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Haseleu denies blame for failed referendum

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Student government officials are blaming an e-mail sent by an MTSU faculty member as the reason for the new constitution not being passed, but the faculty member has a different opinion.

Christian Haseleu, the accused faculty member and chair of the recording industry management department, said

he does not think the e-mail sent from his MTSU account was the reason for the failed referendum to install a new constitution.

Haseleu claims he sent the message out at 5:14 p.m. Feb. 14. That same night the polls closed at 11 p.m. For this reason, he doesn't believe the e-mail had much of an influence on the roughly 180 students who voted.

"It had virtually no time to make an impact on the election,"

Haseleu said.

The message originated from senior James R. Miller who approached Haseleu about using his e-mail account to send a message to all 1,000-plus RIM students. The message made claims that the new constitution was dysfunctional and would make it to where only Greek organizations could receive funding through the student activity fee.

Haseleu included a disclaimer

along with the message claiming he did not necessarily endorse the validity of the information, and only allowed the student to send the message to increase interest from RIM students in the Student Government Association.

"When I got [the e-mail] I thought it might stir up some interest," Haseleu said. "I've always felt RIM majors were not involved in student government

and they feel it is irrelevant to their education.

"I was just trying to get some of them involved."

Miller said he didn't know the information was false and that a member of the SGA House of Representatives told him about the situation. Miller did not identify which House member gave him the information.

Even with timing of the e-mail, SGA President John

Marshall said he still feels the message had a major impact on the referendum results. Marshall said he doesn't mind that Haseleu sent the message out to his students, but he feels disappointed that the professor didn't contact the SGA for input.

"If he sent it out," Marshall said, "he should have let us have a rebuttal."

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Area children visit campus for history lesson

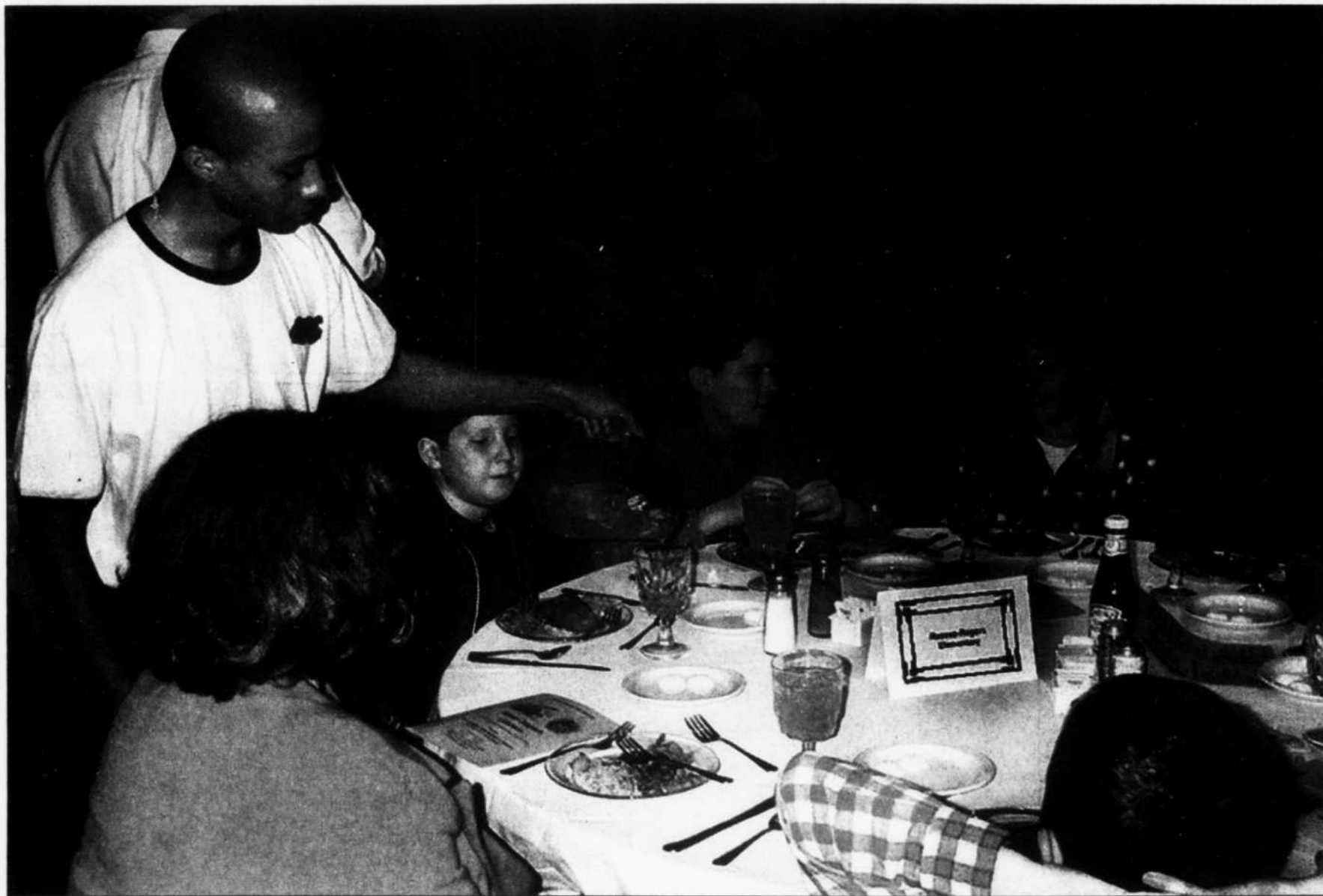


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Clarence McFerren, a resident assistant, pours glasses of lemonade for students from Reeves-Rogers Elementary School during the luncheon held Wednesday in the JUB. MTSU students from various campus organizations volunteered their time to help with the children's visit.

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

MTSU's African-American History Committee sponsored the "School Children's Luncheon" Wednesday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The luncheon taught local school children about the importance of celebrating Black History Month.

"I think it's great that the students are invited to participate in such a prestigious affair," said Florence Smith,

educational systems assistant and supervisor of in school suspension at Cason Lane Academy. "Some of these students haven't been on campus or to a great luncheon like this. It's a great opportunity for them."

The students were entertained with music by Courtney Clark, an MTSU graduate and guest speaker Judge Nathaniel R. Howse Jr. of Cook County Circuit Court.

Howse discussed the steps that he followed to obtain his career goals in life. His advice to the students was to

always treat people fairly and with respect. He discussed the importance of working hard in school to help produce success in life.

"This is my second year attending the event and the students love the interaction with the adults," said Mary Melvin, teacher at Cason Lane Academy. "It teaches the importance of Black History Month and how everyone should get along."

"I think it's neat to learn about African-Americans that have helped the society with inventions and athlet-

ics," said Isaac Mitchell, president of Student Council at Cason Lane Academy.

"I like the food and the way the music is set up," said Michael Whitehead, vice-president of Cason Lane Academy Student Council.

Whitehead said that he feels that if it was not for Martin Luther King Jr., he would not have many friends from different races.

Numerous MTSU students volunteered for the event by setting up and serving the guests. ♦

Student mothers form new sorority

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Student mothers at MTSU now have a new organization seeking to support them and show them recognition. Mu Omicron Mu is a sorority whose primary goal is to "promote the solidarity, support and success of students at MTSU who are mothers."

The sorority had an informational meeting Monday which explained the goals of the sorority and allowed perspective members to meet one another. Approximately 25 women attended representing a variety of backgrounds and educational goals.

Rosemary Lewis, who interrupted her studies at Syracuse University to devote more time to her husband and children, is now an MTSU student. She explained that she wanted to start an organization to help student mothers trying to juggle school responsibilities with family responsibilities.

"When I got married and I was in school, I was invisible," she said. "There was no support for moms."

Lewis elaborated by saying that there were few scholarships for mothers, no sorority houses, no "kiddie lunches" at campus food services, and not enough on-campus daycare facilities.

She described some goals of Mu Omicron Mu, whose acronym, MOM, stands for Maximum Opportunity for Mothers. The sorority wishes to collect and disseminate information about resources available for student mothers, establish scholarships and other forms of recognition, and increase social sup-

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Program teaches women self-defense

By Matthew Kelly
Police Reporter

Female students, staff and faculty members can learn how to defend themselves against a potential attacker by taking the Rape Aggression Defense class offered by the MTSU Police Department.

The course couples prevention and avoidance techniques with self-defense tactics.

"RAD is a program designed to maximize a woman's options

in a situation that would require self-defense," said Officer Jason Morton, one of the department's certified instructors.

The first step is to teach women how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations, Morton said.

The second part is to fight back.

"We teach kicks, punches and some basic fighting tech-

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Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

Tennisha Smith, a student worker in the June Anderson Women's Center, is ready to help anyone who walks in.

Women's center opens rape line

By Carmen Anderson
Staff Writer

The June Anderson Women's Center has started a new rape crisis line for victims of sexual assault on campus.

The crisis line is available 24 hours a day. The service is automated and keeps callers' information confidential.

The hotline began last December. The service was started as information resource

for rape victims. Callers are told what to expect when a rape is reported, from what the police will do to what happens at the hospital.

Callers are also given the phone for the MTSU Police Department and the Rutherford County Crisis line, as well as additional resources they can contact.

"Another reason we started

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matthew Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Feb. 16 and Feb. 20, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Student charged with DUI after speeding incident

Feb. 16, 4:13 a.m. — 2nd Street at B Street — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle pull out of the Greenland Drive parking lot and travel at a high rate of speed down Greenland Drive. He caught up with the vehicle after it had turned onto C Street and continued to follow it as it drove down B Street. The vehicle was traveling between 25-30 mph, above the posted speed limit of 15 mph.

The officer activated his cruiser's lightbar on B Street to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle then turned right onto 2nd Street, traveling a short distance in the wrong direction on the one-way street before coming to a stop.

The officer approached the vehicle and noticed a strong smell of an intoxicating beverage coming from the driver, later identified as Brian Ayers Worley.

He also had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. The officer asked Worley how much he had to drink. He replied that he had a few beers at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house a few minutes earlier.

The officer then asked Worley to step out of his vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. During the one-legged stand test, Worley "wavered on his feet and showed a lack of balance." He failed to touch his nose several times during the finger-to-nose test, and counted aloud — though this was not part of the test.

During the nine-step walk-and-turn test, the driver stepped off the line several times, nearly falling down and did not place his feet heel-to-toe.

Brian Ayers Worley, 27, of 431 Riverside Drive in Eufaula, Ala., was charged with driving under the influence, first offense. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500. ♦

Officer's CPR saves female student

Feb. 19, 11:25 a.m. — James Union Building — Officers were dispatched after a report that a female student and cafeteria employee had passed out.

Upon arrival, the officers found the student lying on a table in the kitchen, unconscious, but with a pulse and breathing.

While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, the student stopped breathing and lost her pulse. Officer Misty Hellstrom administered CPR and the student started breathing and regained her pulse.

The Rutherford County Ambulance Service then arrived and transported the student to Middle Tennessee Medical Center. ♦

Odor in hall leads to marijuana arrest

Feb. 19, 2:57 a.m. — Schardt Hall — An officer was dispatched following a report that the odor of marijuana was coming from a dorm room. Upon arrival, he found a pair of purple sweat pants at the base of the door to the alleged room, and could also smell an odor of marijuana coming from the room. He knocked on the door and made contact with the resident, later identified as Delvin Bernard Parker.

The officer noticed a small amount

of marijuana on the corner of a desk table. There was also another student in the room. The officer advised both subjects of their Miranda rights and asked if there was any more marijuana in the room.

The other student pulled a plastic baggie of marijuana from the bed he was sitting on, and Parker retrieved a plastic baggie of marijuana from a cardboard box under a shelf.

Parker's baggie contained less than one-half ounce of marijuana. He was given a dean's citation and arrested and charged with simple possession of marijuana.

Parker, 20, of 1605 Janis Drive in Memphis, Tenn., was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$2,500.

The other student's baggie contained only "particles and residue." He was issued a dean's citation and released. ♦

Student runs from police, hides beer

Feb. 20, 3:47 a.m. — Tennessee Livestock Center horse stables — While on patrol, an officer noticed a person walking on Greenland Drive who appeared unsteady on his feet. He was

also carrying something in his hands. After the individual entered the Livestock Center parking lot, the officer approached the subject in his vehicle, but the subject took off running into the stable area when he saw the officer.

The officer went to the south end of the stable area. After exiting his car, he shouted for the individual to come out. The individual came out with his hands on his head, but was no longer holding anything in his hands.

The officer directed the individual, later identified as Christopher Michael Gill, to place his hands on the hood of his vehicle. He noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Gill. The officer asked Gill what he had done with whatever he had been carrying. Gill stated that he dropped it in the stable area somewhere. He left Gill with another officer who had arrived while he searched for the tossed item.

The officer discovered a case of Busch beer. Gill also later admitted that he had had some marijuana, too, but officers did not find any during a search of the area.

Gill, 23, of 1704 Mercury Blvd. in Murfreesboro, was placed under arrest and charged with public intoxication and evading arrest. He was transported

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Professor to discuss computer science careers

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

Thomas J. Cheatham, professor of computer science at MTSU, will discuss "Careers in Computing" at the Honor's Lectures Series in Peck Hall, Room 109A Monday from 3-3:50 p.m.

Cheatham will discuss the high demand for careers in computer science and the success stories of previous graduates from MTSU.

"Statistics show across the U.S. that the greatest demand will be computer engineering and computer systems analyst in the future," Cheatham said.

Cheatham will discuss the various careers in computer science such as computer engineer, computer programmer, systems analyst and technical writer. He will also discuss the salaries in the computer science field, which range from \$30,000 to \$450,000 a year.

Cheatham said that he will put a face with the various careers in computer science from recent graduates of MTSU.

He will discuss the success of Tamara Balac, who received her doctorate in science from Vanderbilt University and will be working at a biotech company in San Diego, Ca. He will mention Mark Bailey, president and CEO of Job Soft, a company that develops



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Computer Science Professor

different software and employs around 20 people.

He will discuss the success of Lisa Boice, an MTSU December 2000 graduate, who is currently working as a technical writer for Acym Tech Company located in Nashville.

He plans to give examples of more graduates who have ventured into the field of computer science.

Cheatham received his bachelor's of science from Campbellsville University in 1966. He received his master's degree in 1968 and doctorate in 1971 from the University of Kentucky. In 1987, Cheatham was awarded Western Kentucky's Outstanding Teacher Award.

He has been a professor at MTSU since

1990 and has served as the chair of the computer science department for eight years. He received MTSU's Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology in 2000 and the university's Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award.

Cheatham is the MTSU McNair Program academic coordinator and the co-investigator for NSF Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Grant.

His most recent publication was "A Web-Based Lab Manual for CS 1: An Experiment," in 2000.

For more information on the event, call the Honors College at 898-2152. ♦

MOM: Maximum opportunity

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port.

Other goals include promoting quality, affordable housing and childcare for student mothers and establishing low-cost nutritious meals for kids at campus food service establishments.

Lewis also addressed the need for fellowship among student mothers.

"What really counts is relationships," she said. "We're going to cultivate some friendships."

The high turnout was encour-

aging to all those in attendance.

"Look at all the women here," said Maggie Clark-Schneider, one of the students at the meeting. "It's so empowering."

The meeting centered on introduction of potential members and plans for future meetings. The formation of a committee to draft a constitution was also discussed. The next meeting will be announced and will probably take place next week.

For more information, contact Lewis at rel2c@mtsu.edu or 459-4663. ♦

SGA: Marshall faults prof.


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Even though Marshall has no physical proof that the letter had an impact, he still has "strong feelings" that it was extremely influential.

Another disappointment, Marshall said, lies with the students who may have voted against the new constitution because of the false information.

He believes they should have done more independent research before voting.

As far as the source of the false accusations, Marshall said he believes they were made up by someone and were directed at him simply because he is a member of the Greek community. Marshall is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. ♦



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to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$1,750. ♦

Faces disturbance lands intoxicated man in slammer

Feb. 20, 1:03 a.m. — *Faces on East Main Street* — While conducting a traffic stop in front of Faces, an officer noticed an individual causing a disturbance on the front porch of the bar. After completing the traffic stop, the officer and a backup unit went to Faces to make sure everything was OK.

The individual causing the disturbance, later identified as Gary Oliver Agent Jr., was attempting to re-enter the bar, but the bouncer was not allowing him in since he was intoxicated. Agent had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, an odor of alcohol about him and was unsteady on his feet. He later told officers that he had three alcoholic drinks.

The officers informed Agent that he would not be allowed to go back inside the

bar and tried to find a ride home for him, but were unsuccessful. One of the officers asked Agent to perform the one-legged stand test to determine his level of intoxication. He did not perform the test to the officer's satisfaction.

Agent, 24, of 512 E. Lytle Street in Murfreesboro, was charged with public intoxication and transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$500. ♦

Lack of headlights results in DUI charge

Feb. 18, 2:36 a.m. — *Division Street* — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle pull out of The Boro without any lights. He pulled in behind the vehicle and followed it as it turned onto Tennessee Boulevard. The vehicle continued to drive without any lights and was following the vehicle in front of it very closely.

As the vehicle turned west onto Division Street, the officer initiated a traffic stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, he noticed an odor of alcohol about the driver who began

to "ramble pointlessly about something to do with her vehicle."

The officer asked the driver, later identified as Francine M. Lala, how much she had to drink. Lala stated that she had only a few glasses of wine. The officer asked her to step out of her vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. As she got out of her car, he noticed that her eyes appeared glazed and her speech was slurred, and she had to support herself on the car door.

The officer explained how to do the one-legged stand to Lala several times, but she did not appear to understand. He proceeded to the finger-to-nose test, but Lala failed to touch her nose several times and nearly fell over. The officer had to place his hands on her shoulders to keep her from falling.

Francine M. Lala, 35, of 10385 Bradley Creek Road in Milton, Tenn., was charged with driving under the influence, second offense. She was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500.

While at the jail, the officer asked for Lala's home phone number for the booking sheet. She replied that the officer should call her cat Princess at that number to see if the cat could help her make bond. ♦

RAD: Women taught to fight

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niques," Morton said.

But you don't have to be an athlete to participate.

"They're all basic, simple movements that any average person should be able to do," Morton said.

RAD was developed in 1989 by a police officer and former Marine. It is now taught at over 400 colleges, rape crisis centers and police departments in the United States and Canada.

The instructors go through an intensive training course and must take additional courses every year to remain certified. The MTSU Police Department currently has three certified instructors.

The course is 12 hours long, broken into three four-hour sessions. Only females are allowed to enroll.

Sgt. Steve Scott, the program coordinator,

says the police department wants to ensure that every woman who wants to participate has the opportunity to take the course.

With a minimum of five women signed-up, Scott will schedule a course and will try to arrange it around the participants' schedules.

Scott will also schedule a class for any formal or informal group that wants to take the course, such as a campus organization or just a group of friends.

"One of our goals is to make sure this department is able to provide a safe campus environment," Scott said. "One of the ways to do that is to offer this program."

Anyone interested in the course should call Scott at 898-2424. Additional information is also available on the department's Web site at <http://police.mtsu.edu/rad>. ♦

Rape: Scary statistics

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this is because women rarely report rape," said Carrie Hawk of the June Anderson Women's Center.

One out of every four women is sexually assaulted on university campuses each year and 84 percent do not report the incident, Hawk said.

In 1999, one rape was reported at MTSU. The victim knew the suspect and alcohol was involved.

A 1997 report by two University of Cincinnati professors, "The Sexual Victimization of College Women," estimates that 350 rapes occur each year on campuses where 10,000 or more female students are enrolled.

The June Anderson Women's Center also provides pamphlets and other information about rape. The literature tells how common date rape is on campuses and how to avoid it. The pamphlets also give information about common date rape drugs.

Free and confidential counseling is also provided for students on campus.

The rape crisis line can be reached at 898-JAWC. For general information about the June Anderson Women's Center, call 898-2193. ♦

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Thursday, February 22, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

It's Monday night and you're hungry. You also have nothing better to do than study for Friday's exam. Who wants to do that? Instead, relax with a night of entertainment at the Woodmore Cafe's Open Mic Nite.

Every Monday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., students and other Murfreesboro residents are entertained with live, free performances as they eat.

All sorts of skits are performed at Open Mic Nite, including musical, comedic, the reading of poetry and short stories, etc. There are few limitations to what those on stage can do. Each performance does have a time limit though. They are allowed either two songs or 10 minutes. After their time is up, performers must wait until the next Monday to deliver more. Woodmore, also known as the Cyber Cafe, is a multi-beneficial facility for students. Not only does it offer free entertainment on Monday nights, but it also contains Burger King, DC Subs, a mini-mart, numerous televisions set up around the room, computers to get on the web or check your e-mail, and an assortment of games randomly dispersed on the tables and couches. Basically, all you need is a bed to live there comfortably.

Jen Denis, a student of MTSU, enjoys the laid back atmosphere of Woodmore and Open Mic Nite.

"I like it better than Corlew," Denis said. "You can eat and do research at the same time."

Student Steve Cross goes to Open Mic Nite as often as he can. He enjoys seeing on and off-campus performers, whether they have talent or not.

Cross describes this night as "a good way for anyone to express themselves without having to go through any red tape."

Jonathan Fletcher has been the host for Open Mic Nite the last three semesters. He explains that anyone who has the desire can perform.

Although the event is geared more toward students, other talents are welcome.

Betty Jean Jankowski is not a student of MTSU, but her first performance at Open Mic Nite was Feb. 12.

"I'm really impressed with the room layout and the relaxed atmosphere," Jankowski said.

She's been to Open Mic's before and feels comfortable with this setting. She sees it as a low-pressure environment where people are encouraged to be different.

Fletcher explains that, on average, approximately 15 people perform every Monday. Some nights, there have been up to 24 signed up. In those cases, artists definitely may not exceed their limit so everyone can have their chance.

Sometimes performers are asked to shorten their skit so those at the end of the list won't get left out.

Those interested in expressing their talent have the opportunity to sign up all day on Monday for that night's show. They're not allowed to sign up before then because they may forget by Monday or the list could get too long for the three hour performance time.

At each Open Mic Nite, there's a feature performer who has the first 30-45 minutes to perform. A different person features every week. It's usually someone who's performed at Open Mic Nite's before.

Some nights they also have a guest emcee. This not only gives Fletcher a break, but also allows the experience of hosting to those who are interested.

James Boone was the guest emcee for Feb. 12. He enjoyed the experience because it let him participate. He's performed in the past, so the temporary job didn't make him nervous.

A common performer for Open Mic Nite is freshman Jackson Price. His skit varies from stand up, to singing and playing instruments. He's performed every Monday night since the second week of last fall semester.

Price's goal while performing is to get a reaction from the audience. It doesn't matter whether they hate or love him, as long as they react to him.

Several times before Price's performance, Fletcher has warned ladies to leave before they get offended. Often times, he tells jokes derogatory to women.

This is part of the reason why he does Open Mic Nite though. He enjoys having the opportunity to do his own work, whether it pleases or not.

All types of people come to show their skills at Open Mic Nite. Not only do ages vary, but different styles of talent. Musical styles range from sounds like Tori Amos to Garth Brooks. Those not musically talented read poetry, tell jokes, etc.

To have your own experience and opinion of Open Mic Nite, go to Woodmore next Monday for your listening enjoyment. ♦

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'O Brother Where Art Thou' revives country music

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Old-style country music is making a sudden and surprising move onto country music charts, helped by Hollywood's marketing muscle.

The soundtrack to Ethan and Joel Coen's "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (Mercury Records) has sold more than 272,000 copies, according to SoundScan. It made it to No. 1 on the Billboard chart of top-selling country music albums, and

even cracked the list of top 25 albums in all music genres.

The music on the soundtrack has nothing in common with the music played on country music radio stations today.

"It's all traditional American music of the period that the movie takes place in," said director Joel Coen. "So it's all early American roots music - Delta blues, early country music, mountain music, chain gang songs, folk songs. Not bluegrass, but almost sort of pre-bluegrass music."

Dan Tyminski, a member of the band Alison Krauss & Union Station, does the singing for George Clooney, one of the film's stars.

"Anything that reaches masses of people like that is good exposure for the music," Tyminski said. "It's my hope that it does affect large numbers of people, turning them on to music that's been here for so long."

"O Brother," a comical take on Homer's "The Odyssey," is set in the Depression-era South.

Music is integral to the film, including the fictional hit "Man of Constant Sorrow" by the three escaped convicts (Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson) at the center of the story who become famous as the Soggy Bottom Boys.

"It's ironic that real life is mirroring the movie," Tyminski said. "People are going into stores asking for the Soggy Bottom Boys, and people are

See **O Brother**, 6



ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Thursday, Feb. 21

The MTSU Fencing Club teaches a beginning class on basketball court No. 6 in the Rec Center from 6 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.

Campus Recreation sponsors a springboard diving class through Feb. 23 at the Rec Center pool from 7 to 7:50 p.m. For information, call 898-2104.

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.

Through Feb. 23, the KUC Cube Gallery presents KC Stout performing a painting using the space of the cube as her framing device.

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Wednesday, Feb. 14

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Sign up for men and women's intramural wrestling tournament at the Rec Center. For information, contact Mark Owens at 898-2104.

Want to be one of the 15 students chosen by Campus Recreation to attend a Nashville Predators hockey game on March 1 at 4:30 p.m.? Contact Ray or Vanessa at 898-2104.

A free legal clinic is at the June Anderson Women's Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For information, contact Chastity Hyde at 898-2193.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

The Placement and Student Employment Center hosts the Nashville Area College to Career Fair & Nashville Area Teacher Recruitment Fair, located off of Interstate 24 at the Expo Center in Smyrna. The Career

Fair is from noon to 5 p.m., and the Teacher Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fair is open to MTSU juniors, seniors, graduate students and alumni.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 22

A debate on the "Disunity Among Black Students" is in the AASA Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

The Cyber Café hosts a poetry reading at 5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Sonia Sanchez speaks in the JUB Tennessee Room at 6 p.m.

O Brother: Soundtrack provides country music with new life

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saying, 'We're all sold out.' T-Bone (Burnett) told me that had actually happened."

Will the soundtrack spark a trend?

There's plenty of great roots music being recorded, said John Grady, senior vice president of sales, marketing and promotion at Mercury Records. The key is having the marketing muscle of

a popular film.

"A movie with major stars in it," said Grady, smiling at the thought. "And George Clooney just won best actor at the Golden Globes. That's a whole new ball game, and that attracts all of these new people."

Consequently, the album has been getting lots of attention.

"This record has been reviewed in everything from Rolling Stone to The Wall Street

Journal," Grady said. "It's great for the artists. It's places they haven't been before, or haven't been in a long time."

The album, produced by T-Bone Burnett, also features Gillian Welch, The Fairfield Four, The Cox Family, The Whites, Norman Blake and Emmylou Harris.

It's an informed mix of some of the best alternative artists in Nashville. Grady said the film-

makers didn't depend entirely on the expertise of Burnett and associate producer Welch.

"Talking to the Coen brothers about this music is a humbling experience," he said. "Because I'm in the music business and they're in the movie business, and they know a lot more about this music than I do."

A concert staged last May at the Ryman Auditorium featured

many of the artists on the soundtrack. It was filmed by director D.A. Pennebaker.

If the concert film is released this spring, it could keep momentum for the soundtrack going beyond the movie's theatrical life.

Meanwhile, there are many roots music artists in Nashville who deserve exposure.

"I think there's an analogy to be made with the 'Buena Vista

Social Club' project," Grady said. "Ry Cooder went out and recorded with a bunch of 80-year-old Cubans and created that concept. ... Over two or three years and several projects it has sold more than 2 million units."

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The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor



Pigskin Clinic

The Middle Tennessee football program will host the third annual Andy McCollum Football Clinic for Women April 21. The event will take place in the Gameday Room of Floyd Stadium from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blue Raider coaches will discuss in detail offense, defense and special teams, as well as giving highlights of weight lifting and cross training programs. The sole purpose of the clinic is to teach the basics of football in a classroom setting for women to have a better understanding of the game.

There will be a question and answer session with Middle Tennessee coaches about any part of the game. Participants will also receive a drill book.

For more information, contact Gary Camp in the Middle Tennessee football office at 898-2926.

Breaking even

Middle Tennessee's Lady Raiders will finish no worse than .500 in hoops for the fourth straight year and for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons. The program has had 24 seasons of .500 or better in 26 years of competition.

Pouring it On

With the 25-point win Saturday, against UL at Lafayette, the women have won four games by 20 or more points in the season.

Movin' on Up

Senior Kelly Chastain moved up to 16th on Middle Tennessee's all-time scoring list. With 15 points Saturday, she stands just 31 points shy of 1,000 career points. She would be the 15th player in school history to reach the plateau.

Junior Joanne Aluka grabbed seven rebounds Saturday, giving her 528 for her career.

Freshman Keisha McClinic set a career high with five steals while the Lady Raiders set a season-high with 17 steals on the evening.

Junior Jamie Thomatis scored 20 points on the evening. She's reached 20 points in 14 games this season.

Closing Up

Senior Freddie Martinez scored 12 points in the loss Saturday to UL at Lafayette. Martinez also led the team in rebounding with eight in the game.

The Ragin' Cajuns head coach, Jessie Evans, was born in Lebanon, Tenn. Evans moved to Detroit, Mich., and completed his high school education there. Sophomore Bryant Mitchell dunked twice, breaking a slump of dunkless games for the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders will likely face the Ragin' Cajuns again in the first round of the Sun Belt Tournament in Mobile, Ala.

The Blue Raiders permanently sealed their fate as the sixth and last seed in the Eastern Division behind Florida International. Even if Middle Tennessee wins their last two games and Florida International loses their last two games, the Golden Panthers hold the tie-breaker of a 2-0 season series over the Blue Raiders. ♦

Blue Raiders seek record beginning

By J.P. Plant

Assistant Sports Editor

On the heels of a sweep of UNC-Asheville over the weekend, the Blue Raiders baseball team (3-0) hosts another three game series this weekend. Southeastern Louisiana (6-7) comes roaring to Murfreesboro following a 5-3 loss to Sun Belt conference member University of New Orleans (UNO) Tuesday.

The Lions, picked ninth in Southland Conference by the

coaches, come in carrying a three-game losing streak. The Blue Raiders, in contrast bring a three-game winning streak and are off to the best start since 1991.

The two teams present strengths that are exact opposites. The Blue Raiders rely on experienced pitching while the Lions lack the pitching and rely on their bats.

Although the Lions score better than six and a half runs per game, their pitching staff has a collective earned run aver-

age (ERA) of 6.85.

Contrastly Middle is scoring one less run per game than Southeastern and the pitching staff, with an ERA of 1.08, already has a shutout under their belt holding opponents to a .193 batting average.

Southeastern, however, does have one advantage over Middle. Friday afternoon's game will the 14th of the season for the Lions, compared to only the fourth contest and second opponent of the young season for the Blue Raiders.

Leading the way for Middle from the plate is senior second baseman, John Renick. During the UNC-Asheville series Renick compiled a .500 batting average, scored four times and hit a home run. As a team, however, the Blue Raiders are only batting .229.

Starting for the Blue Raiders in the series opener Friday will be junior Dewon Brazelton (1-0) with an ERA of 0.00 and five strikeouts. The first pitch is at 3 p.m.

Saturday's probable starter is

senior Kris Lammers (1-0) bringing a nonexistent ERA as well as nine strikeouts.

Freshman John Williams is expected to get another start Sunday. Williams also brings a perfect record (1-0) and an ERA of 3.60 and six strikeouts.

This same trio ended the UNC-Asheville series and recorded three dominating performances.

Saturday and Sunday's games begin at 1 p.m. at Reese Smith Field. ♦

Men hoping to avoid unlucky thirteen

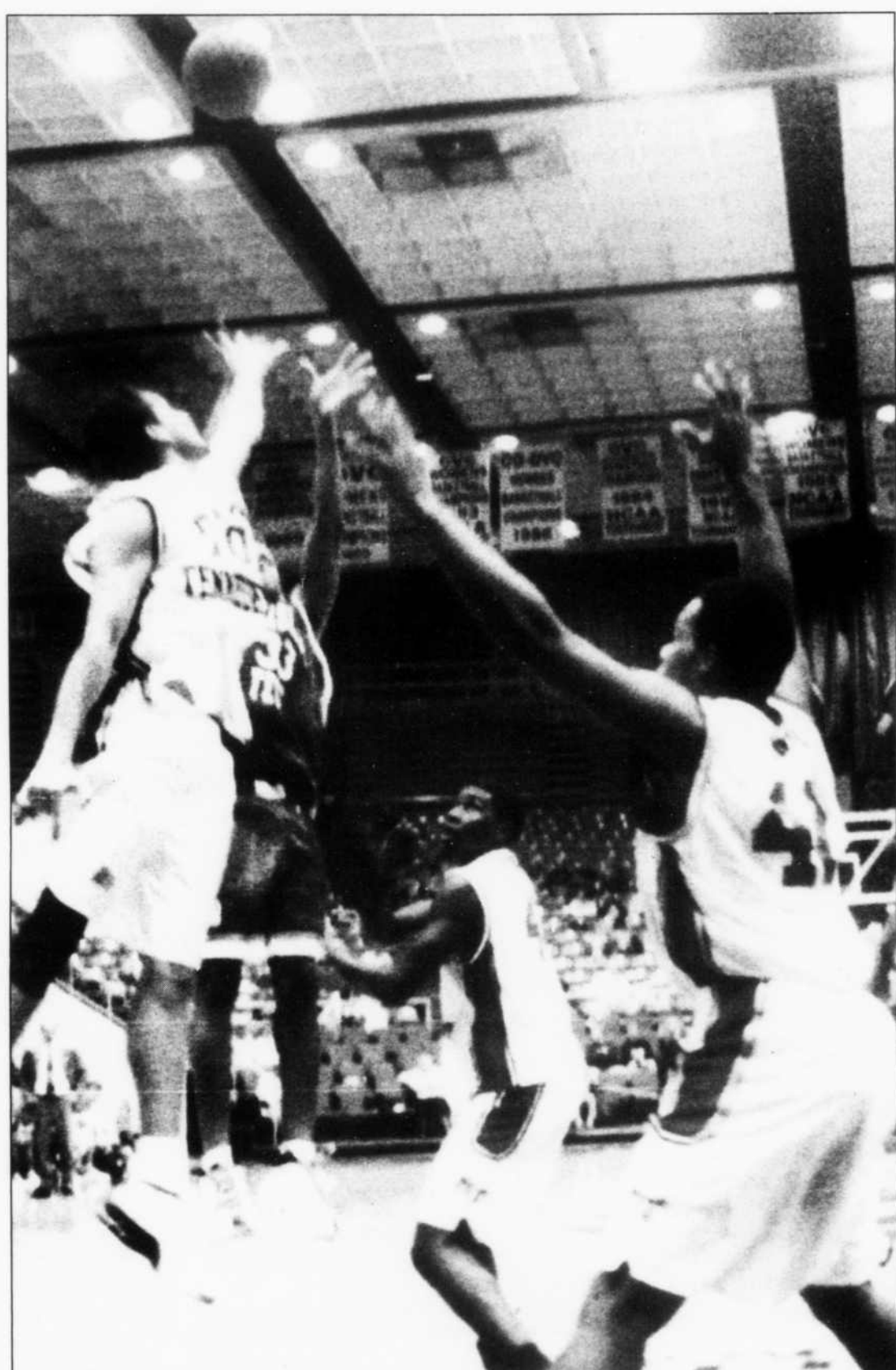


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Blue Raiders hope to end the losing streak before next week's Sun Belt Tournament.

By: Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee comes into Thursday night's game in the midst of a twelve-game skid, but hopefully something can be brought out of the final home game of the year. The opponent is New Mexico State, who have won 7 of their last 8 games.

The Blue Raiders, 5-19 (1-13), must work the ball around and have consistent play from everyone on the floor or else their losing streak may extend into next season. MT is led by center Iiro Tennengren, who is averaging 9.8 points per game (ppg), and Freddie Martinez, who is averaging 9.4 ppg. Tommy Gunn, a finalist for Sun Belt Conference Rookie of the Year, has only scored 2 points against La. Tech and 8 points against Louisiana-Lafayette. He must step up his production to have any shot at this dubious honor.

New Mexico State, 12-14 (8-6), played the role of spoiler last week. In consecutive games, they defeated Arkansas State and Louisiana Tech, and put

them back in a tie for second place in the Eastern Division of the Sun Belt. The Aggies have vaulted themselves into a third place tie with Louisiana-Lafayette (who must face North Texas next), both of which are only one game behind Western Division co-leaders New Orleans and South Alabama.

The Aggies are led by Eric Channing averaging 18.5 ppg., and has stepped it up over the last two games, averaging 20 points. James Moore, 11.7 ppg. and 5.7 rpg., and Daveeno Hines, 9.1 ppg. and 9.2 rpg., will provide a huge element to contend with on the Raiders soft interior defense. Brandon Mason also has contributed 9.4 ppg. and 2.8 apg. for the year.

The Blue Raiders now must play the role of spoiler, either now against New Mexico State and in the final game at Western Kentucky or at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Mobile in two weeks. If not, the Blue Raiders better schedule an easy opening game at the beginning of next year or the losing streak might be in place for a while. ♦

Sunbelt Conference Standings Men's Basketball

Institution	East		Overall	
	Conference W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Western Kentucky	12-2	.857	19-6	.760
Louisiana Tech	10-4	.714	17-9	.654
Arkansas State	10-4	.714	16-10	.615
Arkansas-Little Rock	8-6	.571	16-9	.640
Florida Intl	3-11	.214	5-20	.200
Middle Tennessee	1-13	.071	5-19	.208
West				
South Alabama	9-5	.643	18-9	.667
New Orleans	9-5	.643	15-10	.600
Louisiana	8-6	.571	13-12	.520
New Mexico State	8-6	.571	12-14	.462
Denver	5-9	.357	10-15	.400
North Texas	1-13	.071	4-21	.160

New assistant hired for 2001 season

The Football Insider

J.P. Plant



Assistant Sports Editor

Defensive Assistant Hired

Blue Raider head football coach Andy McCollum announced last week the hiring of Steve Davis as a defensive assistant. Davis, most recently the defensive backs coach for Southern Miss in 1999, has been

part of two undefeated regular seasons in the past six years.

"I have known Steve for a long time and he is very well respected in the coaching ranks," said McCollum. "His work ethic, attitude and chemistry sets him apart. He is a great recruiter who will represent this university and our program very well."

Davis, a 1975 graduate of Livingston (now the University of West Alabama), spent the '99 season helping Southern Miss win a Conference USA and Liberty Bowl championship.

Prior to Southern Miss,

Davis spent time as linebackers coach at Tulane, defensive coordinator at Troy State, cornerbacks coach at Auburn, defensive backs coach at LSU and another period with Southern Miss as a defensive backs coach from 1987-90. Davis has also been a head coach at North Alabama, East Mississippi Community College and his alma mater Livingston.

As a freshman at Livingston, Davis was a member of the 1971 Tiger NAIA national championship team. Davis also served as team captain in 1974 and earned all-conference honors in

1973.

His years at Livingston as a player and a coach earned him a place in the Livingston Hall of Fame and on the Livingston All-Decade team.

Davis has been part of five bowl games, numerous playoff appearances, and helped Tulane win the 1998 Conference USA and Liberty Bowl titles. That same Tulane squad ended the season with a perfect 12-0 record, the second of Davis' perfect seasons.

Both seasons as defensive coordinator at Division I-AA Troy State, Davis' defense was

ranked among the nation's top five. And in 1995, the Trojans ended the regular season 11-0.

Prior to his two seasons at TSU, Davis had two stints in the South Eastern Conference. In 1994, Davis worked with the cornerbacks at Auburn University. Preceding his year as a "plains" tiger, Davis spent three years as a "Bengal" tiger at LSU (Louisiana State University) coaching the defensive backfield.

During his first stay at Southern Miss, the Golden

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Las Cruces, N.M., 7 p.m.

■ **Men's Basketball**
Blue Raiders vs. New Mexico St.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

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■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.

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SATURDAY

■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

■ **Women's Basketball**
Lady Raiders vs. Western Kentucky
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

■ **Men's Basketball**
Blue Raiders at Western Kentucky
Bowling Green, Ky., 7 p.m.

■ **Golf**
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SUNDAY

■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders vs. Southeastern La.
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

■ **Women's Tennis**
Lady Raiders at Tennessee
Knoxville, Tenn., 6 p.m.

■ **Golf**
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TUESDAY

■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders at Samford
Birmingham, Ala., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders at UAB
Birmingham, Ala., 3:05 p.m.

Football: 2001 schedule made official

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Eagles enjoyed two bowl appearances in four years - the Independence Bowl (1988) and the All-American Bowl (1990) - with Davis as the secondary coach.

In the early to mid eighties, Davis spent time at North Alabama, East Mississippi Junior College and his alma mater Livingston where once again he orchestrated a defense that gained national attention.

"We're excited to have Steve' enthusiasm, experience and work ethic on our staff," said McCollum. "He has a positive attitude and fits well with our program. He's been with some great schools and has had great defenses, but above all he is known as a top-notch recruiter."

McCollum still has two more staff positions to fill which he plans to make a decision on within the next two weeks.

It's official

The Middle Tennessee football schedule was made official Tuesday. The season opener at Vanderbilt scheduled for Saturday Sept. 1 has been changed to the preceding Thursday Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

This will be the first meeting between the Commodores and the Blue Raiders since 1956. The series dates back to 1913 and continued until 1956 - consisting of 13 contests.

"This is a great opportunity for fans of both programs in the Middle Tennessee area," said Interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly. "It's a great game for the two schools to be playing,

and having it on Thursday night makes it even more exciting.

"Weather we play the game on Thursday or Saturday doesn't really matter," McCollum said. "We know we have a tough game against an SEC team, and we are going up there to play the best we can play."

Vandy doesn't present the only SEC opponent for the Blue

"We want to be Murfreesboro's team and this is a chance for everyone to be a part of our program and see how hard our kids work in the offseason"

-Andy McCollum
head coach

Raiders. The Rebels from Ole Miss host MTSU Oct. 20 and LSU plays host Nov. 10.

"When you play three of your first four games on the road it is a very tough task," said McCollum. "But I believe we have a team capable of stepping up to the challenge."

"We will now battle a league schedule to go along with three SEC teams, but we will work extremely hard and try to be as good as we can be."

The 2001 football schedule features Middle Tennessee's first season in the Sun Belt Conference. The Blue Raiders face six conference opponents with a key home game against Idaho Oct. 6.

The Aug. 30 opener against Vandy will be the earliest beginning for the Blue Raiders since 1986. It will also mark the first Thursday night game in 10 years since a 51-14 blowout of UT-Martin on Halloween night in 1991.

"Blue Dawn" for Blue fans

Head coach Andy McCollum is inviting fans, alumni, friends, youth teams, middle school teams and high school teams to witness "Blue Dawn" tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. in the Murphy Center. The workout will last approximately one hour.

"This is an opportunity for the community to be a part of our program," McCollum said. "We want to be Murfreesboro's team and this is a chance for everyone to be a part of our program and see how hard our kids work in the offseason. It is an event I believe should be viewed by area teams and the general public to show them what it takes to play college football at this level."

"Blue Dawn" is nine days of concentration and mental toughness drills that started on Feb. 13, and concludes Feb. 27.

"Blue Dawn is the official beginning of the 2001 season for our football program," McCollum said. "All of our coaches and players meet at 6 a.m. and go through nine different work stations in order to be better prepared for spring practice and the upcoming season. It's a special time for our program because we believe we are getting ahead of our competition and after three workouts, I could not be happier with the effort and enthusiasm."

The stations are designed to help players with agility, change of direction, footwork, explosion and mental toughness. Penalties, such as extensive running, are given to players who don't finish.

For more information regarding Blue Dawn, contact the Middle Tennessee football office at 615-898-2926. ♦

Middle Tennessee State University 2001 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 30	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
Sept. 8	Troy State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Sept. 22	Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, La.
Sept. 29	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.
Oct. 6	Idaho	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Oct. 13	North Texas	Denton, Tx.
Oct. 20	Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.
Oct. 27	New Mexico State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Nov. 3	Arkansas State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Nov. 10	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.
Nov. 17	Connecticut	Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Golf team will travel to Tampa, looks to improve top ten finish

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

The men's golf team will travel to Tampa, Fla. this weekend to participate in the Ron Smith Invitational.

The event, which will consist of 54 holes, will be hosted by the University of South Florida.

The Bulls also competed in the Beau Rivage Classic, finishing third, in Gulfport, Miss. on

Feb. 13.

The Blue Raiders will be led by Patrick Williams, who averaged a 75 at the Beau Rivage Classic, which tied him for 12th overall. MT finished in 10th.

John Beddies will also be called upon to help lead the team. During the fall he averaged 76.3 per round, including a 73.8 final round average. At Beau Rivage, Beddies shot a 228, or a 76.0 average.

The Blue Raiders will seek to return to the consistency they had in the fall tournaments. MT's scoring average improved each day by a total of 7.8 strokes.

However at the Beau Rivage Classic, the Raiders shot a 303 the first day before shooting a pair of 309s to finish the tournament, a loss of six strokes between their second and third rounds. ♦

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