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### Campus Briefs

#### Internship fair coming to campus today

MTSU will be hosting a summer internship fair in the James Union Building today from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information on internships and summer employment opportunities will be available. The Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, YMCA and Disney World will be among the companies with representatives available to answer questions and provide information.

#### Martial Arts Club offers self-defense seminar

The MTSU Martial Arts Club will be featuring a free self-defense seminar every Tuesday throughout the month of February from 9-9:35 p.m. in the aerobics room of the Recreation Center. The seminar will take place during typical meeting time and will offer other activities as well.

All students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to join the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center's Aerobic Room from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. for activities in martial arts training. The club trains in multiple styles.

All experience levels are welcome. For more information and further details on the self-defense seminar, visit their Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac).

#### Black History Month celebrated with photos

MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery, located in the McWhorter Learning Resources Center, will feature the works of Arlene Gottfried, a New York-based photographer, as part of Black History Month. The exhibit is titled "The Eternal Light" is currently on display and will be available for viewing until Feb. 27. The exhibit consists of 25 prints from Gottfried's "MIDNIGHT" series. The gallery's operation hours are Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 to 11:45 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

#### MTSU Unity Luncheon to recognize heroes

MTSU's annual Unity Luncheon, recognizing and honoring various unsung heroes in the Murfreesboro community, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$7 for students. This year's theme is "The Souls of Black Folks," which refers to the 1903 novel by W.E.B. Du Bois. For reservations, call Sherrie Murray at 898-5315 or Valerie Avent at 898-2462.

#### Darwin Day celebration coming in February

The Campus Free-thought Alliance will be celebrating Darwin Day with a two-day event Feb. 11 and 12 with discussions on theories of evolution and creation featuring Robert Price, a professor of biblical criticism at the Center For Inquiry. The location has yet to be determined. ♦

## Bush addresses American economy, Iraq

By Audie Sheridan  
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush made his resolve on the Iraq issue strikingly clear during last night's State of the Union Address.

The first part of Bush's speech addressed domestic issues, but the latter part showcased strong words for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Bush declared that the

United States is winning the war on terrorism, and that "we have the terrorists on the run."

Despite this victory, Bush brought forward powerful imagery of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to lead into his condemnation of Hussein.

"The gravest danger facing America and the world ... is outlaw regimes that seek and possess nuclear, chemical and biological weapons," Bush said, specifically addressing Iraq, Iran

and North Korea. "These regimes could use such weapons for blackmail, terror and mass murder."

Bush graphically described methods of torture used in Iraq, including drills, rape and acid.

"If this is not evil," Bush said, "then evil has no meaning."

Turning his voice to the Iraqi people, he told them, "Your enemy is not surrounding your country; your enemy is ruling

your country."

Bush said he will deal harshly with the mutual enemy of both the American and Iraqi people.

"We will consult [the UN]," Bush said, "but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him."

"If war is forced upon us, we

will fight with the full force of and might of the U.S. military."

Bush admitted that "no victory is free from sorrow," and he thanked U.S. service members for the efforts they put forth now and will put forth in the future.

Bush also had four domestic goals for Congress to address this year.

First, Bush wants to bolster

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## Steppin' for a Cure raises money



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

The ladies of Kappa Delta sorority participate in Monday night's Steppin' for a Cure step show. The show is part of the Up 'Til Dawn fund-raiser. All money raised at the event will benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Undeclared students get guidance center

By Tiffany Brown  
Staff Writer

The Academic Support Center in Peck Hall celebrated its grand opening yesterday in hopes of giving undeclared students and students in developmental classes better guidance.

The center will fill a large void in the advising process according to Laurie Witherow, the center's director.

Until now, the more than 2,500 students who are undeclared, looking to change majors or in developmental

studies classes have been getting advice from various counselors on campus or from the Counseling and Testing Office, Witherow said. She added that this number jumps drastically during the fall semester, when there is an influx of new students.

"Students will receive a much higher quality of advising," said Debra Sells, associate vice president for Academic Support Services. "Building long term relationships with

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## Effects of Irish nationalism on literature discussed

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

Three days prior to the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," MTSU English professor Kevin Donovan spoke about the effect of Irish nationalism on Irish literature in Monday's honors lecture.

Donovan spoke about the division between the Gaelic culture, considered by Catholic nationalists to be represented by the rural ways and customs, and the Saxon culture, the urban, Protestant element brought by English rule.

"Irish writers frequently had to engage with issues of Irish national identity, given the power of nationalistic senti-

ment," Donovan said.

This rift in Irish culture has caused years of vicious, even deadly disputes between England and Ireland, beginning with Ireland's struggle to gain freedom from 1916 to 1923 and continued struggles in areas of Northern Ireland in the 1970s and 1980s.

"[Irish nationalism] was an emotive force to say the least, starting political actions that included sometimes horrific violence," Donovan said.

One occasion occurred Jan. 30, 1972, when 13 Irish protesters were killed in Derry, Northern Ireland, by British army paratroopers, a day now

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Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

President Sidney McPhee ushers in the new Academic Support Center yesterday afternoon in Peck Hall.

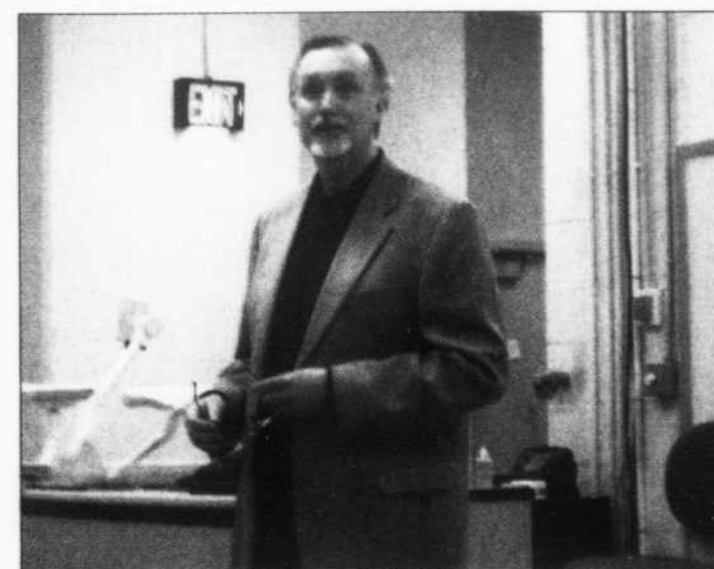


Photo by Blake Pearson | Staff Photographer

English professor Kevin Donovan speaks yesterday about the influence of Irish nationalism on Irish literature.

## Super Bowl ads get review

By Jesse Lee Campbell  
Contributor

A recent student survey said the favorite commercial advertisement in this year's Super Bowl was the Anheuser-Busch "Instant Replay" ad, in which a zebra, acting as a game official, reviewed a questionable play by the Budweiser Clydesdales.

Marketing professors Don Roy and Holly Hapke conduct a Survey Pro online student survey of the Super Bowl advertisements each year to use as a teaching tool for their students. Approximately 400 marketing students took part in this year's survey.

Roy appeared on News Channel 5's "Morning Line" Monday with Bohan Nashville ad agency Vice President John Sharpe to discuss the Sunday Super Bowl advertisements and costs of advertising in 2003 and responded to viewers that called into the show.

"It was an enjoyable experience to be in the studio. We were impressed with the viewers' response. The phones were lighting up," Roy said.

Roy also said the student survey is used to compare students' results with national survey results. This year, they were very similar.

Roy encourages his students to pay attention to the trends in today's advertisements and marketing pitches.

The student survey was also compared to *USA Today's* national poll. After 48,000 votes, 20.5 percent voted the Reebok ad featuring office linebacker Terry Tate as their most-liked commercial.

Running a close second in the national polls was the "Instant Replay" commercial that MTSU students picked as their favorite.

MTSU students ranked the top five brands of the Super Bowl as Anheuser-Busch, Bud Light, Federal Express, Pepsi Twist and Sierra Mist. Anheuser-Busch Super Bowl commercials have ranked No. 1 in national polls for the past five years.

Leading in the worst category of commercials from the student survey was the Levi's Type 1 Jeans ad, featuring a herd of buffalo running down the city streets around two individuals wearing the Levi's jeans.

Marketing student Kim Hall said, "The ad just didn't make sense. I thought it had nothing to do with the Levi's brand."

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# Advertising: Companies pay big bucks

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Many famous corporations were missing from this year's Super Bowl commercials. Companies that chose to spend their advertising dollars elsewhere were Nike, Coca-Cola, Apple, Xerox, E-trade (who sponsored the half-time show for the past two years), Frito-Lays Doritos, Honda Motor Co., Microsoft and the McDonald's Corp., among others.

Most of these companies say that taking a pass on the hot commercial spots hasn't hurt

them.

E-trade did a cost versus return analysis on the past two years that they sponsored the Super Bowl half-time show and decided to punt. They opted to become the official technology-services sponsor for the Tournament of Roses for the next two years.

"Advertisers are looking elsewhere to get the biggest bang for their buck," Roy said.

The Frito-Lay Corporation ditched its usual Super Bowl ads and tripled its online investment for Doritos this year in an

effort to reach teens where they live and play on a daily basis.

"Advertising is getting very expensive, and companies are finding that advertising on the Super Bowl may not be in their best interest. On the other hand, Super Bowl advertising targets a large audience and seems to create a positive impact on many companies," Roy said.

Student survey questions included the best and worst commercials in this year's Super Bowl, along with student's gender and age. ♦

# Academic: Staff has multiple awards

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advisers makes the transition process much smoother."

In addition to providing counseling, the center will also be coordinating the learning communities, the community reading program, the Raider book clubs and other academic initiatives. According to Witherow, this will just be a way of consolidating these tasks under one office.

The center is being funded primarily through consolidation methods by taking nine existing advisers and pooling them together with newly-hired graduate assistants, providing more than 52 years of combined advising experience.

Witherow said that President Sidney McPhee made the center a budget priority because he understands the importance of such a service.

"Dr. McPhee felt that we needed a better system for advising the students. This is a

very common thing to have, and he has run an advising center before so he understands the importance," Witherow said.

The primary difference between the center and the current system is that the advisers will now have specific case loads of students, and they will continue to follow those students' progress until they declare a major.

Sells noted that with a ratio of around 325 students per adviser, this will be a vast improvement in the efficiency and quality of advising that students receive.

Each student will have an adviser to follow their progress in detail, and when he or she is ready to declare a major, the center will refer the student to a new adviser, Witherow said. One of the center's goals is to make the transition process so fluent that no students will slip through the cracks.

For students who are questioning their current majors,

Witherow said that they will be provided with detailed information about all of their options in order to help guide them towards the best choice.

"We are going to work very hard to get our students declared," Witherow said.

The group includes advisers who have presented at national conferences, published articles in refereed journals and chaired and held officer positions and chairs in national, regional and state organizations.

The group possesses the National Academic Advising Association's Outstanding Advising Award for 1995, and academic adviser Terri Tharp won the NACADA National Outstanding Adviser Award for 2002.

"These advisers, I am in awe of them sometimes. Their patience and kindness is wonderful," Witherow said.

For more information about the center, contact Carla Hatfield at 898-5709. ♦

# Address: AIDS funding requested

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the economy by making more jobs through cutting taxes.

"The economy grows when Americans have more money to spend and invest," he said, "and the best, fairest way to make sure Americans have the money is not to tax it away in the first place."

Bush also addressed the highly controversial issue of health care.

"Medical care costs too

much," he said. "We must work toward a system in which all Americans have a good insurance policy."

Bush also asked Congress for \$15 billion in aid to help relieve the "plague of nature" in Africa: AIDS.

Bush also called for \$1.2 billion for research into hydrogen powered vehicles.

In his last item on the domestic agenda, he asked both Congress and the American people "to focus the spirit of

service and the resources of government on the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens."

In his conclusion, Bush upheld the principles that drive U.S. action.

"America is a strong nation," Bush said, "and honorable in the use of our strength. We exercise power without conquest, and sacrifice for the liberty of strangers." ♦

# Evening of song for MT



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer  
Baritone John Kramar performs "Serenader" with pianist John Keene during "An Evening of Romantic American Art Song" at the Wright Music Hall Monday night.

# Honors Lecture: Joyce affected

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referred to as "Bloody Sunday."

"Nationalism is in a large part socially constructed and can be used for a range of political purposes, but the purposes can be creative and destructive, liberating and oppressive," Donovan said.

"The early decades of the 20th century, when Irish political nationalism was coming to a head, coincided with a flowering of literature of Irish writers," Donovan explained.

The famous Irish poet William Butler Yeats was one creative outcome of Irish nationalism and wrote with "a mixture of mysticism and nationalism," according to Donovan.

"At the turn of the century, he spoke to the romantic aspirations of a generation, inspiring them with images of idealized self-sacrifice of a cause for an idealized Ireland," Donovan said.

During the lecture, Donovan read excerpts from Yeats' poetry, and explained how Yeats personified Ireland in his poetry and plays as a woman named Cathleen Houlihan.

However, during his later

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– Kevin Donovan  
English professor

years as a theater manager, Yeats championed plays that were more critical of the nationalist ideology.

Another influential Irish writer was the novelist James Joyce, who represented a different view on Irish nationalism.

"His work expresses a desire to break free from the provinciality, to participate in a wider, international, cosmopolitan model rather than a particular nationalist ideology," Donovan said.

Joyce never believed in the folk ideology, the view that the peasantry represented true Irish sentiment, and although he grew up in a nationalistic household, Joyce stayed away from politics.

Using selections from *Ulysses* and *Portrait of the Artist as a*

Young Man, Donovan pointed out how Joyce inserted these views into his characters.

Donovan said that nationalism sometimes had a tendency to lead to anti-Semitism and racism, which Joyce attempted to criticize in his literature.

"Later generations of Irish writers have tended more towards Joycean skepticism than Yeatsian mysticism," Donovan explained.

Donovan concluded that Irish politics and culture made a lasting impression on Irish literature in many ways.

Also, the writings of great artists offered a view of their unique culture to the world.

"Political nationalism has often been a singularly unavoidable issue for Irish writers in the 20th century," Donovan said. ♦

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## From the Editorial Board

### Bush spews promises, weak excuses for war

In the State of the Union address last night, President George W. Bush made his case for war with Iraq as well as setting some domestic and international goals in the area of philanthropy, tax cuts and health care, among others.

To his credit, Bush has proposed an emergency plan for AIDS that, combined with other initiatives, would provide \$15 billion for AIDS treatment, prevention and drugs to the people of Africa and the Caribbean.

He discussed clean skies and healthy forests initiatives – funny coming from a guy who made mandatory pollution codes 'voluntary,' believes in pollution credits and thinks that forest fires would best be solved by thinning the herd of trees and selling them to lumber yards. Everyone knows better than to believe Bush on the environment, so let's move on.

Bush also gave the talk about health care that he and everyone else in both parties has been spouting as long as anyone can remember – that it should be accessible to everyone.

Bush went a step further by asking for a Medicare prescription drug benefit. We think it's nice to hear, but too many people in power have promised to fix health care and have walked away limping (figuratively ... we hope).

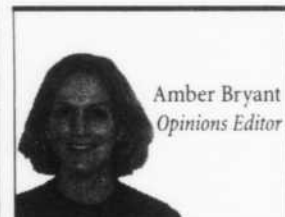
He also talked about how his tax cut was basically going to do wonders for the nation, spouting the example of how a household making \$41,000 a year would see their tax bill reduced from more than \$1,000 to \$45. We wonder if this figure holds up – and if the accusations that the tax cuts almost exclusively benefit the wealthy are, in turn, still true.

After all of this came what most of us tuned in to watch – Bush's case for war with Iraq. Bush cited U.N. findings in the 1990s that Iraq had several mobile biological weapon labs and possessed large amounts of several types of biological weapons. He elaborated on some of the obstacles Hans Blix has run into, such as Iraqi intelligence officers posing as scientists.

While Bush made an impressive argument, the capability of weapons inspections to solve this problem peacefully should be explored until it is a non-option. Don't forget that our country is basically going to destroy a vastly outmatched nation unprovoked. We'd better have a good reason. ◆

## From the Opinions Editor

### Unprotected sex even more unsafe if you're a porn star



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

I'm sure you'd like to think that the obscene words and animal-like grunts streaming from your housemate's bedroom is an innocent game of Speed Twister, but be honest with yourself – he or she is probably watching porn.

Your randy roomie is certainly not alone. The American adult movie industry kicks out approximately 11,000 hardcore movies each year and generates \$10 billion each year in sales and rentals.

Along with an extraordinarily high amount of money, pornography also produces truckloads of controversy.

However, it's probably safe to say that most traditional college students accept the practice of watching adult movies and shrug it off as normal youthful behavior – to each his or her own, right?

Unfortunately, it isn't as simple as watching people have sex on television for your personal amusement. A little research yields a less glamorous picture – watching porn can be a

lot like watching *Faces of Death*, only without the immediate brutal demise of the victim.

According to the ABC Web site, only a few adult video production companies require condom usage during a sex scene and mandatory HIV tests before the fact, leaving vulnerable to AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Michelle Sinclair, star of such treasures as *American Nymphet*, claims, "The fans don't like to see condoms."

For an industry that's supposed to be sexually progressive, they sure are setting back their cause by risking the lives of thousands of performers, most of whom aren't over 30 years old.

Though it may seem appealing, everyone should realize by now that unprotected lovin' can lead to a miserable life followed by an untimely death.

As backward as it may seem, the porn industry needs to get with the times. It's dangerous nowadays not to use condoms when you have sex with multiple partners on a daily basis.

Until then, pay attention to what you're watching. It may be the beginning of the end of someone's life, and that isn't very sexy. ◆

## Filler



Brandon Morrison  
Staff Columnist

In 1952, psychologist Solomon Asch performed a series of experiments that examined how people think in groups.

Asch would get eight people together and give them a sheet of paper. Four lines were drawn on the sheet. Each person would be asked which two lines were the same length. Two of them were obviously the same length, while the other two were different. The first seven people in the group were told before the session started to give an answer that wasn't cor-

rect. After they all answered the same, the last person is left with the choice of either answering with the correct answer or going along with the group and giving the same answer they gave.

What made the experiment work was the peer pressure.

The study showed that only about 80 percent of the individuals who were being tested gave the incorrect answer because they didn't want to be left out.

In today's culture, we seem to want to abandon the group mentality altogether. We strive for independence foremost. We want what's good for us, not for everybody around us.

Our entire childhood seems to be geared toward

growing up and being able to take care of ourselves. We spend years learning how the world around us works and how to use that knowledge to our own benefit.

Each one of us amassed about two decades of clawing and scraping to get to a point of self-sufficiency, only to give it up to others around us.

Don't get me wrong, independence has its perks. Life becomes so much easier when there isn't anyone to answer to. Sometimes it's easier just to clam up and not have to beg for anything.

But we're not alone. Everything that you've done in your life until now has been influenced by at least one other person. A lot that we learn in life comes from imitating oth-

ers. Artists imitate other artists to look better. Trends are established because people see something that they like and want to copy it. Even people who don't like fitting into mainstream trends are imitating them by being everything the trend isn't.

You owe a lot of people thanks for who you turned out to be. All around us are people who are just like you, despite how stupid, ugly, ignorant or dirty they may seem to us at the time.

We need to tune in to our group mentality more.

The Greeks have this one down pat. No one else on campus contributes themselves more to one overall objective like the Greeks. Watching a fraternity or sorority do anything together is like watching a scene from the

movie *Life of Brian*. "We are all individuals. ..."

Does this mean that we should blindly follow everything that we're told? We can't give credit for all of our actions and ideas to external forces.

You can't blame your parents for everything. We aren't a bunch of lemmings, doomed to follow our leader over a cliff to our deaths because we can't think for ourselves.

However, we can't drive out other people's influence just for the sake of individuality. To do so would be to ignore a huge part of who we are. ◆

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## Respect employee time

### A Single Voice



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Imagine – it's two minutes before closing time and someone walks in. You have to stop any closing duties you were trying to get a jump on and wait on the customer. The customer will then ignore the fact that you were supposed to close and take his or her time, putting you even more behind and ensuring that you will be there later. If you're really lucky, they'll find a reason to complain, too.

Anyone who has ever worked in any kind of service industry knows what this is like. It can be the most frustrating experience ever.

If you're in the fast food industry, you get attitude because the food isn't made quickly enough. If you're a waitress, you get complained at for any number of things that are out of your control, from how the food tasted to the temperature of the restaurant. If you work at a checkout counter, you're blamed for the length of the line. But, in some jobs, rudeness is to be expected.

However, dealing with people at their worst can be a growing experience. It helps one to appreciate them at their best. It also keeps you from being another one of the jerks. That's why I think that everyone should have to work in some service industry job at least once in his or her life.

I worked in a fast food restaurant as my first job (Burger King

in high school; those were the days ... or not) so I'll use that as my example. Not only did working in fast food give me a healthy dose of ambition, it broadened my understanding of people.

Working fast food will put you in touch with the worst that people can be. They'll treat you like you have no brain. They'll, in turn, act like they have no brain. While you're dealing with this, you're working a crappy, tiring, low paying job that will send you home tired and smelling of grease. The managers will vary between treating you like people and trained monkeys. Your coworkers will either make the job more bearable or infinitely more annoying. It will take all of your patience not to snap at people or yell back at them when you are berated for something beyond your control.

But then, just when you think the day can get no worse, you'll get to see the best sides of people. Someone will come in, or through the drive-thru, that is understanding and patient. Someone will say something nice to you, just because, and make you smile. And you'll have gained something.

You'll gain some of that understanding and patience that you saw in that person. Because the next time you go into a fast food joint that's slammed you will wait without complaining and treat the employees like people. Or thus starting the cycle over again. Or two minutes from closing time, you'll stop yourself, realize they're about to close, and go some place that stays open longer. ◆

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## Part-time patriotism won't make war go away

### Cosmo's Corner



Jeremy Coseo  
Staff Columnist

Wearing a little flag pin or planting American flags in your front yard doesn't make you patriotic.

Everyone can remember the overwhelming fervor to show the red, white and blue after Sept. 11, 2001. Wal-Mart and other retailers couldn't even keep up with the demand for Old Glory.

The country pulled together. We'd just suffered a tragedy beyond our imaginations. Not since the attack on Pearl Harbor had the American people come together to defeat the ones who had attacked us so viciously.

Or so it seemed. People flew the flag abundantly, and there was a slight increase in military enlistments.

However, this pseudo-patriotism lasted about as long as it took to overthrow the Taliban in Afghanistan, which was only about three months.

Very quickly, attitudes and actions returned to the way they'd been before the attack.

Now that the focus is off Afghanistan, it seems that the focus is off America as well. Instead, everyone is focused on Iraq and why we shouldn't be there.

Nobody seems to be giving us reasons for why we should be there, except for the people who occupy some of our country's highest offices. But what do they know, right? After all, they're only the rulers of the free world.

Unfortunately, the situation in Iraq isn't as clear-cut as that in Afghanistan. There's a lot of gray area for people to make their own assumptions. There's nothing wrong with having your own opinion on foreign policies, but they should at least be well-informed and come from people who know what they're talking about.

But some people would rather get information from Hollywood actors, their favorite rock star or liberal politicians who'd do anything to sway public opinion against Bush and his cabinet.

Let me ask you, the reader, a question: What do you think Sean Penn or Martin Sheen, some of the biggest opponents against America's involvement in Iraq,

know that you don't? I can assure you that they're not privy to top secret classified information. They get the same news programs as everyone else.

However, there seems to be an overwhelming abundance of blatant anti-American rhetoric that's getting all the attention. People are too easily swayed in their views.

Now that liberal actors, musicians and politicians are crying for us to leave Iraq alone, it's uncool to support removing Saddam Hussein from power. It's the flavor of the week.

Well, it's one flavor I won't partake of.

Unlike a lot of anti-war critics, I've served my country as a member of the armed forces. I know what the people who fight will have to go through, and I give them my full support.

I also support the removal of Saddam Hussein. From what I've learned, I believe his removal is for the best.

Hussein is an evil man, that, if left to his own accord, would try to harm us. It's already been proven that he actively supports terrorism, murders his own people and pays large sums of money to the families of suicide bombers who repeatedly attack Israel. How long will it be before we see some kind of attack on our soil that points directly to him?

This issue and many others aren't going away any time soon. As long as the United States is active in other parts of the world, we have to be prepared to deal with these types of situations. We're going to come up against regimes and nations that look on us with hatred.

Regardless of our intentions, to many it will seem like an encroachment in their part of the world, and they'll want nothing more than to see us removed in the most violent way possible to prove that they can stand up against the United States.

After all, when you're the one on top, the ones below you will look at you with animosity.

The best thing that we can do is support our country in its efforts and stop believing what someone says just because they're famous.

Also, show real patriotism because you love your country, for better or for worse – not because we've just been attacked.

Hopefully, Wal-Mart will have enough flags in stock to meet the demands of part-time patriots. ◆

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# Finding faith, purpose

## World Outreach Church reaches out to students of all ages

By Melissa Coker  
Staff Writer

Football games, air hockey, laughing and talking with friends. What am I talking about? A college party?

Well, yes and no. It's not only a party where young adults can get together to talk and laugh, but also to discuss serious issues of how to make the most of their God-given gifts. They also learn how to best use those gifts to minister to others.

World Outreach Church's Director of Student Ministries Eric Ferris says their goal for any age group is "to help people become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. In other words, wherever you are now, we want to help you take the next step."

For college-age people, who are often most in need of finding direction and purpose in their lives, the church's goal might fit those needs.

In keeping with this goal, the church is in the midst of a sermon series appropriately titled "What's Your Next Step?" which they hope will help the congregation find purpose in the new year.

"I enjoy being able to see people make good choices, especially the hard ones," Ferris says.

World Outreach is an interdenominational church. Their vision, as outlined on their Web site, includes the following:

- To be a transforming place for people across the community, throughout Middle Tennessee and around the earth.

They believe that a relationship with God is the greatest opportunity ever extended to a person. The experience as Christ followers should be liberating and full of hope.

- A belief that every believer is a minister. They believe one should strive to help every person discover, develop and use their talents in ministry.

- A commitment to leadership development.

- To try and maintain a caring, nurturing atmosphere.

- They depend on the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

According to Ferris, who has been the director of student ministries for more than three years, first-time visitors to the college group meetings should expect a fun and friendly atmosphere.

The current weekly meeting is a night of small group Bible studies. The group hangs out and usually plays on the pool or air hockey tables in the game room. Then they break into three different topic groups.

The college-age small group Bible study meets on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at World Outreach Church.

The college group is involved in plenty of other ministries

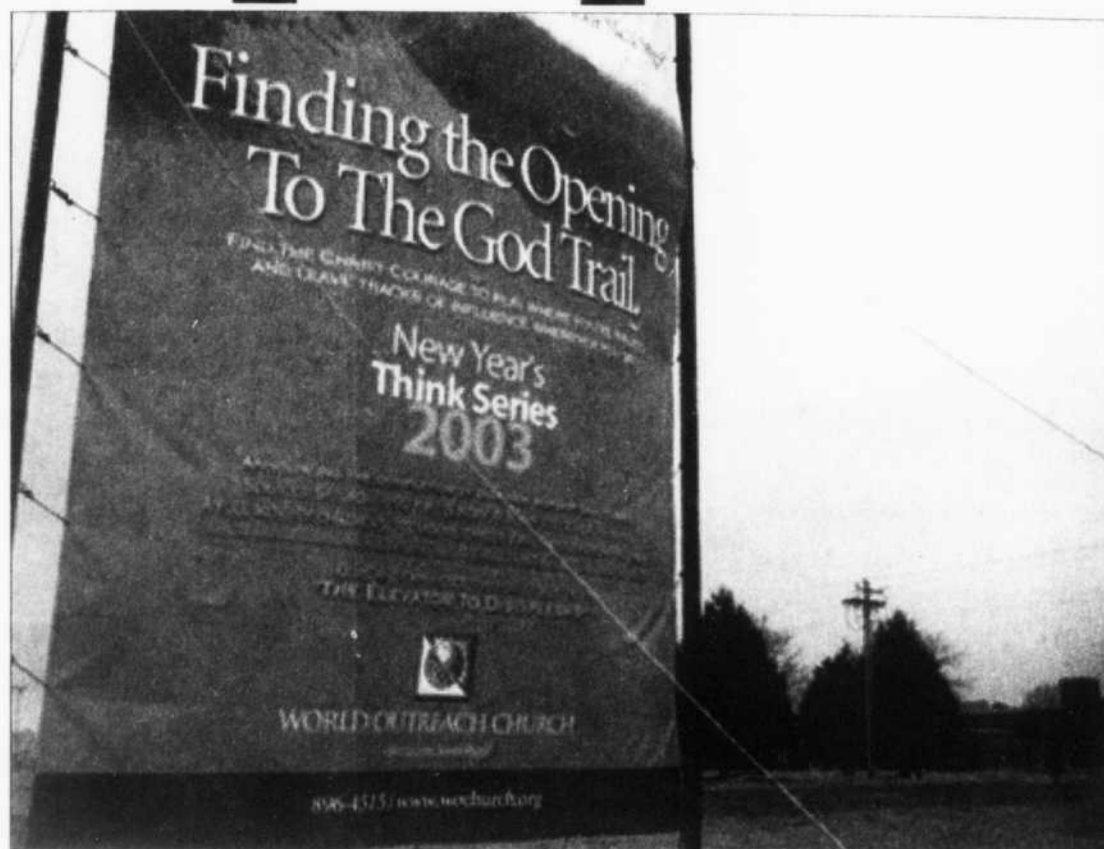


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World Outreach is an interdenominational church that welcomes people of all ages.

"I enjoy being able to see people make good choices, especially the hard ones."

— Eric Ferris  
Director of student ministries

and activities, as well.

In fact, World Outreach Church is going to support MTSU's own Blue Raiders on Feb. 6.

Ferris adds that the student ministry, which includes middle school through college, is currently working on expanding their ministry calendar and will be publishing these additions soon.

It will include anything from regular social outings to events

one might not typically associate with church, such as Predators games, rock climbing and amusement parks.

A quarterly "sanctuary" worship service is also in the making.

"The 'sanctuary' worship service will be a night of prayer and praise," Ferris emphasizes. "There will be no preaching."

If preaching and teaching is what you're searching for, however, the church meets for

Sunday morning worship at 8:30 and 10:30.

They also hold an evening service at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

World Outreach is located at 1921 New Salem Rd.

To get further information about meeting times, directions or worship services, please visit their Web site at [www.wochurch.org](http://www.wochurch.org) or call the church office at 896-4515. ♦

# Great Scott, it's magic!

## Local magician Scott Cantrell has a few tricks up his sleeve

By Callie Butler  
Assistant News Editor

What comes from a combination of magic, historical context, a poof, a bang, mind reading, acting and a hint of unpredictability?

It's more than a mere card trick. This is the world of professional magic, and it's coming to Middle Tennessee.

Joining others on stage at the MainStreet Playhouse in Goodlettsville will be Scott Cantrell, known as "Great

Scott" while performing his magical feats. He's a sophomore majoring in marketing with hopes of carving quite a magical future.

"I would love for magic to become my professional career, and I am confident it will be,"

Cantrell says. "I am always working on new magic endeavors, and hopefully they'll lead me to success."

Performing isn't something that only recently came into this 20-year-old's life. He's been well acquainted with the stage

since the age of 10 after he visited Las Vegas and watched the magic of Shimada.

"After traveling to Las Vegas, I performed here and there, back home in Athens, Tenn., for about two or three years. Then, as I entered junior high and high school, I began to take it more seriously and really work to improve," Cantrell says.

During his senior year of high school, Cantrell reported triumphantly that he performed a grand illusion show, with the support of friends and family, which drew acclaim from the worldwide publication of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and from the organization's president, who was in the audience.

"Mainly, just an interest in the art and other magicians helped to push me along," Cantrell says. "I remember always watching David Copperfield on TV when I was young and thinking about performing the kinds of things he did. I was really motivated by seeing what other magicians could do."

When organizing the show, "The Magic Cabaret," entertainer and producer John Pyka knew Cantrell would be a great fit.

"Scott is an energetic performer. He's very, very creative," Pyka says. "He is one of the rising stars."

Cantrell will join three other men on stage, all award-winning performers, including Pyka, who appeared on "MTV Spring Break" in 1991 in addition to other appearances throughout his career. Pyka will not be performing his comedic, 1940s gangster theme magic show but will instead be serving as the master of ceremonies.

Rick Green, another noted performer, will perform a classical magic act derived from the Victorian era while shifting in and out of various characters, including his Scottish grandfather.

Cantrell will also provide an innovative performance.

"My act will run about 40 or

so minutes and consist of everything from a poetic and comedic reading about a piece of magic rope, to a death-defying ending of blindfolded knife juggling," Cantrell says enthusiastically. "And there's no doubt that will definitely be the end."

An additional highlight of the show will be the closing act: a psychic performance by Nelson. He will take the audience back in time, read minds and perform other psychics.

"This act in particular is something Middle Tennesseans haven't seen," Pyka says.

Pyka, impressed by Cantrell's abilities as a magician and performer, has asked him to begin serving as a technical consultant on a larger stage, although Cantrell has yet to officially accept the position.

The performance comes to the playhouse as an effort to establish it as a permanent venue for magic and will be holding two-night shows on a monthly basis.

"There's nothing else like it in this part of the country. For people to be able to see this kind of quality magical entertainment, they would have to go to New York or Los Angeles," Pyka says. "We are hoping to establish a venue that is similar to what is seen on the other two coasts."

"I hope 'The Magic Cabaret' will be a place where performers can find outlets to other performances," Cantrell adds. "Since it's going to be a permanent monthly show, I really hope to find other work through this and other performances there."

The show will premiere Friday at 8 p.m. with an additional performance on Saturday.

Tickets are \$8, and groups of 10 students or more with student IDs will receive a \$2 discount with a free ticket for the group's driver, Pyka's incentive for the lengthy drive.

For more information, including show details and ticket information, contact the MainStreet Playhouse at 859-0222. ♦

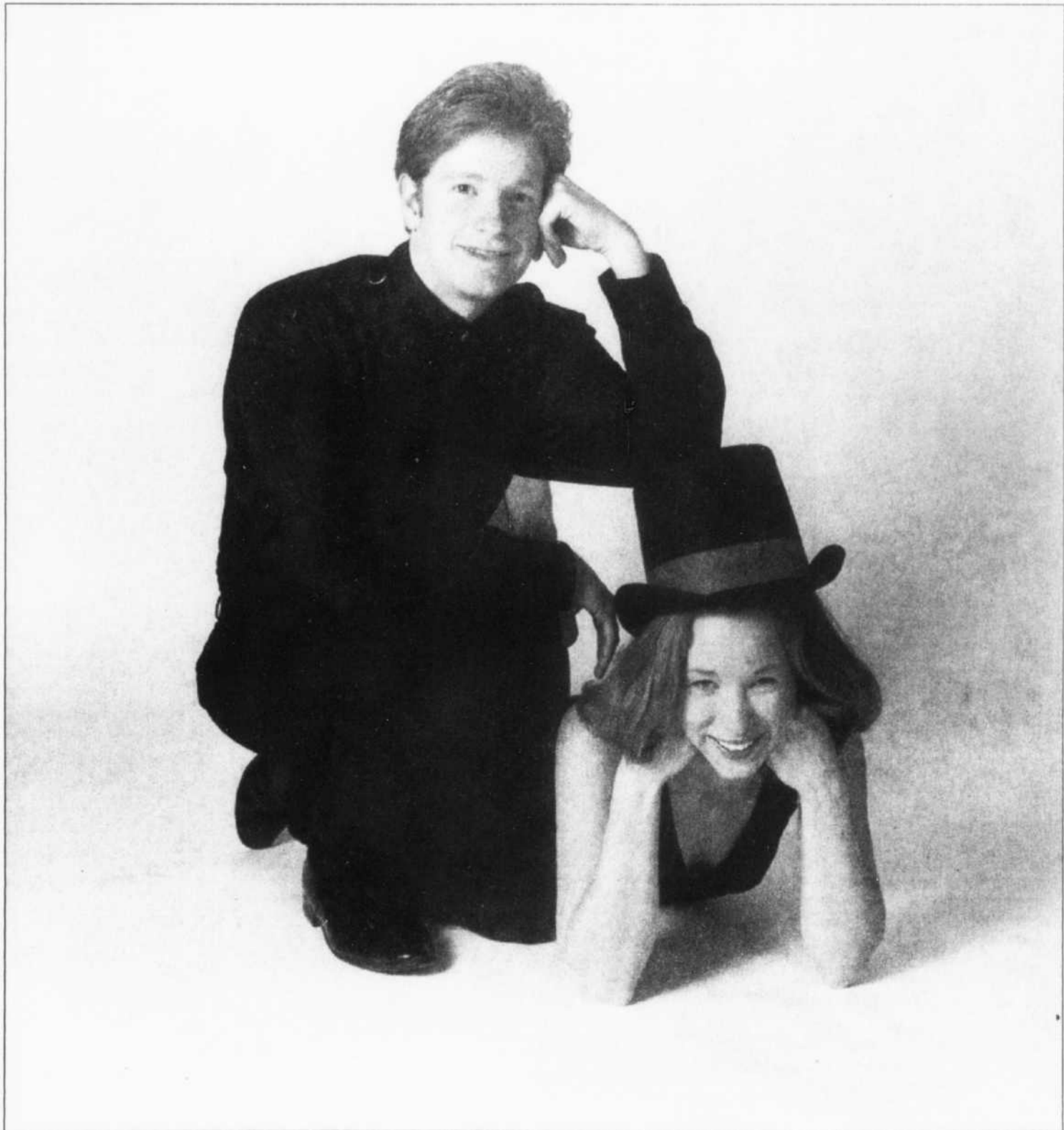


Photo courtesy of Scott Cantrell

Scott Cantrell and Amber Adist, who has served as Cantrell's assistant on many occasions, have performed magic of all kinds. Cantrell will be working more of his magic at the MainStreet Playhouse on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

# Dear Annie

## What do women want?

Dear Annie,

I have gotten several different answers to this question, but if you were going to generalize, what do women really want from their boyfriends or husbands?

I really don't know. I want to be good to a significant other.

You know, dinners, trips, massages, flowers and so forth.

I want to give her the freedom and independence she needs and deserves. I understand the need for healthy and genuine communication.

We know that women like to feel like they have the control, and we are fine with that as long as it is within reason.

We also know that confidence and a little bit of arrogance is a very attractive quality in a man. Men were taught by their mothers to respect women, and that is the way we want it. As a smart, intuitive woman of the 21st century, what thoughts do you have?

— Devoted to Women

Dear Devoted to Women,

The truth is most of us smart, intuitive women of the 21st century are trying to determine what we really want.

My thought on the matter is that there isn't an absolute answer to your question. The reason is simple: every woman has her own unique needs. However, don't stop reading here; I do have some insights that I hope you will find helpful.

Dinners, trips, massages and flowers all sound fantastic! But there is a small problem; those are all material things.

Women require an intimate emotional connection. They want you to really know them on the inside. Men can't just throw flowers at us and think we will be happy. For starters, we require love, respect, understanding and strength.

The word strength is important. You said that "we're attracted to confidence and arrogance." Yes, confidence can be a very attractive quality because we want the man to be, well, the MAN! Arrogance can sometimes be an undesirable side effect.

Personally, I don't like to feel like I have "control" in a relationship. I like to think of the relationship as being a partnership. No one person should have the power.

Many men brag about respecting women, but sometimes I wonder if they really do. To be clear, you should treat women like you would want men to treat your sister or mother.

As for understanding women, a great example of what not to do was shown in a Budweiser commercial during the Super Bowl.

The woman was talking about a problem, and the guy, pretending to listen, was really watching the football game and wasn't hearing what the girl was saying.

Men need to spend time tuning into the needs of women.

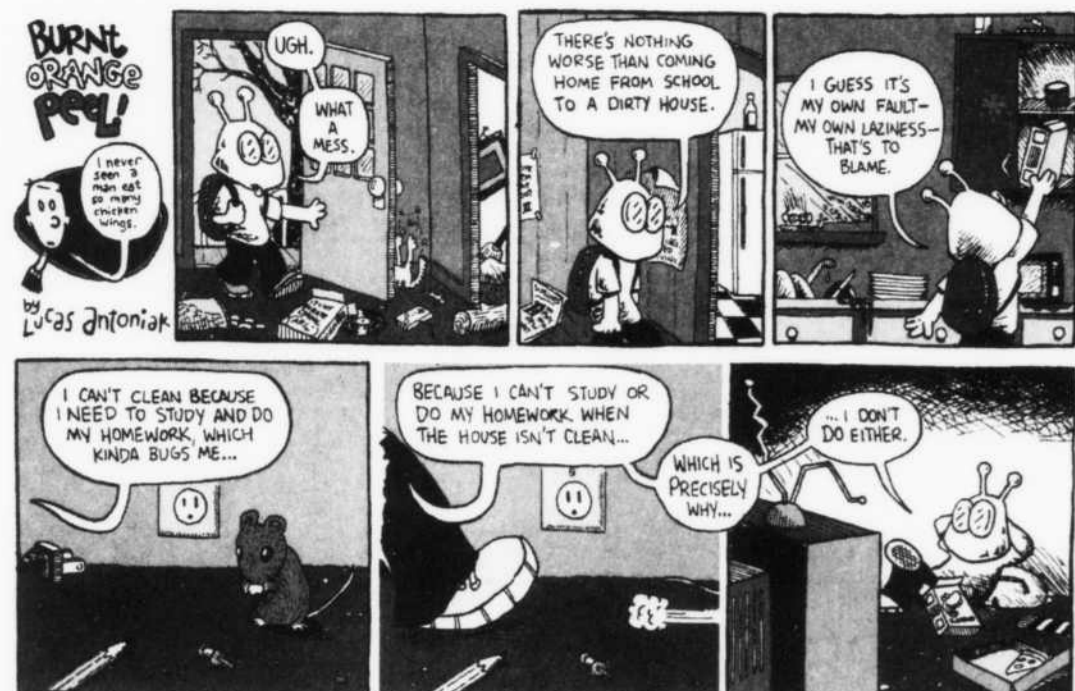
Now, after giving you my thoughts on what women want, what do you want? Maybe you already know, and that's great.

If you don't, then I would suggest thinking about what you want in a significant other. It's hard to figure out what women want if you're still a work in progress.

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).



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# SPORTS

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## Middle Tennessee football team gears up for 'Recruiting Review'

### Staff Reports

One of the most celebrated recruiting classes in Blue Raider history, highlighted by this week's verbal commitment from Savannah, Ga., native Sean Mosley, will be introduced to the public Feb. 5, National Signing Day, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gameday Room on campus.

The event, dubbed "2003 Recruiting Review," invites all

Middle Tennessee football fans to visit the Gameday Room, located between the weight room and north end zone to view the signee board



McCollum

that will be updated live when commitments are received. Mosley is expected to fax in his commitment, as the highly recruited linebacker chose MT over the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Indiana and Georgia Southern.

Concession stands will be selling hotdogs and hamburgers for fans during the live update, and at 2:30 p.m. head coach Andy McCollum will hold a

press conference to announce the entire class.

The event will conclude at the Bunganut Pig with McCollum and staff discussing the 2003 class beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's incoming class for MT, including midterm signees and verbal commitments, is expected to grab players from as far west as Oklahoma and stretch south to Florida.

The Blue Raiders have also received a pair of commitments from local Riverdale High School seniors in Kenyon Buford and Taron Henry.

Other players the Blue Raiders intend to sign include fullback Ralph Gunter from Georgia, running back Terry Jackson from Memphis as well as Collinwood's Jonathan Ward. Already on the team as midterm signees are Tyrone Hicks, broth-

er of MT star Dwone Hicks, Joe Evilsizere of Oklahoma and Tommy Manus of Texas.

The Blue Raiders will start the 2003-04 season with a home game against Florida Atlantic on Aug. 30.

Other games of note for next season are against the UGA on Sept. 6, Clemson University on Sept. 13 and a home game against Sun Belt Champions North Texas on Oct. 25. ♦

## KID'S Games

### Psychologist explains the ins and outs of sports

By Erich Heinlein

Staff Reporter

Are you a sports fanatic? According to sports psychologist Mark Anshel, the driving force behind that passion could stem from more than just a love of the game.

Anshel believes that low self-esteem may be a magnet, drawing people into the sporting world.

"We have many types of self-esteem," Anshel explained. "We have sports self-esteem, academic self-esteem, knowledge self-esteem, social self-esteem and physical self-esteem."

Physical self-esteem has to do with the person's view of their physical appearance, according to Anshel.

Anshel said the reason that many young athletes do not like to exercise later in life is because it is often brought to them as punishment early in life.

"Youngsters learn through negative behavior," Anshel explained.

Anshel said that some alternatives to exercise as a punishment could include library assignments or an essay on why what they did is wrong, although Anshel also warns about this.

"If you are going to use library assignments," Anshel said, "then you should be careful that it is not done in such a way that it might discourage the child from reading."

The reason that this works, according to Anshel, is because athletes generally would rather play for a losing team than play for a winning team and sit on the bench.

"Most of the memories that come from sports happen on the field, court or whatever," Anshel said. "As a result, athletes naturally want to play more."

Another liability which children often have to deal with when playing sports is dealing with parents.

"The reason that parents are pushy is because they lack any self worth and prefer to live their lives and measure their success by the success of their children," Anshel said.

Anshel also said that this comes somewhat from their parents to.

"The problem of pushy parents was there when I was a kid. The difference between now and about 40 years ago, is that nowadays parents tend to be more aggressive," Anshel explained.

"There is nothing that suggests that sports is the cause of aggressive behavior," Anshel said. "There have actually been studies done which say that by watching sports, aggressive behavior is actually decreased."

For Blue Raider guard Eric Parham, basketball has benefited his life.

"Basketball has taught me to work hard," Parham said. "Although I am adopted, it helped me develop my work ethic and gave me yet another lesson that nothing comes easy in life."

Another lesson, which Parham has had to learn through sports, is adjustment.

"Since I've been in high school I've been through five different coaches," Parham explained, "and I have had to prove myself that I

See Anshel, 7

### Senior transfer does well at Blue Raider Invitational

By Michael Rutledge

Assistant Sports Editor

Call it three down and five to go for the men and women of the Middle Tennessee football team. The squads finished up this weekend's Blue Raider Invitational in the Murphy Center with time running short on opportunities to secure invitations to the upcoming NCAA Indoor Championships.

With runners representing schools sized from Wallace State Community College to Georgia Tech, Lady Raider Rosemary Okafor and fellow sophomore MT sprinter Wesley Dupar-Scott stepped away from the pack in the day-long event with impressive runs. But it was Blue Raider Jasper Demps who took home bragging rights for the afternoon with an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 55-meter hurdles.

Demps, a senior transfer and Florida native from Troy State ran the 55 in 7.37 seconds and finished second to former NCAA hurdles champion Ron Bramlett. Linnie Yarbrough finished third in the event for MT behind Demps.

Okafor, who grabbed an NCAA provisional time last weekend in Kentucky for her performance in the 400-meter dash, came close to earning another provisional bid for Fayetteville, Ark., this year's site for the NCAA finals, as she finished the 55 in third place and only .02 away from a qualifying time. Okafor also took top honors in the 200 with a time of 24.16.

Dupar-Scott grabbed his first official time in the 55, as the Savannah, Ga., native took top honors in the field. Dupar-Scott, who was disqualified for a false start in his other 55 run at the Middle Tennessee State Invitational, finished only .04 away from the provisional qualifying time.

Blue Raider D.J. Spann finished second to Dupar-Scott in the 55, as the senior finally got the season underway after a disastrous start in the season opener where he also fell victim to a false start and failed to finish in the 200.

Wrapping up action on the track, the MT men took second place for the second week in a row in the 4x400 relay, and

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## Track: MT to run Saturday in Murphy Center

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sprinter Mardy Scales, who already has an automatic NCAA bid in the 60 and a provisional in the 55, placed only sixth in the 200.

In field events, Lady Raider Kim Freeman had the best day,

as the senior finished third in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump.

MT graduate assistants also showed off their talents in the invitational, as Godfrey Herring grabbed provisional bids in the 200 and 400. Herring won both events, while Tasha Jenkins took

top honors in the women's 400.

The Murphy Center will play host to another meet this weekend, as the Blue Raider Classic kicks off Saturday at 11 a.m. Participating in the event along with MT will be Western Kentucky, UT Chattanooga, Vanderbilt and Auburn. ♦

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## Anshel: Sports programs emphasize fun

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am among the best to every one of them."

Although pushy coaches and parents have been problems for decades, there are now sports programs that deal specifically with problem parents.

One example of a program that has opened is run by Cal Ripken, in which parents are required to watch a video before the season starts on how to act during a game. The video reminds parents that the kids are to there to have fun, regardless if they win or not.

According to Anshel, when the emphasis is on fun, kids are more likely to stay.

"The emphasis should be on skill building and having fun," Anshel explained. "It has gotten so competitive nowadays that 80 percent of children quit sports simply because it has gotten too competitive."

Anshel recently wrote the book *Sport Psychology: From Theory To Practice*. Anshel has worked with male and female athletes for two decades and has also worked with the Nashville Predators. He was a workshop leader for the Singapore Olympic team. ♦

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## Sun Belt Conference News and Notes

## 2003 Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball Records

## East Division

	Sun Belt Games				All Games				L5
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	
Florida International	5	1	.833	W5	14	5	.737	W5	4-1
Western Kentucky	5	2	.714	W2	10	8	.556	W2	4-1
Middle Tennessee	4	3	.571	W1	10	9	.526	W1	2-3
Arkansas State	2	4	.333	L1	7	12	.368	L1	2-3
Arkansas Little Rock	0	6	.000	L7	4	14	.222	L2	1-4

## West Division

	Sun Belt Games				All Games				L5
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	
Denver	5	1	.833	W5	11	9	.550	W5	5-0
New Mexico	4	2	.667	L1	10	8	.556	L1	3-2
New Orleans	4	3	.571	L1	7	11	.389	L1	2-3
North Texas	3	3	.500	W1	8	9	.471	W1	2-3
Southern Alabama	3	4	.429	L2	11	8	.579	L2	2-3
Louisiana Lafayette	0	6	.000	L17	3	13	.188	L8	0-5

## Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans

UALR picked up their first road win of the season with an 89-77 victory over Centenary in Shreveport on Jan. 20. The Lady Trojans set season high totals in points, field goals made (32), field goal percentage (54.2 percent) and assists (25) in the victory.

Senior Eplunus Brooks moved into second place on the UALR all-time rebounding list pulling

down a season-high 14 rebounds against Florida International on Saturday. Brooks surpassed B.J. Higginbotham

to move into the second spot with 583 career rebounds. Brooks also set a

career-high with seven steals against Texas-Pan American on Jan. 23. Brooks averaged 15.0 points and 10.0 rebounds per game in the Trojans three games last week. Senior Mediha Skoro made the most of her first start of the season scoring a career-high 22 points while collecting a season-high 11 rebounds at Centenary on Jan. 20. Skoro started all three games last week, averaging 10.7 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Darci Cassidy averaged 19.7 points, 5.0 assists and 4.7 made

three-pointers per game last week. Cassidy tied a school record with her seven made three-pointers and hit for a game-high 23 points against Florida International. Cassidy also scored 19 points and hit 80.0 percent of her three-point attempts against UTPA and scored 17 points while hitting 75.0 percent of her three-point attempts against Centenary.

## Denver Pioneers.



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Denver has won its last five games, and nine of its last 12 contests. After starting the season slow, the Pioneers are over the .500 mark for the first time.

The Pioneers remain unbeaten in the series with South Alabama and New Orleans in the pair of weekend victories. Denver is 8-0 vs. USA and 7-0 vs. UNO. Sarah Cyran scored a career-high 16 points versus South Alabama, and had nine rebounds to narrowly miss her first career double-double. Cyran shot 7 of 9 from the field.

The Pioneers built a 20-point lead with three minutes to play and coasted to a 12-point victory over South Alabama. After leading by three points at halftime (27-24), Denver broke the

game open midway through the second stanza with a 14-6 run to make the score 55-42. Sophomore guard Katie Davenport buried a three pointer to cap the game-turning run. The Pioneers continued with a 15-8 run to earn their largest lead of the game at 70-50 with 3:16 to play.

## Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns

The Cajuns have not won a game in January in seven tries. Last season, the Cajuns captured their only conference victory in the month of January with a 70-64 win at New Orleans. UL Lafayette will play seven of their remaining 11 games on the road. The Cajuns played 10 of their first 16 games away from Lafayette.

Charlotte Green is just 19 points shy of 1,000 for her career. The Cajuns have won only two of their last 29 Sun Belt Conference games, but have won three of their last seven non-conference contests. UL-Lafayette is averaging 43.7 points in five SBC games this season.

UL-Lafayette has allowed just 63.6 points per game but has scored more than 57 points only twice this season.

Head coach J. Kelley Hall has used five different starting line-ups this season. Only junior guard Tammie White has started all 16 games this season. ♦

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