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MT dining planning new choices

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

Changes to MTSU's dining halls may be in the works for this summer.

"We are in the process of seeing what goes where, but everything is still tentative," Marketing Director Sue Yost said.

The new renovations may include a Boston Market-style shop in the KUC and a Chinese eatery in the JUB.

These changes would involve rearranging some existing shops such as Taco Bell and Grill Works. In order to make room for Cranberry Farms and

the Boston Market-style shop, Grill Works would be eliminated. Taco Bell would be moved to the Cyber Cafe to make room for Pan Asia, the Chinese eatery.

MTSU is also looking at relocating its full line of Starbucks coffees to Grettles in the KUC.

"Gretel's is a high traffic area, and we want to make it available to all students," Paul Stuart, director of Dining Services, said.

With these changes, MTSU hopes to make Dining Services more compatible with the students. Taco Bell would be open later for the night owls,

Starbucks would be moved to a more convenient location, and the Cyber Cafe would add on a patio for the summer.

Stuart is considering plans for a snack cart near the stadium as well because ticket counters are also high traffic areas. The cart would take food to the students who can't make the KUC, JUB or Cyber Cafe for meals.

Yost, Stuart and Joe Hugh, director of Procurement, have been discussing a plan of action for two weeks and are still unsure about these changes.

"In six to eight weeks, we should have some definite numbers," said Stuart. "We're

waiting for an initial cost estimate, and if we can have a proprietary concept in time."

Yost and Stuart have been working diligently to get student feedback. Questionnaires have been sent out and the students have cooperated graciously.

"We have spent hours and hours on what students want," Yost said. "A lot of input is good, and we don't ignore it."

"We are simply trying to create a better atmosphere for the students," Stuart agreed.

Students have offered many suggestions, including a Kentucky Fried Chicken and Chinese bar. Yost, Stuart and

Hugh have taken the suggestions, and the end results are the Cranberry Farms concept and Pan Asia.

Another suggestion from students is keeping the McCallie Dining Hall open on weekends.

Many students stay on campus during the weekends and are limited as to where they can eat during certain hours. Keeping the dining hall open was the biggest issue at an open forum held there last semester.

For more information about possible changes for MTSU dining this summer, students may contact Dining Services at 898-2675 or 898-2155. ♦

Police search for suspects in attempted robbery

By Matthew Kelly
Police Reporter

A student was the victim of an attempted aggravated robbery Wednesday night while walking by the Womack Lane apartments on campus, according to Public Safety.

Around 9 p.m. the male student was walking between buildings F and L when an early 1990s, light mint green Honda occupied by five black males pulled up next to him. Two of the occupants, both wearing blue bandannas covering their faces, exited the vehicle and demanded money from the victim, Lt. Darrell Collins said.

One of the men was also holding a stick about 18 inches long, but he did not use it against the victim.

After the student told the two men that he had no money, one of the suspects patted his pockets to check.

The approaching headlights of another vehicle then apparently scared the subjects, Collins said, and they fled east-bound on Womack Lane in the vehicle.

The victim was not harmed, and the suspects did not obtain anything from him.

The victim was only able to provide a description of one of the men who tried to rob him. The suspect who had been holding the stick is described as 6' 2" to 6' 3" tall, about 180 pounds, last seen wearing a blue and gray plaid jacket.

The victim did not contact police after the incident happened, but instead reported it to the area coordinator the following day. The AC then contacted police.

Public Safety has no suspects at this time, but the incident is still under investigation, Collins said. Anyone with information is asked to call Public Safety at 898-2424 or Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. ♦

Does +/- system add anything?

Faculty, students voice opinions after first semester under new system

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

After a semester under the plus and minus grading system, students and professors have mixed opinions on the system and how well it has worked thus far.

Instructors in all departments have had the option of using the system, except for the College of Mass Communication and the department of developmental studies, which do not use it. The system awards pluses for scoring on the high end of a B, C or D, and minuses for being on the low end. The instructor determines the exact numbers.

While some students were displeased with having their grade point average lowered by a minus, there seemed to be a consensus that the system is fair.

Diana Ross, a junior, was pleased with the results the system had on her grades.

She was "usually on the higher end of a B, so I get more credit that way," she said.

"It's a more accurate indicator of how you did in the class," junior Niki Adams said.

Mike Miller, a senior who received two minuses, said while he felt the system itself was fair, he disagreed with the way it was being implemented. "[I] got a C- that I didn't feel like I deserved," said Miller. "[The professor] didn't mention he was going to be using the plus/minus system."

He also commented that the university should mandate whether or not professors will use the system.

Professors had different views on the system. Paul O'Farrell, a geology professor, only uses

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New academic logo to feature traditional style

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

MTSU is currently in the process of creating a new academic logo.

The current logo, which features a slanted M and interconnected letters, will be gradually phased out in favor of a new image that will emphasize the letters MT.

The academic logo, which is featured on university stationary, business cards and some employee uniforms, is separate from the athletic logo, which changed to feature the Lightning logo three years ago. The academic logo can also be seen at the intersection of Tennessee Boulevard and Greenleaf Drive.

Doug Williams, director of News and Public Affairs, says the change is being undertaken for several reasons.

"What we eventually hope we'll get to is that people will refer to us as just Middle Tennessee," he said.

"Instead of changing our name, we'll change our graphic identity,"

- Doug Williams
Director of News and Public Affairs



Williams said the move also serves to appease those who wish to change the name of the university.

"Instead of changing our name, we'll change our graphic identity," Williams said.

Another reason for the change is that the current logo is outdated. It reflects the avant-garde trends of the 1960s when it was designed. Middle Tennessee State College attained university status during this time and became MTSU.

"Instead of using a more traditional logo they used one that was cool during the time period," Williams said.

A committee was organized last May to consider the change and how it should be implemented.

The committee is comprised of faculty members, alumni, students and a representative from the MTSU Foundation.

"This committee got together [with the goal of developing] a logo that emphasized Middle Tennessee and also emphasized the letters MT," Williams said.

The letters MTSU said several alumni about creating a new logo. Some students also submitted designs.

Williams said the committee started out with 30 designs and then narrowed them down to 10 and took those out to various groups who discussed and rated the proposed designs. There is no final design yet. Williams noted that it would be some

time before a design is decided upon.

Williams emphasized the importance of cost-effectiveness in the process. The alumni and students who submitted designs were not compensated for doing so. Once a decision is reached, the process of implementing the new design will be gradual.

"Once you have the designs, you have an implementation phase where you make people aware of the process [so that] people use up stationary and business cards so as not to be wasteful," Williams said.

In regards to any uniforms that would need replacing, Williams said they would be phased in over time as normal wear and tear necessitates purchasing new ones.

Williams said when a new logo is selected, in contrast to the introduction of the new athletic logo, it will be introduced to the campus and community in a "series of rollouts" from June to the end of the semester. ♦

Enrollment begins today for Gore lecture

Staff Reports

Students interested in taking the community building class taught by former Vice President Al Gore may begin registering for the class today.

Gore will be teaching a two-credit course titled "Creating Family Centered Communities." The course will meet every Monday at 4 p.m. for 10 weeks, beginning Feb. 12.

The class will be limited to 125 juniors, seniors and graduate students. If more than 125 students sign up, a lottery will be used to determine which students will be admitted.

Registration will take place today and tomorrow in the James Union Building, Room 123. Students may enroll

today between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Gore plans to develop and teach an interdisciplinary course at MTSU that will eventually serve as the foundation for a nationwide network of colleges teaching community building.

"There is no curriculum that I know of that offers a holistic approach to what kinds of skills are needed to build a healthy and strong community," Gore said while visiting MTSU Jan. 29. "This is intended to be something brand new, and I am really interested in seeing this come about."

"If we get it right, it would be a great experience for these students (and) I think it's an idea whose time has come." ♦

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Pam Hudgens - Assistant News Editor



Photographer Doug Prince gives presentation

"All the Possible Worlds," a collection of works by photographer Doug Prince, will be exhibited in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery through Feb. 28. The display features 60 silver gelatin, black-and-white prints and 12 photo sculptures, along with a monograph/catalog containing an essay by Robert R. Craven describing the artworks. Prince will present a slide show and lecture Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103. A reception for the artist will follow. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8-11:45 a.m. Saturday and 6-9:45 p.m. Sunday. ♦

Concert will feature Haydn, Beethoven

The Middle Tennessee Choral Society and MTSU Concert Chorale will perform Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. They will perform Josef Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and Ludwig Von Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy" with piano soloist Charlene Harb along with the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Tickets range from \$9-\$12 and can be purchased at the door or by calling 898-2849. Students get in free of charge. ♦

Pilot Paul Craig featured at Honors Lecture

Paul Craig, chief pilot for MTSU and interim chair of the department of aerospace, will be the featured speaker at Monday's Honors Lecture. His lecture will focus on the different career opportunities available in the aerospace industry. "You can do many things in the industry and never fly," Craig said. "It's a big, interwoven industry that all works together. For every pilot you see, there are probably 25 people on the ground — air traffic controllers, maintenance technicians and designers. The industry is much bigger than you think." The Honors Lecture Series is held in Peck Hall,



Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff

Roaches found by students Allison Scott and Susie Kantz line a heater outside their Corlew Hall dorm room. The roaches were found in and around their dorm room and on the stairways.

Room 109A on Mondays from 3-3:50 p.m. All lectures are free and open to the public. ♦

Student directors featured during "An Evening of One-Act Plays"

MTSU Theatre will present "An Evening of One-Act Plays" at 8 p.m. Feb. 15-17 and Feb. 20-24 in the Studio Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building. The playbill includes *The Zoo Story* by Edward Albee, *States of Shock - A Vaudeville Nightmare* by Sam Shepard and *Porch* by Jeffrey Sweet. MTSU students will be admitted free with a valid student ID. General admission is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for faculty, staff and non-MTSU

students. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased by calling the MTSU Box Office at 898-2103. ♦

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Children's Discovery House at 503 North Maple St. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and enjoy working with children. More than 30,000 children visit each year, and volunteers are asked to assist groups with tours in two hour blocks at the convenience of the volunteer. Training is provided. Children who visit the Discovery House take rides in the flight simulator, make art and are involved in scientific investigations. ♦

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Special Coverage - Black History Month

Unsung heros honored during Unity Luncheon

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

The annual Unity Luncheon recognized five unsung heroes for their dedication to the community last week as the traditional kickoff of Black History Month.

The luncheon was sponsored by MTSU's African-American History Month Committee Feb. 1 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

This year's five honorees were Mary Mills, Tillman Payne II, Priscilla Brown, Annie Huddleston and Nancy Vaughan.

Mills is a retired educator from Williamson County. She spent nearly 42 years in the educational system with the last 15 as a principal at Franklin Middle School.

"I do things because they need to be done, not for recognition," Mills said.

She has received numerous awards, including the Whitney M. Young Service Award for her work with inner-city Boy Scouts, the 200 Legend Award from the Chamber of Commerce and the Henry L. Hardison Humanitarian Award from the Franklin Special School Teachers Association and she was named Outstanding Black Educator.

Mills received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee State University. She still remains active with various organizations including the Williamson Medical Hospital and Shorter Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mills said that she reflects on the line "God of our weary years" from the African-American Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and thinks about all the people who made it possible for her to get where she is today.

Brown is known for providing care for children through the years while never charging parents. She enjoys working with children and has been keeping them since she retired

in 1966.

"She takes care of children in the community and never turns anyone away from her home. She will help anyone," said Wardell Alsup, Mill's grandson and member of the MTSU football team.

Brown and her late husband Pastor Frank Brown provided transportation, food, clothing and money to people in the community. She is still an active member in her church and is known to the community as having a "heart of gold."

Huddleston was a member of the first graduating class of Holloway High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from TSU. She is retired from Central Middle School where she taught math for several years. She has also been a principal in Cannon and Rutherford County.

"I love working with young people, because I have worked with them in a lot of occasions," said Huddleston.

She is still very active in the Garden Club and serves on the scholarship committee of Emory United Methodist Church.

Payne served in the Korean War and graduated from TSU with a degree in agriculture education. He is from Smith County where he is considered a role model for his community and peers. He has taught for 40 years in Winchester, Carthage and Gordonsville. He is a member of Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church and holds a high position in the Masons. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

He lived through the Civil Rights era as an educator and dealt with the transition of the schools becoming integrated.

Payne's inspiration came from his grandfather Tillman Payne, a slave who did not have the same opportunities as he did.

"I wanted to carry on my grandfather's name because the family was so proud of him, so I change my name to Tillman



(L to R) Priscilla Brown, Annie Huddleston, Mary Mills, Tillman Payne II and Nancy Vaughan were honored Thursday at the Unity Luncheon for their contributions to the community.

William Payne II," said Payne.

Vaughan received her bachelor degree from TSU and masters from MTSU. She has taught in Rutherford County for nearly 29 years and also has taught with MTSU's Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service. She was listed in Who's Who of America's Teachers in 1993 and 1997. She is presently the church historian at First Baptist Church and a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

"There's a song with the words, 'If I had helped someone along the way then my living will not be in vain,'" said Vaughan.

Vaughan said that she has inspired children to go into various fields of studies and this is what she believes is one of her greatest contributions to the community.

The honorees were presented with a plaque from the AAHM committee as an appreciation of

their services to the community. "Old teachers never die, they just fade away," Payne said.

The five honorees all agreed that their services to the community will be continued through the success of the lives they have touched. ♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff

Be respectful in your letters; avoid excessive profanity

We realize that our Opinions section is one of the most popular sections in the paper.

Members of the MTSU and Murfreesboro community are constantly writing in to express their views on certain issues. Many times, those who write in do so in response to something that was written by one of our columnists.

Approximately 99 percent of the letters we receive are decently written. However, every once in a while, we'll get a letter that we don't feel is appropriate. While we've always published these types of letters in the past and will continue to do so in most cases, we would like to encourage those who write in to us to be more respectful to those they disagree with.

It's completely cool to disagree with someone. We like that kind of stuff.

But recently we've had people write letters packed with excessive amounts of profanity and derogatory names directed toward other letter writers.

It's okay to slide an edgy word in here or there, but we feel it's completely unnecessary, inappropriate and just plain childish to go overboard with it.

We're not saying to be less controversial. As you all may know, we love controversy. We just think it would be a good idea to be a little more respectful in your letters.

We have approximately 70 people on our staff and naturally we don't all agree on everything.

In fact, we have a lot of conflicting views in such areas of politics, religion and education, and our debates can become pretty heated at times, but we don't resort to name calling. If we do use profanity, it's all in good fun.

There are ways to disagree with others and argue your point without having to call people names and use profanity. Words like "hell" and "damn" are cool but let us be a little more careful with other four letter words.

Most of the time, an argument is more convincing without resorting to easy jabs that anyone could peek into a letter.

Still, we thank you for all your letters and we look forward to receiving many more. Hopefully, they'll be a little more clean in the future.

The Bush has spoken

Frankly
My Dear

David
Sargent



Staff
Columnist

Ladies and gentleman, the verdict is in. The Bush has spoken. And more or less officially, G.W. Bush was sworn into the office of president of the United States just two short weeks ago.

It all happened on a gloomy, rainy, cold and dank Saturday (yeah, dank, that's a good word). To some it was a presidential inauguration, to others it was a chance to voice social concerns on television with clever Monday-Night-Football-like signs that scream protest.

Obvious shouts like "Hail to the Thief" were posted along the route. But there were also the lesser-known groups trying to get their cause to the masses.

There were bombs bursting in air, trumpets trumpeting, babies crying and mobs yelling. I believe fun was had by all.

It was very much a day of pomp. All those limos with five-inch-thick cruise missile-proof glass, miles of police cars and flashing lights. And there aren't many days when you'll find snipers atop practically every federal building in the city. But, how else are you going to protect the president from deadly flying eggs? You never know, one of them might be hard-boiled. It is fairly impressive to watch.

And then G.W. got out of the car

finally, not near the irate protesters, but closer to his "supporters." I must admit he was looking extra plump that day. It must have been that extra slice of bacon he ate that morning. Or maybe it was the kevlar vest.

I felt bad for Billy that day. Poor guy had to sit in the background while his wife made political promises to the gatherers at JFK. He'll be all right though. He doesn't have to do a thing for the rest of his life (one of the perks of being leader of the free world). Now we have to look at 'Dubya for at least four more years.

Straight up, I don't agree with the outcome of the election. I pretty much loathe Dubya' and the lack of foresight that I am convinced he has. To think the owner of a professional baseball team was given the power to change hundreds of millions of lives, baffles

me. But I guess that's how life works on the hill (hah, get it, hill, hah).

He really does scare me though. I mean, a guy that makes up as many words as he does, man? All I have to say is, leave the women and children at home.

But, honestly everything he does over the next four years won't be a complete bust, just the important things like energy, the environment and the military. Things like that.

I even find myself detached from the idealized portion of my being, and I see things. No, not dead people. I see my country. I see an over-abundance of food, transportation, jobs, beds, land, religion, prostitutes, indoor plumbing, books, universities, swingsets, libraries and plenty of jazz music.

Then I break into a cold sweat and begin to shout, "Exxon Valdez, Exxon Valdez, Phillip Morris, Phillip Morris," and everything is OK again.

So, at a pace of 2.9 miles per hour, we slowly watched a dagger being shoved into the hearts of 10,000 caribou in northeast Alaska. But it's all in the name of Manifest Destiny, I guess.

Just remember what you're mom always told you. "You're going to have to learn to live with your decisions, even if the government makes it for you." ♦

Off my sidewalk, ye chariots of death

Peacefully strolling down the sidewalk by the KUC and the Knoll last Tuesday, I see the metal grate of an MTSU vehicle coming toward me.

I don't break stride.

The other students move away from the great white wonder who is rudely trying to force me off the sidewalk, but I keep walking straight, staring into the eyes of the driver.

Finally, after he realizes I'm not going to forfeit my right to not walk in the mud, he slows down and waves at me. With a smile, I move out of the way and let him go on his way.

I wasn't given the same courtesy later that day. Walking behind Cope, one of the dreaded golf carts headed toward me at full speed. Not wishing to sacrifice my kneecaps for this particular cause, I narrowly dodged the kart. The driver never bothered to slow down.

The SGA is currently trying to get legislation passed that would ban university vehicles from driving on the

For Argument's Sake

Jason
Cox

Staff
Columnist



sidewalk. I say this is the best project I've seen them take on this year. It's sure as hell better than trying to make us pay for bike permits.

Why the hell should any motorized vehicle with three wheels or more be allowed on pedestrian sidewalks? At least bicycle riders are careful not to hit someone. Furthermore, the people guilty of driving on the sidewalk are PAID to be here. I have to pay to be onto the sidewalk, because I didn't feel like driving around, I'd have 10 tickets

before I could get over 5 miles per hour.

What about the handicapped, particularly the blind? Drivers of these vehicles tend to ASSume people are going to move out of their way. Having a university vehicle hit a handicapped person would not be good publicity for the university.

If this practice is allowed to continue, it is a logical probability that someone will get hurt. It's a reckless disregard for the students and faculty.

No city or municipality would allow its vehicles to have free reign over the sidewalk. If we are a campus "community," then the administrators have a responsibility to do the same. Allowing university vehicles to do this not only inconveniences and compromises the safety of pedestrians, but (attention recruiters) it looks tacky. Nothing like a dingy golf kart to offset the beautiful library.

Maybe it's an artistic statement ... or something. ♦

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***** Dear Annie *****

"I don't know why I am telling you this?" I hear this question all the time. The reason my friends feel comfortable confiding in me is because I am a concerned listener. I am an objective friend. They know I am on their side, but I will always call it like I see it. I can bring judgment to their problems without being judgmental. I want to help you think through your problems.

Have you ever had a fight with your significant other and needed a friend to listen? Pondered what the statement "I love you, but I am not in love with you," really means? Or maybe, you just can't decide what you want in life. Email me, Annie, your questions and concerns and we will work through them together. I am not Dear Abby or Dear Ann Landers. I am Annie, a college student at MTSU.

Dear Annie,

I can't make anyone happy these days. I work, go to school, participate in a fraternity and I have a girlfriend. My brothers give me hell when I don't go out partying with them and my girlfriend is always mad at me because I don't have enough time for her. How can I make everyone happy? - Exhausted

Dear Exhausted,

The first thing I have to ask is what would make you happy? Give yourself a priority check and figure out what you really want to do. We all know school comes first then work ... wink wink, nudge nudge. Now onto juggling your girlfriend and brothers needs. Here are some tips.

Every guy needs a guys' night out just like every girl needs a girls' night out. Some nights you should spend just with your favorite girl. Take her out to a nice dinner and make her feel special. No, McDonald's doesn't count! Sometimes there are big fraternity parties and I know you can take her along. I am sure your brothers would love it, especially if she brought some of her "stylin'" ladies with her. Just remember you aren't superman, sometimes you just have to accept you can't do it all. Prioritize or otherwise your life becomes a mess!

Please e-mail me your questions and concerns to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com

Letter to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

White again proves to be outrageous in abortion beliefs

Well, Angela White has done it again. Every time I read one of her articles, I think she has hit an all-time low but then the next article is always more outrageous. I would like to respond to her Jan. 10 article concerning adoption, overpopulation, and abortion (her favorite topic). I am an alumna of MTSU and have been social worker for the last 12 years, working mainly with adoptive parents and children.

Because I deal with adoption every day and because four of my six children are adopted, I believe I am well qualified to speak on the subject.

First of all, despite common misconceptions, the world is in no danger of becoming too populous. According to The World Almanac, and the Population Reference Bureau, and to United Nations statistics, fertility rates are decreasing and if current patterns continue, global depopulation will begin within the next forty years. In about 70 countries, populations are "dying out" because their populations are below replacement level.

These sources also state that the entire population of the world could fit

inside the state of Texas, with approximately 1200 square feet for each person. If you like, you can visit www.pop.org for more information on the myths and facts concerning overpopulation.

Miss White also states that people should stop trying so hard to conceive children and should adopt children who were previously unwanted. While adoption is a wonderful, loving action for parents to take, Miss White fails to mention how difficult and expensive adoption can be.

Many women who go to great lengths to become pregnant do so because adoption is a long, arduous, expensive process that many people cannot afford. Most fertility treatments are actually less expensive than the costs of adopting a child.

Miss White is correct in her statement that there are approximately 100,000 children in this country awaiting adoption, but again she fails to mention that there are nearly 4 million people in the U.S. seeking to adopt. In other words, for every ONE child up for adoption in the U.S., there are FORTY couples wanting to adopt him/her. Many

couples have gone to great lengths and expense to adopt children from overseas, children with disabilities, and children of different races, and waiting lists for such adoptions are quite long.

Miss White continues by emphasizing the need for abortion in order to stop the births of these children, rather than caring for a greater sense of sexual and parental responsibility.

Pro-abortionists like Miss White contradict their own claims when they defend the brutal and savage slaughter of babies as a merciful and compassionate act.

Pro-abortionists usually also forget to mention the effects of abortion on women. Statistics show that 88 percent of all women who have abortions experience severe physical and psychological complications for long periods of time after the abortion.

Too many people defend abortion simply because of feminist issues, but the true feminist position on abortion is best expressed at the Feminists for Life of America Web site at <http://www.feministsforlife.org>, and I definitely encourage anyone holding feminist views to

visit this site with an open mind.

One of the favorite question of pro-abortionists is "How many of these unwanted children do you plan to adopt?" Just because a person is pro-life does not mean he/she has to run out and adopt 10 children. The reason not all pro-life people have adopted children is because that there simply aren't enough children to adopt-they're being killed in abortions.

Please do not misunderstand me - I am in no way denouncing adoption nor am I suggesting that abortion be made illegal simply for the reason of harvesting babies for infertile couples. Adoption is the most precious gift anyone could give a child, next to the gift of life. I am simply stating the facts as they are.

Well, Miss White, since you want to tell everyone to adopt, I will now pose the same question to you that you love to ask people who support the right to life-just how many children do you plan to adopt yourself? Guessing your answer is pretty easy.

Julia McLemore

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Alpha Chi Omega founds chapter at MTSU

By Amy Calloway
Staff Writer

A new sorority will join the Greek community this semester for women interested in being involved in Greek Life.

"A fresh name and a fresh face will definitely cause more girls to want to get involved in a sorority," Christa Clancy, a member of the Panhellenic Council, said.

The Panhellenic Council, which oversees the sororities at MTSU, voted to add Alpha Chi Omega because of growing numbers of women going through sorority recruitment.

With 383 women, fall 2000 was the largest recruitment in the history of MTSU. More than 100 women ended up not joining an organization, according to Victor Felts, director of Greek Life.

Out of those 100 women, only a small portion did not get asked to join the sorority of their choice. Most withdrew from recruitment on their own.

"This sent us a message that there are over 100 women on

campus who want to join a sorority, but we are currently not offering what they want," Felts said.

Felts also said that four of the seven sororities on campus have more than 100 members and have expressed concern about how large their organizations are getting.

"I'm in a medium sorority and feel that our numbers are about right," Rebecca Towle, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, said. "However, I can understand how difficult it might be for the girls in larger sororities to develop strong bonds with all of their sisters."

"For now, I think that by bringing Alpha Chi Omega on campus, we are making a move in the right direction," Towle added. "That is, growing the number of women involved in Greek Life."

The move in that direction began with the process of looking at the 20 nationally recognized sororities not currently on MTSU's campus. A committee, which consisted of men and women both inside and outside

of Greek Life, narrowed the choices down to three sororities. These three sororities were then invited to MTSU to make a presentation.

According to Felts, the presentation by Alpha Chi Omega was impressive with values relating to the mission of MTSU. Felts called them a "perfect fit." He said that Alpha Chi Omega stands for the same thing MTSU does — higher learning and social responsibility for women.

"Our organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of sorority women in four ways — new friendships, sorority and campus leadership, commitment to academics and involvement in community service," Karen Ellis, resident consultant for Alpha Chi Omega, said.

Recruitment for Alpha Chi Omega will begin with an information night and open house Feb. 18.

Interested women will then take part in an interview process Feb. 19-21 in Keathley University Center, Rooms 313 and 314. The

night of Feb. 21 an invitational party will take place, and Preference Night will be Feb. 22.

Ellis stressed the fact that Alpha Chi Omega will be open to all classes: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. They will be able take up to 96 women, the current sorority average, according to Felts.

Alpha Chi Omega, sometimes referred to as A Chi O, was founded in 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. It has more than 170,000 members across the country with 130 active collegiate chapters, including those at Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee.

Their motto is "Together, let us seek the heights." They have five membership criteria, which include academic interest, character, financial responsibility, leadership ability and personal development.

Contact Karen Ellis at karenmellis@earthlink.net or the Greek Life Office for more information. ◆

Grades: Mixed feelings over new grading system

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the system for graduate students. O'Farrell said one reason for doing this is, "if you use the [plus and minus] system ... what it's going to do is cause the grades to get lower."

"It's a more fair system," Mark Byrnes, a political science professor who uses the system, said. "I never thought it was fair for a student with an 80 average to have the same grade as [someone with] an 89 average."

Jim Henry, a geology professor, has taken a unique approach. Henry only uses pluses when calculating the final grade for a course.

Henry said he got the idea from the University of Florida, where he used to teach. UF mandated that professors give pluses to those on the high end of a B, C or D.

Henry said he likes this approach because "if you give someone a minus, you're saying [they] just barely made it. You're

being more negative than supportive."

Using only pluses was not presented as an option to the faculty. However, Henry had his idea approved by the chair of the Geology Department. He said the idea might be more popular if it was given as an option.

"I think it's simply [that] many professors either simply don't think about it or don't think they can," Henry said.

Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass

Communication, gave a couple of reasons why the school chose not to use the system.

"We put this up to a vote of faculty, and they voted overwhelmingly not to use it," Leaming said.

Leaming also said the pluses and minuses interfered with the candidacy program and the requirements for it.

Interestingly, Leaming also said, "I think that if I were a teacher ... it would have benefited me." ◆

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Crisis hotline opens lines to MT

By Heather Glass
Staff Writer

Each time the phone rings, Toni VonColln realizes she's about to go on an adventure, because she never knows who is going to be on the other end.

VonColln, along with other volunteers, patiently waits for these phone calls in a brightly lit, neatly organized room, decorated with lively plants, at the Crisis Intervention Hotline, where she works.

Public Safety also wait in an office, never knowing what calls they may get. When they receive certain calls that do not require their special attention, they refer students to the Help Line.

"We get several hundred calls per year dealing with anything from domestic problems, rape and pregnancy, to suicidal threats," says MTSU police investigator Darrell Collins. "We try to send them in the correct direction."

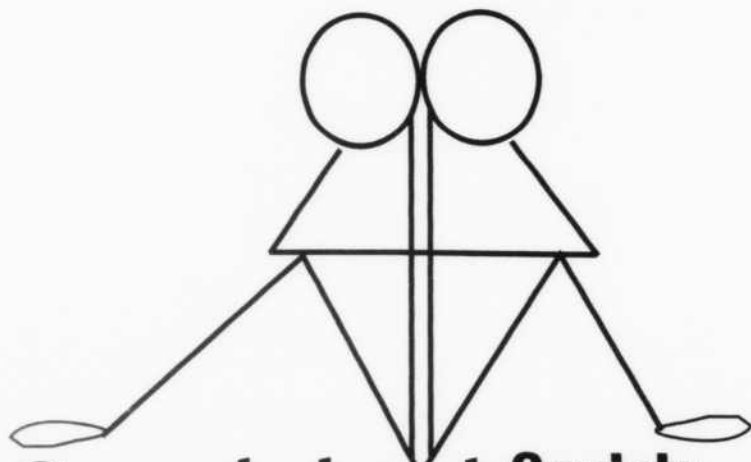
The Crisis Intervention Help Line Center in Davidson County attempts to do the same. They are a 24-hour hotline, toll-free up to 70 miles away from their location.

Students call the hotline for numerous reasons — stress over grades, relationships, they don't feel they belong in college, or perhaps, they are depressed.

Depression among students in college is not uncommon. According to an April 1996 Roper-Starch survey, one in five college students worries that his/her stress or depression level is higher than it should be. Yet, only 6 percent said they would seek help from their college's mental health service.

College kids often feel overwhelmed, because they are "not the top dog anymore," said Bill Herrick, director of outreach at the Help Line Center. "They are just another face" at a big school.

Many students are away from home and in an unfamiliar situation, so they just float around to make friends.



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"I remember I had a caller once who was in graduate school," recalls VonColln. "She was a foreign girl who was upset, because she thought differently and was brought up differently than the environment she was now in."

"She was also in a relationship and felt like she was being taken advantage of. I just tried to make suggestions and give her options, instead of just giving her advice."

VonColln used to sit and worry after a phone call. However, she now real-

izes, "they have to change. You can't do it for them."

"Out of all of our callers, 15 percent are from people, ages 13-29," says Herrick.

Most of the calls are from college students who feel they have lost something, such as the role they had in their family. They also miss their longtime friends. This can affect a person's self-esteem. Therefore, a call will start off with chitchat, so the distressed caller can decide if they can trust the stranger

at the other end of the phone.

One of Herrick's callers was a college student who had pursued a major two-thirds of the way through and realized he may have taken the wrong path. He was confused on what to do because he knew if he changed major he would be in school much longer. "He just wanted non-biased help," said Herrick. "I was to act as his sounding board and not lecture him." Many students are afraid to talk to their parents about certain problems.

Many who call just want to be heard and this number can be an outlet, an option, or just an ear to listen for any student that feels overwhelmed. Those who feel they need help can also contact the Counseling Center on campus.

Resident Assistants of MTSU know all to well how much easier it is for students to talk to a friend or stranger rather than their parents.

"How would you be able to tell your parents you have a drug or alcohol problem," said RA Clint Ratliff.

He has sat down and helped many residents overcome situations like family problems, fitting into college life, financial debt and even suicide threats.

Ratliff recalls a situation where a paranoid resident came wondering down the hall, and asked him to talk to his suicidal girlfriend. He was desperate for help from someone he trusts.

It turns out the girl was more disturbed about her boyfriend's state of mind than herself.

"I just listened and explained how concerned her boyfriend was for her," Ratliff said. "She soon settled down and asked if she could talk to me again sometime."

College kids often feel that nobody cares. This can lead to depression or suicide.

"In 1998, suicide was the third leading cause of death in the United States for ages 15-24," says Herrick. Many people who call the hotline can't fix their problem the way they usually do and can't imagine any other options.

"The callers have tunnel vision," explains Herrick.

These callers feel they are in a completely dark room with many doors, but only one door is lit with an exit sign. To them, that door is suicide, the only option.

"We try to come into their room and not shine the light on one of the other doors," says Herrick, "but turn on all the lights, and help them choose the door that works best for them. ♦"



'Charlie's Angels' land at KUC

By Courtney Huckabay
Managing Editor

There are some movies that, when you leave the theater, make you want to cry or call someone close to you and let them know you love them or even just sit down and think to yourself "Wow, could that really happen?"

But then there are movies where you come out imitating the best fight scene in the movie and you're pumped like never before. Well, Charlie's Angels - which is this week's feature film at the KUC Theater - is one such movie where you'll find yourself craving those kick-boxing classes you were avoiding.

Now, let me state the obvious by letting you know this is a definite chic flick. But is it really? Charlie's Angels caught a lot of flack - good and bad - for promoting female sexuality. Sure, the tenacious trio fights off villains while wearing tight leather pants and small shirts with plunging necklines, but they still get the job done, right?

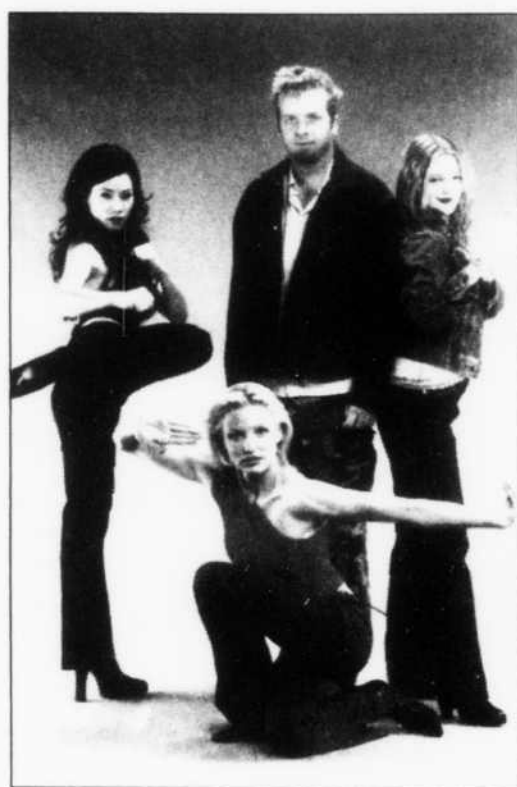
Drew Barrymore as Dylan, Lucy Liu as Alex and Cameron Diaz as Natalie, are private investigators who use brains, martial arts, some occasional weapons, and of course, their girlish charm to carry out missions assigned by their anonymous boss, Charlie.

The film is based on Aaron Spelling's original television show that ran through the 1970s.

The TV show focused on the Angels' sex appeal, glitzy costumes and largely catered to the male audience. The original Angels, Farrah Fawcett, Kate Jackson and Jaclyn Smith, were completely sold as sex objects and it was obvious to anyone watching that they used their bodies to get what they needed, and that gave them power.

So why did so many women like the show? For the same reason chicks dig the new version - if you're of the female gender - Charlie's Angels makes you feel powerful and liberated. No, you don't have to strut around in high-heeled boots and tight polyester jumpsuits to feel empowered, but why not if you're comfortable enough with yourself, your body and your sexuality?

Barrymore, who produced Charlie's Angels, said that she and the creative team couldn't decide if they wanted to just spoof the TV series or try to take a serious route with the modern version. This indecision is easy to see



throughout the movie, which makes it all the more difficult to draw the line when deciding if the film degrades women or empowers them.

Either way, the movie is still worth watching, so you can draw your own line. It's loaded with laughs, and Bill Murry's bumbling Bosley is worth the \$2 admission. And if you feel like raising a fist and shouting, "Girl Power!" go ahead. Just make sure no one's around when you're trying out that spin kick. ♦

'Save the last dance,' simple but enjoyable



By Morgan Marlin
Staff Writer

Directed by: Thomas Carter
Starring: Julia Stiles & Sean Patrick Thomas

Save the Last Dance has lived up to the hype. The film is about a young girl, Sara Johnson, played by Julie Stiles, whose life takes a dramatic turn when tragedy strikes. A ballet dancer since age six, her dream is to attend Juilliard School of Dance. However, when she fails to make the cut at auditions, and then learns of her mother's tragic accident, she throws her dreams away.

Forced to move to Chicago to live with her musician father, Sara struggles with their relationship, which she feels is less than love.

There are also problems at the new school. Being new and slightly naive, Sara is often ignored and sometimes cut down by other students. One of these students is Derek Reynolds, played by Sean Patrick Thomas. Derek makes extra effort to put Sara in her place. By a flash of fate, Sara befriends Chenille Reynolds, played by Kerry Washington, who happens to be Derek's sister. Sarah and her new friend go to a club called "Steppes," where Derek and Sara discover their common love for dance.

Derek takes the feat of teaching Sara hip-hop with open arms. This begins a tale of interracial love, and the obstacles the two must overcome to be together.

Throughout the film, dance remains the constant connector between characters.

The story seems typical, but it expresses more than one might initially see. It's a film about realizing your dreams and having the support of someone from a completely different lifestyle helping you grow along the way. It depicts what it's like being an outsider who takes a chance and becomes a part of something real.

The film isn't timid about showing the reality of racial stereotypes from both sides. It takes time to develop relationships between characters that moviegoers can relate to. The writers developed characters in such a way that you don't need every bit of background information on each person in order to understand their actions.

It's a well thought out film that doesn't have such a complicated plot, that they loose the audience half way through the film.

The soundtrack is also exciting. The movie is filled with tracks from many popular R & B artists.

Watching the previews might indicate the film is a chic flick, but I've heard that guys who've seen it, enjoyed it as much as their dates. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Assistant Copy Editor

Wednesday, Feb. 7

The MTSU Fencing Club will teach a beginning class starting today on basketball court No. 6 in the Rec Center from 6 to 7 p.m. and will continue through May. For more information contact Stuart Bernstein at 898-5998.

Monday, Feb. 12

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is at the Nursing Center from 1:15 to 5:15 p.m. Open to the public.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 5

Karla Winfrey speaks in the Tucker Theatre at 6 p.m.

A Free session on "Entrepreneurs in the New Millennium" is in the JUB Tennessee Room at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Dr. Cheryl Ellis speaks on "Obesity and the Young African American Woman" in Peck Hall Room 222 at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

ESPN sports journalist Ralph Wiley speaks on "The Black Community in the New Millennium" in the BAS from 7 to 9 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

A FREE forum on "Male/Female Relationships" is at KUC Room 322 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Dr. Bruce Bridges speaks on "Martin Luther King: Perspective of the Past, Vision of the Future" in the JUB Tennessee Room at 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

A Distinguished Black Alumni awards is held at the Alumni Center at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

A session on the "Importance of Finishing High School and Going to College" is in the KUC at 8 a.m.

Dr. Adonijah Bakari speaks on "Reflections On a Sojourn to Nigeria" in Peck Hall Room 222 at 12:30 p.m.

Congressman Harold Ford speaks in the BAS State Farm Room at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Justice Nathaniel R. Howse, Jr. recognizes the "Writing Contest Winners" at the School Student Luncheon in the JUB Tennessee Room at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

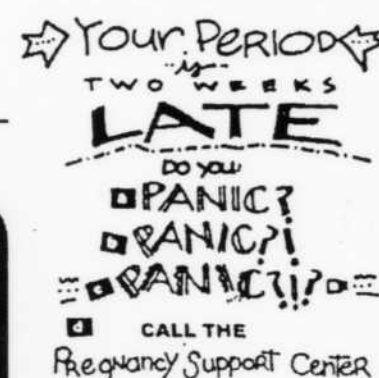
A debate on the "Disunity Among Black Students" is in the AASA Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

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SPORTS

Training: Raiders prepare for February opener

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the Major Leagues, February is a free trip to Arizona or Florida to run off the winter pounds and prepare for the 162-game season.

The players prepare for the weekend in April.

College baseball players must cram 50 games into three months.

All the while players dodge classes and exams to take road trips that will take them as far as Louisiana and to AAA minor league ball parks, including a home game with Belmont in Greer Stadium in Nashville.

The dog days of summer

come in April for these 18-to-23 year olds.

For college players, February means the start of the season, a time where snow is a common as 60-degree days.

More likely the team plays in weather of 50 degrees or less, the average February temperature in the Middle Tennessee region.

Fifty degrees for football players is perfect. With more than 20 lbs. of gear, football players love the crisp, autumn air.

Fifty degrees for baseball players is terrible.

Pitchers tear ligaments and muscles in their arms and shoulders. The ability to stay

warm is a constant struggle.

"I'm concerned about my pitchers' arms," Peterson said. "My starters won't be ready to throw a complete game. We'll hope for decent weather and that our entire pitching staff will be ready."

Lammers knows what the weather can be like.

"All I've got to say is it's Middle Tennessee weather," Lammers said.

"You don't know whether to bring your jackets or your shorts to the ballpark."

This year, Middle Tennessee has an advantage. They open their season with six home games in a row.

"We don't know what type of

weather we'll have," Peterson said. "But we'll be as ready as we can be."

And while they don't know the type of weather, one thing that Chuck Akers, one thing that the competition will be fierce in the Sun Belt.

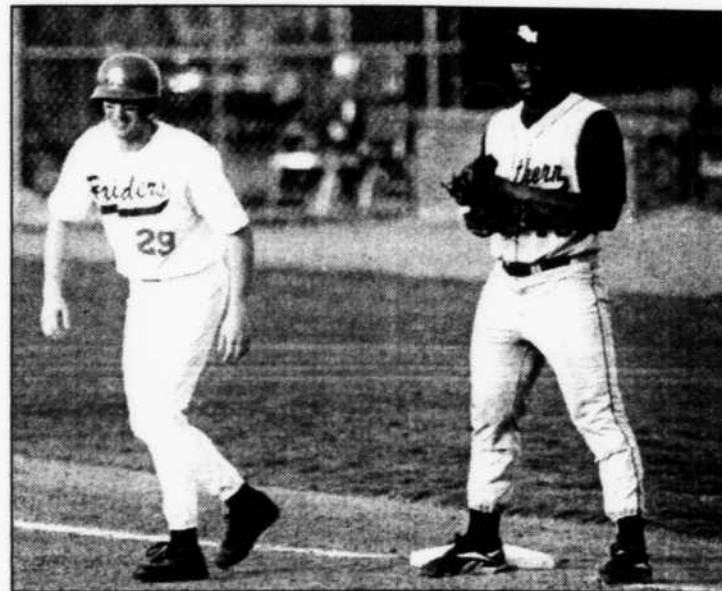
"We're picked fifth out of nine teams, I think," Akers said.

"Three or four of the teams in our conference made it to the regional like us."

"It's a big step up."

The Blue Raiders step into the 2001 season Feb. 17 against UNC-Asheville.

Until then, Akers, Lammers and the rest of the team will be running in the cold winter air. ♦



Chris Lammers will be expected to lead a talented staff.

Raiders shut down inside, meltdown on perimeter

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Coming into the game, the Blue Raiders knew they had to stop 7-1 center Chris Marcus. They did exactly that.

However, the guards from Western Kentucky took his load and canned 12-22 (54.5 percent) from three-point range to lead the Hilltoppers over the Blue Raiders 71-63.

Junior Iiro Tenngren scored five of the Raiders first 10 points as the Raiders took an early 10-6 lead. Immediately, MT went

to a 2-3 zone defense, putting one man in front and one man behind Chris Marcus, effectively denying him the ball.

The Hilltopper guards quickly realized the zone and began to set up shop from behind the three-point arc. Davidson hit two treys each for the first half and put WKU up 37-23 at the half.

The Blue Raiders held Chris Marcus to only eight points down low and only three rebounds. Freshman Tommy Gunn again led the Blue Raiders with a 9-

point effort coupled with 7 points from Tenngren.

Middle Tennessee came out cold for the first minutes of the second half and the Hilltoppers took advantage and built a 49-29 lead. However, MT would answer with a 10-0 run thanks primarily to the play of sophomore Bryant Mitchell, who finished with 9 points.

Down the stretch, the Hilltopper lead was just too much to overcome and the Blue Raiders lost their eighth straight game 71-63.

The Raiders shot the ball an

amazing 14-23 (60.9 percent) for the second half.

They also held Chris Marcus to way under his averages with only 10 points, seven rebounds, and one blocked shot.

"We started off playing good defense," Tenngren said. "We just came up a little short."

Western Kentucky's coach Dennis Felton was a little angry at his team's effort.

"We only played defense in spurts," Felton said. "It's a good job we played good offense because we sure didn't play defense tonight."

WKU's David Boyden, who had only hit 13 three-pointers coming into the game, lit it up from behind the arc, draining 4-6 and finishing with a game and career high 19 points.

Derek Robinson also scored 12 and Filip Videnov was 3-5 from three point range to end up with 11.

Gunn came through again as the Raiders only consistent threat scoring 17 and tying his career high.

Tenngren matched the numbers of Marcus with 10 points and 7 rebounds. Sophomore

Jani Hiltunen played a key part off the bench with 8 points and senior Jonathan Whitworth, last year's leading three point shooter in the nation, hit 2 of 2 three-point attempts to finish with 8 points.

The Hilltoppers cushioned their lead in the East division of the Sun Belt to 1.5 games over Arkansas State. They improve to 16-5 (9-1 in the conference) and are in the midst of a six game winning streak.

Middle Tennessee fell to 5-15 (1-9). This is the longest losing streak since 1983. ♦

Blue Raiders will continue to lose without inside presence

By Michael J. Barrett
Staff Writer

Commentary

The loss of senior Lee Nosse earlier in the season is one of the huge reasons for the Blue Raiders lack luster play this season.

Many of the other Sun Belt Conference teams have big guys

up front that they like to pound you with.

That is exactly what the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky were looking to do Thursday night.

Chris Marcus, Western Kentucky's 7'1" tower of terror looked to continue his dominance of the Sun Belt and had to be salivating at the under-sized Blue Raider frontcourt.

Marcus entered the game averaging 16 points per game and about 12 rebounds a contest, good enough for second in the nation behind Seton Hall's super freshman Eddie Griffin.

Although the Blue Raiders were clearly the smaller team and at a disadvantage without the 6'10" Nosse in the line-up.

They managed to control the man in the middle and hold

him to only 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Blue Raiders look determined that they were not going to let Marcus be the one to beat them, and at that they were successful.

However, when you focus all your efforts to shut one aspect of a good team down, they usually have other weapons that they can use.

Western Kentucky quickly noticed the fact MTSU was concentrating on Marcus and changed up their game a little.

With all the focus on the center, the Hilltoppers perimeter players were left with open shots, and they took advantage of it.

Yes, the Blue Raiders were successful in defending Marcus, but were unsuccessful in stop-

ping the rest of WKU.

Each night and each opponent in the Sun Belt will bring a strong frontcourt game, and each game that Nosse is not in, the Blue Raiders will be at a distinct disadvantage.

The streak now stands at eight and the Blue Raider faithful are wondering, when it "Wiel" all be over. ♦

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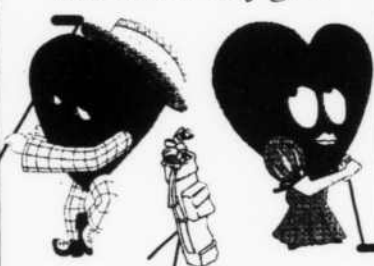
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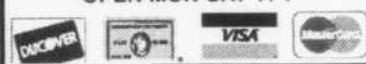
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Big win in Bowling Green

The Lady Raiders opened a new chapter in an old book Thursday night against the Lady Toppers — renewing a rivalry that has been dead since Western Kentucky left the Ohio Valley Conference in the mid eighties.

The 85-83 upset by the Lady Raiders snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Lady Toppers dating back to 1982.

The Lady Raiders trailed 31-18 late in the first half before going on a 20-4 run the final five minutes to take a three-point lead into the locker room. Middle extended the run scoring four unanswered points to start the second half.

Jamie Thomatis, as she has been all season, was the catalyst for the Lady Raiders tying a career high with 37 points. Thomatis answered the 21 first half points from Western's Natalie Powers with 25 points of her own in the second half. Although Powers finished with a school record 41 points, the Lady Raiders were able to keep the rest of the team in check giving them back-to-back Sun Belt wins for the first time.

One key to Thomatis's success was the free throw line. The junior hit 10-of-11 in the second half and was 12-of-13 for the game.

Complimenting Thomatis down low for a one-two punch was Joanne Aluka. The junior forward hit six of her seven attempts from the field scoring 13 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Despite giving up three inches in height, Aluka was able to score in double figures for the eighth straight game.

The Lady Raiders were able to shoot 50 percent from the floor keeping them undefeated this season when they connect on at least half of their attempts.

The Lady Toppers were even more impressive from the field making 70 percent of their shots in the second half and 60 percent for the game. But the 34-23 rebounding margin in favor of the Lady Raiders may have negated the fine shooting performance by Western. The taller Lady Toppers were only able to manage six offensive rebounds compared to 18 by Middle.

Climbing the all-time ranks

Senior guard Kelly Chastain drew closer the 1,000-point milestone for her career with 13 points against Western Kentucky. Chastain added six more against FIU to give her 939 career points. She will need to average 11.2 points per game the rest of the regular season to join the millennium club.

With three assists against Western, and seven against FIU, Jessica McClure moved into Middle Tennessee's Top 10 career assists list. She now has 312 surpassing Jan Zitney for 10th place. McClure only needs two more to take over ninth place from Christy Suggs. ♦

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'Winter Training' common for MT

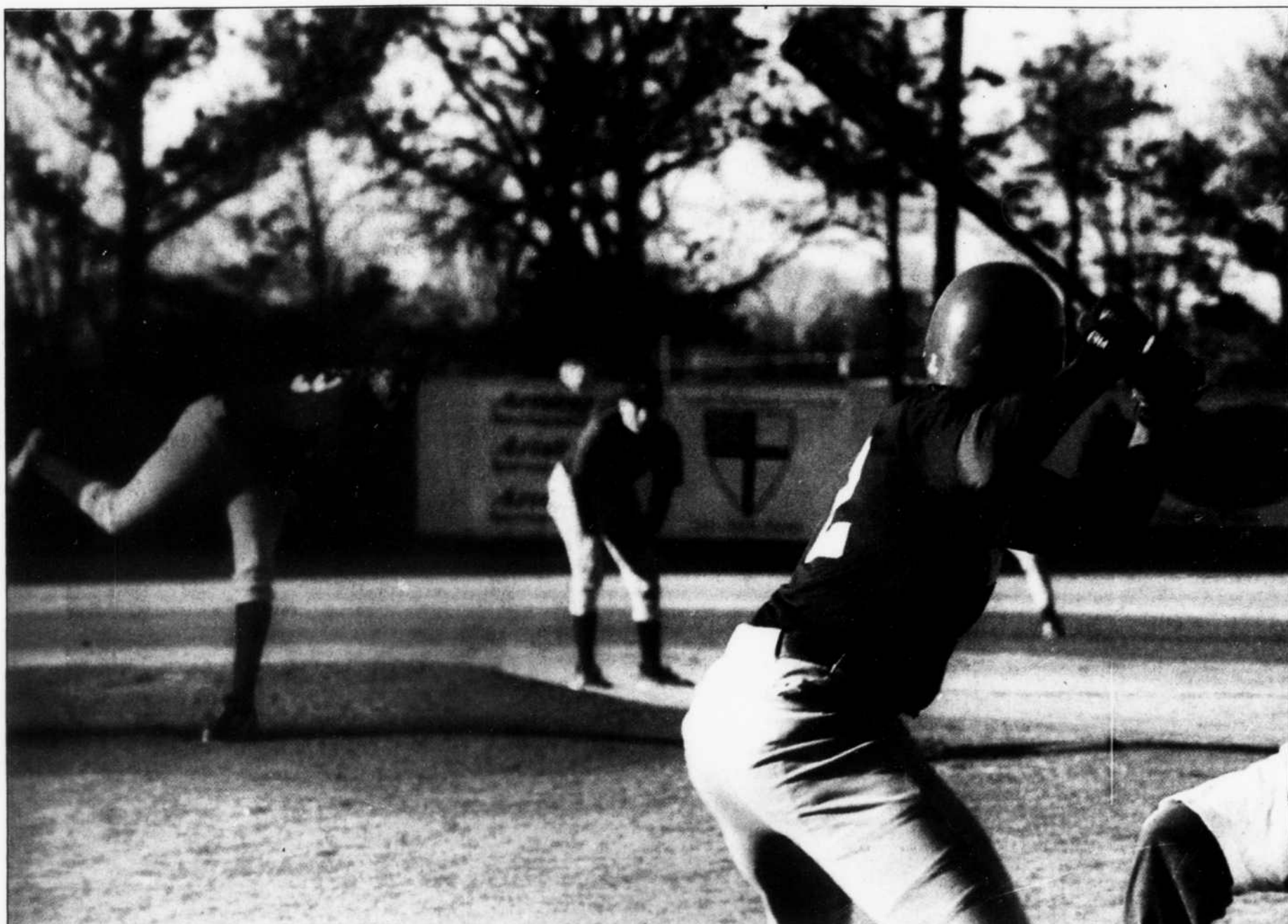


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Steven Kines throws to Kris Smith during practice last week. MT faces four conference teams this season who participated in the playoffs last year.

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

Freshman Chuck Akers has been running for almost an hour in the cold January air.

Akers, 19, has beaten the morning sun by 53 minutes. Akers and 31 other MT students rise in the dead of winter to practice in the name of America's past time.

They're the boys of summer ... in the winter.

Akers is part of the Middle Tennessee baseball team, which

began spring conditioning at 6 a.m. on Jan. 8 and has run or lifted weights every day since.

"We lift weights three days a week and run the other two," Akers said.

"We run in the Murphy Center or the turf (in Floyd Stadium)."

"The NCAA classifies this time as a conditioning period," head coach Steve Peterson said.

Coach Peterson would know. This is his 14th season as the leader of the Blue Raiders baseball team — a team that came

within one win of a trip to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA baseball tournament and within three wins of playing in the College Baseball World Series.

Akers, originally from Oakland High in Murfreesboro, must wonder how he got such a raw deal.

However, senior Chris Lammers, 22, is a wily veteran with the team playing in his fourth and final year of college baseball.

Lammers pitches, plays first base and is expected to be one

of the team leaders as the Blue Raiders enter their new conference this season.

"Our strengths are our pitching staff and our defense," he said. "We've got a lot more team speed, but we lost power."

"We will have to rely on speed until some players establish some power."

This is where Akers might contribute. A true baseball player, he's platooned at nearly every position in the field.

"I'll play anywhere, but I think I'll play in centerfield,"

Akers said. "We have a young outfield since all three outfielders from last season are gone."

Still, the team is deep in all other areas, including a pitching staff that boasts All-American Dewon Brazleton, who's only a junior.

They'll need that depth as a new addition to the Sun Belt Conference.

February baseball means different things to different players. For Professional players in

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Raiders drop ninth straight

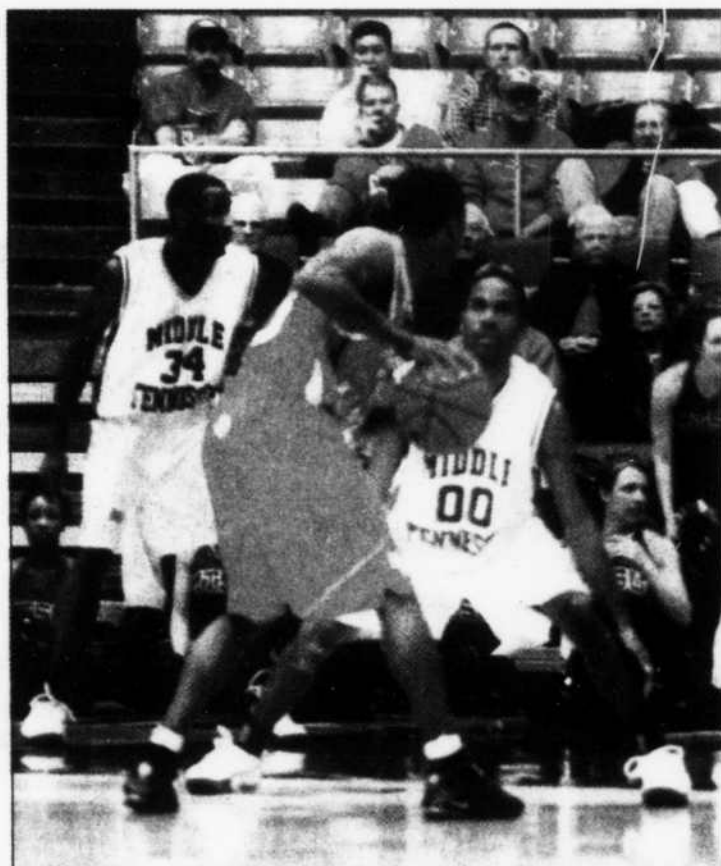


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Middle Tennessee lost their eighth and ninth straight games this weekend. See page 8 for the story.

Lady Raiders cage Golden Panthers, extend streak to 3

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders are the second hottest team in the Sun Belt Conference behind Louisiana Tech.

Middle Tennessee charged through the second half of Saturday afternoon's game, winning 78-63. It was the third straight loss for the Golden Panthers, in the midst of a tough road swing.

Paula Pentilla hit three three-point baskets, finishing four-for-five from the field in the first half. The sophomore finished the game with a career-high 20 points.

Senior Kelly Chastain was able to make four steals in the half. The Lady Raiders shot 11 of 29 (38 percent) while the Golden Panthers went 13 of 30 from the field (43 percent).

"I told them not to have any regrets after this game is completed," head coach Stephany Smith said at the break. "(I told

them to) leave everything we have out on the floor and dive after loose balls, that is something we didn't do in the first half."

The teams matched baskets in the first ten minutes of the second half. Middle Tennessee (12-10, 5-6 Sun Belt) then went on a 10-3 run over the next four minutes, led by Thomatis with five points.

The Lady Raiders got key scoring down the stretch from junior Jamie Thomatis, scoring 15 of her game-high 21 points in the second half. The Lady Raiders also capitalized on their free throws, hitting 7 of 8 down the stretch and 21 of 29 for the game.

Four players scored in double figures for the Golden Panthers, led by Ivelina Vrancheva with 17 points. FIU's leading scorer, Gergana Slavcheva, was held to 10 points, including 0-for-5 from three-point range.

Middle Tennessee will take a few days off, before preparing for their game next Saturday against Arkansas State. ♦

"I told them not to have any regrets after this game is completed"

- Stephany Smith

THURSDAY

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at South Carolina
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Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders vs. Indiana St.
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SATURDAY

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Lady Raiders at Clemson
Clemson, S.C., 10:30 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at Furman
Greenville, S.C., 10 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at Mississippi
Oxford, Miss., 1 p.m.
