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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Religious group to have open house

The Latter-day Saint Student Association is having an open house to inform the general public about the beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The open house will be held April 7 from 4-7 p.m. in the Hazlewood Dining Room in the James Union Building.

For more information about LASSA, contact Jason Poole at jep2m@mtsu.edu.

Lyceum presents alchemy lecture

Alchemy, according to herbal medicine maker Jim Callaway, is more than transmuting lead into gold.

Callaway will present a lecture on alchemy in the 21st century as a part of the Honors College Spring 2004 Lyceum. An MTSU professor, Callaway uses techniques of spagyric alchemy in the preparation of botanical extracts.

Students, faculty and members of the community are invited to attend the lecture today at 3 p.m. in the Honors College Amphitheatre.

For more information, contact the Honors College at 898-2152.

Sorority to host hot wing tasting

Kappa Delta sorority will be hosting its Wing Flying Saturday in the parking lot of the Murphy Center from noon until 3 p.m. During the Wing Fling, eight local restaurants and fraternities will donate chicken wings to be tasted by the people of the community. After tasting the wings, they will then vote who has the "Best Wings in Murfreesboro."

Eighty percent of the proceeds collected will remain in Murfreesboro, benefiting the Exchange Club Family Center of Rutherford County. The remaining 20 percent will go to Prevent Child Abuse America, the sorority's national philanthropy, for nationwide public awareness programs.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in the Keathley University Center all week or at the event. The money raised will benefit Kappa Delta's philanthropic efforts.

Rock 'n' roll camp benefit tomorrow

Women for Women's annual Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp will have its first benefit show Friday. Forget Cassettes, Michael Acree and Ghostfinger will perform at 9 p.m. at Wall Street. Cover is \$5.

Registration for campers and volunteers begins tomorrow. Application forms are at www.mtsu.edu/w4w. There is a regular meeting for Women for Women today at 4:30 p.m. in the June Anderson Women's Center. Interested students are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Kelley Anderson at kba2c@mtsu.edu.

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ELECTION HOLDUP

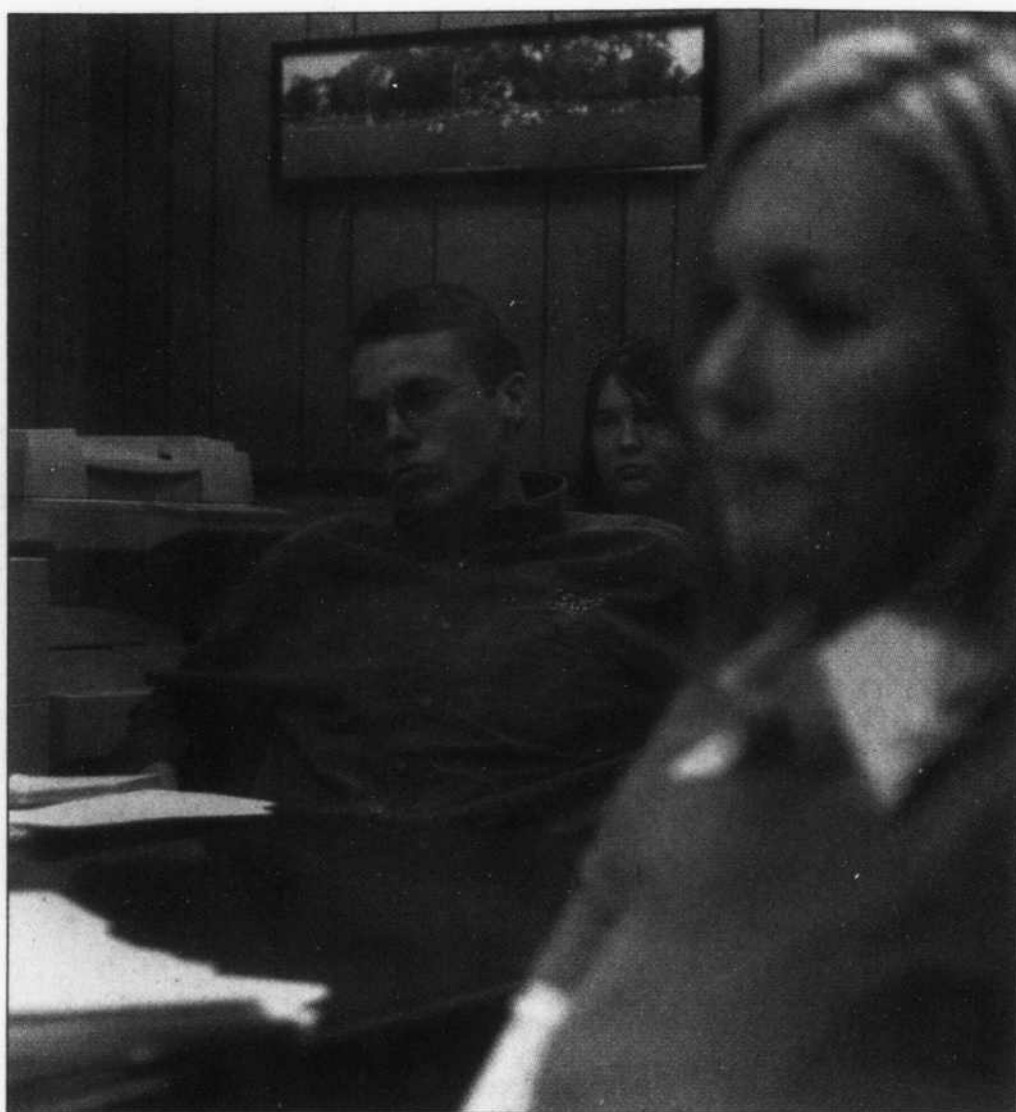


Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Student Government Association presidential candidate Matt Chapman, left, and Election Commissioner Brittany Rogers, right, listen during a judicial board hearing yesterday. Chapman appealed a recent Election Commission ruling that sought to punish him for posting his campaign Web site early, violating the electoral act. The board denied Chapman's appeal.

Board shoots down candidate's appeal

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

The Student Government Association judicial board upheld yesterday the Election Commission's decision to reprimand SGA presidential candidate Matt Chapman for publishing his campaign Web site early.

Chapman's site was up two days before campaigning could officially begin, and SGA

received a complaint from a student, Jessica Foster, March 4, indicating Chapman had violated the electoral act.

The Election Commission investigated the complaint and ordered Chapman to take the Web site down March 15.

Chapman said that Gene Fitch, assistant vice president for Student Life, allowed him to keep the site up until his appeal was heard

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Election results not released

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

The Student Government Association spring 2004 election results have not been released as of press time.

According to Election Commissioner Brittany Rogers, the results will be released once it is determined whether presidential candidate Matt Chapman

violated the electoral act.

Rogers said there was an increase in voter turnout this year, with a total of 2,666 votes counted.

"It was a raise from last semester and the prior spring semester," Rogers said.

Rogers said she doesn't think that the controversy surrounding Chapman's campaign sullied the elections, which were held

March 16-18.

"I don't think the students really saw it, but I think there were some personal concerns with the proceedings that are still going on," Rogers said.

"I don't think it affected anyone's campaign."

New officers will be announced once the Election Commission certifies the results, Rogers said. ♦

Mass Comm logo contest ends in April

All students
can submit ideas

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

The College of Mass Communication is looking for a new logo design, and the university wants students to design it.

Students from any college are encouraged to submit graphic designs for the chance to win \$300 and recognition.

"I think it's a great way for students to learn about images and how they reflect businesses and organizations," said Ray Wong, media design professor and director of the competition.

Students have until April 30 to submit designs, which will then be judged by faculty members and professional art directors from Nashville.

Although Wong has not received any submissions yet, he said that this competition has garnered a lot of attention in the college.

"A lot of faculty members are expressing interest," Wong said.

Students must have a faculty sponsor for their designs, but many Mass Comm faculty members are requiring students to create logos to submit as a class project.

Dean Anantha Babbili said he hopes the competition will inspire in students a sense of ownership and pride in the college.

"We could have gone to commercial design for the logo, but I wanted students to be a part of the process," Babbili said. "They are the most important asset to this college."

"Leaving them out of such a project would be unjustifiable, in my opinion," Babbili said.

A list of guidelines for submissions dictates that the words "College of Mass Communication" and "MTSU" must be included in the graphic. The logo also needs to encompass artistically all the departments in the college.

Wong said he anticipates some difficulty in finding a logo that would incorporate all the programs under the college, such as journalism, recording industry and electronic media communication.

"It's a hard college to come up with a design, due to the diversity of the departments," Wong said.

Babbili suggested focusing

MASS COMM LOGO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline: April 30

Logo designs should:

- Include the words "College of Mass Communication" and "MTSU."
- Be adaptable to multiple uses (stationery, nametags, program book cover, etc.).
- Reflect diversity of interests within the college.
- Retain a sense of balance when typographic elements are removed.
- Be reproducible in solid tones using up to two colors.
- Not use copyrighted artwork or photos.
- Use MTSU Blue (PMS 300).

Format:

- Designs should be submitted on letter-sized format with main image no smaller than 4"x4". Include at the bottom on the same sheet the logo reduced to no larger than 1"x1". Do not mount the entries.

Judging:

- Logos will be reviewed by professionals.
- Designs will be evaluated based on appropriateness and effectiveness.

E-MAIL RWONG@MTSU.EDU.

on the major themes of the college, most notably free expression.

"The common theme running through all our disciplines is the basis for the fundamental democracy of the United States and that is free expression," Babbili said.

Wong's advice for students interested in submitting logos for the competition is to simplify the design.

"Less is more in terms of approach to design," Wong said. "That phrase is very applicable here."

Students can mail designs to 1301 E. Main Street, MTSU Box 51, Murfreesboro TN, 37132, or submit them via Acrobat portable document files to rwong@mtsu.edu. All entries need to include the student's name, address and faculty sponsor.

For complete details about the competition, contact Wong at 898-5301. ♦

Play pokes fun at female athlete clichés

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

Sweating isn't becoming of a woman.

At least, that's the sentiment Jane Curry pokes fun at in a one-woman play she wrote. She performed the play *Nice Girls Don't Sweat* at Tucker Theatre March 17.

In this play, Curry—a former academic who writes and performs her own one-woman works—portrays Sammy Kay Knight, who is giving an interview to a news reporter about her life. The audience plays the part of the reporter, listening to "Sammy Kay" ramble from one subject to the next as she humorously reflects on the historical treatment of female athletes.



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Jane Curry performs as Sammy Kay Knight, an athlete who faces obstacles because she's a woman. Curry has performed her one-woman plays since 1983.

she quipped.

Knight discussed everything from when she was an All-American Red-head to high school gym class. The Red-heads were a team of female basketball players from 1936 to 1986 who traveled the country.

She said they were often compared to the Harlem Globetrotters because of the trick moves they played, only the women didn't travel with an

letes.

Throughout the play, Knight would show photographs from her scrapbook to the reporter, which the audience could see as a slideshow. There were prob-

lems with the slideshow early in the production, but Curry stayed in character, placing blame on the reporter.

"Your editor sent you out here without good equipment?"

opposing team. They played men's teams all over the country. Knight said they didn't win all the time, but they rarely lost.

Knight even took time to discuss apples.

"It's kind of a wonder that women eat apples at all," she said. "What with all the trouble they've gotten us into over the years."

Knight then talked about the history of women in sports.

In the early days there seemed to be a fear, from the male half of the species, that if women exercised or played games they may "overexert" themselves, she said.

Housework was perfectly fine, Knight said. There was

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BRIEFS CONT'D

Fraternity to hold annual MS walk

Sigma Nu Fraternity will hold its annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk on Saturday afternoon. All students, faculty and local residents are welcome to participate, or come out and take part in the festivities. All proceeds go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

For more information, contact Clay Kennedy at commander@sigmanumt-su.com

Kappa Sigma hosting pig roast

The brothers of Kappa Sigma invite everyone to attend their annual Pig Roast Saturday at their old house located behind O'Charley's Restaurant. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 on location. The Panhellenic sororities will be participating in the event. The sorority that sells the most tickets for the event will receive all proceeds. The event begins at 1 p.m. For more information, contact President Ben Sellers at bms2d@mtsu.edu.

Greeks to host golf tournament

The MTSU Greek Life Scramble Golf Tournament 2004 will be held April 17, at Indian Hills Golf Course, with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Four-person teams are needed, said Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life. The team entry fee is \$300. All proceeds will go toward building a new playground at Womack Lane. There will be prizes for the winners.

For more information, contact Godwin at 615-898-5996 or greeks@mtsu.edu.

Phi Chi plans philanthropy week

Phi Chi Sorority will hold events next week to benefit the Breathe Better Foundation.

Monday is game night, beginning at 7 p.m. in Peck Forest. Wednesday is the Bee Better, Breathe Better event from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the second floor of the KUC.

The sorority will accept donations and those who give money will have their names written on paper bees and displayed. Thursday is band night at the Boro Bar and Grill, beginning at 9 p.m. Cover is \$7.

Psych department to honor students

The annual awards for outstanding students enrolled in the psychology department will be given tomorrow in the James Union Building at 5:15 p.m.

Thirteen students from Tennessee counties are receiving awards for excellence in graduate assistantship, outstanding seniors and scholarship awardees.

For more information, contact the department of psychology at 898-2706. ♦

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Luck o' The Rogues



The Rogues, a Celtic music band, perform March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – in the Honors College Building.

Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Sweat: Curry performs one-woman plays around country

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nothing wrong with a woman raising a family and constantly cleaning a house, but running or playing sports was taboo and unladylike.

Arguments were made that women had weaker skeletal structures. Others claimed that women riding bikes could suffer from enlarged calves and suffer injuries that may harm their ability to propagate the species.

Some people tried to keep girls out of Little League by saying young girls had weaker bones than boys. Medical evidence shows that girls were actually more developed than boys of a similar age.

"Another case of beautiful theory ruined

by ugly fact," Curry, acting as Knight, said sarcastically.

Towards the end of the presentation, she showed a number of pictures in her slideshow while "A New Attitude" by Patti LaBelle played in the background. The slideshow included pictures of famous female Olympians, women playing golf, swimming, rock climbing, bowling and crossing the Antarctic.

When it came time to end the interview, Knight began talking about the faculty basketball game in which she was preparing to play.

She mentioned that she was a bit concerned some of the younger members may outplay her before displaying her own

amazing and undiminished dribbling skills, sending the audience into cheers and fits of laughter.

"This is one Hoosier who is fixing to set up a considerable, womanly sweat," she said, punctuating each of the last words with a dribble of her basketball.

Curry has been performing her plays since 1983, and has been to 47 states, Israel and Japan.

The event was sponsored by June Anderson Women's Center, the Women's study program, the Women's History Month Committee and the Women for Women Organization. ♦

Appeal: Chapman defends publishing site early

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yesterday.

"The reason it was up early was because I was coordinating with my Web designer," Chapman explained.

However, the issue in front of the Judicial Board yesterday was whether it was fair for the Election Commission to charge Chapman with a violation, serve as a trial jury and then issue punishment.

"The Election Commission was acting like the police, judge and jury all rolled into one," Chapman told the Judicial Board. "I believe there is an error in the due process and it prejudiced the outcome."

Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner, defended the commission's decision and used a number of court cases that supported her position.

The Judicial Board deliberated after hearing both arguments and came back with their decision to support the election commission.

"The Election Commission will have to reconvene and discuss the matter and decide whether we want to pursue the fact that the Web site was never taken down or just let it go," Rogers said.

She said she hoped the issue would be resolved by the end of the week.

"I still do not feel that this can disqualify me because I was given permission from Dr. Fitch to have my Web site up," Chapman said. ♦

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Motorcycle helmet law advancing in Legislature

By Amber McDowell
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Some motorcyclists would be allowed to ride Tennessee roads without wearing helmets under legislation approved by a key Senate committee on Tuesday.

The Senate Finance Committee voted 8-1 in favor of the bill, sending it on for consideration by the full chamber.

The measure has not yet been scheduled for debate this year in any House committee.

State law requires that all motorcyclists wear helmets on Tennessee roads. This bill would allow drivers age 25 or older who meet certain other requirements to travel without them.

Sponsored by Sen. Tim Burchett, R-Knoxville, the bill would require motorcyclists to register with the Department of

Safety, where they would present both proof of age and proof of private health insurance. They also would be required to take a motorcycle safety course.

Once approved, riders could receive a "special designation" on their driver's licenses they could present if pulled over by police.

Registration would cost \$15, with \$5 of that paying for costs associated with the process and

the remaining \$10 going to the state's Brain Injury Fund. A rider's failure to report the cancellation of his insurance would result in a misdemeanor charge.

Sen. Jim Kyle, who brought an amendment stiffening the requirements, said the registration process would keep the state from having to pay health care costs associated with accidents involving uninsured riders.

"The concern from the TennCare bureau is someone having an accident without a helmet and (the state) being out a lot of money," Kyle, D-Memphis, said.

Nelson Biddle, a lobbyist in favor of the change, told the committee the age limit also would "eliminate younger riders riding crotch rockets ... because a certain amount of maturity is required to make the decision to

ride without a helmet."

Currently, some 20 states — along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico — require all drivers to wear helmets, Roland Colson of the Department of Safety told the committee. There are 27 others with age limits similar to those Tennessee is considering, he said.

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Draft motions stalled, Guardsmen on watch

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

The issue of reinstating the draft is discussed within government and the general public these days, bolstered by the Pentagon, by bills in Congress and by campaign speeches which have focused public attention on the issue.

Bills to reinstate the draft are stalled in committees of both houses of Congress. These bills could be introduced on the floor and passed with short notice, should an emergency call for such action.

In the fall notice was posted on the Department of Defense Web site that caught the attention of media outlets. "Serve your community and the nation," the Web site read. "Become a Selective Service System local board member."

The notice was posted in September 2003, but removed shortly after the Associated Press, the BBC and other media wrote in November 2003 about the possibility of a draft being reinstated.

Within its annual performance plan for 2004, the defense department calls for its "manpower delivery system" to be running fully within 75 days, instead of the former six month time to ramp up.

In addition, the Department of Defense has already established a "special skills draft" targeting medics, nurses and physicians in the event of a national emergency. A special skills draft for linguists and computer experts is also in the planning stages, according to Richard Flahavan, a Selective Service System spokesman who spoke to the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

A newer notice on the Department of Defense Web site clarified Flahavan's comments and put the question of reinstatement of the draft to rest for the moment.

"Selective Service is not getting ready to conduct a draft for the U.S. Armed Forces — either with a special skills or regular

draft. Rather, the Agency remains prepared to manage a draft if and when the President and the Congress so direct."

"I really don't see a lot of impetus for it," said John Vile, chairman of the department of political science at MTSU. If there were a dire emergency and we needed 10 million people, maybe ..."

So then, there is no draft in the works.

However, presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich noted in a campaign speech that there are thousands of troops that are being forced to remain in the military that would otherwise be retiring or leaving. They remain because of stop-loss orders issued by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and, at least in Kucinich's opinion, those orders constitute a draft.

The authority for the stop-loss orders was granted to the Pentagon by Congress right after the Vietnam War and such orders have been issued before, first during the Gulf War in 1991 and immediately after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Because of the long deployments and stop-loss orders, the burden born by the United States' all-volunteer forces has become a difficult burden, according to Gov. Phil Bredesen.

"There are guardsmen who have had to file bankruptcy for example because of their loss of high paying jobs [by] having to go overseas," Bredesen told the *Oak Ridger* newspaper in February.

He recently extended an executive order to provide special paid leave to state employees called into active duty with the guard or reserve forces. "They and their families shouldn't be asked to sacrifice financially in order to defend our state and nation," Bredesen said.

Bredesen also told the *Oak Ridger* that several governors addressed President George W. Bush on the issue of year-long deployments for guard and

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170,465

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53,816

Dec. 26, 2001
61,912

Sept. 28, 2001
16,700

reserve forces which depletes in-state reserve forces needed in times of emergency, and whittles away at local public services since many are firefighters, police officers and emergency health workers.

Expressing concern over a mass exodus of volunteer weekend warriors, Mark Sanford, the Republican governor of South Carolina and a member of the Air Force Reserves said, "We've got a real retention issue. You're going to see just an emptying when people's tickets are up."

That worry is mirrored by former Reagan-era assistant secretary of defense Lawrence J. Korb who is now a senior fellow with the Center for American Progress.

"The war against Iraq will cause several long-term problems

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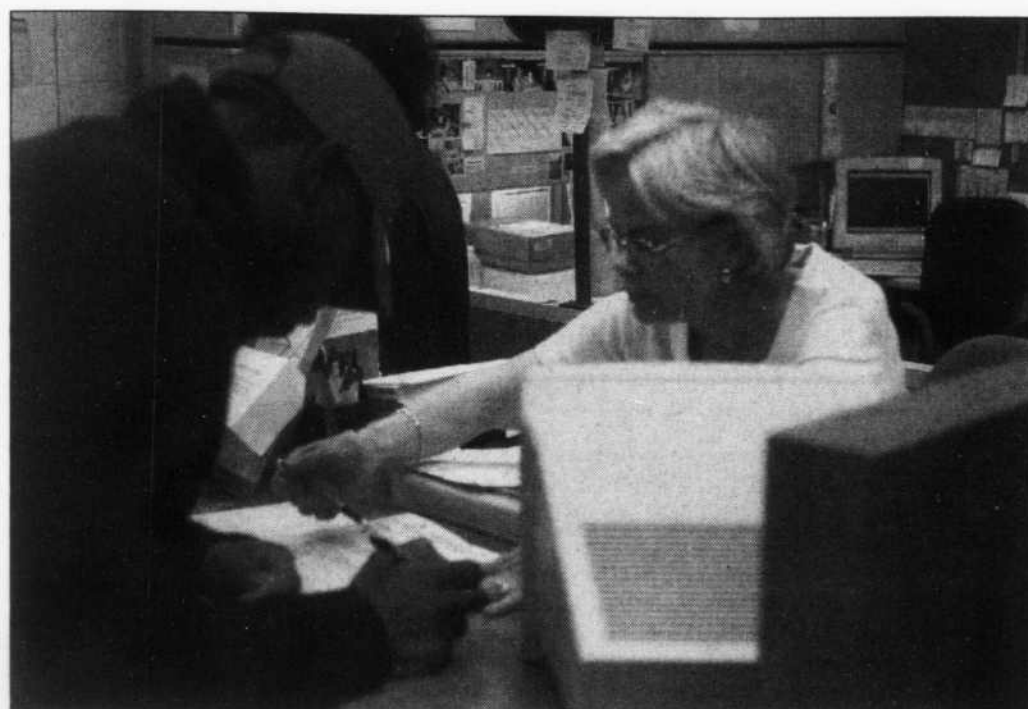


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Marcus Avant, a senior industrial and organizational psychology major, speaks with JoAnn Eskew, secretary of financial aid.

Pell grant funding sees no increase for 04-05 year

By Melissa Bowman
Asst. State and Local Editor

Students receiving Pell grants nationwide will not be seeing any more money for the next academic year, regardless of increases in tuition.

President Bush signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act in January, freezing the maximum 2004-2005 Pell award at \$4,050 per year, unchanged from the current amount and only \$50 more than the previous academic year.

On Thursday, the House of Representatives, after approving the Budget Resolution for the upcoming year, defeated an amendment that would have added \$3.7 billion to Pell funding.

The inconsistency between college tuition increases and Pell funds disappoints local U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon.

"College tuition costs have increased ... more than 40 percent over the past decade and about 14 percent in the past year alone," he said in a March 12 press release. "And the purchasing power of Pell grants to cover costs like tuition, fees and room and board is much less than ... when I was a student."

According to David Chambers, associate director of financial aid at MTSU, 61 percent of MTSU students are receiving some form of financial aid, and 5,300 of those students are receiving Pell grants totaling \$13.5 million.

"Our [Pell grant] dollar amount has gone

up about a million dollars each of the last two or three years," Chambers said. But this increase is the result of increased enrollment, not greater Pell contributions.

Pell grants are federal awards based on a student's financial need and, according to Chambers, the "cornerstone" of college funding.

"Giving our children the opportunity to attend college shouldn't mean saddling them with an inordinate amount of debt," Gordon said. "Pell grants ... are means by which low-income students can attend college and get the skills they need to be good providers for their families."

Chambers said that static Pell funds do not seem to have affected MTSU enrollment, as the undergraduate population has increased significantly in the past few years. He also does not see this issue arising in the future, especially with the introduction of the HOPE scholarship from the Tennessee Lottery for the 2004-2005 year.

"That's going to contribute significantly to people's ability to pay for college," he said.

Chambers added that MTSU is still considered to be a very cost-efficient school in and out of state, regardless of tuition increases.

"We have a lot of students from out of state that say the reason they came here is because it doesn't cost any more to actually pay out of state [tuition] than it would to pay their own in-state tuition," he said. ♦

Good dog



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Vicki, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, takes on a hurdle while participating in the advanced class at the Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club. Her owner is Lynn Goad.

Fish discovered in West Tennessee

By B.J. Chaplin
Staff Writer

Two university biologists have been credited with recently discovering a new species of fish in western Tennessee.

Richard L. Mayden of the Jesuit College of Saint Louis University, along with his colleague and former doctoral student Steven L. Powers are said to have discovered the Chickasaw darter (*Estheostoma cervus*) in the Forked Deer River, which is about an hour and a half northeast of Memphis.

"Tennessee is really the center of darter diversity," explained Powers, an assistant professor of biology at the United Methodist Church-affiliated Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga. "This new species was actually considered the same as another species that lives in another river system."

Powers said that, because of prior research in the area, he suspected the fish was unique.

"I got this idea that this population [of fish] ... probably was

different based on where it was located," he said. The discovery, he added, "confirmed our suspicions."

Powers and Mayden described the new species in the Sept. 5 issue of the quarterly peer-reviewed journal *Copeia*. The article added that the fish is characterized by a "blunt snout" and a "horizontal mouth" typical of similar fish.

Male Chickasaw darters are larger and have deeper bodies and larger dorsal fins than females and are generally more colorful, sporting a central "brick-red stripe" that "diffuses into red-orange" towards the back of the fish, according to the article.

"*Estheostoma cervus* is restricted to small streams in the Forked Deer River system of the upper coastal plain in Carroll, Chester, Gibson, Henderson, Madison and McNairy counties in western Tennessee," the article said.

"The name *cervus* is a Latin word for both fork and deer,

See **Fish, 4**

high school Basketball ROUND UP

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The high school version of March Madness ended on March 20 with three champions being crowned.

The Murphy Center was host for the finals of the TSSAA Boys State Tournament.

In the Class A final, Unaka defeated Grace Baptist 63-47 to take home their first state championship in any sport.

The Rangers took control of the game with a 25-2 run at the end of the second quarter to pull away for the win. Unaka shot 65 percent from the field, with most of the points coming from inside. The Rangers scored 36 points from the paint, compared to only 10 by the Golden Eagles.

Tyler McCann scored 16 points and got seven rebounds to lead the Rangers. McCann earned tournament MVP.

Unaka finished the year with a record of 25-13, while Grace Baptist dropped to 25-10.

Bolivar Central went 5-0 this year against fellow District 12 member Jackson South Side. The fifth win gave the Tigers the Class AA championship 80-60.

The win gave Bolivar Central their first taste of a state title. The Tigers pulled away with a 26-10 run in the second quarter to increase the lead to 20.

Willie Kemp scored 19 for the Tigers, while Brian Lake had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Mr. Basketball Finalist Lake received the distinction of tournament MVP.

Bolivar ended the year with a 31-4 record, while Jackson South Side finishes at 20-11.

White Station three-peated as champions in Class AAA with an 82-71 win over Jackson North Side.

It was their fourth championship in the past five years. The previous team to win three in a row was East Robertson (1987-89). Hume-Fogg (1921-25) was the last team to win four of five titles.

Jackson North Side cut the lead to three, 60-57 with 6:05 to go in the game. However, the Spartans went on a 7-0 run to take control of the game.

Riley Erwin dropped 26 points and dished out six assists in the win and earned tournament MVP.

Ramon Williams scored 21 for the Indians in the loss.

The Spartans ended the season at 38-2, while the Indians dropped to 29-3. ♦

Draft: Army near breaking point

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for the nation," Korb said on the CAB Web site, including raising the budget deficit and harming international organizations such as the UN and NATO. "But often overlooked is the damage that the Bush Administration's approach to the war has caused to the all-volunteer military."

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, head of the Army Reserve, told the *Washington Post* in January that the current deployment situation is the first extended duration experience for the all-volunteer force and that his staff is preparing an overhaul of the reserve component to better prepare its forces for such long-term deployments.

The army is at or near the breaking point, concluded Jeffrey Record, military strategist working with the Strategic Studies Institute of the Army War College.

"Clearly, unanticipated commitments in postwar Iraq had stretched the Army to the point where it had little in reserve for any other contingencies that might arise (e.g., a war in Korea)," Record wrote in a December 2003 paper posted on the Institute's Web site with the caveat that it is his personal viewpoint and not that of the organization, as a contribution to the debate on the Iraq war.

And our commitment in Iraq will be long and great in number, according to pre-war

Helmets:

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Sen. Roy Herron, the lone dissenter on the bill, told his colleagues that he had been in a motorcycle accident and the helmet he wore saved him from more serious injury.

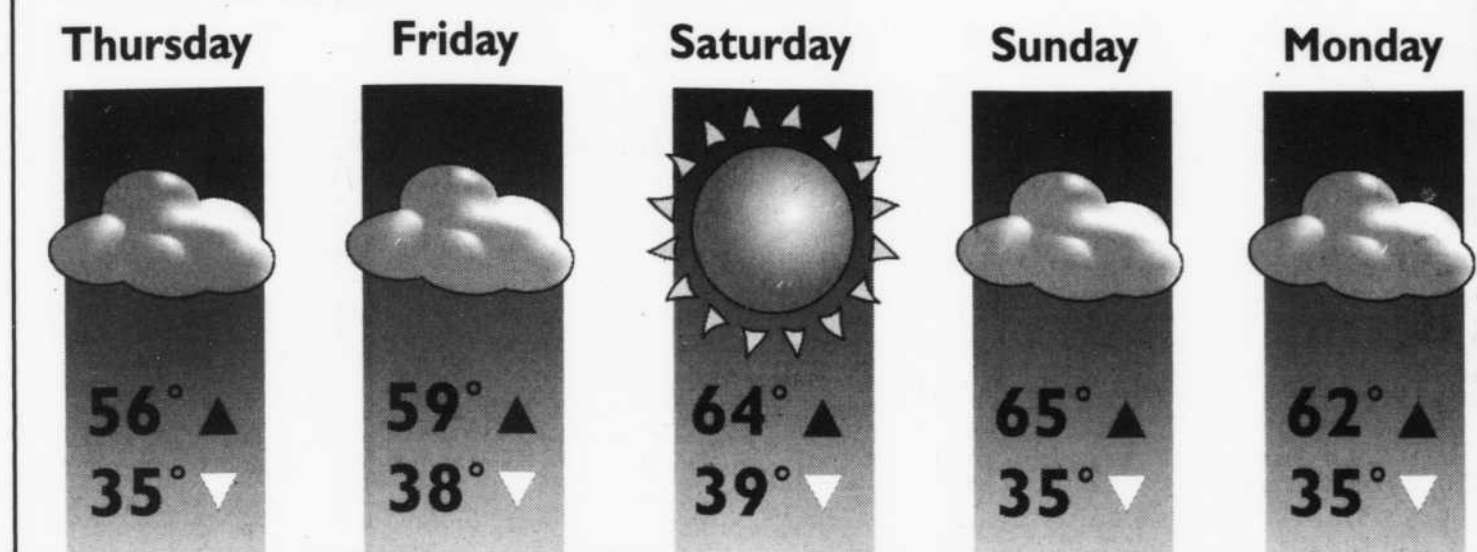
"The fundamental problem is that if this legislation becomes law and fewer people wear helmets in Tennessee, more people will die and more people will suffer serious injuries," he said.

Colson agreed, noting that studies have shown a 67 percent reduction in head injuries when motorcyclists involved in accidents were wearing helmets.

"A person wearing a helmet will be much more likely not to experience injuries — either brain injuries or head injuries — if they're wearing a helmet," he said. ♦

Do you know what tomorrow is?

Five Day Forecast From the Associated Press



Fish: Nearby river provides name

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describing the Forked Deer River system," the article continued. "The common name Chickasaw darter refers to the history of this area which was once hunting grounds for the Chickasaw tribe of early Americans."

The Chickasaw darter's scientific name, in turn, owes its name to an observation made by surveyors more than 200 years ago.

Forked Deer River was originally called Okeena, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation said, but was renamed in the 1780s when surveyors noticed that branches flowing into the Mississippi River favored a deer's forked antlers.

According to TDEC, when surveyors then sighted a deer with deformed antlers, they were convinced to keep the name.

News of the discovery comes as the state celebrates Tennessee State Natural Areas Week (Mar. Monday-Apr. 4), as proclaimed by Gov. Phil Bredesen. Activities scheduled to commemorate the celebration include guided walks and volunteer stewardship at several of Tennessee's 68 designated natural areas that span nearly 105,000 acres.

As of now, Powers said, the Chickasaw darter fails to meet the requirements to qualify it as an "endangered species." Powers said they could be appropriately described as "imperiled," however.

"The presence of both species [*E. cervus* and its close relative, *E. pyrrhogaster*] in multiple headwater streams indicates that multiple catastrophic events would be required to cause extinction of either

species.

"However, the limited range of both species makes them susceptible to extinction if extensive habitat alterations take place throughout large portions of their ranges," the article said.

Powers said discovering new species of wildlife in the United States is not rare.

"It happens on a relatively regular basis," he said. "There's a lot of biodiversity in America."

He added, however, that funding for U.S. explorations is lacking. He admitted that he is unsure of why this is, but he said he has at least a couple of theories.

"It seems more interesting if you're on some big expedition in the tropics than tramping in the streams of Tennessee," he said. Other overseas locales, he added, are perceived to be more "exotic" and "prestigious." ♦

Two arrested after break-ins

By David Paulson
Staff Writer

Robert Douglas, 19, and Joshua Hartley, 18, both of Murfreesboro, were arrested outside of the E.W. Midgett Building on campus Friday morning after allegedly breaking into and taking items from at least 10 vehicles. The thefts were made in the Bransford subdivision near MTSU.

A resident of Bransford was letting his dog out Friday morning when he saw the suspects leaving his neighbor's driveway. They were wearing toboggans and carrying white bags. Police arrived at the scene but could not locate the suspects.

MTSU police officer Gary Robinson found Douglas and Hartley, who matched the description of the suspects, in front of the Midgett building

on Faulkinberry Drive.

Douglas and Hartley had numerous stolen items in their possession. The two were also carrying flashlights, one latex glove, a screw driver and a ski mask. Upon investigation, Hartley told police that they had gone through Bransford "lifting door handles" and taking items from at least 10 unlocked cars.

According to police reports, the stolen items included two cameras, a Sony Discman, a Tommy Hilfiger watch, a folding saw and a small mountain bike. A stolen wallet was returned to its owner.

Douglas and Hartley were charged with burglary to an automobile, theft over \$500 and possession of burglary tools. Hartley was also charged with underage consumption after admitting to drinking earlier that evening. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

Election Comission: decide something

Don't put your cart before your horse, Student Government Association.

That being said, *Sidelines* is going to outline what they did wrong in this election and what they should have done instead.

The election commission should have resolved this Matt Chapman hoopla long before an election was ever held. The countless meetings over unimportant issues wasted everyone's time and distracted from the real issues of what actually needs to change on this campus.

Who cares where he earned his credits? Who cares that he jumped the gun on campaigning?

The bickering and infighting in SGA is counterproductive and disrespects all of the positions in SGA. The officers acted like an immature clique who were upset at the idea of change in their status quo.

Despite his problems with SGA rules, Chapman was at least eager to campaign. All he wanted to do was run, and the election commission stood in his way at every chance.

The election commission should have used some forethought and postponed the election until a final decision was made on Chapman's eligibility.

Students who voted need to be informed as to the status of the officers who are running, and if the election commission wasn't sure on Chapman's eligibility, they shouldn't have held the election until they were sure.

But as a result of the commission's lack of planning, students now still have no idea who the new SGA officers are.

Furthermore, if Chapman is disqualified now, a whole new mess of problems will be created. The SGA Electoral Act makes no mention as to what happens if a candidate is disqualified after the election has been held.

Simply put, the SGA needs to get their act together. We thought this type of election botch-up was restricted to U.S. presidential elections. ♦

Protests, world events point to Bush's defeat

It doesn't necessarily take propaganda by the government to affect the will of the people.

Comic book journalism, reality television and pop culture in general can have the same affect.

At last year's campus rally, there were almost as many people protesting other protesters as there were protesting the war. What could bring that many people together to scream the national anthem at the top of their lungs and hold signs that read, "Let's Pave Iraq?" Maybe it was their genuine care for the people of Iraq.

One year later and cursing the French is so yesterday. Now we can do as our president has done and blame the Spanish for appeasing terrorists after losing 200 people in a train bombing.

Maybe radio personality Steve Gill can bring out a Spanish car for us to beat with hammers like he did last year when hating the French was in. And just for good measure, Spanish Fly will now be referred to as "Freedom Fly."



Gagflex

Jason Johnson
Staff Columnist

Sounds like a good way to bring freedom to the people of Iraq. The Iraq Body Count is a group of British and American researchers who count the number of civilian deaths in Iraq because American military doesn't count dead civilians.

The IBC's official count has surpassed 10,000. Some people want to bring "freedom" to the people of America in the same manner.

Israel recently killed Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin in a rocket attack. The 67-year-old, wheelchair-bound militant was essentially bombed into martyrdom. Britain, Russia, China and many other countries condemn the

attack because of what British Prime Minister Tony Blair called a "setback to the Middle East."

The tone from the White House was a little different.

"Let's remember that Hamas is a terrorist organization and that Sheikh Yassin has himself, personally, been involved with terrorist planning," White House Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said.

Upon realization that it might not be good idea to tell the people that are burning American flags in the streets their martyr had it coming, State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher overturned the earlier reply.

"You can say the United States is deeply concerned and troubled by this morning's actions," Boucher said.

In a recent poll taken by the Pew Research Center, people from the ages of 18 to 29 cited Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* and NBC's *Saturday Night Live* as their main news sources.

In another poll taken by CBS news, Bush leads Kerry on the handling of international affairs.

Huge protests have erupted because the Coalition has shut down *Al Hawsa*, an Iraqi newspaper.

Hamas' new leader has denounced Bush as an enemy of Muslims.

Around the world, millions of people marched in protest of their country's involvement in the U.S. lead invasion. And Bush leads in international affairs?

Maybe it's time for the youth to strap down their thinking trucker caps and realize the loser to this reality show has more at stake than a recording contract. It just might be time to vote cowboy Bush off of this island. ♦

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Be aware of your own influence

There's an old saying: "You never get a second chance to make a first impression," and a second saying that has made its way to my e-mail inbox probably about 10 times: "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Take a moment and think back over the course of your life and remember those people who have influenced you or made a marked impression on you.

Many have influenced me for the better. Some are relatives, others close friends and still more, persons I may have met only a couple of times. Some are still impacting me today, while others have passed away or have otherwise left my life.

On the flip side, there are those who have influenced us negatively. It could be a friend we had at school that persuaded us to pick up bad habits, someone who was constantly criticizing or a family member that let us down.



Common Sense

Randall
Thomason
Staff Columnist

As humans, we're impressionable people, but we must always remember that we also carry the power of influence which we can use for good.

I was in Atlanta over the weekend watching a basketball game when I realized there was a young boy sitting to my right who was emulating me. I noticed the various changes he made to follow whatever I was doing, whether it be altering my seating position or standing to cheer.

I tested it by turning my hat around, which had been on forward. Sure enough, I looked over a few seconds later, and the boy had turned his hat around backward also.

For whatever reason, a boy I'd never met felt compelled to follow my exam-

ple; it's humbling to think we can have that much influence over those around us, especially those who are younger and look up to us.

We're responsible for making sure the influence we project is good. When we commit ourselves to improving our work ethics, our eating habits, our morality or any number of other traits, we not only help ourselves, but we may also be helping someone who will look to us as an example.

Every day we make an impression on somebody, and we most likely make a first impression on somebody every day.

It's good to remember that no matter what we're doing, somebody is watching and learning from us. Take that responsibility and do something good with it. ♦

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How can you pick whom to profile

So some people think profiling in the name of national security is a good idea. In short, this means taking perceived Arabs and Islamic folks aside for questioning/searching/delousing/incarceration without just cause.

"Come on. Have you forgotten?" this person might answer. The short answer is no, I haven't. Believe it or not, I actually remember stuff that happened before Sept. 11, 2001.

Since we all remember what happened that day, let's take a few steps further back to April 19, 1995 – the day that shook America for the first time.

In case you've forgotten, this was the day the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was blown up by a white former U.S. soldier and his accomplice, who was also white.

The death toll, which included numerous small children at the daycare in the basement of the building, reached 168 – perhaps a low sum in comparison to the most recent terrorist attacks, but it was nevertheless shocking at the time.

And in case you've been skimming this so far, this act was committed by two white men, one of them trained to kill by the United States.

This isn't the only act of violence perpetuated by white people. An overwhelming majority of convicted serial killers are white, according to the International Association of Forensic Sciences.

In addition, white supremacy groups such as the Aryan Nations still exist today.



For Argument's Sake

Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

The AN was actually relatively large in numbers and influence up until the late 1980s.

Richard Reid, the almost-shoebomber who is responsible for those bomb wounds at the airport, was half-white.

And in a personal side note, I was actually robbed once by a little old white lady in the White House.

Whereas a small number of Arabs were actually involved in the attacks, and white people have shown to tend toward violence over a long period of time, we have only one option – profiling white people.

So what if the majority doesn't like it? The government has gone against the masses before, and shouldn't be afraid to do it again.

I'll take my shoes and belt off at the metal detector if I have to. After all, the security of our nation is at stake. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

A German man was convicted of murder yesterday, and the circumstances were quite unusual.

Axle T., undoubtedly some unsuccessful attempt for a good nickname, proved to be more than mentally unstable when he snapped after his mommy and daddy told him to move out.

Axle T., age 22, got his handy Samurai sword and sliced right through mommy dearest's neck, decapitating the woman with the 17-inch blade of the sword.

The incident occurred last June in the kitchen of Axle T.'s soon-to-be-ex-flat, while his mother was reading the newspaper, according to prosecutors.

Axle T. then attempted to blame his father for the murder. However, he planned to kill his father first, also according to the prosecution.

While Axle T. prepares to go on his all-expense-paid vacation to Munich – in jail – we can't help but wonder how something as insignificant as having to unspool one's belongings can drive someone to attack family members with a really big sword.

We would have excused a small kicking and screaming tantrum on the floor, ala most two-year-olds, because Axle T. just wanted to get his way.

However, reaching for your sword to off your mother because she wants you to get your own place is more than



extreme – it's über crazy.

We hope Axle T. has learned the error of his ways and won't try to smuggle any 17-inch blades into the new place, a jail cell.

While his father gets to see his wish of Axle moving out, we can only imagine what kind of mayhem would follow if the Munich judiciary system ever decides Axle T. can rejoin society.

While he's safe behind bars for now, letting him out would just be like asking him to get his own place, and that didn't go over so well last time.

We hope the rest of Germany, and the rest of the world, will learn from this schmock that over-reacting doesn't solve problems and usually just serves as a catalyst for all kinds of new problems.

Axle T., we hope you like the limited freedom of having your own place. ♦

Original story by Reuters, via Yahoo! News, posted yesterday.

Death of friend proves we're all vulnerable

My Saturday night at work started rather slow. I thought it might stay that way the whole evening. However, I'd severely misjudged the situation.

Soon after 6 p.m. things took a sudden down turn leading to one of the most hectic nights I've had at the restaurant.

My coworkers and I continued at this feverish pace until just after 10 p.m. I was informed then that the owner of the restaurant was in the building and wanted to meet with everyone at 11 p.m.

This struck me as a bit odd because the owner rarely comes in, especially after 6 p.m. I worked for the rest of the hour wondering what exactly the meeting was going to be about.

When it was time for the meeting, the owner told everyone to grab a glass of wine and meet on the second floor. Once everyone was assembled, he revealed the purpose for the meeting:

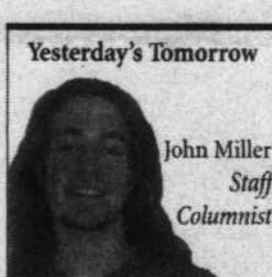
"Tim died this evening."

The words resounded in my head. I could hardly believe it. Everyone was shocked by the news; some began to cry.

Tim was our manager, but more than that, he was our friend. He was one of those people who could always make you smile and laugh. Even when he wasn't in the best of moods, he wouldn't project that onto other people.

Our staff and others mourn his passing. The shocking part of the whole situation is Tim was only in his late thirties and seemed to be in relatively good health. He'd been ill for the past couple of weeks, but it didn't seem serious.

The ironic part of the tragedy is that Tim had just seen the doctor the previous morning. He was told that he was severely dehydrated and



Yesterday's Tomorrow

John Miller
Staff
Columnist

that he should go home and drink Gatorade.

Some time after he went home, Tim collapsed and wasn't found for several hours. He was discovered by a friend who then called the paramedics. Tim later died at the hospital.

When we're young, we don't really think about death. We believe we'll live forever, that we're invincible and will somehow be the sole ones to cheat death. Nevertheless, we eventually learn that's not true.

This will be the second funeral I've been to this year. However, it will be the first I've attended for someone who was close to me.

The other funerals I've attended have been to console friends. I've had people close to me pass away, but I've been unable to attend the funerals because of restraints of time and distance.

This tragedy has shown me that we're all vulnerable. At the same time, it's made me realize many of those monumental problems I've faced this semester are dwarfed in comparison. In addition, it allowed me to recognize just how important my family and friends are. While material things can be replaced, we each only have a finite number of days on this earth and shouldn't lose track of those things that are truly important.

Tim, you will be missed. The world is a lesser place in your absence. ♦

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Charity cashes in

By Katie Garland
Contributor

"Up all night to help the kids fight."

This phrase may sound simple, but it holds much meaning for the 275 MTSU students who participated in the 2004 Up 'Til Dawn celebration, as well as the families and patients of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This celebration was the culmination of the efforts of different student organizations on campus that have spent the past few months raising money for this special event.

David Lee, a senior at MTSU, donated a lot of time to Up 'Til Dawn this year in the position of Associate Director.

"I think the event was a success this year," Lee says. "The majority of the money was actually raised by participants rather than corporate sponsors."

This year, students at MTSU were able to raise \$57,731.78 for St. Jude's Children Hospital.

The money was raised by 34 Up 'Til Dawn teams (made up of students) as well as through cash donations and corporate sponsorships, according to Jackie Victory, the advisor for the Up 'Til Dawn student organization.

"St. Jude takes the money raised and applies this to defray the costs for families," Victory says. "One of the incredible things about St. Jude is that families do not have to pay one cent for the services they receive."

The Up 'Til Dawn celebration began at MTSU's Campus Recreation Center March 5 at 7 p.m. and ended March 6 at 7 a.m.

Events of the evening included a performance by the band Grand Revue and by Boston hypnotist Steve Marino.

Also, to pass the time, participants were able to learn a spirit dance, play in a moonwalk and compete in spirit relays.

But Up 'Til Dawn was much more than just fun and games.

Keeping to the theme of Up 'Til Dawn, students watch a video about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, hear speeches from patients and make cards for patients who are currently hospitalized.

Stephanie Malone, a student participant in Up 'Til Dawn, enjoyed the event and encourages other students to get involved.

"Up 'Til Dawn is worth the time and money I spent ... because of the benefit it will provide for some deserving and needy child and his or her family," Malone says. "I really enjoyed the whole event."

Any organization or group of students can form a team for Up 'Til Dawn, Lee says. Students can become involved with an Up 'Til Dawn committee next fall.

The different committees include public relations, logistics, patient relations, entertainment, spirit, finance, corporate sponsorship, fundraising, catering and recruitment.

Students interested in getting involved with the Executive Board for Up 'Til Dawn can find applications in the Office of Student Organizations and Community Service in the Keathley University Center, Room 326S.

Applications are due April 8 by 4:30 p.m. ♦

Lunch lady brightens students' days

"Miss Lenora" enjoys meeting young customers

By Meg Akers
Staff Writer

Have you ever actually talked to some of the workers here on campus?

That janitor who sweeps your dorm hallway?

That gardener who plants the pansies in front of the Keathley University Center?

How about that one cashier who works in the James Union Building?

Lenora Holland has worked at MTSU for 5 years, and she loves to meet new people.

Known as "Miss Lenora" to students and her co-workers, she is an extremely pleasant woman with a smile that beats it all. Her eyes wrinkle with laugh lines when she talks, and her hands move to punctuate each happy gesture she makes.

"After my kids were raised and grown up," Holland says, "I got really lonely and bored, so I went to work."

As a lady that loves people, Holland has worked several "people-person" jobs, including being a cashier at a local Hardee's.

When asked about working at the JUB, Holland and Teresa Sanders, a cook sitting nearby, both have a lot to say.

"It's stressful [cooking all day]," Sanders says.

"They think that one person can do it all. You'll cook them what they ordered and then they'll change their minds."

Holland scrunches up her nose.

"That's the reason I didn't want to cook," she says. "I cook all the time at home, why would I want to cook at work, too?"

As a cashier, Holland gets to meet and greet every student who walks through the JUB cafeteria — and that's the way she likes it.

"I love to meet them," she says with a smile. "I love to talk to them, but most of all I love to find out where they are from."

She tells of a girl from Africa

that walked through her line one time, dressed in native African dress.

"She was just beautiful," she says.

From the looks of it, Miss Lenora gets to meet all kinds of people on the job.

"I can always tell from their accents that they are not from here," she says. "I don't get much time with them, but it's neat to hear their stories."

There are also downsides to working in her position.

"Students complain about the prices," she says, frowning a bit. "I feel bad, but I'm just doing my job — I can't help it."

She talks of the plight of college students, the lack of money, the scholarships and the tests.

"I don't know how they do it," she says, shrugging.

But it seems that all JUB workers do their best to make life a little better for the students who make their hungry ways through the line.

"I make sure to give them their money's worth," Sanders says with a knowing grin.

Many changes have occurred around Holland as she has rung up food for MTSU students over the years.

New buildings on campus, slightly better parking arrangements, more students — even the JUB itself has gone through some major changes.

"They made it more cheerful-looking in here," says Holland, looking around her. "New paint, those paintings, and they brought in those plants."

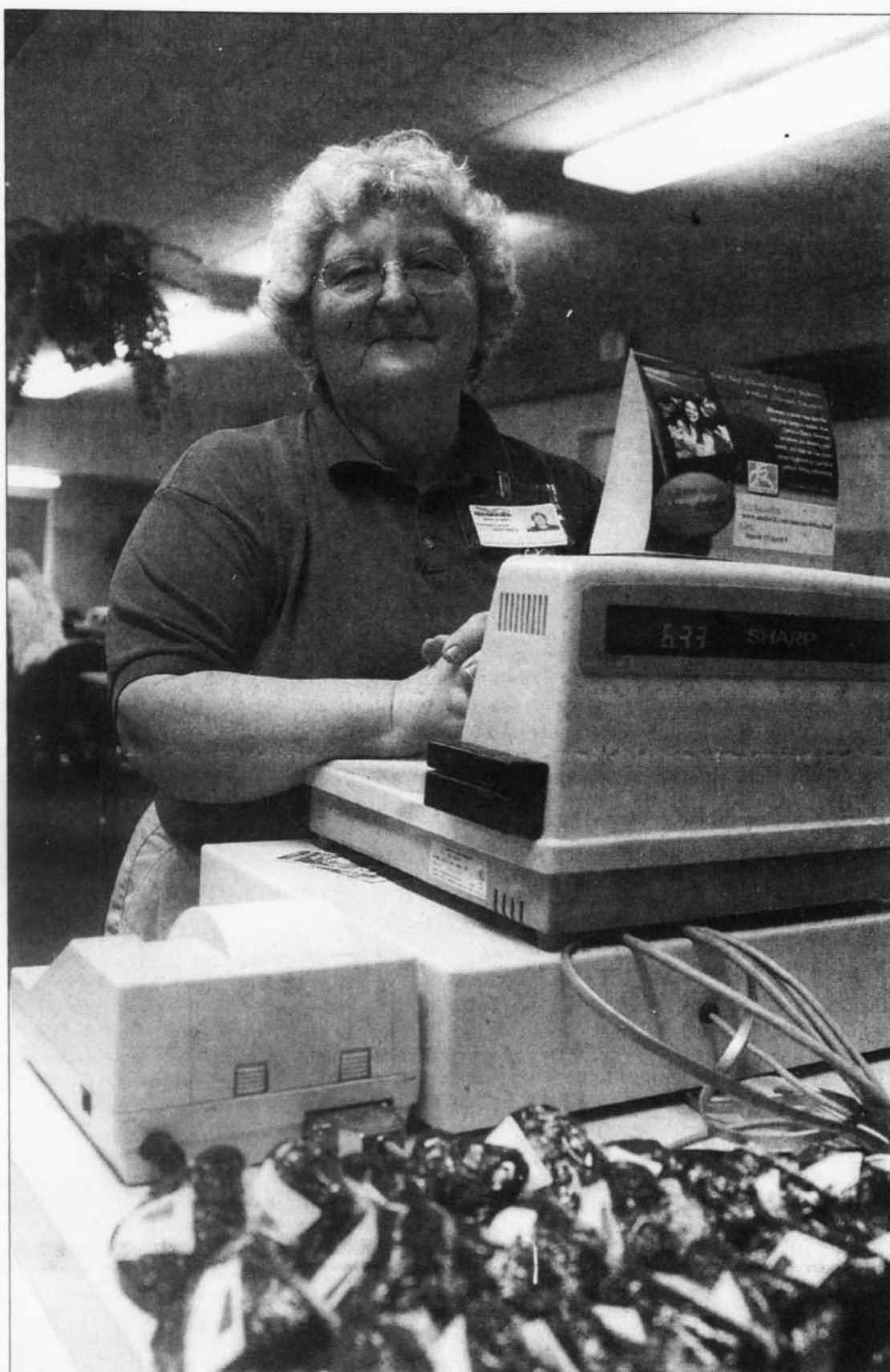
Even her cash register and counter are new.

One thing that hasn't changed is the food.

"I just love the chicken and dumplings here at the Home Zone," Holland says. "Jeff (the chef) makes them so good."

"But, Miss Lenora," interrupts Sanders, "he don't fix 'em, they come from a can."

Holland, her spirits undaunted by the terrible news,



Lenora Holland started working in the James Union Building cafeteria five years ago.

just keeps smiling. Nothing seems to get her down. It's a good thing, too.

What kind of happy cafeteria would the JUB be without Miss

Lenora's smiling face there to cheer everybody up?

So, the next time you pass by that janitor, that gardener, or that ever-smiling cashier lady,

stop a minute to talk to them.

They spend their time making life better for MTSU students. ♦

'Real World' serves as awakening for some

By Deanna Bauer
Contributor

The "real world" is often portrayed by adults to unruly or impressionable children as a mystical destination located somewhere down the timeline of life.

Once they're there, young adults can either succeed by flying confidently off into the sunset like a mighty bald eagle or flounder like a tuna who has lost his school of fish buddies.

Losing one's school buddies is pretty close to what sometimes happens to recent college graduates who are thrown into this hazily defined "real world."

Shann Dunnegan, a 23-year-old MTSU graduate who completed her bachelors of science in liberal studies in December 2003, is thrilled to have her degree.

However, she didn't experience a magical morphing into an adult as she flipped her tassel on graduation day.

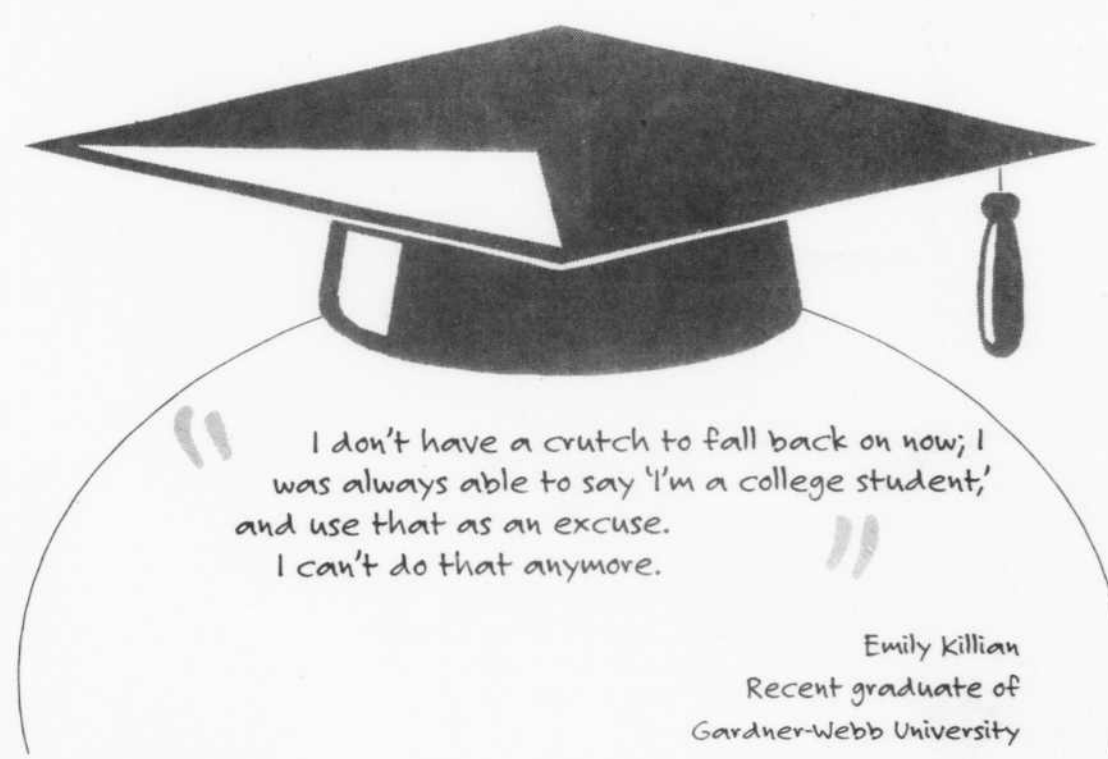
Before her first hand experience, Shann imagined her life after graduation as "getting up at five o'clock every morning, getting ready, trying to beat rush-hour traffic before seven, getting to work and working all day and not getting home until five or six — going to bed at nine or 10."

This didn't happen.

Shann still goes out, but less often.

"I'm too old to go out," she says. "I think to myself, in July I'll be 24 and then next year I'll be 25. That's five years from 30, and 10 years from 40."

"I feel like I'm getting wrinkles," she explains.



Emily Killian
Recent graduate of
Gardner-Webb University

Looking back on her college days, Shann misses talking to her friends and teachers before and after class. Those discussions taught her the most important lessons she learned in college, she says.

"It wasn't about what I learned in the classroom," she explains.

"I learned more how to talk to people on a [professional] level and how to be social."

College is about "getting you out there and making you learn on your own," she insists, "and that is what helps in life more than anything."

When it comes down to the last month of school, Shann says, you can't believe that it's already over. But you wonder, "What's coming next?"

Darren Bauer, 24, is a recent

MTSU Mass Communications graduate who knows what comes next: more work. Although he received his diploma in December, he has been working full-time, living in his own apartment and supporting himself financially for a year and a half.

Still, he doesn't feel like an adult.

"I won't feel like an adult until I have a career path, but the real life smacked me in the face a week before graduation when I realized I didn't know what I wanted to do," he confesses. "I didn't know if I had the skills to get a job and make good money, and I felt like I flew through school without learning enough."

The "real world" to him means having a high paying job

and not having to worry about living paycheck to paycheck.

He's working more than 60 hours a week at the same job he's had for two years at a company in Nashville. He has little time to go out with friends because of his determination to increase his income.

If he could go back through college, he would have chosen a different degree field, he admits. He realized he didn't enjoy radio and television production enough to pursue a career in it until after he became vested in his major. Now, he feels he lacks other skills that he could use to get a better paying job in another field.

"Pay attention to what you're learning," Darren recommends. "And it's never too early to start looking for a job."

Emily Killian, 21, who graduated from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., with a Bachelors in journalism, knows Darren's advice works. As editor in chief of her school's weekly paper, she landed an internship in August 2003 at *The Star*, a small-town newspaper in Shelby, N.C.

Karen Austin, assistant director of the Career and Employment Center at MTSU, indicates that the best way to prepare for life after graduation is through "experiential learning."

"Internships give value to resumes, and more college students are taking advantage of these opportunities," she explains.

On-the-job experience, which Killian used to land her full-time job at *The Star* after graduation, is invaluable.

"I learned more during one week at the internship than I did in one year at school," she professes. "I wasn't memorizing statistics, or learning theories. I was learning practical things that will help me the rest of my life."

Her early involvement in the local paper made her transition from college student to bill-paying adult slightly less harrowing.

"I just didn't realize how much it cost to have to pay for the apartment, utilities, and bills," Emily confesses. "It makes me sick to pay all these bills."

Emily pictured her life after attending school at a strict Christian, liberal arts college as

See Graduates, 7

Lady Raiders presence felt in tournament

By Colby Sledge
Assistant Sports Editor

When the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament bracket was drawn, the Middle Tennessee-University of North Carolina matchup probably didn't attract a lot of attention.

When the No. 13 Lady Raiders defeated the No. 4 Tar Heels 67-62, however, plenty of onlookers were shocked.

Everyone except the Lady Raiders, that is.

"We as a staff knew that we could beat North Carolina, and from the time that we saw who we were playing until the moment we stepped on the floor, we did everything we could to convince our players," MT assistant head coach Melanie Walls said.

The Lady Raiders led by nine at half-time and held off a UNC rally to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in school history. The Lady Raiders defeated Jackson State University 64-61 in the first

round of the 1983 tournament before losing to Louisiana Tech 91-59.

Watching the Lady Raiders after their victory, however, one would think they had just defeated No-Name U., not a program that had been to the tournament 15 times before and hadn't lost in the first round since 1985, the year freshman Krystle Horton was born.

"We did deserve to be out there on the court with them," Horton said in a press conference the next day. "Being the underdog just gave us more confidence. It was a great win for us."

"I think everybody was expecting us to hop around as if we'd won the national championship after we beat North Carolina, and although we were happy ... it wasn't shocking," Walls said.

Patrice Holmes led the Lady Raiders with 18 points, while Horton added 16. Senior Keisha McClinic had 13 points and nine rebounds.

In the second-round game against No. 5 University of Notre Dame, the Lady

Raiders led most of the first half, but a late run put the Irish up 29-26 at half-time.

MT then went 10:34 without a field goal to start the second half as Notre Dame went on an 18-1 run. Jacqueline Batteast scored 12 of those 18 points en route to 27 points, tying her career high.

After the game, the Lady Raiders focused more on the loss than what they had already accomplished.

"There was a lot of sadness, a lot of tears shed, and not just because the season's over, but because we knew we let one slip," Walls said. "There was definite disappointment after the game."

Overall, however, the Lady Raiders' season was easily one of the most successful in school history. In addition, MT loses only three seniors, meaning most of this year's team will be back next season.

Just don't expect the Lady Raiders to miss their key factor in this year's tournament: the element of surprise. ♦



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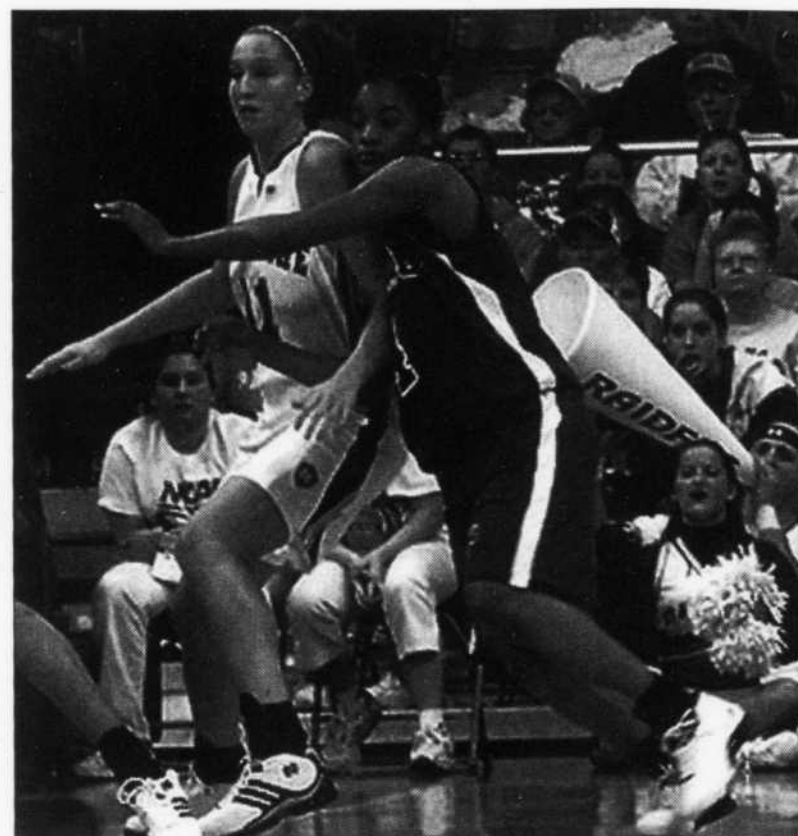


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MT forward Krystle Horton puts tight coverage on Notre Dame forward Courtney LaVere March 23.

Fishing: Not just an ole' man sport

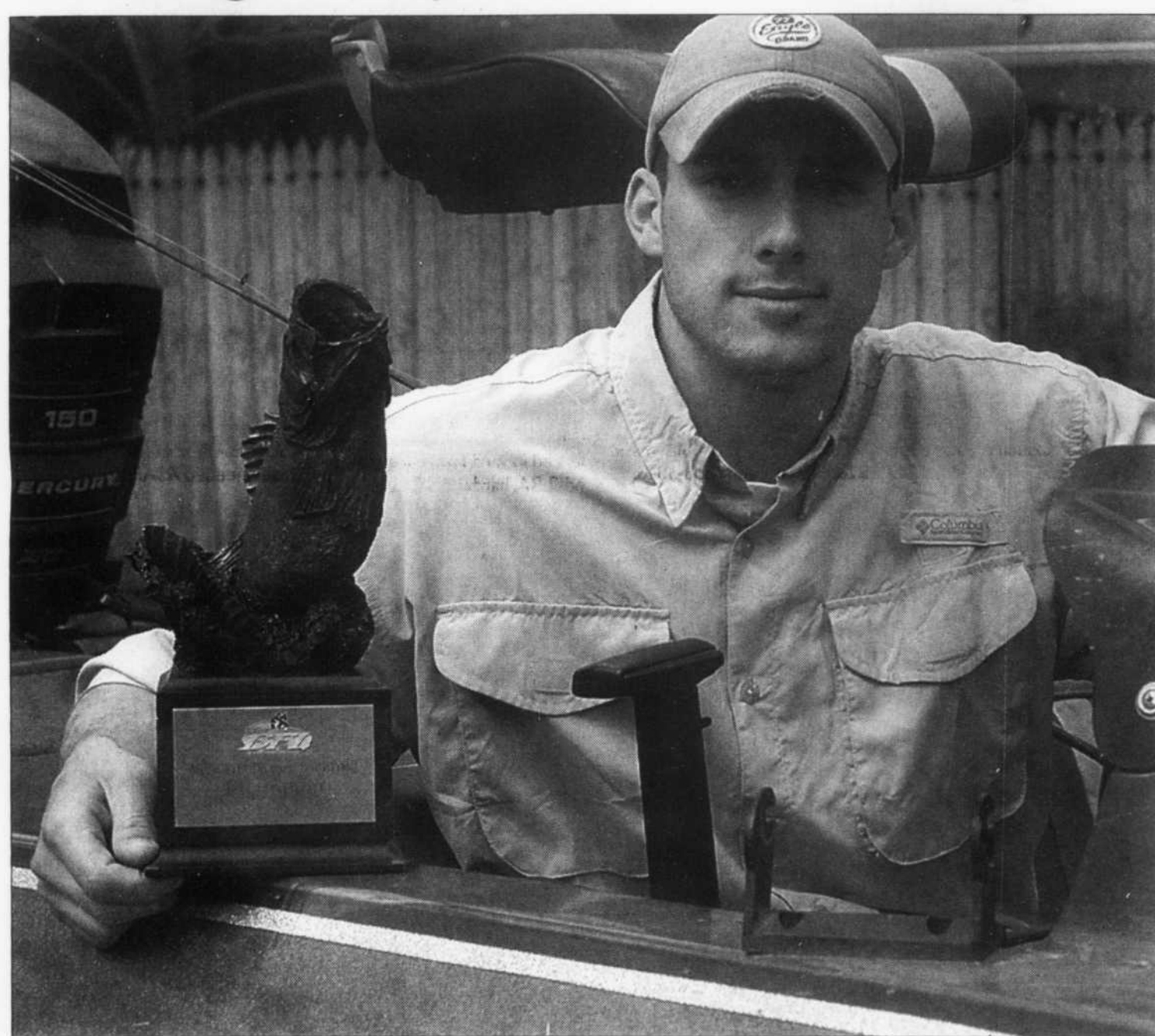


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MTSU student Brian Carper won a round in the Wal-Mart Forrest L. Wood Tour March 6 at Percy Priest Lake.

MTSU student Carper reels in a winning catch

By Katy Hamlett
Staff Writer

Some people do it with members of the opposite sex. Others stay within their gender. A few daring souls even do it solo.

Whichever way you prefer, fishing has become one of the most popular participation sports in the nation, with more than 44.4 million anglers yearly. Spawning from America's love affair with fishing is the rise in popularity of professional fishing competitions.

The Wal-Mart Forrest L. Wood Tour was formed after the FLW televised fishing show continued to show increasing ratings.

Live contact with many popular anglers during competitions and dramatic footage of angler weigh-ins are just a few reasons FLW Outdoors reaches over 55 million viewers on Saturdays and Sundays during the fishing season.

Three weeks ago, junior Brian Carper won a round of the 2004 Wal-Mart FLW Bass Fishing Tournament in the Music City Division and is receiving national recognition for his accomplishment. Carper's competition included

"Some of these guys are 40 years old and make a living off the sport...I'm still trying to figure everything out."

— Brian Carper
fisherman

more than one hundred competitors, many more than double the undergraduate's age.

"Some of these guys are 40 years old and make a living off the sport," Carper said. "I'm still trying to figure everything out."

As the sport's universal appeal continues to rise, fishing is quickly becoming one of the most lucrative popular sports. At the March 6 competition, Carper reeled in \$3,988 with his five-bass catch weighing 16 pounds, 10 ounces.

In 2003, the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League gave away more than \$6 million in prize money with first prizes ranging from \$2000 to up to \$100,000 at the American Bass Championship.

With so much money at stake, picking the right spot on the lake or river means everything for a professional angler.

A Virginia native, Carper has a disadvantage in his unfamiliarity with the local tournament spots.

"I'm used to Northern Virginia," Carper explained. "It's hard trying to figure out the structure of the lakes some times. But all fish mostly act the same way, so I just try to be very aware of what they're doing."

While the idea of fishing for cash may seem easy enough, the sport is one of extreme skill and endurance. Competitors not only have to out-fish their opponents and beat the clock, but they also must battle weather conditions.

Crafting technique can also be a daunting process. Between the practices that lead up to a competition and the competition itself, an angler will cast a lure thousands of times in order to achieve pinpoint accuracy.

"During tournament practice, I get up at 3:30 in the morning and fish from 5 a.m.

till 4 in the afternoon. After three or four days of that, it kind of wears down the body," Carper said.

After an intense season of early mornings and all-day lake rides, many weary fishermen would gladly give their poles some garage time. Carper not only uses his spare time during the offseason to search for sponsors but also relaxes by, what else, fishing.

"I do it for relaxation," Carper explained. "But I love the thrill of the catch. It's like chess or hide-and-go-seek; you're always just trying to make the right move."

Last Saturday's competition leaves Carper in fifth place overall in the Music City Division.

"I never really realized how hard it was to win a major competition," Carper said. "But now I see that everyone learns a different way, and I'm just trying to learn new things from the other competitors."

Carper hopes to make a living of fishing competitions and plans to commit his first several years out of college to perfecting his techniques.

"I love the excitement," Carper said. "I thrive off the win." ♦

Tokyo Dome filled while fans sleep in USA

Sports commentary



Matthew Adair
Staff Columnist

The whole world, at least as far as Major League Baseball is concerned, probably wasn't watching the season opener in Tokyo as Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees stumbled around the field like Bill Murray's character in the film *Lost in Translation*.

It's a shame, really, even though the game began at 5 a.m. in both teams' hometowns. While most Americans probably regarded the start of the 2004 season with a yawn (probably while they were sleeping, at that), the dome who filled the Tokyo Dome fans did clear they were anything but sleepy.

They were thrilled, especially to see the famous Yankees playing right in front of them. Even former baseball greats Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson came out to see the crowd as part of New York's big entrance. Meanwhile, Tampa Bay proved that big bucks don't always spell big wins by wiping a jetlagged New York off the field, a blow made all the sweeter as Tino Martinez earned his 300th home run against his former comrades.

Imagine if it had been the Hanshin Tigers (the top team in Japan last season, with a win percentage of 63 percent)

against the Yankees: a real international matchup.

Such a competition wouldn't be unprecedented. American teams have played foreign clubs before. The Baltimore Orioles played against the Cuban All-Star team in 1999 in a controversial game in Havana, only the second time an American team had done so.

The game was closed to the Cuban public by the government instead of opening it up to all citizens at the cost of one peso, as it usually did, but fans clearly wanted to get in and see the action. Despite the angered voices raised over the political motivations for the game, American fans were interested enough.

Major League Baseball calls its championship the World Series. But as far as they're concerned, the world consists of the 50 states within the national borders. Why not open the realm of professional baseball as we know it here in the United States to teams around the world? Foreign teams want to play against us, and American businesses forever desiring new ways of reaching a market would surely jump at the chance to plaster international arenas with their products.

Besides, the more teams in the running for the championship, the less chance the Yankees will make it to the World Series yet again. And isn't that what everyone wants?

It would be as nice as watching Veterans Stadium come

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Netters lose to Marshall

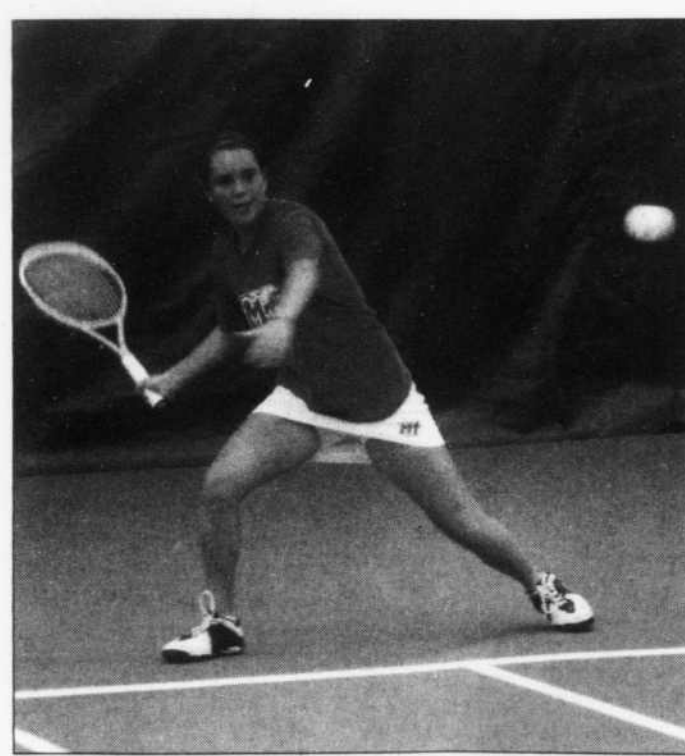


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MT freshman Jacqui Williams volleys the ball during a match against Marshall. Williams was defeated by Danielle Hock during singles play on March 28.

NCAA Basketball Tournament

Final Four this weekend will decide championship

By Jonathon Hutton
Staff Writer

This year's Final Four is set, as Duke, Connecticut, Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State all prepare for San Antonio with hopes of cutting down the nets this weekend.

The Duke Blue Devils (27-5) find themselves in a familiar spot once again, with this being their 14th Final Four appearance. The Blue Devils are led by senior guard Chris Duhon and freshman forward Luol Deng.

Duke has been involved in some of the most memorable moments in the history of the NCAA Tournament, and Saturday's matchup against UConn (31-6) has the potential to be another classic finish. The Huskies have not been tested in the tournament so far, but Duke hopes to give them a challenge.

"I think Connecticut is the best team left," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said in Final Four press conference Monday. "I'm not saying they can't be beaten, but I think they're the best team because

they have more ways to beat a team than anybody else."

The Huskies head into Saturday's game against Duke having blown through the Phoenix bracket by defeating Vermont, DePaul, Vanderbilt and Alabama. They have had the easiest road to the Final Four in terms of seeds of their opponents, and they led each of those games at halftime by an average of 17.7 points.

Duke's greatest test came Sunday in a 66-63 come-from-behind victory over Xavier. Atlanta regional Most Valuable Player Deng led all scorers with 19 points as the Blue Devils overcame the Cinderella team of the tournament.

The main matchup to watch this Saturday will be between UConn's Emeka Okafor (17 points per game, 11 rebounds per game) and Duke's Shelden Williams, who can be a defensive force if he can stay out of foul trouble.

On the other side of the bracket, the contest between Georgia Tech (27-9) and Oklahoma State (31-3) promises to be a game that will come down to the final shot. Both

teams are averaging 78 points per game and feature talented backcourts, but the difference may come inside the paint. Georgia Tech's 7-foot-1-inch center Luke Schenscher may play a vital role for the Yellow Jackets in hindering OSU's success inside the paint, but Eddie

Sutton's motion offense helps make up for the

lack of a true big man.

Tipoff between Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State is set for Saturday at 6 p.m., followed by Duke and UConn at 8:45 p.m. Both games are on CBS. ♦



By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The University of Connecticut and Louisiana State University earned a berth to the NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four on Monday night.

In the East Regional final, UConn defeated Penn State University 66-49 to make a fifth consecutive trip to the Final Four. The Huskies two-time All-American Diana Taurasi scored 27 points in her last game at the Hartford Civic Center. The Center holds some of their home games during the season.

Barbara Turner added 26

points for UConn. The Huskies (29-4) will be looking to three-peat as national champions in New Orleans.

This will be the fifth time that a school has sent both the men's and women's team to the final four in the same year.

The Huskies will face the winner of the Duke-Minnesota game that was played last night. LSU will be taking the hour trip for the final four after beating Southeastern Conference rival, the University of Georgia 62-60 in the West regional final in Seattle.

Seimone Augustus scored 29 points in the game that sent LSU to their first appearance to the final four.

The Lady Tigers have done it without their long-time head coach Sue Guthrie. Guthrie has missed the last two months of the season with acute bronchitis. Former Lady Tiger Pokey Chatman has been filling in as the acting head coach.

LSU (27-7) will play the winner of last night's Midwest Regional final between the University of Tennessee and Stanford University.

Last night's games deter-

mined the remaining two spots for the 2004 Final Four. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Midwest regional final is between the No. 1 seed Duke University and the No. 7 seed University of Minnesota at Norfolk, Va.

This is the first time the Golden Gophers have made the round of eight, while Duke is looking for a third consecutive appearance to the final four.

If the Blue Devils win, both of their teams will be playing in the final four. Both teams could face the Huskies in the semifinals.

The Midwest final in Norman, Okla., matches the Lady Volunteers and the Lady Cardinals for the final spot in the Final Four.

UT is playing in the Elite Eight for the ninth time in 10 years.

The winner faces LSU in the semifinals.

The 2004 Women's Final Four at the New Orleans Arena begins Sunday with the semifinals. The national championship will be April 6. All games will be televised on ESPN. ♦

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Spring Break unkind to Blue Raiders

By Jonathan Hutton
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee (15-8, 1-2 Sun Belt Conference) will look to get back on the winning track today as they travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to play Tennessee Tech.

The Blue Raiders have dropped five of their last six games over Spring Break. After losing the first three games at home last week, the Blue Raiders traveled to Las Cruces, N.M., last weekend to play New Mexico State University.

Chris Mobley took the mound for MT in the first game of the series.

Mobley, who in his last three outings allowed no earned runs and 12 hits, was hit early by New Mexico State (22-7, 2-1 SBC), who scored five runs in the first two innings. MT never caught up as NMSU won 16-6 behind Dustin Cameron and J.T. Severe, who combined for 13 strikeouts.

Saturday's matinee game against the Aggies turned out to be the only game for the win column in the last week. NMSU led the game 3-2 going into the top of the third inning, but a solo home run by Shane Kemp tied the game and gave the Blue Raiders some momentum.

Another homer sealed the game for

MT, as Marcus Taylor's two-run shot in the eighth inning gave MT a 6-5 lead and the would-be final score. The Blue Raiders grabbed the win behind good pitching from John Williams, who threw 153 pitches and a complete game, giving up only two earned runs alongside 14 strikeouts. NMSU pitcher Brian Gausman picked up his first loss of the season after giving up the home run to Taylor.

In the final game of the three-game road trip, MT had a hard time containing NMSU senior third baseman Adrian Ballesteros, who had two home runs and five RBIs in the Aggies' 12-3 rout of the Blue Raiders. MT starting pitcher Steve Kline (1-2) gave up six earned runs in two innings. Rory Coppinger picked up his fifth win of the year for the Aggies. The win gave NMSU its third straight series win over MT.

MT head coach Steve Peterson was clearly unhappy with last week's results.

"We are coming off a bad week and it started with the game against Dayton, where we had a 9-2 lead, and the game was cancelled due to rain," Peterson said. "For the rest of the games, when we hit the ball well, it was right to the other teams."

The Blue Raiders have a chance to redeem themselves against Tennessee Tech (3-10). Peterson hopes to see his pitching return to its winning ways.

"To get back in the winning direction, we need good pitching to slow the opposition down, and we need to back up the pitching with timely hitting," Peterson said.

Wednesday's game against TTU begins at 7 p.m. in Cookeville. Eric Blevins is expected to start for the Blue Raiders. ♦

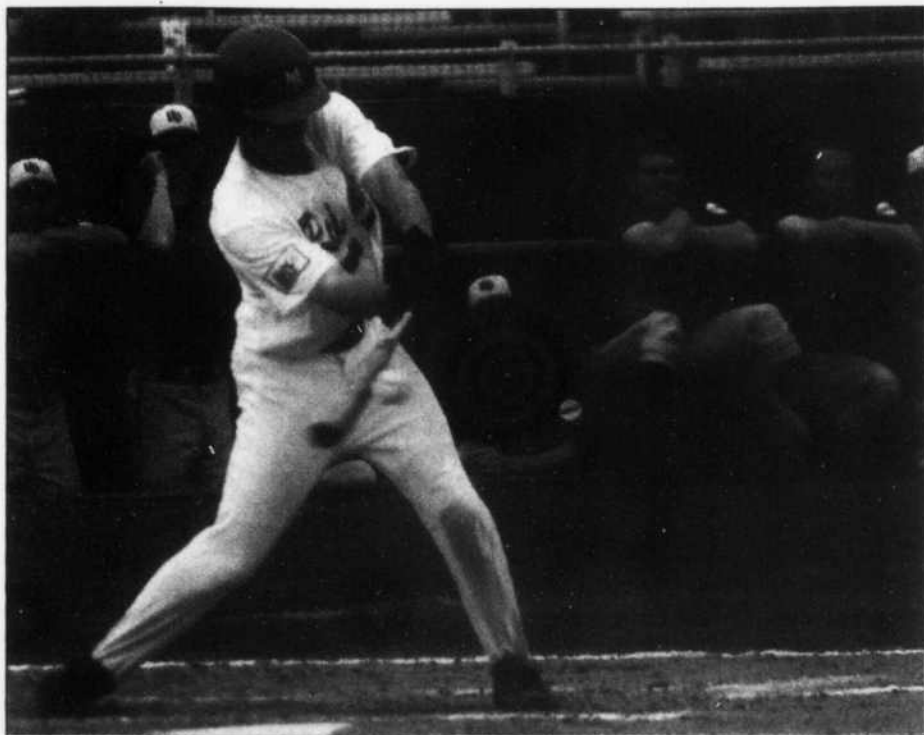


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MT second baseman Eric McNamee connects during the March 20 game against Dayton, which was cancelled in the fourth due to rain.

Airline ticket giveaway scheduled for April 20

Staff Reports

Two months after breaking the men's basketball attendance record, Middle Tennessee athletics will attempt to break the single-game baseball attendance record-with an added bonus.

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The Blue Raiders and

Commodores will play at 7 p.m. as MT will attempt to break the single-game mark of 2,733 set during the 2001 season. Fans are encouraged to arrive early for the game to reserve a general admission seat. ♦

Vet: So long, good riddance

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crashing down in a pile of smoke was. All of us Philadelphians knew an era in the history of professional sports was coming to an end. But anyone who tells you they'll miss the place is lying flat-out.

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My own personal encounters with the Vet came in the mid-1990s to watch the Philadelphia Phillies consistently lose and forever turn me away from the American pastime. It was only about 20 years old when I set foot inside it, but

you wouldn't be able to tell. The place leaked like a sieve, its cold gray surfaces a poor replacement for the fields of my father and grandfather's era. Not exactly a place to rouse pride in the home team, even if the home team couldn't play to save its life.

Thankfully, designers and architects gathered enough sense that massive, gray sports complexes like the Vet were an eyesore and started building new baseball-only parks in the styles of the fields of the past. My old hometown sluggers have their own field now, and while it's no Connie Mack Stadium, at least it's in a similar spirit, as are many of the new parks.

So farewell Vet. You and your brand of stadium won't be missed. ♦



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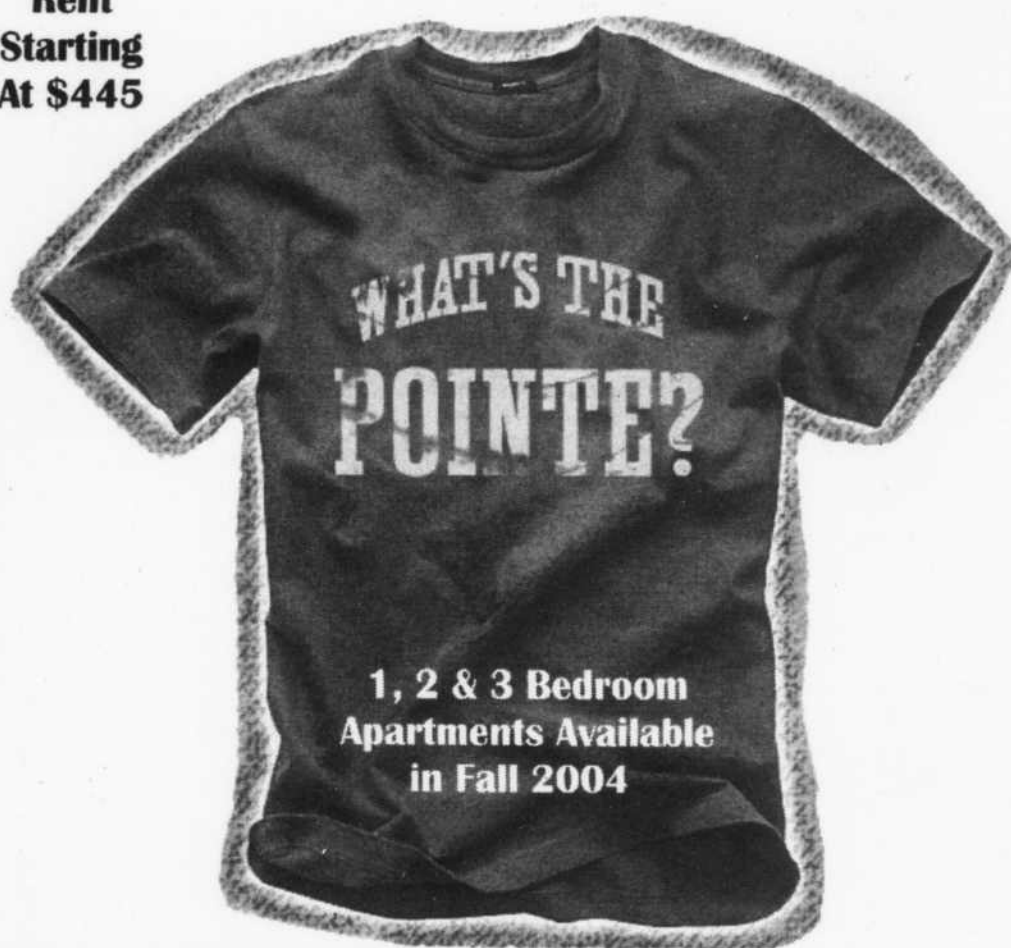
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- * Game room with billiards, air hockey & foosball
- * Computer/Study room with internet access and printers
- * Swimming pool and beach volleyball
- * Less than a mile from campus with plenty of parking

Apartment Features - Love It.

- * Fully-equipped kitchen (dishwasher, microwave & disposal)
- * Cable TV is included and high-speed internet is available
- * Private bedrooms with bathrooms
- * Utility allowance
- * Washer & dryer included in unit

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