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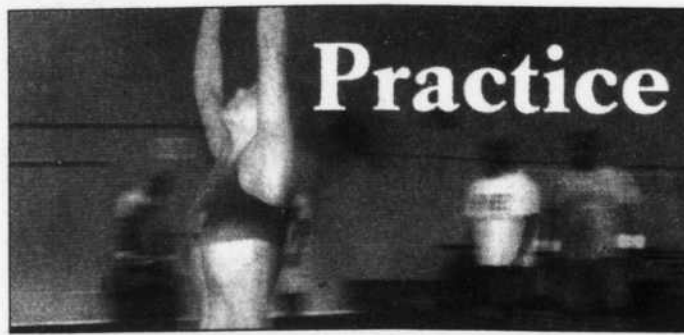


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Campus Briefs

Fraternity, sorority recruitment forms due

Fall recruitment for the Interfraternity Council will begin Aug. 25 and the Panhellenic Council will begin Aug. 15.

Recruitment will give prospective members the opportunity to learn more about each fraternity and sorority and their different activities and programs.

Applications for the Panhellenic Council will be due Aug. 1 and Interfraternity Council applications will be due Aug. 21 in the Keathley University Center room 326S.

For more information about the Interfraternity Council, please contact Michael Ceccarelli at 631-2162.

For more information about the Panhellenic Council, please contact Kim Godwin at 898-5812.

Memarie to perform benefit for Red Cross

New country artist Memarie will perform at Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The performance, called "This is My Town," will be a fundraiser for the Heart of Tennessee chapter of the Red Cross.

Memarie has a new single called "I Need a Change," and she will be shooting a video on the Square in Murfreesboro and the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro on West College Street today.

For more information about Memarie, visit her Web site at www.cupitmusic.com.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

At 6 p.m. before the show, a silent auction will be held. A guitar signed by country music artists Tim McGraw, Montgomery Gentry, Marty Stuart, Neal McCoy and several other artists will be up for auction.

For information, contact Rachel Moore at 220-0773.

Country Music Circuit runs through Sunday

The Texas Quarter Horse Association's Country Music Circuit starts today and runs through July 27.

The circuit is a quarter horse competition, including such events as showmanship, reining, Western pleasure riding, barrel racing, pole bending and trail riding.

Classes are every day. The event takes place in the Tennessee Miller Coliseum.

For more information, contact (865) 687-5423.

Customs sessions held this week for freshmen

A freshmen Customs session will take place Thursday and Friday. Customs is MTSU's optional orientation program for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

For more information, contact Student Development at 898-2454 or Student Orientation 898-5533. ♦

NCAA chooses McPhee as board representative

By Kristin Hall
News Editor



McPhee

President Sidney McPhee was recently appointed to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors as a representative for the Sun Belt Conference.

McPhee, whose term will last through 2007, said he is looking forward to learn how the 18-member board decides on legislative issues dealing with college athletics at 318 colleges and

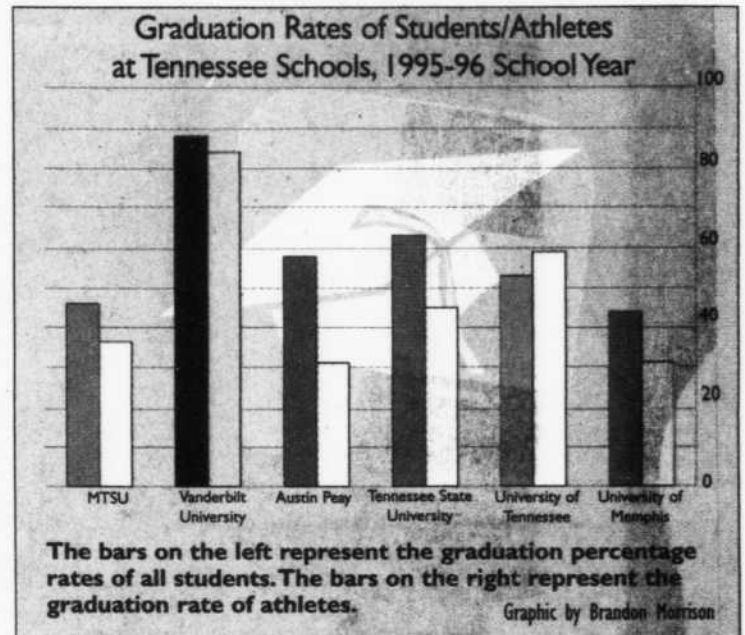
universities. "I think right now I need to really get a feel for the process that the NCAA goes through when dealing with major legislation," McPhee said.

College athletics has been a controversial issue because of the criticism of the poor academic performance of student-athletes on average.

While overall graduation rates have been increasing, there are pockets of student-athletes with very low graduation rates.

According to a 2002 NCAA report, male basketball athletes in Division I-A have a 36 percent graduation rate, and the rate for black males in basketball is 28 percent.

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Construction continues



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Work on the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors College has been delayed 12-15 weeks due to inclement weather. The building is scheduled to be finished in September. The pedestrian walkway along the north side is finished.

Messier recreates city of Sijilmasa

By Catherine Landers
Contributor

After much research and uncovering the story of an ancient Moroccan city, the Sijilmasa exhibit will be open soon for viewing in the rotunda of the Murfreesboro City Hall.

Ron Messier, a history professor at MTSU, and graphic design artist Mike Summers have been coordinating an exhibit from ongoing excavations of the medieval city in southeast Morocco.

Both men were intrigued by Sijilmasa and have traveled to its modern-day site.

Messier's interest in Middle Eastern studies dates back to his early college days. A favorite professor pointed him in the direction of graduate studies in the field of medieval gold coinage, which in turn led him to Sijilmasa.

Later on, Summers made the trip to the city in 1999 as part of compensation for working on the traveling exhibit. However, he wasn't there as an average tourist.

"I went there and really worked," Summers said. "I packaged and cataloged the artifacts along with others."

While traveling to the dig sites, Summers took pictures of the landscape and drew

sketches, which he would later incorporate into oil paintings for the upcoming exhibit.

Although Morocco is bordered by the vast expanse of the Sahara desert, the rest of the country is a mix of the Atlas Mountain range and fertile coastal plains.

"It was a really fascinating place," Summers said.

"We traveled over 800 miles through coastal landscape to high mountains and desert."

Messier described the country as "an incredibly beautiful landscape, where

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Robbery suspect caught

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

A former MTSU photography student named Herman King was arrested July 20 for robbery of a student's apartment, burglary to two cars and several counts of theft.

On July 19, according to Sgt. Matt Foster, a Recreation Center employee called the MTSU police department to report a black man in his middle to late 40s acting suspiciously in the parking lot.

The man, who was later identified by a Rec Center employee who had been letting him into the facility to shower, fled when Public Safety arrived.

"He ran through the Rec Center and went out the back," Foster said.

"He went over a fence and forced his way into a female student's apartment."

The residence was in Womack Lane Apartments, south of the Rec Center parking lot, where King stole a shirt and a hat from the student's bedroom drawers, Foster said.

The student was in the apartment when King entered, but she was unharmed. After taking those items, he left the apartment, according to Foster.

"We were unable to find him that day, but he was stupid enough to come back to the Rec Center the next day," Foster said.

When Rec Center employees saw King in the parking lot on Sunday, MTSU police officers

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Female rockers instruct next music generation

Camp focuses on teaching young girls musical instruments, songwriting

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

Imagine an indie-rock camp instructor who plays sharp guitar riffs matched with volatile vocals and whose personal motto about music is, "There's no such thing as too loud."

The debut of the Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp is the only place to find such an instructor — Beth Cameron of the Nashville duo Forget Cassettes.

Seventy girls ages 12 to 18 will converge on the MTSU campus the week of July 28 for intensive music

instruction and seminars on various aspects of the music industry.

Joining Cameron during the week-long music camp will be a wide range of female performers, from MTSU students like Jessica Lambert from the local band Vatican Destroyer to national performers like New York songwriter Amy Rigby.

MTSU senior Kelley Anderson organized this camp as a way to empower young women through music after teaching guitar for a rock 'n' roll camp in Portland, Ore., last year.

"I thought it was an amazing idea, so I eventually started thinking about

starting one here based on their model," Anderson said.

Anderson worked with the MTSU feminist organization Women for Women for about six months to raise money for the camp and to organize guest instructors and speakers.

"We had three benefit shows, two of which were at the Red Rose [Coffee House and Bistro], with record auctions between bands to raise the initial funds. The shows raised money that went toward publicity, fliers and some of the overhead costs of getting the camp

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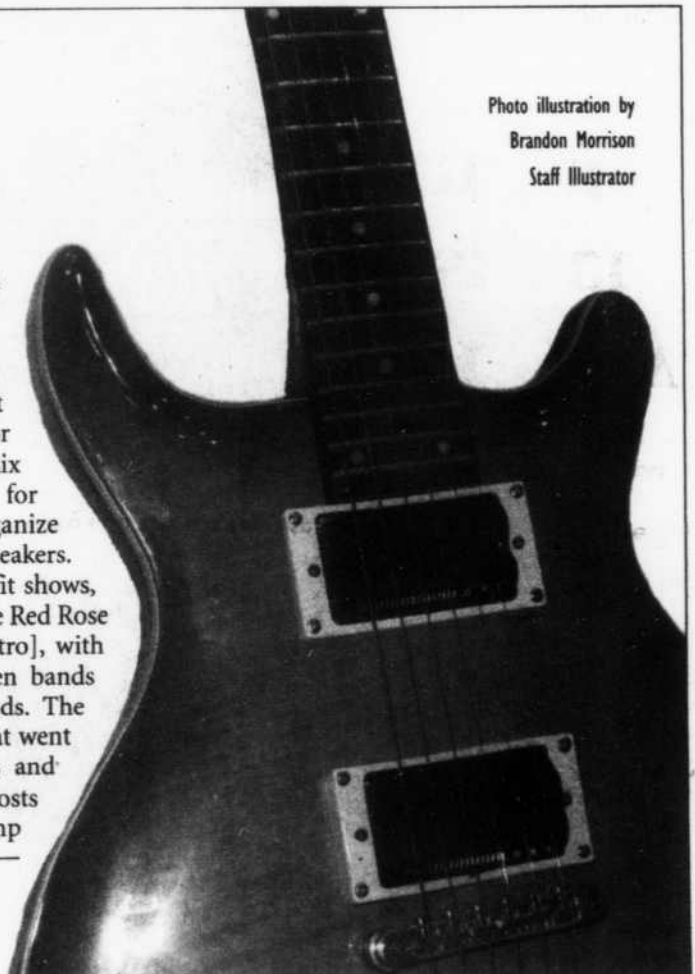


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Brandon Morrison
Staff Illustrator

Bradley plays in Nashville



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Robert Bradley and his band, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, performed at Dancin' in the District last Thursday. Everclear and Maroon 5 will headline tomorrow. Gates open at 5 p.m.

On Stage concludes with group production

By Mealand Ragland
Staff Writer

On Stage, a theater camp sponsored by the Summer Discovery Institute, came to an end this Sunday with a special presentation of original theater performances.

On Stage was designed to introduce black teens to college. The mini-camp was geared toward high schoolers who will be juniors and seniors this fall.

In its first year, 40 students were invited to take part in the classes, which were mainly held in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building and Tucker Theatre.

For most of the week, the teens went to classes to learn the various arts of stagecraft and production. Classes they took included costume design, make-up, combat fighting, voice and diction.

Brandon Maxwell, one of the

campers from Nashville, said he hadn't thought about pursuing a career in theater before coming to the camp.

"It's really made me think about it," he said, adding that he liked his acting classes, but hated wearing the thick make-up required for being on stage.

The biggest event of the week began Thursday evening. According to Shelly Selchow, an adviser in the academic support center, it was the beginning of 24 hours that the students would have to write, cast, costume, direct and perform a series of plays that the public would attend.

"So far, they've been running on three hours of sleep," Selchow said during Friday afternoon rehearsals.

The plays lasted about 10 minutes each, and the subjects varied.

Maxwell's group wrote a play

called "The 'Jay'nkins Family Reunion," a spin-off of plays written by the popular African-American playwright Tyler Perry.

Maxwell also acted in another play involving a boy cheating on his girlfriend.

"I haven't even practiced on that one yet," he said, eight hours before curtain.

Danyale Pitts, from Maryville, Tenn., directed two plays. Participating in the theatre was something new to her, but she also wanted to keep at it and learn more.

"I couldn't do it full time. I could do it as an elective," she said.

President Sidney McPhee also visited the students and was treated to a surprise. Some of the teens participating in the program made up a rap and performed it for him.

"He was tickled," Selchow

said.

Deborah Anderson, a professor in the speech and theatre department, said that the camp wasn't what many of the students thought it would be.

"They thought it was going to be a vacation," she said.

"They were horrified to learn of all the things they'd be doing."

Selchow said that she knew the last day of camp would be hard. So many of the teens were uncomfortable with each other, but as the week grew on, many became friends.

"It was neat seeing the transformation," Selchow said.

"I hope some of them keep in touch."

The program, which is free to the students, will continue next year in order to provide more students a chance to peek behind the curtains and experience the theater. ♦

NCAA: Standards aim to improve academic performance

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Mike Moleta, director of compliance for the athletic department, said that MTSU's student-athlete graduation rate is currently at 46 percent, but that the student body graduation rate is 36 percent.

He added that a student-athlete graduation rate 10 percentage points above the student body rate is a rare occurrence.

"You don't ever see that," he said.

Well aware of these problems, the NCAA has been developing new legislation to improve the academic performance of student-athletes.

New standards adopted in October 2002 required freshmen student-athletes to have at least a 1.8 grade point average.

The NCAA standards also expected student-athletes to keep a steady pace of course

work during their career by requiring the completion of 40, 60 and 80 percent of the requirements for a degree by the end of years two, three and four, consecutively.

A new incentive/disincentive plan has been proposed to reward institutions that show high graduation rates among their student-athletes and penalize institutions with low rates.

"We can't lose sight of the reason that we are here — to educate the students that come to the university," McPhee said.

McPhee and the rest of the Division I board will eventually decide on the implementation of the incentive/disincentive plan.

Not knowing the exact details of the proposed plan, McPhee said, "Any effort to improve [academic performance] as it relates to the student-athlete, I will be in

support of. Now the mechanics of how the NCAA goes about exercising, that I need to look into."

Another criticism of college athletics has been the contracts involved in recruiting players to professional teams.

McPhee said that what people typically hear about are high-profile cases and those cases give the public an unrealistic view of college athletics.

"To use a big umbrella approach to say that all college athletics are bad, it doesn't do justice to the thousands of other student-athletes that are good students, that do well in the classroom, are highly competent and very talented," McPhee said.

The NCAA Board of Directors will meet a minimum of four times a year, as well as holding additional meetings for independent committees. ♦

Robbery: Laptop, jewelry, savings bonds stolen from cars

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Misty Hellstrom, Kristen Hancock and Matt Smalley picked up King and arrested him.

According to Foster, King burglarized two vehicles on campus, stealing about \$1,000 in savings bonds and cash out of

one car and a backpack containing a laptop and jewelry out of another car.

"I think there was about \$1,700 worth with the laptop and jewelry," Foster said.

"We recovered the backpack with the computer and the jewelry, but we were unable to recover the savings bonds,"

Foster said.

King has no residence, and Foster said as far as the police knew, he was homeless and had been living out of his car.

King is currently being held in the Rutherford County jail because he is unable to make bond.

"He is refusing to speak to

police officers," Foster said.

Foster said he didn't know if the employee who allowed King into the Rec Center has been reprimanded, but he said that the employee's supervisor was made aware of the situation.

To report a crime or emergency, contact Public Safety at (615) 898-2424. ♦

Rockers: Role models help girls break through barriers

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started," Anderson said.

Instructors at the camp are rock musicians, songwriters and record label executives. Most are involved in bands that perform regularly, and many have years of experience in the music industry.

"The camp will cover many technical and business aspects of the music industry, besides just performance. I think it's important to showcase women in the industry as role models and show the girls that there are all these interesting career opportunities available," Anderson said.

Many of the women involved with this camp said they wanted to be involved because the female-oriented instruction is something they wished for themselves at the same age.

"I think the camp is one of the most amazing ideas I've ever heard," Cameron said.

"Girls getting the chance to play with other girls. I wish I had a chance like this when I was younger."

Cameron, who is teaching guitar during the camp, is par-

ticipating in the camp during a short break from the Forget Cassettes ongoing concert tour.

"This is a great opportunity for girls to develop some skills," Rigby said.

Rigby, a veteran songwriter and recording artist, will draw on her experience in the music industry to teach a songwriting seminar at the camp.

"My main aim will be to help girls to want to write to break through any self-consciousness and just be able to enjoy writing a song," Rigby said.

Anderson plans to establish the Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp as an annual summer event at MTSU.

"I see this camp as a long-term project that will grow each year."

"I think the camp is filling a need in the music community, as proven by all of the girls who are signed up, and as long as there is interest and support, I think the camp will continue to get better each year," Anderson said.

Find out more about the Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp on the web at www.mtsu.edu/~w4w. ♦

Exhibit: Sijilmasa illustrates cultural diversity, prosperity

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moviemakers go to film movies."

"The Mummy and [The Mummy Returns] were filmed a few miles from where we were. We would come into the city after working all day and relax with the workers involved in those films," Messier said.

The paintings will show the diverse landscape, and there will be archaeological panels of Sijilmasa city dig sites.

Messier explained that the daily life in a small corner of Morocco was relatively poor according to U.S. standards.

During the 1900s, France, Germany and Spain all struggled for control over the country of Morocco and eventually split the country into four administrative zones.

After World War II, a national independence party formed and support for it grew until a bicameral parliament was instituted.

Still, the country's new independence has been strife with conflicts with the bordering country of Algeria over territory.

"We were able to observe a country that was struggling with an identity problem. Every country faces this problem at one point. The world changes around us and we have to ask

ourselves, do we want to change at the rate it's going," Messier said.

Along with the different landscape portrayals, the traditional view of Moroccan society will be reflected in the paintings.

For Messier, there was a great importance in studying and researching such cities as Sijilmasa.

"Sijilmasa can show us why certain cities grow, why they prosper, and how they generate. We can apply what we have learned from this city to cities anywhere. Sijilmasa shows us that there are a lot of circumstances that affect urban life," he said.

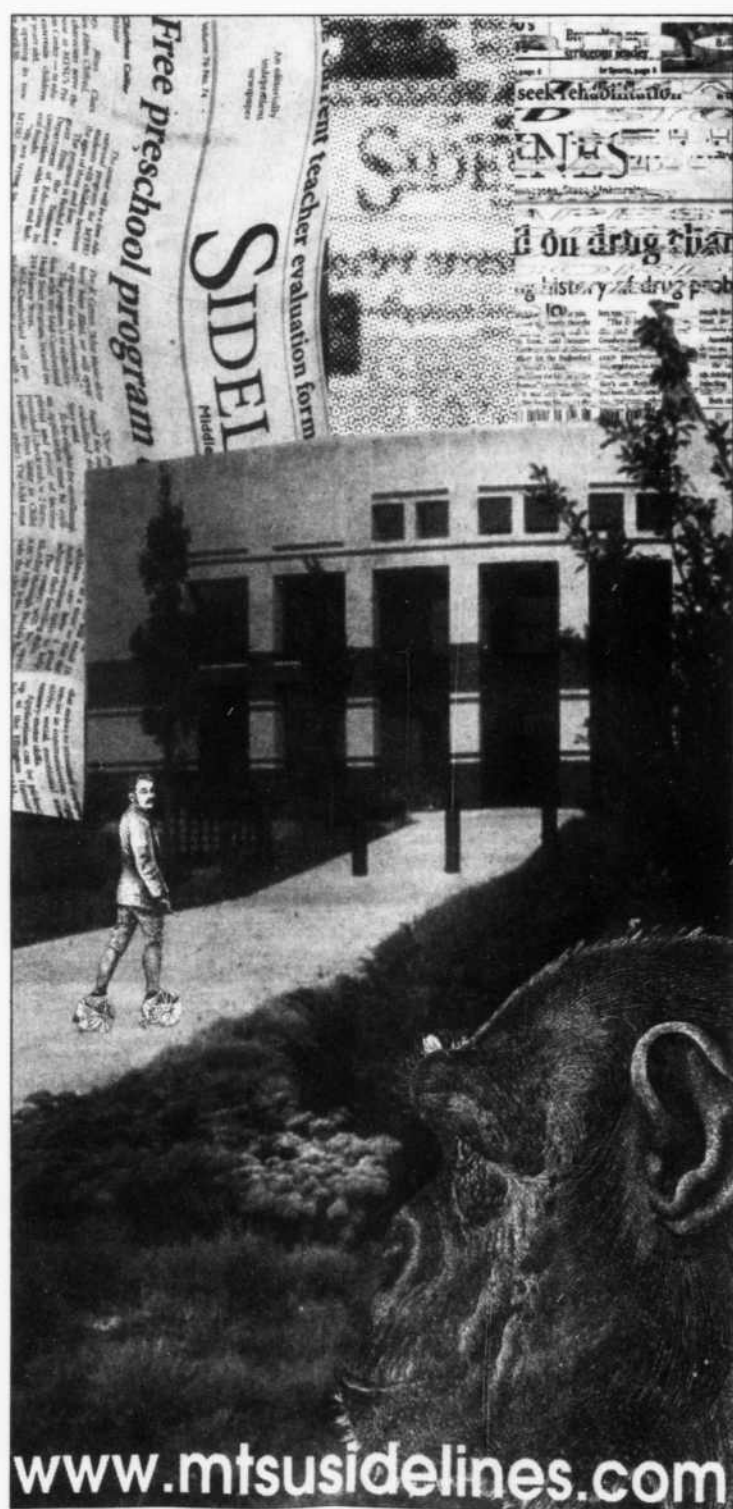
According to Messier, the exhibit that was once scheduled to begin on July 21 has been pushed back a couple of weeks.

"Don't know yet what the full range of what all will be shown, but [an upcoming] meeting will work out the details," Messier said.

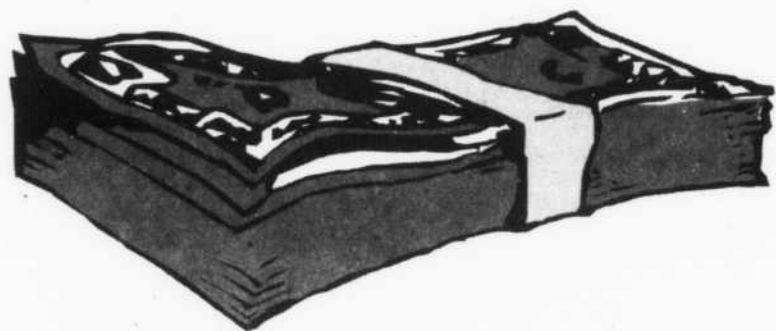
The exhibit will be presented in the rotunda of Curf Hall, 111 W. Vine Street, in Murfreesboro.

The exhibit will be open and free to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri., and will be sponsored by the City Art Committee.

For more information contact Messier at 898-5828. ♦



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From the Editorial Board

Kids' programs give more than lessons

Our issue this week spotlights two worthwhile projects for the community: the Rock 'n' Roll Girls Camp and the On Stage program. The activities share the common goal of introducing children to opportunities that they may otherwise never experience. This is a very important idea, indeed.

On Stage was first held last year, to the delight of the high school students that got to participate in it. It allows black teenagers to take theatre classes condensed into a week. Their stay culminates with a 24-hour marathon to write, cast, costume, rehearse and perform a play for the public. It's an experience students won't find in their home school district.

The Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp, which is in its first year, brings girls ages 12 to 18 years old to MTSU for hard-core music instruction and seminars on about different roles in the music industry. Again, this isn't something you'd find back home.

The theater program opened the eyes of a camper from Nashville to the possibility of a career in the performing arts (even if he hates makeup). The rock experience will doubtlessly expose the girls to the possibility that they can pursue a music career, and provide role models, such as instructor Beth Cameron, for them to follow.

The low cost of the programs (On Stage is free, the Girls Camp is \$100) makes them available to almost anyone in Tennessee who wishes to send their child to them, which can only be good for an education system that is seeing the fine arts fall by the wayside.

It is the great mission of any university to open new doors for its students. Through these programs, the students and faculty are going above and beyond that mission to include members of the community at large. These are programs to be proud of.

Wit and Wonder



Callie Elizabeth Butler
Staff Columnist

Within gay and heterosexual communities, bisexuals remain on shaky ground and are often targets of discrimination from both groups, leaving these men and women wondering where they belong.

Gay and lesbian communities often ostracize bisexuals because they're "too straight" while they still find discrimination within heterosexual circles for attraction to people of the same sex.

This is problematic because, just like other marginalized groups that don't quite fit into the majority, bisexuals also need community and a

sense of belonging somewhere. The gay and lesbian community should stand and embrace bisexuals because they, too, understand the plight of being societal outsiders based on sexual preferences.

There are numerous reasons why bisexuals often remain excluded in some areas of the gay and lesbian community, all of which are based on rash generalizations and stereotypes.

Many assume that bisexuals are simply confused, which is often the case with some who adopt the label during times when their identities are shaky and still forming.

However, this is not the case for all identifying bisexuals — many people are comfortable and content in relationships with either men or women.

Another common assumption is that bisexuals are sex-crazed and

polyamorous. This, too, is an overgeneralization.

Sure, there are bisexuals who engage in polyamorous and casual sex, but these practices are also part of many people's sexual identities who also identify as heterosexual, gay or lesbian. Many bisexuals maintain monogamous, committed relationships with same-sex and opposite-sex partners.

As a result of this discrimination from all sides, many bisexuals feel great pressure to identify as homosexual or heterosexual in order to find a community in which to belong. Bisexuals face the same forms of discrimination that gays and lesbians do, and they, too, need community and a sense of normalcy in a society that deems them a minority.

Bisexuals are simply people who are attracted to members of both sexes. Bisexuals are everywhere —

they're mothers and fathers, fast food workers, lawyers, activists, daughters and sons, nurses, construction workers, professors, young and old.

Yet, while gays and lesbians have risen as political and societal powers with voices that speak volumes, bisexuals remain a silent group due to the doubt by others of their legitimacy as a true way of being.

But bisexuals are real people in real relationships living real lives. Bisexuality isn't a label for promiscuity and should be regarded as far more than a kinky label.

The gay and lesbian community should embrace these people because same-sex and opposite-sex attraction doesn't break down the common issues between the groups.

Bisexuals face much of the same criticism that gays and lesbians do,

regardless of partner selection.

They face forms of discrimination experienced by gays and lesbians as well, ranging from discriminatory workplace practices to violence.

Bisexuals should no longer be punished for walking the line between homosexuality and heterosexuality.

Their issues are as relevant, and this group should finally gain recognition as a legitimate entity.

Being bisexual isn't about a greater sexual partner selection or being able to weave through majority and minority lines.

It's about who you love — regardless of gender. ♦

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Fun and games with genes: Be as old as you want to be?

Thoughts While Driving



Gary Morrison
Staff Columnist

How old are you right now? How long would you like to live? How long can you live?

The last question was one of the topics of the World Future Society's annual conference, which was held Saturday in San Francisco. Apparently there are people who are very concerned about life expectancy numbers, and they are making some very optimistic predictions about future life expectancy averages.

I've never really worried about such things, though it's fun to think about living a long life. I've always said I want to live to be 100, but I think I'd settle for 85. It depends on what I'm doing at the time.

Some folks at the WFS believe human life can easily be lengthened by decades. The average human lifespan in America right now is somewhere around 77 years, but many people are older than that. What if it became common to live longer than 100 years?

It may be possible in the nearer-than-you-think future.

Scientists are positing that, with cell and genetic manipulation, future lives can be extended beyond anything in the past.

Right now, the oldest person on record is a French woman who lived to be 122. Will our children be able to live that long, or longer?

The WFS had discussions about a serious push to extend life expectancy to anywhere between 120 and 180 years. Can you wrap your mind around that? Many of you may have a grandparent that's in his or her 90s. That's pretty old.

Can you imagine kids in the future having grandparents in the 120-180 year range?

"Yeah, that's my granddad. He's 164, but doesn't look a day older than 125."

But, like anything else, there are naysayers in the WFS. Many people just don't believe that the human body is designed to go past 120 years. That's where science and technology come into play.

I've already mentioned genetic manipulation, but what about stem cell research? In the future, would it be feasible to create an array of body parts that we could interchange when needed? Our bodies would become like our cars.

Doctors would become our body's mechanic. A spleen could be replaced as

easily as a spark plug.

"Mr. Morrison, you've got 75 years on this spleen, I think we should replace it. And while we're at it, I could throw in a new gallbladder and tune up your heart a bit. How does that sound?"

"Gee, doc, you think I could make it a few more years on this one? I just replaced my liver two months ago and I want to see how that works before I spend too much more money."

I hope the cost of healthcare is under control by that point.

Can we live indefinitely? Is it simply the ability of our body to function that determines life expectancy? A few extremists at the WFS stretched the limit of the discussion by looking at 200, 300, even 500-year life expectancies.

Can you imagine being born 500 years ago, in the early 1500s and being alive today?

Or, being born whenever you actually were, and living into the 25th century? Will the name Methuselah become a popular child's name?

I leave you to ponder these things — live long and prosper. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



Florida Atlantic University is our first football opponent of the year. If you're looking for a scandal to mock them with on Aug. 28, read on.

It seems their outgoing president, Anthony Cantanese, is a very shady and corrupt man. While many outgoing officials would be happy to see their name on a building or have considerable growth as their legacy, Cantanese wanted something more — a red Chevrolet Corvette.

Now, a gift of this kind could have easily been obtained through ethic, and legal, means. However, that would mean donating alumni wouldn't get a tax write-off for their "charitable" contribution. No real philanthropist wants that, after all.

Cantanese's former chief of fundraising, Carla Coleman, lauded the money thusly: The university's foundation group, with which she was associated, cut a check to an interior design company. The owner of the company then wrote a check for the same amount, \$42,000, to Cantanese's wife Sara. She then wrote the check to a local Chevrolet dealership. Soon after, Coleman took possession of the car and allegedly delivered it to the Cantaneses herself.

Wow, what a dumb plan. Take note, President McPhee,

should you ever want a replacement for your current vehicle — having money earmarked for academics (as the FAU Foundation's funds were) sent to your wife because she "consulted" on the decorating of your mansion is not the way to do it.

For starters, the path is way too traceable. Leave money laundering to those with experience, like the Mafia. The better way to do it would be to get all five of MTSU's donating alumni together and convince them the tax write-off isn't worth it.

Next, don't go for the flashy auto. If you don't want to raise suspicion, we recommend a 1991 Plymouth Reliant. It may not be the sweetest ride on the block, but it'll get you there.

Finally, remember that cars only last five, 10 years before you want a new one. It's better to have your name immortalized on a fine, free-standing, campus structure. If Cantanese would have thought of that, this whole mess would never have happened.

By the way, he's selling the car. ♦

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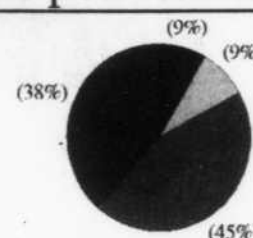
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Was the College of Business justified in creating its additional \$20-per-credit-hour fee?"



Yes. The college needs to do what it takes to replace needed faculty. (9%; 4 votes)

No. A tuition hike is plenty for current and incoming students to shoulder right now. (45%; 21 votes)

Yes. When they eventually hit it big, business students will recoup what little they forked over. (9%; 4 votes)

No. Pawning it off on accreditation is a lousy excuse. (38%; 18 votes)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Should MTSU provide more discovery camps for local children?"

A lifetime of philosophy and education

At 80 years of age, professor Bob Womack is still educating students

By Andrew Crowley
Contributor

Every morning, Bob Womack wakes up and, without a second thought, makes his bed the same way he was trained to do in the U.S. Navy more than 50 years ago.

Womack was a student in his first semester at MTSU when Pearl Harbor was attacked and America entered World War II.

He remembers being in the lobby of Jones Hall, where he lived at the time, talking with other male students about enlisting in the military.

They talked about what great soldiers and sailors they would be and how they were going to whip the enemy.

He chose to join the Navy because he remembered seeing the Army on training maneuvers near his home when he was younger. He thought the soldiers he saw had it pretty rough and decided he didn't want to have anything to do with what they were doing.

After enlisting, Womack was sent to officer training school, where he earned the rank of Ensign. He spent most of his service time in the Pacific as an officer on small boats.

"I look back on my service in the Navy as something I value very much," Womack says.

After the war, Womack continued his education at MTSU and graduated with a degree in education.

Today, this World War II veteran, who will be 80 years old in July, teaches a full load of classes as an education professor at his alma mater.

While most of his classes focus on teaching the philosophy of education, he also has many experiences and a philosophy of life to share.

In the 48 years that Womack has been at MTSU, the university has changed in many ways.

For instance, Jones Hall, which was his dorm when he was a student at MTSU, has now become the location of Womack's office.

When Womack first came to MTSU, the campus consisted of five or six buildings. What used to be small departments when Womack first arrived have since become large, successful colleges.

Despite changes in the university's size and offerings, Womack says he sees little change in other things.

"In terms of the students, I don't see the dramatic change that a lot of people see," Womack says.

"There are good and bad people."

Womack believes that "good" and "bad" are arbitrary terms that people use to define how they feel about what people do.

Womack believes that students who many consider bad are just going through a stage in life when school isn't important to them.

"Many students don't see going to school as an investment in their future," Womack says.

"They see it merely as a sort of obstacle course that they have to get over in order to get a given way of life."

Instead of pandering to this view, Womack thinks students should recognize school as an opportunity to gain knowledge that will be valuable not only to themselves but to the world.

Womack grew up on a farm in a small community in Bedford County, Tenn. Despite its small size, it was a community with a lot of pride.

One area of importance for this rural community was education. Along with Womack, the small town produced several successful military leaders, doctors and teachers.



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Professor Bob Womack is celebrating his 80th birthday this month. After 48 years on the job, he's still going strong.

"The people placed a great value on education," Womack says. "They went to great lengths to see that the teachers were good teachers and that students did what they were supposed to do."

Womack credits not only his community but also his parents for his success.

Even though his mother only finished the seventh grade, she never missed an opportunity to teach her kids. His father went farther with his education and, at one point, taught school himself.

Womack had a brother and sister who both became doctors and another sister who was also involved in education.

"Education was seen by our parents as the road away from the farm into a broader world," Womack remembers.

Womack considers himself very lucky to have had the educational opportunities he was given. He's spent a lifetime sharing that same philosophy with future generations. ♦

Heralding history, here in Murfreesboro

Historical letters, photos can be seen on campus

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

MTSU students have it easy. We don't even have to hike off campus to find historical treasures.

Many are right here for the viewing, not only in the history department but also in the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center and the Center for Historic Preservation.

Housed in these historical centers are some rich resources.

Among them are Gore's complete congressional papers, which he left to the university upon leaving office in 1970.

These include not only everything he or his staff wrote but also what he received from others while a representative and a senator — letters, drafts of bills, reports, speeches and more.

According to Lisa Pruitt, current director of the research center, because Gore was in Congress from 1939 to 1970, his papers include information on all kinds of subjects of great historical importance.

These include World War II, the building of the interstate highway system in the 1950s, foreign relations in the 1950s and 1960s, the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnam conflict.

"Students are often interested in how Tennesseans felt about all of those issues," Pruitt says.

"The Gore papers are full of letters that Tennesseans wrote to Gore on those subjects."

Housed inside the Center for Historic Preservation are hundreds of photos of historical places in and around Middle Tennessee — many of them taken by Carroll Van West, director of the CHP.

West has taken pictures of historic buildings, places and landscapes in all of Tennessee's 95 counties.

Among these are pictures from Jackson, Tenn., taken after the recent tornadic tragedy there. In fact, this work got the attention of "NBC News with Tom Brokaw" and photos were sent to them within an hour of the request.

"The biggest collection of my color slide work and what got the attention of NBC News at the time of the Jackson tornado disaster can be found in the electronic edition of the Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture at <http://tennesseencyclopedia.net/>. It's the most illustrated, graphic-oriented encyclopedia on the web," West says.

"My photography comes out of my belief that fieldwork is the best way that historians can grasp a sense of the immediacy and of the physical that makes the past real."

In addition to his photographic endeavors, West has also authored the books *Tennessee's Historical Landscapes*, *The New Deal Landscape of Tennessee* and the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*.

While both the Gore Research Center and the CHP focus on history, their functions are different.

The CHP deals with the preservation of historic sites, properties and structures throughout the state, writes nominations for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and helps local organizations and communities to prepare grant proposals for historic



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Located on East Main Street, the Center for Historic Preservation archives local historical information and actively works to preserve historic sites and structures.

preservation activities.

The Gore Center is a repository for collecting, preserving and making available for researchers a variety of manuscripts, photographs and other kinds of documents which deal with the history of the university and surrounding Middle Tennessee area, primarily south of Davidson County.

Stored in various places on campus over the years, the Gore papers were moved to their

present location when the research center was set up in 1993 through the efforts of James Neal, a history professor who is now retired.

In addition to the Gore papers, the research center also collects and houses other Tennessee political papers and regional history materials. These include map collections, information about the GI Bill and its local impact after World War II and papers related to

MTSU's desegregation in the 1960s.

Pruitt says there are many uses for the information found at the Gore Center and CHP. And those uses aren't only for history buffs.

A political science student might be interested in writing a term paper on the local League of Women Voters; their materials can be found at the center.

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Around the world in one semester

By Stacie Wacaster
Staff Writer

Imagine leaving behind your family, friends, culture and country in order to gain a life-changing, hands-on education of our world.

Sound exciting?

That's exactly what senior psychology major Lisa Fischer did last semester.

The Semester at Sea program is an intriguing opportunity made possible by the Institute for Shipboard Education.

Each semester, the program takes between 400 and 700 college students on a cruise around the world to explore, study and interact with other cultures.

The rich, international curriculum provides a unique, first-hand experience for all the students who participate. Since the program began 30 years ago, more than 35,000 students have circumnavigated the globe on this aquatic academic adventure.

Fischer joined 637 other students representing 229 different colleges and universities, along with 66 staff and faculty members, and 40 family members and adult passengers on this spring's cruise.

"It was definitely the opportunity of a lifetime. It really opened my eyes to see how other societies function. This trip has been a dream of mine since seventh grade," Fischer says.

The ISE states that its mission for Semester at Sea is "an on-going commitment to combine academic excellence with challenging experiential programming, in order to remain at the forefront of global education."

The ship, the S.S. Universe Explorer, is equipped with the necessities and amenities of a regular university, including classrooms, a library and computer lab, fitness center, swimming pool, theater, medical clinic and campus store.

Fischer's trip lasted 105 days and included nine countries.

From Jan. 21 until May 6, she journeyed from the Bahamas to Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Japan, Korea, Alaska, Canada and finally back to port in Seattle.

"It was interesting to see how other students would try to cut class. Then they would run into their professor on board and not be able to say, 'I had car trouble' or anything."

— Lisa Fischer
Psychology major

Planned stops in Vietnam and Hong Kong had to be cancelled because of the SARS threat.

Fischer says it's hard to define a single favorite part of the expedition, but she cites meeting the people — especially the locals — as one of the high points.

One visit in particular stands out in her mind: While at port in South Korea, Fischer and one of her professors walked through the streets. While right in the middle of all the noise and bustle of this teeming port, the professor explained some of the ongoing culture.

This one-on-one interaction between teachers and students is typical of Semester at Sea and was one of the highlights for Fischer.

"It was a lot more personal than your home university. You could see your teacher walking through the ship or working out, and say 'Hey, I have questions about what we're studying,' and you could go have lunch together."

According to Fischer, the atmosphere about the ship was like one big community. "The majority of the time we were interacting constantly," Fischer says.

Fischer pointed out the differences in regards to attending class onboard the ship as opposed to a regular university campus.

"I had more of a desire to go to class because it was so in-depth and was something I'd never really studied much into," she says.

"But it was interesting to see how other students would try to cut class," she laughed.

"Then they would run into their profes-

sor on board and not be able to say 'I had car trouble' or anything."

Fischer says the positive aspects definitely outweighed the negative. But the trip wasn't without some challenges.

The students had to deal with adversities such as not being able to fluently communicate with locals and the general logistics of living on a ship for 105 days with 600 strangers.

"It was interesting," she says "to meld everybody together and say 'Now y'all get along.'"

As far as a general schedule went, the students alternated between "A" days and "B" days for their classes, instead of sticking to a weekly schedule.

"It was hard at first to adjust to coming back home," Fischer says.

"I wasn't used to having a schedule and having to go places and sit in traffic. On the ship, everything was right there for us."

The cost for a Semester at Sea is approximately \$10,000-15,000 for tuition as well as an additional \$2,000-3,000 for travel and spending money. Credits are transferable and equal a general semester at MTSU.

Fischer says she would definitely do Semester at Sea again — if not as a student, then maybe as a staff or faculty member. For now, she is intent on making Semester at Sea more widely known, especially at MTSU.

"A lot of people haven't heard about it, so I want to get it out there to people," Fischer says.

For more information about the program, visit www.semestratsea.com.

Center: Gore Sr. papers among the many historical items archived on campus

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A theater major looking for a paper topic might want to consider the Licker-Haney-Maxwell collection.

It contains letters and other writings of a local woman who, in the 1950s & 1960s, was in the apparel industry in Hollywood and struck up a friendship with actress Joan Crawford.

"The possibilities are almost endless — I encourage anyone who is trying to come up with a class project that is not run of the mill to come and see me," Pruitt says.

Although their missions are somewhat different, one area where the two centers cooperate is in answering public inquiries.

When the Gore Center receives requests for information about preservation of historic structures and sites, they refer it to the CHP. And, when the CHP gets requests for information about preserving historical manuscripts or photographs, they will refer the person to the research center.

"The research center and the Center for Historic Preservation

share many common concerns," Pruitt says.

Both Pruitt and West serve on a committee engaged in preserving the old Rutherford Health Department building.

Pruitt is the chairperson that is overseeing the renovation of the building which will soon serve as the new Rutherford County Archives.

West's involvement in that project centers around the fact that the building is on the National Register of Historic Places and renovations must be carefully observed.

Additionally, West wrote the nomination placing the building on the National Register.

The Gore Research Center has some upcoming special projects including the Heritage Festival on Oct. 25, which celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Rutherford County, and the 75th Anniversary of the Homer Pittard Campus School in its current location.

For more information about either of these centers, call Pruitt at 898-2632 or West at 898-2947. ♦



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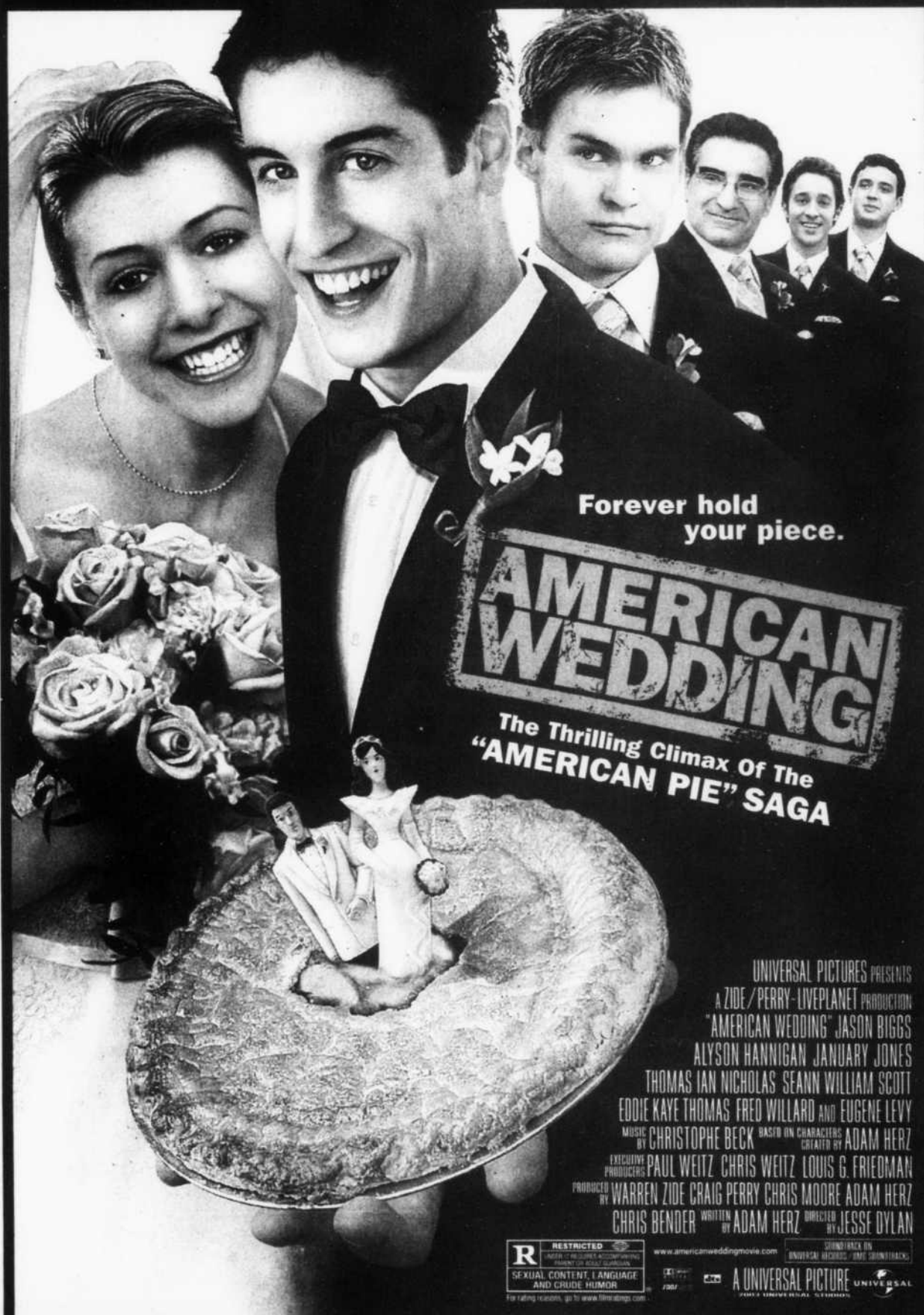
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Practice makes perfect



Squads begin preparing for season

By David Lawrence
Staff Writer

Starting this fall, there will be some major changes with the Middle Tennessee cheerleader squads.

Along with the traditional Blue and White squads, this year will mark the first time the school has ever had an all-female team.

With 66 members total, things are looking busy for the team due to many practices and workouts.

The cheerleaders attend college cheerleading camps during the summer in order to prepare for the rigors of cheering at a college level.

"Cheerleading in college is totally different than cheerleading in high school," senior Andrea Haskell said.

"We have a lot of talent," coach Jonathan Pursley said.

"We've done shows for James Taylor and ZZ Top. Sept. 23 we'll be working for the Kiss/Aerosmith show."

Pursley became head coach last year.

"It's a lot of work," Pursley said.

"Besides screening applicants, the job of

"Cheerleading in college is totally different than cheerleading in high school."

—Andrea Haskell
Senior cheerleader

coaching involves actually coaching the members of all three teams."

"We don't have a good record with coaches, but we keep getting better and better," Haskell said.

"It's more athletic than it used to be."

For the second year, the team will be part of the National Cheerleading Association.

The competition, held in March, holds a special place for the team. Coming in 16th place last year, the team has hopes to rank higher next time.

The NCA isn't the only competition for the team.

This January will see the team competing in the Universal Cheerleading Association.

Coming up in the fall is the Stunt Nationals, which will be a first for the team.

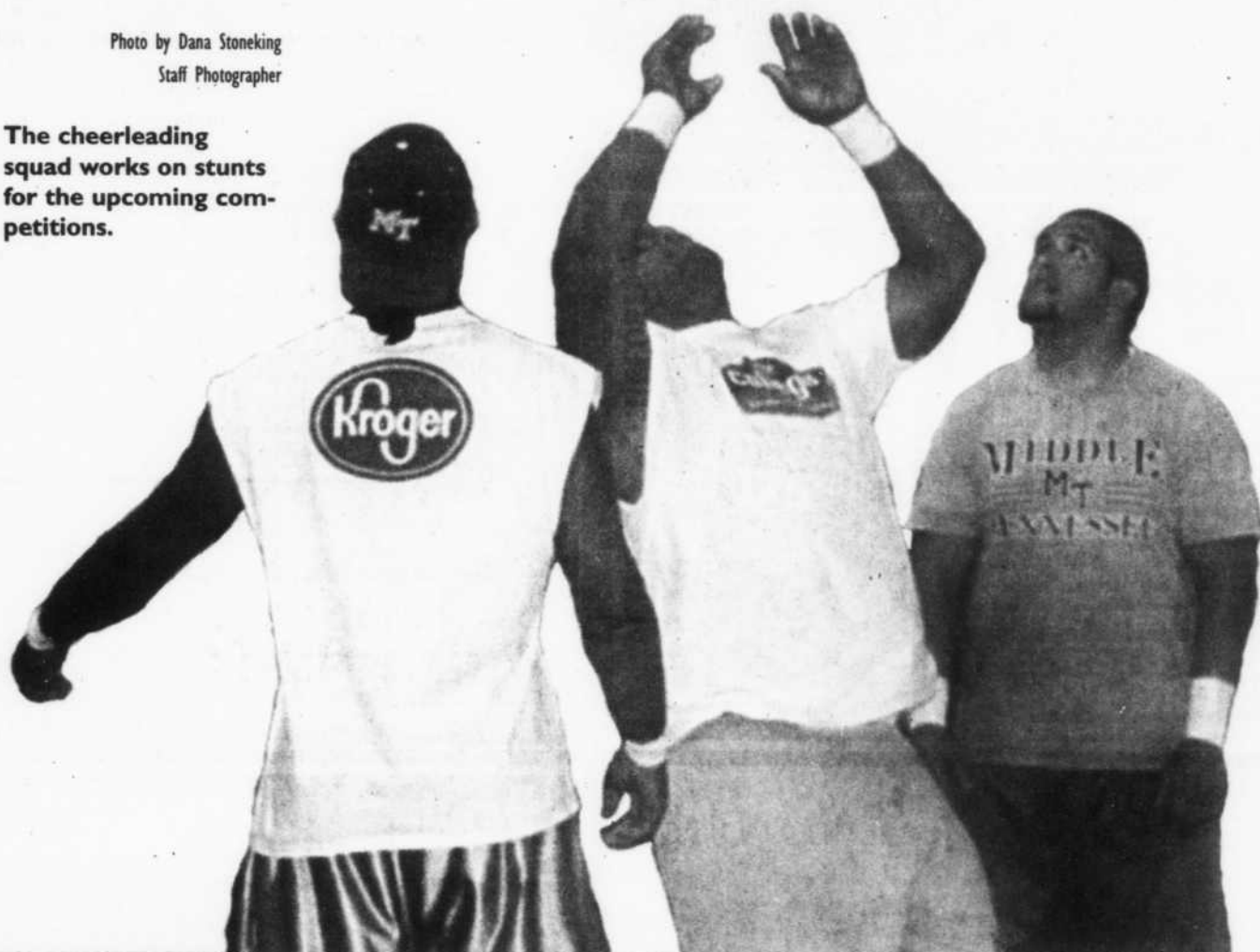
The Stunt Nationals places a higher emphasis on tumbling and more stunt-orientated moves, which differs from the traditional cheering methods.

The squads also do charity programs, such as the Junior Raiders, which helps children interested in helping the community.

Cheerleader practice will be held this fall on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be open to the public. ♦

Photo by Dana Stoneking
Staff Photographer

The cheerleading squad works on stunts for the upcoming competitions.



Suspect admits murder to FBI

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Investigators on foot and on horseback searched a gravel pit and the banks of the Brazos River on Tuesday for the body of missing Baylor basketball player. Patrick Dennehy. Authorities say a teammate admitted to shooting the athlete.

Carlton Dotson was charged with murder Monday in Chestertown, Md., near his hometown. He was ordered held without bail Tuesday, and his attorneys said they would oppose his transfer to Texas.

The search for the body was centered just miles from the Baptist university where Dotson and Dennehy played basketball



Dennehy

last season. Waco police Sgt. Ryan Holt said no body had been found by Tuesday afternoon.

The search began Monday night after

Dotson spent about two hours with authorities in his home state of Maryland.

Dotson, 21, admitted to FBI agents that he shot Dennehy in the head "because Patrick had tried to shoot him," according to an arrest warrant released Tuesday.

Defense attorney Sherwood

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Photo courtesy of Aaron Thompson | Daily News Journal

A pit crew changes tires during a caution lap at the Nashville Superspeedway Saturday.

De Ferran takes win at Nashville Superspeedway

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

Gil de Ferran held off Scott Dixon to win the Indy Racing League IndyCar Series Firestone Indy 200 under caution at Nashville Superspeedway last Saturday night.

De Ferran lead the final 27 laps to pick up his second win of the 2003 season and third of his IRL career. His first win of the season came at the Indianapolis 500 on May 25.

"I'll tell you, it was a fantastic race today. I mean, right from the start, the car really felt good," de Ferran said.

De Ferran took his final lead for good on lap 173 after previous leader Tora Takagi had to take his final pit stop of the race during a caution. De Ferran was then able to pull away from second place running Scott Dixon.

However, as the laps wound down, the fuel mileage started to play a part into how this race might be decided. De Ferran made his last pit stop on lap 131, but two late cautions helped de Ferran stay in the lead

and save fuel.

The winner of the race at Nashville in 2001, Buddy Lazier, was the reason for the last two cautions. On lap 194, Lazier spun coming off turn four and into the grass. Lazier did not hit the wall and was able to continue.

The green flag came out with four laps to go with de Ferran still leading Dixon. However, Lazier hit the wall in turn two with a couple of laps to go. De Ferran got the white and yellow flag together when the caution came out. The last lap was completed under yellow.

"I have to say that they were a help in a way because it took away our fuel worries. We were trying to do 70 laps on a tank, and that's not all that easy. Certainly those last cautions took away that worry so we could run full fuel all the time," de Ferran said.

De Ferran led twice for a total of 49 laps.

There were a total of 10 lead changes among eight drivers.

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Donnelly continues to serve MT

Athletics director more than 20 years with program

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

When it comes to Blue Raider sports, the name that pops into Middle Tennessee fans' minds is Boots Donnelly.

Donnelly, the athletic director at MT, spent 20 years as the head football coach for the Blue Raiders.

Donnelly started coaching in 1967 as the assistant football coach at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tenn.

He was part of the 1971 coaching staff that helped Father Ryan to the state playoffs and won the state championship.

He later became the head coach in 1974 and remained until 1975. While coaching at FRHS, he also coached

the boys' baseball team and the B-team basketball squad.

In 1976, Donnelly furthered his coaching career when he signed with Vanderbilt University. While he was at VU, he coached under former head football coach Fred Pancoast.

Shortly after, Donnelly was offered the head coaching job at Austin Peay University in 1977 and won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship during his first season with the Governors.

He also coached the first back-to-back winning seasons in APU's football history. Donnelly was named OVC Coach of the Year in 1977.

Donnelly would return to his alma mater in 1979 to coach the Blue Raiders for the next 20 years.

"The process of getting the job here was pretty simple for me. I did not go through an interview process, per se, since I was an MT alumnus. I took the job because I believed that MT could be next football powerhouse in the state, second to the

University of Tennessee," Donnelly said.

"Coaching is a strange profession. If you win, you stay. If you win, other schools try to get you to come to their program," Donnelly said.

"Not many coaches stay with a school because of all the money out there. I stayed at MT for 20 years. My family loved it here in Murfreesboro, and it felt like home to me."

While head coach at MT, Donnelly posted four OVC championships and a number of winning seasons and has coached athletes such as Jonathon Quinn and Kelly Holcombe, who are currently playing in the NFL.

Donnelly was named TWSA Coach of the Year twice while coaching at MT. He was inducted into the Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Donnelly believes in the program and the athletes at MT and, to him there is not a better program. ♦

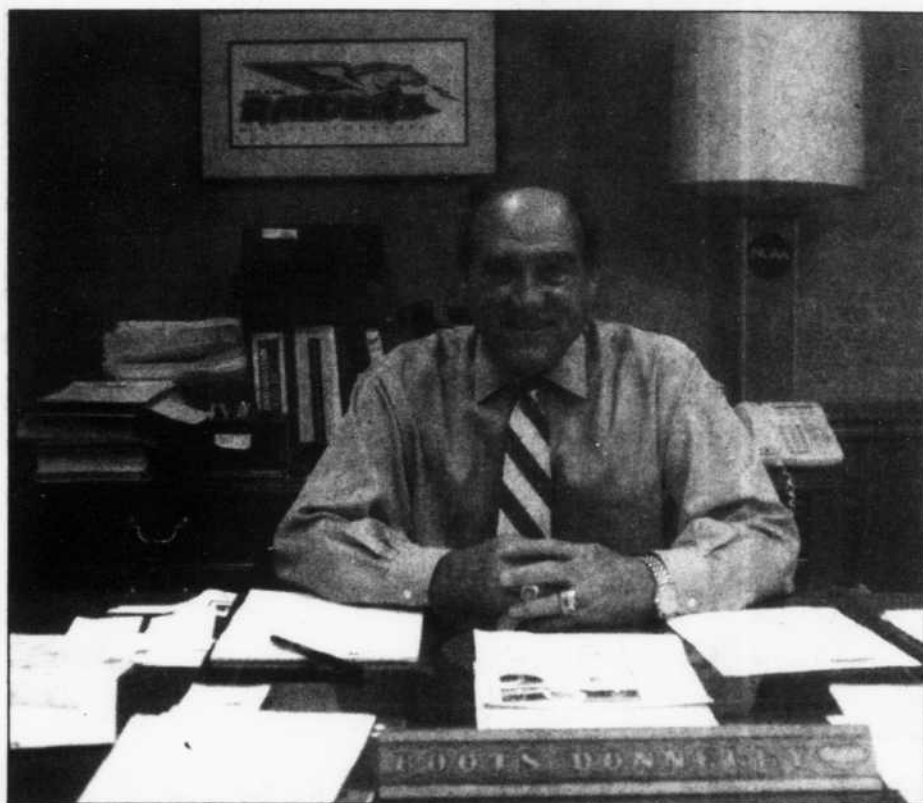


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Boots Donnelly began coaching at Middle Tennessee in 1979. He led the Blue Raiders to four Ohio Valley Champions during his tenure.

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones
Sports Editor

MT tennis sets 17th Annual Pro-Am

The Middle Tennessee tennis teams will host the 17th annual Pro-Am Tennis Classic, Sept. 5 and 6 at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center on the MTSU campus.

There will be men's and women's divisions with a doubles round-robin format. All amateurs will be teamed with a current or former Middle Tennessee tennis team member or an area teaching professional.

Plans are to have numerous prizes including trips and other fine gifts. There will be a dinner party, tennis clinic and exhibition featuring current and former tennis greats on Sept. 5. The doubles round-robins will take place followed by a lunch and award ceremony on Sept. 6.

This event is the tennis team's only fund-raiser, and with the recent state cuts, this year's event is more important than ever.

Anyone interested in participating as a player or sponsor should contact coach Dale Short at 898-2957. Those who cannot participate may still donate.

A minimum donation of \$100 to the tennis program receives an official MT Tennis hat and T-shirt, along with BRAA membership credit. Please make checks payable to MT Tennis.

Meadows hired in marketing department

Athletics director Boots Donnelly has announced the hiring of Mark Meadows as MT's new assistant athletics director for marketing and corporate sales.

Meadows comes to the Blue Raiders after serving as the assistant vice president and general manager for International Sports Properties at the University of Southern Mississippi.

During his stint at USM, Meadows coordinated all marketing and broadcast activities for the Golden Eagle athletic department. He also supervised a staff responsible for multi-media sales, event promotions and the production and distribution of the school's radio network and game programs.

Prior to his tenure at USM, Meadows was the director of special projects for a joint venture between ISP and Learfield.

He also worked with communications at the University of Alabama from Jan. 1998 to Jan. 2000. While at Alabama, Meadows managed several projects, including vending operations at home athletic events, the merchandise catalog, retail product development and the CTSM Hospitality Village.

Before assuming his duties with ISP/Learfield, Meadows sold radio, television, scoreboard and print advertising for the Crimson Tide from June 1990 to Dec. 1997.

From April 1993 to Jan. 1998, Meadows acted as the vice president of Collegiate Sports Partners, Ltd. In his role at CSP, he developed sales, marketing and publishing opportunities for clients in Alabama. Among his clients were the University of Alabama, the Alabama High School Athletic

Association and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Meadows later moved into a role as the vice president and general manager of CSP's University of Alabama project, which took on a more direct role with the Crimson Tide athletic department. He got his start in collegiate athletics with Host Communications, selling print and broadcast advertising on behalf of the University of Alabama and the Southeastern Conference.

Davis announces 2003-04 hoops schedule

Head Coach Kermit Davis liked the way his schedule prepared his team for the Sun Belt last season, so this year he decided to schedule yet another tough slate for his Blue Raider squad.

Davis' young team will open the season at home on Nov. 24 against Covenant College before playing its first road game at Wyoming, a team that has posted 20 or more wins and advanced to postseason action in three straight years.

After a home game against Alabama State on Dec. 4, the Blue Raiders will head to Cookeville to take on former OVC foe Tennessee Tech on Dec. 6.

Perhaps the toughest stretch for the Blue Raiders in the non-conference portion of the schedule begins on Dec. 15 with a game at UAB. The Blue Raiders then head to Montgomery, Ala., for a return game against Alabama State on Dec. 17 before traveling to Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats on Dec. 20.

MT takes on another former OVC rival when Austin Peay visits the Murphy Center on Dec. 23. After the holiday break, the team returns to action Dec. 29 and 30 at a tournament hosted by UT-Chattanooga that features the Mocs along with LaSalle and South Carolina State.

The non-league schedule concludes with home games against IPFW on Jan. 6 and Wyoming on Jan. 8.

MT's quest for the Sun Belt title begins at home with Arkansas State calling on Jan. 15 and UALR in town on Jan. 17.

The team's first road test in the league comes the following weekend when the squad travels to South Alabama on Jan. 22 and to New Orleans on Jan. 24.

West Division contenders New Mexico State and UL-Lafayette will visit the Murphy Center on Jan. 29 and Jan. 31, respectively.

Other league highlights include trips to Western Kentucky on Feb. 5, beginning a stretch of three straight road games concluding with a trip to Florida International on Feb. 7 and North Texas on Feb. 12.

The Blue Raiders will end the season at home for the first time since joining the Sun Belt. WKU plays in Murphy Center on Feb. 26, and FIU ends the regular season on March 1.

The Sun Belt Tournament is scheduled for March 6 to 9 in Bowling Green, Ky. However, this year's tournament will feature a new format. For the first time since MT joined the Sun Belt, only the league's top eight teams will be invited to the league tournament, with the winner capturing the SBC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. ♦



By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

To start on a positive note, one of the first matches was another installment in the Jerry Lynn and Justin Credible feud.

This time out, the match was a Last Man Standing match. Jerry Lynn won, but only after proving why he is one of the best wrestlers in the country today. Credible won some nice chants from the crowd after he performed tombstone pile driver on Lynn from the top rope. Lynn, despite blood flowing into his eyes, still managed to hit the Cradle of Filth on Credible.

The two men were both down, but in the end, it was Lynn who managed to rise to his feet first to secure the victory. If that was the last match the two ever have, then it was a perfect way to end the feud. Of course, there's always a chance that the feud will simply start up again later, which wouldn't be a bad thing.

In a not-so-welcomed return, the Harris brothers fought New Jack and Shark Boy.

NWA:TNA Wrestling Insider

After seeing Don Harris screw up a leg drop, a move that even Hulk Hogan can do, I was almost praying that New Jack would open the fool up with a box cutter. Alas, it was not meant to be, as the bald twins beat the ECW legend and the masked almost legend.

The post-match beat-down of New Jack was equally sloppy, but like a silver lining, Shark Boy reappeared with the foam Incredible Hulk hands and proceeded to put a hurting on both Ron and Don.

Simon Diamond and Johnny Swinger took the ring later on to protest their job. This was followed up with a statement that basically said wrestling is fake.

What? Why didn't anyone tell me this? Next thing you know they'll say Santa Claus and the Ice Cream Bunny aren't real, either. After this heavy statement, they took turns beating up ring announcer Jeremy Borasch, which in turn brought out AMW. Glenn Gilberti, who did all the speaking for Swinger, refused to leave the ring until they were granted a match between the two teams.

This brought out Raven, who proceeded to decimate the three heels, which brought out Shane Douglas and the New Church. This lead to a massive beat-down on Raven and promise to bring the ECW legend to hell itself next time.

And it seems that all Jeff Jarrett suffered from last week was simply a flesh wound, as he came out to fight Legend. Legend made short work of Jarrett, but the use of a rubber bat still made the match seem silly.

Afterwards, Vince Russo and D-Lo Brown tangled, but sadly Brown didn't shatter any of Russo's vertebrae with a power bomb. That little impromptu match was nice enough, but Russo escaped a beating by having almost all the heels associated with him do the actual fighting.

To see the show live, then go to the Nashville Fairgrounds. Ringside is \$15 and general seating is \$10. Pay-per-view cost is \$9.95 and is available on In-Demand Cable and Direct TV. ♦

Baylor: Dotson admits to shooting

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R. Wescott would not comment Tuesday on whether Dotson confessed. Dotson told a reporter outside the Chestertown courthouse Monday: "I didn't confess to anything."

Dennehy, 21, was last seen on campus on June 12, and his family reported him missing on June 19. The next day, Waco police said an informant reported that Dotson had told someone he shot Dennehy in the head after the two argued.

Dotson was seen on June 12 in the Texas hometown of his estranged wife, driving Dennehy's Chevrolet Tahoe, the warrant said. The vehicle was found abandoned, without license plates, in Virginia on

June 25.

Dotson went to Chestertown, about 55 miles from his hometown of Hurlock, Md., on Sunday and called 911, Chestertown Police Chief Walter T. Coryell said. When officers arrived, Dotson told them he "needed counseling" and was hearing voices, Coryell said.

The officers took him to a hospital for evaluation, where Dotson asked to speak with FBI agents, authorities said.

Dennehy's stepfather and mother, Brian and Valerie Brabazon, said Dennehy was threatened shortly before his disappearance and reported the threats to his coaches.

"Patrick never reported any threats to the coaching staff," Baylor basketball coach Dave

Bliss said in a statement Tuesday.

Bliss said the team and university were shaken by the turn of events.

"We keep hoping this isn't true," Bliss said. "I wish we knew more. We don't know why, and we don't know what happened."

Dotson's wife, Melissa Kethley, said Tuesday in Sulphur Springs, Texas, that she does not believe Dotson killed Dennehy.

"I've known that he's needed psychological help for a very long time," Kethley said, crying, during a telephone interview. "He needs help, the boy needs help. ... Maybe, if he did do this, it's a blessing in disguise, and he can get the help he needs."

Kethley wouldn't discuss why she and Dotson were estranged. ♦

Racing: De Ferran takes checkered flag

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One of those included the IRL's two time defending champion Sam Hornish Jr., who led his first laps of the season. Hornish completed the race in 11th place.

The rest of the top five included Helio Castroneves, Dan Wheldon and last-minute sub Alex Barron.

The victory moves de Ferran into second place in the points standings, 14 behind Tony Kanaan after missing the race in Japan because of injury. Kanaan

led the most laps in the race with 55 and finished ninth.

"You know, as far as the championship is concerned, certainly my goal is to win the championship, make no mistake about it," de Ferran said.

Dixon, Castroneves and Kenny Brack make up the rest of the top five in the points standings.

This is the fourth straight race that de Ferran has finished in the top five.

"Obviously, the race was not how we wanted it to turn out, but we had a good car. We were

able to get up there in lead for a little bit, which was something we hadn't done this year, and I hope we will have a lot more of it next weekend," Hornish Jr. said to www.indyracing.com.

The caution flag flew eight times for 56 laps.

The next stop for the IRL is next Sunday with the Firestone Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

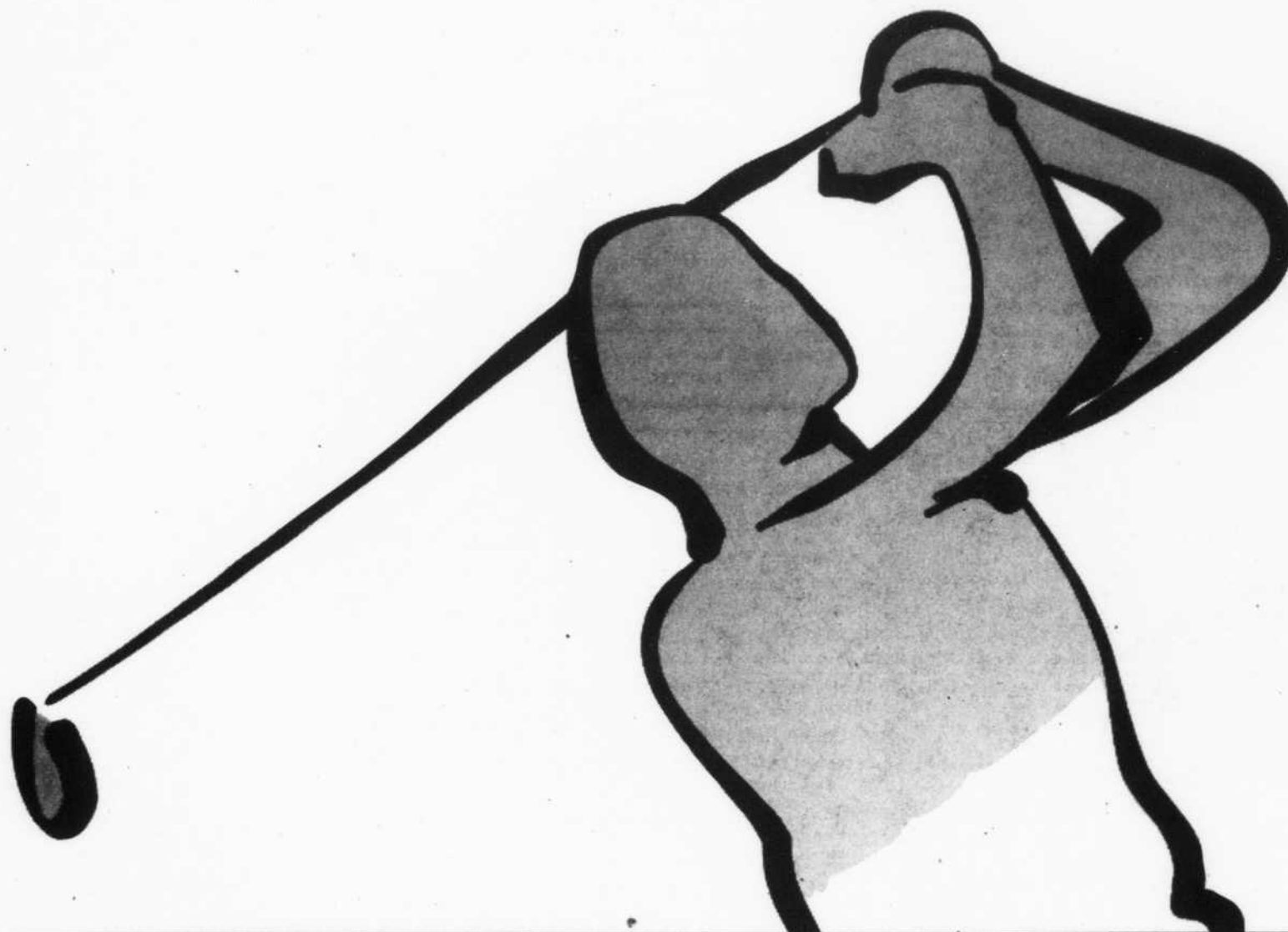
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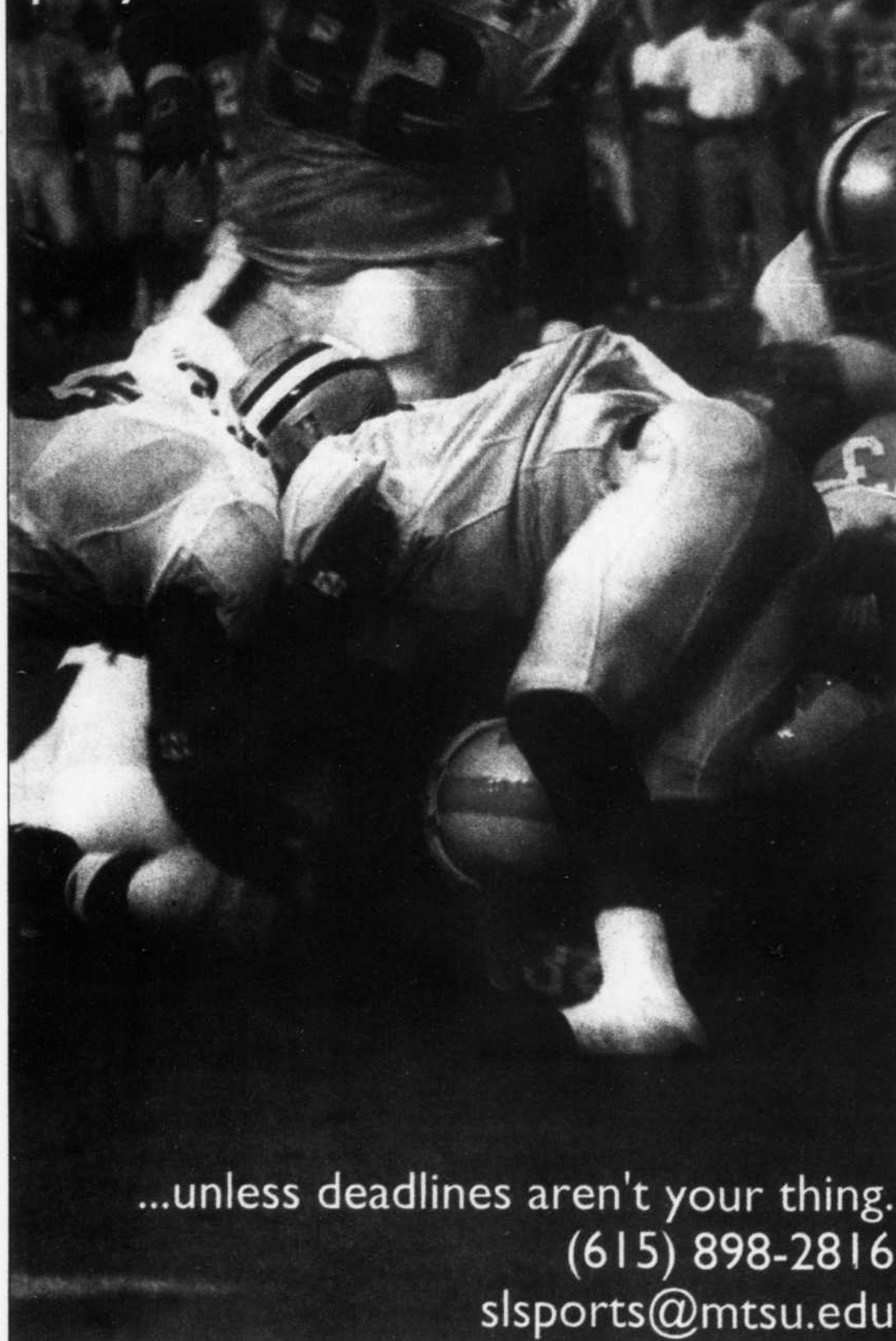
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