lake is a 20-minute film concerning the matriarchal Mosuo culture in southwest China.

The last film, *No Man's Land: Women Frontline Journalists*, will be shown Saturday from 1-2:30 p.m.

The film is a 48-minute documentary directed by Shelley Saywell and narrated by Kate Nelligan about women war correspondents in the Balkans and Afghanistan. The film pro-

files Janine di Giovanni, Luse Doucet, Clare Hollingworth, Martha Teichner and Ann Medine.

The film series is designed to inspire and educate men as well as women.

The films are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Linda Badley at 898-2597 or e-mail her at lbadley@mtsu.edu. ♦

CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matthew Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between March 2, 2001, and March 4, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Student charged with public intoxication at 9 a.m.

March 2, 9:13 a.m. — Smith Hall parking lot — An officer observed a male subject walking around the parking lot in an "unstable manner." Upon approaching and talking with the individual, later identified as Evan P. Jones, the officer noticed the odor of an intoxicating beverage about him, that his speech was slurred and that his eyes were bloodshot. Jones, 21, of 665 Normandy Road in Wartrace, Tenn., was charged with public intoxication. ♦

Speeding, swerving leads to arrest

March 3, 1:14 a.m. — 607 Crestland Ave. — While on patrol, an officer observed a swerving pickup truck traveling at a high rate of speed. Pulling in behind the truck, the officer paced its speed at 40 mph, above the posted speed limit of 30 mph.

The officer initiated a traffic stop, and upon approaching the vehicle, noticed that the driver had the odor of an intoxicating beverage about him, that his eyes were bloodshot and glassy and that he was unsteady on his feet.

The officer asked the driver, later identified as Dustin Lee Carter, if he would perform some field sobriety tests to determine his level of intoxication. Carter refused. The officer then asked Carter if he would submit to a blood test. Carter again refused.

Carter, 23, of 745 Springhill Drive in Cleveland, Tenn., was then placed under arrest and charged with driving under the influence, first offense, and refusing a blood alcohol test. He was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$4,500. ♦

Near accident alerts officer

March 4, 4:12 a.m. — North Tennessee Boulevard at Ewing Boulevard — While traveling north on North Tennessee Boulevard approaching Bell Street, an officer witnessed the vehicle in front of him swerve from the right lane into the left lane, almost hitting the vehicle in front of it at the traffic light.

After initiating a traffic stop and approaching the vehicle, the officer had to tap on the driver's window to let the driver know he was there. When the driver rolled down the window, the officer noticed

the strong odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from the vehicle.

The officer asked the driver, later identified as Julie L. Shirley, to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. Before beginning the tests, Shirley began to cry and told the officer that all she wanted to do was go home.

Shirley kept trying to begin the finger-to-nose test before the officer finished explaining how to do it. After the officer finished his explanation, Shirley did not touch her nose while performing the task, instead touching her upper lip three out of four tries.

Shirley again tried to start the next test, the one-legged stand, before the officer finished explaining how to do it. When she did attempt the test, she swayed and was unsteady on her feet. The officer stopped her before the test was over because he feared for her safety.

During the ABCs test, Shirley would not say the ABCs but sang them instead, despite the officer's instructions to the contrary.

Shirley, 27, of 213 Hopkins Bridge Road in Unionville, Tenn., was placed under arrest and charged with driving under the influence, first offense, and refusing a blood alcohol test. She was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$3,000. ♦

Intoxicated passenger goes to jail

March 4, 4:12 a.m. — North Tennessee Boulevard at Ewing Boulevard — Two officers arrived to back up an officer conducting a traffic stop on Julie Shirley. While the other officer was speaking with Shirley, they spoke with the passenger, later identified as Mary E. Newsom.

Newsom appeared to be very intoxicated, with slurred speech, and "had a combative attitude" toward the officers. She repeatedly stated that she was "pretty well lit" but that's why she wasn't driving. She kept asking what town she was in because she said she didn't "know where the f**ck [she was]."

After the driver was arrested, the officers asked Newsom if there was someone who could come pick her up. She said she didn't know anyone close by, and that her closest friend was in Wartrace, Tenn. She staggered around stating that she was not driving and that she wasn't going to because she had drank too much.

The officers decided Newsom would be a danger to herself if left in public and placed her under arrest for public intoxication. A search of the car later revealed a half-full bottle of Crown Royal Whiskey under Newsom's seat.

Newsom, 27, of 235 Hopkins Bridge Road in Unionville, Tenn., was then transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$250. On the way to the jail, she repeatedly said the officers had no right to arrest her and she was going to sue everyone involved. ♦

Greek Row brawl lands two students in jail

March 3, 2:03 a.m. — Fraternity Row at the Pi Kappa Alpha house — An officer and a sergeant were standing outside the rear gates of the

Pi Kappa Alpha House, trying to get some loud music turned off, when they heard a large disturbance with lots of screaming and yelling coming from the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

The officers saw a large group of people coming out of the stairwell into the backyard. Soon there were 20 to 30 people involved in a fight. The subjects ignored the officers' repeated commands to stop fighting. The sergeant then yelled, "Spray!" and both she and the other officer sprayed pepper spray into the group.

The crowd dispersed almost immediately. After washing out their eyes, numerous witnesses said two intoxicated subjects had thrown an ironing board out a window and had been acting disorderly. The two students, identified as Seth L. Grabo and Christopher W. Scott, were approached by risk management and asked to leave the house.

According to witnesses, Grabo and Scott then instigated a fight in which they struck two other students and two visitors to the house. The two students stated that they wanted to press charges. The two visitors, both from out-of-state, declined to press charges.

Grabo, 19, of 1186 Wiltshire Court in Ft. Walton, Fla., and Scott, 19, of 338 Cedar Glen Circle in Chattanooga, Tenn., were both transported to the Rutherford County Jail. After meeting with the two victims, the commissioner issued warrants charging both Grabo and Scott with simple assault. Bond was set at \$1,500 for both subjects. ♦

Marijuana discovered in car door

March 2, 6:34 p.m. — Greenland Drive near Reeves Rodgers School — While on patrol, officers observed a vehicle traveling on Greenland Drive that had a brake light not working.

After initiating a traffic stop, the driver told the officers that his name was James Brian Cooper and that he didn't have a driver's license. He said he was from a small town 30 to 40 miles west of Little Rock, Ark., where he had lived for three or four years — but that he couldn't remember the town's name. Upon further questioning, he stated that the town didn't have a name.

The officers checked to see if Cooper had a license, but a computer search did not find one with the information he had given them. Cooper was placed under arrest for driving without a license and placed in the back of the cruiser.

While searching Cooper's vehicle, officers found a blue Crown Royal bag in the front seat containing a green leafy residue they believed to be marijuana. The officers also discovered a compartment in the driver's door that contained two plastic bags containing a green leafy substance they also believed to be marijuana. The total weight of both bags was approximately 1.5 ounces.

Upon further questioning, Cooper said his real name was David W. McCormick and that he was actually from Manchester, Tenn. The officers found that his license had been revoked three times.

McCormick, 20, of 314 College St. in Manchester, Tenn., was arrested and charged with driving on a revoked license, fourth offense, criminal impersonation and felony possession of marijuana. He was also issued a state citation for the nonfunctioning brake light. McCormick was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$8,000. ♦

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Anchor shares job challenges

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

Holly Thompson, co-anchor of "News 4 Today," will speak about career choices in broadcasting at the Honor's Lecture March 12.

"Choose something you love to do, so it won't feel like a job," Thompson said.

Thompson will talk about what to looking for when making a career choice.

She chose broadcasting when she realized that she is a people person, enjoys being in the middle of the action, likes to ask questions and wants to make a difference.

"It's fascinating to interact with people from one extreme lifestyle to another," Thompson said.

When choosing a career it's important to understand



the challenges that accommodate those choices, she said.

The challenges of working in the "crazy business" of the media are the stress and fast-paced hard work. She said the hard work is very rewarding in the end.

"The job is extremely competitive because it's tough getting your foot in

the door," Thompson said.

She will share her two-word motto - "I can" - that helped her achieve her goals in life.

Thompson has worked for WSMV Channel 4 since 1997 when she started out as a general assignment reporter. She is currently co-anchoring Channel 4's morning show "News 4 Today" and is coordinating producer.

Thompson graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with the distinction of university honors receiving a bachelor's degree in mass communications.

Thompson will speak at 3 p.m. March 12 in Peck Hall, room 109A.

For more information on the Honors Lectures Series, contact 898-2152. ♦

Correction

To get an application for the Nash Scholarship that was mentioned in Campus Briefs yesterday, call The Community Foundation at 321-4939. Sorry for any confusion.

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

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Thursday, March 8, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff

Equal rights win big victory with Mr. MTSU

You can't say that MTSU doesn't uphold its "equal opportunity" policy.

For 32 years, Chi Omega has sponsored the Mr. MTSU Pageant, which is a nice alternative to the female-dominated area of entertainment and competition. This could actually put MTSU ahead of its time for once.

Contrary to what one might think, the men still have to perform in all the same categories of competition that women do. Yes, even the swimsuit competition. Now if that's not complete fairness, we don't know what is.

The male contestants take it just as seriously as females do. But where this competition differs from most beauty pageants is in the prizes.

All the money raised goes to charity, the winner doesn't even get a cash award nor a scholarship. This year, the money goes to the Make-A-Wish-Foundation.

What better way to strut your stuff, show your talent and charm, have fun and give something back to the community than this?

We encourage everyone to attend just to support the good nature of this cause, even if you don't agree with the politics of beauty pageants of any kind.

Congratulations to all those men who are brave enough and talented enough to compete and even have the sensitivity and decency to do it all for a greater cause. We're rooting for you all. (Especially the female portion of the staff.)

Be good, be very good

Do you feel like things are going good for you? Think everything is ok in the world? I read some news this weekend and it turns out everything is not ok.

Last week we had an earthquake in Seattle. There were 400 injuries, most of which were minor.

Three thousand people died in a January earthquake in India. This is surely proof that God does love Americans.

Hoof and Mouth disease is spreading across the UK and Europe. Farmers are slaughtering herds of cattle to prevent the disease from spreading.

Meat prices in Great Britain are rising because more meat must be imported. Don't worry kids, McDonald's still has hamburgers. The outbreak hasn't reached America because God loves American cows too.

The Pentagon has invented a microwave gun. They spent \$40 million developing it. The gun heats human skin until it hurts. Supposedly, it causes only pain, not damage. I'm sure it will be tested at the next WTO protest. The gun can cook an angry mob and a bag of popcorn in 30 seconds.

Napster is going to start filtering out copyrighted songs. There go all of

Bathroom Stall Graffiti

Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist



our hopes for free information. Everybody remember to write a thank you letter to Lars. (This is why drummers aren't allowed to talk.) Don't worry kids, Sidelines will always be free.

Amazon.com and Wal-Mart are considering combining their marketing forces. Respectively, Wal-Mart and Amazon.com had revenues of almost \$200 billion and \$3 billion last year. This is not a merger, just an alliance. So they say. The Axis was just an alliance.

Now I have a lesson for the kids in unethical journalism. Watch how we can connect two unrelated events and make a bad person look even worse. This weekend at a NAACP awards show, Bill Clinton said, "That's why I went to Harlem, because I think I am the first black president."

Sunday, Democratic Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia said of Clinton on Fox News, "I didn't care for him. His lifestyle didn't match mine."

Byrd later said, "There are white niggers."

I'm sure Byrd wasn't talking about Clinton. Byrd is a former KKK member.

I'm cynical, jaded, frustrated and disillusioned, because acts of God ruin lives every day. Floods, earthquakes, famine and disease make life difficult. Humans like to make life even worse for each other.

I've been told that a solution should be offered in this column instead of just pointing out the problem. Be good. That isn't my solution.

Historical figures such as Socrates, Jesus, Buddha and Gandhi (even your mother) have said it before. Start small and just do the right thing. Don't lie, cheat or steal. Once you've taken care of yourself, help someone else. Then, help a group of people.

Soon, the world will be a better place.

Yes, it's sappy. And no, I haven't gone soft. I'm still jaded, because it's so sappy and simple, but we've managed to screw it up anyway. ♦

Fast food killing you softly

Health experts are scrambling around the globe every day looking for cures and remedies for the diseases that are striking down humans with a growing rate every day. They comb the rainforests and dive into the oceans in hopes of finding the miracle cure for cancer or the vaccine for HIV. I cross my fingers everyday that someone will succeed and save millions of lives.

But I think there is a simple explanation for why so many people in this country suffer from bad health, and you don't have to go far to find the answer. Just about every other corner in any city across the nation has a fast food restaurant on it. Wait; let's not call these places of putridity and filth "restaurants." How about "stinkholes," that feels a little bit more appropriate. Seriously, the last thing that McDonald's does is "make me smile."

It is my belief that many of the health problems that people suffer from can be somewhat drawn back to their consumption of fast food. I can understand why the stinkholes are so popular - they're convenient and usually cheap. Those two things together make it an alluring option to most people regardless of class because everyone wants to save money and time. Any day you can walk into a burger joint and witness a jam-packed room of construction workers, lawyers, teens, and families all together.

Their success is virtually sealed

Brian Spencer
Staff Columnist

Mind Manifestations



because every other advertisement on television is for a fast food stinkhole. We all know about the power of the box on the masses (see: Survivor). So people have just become accustomed to a regular diet of triple-patty, extra cheese hamburgers, biggie fries, fried pork sandwiches, and 44 oz. sodas. The fast food industry has become a part of our everyday life because it's been ingrained into our heads since we were little kids. Happy meals, combo meals, clowns, noids, where's the beef, the list could go on and on. This stuff is a part of our culture. (gulp)

But this stuff is just killing us. Have you ever really took a big whiff of the smell in any McDonald's, Burger King, etc.? It's indescribable, but you can bet that whatever is making that odor is in something that you're eating. I've had to go in to a few of those places with friends recently, and I usually leave feeling sick even though I haven't eaten anything.

None of these stinkholes have any regard for what they are serving you,

their only health concerns are with the steady rise of profit. Anyone that has worked in fast food can attest to this. I can't even count how many people I've known that refused to eat anything where they worked, even if it was free, because of what they saw.

With the wealth that this country enjoys right now, we shouldn't have to be practically force-fed this garbage that is only a few steps higher than gruel. You can't really blame the public for eating so much of it, the blame instead rests with poor food standards and regulations for fast food stinkholes. Our government is not concerned about the health risks that this food presents, so why should anybody else be?

Food that is sold on a mass level like this needs to be regulated more. The public deserves to be amply supplied with the healthiest food possible, which right now it is not. Whole foods, fruits, and vegetables should be what we see advertisements about every day. Every other corner in any city should have fast food restaurants that serve the healthiest meals for a cheap price.

If you agree, the best thing you can do is to cut down and begin to stop going to the stinkholes. If everyone stopped supporting them, they'd go out of business and be forced to listen to the people, which is how it should be. ♦

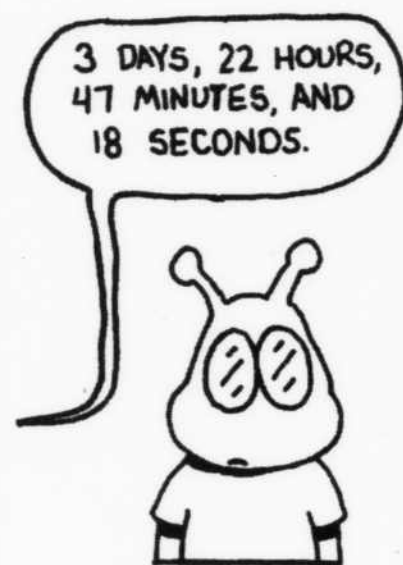
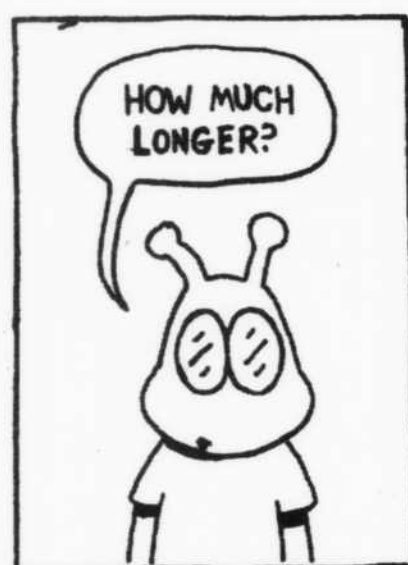
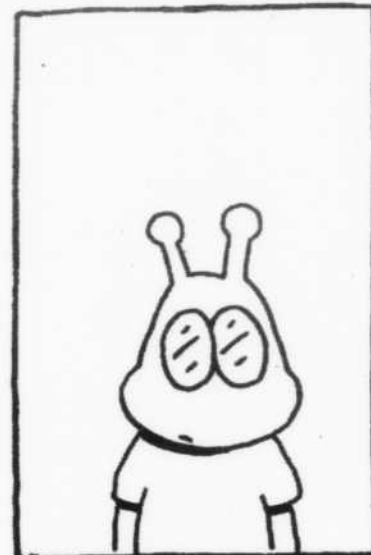
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Murfreesboro, TN

A fairy of a tale: MT students tell stories to grade schoolers

By Nathalie Mornu
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, the MTSU storytellers captured audiences of young and old as they told fairytales, myths and legends.

This week, students in Dr. Jette Halladay's storytelling workshop left the supportive atmosphere of the classroom and ventured forth to tell their tales publicly.

A few of Halladay's students entertained shoppers this past Saturday at Books-A-Million. On Monday four other students captivated grade schoolers, freshly wound up from recess, at a local Catholic school.

Halladay's 20 students met one evening each week (in what looks like an abandoned room in Todd Library), rehearsed their stories in class and refined their techniques all semester.

Crackling with energy, Halladay peppered her students with advice the week before they performed.

"Make sure you don't wear a T-shirt that's more interesting than you are!

"Don't wear your hair so it flaps in your face!

"Don't wear a hat that covers your eyes!

"Get there early and check out the space.

"Slow down and speak clearly."

Halladay ruffled her short, silvery curls. Her tone was soothing, although she spoke with intensity. Telling a story, she said, is different than writing it. Like an actor, a storyteller can use his or her face, voice inflection and body.

To bring power to the narration, she encouraged the group to connect emotionally with their stories and to visualize them in their minds.

After a female student told a Native American story, Halladay instructed her to close her eyes and imagine a scene from the story.

"Do you see the sky? How does it look? What are the clouds like?" Halladay coached.

She continued prodding the young woman for details about buffaloes and other characters.

Halladay reminded the class to pay attention to cues from the audience, in case a story got too complicated or was too long.

"Part of being a storyteller is watching your audience," she said. "Your audience is your teacher."

From the start, Halladay has encouraged the class to tell stories to children.



Photo by Nathalie Mornu | Staff

Enthralled students at St. Rose listen to storytellers from Dr. Halladay's storytelling class.

"You will never feel so loved in your life. And you will never feel so successful in your life."

Led by their teachers, and closely monitored by several nuns, approximately 125 school children from kindergarten to fifth grade trooped into the St. Rose of Lima school cafeteria Monday. The room resembles a lounge in an office building and, somehow, has no lingering odors of food or pine-scented floor cleaner.

As the children find places to sit on the floor or in the two rows of chairs toward the back, the four storytellers from MTSU quickly take the spotlight.

"Do I look nervous? I'm not nervous," says Kevin Dunn, spitting the words out subconsciously.

Before he can finish all his thoughts, the principal introduces them.

Dunn, a senior majoring in Video Production, goes first.

In Halladay's class, he often seems to rush through his stories — perhaps to quickly escape the discomfort of the limelight. For the St. Rose students, however, he blooms. With perfect com-

posure, Dunn narrates a story about a surly, insecure king who doesn't understand that love is the spice of life. The children stare, deeply engrossed in the story, and applaud enthusiastically afterward.

Next, David Fletcher bounds to the front of the room, launching into a story about a clever girl kidnapped by a pirate, complete with silly voices and sound effects. The children, and many of the adults, laugh as the manic Fletcher growls, sneers and squints like Popeye. Fletcher is clearly in his element. With a tall large frame, he uses his whole body, swinging his arms expressively. The students clamor and snicker when Fletcher talks about swabbing the poopdeck. The story barrels along as the kids gasp at the girl's feats and murmur to each other, nearly breathless from the exciting pace.

Without missing a beat when the story is over, Fletcher asks, "How many of you like fairy tales?"

Almost every student's hand shoots up.

The kids roll with laughter as they hear the adventures of a prince who gets turned into a green bunny. At one point, Fletcher mistakenly calls the prince a princess and the children shout almost

immediately to correct him. He recovers effortlessly, sweeping his pointed finger over the audience.

"See? Good, you're listening!" he says triumphantly.

Fletcher's last story concerns a crayfish whom, through flattery, narrowly escapes ending up in a crow's stomach. As Fletcher caws raucously like a crow, the audience screeches with laughter.

Tamara Davis takes the floor next, and her use of audience participation pumps the kids up even more than Fletcher's high-energy telling. The senior divides the children, instructing one side of the room to meow and scratch the air every time she says the word "cat." She tells the other kids to roar each time she uses the word "tiger." As Davis tells a story about a cat teaching a tiger to hunt, the frenzied "tigers" roar louder and louder, until they're finally shouting. Each time this happens, Davis laughs.

"Oh, you're scaring me," she says.

The "cats," meanwhile, pierce eardrums, sounding like violins that need to be tuned. In the front row, second grader Jessica Jones, oblivious and in her own world, pretends to carefully stalk her prey.

Sophomore Michael Arguello wraps up the story telling by narrating a sobering tale about seeing his sister's ghost. The English major's story helps calm down most of the kids after Davis has driven them nearly out of their minds with excitement. Listening to Arguello's tale, however, many of the younger children start fidgeting.

The stories have taken longer than 45 minutes, which is about all the concentration restless youngsters can muster. So, Arguello keeps his story short.

The children clap with abandon to thank all four college students for coming.

Chris Nagy, a kindergartener sitting near Davis, whips around and says, "I liked your story the best."

To Explain why, he throws his arms out shouts, "because we got to be animals!"

As the storytellers leave, Davis thinks about their success at St. Rose.

"The kids gave us confidence," she says.

Last summer, Halladay won MTSU's Outstanding Teacher Award. ♦



Puff off this DJ on Saturday

By: Stacey Tomkiewicz
Staff Writer

Yet another hue in the revolving rainbow of musical variation presented by WMTS 88.3, emerges every Saturday night from 8-10. "Bang Your Box with Puff the Magic DJ" presents its weekend listening audience with a mixture of jungle, hip hop, reggae, rock, electronic and trip hop.

Brian Spencer (22), MTSU senior, is Puff the Magic DJ. He has hosted a show on WMTS for the last four years. Spencer's former show, entitled "The Johnny Cake Show with DJ Falcon and Toke Master Flash" has evolved into "Bang Your Box"; a showcase for bands such as Ronisize, The Pilfers, Outkast, Del the Funky Homosapien and Burning Spear. The current title of Brian's show has an interesting origin. Spencer says, "In New York City there is a basic cable talk show for porn stars. At the end of the show the host, Robin Bird, sings a song called, "Bang Your Box" and all the porn stars dance. The

whole thing struck me as highly amusing."

Spencer is originally from South Lion, Michigan and will graduate in May with a RIM degree. He will sadly miss being a DJ for WMTS and being a part of the concept behind the station. Spencer explains, "On WMTS you don't hear stuff on commercial radio that is pounded into your head over and over again. I don't know why everyone doesn't listen because the whole point of the station is that there is something for everyone. I also try to cut the talk to a bare minimum, you hear enough of that on commercial radio as well."

"Bang Your Box" proceeds smoothly and quickly, providing a soundtrack for your Saturday night activities. The show encompasses an energetic catalog of music as well as a scattering of live interviews. Vanilla Ice, Max Cavaliera from Soul Fly, Sepultura and Vinnie from the Pilfers are among Spencer's former guests. So, when in need of Saturday night audio titillation, turn on WMTS 88.3 from 8-10 and find out what Puff the Magic DJ has in store. ♦



Photo by Stacey Tomkiewicz | Staff

Brian Spencer prepares for his Saturday night WMTS show.



A GLIMPSE OF VINTAGE STYLE

By Phoenix Taylor
Fashion Writer

A decade-by-decade review of fashions from the 1890s to 1970s created a nostalgic atmosphere for the guest who attended the MTSU Dame's Club vintage fashion show and luncheon held at the Stones River Country Club.

The program featured clothing from the working collection of Historical Costumes, located in the Human Sciences building.

The show's segments included suits, little black dresses, formal wear, wedding gowns and fashions from design studios.

Highlights from the show consisted of an antique 110-year-old scooped neck, a princess seamed wedding gown trimmed in blue and green ribbon and lace hung delicately on a mannequin. Model January Davis strolled down the runway to soft piano melodies wearing a 1960's black and white zigzag,

stripped fitted, zip jacket with sailor wide-legged pants over a triangular bikini top with matching briefs.

Student designer Jennifer Stone concluded the show in a black and red jester costume that consisted of a ruffled tulle skirt and a hand stitched black and red checkered bodice. A curved, black jester's hat with bells at the tips was also included in this design. Some classic but current trends of the present included fur jackets, collars and wraps.

The collection of historical costumes consists of 200 pieces that predates from the 1890s.

Dr. Teresa Robinson teaches the History of Costume — a course designed to educate students on how to identify cycles and trends throughout history.

"The historical working collection enhances the learning process because it is available for everyone to touch and study unlike a museum's collection,"

said Robinson during the show.

Robinson and her class has worked diligently to create historical displays, in the Textiles and Management Department, by sorting and restoring some of the vintage pieces in preparation for the show.

The Murfreesboro community and the Fashion Institute of Technology's Historical Costume Collection in New York City donated most of the clothing featured. Designer clothing from the show consisted of: Galanos, Oscar de la Renta and fashions from student designers such as: Kelli Cooper, Cherie Frenley, Mary-Marie Nevels, Amanda Oates, Angela Powell, Lisa Raines, Vy Sayavong, Sherry Scott, Jennifer Stone and Mary Wilson.

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

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

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

Chi Omega is sponsoring the Mr. MTSU Pageant at the Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to the "Make a Wish Foundation." Tickets are on sell in the KUC, next to the Grill, March 6-8, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for \$5. Tickets bought at the door are \$7. The pageant's theme is "Caribbean King," and a reception in Chi Omega's Chapter Room follows the contest.

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

A protest of the plight of females in Afghanistan is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of Senator Thompson's office, corner of West End Avenue and Murphy Road, Nashville. For more information, call 269-7141 or e-mail [now@nashville.com](mailto:nashville.com).

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

A Women and Power Concert to benefit the Domestic Violence Program is in the Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Women's Studies office at 898-5910.

A Women and Power Conference features filmmaker Barbara Trent, activist and author Mab Segrest and Miriam Ching Louie on third world women and sweatshop labor. The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Women's Studies office at 898-5910.

Friday, March 9

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

Deadline for Scribbling Mob submissions. Spring issue forms

may be obtained in Peck Hall Room 109B. For more information, e-mail scribmob@mtsu.edu.A screening of the films *Crime of Honor* and *Ladies of the Lake* is in the JUB Tennessee Room from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A lecture by Mab Segrest on "Queer Socialism" is in the JUB Tennessee Room at 3 p.m.

The KUC Art Cube is exhibiting paintings by Currier Howard and Jennifer Jennings.

A discussion on "Immigrant Women of Color in Sweatshops" by Miriam Ching Louie is in the JUB Tennessee Room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, March 12

Holly Thompson, Channel 4 (NBC) TV Anchor, speaks at the "Careers: Choices and Challenges" Honors Lecture Series in Peck Hall 109A from 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The KUC Theater presents *O'Brother, Where Art Thou?* through March 17. Movie times are: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$2. For more information, call 898-2551.

Thursday, March 15

Dr. Hank Mills from Alvin C. York Virginia Medical Center speaks on "Dysphagia" (swallowing disorders) in the BDA Room 216 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There is limited seating, so call 898-2661 for reservations by March 12.

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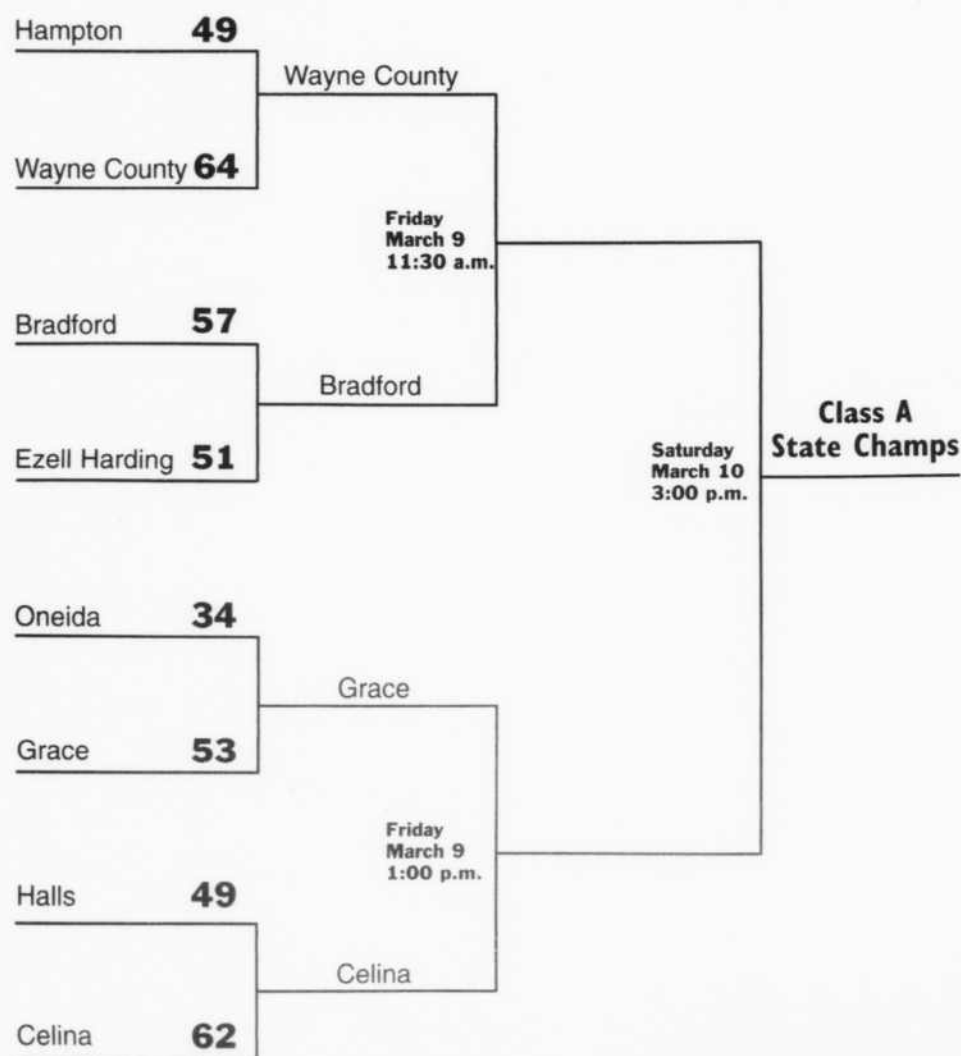
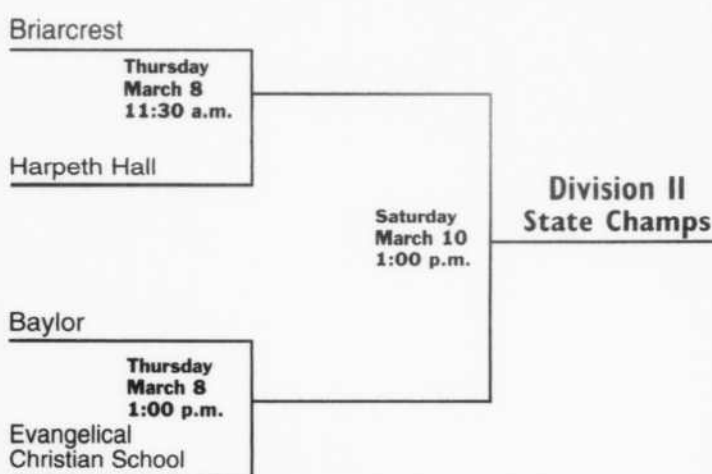
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WKU wins Sun Belt

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Western Kentucky is back in the NCAA Tournament. The Hilltoppers are planning for an extended stay.

Chris Marcus had 20 points and 18 rebounds as Western Kentucky beat South Alabama 64-54 Tuesday night in the championship game of the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

Western Kentucky (24-6), coming off five straight losing seasons, earned its first NCAA Tournament bid since 1995.

"We are a team that can beat just about anybody," said Western Kentucky coach Henry Felton, who matched his victory total from his first two seasons. "We are going to play the very best in the country who have a lot of the same characteristics that we have and that got us into that game."

South Alabama (22-10) rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half and took a 54-53 lead with 4:41 remaining.

Western Kentucky closed with a 13-0 run to seal the win. In the run, Derek Robinson hit a 3-pointer and Tremaine Rowles followed with a jump shot. Marcus, the tournament's most valuable player, added four free throws in the final 48 seconds.

Western Kentucky, led by the 7-foot-1 Marcus, outrebounded South Alabama 42-20.

"We just had no answer to the big guy," Jaguar coach Bob Weltlich said. "That ended up being our undoing."

Marcus was spurred by

memories of last year's loss to the Jaguars.

"There's no feeling like it," Marcus said. "Last year, they put us out in the second round and it just stuck with us. It's been a long road"

South Alabama, which started three seniors, lost in the title game for the second consecutive season, this time on its home floor.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys, because it was a major challenge to be able to come in here against such a seasoned team, a team that I'm sure felt it had to be their year," Felton said.

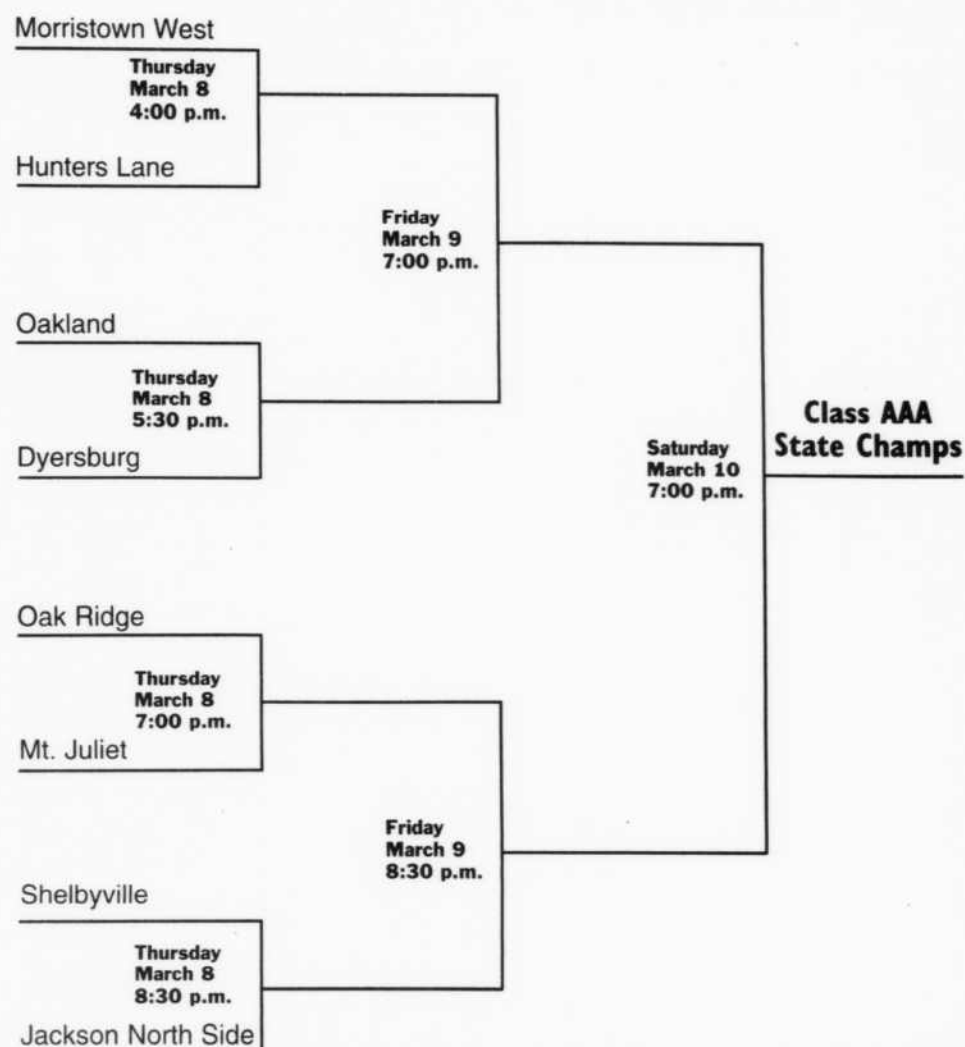
"I can't really find the words to express how courageous our players are in getting this done."

Nashon McPherson added 14 points and Raynardo Curry had 11 for Western Kentucky.

Virgil Stanescu led South Alabama with 14 points. Reserve Emmett Thomas added 13. Ravonte Dantzler was limited to three points, 10 below his average.

The Jaguars were 4-of-20 from 3-point range and 6-of-12 from the line. ♦

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Techsters earn 20th straight dance

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Sixth-ranked Louisiana Tech captured its sixth straight Sun Belt Conference tournament championship with a 67-55 victory over Denver as Ayana Walker scored 17 points and grabbed

10 rebounds.

The Lady Techsters (28-4) secured their 20th straight NCAA Tournament bid while extending their winning streak to 15 games.

Brooke Lassiter collected 14

points, seven rebounds and six assists and Takeisha Lewis added 12 points and 12 rebounds for Louisiana Tech, which limited Denver (24-6) to 35 percent (21-of-60) shooting and had a 44-35 rebounding

advantage.

The Lady Techsters, who also have claimed the last nine Sun Belt regular-season crowns, outscored the Pioneers from the foul line, 14-4.

Nikki Weddle led all scorers

with 21 points and Kellie Carwell added 13 and seven rebounds for Denver, which had a 16-game winning streak snapped. The Pioneers' last loss was a 66-46 defeat at Louisiana Tech on January 3. ♦

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R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor



Swinging Easy

Not including the Blue Raiders' disappointing disqualification at the Matlock Invitational, MT's golf team has been led by Patrick Williams and his 75.2 stroke average in six rounds of play.

Hunter Ingram and J.R. Wade have been just a stroke off his pace this season and Wade holds the spring scoring low with a 71.

The team's scoring average is three strokes higher this spring than it was in the fall.

Speed Kills

The NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships are this weekend in Arkansas to determine the best in the nation.

Speaking of best, Tanko Braimah has the best times for MT in three events, including the 55, 60 and 200-meter dashes.

Braimah won the Sun Belt championship in the 200-meter dash.

Geoffrey Lagat has the fastest mile for MT inside this year, with a 4:22.10 time. He also has the fastest time on the team in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs.

Godfrey Herring won the 400-meter and Chris Koger won the high jump Sun Belt championship in Jonesboro, Ark.

Willisa Heintz holds the best individual marks for MT in three track events this season. Heintz's performances in the 55, 60 and 200-meters are the fastest on the team and her performances in the 55 and 200 earned her the Sun Belt championship in those events last week.

Jerkita McClorin also holds three marks for the Lady Raiders track and field team in the 55 and 60-meter hurdles as well as the long jump. McClorin won two Sun Belt championships, in the 55-meter hurdles and the long jump.

Kim Freeman also won a conference championship in the triple jump.

Rankin' Out

Daniel Klemetz has been steadily climbing the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings for the last month. At the beginning of the academic year, the ITA had him ranked at 81. Since then, he's climbed as high as 10th in the nation and currently stands in 15th.

Robert Gustafsson broke onto the list in February and has climbed to 37th in the nation as of Feb. 23. He and Oliver Foreman also are ranked 22nd in the nation in doubles.

As a team, the Blue Raiders began the season in 57th and have steadily moved up to 34th as of the last rankings.

The new rankings come out this weekend.

The Lady Raiders haven't had quite the success, but as a team MT has moved up three slots since the beginning of the season, from 64 to 61. ♦

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MT pitches its way to 7th victory

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Kris Lammers is the No. 2 pitcher in the starting rotation behind staff ace Dewon Brazelton, whose performance last week earned him the Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week.

However, Lammers' outing Tuesday was even better than Brazelton's.

Lammers (3-0) struck out a career-high 10 batters over 7 innings to help the Blue Raiders beat Jacksonville State 6-1. Lammers gave up only 2 hits and one walk over his 7 innings which left his ERA at 0.00.

The Blue Raiders got in the scoring column early. In the bottom of the first, Marshall Nisbett legged out a double that was hit to right-center field. He scored on a single to right by second baseman Josh Renick. Renick advanced to third on an error, and first baseman Kyle Thomas drove him home with a sac-fly to left to make it 2-0.

Lammers struck out the side in the third inning and pumped up the team for the rest of the inning.

Renick was hit by a pitch and then stole second on the next pitch. Renick scored his second run on a single up the middle by Brandon Johnson.

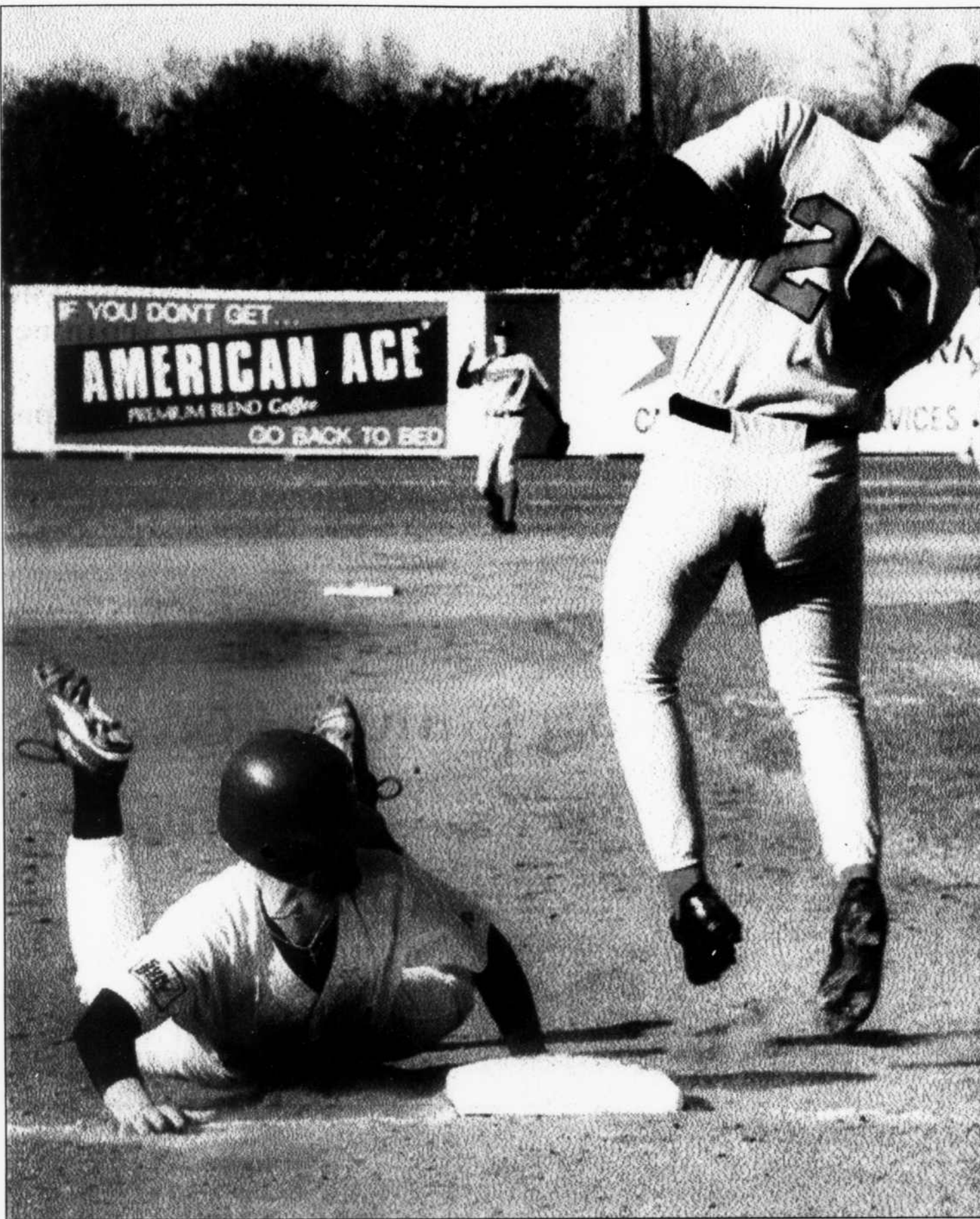
The same thing happened in the fourth as leadoff Chuck Akers was also hit by a pitch and stole second. Nisbett drove in with a single to left and increased the Blue Raider led to 4-0.

"I really feel like our speed leads to some of the runs we get," said Marshall Nisbett, who led the Raiders going 2-3 with a double and an RBI. "We have forced some errors because of our speed. If we can get our speed on base it leads to things for us."

In the sixth, back-to-back singles with one out by Scott Goodmon and Troy Harp got runners at first and third. Phillip Campbell flied to the first baseman to bring up Chuck Akers, who seemingly hit a routine pop to the second baseman. He squeezed his glove, only to have the ball pop out allowing Goodmon and Harp to score.

Jacksonville State made five errors to lead to three unearned runs and the Blue Raiders headed into the seventh leading 6-0.

Kevin Davis came out of the pen in the eighth and pitched a



Josh Renick slides into third base Tuesday. The Blue Raiders, helped by five Jacksonville State errors, won 6-1.

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scoreless inning. Jason Kuhn gave up an unearned run in the ninth when Josh Renick's throw went wild of the first baseman to allow the only run of the day for Jacksonville State.

"Lammers is throwing outstanding," said MTSU coach Steve Peterson. "He just went right in after them and said, 'see if you can hit it.' It was an out-

standing job. I have him scheduled to pitch this weekend so I put him on a limited pitch count. He was strong enough to go the distance."

The win improves the Blue Raiders to (7-1) and drops Jacksonville State to (7-8).

MT will travel to play JSU tomorrow at 2 p.m. ♦

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Softball seeks to rebound from last week

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider softball team will attempt to get the offense going against Belmont

Saturday at Lady Raider Field.

Middle Tennessee played Belmont in their first game of the Middle Tennessee Invitational this weekend. The Lady Raiders scored eight runs

on 13 hits in that game. Belmont helped Middle with four errors.

Belmont was the only team the Lady Raiders managed any significant offense against this weekend. Middle managed only 10 runs on 17 hits in four games in the MTI. They left 21 runners on base and committed five errors in the field.

This past weekend was anything but pleasant for Middle Tennessee. Coach Karen Green played with the lineup and sat last year's top hitter Laura Brockman for almost three full games. She was simply "looking for production."

The offensive struggles didn't just start this weekend.

Before MTI, the Lady Raiders averaged 5.4 hits per game and 2.4 runs per game. "We're hitting enough to win," Green commented after the UT-Martin game last Tuesday.

Belmont should help the Lady Raiders get over their offensive troubles. Mandy Miles who does most of the pitching for Belmont, posts a 5.68 earned run average (ERA). The other possible pitcher, Christy Dukehart, has a 7.81 ERA. Opponents are batting .346 against Belmont pitchers.

Pitching has been the key for the Lady Raiders. Going into the MTI, Middle pitchers were giving up an average of 1.8 runs per game. Batters were hitting a

mere .157 against them. Pitching remained steady this weekend, but run support didn't come. In the games Middle Tennessee lost this weekend, Stacy Praytor and Jennifer Martinez each gave up one earned run. The offense scored to runs in those contests.

"I think eventually we'll get tired of losing and do something about it. Until then, we'll struggle," Green said after her team's exit from the MTI.

Look for Praytor and Martinez or Amanda Kendall to take the mound against Belmont. The offense should be able to break the slump this weekend and build some confidence. ♦

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