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General Studies Program takes heat

By Nick Fowler
Staff Writer

The General Studies Committee's proposed General Studies Program has met with sharp criticism from the faculty after two Faculty Senate meetings where the proposal was presented.

The harshest criticism has come from Philip Mathis of the biology department and Jon MacBeth of the physical education department.

The current program received high marks when it was evaluated, with only minor problems found, Mathis said. He said the current problems with the program do not warrant a restructuring of the program.

The new program would make biology one of several options in the natural sciences subsection of the program. Thursday, Mathis said biology was important enough to be a required science class.

"Just as the study of biology is reaching its zenith," he said, "they are cutting the requirement."

The biology requirement was removed from the General Studies Program after a recommendation from the General Studies Task Force, which said that more choice was needed in the natural sciences area.

MacBeth was concerned with the absence of physical education courses from the program. He said education

about personal health and well-being are important, especially at time when so many people are overweight and are living more sedentary lifestyles.

The proposed program does not explicitly include wellness or other physical education classes. Two semester hours of physical education activities would remain part of the graduation requirement because they are Tennessee Board of Regents minimum degree requirements, but would not be part of the general education program.

Some faculty at the meeting were concerned about these "off the book" hours. Computer literacy classes also would be required to graduate but would not be part of the program. Other concerns raised about the program concern the evaluation process. The General Studies Task Force found that there should be a way to evaluate the program and change it according to the evaluations.

Some have said rather than create a new program, they should set up a system to evaluate the current one.

Ellen Donovan of the General Studies Committee said the reasoning behind creating a new program comes from the mission statement adopted in 2000. Actions concerning the General Studies Program have been derived from that

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Gore center seeks war vets

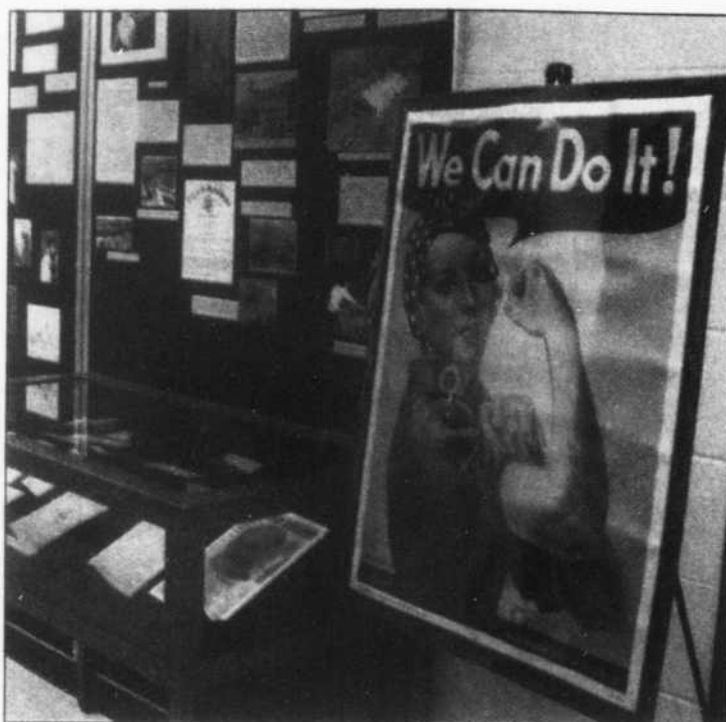


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(Above) Memorabilia from past wars are displayed in the Albert Gore Research Center on campus. Lisa Pruitt (right), the director of the center, is searching for war veterans along with the Library of Congress.

By Chris Jones
Staff Writer

As a result of the numerous deaths of war veterans daily, the Library of Congress, in partnership with the Albert Gore Research Center, is currently searching for veterans to gather their memories.

"The main goal is to capture the memories of those who survived in the World Wars," Betty Rowland, assistant director of the Albert Gore Research Center, said.

The Veterans History Project is a program of the Library of Congress and its American Folklife Center in Washington

D.C., to collect the memories, accounts and documents of American war veterans to create a lasting legacy of experience and service for future generations.

The project came into being in 2000 by a unanimous vote of Congress amid urgency to collect wartime memories because of government studies that show the number of veterans dwindling by 1,500 every day.

The Albert Gore Research Center, a manuscript repository dedicated to preserving and making available research materials related to Tennessee history, for the past two years has conducted an independent pro-



ject collecting regional history called the Middle Tennessee Oral History Project. Since its beginning, there have been more than 80 interviews and 21 were World War II veterans.

"When we found out about the Library of Congress' desire for partners across the nation, we contacted them and said that

we had this ongoing process," Rowland said.

"We had applied earlier in the fall, but because of the terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare, the Library of Congress was not receiving any mail," said Lisa Pruitt, director of the

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EYESORE OF THE WEEK

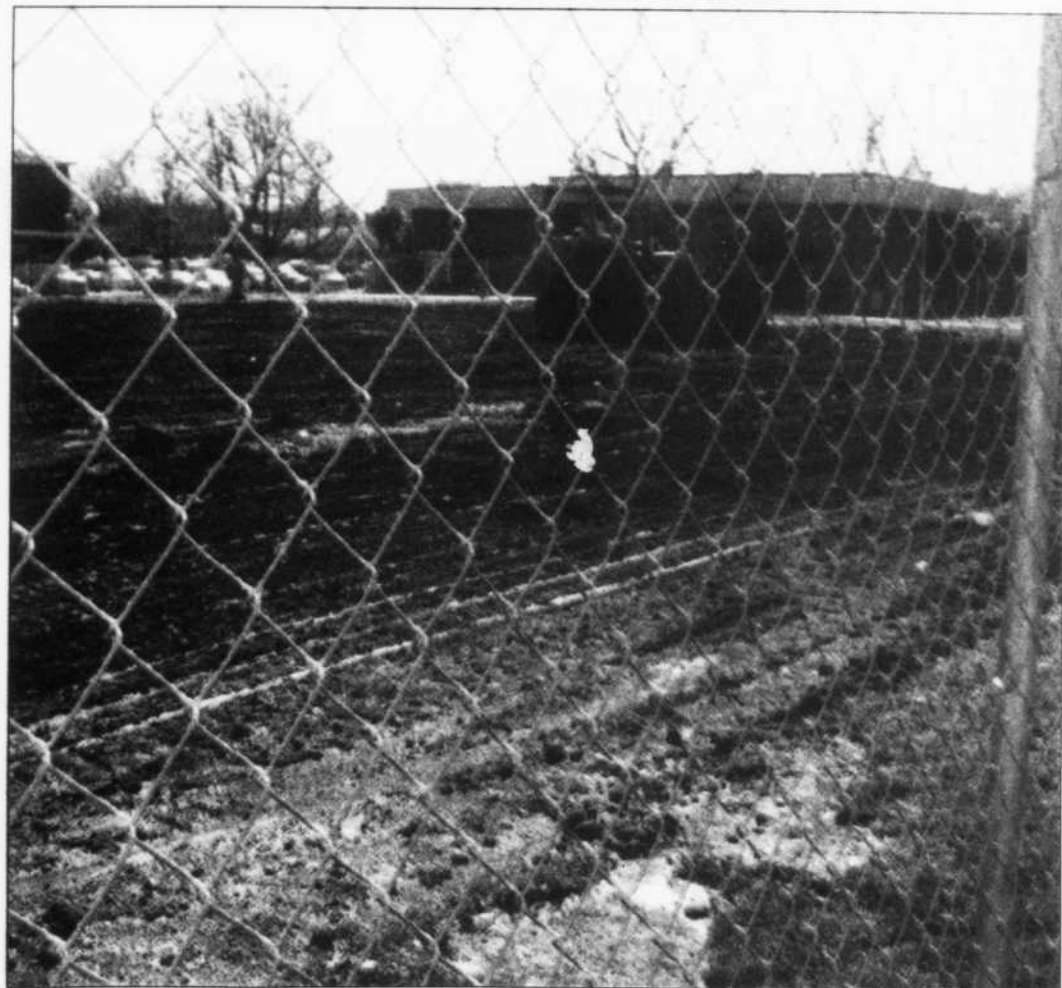


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The fences around the new Quadrangle were taken down to be replaced over Spring Break with fences around where the modulares used to be. The modulares were considered an eyesore on campus. The mud pit doesn't look much better.

"Eyesore of the Week" examines the inadequacies of our campus in hopes of drawing attention to flaws that need to be addressed. If you have seen any "eyesores" around campus, please let us know by calling 904-8357 or e-mailing slmedit@mtsu.edu.

Web site scoops MTSU profs

By Callie Butler
Staff Writer

MTSUSite.com is a Web site that delivers student opinion on courses and professors at MTSU.

The Web site is continually developed, funded and maintained by a small group of MTSU students and serves as a forum for students to rate and exchange ideas on faculty performance. This is done through an anonymous survey available for visitors to complete on any faculty member.

Once the page has loaded, the student can read other students' responses to various questions about a particular course and professor or submit his or her own reactions.

"I generally use MTSUSite.com just before registration time to evaluate who I would like to take for various courses," said Ari Oishi, a sophomore in the pre-med program. "I also submit things here and there myself."

The survey begins with questions consisting of information about the individual student from grade level to grade point average. Then, questions are asked about dismissal time, textbook usage and testing. Also included are questions detailing the professor's presentation and overall performance.

"Was class usually started on time, and did you dismiss on time," asked the survey. "Was the material relevant to the course? Did the professor present the material clearly?"

A variety of questions also are offered which allow students to answer broadly and descriptively, such as describing homework and how much a textbook is really used in the classroom.

"[A] workbook is not needed for the class. Just buy it, make the copies of the pages on the syllabus and return it to the bookstore," stated one student's review of an accounting professor.

Student reviews can sometimes be rather harsh as students expose their frustrations about particular courses and professors.

"This man is bitter," said one student reviewing a professor from the history department. "He doesn't say anything positive and grades papers like this is a graduate course. Just because you do what is required doesn't mean you'll even get a 'C.'"

Students also are able to offer feedback to the Webmaster about the Web site itself.

"The format is well done and very easy to maneuver through," stated one student's review.

All survey responses are posted within a short period of time and are available to be viewed by any who access the site through a search function under which survey responses are categorized under professor or course name.

The Web site was launched Oct. 29, 1999, although the idea was conceived in early 1998.

"I began MTSUSite shortly after a story in Sidelines

discussed the student/teacher evaluations that the university conducts," the Webmaster said. "The results of those surveys were not released to the general student body, so the MTSUSite was formed."

During its operation, MTSUSite.com has grown tremendously, growing from 150 viewings during the first class registration since its debut, to slightly more than 8,000 viewings, and currently, the site "hit counter" recorded 34,566 visits to the site.

"We currently have 2,554 survey responses, with anywhere from five to 20 coming in daily. During peak times or registration periods, we have anywhere from 30 to 80 daily responses," the Webmaster said.

While offering students a synopsis of various class structures, expectations, materials and content, MTSUSite.com also is of great benefit to faculty members.

"Teachers can benefit from this site by accepting good reviews as praise and bad reviews as constructive criticism. The responses facilitated by the site can help a teacher improve his or her teaching methods," the Webmaster said.

Also available on the site is a service called MT Exchange, where students can buy and sell their textbooks independently. The student's name, book title, phone number, e-mail address and asking price are displayed.

MTSUSite.com is currently seeking to upgrade to a better server. ♦

MTSU rallies for cancer research

By Amanda Maynard
Assistant News Editor

MTSU faculty and students held a kick-off rally to encourage people to join the Relay for Life fund-raiser to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is an annual charity event that collects money to fund research by the ACS. MTSU is part of the Rutherford County chapter of Relay for Life and is hosting their relay June 8 from 5 to 11 p.m. at the intramural fields.

Teams of 8 to 15 people from different departments and organizations at MTSU compete in friendly competition to raise a goal of \$125,000 for the ACS. Since 1994, the local Relay for Life has raised nearly \$750,000 to aid in the battle against cancer.

Team captains and members will set up booths or tents on the intramural fields while one member of their team will walk

a track from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Deborah Roberts, director of the Finance and Administration Division, is just one of many team captains from MTSU.

Each team will organize its own booths with food, games, music and contests to promote donations from the community. Community members are welcome at the rally from 5 to 11 p.m. to enjoy the carnival-style atmosphere.

Team captains met at the kick-off to discuss goals and share stories of survival to encourage new members to raise more money than ever.

"We are here because we are in a fight for our lives," said Tom Tozer of MTSU News and Public Affairs.

Almost 1,500 people succumb to cancer every day and the numbers are rising. Half a million people die each year from different forms of cancer at a cost of nearly \$107 billion per year.

The ACS earns money for

new research through various fund-raisers such as Relay for Life throughout the country. The charitable event occurs in nearly every state at different times during the year. The ACS is second only to the federal government in the amount of funding for cancer research.

The ultimate goal is to raise money by team members and for participants to educate the public about the effects of cancer.

"We have to do a better job of educating about cancer," said Robert Eaker, interim provost and executive vice president, at the rally Tuesday.

"We are all hopeful and we can see the progress of the research."

The relay also will host a luminary ceremony in honor of the memory of loved ones whose lives were touched by cancer.

For more information on the Relay for Life, contact Deborah Roberts at 898-5781. ♦

Gender critic performs original work

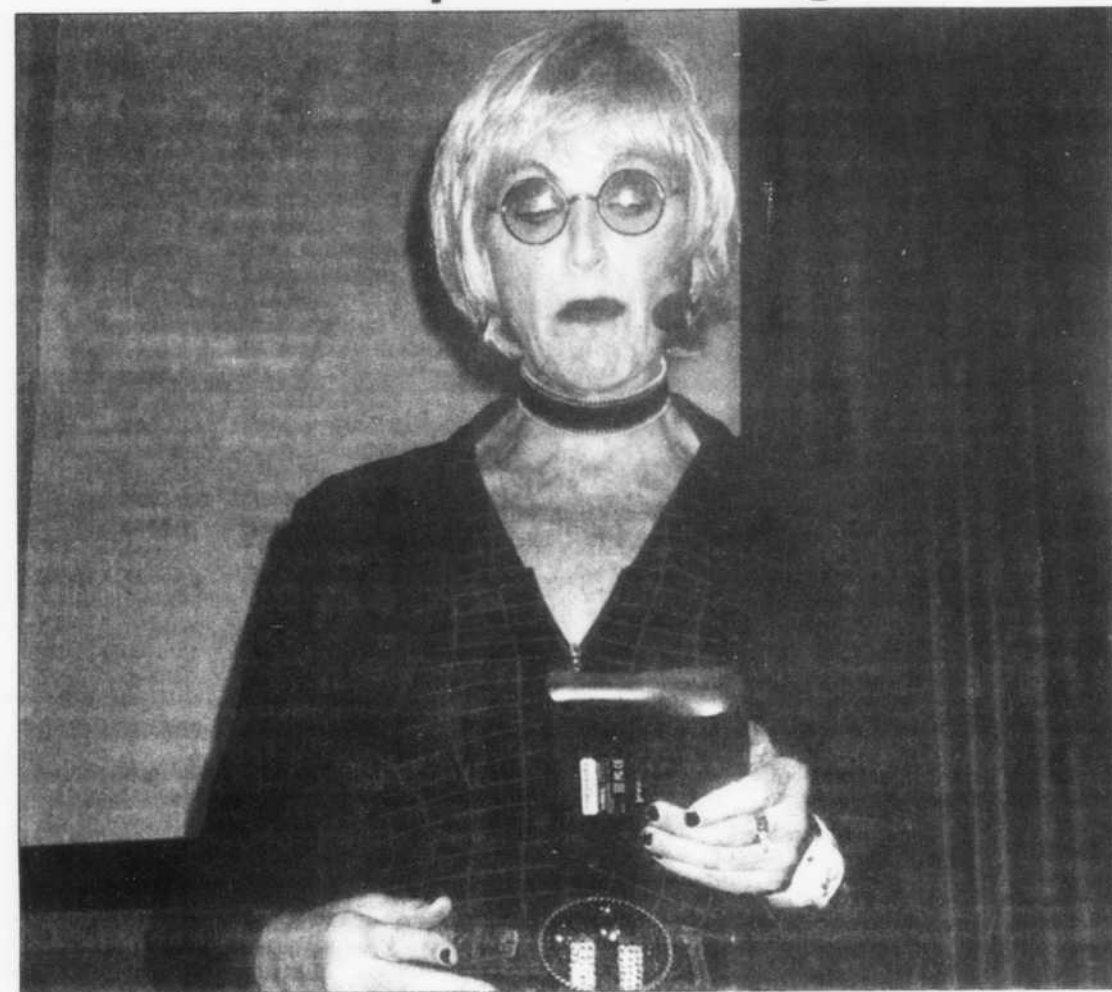


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Playwright Kate Bornstein, born a male, underwent a gender change more than a decade ago and now identifies herself as neither gender. Bornstein read from several of her plays last night in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Laren Anderson - Staff Writer

This is a listing of incidents filed by the MTSU Police Department from March 26 to April 1.

Tuesday, March 26 - 1:06 a.m.

Nathan L. Bain, a resident of Old Hickory, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and outstanding warrants.

Wednesday, March 27 - 12:01 a.m.

Champion Way - Tom Umber, of Old Fort Parkway, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and contributing to the delinquency of Tad Alfrey, a minor. Alfrey, a Cummings Hall resident, faces charges of drunkenness and underage consumption.

Wednesday, March 27 - 2:34 p.m.

Blue Raider Drive - Tad Alfrey was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

Wednesday, March 27 - 4:01 p.m.

Pammicia A. Alexander, of Bradyville Pike, was

arrested on the charge of the fraudulent use of a credit card.

Monday, April 1 - 7:45 a.m.

Bell Street Parking Lot - Items were stolen from a car.

MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for stealing a computer and monitor from a storage closet in the Mass Communications Building.

Keys to the closet are limited to faculty members and two student assistants, Foster noted.

The 22-inch monitor's serial number is CY1390R9JU8 and the computer's is XB1392JXKSD.

Information should be reported to MTSU Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Names will remain anonymous. ♦

To report a crime or emergency, contact Public Safety at 2424 from an on-campus phone, or 898-2424 from off campus.

Studies: Mission statement basis of program

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statement. The new program is organized according to skills and competencies rather than fields of study.

The proposed general studies program is organized into four areas, fundamental skills, human perspective, natural

world perspectives and synthesized perspectives.

Fundamental Skills consists of three components: math, English composition and public expression/discourse.

Literature, American history and humanities make up the sub-categories of human perspectives. The humanities sub-

category is split into artistic and cultural, social and behavioral and individual perspectives.

Synthesized perspectives consists of two sections- contemporary issues and general studies capstone will consist of courses for students who have completed the rest of the general studies program. ♦

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Applications will be available in the JUB Room 306. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed.

Graduate Record Examination to change format starting October

By Sabrina
Singhapattanapong
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) — As of October 2002, the Graduate Record Examinations will replace its current multiple choice section with a new writing section.

But the new test may pose a greater challenge for international or non-native English speakers, who account for a large portion of graduate applications each year.

"It's a big mistake. I don't like

it at all," said Robert Greene, the graduate vice chair of the mathematics department at UCLA. "I take the (GRE) quite seriously except that it's obviously, in some sense, prejudiced toward native speakers of standard English."

The change will require students to write two essays — one a personal argument and another analyzing an argument. This analytical section is identical to the separate writing assessment test.

The math and verbal sec-

tions of the GRE will remain unchanged.

Tom Ewing, director of communications at the Educational Testing Service — which designs the test — said the change will better assess critical thinking skills in graduate students rather than how they correctly answer multiple choice questions.

"Test takers whose native language is not English would find the analytical section more challenging but we've taken steps to ensure the performance

differences are not due to cross-cultural accessibility of the topics," he said.

Essay topics will range from opinions about government behavior to the effectiveness of utilizing hi-tech innovations such as videos and computers in schools.

Kaplan Executive Director Albert Chen said that the change, on a scale from one to 10, rates a seven.

"For students, this is something very serious if they haven't written an essay in a

long time," Chen said.

The change was possibly due to the objective questions becoming too easy to train and prepare for, he added.

Students have the option of taking the old or new GRE until October, said Kaplan Spokesperson Bonnie Eissner. Beginning Oct. 1, test-takers will have to take the new GRE.

The change may appear to be an enhancement through the eyes of ETS, but is considered unfair by some.

For the essay section, graders

will focus on whether candidates have articulated their ideas clearly and coherently, rather than on perfect grammar and spelling, Ewing said.

If the writing is so poor that the graders can't understand their argument, scores on the new writing section will be affected, Ewing said.

"Like much of graduate education in the U.S., there are certain skills and abilities that students should have to succeed at the graduate level," he added. ♦

Veterans: Volunteers needed

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MTSU's Gore Center and an assistant professor of history. "So when I learned that, I faxed all of our information and we were notified in February."

Other Tennessee-based partners include the American Association of State and Local History and the Nashville Public Library.

"Because we don't need to be in competition with each other we will work simply out of cooperation to cover more area," Pruitt said.

As Rowland sat she remembered one interview that was lost because of time. The man was a former MTSU graduate of the 1930s that she had many phone conversations with, preparing for a face-to-face interview. She said that she "had gotten to know him because he opened up" to her and shared some of his stories, but he died a few days before they were supposed to meet.

"I was so excited about that interview, but it was so sad because his memories and his stories are gone now and there wasn't a chance to record them," Roland said. "You see the

urgency to record these stories because they could be lost forever, especially with the World War II veterans."

Partners and volunteers are key components of VHP. Partners can be civic organizations, veterans groups, government agencies or institutions such as museums, libraries, colleges and universities.

Volunteers interview war veterans, transcribe their recordings and identify documents to donate.

Pruitt said that she would "love to do a public class project with a local school to go out and interview family members who are veterans."

But because of the limited equipment, the Gore Center hasn't been able to do so. Currently, they are using student workers and university personnel.

For further information on how to work with the Albert Gore Research Center on the Tennessee Oral History Project or the Veterans History Project, contact Pruitt at 898-2632 or visit the Gore Center Web site at janus.mtsu.edu.

For more information on VHP, call 1-888-371-5848. ♦

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Class registration priority debate

From the editorial board

Point

Graduation should take priority over athletics, scholarships

Imagine that you are only one semester away from graduating. You pick up a fall schedule book, plan out all of your classes, visit your adviser for the first time, go to register and the class that you need to take is full. "But, wait," you think. "That can't be right. I'm a senior. I have priority."

No, sorry, you don't. First, athletes have priority. Then Presidential Scholarship recipients have priority. Finally, seniors with the most hours register.

Registration should be strictly assigned by credit hours so students who need a certain class to graduate don't have to worry about whether they will get it.

The rationale for student athletes having top priority is so that they can schedule their classes around their games and practices. However, there are several students who have to work around jobs, children and clubs. The officers of campus clubs aren't given the opportunity to register early, and they're working to improve the campus as well.

Athletes also are allowed to register early during their off-season semester. Unlike football players, students with children and jobs don't have an off-season. Football players still get to register before them.

Next in priority are the Presidential Scholars, and it doesn't matter if the recipient has 20 or 120 hours. Presidential Scholarship recipients are chosen from the entering freshman class. That means transfer students and others who might have high GPAs will never be eligible for the early registration that comes with being a Presidential Scholar.

Also, as students get further into their major they no longer have the choices that were available to them when they worried only about general education classes. A second year student with 60 hours can take the same classes needed by graduating seniors, and if they are Presidential Scholars, they will get first shot at them.

As students get ready to graduate, they have to worry about upper division forms, finding a job and applying to graduate school. The last thing they need to worry about is fighting a second year technical junior for a class they have at least two more years to take. ♦

Counterpoint

Scholarship students earned early registration

Being a student athlete or a student on scholarship entitles you to two notable perks at MTSU: a bit of financial stress relief and priority registration.

Some people are against priority registration altogether. They say no students should get preferential treatment based on merit or their athletic endeavors, which are impossible to schedule around.

Hogwash.

Registering early allows scholarship students to map out their higher education, figuring out what classes they need to take in their allotted, paid-for time. Sometimes the only way a student can attend college is if he or she is on scholarship. It would be a shame if that person couldn't get into a needed class because he or she had to wait on some indecisive sixth-year sophomore to piddle his way through every course, whether he needed it or not.

Scholarship students, by having such good grade point averages, make the university statistically look good, thus making it more prestigious and marketable to potential donors. Why would the state or any monetary contributors want to give money to an institution whose biggest selling point was its abundance of indecisive young adults? Instead, let the smarties register early and get their credit hours out of the way so they can move on to ruling the world.

Athletes are in a similar boat. They have rigid practice, training and game schedules that can't be postponed. They spend quite a bit of time planning their schedules. What if they tried to register only to find out that all the classes they needed were closed and they either had to forfeit school or their sport? After all, most athletes are on scholarship, so school and their sport are one-in-the-same to them.

Those who worry that scholarship students and athletes will clog up all the important classes should relax. They only register a few hours or a couple of days at most before everyone else. And, even then, not all scholars or athletes complete their registration at the exact moment they're allowed to.

Be patient and let them have their priority registration. Don't worry, they're not stealing classes from anyone. ♦

University should focus attention on current students

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff
Columnist

As I stood in line at the financial aid office not long ago, a prospective student was in line with her mother.

The mother said to her daughter that she was impressed with the attention and opportunities, particularly those for scholarships, lavished upon first-time freshmen. I tried to bite my tongue, but the words "just wait" escaped my lips, almost subconsciously.

Having completed nearly half of my coursework for eventual graduation, I have begun to notice that things aren't as peachy keen at the university as the slick presentations suggest.

This is to be expected.

Every college considers recruiting to be one of its top priorities. However, with the budget stretched as taut as it is, it seems that many ambitious projects and statements given to prospective students are little more than aesthetic.

Campus tours are intended to spotlight the university's high qualities while glossing over the bad ones. I remember touring the Mass Communication building, the library and the Business and Aerospace Building, but I didn't see hide nor hair of the Peck Hall interior and its old-school wooden desks (recently replaced by those strange plastic contraptions) until I had my first class in it.

Even the university's showcase structures hide a lack of substance. Take the Walker Library, for example.

Standing over the east end of campus like a miniature Library of Alexandria, it certainly gives off an air of impor-

tance and devotion to study.

However, when one takes a walk through the surprisingly hidden bookshelves, you're likely to find as much dust on the shelves as books.

Many have used the courtyard as a scapegoat for the library's lack of material. However, convoluted funding procedures dictate that had the money not been used for library-related construction, it would have been returned to the state.

Having watched the state's track record with money, it was easy to understand why MTSU chose to take on such a project.

Besides, if an additional floor had been built onto the library, as had been originally and is still suggested, it would leave only more empty shelves that, to some, reveal a relaxed commitment to true education.

Another huge problem is the lack of scholarships

for current and transfer students. The financial aid office Web site shows scores of scholarships that are available to current students, but who receives these scholarships?

Many listed aren't even currently available because of a lack of funding. An example of this is the Student Publications scholarship, which, the last time I checked, had only one contributor – the director of Student Publications.

As for transfer students, they should be placed at least as highly as first-time freshmen. While certain factors would have to be weighed (how many colleges the student has attended, GPA at those schools, etc.), it seems to me that transfer students would have a higher dedication to their MTSU coursework because they have experienced other colleges and decided that MTSU was right for them.

Recruiting is an important aspect of a university,

but it's becoming more common for students to feel they experienced the apex of an MTSU education before they ever stepped into their first class.

Instead of aggressively recruiting students to stuff into a campus that is already bursting at the seams, MTSU should shift its focus to the students already here.

All the magazines and books about selecting colleges instruct parents and prospective students to stop current students and ask them what they think about the college they attend.

The idea is that they will be able to get a more honest answer from someone who does not directly represent the university.

If someone stops you, what would you say? ♦

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Editor

A school board in Kansas upheld a controversial vote Tuesday that has served as an excellent example for thousands of high school students who dream of cheating, not working hard, to get ahead.

In December, biology teacher Christine Pelton failed 28 students for plagiarism after she noticed identical material in their term papers.

After hearing complaints from three parents of the affected students at a closed December meeting, held for the specific purpose of discussing the plagiarism case, the school board voted to give the students partial credit for

their work, undermining Pelton's authority as a teacher and authority figure.

Rather than bow to unjust pressure and change the grades, Pelton stuck to her principles and resigned at the end of the semester.

The principal of the school, Mike Adams, has voiced his support all along for Pelton and her wise judgment and has announced that he will now retire at the end of the school year.

To make matters worse, the school board upheld its ruling in a meeting Tuesday, voting 6-0 with one abstention to keep the partial credit, effectively saying, "Don't worry. You can cheat, but if you make enough commotion, you won't be punished."

What a horrible lesson to be teaching to impressionable teen-agers, high school sophomores that should be considered

mature enough to take full responsibility for lying, cheating and dishonesty. Instead, the school board has made it clear that such behavior can actually help students achieve their ends.

If this behavior is rewarded, where will the line be drawn?

What is to stop these students from giving, or worse, selling, their papers to future biology classes? Why would the students not take their illicit actions a step further and begin cheating on tests or final exams?

Sadly, the market exists for old papers and exam answers; students are always looking for the easy fix. Memorizing a copy of a test in half an hour frees up an evening for revelry and debauchery.

Reinforcing this behavior creates a society of mindless drones, leeching off the production and

success of others, never taking the time to think for themselves, to become innovators.

By giving the 28 students credit for work they did not do, the school board has decreed that cheating is just as moral, just as rewardable, as honest work.

Fortifying that idea is worse than the students' cheating because, though the students are old enough to take responsibility for their actions, they obviously weren't mature enough to rationalize why their actions were wrong. School board President Chris McCord said at Tuesday's meeting, "It has never been my intent as a board member to do anything (other) than what was right for the students and faculty in the district."

Teaching susceptible children that they will be compensated for stealing is not right. In fact, it is a

horrible corruption of their minds and faculties of reason.

Because this fraud was not corrected, the cheaters will spend the rest of their lives thinking it is OK to mooch off the talents and actions of others. This places an undue burden on the honest students; the ones that respect themselves enough to not only resist temptation, but to never even consider cheating as an option.

For our society to maintain the prosperity and wealth it has enjoyed for the past 225 years, it is essential that a distinction be drawn between honest students and conniving slackers and that morality be rewarded while corruption be severely punished. ♦

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America's poor need a fair chance, not handouts

By Joshua Elder

Daily Northwestern (Northwestern U.)

(U-WIRE) – It's not easy being a Republican living below the poverty line. I should know – I used to be one.

My father abandoned my mother before I was born, leaving her to raise me alone in the small, rural town of Carmi, Ill.

We never had much money. During my childhood, we lived in an apartment that had been converted from a two-door garage. Treatment costs for several illnesses and medical maladies I suffered as a child wiped out the meager savings my mother had when I was born.

When my mom lost her job in a wave of layoffs, things got even worse. She spent the better part of the next two years on unemployment. I still remember spending Saturday mornings with my mom in line at the public aid office, waiting with other destitute Carmi families for blocks of government cheese and booklets of food stamps.

Eventually, my mom got the job that she still

has as a teacher's aide at a school for the mentally and physically handicapped. The income from that has put us above the poverty line – by a margin of less than \$1,000.

So at age 9, I started working to help pay the bills. I mowed lawns in the summer, raked leaves in the fall and shoveled snow in the winter. The income from those odd jobs paid for our first VCR and all three of my computers. As a teen-ager, I was legally old enough to be employed by the city, so I went to work as the janitor at the public pool.

It was a disgusting job, but a welcome respite from the days when I would partner with the city crew to whack weeds around cemetery headstones or remove poison ivy from the trees in Burrell's Woods, a local park.

When I turned 18 the summer after high school, one of my first acts as an adult was to register to vote – as a Republican.

My mother took it in stride: "Don't tell your grandfather," she warned. That was sage advice, since he was Democratic Party chairman for White County.

My entire family had been Democrat for as

long as anyone could remember, and they had good reason. They were poor farmers and teachers – core constituents of the "Party of the People." But I chose a different road. I recognized that during all the hardships I faced, the government didn't do a damn thing.

Government welfare programs kept my family at subsistence level but did nothing to help my mother find a job. Welfare was less a safety net and more a pit of quicksand that dragged my mother and me down into the depths of poverty and kept us there. It offered something for nothing and encouraged its recipients to become parasites on the body politic.

Thank God my mother had too much pride to live that way. And thank God that she taught me the same.

Republicans are often demonized for lacking compassion toward those less fortunate than themselves. I am one of those less fortunate people. And guess what? I don't need compassion. I don't need a welfare state, either.

All I need is a fair chance to succeed. Why should that come as any surprise? ♦

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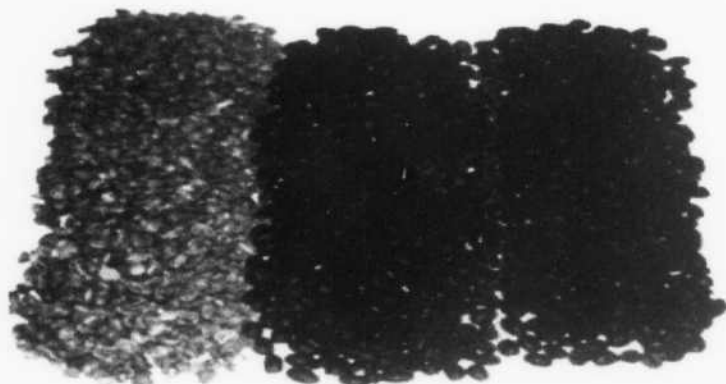
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Coffee company offers wide variety

Local shop pairs music, specialties for taste buds



By Stephanie Hughes
Contributor

What was once Murfreesboro's best-kept secret is now getting everyone's attention.

Stones River Coffee Company, located at 1764 W. Northfield Blvd., opened last spring, and it seems that many people are still unaware of this new attraction.

SRC offers a wide variety of coffee, cappuccino, iced coffee, smoothies and homemade pastries. Customers can choose from various coffees such as

lattes, espressos and cappuccinos, served hot or cold.

Various flavors, such as butterscotch toffee, macadamia nut and French vanilla, can be added to the drink of your choice for an extra boost of flavor.

If coffee is not your cup of tea, the coffeehouse also offers a wide selection of smoothies and teas. Smoothies come in many different flavors, ranging from strawberry and raspberry to mango and granny smith apple. Chai, an Indian tea, is also a local favorite.

According to the store's co-

owner, Roger Painter, the most popular drink is the Stones River Sweet Delight, which consists of a shot of espresso, white chocolate, caramel, whipped cream and steamed milk. However, SRC is not just a coffeehouse. They also host various bands on the weekends. Various musicians come and sing the blues at 7:30 every Thursday night. On the flip side, it's all about jazz on Friday and Saturday nights. Every Friday night from 7:30 to 9, Signs of Life, a local jazz band, performs. The band consists of four men who are currently working on their first album at MTSU's recording studios.

Painter's partner, Jeremiah Nave, said the jazz nights attract a fair share of MTSU students on the weekends.

"We also have jazz program students from MTSU come and perform on Friday nights," Nave said.

Miniscus, another local jazz band, plays every Saturday night at the coffeehouse. Saturday nights are also open nights for other musicians to come and play, according to Nave.

"Anybody that plays jazz, come out and bring your instrument," he said.



Photo provided

Customers enjoy downtime at Stones River Coffee Company in Murfreesboro.

Other specialties of the coffeehouse include free Internet access, satellite television and movie nights.

A new feature of the coffeehouse is chocolate fondue. It is available to customers Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Sundays. Chocolate fondue comes with fruits, pastries and cakes.

According to Painter, a unique feature of the coffeehouse is that it is the only place in Rutherford County that roasts coffee beans right inside. There are about 30 different varieties of coffee flavors, caffeinated and decaffeinated, to choose from. Customers have the choice to formulate their own blends of coffee as well.

The coffeehouse is a non-smoking environment and does not serve alcohol. Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

To contact the coffeehouse, call 848-6761 or visit the store's Web site at www.stonesrivercoffee.com. ♦

Band creates new genre to fulfill needs

Band shares 'alturcore' style, hopes for Nashville record deal

By Ryan Noreikas
Contributor

The members of local band Element-8 say they feel their music doesn't fall into any pre-existing genre, so they've created one of their own. They call it alturcore.

"What is alturcore,?" one might ask.

"You'll just have to come see us and find out," said guitarist Banks Camak.

Camak, Roger "Rabbit" Bither (turntables), Abe Freeland (vocals), Todd Fullford (guitar), Neal Johnson (drums) and Michael Valentine (bass) have been playing together for a year and a half under the name Element-8.

"The name just randomly came about," Valentine said. "We passed around sheets of paper and everyone wrote down a couple of name ideas. We eventually narrowed it down to Element-8."

The band came together in Murfreesboro, though its members are from various cities across the eastern United States. Different backgrounds and musical influences are a major contribution to their unique

sound.

Playing gigs in Murfreesboro, Nashville, and places outside of Tennessee, the Element is constantly performing. They are sometimes booked several months in advance. The Boro and Bongo Johnny's are their usual local venues. In Nashville, they play at 328 Performance Hall, Exit/In and the Outer Limits.

Element-8 has been known to travel as well, playing more distant gigs in places such as Louisville, Ky., Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., Johnson City, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn.

They had plenty of road sto-

ries to tell.

"So we're at the Casbah in Johnson City," Fullford explained. "It's a real small stage and there's six of us up there. We're playing our last song and we always try to go out with a blast. Mike falls down and falls into Abe, who falls into Banks. Everybody's kind of stumbling. Abe gets up, picks up Mike's bass head and throws it on the ground. We're all tangled up on the floor, try-

ing to play. It's the very end of the song and it's all just a bunch of noise and the crowd was going wild. That was alturcore at its best."

"Then there was this time in Louisville," Valentine said. "It was our second time playing there and this really hardcore band played first. All the kids went nuts and started moshing. We don't really consider ourselves to be in a genre that heavy, so we were paranoid about how they would react to us."

"We thought about leaving the place," Johnson added.

"But we decided to stick around give them what we had," Fullford said. "With the first song, we wanted to hit them hard. When we started playing, I kicked my leg and my shoe went flying across the room and landed right in the middle of the mosh pit. I thought I'd never see it again. But by the end of the first song, this kid puts my shoe on the stage and opens up the tongue so I can put it on while playing."

"It turns out they loved us," Camak said. "People had us autograph all kinds of things and we sold drumsticks, guitar picks, and other stuff. It was great."

Element-8's performances consist mainly of original material. Their songwriting process is a group effort.



Photo provided

Element-8 gigs it up at a local show.

Each member adds his own contribution of ideas and the band works these ideas into songs.

"It usually starts with the music," Freeland explained. "The band will have something worked up musically and I'll start to get a melody in my head. I don't just sit down and write lyrics without any music. Words start coming to me as I listen to a song and get certain emotions from it."

"One of our songs - 'Noise' - I wrote about my dad and how he inspired me in music because he's a musician. And then there are other songs where I write about struggling with music and staying with it, even though it's a tough thing to do some-

times," he added.

With extensive songwriting and playing numerous shows, Element-8 is making it their goal to get signed in Nashville. The band claim they are tired of country acts being the big names to come out of the city, and want to be the first Nashville rock band to hit it big.

When asked to describe their sound, the band simply replied "alturcore." They don't want any label but their own. To get the full effects of alturcore, check out an Element-8 show. There's just no other option.

For more information on Element-8, go to www.element8.com. ♦

Developmental Studies plans bright future

By Kirsten Boatwright
Contributor

Ranging from wood to brass and dressed in everything from fleece to top hat and tails, more than 500 pairs of eyes watch over all who visit this office.

The office is that of Carol Bader, director of Developmental Studies, and as she navigates the future of her program, the eyes watching her are not of the Tennessee State Legislature, but of the grasshoppers she collects.

Bader's program fell victim to the budget butcher block last fall and many predicted that the thousands of students who benefit from developmental courses at MTSU would be forced to earn an education elsewhere.

Bader and her staff hopped

to (pun intended). Letter writing campaigns put a human face on the years of statistics that the Tennessee Board of Regents seemed all too willing to ignore. While the statistics demonstrate that 40 percent of MTSU graduates take at least one developmental course, the TBR seemed to view the program as expendable.

The National Association of Developmental Education disagrees with this assessment. In the midst of the discussions about cutting developmental studies, NADE has announced that it will present its first national certification of a developmental studies program to MTSU.

"That certainly will bring positive remarks to our department," Bader said. "And anytime

you can do that then I think that reflects well on students and on us, too."

Bader is quick to point out that Developmental Studies students come from all areas. Students just out of high school, adults returning to college, students with hidden disabilities and those of whom use English as their second language are included in the classes of the Developmental Studies program.

Bader credits her staff for the successes of Developmental Studies. The Developmental Studies program is "the most student-centered department on this campus," she said.

Looking toward a future that may include having to combine various levels of developmental courses into a single class, Bader

expressed a belief that her faculty would teach classes five days a week if it helped the students.

An advising staff of five, down from the normal six because of budget constraints, regularly advises more than 2,000 students.

Barbara Hensley, one of five Developmental Studies advisers, reports that remedial courses designed to assist those with math or reading skills below a ninth grade level will be phased out within five years. Hensley says she recognizes that the program has been on "shaky ground" since the fall, but she remains confident that the program will continue.

"We can demonstrate what we do to help students become successful, to maintain retention and to help graduation

rates," Bader said.

Bader has been tracking developmental studies students for the past 13 years and has seen a steady rise in graduation rates. In addition to the astounding undergraduate figures, the Developmental Studies program also has begun to see an increase in former students who receive graduate degrees at MTSU.

The NADE National Certification is the most recent award for this often misunderstood program.

"When we were teaching grad assistants and you would say, 'Okay you're working in developmental reading,' for some reason they would think these people would be drooling and didn't know anything," Bader said. "And you'd say 'No,

no, no. These are bright people who have just not had a focus in their lives."

According to Hensley, three of the program's former students have been named State Student of the Year and one student has received national honors.

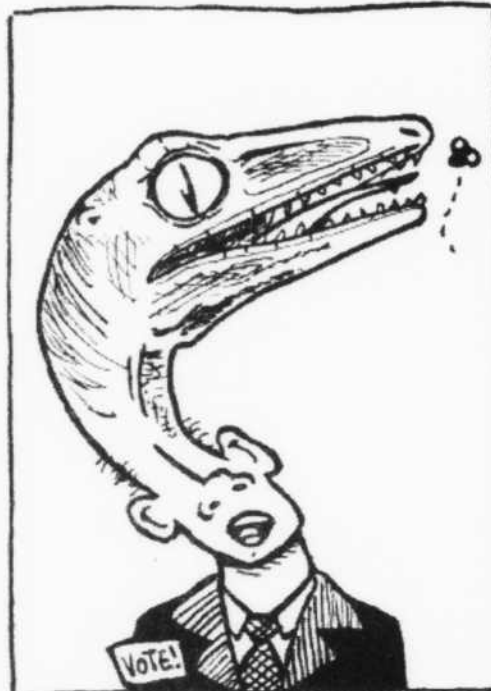
In addition, the Developmental Studies advising staff won NADE's Academic Advising Award in 1995 and advisor Terri Tharpe was named Outstanding Adviser in 2000 by the same organization.

"We've got a top-notch group of people and we are helping students become successful," Bader said. "If you are interested in becoming successful, we are interested in helping you. And that's our whole focus." ♦

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Shawn Whitsell | Features Editor

Thursday, April 4

A cookout for International Culture Week will held on the Recreation Center Sundeck from 5-7 p.m.



MTSU Concerts presents Electronica Knoll in the KUC Courtyard from 3:30 until 7 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact 898-2551.



MTSU Films presents *Harry Potter* at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The movie is rated PG and runs for 152 minutes. For more information, contact 898-2551.

The MTSU Anthropology Program and MT Anthropology Society will present William Bass III at 6 p.m. in the Multimedia Room of the LRC. The lecture program is presented as a part of the Anthropologica: Anthropology in Action series and is free and open to the public.



Friday, April 5

Origami sessions will be held at 1, 1:45 and 2:30 p.m. in KUC, Room 324. Each session will last 30 minutes. This event is a part of International Culture Week.

Saturday, April 6

An International Banquet will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. to view the cultural exhibits. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$12, but are \$6 for MTSU students with college ID. For more information, call 898-2238.



Sunday, April 7

The Stones River Chamber Players will perform at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. The program is free. For more information, call 898-2496.

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April 13th 9 am - 6 pm- instructions, tryouts
April 14th 11 am - 2 pm- tryouts

Where: AMG Gymnastics Room

What to wear: Shorts, T-shirt, Tennis Shoes

What to bring: Proof of insurance and proof of enrollment or acceptance letter to MTSU.

What: 'Lightning' - Mascot Tryouts

When: April 10th - 5-7 pm- meeting and instruction
April 12th - 4:30 pm - tryout

Where: AMG Gymnastics Room

What to wear: Shorts, T-shirt, Tennis Shoes

What to bring: Proof of insurance and proof of enrollment or acceptance to MTSU. A 3-5 minute skit made up by candidate that will be performed in costume. Skit should incorporate props, signs, etc.

Scholarships: The Blue Squad and Mascots receive \$500 per semester and books for fall and spring semesters. The White Squad receives books for spring semester.

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Baseball team falls in extra innings

By Kevin Rose
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team (18-9) lost a 12-inning battle with the University of Memphis (9-14) 8-5 Tuesday night.

The Blue Raiders got on the board first on an RBI double by Kevin Suba in the bottom of the second. Suba had two doubles on the night.

Memphis added 2 runs in the fourth when they connected on 4 straight hits off MT starter Travis Horschel. MT evened the score at 2-2 in the fourth with an RBI double from Derrick Phillips.

The Blue Raiders increased the lead to 4-2 when Josh Archer drove in Justin Sims with an RBI single in the fifth, and Sims added an RBI double in the sixth.

The game became heated in the bottom of the sixth when Memphis coach Dave Anderson was thrown out of the game for arguing with the home plate umpire.

The Tigers responded in the seventh with a 2-run home run



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Marshall Nisbett slides into second base against the University of Memphis Tuesday.

by Jay Fik to tie the game at 4. Horschel exited four batters later after going 6 2/3 innings, giving up 4 runs on 8 hits. Jeremy Armstrong recorded the final out of the inning.

Josh Archer came to the plate in the eighth and delivered a towering solo home run off Tiger reliever Nick Rogers. Archer led the Blue Raiders with 3 hits and 2 RBIs.

The Blue Raiders seemed to be in control, but the Tigers

responded in the eighth. Barrett Smith hit an Armstrong curveball over the left-center wall to tie the score at 5-5. Marshall Nisbett entered for Armstrong and got out of the inning without allowing further damage.

The Blue Raiders had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the ninth. With two outs, Jason Howarth lined a ball to left field that would have scored Sims from second, but Tiger left fielder Josh Payne

made a diving catch to send the game into extra innings.

The extra innings belonged to Memphis reliever Joel Posey. Posey (2-4) entered in the top of the seventh and went the rest of the way.

MT managed only 1 hit off Posey in 5 innings of work.

Memphis won the game in the top of the 12th on a solo home run by Andy Gessel off

See Memphis, 8

Raiders open Sun Belt Conference series Friday in New Mexico

By Kevin Rose
Staff Writer

If the Blue Raider baseball team (18-8, 1-2) is going to defend its 2001 Sun Belt championship, they better bring their bats to New Mexico State University this weekend.

The Blue Raiders will take on the Aggies (24-9, 1-2) in a three-game Sun Belt Conference series, starting tomorrow.

This series is huge for both teams as they try to sneak back into the Sun Belt race. Currently, both teams are tied for next to last in the standings. The winner of this series could move up a few positions in the Sun Belt standings. The series will be the second Sun Belt Conference series for both teams.

The Blue Raiders will be faced with a having to stop a heavy-hitting Aggie team.

"New Mexico State is a team that is going to be very much improved," MT head coach Steve Peterson said.

The Aggies are hitting .350 as team and have four batters who are hitting more than .400. They also have the ability to hit the long ball in the thin air of New Mexico.

"From everybody telling me, if there is a home field advantage it's playing out at New Mexico State because of the weather and wind and everything," Peterson said.

Gabe Veloz has 13 dingers, while Ryan Kenning has an unbelievable 19 round-trippers to lead the conference. He also leads in RBIs with 76 and total bases with 121. Veloz leads the conference in batting with a .483 average, 15 doubles, 54 runs scored and 58 hits.

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Walsh makes Final 4 special for his team

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

College ice hockey – not something MTSU students are known to follow in any great numbers, but I'd like to share a few words about a truly special NCAA Final Four contest with you. It's this year's Frozen Four, and the semifinals will be played today in St. Paul, Minn., at the Xcel Energy Center.

What's so special is the team? The coach? The jersey?

You see, my brother, Shawn Walsh, was the head coach of the University of Maine Men's Ice Hockey Team for 17 years. His record was impressive, and he coached a total of 399 winning games putting him with the top dozen winningest coaches in Division I college hockey. At 46, he was young to have such accolades put on him, and his future looked promising.

Besides coaching his teams to be successful in hockey, however, Shawn also taught them how to be successful in life. He taught them self-respect and hard work, and his program was featured in a 1980s piece in *Sports Illustrated* for the high priority it placed on the players' academic performance.

I could go on and on about what Shawn gave to his players, but this letter is about what they're giving to him:

Shawn died Sept. 24, the day before on-ice practice was to start for the current group of Black Bears. He had cancer and everyone knew about his valiant year-plus battle with the disease. What they didn't know was that despite his brave front, this was one opponent he would not beat.

The team was stunned by his death and overcome with grief. Black Bear fans were not sure the team could ever recover to put together any kind of a winning season without him.

Once the reality sunk in, however, the team captain gave hope to his fellow players and fans alike and galvanized them all into a truly powerful goal. In the eulogy delivered at Shawn's funeral, Black Bears Captain Peter Metcalfe promised and vowed that the team would do all it could to make it into the NCAA Sweet 16 tourney.

As a Division I team, that feat would be tough in any year, although the Black Bears had been in the Final Four seven times under coach Walsh. Maine was a hockey force to be reckoned with, and former Bears include some two dozen or more players who

See Hockey, 8

Men's tennis team falls to No. 21

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

With a 5-2 loss to No. 21 Mississippi State, the No. 33 Blue Raider tennis team has lost four of their last five outings.

The match, held Tuesday afternoon, was rescheduled from an earlier date because of inclement weather in Starkville, Miss.

Although the Blue Raiders proved strong in doubles, they couldn't hold it together for the singles competition.

MT took all three doubles matches to take the doubles point.

The No. 14 duo of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson beat No. 18 Romain Ambert and Rene-Charles Combette 8-5. The No. 56 team of Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson defeated Max Fomine and Aymeric Henou 8-1. In the third position, Trevor Short and Michael Staniak took an 8-6 win over Luiz Calvalho.

In singles, the Blue Raiders weren't as fortunate.

No. 17 Klemetz claimed the only singles point for the team

beating No. 10 Ambert 6-2, 6-1. This was Ambert's third loss in 16 matches this season. The win improved Klemetz record to 13-6 against ranked players this year.

In positions two through six, MS swept the Blue Raiders.

No. 85 Gustafsson fell to No. 75 Combette 6-2, 6-2. Staniak gave up a 6-2, 6-2 match to Calvalho. Foreman lost 6-2, 6-4 to Jerome Le Belicard while Jackson fell to Fomine 6-2, 6-1. Short held on in the second set, but dropped a 6-2, 7-5 win to Henou.

The Blue Raiders will host South Alabama and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette this weekend. Friday's match against SA at 2 p.m. will be the second

meeting for the teams this spring.

MT lost 4-1 to SA in the National Blue Grey Invitational March 14. Sunday's match

against UL-Lafayette will start at 1 p.m.

Both matches are scheduled for Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. ♦

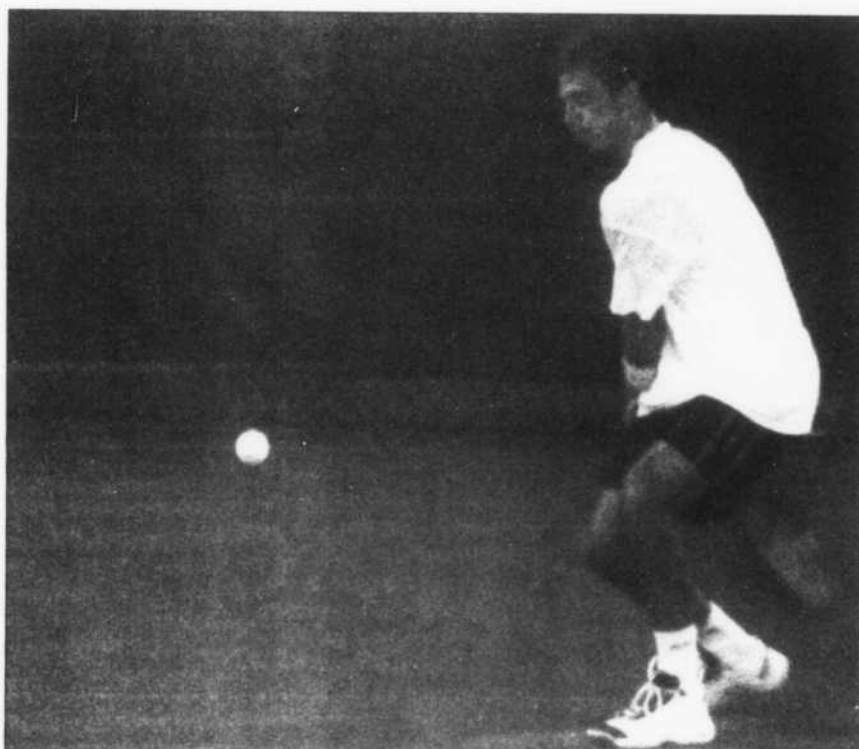


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Daniel Klemetz was the only Blue Raider to win a singles match in the match against Mississippi State Tuesday.

Softballers split doubleheader with UAB Tuesday

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider softball team (17-16) split a doubleheader with the University of Alabama-Birmingham at George Ward Park Tuesday.

Middle Tennessee won the first game 4-3 before losing the second 1-0.

The Lady Raiders started the first game with 3 first-inning runs. Kip Phillips singled and took second base on an error. Lisa Sherman reached on a bunt single. With the bases loaded, Lindsay Azevedo hit a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring Phillips. Jennifer Martinez knocked in 2 more runs with a single.

The Blazers came back with a run in the part of the first. Candice Hithe got hit by a pitch and stole second and third. Kai Paul knocked the runner in on a sacrifice to left field.

UAB tied the game at 3 in the bottom of the seventh inning. Paul singled to lead off the inning. Aimee With the bases loaded, Amanda Ellis singled to score a run. Another run scored on a

groundout.

MT scored the winning run in the top of the eighth inning. Jennifer Polsteen was placed on second according to international tiebreaker rules. Polsteen moved to third on a sacrifice bunt. Danielle DeCamino knocked in the winning run with a single.

Jennifer Martinez (12-5) picked up the complete game win, giving up just 2 hits and allowing 1 earned run. She struck out 11 batters and walked only 2. Lisa Sherman went 2-for-3 with 1 run scored. Phillips, Martinez and DeCamino had 1 hit each.

In the second game, neither team scored until the sixth inning. The Blazers scored the only run of the game on an MT error.

Stacy Preator (4-7) took the loss, pitching 6 innings and giving up 5 hits and striking out 4 batters. Kerri Foster tossed a complete game no hitter for UAB.

MT plays Florida International in Miami, Fla. Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's game begins at 1 p.m. Sunday's starts at 11 a.m. ♦

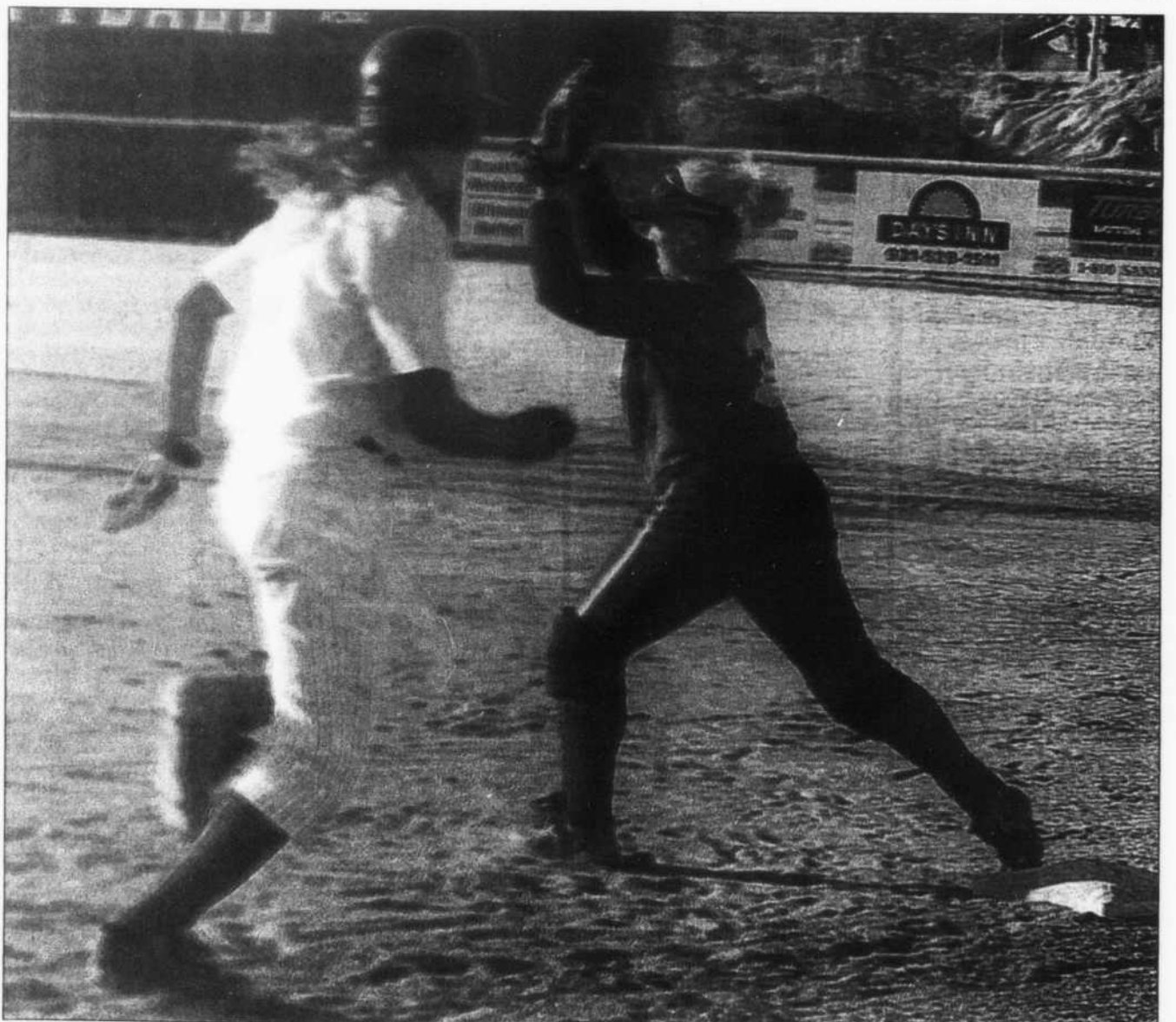


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Laura Brockman tries to beat the throw to first. Brockman has had 70 at bats this season with MT.

Moosemen make 'Sweet 16'

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's rugby club is packing up and heading to University of California Berkeley's Witter Field for the third time in the team's history after winning a berth in the upcoming USA Rugby Collegiate Division I National Quarterfinal tournament which commence April 20.

The Moosemen drove past two opponents March 23-24 and captured the South Collegiate Division I title in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

MT was victorious first against The University of Florida Saturday in semifinal action and again Sunday against The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in the South Collegiate Division I finals.

Saturday, the Moosemen scored a decisive victory against the University of Florida Gators. The team routed their opponents by a final score of 28-15 thanks to 2 conversions and a trio of penalty kicks by MT Captain Cayo Nicolau who tallied up 13 points in the game.

An additional pair of tries by Charlie Bedford playing in the No. 8 position gave MT another

10 points and New Zealand import and scrumhalf Mark Kane put a try on the boards for 5 points as well.

The Moosemen defense held the Gators to 2 tries, both scored with only minutes to go in the game.

Sunday's matchup against UNC was the Moosemen's second time facing the team from Chapel Hill this year.

The two teams first met in February in a nail biter that was sewed up for the Moosemen thanks to a last minute effort by Mark Kane.

This time, the two teams met in an evenly fought first half and walked off the field at half-time tied at 5 apiece. The Moosemen pulled out all the stops after the break, however, and used the wind as a sixteenth player in the half.

"You could just feel that in the second half when MTSU got the wind at their backs, that they were going to bust the game wide open," said head coach Tony Neely.

Within just a few minutes pack players Charlie Bedford and Mike Renda scored a pair of tries. Freshman winger Colby Wright converted both and MTSU crushed UNC's hopes with a 19-5 lead.

UNC tried to launch an

offense of their own but were unsuccessful, playing into the wind as they were and against determined MT defenders.

"MTSU defense and tactical kicking foiled them time and time again," said Neely.

Bedford sewed up the game with another try and Colby Wright put up another penalty kick giving the Moosemen a decisive 27-5 victory and the title of South Collegiate Division I Champions.

The Moosemen will fly to California and go up against Cal-Berkeley (14-0). The Berkeley Golden Bears are a rugby dynasty that has won more than ten national championships since 1990. The Moosemen were halted by the Bears in Elite 8 action in 2000, after beating Chico State in the national quarterfinals.

"Returning to Berkeley is a great experience," said MT former head coach Mark Williams, who heads up the Tennessee High School Rugby League and remains a loyal Moosemen fan to this day.

"Playing Cal (Berkeley) is like David vs. Goliath. Just remember, it only takes one rock to take down the giant," Williams said, injecting hope into the Moosemen's upcoming sojourn. ♦

Memphis: NMS series starts Friday on road

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Nisbett. Nisbett (0-1) went 3 2/3 innings, giving up 2 runs on 3 hits and striking out 7.

The Tigers added 2 runs off

reliever Danny Borne on an RBI double by Smith and a wild pitch by Borne.

Smith paced the Tigers with 4 hits and 3 RBIs.

MT plays its second Sun Belt

Conference series against New Mexico State University Friday through Sunday.

Friday's game begins at 5:05 p.m. ♦

Hockey: Jersey given to coach as reminder

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games than they won at first. But through it all, they kept Coach Walsh's memory alive, entering the ice before each game with a Black Bears Jersey carried in front of them embroidered on the back with the name WALSH.

In every game, the jersey hangs at the bench behind interim head coach Tim Whitehead, serving as a reminder to all players and fans

present that Shawn is with them, in spirit at least, during each contest.

It will be so today, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. The jersey will enter and hang there behind coach Whitehead.

The jersey will be with them, suggesting a spectral coach's presence. It will give them a steely glint in their eyes as they face their opponent. It will give them purpose. It will give them strength and hope and determi-

nation.

The jersey serves as a reminder to the team and fans alike not of what the team has lost, but of what they can become.

Above all, the jersey serves as the team's gift to Coach Walsh, a poignant reminder of that vow softly issued by Captain Metcalf months before, during a time of loss and grief. It will hang there today, during the Frozen Four competition. A team's promise kept, a vow fulfilled. ♦

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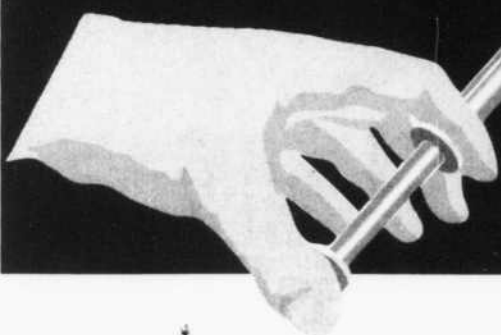


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Baseball: Offense looks for hits at NMSU

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The MT offense, hitting .325, should be able to do some damage against New Mexico State after struggling at New Orleans. Justin Sims continues to lead the Blue Raiders with a .473 average.

The Aggie pitching staff sports a 7.35 ERA while opponents are hitting .316 against Aggie hurlers. Andrew

Garretson is the Aggies top reliever with a 2-0 record and 3 saves. Christia Jackson is the top starting pitcher with a 4-3 record in 9 starts.

The Blue Raider pitching rotations should be the same as last weekend with John Williams (5-0) pitching Friday, Adam Larson (3-2) pitching Saturday and Steven Kines (3-0) pitching Sunday.

"I hate to say it sounds

strange," Peterson said. "But I'm looking forward to going to New Mexico State. It will be interesting, and especially to see how our team reacts. It's in the midpoint of the season so your team could go either way."

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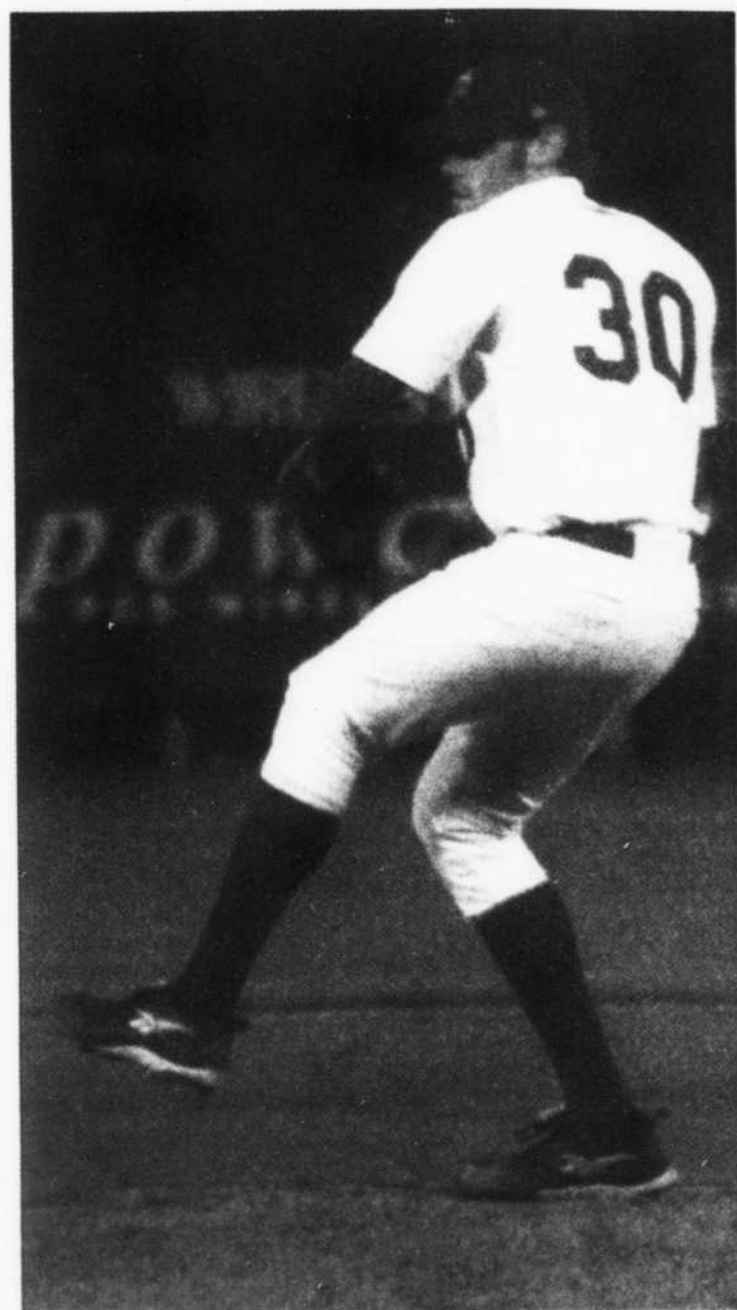


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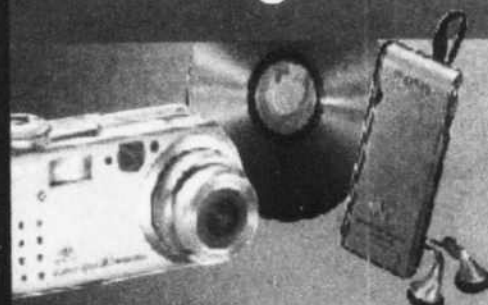
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