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Ron Bronson, founder of Students Against Paid Parking, protested Wednesday morning outside the Murphy Center.

MT Police crush student's protest

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

An MTSU student protesting the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's basketball tournament at the Murphy Center Wednesday morning was threatened with arrest.

Ron Bronson, a junior who heads the organization Students Against Paid Parking, was standing by the Murphy Center ticket office holding a sign that read "TSSAA Go Away" and "TSSAA Stole Our Parking" when he was approached by an unidentified security guard.

Bronson said the security guard asked him to leave, and when he refused, citing the First Amendment, two MTSU Public Safety officers approached him and told him that he was not permitted to be on the grounds of the Murphy Center because the TSSAA had rented the facility. After being threatened with arrest, Bronson left the premises. Bronson said he was on the premises for a total of about 20 minutes.

"I should have the right anywhere on campus ... to say whatever I want unless it's truly offensive," Bronson said. "The

administration has sold my right for free speech to the highest bidder, in this case TSSAA."

Bronson said while he was talking to event staff, a spectator took the sign from his hands and ripped it in half. He said the security personnel present did nothing to the spectator, who he could only identify as a teenage male.

Maj. Roy Brewer of Public Safety said the actions of the officers were justified. Brewer said Bronson had not obtained a permit to protest and was therefore asked to leave. He said when Bronson refused to do so,

the officers told him that if he did not leave he would be arrested.

"[Protestors] cannot interfere with [the tournament] in any way," Brewer said. Brewer defined interference simply as "not being where [the student is] supposed to be."

Brewer said he did not know which officers responded.

The Freedom of Assembly statement in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, says, in part, that "requests for approval to use MTSU facilities

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Rave Craze: Part III of III

Nashville's rave scene hits barrier of police force

By R. Colin Fly
Staff Writer

Nashville

"Nashville's rave scene is pretty much dead," said Fox Sircy, a frequent raver.

"We closed a couple of raves," said Metropolitan Nashville Police Vice Capt. Judy Bawcum. "Through their network of communication, mainly the Internet, most people realized that this wasn't a cool place to have raves and they moved on."

Most Nashville ravers agree that the reason Nashville dropped off the map as a rave city was a raid at The Eighth Day at 412 Fourth Ave. S. Oct. 17, 1999.

"Parties became very popular here. You felt safe in your hometown," said Lynn Rosa of Nashville, a former raver. "All the deejays used to get along, but some of the DJs got more action and that caused some drama."

Then The Eighth Day raid occurred.

"What killed the Nashville scene is The Eighth Day raid. Security

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Photo Provided
Metro Nashville Police conducted a series of highly publicized raids to attempt to shut down the rave scene in 1999. The drugs remained, but more and more ravers now hit the road to Atlanta.

Deadline extended Ireland summer course open to undergraduates

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

The course "Issues in Irish and American Education: A Comparative Study" that will be taught this summer by Patricia Grimes, associate professor of educational leadership, is still open for registration.

Although originally designed for graduate students, additional interest prompted modifications in the program to allow for undergraduate credit as well.

The course is being taught in Dublin, Ireland, as part of the Ireland Early Summer Program, and will run from May 16-31. The program cost is \$2,295. Applications will be accepted through the first week of April.

For more information, contact Grimes at 898-2332. Applications can be obtained from Tech Wubneh, director of international programs and services, who can be reached at 898-2238. ♦

Deplorable conditions of sexual slavery recounted

Editor's note: This story contains some graphic content.

By Charlene Callier & Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer & Assistant News Editor

The horrors experienced by sexual slaves were relived Monday by a surviving Comfort Woman.

Comfort Women were not technically women, but were actually young girls forced to have sex with countless Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Hwang Geum Joo, an 81-year-old former Comfort Woman from Korea, recalled her experiences and their life-long effects. Her comments were presented in an overcrowded Tennessee Room in the James Union Building as part of National Women's History Month.

"This testimony is going to be very uplifting because it shows how strong

the human spirit is," said Jid Lee, chair of the National Women's History Month Committee.

"If she tells you everything that she has experienced, it will take 250 hours," said Lee, who introduced Joo and translated her Korean. "We can only give you the tip of the iceberg tonight."

Joo became a Comfort Woman in 1941 after the Japanese government drafted young girls to, supposedly, work in a factory. She was living with a foster family at the time.

"Absolute obedience was required; disobedience was not tolerated," Joo said of the Japanese government. "So I volunteered to go."

She never made it to the factory to work. Instead, the soldiers took the young girls to an old abandoned gasoline field.

"It was so cold and dirty that some of our noses started to bleed," she recalls.

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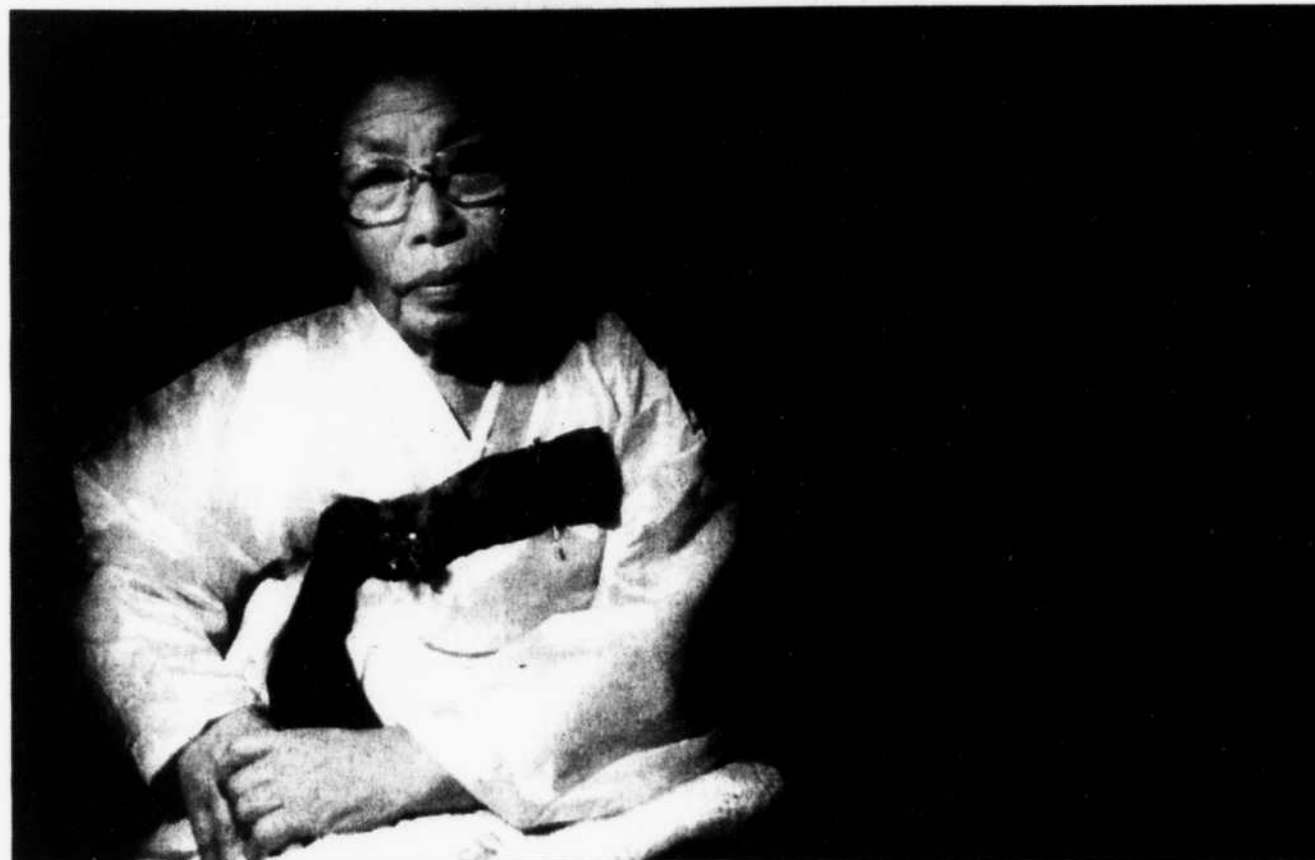


Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer
Hwang Geum Joo, a former Comfort Woman of World War II, spoke Monday night at the James Union Building and testified about her time as a sexual slave of the Japanese military during their wartime occupation of Korea.

CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matthew Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between March 9, 2001, and March 13, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Computer scanner stolen from Todd Library

March 9, 9:53 a.m. — Todd Library — An officer was dispatched to speak with an employee about a theft from the building. The staff member told the officer that a computer scanner was stolen from the building sometime between noon March 2 and noon March 5. There are no suspects at this time. The scanner is valued at \$150.

Two students arrested for alcohol-related offenses

March 9, 11:48 p.m. — North Tennessee Boulevard and East Main Street — While on patrol, an officer observed the vehicle in front of him on North Tennessee Boulevard repeatedly swerve four to five feet across the center line and into the oncoming lane of traffic. The officer activated his light bar, and after turning onto East Main Street, the vehicle pulled over by Davis Market.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer explained to the driver why he had stopped her and asked for her driver's license. At that time, he noticed the odor of an intoxicating beverage about the driver, later identified as Teesha L. Orr. The officer asked Orr if she had been drinking, and she replied that she had drunk some beer earlier. The officer asked how much, and Orr said that she had drunk about six beers.

The officer then asked Orr to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. As she stepped out of the vehicle, he noticed that she was wearing a Miller Lite Mardi Gras necklace.

During the one-legged stand, Orr "showed some lack of balance." The officer had to demonstrate the finger-to-nose test several times before Orr understood what to do. When she did attempt the test, she missed her nose several times. While attempting the nine-step walk-and-turn, Orr did not place her feet heel-to-toe and also stepped off the line several times. During the C to X alphabet test, Orr skipped the three letters before the letter W, and while doing the five-finger count, she counted out of order.

The officer then placed Orr under arrest for driving under the influence and underage consumption of alcohol. After she was arrested, the officer searched her vehicle and discovered an open bottle of Bud Light on the console between the seats. Orr was consequently charged with violation of the open container law.

The officer then asked the passenger, later identified as Melanie A. Hendrix, where she lived. Hendrix stated that she needed to tie her shoes, and while bending over to do so, nearly fell over. She also nearly fell several other times, having to be caught each time by the officer or by another officer who had arrived on the scene.

Hendrix was placed under arrest for public intoxication and underage consumption of alcohol since the officer felt she would be a danger to herself if left alone.

Orr and Hendrix were both transported to the Rutherford County Jail. Orr, 20, of 607 Concord Drive in Murfreesboro, had her bond set at \$4,500. Hendrix, 19, of 872 Allen Road in Murfreesboro, had her bond set at \$1,750.

Driver arrested for DUI after near collision with police car

March 11, 1:36 a.m. — Crestland Drive and Division Street — While traveling on Crestland Drive, an officer observed a vehicle stop on Division Street at its intersection with Crestland Drive. The vehicle remained stopped as the officer approached the intersection and then suddenly drove through the intersection, forcing the offi-

cer to brake to avoid hitting it. The officer did not have a stop sign in his direction.

The officer initiated a traffic stop, and upon making contact with the driver, explained that he pulled him over for failing to yield the right of way. The officer asked the driver, later identified as Daniel J. Talley, if he had had anything to drink. Talley replied that he had drunk two beers earlier. The officer then asked Talley to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests.

During the one-legged stand, Talley placed his foot down after the count of six, and wavered back and forth. While attempting the finger-to-nose test, Talley did not touch his nose and swayed on his feet. During the nine-step walk-and-turn, Talley twice stepped off the line and did not place his feet heel-to-toe. Talley also did not count in the order he was instructed to during the five-finger count, and he replaced the letter S with X during the C to X alphabet task and counted all the way to Z.

Talley, 22, of 215 Richardson Ave. in Murfreesboro, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence, first offense, and was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500.

Non-working headlight leads to driving on suspended arrest

March 12, 11:32 a.m. — North Tennessee Boulevard and East Main Street — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle with the left headlight not working. After initiating a traffic stop, the officer checked the driver's license and found that it was suspended for failure to satisfy a citation. The driver, identified as Tiffany L. Hilliard, was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. She was also given a verbal warning for the headlight.

Hilliard, 22, of 308 Westwind Drive in Springfield, Tenn., was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$500.

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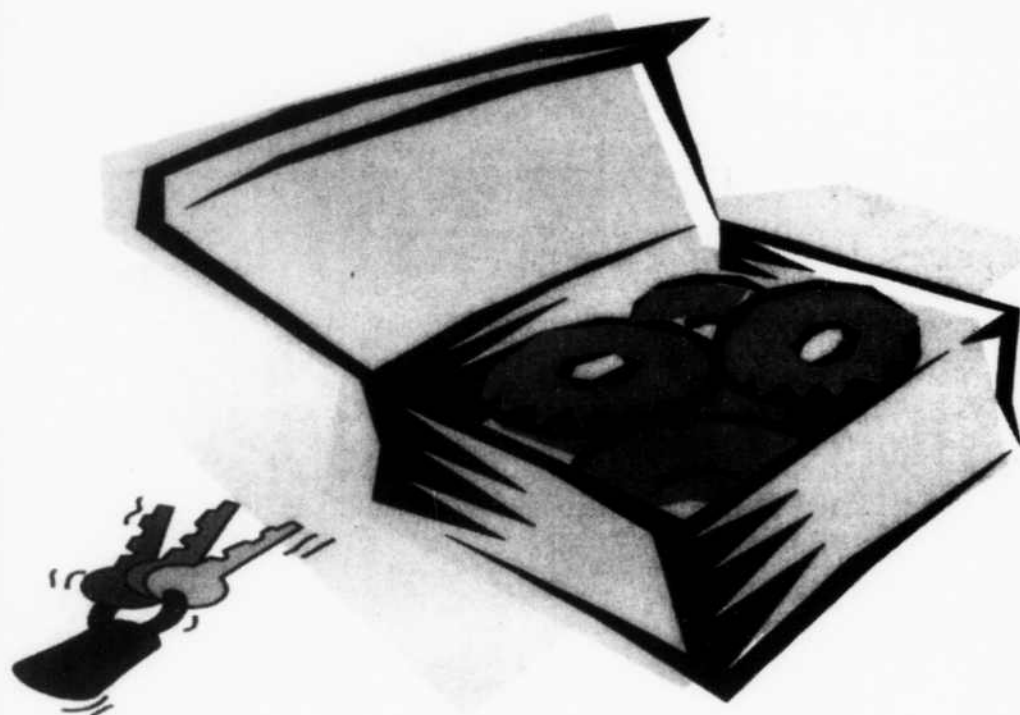
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Rave: Nashville ravers forced to hit road in search of more tolerant environment

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there was non-existent," said Sircy, who was at the club that night. "The lack of security was so blatant that everyone knew sooner or later it would get raided."

The Eighth Day raid had been in the works for approximately two weeks, according to Metro officials.

"There were hundreds of cars on any given weekend blocking traffic at The Eighth Day," Bawcum said. "There were kids just standing in the middle of the street at all hours of the night. We knew something was going on."

Metro police entered The Eighth Day undercover and bought illegal drugs.

Then officers from the Metro Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration, with help from military police from Fort Campbell, ordered the raid.

"It was a weird night because the music was unusual for the Nashville scene," Sircy said. "At about 2:30 a.m., just before the headline (DJ), there was some sort of ruckus and banging noises."

Fifteen Nashville-based DEA agents, some with machine guns, came into The Eighth Day, according to Sircy.

"They didn't do a wholesale search of the premises," Sircy said. "We sat on the ground for about an hour and a half. Some

people were arrested and the military personnel were escorted out by military police."

Police arrested nine adults and four juveniles at The Eighth Day that night. More than 40 people were placed under military arrest and transported back to Ft. Campbell.

About 500 people were estimated to be at the club when the raid occurred.

Metro Police had become aware of the rave activity at The Eighth Day for two months before the raid. Even a local television station had noticed the drug use at the parties.

"I think it tipped off the police," Sircy said.

The raid sent Nashville's rave scene into a tailspin.

"I stopped going to raves after The Eighth Day bust," said Rosa.

Many Nashville ravers packed up and went on the road, either to Memphis, St. Louis or Atlanta.

"It took them awhile, but Nashville's police really caught up with the scene," Rosa said. "Then, they shut it down. People are still scared around here."

However, the end of The Eighth Day was not the end of the drug use, nor raves on smaller scales in the area. In fact, raves have begun to regain popularity here.

"Raves never went away," Bawcum said. "They just aren't as obvious now."

While raves may be less common, ecstasy never left the Middle Tennessee area.

"We can walk into several clubs in the area on any night and buy ecstasy within five minutes of walking in the door," said Jason Wilkerson, special agent in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. "It's extremely accessible."

Ecstasy's appeal has now captivated a younger audience.

"Kids used to experiment with alcohol," Sircy said. "Now they experiment with E."

Rosa echoed Sircy's statement.

"Ecstasy is a very happening drug, it's quite accessible and not just in raves anymore."

However, despite its growing popularity, it still doesn't get as much attention as other drugs.

"Ecstasy is not nearly as extensively used here as in Atlanta or New Orleans," said Harry Summers of the Nashville DEA office. "However, that doesn't mean that people aren't using it here."

Summers said that there have been several investigations in Nashville on the federal and local level and that more will continue. He admits it is a low priority, though.

"In Middle Tennessee, ecstasy is a lesser problem than meth, cocaine or marijuana," Bawcum and Wilkerson agree.

"It's not invasive in the area yet," Bawcum said. "But, we're

seeing a lot more of it."

"The key to stopping a drug is to attack it at all levels," Wilkerson said. "You have to get everyone from the guy smoking a joint on the street to the people making or importing the drug."

Ecstasy is prevalent in Middle Tennessee, but it's even more accessible elsewhere.

Atlanta

"If I were any more parallel to the ground, I'd be dead," said "Wonder" from Marietta, Ga. "Wonder" admitted he was under the influence of several drugs including ecstasy at a rave in Atlanta. Atlanta is clearly regarded as the center of the Southeastern rave culture.

Over the course of two hours, a reporter at a rave near the Georgia Tech campus was offered the opportunity to buy drugs four times from other party attendees seeking to sell ecstasy and other controlled substances.

At midnight, 1,343 people had entered the party. By 2:30 a.m., the number had risen to 2,140, according to the official counter at the door.

Security, which was an issue at Nashville parties, was nearly non-existent in Atlanta.

Only seven uniformed personnel were spotted in three hours and only one police officer was outside the club at 3 a.m.

The heat inside was tremendous. A layer of haze formed in the club, causing everyone, not just those dancing, to sweat. Dehydration is a side effect of ecstasy and is the most common cause of death related to the drug. Bottled water was sold for \$3.

"Atlanta security at Feature Feast was pretty good," said Sircy, who attended the rave in early September 2000. "But, it was shut down by the Fulton County Sheriff's Department at about 4:30 a.m. because of a noise complaint. They had signs up (to) tell the people to drink water to avoid dehydration."

"I think there was only one hospital visit and two arrests," he said. "It's gotten more strict in the past year."

Rosa also worried very little about security at rave parties.

"Security is very laid back," Rosa said. "They never mingle, and you never feel like you're being watched."

In interviews with rave goers and police personnel, Atlanta reveals differences in how police combat the drugs at raves. It also shows why ravers worry very little about police.

Police realize ecstasy exists, but are more concerned with separate areas of town.

"The Atlanta Police Department is not focused on that drug," said John Quigley, media spokesperson for the Atlanta Police Department. "They are working in the parts

of the community that need to be focused on and not geared toward any specific drug."

Rave writer Shannon Petrick of lunarmagazine.com agrees with Quigley.

"Atlanta promoters always go to the fullest extent to make sure that everything is legal and that there are cops at the event," Petrick said. "Atlanta is more worried about Buckhead, where there have been several shootings."

The Atlanta police have access to chemical field tests. Field testing costs about \$2, and Metro Nashville police also have access to the tests. However, the test is more for a quick reading.

Results of field testing cannot be used as evidence in court.

Quigley said the only drug that the Atlanta Police can positively test is marijuana. However, the arresting officer can make a notation of what drug he thinks it is in his report.

They send all samples to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime lab for testing.

Petrick said she thought about 40 to 50 percent of the people there were on ecstasy. She also doesn't see it as that big of a deal.

"Why worry about drug use," she asks, "when you have blood covering your streets?" ♦

Parking: Student's protest stirs questions concerning first amendment rights on campus

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for the purpose of conducting a demonstration, march, or sit-in activity must be made in writing to the dean of Student Life or their designee at least five working days in advance of the anticipated activity." It also says

that if the protest is found to be disruptive, that, among others, a representative of Public Safety may stop it.

However, Paul McMasters, First Amendment ombudsman for the Freedom Forum in Nashville, said the reason given to Bronson (that the facility had

been rented to TSSAA) "could be interpreted as a way to get around the First Amendment."

McMasters also said the fact that the student left under duress does not speak well of the security's actions.

"It seems to me that the student was well within [his]

rights," McMasters said, although he acknowledged that the situation was more complicated because Bronson did not have a permit.

John David Hays, the dean of Student Life, said he received a call from Ron Malone, manager of Murphy Center, to find out if

Bronson had a permit. Because he did not, Hays advised Malone to ask Bronson to leave the premises. Hays was not aware that Public Safety officers threatened to arrest Bronson.

"If he wanted to engage in some expressive activity ... he would need to fill out a Use of

Facilities form," Hays said. Hays added that while the university reserves the right to regulate the time, place and manner of a protest, the university does not place restrictions on content. ♦

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OPINIONS

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Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Japan should apologize for its actions

Hwang Geum Joo's emotional and heart-wrenching account of her life as a sex slave during World War II and the stories of all Comfort Women came as a surprise to the Sidelines staff.

We were shocked and disgusted, and most of all angry that we had never heard any mention of Comfort Women throughout all of our high school and college history classes. Why is it that America, which is known for its stance on human rights and its mass dissemination of information, didn't tell us about these atrocities?

Furthermore, why didn't our country - the Good Neighbor - do anything to stop the Japanese Imperial Army and the Japanese government from drafting these innocent women into sex slavery? Yes, we were at war, fighting the Japanese, but could we have done more?

We may never know the answers to these questions, but in the meantime, our hearts go out to the surviving Comfort Women and to the families of those who have died. We are outraged that even after decades of written protest, physical protest and filed lawsuits, the Japanese government still denies their involvement in the matter.

There are estimates that between 80,000 and 200,000 women were enslaved before and during the second World War.

How can Japan simply deny that these women experienced daily rape, contracted sexual diseases, were impregnated and then forced to have abortions, were starved and beaten, murdered, and their reproductive organs destroyed when so many women have come forward with the truth?

Most of all, why can't they admit that they coerced the girls and women into slavery by imposing a draft on all women to work in "factories" to help with the "war effort?"

In two separate lawsuits filed against the Japanese government in 1999 and 2000, the victims and families of deceased victims didn't ask for much. They simply want Japan to admit to the forced draft that started the enslavement, a public apology, all barbarities to be fully disclosed, a memorial to be raised for the victims, compensation for survivors and families of victims, and that the facts of the enslavement be continuously related in historical education.

We think that after more than 50 years, Japan owes it to the Comfort Women to, at the very least, acknowledge their existence and apologize. We commend professor Kiyoshi Kawahito for his personal apology to Joo and thank him for taking the first step in admitting to the wrongdoings of Japan and heading toward the process of healing. ♦

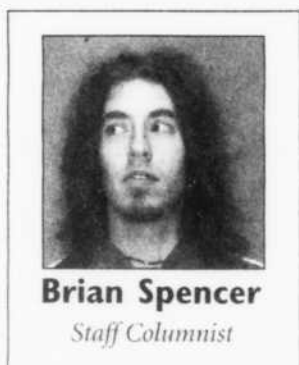
MIND MANIFESTATIONS

Spring breakers need chaperones

It's upon us. The time for college kids to be excused from their duties as diligent students to unwind and "party" for a week. That's right, spring break — two words that have become synonymous with beer, muscles and "sorority girls gone crazy" — is here once again.

The stereotype of the "college spring breaker" has been worked into the American public's psyche over the past five years or so. Much of the credit goes to MTV's yearly sleaze-fest posing as spring break coverage. All crazy college kids like to go to Cancun, drink till they puke out their organs and "let off steam from mid-terms." It's all in the name of good fun, right?

I discovered the sleaze exhibited on MTV's spring break "specials" really does exist — in a world far different than the one I am



Brian Spencer
Staff Columnist

accustomed to.

Two years ago, a few friends and I scraped up enough money (i.e. took out loans from MTSU) to take a trip to the breathtaking island of Jamaica — a place I'd only dreamed of visiting. We would be staying in the beach community of Negril, known for its miles of pristine white sand shores.

During the months, weeks and days before the trip, we read as much as we could about Jamaica.

We wanted to prepare ourselves for its culture, customs and way of life the best that we could. This wasn't so much a trip to "party" on as it was an excursion to experience a culture completely different than ours.

Ok, it's impossible for me to tell you about my experience in Negril in under 600 words. To say that it was eye opening is an understatement. I want to go back, and I highly recommend it to anyone, especially if you're looking for a more cultural vacation.

The worst, and most embarrassing, part of the trip was the attitudes of many of my fellow spring breakers, herein called "kindergartners" because they were often bratty, selfish, vain and unaware of their surroundings.

Our plane was delayed for eight hours in Atlanta,

which drove the majority of caucasian kids in the group straight to the bar for \$7 drinks all night while they waited. We sat quietly as the "spring breakers" raced roller chairs, took over the PA, fought and pretty much trashed the airport terminal like it was a frat party gone mad. Airport staff had to come over the main PA and warn them, much like a principal, to be good.

It got worse in Jamaica. I saw that few college students show any respect for the people of the island and their culture. They weren't there for bars off the beaten path, hikes in the jungle or eating with Rastas. The spring breakers were there to, well, spring break! Party hard! They weren't players. They just crushed a lot!

I understood that everyone is entitled to

have a good time, and that, obviously, everyone doesn't enjoy the same thing. But I also understand that spring break shouldn't be an excuse to turn into a primordial animal.

It was sad to see rich kids stomp around the residents' home like it was a fun park, with no regard for "Jamaicans" as real people. Kindergartners, who stayed in our hotel, trashed it like it was their playpen, costing the gracious owner much of her hard earned money.

So please, all you wild spring breakers, don't forget to show some respect to those who are taking care of you on your vacation this year. ♦

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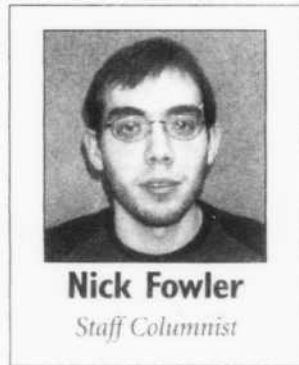
SGA needs to motivate students

Some have said apathy is a big problem on campus. Students go home on the weekends. They aren't involved in campus activities. They don't vote for SGA. They don't take an active interest in campus, local, national or world news. They don't vote, and they don't participate in government; if asked, they don't care.

I don't think the students are lazy. Many of these students work very hard at their studies and jobs, and they are very involved socially. The apathetic, this overwhelming majority of students who don't seem to care, have simply made a choice not to be involved.

I think, perhaps, we should stop telling them to get involved. They already know.

The apathetic have made a semi-logical choice



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

of non-involvement. I would argue that it isn't the best choice, but I understand it. Most individuals really don't have the power to affect changes. Voting for anything seems to be mostly a symbolic act. We vote not because our vote counts, but because we believe democracy can work, whether or not it actually is working.

This makes persuading someone to vote a difficult task.

"Please vote," I say, "the system might work if you do. Please believe in this abstract democratic ideal."

Faith in God comes easier I think.

I wouldn't mind so much if the best candidates were being elected and running the show, despite low voter turnout.

However, this is not happening. I'd like to believe my representatives are better informed, wiser and more virtuous, but this is not the case. I think they are apathetic as well.

And now, I'll get to my point. SGA elections are over and no one voted. I don't know the SGA's history or its level of past involvement, but this year it seems the SGA has to either get students involved or transform its function on this campus.

The SGA is a good organization with honor-

able goals. If it's going to continue to exist in the current form, the SGA must start doing more to prove it can and that it does make students' lives better. It will require a lot of effort from SGA to combat student apathy.

The SGA shouldn't beg students to vote. They should motivate them to vote. Give the student body reason to care. When the SGA accomplishes something, it should advertise it and let people know. Tell the students what else it can do. It had better be meaningful, too.

As involvement in the SGA is currently, it may as well be voluntary. It practically is with so many candidates running unopposed. If you show up for an SGA meeting, you should get to be a senator. Those who show up for meetings should vote on

the presidential and other positions. They're the ones who really care.

People aren't voting for SGA for a reason. If the SGA wants students to vote, and I think it does, it needs to give them reason to vote. The SGA can't say the student body doesn't care or is lazy. Surely the number of people who care is larger than those who voted. They just don't feel voting on SGA referendums or candidates makes a difference.

Only students can empower the SGA and make it a true representative of the student body that is able to get things done. The SGA is responsible for getting these students to empower it with their vote and participation.. ♦

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Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Don't blame Parking Services for TSSAA

To the Editor:

I am writing to respond to the concerns expressed concerning the use of the Greenland parking lot by the TSSAA tournaments.

First, I would like to correct some inaccurate information. To begin with, Parking Services is not a contracted service. It is an auxiliary unit of the university. That means that the operation is not funded by state tax dollars. In the state of Tennessee, there are specific policies that dictate those services the state supports (through tax revenues) and those services that direct fees or other financing structures must fund.

Regrettably, things like roads, parking lots, sidewalks, signage, shuttle buses and campus lighting are not on the list of state-sponsored construction, and neither is the maintenance of these items.

So, many years ago the decision was made to finance all of these items from one fee - the parking fee.

But the important point here is that there is not some private individual who holds a contract for parking services and who is making a profit off the students. Every dollar generated is put back into the costs necessary to maintain all of the roads, sidewalks and lighting on this campus.

The second misconception, perhaps more important than the first, is that Parking Services is the entity that made the decision to have TSSAA on campus, and they are making money off the event.

The decision to have TSSAA on campus was made more than 25 years ago. It was made by the president and athletic director at that time. Every year since then, that decision has been affirmed by the persons serving as president and athletic director.

The folks at Parking Services were not at the

table when this decision was made, and their only participation has been to follow the directive they received to assist students with parking elsewhere on campus.

The suggestion that students should flood Parking Services with e-mails berating the decision is misplaced and unproductive. If you want to voice your concern in a productive way, send your comments to the Student Government Association so that they can be taken forward in a constructive manner.

The last misconception has been expressed by a number of persons who all say more or less the same thing. "I have to pay an arm and a leg to park on this campus. I've paid for that parking space and it's mine and these TSSAA people should be parked somewhere else so that I am not inconvenienced."

You haven't paid for that parking space; it is not yours. If you go to the store and buy a bottle of catsup, you pay for 100 percent of the cost and it is yours. You can do what you want with it. But that is not the case with parking. You are paying an access fee to utilize the service while you are here. You will not pay enough during your tenure here to cover the cost of even one parking spot (not to mention the sidewalks and lighting).

Your parking space is not being taken away; you are being directed to another space on campus. You are not being deprived; you are being inconvenienced.

I am sure that my comments will not satisfy some students. I hope that at least those who are unhappy will now have the correct information and will be able to focus their discontent on an appropriate target. Parking Services should not be the target of your anger on this issue. They did not make the decision and do not have control over the situation.

Robert K. (Bob) Glenn, Ph. D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Apply the golden rule

To the Editor:

I have recently experienced something so sad that made me realize why some people might be discouraged from continuing their education at the college level.

After nearly three years at MTSU, I encountered a professor who dismissed his class 10 minutes into session because he felt frustrated at the class for having a lack of interest.

The figures for missing just one class in one day ranges between \$90 to well over \$150, depending on how many times you meet during the week.

I can't afford to waste that amount of money in one day. After the professor dismissed his class, I was extremely upset.

I feel I am a consumer of higher education, meaning, in a sense, I pay to employ the professor TO TEACH me.

While I am just as equally responsible to fulfill my obligations of what is expected from me in the classroom as a student, I also expect a professor to fulfill his or her role as a hired faculty member and instruct or teach.

To the professor who leaves or dismisses the class because he feels a little stressed: You just cheated me out of my money because you got a "little stressed."

Not only are you being paid to teach me, but, like a well-informed consumer, I've hired your time and patience as well.

To the professors who think they can get away with squandering my money because of their apathy, here's a reminder — check out the Golden Rule.

If you think it's ok to waste my money, then please resign.

Here's my plea to those professors: Let's stop the apathy in the classroom, motivate, and do what I've "hired" you to do — teach.

Maggie Sills
A concerned student

Women: Joo's testimony of sexual slavery moved and enlightened audience members

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The Japanese soldiers gave the women a torn army blanket and a dirty quilt.

"We huddled together like dogs, because that's how we were treated," Joo said.

The soldiers forbade them to speak their native language and assigned them Japanese names.

"My Japanese name was Haruko," said Hwang.

During the first year of being a Comfort Woman, she was passed around from officer to officer according to his rank, and then forced to have sex with the soldiers.

She was forced to have sex with 30-40 soldiers a day and on weekends the numbers would double. The women were never paid during the years of being Comfort Women.

"I was good for three things," said Hwang. "That was to have sex, translate for them and mend socks."

She was not permitted to write a letter home or take a walk away from the barracks because the soldiers would beat her.

Joo said the stench of the barracks was unbearable. The girls were usually fed a bowl of rice every two days.



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple / Staff

Jid Lee (left), chair of the National Women's History Month Committee, introduces Hwang Geum Joo (right), a survivor of sexual slavery during World War II.

The girls in her barracks were very young. Many were virgins, and most had not been menstruating for very long, if at all. Because of this, the girls who became pregnant were often not aware of their state. Daily injections of painkillers were toxic to the fetuses, causing the mothers to not only lose the babies, but also become sterile due to damaged uteruses.

The girls' bodies would be swollen from both the infections and the shots they received to kill the pain.

A girl was allowed to be sick only twice during her tenure as a Comfort Woman. Upon the

third sickness (if it prevented her from "performing"), a girl would either be taken away and never return, or she would be placed at the bottom of a pit and dead Japanese soldiers would be poured on top of her. The sick girl would eventually suffocate to death at the bottom of the mass grave.

Out of 20 women held at her barracks, eight survived. Joo was the only one strong enough to walk away.

In August 1945, on the day Korea was liberated from Japan, Joo walked to the 38th parallel — the line that divides North and South Korea — in only a pair of

old soldier's underwear and shoes that were tied to her feet with strings.

When she crossed the 38th parallel, she was sprayed with DDT to rid her of germs. Lice clung desperately to her hair, she said.

"The women told me to tell people what happened to them so our story could remain in history," Joo said.

She, like many of the other girls, became infected with numerous diseases from having unsanitary, unprotected sex with so many partners. It took her 10 years to overcome her sexually transmitted diseases by receiving a yearly injection of penicillin from the United States Army. The most horrific disease, gangrene of the uterus, was one of many Joo suffered.

One of the most shocking moments in Monday's lecture came when Joo pulled up her dress and showed the audience the scars and dents embedded in her stomach, the result of an operation she had to undergo to have her uterus removed.

The risky operation to remove her gangrenous uterus was performed by two doctors, one Korean and one American, who both believed there was lit-

tle chance Joo would survive. She told the doctors that death could be no worse than her condition, so she underwent the operation and was bedbound for three months. Doctors also had to remove a majority of her intestines because, as she explained, they were "rotten" from years of malnutrition.

After her release, she worked hard. She became the owner of a restaurant while raising three orphans.

But there are many lasting effects of her experiences. Joo remains leery of men and boys over five years old and feels uncomfortable in their presence because she constantly wonders "what they want from her."

She is unable to drink milk because of its resemblance to semen, and she can't eat bananas because they resemble a penis.

"This was moving, emotional and it made me angry to know that such events could take place," said Reuben Justice, a sophomore recording industry major. "It opened my eyes to the problems that exist in the world."

"I think what happened was extremely horrific. However, her story shows how strong the human spirit can be," said

Greyson Billingham, assistant coordinator for distance learning and a graduate student in business.

"It was very courageous of her to speak out about her experiences," said Yong Kim, a senior majoring in biology. "It's great to hear that something is being done about it."

A lawsuit filed against the Japanese government in December 2000 demands that survivors and their families be compensated and receive a public apology.

"Even if the Japanese give me half of Japan, they won't be able to make it up to me," said Joo. "I cannot get my youth back."

"This is a chapter of history that has been buried for almost four decades," said Lee. "They are just now becoming an international issue."

Efforts by the Japanese to remove all mention of the Comfort Women from history textbooks have been somewhat successful in Japan.

There were young girls from nine countries involved in the Japanese military's sexual slavery during the war. Today there are over 140 survivors from Korea alone, Joo said.◆

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By Charlene Callier

Staff Writer

Careers related to physics will be the topic when Victor J. Montemayor, professor of physics at MTSU, speaks as part of the Honors Lectures Series.

"To be a successful physics major, you must be at least competent with mathematics, computer programming, logical thinking, experimental techniques in the laboratory and oral and written communication," Montemayor said.

He will overview the types of jobs that physics graduates with undergraduate degrees tend to get and discuss what

Montemayor

research at an international institute is like.

The lecture will begin at 3 p.m. Monday in Peck Hall, Room 109.

Montemayor said physics graduates tend to be people who are hard workers, problem solvers, good thinkers and

communicators.

"These are the graduates who have the skills and competencies desired by many employers of their employees," Montemayor said.

He will talk about three types of careers that are inter-related, which are a physicist, researcher, and a teacher/university faculty member.

"I have chosen the career of university professor because it includes all three," Montemayor said. "I couldn't imagine doing anything else and being happy."

Montemayor received a degree in mathematics and a degree in physics from Bucknell University in

Pennsylvania. He earned his doctorate in the field of non-linear electromagnetic theory from the University of Toledo in Ohio.

In 1998, he received an Outstanding Teacher Award from MTSU, and in 1999, he received the Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award.

He is the author of *Discovering Physics: A Guide to Uncovering Some Basic tools and Insights to the Science* and a laboratory guide titled *Problems and Lab Activities for College Physics*.

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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
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Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Combined Progestogen only	0.1	3
IUD	-	3
Progestin	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponges	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol*. 1990;76:558-567.

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Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

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• if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

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- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
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- What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
- You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
 - a family history of breast cancer
 - an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
 - kidney disease
 - kidney disease
 - irregular or scanty menstrual periods
 - high blood pressure
 - migraine headaches
 - asthma
 - epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
 - diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two-thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unrecognized Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should see your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
1. Weight Gain

You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two-thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA:

1. Irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness, or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions
Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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MTSU Students performed at a poetry reading in the KUC, which included a special appearance by nationally acclaimed poet Steve Colman. (From left to right) Maya Nitis, Steve Colman, Jonathan Harrison and Denny McBride all performed original works in front of a live audience.

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I want to hear a poem...

'Slam poetry is a cross between Shakespeare and WWF Smackdown.'

By Brian Bartley
Features Editor

On March 13 the Keathley University Center held a spoken word concert featuring MTSU students and noted poet Steve Colman.

Colman tours the country with his own blend of hip-hop style poetry. He refers to himself as a slam poet and performs nationally. Slam poetry is an offspring of spoken word and is performed in contests that are judged by random members of the audience in attendance. Several films have been made about the subject — one of which *Slam* won an award for at the Sundance Film Festival in 1996.

"Slam poetry is a cross between Shakespeare and WWF Smackdown," Colman said.

Colman's poetry encompassed subjects such as his war-obsessed grandmother and his ex-

lover's "big butt." His set lasted close to an hour with several selections dealing with jilted love, feeling "blue" and the anxiety-free life of a child. Colman's show was a mixture of fast-paced poetry and comedic interludes about where he got the inspiration for his rhymes.

"My poetry covers everything from love to politics to social justice," Coleman said.

"It's about growing up with rap and old school hip-hop."

Colman has performed on stage with 10,000 Maniacs and Run DMC among others.

He was part of the 1998 national champion Nuyorican Poet's Slam Team, and has been featured on CNN and BET. He can also be seen on PBS' *TV411* as the grammar poet and is featured on *Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam*, slated to air on HBO later this year. He is the co-author of the book *Burning Down the House*, a collection of

poetry from the 1998 slam poet national champions. He also has a CD available through his Web site www.stevecolmanpoet.com. When not on tour, Colman teaches poetry in New York public schools to elementary and high school students.

Also performing were seven MTSU students who each took about five minutes to showcase their respective talents.

Denny McBride opened the show with several poems, including "Changing Seasons" and "The Immortals."

Tieria McMahon dramatically performed one poem about the "rape" of a neighborhood by commercialization.

Maya Nitis performed several poems, including a piece about a drug-addicted father's worries about his newborn child's deformed head. She also performed a poem that, among other

things, described the naked form of her lover who was also in attendance.

Shelley Barger performed several poems, including one about "a short fling in Minnesota."

Jonathan Harrison performed several poems covering subjects such as the current state of the environment and love.

Shawn Whitsell performed two poems, both of which conformed to the fast-paced slam poetry style rather than traditional spoken word poetry.

Finally, to wrap up the evening Aaron Setler performed an untitled poem that drew from such pop culture events as Kurt Cobain's suicide to O.J. Simpson's murder trial. He also performed a poem entitled "Bottle Rocket" which had an anatomical double meaning.

To learn more about slam poetry check out www.poetryslam.com. ♦

WELCOME TO THE HAPPY HOURS

By
Brian
Spencer
Staff Writer

Funky, groove-oriented beats and sounds always come to the forefront on the Saturday afternoon listening experience known as the "Happy Hours" with Nattymatty. To call this free form, two-hour jam session full of the best in hip-hop, electronic and jam music 'unique' would only be touching a tip of the iceberg that Nattymatty has engulfed his show in.

As a matter of fact, "Happy Hours" would probably melt that iceberg with its blazing rhythms and fiery, swooning beats.

Maui Mitchell, a 23-year-old from Hendersonville, TN, has successfully carved out his own niche in just one semester as a DJ on 88.3 WMTS.

"I consider myself a hip-hop hippie because I like the positive attitudes that are coming out in the expanding sound that is hip-hop," he says.

Positivity is definitely a central theme of "Happy Hours." Mitchell said that one of his goals is "striving for unity in the community," and he feels he

helps do that by combining all types of styles of music together on his wheels of steel. For example, one might hear the hazy sounds of Jimi Hendrix skillfully mixed with a Propellerheads joint.

"Jam bands and electronic music are really a unified entity in my opinion," says Mitchell. "Unified as far as people in both scenes like to get together and jam all night, regardless of any drug influences. People just get down and groove the same."

Various guests that drop in the studio regularly each week often compliment Nattymatty's skills as a live DJ. For example, last Saturday Nattymatty welcomed local MC Power into the station for a few hours of freestylin' and just generally getting down on the mic. Nattymatty explored all genres of beats on the ones and twos — from hip-hop and jungle to breakbeats and funk.

Don't worry, in case you missed this live excursion into fusion, "Happy Hours" is planning a four-hour, free form jazz and jungle marathon show this week that will include MC Power and other musicmakers live in the studio.

Nattymatty thoroughly vibed on being a college radio DJ,



Photo by Brian Spencer | Staff

Nattymatty prepares for "Happy Hours."

remarking on the strengths of non-commercial music.

"I use Napster a lot to get music that is good but maybe just hasn't been heard yet," he says. "College radio turns people onto new music and spreads the word about artists who haven't made it yet because of the monopolizing powers that be in the music industry."

So when you're in the mood for some high-powered funk, danceable and meditative electronics and groove-oriented beats, check out "Happy Hours" with Nattymatty on Saturday afternoons. ♦



London actors perform on campus

A drama group based at the University of Notre Dame will be performing *The Winter's Tale* in Tucker Theatre March 14-16.

The group known as Actors from the London Stage will perform the Shakespearean play without elaborate costumes or sets. Instead they will rely on gestures and changes

in voice to portray the numerous characters in the play.

The actors are well versed in classical theater, with experience at many of London's most prestigious theater troupes including the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Remaining show times for the play are at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Tickets are available at the door and are eight dollars per person. ♦



An art show featuring the art of Eric Philpott will be at the Red Rose Café March 15. The music of Joey Rositano will also be featured. The exhibit will remain at the Red Rose Café for two weeks. For more information e-mail atavistic66@hotmail.com.

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ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Thursday, March 15

Dr. Hank Mills from Alvin C. York Virginia Medical Center speaks on "Dysphagia" (swallowing disorders) in the BDA Room 216 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Part 1b of the holocaust documentary series SHOAH is shown at 4 p.m. in the KUC Theater.

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

The University of North Carolina's A Center for Theatre, Education and Research (ACTER) presents William Shakespeare's "The Winter Tale" at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre through March 16. For more information, call 898-2667, 898-2640 or 898-5898.

Monday, March 19

Vic Montemayor, a professor of physics, speaks at the "Careers: Choices and Challenges" Honors Lecture Series in Peck Hall Room 109A from 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.

MTSU Films presents Dancer in the Dark at 7 p.m.

and 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the KUC Theater. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 898-2551.

Tuesday, March 20

Part 11a of the holocaust documentary series SHOAH is shown at 4 p.m. in the KUC Theater.

The Social Work Forum is sponsoring an open house in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The topic of discussion is "A World Without Social Workers." For more information, contact Stacey Boraski at 898-5053.

Bring a bag lunch to the "Stress Management, The Workplace and Massage Therapy" lecture from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the BAS Sun Trust Room. The speaker is Oceana Glantz, L.M.T.

Tuesday, March 22

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a Free Legal Clinic from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Part 11b of the holocaust documentary series SHOAH is shown at 4 p.m. in the KUC Theater.

ONGOING EVENTS

The KUC Art Cube displays a Women's History Month Group Exhibition through March 30.

The MTSU Fencing Club teaches a beginning class on basketball court No. 6 in the Rec Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. through May. For information, contact Stuart Bernstein at 898-5998.

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

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

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Nick's Picks

South

Round 1

Seed 1 Michigan St. (24-4) vs. Seed 16 Alabama St. (22-8)
Tom Izzo leads the troops into what will be easy opening round game. **Pick: Michigan State**

Seed 8 California (20-10) vs. Seed 9 Fresno St. (25-6)
How did Cal even get into the tournament and at an eight seed, Bulldogs win. **Pick: Fresno State**

Seed 5 Virginia (20-8) vs. Seed 12 Gonzaga (24-6)
Gonzaga, everyone's favorite upset pick, will not disappoint here. **Pick: Gonzaga**

Seed 4 Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Seed 13 Indiana St. (21-11)
Larry Bird's alma mater has no chance against the Big 12 champ Oklahoma. **Pick: Oklahoma**

Seed 6 Texas (25-8) vs. Seed 11 Temple (21-12)
The Longhorns should win against the slumping Owls offense. **Pick: Texas**

Seed 3 Florida (23-6) vs. Seed 14 Western Kentucky
Sun Belt Champion WKU will see bombs raining in from 3-point range that they can't stop. **Pick: Florida**

Seed 7 Penn State (19-11) vs. Seed 10 Providence (21-9)
Penn St. has been lucky of late, but watch for the Providence big men to dominate inside. **Pick: Providence**

Seed 2 North Carolina (25-6) vs. Seed 15 Princeton (16-10)
The Tar Heels look to better last year's effort when they reached the Final Four as an eight. **Pick: UNC**

Round 2

Seed 1 Michigan State vs. Seed 9 Fresno State
Michigan State is great, but Fresno State is ready to make everyone's bracket all messy. **Pick: Fresno State**



Seed 12 Gonzaga vs. Seed 4 Oklahoma
The Zags and Casey Calvary will end any hopes of a football and basketball championship. **Pick: Gonzaga**



Seed 6 Texas vs. Seed 3 Florida
Texas won't get any help with Florida, as it did with the Presidential race. **Pick: Florida**



Seed 10 Providence vs. Seed 2 North Carolina
UNC will have to play well to beat the upset-minded Friars. **Pick: North Carolina**



Midwest

Round 1

Seed 1 Illinois (24-7) vs. Seed 16 Northwestern St.
Whoever wins the playoff game will at least have one win in the tournament. **Pick: Illinois**

Seed 8 Tennessee (22-10) vs. Seed 9 Charlotte (21-10)
The Vols will have to play a whole lot better than they have been playing of late to win. **Pick: Tennessee**

Seed 5 Syracuse (24-8) vs. Seed 12 Hawaii (17-13)
The Orangemen should dominate the Rainbow Warriors easily. **Pick: Syracuse**

Seed 4 Kansas (24-6) vs. Seed 13 Cal State Northridge (22-9)
Kansas has a height advantage over most of the teams they will play. **Pick: Kansas**

Seed 6 Notre Dame (19-9) vs. Seed 11 Xavier (21-7)
Troy Murphy leads the Irish into what could be an early exit. **Pick: Notre Dame**

Seed 3 Ole Miss (25-7) vs. Seed 14 Iona (22-10)
Does anyone else think that Ole Miss isn't as good as some of the other No. 3 seed s? **Pick: Iona**

Seed 7 Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Seed 10 Butler (23-7)
The team that should have won against Florida last year looks to butt heads with Wake. **Pick: Wake Forest**

Seed 2 Arizona (23-7) vs. Seed 15 Eastern Illinois (21-9)
Come on, when was the last time an OVC team beat anyone outside their conference? **Pick: Arizona**

Round 2

Seed 1 Illinois vs. Seed 8 Tennessee
Tennessee could have a shot if they are playing up to par, but they haven't in a while. **Pick: Illinois**



Seed 5 Syracuse vs. Seed 4 Kansas
The Jayhawks will kill the defenseless Orangemen without leader Preston Shumpert. **Pick: Kansas**



Seed 6 Notre Dame vs. Seed 14 Iona
The Cinderella story will end with the luck of the Irish. **Pick: Notre Dame**



Seed 7 Wake Forest vs. Seed 2 Arizona
Loren Woods looks for revenge against his former team and should get it. **Pick: Arizona**



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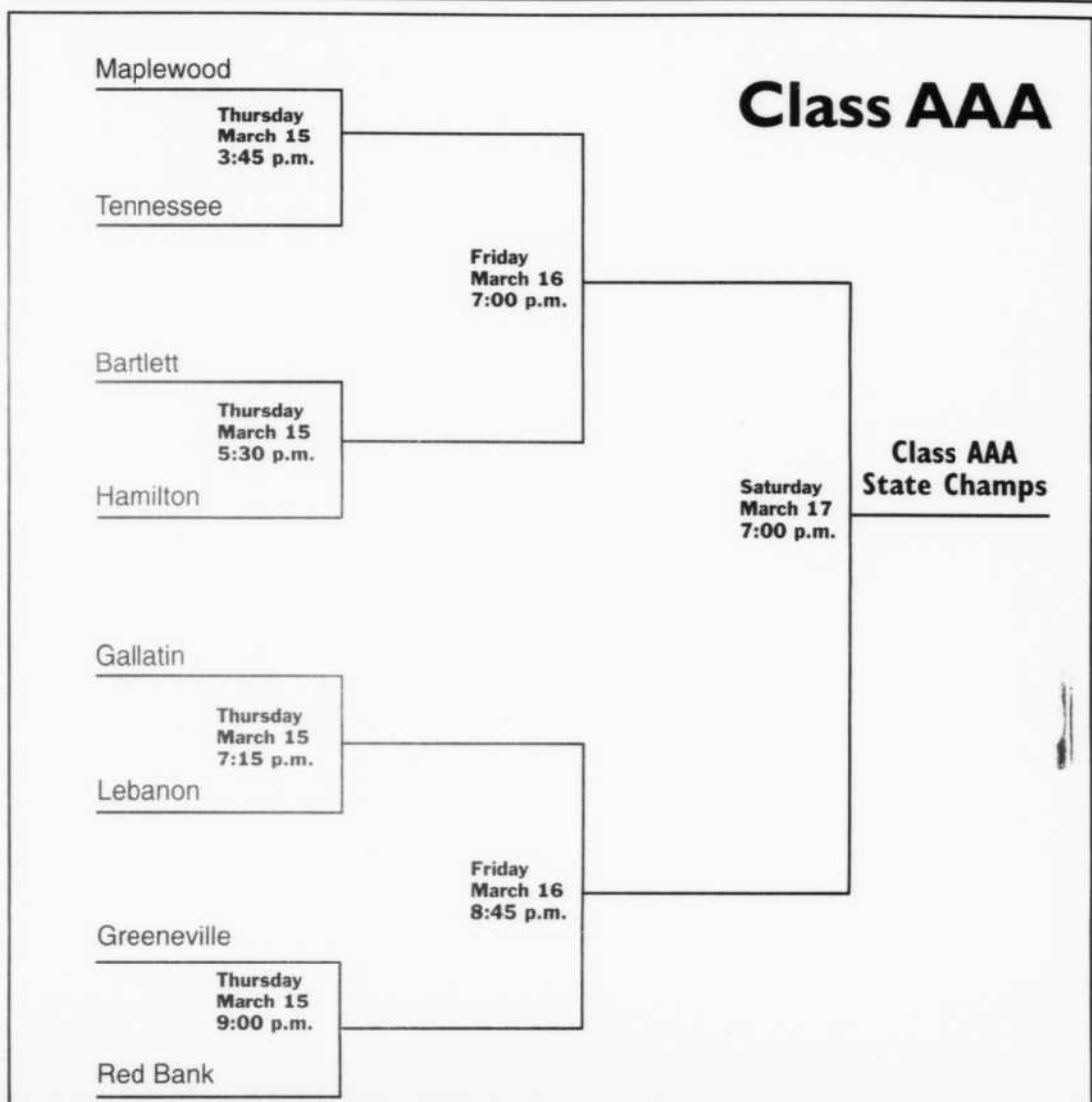
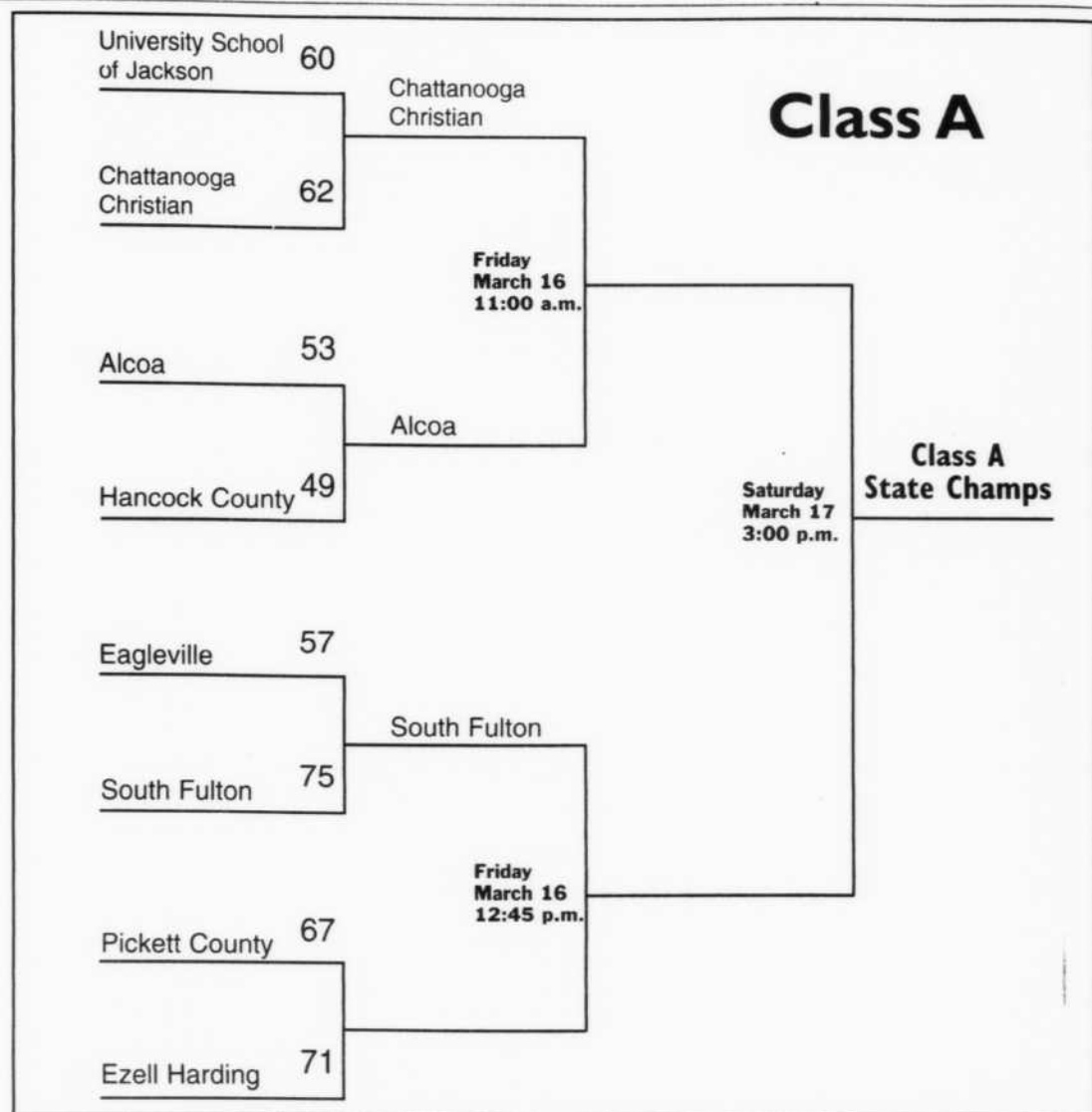
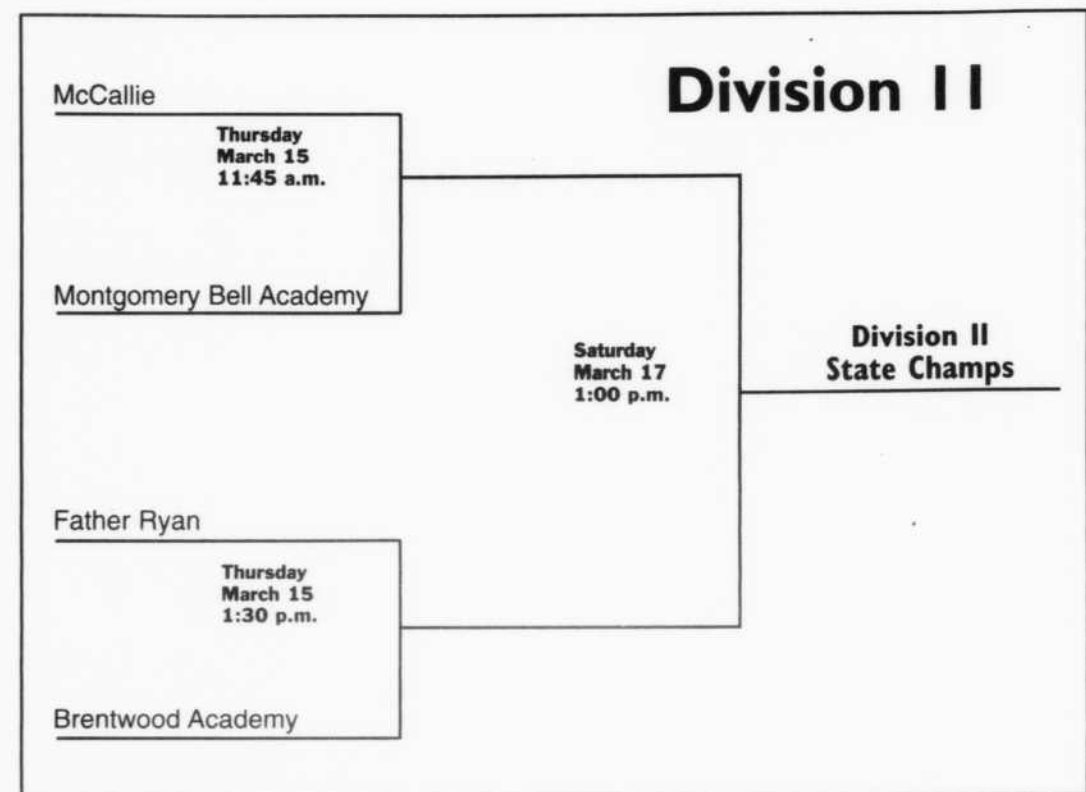
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The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor



Golf

Middle Tennessee's men's golf team shot a 613 Tuesday to stand in 15th place following the first two rounds of play at the Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla.

Coach Johnny Moore's Blue Raiders opened the tournament firing a 314 before improving 15 strokes in the afternoon, shooting a 299.

Virginia led the tournament through the first two rounds with a 573.

Freshman Andy Vaughn paced the Blue Raiders with a two round total of 150 (74-76), while Dane Randle fired a 155 (82-73) and J.R. Wade countered with a 156 (85-71).

The Blue Raiders played in the final round Wednesday. Results were unavailable at press time.

Opening the Sun Belt

The Blue Raiders will host "Tallahoma Night" in honor of the team's Tallahoma players next Friday for the Sun Belt Conference against New Orleans.

Junior Dewon Brazleton (4-0) is slated to pitch. His 0.31 earned run average is the lowest on the team.

Senior Josh Renick is leading the team in batting average with .422.

Middle Tennessee's baseball broadcast package gets underway this weekend in Arkansas State. The games will be available on WMTS 88.3 FM and online at GoBlueRaiders.com.

TSSAA

The Chattanooga Christian Chargers dropped the University School Bruins 62-60 in opening round play of the TSSAA tournament.

Jason Holwerda went 8-for-20 from the field for 23 points and six rebounds. Martin Trinew scored 18 points on 7-of-14 shooting to help lead the Chargers to their 25th victory on the season.

Jeff Bentson for USJ shot 11-for-18 from the field for a game high 29 points, playing all 32 minutes of the game.

The Bruins' Andy Metcalf grabbed 14 boards in the losing effort.

The Alcoa Tornados upset the Hancock Indians 53-49 in Class A play later in the day. The Indians lost only their second game of the season, as Alcoa won their 28th game on the season and will continue to the second round on Friday.

Alcoa will play Chattanooga Christian Friday.

South Fulton blew out Eagleville in the third of four Class A games, 75-57.

Chris Jennings dropped 25 points while Trey Person scored 22 for the Red Devils.

The Eagleville Eagles shot 50 percent on the game, but it still wasn't enough to overcome South Fulton.

Ezell-Harding survived a squeaker, defeating Pickett County 39-38 in the final game of the first round of Class A play. Both teams played just six players each in their struggle.

South Fulton will play Ezzell-Harding tomorrow at 12:45 p.m. ♦

Raiders win by a touchdown, 21-14

MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee baseball team knew when they got to Ken Dugan Field on Tuesday that the game against Lipscomb had the potential to be interesting. That would prove to be an understatement as the Blue Raiders plated 14 runs in the last three innings against the

Bisons to outlast their opponents 21-14.

With the wind blowing out to left field at about 20 miles an hour, the Blue Raiders blasted five homers and rapped out a school record 28 hits in a school record 53 at-bats.

"It was a Wrigley Field kind of day," said head coach Steve Peterson. "With the wind blow-

ing out like this we knew that anything could happen and, for the most part, it did."

The Blue Raiders got off to a good start, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning, but the Bisons served notice early that they would not go away quietly.

Bison leadoff hitter Chris Parker smacked the first of his

two homers to start the home half of the opening frame and his team went on to plate three more runs to charge ahead of the Blue Raiders 4-2 when the first inning finally ended.

The scoring reopened for both squads in the third inning. Marshall Nisbett led off with a single and Brandon Johnson slugged a one-out homer over

the left field wall to knot the score at four.

Lipscomb rallied in the bottom of the inning after a leadoff walk to catcher Miguel Ramirez and a subsequent balk from Blue Raider starter John Williams. With two outs it looked like the Blue Raiders

See Baseball, 8



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Amanda Kendall pitches during the Middle Tennessee Invitational. She pitched the Lady Raiders only victory during the tournament over Belmont.

Lady Raiders look for offensive output

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider softball team seeks to put everything together this weekend.

Middle Tennessee has gotten great pitching from Jennifer Martinez and Stacy Praytor all season long. Both pitchers threw shutouts this past weekend against Belmont.

Defensively, Middle struggled a bit in the Middle Tennessee Invitational. The defense committed five errors in four games during that tournament. Last weekend, the Lady Raiders had one error in two games.

The offense continued to struggle against Belmont, but did show occasional signs that

they might come around. Kip Phillips went 4-for-5 in the leadoff spot this past weekend. Coach Karen Green has tried to use her team's speed to manufacture runs and get the offense going.

Green prefers the power game but lately has turned to the short game and her speed to produce runs. She added quickness in the off-season, but says power should still be a factor.

This weekend, the Winthrop Ringor Tournament in Rock Hill, S.C., brings distinctly different opponents:

Southern Mississippi (14-8) finished fourth in the College World Series last season. They present an offensive attack that uses both speed and power. Junior Kenya Peters leads the

power attack for Southern Mississippi. She has a .636 slugging percentage with seven home runs, 13 RBIs, and 42 total bases.

Leading the speed part of the offensive attack is Kristie Martin. She bats .341 and has a team high eight stolen bases.

Pitching is another strong suit for Southern Miss. Their two pitchers have identical 7-4 records. Felicia Gonzales has an impressive 112 strikeouts and only 39 base on balls to go with a 1.66 earned run average.

Melissa Cundiff posts a 1.78 ERA with 63 Ks and 16 walks.

Elon, on the other hand, is a struggling team. They have lost their last five games and nine out of their last 11.

A lineup built for speed and

a solid pitching rotation describe Kent State's team.

"Pitching and defense will be the strengths this year," Kent State coach Karen Linder said of her expectations. "We'll also need to use our speed to manufacture runs."

Kent State features three prominent offensive players. Le Ann Fonner leads the team with a .516 batting average. She also has a slugging percentage over 500. Lea Dorto boasts a .853 slugging percentage with four home runs, eight RBIs, and 29 total bases. Megan McGaughey comes in with a .357 batting average and .500 slugging percentage.

Pitching depth helps Kent also. They feature five pitchers, three of which see most of the

time. Kate Leary sees the most time on the mound. She has a 2.57 ERA with 24 strikeouts and a 1-2 record. Tracie Logar has a 2-1 record with a 2.04 ERA. Taylor Fleming also sees a good amount of time on the mound. She post a 3.94 ERA and a 1-1 record.

"Last year pitching was a problem because we didn't have depth," Linder said. "This year, pitching will be a strength."

Pitching has been rock solid for the Lady Raiders, but the offensive must produce in order for Middle to be successful this weekend. ♦

MT places 3rd despite rainy conditions

Staff Reports

Despite a two hour rain delay, the Middle Tennessee tennis team came in third in the HEB Invitational on Sunday.

Middle not only had to con-

tend with rain but also with a missing team captain and top doubles player Mark Pellerin. He is trying to recover from mononucleosis.

The Blue Raiders took third place after a 4-1 defeat of

University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Middle won two doubles matches to win the doubles point. They were leading five of the six singles matches when the rain came.

Oliver Foreman, Daniel

Klemetz, and Michael Staniak each won their singles matches for Middle. Another singles win by Kirk Jackson clinched the victory for the Blue Raiders. Robert Gustafsson was the only one to lose a match to the

Rebels.

Middle's record improves to 9-3. Their next match is noon Sunday at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center against Troy State. ♦



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Sportscast

FRIDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders at Arkansas St.
Jonesboro, Ark., 7 p.m.

Softball

Winthrop Ringor Tournament
Rock Hill, S.C.
TBA

SATURDAY

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders vs. Murray St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., noon

Baseball

Blue Raiders at Arkansas St.
Jonesboro, Ark., 2 p.m.

Softball

Winthrop Ringor Tournament
Rock Hill, S.C.
TBA

SUNDAY

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders vs. Troy St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 11 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders vs. Troy St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., TBA

Baseball

Blue Raiders at
Arkansas St.
Jonesboro, Ark., 1 p.m.

Softball

Winthrop Ringor Tournament
Rock Hill, S.C.
TBA

TUESDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. UAB
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Samford
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.