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Emergency call boxes replaced on campus



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The call boxes have direct lines to campus police.

By Jessica Kent
Staff Writer

The campus received 19 new emergency call boxes at the beginning of the semester.

Melissa Osborne, project manager for Campus Planning, said 14 of the new emergency call boxes replaced existing ones. Four call boxes were placed in the quadrangle, and one was installed at the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia.

Each call box costs \$4,000.

The boxes at the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia and the quadrangle were included in the budget of each project. The university paid for the other call boxes.

The new emergency call boxes are solar powered. This makes them more cost efficient Osborne said.

"This feature provides more flexibility of where to place them," said Jack Drugmand, chief of Public Safety.

Other than the power source, the new call boxes have

the same features as the old ones. The design of the new call boxes is more modern.

"The new design is more prominent," Osborne said, as opposed to the older ones that tended to blend into the surroundings.

Thirteen of the boxes replaced were previously out of order because they had been hit by lightning or had other technical problems, Drugmand said. They were unable to be repaired because the manufacturer had gone out of business.

The first emergency call boxes were purchased 12 to 13 years ago and worked well for 10 to 12 years, Drugmand said. The Public Safety Department and Student Affairs worked together to purchase the original call boxes in 1988.

The call boxes provide the public with a direct line to the campus police department in the event of an emergency.

"They're used quite often if someone locks their keys in their car or has car trouble," Drugmand said. The call boxes

also have been used to report car accidents and break-ins.

"If a student's car won't start and they have to get to work, that's an emergency to them," Drugmand said. He said the call boxes are there to serve the needs of students.

From May 15 through Dec. 31, 2001, the call boxes were used around 10 times, said Ben Coleman, computer systems manager for Public Safety.

Drugmand said the call boxes have become a campus standard now. ♦

Workshops prepare students for job hunt

By Jennifer Dotson
Staff Writer

Searching for a job in a market where layoffs are becoming more frequent and unemployment is increasing is no easy feat.

In an attempt to make MTSU graduates more competitive, the Career and Employment Center will be offering "Your Job Search" workshops March 13 and 14. The workshops will provide students with information concerning resumes, interviewing skills and job searching techniques.

The workshops will be held from 3-4 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S208. All juniors, seniors and graduate students are invited to attend. There is no fee, and no prior registration is necessary.

Tom Harper will be the guest speaker at the workshop March 13. Harper recently retired from his position as director of the career center at Nashville State 30 years. He said after almost three years, the workshop, which will primarily focus on resumes, will blow students' minds.

"They're going to hear things they've never heard before," Harper said. "Since I have over 30 years of experience in career services, I can tell them secrets about how to get the perfect job."

He also said he is going to talk with students about some of the misconceptions about job searching.

"I'm going to give them a big reality check," Harper said. "It's going to be a great workshop, and I'm all fired up."

Coordinator of Career Placement Karen Austin and Assistant Director Janice Reeves will conduct the workshop March 14. They will present information on writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for interviews and

other services offered by the Career Center.

Reeves stressed that students need to prepare themselves before trying to search for a job.

"It is very critical for students to understand the importance of a working resume, the job search process in general and just how to go about preparing themselves for the whole scenario," Reeves said.

Reeves added that job searching can be a tedious process.

"Many students have misconceptions about the level of commitment and time that's needed before getting a desired job," she said. "We want stress the importance of starting early in the search and building their resumes now."

Despite the serious nature of the topics, the informal at the workshops is environmental, and often humorous topics are discussed.

"I really enjoy the workshops," Austin said. "I tend to relate some funny experiences from my experience as a professional recruiter."

One such issue is dining etiquette. Austin said many people feel uncomfortable during interviews centered around dining.

"The first time I saw a formal setting, I thought 'Why is there a spoon and a fork at the top of the dinner plate?'" Austin said.

By attending the workshops, students will learn how to avoid making common mistakes during dining, such as what not to eat, and how to avoid other interviewing faux pas, such as attire and cell phones.

For more information on the workshops or the Career and Employment Center, contact Austin at 494-8911 or Reeves at 898-5732.

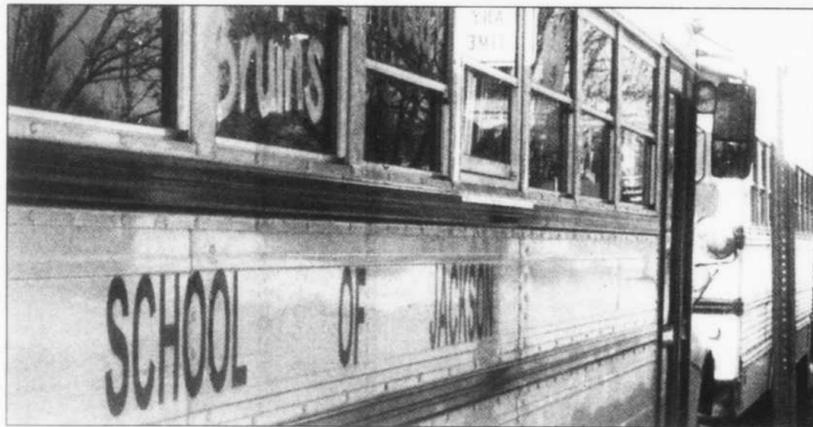
Information also can be accessed at www.mtsu.edu/~career. ♦

Parking, traffic affected by TSSAA



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The Tennessee Athletic Association hosted the women's high school basketball week at Murphy Center. Faulkinberry Drive (above), one lane on Tennessee Boulevard (right) and the Murphy Center parking lot will be closed again this week for the men's championships.



Honors Lecture Preview

Burriss team to tackle literacy in technology age

Duo will question increase in illiterates

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Have recent technological advances helped create an illiterate society? This question and many others will be posed today at the weekly lecture sponsored by the honors college.

"Gutenberg Revisited: Reading in the Era of RAM" will be presented by Larry Burriss, interim dean of the College of Mass Communication, and his wife Kathleen Burriss, associate professor in elementary and special education.

Their presentation will address the ramifications of having a population that is capable of reading but chooses not to.



Burriss

According to Larry Burriss, an illiterate population results in a "reading elite that makes policy decisions that exclude the population."

He said members of society who choose not to read do not understand crucial issues, therefore, the small group that does read ends up making decisions for the entire society.

"We are both very concerned about lack of reading skills," he said. "We want to distinguish between an illiterate population which cannot read and an illiterate population which can read, but doesn't. Our concern and focus is on the illiterate population."

The lecture will also address the differences in reading that

have occurred because of new technologies such as the printing press and the Internet.

Larry Burriss said the different processes of reading produce different impacts on the reader.

"Books are a lot more credible than the Internet because they go through an editing and review process, but it takes a long time to produce a book. The Internet can provide information right now, but there are no checks and balances," he said.

Kathleen Burriss said she and her husband hope to raise as many questions as they answer.

She plans to address the "aesthetics of the love of learning and the love of reading that is being lost in this age of technology."

"Why do we read? Why are we teaching our children to read? Is it just to get informa-

tion? Are we as a society nurturing the disposition to be reading just to be reading?" she asked.

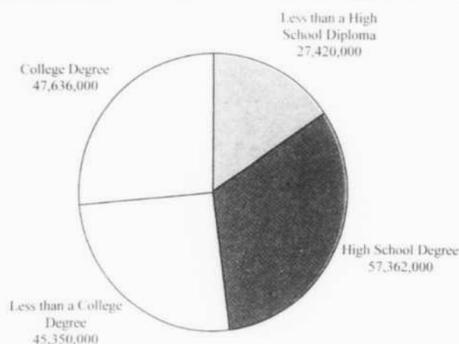
She referred to Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press as an event that produced "print for the masses." The Internet now offers information to new masses, she said, but, "Are we knowing depth and breadth or just a little bit about a lot of stuff?"

"We are not trying to get rid of technology. We just want to keep our books, too," she said.

Larry Burriss said he and his wife plan to open the floor for questions and discussion from their audience upon completion of their presentation. The types of questions and the discussion will then determine the angle of their lecture.

The Burriss' lecture can be heard today in Peck Hall, Room 109A at 3 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦

Employment status of the U.S. population 25 years and older by education level



Defining of piracy laws reopened for DVDs

By Howard Ho
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) — Two years ago, a 19-year-old Norwegian named Jon Johansen won a prestigious national award for high school students, The Karoline Prize, honoring extracurricular achievements.

Last month, Johansen was charged by the Norwegian Economic Crime Unit for a crime based on those same achievements. If this riddle seems bewildering, that's because Johansen's innovation, the decoding of digital versatile discs, is itself a complex and unresolved issue.

Barely five years old, DVDs are becoming another subject (much like MP3s and Adobe eBooks) of the increased scrutiny that the federal government is currently applying to piracy, whether through file-sharing or sales of pirated discs.

Compounding the problem are issues that courts must first decide. Is all copying of DVDs illegal, or is it the right of a consumer? Are the major media suing to reclaim profits or to shut down innovative technology

that threatens their power? Published and available around the world on the Internet, Johansen's DeCSS allows pirates around the world to bypass the Content Scrambling System on DVDs and copy the movies onto a hard drive. This software has found an ally in pirates in universities and large corporations that have a lot of bandwidth and can transmit the files relatively quickly.

A third-year University of California-Los Angeles political science student, who wished to remain anonymous, knows of people with quarter terabytes (250 gigabytes) of copied films and television shows. A user of the copying technology himself, he reveals how easy it is to do it.

"You can search on Yahoo or some server programs. You can probably find it on Morpheus and Hotline. A whole bunch of stuff comes up," he said.

Many of the pirates using university or corporate bandwidth share files within what is known as a "Warez" group.

Last month, two men were charged with illegally sharing information on their Warez

group, "DrinkOrDie," as part of the international Operation Buccaneer, which has executed about 150 warrants to date. If indicted, the case would be a powerful precedent in the war against piracy.

While criminal litigation is definitely a possibility with illegal sales, copying material for home use and for sharing with friends is a consumer right that courts tend to favor.

When the videocassette recorder, then in another form called BetaMax, first came out in 1979, media companies feared pirating and attempted to shut down Sony's VCR production via litigation until the Supreme Court struck them down in 1984.

Napster was deflated by the power of civil action from large record companies that demanded royalties. Now Morpheus and KaZaA, two of the top peer-to-peer servers, are being sued in the same way.

Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, believes there is a difference between DVD and MP3 piracy.

"Napster is interesting,

because you have people tossing songs around. What's the value of a song versus the value of a movie that cost a hundred million dollars to make? I don't know. I'm not about to put a judgment that one is more important than the other," Mrozek said.

For those who copy and sell the pirated media, there is absolutely no recourse, especially if profits reach Napster levels.

"We will go wherever an investigation leads us. If we find out that you are illegally distributing *Lord of the Rings* and you're charging people money and making a lot of money, we may get interested in you and send someone to look at your computer in your dorm or whatever," Mrozek said.

While tools for piracy are certainly widespread, counter-groups such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation are fighting on behalf of the so-called "pirates," like Johansen, who may be protected by the First Amendment. In Johansen's case, he helped write the DVD decoder as part of an open-source project. Livid, that is building a DVD player for

Linux systems, which has yet to be licensed by the Motion Picture Association of America's DVD arm as a player.

Fred von Lohmann, an EFF senior intellectual property attorney, has a theory about why the big guns seem to be picking on Johansen, a kid who isn't pirating anything.

"If the media companies were serious about stopping the piracy, you would have expected them to actually start going after some of the pirates. Instead, they've been going after the technology companies. This is not about piracy; it's about controlling new technologies that they feel threaten their business models," von Lohmann said.

The online Web journal, www.2600.com, recently published Johansen's code and was temporarily told to remove it from the Web site. Last November, a California appellate court unanimously decided against the injunction, and the ruling is being appealed once again. Using Pentagon Papers as a precedent, EFF argued that the First Amendment of such material as the

DeCSS.

"Just because third parties that 2600.com hasn't met might download the code for unlawful purposes, that shouldn't be enough to stop the presses. You can justify almost any kind of censorship by saying that someone might misuse the information," von Lohmann said.

The real threat in all this litigation, however, is toward the consumers. While VCRs have actually helped film profits with rentals, major studios, all of whom declined to comment, still fear losing the power to determine how you watch movies, how much you pay for them every time and how you can use the DVDs you buy.

"We have these technologies forcing us to sit through commercials on DVDs. If I want to copy the DVD in order to skip the commercials that doesn't make me a pirate. It just makes me a consumer who doesn't want to watch commercials," von Lohmann said, adding, "The copyright owners are trying to say that there's all this piracy. But their solution is to wipe out all the consumers' rights. That's going too far." ♦

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WORLD BRIEFS

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Deadly day in Mideast revives move to fulfill U.S. truce, calling for a cease fire

JERUSALEM (AP) - With the Mideast reeling from the deadliest day in 17 months of fighting, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would ease his demand for a week of calm before implementing a U.S. truce plan.

Sharon made his comments on Israeli television Friday after speaking to Secretary of State Colin Powell and following stern words from Powell's spokesman on the Israeli military offensive that left at least 39 Palestinians dead. Five Israeli teen-agers and one soldier also were killed.

"Negotiations to stop the shooting will be (held) under fire," Sharon said. "These are the negotiations to achieve a cease-fire."

Sharon has insisted for months that he was not prepared to begin taking the steps outlined in the U.S. cease-fire proposal until there was a full week without fighting.

But the United States, which has limited its diplomatic involvement recently, appeared ready to take a more active role amid the spiraling violence.

The United States also announced that Mideast envoy Anthony Zinni would return to the region this coming week, though his two previous visits failed to halt the fighting.

After largest ground battle, Pentagon says war against terrorists far from over

WASHINGTON (AP) - After one of the most difficult weeks for the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan, the Pentagon delivered a harsh message: Be prepared for more of the same.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said a fierce battle to crush al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts in the east of the country could be finished in "seven, eight, 10 days." The fight entered its eighth day Saturday.

But even if coalition forces killed every last enemy fighter they're hunting in the Shah-e-Kot valley, there are others hiding in other places.

"We've got a lot of cleaning up to do," Rumsfeld said Friday in an interview with Fox News Channel.

The assault by coalition warplanes and troops from a half-dozen nations is the biggest ground battle in the 5-month-old war and included the deadliest single day yet for U.S. troops. Eight Americans and three Afghans died in the first days of the mission last weekend, including seven Sunday night or early Monday.

Astronauts free rejuvenated telescope Saturday: 'Good luck, Mr. Hubble'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Their mission accomplished, space shuttle Columbia's astronauts released a more energetic and scientifically potent Hubble Space Telescope into orbit Saturday after five days of repairs.

"Good luck, Mr. Hubble," astronaut John Grunsfeld called out. Shuttle crane operator Nancy Currie set Hubble free as the two spacecraft zoomed 360 miles above the Atlantic. She had used Columbia's robot arm last weekend to capture the 43-foot, 24,500-pound telescope and anchor it in the cargo bay.

Columbia slowly backed away from Hubble, giving the world its last close-up look at the telescope until astronauts return for another overhaul in two years.

"A beautiful view of Mr. Hubble, the telescope, over the Earth's horizon, ready to go and make new discoveries," said Grunsfeld, the chief telescope repairman. "We bid Hubble well on its new journey with its new tools to explore the universe. Good luck, Mr. Hubble."

Over the past week, two teams of spacewalking astronauts outfitted Hubble with smaller but more powerful solar wings, a more robust central power controller, a pointing mechanism, an advanced camera for peering deeper than ever into the universe and a super-cold refrigerator for revitalizing a disabled infrared

camera.

Fred Thompson's decision Friday to end Senate career opens up Tennessee seat

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The governor's race and a state lottery seemed destined to dominate the state's election season - until Sen. Fred Thompson suddenly announced that he wouldn't seek reelection.

What was once a one-candidate race became wide open Friday, weeks before the April 4 filing deadline and five months from state primaries Aug. 1.

"We will be busy," state Republican chairwoman Rep. Beth Harwell said.

At a fund-raising event on Friday in Jackson, Tenn., Thompson was reluctant to discuss his reasons for the decision, saying only that he made it "because of personal things that I'd rather not go into."

"I've always felt like a fellow ought to have a life other than politics," he said. "We need to keep things in perspective. If we wind up with friends, family and a few accomplishments to look back on, then we should feel truly blessed."

Two-time presidential candidate Lamar Alexander - also a two-term governor, University of Tennessee president and Cabinet secretary - wasted no time in announcing his interest in succeeding Thompson.

Bishop who admitted sexual misconduct with teen-ager submits resignation

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) - A Roman Catholic bishop has offered to resign after acknowledging he inappropriately touched a teen-ager more than 25 years ago, becoming the highest-ranking clergyman brought down by a growing church sex scandal.

"I am truly deeply sorry for the pain, hurt, anger and confusion I have caused," the Rev. Anthony J. O'Connell, bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, said Friday. "I've been loved since I entered this diocese, far more than anyone should be loved."

O'Connell, 63, admitted to the allegations made by Christopher Dixon, his former student at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Hannibal, Mo., where O'Connell was serving as rector at the time.

Dixon, now 40, said the two touched inappropriately in bed after he sought out O'Connell for counseling. Dixon said the abuse began in 1977, when he was 15, and continued until 1980.

O'Connell said the encounter came during 1970s-era "experiential" counseling sessions with the teen.

Bobby Knight making huge impact on Big 12 at Texas Technological University

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Everyone expected Bob Knight to make an impact in the Big 12.

Few imagined it would be this big, this fast. Knight's first Texas Tech team has gone from 9-22 in James Dickey's final season to 23-7 - and still going - after Friday's 73-51 win over No. 14 Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament.

Knight was looking ahead, though, to Saturday's semifinal against No. 1 Kansas, which set a tournament scoring record in a 102-73 rout of Colorado.

"My first thought is that for winning two games (in the conference tournament), having to play Kansas is a hell of a prize," Knight said.

Melissa Gilbert elected Screen Actors Guild president, beating Valerie Harper

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Melissa Gilbert was elected president of

the Screen Actors Guild in a vote that had to be retaken after questions over procedures prompted union officials to throw out the first round of balloting.

Following a bitter election campaign, Gilbert garnered 21,351 votes, or 57 percent, to challenger Valerie Harper's 12,613, or 34 percent, a SAG spokeswoman said Saturday.

In the results announced in November, *Little House on the Prairie* star Gilbert, 37, also defeated Harper, 61, of *Rhoda* fame. In that round of voting, Gilbert received 45 percent of the vote to Harper's 39 percent.

Also seeking the top post were Eugene Boggs, who gained 2,178 votes according to Saturday's results, and Angel Tompkins, who got 1,010 votes.

Kent McCord, who was elected treasurer in November, was re-elected, defeating Amy Aquino and Kathleen Haigney. Elliott Gould was elected recording secretary, outpolling Kevin Kilner and Renee Aubry.

Videotape shows Andrea Yates recalling the day she drowned her children

HOUSTON (AP) - The woman who drowned her children in a bathtub allowed earlier opportunities to kill her children to pass because she "wasn't ready," she told a forensic psychiatrist who testified in her capital murder trial.

When Andrea Yates, 37, was asked during a videotaped interview how she got ready to carry out the killings, Yates replied: "Just mentally, to do it."

Portions of the Nov. 7 interview with Dr. Park Dietz, a psychiatrist hired by the state as an expert witness, were played for jurors Friday.

Yates faces two capital murder charges for the June 20 deaths of three of her five children. She could later face charges for drowning the other two. If convicted, she could be sentenced to life in prison or the death penalty.

The case could go to the jury next week.

Zimbabweans begin voting in first truly competitive presidential election

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - Zimbabwe's presidential elections started Saturday, marking the first time in two decades that voters in this south African nation had a serious alternative to President Robert Mugabe.

The campaign leading up to the two-day election pitting Mugabe against opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai has been wracked by violence and intimidation that human rights groups blame on the government and the ruling party.

The voting began peacefully Saturday, with huge lines snaking around polling stations in the capital, Harare. One line stretched for more than a mile.

Soldiers and policemen could be seen near polling stations and armored vehicles moved through the capital. Authorities did not comment on the presence of troops.

Turnout appeared to be far greater than during parliamentary elections in June, 2000, which Mugabe's party won only narrowly.

Saudia Arabia presses for Independent Palestinian state that includes Jerusalem

SHARM EL SHEIK, Egypt (AP) - Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, expanding on his country's Mideast peace plan, said Sunday that to get "complete peace from the Arabs" Israel should allow an independent Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital in addition to withdrawing from Arab lands.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal, speaking to reporters after meeting for an hour with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, did not say whether all of Jerusalem, rather than just the eastern part captured in 1967, should be ceded to the Palestinians. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Editorial

Wireless Internet not most important advancement

The new wireless Internet connection soon to be available in the courtyard and Keathley University Center Grill ostensibly sounds like a needed state-of-the-art technological advancement for our campus.

However, despite our wish for MTSU to be on the cutting edge of everything, especially technology, we feel the new service is ill-timed considering the other technological advancements parts of campus are still waiting on.

The service is costing the university a cool \$70,000 in technology access fees. These are the same fees that fund computer labs across campus, as well as requests from departments looking to upgrade their failing equipment.

Sidelines' request for new computers, for example, was turned down completely. We won't have another chance to get new (desperately needed) equipment until next year. Likely, many other departments got the shaft as well and will have to operate on barely working equipment that seems in danger of dying any day.

Several departments' legitimate requests probably were turned down so that the wireless connection could be funded. That's \$70,000 that could be placed toward getting the ethernet in the dorms still awaiting its arrival or toward upgrading the myriad of slow computers on campus. How about upgrading and improving Webmail and WebMT so that they don't crash every other day?

We're not knocking the Office of Information Technology for taking the initiative to provide a really cool service to students. It would be nice to see this kind of action from all aspects of the administration. We just fear that, in the university's efforts to make us look better than we actually are (imagine the new MTSU brochures with the wireless Internet blurb), legitimate concerns of students involving technology will fall by the wayside. How can you get ahead when you haven't even caught up yet?

Hopefully, OIT, now that it sits at the cabinet level, will have the leverage to use its power to finally get the campus' technology up to speed as well as fund new advancements. If all else fails, and the campus, for communication, is left with little more than slabs of rock to chisel words into, at least that handful of students with laptops will finally be able to check their e-mail in the sunlight. ♦

Eliminate Palestinian threat for sake of Israeli children

By Michael Schulz
Staff Columnist

Israel has been in a war with Palestinian terrorists for the past 18 months. The cause of the war is over land that was taken in military actions more than 30 years ago by Israel. The Israeli army took the West Bank and Gaza strip from Jordan, which has a large population of Palestinians. In doing so, a very large cycle of violence was created.

I think they are sorry that they did it now.

Sorry because they had no idea of the conflict that it would cause.

This is a war that has become very dirty. The Palestinian Liberation Organization run by Yasser Arafat has employed some rather unconventional tactics. It's true that his armies have not engaged in battle yet with Israeli

armies.

Although Arafat says that he is trying to end the terror reign of religious fanatics such as Hamas, the news would indicate otherwise.

Every day when I turn on the news I see that there has been another attack in either a Jewish neighborhood, or a reprisal on a Palestinian governmental building. I can deal with the attacks on Arafat's compounds, or governmental buildings.

But this thing is getting way out of hand.

Just a couple of days ago, Palestinian "suicide bombers" targeted a church in an ultra-orthodox section of Jerusalem. They set off their bombs when the women and children came out of the synagogue.

Recently, shrapnel from a bomb intended for one of Arafat's

offices damaged a school. There were minor injuries to the people present.

The problem that exists now is that both societies have become accustomed to violence as part of their everyday life.

Violence loses its meaning when it is done constantly. When you take a group of people and subject them to violent acts two or three times a day, then it just becomes a way of life.

By the direct targeting of children, the terrorists are creating young adults who are oblivious to violent acts. Teenagers in a crowded square were recent targets for the Hamas group. There were five children who were killed and a number of others who were injured. It seems as though children in Jerusalem are going to have to take guns to school.

The real sad part to this whole

thing, besides the children being targeted by Hamas, is that one of these groups is going to have to lose.

For that to happen, one side is going to have to be obliterated. If we are coming to a time when people go out to get the paper with their AK-47s strapped on, then I say the demise of one of the groups is a good thing.

Machiavelli says that for violence to be effective it must be quick and forceful.

Nobody likes to use brute force but if it lets children be children and not mercenaries, then by all means, Israel should end the war with the terrorists. It's obvious that talking with them doesn't do any good. ♦

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Campaign finance reform: A jagged little bill

How I See It



Nick Teply
Staff
Columnist

Campaign finance reform is a good thing, right? Politicians need to be motivated to serve the people, not special interests.

These are some of the arguments in favor of the proposed Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill, which recently passed in the House of Representatives. The trouble is, no matter how much you candy-coat a jagged little pill, it still doesn't go down easily.

There have been numerous bills aimed at

curbing the influence of money in Washington. In 1974, laws were passed regulating contributions to candidates.

The result: political action committees formed and "soft money" flowed into the pockets of politicians.

Part of the problem is, the very people who are responsible for making regulations of campaign money, are the very people who stand to benefit from it. The Shays-Meehan bill began with good intentions, but like so many good intentions, paves a road destined for destruction – the destruction of which are our rights as Americans.

Our constitution prohibits such things. In the Bill of Rights, the First Amendment states,

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." What part of "Congress shall make no law," don't our lawmakers understand?

The so-called "reform" bill would prohibit the direct mentioning of a candidate within 60 days of a general election and 30 days of a primary. Many, if not most, voters make their final decision on a candidate during this time.

Politics makes strange bedfellows. The American Civil Liberties Union, the National Rifle Association and most labor unions stand in opposition to this bill.

Corporations and special-interest groups would have their speech restricted under this bill.

There are a few exceptions. The media would not be restricted from political speech. The trouble is, all major media companies are owned by big corporations. The positions of the corporations would be unfairly represented.

And what about these self-proclaimed "reformers?"

Yes, I am speaking of the men and women of Congress who will, because of their positions in government, automatically receive free airtime while their opponents do not.

The bill protects their speech without a doubt. The bill protects incumbents.

These "reformers" state that money has corrupted the political system. All

have received money from interest groups at one time or another.

All are corrupt. Money is the language of Washington, and every congressman is fluent.

The bill, if it passes the desk, He should veto that bill. It's a shame that a law Congress passes will not pass constitutional muster.

Let us hope that the president remembers the oath of office he took to uphold the Constitution and protect it against all enemies both foreign and domestic. ♦

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From the Opinions Editor Sex ed money good; keeping pants on better



go. But let us look at the big picture rationally.

Many teens are matter to have sex, no matter how strongly adults protest the action. As my roommate loves to say, "We're just mammals."

It is in the interest of that collection of individuals we call "society" if teens know how to protect themselves while doing the horizontal mambo.

Treatment for STD-infected individuals drives up the costs of health insurance, especially for government-funded insurance programs like Medicare, which would in turn demand an increase in taxes.

All the money saved by withholding funds from schools would be lost in Medicare costs. It only makes sense, therefore, to keep sex education in the classroom. ♦

Controversy has risen recently over Jane Fonda's 1972 trip to Vietnam in which she supposedly offered "aid and comfort" to the enemy. This allegation was thrown into the media spotlight by Henry Mark Holzer and Erika Holzer in light of John Walker's involvement with the Taliban.

It merely sounds like a scheme to make a quick buck to me, as they are playing off America's sentimentality and overzealous nationalism of the moment to sell their book.

According to Fonda's friends and supporters, she was there to protest the U.S. policy that would purposely poison the rice fields – a main source of food for not just military personnel in North Vietnam – but for its citizens who were not yielding guns against American troops.

Fonda also fought the imperialistic inclinations of political policy, saying in a broadcast, "[Nixon] will never be able to turn

Out of Bounds



Kelley B. Anderson
Staff
Columnist

into a neo-colony of the United States by bombing, by invading, by attacking in any way."

In the summary of Holzer's book, Holzer claims to also consider Fonda's "early life and the effect it had on her behavior and beliefs in her later years," which sounds too similar to the more recent articles that blame Walker's upbringing for his terrorist involvement, even down to the allegation that his parents were too lenient in that they let him listen to rap music with "very explicit lyrics." I don't know what scares conservative white America more – terrorists or rap music, because we all know listening to rap makes people join terrorist legions.

I also want to deconstruct the very idea of the "enemy." Are the people who are subject to a government's military policies also our enemies? In assuming such, we should be bombing women who are already severely oppressed by Taliban forces, because aiding them would be abetting an enemy. By this logic, the backlash against Muslims makes total sense, because if one is of Arabic origin, of course they are a threat,

just as this was carried to its logical conclusion with the imprisonment of Japanese-American citizens in WWII.

To aid people of countries we are fighting is not the same thing as supplying military secrets, and to lobby against U.S. policy that, in turn, harms civilians is not treason. I'm sure that Jane Fonda was not harboring any military secrets in her trip to Vietnam. It makes total sense that she wouldn't have been prosecuted for expressing such a strong opposing opinion against the U.S. military and the war, as Holzer is saying she should have been.

Obviously feminism and communism are both very scary words, so when you put them together, well – as Laurel Thatcher Ulrich said, "Well-behaved women rarely make history."

Holzer seems to just be running a modern day witch hunt with a dash of McCarthyism – coupled with the American capitalistic spirit to take advantage of a situation to propel the sales of his book. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK !!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



Murder is bad enough, but it takes something really awful to get a mention in "What a Schmuck."

Something like getting drunk, tripping on ecstasy, hitting a homeless man with a car (a hit that broke both his legs and sent him headfirst halfway through the windshield), continuing to drive home anyway, parking your car in the garage with the man still attached, popping into the garage every few hours to say, "Sorry, but I'm still not calling for help," until the man bleeds to death two or three days later and finally calling on two friends to help you dump the body in a city park.

Chante Mallard of Ft. Worth, Texas, has been arrested in connection with the murder of a homeless man, Gregory Biggs. The incident took place Oct. 27, but it wasn't discovered until Mallard was dumb

enough to talk about the incident in a bar while drunk (you'd think she'd have learned her lesson about drinking) and someone overheard her and called the police. The only person who may be worse than Mallard is her lawyer, Mike Heiskell. In a statement after his client was arrested, Heiskell said, "I think this is overreaching on the part of the prosecution and the police, and in the end, I believe the law will shake out that this was simply a case of failure to stop and render aid."

Uh, right. If by "failure to stop and render aid," he meant, "went frigg'n' nuts, hit a person, wigged out and then was too much of a chicken to take some responsibility."

People like Mallard and her lawyer are just giving more fuel to the argument that humanity is sliding even further down the phlegm-covered esophagus of life. ♦

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Campus Club Spotlight – Martial Arts Club

Defense seminar offered for Safe Week

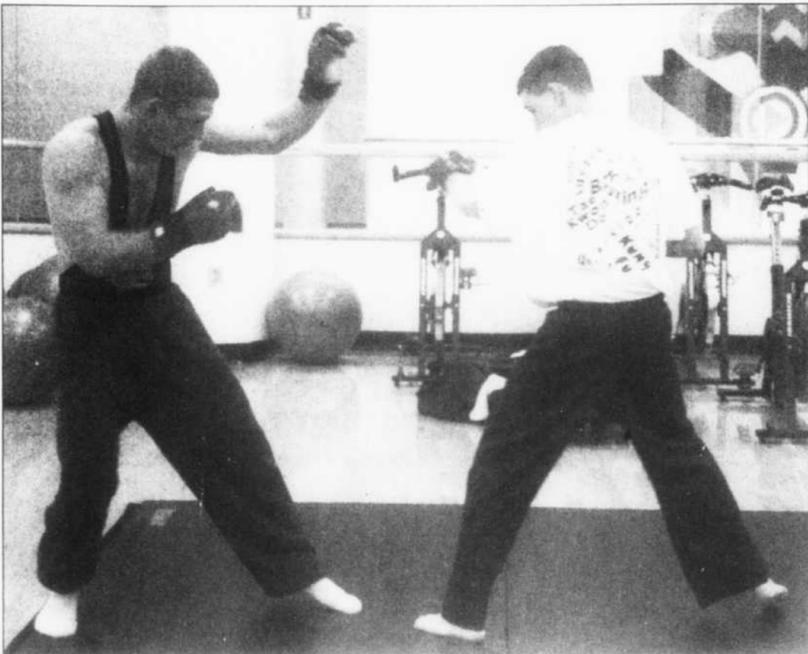


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Two Martial Arts Club members spar during Tuesday's practice at the Rec Center.

By James Tardy
Staff Writer

Everyone remembers those old movies with the Shaolin monks practicing their body wrecking techniques under grueling conditions with a harsh overseer ready to dispense justice by way of painful reminders to stay focused and on the path.

The monks were all dressed alike and performed their routine movements with precise synchronicity and hearty yells of obedience. Luckily, the MTSU Martial Arts Club is nothing like that.

Junior Daryl Turner, a business administration major and member of the club, said people

can come to the organization's weekly meeting and practices without a fear of being judged. Individuals, whether they've had a few months of training or several years of training, can attend a practice and spar with other members without feeling that they have fewer or no skills when they see other members spar and practice solo moves.

According to Turner, this is because of the club's first rule – "Leave your EGO at the door."

"The club allows people to train openly with other styles," Turner said. "No one is allowed to be like, 'My style is better than yours.'"

Turner, who trained in Taekwondo, joined the Martial Arts Club to become a "well-rounded martial artist" by learning other members'

styles, such as karate and kung-fu.

"To help provide equality between the members, everyone is asked to not wear their belts to the practices," he added.

Meeting twice weekly in the dance studio of the Recreation Center, all who attend the practices are asked to respect one another, have a positive attitude, wear protective gear, such as a mouth piece, cup and sparring gear, to not bring gum or food of any kind inside the studio and to remove all jewelry.

The club, founded by Billy Colepaugh, Butch Nunley, Adonijah Bakari and Charlie Gregory, is comprised of 12 members, give or take a few, yet the typical turnout makes it likely that a beginner will be able to get the one-on-one attention they would need from one of the four trained instructors in the group. Each instructor has more than 12 years of teaching experience and is eager to help answer questions and teach anyone interested in the martial arts some of the basics. At the same time, they provide a non-threatening atmosphere and allow those who are interested in martial arts to find out more before enrolling in a contract program, which is common in the martial arts teaching world.

As part of Safe Week and the club's community service, the members will host a self-defense seminar April 20 during the regular meeting time.

The seminar will cover a broad range of issues far beyond physical techniques, such as the philosophy of engagement in combat, which includes concepts as to what method to employ in order to counter your opponent's ability to harm you.

Turner said learning more than one style of martial arts helps in threatening situations such as this.

"There's things you can use on the street, but if I was to use just Taekwondo, I would get my butt kicked," he explained.

By learning other styles, he can use methods that Taekwondo won't teach him, Turner added. He also emphasized that martial arts was not created to encourage fighting, and he prefers to never be in a situation where combat is the only way out.



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Students are able to learn various techniques through the Martial Arts Club.

Those who attend the seminar will learn the proper presentation to make to a potential attacker, such as self-control, as well as mental preparedness, threat assessment and legal ramifications of choosing to defend oneself.

In today's litigious society, it can never hurt to know more about the law, especially as it relates to matters of life and death.

The club welcomes everyone interested in finding out more about the martial arts, even if they just want to practice some handy self-defense techniques.

The first visit is free, but there is a \$5 fee that must be paid on the following visit to cover the monthly fee. ♦

How to join

To find out more about the club, visit www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac, e-mail mtsumac@mtsu.edu, or attend one of the Tuesday/Thursday meetings in the aerobics room of the Recreation Center.

Wesley Players' tale of seance chaos destined to make audience laugh

By Shawn Whitsell
Staff Writer

The Wesley Players will open their spring play, *Blithe Spirit*, Wednesday at the Wesley Foundation House.

Blithe Spirit, written by Noel Coward, is about a man named Charles, who is conducting research for his novel. As part of his research, he invites a psychic to his home to perform a seance. To his surprise, however, the psychic brings back the spirit of Charles' first wife, Elvira, which causes chaos.

No one can hear or see Elvira except Charles, which creates a lot of confusion and provides most of the humor for the play.

"I see [the play] as a reflection upon our way of living now," said Bill Campbell, campus minister for the Wesley Foundation. "Everything has an explanation, but what happens when something we don't understand breaks into our world?"

According to Campbell, Coward wrote the play during World War II to add some humor to people's lives during a very serious time.

Coward was quoted saying that he wrote the play "in the five days of the darkest years of the war."

In addition, *Blithe Spirit* won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Foreign Play.

To Campbell, not only is the play itself very humorous, but there is a lot of fun in theater altogether.

"Live theater is fun because you never know what's going to happen. If you go to a movie, everything is done to perfection," he said. "You can see the same movie over and over again and it's going to be the same."

"If you go to a live play," Campbell added, "something might fall of the wall when it's not supposed to [or] someone might skip over someone else's lines. That's the fun part of live theater."

Many of the students in the cast auditioned for the play after seeing a flyer advertising the auditions. However, Nikki Pinson, who plays Ruth, had no intention to audition.

"I came to pay \$25 for a trip and was \$2 short. The director was sitting there and told me that she'd lend me \$2 if I tried out," Pinson said between laughs.

Though the cast has had its share of funny moments, it has also seen its share of hard times. The biggest setback has been losing two cast members.

"We had a Madame Arcati, lost a Madame Arcati, got a Madame Arcati, lost a Madame Arcati and hopefully by 3 p.m. [Sunday], we'll have another Madame Arcati," said director Terry Womack.

Another challenge Womack faced was the fact that she was directing another play at the same time as a part of her job as the cultural arts coordinator for the City of Murfreesboro's Parks and Recreation Department.

But throughout all of the challenges, the cast has endured.

"I've never seen a cast pull



together like I have in this one," said Holly Hamilton, who plays Elvira.

Some of the cast members even admit that doing a comedy can be a challenge because you never know what will stimulate the audience until you do it.

"With a comedy, it's often different because things you think are funny, [the audience] won't think are funny, and the things you think aren't funny, they'll think are funny," said Regina Money, who plays Edith.

However, the cast has pretty much reached a consensus that the funniest part of the play is the interaction between Charles and his wives.

The play will run through Sunday with a dinner theater performance on Saturday. All weekly performances begin at 8 p.m., while the dinner theater begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and \$14 for the dinner theater. Discounts are available for groups.

With the exception of Connie Bryant, who is the third and final Madame Arcati, the entire cast is made up of MTSU students. Other cast members include: Matt Barber, who plays Charles, Mark Bentley, who plays Dr. Bradman, and Amy Record, who plays Mrs. Bradman. ♦

Dear Annie

Dressing to impress

Dear Annie,

I don't like the way my boyfriend dresses. He always wears baggy pants that ride on his hips, and they even drag on the ground. His shirts are wrinkled most of the time, and he never tucks them in. And he always wears this baseball cap that he won't ever take off. I have to plead with him to take it off when we go to a nice restaurant. I like to get dressed up. I'd like to think that I have fairly nice clothes, not that I'm a snob or anything. But here I stand in a nice suede skirt and top, and, well, he's in tennis shoes.

My parents have invited us to dinner. I'm afraid to take him.

I just know what my mother will say – "What are you doing dating a slob?" My boyfriend is a great person. He just doesn't "dress to impress."

How can I tell him that I would like it if he dressed nicer without offending him or hurting his feelings?

– All Dressed Up

Dear All Dressed Up,

Walking around campus today I took note of how most guys dressed. Your boyfriend is not alone. I probably saw five guys out of 50 who were not dressed slouchy.

What is it, guys? Please tell me because I just don't get it. The slouchy jeans are not flattering. The un-tucked shirt makes you look lazy, and if you are going to wear a button-up shirt, at least purchase an iron.

Now that I have vented, I have mixed feelings as to how to answer this question. First, when telling him that you don't like the way he dresses, I would say three nice things. For example: "You're handsome, talented and smart." Then tell him you don't like the way he dresses. I use this method all the time, and it works great. In my experiences, the person focuses on all the positive things I just said about them.

My other thought is, why do you want to change your boyfriend? Does it matter how he dresses? Isn't what's on the inside that counts? Your mother's opinion shouldn't affect the way you feel about your boyfriend. However, I can understand wanting to make a good impression.

Unfortunately, in this society, personal appearances matter. If you want to impress – "dress to impress." For some people, the way they dress is an expression of themselves. For others, they just look like they woke up from a night out drinking, threw on whatever was on the floor and left the house.

Hopefully, because the way your guy dresses is important to you, it will be important to him. Don't expect a miracle overnight. Just try and shoot for getting him "all dressed up" to meet the parents.

On a different note, last week's column, "Finding the right path," received a lot of response. It seems many people feel "directionally challenged." I received a lovely note from Joe Tucibat, assistant director of MTSU Guidance Services, who is an avid reader of my column. Tucibat wanted me to inform my readers that they offer free career and personal counseling services to students. For help, stop by the Guidance Center, located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center.

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com



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Red Rose benefit part of Awareness Week



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Next month's Clothesline Project will allow concerns to be voiced via T-shirt messages.

By India Stone
Staff Writer

The Red Rose Cafe, a local coffee shop on College Street that is popular with many students, hosted a documentary showing and benefit concert Friday sponsored by MTSU's long-standing Women's Center.

The women plan on the show to bring the Take Back the Night program, which is part of National Sexual Assault Awareness Week, recognized in Murfreesboro April 8-11. The program is an annual march and rally that protests violence against women, particularly sexual assault.

"The whole purpose of Take Back the Night is to get awareness out that women are being sexually assaulted and sometimes this can cause them to feel ashamed and fearful," said Tannisha Smith, coordinator of Take Back the Night. "We want to no longer feel scared. We want to be able to reclaim our streets and reclaim our jobs."

The benefit concert began at 8 p.m. with a documentary showing of *Don't Need You*, a film about the riot girl movement.

After the documentary, four bands — Forget Cassettes, The Sincerity Guild, Cuddlecore and

Perfect World of Cranes — rocked the night away.

The proceeds from the Red Rose concert will go toward the Take Back the Night 5K walk that takes place April 11.

Smith said the JAWC will be undertaking three projects during Sexual Assault Awareness Week that all aim to increase awareness of violence toward women and other sex-related issues.

The Clothesline Project goes on throughout the week and allows women to voice concerns and support other victims via T-shirt messages displayed at and around the Keathley University Center.

Karen Chew, coordinator of the Clothesline Project, said the project is intense and done by survivors of sexual assault.

"[The Clothesline Project] allows survivors to use their creative energy to get out the pain for the healing process," Chew said.

She added that the Clothesline Project is meant to symbolize the domestication of women by mocking household chores.

"Take the Pledge" also goes on all week and lets men and women take a pledge that they will never partake in violence toward women.

The last event is Take Back the Night, which happens the last night of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

The 5K walk begins Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the James Union Building. There is a \$10 registration fee prior to April 8. A \$12 registration fee will be charged on the day of the

walk. Proceeds from the annual walk will go toward fighting domestic violence, Smith said.

According to Smith, Take Back the Night at MTSU not only raises awareness but also raises action among women.

"The 'Night' in Take Back the Night symbolizes darkness and fear," Smith said. "So women are no longer afraid to go out at night."

"Just because something bad has happened doesn't mean a woman has to let it ruin her life."

The JAWC is located in Room 206 of the JUB and is open to any man or woman who needs help or has a question concerning a wide array of issues.

"It's kind of like a safe haven for women, where they can come for support," Smith said. "It's basically a place that women can call if they have any questions about domestic violence, rape, [etc.]."

The center not only answers questions and gives references, but it also helps with other issues.

"We do safe sex packages, which isn't limited to just women," Smith said. "Guys come in and get condoms all the time."

"It's a safe haven, basically." The center is named after June Anderson, a former chemistry professor at MTSU who was concerned with women's issues.

For further information, contact Tannisha Smith at 898-2193. ♦

CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike | Features Editor

Monday, March 11

The Learning Resource Center's Baldwin Photographic Gallery will be exhibiting "Astral Allusions," which features 60 16-by-20 inch chromogenic color prints by New York photographer Jane Schreibman, through April 24. The exhibit will be available for viewing between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and between 6 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Sundays.

Violinist Elisabeth Small will perform with the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at the "Challenge of the Titans" concert in Tucker Theatre at 7:30 p.m. For information regarding tickets, call 898-1862.

MTSU's Survival Honors Lecture Series presents "Gutenberg Revisited: Reading in the Era of RAM" with guest speaker Larry Burriss and Kathleen Burriss. The lecture will be from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.

Tuesday, March 12

The Martial Arts Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center's aerobics room. Everyone in the MTSU community is welcome to start or continue training in various martial arts throughout the semester.

Wednesday, March 13

The Victory Campus Ministries (Champion for Christ) will host a Bible study in Room 104 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 898-4281.

The School of Music presents Jeff Lockerman performing his senior oboe recital at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Thursday, March 14

There will be a Student Recital Hour

at 11 a.m. in the Wright Music Building. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-

The physics and astronomy department will host a lecture featuring speaker Gerrit L. Verschuur. Verschuur will discuss "Impact: The Threat of Comets and Asteroids" at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building. He will give an additional lecture on black holes March 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 102 of the Wiser Patton Science Hall. There will be a star party following the lecture on the front lawn of the WPS. All three events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Eric Klumpe at 898-2483.

Friday, March 15

The School of Music presents Jeff Lockerman performing his senior oboe recital at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Saturday, March 16

Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Tau Omega will host the third annual Alpha Jam, which is a three-on-three basketball tournament to benefit the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, on the basketball courts of the Recreation Center. There will be a men's and women's tourney, as well as a slam dunk and three-point competition. Students can register in KUC, Room 310, by March 8. There will be cash prizes, gift certificates and trophies for all winners. For more information, contact Tim Peterson at 898-4057.

Sunday, March 17

The School of Music presents Autumn Pate performing her junior horn recital at 3 p.m.; Chad Rueggeger performing his graduate recital at 5 p.m.; and the MTSU Brass Chamber Ensembles performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Monday, March 18

MTSU's Survival Honors Lecture Series presents "Israel and Palestine: Divergent Means Different Things to Different People" with guest speaker Ron Messier in Peck Hall, Room 109A, from 3 to 3:50 p.m.

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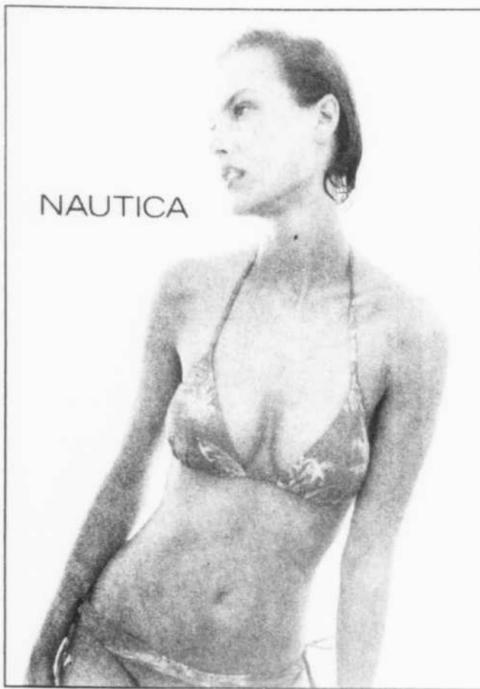
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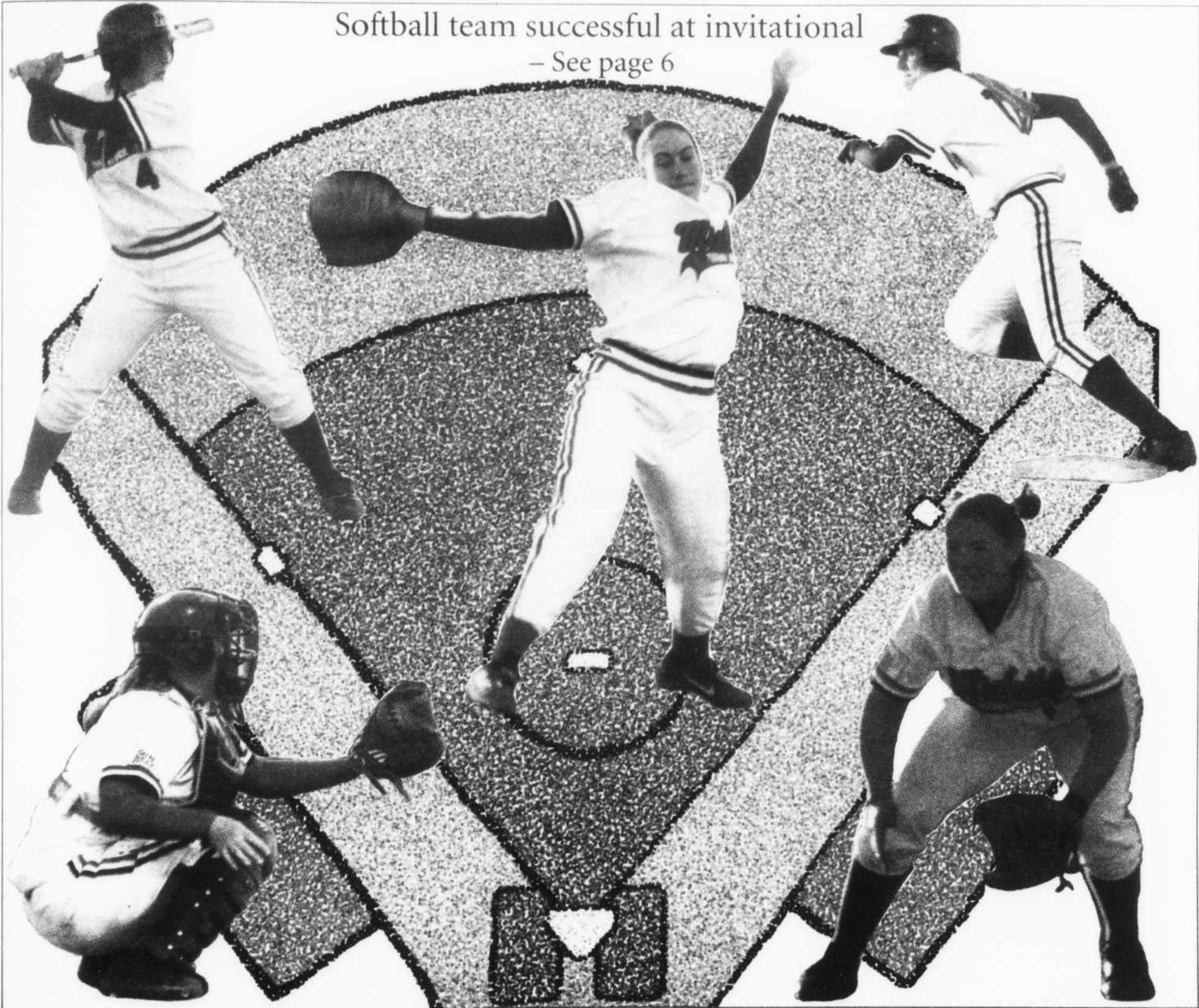
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Blue Raider
Tennis

Men's tennis team ties school record

By Rebecca Pickering
Assistant Sports Editor

Had the finals at the HEB Invitational not been rained out Sunday, the Blue Raider tennis team could have broken a school record with 13 consecutive wins.

After winning the doubles point in the final round of tournament play in Corpus Christi, Texas, the singles matches were rained out, ending the tournament.

In the semifinals Saturday, MT swept Texas Tech 4-0, pulling the doubles point out of two long sets.

The No. 20 nationally ranked duo of Robert Gustafsson and Oliver Foreman defeated Richard Crabtree and Ben Gudzelak 9-8 (5). The No. 38 team of Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson won over Devin Wakeford and Royce Ramey 9-7 sealing the doubles point. Trevor Short and Rishan Kuruppu fell to Alfonso Perez and Michael Innerebner 8-6.

In singles, No. 15 nationally ranked Klemetz beat No. 59 Ramey 6-3, 6-2. Short won by default over Perez because of unsportsmanlike conduct. Michael Staniak sealed the win, beating Innerebner 6-3, 7-5 in the No. 4 position.

Friday afternoon, MT pulled out a 4-1 win over Colorado.

In doubles, Gustafsson and Foreman defeated Micie Bilaj and Buck Mink 8-3. Klemetz and Jackson fell 8-3 to Bryan Knepper and Justin Hunter. Short and Kuruppu were able to claim the doubles point with an 8-6 win over Mirka Jovanovic and Zach Hood.

In singles Klemetz took a 6-2, 6-1 decision over Bilaj. Foreman beat Jovanovic 6-3, 6-2, and Staniak pulled out a 6-2, 6-4 win over Mink.

Earlier Friday, the Blue Raiders swept New Orleans 4-0.

Gustafsson and Foreman took Anders Odino and Sebastien Locatelli 8-4 and Short and Kuruppu beat Abedin Sham and

Guillaume Dumas with the same score, claiming the doubles point.

Gustafsson beat Viktor Loven 6-1, 6-1 in singles action. Staniak beat Julien DeLanaitrie 7-5, 6-1, and Jackson defeated Odino 6-1, 6-1.

The Blue Raiders return home April 5 against South Alabama after away matches including the National Blue-Grey Invitational in Montgomery, Ala. and a match in Miami, Fla. over Spring Break. ♦

Middle Tennessee 4 New Orleans 0 SINGLES

1. No. 15 Daniel Klemetz (MT) vs. Sebastien Locatelli (UNO) DNF
2. No. 63 Robert Gustafsson (MT) def. Viktor Loven (UNO) 6-1, 6-1
3. Oliver Foreman (MT) vs. Mickael Chkroun (UNO) DNF
4. Michael Staniak (MT) def. Julien DeLanaitrie (UNO) 7-5, 6-1
5. Kirk Jackson (MT) def. Anders Odino (UNO) 6-1, 6-1
6. Greg Pollack (MT) vs. Abedin Shan (UNO) DNF

DOUBLES

1. No. 20 Foreman/Gustafsson (MT) def. Oding/Locatelli (UNO) 8-4
2. No. 38 Klemetz/Jackson (MT) vs. Lovin/Ckroun (UNO) DNF
3. Short/Rishan Kuruppu (MT)

def. Sham/Dumas (UNO) 8-4

Middle Tennessee 4, Colorado 1 SINGLES

1. No. 15 Daniel Klemetz (MT) def. Micie Bilaj (CU) 6-2, 6-1
2. No. 63 Robert Gustafsson (MT) vs. Justin Hunter (CU) DNF
3. Oliver Foreman (MT) def. Mirka Jovanovic (CU) 6-3, 6-2
4. Michael Staniak (MT) def. Buck Mink (CU) 6-2, 6-4
5. Kirk Jackson (MT) vs. Zack Hood (CU) DNF
6. Bryan Knepper (CU) def. Rishan Kuruppu (MT) 6-3, 6-4

DOUBLES

1. No. 20 Foreman/Gustafsson (MT) def. Bilaj/Mink 8-3
2. Knepper/Hunter (CU) def. (38) Klemetz/Jackson (MT) 8-3
3. Short/Rishan Kuruppu (MT) def. Jovanovic/Hood 8-6

Middle Tennessee 4, Texas Tech 0 SINGLES

- No. 15 Daniel Klemetz (MT) def. No. 59 Royce Ramey (TTU) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 63 Robert Gustafsson (MT) vs. Ben Gudzelak (TTU) DNF
- Oliver Foreman (MT) vs. Richard Crabtree (TTU) DNF
- Michael Staniak (MT) def. Michael Innerebner (TTU) 6-3, 7-5
- Kirk Jackson (MT) vs. David Knaszak (TTU) DNF
- Trevor Short (MT) def. Alfonso Perez (TTU) 3-6, 1-0, default

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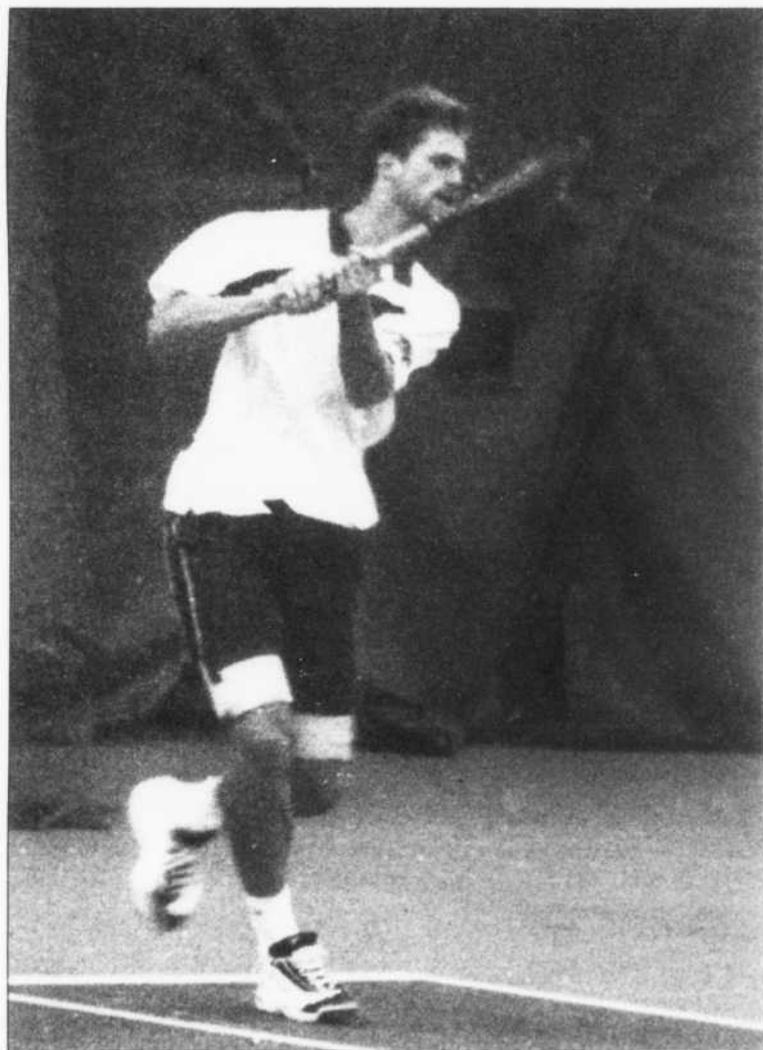


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Robert Gustafsson makes up part of the No. 20 nationally ranked doubles team. His teammate is Kirk Jackson.

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 MT
Track

Track team members awarded with All-American honors from NCAA

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

After provisionally qualifying 12 team members for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, MT's track team sent only two runners to the championship. But both Mardy Scales and Godfrey Herring came away with All-American honors.

Herring qualified for the finals in the 400-meter dash with a time of 46.41 seconds Friday. This makes the fourth time that Herring has earned All-American honors in track, two times in the Indoor Championships and two times in Outdoor Championships.

Herring came in seventh place Saturday with a time of 47.10 sec-

onds. In first place was Colgate record holder Alleyne Francique of Louisiana State University with 45.58

seconds. Also from LSU was second place winner Pete Coley with a time of 45.62 seconds. After him was Gary Kikya from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville at 45.93 seconds, LSU's Lueoy Colquhoun's 46.35 seconds, Clemson University's Ato Modibo 46.44, Auburn University's



Scales

Shameron Turner's 46.77, Herring and the University of Florida's Rickey Harris at 1 minute, 2.24 seconds.

Scales earned his first All-American honor Friday, qualifying for the finals in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.65 seconds. Saturday Scales finished at No. 8 with a time of 6.80 seconds.

UTK took the first two spots with Justin Galatin's 6.59 seconds and Leonard Scott's 6.61 seconds. They were just two of the runners that helped UTK take their first team honors at the Indoor Championships.

After the UTK runners was Washington State University's Anson Henry's time of 6.66 seconds, the University of Oregon's Samie Parker's time of 6.663 seconds, Kansas State University's Terence Newman's time of 6.67 seconds, CU's Dwight Thomas at 6.67 seconds, Mississippi State University's Pierre Brown's 6.72 seconds and Scales.

In other events, Otukile Lekote from the University of South Carolina came in first place in the 800-meter run at 1 minute, 46.88 seconds.

Christian Goy from Illinois State University took first place in the men's 1-mile run at 4 minutes, .06 seconds.

In the men's 3000-meter run, Adrian Blincoe from Villanova University took first place with 8 minutes, 1.72 seconds.

Baylor University took the 4-by-400 meter relay at 3 minutes, 5.54 seconds and the men's pole vault with 5.48 meters.

LSU took another first place position in the men's triple jump with Walter Davis' 17.23 meters. Finally, in the men's weight throw, the University of Kansas's Scott Russell threw the farthest distance at 24.67 meters.

Scales and Herring's All-American honors made the 62nd and 63rd time that MT has earned this honor under head coach Dean Hayes.

MT starts its outdoor season March 16 at the Auburn Invitational in Auburn, Ala. ♦

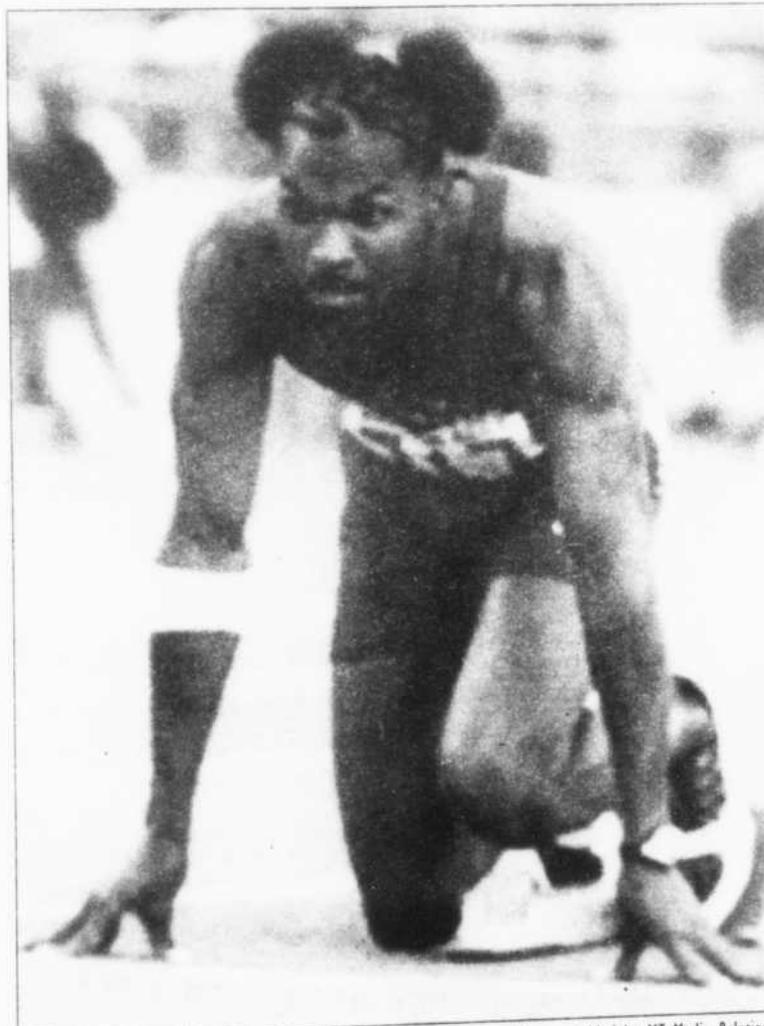


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Godfrey Herring prepares to take off during the 400 meters.

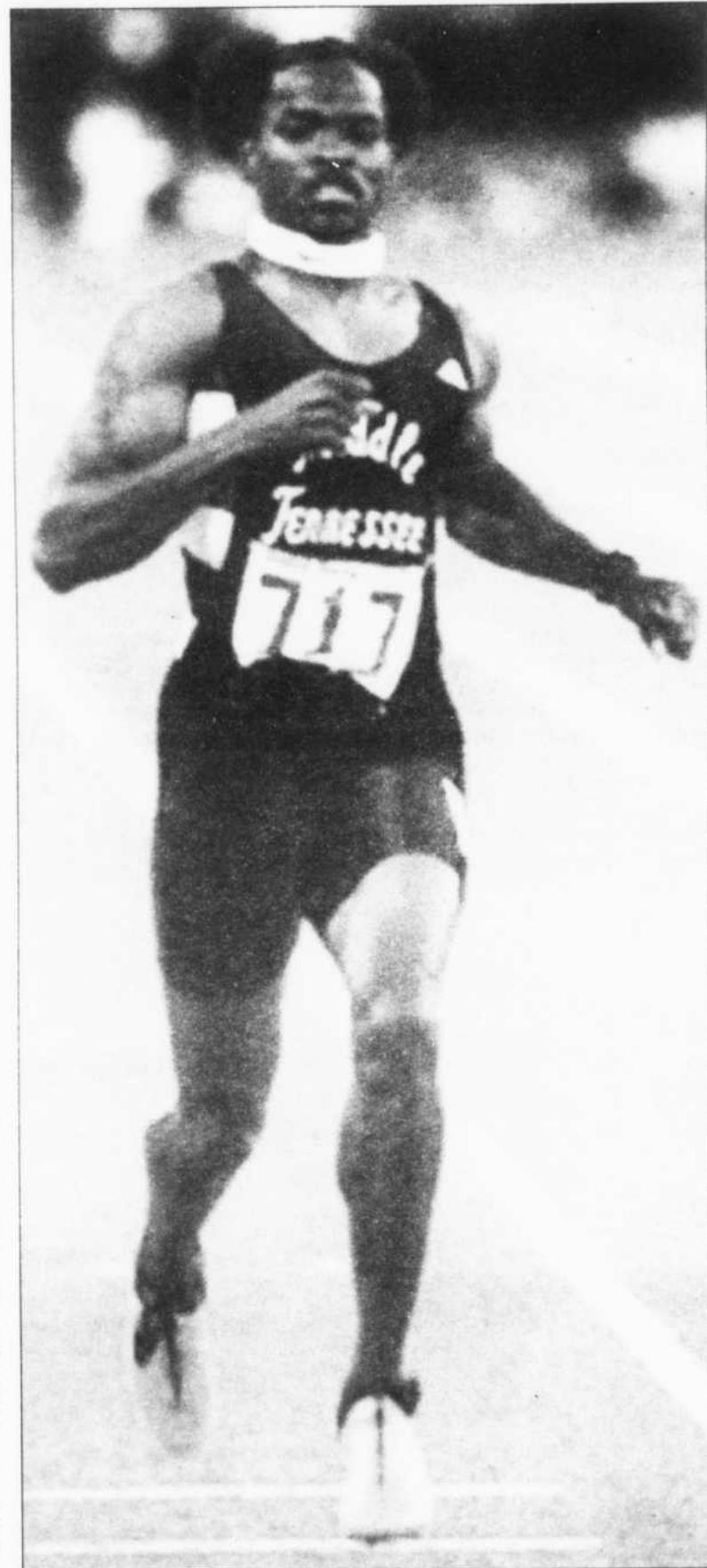


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Godfrey Herring placed seventh in the 400-meter dash Saturday at the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Blue Raider
Baseball

Raiders lose high-scoring game to Bisons

By Brandon Gregg
Staff Writer

Only one day after the Blue Raider baseball team (7-3) exploded at the plate for 18 runs, they returned home for 15 more Wednesday.

The only catch was the Bison's from Lipscomb (3-11) were 3 better, topping Middle Tennessee 18-15.

The loss was MT's first at home.

The scoring started early when MT pitcher Travis Hoerschel surrendered a solo home run in the top of the second. Lipscomb only scored once more in the inning as Matt Candler doubled and was later driven home by a Ryan Boyer single.

The Blue Raiders quickly responded in their half of the inning when Brett Carroll tripled and scored on a Jason Howarth sacrifice fly to deep left field. After a strikeout by Kris Smith, Doug Kunicki got on the board with a walk. A routine ground ball by Chuck Akers moved Kunicki to third, but a throwing error allowed him to score, tying the game at 2.

The visitors took the lead again in the third, starting with a Kyle Jackson walk. A hit-and-run

moved him to third and a double to right off the bat of designated hitter Matt McCorkle drove him in. Lipscomb scored 2 more times in the inning.

The Blue Raiders answered back in the bottom of the inning when a walk and a steal from Justin Sims allowed him to score on a Marshall Nisbett single.

The Bisons went quietly in the fourth, stranding one on base.

MT took its first lead in the bottom of the fourth, moving ahead 6-5. After Howarth walked and stole second, he was able to advance to third by way of an error. An Akers triple to right scored Howarth easily. This ended the day for Bison pitcher Shawn Sabo, as he was replaced with David Patton.

Nate Jagers immediately singled to left center, scoring Akers. After a Josh Archer single moved Jagers to third, a wild pitch allowed him to cross the plate ending the scoring for MT.

The fifth inning opened with a bang as Lipscomb's Ryan Abrams homered but quickly fizzled out as the Blue Raider defense shut down Lipscomb before any more damage could be done.

MT took the lead again, scoring a run after a Doug Kunicki double

and a wild pitch allowed him to reach third. A ground ball by Akers drove Kunicki in.

The top of the sixth was fruitless for Lipscomb as they went three up, three down.

The Raiders plated 3 more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Sims started the inning with a double. A wild pitch allowed him to advance to third. A Nisbett single scored Sims and a double by Carroll moved Nisbett to third. Kevin Suba pinch hit for Kris Smith, driving the ball to right, scoring Carroll and Nisbett.

That was all for MT in the inning as they stranded three run-



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Jason Howarth stretches to beat out the throw to first base.

ners.

The Bisons responded with 2 more in the top of the seventh. Kyle

Jackson singled to right field then

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Lipscomb 18 (3-11)

Player

AB R H RBI

AKERS, Chuck cf	6	2	2	2
JAGGERS, Nate 2b	5	1	1	1
COOPER, Chad 2b	1	1	1	2
SIMS, Justin dh	3	2	1	1
ARCHER, Josh c	4	0	1	0
PHILLIPS, Derek c	1	0	0	0
NISBETT, Marshall rf	6	1	3	2
CARROLL, Brett 3b	4	2	2	0
SMITH, Kris lf	3	0	0	0
SUBA, Kevin ph	1	0	1	2
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KUNICKI, Doug 1b	5	3	1	0
HOWARTH, Jason ss	3	2	2	2

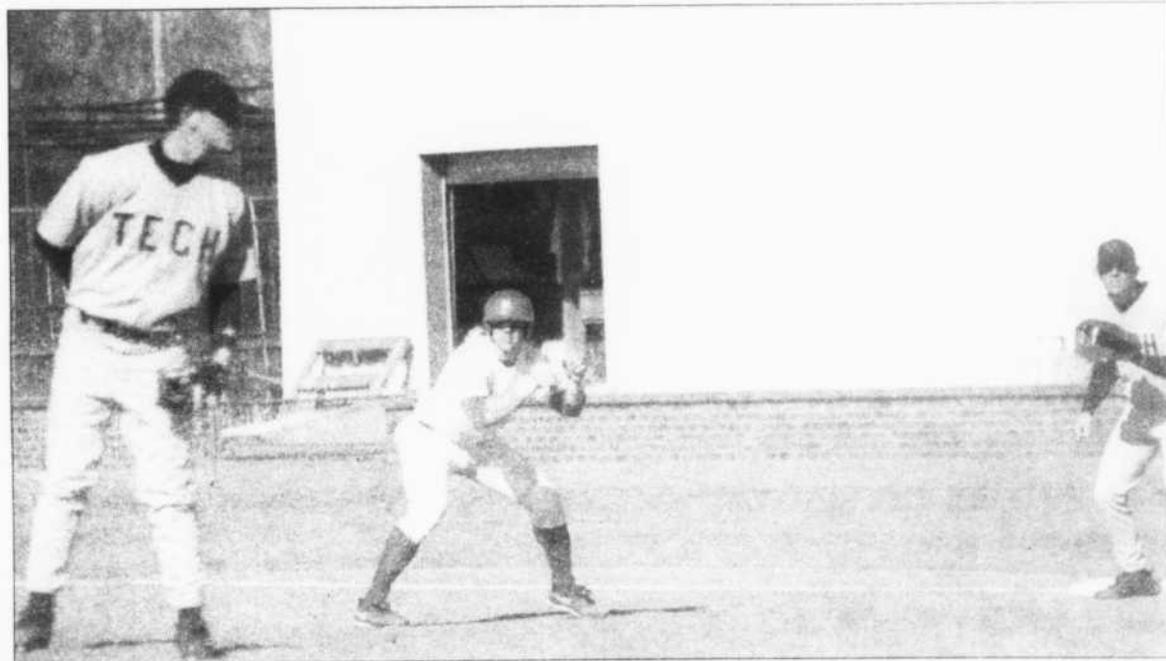


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Josh Archer watches the pitcher as he gets ready to go for the steal of second base.



Blue Raider
Baseball

Baseball team travels to Memphis for two

By Kevin Rose
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team (7-3) renews a state rivalry when it plays a two-game series against the University of Memphis tomorrow

and Wednesday.

Adding to the long-time rivalry between the Blue Raiders and the Tigers, the game will be played in a different location. MT is used to playing on the Tiger's on-campus field.

However, both games have been moved to Auto Zone Park, a facility that is home to the Memphis Redbirds, the Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Second-year coach Dave Anderson, a former Tiger baseball star and Major League Baseball player, leads the Tigers. Anderson spent the majority of his time in the big leagues with the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 1988, he was part of a World Series Championship team with the Dodgers.

The Memphis program has changed drastically under Anderson as he has tried to keep local talent at home. The results have been obvious as 26 players on the Tigers roster are from Shelby or surrounding counties.

The Blue Raiders have three players from the Memphis area. Pitchers Stephen Kines and Adam Larson and shortstop Jason Howarth are all Shelby County natives. All three prepped at Germantown High School.

Kines likely will start tomorrow night's game against his hometown school. He is coming off his first career win against David Lipscomb University.

Kines posts a 5.73 ERA, allowing 16 runs, 8 earned in 11 innings pitched. Opponents are batting .356 against him.

Howarth should start both games at shortstop. He is batting .267 with a .351 on-base percentage. Howarth has stolen 3 bases in 4 attempts. He posts a .933 fielding percentage and has 27 assists.

Larson won't see action in the series, but he will take the mound Monday against Tennessee Tech University. The Tech game was originally scheduled for Saturday but was rained out.



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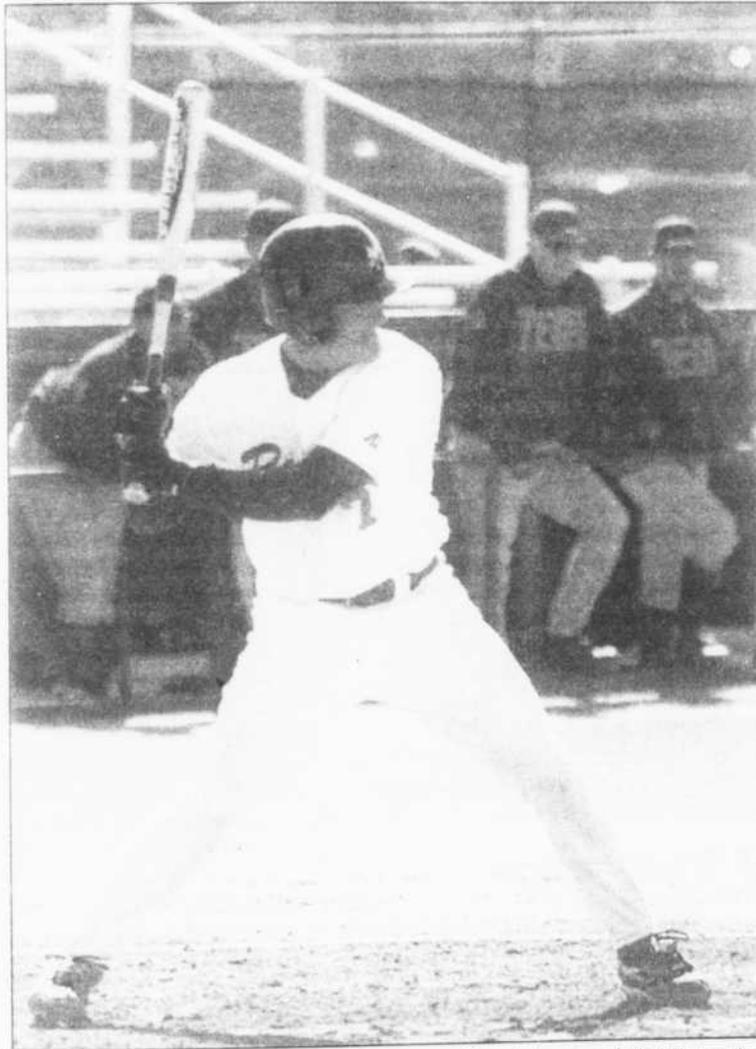


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Chuck Akers waits for the pitch. Akers is batting .326 with 15 hits and 20 total bases. He has a .435 slugging percentage.

For the season, Larson has a 3.94 ERA to go with a 1-0 record. He has given up 19 doubles and opponents are hitting .308 against him.

Travis Horschel will likely be the starting pitcher Wednesday. If not, the ball could be handed to one of Peterson's talented freshmen. Kines and Horschel are battling for the third spot in the rotation.

Horschel has struggled on the mound, posting a 10.32 ERA and .327 opponent batting average. He has walked 13 batters while only striking out 4.

The Tigers (3-5) won the first game of a three-game series against Southeast Missouri State University 9-1 Friday. Memphis lost game two 7-4 Saturday. Tiger pitchers gave up 10 walks in the loss.

Kyle Scott leads the Tiger offense with a .500 batting average, a .591 on-base percentage and 7 RBIs. As a team, Memphis is batting .248 with 36 runs scored and 16 extra base hits.

The Tigers also post a .411 slugging percentage and .349 on-base

percentage.

The pitching staff has a 5.90 ERA to go along with a .297 opponent batting average. Tiger pitchers have walked 41 batters and struck out 17. The staff also has surrendered 7 home runs.

The Tigers have had to deal with bad weather - one game against Vanderbilt University and three against Southwest Missouri State were canceled because of snow.

The Blue Raiders are coming off a Sunday game against Tennessee Tech.

MT's series with Memphis starts tomorrow at 3 p.m. Game two is Wednesday at 3 p.m.

The Blue Raiders return home to host their first weekend series of the year when Southwest Missouri State University comes to Murfreesboro for a three-game series Friday.

The first game starts at 3 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday's games starting at 2 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively. ♦

Baseball games are free to students with your MTSU identification card. Present your card at the gate for admittance.

Lady Raider

Softball

Lady Raiders in silver bracket at FSU tourney

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider softball team (9-8) split their first four games at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla. Friday and Saturday.

Middle Tennessee started the tournament with a 9-3 win over Auburn University (16-5). The Lady Raiders struck first, scoring 2 runs in the top of the first. Lisa Sherman was hit by a pitch to start the game. With two outs, Lindsay Azevedo took the pitch deep for a two-run homer.

The Lady Raiders added a run in the third inning. Sherman again started things off, this time with a walk. Leah Grothouse laid down the sacrifice bunt, advancing Sherman to second. Jennifer Martinez grounded out and Sherman went to third on the throw. Again, Azevedo came through with an RBI single, giving MT a 3-0 lead.

MT tacked on another 2 runs in the fifth. Sherman was once again

hit by a pitch. She went to second on a sacrifice bunt, reached third on a wild pitch and scored on another wild pitch. Pinch runner Jennifer Polsteen scored on the third wild pitch of the inning.

The Lady Raiders took advantage of 4 more wild pitches and 2 errors in scoring 4 runs in the top of the seventh to give them a 9-0 lead.

Auburn finally got on the board in the bottom of the seventh, scoring 3 runs. After 2 walks, Lindsey Chitwood hit a three-run home run for the Tigers. Martinez settled down and retired the side for the win.

Martinez pitched the complete game, giving up 7 hits and 3 earned runs. She struck out 8 batters and walked 3 while picking up her seventh victory of the season.

The Lady Raiders weren't as fortunate in game two of the tournament. MT took host Florida State (18-7) to the 10th inning before losing 2-1.

Neither team scored until the top of the ninth in the pitchers

duel. Due to international tie breaker rules, Danielle DeCamino was placed on second base to start the inning. Polsteen came in to pinch run. Martinez singled. Polsteen was picked off at third. Kelly Cormier singled moving Martinez to second. Laura Brockman doubled to drive in the first run of the game.

FSU answered in their half of the ninth. Skyla Cox came in to pinch run at second and advanced to third on a groundout. With two outs, pinch hitter Elisa Velasco tripled, scoring Cox and tying the game at 1.

MT was unable to score in the top of the 10th. FSU loaded the bases in the bottom of the 10th. After the runner was placed on second, Martinez threw a wild pitch allowing the runner to advance to third. She then intentionally walked the next two batters to load the bases. Kimmy Carter drew the third consecutive walk, allowing the winning run to score.

Martinez took the loss in relief. She pitched 3 2/3 innings, giving up 2 hits and no earned runs. She walked 5 batters. Stayc Preator started the game and pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings.

After the heartbreaking loss to FSU, the Lady Raiders took on Iowa State University (5-3). The Lady Raiders lost another close one as the offense put up only 1 run.

Neither team scored until the fifth inning in yet another pitchers duel. ISU got on the board first, scoring 2 runs in the top of the fifth.

Kelly Wardein led off the inning with a double. Kristen Shipley singled and advanced to third on the throw. Wardein scored on the play. Julia Lindsey reached on an error, allowing Shipley to score.

The Lady Raiders managed a run in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't muster any more in the 2-1 loss. Polsteen scored the only run for MT.

Preator got the loss in 3 innings



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Lindsay Azevedo smashes a line drive into the outfield.

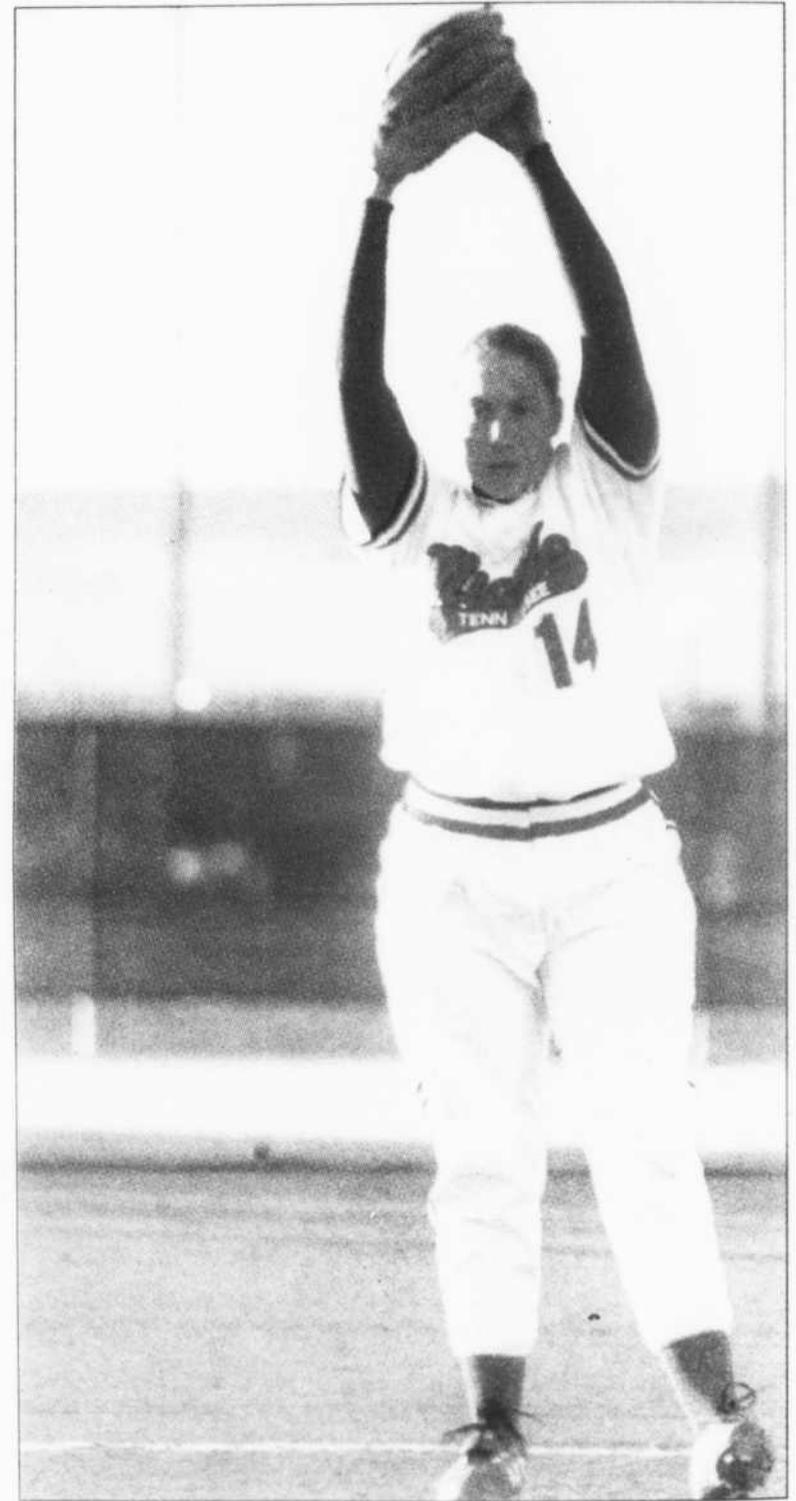


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Jennifer Martinez begins her windup to the plate.

of relief work. She gave up just 1 hit and no earned runs. Amanda Kendall pitched the first 4 innings, giving up 3 hits and 1 earned run. The loss put the Lady Raiders in the silver bracket instead of the gold during pool play.

In the first game of silver bracket

action, MT beat Winthrop University (5-8) 8-0. This time the Lady Raiders struck early, putting 2 runs on the board in the first inning.

Sherman started the game with a single. Grothouse reached on an

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Softball team has busy schedule ahead

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider softball team heads home for just the second time this season to face Western Illinois.

Middle Tennessee participated in the Florida State Invitational over the weekend and split its first four games. The Lady Raiders suffered two 1-run losses to Florida State University and Iowa State University. Western Illinois, meanwhile, won its last four games – all part of the East Carolina Tournament.

MT split its last two home games against Lipscomb University. Western Illinois is 1-1 on the road.

The Lady Raider offense features three players who are batting .300 or better. Jennifer Martinez leads the way with a .431 batting average, 34 total bases, 3 home runs, 17 RBIs and a .667 slugging percentage. Lisa Sherman posts a .304 batting average and a team-high 10 runs scored. Lindsay Azevedo bats an even .300 and is second on the

team with a .440 on base percentage.

As a team, MT bats .232 with 58 runs scored in 17 games. MT's slugging percentage is .291 and the team has a .292 on base percentage.

Western Illinois' offense has two everyday players batting above the .300 mark. Jen Tyrrell leads the offense with a .323 batting average, 10 hits and a .417 on base percentage. Jessica Stanforth hits .310 with 14 total bases and a .483 slugging percentage.

As a team, Western Illinois hits .233 with 31 runs scored in 10 games. Western Illinois' slugging percentage is .364 and posts a .321 on base percentage.

The MT pitching staff is led by Jennifer Martinez. She posts a 0.78 ERA with 7 complete games in 10 appearances. Martinez (8-2) has struck out 68 batters and walked 14. Opponents hit .177 against her. Stacey Preator (1-5) posts a 1.76 ERA and .253 opponent batting average. She has struck out 33 batters and walked 4.

The Western Illinois pitching staff is led by Becky Sullivan.

Sullivan (1-5) has a 2.84 ERA in 31.2 innings pitched. She has struck out 19 batters and walked 5. Opponents are batting .262 against her. The staff as a whole posts a 3.84 ERA and a .266 opponent batting average.

MT plays a doubleheader against Western Illinois Tuesday. The first game starts at 4 p.m.

After the home games, the Lady Raiders hit the road again for the Capitol City Classic in Sacramento, Calif.

MT faces off with the University of Virginia in its first game of the tournament. The Cavaliers (13-3) had won their last 7 games before dropping three games in the National Invitational Softball Tournament. Virginia lost to No. 1 UCLA 2-0 Saturday but rebounded to beat Georgia Tech 6-4.

The Cavaliers have four everyday players batting over .300. Heather Field leads the way, batting .452 with 12 RBIs and a .619 slugging percentage. She also has stolen 6 bases in 11 attempts. Kristen Dennis hits .409 with 10 RBIs and a .591 slugging percentage. Valerie

Sevilla posts a .364 batting average to go along with a .407 on base percentage. Kelly McCabe rounds out the four with a .358 batting average and .453 slugging percentage.

Dennis (6-1) shines on the mound as well, posting a 0.15 ERA with 72 strikeouts over the season. Opponents hit .109 against her. The staff has a 1.12 ERA in 106 innings pitched.

Sacramento State (8-11) is next for MT. The Eagles have lost their last three games. The last loss was an 8-0 defeat by Cal State Fullerton.

Jillian Bivert is batting .323 with a team high 9 RBIs and .435 slugging percentage. Erin Coyne

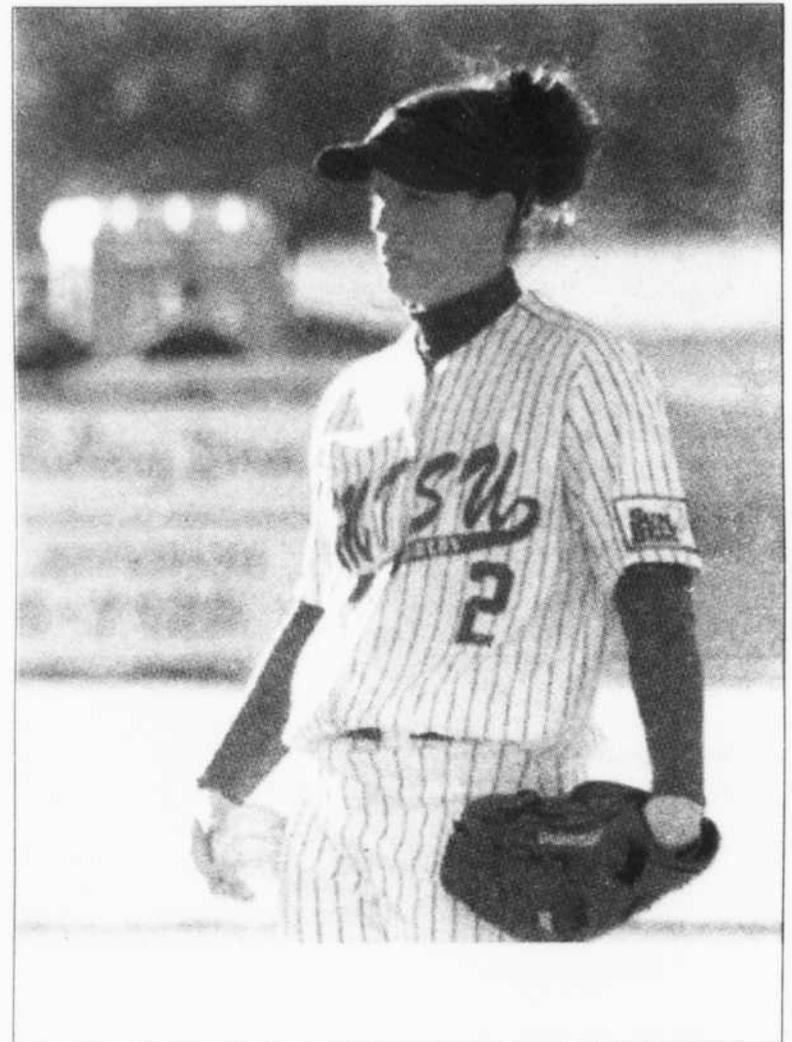


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Junior Stacey Preator stares in and waits for the pitch call from catcher Lindsay Azevedo.

hits .310 with a .375 on base percentage. As a team, Sacramento State has a .241 batting average with 51 runs scored in 19 games.

Nicole Deatherage (4-1) leads the Eagle staff with a 1.33 ERA with a .238 opponent batting average. Bivert (3-7) posts a 2.41 ERA with a .234 opponent batting average. As a staff, Sacramento State posts a 2.31 ERA.

After the game with Sacramento State, the Lady Raiders turn around and play Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis, which won its last game 3-2 in extra innings against Bradley University.

The Jaguars hit .203 as a team in limited action this season. IUPUI has scored 5 runs in 3 games this

season. The pitching staff posts a 2.55 ERA and a .289 opponent batting average.

In Friday's final game, MT takes on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. UNLV (10-13) has struggled through an eight-game losing streak. The Rebels have played 11 teams ranked in the NFCA Coaches Poll.

Geney Oris leads the team in three offensive categories. She bats .288 with 5 home runs and 11 RBIs. Jackie Kerrigan leads the pitchers with a 1.84 ERA and 43 strikeouts.

The Lady Raiders begin play in the Capitol City Classic Thursday at 7 p.m. MT enters pool play Saturday. ♦



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Lisa Sherman gets back to first before the defender can apply the tag.

Lady Raider

Q&A

New coach brings methods for May success

MT Media Relations

First year softball coach Cindy Connelley comes into the 2002 season with high expectations. She talks about those expectations, her players, her coaching style, her team's performance in the first tournament of the season and the possibility of a new softball facility.

This is your first year coaching at Middle Tennessee. Are you bringing any special coaching methods to the program?

Connelley: I think it's probably education first, team unity second and with that comes chemistry. You must first have that drive and all three things must work together. You have to teach the fundamentals, have repetition, push, motivate and the team has to have ownership. What we're trying to do is see that it's successful and moves to the next level.

You have a good stable of pitchers. How is that going to help you as the season progresses?

Connelley: We are experienced, but I don't think you can ever have enough pitching.

Jennifer Martinez threw her first no-hitter against a ranked team Saturday, Feb. 16 against Tulsa. Jen has charisma on the mound, she's got experience and I think she holds every record, if not almost every record here at Middle. So when you have a pitcher of that caliber, obviously she is going to throw a lot of ball games for us.

Stacy Preator is a prototype pitcher. She's got the attitude, the physical skill and she's a junior.

Then Amanda Kendall is coming off of an injury and she's worked really hard to get back. How ready she is is going to be a growth type process because she is going to have to get some innings on the mound.

They're going to have to just play and play a lot and that's a nice position for a student athlete to be in, to get that chance to compete.

Do you think that you are going to have to rely on Martinez a lot?

Connelley: I think they continuously went to her last year, and we're going to distribute innings

among the three. We need Jen's bat in the lineup. If she's good enough to pitch a lot, then she's good enough to hit all the time, but our key is to keep her fresh.

"Play through May" is one of our logos this year. In the spring semester, basketball is coming into their final four and a lot of the other teams are finished but softball is just getting started. If you just start in January, then you want to play through that last week in May. So you've got to keep all of them fresh and motivated, while they are improving their skills.

It's a long year for this team. We have to blend the new with the old and the old with the new. So it is a year of transition.

I think it's been especially tough on the seven seniors because they thought that they were going to come back to the same system but it changed. They are responding and I think they are enjoying where we're headed because we are trying to become a multidimensional team. We are trying to get more runs on the board and give more support to the pitching staff. I've seen pitchers throw near-perfect games and then lose by one run. So you have got to have both parts of the equation.

How do you feel about your performance at the ULM Tournament?

Connelley: It was an extremely tough time for us to go to the South because most of the teams had already played in tournaments. I think one team had already played fifteen games, and we had not played yet. So any time you get on a bus and travel 11 hours, and you have only been outside for a week in practice with only one scrimmage under your belt and then have to take the field and play Southern teams who had been outside. It is a very difficult schedule.

I think to get that first Troy State win was very important, but we came back Saturday morning and lost to Texas A&M, which was a very tough loss for us. We just couldn't get the bats going. We could tell that we had gotten better but we were just not in sync. But we came back, re-grouped and made a huge step between one o'clock Saturday afternoon and

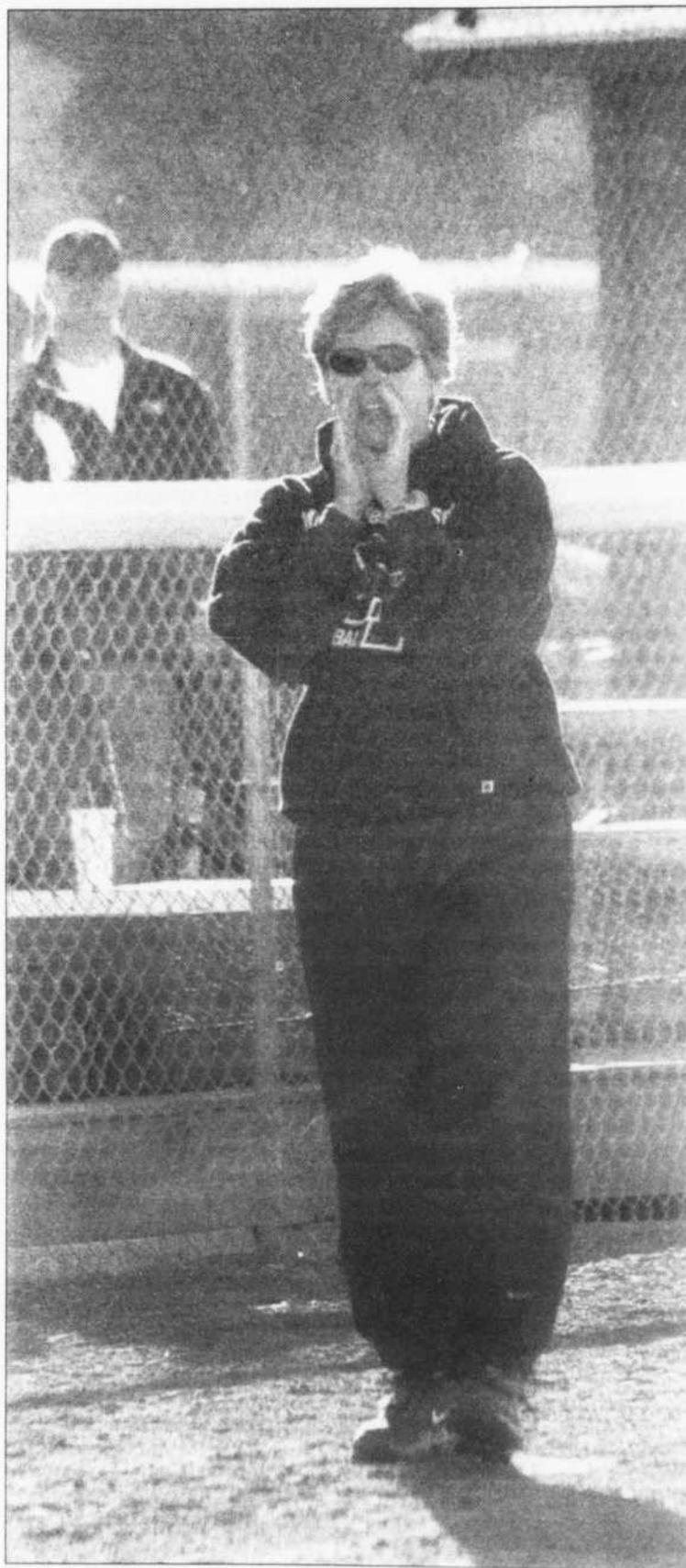


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Coach Cindy Connelley yells instructions to the batter.

seven o'clock Saturday night. We really put it into another gear. We knew what we had to do, and we started pressing to become a good team instead of playing on the level of our competition. We dominated Tulsa that night. To do that after you have already played two games, that was a tremendous win for us.

Then we had the Louisiana-Monroe game under control. It was 2-0 going into the sixth inning but we made a couple of errors, which helped them to get on track. We finished third in the tournament, which was a fairly good early outing but I would really like to go back and play that tournament again.

You have a tough schedule this season. How do you feel about that?

Connelley: Well, that's the hard that has been dealt to us and we are going to bite it out and it's going to make us a better team, and it's also going to make us a better coaching staff.

We will definitely be tested week in and week out because there are no easy games on the schedule.

Our goal is to win the Sun Belt Conference this year and that is no easy task. We have Louisiana-Lafayette who has won it every year and you have a real good New Mexico State team that we tied with last year and I really don't think you can look by Western Kentucky because they are a fairly local rival. Yes, the schedule is very difficult but it will make us better, and we will be ready for the Sun Belt Conference.

How important are the regional rankings?

Connelley: Any time the conference doesn't have an automatic bid, regional rankings can help get you into the World Series.

You really have to have a .500 record to be considered. That's one way. There are a couple of different ways to make it.

Our key is that we want to play our way into the World Series. If we get some help along the way, that will be fantastic. Any rankings are important but right now where I look at the strength of our

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Compiled By David Hunter – Staff Writer

Football team hosts ladies night out

The Middle Tennessee football team will host "Ladies Night Out with the Blue Raiders" April 27. The event, formerly known as the Women's Football Clinic, will be held in Floyd Stadium's Game Day Room from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Blue Raider coaches will provide a walking tour of the facilities, have a session where current players model uniforms and conduct a session on the field where each position coach will go over techniques related to that particular position.

Head coach Andy McCollum also will entertain a question and answer session, at which he will also discuss the latest football jargon and ways he sells the Blue Raider program.

The cost to participate is \$25. Refreshments will be provided, along with the chance to win door prizes. Limited space is available for the event.

For more information, contact Todd Bradford or Jan Worley in the MT football office at 898-2926.

Western Kentucky wins men's tournament

No. 18 Western Kentucky (28-3) beat the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (20-10) 76-70 to win the 2002 Sun Belt Men's Basketball Tournament. With the win, the Hilltoppers get the Sun Belt's automatic bid into the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament.

This win is the 18th straight for WKU. Chris Marcus had 24 points and 11 rebounds in the game. Derek Robinson added 17 points and 11 rebounds for WKU.

The Hilltoppers were down 65-

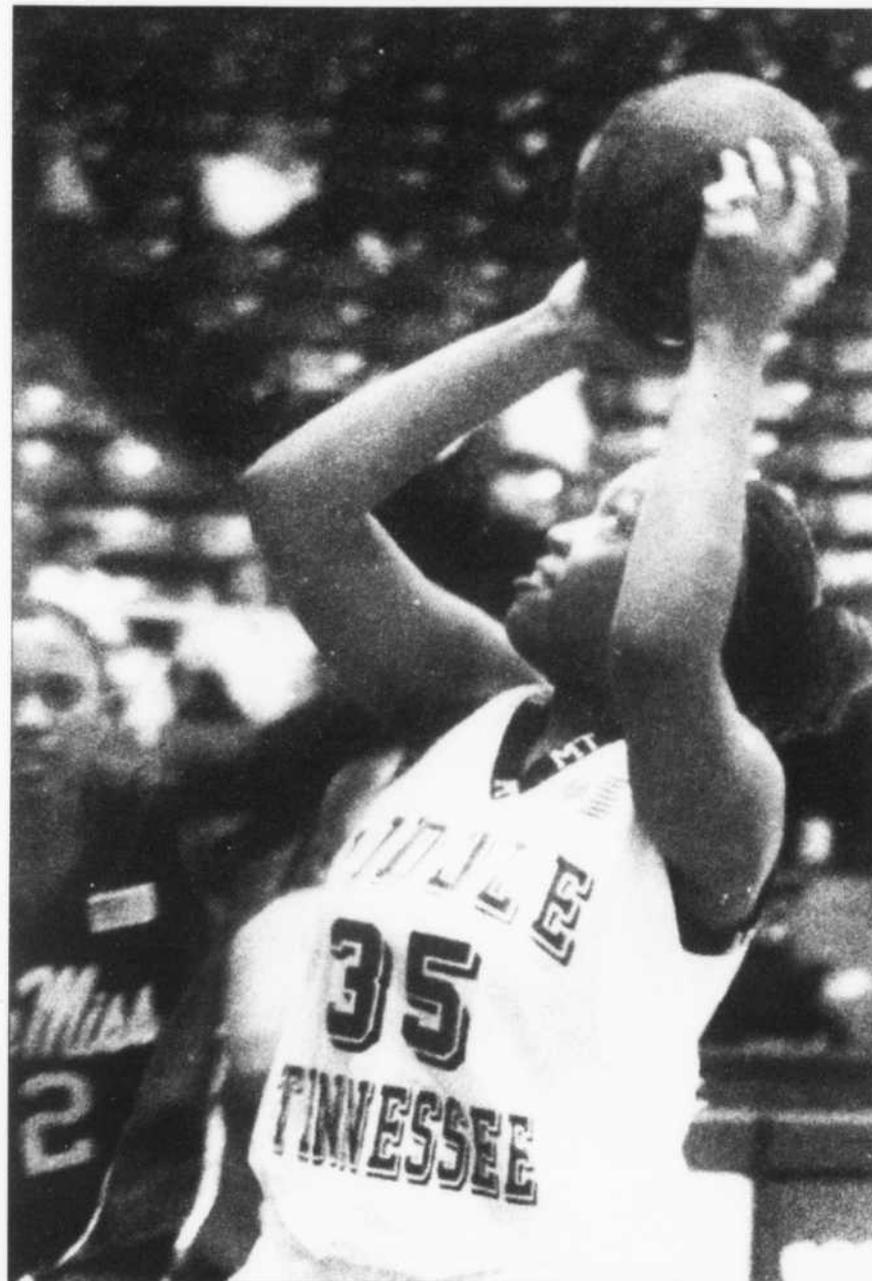


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Senior Jamie Thomatis was named to the Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament team. She guided the Lady Raiders into the second round before they lost to Denver.

64 until Marcus scored a basket and foul shot with 2:50 left to give WKU a 68-65 lead. UL-Lafayette tied the score with 1:51 left for the last time 68-68. WKU then pulled away in the last couple of minutes



for the 76-70 victory.

Marcus scored 11 consecutive points in the final 4:30 of the game.

Last year in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, No. 14 seed WKU was defeated by No. 3 seed University of Florida 69-56.

Selections for the men's tournament are at 5 p.m. on CBS.

Jamie Thomatis named to All-Tournament team

Middle Tennessee senior basketball player Jamie Thomatis was named to the Sun Belt All-Tournament Team Tuesday, prior to the Sun Belt Conference Championships held in Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, La.

In the two games the Lady Raiders played at the tournament,

Thomatis averaged 21 points and 7 rebounds per game.

She also scored 42 points in 53 minutes played.

Florida International captures women's title

No. 25 Florida International beat North Texas 66-49 to win the Sun Belt Tournament.



Florida International University won its first-ever Sun Belt Women's Tournament by beating North Texas 66-49.

The Golden Panthers (26-5) receive the Sun Belt automatic bid into the Women's NCAA Tournament. NT might get in the tournament with an at-large bid because of their 26-5 record during the season.

Cheryl Moody and Cormisha Cotton each had a double-double in the victory for FIU. Moody had 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Cotton had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Moody was named Tournament Most Outstanding Player.

Sun Belt Player of the Year, FIU's Jalie Mitchell scored only 8 points in the loss for NT.

Selections for the women's tournament are Sunday at 4 p.m. on ESPN. ♦

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schedule and where we are with a team that's still adjusting to a new staff, I think you have to be a little more realistic than that. We have to win the Sun Belt Conference. That's the key for us, and then if not, we've got to win the tournament.

We have Louisiana Lafayette coming here this year. How important is it that we get to play them at home?

Connelley: You always want the home field advantage, and I really wish that we had more home games than what we do. The crowd helps you and the familiarity can help you or it may hinder you. I think you are sometimes sharper when you're playing away. At that point in the season, we should be a fairly polished ball team. We are really grateful to take the advantage of the home field.

You are only hosting eight home games this season. Does that make it difficult for us?

Connelley: We are fortunate to have eight home games because we only had about two or three when we first came in, so we've scrambled to pick up several other opponents. That's just the schedule that exists, but we are just going to have to fight through that. We are just going to have to find a silver lining.

What are the plans concerning the upgrading of the facility?

Connelley: The athletics department and the administration understand the importance of a world-class facility. That is evident in our football stadium, our weight room, our academic advancement center, our track and our baseball facility.

I think that softball and soccer are the next two teams in the master plan. So we are excited, we want to help and be a part of that. We have a lot of blue prints, so we are very close, but we just don't have any dates yet. ♦

Baseball: UM series starts tomorrow on road

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stole second. Abrams walked and Jeremy George doubled down the line, scoring Jackson. Abrams was thrown out at third on the play, but a Nate McCorkle single scored George.

MT couldn't put anything together in its half of the inning, collecting only 1 hit by Nisbett.

Lipscomb exploded in the eighth, scoring 9 runs on 6 hits and 4 MT errors. Ten batters reached safely during the onslaught, with Matt Candler and Ryan Boyer both collecting 2 hits in the inning.

The Blue Raiders tried to answer back with 5 runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

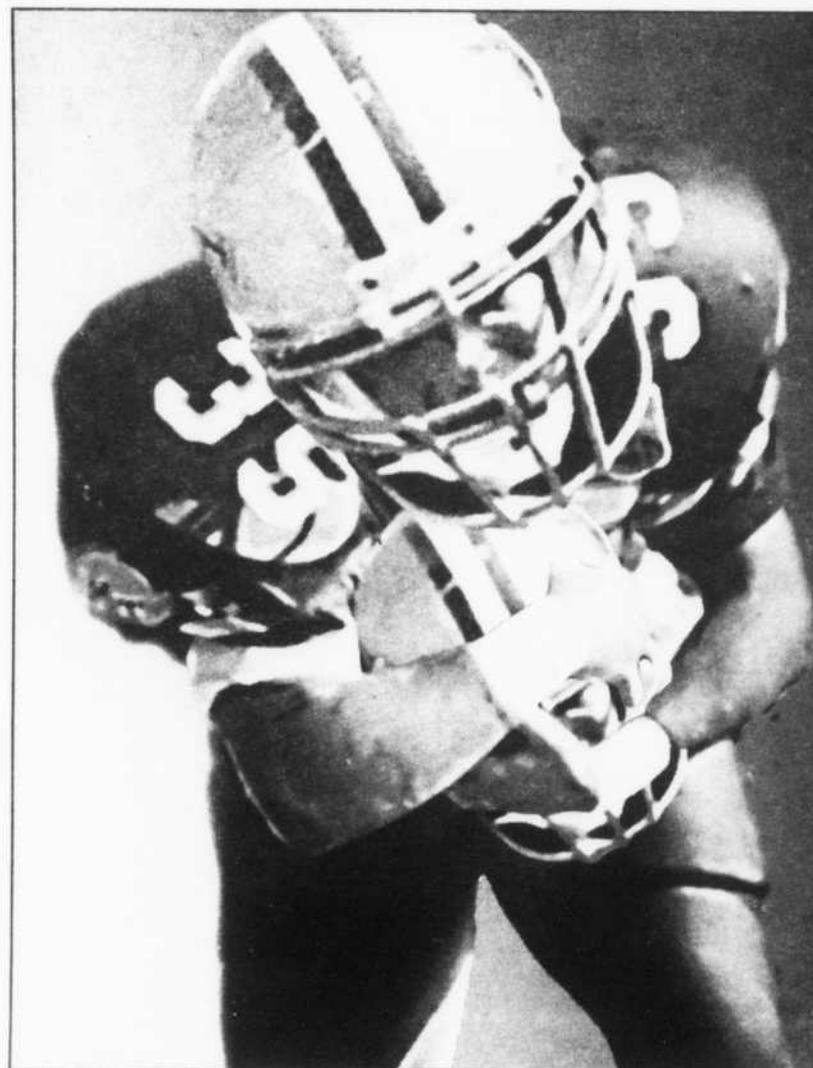
Seth Yarbrough, Kunicki, Akers, Howarth and Chad Cooper all scored for MT. It wasn't enough, though, as Lipscomb sealed the win with 1 more run in the top of the ninth to make the final score 18-15.

Danny Borne took the loss, dropping his record to 0-2, while Lipscomb's David Ayre improved

to 1-0.

Brett Carroll continued to dominate at the plate, going 2-for-4. Marshall Nisbett went 3-for-6 and Jason Howarth added a 3-for-4 day.

The Blue Raiders return to action tomorrow with the opening game of a two-game series against the University of Memphis. Both games begin at 3 p.m. ♦



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Florida State Invitational box scores

Game 1--MT 9 (8-6) Auburn 3 (16-5)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	2	3	0	0
GROTHAUSE, Leah dp	2	0	0	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer p	3	1	1	0
POLSTEEN, Jennifer pr	0	1	0	0
AZEVEDO, Lindsay c	3	2	3	3
DECAMINO, Danielle 3b	3	1	0	0
BROCKMAN, Laura cf	3	1	0	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf	4	0	3	1
WAY, Ashlie 1b	4	0	1	0
SILVA, Steffi ss	4	0	0	1

Game 2 --MT 1 (8-7) Florida State 2 (18-7)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	4	0	2	0
DECAMINO, Danielle 3b	5	0	0	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer dp/p	4	1	1	0
AZEVEDO, Lindsay c	3	0	1	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf/1b	4	0	1	0
BROCKMAN, Laura cf/rf	4	0	1	1
WAY, Ashlie 1b	3	0	0	0
CHERINKA, Megan ph/1b	1	0	1	0
BUHL, Erica lf	3	0	0	0
GROTHAUSE, Leah ph	1	0	0	0
SILVA, Steffi ss	3	0	0	0

Game 3 -- Iowa State 2 (5-3) MT 1 (8-8)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	3	0	0	0
SILVA, Steffi ss	3	0	0	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer dp	3	0	1	0
POLSTEEN, Jennifer pr	0	1	0	0
AZEVEDO, Lindsay c	3	0	0	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf	2	0	0	0
GROTHAUSE, Leah ph	1	0	0	0
BROCKMAN, Laura cf	3	0	0	0
CHERINKA, Megan 1b	2	0	0	0
DECAMINO, Danielle ph	1	0	0	1
HIEB, Kristina 3b	3	0	0	0
BUHL, Erica lf	1	0	1	0

Game 4 --Winthrop University 0 (5-8) MT 8 (9-8)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	4	1	4	2
GROTHAUSE, Leah c	2	1	0	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer p	3	0	2	2
MCCRAW, Katie pr	0	1	0	0
AZEVEDO, Lindsay dp	2	1	0	0
DECAMINO, Danielle 3b	3	1	1	1
BROCKMAN, Laura cf	2	0	0	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf	2	0	0	0
POLSTEEN, Jennifer rf	1	1	1	0
BUHL, Erica lf	3	2	2	2
HIEB, Kristina ss	2	0	1	1

Game 5 -- MT 2 (10-8) Southeastern La 0 (14-14)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	3	1	0	0
SILVA, Steffi ss	4	1	1	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer p	2	0	0	1
AZEVEDO, Lindsay c	3	0	3	0
DECAMINO, Danielle 3b	3	0	0	0
BROCKMAN, Laura cf	3	0	0	0
BUHL, Erica lf	3	0	1	0
CHERINKA, Megan dp	3	0	1	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf	3	0	1	0

Game 6 -- Auburn 6 (19-7) MT 0 (10-9)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
SHERMAN, Lisa 2b	3	0	0	0
SILVA, Steffi ss	2	0	1	0
GROTHAUSE, Leah ph	1	0	0	0
MARTINEZ, Jennifer p/dp	3	0	0	0
AZEVEDO, Lindsay c	3	0	0	0
CORMIER, Kelly rf	3	0	0	0
BROCKMAN, Laura cf	3	0	0	0
DECAMINO, Danielle 3b	2	0	1	0
BUHL, Erica lf	2	0	0	0
WAY, Ashlie 1b	1	0	0	0
CHERINKA, Megan ph	1	0	0	0

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error by the second baseman, allowing Sherman to move to third. Martinez singled to score Sherman and Grothause.

MT added another run in the fourth. With two outs, Erica Buhl singled. Kristina Heib walked, putting runners at first and second. Sherman came through with the RBI single.

The Lady Raider offense exploded in the fifth inning, scoring 5 runs to end the game by the 8-run rule. Martinez started the inning with a single. Pinch runner Katie McGraw stole second. Azevedo walked. DeCamino singled, scoring McGraw.

DeCamino went to second and Azevedo moved to third on a groundout. Polsteen singled. Buhl singled to score Azevedo and DeCamino. Buhl stole second. With runners on second and third, Heib singled scoring Polsteen. Heib stole second. Sherman singled scoring Buhl with the final run.

Martinez picked up the victory, tossing the complete game shutout. She gave up 3 hits and struck out 5 while walking none.

The Lady Raiders finished up the Florida State Invitational Sunday.

MT finished second in the silver bracket. Check Wednesday's issue of *Sidelines* for the complete recap. ♦

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Blue Raiders baseball team comes from behind to defeat Tennessee Tech 8-7 Sunday

By Kevin Rose
Staff Writer

Freshmen baseball players are supposed to spend their freshman season on the bench learning from an upperclassman. But someone forgot to tell that to Middle Tennessee freshmen Nate Jagers, Brett Carroll and Chris Mobley.

The three played a huge part in Sunday's 8-7 come from behind win over Tennessee Tech. The Blue Raiders improved to 8-3 with the ugly win while Tech fell to 5-8. Down 7-6 going into the ninth inning, Jagers hit a double down the left-field line just over the head of third baseman Josh Mosser.

"I was just trying to get on base and hopefully someone would drive me in," Jagers said.

Jagers came around to score on a triple by Justin Sims, tying the score at 7-7 and setting the stage for Carroll. Carroll hit a 1-2 pitch from Tech starter Bubbie Buzachero to left field for a sacrifice fly, scoring Sims and giving the Blue Raiders an 8-7 victory.

"I knew that the first pitch he got me pretty ugly," Carroll said. "The past two at-bats he was throwing me curve balls. I looked bad on them every time. I knew he was going to try and beat me with the curve ball. I just keep trying to think not do anything big, just stay back and throw my hands and hopefully it will go somewhere good."

While Jagers and Carroll provided the offense, Mobley supplied solid relief pitching. He pitched the

final 2 innings giving up 1 hit and no runs in improving his record to 2-0. Mobley entered in the eighth for starter John Williams, after Williams walked home a run.

The walk gave Tech a 6-5 lead. Mobley got out of the inning by getting a double play and fly ball out. A run scored on the double play increasing the Tech lead to 7-5. Mobley also avoided trouble in the ninth by retiring three straight after Mike Meihls doubled to open the inning.

Early in the game, the Blue Raiders appeared to be on their way to an easy victory. The offense jumped on Buzachero for 2 runs apiece in the first and second inning. However, Buzachero responded by cruising through the middle innings without allowing

any damage.

"Buzachero, he's really, really improved as a pitcher," MT head coach Steve Peterson said. "He got in trouble the first couple of innings. Then he settled down and carved us up for three or four innings."

Buzachero dropped to 1-3 after going 8 2/3 innings giving up 8 runs, 7 earned on 13 hits.

Williams didn't have his best stuff on the day in the no decision, but neither did the

Blue Raider defense. Williams allowed 7 runs in 7 innings, but only 2 runs were earned. Williams was haunted by 6 Blue Raider errors. Two of the errors came in the top of the fifth and were costly. The errors allowed Tech to score 2 runs and take a 5-4 lead. The Blue Raiders have made 13 errors in the last two games.

"We have more talent to be making errors like this," Peterson said.

"We are making errors all over the diamond. If we do not improve defensively, it's going to be a long, long season."

Jagers led the Blue Raider offense with 3 hits to go along with 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs. Carroll and Sims added 2 RBIs. Sims also



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John Williams fires a pitch across home plate.

had 2 hits.

Chuck Akers had 2 hits, and Josh Archer hit his third homer of the season.

Ryan Hay had 3 hits to lead Tech. Ben Shannon and Cole Helms added 2 hits apiece. The Blue Raiders will head to Cookeville, Tenn., tomorrow for a 4 p.m. game.

Adam Larson will start at pitcher for the Blue Raiders. They will play the University of Memphis at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. Both games will be carried on WMTS-FM (88.3).

The Blue Raiders return home to begin a three-game series with Southwest Missouri State University Friday. ♦



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Marshall Nisbett takes second base easily against Tennessee Tech yesterday.

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Tennessee Tech..... 100 220 020 - 7 12 2

Middle Tennessee.... 220 000 112 - 8 13 6