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New student constitution halfway approved

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

The Student Government Association's Senate and House bodies both voted last week in favor of a referendum for students, concerning the proposed changes to the SGA Constitution.

"It is important that the student body have the chance to vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution," Speaker of the House Matt Walker said. "After all, it is the students' privilege to decide how they want to be governed."

Although passed once, the decision to hold a referendum must also be passed a second time in each body.

"We expect for both bodies to again vote in favor of the referendum because it passed so easily the first time," Walker said. "There is a lot of

support from the House even though they will be directly affected by the proposed changes."

The proposed changes to the Constitution call for a number of adjustments in the governing system, one in particular dissolving the House of Representatives.

Last spring, the student body voted against a referendum concerning the same adjustment to the SGA Constitution.

"Some were adamantly against the proposed changes last spring," Walker said. "We attribute the opposition to the lack of information the student body received about the details."

Reasons for moving to a unicameral governing system included poor attendance from organizations at House meetings, a barrier of communication between the House and Senate bodies

and a lack of true representation of the entire student body.

"Most organizations that are actively involved in the House are only representing a small percentage of our student body," SGA President John Marshall said. "As we learned at the SGA conference last year, the representation of students at MTSU is being hindered by the bicameral system while other schools around our nation are benefiting by utilizing the unicameral system."

All registered organizations will also be allowed to present direct legislation to the Senate body as determined by Article Six, allowing opportunity for the student voice.

The House will dissolve at the conclusion of the referendum if the student body votes in favor of the proposed Constitutional changes.

Article 11 of the proposed Constitution states that all legislation passed under previous constitutions shall be considered null and void. "This will include all legislation from 1939 until the present," Marshall said.

"Our SGA is operating under legislation that is outdated and does not pertain to the goals that we are trying to accomplish today."

If the proposed Constitution passes, the SGA will select past legislation that is beneficial to the student body and reinstate it into the by-laws.

"Currently, the system of legislation is an organizational nightmare," Marshall said. "We have no way of knowing what legislation is on the books and what isn't. It's not humanly possible to keep track of it all."

Other proposed changes to the Constitution include a new mission

statement, a transitional governing period and a student judicial board.

"The old governmental system has never been taken seriously by the student body, past SGAs or the administration," Marshall said. "We need a new image, new purpose and a new dedication without the strings attached from outdated legislation."

Students are encouraged to visit the SGA Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~sga to educate themselves on the specific proposed changes to the Constitution.

"There is no reason for students to be in the dark about the changes we have been proposing," Marshall said. "Students have known about the proposed changes for a few months now and have had plenty of opportunity to contact the SGA and voice their concerns." ♦

Through rain and snow

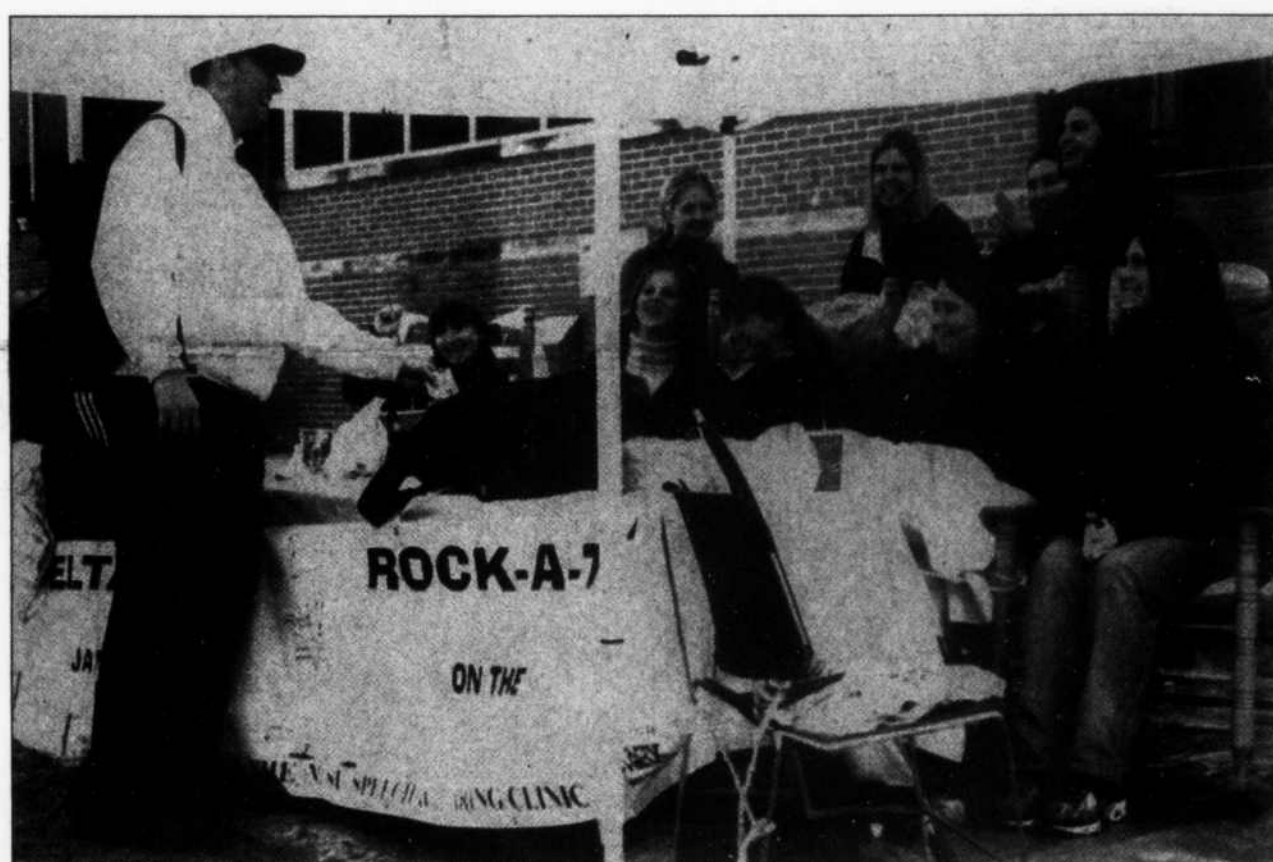


Photo by Sarah Anderson | Staff

Delta Zeta members (l-r) Lorie Collins, Michelle Brctherton, Shnnon Hendrix, Becca Belcher and Catherine Sowles rocked in the cold rain from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday to raise money for MTSU's Sech/Language and Hearing Clinic.

New degree available completely online

By Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer

A degree from MTSU can be earned without ever stepping into a classroom now that a Bachelor of University Studies is offered completely online.

The degree offers flexible hours and course selection, and provides students with a choice of more than 30 electives. Prior course work also can apply to this degree.

"We want to make access to academic services available to our constituents, especially to those who wouldn't otherwise have access to four-year institutions," Rosemary Owens, dean of Continuing Studies, said.

MTSU's Academic Outreach and Distance Learning Program offers a variety of alternative ways for students to earn college credits.

Owens points out that, contrary to popular belief, the term distance learning does not refer specifically to classes offered online. In addition to online courses, MTSU's distance learning program offers video conferencing courses, telecourses, correspondence courses and off-campus courses.

Video conferencing courses are taught through live lectures at MTSU to students at several Middle Tennessee sites, including Lawrenceburg, Franklin, Shelbyville, Columbia State Community

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College and Motlow State Community College. Each classroom is equipped with televisions and microphones to ensure student-teacher interaction.

Telecourses are available in two formats: live cable television broadcasts or pre-recorded videotapes that may be rented. Students are required to attend a brief orientation and take two exams on campus during the semester.

Correspondence courses involve independent, individual course work — including written assignments, testing and evaluations — through the mail. Interaction between student and instructor usually takes place via telephone, FAX or e-mail.

Off-campus programs are offered at 10 locations in Middle Tennessee, including Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Columbia and Smyrna.

Junior and senior-level courses are also offered at community colleges, high schools and business sites throughout Middle Tennessee.

Online courses are taught largely through e-mail, newsgroups, distribution lists and the World Wide Web. Once enrolled in an online course, students must attend at least one proctored exam. All other assignments and quizzes can be completed through the Internet.

The registration process and fees for all of MTSU's distance learning courses are the same as on-campus courses. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/~constud/credit.htm or call (615) 898-5611.

Students who wish to acquire degrees from uni-

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Job fair coming Wednesday

By Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer

The Placement and Student Employment Center is hosting its annual Summer Jobs/Internships Fair from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Over 56 employers are scheduled to attend the event. Most will be offering information and applications for summer employment, but many will offer information on obtaining various internships as well.

Janice Reeves, the assistant director of the Placement Center, is optimistic about the fair.

"It's to help our students find employment, but also to gain experience in their field," Reeves said. "Any job can help you gain experience, even if it's not exactly pertaining to your major."

The businesses, parks, camps and government agencies attending will have much to offer a wide variety of students from all majors and classifications.

"This is probably of more interest to underclassmen [because of the summer job opportunities]," Reeves added. "But it could be of interest to seniors looking for internships."

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Participants in job fair

Camps, Parks, Government Agencies

Camp Adahi/Moccasin Bend Girl Scouts, Chattanooga, TN
Camp Nakanawa, Chattanooga, TN
Camp Skyline Ranch, Mentone, AL
Camp Sycamore Hills/Cumberland Valley Girl Scouts, Nashville, TN
Camp WaBak, Mauldin, SC
Circle Y Ranch/Youth Incorporated, Madison, TN
Cumberland Science Museum, Nashville, TN
Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN
Easter Seal Camp Lindahl, Mt. Juliet, TN
MTSU Army ROTC, Murfreesboro, TN
MTSU Housing & Residential Life, Murfreesboro, TN
Nashville JCC Camp Davis, Nashville, TN
Nashville Shores, Hermitage, TN
Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, Nashville, TN
Oak Hill Day Camp, Nashville, TN
Pine Forest Camps, Jenkintown, PA
River's Way Outdoor Adventure Center, Bluff City, TN
St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, Sewanee, TN
Three Springs, Centerville, TN
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Mobile, AL
U.S. Marine Corps Officer Programs, Nashville, TN
U.S. National Park Service, Murfreesboro, TN
YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC
YMCA Camp Cosby, Alpine, AL
YMCA Camp Ocoee, Chattanooga, TN
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Compiled By Pam Hudgens - Assistant News Editor

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Don't kill Timothy McVeigh

Bud Welch will explain at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday why he doesn't want Timothy McVeigh executed. Although Welch's daughter Julie was killed along with 167 others in the Oklahoma City bombing, he feels sorry for McVeigh's family. Welch said he believes society never thinks about the convicted person's family. He will also explain why he thinks Tennessee should stop capital punishment. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at the Keathley University Center Theater. For more information, call Kenneth Lancaster at 904-8394, or e-mail him at klan-cast@mtsu.edu. ♦

MTSU professor named Distinguished University Scientist

Biology professor Tom Hemmerly accepted the Tennessee Academy of Science Distinguished University Scientist Award in November 2000. The award is a lifetime achievement award and was first presented to fellow MTSU professor Marion Wells in 1999. Hemmerly has presented more than a dozen papers at meetings of the Tennessee Academy of Science and published many in their journal. He has also published two books and has a third in production now. He focuses on the botanist side of biology and has made a careerwide study of wild flowers. ♦

Student Affairs reaches out to non-traditional students

Trout Fishing in America is performing a free concert in Tucker Theatre Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. The duo's original folk songs consist of everything from folk to rock, to songs that will appeal to children. They have received numerous awards, including three INDIE Album of the Year awards.

The Office of Student Affairs is making an effort to host events that will interest

Fair: Career Connections offers free resume referral service

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According to Reeves, even students not looking for employment could benefit from a visit to the fair.

"It's a good way to network," Reeves said. "If you see a company you're interested in, just go and talk to them."

Hotels, radio and television stations, record labels, sports teams and youth camps are just a few of the types of employers that will be at the fair.

Students who are unable to attend the event may obtain employer information from the Placement Center office in the Keathley University Center, Room 328.

And while there, interested students can register for Career Connections, MTSU's new-and-improved resume-referral program.

Previously called Resume Expert, Career Connections offers a free resume referral service that potential employers can access entirely online.



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

Will Keim speaks to greek community for the "Speak out Against Alcohol" program. (See story on page 3)

the entire MTSU community - nontraditional-aged students, as well as faculty and staff with children. The majority of students are over the age of 21, and an increasing amount are married with families of their own.

For more information, call the Office of Student Unions and Programming at 898-2551, or visit the band's Web site at www.troutmusic.com. ♦

Art Barn Gallery features work of retired faculty

The Art Barn Gallery at MTSU will present a collection of works by David LeDoux and James Gibson between Jan. 23 and Feb. 9. Both artists are former MTSU art professors and are currently professors emeritus. An opening reception will be held Tuesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the gallery. The reception is free and open to the public. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Shelly Moore at 898-5653. ♦

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Degree: Alternative courses

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versities other than MTSU will soon be able to do so with more convenience than ever. The Tennessee Board of Regents is making this possible with their online degree program.

Slated to begin next fall, the program will offer three associate's degrees and two bachelor's degrees, all of which are accredited. All five degrees can be earned entirely online.

"This is a giant step forward for Tennesseans who previously have had to step out of college because of job and family commitments," said Sidney McPhee, executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"Now, those who desire and need further education to succeed in careers and to live fuller lives can get an education at any time and any place convenient to them," McPhee added. "All they will need is access to a computer with an Internet connection."

Like MTSU's distance learning courses, some courses will be self-paced and others will be live and interactive. Students will be able to choose not only the courses they wish to take, but also the university or college from

which their credit(s) will be awarded. Student advising and support will be available online, while technical support will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All 19 of TBR's universities and colleges will participate in the online degree program, and credit earned toward the online degree will be completely transferable between the participating Tennessee institutions.

The first phase of TBR's plan includes the following degrees:

Two-Year Degrees: Associate's of Arts, Associate's of Science and Associate's of Applied Science.

Four-Year Degrees: Bachelor's of Arts or Bachelor's of Science in General Studies or a Bachelor's of Science degree in Professional Studies with two concentrations.

As of yet, no fees have been set for the online degree program. However, TBR affirms that any fees paid will cover the cost of campus-based electronic facilities such as libraries and placement services.

More information will be available soon through the Board of Regents' Web site at www.tbr.state.tn.us. ♦

Speaker urges responsible lifestyle for Greek community

By Laura Finger
Staff Writer

When asked to stand up if they personally knew someone who died of an alcohol related death, half of Wednesday's audience stood.

"That is our problem," said Will Keim, the guest speaker at the Greek community's "Speak out Against Alcohol" program.

Keim has lectured to more than 2 million students from more than 1,000 campuses in the United States, Canada, Australia, Greece and Malaysia. He was selected as the Outstanding Professor at Oregon State University, is a residence hall director, an educational program coordinator and a campus minister.

The program held at Tucker Theater focused on alcohol and its role on college campuses.

In addition to encouraging Greeks to refrain from alcohol abuse, Keim

urged them to find ways to change how organizations approach recruiting, academics and community service.

"I want to narrow the gap between what we say and what we do," Keim said.

In a speech that blended humor with serious topics, Keim commended Greeks for their work on campus and urged them to do more to take advantage of their influence and their roles as campus leaders.

"There are so many people on this campus that are hurting," Keim said. "We are there for them, and we need to be there for them."

Calling it "taking care of your business here at MTSU," Keim urged members of the Greek community to take full advantage of the academic opportunities open to them, rather than focusing mainly on social matters.

"Blowing off class won't get you a job," he added.

Turning to recruiting practices, he

urged Greeks to strive to be more inclusive, recruiting from students of all walks of college life. Keim believes that through inclusiveness, Greeks could easily add to their numbers and truly become a leading force on campus.

The speech ended with his urging Greeks to live "free from alcohol and drugs" and abstain from sex. Keim called sex "the ruin of good relationships and the sustainer of bad ones."

He urged Greeks to "know your limit" with alcohol. He warned students that colleges were legally allowed to notify parents in situations involving either drugs or alcohol.

Audience members praised Keim for his humor and accessibility.

"He made it pertain to us," sophomore Camille Strong said. "He was really interesting and fun to listen to."

"He didn't patronize us," sophomore Karin Young agreed. "He placed it in our words." ♦



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Monday, January 22, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Staffers voice mixed thoughts on Bush protesters

President George W. Bush's inauguration was a very controversial one.

During the parade, an estimated 20,000 people gathered to protest Bush's inauguration. Some of them held "Bush isn't our president" signs, yelled and even threw tomatoes at Bush's limosine.

Several protesters were interviewed and many of them claimed that Bush stole the election from Al Gore.

The police removed and arrested a few people but no one was hurt. These protesters meant serious business.

On our staff we have Bush supporters, as well as people who supported Gore and Ralph Nader.

Some even wished Clinton could serve another term. In one of his columns, our Opinions editor, Shawn, wrote that he wanted hip hop artist/activist/actor Mos Def for president.

So it's obvious that we have some very interesting debates when it comes to discussing Mr. President in the *Sidelines* office.

Let's see what some of our staffers thought about this weekend's presidential events.

Brian and Raymond think the democrats are just being really sore losers.

Pam said although she was a Gore supporter, she thought throwing tomatoes was a bit too much.

James, Courtney and Carla thought the tomato idea was "awesome." Shawn and Melissa thought the whole thing was kind of funny.

As funny as it may be, the tomatoes throwing is nothing new. It goes back to at least the Nixon era.

Although we all have different views on what happened at the inauguration parade this weekend, the one thing we do agree on is that it's great to see the people of America becoming so involved in politics and willing stand up for what they believe.

We hope U.S. citizens continue to remain aggressively active, even when this Bush "thing" dies down.

So, we strongly encourage you all to remain active and please feel free to write us and let us know how you feel.

But if we ever write something that you don't agree with, please don't get mad and through tomatoes at us.

Segregation still remains

We've come so far, yet we have gone nowhere.

Our ancestors have given us the ability to study, eat and worship together, yet, we chose what we have, a society of segregation.

Separate but equal was the vision of former generations, which many Americans did not concur with, thereby challenging the validity of this statement in court.

We sit in our history and law classes mocking the very idea of "separate but equal." We laugh at the thought and discuss other erroneous laws. Rarely do we take the time to look at our own generation, and the separate but equal stance many people take, even some right here on this campus.

If you don't believe me, walk near The Knoll on any class day. You'll find groups of students separated by space and indeed, race.

February is not American History month, it's "black" history month. It's a sad time when one group of citizens must have a month set aside for them, because the public school systems and "white" America would not otherwise deem the history of some citizens -- who wore a certain color -- to be worthy of space in a text book or time in conversation. That's precisely the time in which we live.

As I began creating this meager attempt at smudging the lines between color, a friend asked, "why are you writing about that?" Stunned, I asked, "why shouldn't I?"

"Shouldn't they let someone black write that," the person asked. With that statement, I was able to write my first line. America's progression in racial



View from
the top

Michael
Edwards

equality is an illusion. This is coming from a male who is politically conservative. One group thinks a certain political party helps them more than any other, but does it really? If you attempt to find policy supporting that argument, you will find none.

The truth in the question is horrifyingly serious. Unfortunately, this person is probably not alone in thinking this. I am a 20-year-old, white male from suburban Nashville. According to most of society, it's not my place to be concerned with such matters. Sadly, many people, black and white, believe this. Many black students feel that they are set apart because of their race. At the same time, many white students feel the same way.

As a people, we are all concerned and even worried about our futures. We know it's going to be tough, and even tougher because we are black or white. We have the same concerns, likes and dislikes, yet we're still told how different we are. As far as I can see, our only difference as a society is the thin layer of skin, which separates our hearts.

I began to have an understanding during my time in a political science course PS-439, "Black Politics" taught

by Tyson King-Meadows. The class not only taught me about the political struggles facing Americans, but it also showed me a few ways to cure the most deadly diseases -- racism and racial discrimination. The biggest key is education, as with anything; a person may not understand.

Ask yourself why a certain group votes in a particular direction, or better yet, why we don't agree on these issues? How can I compromise to make their lives, and consequently, my life better?

It is clear, however, that many people do not want to be educated. The political science class was made of four black students and three white students. A total of seven students thought this class was important. People of all races cry about discrimination everyday, but when given the opportunity to be educated on how to cure it, they tuck their tails and head for the hills.

We all want to be equal in this land. Everyone wants to be judged, as Dr. Martin Luther King said, "by the content of their character." Many people made fun of Rodney King's expression "can't we all get along." Was he wrong? Why can't we get along? Racial discrimination and racism will always exist unless a generation decides to kill it. Who will it be? Everyone should say, "I am going to do it," especially anyone who claims to be a Christian.

Few ordinary citizens got to choose with whom they associated with in the 1960s. Now we all have that choice. Most of us, however, choose to remain segregated. We have come far, but have we gone anywhere? ♦

Time management still a foreign concept

I am a lazy person.

Of course, this is just another way of saying that my time management skills leave something to be desired. I started to realize this when I faced the task of completing nine papers in the last week of a class, but I guess I haven't learned much yet.

Last night, I planned to get a small assignment done at about 7:00 p.m.

The night passed as follows:
6:00 p.m. - A friend and I go out to pick up some things at Wal-Mart.
7:10 p.m. - We decide to watch MTSU take the court against Florida International.

8:45 p.m. - The game ends. Slightly disgusted with the result, I leave Murphy Center and return to my dorm.

9:00 p.m. - I call my girlfriend, telling her I must get off the phone by 10:00 so I can work on my assignment.

9:30 p.m. - I watch a *Simpsons* rerun on channel 14.

10:00 p.m. - I get online to check my e-mail, promising myself that I will get offline by 10:30 p.m.

For Argument's Sake



Jason
Cox

Staff
Columnist

10:20 p.m. - I decide to visit a friend.

12:30 p.m. - I get back. I put on a Travis CD and get online again.

12:45 p.m. - I lie down on a cushion and fall asleep watching TV.

Sound familiar?
Procrastination is a skill many of us students have mastered. Hell, I could get an honorary degree.

Purely as an experiment, I once tried spacing and planning my time, even breaking an assignment down into parts and doing a section each night. It's not as easy as it sounds.

This is going to sound slightly sick, but being stressed and pushing yourself at the last minute to complete an assignment seems to almost be a

badge of honor among students. It gives ample opportunity to bitch about the professor, the class, the assignment, the university and the world at large. It also allows for the 4 A.M. sigh of relief that effective time management takes away from us.

Whoever said that you should study at least two hours for every hour spent in class must have absolutely no time for the important things in life...you know, *The Simpsons*, *Playstation*, *Instant Messenger*, those kinds of things.

So the next time someone breaks plans because they have to study, unless their exam is the next day, dismiss them with a hearty laugh. For you see, you are the student with the most valuable craft of all, procrastination.

My assignment was eventually completed. I did it in the McCallie Dining Hall during breakfast, an hour before the class. Once again, our hero slips in just under the wire.

I hope you had a nice Christmas break. Best wishes for a great (and hopefully effective) semester! ♦

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Construction inconveniences blind

Letter to the Editor,

First of all, I want to tell you that I believe that the *Sidelines* staff is doing a fine job, and I appreciate so much of what is printed and admire many of the writers and what they have to say. The reason that I am writing to you and not calling the *Sidelines* desk is because I feel, as a Journalism (PR) major, that the concern that I am about to address, due to its importance, needs to be sent to the leader of the staff.

As you are well aware, the construction that is taking place in front of the Mass Communications building has become quite a conversation piece among students all across campus. Well, there is a small group of students who, I believe, were possibly forgotten about, our blind students. As a resident assistant, I have a personal investment in the well-being of all MTSU students, and as a peer, I want to know if the school even thought about our blind students who add a wonderful dimension to our campus. Were the blind informed that the construction would be taking place? If so, were they shown a new route through the area? I do know that one blind student was not aware of the construction, which caused him to become lost, confused, and embarrassed. I am proud to say that another resident assistant came to his aid

and personally escorted him to the location that he was attempting to find. Is this one student exemplary of the rest of our blind population? I believe that we all need to know and I hope that as the leader of *Sidelines*, you take an active approach to investigate this issue in search of answers.

Sincerely,

Joey Fortner
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Don't dis the music

I am no big fan of pop music. There are songs that I like, but I am a major rock fanatic.

I am sick of one genre act dising another. Does it really matter? Rock becomes pop and bleeds into the mainstream. The guys in Sparks don't need to worry about Britney "Oops" Spears if they have talent of their own. They should be able to stand on their own. Also, instead of "riding" the return of rock wave they ought to be more interested in causing it! Not waiting for it to happen so they can jump in. If you wanna be a musician, be one! Don't worry so much about being a real ROCK STAR! All songwriters have something to say even if it is cliché, chances are the song will mean something to someone.

J. Moore

Letters to the Editor

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

Stop partisan fighting

It was a disheartening experience to read *Sidelines*'s two editorials concerning John Ashcroft in the January 18th edition. While the writers undoubtedly made valid points, their comments portrayed a problem all too indicative of American politics today: bipartisan leadership of the nation is not working.

For America's political system to succeed, we must learn to work together and make concessions. While there are many who disagree ideologically with Mr. Ashcroft or many of the other Bush appointees, they must be evaluated objectively on their ability to effectively perform the requirements of the position. You can liken it to your first automobile. That 1984 Plymouth Horizon wasn't quite the 4-Runner you envisioned, but it beats walking. In the same manner, our leaders may not represent all of our views, but we must find the middle ground and pursue commonality.

In this case, cooperation, not contempt, will allow our country to move forward. Fundamentally, there is an inherent need to put away personalities and continue the progress this nation has experienced.

The effects are seen in Washington, but the change begins here.

Tim Munyon

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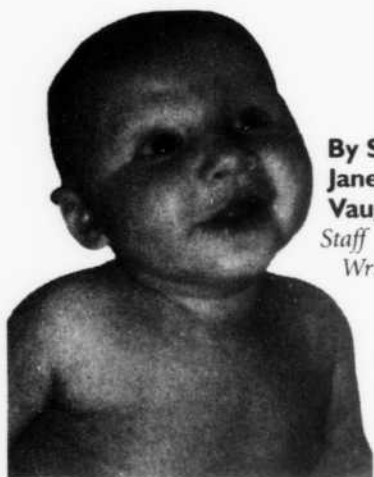
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Helping unsuspecting mothers

Crisis Center offering counseling and support for women unplanned pregnancies



By Sara Jane Vaughn
Staff Writer

You're staring at the little stick again — after the third test — and it's positive...now what?

There's a place close by to go to as a first step

Crisis Pregnancy Support Center, a non-profit Christian organization, located at 745 S. Church St. offers free services to young women in their time of need.

The center begins by offering "free, completely confidential pregnancy testing," said Vicki Edwards, executive director. This provides "a non-threatening first stop" for young women who are scared or feel they have no where else to turn.

"Many girls are truly alone," said Edwards, "We have even had some of our volunteers go into the delivery room with them."

The center provides items such as baby cribs, car seats and other products needed to care for newborns to enable young women to feel more secure as they enter motherhood.

"Our mission is to support the girl," said Edwards, "We are not taking anything away from these girls, we are empowering them."

If a young woman tests positive for pregnancy, the center helps her get to where she wants to be with her situation.

"Thirty percent of our tests come

back positive," replied Edwards.

"College-age women are more career oriented and financially struggling," said Edwards. "If education is their ultimate goal [and abortion is not an option for them], the center helps them to see that they can achieve this goal, even with a child."

Edwards said that abortion is inconsistent with the philosophy of the center, but she stressed again that the center exists "for young women and if they have chosen that [option] in the past, we offer post-abortion counseling."

"Our mission is to support the girl"
"...we are empowering them"

- Vicki Edwards
executive director

"Also, we work with many adoption agencies across Tennessee," said Edwards.

"We then work with the girl to help her work out her issues without passing any judgement."

"If someone came to us and said that one of our volunteers passed any kind of judgement on one of our girls, they would be gone."

A volunteer for the center "must be humble, must be able to give unconditional love, must be genuine and be able to show empathy," said Edwards.

"Most people here know the agony of being judged in some way or another," said Edwards. "We minister, not manipulate, and I hope that's what the women

feel or see when they come here."

The center's main goal "is to empower the woman," said Edwards.

Adding that many young women feel powerless if they find themselves alone or think that their education has to end because of an unplanned pregnancy.

"We have a teen and young adult parenting support group," said Edwards. This particular group is not "just classes, but more of a social group. This is one place that these girls can be pregnant and proud," said Edwards.

Along with important baby items that the center provides, this ultimately breeds independence.

There is also a clothes closet where the young mother can go on a shopping spree free of charge, and a Life Skills Program that helps strengthen independence.

Edwards said the importance of confidentiality is stressed at the Center because "many young women can't always turn to their own parents or friends."

The center is available to Rutherford County residents including MTSU students. They will not turn anyone away.

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Abortion will always be a legal option for young women. But first, find out exactly what is being doubted and sort out present chaotic emotions.

Then, the choice, whatever it is, will not be made in haste and with fewer regrets.

Crisis Pregnancy Support Center is a member of Care Net, a national governing affiliation, that holds the center accountable and provides training for volunteers. ♦

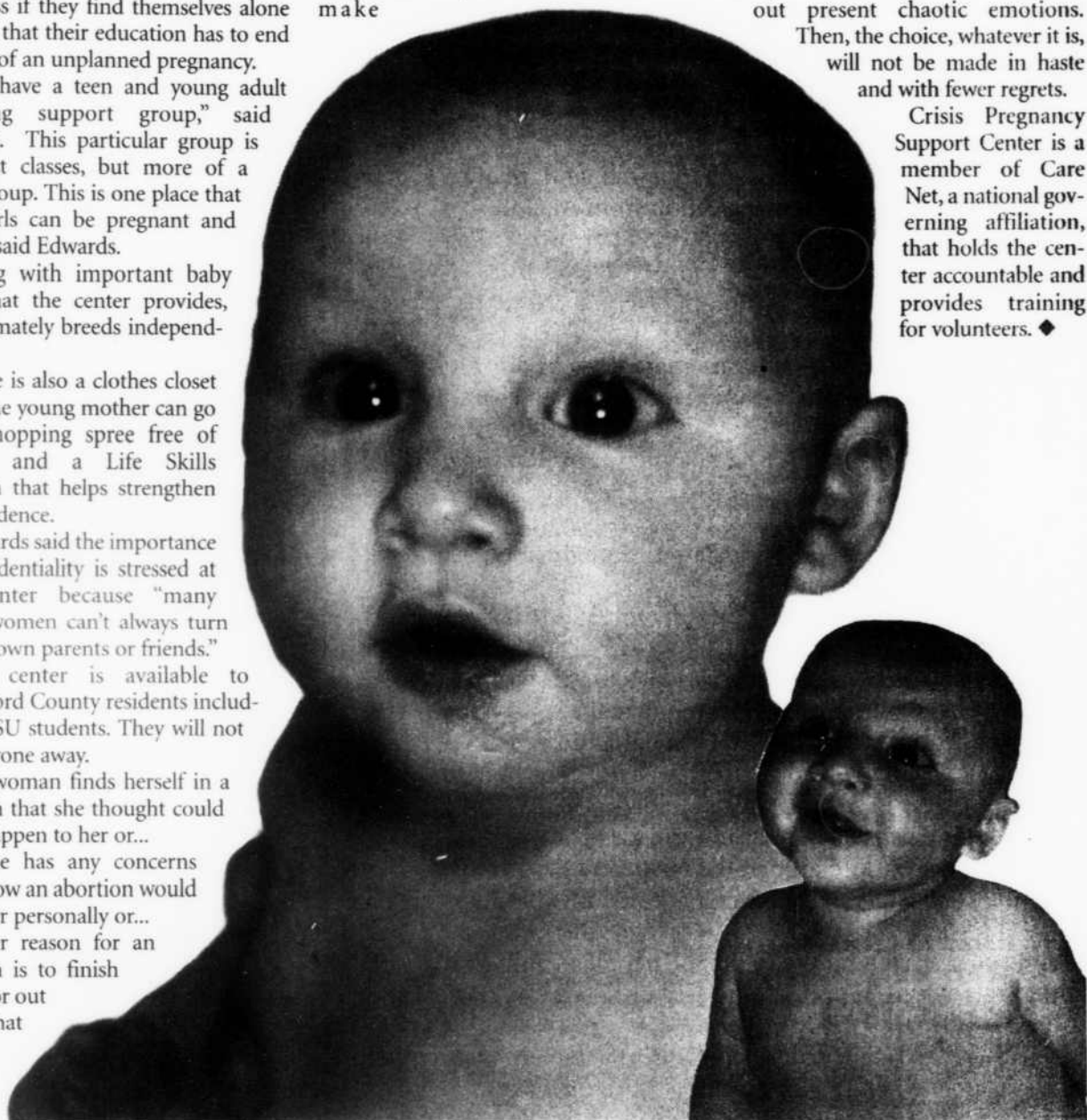


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It can be rough to Meet the Parents

By Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Writer

More than likely, there's not a student on campus who can't relate to the premise of *Meet the Parents* in one way or another.

Guys: how many times have you found yourself meeting the father of whomever you're dating only to have him give you the third degree — so to speak?

Ladies: Aren't you the least bit worrisome when you think you've found "Mr. Right" and the day arrives that dad wants to be the judge?

Meeting parents for the first time can be an uncomfortable situation for anyone. As nerve-racking as it is though, generally speaking, most of us can look back at it later and laugh.

Which is precisely why *Meet the Parents*, showing this week in the KUC Theater at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., did so well at the box office last year.

Some of the best comedies of all time are films in which the director and writer take a real and honest situation then exaggerate just a bit to enhance the comedic aspect. By the time *Meet the Parents* was completed, director Jay Roach had brilliantly pieced together a



witty and physical comedy with the help, of course, of actors Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro.

Stiller, who will probably always be remembered for his role in *There's Something About Mary*, once again affably plays the comedian audiences have come to like. De Niro portrays the tough guy role without quite mimicking the gangster characters we've come to associate with him.

The story line finds Greg Focker (Stiller) traveling to upstate New York with his live-in love interest Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo) in hopes of proposing.

Obviously, Jack Byrnes (De Niro) creates a bit of disturbance from the moment he and Greg meet for the first time.

As only an over-protective father would do, Jack insists Greg and Pam

sleep separately while visiting. To make the situation worse — or funny, depending on your sense of humor — Pam happens to nonchalantly mention that it would be best if Greg asks Jack for permission to marry her.

Adding to the humor is the fact that ever-suspicious Jack can't quite believe his daughter's boyfriend is a male nurse.

Also, in a small yet memorable role, Owen Wilson manages to steal a

scene as the stereotypical dimwitted ex-fiance.

Overall, *Meet the Parents* is a big budget Hollywood comedy that finally lives up to the potential of making people laugh. ♦

KUC theater will be showing *Meet the Parents*, like all its movies, Monday through Thursday at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and Friday at 6 p.m.

Entertainment tidbits

American Film Institute honors Soderbergh

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The American Film Institute honored two of director Steven Soderbergh's films — *Traffic* and *Erin Brockovich* — in its first-ever list of the 10 best movies of the year 2000.

AFI's best film list, assembled in alphabetical order and released Tuesday, included a summary of why each movie was recognized.

The eclectic list included the blockbuster epic *Gladiator* alongside the low-budget sibling-reunion drama *You Can Count on Me*.

The AFI also honored two critically praised comedies — the record store romance *High Fidelity* and the dog-lover's farce *Best in Show*.

In addition to *Traffic*, which chronicles the nation's drug trade, the institute honored three other movies that depicted the perils of narcotics use.

Those films included the bleak addiction drama *Requiem for a Dream*, the 1970s-era rock 'n' roll story *Almost Famous*, and *Wonder Boys*, which stars Michael Douglas as a pot-smoking professor.

The AFI also honored *Before Night Falls*, a true-life account of a gay Cuban writer who fled Fidel Castro's regime.

The 13 people who decide the inaugural AFI honors included the institute's chairman, three filmmakers, three film historians, three film critics and three AFI trustees. ♦

Tennessee Prisons Make the big time

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Robert Redford and James Gandolfini come to town to make the movie *The Castle*, they'll film at a site with some movie credits of its own — the old Tennessee State Prison.

Redford and the star of the HBO mob drama *The Sopranos* are expected to begin shooting March 19 at the former penitentiary, state officials said this week.

The gothic-style, 103-year-old prison, which resembles a castle, also appeared in *The Green Mile*, starring Tom Hanks, and *Last Dance* with Sharon Stone and Rob Morrow.

The Castle, directed by Rod Lurie, will tell the story of a three-star general, played by Redford, who is court-martialed and sent to a military prison run by a corrupt warden, played by Gandolfini.

Tennessee beat out Ohio and Kansas as a filming site, with a package of incentives that included using the prison rent-free and an exemption from paying the state's 6 percent sales tax on production-related purchases.

"It's going to have a greater impact in Tennessee than probably anything we've had so far," said Chet Frist, acting director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission, which recruits Hollywood deals for the state. ♦

He can't survive, but he can capitalize

NEW YORK (AP) — He never even came close to winning the \$1 million prize, but securing a modeling contract was easier than any immunity challenge *Survivor* contestant Greg Buis endured on Pulau Tiga.

Buis has been signed with T Management, Donald Trump's modeling agency.

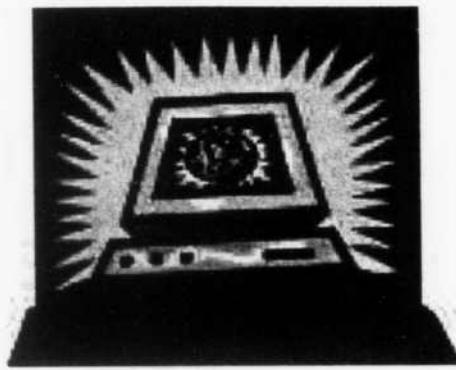
Annie Veltri, the modeling agency's president, saw Buis at FAO Schwartz late last year, said Lisa Bytner, the agency's publicist. Buis and several other cast members from the CBS reality show were at a press conference for the *Survivor* board game.

Veltri approached Buis and asked to take test photos. After seeing the photos, she signed the 25-year-old Colorado resident, Bytner said.

"The one thing she changed about Greg was his hair," the publicist said. "She had a stylist clean it up a little, but she feels his look is the all-American boy with sex appeal." ♦

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ON CAMPUS

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Jan. 22

The KUC Art Cube, on the second floor, is displaying "O SO QUIET," an interpretation of what a "Strong Woman Is" by a group of seven women painters through Jan. 26.

The Circle K Club meets in the KUC Room 318 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in community service is welcome to attend. For more information visit www.geocities.com/mtsucirclek or e-mail circlek@mtsu.edu.

The Student Chamber Ensemble Recital with Tonya Lawson is in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m.

Jan. 23

The Art Barn Gallery is displaying selected paintings and sculptures by retired MTSU art faculty members James Gibson and David LeDoux thru Feb. 9.

Jan. 24

The Placement and Student Employment Center is holding a Summer Jobs/Internship Fair from noon to 3 p.m. in the JUB. Employers hiring various majors for summer jobs and internships will be there. A Roster of participating employers can be viewed at www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm.

Jan. 25

The Student Recital Hour is in the Wright Music Hall at 11 a.m.

The Eric Tucker Senior Trombone Recital is in the Wright Music Hall at 8 p.m.

A Sidelines open house will be held in Dining Room C of the JUB from 5 to 7 p.m. All people interested in working for the school paper are encouraged to attend. Food will be provided.

Jan. 26

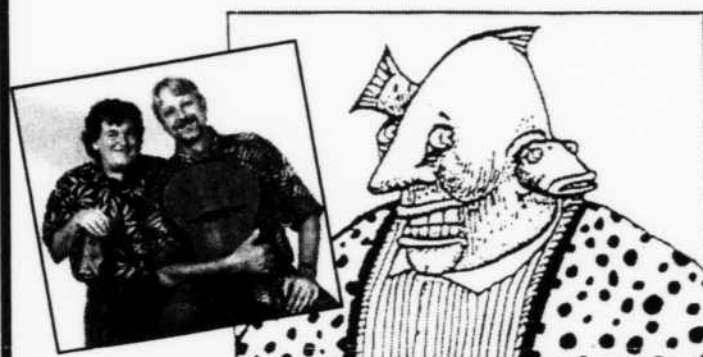
The Student Publications Committee meets Friday at 2 p.m. in room 210 of KUC. For more info call 898-5812 or e-mail oplaisan@mtsu.edu.

The Winter Music Education Conference in the Wright Music Hall at 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 27.

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SPORTS

Hoops: UALR romps leaderless Raiders

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Tommy Gunn tied the game at 54 when he hit a lay-up after making a steal near half-court.

Denver went up 56-54 and then B.J. Pratt, who ended up with a game high 24 points, drained a 3 to seemingly put the game out of reach.

MT frantically drove down the court and passed it to Jani Hiltunen, whose long trey went down to cut the lead to two at

59-57.

After a foul, Denver's Sherman Rochell went to the line to shoot a one-and-one with only 1.7 seconds left.

He missed the front end and lito Tenngren got the rebound and relayed it to D'Marius Wilkes, whose half-court miracle hit the top of the backboard.

"I thought we made a good run [in the second half] and finally got some shots to fall," said Coach Wiel. The Raiders

shot 12-28 (42.9 pct) in the second half.

Jani Hiltunen scored a season high 11 points and made all of the Raiders' 3-pointers, going 3-3 for the game.

"We played good defense," stated lito Tenngren.

"We just beat ourselves tonight and we seem to get the short end of a lot of those close scoring games." ♦

Preview: MT seeks for Sun Belt titles

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add depth.

Other notable members for the MTSU women's team include, among others: Tiffany Purham, Kelley Smith, Robin Wallace, Naomi Ansah, Chantel Kneeland, Alicia Moore, Sabrina Smith, Lashon Kennedy, Stephany Reid, Jameka Collins, and Amanda Forrester.

Likewise, the MTSU men's team will also have several athletes expected to score points.

Geoffrey Lagat, last year's OVC cross country champion, should improve a group of distance runners that have been a weakness for the men's team in past years.

Jasper Demps, the 2000 OVC 55-m hurdles champion, will be a favorite to win in the Sun Belt, and Michael Long should fol-

low up Rob Jordan in the long and triple jump standings.

Other notables on the MTSU men's team include: Tanko Braimah, William Smith, John Cheek, Brian Picklesimer, Haneef Sharif, Thomas Mbanda, Josh Carroll, Kareem Bland, Nigel Daniels, and the 1999-2000 Tennessee high school 100- and 200-m state champion Marty Scales.

Even though the MTSU teams have been consistent title contenders in the OVC, coach Hayes insists that the Sun Belt poses some stiff competition.

"The top individuals out of the OVC can compete in the Sun Belt, but points are harder to come by," Hayes said. "But we're a team that's based on quality, not quantity. So we should be all right."

The MTSU men's toughest competitor should be Arkansas State. North Texas, the 2000 Sun Belt outdoor champion, should also contend despite losing several key runners.

The women's field is wide open with six teams, including MTSU, being legitimate title contenders. Louisiana Tech is the defending indoor champion, but also lost several athletes from last year's squad.

New Orleans won the 2000 cross country title and is widely regarded as the favorite to win the Sun Belt according to coach Hayes.

Florida International, Arkansas State and South Alabama will also contend.

The Sun Belt Indoor Championship will be held Feb. 25-26 at Jonesboro, Ark. ♦



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Freddie Martinez attempts to block (33) Alan Barksdale.

Track: MT easily captures both the men's and women's meet at Murphy Center

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from events, newcomer Michael Long finished second in one event and won the other. A virtual unknown, Chris Koger, also won the high jump for the Blue Raiders.

Even though all the coaches and athletes insist that

team points in these types of invitational meets do not matter, MTSU won this one easily in both the men's and women's competition. According to MTSU head coach Dean Hayes, his team's success is not measured in points until the conference championship.

"We're getting some mental toughness and we're still having fun," Hayes said. "The newcomers are doing

very well and the team, overall, is looking pretty good, but [the points] don't matter unless it's for a conference title."

The MTSU men and women's track and field teams will compete in the Arkansas State Invitational in Jonesboro on Jan. 26-27. ♦



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The Two Minute Drill

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First Road Victory

The Lady Raiders picked up their first ever road win in the Sun Belt Conference. The 77-61 victory over University of Arkansas-Little Rock ends the Lady Raiders' second three-game losing streak of the season and a four-game losing streak on the road dating back nearly a month.

The theory of "score-by-committee" continued as a trio of Lady Raiders hit double figures led by the sophomore from Finland, Paula Penttila with 17. Penttila followed up her scoreless performance at Denver on Thursday with a near flawless shooting performance at UALR missing only one shot and making all four attempts from behind the arc.

Junior Joanne Aluka continued her consistent shooting missing only two shots while scoring 16.

Aluka heading into Saturday's game was shooting 54.5 percent from the floor averaging more than 13 points against conference opponents. Aluka's double-digit performance is the sixth in a row, the longest such streak on the team.

Holding that streak prior to Aluka was junior Jamie Thomatis. Thomatis had scored double-digits in 29 consecutive games prior to her eight-point performance at Denver.

She began a new streak at UALR posting 15, giving her a season average of more than 20.

The Lady Raiders shot better than 50 percent for the first time since the UALR game in Murfreesboro on Jan. 8. The 50 percent plateau has been an omen for the Lady Raiders.

They have yet to been beaten in games they shot above that plateau posting six wins. They are 8-1 when simply shooting better than their opponents.

Tough defeat

The Lady Raiders came within .4 of a second from upsetting the western division favorite on its home floor.

Denver's Nikki Weddle hit a 17-foot jump shot with four-tenths of a second left as the Pioneers staved off Middle Tennessee 59-57.

Middle Tennessee held the Pioneers to just 37.5 percent from the floor and only 25 percent from three-point range.

Denver was equal to the task limiting the Lady Raiders to 39 percent and holding the league's second leading scorer Jamie Thomatis to just 4-of-13 from the floor and eight points. It was the third straight game that Middle Tennessee has been held below 40 percent from the floor.

Joanne Aluka led the Lady Raiders with 13 points.

Mia Parviainen contributed 11 points 3-of-9 from long range.

Chrissy Davenport provided a spark off the bench with 10 points and six rebounds with four coming off the offensive glass.

Big 'D' in the 'Boro

Since allowing North Texas to shoot almost 60 percent on Jan. 6, the Lady Raiders defense has progressively improved its field goal percentage defense in each game.

UALR hit 46.2 percent the first time around followed by 44.8 against FIU, and 40.3 against South Alabama. Thursday, the Lady Raiders held Denver to 37.5 percent and Saturday UALR was limited to 37.3. ♦

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Track team seeks to excel

By Adam Sparks
Staff Writer

With the Ohio Valley Conference an afterthought, the Middle Tennessee State track and field teams are aiming for Sun Belt Conference titles in the 2000-2001 indoor seasons.

After several successful years in the OVC, the Blue Raider track and field teams have recently entered their first full season in the Sun Belt. MTSU track and field head coach Dean Hayes is confident that his teams can continue their winning ways.

"We have a lot of quality on our teams," Hayes said. "The men's and women's teams are both real solid. They both have a good shot at [conference titles]."

The MTSU men's team won the 1999-2000 OVC indoor championship and feature All-American sprinter Godfrey Herring and two-time OVC Track and Field Man of the Year Rob Jordan.

Herring, a junior from Michigan, runs both the 200- and 400-meter dashes. He was the OVC 400-meter indoor champion and also ran the anchor leg for the OVC one-mile relay indoor champion in 2000. Jordan, also a junior, has won numerous titles in the 400, long jump, triple jump, and one-mile relay, including the 1999 USA Junior long jump title.

The MTSU women's team is a young, but deep squad which won the 2000 Sun Belt outdoor championship as an invitee, despite not yet participat-

ing in the conference season. Leading the way for the women's team is a pair of Kimm Frimores, Willisa Heintz and Kim Freeman.

Heintz exploded on the MTSU track scene last year as a freshman phenom from Texas. Winning numerous OVC titles in the 55, 100, and 200, Heintz was nearly unbeatable throughout 1999 and 2000. She also represented MTSU on the USA Junior team.

"[Willisa] did everything that you could ask an athlete to do last year," MTSU assistant coach Roger Kerr said.

"She is one of those people who leads by example. She goes and does it. There are those people who are talkers and chatters and jivers, especially in track. But Willisa just shuts them out and does her thing; and when she does,

look out."

Along with Heintz, Freeman will be looked upon to score points in numerous events. She captured long jump titles in both the OVC and Sun Belt championships, making her the first athlete in NCAA history to win titles in two conferences in the same year. She also excelled in the triple and high jumps.

A handful of newcomers and seasoned veterans should keep the MTSU women's team in the conference title hunt. Three transfer students -- Jerkita McClorin, Bromeka Holmes, and Nicolette Jarrett -- will bring experience to the team, while talented freshmen Letitia Eady and Tasha Cain will

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Jonathan Whitworth pushes the ball upcourt against the Pioneers. The Blue Raiders lost by two points.

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MT slaughtered ... again

Blue Raiders lose to Trojans, Pioneers in Sun Belt play last week

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee only shot 7-29 (26.9 pct) in the second half and managed 56 points, their worst offensive production of the year and lost to Arkansas-Little Rock 77-56.

The Trojans jumped out to an early 10-3 lead on two Alan Barksdale treys. However, MT would come back on five straight points by sophomore forward Bryant Mitchell, who led the Blue Raiders with 15 points and nine rebounds.

MT would take the lead at 19-16 on a Kevin White three, but this would be the only time they held the lead the entire game.

ULAR would go into halftime over the Blue Raiders 42-31. Laverne Smith and Alan Barksdale led the way for the Trojans with 13 and 11 points respectively. As a team, UALR shot a whopping 16-29 (55.2 pct) and both teams connected on 6-11 (54.5) on their 3-point opportunities.

The Trojans would go on an 18-5 run midway through the second half and up their lead to 64-42. Middle Tennessee would never have a chance

down the stretch, as UALR would constantly score uncontested lay-ups to put the game out of reach.

Laverne Smith led the way for the Trojans with 21 points. Stan Blackmon's 20 points, nine rebound effort coupled with a 4-5 three point effort by Alan Barksdale, 18 points and seven assists, helped UALR to overcome 14 turnovers.

MT's leading scorer, senior Freddie Martinez only had three points and has had only 12 points over his last four games. Along with Martinez's poor production has gone the Blue Raider support, the Raiders shot a season low 18-53 (34.0 pct) from the field.

"They stole a lot out of transition plays and they went down and got baskets," said Bryant Mitchell, who along with Tommy Gunn's 11 points and Jani Hiltunen's nine points, were the only offense MT had all night.

"ULAR is a good team, we just needed to play better defense," said Coach Wiel. "It won't get any easier as we hit the road, I hope the shots start falling."

MT loses their fourth straight game and drops to 5-11 (1-4) while

ULAR improved to 10-6 (3-3). The Blue Raiders will next play Thursday night at Louisiana Tech.

On Thursday Iiro Tennngren set season highs with 20 points and eight rebounds in a losing effort against the Denver Pioneers, 59-57.

This was the Blue Raiders first game without Fernando Ortiz, was averaging 13 points per game. He will miss the remainder of the season due to chronic knee problems. The Raiders definitely had to step it up in his absence.

Iiro Tennngren scored twice in the early minutes of the game to put the Raiders up 8-4. The Pioneers answered back and the half remained back and forth and at halftime, Middle led 23-22.

The Blue Raider defense forced 15 first half turnovers, but were only 10-33 (30.3 pct) and 1-7 from behind the arc for the half. Iiro Tennngren had 10 and Denver's B.J. Pratt led all scorers at the half with 11.

The Pioneers led 50-41 midway through the second half but it was the Blue Raiders' turn to make a late run.

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By Adam Sparks
Staff Writer

In the first of only two track and field meets at the Murphy Center this season, the Blue Raiders defended their home track well Saturday afternoon in the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

The Middle Tennessee State track and field teams dominated a field that included two Sun Belt programs, Arkansas-Little Rock and Western Kentucky. The MTSU men and women's teams leaped and sped past the competition.

Willisa Heintz and Jerkita McClorin, both of the MTSU women's team, recorded career-best times in the 55-meter dash and the 55-meter high hurdles, respectively.

Heintz, the recent Sun Belt Performer of the Week, ran her sprint in 6.95 seconds.

Tasha Cain and Doreshia Davis came in second and third. Heintz also won the 200-meter dash, remaining unbeaten in the 2000-2001 indoor season.

McClorin recorded her lifetime best with a 7.99 in the 55-m high hurdles while Naomi Ansh claimed first in the 400-meter dash.

Most noticeably, though, was the MTSU women's domination in the jumps. They captured five of the six top finishes in the triple jump with the sixth going to first place and former Blue Raider teammate Andreja Ribac. Those five other finishers include: Stephany Reid, Letitia Eady, Jameka Collins, Tiffany Purham and Kim Freeman.

Freeman and Reid also finished the long jump in the top four with distances of 5.76m and 5.61m, respectively.

According to junior Stephany Reid, the team's dominance in the jumps was not surprising.

"We have a strong jumps field and a lot of jumpers and we were expecting to do this well," Reid said.

The MTSU track and field men's team, like the women, relied heavily on speed and jumps to defeat the competition.

All-American Godfrey Herring led a sweep of the 400 as Rob Jordan and D.J. Spann captured second and third. Herring settled for second in the 200 as senior Tanko Braimah ran the race in 21.76 seconds.

MTSU men finished the 55-m high hurdles in the top two spots, as well, with a pair of juniors -- Jasper Demps and Haneef Sharif -- claiming the victory.

Also similar to the women, the men's team staged a good showing in the jumps despite not unleashing the two-time OVC Track and Field Man of the Year Rob Jordan. In his absence

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