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AD search committee outlines plans, goals

By Mark Emery
Staff Writer

MTSU President Sidney McPhee and two members from search firm Baker, Parker and Associates met yesterday with the athletic director search committee to discuss expectations of the next AD and how long the process will take.

McPhee started the meeting by telling members of the committee what their roles will be in the process.

"I want you [members] to understand this is not a selection committee," McPhee said. "I am not asking you to serve the role of selecting the next athletic director."

The final decision will be up to McPhee. The committee's job will be to interview the candidates and tell McPhee what they think of each person.

McPhee outlined some of the characteristics he will be looking for in the next athletic director, including increased fund raising, a priority on academics and good public relations skills.

"We aren't going to be able to get Jesus Christ," McPhee said jokingly. "Nobody's perfect, but it would be nice to get his brother or sister."

Laurie Wilder, vice president at Baker Parker and Associates, told the committee why the firm is qualified for the task of identifying adequate candidates for the job. Baker-Parker has recently conducted AD searches at Washington, Georgia and Nevada-Reno, and the firm also conducted the 2001 AD search for MTSU that ultimately resulted in the hire of Boots Donnelly.

Wilder also mentioned the firm is currently in the process of finding an athletic director for Ohio State University.

"We are very pro-active," Wilder said. "I think the background work we do is very important to the process."

Wilder then asked each member of the committee what he or she wanted to see in the new athletic director. The responses varied from fund raising to someone who could be a problem solver.

Mike Sandler, co-owner of Neill-Sandler Automotive Group, talked about getting a person who would want to stay at the university for a long time. Sandler did not want someone who was going to use this job as

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Tuition increase likely, no figures set

By Kristin Hall
Editor in chief

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is anticipating another tuition increase this year, but it's still too early to set a figure.

At this year's State of the State address, Gov. Phil Bredesen asked higher education to maintain budgets at the

current level, despite annual increases in insurance, salaries and other operating costs.

"As long as the governor is asking higher education to hold the line on state appropriations, the only other revenue source we have to turn to is student fees unfortunately," said Russ Deaton, director of fiscal analysis at THEC.

Between the years of 1992-

2004, the percentage of revenue coming from tuition and fees has increased from 33.9 percent to 49.8 percent, according to THEC fiscal analysis. Tennessee ranks near the bottom (No. 43) for state appropriations to higher education over a 10-year period.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee said that universities in the state have had to maintain

current budgets without increases in state appropriation for the last couple of years. In 2003, Bredesen asked higher education to cut \$100 million from their budgets.

"I would hope for the sake of our students that it is not in the double-digits, but the last five years we've increased tuition probably by an average of a double-digit," McPhee said.

The silver lining in this cloud, Deaton said, is the almost \$127 million for capital maintenance and capital outlay on several campuses in Tennessee.

"That's a very significant investment that the legislature and the governor made," Deaton said.

Many faculty and students

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Where it's at



Photo by Jay Richardson | Photo Editor

The Urban Music Society will host a master of ceremonies battle tonight at 9 p.m. at the Cyber Café. The winner will receive \$100 and a free slot of studio time at Herringbone Records in Nashville.

Masters of ceremonies to battle for cash, studio time

By Katie Garland
Staff Writer

Who is the best master of ceremonies that MTSU has ever seen?

Students will have a chance to find out tonight. MTSU's Urban Music Society will be holding an "MC Battle."

The contest will be held at 9 p.m. in the Cyber Café and is open to anyone at the cost of a \$5 entry fee.

The prize for winning the contest is \$100, plus an opportunity to record a track in a studio at Herringbone Records in Nashville, according to Sara Ellis, head of publicity for the Urban Music Society.

"Artists like Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn have recorded there," Ellis said. "It's a pretty amazing place."

Two MTSU students known as DJ Breezye and DJ J Roc will host the Battle.

No admission will be charged for

those watching the event.

However, Thursday night's event is not the first urban music battle to take place on campus.

The first "MC Battle" held at MTSU actually took place two years ago, according to Christina Walatkiewicz, the president of the Urban Music Society.

"The event went really well,"

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Moratorium proposed for online courses

By Sandi Van Orden
Staff Writer

A proposed moratorium on the creation of online classes should not affect students already seeking degrees through the Regions Online Degree Program, a university official said.

"I don't think it's going to affect them [students] that much," said Greyson

Billingham, the coordinator for correspondence studies. Billingham said that any classes currently being developed would be electives.

While the moratorium may not hinder current RODP students it could reduce availability for future students.

"If it were to pass it would definitely limit student access to online learning," said Dianna Rust, director of academic out-

reach and distance learning.

State Senator David Fowler filed a bill in early February to prevent new online courses from being developed. If the bill is passed it will take effect July 1.

The moratorium would prevent future online courses in all of the state college and university systems until the oversight committee on education approves plans submitted by the systems to prevent course dupli-

cation.

"I'm not telling them how to do it," said Fowler.

Fowler said that it would be up to the individual programs to make restrictions.

"Every university offers English 1010 - that's not duplication," said Rust.

Rust also said that Fowler could have knowledge of a

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A statewide appeals system would be created by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission where student grievances could be redressed.

It also proposes that students have the right to be graded based solely on the basis of their knowledge of the subject matter and not be subjected to discrimination based on their belief structure and for student activity money used for speakers to be used on a "viewpoint neutral basis."

Finney said this isn't about keeping professors from addressing controversial sub-

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Student Government Association candidates kick off campaigns



Paul Fulcher
Presidential Candidate
Sophomore
Business Administration
Alpha Gamma Rho, Raider Republicans

"I've been a senator for the last two years. I've written more legislation than anybody. I want to get different organizations on campus involved."



Blake Pearson
Presidential Candidate
Junior
Political Science
SGA Senator, Liberal Arts

"I want to work on [campus] safety, so you don't have to worry about getting harassed in the parking lot in any manner. You shouldn't have any worries when you're on campus."



Clay Kennedy
Executive Vice President
Candidate
Senior
Geoscience
Sigma Nu, Raider Republicans

"I want more power given to the students on issues they care about."



Meagan Flippin
Vice President of Public
Administration Candidate
Sophomore
Political Science/Public
Relations
Alpha Delta Pi, Raider
Republicans

"I'd like to make the campus more aware of what the SGA does."



Jon Harper
Election Commissioner
Candidate
Junior
Aerospace
Raider Republicans, Golden
Key Honor Society

"I would like to see more people vote in the election because we really don't have the support of the students."



Apryl Clark
Election Commissioner
Candidate
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"As election commissioner, I can be more involved on campus and help make sure the elections run smoothly."



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Tuition: MTSU not slighted, McPhee says

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were hoping for budget approval for planning funds for a new science building on campus, which was not included this year. Much of the funds were appropriated to the University of Tennessee system, as Bredeesen said that he wants UT to be the flagship university in the state.

However, McPhee said he doesn't think MTSU was slighted in this year's budget.

"We weren't left out by intent or design or anything to

do with the governor's comments about UT," McPhee said. "There is a process in which both the TBR and the UT has a ranking of projects. We are not being left unattended to."

McPhee said that it's his job to make sure the university gets the funding it needs, whether its through the state budget or special grants from the legislature.

"I believe that Gov. Bredeesen is in support of education in general," McPhee said. "But he's having to make tough decisions because of TennCare." ♦

Battle: Society to accept last minute entries

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Walatkiewicz said. "We contacted underground MCs and rappers to participate."

However, during a musical event held at the Cyber Café, a guitar was thrown through a window and such events taking place in the café were stopped.

Therefore, this year's "MC Battle" is the first event to be held at Cyber for some time.

"If this event goes really well, there is no security issues and nothing is broken, then they are going to start holding an open mic night in there from now

on," Walatkiewicz said. "So we're trying to make sure everyone comes out to support the event and they're well-behaved and that they have a good time."

Furthermore, the event is meant to be more than an opportunity for a student to simply win a title at MTSU. Rather, the prize is intended to provide the winner with an "Artist Development Package."

"It's \$100 to put toward whatever cost you need to," Walatkiewicz said. "We want whoever wins to be able to focus on their music and get their music out there."

The mission of the Urban Music Society is to ultimately "build up the urban music community in Nashville."

"It's very underground right now," Walatkiewicz said. "We are trying to make it just as prevalent in the music scene as country is or rock is."

The point of the MC battle and prize package is to give artists a real experience in the urban music world.

"We don't have cussing. You can't say anything that you couldn't say FCC regulated on the radio," Walatkiewicz said. "They have to actually rap

about something intellectual, so it really challenges them as MCs."

So far only about six people have signed up to participate in the contest, however, Walatkiewicz is not worried about low participation.

"Most people sign up at the last minute," she said. "If you are interested in signing up last minute, bring five bucks and show up at the Cyber Café at 8:30 p.m. or e-mail us at urban-musicsociety@yahoo.com." ♦

Bible translation aims for younger readers, replaces terms like 'man' with 'people'

By Daina Pretzer
Staff Writer

A new Bible translation aimed toward 18-34 year olds may make reading the Bible easier and less male-dominated than previous translations.

Zondervan Publishing, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, released the newest translation of the famous book earlier this month. The new version, called "Today's New International Version," uses more gender-neutral terms than the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek languages used in the original Bible. The TNIV also is intended to be a little clearer in language use.

"They constructed it so that it's accessible," Bene S. Cox, a professor in the English department, said. "The pages are not flimsy, the language is modern, [and] in any edition the page number is going to be the same."

Cox, who teaches the course, "The Bible as Literature," said that most scholars agree on what a good version of the Bible consists of: it is readable, reliable and replicates the textual meaning without sacrificing readability.

"There's a lot in our culture today that's making people interested in reading the Bible,"

Cox said. "We have global concerns involving religious differences and similarities."

One of the most popular and well-known versions of the Bible, the New International Version, is almost 30 years old, published in 1978. The King James Version is nearly four centuries old, its finishing date was in 1611.

The most recent, according to Cox, is The Message in 2002, a "thought-for-thought" translation.

With nearly one hundred different English translations of the Bible, it can be hard to decide which one to read.

"The TNIV is also targeted for a very specific audience, and to respond to a cultural shift toward inclusiveness of women," Cox said. "So the term 'man' has been replaced by inclusive terms like 'people' or 'humans' when the generic term is needed to include both sexes."

"It does not, however, elevate the women's status any more than original texts," she said.

Some may question as to whether the gender-neutral terms change the meaning of the Bible, but Sarah Johnson, director of Women's Outreach at Raiders for Christ, disagreed.

"I don't think the meaning of

the text has been changed," Johnson said.

"It's obviously a wonderful thing if we can take down those barriers," Johnson said. "If there are women who have a preconception of the Bible being male-orientated, with the language being as inclusive as possible, [it] might go a long way in bridging gaps."

"I think more people will read it because it's been translated into a modern form of English that's readable," said Josh Dowdy, a junior aerospace major. "I could understand it without a minister translating it for me." ♦

One Mic, One Voice



Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer

Sass and The Acoustic Revolution play at One Mic, One Voice in the Tennessee Room at the James Union Building Tuesday night. The event was held to raise money for tsunami victims.



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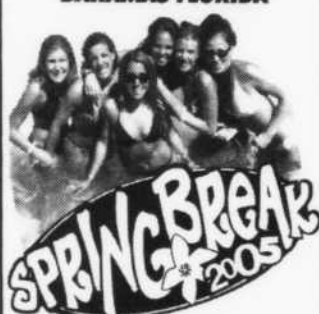
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Rights: Bill creates statewide appeals system

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jects in the classroom or even criticizing and debating the subjects, but that "it's not the place of the college to tear down other people's faith" and that students should not face mockery or derision because of their beliefs.

"This is neutral in its effect. It protects both liberal and conservative students, religions and non-religious, Democrat and Republican," Finney said.

The notion of the pendulum swinging both ways is about the only thing that Finney and Alfred Lutz, associate English professor, agree on.

"This is not even a bill that would only be dangerous to left-wingers," Lutz said. "You could be a right-wing or a conservative teacher, and you could get in trouble."

Lutz said that such a system leaves professors open to undue criticism and that students already have campus-based avenues to complain if they believe they were graded or treated unfairly.

"The bill seems to want to make it possible for students to turn in professors if the student believes that his political or religious beliefs have somehow been offended, and that's not what academic freedom is all about," Lutz said.

"What academic freedom in the student context means is that the student has the right to have his or her work based on professional criteria determined by the particular discipline," Lutz said. "And if the student doesn't believe that has happened, the student has all kinds of avenues to complain."

The MTSU Student Handbook does provide for grade appeals. Students who disagree with their final grade are encouraged first to address the situation with the instructor. If the impasse is not resolved, students may go to the department chair for advisement and to get a recommendation on the appeal, which must be filed with the Records Office within 40 days after that semester's graduation.

The appeal is heard by the Grade Appeals Committee, which is made up of students and faculty. The committee's decision is final.

The proposal under consideration in the legislature "aims to take that process out of the academic context and into the political and religious context," Lutz said.

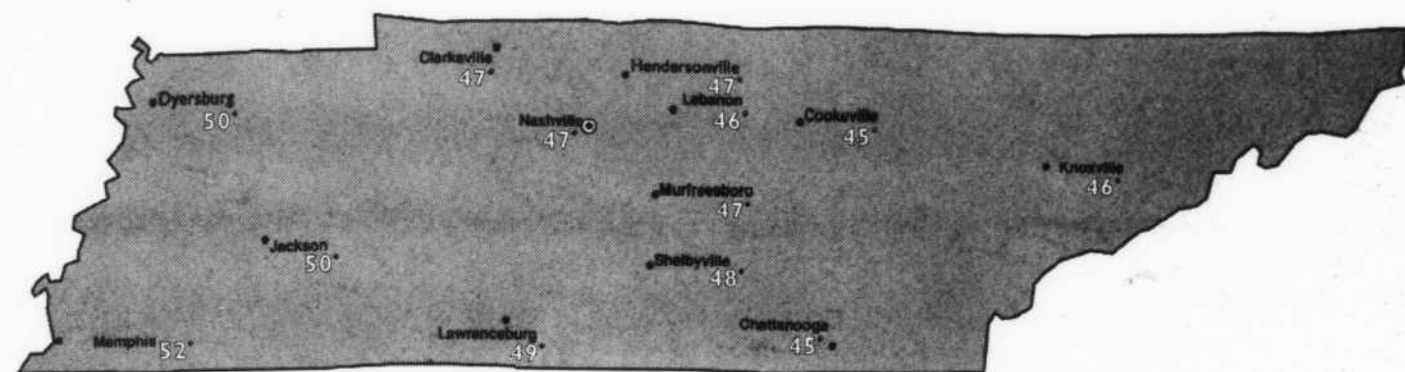
On its Web site, the American Association of University Professors has weighed in, saying that measures such as these — being considered in several other states as well as in Congress — "challenge the political independence of colleges and universities."

"Whether the issue is the choice of assigned texts, the structure of a curriculum, scholarly review of a colleague's work, or invitations to guest scholars or speakers, keeping political controls out of the classroom is key to the protection of academic freedom," the AAUP asserted.

The Senate version will be heard by the Senate Education Committee, while the House version — House Bill 0432 by Rep. Stacey Campfield, R — Knoxville — has yet to be assigned. ♦

Tennessee Weather – Thursday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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Online: Bill aims to end duplication of classes

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problem in the system that she is unaware of.

"What I was told last spring was that there is nothing in place to prevent duplication," Fowler said.

Fowler said he did not know how large of a problem there is with duplication of classes, but that the bill he has proposed is to bring those problems to light.

The MTSU Faculty Senate has sent a response regarding

the moratorium.

"We did respond to that proposed legislation saying that we did not agree," said Daniel Pfeifer, Tennessee Board of Regents faculty sub-council representative.

The response to the bill stated that there are regulations currently implemented for RODP classes, and the bill may hinder individual classes offered by MTSU.

"The quest for the elimination of duplication assumes that

all on-line courses on a particular subject are created equal...they are not," according to the response. "This assumption is particularly dangerous in regard to intro and prerequisite level courses."

There are currently 596 MTSU students enrolled in RODP classes, according to Billingham. The program offers B.S. degrees in Liberal Studies and Professional Studies, and Masters in Education and Science in Nursing.

The halt on new online classes comes while some students have asked for more choices.

"Students want more online classes," Rust said.

Currently there is not a hearing scheduled on the bill.

Fowler said that he will be speaking with officials from the TBR to see if they have created a way to prevent duplication.

"If what they have done is adequate there will be no need to pursue the bill," said Fowler. ♦

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From the Editorial Board Bill restricts professors, bolsters political division

The student bill of rights proposal seems like a scheme Sen. Raymond Finney and his fellow conservatives came up with to hack away at the freedoms administrators and professors currently have over curriculums.

Part of the Senate Bill 1117, sponsored by Finney, states that students "have the right to expect that their academic freedom will not be infringed upon by instructors who create a hostile environment toward their political or religious beliefs or who introduce controversial matter into the classroom or course work that is substantially unrelated to the subject of study."

Don't get us wrong. The editorial board is all for student rights. In fact, we're rather fond of our right to be exposed to all kinds of information, both controversial and tame, liberal and conservative. We like to think of it as our right to get a balanced, expansive education.

The truth is the truth, even if it might offend someone. For that matter, any student who feels the curriculum in a class is inappropriate or a grade is unfair can take it up with an administrator. This is a right we already possess.

Getting the state involved in what examples a professor can use to demonstrate a point or which work of literature would be suitable is both ineffective and slightly offending. Why does a state legislator think he or she has any right to determine what a professor can or cannot say in class?

What is most offending about this proposed bill is that it could effectively silence all controversial debate on campus, no matter what political persuasion. Clearly, there is a deep-seated belief within the conservative ranks that universities are filled with liberal intellectuals just waiting to fill naïve, young minds with communist propaganda. If this bill isn't a thinly veiled attack against liberal professors, then its only other purpose is to further bolster the political divide in this country.

What we need to break down those barriers between red and blue states is conversation and discussion, not McCarthy-like legislation. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Academy making much noise over comedian's comments

A storm of inane proportions is brewing over this year's Academy Awards ceremony, one that's stirred up more than a couple people.

Participating in an *Entertainment Weekly*, comic Chris Rock, who is to host this year's Oscars, took his share of shots at the annual awards show, quipping, "Come on, it's a fashion show. No one performs; it's not like a music show. Nothing against people who aren't straight, but what straight guy that you know really cares? Who gives a f—k? They're clothes. What straight black man sits there and watches the Oscars? Show me one."

Soon thereafter, several members of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences (which runs the Oscars) called for Rock to be pulled from the show, crying that Rock's aggressive, profane style of humor would "tarnish the reputation of the Academy."

Gil Cates, producer for the Oscars, stepped in and called for the media and the Academy to calm down. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation even stepped in to defend the comedian, stating "Chris Rock isn't making fun of gays — he's poking fun at the Oscars."

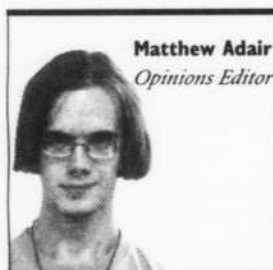
"Chris' comments over the past few weeks are meant to be humorous digs at a show that some people, obviously including Chris himself, think may be a bit too stuffy," Cates said, in a statement.

You're telling me. While the Oscars remain the highest rated show for the night they are broadcast, the ceremony's actual score has been dropping for years, only recovering in the last year by drawing in 43.5 million viewers.

Still, whether you like him, or want to wring his neck, Rock could give the Oscars enough of a shot in the arm to draw in younger viewers. Cates is hoping that viewers will crack a smile (or, at least, a grin) as Rock deflates the self-inflated ego of the Academy, and I can't help but think that at least some of them will.

After all, folks, relax: it's just a show. ♦

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Matthew Adair
Opinions Editor

Attempt at reform harms families

Imagine this scenario: A study comes out stating that nearly half of all bankruptcies are due, at least partially, to medical costs. Seventy-six percent of these people had medical insurance when they became ill. Sixty-one percent of the group went without needed medical care, 22 percent cut back on their food consumption and nearly a third had one or more utilities turned off.

Quit imagining. These are the findings from a Harvard University study of bankruptcies filed in 2001. Considering that the cost of medicine is skyrocketing (a big part of the reason why TennCare is eating up a larger and larger chunk of state revenues), one could think that price controls and a demand that an industry that spends nearly as much on marketing as it does on research and development, according to an *Adbusters* article from December 2003, should stop gouging customers, wouldn't be

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

too much to ask.

Apparently not, at least, if you're a Republican. You see, there are plenty of Grand Ol' Party members who really do care about their fellow humans, even if their brand of tough love seems abhorrent to socialists, the far left and the rest of the world.

But in the wake of this stunning news about the nature of bankruptcy in the United States, Senate Republicans — including our own Dr. Bill Frist — are again pushing legislation that would make it harder for folks to file bankruptcy.

On its face, this is fine. One look at the number of bankruptcy

lawyers advertised on television suggests something needs to be done about people who supposedly hide behind these laws.

The Republicans have been up to this for years, but have been stopped by what Sen. Charles Grassley, R — Iowa, called "the poison-pill abortion amendment" in the Feb. 10 issue of *The San Bernadino County Sun*.

This amendment included a specific clause that would keep abortion clinic protestors who knowingly violate the law, and are subsequently sued from declaring bankruptcy, and it has consistently kept these reforms from passing.

And because the GOP wants to keep its firebombing constituency intact, its members have been forced to vote against the amended bill. Now, the bill is progressing without the amendment, and a Harvard law professor and bankruptcy expert is pleading with Congress not to ignore her study's findings.

"Overwhelmingly, American families file for bankruptcy because they have been driven there largely by medical and economic catastrophe, not because they want to go there," Elizabeth Warren told *The San Bernadino County Sun* in that same issue. "Your legislation should respect that harsh reality and the families who face it."

Yet, Grassley has publicly dismissed the study as a myth.

So here's the gist: Republicans want it to be tougher to file for bankruptcy, but balk when Democratic congressmen want the same standards for those who commit crimes and perpetuate violence against abortion clinics as the everyday citizen whose only crime was getting sick in America.

Indeed, what a grand old party it is. ♦

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Accident emphasizes value of little things

Last Friday, my cousin was in a serious accident. While she was in the hospital, it made me think about how quickly everything can change, and how too many times people forget to appreciate the frailty of life.

In less than a second, life can change from relative ease to a fight to stay alive.

The events of last weekend have made me think of a few things that anyone can do to prevent overlooking the small things that can uplift people.

First, I must say that most of us need to open our eyes. There are days that the sky is a unique, vibrant shade of blue, and yet, how many times do people take the time to look up?

If, for some reason, looking to the sky doesn't help, then look at the trees, bushes and flowers around us. Spring is near, and soon there will be many wonderful colors as trees and flowers bloom.

After we have opened our eyes, we should consider listening. Laughter is a beautiful sound, even if the person laughing is a complete stranger. Although, it is nice to hear a friend laugh during a great conversation.

Speaking of conversations with friends, making sure that we are listening is extremely important.

Let's talk about what is around us that we can feel. We should take the time to put our feet in the grass. Then, enjoy the feeling of a favorite piece of clothing.

Maybe the next time it rains, we should take the time to feel the rain drops on our faces.

The taste of a favorite food is always nice. Not the hurried-up pace of eating that I know I get in to, but, actually enjoying the flavor of what is being eaten.

Sandi's Logic



Sandi Van Orden
Staff Columnist

Now that we have these things down, let's get creative. Try taking the approach of a child. There is a great curiosity and excitement that children seem to have, and many of us lose that as we get older.

I have found it amazing to see my neighbors' children play and create.

It is a nice thing to watch someone who has not been informed of limitations. To think and act as if there is truly nothing that can't be accomplished.

I realize that, in the life of a college student, things get busy. There are times when just getting ready for the tests, papers and multiple other assignments make it seem as if there isn't time to breathe, much less, do any of this other stuff that I've been talking about.

Well, there is time. There may not be much of it, but there is always a minute or so to take in what is around us.

Everyday is special.

So, when you finish reading this just stop for a minute to look around, because no one knows what may happen tomorrow. ♦

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Securing borders vital to strengthen homeland defense

If Republicans prevail in the Senate, illegal aliens will find it much more challenging to slip into the country via one of the nation's largest cities.

Reality Check



Justin Wax
Staff Columnist

Last Thursday, the House passed HR 418, better known as the Real ID Act. HR 418 will, at long last, designate authorities several key resources needed to enforce national security at the borders and beyond.

A key feature of HR 418 is the completion of a 14-mile-long border fence between Mexico and San Diego. Congressman John Doolittle, R — Calif., said, "It's no secret that Al Qaeda operatives recognize [the San Diego border's] weakness and seek to enter the U.S. through this porous southern border." According to Doolittle, the San Diego border offered the "preferred corridor for unlawful entry into the United States."

"The Real ID Act would deny driver's licenses to illegal immigrants by requiring applicants to provide proof that they are in the country legally," said Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis, R — Va.

Denying drivers' licenses to people who break the law to get here sounds like a no-brainer. But some states, such as Virginia and Wisconsin, had no such requirement before Sept. 11. This irrational provision guarded by state laws allowed 19 of the 9/11 hijackers to use 63 different drivers' licenses to rent cars, buy airline tickets and effortlessly slip into American society and under the radar of the FBI, before murdering thousands of Americans.

Of course, HR 418 is not the cure-all for homeland security. The bill still requires a thorough vetting by the Senate, and civil liberties must be protected. But HR 418 has the potential to be a promising harbinger of long-overdue homeland security reform, and the reform is being realized in the right places: the reduction of illegal immigration by strengthening the border, and the incorporation of a common-sense law that ends the government practice of rewarding lawbreakers by furnishing them drivers' licenses.

As the Senate debates which provisions to strip, it must adhere to the principled argument of Congressman Elton Gallegly's, R — Calif., regarding illegal immigration reform, "Failure to crack down on lawlessness has never made us safer."

Another item on the homeland security agenda is the renewal of the Patriot Act. The Patriot Act, unanimously passed by the Senate after Sept. 11, has potentially saved thousands of American lives by foiling a plot to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge, uncovering Al Qaeda cells in New York and Oregon, and preventing homicide bombings in malls.

How many terrorist attacks have been carried out in the United States, post-9/11?

Zero.

That figure tells you everything you need to know regarding President George W. Bush's bold leadership in the War on Terror. Taking the fight to terrorist playgrounds in Iraq and Afghanistan was the right course of action. As America continues to spread freedom and democracy around the world, let us resolve to encourage our leaders to keep taking the necessary measures to preserve liberty and democracy at home, especially when it comes to protecting our own backyard at the borders.

Ousting terrorist regimes and spreading freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq was a politically gutsy choice for the president and Republican-controlled Congress to make, because freedom always carries a tremendously high price tag.

Clamping down on illegal immigration is also politically dicey, yet it is imperative to national security. Reforming homeland security won't be instantaneous — just like democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan haven't been. But beginning the long, tiresome work is vital; the lives of our countrymen depend on it. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Professor right to publish opinion

To the Editor:

"While I do not agree with what you say, I will defend to death your right to say it." Ward Churchill's essay is something that he should be able to say and be able to say it without worry of a reprisal by his employer ["Republican propaganda suppresses free speech," Feb. 14.] The University of Colorado is a public institution and is owned by the public and therefore he has a right to state that opinion without fear of termination by the school. If it was a private entity, then they could fire him with or without free speech laws.

If this was such a problem, why didn't they do something about it when he published it back in 2001? No one seemed to have a problem with it until it got into the news. It seems to me that the University of Colorado is more worried about pleasing those who watch FOX News than those of us who want to protect the right of someone like Churchill. I'm sure you wouldn't like it if a professor gave you a bad grade on an essay because you expressed a different view than theirs.

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Lady Raiders wrap up road trip with two in Arkansas

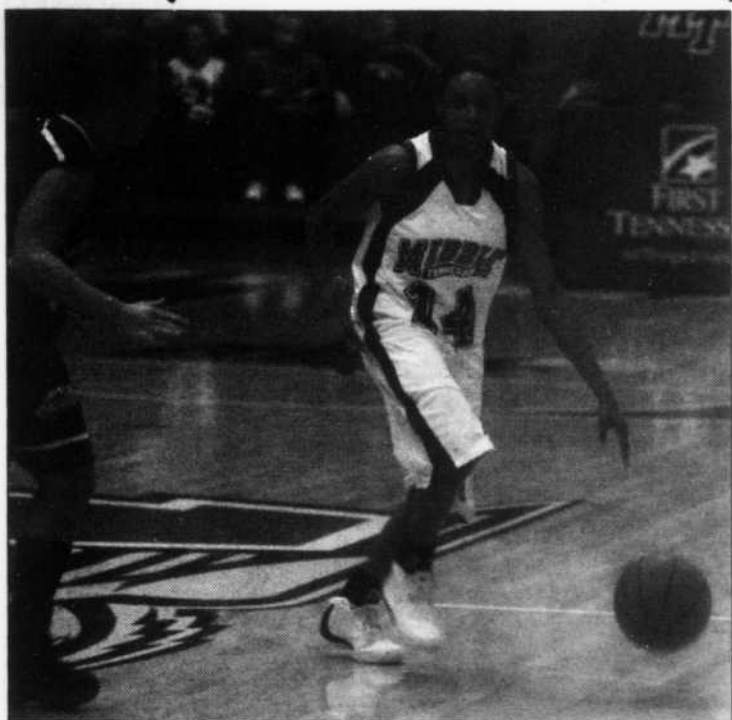


Photo by Jay Richardson | Photo Editor
Latoya Barclay and the Lady Raiders hit the road tonight.

By Jori Rice
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders continue on the road this week when they travel to Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State for two more Sun Belt Conference games.

MT will take on UALR tonight at Trojan Fieldhouse. Then the Lady Raiders will continue with ASU in the Convocation Center at Jonesboro, Ark.

MT (16-7, 8-2 SBC) is currently in second place in the SBC East Division, while UALR (9-14, 3-7 SBC) drops its record from a loss against Florida International last weekend.

In the middle of January, UALR suffered a 71-49 road loss at the hands of the Lady Raiders.

"UALR [has] good strength combined with their athleticism," MT head coach Stephany Smith said. "They will continue to get better and better, and they will be an unbelievably strong opponent."

The Lady Raiders have four players who

average in double figures. Senior Patrice Holmes averages 14 points per game to lead the team.

Junior Tia Stovall averages 13.2 ppg and is the leading rebounder with 5.6 per game. Sophomore Krystle Horton comes in with an average of 11.6 ppg.

Horton is second in rebounds with 5.4 and is also second in steals with 2.1 per game.

Chrissy Givens has made major contributions in the last seven games, scoring in double figures and having two back-to-back double-doubles. She currently averages 10.5 points and 2.8 assists per game.

Meanwhile, UALR has two players who average in double figures. Sophomore Jocelyn Love averages 16.9 ppg.

Also, senior Alicia Cash has an average of 14 ppg. Cash is also the Lady Trojans' leader in rebounding with 8.3 per game.

After the Lady Raiders play UALR, they will move on to the Lady Indians. ASU (15-5, 8-2 SBC) suffered a loss against the Lady Raiders 56-55 on Jan. 15. MT beat the Lady

Indians by one point, and ASU defeated FIU 62-51 by 11 points.

MT lost to FIU 55-66 last week, but ASU earned its first-ever season sweep of the Golden Panthers last Saturday night with a 62-51 victory.

"I am glad to pick up the win, and it keeps us alive from a Sun Belt standpoint," ASU head coach Brain Boyer told ASU Media Relations. "The way our conference schedule started with two losses in the first three games ... every game for us has been our Sun Belt Championship game."

Three different Lady Indians score in double figures, led by Adrienne Davie.

Davie averages 13.9 points and 9.9 rebounds per game.

Ali Carter scores 13.7 points per game, and leads the team in free-throw percentage (.888).

Rudy Sims averages 11.7 points per game and also averages a team-high 4.96 assists per contest.

Tonight's game against UALR starts at 7. ♦

Peterson born to succeed

By Katy Hamlett
Staff Writer

MT baseball head coach Steve Peterson inherited a hard work ethic, athletic build and bright blue eyes from his family. Though the origins of Peterson's love of baseball and passion for winning are a mystery, his development of these traits has led him through a successful coaching career, including 18 years at MT.

Peterson's easy going conversational style and mild southern accent may lead fans to the assumption the MT baseball coach grew up a southern good ol' boy. But Peterson's roots lie far from Dixie.

Born and raised in Chicago, Peterson played every popular sport, often times using the city streets for a playing field. But baseball was always the young athlete's game of choice.

"My mother said I was bleeding baseball ever since I was born," Peterson said. "I could not tell you why. My father wasn't a baseball player. I didn't have any relatives that played baseball. But baseball has always been my thing."

The Chicago environment gave Peterson plenty of opportunities not only to play baseball, but also to learn baseball from the pros. But unlike his neighbors, Peterson was never able to warm up to the Chicago Cubs.

"I can't tell you how many times I've been to Wrigley Field and Cubs games and sitting out on Waveland Avenue, catching fly balls and talking to players," Peterson said. "But I didn't like the Cubs because they always lost. They were dead losers back then, in last place all the time."

Peterson's desire to be part of a winning team was a passion he never outgrew.

"Winning is the American way," Peterson explained. "The most rewarding thing to this day is a win. I think you play a team sport to win. Winning has always been the greatest motivation for me."

Peterson knew he wanted to win in baseball but lacked an athlete role model growing up. The young, ambitious Peterson looked to pro players for winning techniques and inspiration. Bill Freehan, catcher for the Detroit Tigers and three-time national top 10 MVP, was a winner Peterson strived to emulate.

Peterson got a chance to meet his role model at an NCAA coaches' convention in the late 1970s.

"I get on stage, Bill Freehan had just taken the job as the head coach at the University of Michigan," Peterson said. "As soon I start talking, the first person I look at is Bill Freehan sitting in the front row. I just thought, 'What am I doing up

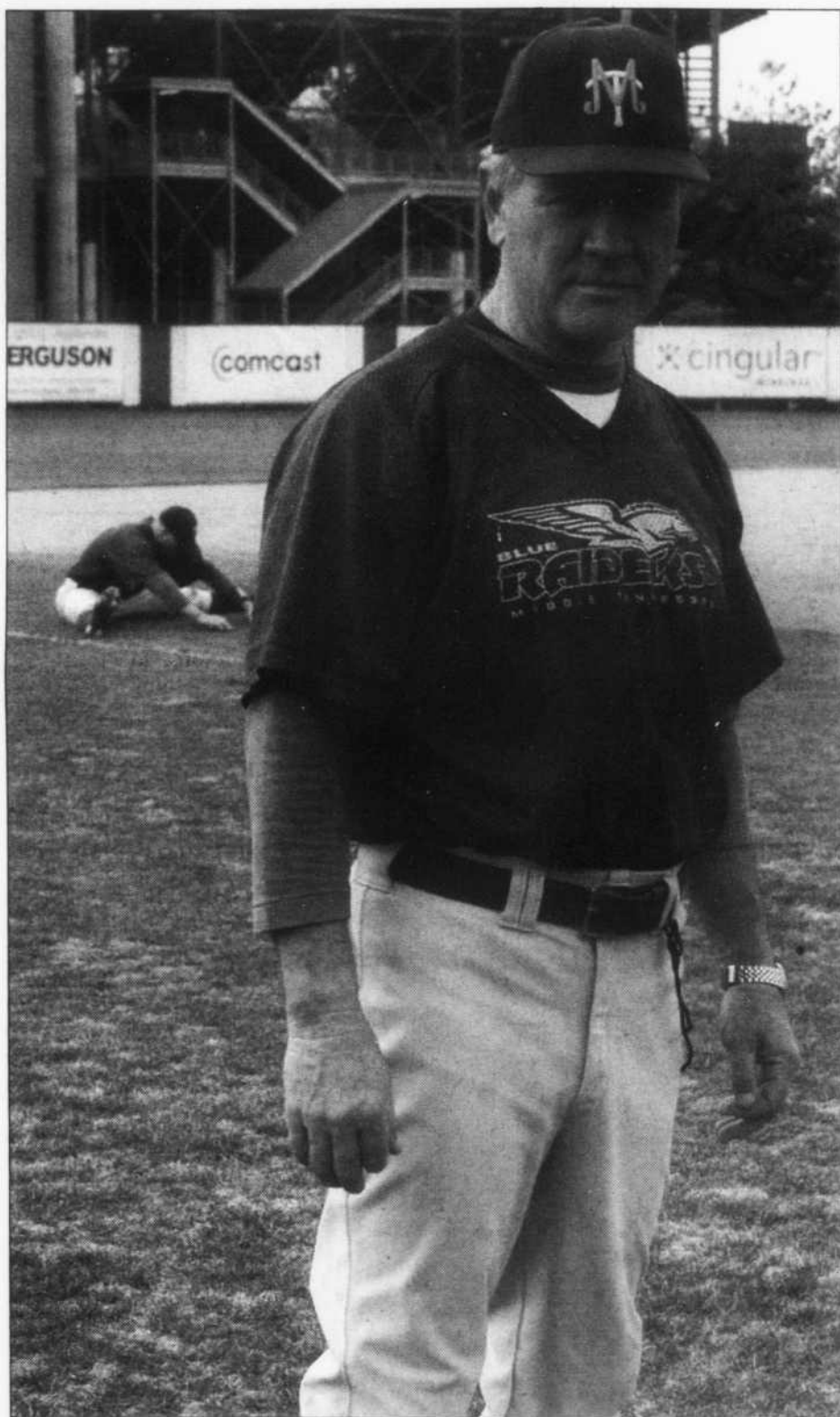


Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer
Head coach Steve Peterson is 542-426-2 in his 17 seasons with MT.

here?" He was my idol growing up in high school."

Peterson's motivation to be a winning athlete led him to pursue baseball through school. At age 14, Peterson's family uprooted to Alabama, a move that was vital in lining Peterson up for his coaching career.

"We moved from city streets to the end of a dirt road in Alabama, so it was a culture shock," Peterson said. "But it was probably the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

The move put Peterson in the hands of high school coaches who prepared the

teen for a college baseball career. After playing for Columbia State and later Jacksonville State, making the College World Series for both teams as a player, Peterson continued his career by coaching high school. After two years, his old

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Seniors prepare to go out in style

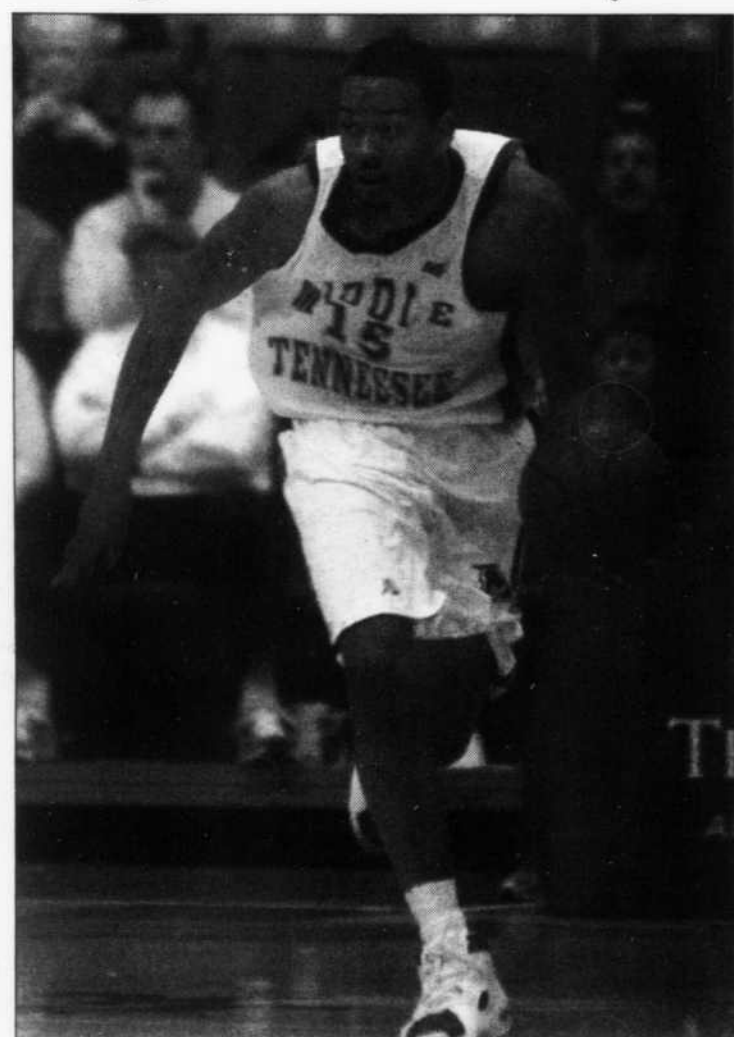


Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer
Mike Dean will play his final home game on Saturday.

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

Tonight the Blue Raiders will look to bounce back with the first of two key home games that will be the last for three seniors.

Last week the Blue Raiders defeated North Texas 79-64 at home Thursday before losing at Denver 83-71 on Saturday.

"We came out and had another good practice [Monday]," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "So [there's] still a lot of basketball left, everything still ahead of us, all of our goals. So hopefully, our team will have a very good last home weekend."

Tonight MT takes on conference foe Arkansas State. On Saturday night, they step out of conference against Big Sky leading Portland State in the "Bracket Buster" game.

For seniors Michael Cuffee, Mike Dean and Steve Thomas, these will be their final home games in their college basketball careers.

"That's going to be the last one in the Murph," Cuffee said. "I just want to make it a really memorable one. I'll just try to go out with a bang."

Dean has connected on 104 three-pointers in his Blue Raider career, three behind Nod Carter for fifth place in school history.

None of the three played an entire four years at the university. Dean and Thomas both transferred from the University of Georgia, Dean after two seasons, Thomas after three.

Cuffee played at Neosho County Junior College for two seasons before coming to MT.



Blue Raiders play in
Bracket Busters, p. 6

"Mike Dean has been very good for us," Davis said. "He's kind of had an injury-riddled two years. I think Mike is getting healthier and needs to play through some injuries at the end."

"Mike Cuffee has been a solid guy who continued to get better. Steve Thomas has just had a short time here. You hope that all three guys will go out on a positive note."

For Thomas, his short time here has been memorable.

"It's been lovely," Thomas said. "I can't complain about anything from the coaching staff, to the community and the fans. You couldn't ask for more, way more than I expected."

Aside from the seniors, Marcus Morrison is also garnering plenty of attention since earning a starting role. He was the leading scorer in the last two home victories over Florida International (a career-high 26 points) and North Texas (21).

Morrison also scored 10 points in a row to come back from a Denver seven-point lead.

"It is a difference between starting and coming off the bench," Morrison said. "When you start you've got to be ready to go from the jump. Coming off the bench, you get to sit back and watch and get a feel for the game. I'm happy with any role. I'm just trying to do everything to help my team win." ♦

Scion Giveaway Finalists Released

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee athletic department has selected the 20 students who are finalists to win a Toyota Scion this Saturday at the MT-Portland State men's basketball game.

Five finalists each were randomly selected from all students who attended football, men's basketball and women's basketball games. Five more at-large students were selected randomly as well.

Each of the finalists will receive a key, but only one will start the Scion.

Finalists for Scion Giveaway (in alphabetic order):

Kristen Lee Alford
Dustin Bryant Atkins
Marco Born
Brian Keith Bradshaw
Cory Dale Bransford
Paul Kelly Canady
Daniel Wentworth Cook

James Scott Davidson
Kearea Kristy Ellis
Stacy Lynn Flanery
Amber Rae Gollither
Katharine Lynn Krebs
William Walter Kriesky
Eric Larsen
Colin Patrick Martin
Brett McIntosh
Christopher Michael Odbert
Stephen Cantrell Smith
Brandon Thomas Swygert
Joseph Brett Whitmore ♦

Starting pitching key for Blue Raiders' success

By Jonathan Hutton
Staff Writer

After working hard in the offseason, the Middle Tennessee baseball team is set to host Ball State in their much-anticipated 2005 season opener.

Middle Tennessee's biggest question mark for the season comes on the mound. All of the Blue Raiders' weekend starters from last year are gone, and the opportunity is now given to 14 pitchers on the MT roster who will have a chance to step up. As has been the case in the past, finding consistent pitchers will be a must for MT to have a chance for a three-peat.

"The first question I have to answer is how we are going to fill out our five starting pitchers," head coach Steve Peterson said in an interview on Tuesday. "I am very concerned with getting our starting pitching squared away."

Senior Eric Blevins will get the start in Friday's opener. In 2004, Blevins was 4-1 with a 3.83 earned run average in 17 appearances. Blevins has started only three games in his career and will have a major role this year.

Redshirt sophomore Chad Scott will start Saturday afternoon. As a freshman, the right-hander was solid out of the bullpen, and in 22 appearances he produced a 2.70 ERA in 40 innings of work, striking out 32 batters faced.

Starting Sunday will be another redshirt sophomore, Tyler Copeland. The left-hander made three appearances last year, going 1-1 after red-shirting in 2003.

The outfield will look a lot different than last season, as MT will replace two starters.

Playing center field will be University of

Tennessee transfer Todd Martin. Last summer, Martin played for the New Jersey Colts in the Atlantic Coastal League, where he batted .381 with seven HRs, earning him an all-summer team selection from www.SEBaseball.com.

Taking over left field will be freshman Nathan Hines. Hines was an All-Region player twice while at Oakland High School.

"Defensively our best guy is with Hines," Peterson said. "Our two best defensive outfielders are Martin and Hines."

Marcus Taylor returns with lots of experience at the right field position. Taylor started in 43 of his 49 appearances and batted .240 with nine home runs in 2004.

"On paper I could have a better outfield than I've had in the last couple of years," Peterson said. "Offensively, stealing bases, arm strength, all that stuff."

MT finds senior leadership in the infield. MT will replace first baseman Derek Phillips, who led the team last season with a .380 batting average, with Senior Josh Archer, a two-time All-SBC player. Senior Nate Jagers will replace departed third baseman Brett Carroll.

Senior second baseman Eric McNamee returns as well. McNamee was a first team all-SBC selection last season and had 86 hits and 71 runs scored, with a .364 batting average.

Another all-SBC member, Jeff Beachum, returns to play shortstop after starting all but one game last season. In 2004, Beachum batted .326 with a team-high 14 stolen bases. Sophomore catcher Michael McHenry wraps up the defense for the Blue Raiders. As a freshman last year,



File Photo

MT's Eric Blevins will start Friday's season opener.

McHenry started 20 times and played in 35 games.

"Defensively, this can be a very good club," Peterson said. "You win championships with pitching and defense."

Ball State travels to Murfreesboro this weekend to face the Blue Raiders in a three-game series to open up the 2005 season. In 2004, Ball State went 28-28. They have 18 lettermen returning from last season, including six starters and two starting pitchers.

"They have had top draft choices probably four

out of the last five years," Peterson said. "This is no northern team that doesn't know how to play. They are legit."

MT will look get off to a good 2005 season tomorrow night.

"Our first goal is to compete for the league championship," Peterson said. "That's an initial goal that stays with us up until midway through the season. My number one goal, no matter what, is always to win the SBC Championship." ♦

MT vs. Ball State

Projected MT starting lineup for Friday:

P Eric Blevins SR
1B Josh Archer SR
2B Eric McNamee SR
3B Nate Jagers SR
SS Jeff Beachum JR
CF Todd Martin JR
LF Nathan Hines FR
RF Marcus Taylor JR
C Michael McHenry SO
DH Chase Eakes JR

Pitching Rotation

Friday: Eric Blevins
Saturday: Matt Scott
Sunday: Tyler Copeland

MT faces Portland State in Bracket Buster

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team will play inside the "Glass House" for the final time this weekend.

Tonight, the Blue Raiders (15-10, 5-6 Sun Belt Conference) will take on conference foe Arkansas State at the Murphy Center.

This will be the second time that both teams will face each other this season. On Jan. 13, MT traveled to ASU and picked up a 70-68 victory. That was the last time the Blue Raiders defeated a team with a winning record.

"This year they have really good guard play and good inside play," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "They've lost more really close games as of late. They're as good as any offensive team in our league."

The Indians (13-11, 5-6) started the week with a 68-52 loss at Florida International on

Monday. ASU will be looking to end a four-game losing streak. Their last win was against South Dakota State, 88-61 Jan. 29.

ASU is led by Dewarick Spencer, who averages 19.2 points per game. JJ Montgomery, the other Indians' top scorer, did not play in the loss on Monday, however. Montgomery averages 16.1 ppg.

"We aren't focusing on just stopping them," MT guard Mike Dean said. "We're just coming out and learning to play defense."

Saturday night the final home game of the season will take place as part of the ESPN "Bracket Buster" series. The Blue Raiders will take on Big Sky Conference leader Portland State (17-6, 9-2).

The contest will be the final game for seniors Michael Cuffee, Mike Dean and Steve Thomas. The Vikings will take on conference foe Idaho State tonight.

PSU is led by the leading scorer in the Big

Sky, Seamus Boxley, with 20.4 points per game. Boxley is second in the conference with 7.7 rebounds per game.

"It's a very competitive league, and they're winning that league," Davis said. "You know they have to be a quality club."

This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools. Next year, as part of Bracket Buster policy, MT will make a return trip to PSU.

"They're playing really well right now," Davis said. "It's good that we get a chance to play kind of somebody from a different part of the country, and we go back there next year."

Both games will tip off at 7 p.m. at Murphy Center. Although Saturday's game is part of an event sponsored by ESPN, the ESPN networks will not televise the PSU game. ♦

Peterson: Detested school

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Columbia State coach informed Peterson of MTSU's open graduate assistant position.

"To be honest with you, I didn't even know what a graduate assistant was. Back when I played, there were no such things as graduate assistants," Peterson said.

"I just thought I was a college coach," he added. "I didn't even realize I had to go to school. And that was something I did not want to do, because I never was the greatest student. I didn't really enjoy the classroom that much."

But Peterson's love of coaching and baseball helped him stay motivated, and though he still cringes at the thought of sitting in a classroom, he eventually earned his master's degree.

Peterson coached at other schools, but his ties at MT eventually led him back to become the head coach of the Blue Raiders, where he has built the program into one of the campus's most community-supported sports.

"I never looked at coaching as a job. I don't work for a living, to be honest with you," Peterson said with a smile. ♦

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Leffew's Losers!

By Jon Leffew
Assistant Sports Editor

Rather than take advantage of the obvious this week and pick on the NHL (which I care absolutely nothing about) or Samari Rolle's wife (whom he cares nothing about), I think I'll give this week's award to a group of people from Knoxville.

No, one of Phil's boys isn't in jail again (yet). This week's award goes to none other than Buzz Peterson and the University of Tennessee basketball program.

In what was supposed to be a put up or shut up season, Peterson has led his group of thugs and bricklayers to an amazing 11-13 overall record and a 4-7 record in the SEC.

While I'll admit that I was a Buzz Peterson fan a few years ago, and I even liked his idea of taking away his players' practice jerseys a few weeks ago; he just flat out hasn't gotten it done. All this from someone who came from one of the most successful basketball programs in the nation, and played with the greatest basketball player in the history of the game!

However, Peterson's Vols have gone 58-55 in his tenure despite all of their best efforts to actually become a competitive team in the SEC.

The team always manages to defeat a few teams that are much better than them (see Florida this year and last) yet lose to teams that are much worse (see pretty much everyone else this season).

In an era when consistency is a must, this

team is quite possibly the worst I've ever seen.

During a recent visit to utsports.com, I couldn't help but laugh at Peterson's biography.

According to this Web site, Peterson has "built the Vols into one of the most exciting and dangerous teams in the Southeastern Conference while bringing energy and enthusiasm to Knoxville."

Dangerous, yes.

Because of their play on the basketball court ... highly doubtful.

Now, even though the Web site administrator apparently confused Peterson and women's head coach Pat Summitt, there are a few positives in Knoxville.

First, the Vols are consistently among the top three teams in the SEC in attendance and even compete on a national level in attendance numbers.

Secondly, once Shooter McFadgon graduates — er, uses up his years of eligibility, and the rest of the Vols actually start passing the ball to each other, this team has some talent. Throw in prep star Tyler Smith and the team may actually have a chance to move up in the talent-laden SEC.

And finally, at least Peterson doesn't beat up his wife on Valentine's Day. ♦

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Tennis Weekend Preview

By Clarence Plank
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders will fight for in-state bragging rights when they face off against UT-Chattanooga on Friday.

Middle Tennessee is coming off a 4-3 loss to No. 32 New Mexico and will be facing a Lady Mocs team that is looking for their first win of the season at 0-3.

MT senior Jennifer Klaschka and freshman Ann-Kristin Siljestrom are coming off an 8-5 upset of New Mexico's No. 4 doubles team Maja Kovacek and Iva Gersic.

Siljestrom has also been impressive individually, which prompted her move from No. 6 to No. 5 with her win against Louisville's Suzanna Gracanin 7-6, 7-5. Siljestrom, who is 4-0 in singles matches, was named the Sun Belt Player of the Week yesterday for her accomplishments.

Klaschka will also be looking for her fourth win in No. 1 singles play against the Lady Mocs. "I feel fairly confident going into the

Chattanooga match we'll do well," MT head coach Neil Stapp said. "Ole Miss, being ranked, will be a tough time for us."

The Lady Raiders will likely focus on continuing to win the doubles point while improving upon singles play. MT will practice Saturday in preparation for No. 58 Ole Miss at noon Sunday in Murfreesboro.

"I played for Ole Miss back during the '80s," Stapp said. "I know a little about them."

The Lady Rebels are 3-2 and are led by senior All-American Chloe Carlotti, who is 5-0 in No. 1 singles and 12-4 overall. Stapp, however, is choosing to focus on his team's performance instead of who's across the net.

"My philosophy is if the team plays hard, plays well," Stapp said. "The results will take care of themselves."

Depending on the weather, the Ole Miss match will be at the outdoor Buck Bouldin Tennis Center, but in the case of inclement weather, the Lady Raiders will play at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro. ♦

Men's team looks to continue hot streak

By Chase Williams
Staff Writer

The No. 45 Middle Tennessee men's tennis team hosts their final home matches of the month on Friday. The 6-1 Blue Raiders play host to the 62nd-ranked Hokies of Virginia Tech and Southern Illinois.

Virginia Tech is currently 4-1 on the year. They have wins over Liberty, St. Bonaventure, Austin Peay and Colgate. Their lone loss came at Penn State. The Hokies defeated MT 6-1 last season in Blacksburg.

VT's Albert Larregola has posted a 4-0 record in singles play this year, and teammate Arvid Puranen is just a step behind at 3-0. Although the Hokies do not have any individuals currently ranked, MT head coach Dale Short warned against taking VT lightly.

"Virginia Tech is a very dangerous team and much better than their ranking indicates," Short said. "They could present some problems for us."

Following that match, the Blue Raiders take on the Salukis of Southern Illinois (3-3). SIU is led in singles play by Rodrigo Lama's 5-1 record and Tomas Gonzalez, who is 4-1. The Salukis are not currently ranked, but Short is making sure his squad does not overlook SIU.

"[SIU] is similar to Belmont or Chattanooga," Short said. "We're just going to go out, not let our guard down, and play one position at a time."

The Blue Raiders are currently riding high: the team is on a four-match winning streak, and No. 72 Andreas Siljestrom garnered Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week honors yesterday.

"We feel pretty good about how we're playing right now," Short said. "Right now, we are just trying to improve every day and stay focused. Our goals are to win the Sun Belt and make the NCAA tournament. The team is not resting on its laurels because we feel that we have something to prove."

Friday's matches are set for 1:30 and 7 p.m. at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro. ♦

Search: McPhee wants new AD by July 1

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a stepping stone to move on to a bigger program.

This was the first meeting since the committee was announced on Jan. 23. McPhee said yesterday's meeting would be the only one until the firm

has narrowed the list of candidates to four to six.

In mid-March, McPhee will have a preliminary review of the list of candidates. He believes shortly after that they will have the list narrowed down to four to six individuals.

After the list has been short-

ened, the candidates will come to MT and go through the interview process with the committee.

McPhee said he would like to have everything wrapped up by no later than early April. He would like to have a new athletic director by the first of July or sooner, if possible. ♦

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Female looking for female roommate. 10 min from MTSU in a town house. Private bath, and walk in closet. \$350 including utilities. Needs to be neat. 584-0797, ask for Rachel.

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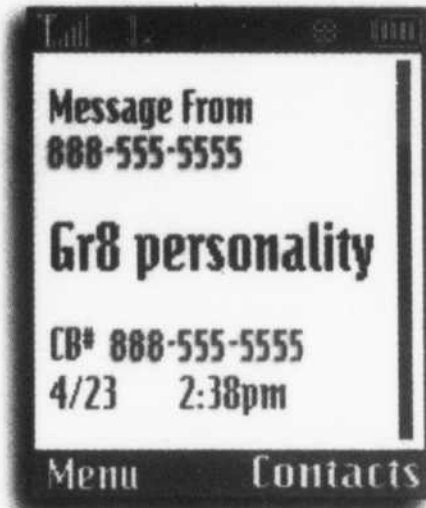
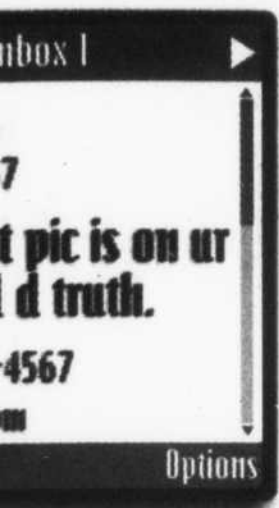
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