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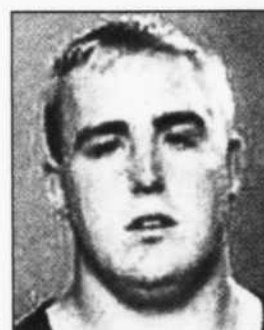
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State slights MTSU

Numbers show MT lowest funded Tenn. university

By Matthew Kelly
Police Reporter

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Middle Tennessee State University received less money per student from the state than any other four-year university in Tennessee for the 1999-2000 school year.

MTSU also received less state funding per student than all but two of its 10 peer institutions in other states, schools that Tennessee uses as part of its calculation to determine funding for MTSU.

In addition, during the 10-year period from the 1987-88 school year to the 1997-98 school year, per student spending in Tennessee dropped by

nearly \$1,500 when adjusted for inflation, according to the Southern Regional Education Board — more than in any of the 15 other southern states tracked by the SREB.

During the same 10-year period Tennessee went from being the third biggest spender per student — in terms of total operating funds — to being the fourth lowest spender, according to the SREB.

The amount of funding each college and university in Tennessee receives is determined by the Tennessee Higher

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Breakdown

State appropriation per FTE enrollment for FY 1999.

MTSU	\$4,506
Tennessee State	\$4,685
UT Martin	\$4,844
Austin Peay	\$4,878
East Tennessee	\$4,956
UT Chattanooga	\$5,243
Tennessee Tech	\$5,357
University of Memphis	\$5,920
UT Knoxville	\$6,449



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

Rebecca Conard teaches History 202 in this classroom in Peck Hall.

'This won't hurt a bit'



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

Amy McMillin did her best not to look as JoAnn Evans of the American Red Cross pricked her with a needle to draw her blood during the Alpha Omega Pi blood drive. The drive was held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Keathley University Center.

Greek Life director resigns

By Lindsey Turner
Assistant News Editor

Victor Felts, director of Greek Life, announced at Monday's "Future of Greek Life" meeting that he will be resigning May 23.

Felts — who has held the position for six years — said he will be accepting a dean of students position at Louisiana State University this summer.

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Felts said. "I really don't want to leave MTSU because I have a vested interest in the things we have accomplished and the plans we have for the future. But at the same time, this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Felts' decision came as a surprise to the entire Greek community.

"I was in complete shock," said Hilary Barkley, three-year member and president of Alpha Delta Pi, "but I'm happy for him because he did receive such a prestigious job. He's very irreplaceable and he'll be missed by everybody."

Felts will be a difficult act to follow, said Josh Pounders, president of Sigma Nu.

"We just hope to get someone who can fill his shoes, which may be tough to do,"

Pounders said.

Emma May, president of Chi Omega, said that Felts has been an impeccable advisor to the Greek community.

"He has brought so much to our campus and we have been so lucky to have him here," she said. "He has brought more recognition to our campus than ever imaginable. Vic is one of the best Greek Life advisors in the nation."

An interim director will likely be appointed to take Felts' place until a search advisory committee can be formed to identify possible candidates for his replacement.

"We're currently looking for someone to do it on an interim basis," Felts explained, "and we hope to have that person on board within the next couple of weeks. He or she will be able to come in and take over so there won't be much of a lapse in anything. All the things that are planned will go as scheduled so there won't be any disruption."

Felts will probably be an active voice in selecting the interim director, but he won't have a major role in selecting his permanent replacement.

No prospective candidates have been named, but the search will begin this summer. ♦

New Greek group pushing for safer drinking habits

By Pam Hudgens
News Editor

Greeks gathered on the lawn next to the Sigma Nu house Tuesday night to party. The theme — "Wet N' Wild." The beverage of choice — Kool-aid.

The non-alcoholic party was to promote GAMMA — Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol — a national organization that promotes responsible drinking and has a new chapter at MTSU.

"We're basically trying to get our name out," said Mike Finn, president of the six-week-old MTSU GAMMA chapter and member of Sigma Chi fraternity. "We went to all the sorority chapters and fraternity houses talking to Greeks about this party."

Victor Felts, director of Greek Life, presented Finn with

the idea of starting a GAMMA chapter at MTSU.

"GAMMA's a Greek organization for speaking out against binge drinking," Finn said. "People can have fun without alcohol."

One of his main motivations for being involved with the group, he explained, is the loss of friends in drunk driving accidents.

"GAMMA is a wise thing to have, and it shows that Greeks do care about each other," said Abby Blanks, a member of GAMMA and risk management chair of the Chi Omega sorority.

GAMMA members implemented their designated drivers program April 12 at Bongo Johnny's after All Sing. They drove students home as they were leaving the club. In the fall, the members plan to start a pager service with the same goal

in mind — getting Greeks home safely after a night of partying. Anyone can call the pager number and someone will come pick them up and take them home.

"This is a positive step for Greeks," said Jenny Clements, member of Gamma and the Chi Omega sorority. "It shows that Greeks do advocate good things."

Clements said GAMMA has held an interest meeting about joining the STARS program — a mentoring program at local high schools where groups go to the schools to speak out about alcohol.

Finn said he's planning to raise money in the fall through fund-raisers and the group will receive some money from the Student Activity Fee.

GAMMA has roughly 30 members now, but the group expects more to join as word

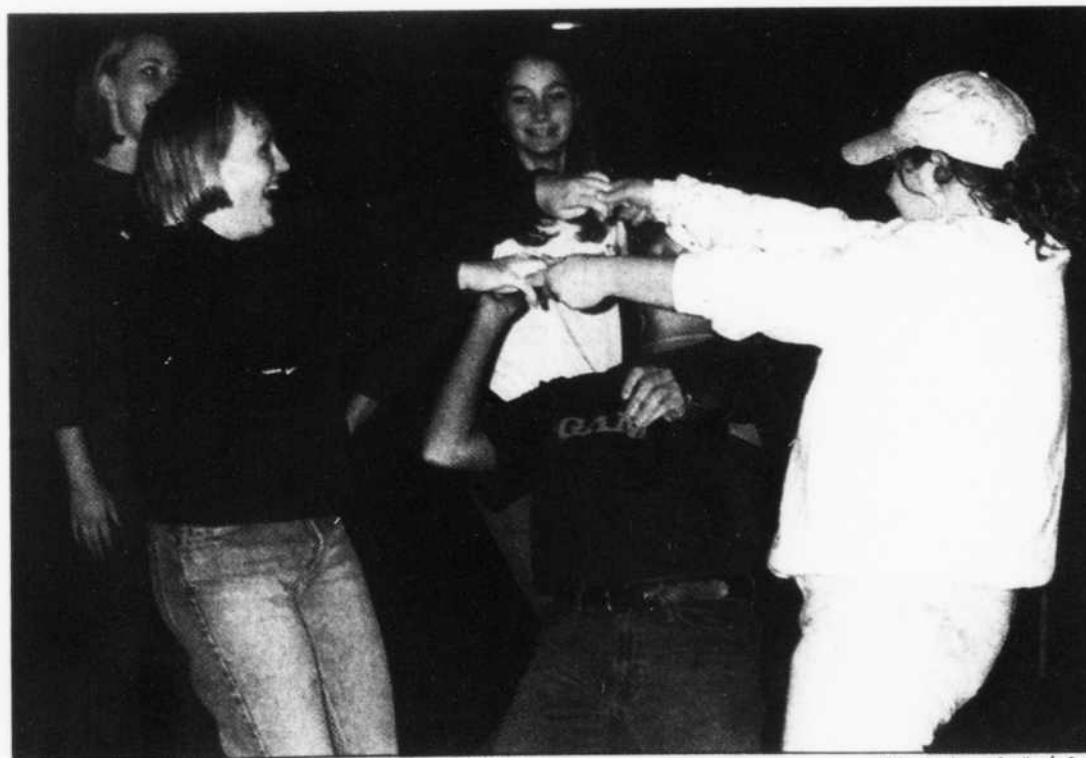


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GAMMA members formed a human limbo stick at the "Wet N' Wild" party next to the Sigma Nu house Tuesday night.

spreads.

Any sorority or fraternity member interested in joining

GAMMA can call Finn at 494-8749 or go to the meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the

Keathley University Center, Room 318. ♦

CRIME LOG

Compiled By Matthew Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department from April 14, 2001 to April 24, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Man arrested at KUC for criminal trespassing

April 18, 1:57 p.m. - Keathley University Center - A university employee called police and stated that a subject who had been barred from campus property was sitting in The Grill. Officers arrived and located Jackie Robinson Jr., whom they confirmed was banned from campus. They arrested him for criminal trespassing and also issued him another trespass warning. He was told not to return to campus without first getting permission from the Dean of Judicial Affairs.

Robinson, 18, of 9010 Lake Forrest Blvd. in New Orleans, was charged with criminal trespassing. He was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$500. Officers discovered that Robinson also had a juvenile petition on file for failure to appear and was consequently ordered held without bond on that charge. ♦

Intoxicated man on bike found unresponsive

April 19, 2:33 a.m. - West side of the library by Wood Felder Hall - An officer responded to the report of someone laying on the ground. When he arrived, he found a man laying face down on the sidewalk "with a bicycle between his legs." He was breathing, but was not moving and was unresponsive. There was blood coming from his head and mouth.

The officer identified the subject by his driver's license: Bennett Adam Finck. After the Rutherford County Ambulance Service arrived, Finck became more alert but was still disoriented. The officer could smell the odor of alcohol about him. Finck told the officer that it was his birthday and, as part of his celebration, he had consumed approximately 24 alcoholic beverages.

The paramedics determined that Finck needed medical treatment and transported him to Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Finck, however, refused to cooperate with hospital staff. He reportedly

vellied at the nurses and didn't allow them to complete a CAT scan, getting up and walking away while the CAT scan was in progress. The officer was advised by a doctor that there was nothing more hospital staff could do since Finck would not cooperate.

Finck, 20, of 9025 Jenny Lynn Drive in Chattanooga, Tenn., was charged with public intoxication. He was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$250. ♦

Student charged with DUI

April 20, 2:40 a.m. - North Tennessee Boulevard and Faulkinberry Drive - While on patrol on North Tennessee Boulevard, an officer observed the vehicle in front of him driving in an erratic manner. After he initiated a traffic stop, it appeared to him that the driver — later identified as Laura C. Lindsay — had been drinking. The officer had Lindsay perform some field sobriety tests, after which he determined that she was too intoxicated to be driving.

Lindsay, 28, of 1245 Graduate Lane in Murfreesboro, was charged with driving under the influence, first offense. She was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500. ♦

Driver leaves accident scene, leaves car behind

April 20, 12:33 p.m. - Greenland Drive parking lot - An officer was dispatched to speak with a student about a hit-and-run accident. The victim pointed out a large white scrape on the left rear quarter panel of her vehicle. The victim said that other damage on her vehicle was due to a previous accident. A witness had left a note on the victim's vehicle saying they had seen the car that collided with her vehicle.

The suspect vehicle was actually still parked in the space to the left of the victim's car. The officer collected broken glass that was on the ground between the two vehicles. He compared it to the broken right headlight on the suspect's vehicle and it matched. The officer then left a note on the suspect's vehicle for the owner to contact the police department.

A short while later, the suspect called the police

department and was advised that she needed to come speak with the officer. When she arrived she was read her Miranda rights, although she waived her rights and spoke with the officer. She said she heard a pop when she pulled into the parking space. She said she looked for damage on the victim's vehicle but since there were similar scratches on both sides of the victim's car she didn't think that she had caused any damage. She also stated she had not noticed her broken headlight.

The suspect was issued a misdemeanor citation for leaving the scene of an accident. ♦

Man caught taking dining truck for joy ride

April 21, 2:10 a.m. - Corlew Hall - While on patrol in the area of Second Street, an officer heard the squealing of a vehicle's tires. Upon further investigation, to the rear of Corlew Hall she found someone "doing doughnuts" (driving in circles) in the McCallie Dining Hall truck — a white Ford Ranger with a metal food box in the back.

When the individual saw the officer, he got out of the vehicle — leaving it running, and fled on foot. The officer gave chase and apprehended the suspect in the KUC parking lot.

Earnest D. McClain, 20, of 706 Marswen Road in Nashville, Tenn., was charged with theft of a motor vehicle and attempting to evade arrest. Since he is not a student or employee, McClain was also issued a criminal trespass warning. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$5,000. ♦

Domestic dispute leads to arrest for assault

April 21, 5:44 p.m. - Gore Hall - Two officers were dispatched to an assault that had just occurred. As they were going up the stairs to the complainant's room, a male subject — later identified as David Burnett — approached them and said that he was the person they were looking for. One of the officers stopped to speak with Burnett while the other officer went to speak with the complainant.

The female complainant told the officer that Burnett was her boyfriend. She said she told Burnett that things were not going to work out and it would be best if they didn't see each other anymore. Burnett then allegedly pushed her onto the bed and hit her several times in the face, chest, and arm. The officer saw physical signs that the victim had been assaulted.

Burnett, 19, of 309 17th Street in Nashville, Tenn., was charged with simple assault, domestic related. He was also issued a criminal trespass warning and told that he would be arrested if he returned to campus. Burnett was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office where bond was set at \$1,500. ♦

Student red light-runner arrested for second DUI

April 22, 3:50 a.m. - Baird Lane and East Main

Street - While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle run the red light as it turned onto East Main Street from Baird Lane, where there is a sign that states, "no turn on red." After following the vehicle a short way and observing it being driven in an erratic manner, the officer stopped the car at East Main Street and North Tennessee Boulevard.

The officer believed the driver was under the influence of an intoxicating substance and asked him to perform some field sobriety tests, after which the officer determined he was too intoxicated to be driving.

Lavene Jones III, 25, of 369 Crusade Drive in Murfreesboro, was charged with driving under the influence, second offense. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500. ♦

Two-year old falls from second floor window

April 23, 10:44 a.m. - Womack Lane Apartments - Officers responded to the report that a two-year-old child had fallen from a second floor window. Upon arrival, they found the child lying on her back and crying. They did their best to immobilize the child until paramedics arrived, although the child did not want to stay still. The baby did not appear to be bleeding anywhere, and the officers did not observe any breaks or abrasions.

Officers reported that the child, who is actually 1 year 10-months old, apparently climbed onto a bed that was next to an open window, leaned on the screen and fell 12 feet 6 inches onto the grass below. The child was at the apartment with her mother, who was baby-sitting for the resident.

The child was transported to the Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Hospital officials said that the girl sustained no serious injuries and, after being kept overnight for observation, was released the next day. ♦

Man steals parking boot, takes his vehicle back

April 24, 4:08 p.m. - Parking Services - An officer responded to speak with a Parking Services employee who stated that she had placed a boot on a Ford Explorer in the Library parking lot earlier in the day, but when she checked the lot at 3:45 p.m., both the vehicle and boot were gone.

The officer located the suspect's vehicle in the Scarlett Commons parking lot a few hours later. The suspect, identified as Michael B. McRee, told the officer that he had to go to class and did not have time to contact parking and have them remove the boot. He stated that he had planned to return the boot and pay his fines after he got out of class.

The boot was located in the trunk of a vehicle belonging to one of McRee's friends. The friend was issued a dean's citation for possession of stolen property.

McRee, 22, of 201 St. Blaise Court in Gallatin, Tenn., was charged with theft of property worth over \$500. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$3,000. ♦

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Education Commission which submits its recommendations to the governor who, in turn, submits a budget to the legislature. After debate in several committees and between both houses, a budget is eventually approved. In recent years, however, that final budget has funded higher education at only a fraction of what THEC has recommended.

In fact, if THEC's recommendation was fully funded MTSU alone would receive an additional \$14 million per year, says Duane Stucky, MTSU's vice president of finance and administration.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Tennessee has two systems of higher education, both overseen by THEC: the University of Tennessee system — comprised of UT Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, and UT Martin; and the Tennessee Board of Regents, which covers everything else — all the state's community colleges, and four-year institutions such as MTSU, Austin Peay State University, and the University of Memphis.

"Part of the statute that enabled THEC charges THEC with equitable funding for schools," says Bob Adams, THEC's chief fiscal officer.

In order to meet this goal, THEC has developed a formula to calculate funding recommendations for each school. A key tenant of the formula, as stated in THEC policy guidelines, is that it "provide recognition of differences in institutional role and mission."

"If the schools (governed by THEC) were set up like K-12 schools with the same curriculum, the same textbooks, the same classes at the same time" then such a formula wouldn't be needed, says Keith Williams, THEC's director of higher education budgets. "But every school in the state is different and the funding formula takes those differences into account."

UT Knoxville, for example, has a distinctly different mission than MTSU, says Williams.

"UT Knoxville is Tennessee's flagship institution," says Williams. "They are a 1790 landgrant institution, a major research hub for the state. Where

MTSU's mission is to provide as many people as possible with a good undergraduate education, the mission of UT Knoxville is to provide research and guidance."

The Formula

The first part of THEC's 13-category formula, which accounts for nearly 60 percent of the total funding recommendation, is that of instruction and academic support.

"The first thing the formula does is look at the credit hours that are being produced by each school by academic discipline," says Williams. "It costs a lot more to teach an engineering program than a history program, so those expensive programs are taken into account as the very first thing."

THEC takes the projected number of credit hours per discipline, divides it by a pre-established faculty/student ratio for that academic area and determines the number of instructors required. That number is then multiplied by the "average salary factor of peer institutions" to determine a dollar amount. Also taken into consideration are factors such as the number of graduate assistants, equipment and supply needs, and required clerical support staff.

Library funding is a separate part of this category and also takes into account similar spending at peer institutions.

The use and selection of peer institutions is not without controversy, however.

The remainder of the formula is divided among the following categories:

- maintenance and operation of the school's physical plant;
- institutional support — including the president's office, the budget and personnel offices, public information, catalogs, and campus security; student services — including admissions, records, the dean of students, financial aid, student health, and athletics;
- research;
- public service and continuing education;
- staff benefits;
- student aid;
- special allocations;
- desegregation;
- performance funding, which allo-

cates money based on an institution's ability to improve in certain performance areas;

- equipment replacement;
- and, inflation.

Each category uses a different formula to determine a dollar amount. The formula for campus security, for example, is based on the school's square footage adjusted for the urban or rural nature of the school's location. The student services category, on the other hand, uses a formula that corresponds to the number of students and the number of credit hours being taken at each institution.

The average amount of state money allocated per student at the state's four-year institutions for the 1999-2000 school year was \$5,302. At the low end, MTSU received \$4,878 per student. At the high end, UT Knoxville received \$6,649 per student.

The Board of Regents system received an average of \$5,091 for its 62,298 four-year students. The UT system received an average of \$5,652 for its 37,597 students.

These figures are calculated by taking the total state appropriation and dividing it by the fall 1999 full-time equivalent enrollment of each institution. FTE enrollment is determined by taking the total number of credit hours and dividing it by a full course load for the average student. Undergraduate credit hours are divided by 15 and graduate credit hours are divided by twelve.

Breaking the figures down in this manner has its critics, however.

"It has never been fair to take the total allocation, as the media as been wont to do, and divide it by the number of students," says former state Sen. Andy Womack, D-Murfreesboro. Womack, who left the Senate this year, spent the last six years as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and was vice-chairman for the six years prior to that.

"There is a disparity but there is a reason for it," says Womack. "It is not simply because the state legislature or because THEC sends more money to one school than another. It's because the student body make-up and mission of the schools is different." ♦

WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Pam Hudgens - News Editor

Ousted Philippine leader arrested on corruption charges

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Ousted President Joseph Estrada became the first Philippine leader to be arrested for alleged corruption in office, taken from his home Wednesday amid a tense standoff between police and thousands of his supporters. Estrada, who left office Jan. 20 amid mass street protests against him after a six-week impeachment trial stalled, left with police even as he defiantly maintained his innocence and insisted he never gave up the presidency. Hours earlier, the chief anti-graft court ordered Estrada's arrest on a plunder charge, which carries the death penalty although it is considered highly unlikely to be imposed here. ♦

Plane reaches South Pole on perilous flight to rescue ailing doctor

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) - With flaming debris marking an icy landing strip, a small plane fitted with skis completed half of its perilous journey to rescue a sick American doctor at the South Pole. After a 10-hour flight from the Rothera base on the Antarctic peninsula, the eight-seat Twin Otter became the first plane to successfully land at the Pole during the polar winter. The crew braved extreme winter conditions and flew through pitch-black skies as part of a swashbuckling effort to evacuate Dr. Ronald Shemenski, the sole physician among 50 researchers working at the Amundsen-Scott Pole Station in Antarctica. After arriving at the world's end Tuesday evening, the plane's crew - two pilots and an engineer - chose to remain for 10 hours to rest, refuel and assess Shemenski's condition. The plane flew out Wednesday afternoon and then bucked along on Antarctic winds far faster than expected. The plane passed its halfway point of "safe return" ahead of schedule and was speeding along on strong Antarctic tail winds, said Valerie Carroll of U.S.-based Raytheon Polar Services. ♦

China threatens retaliation against U.S. arms package for Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) - China responded angrily Wednesday to a U.S. arms package for Taiwan by threatening to scale back cooperation with Washington on arms control, a move that could blunt U.S. efforts to prevent Beijing from arming other countries. In a "strong protest" lodged with the U.S. ambassador to China, Vice Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said selling Taiwan submarines, destroyers and anti-submarine aircraft would "seriously impact" China-U.S. cooperation on preventing the spread of weapons and cause "destructive damage" to overall ties. ♦

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From the staff

Campus phones shouldn't show room numbers

It was brought to our attention recently that when using phones supplied by MTSU students' room numbers appear with their phone number and the residence hall they live in. While the numbers usually go unnoticed, someone who does notice could potentially have information to cause someone harm.

We want to know why room numbers appear on the caller I.D. in the first place. They're not crucial to the caller or the receiver, nor are they necessary. Yes, at times it is helpful to see a professor's office number when one calls them, but that can be looked up in the student directory.

This may not seem like a big deal to people, but it serves as a potential for danger. University phones are available everywhere on this campus, including this office. Anyone who uses a phone in a computer lab, front desk, office, etc. can find out where the person they're calling resides.

This is not safe and it's an invasion of privacy. There's a reason why the student directory doesn't list people's room numbers. There's also a reason why the front desks at residence halls aren't allowed to give out the room number of their residents to anyone who asks. We can't even print residents' room numbers in the Crime Log.

The danger also exists for those receiving phone calls. If someone receives a crank call and he or she knows the caller's room number, retaliation is a possibility that the caller probably never considered. (Remember this - all of you who call here to complain about being in the Crime Log or in a story - just joking!)

The room number also causes confusion at times. Because it appears on the second line of print, right before one's campus extension, it often looks like the prefix to one's phone number.

All this could be avoided simply by removing room numbers and office numbers from the caller I.D. on university phones. Considering everyone's privacy and safety, this is a small request.

One drawback to this argument is the fact that the MTSU Police Department uses the room numbers to send assistance to unfinished calls they receive. But how often does this happen? Is it worth everyone's safety and privacy just so MTSU police can have the room numbers? Maybe Telecommunications can just program the police department's phones with the room numbers and erase everyone else's. ♦

ATYPICAL WOMAN

Bigots deserve free speech too

On April 4, *The Daily Princetonian* ran the infamous advertisement entitled, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too," purchased by conservative columnist David Horowitz. In addition, the newspaper ran a staff editorial on its opinions page calling Horowitz's ideas racist and declaring that the revenue from his ad would be donated to the National Urban League. "We do not want to profit from Horowitz's racism," the staff wrote.

Now Horowitz is refusing to pay for the advertisement.

Apparently his definition of free speech only goes so far. "After flaming me in public — so easy for an irresponsible press where even the purchase of ad space merits an ad hominem attack — the princes will not get to donate my money," Horowitz wrote in a *Salon.com* column last week. "The check has been stopped pending an apology."

One of Horowitz's primary reasons for submitting the advertisement to universities across the country is to expose the "liberal censorship" practiced by college newspapers as they turn his advertisement down one by one. Unfortunately, Horowitz is having no problem proving this trend.

The editorial boards of student newspapers at a vast majority of universities that considered the ad declined to run it. Even Vanderbilt, located here in the good ol' Bible Belt, decided not to print the conservative advertisement.



Angela White
Online Editor

ment.

Some universities already had policies against accepting political advertisements. Some felt it was too simply too controversial of an opinion and belonged on the editorial page, not in an advertisement. And some simply felt that it was wrong and should not be heard in their campus's newspaper. It is this last group of universities that Horowitz especially wishes to expose.

On the flip side, universities who did choose to run Horowitz's ad faced grave consequences. Students at Brown University stole 4,000 copies of the *The Brown Daily Herald* containing the offending advertisement. They then stormed the Herald's office in an attempt to destroy the last remaining copies of the issue, but were stopped by a resistant staff who had to literally barricade the door.

To make matters worse, when the president of Brown proceeded to have the theft routinely investigated by the university, the faculty banned against her. Fifty-seven of them co-drafted a letter that told of their "dismay at the ongoing lack of acknowledgment and of serious proactive countermeasures

against the continuing and escalating racist climate on our campus."

A group of students at the University of Connecticut demanded that student fees be yanked from *The Daily Campus* after it ran the ad, declaring that the newspaper's decision did not represent the student community.

Students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison stormed the *Badger Herald's* office after it ran the ad and demanded that the editor resign. Fortunately she stood up for the paper's right to free speech and refused.

Unfortunately, the editors of two University of California newspapers - Davis and Berkeley - did not do the same. Both ran the ad and later retracted. The editor of Berkeley's *The Daily Californian* apologized for becoming "an inadvertent vehicle for bigotry."

Horowitz has since called anyone who apologizes for allowing him to air his political views a fascist. Yet now he is demanding an apology from *The Daily Princetonian*.

In today's P.C. world, it is simply wrong to say anything that could be construed as racist or sexist or homophobic or anti-environment or un-animal-friendly...the list goes on, as you well know. It is not another viewpoint to be debated - it is bad and wrong and should never, ever be heard under any circumstances.

Both the university setting and the independent newspaper are supposed to represent forums for an unfettered exchange of ideas. But on today's col-

lege campuses, an automatic censorship exists of anything that could reflect a turning back of the clock on civil rights. Ironically, that same censorship is turning back the clock on the most important civil right of all: the right to free speech.

Many claim to object to the running of Horowitz's opinions not because of its message per se but because it was presented in an advertisement format. But would it have really made a difference if it ran as a column instead? Yes, the newspapers that run the advertisement are making a profit off of it, but why should that be any different from other controversial advertisements? Student newspapers make money off of ads for and against abortion and birth control, ads promoting violent movies and evil corporate-machine credit cards and even ads claiming that one trip to a particular building can wipe away all the bad things one has ever done against humanity! Where do we draw the line?

If Horowitz had wanted to run a column in lieu of an advertisement, many universities that both ran and did not run his ad would have probably agreed. But Horowitz instead chose to present his opinion in an untamperable format, free from the editing hands of liberal staffs who he feared would warp or censor his views. Who can blame him for such a belief after most universities flatly refused his ad based solely on its content, coupled with the violent reaction of students on campuses where news-

papers stood up for their rights?

Since when is suppressing objectionable ideas a liberal tendency? For many parts of the world, civil rights are nonexistent, and people are still fighting for the right to be heard despite of their gender, skin color, sexual orientation and whatever else the majority can think to discriminate against. But the tables have turned in this country, and now the conservatives must fight to be heard.

Of course, this doesn't mean they aren't still up to their old tricks. Look at Horowitz, who seems to believe purchasing a full-page ad should make him immune to an attack on his views. Perhaps he knows that all it takes to suppress an unjust and therefore weak opinion is simply to debate it out in the open until its reasoning proves nonexistent. But before we can dismiss "wrong" viewpoints, we must first hear them out, not suppress them.

Tossing newspapers and intimidating staff members simply bring us back to the book-burning days of the Nazis, when unacceptable viewpoints were never allowed in plain sight, but had to be hidden underground. Do we really want conservative actions taking place behind our backs where we can't fight them?

In the battle for equal rights, we succeeded in one aspect: we proved that free speech should not be selectively given to some and not to others at society's whim. Now we liberals must practice what we preach. ♦

MIND MANIFESTATIONS

This writer's last great hurrah

I thought this would be my easiest column to write. I was gravely mistaken. Already the first three sentences of this, my farewell to the world as a college journalist, have been deleted again and again. There are just so many different approaches I could take with my last foray into the vast universe known as the *Sidelines* Opinion Page.

I assume that most of you have read somebody's final column. Most of the ones that I've seen are filled with what appear to be the wittiest and most clever comments the writer has ever been struck by in their entire writing career. (Obviously, that's not the case with this one). Everyone loves a writer's last great hurrah, right? It reminds me of the aging slugger in baseball hitting ten home runs in his final



Brian Spencer
Staff Columnist

home game in the World Series, or of the goat farmer from Bozeman, Mont. who returns to his long lost glory days in high school football to become the MVP in the fanatically followed XFL. Should I go for the "perfect wittiness" approach? It's not in me.

Another popular approach is the "reminiscing columnist." I could recall with teary eyes the first columns that I wrote for *Sidelines* and how nervous I was about having

my picture in the paper every week next to something that was completely my opinion. I might tell everybody how embarrassed I was at my first mug shot that ran in the paper, but then you'd probably just say, "Well then what the hell is this picture all about?" But I know that it'd be ridiculous to bring up stuff like that or to talk once again about *The Antiques Roadshow* or about the dumbing down of males on television. Scratch off another possible angle for my grand finale.

I might offer up some timeless anecdotes that are so endearing and relevant to your own life. I'd share tales about long fishing trips on the immaculate Stones River or morning walks turning into journeys of self-discovery. Yeah, I could fill the shoes

of the "life anecdotal columnist" with ease. Well, on second thought, I don't want to induce anybody to heave up his or her greasy fast food lunch courtesy of Food Services here at MTSU.

My original plan was to be the "call to action columnist." I was going to fill this column with inspirational motivations to support and fight for the environment, to question the government-censored media, and to stand up against any policies that you don't agree with here at our wonderful college.

But this is my very last column, and I didn't want to come off like Poochie the Dog as "extremely in your face proactive." (For those of you that get that, thank you and bless you).

That's what led me to what should really be my angle: that of the "appre-

ciative columnist." Writing for *Sidelines* has been one of the most enjoyable things I've done in college, and I have to thank everybody who works on this paper to make it so great.

I thank everybody that has ever told me they read my column and enjoyed it.

I truly appreciate all the people who said or wrote that they looked over what I had to say and that they really didn't like it, because I value honesty quite a bit.

So on that note, I'm out. Graduation is in a few weeks, and after that I'll probably be moving out of the South for good.

But I doubt that I'll meet too many people who can say they've lived in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and for that (whew!) I'm grateful too. ♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

No boots required Fashion show goes Dallas style



Photos Provided

By Phoenix Taylor,
Fashion Writer

Dallas Design Competition winners and runway finalists concluded their fashion exhibition last week.

If you missed this display here is the scoop. The showcase featured the artistic creations of Dallas competition winner Jennifer Stone who took home two first place awards in the category of Fantasy/Theatre and Wools.

Her first creation was of a joker costume, a form fitted yellow and blue trimmed striped bodice top with matching leggings. The lower half of the costume was made up of a white rayon overskirt that cascaded over a light blue balloon capri-style pants.

Stone's second award-winning piece was a black, wool Victorian inspired reversible dress. The bodice created a stomach effect.

In addition, the coat was trimmed with satin-puffed high roll collars, puff cuffs and puff trimming. Stone also took home third place Best of Show Award for her Victorian style royal blue fitted bodice with puffy balloon sleeves accented with velvet curvilinear trimmed piping sewn on its hem.

This covered a long velvet skirt. She also entered her whimsical black cotton coat with multicolored piping along its trim.

Runway finalist such as Designer Cherie Frenslley entered two trends setting garments.

The first was a horizontally striped orange, brown and tan floor length black lined vest held together by two gold decorative clasps, held at the breast points for closure. Underneath, were geometrically constructed square patched pants that were held together by grommet holed leather/suede lacing. Frenslley's second piece was a long formal train style fur coat that coordinated with a silver tube top dress with centered princess seams that curved upward toward the armholes.

Designer Amanda Oates followed by entering two timeless pieces. The first a tailored made Herringbone wool double-breasted long blue and white coat. Which had a wide Velcro belt. Variations of this belt remained consistent as accent pieces on the lower ends of the sleeved jacket. In addition, Oates entered a long pastel blue and pink five-tiered bell shaped prom dress stacked with tulle in between each layer. The bodice was fitted with princess seams at each side. Spaghetti straps held the dress together.

Also design student Mary Wilson won third place for her Spring 2001 trend board. This was an additional category set aside from the runway competition. ◆



Photo by John M. Wells

Elton John and Billy Joel joined forces to entertain a sold-out crowd at the Gaylord Entertainment Center Saturday night.

Elton John, Billy Joel draw crowd of all ages

Even all-time high ticket prices, concert packs Gaylord Center

By Richard Barnett
Guest Reviewer

To the sold-out crowd at the Gaylord Entertainment Center Saturday, the Elton John/Billy Joel concert was a chance to hear a smorgasbord of songs from two of the best singer-songwriters in modern history.

To independent concert promoters in the Middle Tennessee region, however, it was a reminder that the concert and touring industry has recently changed faster than Elton John's wardrobe.

The crowd in attendance resembled a family reunion. Grandparents, with adult children and grandchildren in tow, demonstrated the longevity of both Elton and Billy.

Children went to sing along with the songs from the Lion King while Mom and Dad expected to hear songs like "Little Jeannie" and "We Didn't Start the Fire." Grandparents, recalling "Piano Man" and "Honky Cat," probably felt their musical tastes validated by the younger generations in attendance.

Seven-year-old Anthony Miller not only knew who Elton and Billy were, he was able to name his favorite songs. "I really like 'Billy the Kid' and 'Shades of Gray' best," said the youngest member of the audience.

"He listens to their CDs and sings along with most of the songs," his mother said.

Whatever their reason for attending the concert, not one fan seemed the least bit disappointed. And that's saying a lot considering the ticket prices ranged from \$85 to \$175 with a handful behind the stage for \$45!

Both artists played conservatory caliber piano to accompany the masterful songs each sang. They performed almost nonstop for four hours. The audience seemed tireless as they listened to songs crafted over a thirty-year period.

The show began with Billy and Elton singing duets of each others' songs accompanied only by their twin pianos. It was a rare treat that begged the question, "Why haven't they recorded an album together?"

Elton followed with two hours of songs, each more memorable than the previous one. His band was, as always, up to the caliber of the celebrity they were supporting.

Billy Joel is perhaps the only artist who could taken the stage after an extended standing ovation following

Elton John's climactic finale. Joel did so with style and captured the audiences' attention instantly.

His ensemble included Nashvillians Beth Hooker (vocals) and Crystal Taliefero (sax, guitar, percussion, guitar, vocals and harmonica). Like Most musicians who perform in Nashville, Billy and his band were eager to impress Music Row's finest, many of whom were in the audience.

After an extended standing ovation, Billy and Elton returned to the stage for another half hour of duets.

No concert promoter with an ounce of business sense would pass up a chance to book one of these artists, let alone two on one bill.

A list of the top 20 concerts of all time in North America prepared by Pollstar, a live entertainment trade publication, indicated that the 1994 Elton John/Billy Joel concert in Giants Stadium grossed more than \$16 million, the fourth highest amount ever.

The decision to charge an unprecedented ticket price was, however, an extremely risky business decision. Consider that tickets for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band 2000 concert in Madison Square Garden sold for \$37 to \$67. And tickets to the Elton John/Billy Joel 1994 show in Giants Stadium were only \$46 to \$85.

Concert promotion company SFX Entertainment, a company owned by Clear Channel Communications, was the promoter for the Nashville event. The company, like other promoters around the country, took a bold step when they agreed to present a show that might push ticket prices higher than the market would bear.

Many critics in the live entertainment industry speculated that the tour would have a difficult time selling out major arenas at these prices, but it has. The gamble has paid off for the artists, promoters like SFX and the venues fortunate enough to be included in the tour.

Not everyone is happy with the new concert scenario. Independent concert promoters are now forced to bid against SFX, a huge national firm, to secure major artists.

Until fairly recently, most concert promoters were regional companies. This all changed in 1993, however, when entrepreneur Robert E. X. Sillerman created SFX Entertainment and began buying the top concert promoters around the country. Under Sillerman's leader-



Photo Provided

Billy Joel and Elton John managed to draw a big crowd even with ticket prices as high as \$175

ship, SFX quickly acquired many of the largest independent promoters plus 82 concert venues in the top 50 markets in the U.S. Their success at consolidation has made them highly successful, but created the nemesis of small independent promoters.

The question remains, "Why would the average consumer pay \$175 for a concert ticket, no matter how good the show is?" A compact disc offers much better sound than one hears in the Gaylord Center, a venue that can grab lyrics and bounce them around its rafters like hockey pucks.

After the show, Liberty Devitto, drummer for Billy Joel, speculated that concerts are uniquely different from recordings, even though both include the same songs.

"It's the excitement of a live show that we can't put on a recording," says Devitto. "We don't just play the music [on stage], we entertain."

Local artist Butler Stelteneier agrees.

"At a concert, people are paying for the emotional vibe and the unity of being around others who love the music."

Perhaps SFX has finally solved the mystery of why people eagerly pay more money for a concert ticket

than for a CD. They bring their family in order to pass on the legacy of seeing icons of the music industry just as they would give a favorite autographed baseball to their first grandchild.

Live entertainment has become big business in the same way that the recording industry has.

Oligopoly, a few companies controlling an industry, is impacting the world of music. Concert promoters are using words such as "demographics" in the same way that auto manufacturers have for years.

A Billy Joel/Elton John concert is a product that apparently appeals to a wide demographic. A senior citizen sits near a seven-year-old boy. Someone in an Armani suit shares an isle with a student in cut-off jeans.

But the audience Saturday night didn't care about demographics, acoustics or ticket prices. They came for the experience of seeing and hearing two tunesmiths whose songs will remain part of world history, and they enjoyed each of the 240 minutes. ◆

Richard Barnett is a professor in the Department of Recording Industry at MTSU.

On Campus

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Thursday, April 26

The June Anderson Women's Center hosts a Free Legal Clinic at its Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited. ♦

A Career Day is in the Mass Comm Building at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Beverly Keel at 385-2903. ♦

The Basic and Applied Sciences Academic Awards Ceremony is in the JUB Tennessee Room at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Tony Johnston at 898-2421. ♦

There is a Cheerleader Organizational Meeting in KUC Room 322 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Micah Hartsfield at 898-2750. ♦

The Alpha Delta Pi Spring Awards is in the Foundation Reception House at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Tina

Barfar at 217-5081. ♦

Friday, April 27

MTSU Fine Arts presents Virtual Reality Multi-Ride Thrill Pavilion in the KUC Courtyard. The computer-generated wonderland can entertain 150 people an hour. Team up and compete or simply enjoy the experience. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551. ♦

The Department of Human Sciences is hosting a Morning Reception for graduating seniors and faculty from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Ellington Human Sciences Building Room 107A. ♦

The Noon Exchange Club Charlie Daniels Rodeo is in the Tennessee Livestock Center through April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Admission: advance box seats \$10, general admission adults \$7, children \$4; night of show box seats \$15, general admission adults \$10, children \$5. For tickets, contact the MTSU ticket office at 898-2103. For information, con-

tact Roger Sargent at 615-217-1855. ♦

The Nashville Chamber Singers perform in Wright Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493. ♦

Saturday, April 28

The Middle Tennessee Psychological Association Meeting is in BAS S Lobby at 7 a.m. For more information, contact Dr. Stuart Bernstein at 898-5998. ♦

Widespread Panic performs at the Murphy Center at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Harold Smith at 898-2551. ♦

Monday, April 30

MTSU concerts presents the Vigilantes of Love with special guest The Normals at 7:30 p.m. in the JUB Tennessee Room. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551. ♦

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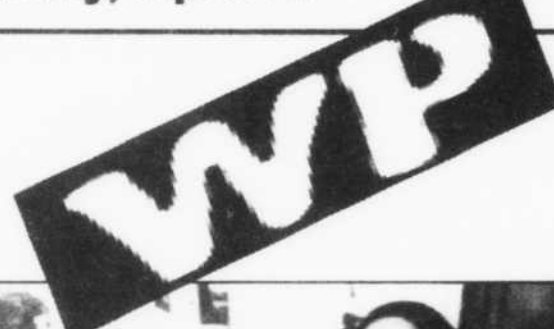
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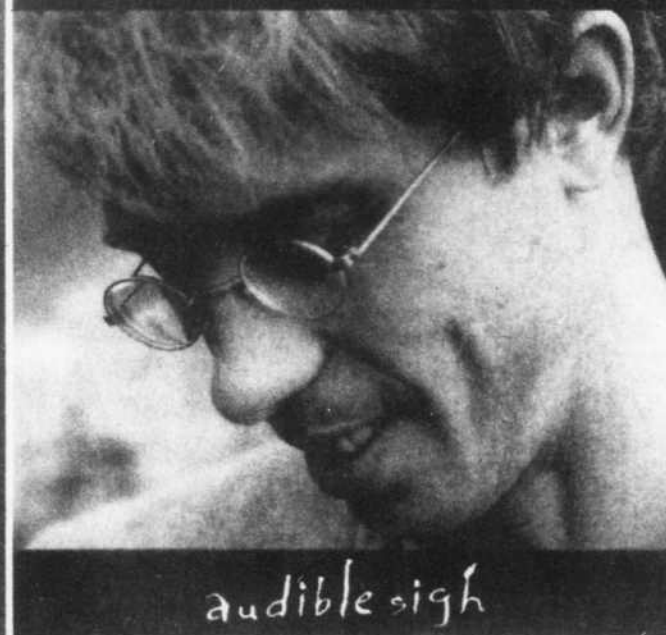
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The Two Minute Drill

Colleen Cox Staff Writer



Brazelton named Pitcher of the Week

Dewon Brazelton received Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week honors for the second time this season Monday. Brazelton earned the award for his performance against Louisiana Tech Friday. He struck out 13 batters setting the Middle Tennessee all-time career strikeout record at 285. The Blue Raiders won the game 10-4. Brazelton gave up six hits and walked one allowing only one earned run.

He went the distance for his sixth straight complete game. For the season, he has seven complete games. Brazelton's earned run average stands at 0.96. The impressive ERA ranks him second in the nation behind Washington's Shawn Kohn. His record improves to 9-1 on the season.

Brazelton set his personal best in single game and single season strikeouts and wins. He continues to be on pace to break the single season strikeout record of 128. He stands at 104 strikeouts for the season.

Buzzard Hawks fly to victory

Playoffs for intramural softball are continuing this week. The Buzzard Hawks won the men's open league division Tuesday night. In order to win, the Buzzard Hawks had to win three straight games. They defeated A Phi A in the first game. Then they won a one run contest with the Basehitters to advance to the finals. The A-Team fell to the Buzzard Hawks in the final game. William "Bud" Bottoms is the coach for the Buzzard Hawks.

Scores for the games were unavailable. Each division will crown its champion by Monday when intramurals come to a close.

Softball season coming to an end

The softball regular season is coming to a fast close. The Lady Raiders have a series this weekend with Florida International. They close out the regular season with a series May 4 and 5 against Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Middle will need to close out their Sun Belt schedule strong to insure a good seed in the Sun Belt Tournament. The tournament will be played in New Mexico May 11-13.

Baseball's busy schedule

If you think your last weeks of the semester are busy, check out the baseball schedule. The Blue Raiders host New Mexico State this weekend. They travel to Nashville to play Vandy May 8th then host Tennessee on May 9th. The regular season comes to an end with a Sun Belt series with South Alabama May 11-13. The Sun Belt Tournament begins May 15th. ♦

Correction

In Wednesday's edition of Sidelines, Justin Sims was incorrectly identified as a senior. He is actually a sophomore.

Sidelines regrets the error.

MT swings into second place

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's golf team leaped frog a trio of teams tied for second after one round at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament to take a hold of second place by themselves. The Blue Raiders fired a 291 Tuesday which was the second best round of the tournament. Nationally-ranked

Arkansas at Little Rock stands only five strokes ahead of Middle heading into the final round.

Juniors J.R. Wade and Dane Randle led the way for Middle shooting even par rounds of 72. Wade's round placed him in a tie for ninth place while Randle now stands tied for 13th.

Junior John Beddies shot a one-over-par 73 and joins three

other golfers tied for 25th. Sophomore Patrick Williams also had a solid day with a 74 to stand in a tie for 15th. Hunter Ingram completed the Blue Raider scoring with a 79.

The final round concluded Wednesday with results from Trophy Club Texas unavailable at press time. ♦

2nd Round Results

- 1) UALR (301,289= 590)
- 2) Middle Tennessee (304,291= 595)
- 3) Denver (302,294= 596)
- 4) Louisiana (308,294= 602)
- Western Kentucky (302,300= 602)
- 6) South Alabama (305,298= 603)
- Arkansas State (307,296= 603)
- 8) North Texas (302,304= 606)
- 9) New Mexico State (310,303= 613)
- 10) Louisiana Tech (314,303= 617)
- 11) New Orleans (316,306= 622)

MT SCORES

- (19) J.R. Wade (75-72= 147)
(113) Dane Randle (77-72= 149)
(115) Patrick Williams (76-74= 150)
(125) John Beddies (79-73= 152)
(132) Hunter Ingram (76-79= 155)

Former MT lineman signs with Titans

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor


Hall

It's the first day of a new career with the Tennessee Titans today for MTSU senior Barry Hall.

Hall, who started all four years at tackle, signed a free agent contract with the Titans Monday and will report to the Baptist Sports Park today.

He will join 22 other free agent signees for a mini-camp Friday and Saturday. There will be six players battling for three roster spots when the team opens the full training camp in July.

"He is a big size prospect. There's definitely an opportunity for him," general manager Floyd Reese said. "We like, when given the chance, to bring in local talent to our team."

Cincinnati, Carolina, Miami, Philadelphia and St. Louis had all contacted the 6-foot-6, 315 pound tackle prior to the draft last weekend. However, Hall, who signed with an agent out of Knoxville in January, told the *Daily News Journal* that Tennessee was his first choice.

Hall, a Fairmont, Ga. native, leaves Middle Tennessee with the record of consecutive games started with 42. He was the anchor of a talented senior line that gave quarterbacks Wes Counts and Jason Johnson time to throw and allowed Dwone Hicks to compile almost 1,300 yards on the ground.

Free agency has allowed several players to make NFL rosters since the draft was cut from 12 rounds to seven in 1993.

Former MTSU players currently in the NFL include Atlanta Falcons' starting safety Marty Carter, backup quarterbacks Kelly Holcomb at Indianapolis and Jonathan Quinn at Jacksonville.

Hall is looking to be the 17th player from Middle Tennessee to make an NFL roster.

Hall was unavailable for comment. ♦



Barry Hall (67) provides a key block in the University of Alabama at Birmingham game. Wes Counts (17) throws the swing pass to Dwone Hicks (33) in the 14-9 loss. Hall will report on Thursday to the Tennessee Titans training complex to attempt to make the 2001 roster.

All-American gets deserved respect

By Michael Williams
MT Media Relations

Deep down, Godfrey Herring knew he was blessed with speed.

It was a given really.

Blossoming into a lanky six-footer and with an older brother who constantly directed him toward the track, Godfrey, although maybe not consciously, figured he was gifted.

But it took him until the tenth grade to realize just how blessed he was.

"During my first meet my sophomore year in high school," he says, "was when I knew I was fast. It was a 400-meter race. And when the gun sounded, everybody took off really hard. But I didn't have to work as hard as they did. And I really thought it was effortless."

400-meters.

A quarter of a mile.

All out.

Effortless.

Good one.

Needless to say, he won that race. And went on to win many more.

By the time his prep days were complete, Herring had

won three Michigan state high school titles in the 100, 200 and 400-meter races.

Today, as a junior for the Blue Raider track team and a two time All-American, he is again aspiring to that type of dominance, albeit on a much broader scale.

Although a jack-of-all races, Herring's times in the 400-meters, considered his specialty event, are consistently in the 45 and a half range to 47-second range. And he currently holds the school record in the outdoor race with a blistering 45:59.

Hailing from Pontiac, Mich., Herring's bio page claims that he's equally adept at running everything from the 100-meters to the 800-meters. And he runs them well. The times and places he's posted in the past and especially this season proves that point. He also holds the school record in the indoor event at 46:52.



Herring

"In high school, our coach taught us to be versatile," says Herring. "He wanted us to run everything. In practice we did things together, and then one day a week we would do things individually to do our work out."

A quirk of fate actually put Herring in the 400 meters. Originally listed as an 800-meter performer due to the over abundance of 400-meter runners, Herring got his chance at the 400 when a teammate was scratched one day.

"That's how I got my foot in the door," he said.

Earlier this season, Herring, who last year became the 27th Blue Raider track athlete to earn All-American honors, helped lead his squad to the Sun Belt indoor title as he posted a Sun Belt record time in the 400 of 46:98. Twice this year, Herring has earned SBC Performer of the Week honors. Once for his individual performance in the 400 at the Alabama Relays on March 25, a race that provisionally qualified him for the NCAA Championships, and again with teammates D.J. Spann, Mardy Scales and Tanko Bramah in

the 4x200 meter relay team that won the Texas Relays on April 7.

And that may be what makes him such a vital part to the MT track team - not only his dedication to individual performances but also his dedication to his teammates.

"I love that aspect about track," he says. "I love being a part of a team, where you can go out and lift your teammates up or they can lift you up. But I love being an individual too. Every time I get a new pair of spikes, I change the color."

But, he's not that colorful on the track. Although many of today's track superstars can possess a rather gaudy attitude, Herring admits that he doesn't necessarily own a "killer instinct."

"I get really hyped up at races," he says, "but I really don't talk. I just see the race in my head and I try to go out and execute my plan. If that doesn't work out, then I try to rely on a back-up plan that I've already thought of. But I leave the talking to those other guys."

As a matter of fact, should this track gig not pan out, Herring's gentle way of talking

and straight-forward demeanor could be put to use reading children's books on tapes.

But don't let that fool you.

"There was this guy talking at a meet one time," explained Herring. "And he was saying things like, 'who's gonna be second' and things like that. But I didn't say a word. I just looked at him thinking to myself 'do you not see me sitting right here.' 'Do you not think I'm a good runner.' And he was just assuming he was going to beat me. I really felt disrespected."

Thank goodness for disrespect. As it turned out, that day just so happened to come at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, and Herring felt so disrespected that day he posted his school record time in the 400.

"Some people just don't believe," he says. "And I feel it's my job to make them believers."

Herring still has a way to go this season. He expects to make waves this weekend at the prestigious Penn Relays and then later in May at the Sun Belt Championships in New Orleans.

See Herring, 9



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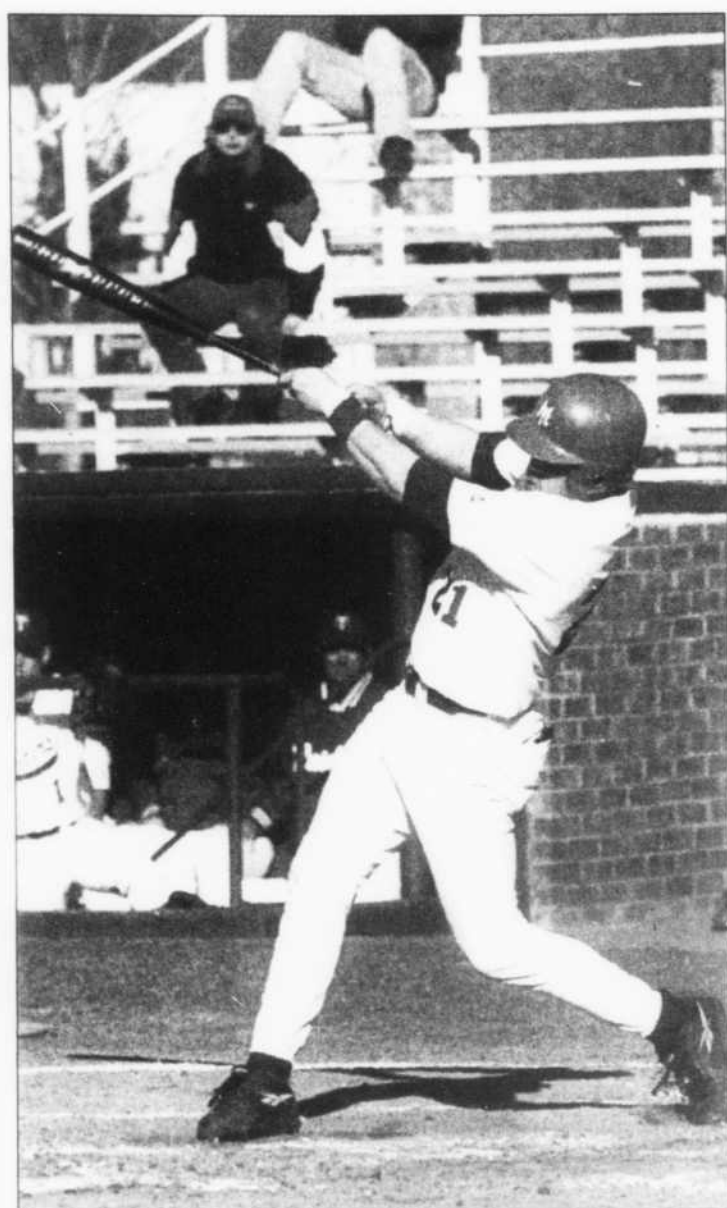
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Blue Raiders vs
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■ **Baseball**
Blue Raiders vs.
New Mexico State
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.



Brandon Johnson (21) is batting .311 with 5 home runs.

Herring: Star earns respect

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Of course all eyes will be focused on Herring May 30 through June 2 as he makes his way to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore.

As for the two-time All American status he'll take with him to that meet, Herring says he takes it all in stride.

"It means respect," he admits. "But it also means that people are coming after you. My real focus is not being an All-American. My real focus is to go out and beat the Godfrey Herring from last year."

But that is not the ultimate goal. Even with all the praise and admiration and the prospect for greater track

achievements down the road, the pride of the MT track squad says there's only one thing at the top of his things-to-do list.

"What I want to do first is graduate," says Herring, an education major, who is taking 21 hours this spring and will be holding down 19 hours this summer.

Currently in his fourth year of college and third year of athletic eligibility, Herring will have one more year to run for the Blue Raiders when he graduates at the end of the summer.

As for long-term track goals, Herring says he keeps that information mostly to himself.

"But I've got some big fish to fry," he admits. ♦

2001 SUN BELT BASEBALL

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Middle Tennessee	11	7	.611	W1
Florida International	11	7	.611	W1
South Alabama	11	7	.611	L1
Western Kentucky	11	7	.611	L1
Louisiana	10	8	.556	L1
New Orleans	10	8	.556	W1
Arkansas State	9	9	.500	W1
Louisiana Tech	6	11	.353	L1
Arkansas-Little Rock	6	12	.333	W1
New Mexico State	4	13	.235	L1

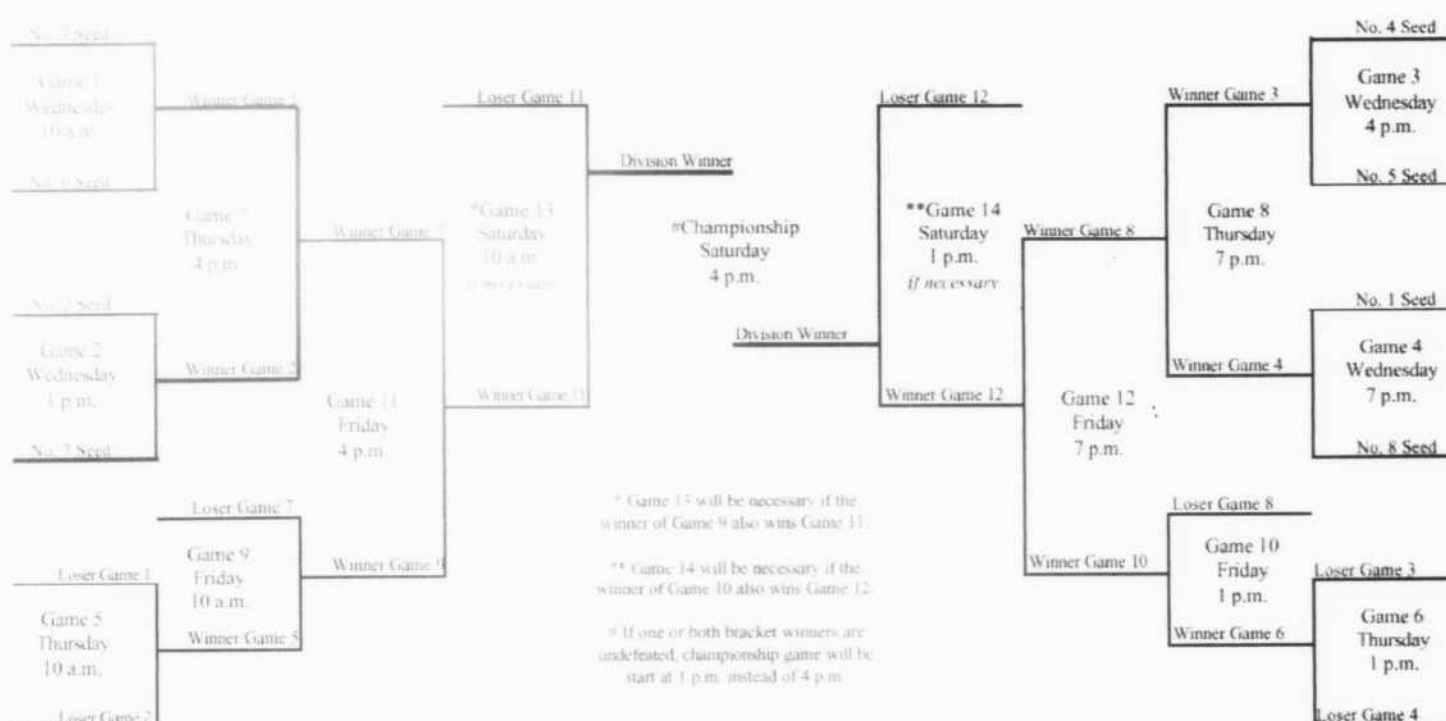
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32	11	.744	L1	32	11	.744	L1	3-2
27	17	.614	L1	27	17	.614	L1	3-2
25	19	.568	L1	25	19	.568	L1	3-2
19	22	.463	W1	19	22	.463	W1	2-3
18	25	.419	W1	18	25	.419	W1	2-3
20	20	.500	L1	20	20	.500	L1	3-2
18	19	.486	W1	18	19	.486	W1	2-3
27	19	.587	L1	27	19	.587	L1	2-3

Latest National Rankings: *Baseball America* (April 23) - No. 23 South Alabama; *Baseball Weekly/ESPN* (April 16) - No. 19 South Alabama, No. 23 Florida International, ORV Middle Tennessee, ORV Louisiana-Lafayette; *Collegiate Baseball* (April 23) - No. 26 South Alabama, No. 30 Florida International; *NCBWA* (April 16) - No. 17 South Alabama, No. 20 Florida International

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Lady Raiders face tough home test

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

Florida International comes to Murfreesboro this weekend for an important Sun Belt series.

FIU comes in with a 10-2 Sun Belt record. The Golden Panthers swept a four-game series with Louisiana at Lafayette in two doubleheaders April 20 and 21. The series was highlighted by Mila Nelson's no-hitter Friday.

The Lady Raiders comes in with a 6-6 Sun Belt record after splitting a four-game series with New Mexico State. Middle saw its 10-game winning streak snapped at the hands of the Aggies. Also snapped was Jennifer Martinez and Stacy Preator's streak of innings without allowing an earned run. The streak reached a record 73 plus innings.

After losing the first two games of the NMSU series, Middle Tennessee rebounded to win the next two games. Sunday's game went 10 innings before the Lady Raiders could pull out the 5-4 victory. Lindsay Azevedo was placed on second because of the International Tie Break rule in the 10th inning. She scored the winning run on a single to left field.

Preator surrendered 10 hits and allowed two earned runs while striking out eight in the game. For the series, she gave up 17 hits allowing five earned runs and struck out nine batters.

Florida International presents a power threat. Jennifer Owens leads the team with 43 RBI to go along with a .595 slugging percentage. Shannon Carey has 10 long balls, 36 RBI, and a .583 slugging percentage.

Along with that power, there is speed. Tania Somoano has stolen 20 bases for the Golden Panthers. Two other players have double-digit steals.

The pitching staff isn't too bad either. Nelson leads the staff with an 18-7 record. She posts a 1.40 earned run average and batters manage a .198 average against her. Vanessa Preston has an 11-7 record and a 1.86 ERA. Though FIU has four pitchers, look for these two to do the majority of the pitching this weekend.

Middle Tennessee has some power of its own. Martinez has a school record of 15 doubles along with 26 RBI and a .562 slugging percentage. Azevedo has a team leading 29 RBI with three homers and 11 doubles. The Lady Raiders may not hit many long balls, but they will hit plenty of shots to the gap. Kip Phillips provides the speed with 17 stolen bases.

The pitching staff posts a 1.03 ERA. Martinez has a 1.11 ERA with 143 strikeouts. Batters are hitting only .164 against her. Preator leads the team with a 14-4 record with a 1.16 ERA and 126 strikeouts.

The Lady Raiders need to win this Sun Belt series to gain ground before the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. ♦

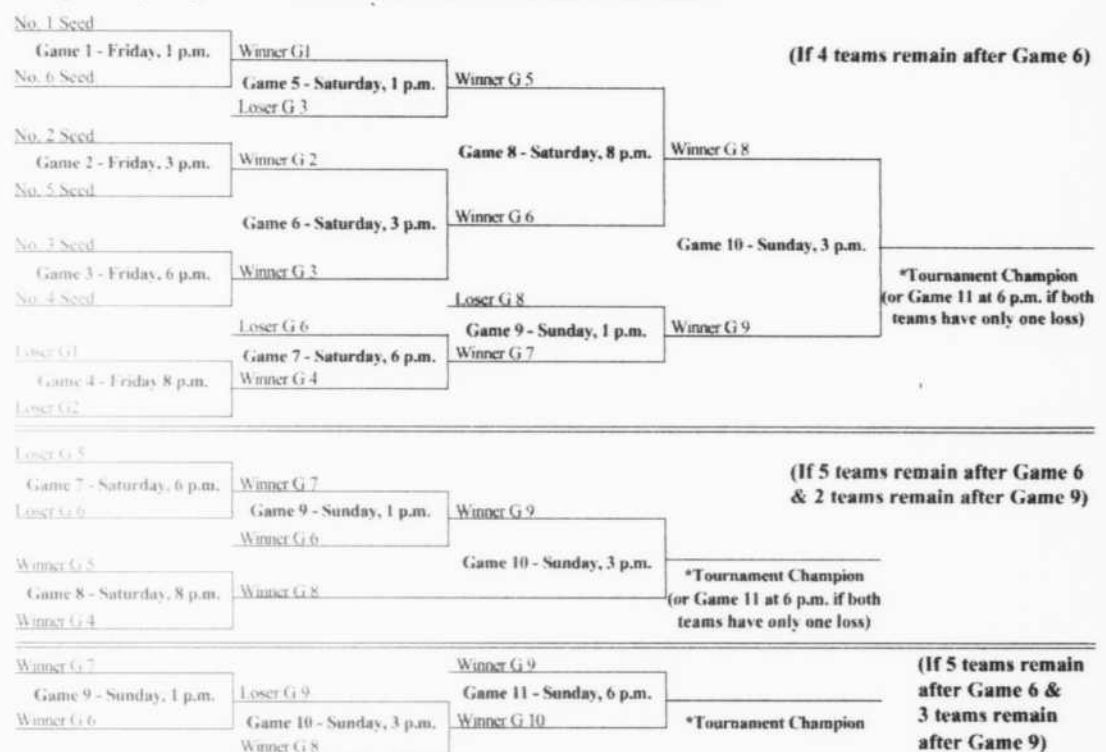


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Lisa Sherman (4) belts a ball to the left side of the infield last Tuesday against Austin Peay.

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