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Building a community



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Sophomore Daniel Onkst, right, and graduate students Sara Moser, left, and Stephanie Dunn, middle, shovel around newly constructed sidewalks at the Community Care Center, which will soon have a flower garden.

Community benefits from class

Students send progress reports to Al Gore

By **Stephanie Hill**
Staff Reporter

The Family Centered Community Building class, taught in part by Al Gore, is giving back to the Murfreesboro community after a few semesters.

This weekend, the class will plant a garden at the Community Care of Rutherford County, a long-term care facility located in Murfreesboro.

Shelly Selchow, a graduate student in the process of earning her master's degree in human science, is one of the 15 students involved in the on-going project and is excited about seeing all of the class's hard work pay off as they tackle the project over the weekend.

"At the beginning of the semester, after deciding what project we would be doing, we did a lot of brainstorming, trying to decide what it was exactly that we were wanting to do," Selchow said. "We have about four committees that

are in charge of different things, such as fund-raising, grants, planting supplies, volunteers and marketing and advertising. I have been involved in getting the community involved."

Catherine Stogner from human sciences and Carole Carroll from the sociology department are the professors involved in the project.

The Family Centered Community Building class is a service learning class whose main goal is to provide a need to the community.

"The students apply the material they learned in the classroom in a real world environment," Selchow said. "One of the class objectives is to focus on the importance of family in the community and vice versa. So often these days we barely know our own neighbors, much less people who live on the next street over. We are learning how to build stronger communities, supportive of one another's families."

"Former Vice President and occasional professor Al Gore is very excited about the project," Selchow added.

The class gives Gore monthly

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The goal of the community building class is to provide a need or assistance to the community.

Write-in votes eliminated from elections

Officers cite unqualified candidates

By **Juanita Thouin**
Staff Writer

Writing in "Mickey Mouse" or "George Washington" for Student Government Association senator or the Homecoming court will not be an option this fall.

An electoral amendment act that eliminates write-in votes in all SGA sponsored elections recently passed the senate.

According to Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner elect, write-in votes aren't always just silly. Often they pose real problems for the election commission.

One of those problems arises when someone writes in their friend's name as a joke, and the friend has no desire to serve in the capacity being voted on. Rogers said it is possible to get elected as a senator with just one write-in vote.

"It's kind of a sticky situation sometimes," Rogers said.

SGA President-elect Michelle Butler agreed with Rogers, saying write-ins allowed students who were not seriously committed to the SGA to become a senator.

"We don't want to be filling

the Senate with people who don't want to do it," Butler said. Butler also said write-in votes took too much time to tally.

"It was eliminated basically because of time," Butler said. "It's useless. Write-ins have to be checked and hand counted. Last election took three hours to count."

Another dilemma surfaces when a voter diletmas in a candidate with a common name such as Bob Smith.

"We might have several Bob Smiths on campus," Rogers explained. "Then we have to try and figure out which one was voted for."

Added to this problem is the fact that some write-in winners might not be qualified to fill the position to which they were elected.

To serve in both the Senate and in the Homecoming court, a student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours and possess a 2.0 grade point average.

Currently, those wishing to run for SGA or Homecoming must turn in a profile sheet, answer three short questions and provide a photo to the election commission. The candidates have two weeks to complete these requirements.

Rogers said the SGA office has a digital camera to help

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Critic to discuss body in art, philosophy

By **Audie Sheridan**
Staff Writer

Famed art critic and philosopher Arthur Danto will come to campus Friday to present a lecture titled "The Body in Philosophy and Art" as part of the 12th annual Philosophy Lyceum.

Danto has taught philosophy at Columbia University since 1951.

Professor Mary Magada-Ward's doggedness is the primary reason Danto decided to visit our campus.

"I called him once a year for six years, and bragged that we're the most fun to visit," Magada-Ward said. "The last time I tried, I asked, 'Do you want to come to the most bizarre state in the union?' and he said yes."

As a philosopher, Danto is a distinguished contributor to the field of aesthetics. According to Magada-Ward, "He is one of the best living philosophers."

He has published numerous books on the subject, including *The Transfiguration of the Commonplace*, a book Magada-Ward uses in her class on aesthetics.

"[The book] is the most perfectly realized philosophical monograph that I know of," Magada-Ward said. "Whenever I teach aesthetics, that book is by far the favorite, both for art students and philosophy students."

Danto is not content with writing only for academics, however. He began writing art criticism for *The Nation*.

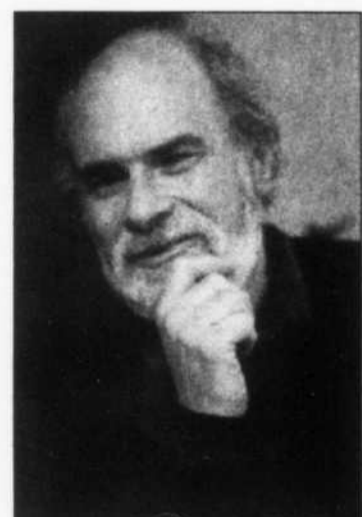


Photo courtesy of Columbia University

Philosopher Arthur Danto will lecture on art and the body tomorrow.

"It's kind of unusual for professors to become journalists, at least in this country," Danto said. "In Europe, it is a lot more common for philosophers to write for the general public."

His lecture grows out of his prior work on art and the theory of action.

"I am a fairly systematic thinker, and I keep evolving my ideas. So, the lecture shows where they have evolved since those books were published," Danto said.

"I'll be talking about the differences in the way the human body has been represented in philosophy and in art in modern times, beginning more or less in the 17th century but coming down to the present,"

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Suicide found common among teenagers, elderly

Advocate advises avoiding drugs, alcohol

By **Alex Roach**
Contributor

Suicide may not be prevalent in everyone's life, but Deborah Tyson thinks the issue needs recognition.

Tyson, the director of the Community Assistance Program at the Parthenon Pavilion Psychiatric Hospital in Nashville, talked to students Tuesday on the statistics and signs that may lead to suicide.

"Not all suicides require a history of depression," Tyson said.

The most effective way to prevent suicide is to learn to recognize the symptoms and know how to react to them.

Tyson also handed out some useful tips to battle test anxiety for students who might feel overwhelmed during finals week.

Some of them included being prepared, studying in advance and not cramming. She urged students to avoid any use of drugs or

alcohol so that their minds are clear and focused.

Tyson also suggested pacing yourself and focusing on what you know first. Take short breaks and relax your body.

Also stay in the present moment. Don't drift off to the warm sands too soon. Odds are they will still be there when it's all said and done.

Among the range of people who attempt suicide, young adult males have the highest completion rate.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers 15 to 24 years old and the sixth leading cause of death for children five to 14 years old.

Suicides not only affect young people; the elderly are affected as much if not more than their younger counterparts.

Older people have the highest completion rate of all the age groups listed in the range. Their desires usually stem from being widowed or the feeling they can no longer be useful to society.

Some of the causes that may lead to suicide are stress, confusion, self doubt, pres-

sure to succeed and financial uncertainty.

There are certain symptoms to look for if you or someone you know might be contemplating suicide. A person's sleeping and eating habits may change. Also a symptom is withdrawing from friends and family but not just due to the momentary need to cram for finals.

Another sign might be marked personality change, difficulty concentrating or neglect of schoolwork quality. Most of the time, however, the person attempting suicide will try and tell someone before actually attempting suicide in some way or fashion, Tyson said.

"If the victim says they want to commit suicide, always take them seriously," Tyson said.

The victim of these notions will alert someone because they don't really want to die but can't seem to find any other way to cope, she said.

Seventy-five percent of all suicides give some sort of warning. ♦

SGA: Time restrictions set for fall

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facilitate getting photos. Therefore, she doesn't believe the requirements and specified time frame are too far reaching.

Adam Skelton, treasurer for Sigma Nu, an organization that has in the past made nominations for homecoming court, agrees with Rogers.

"Two weeks is plenty of time," Skelton said.

He was quick to point out, however, that the two weeks are only long enough if nominations could be made before the

packets are distributed.

Rogers said there are no stipulations as to when nominations must occur.

In fact, for the coming fall semester, she encourages organizations to undertake that process either now or sometime during the summer.

The reason for her concerns is that Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 11 this year.

Because Homecoming and SGA senatorial elections always take place at the same time, and since the electoral laws specify that candidates for both elec-

tions must be publicized at least 28 days prior to the election, applications for not only the Homecoming court but also SGA senators must be in the SGA office just two weeks after school starts.

To help ensure things flow smoothly in the fall, Rogers visited various student association councils to let them know of the tight time restrictions for fall's elections and the elimination of write-in votes.

"I want voters to have adequate time to get their candidates in," Rogers said. ♦

Garden: New volunteers needed

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updates and keeps him informed about the progress being made.

In turn, Gore gives the students his suggestions for getting the word out to the community and generating interest in the project.

Community Care of Rutherford County formed a partnership with MTSU and approached the class about the project.

The directors of the CCRC have in place a concept titled Eden Alternative, the goal of which are to fight the common nursing home issues of loneliness, depression and helplessness.

"The home allows pets such as dogs, cats, fish and birds making it a more peaceful and comfortable environment," Selchow said.

"By building the garden we are taking their concept of Eden Alternative to a different level. The garden will accommodate the disabled seniors, providing them with wider sidewalks, and seniors with arthritis or a bad

back can reach the plants to weed or water them."

The project was welcomed with open arms in the Murfreesboro community.

"The co-op has been assisting us with our budget so that we can build the most beautiful garden possible and are also holding a wish list for us so that people can stop by and purchase items to bring or have delivered to the garden," Selchow said.

Ole South Properties, which supplies the dirt for the project and Horse Creek Insurance have been the largest contributors.

Other companies include Artisan Granite and Marble, Rogers Nursery, Williams Nursery, Stones River Garden Club and the 4-H Club.

CCRC has also donated time and materials to the project.

Individuals also purchased engraved bricks to be placed in the garden by giving a minimum donation of \$35.

The university supports the project. Students in concrete management, led by Heather Brown, poured concrete for the

sidewalks, birdbaths, benches and retaining wall.

Other individuals and departments bought bricks and gave donations.

Larry Sizemore from MTSU Greenhouse donated time and expertise as well as some plants, and Tom Tozer from News and Public Affairs did some publicity for the project.

Students are encouraged to become involved by coming to the Community Care of Rutherford County between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The home is located at 901 Country Farm Road off Highway 231 near Shelbyville. Lunch will be provided for workers.

"We need people to help make this garden a reality; nothing except the sidewalks will be done until this weekend. We are asking anyone to participate, young or old," Selchow said.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick may contact Selchow at sls2g@mtsu.edu or 904-8436. ♦

Crime Stoppers bulletins

Friday, April 4, 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

A person or persons unlawfully entered Corlew Hall, Room 416, and took some money. The room was entered and approximately \$140 in cash was stolen.

Sunday, March 30, 12:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m.

A person or persons egged a car parked next to Smith Hall in the Judd/Sims Hall parking lot. The car was a 2001 White PT Cruiser with Tennessee license plates.

Friday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 25

Womack Lane apartment L-10 was unlawfully entered and approximately \$56 worth of property was stolen, including two plants and an iron.

Sometime between 8 p.m. on March 28 and 1:45 p.m. on April 1 someone tried to break into Family Student Housing apartment C-15. Damage was done to the front screen door, and two window screens were bent.

Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.

A person took a Dell Inspiron 3 laptop from a file room in the Center for Dyslexia. The serial number for the laptop is #VZ4FP.

Saturday, March 22, 2 a.m.-2:15 a.m.

A person or persons defaced a bulletin board and door with graffiti on the sixth floor of Cummings Hall.

Friday, March 21, 12:20 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

A person took a paycheck from a locker in the Aramark women's locker room of the Keathley University Center Grill. The \$250 check was stolen from Mary Sishman.

Friday, March 14 through Monday, March 17

A person broke a window in the upper corner of the Clement Hall day room.

If you have information about any of these crimes or any other crime committed on property owned by MTSU or a felony committed within Rutherford County, please call Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All callers will remain anonymous, and if your information leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. ♦

Danto: Lecture appeals to masses

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Danto said of his coming lecture. "And I'll try to explain why art and philosophy view the body in such different, really in such opposite ways."

The lecture promises to appeal to people with interests in both philosophy and art, although Danto did say it would be a philosophical lecture.

"I think [attendees] will get a sense of what it is like to think

broadly about fundamental issues in the way we picture ourselves in the world," Danto said.

Being a New Yorker, Danto is also aware that art students may have a special interest in his lecture, since, according to Danto "New Yorkers are always objects of intense curiosity among artists who will sooner or later make their way to New York."

While Danto's work is by no means limited to the study of

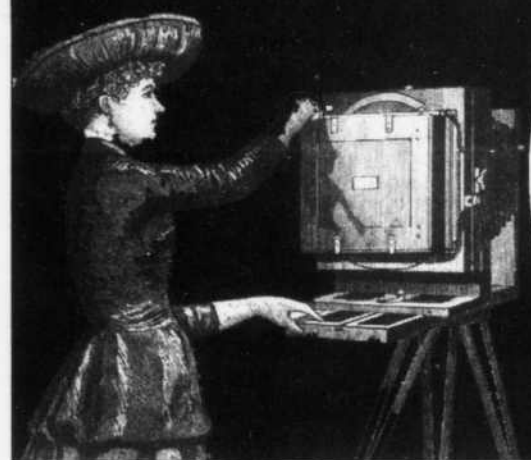
art, he did just finish another book on aesthetics entitled *The Abuse of Beauty*.

This book will address why beauty is gone from contemporary art and what can be done about it.

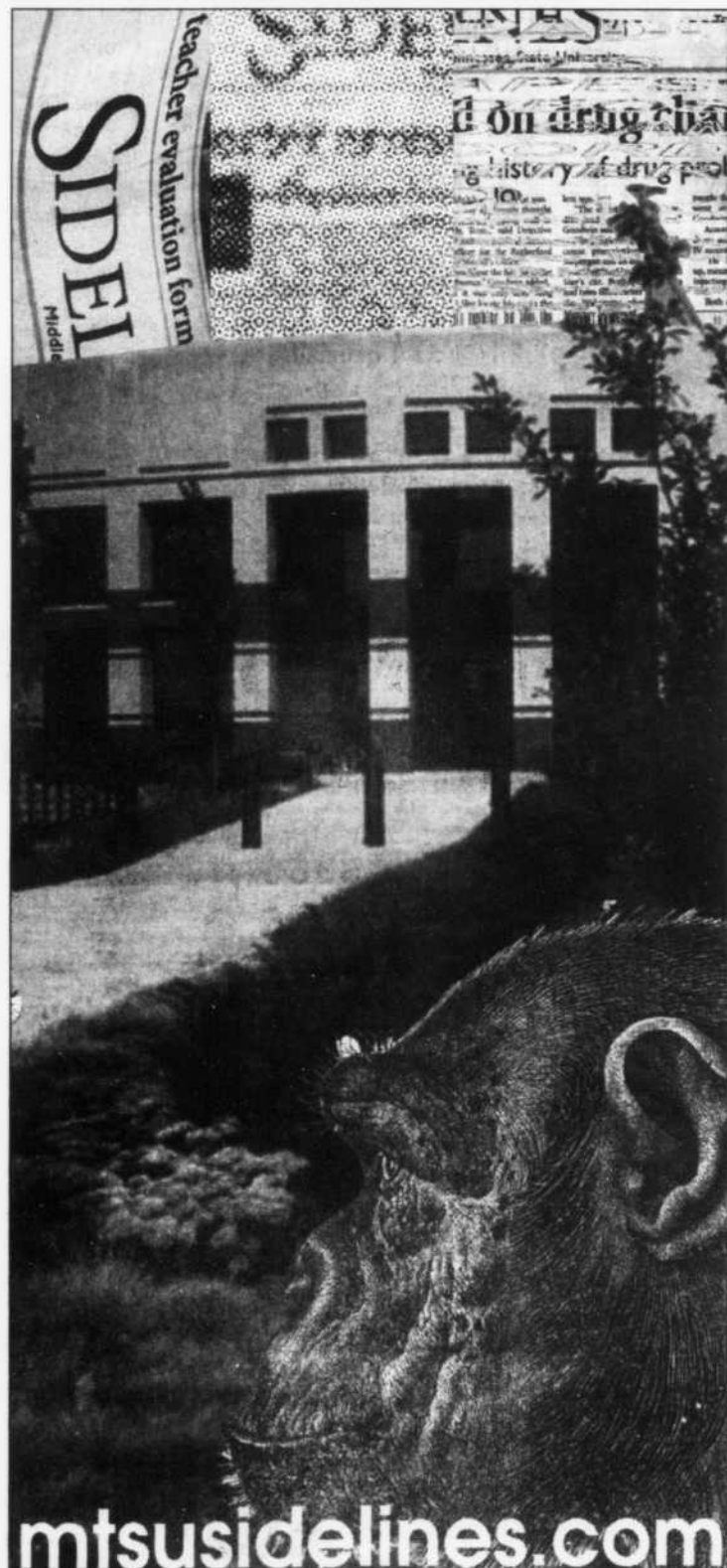
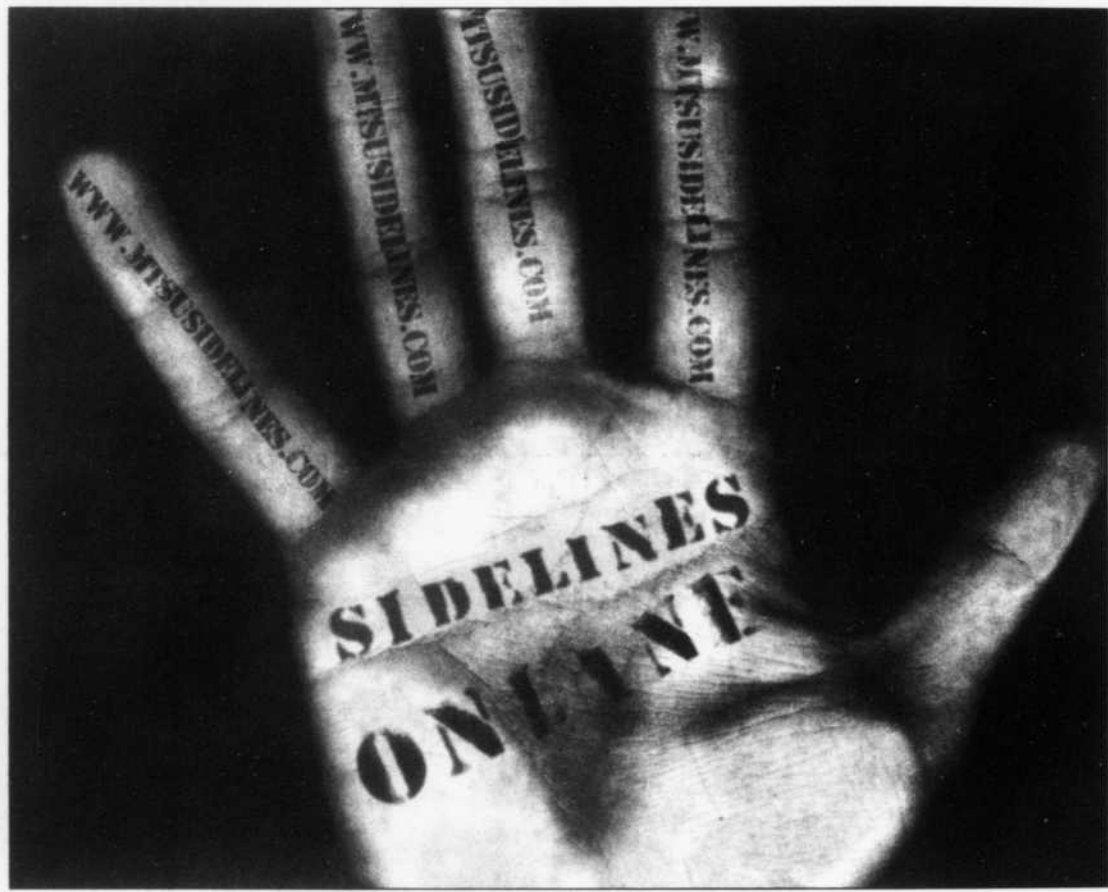
The lecture will take place tomorrow at 3:45 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 304.

A reception will follow at a location to be announced during the lecture's introduction. ♦

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SPORTS

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Thursday, April 24, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MT baseball team shuts out Belmont, 5-0

By Josh Beasley
Assistant Sports Editor

After two and a half innings of scoreless baseball, the Blue Raiders got things rolling in the bottom of the third, scoring five runs off five hits, including two home runs, to give starter B.J. Church the support he needed to pick up his second win on the season, blanking Belmont 5-0 Tuesday night.

"It makes it really easy catching when B.J. [Church] was throwing strikes like he was," said MT catcher Derek Phillips. "His fastball was great today, and he hit his spots. It got a little hectic in the ninth, but I knew he'd pull it out. It feels great to catch a shutout."

For the Blue Raiders in the third, shortstop Jeff Beachum drove a one-out hanging deuce to left field. Beachum swiped second before Chuck Akers lined an RBI double down the line, scoring Beachum from second. With Akers in scoring

position, Nate Jagers smoked an RBI single to left, allowing Akers to come around from second to plate the second run of the inning.

With only one out in the inning, the Blue Raiders continued the damage. With Jagers lurking at first, Brett Carroll belted a towering two-run shot into the course of Floyd Stadium, giving the Blue Raiders a 4-0 lead. Chad Cooper went down on strikes but the inning was still very much alive. After a visit to the mound from Belmont head coach Dave Jarvis, Bruins starter Alex Dave lofted a 2-2 fastball to MT slugger Josh Archer, who deposited the pitch over the left field wall

for the final run of the inning and a 5-0 lead after three complete innings.

Church (2-1) had a stellar performance on the heel, with a career-high 11 strikeouts and his longest outing of the season. Church went the distance, and recorded the Blue Raiders first shutout and third complete game of the season. At one point, the freshman right-hander retired 14 straight Bruin hitters and allowed just two hits in eight innings before Belmont strung together three straight singles in the ninth.

"Everything was working for me tonight," Church said.

"I could throw the fastball where I wanted, and they couldn't hit it. I was able to see them off inside every time. I threw it where I wanted and it worked. In order to have success in the future, that's what I'm going to have to do."

After the five-run explosion in the third inning, Renes and reliever John Webster retired

the final 16 Blue Raider hitters to end the contest. Renes (3-3) was tagged with the loss, allowing five runs on six hits with three Ks in five innings of work.

Carroll's two-run shot to left gave the third baseman 10 on the season and Archer's line drive blast, just clearing the left field wall, gave the slugger a team-high 11 heading into the weekend series with Western Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders dip back into SBC play with a three-game series this weekend against Western Kentucky before returning to Reese Smith Field weekend to play host to SBC cellar-dwellers University of New Orleans. ♦

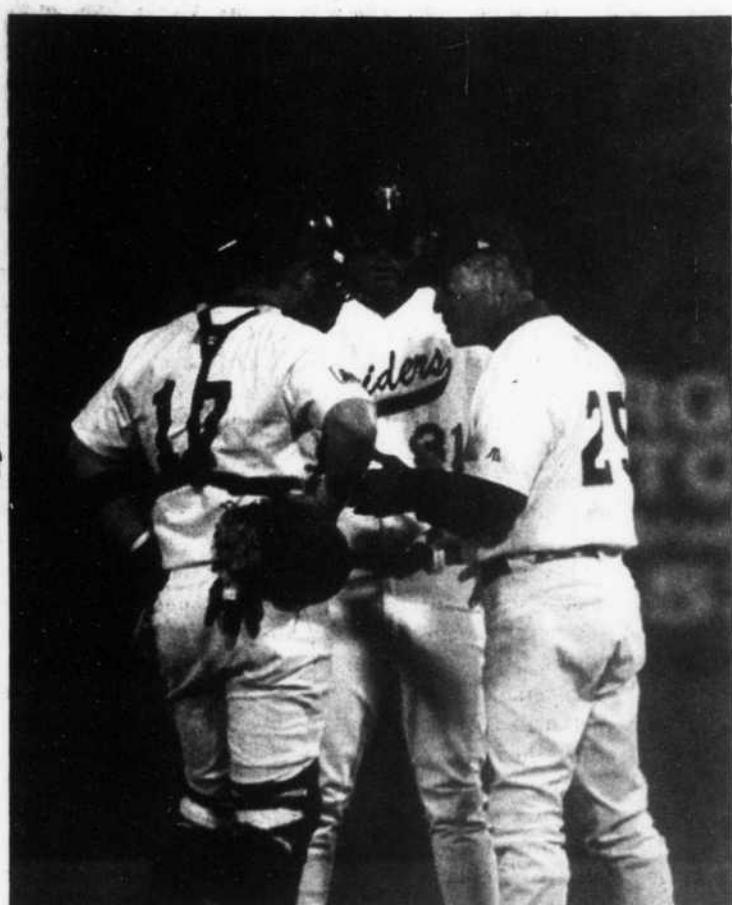


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Derek Phillips and B.J. Church talk to a Blue Raider official during the Belmont game Tuesday.



Jagers



Carroll

Track team splits up to three cities over weekend

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders will have a busy weekend as they travel to Murray State on Saturday to compete in the Murray State Racers' Twilight Meet, Penn Relays in Philadelphia and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

D.J. Spann, Mardy Scales, Omar Ali and Brad Orr will compete in the 4x100-meter relay at the Penn Relays on Friday. The group set an NCAA regional mark at the Vanderbilt Invitational, winning the event with a time of 40.11 seconds. Victor Okorie, Fred Williams, Tim Hicks and Sean Waller will compete in the 4x400-meter relay.

The women's relay team will consist of Kim Freeman, Kerry Barrow, Kishara George and Rosemary Okafor and will compete in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400-meter relays. The MT women's relay teams won at the Vanderbilt Invitational, Alabama Relays and Sea Ray Relays this season. MT will also send a men's and women's relay team to compete in the Drake Relays in Des Moines tomorrow and Saturday.

On Saturday, many MT track members will travel up the road to Murray, Ky., to compete in the Murray State Racers Twilight Meet. The Blue Raiders will compete in a wide variety of events ranging from the 100-meter dash to the shot put.

Wesley Dupar-Scott, Jack Lawhorn, J.J. Sturm and Garland Martin will compete in the 100-meter dash. Dupar-Scott won the 100-meter at the Yellowjacket Invitational with a time of 10.64 seconds, and Lawhorn won the 100-meter at the Vanderbilt Invitational with 12.14 seconds. Dupar-Scott and Martin will also compete in the 400-meter. Dupar-Scott set an NCAA regional mark with a time of 47.31 seconds at the Alabama Relays.

Josh Carroll, Levi Sybert, Edwin Koech and Anthony McCrary will participate in the 800-meter. Sybert, Wood and Carroll won the 800-meter at the Vanderbilt Classic and Koech won the event at the Boston-Moon Classic.

Randy McKeever will compete in the high jump. McKeever won at the Boston-Moon Classic with a height of 5-feet-10-inches. Rob Jordan jumped a season best and set an NCAA regional mark at the Vanderbilt Invitational (24-11). He will compete in the long jump on Saturday. Willie Parker will compete in the hammer throw, discus and the shot put. He has brought home a win in all three categories this season.

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Blue Raiders prepare for NFL draft

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter



File Photo

Dwone Hicks (33) is one of three Blue Raiders eligible for the NFL draft this weekend.

Three of the most record-setting Middle Tennessee football players in history — Dwone Hicks, Tyrone Calico and ReShard Lee — will be showcased this weekend as they look to continue their football careers to the next level with the NFL draft.

Dwone Hicks, who ran a 4.59 40-yard dash, had a slow start to last season because of a knee injury and missed two games. However, Hicks picked up where he left off and was still able to run for more than 1,000 yards for the third straight season. Hicks was named to the All-SBC Belt Conference second team. Hicks holds the school record of 53 touchdowns. He is also in the top 10 in many other Blue Raider records.

According to www.cbssportsline.com, Hicks "has a stout frame with good vision and the speed to break tackles, has the acceleration to create separation, showing a short burst through the holes." He also "has just marginal explosion when accelerating around the corner, has reliable hands, but looks stiff trying to adjust to the catch and lets too many passes absorb into his body."

The Sporting News magazine has Hicks being picked in the fifth round.

Wide receiver Tyrone Calico was known as a leader for MT that performed with his actions, not words. Last season, Calico was named to the All-SBC first team by leading the Blue Raiders with 45 catches and 606 yards and four touchdowns. Calico was a four-year starter and caught 194 catches, gaining 2,636 yards with 12 touchdowns.

Calico is second behind Kendall Newsom (1998-2001) in career receptions and yards in MT history. Newsom, who had 238 catches for 3,074 yards during his four-year career, was picked in the seventh round by the Jacksonville Jaguars at last year's draft.

However, Newsom was cut in training camp, and is not on an NFL team at this time.

According to www.CBSSportsline.com, some of Calico's strong points include "well-proportioned

See Draft, 6

Men's and women's golf teams start off slow in SBC tourney

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

Both of Middle Tennessee's golf teams slumped in the first two rounds of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament at Bluewater Bay Resort in Niceville, Fla., on Monday and Tuesday.

MT's women's squad buried themselves in a deep hole after opening with a poor first round score of 335. Tuesday's second round total of 316 gave the Lady Raiders a two-round score of 651, placing them in seventh place out of 10.

The usual frontrunner for

MT, Tamara Munsch, had a first round disaster, posting a score of 88. She improved her performance in round two by 10 strokes, firing a 78 on Tuesday to move up to a tie for 31st heading into the final round of play yesterday.

Kandace Burnett paced MT over the first two days. The senior from Monahans, Texas stood in a tie for 19th after shooting consistent scores of 81 and 79 to total 160.

Kristin Lynch struggled to an opening 85 but rebounded on Tuesday with a 77 to place her in a tie for 24th at 162.

Grace Holmes was at 168,

tying for 33rd, after carding a second-round 87 to go along with her opening 81.

Amanda Harter bounced back nicely from a first round 92 to shoot 82 on Tuesday, boosting her into a tie for 42nd entering the final round of play on Wednesday.

New Mexico State held a commanding lead through two rounds with a team total of 593, 28 strokes clear of second place Arkansas-Little Rock. NMSU's Alena Sharp held the individual lead through Tuesday's action with a 1-under-par total of 143.

On the men's side, the Blue Raiders stood in eighth place

through two rounds of play at the MT Bluewater Bay layout.

Par 72 carded a team total of 306 in the first round on Monday and improved that number to 305 in Tuesday's second round. The two-day total of 611 placed the Blue Raiders 45 shots behind North Texas. Senior Patrick Williams led the way for MT in the opening rounds, shooting scores of 78 and 74 to place him in a tie for 24th. Not far behind was sophomore Carter Henderson, who stood in a tie for 28th, one stroke behind Williams, after rounds of 77 and 76.

Charlie Gibson and Josh

Nelms were in a tie for 31st after Tuesday's play. Gibson posted consecutive rounds of 77 to reach a 154 total, while Nelms tallied the same figure by shooting 76 and 78.

North Texas boasted the top two individual performances of the first two rounds. Brad Besler led the event entering the final round yesterday at 7-under-par 137.

Two strokes back at 5-under-par was his teammate Zach Atkinson. The final round was scheduled for yesterday at Bluewater Bay, marking the end of the season for both the MT men and women. ♦

Lady Raiders sweep doubleheader



Dani DeCamino went 2 for 3 with four RBIs during Tuesday's game against Tennessee State University.

Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders (27-16) notched a doubleheader sweep of Tennessee State at Lady Raider Field. The wins ran MT's all-time record against the Lady Tigers to 34-0.

Middle Tennessee also saw another important streak continue in their 5-0 win in the first game of the twin bill.

Hurler Stacy Preator tossed seven innings of scoreless ball to extend her streak of scoreless innings to 33. Preator didn't allow a TSU base runner until Misty Adfield singled in the top of the fifth. The Lady Raiders would add another base runner when Kristy Kittel reached on a fielder's choice.

The Lady Raiders got their offense back on track in the bot-

tom of the fifth. Erica Buhl and Kip Phillips scored back-to-back singles with one out, and Cortney Mitchell delivered the big blow with a two-run single to right. The Lady Raiders would go on to add three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Valerie Swanson reached second following a two-out hit and a TSU error. Katie Tompkins, who entered as a pinch runner for Swanson, went to third on a single from Buhl. Tompkins plated the third run of the frame when Buhl intentionally was tagged out in a run-down between first and second to allow the run to score.

Preator, who improved her record to 18-6 with the victory, struck out nine without allowing a walk in the game. Starter Alana Thomas, (3-7), took the

loss for the Lady Tigers.

Offensively, Buhl led the way in game one with a 3 for 3 performance out of the leadoff spot. Cortney Mitchell, who was 1 for 3, led the team with two RBIs.

Game two was a milestone for another reason. Freshman Jennifer Dorais made her first career start and hurled a no-hitter as the Lady Raiders took their opponent to task with an 8-0 rout that ended in five innings due to the run rule.

MT got their offense going with some miscues by the Lady Tiger defense. When the dust settled, MT had plated seven runs, due in large part to six Lady Tiger errors.

The big MT blow in the stanza came off the bat of Dani DeCamino, who doubled into right center with the bases

loaded, driving in three of the team's runs in the inning.

DeCamino ended the game as the offensive star for the Lady Raiders, going 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Megan Chirinka also had a big game with a 2 for 3 outing, including an RBI double. Leah Grothaus and Tompkins also knocked in runs for the Lady Raiders in the game.

Dorais' win gives her a record of 1-0 on the year. Justine Jontz, who was a victim of the poor TSU defense, took the loss to drop to 2-6, despite allowing only one earned run.

The Lady Raiders will return to action this weekend in Las Cruces, N.M., in a key Sun Belt series with New Mexico State. The team will play a pair of doubleheaders, with the games on both Saturday and Sunday slated to begin at 11 a.m. ♦

Draft: Ceremonies to begin Saturday at 11 a.m.

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with a rare-sized frame, very long arms, solid chest and shoulders and good definition in his legs and calves."

Some of the weak points mentioned by www.CBSSportsline.com include, "good agility, but he appears a little stiff in his hips."

SI.com has Calico being picked in the first round by the AFC champions the Oakland Raiders with the 31st selection.

"Tyrone Calico has the chance to be the highest drafted kid to ever come out of here," said Middle Tennessee head football coach Andy McCollum.

The highest a former MT player has been selected was in the third round, twice, with quarterback Jonathan Quinn in 1998 by the Jacksonville Jaguars and linebacker Mike Caldwell in 1993 by the Cleveland Browns.

MT running back ReShard Lee decided to leave school after his junior year after playing only two seasons. However, teamed with Hicks, they became one of the best running back duos in the country. Lee showed last season that he could do it all-run, pass and return kicks and was named to the All-SBC second-team. Lee finished second on the team in rushing with 642 yards and six touchdowns.

According to Cbssportsline.com, some of his positives include being a "dangerous open field runner with a muscular upper body and strong legs."

On the other side, some of his negatives are he remains "untested as a pass catcher, and tends to let the ball absorb into his body rather than extend."

"It's great for our program to have three, and there may be a couple more kids to get opportunities, too, but to have three guys drafted, if that works out, then that's what we want to do as far as recruiting, as far as bringing guys in here with that type of potential. That everybody across America sees Middle Tennessee, and that what we will continue doing is get those types of caliber players, and that type of character part of our program," McCollum said.

The NFL draft takes place this weekend with coverage on ESPN beginning on Saturday at 11 a.m. ♦

Track: Sun Belt finals to be held next weekend in Texas

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winning at the Vanderbilt Invitational and Boston-Moon Classic. Linnie Yarbrough will compete in the 100 and 400-meter hurdles. Yarbrough set a regional mark in the 100-meter hurdles (14.18) as well as winning at the Vanderbilt Invitational in the 400-meter hurdles.

Jerkita McClorin, Ayana Riviere, Keke Deckard and Rolanda Howard will compete in the long jump event. Howard and Riviere set personal bests at the Boston-Moon Classic. Howard and Deckard will also compete in the triple jump, and both have done well this year, winning at Vanderbilt and

Alabama.

Jennifer Howard will compete in the pole vault. She has taken home a victory in both the Alabama Relays and the Yellowjacket Invitational. Brown, McClorin, Byrd and Riviere will compete in the javelin and shot put.

Byrd set a personal best at the Mississippi State Invitational in the shot put with a mark of 43 feet, 6 inches. Brown and Riviere will compete in the long jump. Brown set a personal best at the Boston-Moon Classic with a mark of 5, feet, 6 inches.

The Blue Raiders will travel to Denton, Texas on May 9 to compete in the outdoor Sun Belt Championships. ♦

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2003 Sun Belt Baseball Records

| | Sun Belt | | | | Overall | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---|------|------|---------|----|------|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct. | Stk. | W | L | Pct. | Stk. | L10 |
| South Alabama | 8 | 4 | .667 | W2 | 27 | 12 | .692 | W2 | 7-3 |
| New Mexico State | 9 | 6 | .600 | W2 | 31 | 11 | .738 | W2 | 6-4 |
| Florida International | 7 | 5 | .583 | L2 | 29 | 14 | .674 | L2 | 5-5 |
| Arkansas State | 8 | 6 | .571 | L2 | 18 | 20 | .474 | L2 | 3-7 |
| Louisiana-Lafayette | 8 | 7 | .533 | W2 | 17 | 25 | .405 | W2 | 6-4 |
| Western Kentucky | 5 | 6 | .455 | W1 | 20 | 15 | .571 | L2 | 5-5 |
| Middle Tennessee | 6 | 9 | .400 | L2 | 19 | 21 | .475 | L2 | 6-4 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | 4 | 8 | .333 | W1 | 24 | 16 | .600 | W1 | 6-4 |
| New Orleans | 4 | 8 | .333 | L1 | 19 | 21 | .475 | L1 | 4-6 |

Arkansas State Indians

Arkansas State went 1-3 last week, losing a single game to Southeast Missouri State and dropping two of three to New Mexico State over the weekend. In the NMSU series, the Indians pounded out 40 hits, including a season-high 20 hits in the series finale.

ASU hit .320 last week in four games while averaging 8.3 runs per game. Josh Allison hit .643 (9 for 14) last week with eight runs and four RBIs while stealing three bases. Allison slugged 1.643 with four home runs and two doubles while sporting an on-base percentage of .706. The sophomore went 5-for-5 against NMSU on April 20 with one home run and three runs.

Allison had two home runs against SEMO on April 15, going 2-for-3. On the season, Allison has upped his batting average to .275 while having 17 runs and 15 RBIs. He leads the Tribe with a .613 slugging average.

Four other Indians hit at least .400 last week. Monte Douglas hit .500, while Neal Chambers and Brad Hayes batted .462 and .421, respectively. Blake Denischuk hit .400.

New Mexico State Aggies

For the third consecutive home series, NMSU lost on Friday but bounced back to win on Saturday and Sunday to take a league series.

The series victory over ASU marked the first time in school history that the Aggies have

won three league series at home in one season.

Saturday's 14-5 victory over ASU marked the team's 17th come-from-behind win of the year. The Aggies trailed ASU 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning.

NMSU will have a busy week, traveling to arch rival New Mexico on Tuesday and then flying to the East Coast to take on Florida International. The season series with UNM is currently tied at 2-2.

ASU came into last weekend's series with the second best team ERA in the Sun Belt, but the Aggie offense responded by batting .409 and scoring 36 runs in the three game series.

South Alabama Jaguars

South Alabama had a .500 week with a series road win at Middle Tennessee and a gut-wrenching 17-16 loss at No. 21 Alabama Wednesday.

The Jags trailed the Crimson Tide 17-10 going into the ninth and battled to within one run.

USA came up short after leaving the bases loaded to end the game.

The 17-16 loss was the first time in school history that USA has lost a game when scoring 15 or more runs.

The Jags took two of three at MTSU, improving their mark versus the Blue Raiders to 22-7 all-time.

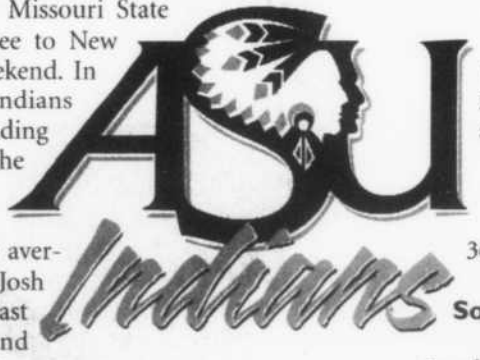
After losing Friday's opener 7-3, USA bounced back with convincing 8-6 and 11-3 victories on Saturday and Sunday.

Cole Craig, the team's leading hitter at .380, takes a 10-game hit streak into this week's action.

During the hitting streak, Craig is batting .419 (18-43).

Craig is the fourth Jaguar to post a double-digit hitting streak this season.

The others are Josh Touchstone (19), Ryan Mulhern (13) and Brett Parker. ♦



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