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E-mail server will block certain messages

'Hello,' 'hi' among list of subjects
that will make mail bounce back

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

As a precaution against spreading viruses through campus e-mail, subject lines containing certain words will be treated as infected and bounced back to the sender by the university's e-mail server.

"Anybody sending a message to someone at mtsu.edu with the subject of just 'hi' or 'hello,' the message is going to go back and not be processed," said Jerry Gentry, assistant vice president for Information Technology. He added that other words, such as "test," "status" and "ID," will be bounced back to the sender as well.

"What happens when we get one of those is that we send the message back to the sender and it tells them that the message has been rejected, and recommend that they change the subject," Gentry said. "The sender can go ahead and take action on it like that."

The precaution comes as a result of the server's most recent bout with two worms - Bagle and MyDoom - that spread themselves largely via e-mail.

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT LINES

- hello
- hi
- status
- test
- ID

The Bagle worm is responsible for the recent rash of infected e-mails whose subject lines begin with "ID."

"That one is consistent and we can hone in on that," Gentry said.

On the other hand, the MyDoom worm has been an

issue for a couple of weeks, Gentry said, and its subject lines are varied. The majority of MyDoom-infected e-mails were sent with subject lines that said "hello," "hi," "test" and "status."

"This mass-mailing worm selects from a list of e-mail subjects, message bodies and attachment file names for its e-mail messages," according to online information from Trend Micro, a company specializing in virus protection. "It spoofs the sender name of its messages

so that they appear to have been sent by different users instead of the actual users on infected machines."

Gentry said the majority of worms the server encounters are those spread via address books.

"The nature of the worms and viruses we've had over the past year, at least, that's what they do," Gentry said. "They spoof the return address and it

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Laramie Project runs this weekend

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The Laramie Project, a popular play based on the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, has arrived at the Murfreesboro Center for the Arts.

The Murfreesboro Theater Ensemble is performing the play starting tonight and running until Monday.

The Laramie Project is composed of actual interviews with residents of the town of Laramie, Wyo., where Shepard, a 21-year-old gay man, was kidnapped, beaten severely and left on a fence post to die.

Members of the Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Laramie over a year and a half ago, and more than 200 interviews were conducted.

A play was then created, using excerpts from the conducted interviews.

"The way it's being presented is kind of innovative in terms of theater," said Dana Everts-Boehm, assistant director of the Murfreesboro Center of the Arts.

"It was a very powerful commentary on how people feel about adversity ... and how tolerant people are," said Susan Trentham, director of MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center.

Marion Hollings, associate professor of English, is one of the actors who has been working on this production since rehearsals began in January.

"The social content is very important to me," Hollings said.

Hollings described working on the production as psychologically challenging and stressful because of the extent to which the actors must relive the events that happened every night of rehearsal.

She considers it a rewarding experience though because of the community that has emerged among the actors.

See Laramie, 2

Major promotion



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Roy Brewer, who has been with MTSU's police department since 1987, was recently promoted to assistant chief, second in command to Jack Drugmand.

Brewer promoted to assistant chief

By Will Fanguy
Staff Writer

Former Major Roy Brewer of the MTSU Police Department has been promoted to the position of assistant chief.

Brewer said he feels that most of his success can be attributed to making the most of the opportunities he has worked for in his life.

Brewer has an extensive career in law enforcement, dating back to the mid-1980s. In 1983, Brewer joined the Overton County Sheriff's Department and spent four years as a deputy sheriff.

"When you start out, and you're full of vinegar, and you want to change the world,

you realize that change doesn't happen as quickly as you'd like for it to," Brewer said.

He joined MTSU's department in 1987 as a patrol officer, and spent five years in that role before being promoted first to field training officer in 1992 and then sergeant in 1993.

Because of his consistency and work ethic, Brewer was promoted in August of 1995 to the position of lieutenant. He was also appointed the department's operations commander as part of his responsibilities under this new role.

He remained a lieutenant until 1998, when he was again promoted, this time to the

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SGA elections coming in March

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Students who are interested in running for an executive or senator position for the 2004-2005 Student Government Association can now pick up election packets.

Campaigning will begin on March 4 and elections will be held March 16-18.

All positions are open, including the four executive positions of president, executive vice president/speaker of the Senate, vice president of administration and public affairs and election commissioner.

Many of the university's colleges, which include Business, Basic and Applied Science, Education and Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication, Honors and Undeclared, are seeking new senators for the new academic year as well as five at-large seats.

"The number of Senate seats available depends on the number of students enrolled in each college," explained Brittany Rogers, election commissioner. This semester, the College of Basic and Applied Sciences has the most students enrolled, at 4,228.

Basic and Applied Science has six seats available. Five seats are available for senators at-large, as well as from the Colleges of Business, Education and Behavioral Sciences, and Mass Comm. Liberal Arts has four seats available and three undeclared seats are up for grabs.

Rogers explained that any student can run for an at-large seat as long as he or she meets the qualifications.

"An at-large senator does not represent a particular college," she said.

Rogers said that typically 2,000 students vote each year in the SGA elections.

In the past, SGA has offered prizes for students who vote, such as free pizza and free movie tickets.

"This semester we are not offering any voting incentives," Rogers said. "Personally, I consider voting an incentive in itself. As a student, voting is

OFFICER DUTIES

According to the Student Government Association Constitution ...

• The president of SGA shall see that all responsibilities delegated to the SGA are faithfully performed.

• The executive vice president presides over the Student Senate as well as over any Student Government meetings or functions that the president cannot attend.

• The vice president for administration and public affairs is in charge of public relations for the SGA

• The election commissioner presides over the Election Commission and assumes responsibility for duties prescribed by the Electoral Act.

your opportunity to have your voice heard."

Students will also have the opportunity to vote on a new referendum to add another qualification to those running for an executive office.

Under the referendum, students running for an executive office must be involved in one SGA committee for at least a semester.

This includes the Homecoming Committee, University Standing Committees, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, Election Commission, Senate, COSGA, Traffic Court and/or AIDS Quilt.

"If it passes, it will go into effect immediately," she said.

To be eligible for an executive branch office, students must be a full- or part-time student, have a minimum of 45 hours or be a graduate student at the time of candidacy, have completed at least two consecutive semesters at MTSU and have at least a 2.3 cumulative grade point average.

To be a senator, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better at the time of candidacy and maintain it throughout the

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Photo by Megan Allender | Staff Photographer
Bill Ford, the Weatherford Chair of Finance, describes social security during a debate on economics yesterday.

Two professors debate Bush's economic policies

By Tim Hill
Staff Writer

MTSU economics professors William Ford and Rick Hannah debated the quality of the U.S. economy under President George W. Bush yesterday.

Citing a book co-written by former Bush Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neil, Rick Hannah challenged Bush's approach to the economy.

"With the president himself saying that, 'We don't have to

worry about money in government,' his oversimplification of the economy can't be ignored," Hannah said.

Hannah said that O'Neil was concerned by the president's attitude regarding deficit spending. He said O'Neil wanted the administration to keep spending down, but Bush insisted otherwise.

In his book, the former secretary wrote, "The attitude was that we would keep borrowing, borrowing and borrowing,

because we spend, spend, spend."

William Ford, who is a former member of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Board, offered a rebuttal to Hannah's argument. He contrasted Bush's economy with that of his father, former President George Bush.

"After the first Persian Gulf War, Bush had 90 percent approval ratings, and we now know today that the recession he went through ended in March 1991," Ford said.

"Actually, when Clinton was elected in November of 1992, the economy had been recovering from a recession for 18 months."

Ford said that understanding that Clinton inherited an economic recovery, while President George W. Bush inherited an economic downturn is crucial.

"President George W. Bush came into office with a recession that officially began in

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Two students involved in Kerry campaign

By Meagan Kirby
Staff Writer

Two MTSU students were part of the platform party when Sen. John Kerry held his rally in Nash. Henry held in preparation for the Tennessee primary.

Kayla Henry, a junior elementary education major, and Travis Harris, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts, were the students involved.

Henry, the student coordina-

tor of the College Democrats on campus, was asked to say the Pledge of Allegiance and stand on the platform at the rally.

"I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity for me," Henry said. "It was very exciting."



Kerry

After Kerry addressed the audience, Henry got the chance to meet him personally. Kerry signed Henry's program and had a picture taken, which was later put on the John Kerry Web site.

Black Entertainment Television reporter Monique Conrad interviewed Henry about her involvement in the campaign, along with two other people.

Henry was asked why she

thought it was important for blacks to vote and if Kerry could carry the south.

"It was an honor to be interviewed by BET about my involvement with the campaign and my views on Kerry," Henry said.

Friends and family of Henry also spotted her on CNN and CSPAN while she was standing on the platform.

Black Enterprise Magazine also interviewed Henry about

her involvement. That issue should be out soon.

"I was very moved by how passionate the Kerry campaign was," Henry explained.

"I got on the Internet and did some research and saw that Kerry is a big supporter of education. Since I am an elementary education major, that meant a lot to me."

One of Kerry's platforms on education is the creation of an "Education Trust Fund," which

will fully fund any new education program approved by Congress and increase investment money.

Kerry's Service for College plan aims to provide tuition to a four-year public college in exchange for two years of community service work.

The second student, Harris, couldn't be reached for comment before press time. ♦

Brewer: Former major sees 'smarter' law enforcement today

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rank of major. With this advancement, he was deemed the department's assistant director, second in command to Police Chief Jack Drummand.

Even with new responsibilities piled atop his older ones, Brewer flourished. His official "promotion" to assistant chief in December 2003 was little more than a formal announcement of a change in rank and the addition of a new star to Brewer's uniform.

Law enforcement has gone through some dramatic changes since Brewer joined the force in 1984.

He said that he sees a "smarter" law enforcement community as a whole, and a group that is more diverse than it was 20 years ago.

The stereotype of having to be a huge, strong man to be a police officer has vanished, replaced instead with men and women who use their brains more often than their muscles, he said.

Brewer said he enjoyed the

learning process along the way, but he sincerely misses the "foot soldier" role that used to play a much larger part of his job.

He said he has really enjoyed meeting different people in his role as operations commander, and he likes to have the "opportunity to make change."

"Any department that is successful has to have change," Brewer said. It is "interesting to plan and to scheme to counter-balance negative change," he said.

His view has also changed due to his change in roles within law enforcement.

From solving an attempted kidnapping in the early 1990s to guarding former Vice Presidents George Bush and Vice President Al Gore, Brewer has had what most would consider a lifetime of unforgettable experiences.

"Work ethic and consistency are most important," Brewer advises students, "and dedication to your task—the evidence that you are dependable—that's what's been most useful for me." ♦

Bush: Policies examined

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November 2000, and later on was made worse with terrorist attacks and corporate scandals," he said.

Hannah said that he didn't believe it was worth looking back more than a decade.

"The current issues before us in this economy are what matters," he said. He discussed the increase of productivity among workers in the United States.

"There is only one other nation that has a higher rate than us, and that's Australia," Hannah said. He argued that because workers are working longer hours, their own consumer spending is harder to track.

During the debate, the two professors answered questions from the audience.

Addressing the issue of social security solvency, Hannah criticized partial-privatization plans.

"Financial solvency of the program should be the first priority before anything else," he said. "That could come in the form of increased taxes."

Ford gave an example of how the current pay-out of social security has affected him personally.

"I was able to begin collecting \$18,000 a year from social security two years ago at the age of 65," he said.

"But because of my income level now, those benefits are counted as income and taxed at the rate of 36 percent."

Hannah and Ford also dis-

cussed "means testing," or the capping of the maximum amount of benefits someone can be eligible for, as well.

"Even in the 1930s, everyone agreed you couldn't have means testing in the system," Hannah said.

"I've been working since I was 11, and the rate of return if I had invested those taxes would have been higher than the 1 to 2 percent I ended up getting," Ford said.

Hannah disagreed. "Under a plan like that, you would end up having partial socialization because government funds would be floating around the stock market," he said.

"Besides, the majority of workers don't have the flexibility within their own 401(k) plans needed to watch the investments they already have," he said, addressing the issue of pension reform.

Another student asked about global trade, and specifically about how small business owners could help in China.

"The question of how China is going to improve economically is the most important question facing us this century," said Hannah, who has spent several years in and out of China. ♦

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E-mail: Precautions have been in place for several weeks

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goes out from that infected machine, but it's not really the person that it's from. And, of course, by using the addresses that are on that computer or in the e-mail, it's going to be somebody that they might very well know. And a lot of people don't realize that it's coming from that person."

Gentry said messages with suspicious subject lines will be flagged indefinitely.

"The purpose of doing that is to try to cut down some of the processes that the mail server is having to go through," he said. "We don't really want to process those thousands of messages if

we can keep from it."

Gentry said he originally sent out a mass e-mail to students, faculty, staff and administration that said subject lines beginning with the flagged words would be intercepted, but it's actually just subjects that contain the words alone.

For example, a subject line that just said "Test" would be bounced back to the sender, but a subject line that said "Test tomorrow" would not be intercepted.

Gentry said the subject-line restrictions have been in place for a couple of weeks.

"We didn't tell anybody about it unless they called in to say, 'Hey, I'm trying to send this

message and it tells me I've got a virus' and we tell them to change their subject," he said.

"Those were starting to die down and we were really going to take those off and I thought, well, since I'm going to send this one out about the ID, I'll just go ahead and include the others," Gentry said.

Several virus-protection companies, such as McAfee, Trend Micro (which services MTSU's e-mail server) and Symantec, have built certain restrictions on e-mail subject lines into their software.

Gentry cited the recent "I Love You" virus as an example of a subject line that has proved problematic.

"A lot of places now, if you send out a message that says I love you in the subject, more than likely, it's not going to be delivered anywhere," he said.

"In some places, that was the only way they could protect against it."

Though the virus is not as much of a menace as it once was, he said, it's still a potential threat to machines lacking adequate protection.

"It's still out there," Gentry said. "None of these things ever really go away for good. They just die off for a while and somebody stirs one of them up and across the Internet it comes again." ♦

Laramie: Tonight's performance followed by discussion

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Everts-Boehm said that the play was planned well before the issue of gay marriage became a hot political topic because of the marriage licenses being granted in San Francisco.

"It just happens to be coinciding with the issue," she said.

The JAWC, women's studies department, Women for Women and Lambda are all providing support and publicizing the play.

The Women for Women student organization plans to lead a discussion group after the first showing of the play tonight with the directors and cast of the play.

"It's a forum for audience members to ask questions," Trentham said.

Hollings said that she felt it was important to do this play in a college town such as Murfreesboro.

Among those interviewed for the play were faculty and

students from the University of Wyoming, where Shepard was a student.

Tickets for tonight's 7:30 showing are \$5.

Tickets were also available for Thursday's show time at the JAWC office, but they were going quickly as well.

Anyone who calls the center can reserve tickets for the night they wish to attend.

The play will run tomorrow, Saturday and Monday at 7:30, as well as 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for the other showings are \$10, but students can get them for \$8 with a valid MTSU ID.

For more details about the play and up-to-date ticket information, call the Center for the Arts at 904-ARTS. The Center is located at 110 W. College St., on the corner of Church Street and College Street. ♦

Election: Write-in votes not allowed on ballot this year

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term of the office.

Senators also must work one office hour per week in the SGA office in the Keathley University Center as well as attend biweekly Senate meetings. Senators can't miss two consecutive meetings unexcused or three meetings unexcused the whole semester.

It is also recommended that senators write at least one piece of legislation per semester and participate in the AIDS Quilt events.

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The Housing and Residential Life Office is now accepting housing reapplication forms from returning students for the Fall 2004/Spring 2005 academic year. Students are encouraged to reapply for housing as early as possible, particularly if they are requesting to move to a different location on campus next year, as new assignments are made by application date.

Students requesting to remain in their same location on campus next year will be given first priority as long as their reapplication and \$200 prepaid rent deposit are received by the deadline. The deadline for students living in on-campus housing to reapply for housing with priority for the 2004/2005 academic year is Friday, February 27, 2004 at 4:30 PM. Students need to complete a reapplication form which is available in the Housing and Residential Life Office.

Students will need to pay the \$200 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor; returning the reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, whose hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Students also have the option of reapplying for housing with priority online at www.mtsu.edu. Housing is found under **STUDENT AFFAIRS**. The \$200 prepaid rent can only be paid by using Mastercard or Visa, or by completing an online check. There will be an additional \$10 nonrefundable service fee charged for any processed payments online.

To obtain a **HOUSING REAPPLICATION FORM**, please come by the Housing and Residential Life office during office hours, 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, in the Keathley University Center, Room 300.

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House subcommittee recognizes God

Resolution serves as statement

By Tom Sharp
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A subcommittee of the state House on Tuesday passed a resolution acknowledging God and the exercise of religious freedom as "the foundation of our national and state heritage."

The resolution passed the House State Government subcommittee on a voice vote with no discussion and was forwarded to the full State and Local Government Committee.

Sponsor Rep. Eddie Yokley, D-Greeneville, said the resolution acknowledges "that God

has been in our historical foundation and our heritage" throughout history.

The resolution, like many passed by the Legislature, has no practical effect other than to make a statement.

Yokley said he does not believe the nation's laws were "meant to leave God out of government" but to ensure that government did not favor one denomination over another.

"If you look at the statements of our founders, they referred to God thousands of times," he said. "This is to inform the public that the government, that a lot of us, realize that God has been left out and that's not our intent."

Similar resolutions have been passed in 40 counties in the state, Yokley claims.

The resolution was first passed by commissioners in Greene County, Yokley's home. The mayor there, Roger Jones,

then sent copies to the state's other 94 county government leaders.

Jones said he was prompted by constituent concerns about efforts to delete "God" from the Pledge of Allegiance and last year's federal court order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building.

The state version of the resolution does not require any action by the government.

It notes that the United States "was settled by persons persecuted for their religious beliefs" and says the government "was founded upon a trust in God" first expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

It says the U.S. Constitution was drafted "to protect citizens from laws favoring the establishment of one religion over another and from laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion, so that all citizens might be free

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— Rep. Eddie Yokley
D-Greeneville

to worship God, or not, as each individually chooses."

It says this nation has historically "acknowledged God on our national currency, in our Pledge of Allegiance, in the national motto of 'In God We Trust,' and in references to God appearing on the nation's and this state's greatest monuments, memorials and buildings,

including the Ten Commandments, which are represented in the United States Supreme Court building."

The actual resolution is "that the acknowledgment of God and the exercise of religious freedom are the foundation of our national and state heritage."

The version before state lawmakers differs from the one

originally proposed by Jones. It does not include a reference to the Alabama Ten Commandments monument as "rightfully placed there by the Chief Justice of the Alabama State Supreme Court." The U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider a lower court ruling that found that monument violated the U.S. Constitution. ♦

Fake money passed

By David Paulson
Staff Writer

● A counterfeit \$100 bill was used to purchase a money order at a Mapco gas station on Memorial Boulevard last Monday.

Store manager Nicole Powell discovered the bill in the deposit box Tuesday morning. She contacted employee Zachary Pierce, who had worked the previous evening.

Pierce told her that he took the bill from a white female. The suspect filled out the money order at the register and left.

Powell told Officer Don Schubert that she had located the incident on the store's surveillance video.

Man assaulted, robbed in apartment

● A Murfreesboro man was assaulted and robbed from the front door of his apartment late Friday night.

The victim told officer Chris Norville that at approximately 12:51 a.m. someone knocked on his door. When he opened the door, a white male entered his room and demanded money. When the victim protested, he was punched by the suspect.

"At this point, another white male and a black male came in, and all three began to fight with the complainant," Norville reported.

According to a police report, a fourth subject then entered the room and struck the victim over the head with an object. He told them to take whatever they wanted and lost consciousness.

When he awoke, all the suspects were gone. They had taken \$16 from his wallet and a portable stereo. ♦

Smoking your money away



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Several former surgeons general proposed a program last month that would increase cigarette taxes in Tennessee by \$2 a pack.

Shining a light on national smoking plan

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

It's lights out for cigarette smokers if four former surgeons general are successful with a new tax increase.

They've proposed a plan to smoke out cigarette usage that includes a \$2-per-pack tax.

Predictions are that this would prompt at least 5 million smokers to quit.

The plan also asks for a national counseling and support line for those who want to burn the behavior. This idea was immediately implemented by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. He said more than \$25 million would go towards the toll-free "quit-

line."

"We're going for the current national average of a 75 cent tax," says Brenda Black, Director of the Tobacco and Air Quality Program with the American Lung Association of Tennessee.

"If the current 20 cent tax were raised by only 40 cents, it would bring about 200 million additional dollars in state revenue."

Black and a host of forty-plus other public health groups known as CHART have been working together for three years on a tax initiative.

She says these state costs would help to offset the many smoking-related illness costs and that it's a wonderful plan for comprehensive

tobacco control.

"Our focus is on the youth," she adds. "Smoking is a very pervasive public health problem and since they have disposable income, they're more likely to spend it on something else."

MTSU economics professor David Penn agrees.

"Raising the price of a product will reduce quantity demanded," Penn said. "And teenage smokers are particularly sensitive to price increases, as they typically have much less income than adult smokers."

Penn also thinks it would help the economy because fewer smokers will result in higher productivity at the workplace, improved longevity and reduced

demand for health care from the state and federal health care financing programs.

Health officials have estimated that smoking causes about 440,000 premature deaths per year and costs the nation \$75 billion in health care.

"It is the equivalent of another World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania disaster occurring about every two days," Dr. Julius Richmond, the nation's top public health official under President Carter from 1977 to 1981, told The Associated Press.

Jennifer Golisch, spokeswoman for Philip Morris USA Inc., said the company supports government efforts to educate the public about

smoking, such as the national number.

But she adds that a \$2-per-pack excise tax could promote counterfeiting and illegal sales over the Internet as smokers try to avoid the higher prices.

Penn concedes that the incentive for illegal sales of tobacco will increase and suggests that some of the tax revenue be used for heightened enforcement.

"Smoking has been proven to cause lung cancer and a host of other diseases," Rick Chapman of MTSU's Health Services said. "I would be for anything that encourages people to kick such a habit." ♦

FAFSA DEADLINES

● FAFSA on the Web, Renewal FAFSA on the Web and applications must be submitted by midnight June 30.

● Corrections on the Web forms must be submitted by midnight Sept. 17.

FAFSA applications up sharply

Numbers almost doubled from this time last year

By Jason Johnson
Staff Writer

As of Feb. 6, the number of students applying for federal student aid has nearly doubled last year's numbers.

Michael Roberts, a representative for the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, said that approximately 21,000 students have applied for FAFSA so far, squashing last year's number of 12,000. He said that the high number is attributed to incoming freshman that are taking advantage of the TSAC's

lottery programs.

"Our projected increase in enrollment for this fall is between 3 and 5 percent, it's going to be a struggle for us," said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. He said at 3 percent the student body would be up to about 22,900. The projected increase from last fall was between 2 and 3 percent. The increase he said is directly related to the lottery scholarships.

The Lottery Board's Web site said that it has raised nearly \$30 million dollars for education programs in the state since it

started a month ago. It says that the board's goal is to raise at least \$88 million dollars by July 1 to be able to accommodate an estimated 65,000 students attending Tennessee colleges and universities in the fall.

To be eligible for the Hope scholarship (the primary lottery scholarship), students must graduate with the class of 2004. They must be attending a school that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, score at least a 19 on the ACT (890 SAT), or have at least a 3.0 GPA. There are no provisions for high school students of junior standing and higher for lottery scholarships.






In an effort to stem the

growing population of MTSU, students must now have at least a 3.0 or a 2.0 on the ACT. The GPA for incoming freshman at UT is a 3.34, and they are hoping to set the average ACT score at 27 by the year 2010. MTSU is second to only the University of Tennessee at what schools designated they wanted to attend first on the ACT.

"As of right now, it's bearable," said Shawn Lacroix, a senior computer science major. "The [Keathley University Center] is obviously overcrowded, but at least we have the [James Union Building cafeteria] and the Cyber cafe. I can't imagine what it's going to be like in a couple of years." ♦

entire year, year in and year out.

Map of Tennessee showing the distribution of the American black bear. The map is shaded gray and includes labels for various cities and their corresponding bear counts. The counts are: Dyersburg (65), Clarksville (63), Hendersonville (64), Nashville (64), Lebanon (63), Cookeville (61), Knoxville (59), Murfreesboro (63), Shelbyville (63), Chattanooga (60), Lawrenceburg (63), Jackson (61), and Memphis (63).


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From the Editorial Board

Get busy in March SGA elections

In light of the recent head to head political competition we like to call the presidential campaigns, we would like to encourage the MTSU student body to become a part of our very own political process by voting in the upcoming Student Government Association elections.

There are a number of ways one can get involved with the SGA, including simply participating in the voting process.

Students can also run for such prestigious positions as president, executive vice president/speaker of the Senate, vice president of administration and public affairs and election commissioner.

Students can also apply to be senators for several colleges within the university looking for representation. Business, Basic and Applied Science, Education and Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication and Honors colleges are all looking for new senators.

The become one, students need only have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better at the time of candidacy and maintain it throughout the term of the office.

SGA Election Commissioner Brittany Rogers said it herself, that voting is a way for students to get their voice heard.

Participating in the elections is an opportunity for students to become an integral part of the spectacular democratic procedure that has been so essential to our governmental prosperity. Keep the free exchange of ideas continuing and flowing through the rungs of our university. Become the decision makers and reap the benefits of your actions.

Students may vote for SGA candidates from March 16 through March 18. The process is simple and can be completed in a matter of minutes. Just log onto PipelineMT and enter the SGA folder through WebMT.

Image, just by logging on to PipelineMT and clicking your mouse a couple of times you can make the difference in a governmental elections. Let's this be encouragement to not only vote in the MTSU elections, but to vote in the presidential elections in November.

Take your government into your own hands and become an active participant. ♦

Correction

In yesterday's article "Gannett acquires local daily" on page 4, the former publisher of *The Daily News Journal* was misidentified. The name should have read Tom Larimer. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

From the Opinions Editor

Dean ends his run for Democratic nod

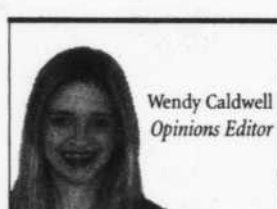
Yesterday former Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean officially ended his hopeless quest for the White House.

Dean, who enjoyed a stint as the party's front-runner before any of the actual voting started, announced that he would not continue his campaign, but he did announce he would support whichever candidate receives the nomination.

Dean also stated what has become the motto of all Democrats: "The bottom line is we must beat George W. Bush, whatever it takes."

Right on, Howie. At the end of a hard day of shaking hands, kissing babies and failing to win every primary and caucus thus far, it really does come down to beating Bush, and Dean's not the man to do it.

Dean ran a good campaign in the beginning, but if I had to pin his demise to one specific event, it would have to be the screaming incident in Iowa.



Wendy Caldwell
Opinions Editor

While the crowd-pumping vocal extravaganza may have seemed like a good idea at the time, and the Dean supporters appreciated the pep talk, the majority of the rest of the population was seriously freaked out.

And for good reason. Appearing as a raving lunatic doesn't exactly scream, "I would make a competent president."

Then again, last time I checked, competency wasn't a requirement.

I'm glad Dean is willing to support whomever the party deems fit to defeat Bush in November.

Be it Kerry or Edwards, who are currently leading the polls, or the two working together, the Democrats must remain united in order to take over the White House and stop taking over Iraq. ♦

Threat to freedom exists in Iraq

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, courageous men and women ventured to stop the evil dictator Saddam Hussein.

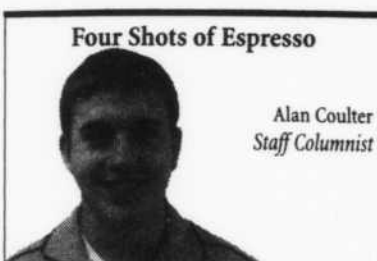
In a very short time, Hussein's palace was ransacked, and much to the interest of many, the soldiers found Hussein had been unfaithful to his wife and had a sex palace of sorts. But that's a different fairy tale altogether.

Saddam ran away and hid in a hole, attempted to show his adoration for ZZ Top by growing a beard and then decided to wait for the friendly men and women with guns to take him to his yearly doctor's appointment and new home - complete with bars, guards and all the handcuffs a man could want.

I wish the story ended here, and for many it has. The people in this little tale aren't figments of our imaginations. They're real. They eat, bleed and die.

And they're still dying.

However, it's easy to forget that when it's been months since Baghdad fell to U.S. forces. The media sure hasn't given enough



Four Shots of Espresso

Alan Coulter
Staff Columnist

coverage to a war that's still ongoing, but my beef isn't with them.

What in the world is Washington thinking? The Bush administration hasn't even mentioned the soldiers since Bush's little turkey-serving party for Thanksgiving. We might have heard a "War is tragic" every now and again, but little else.

Monday, I clicked on CNN, and the headline read, "2 U.S. Soldiers Killed in Iraq." Two more sons or daughters died and won't be coming home.

The latest deaths bring the death toll during Operation: Iraqi Freedom, to 542. Freedom is still going on. This should tell us something folks.

Apparently Saddam Hussein

doesn't equal oppression. Apparently, because freedom still hasn't been established and there are still people fighting our presence in Iraq, maybe, just maybe, there are other forces at work behind the supposed dictatorship.

If all the evil's guilt were on Saddam's hands, then Iraqis would be dancing in the streets instead of planting roadside bombs like they did to kill the latest American soldiers. Hussein is guilty of many heinous evils, by all means, but there are definitely other factors at work.

But there's good news. The 542 deaths of military personnel are still "376 under hostile circumstances," according to figures given to CNN by U.S. military figures.

Check my math here. For any military action to be considered hostile, 918 men and women must die. Is that right?

The absurdity of that number appeals me. Why 918? It should be one. If this doesn't stop, at death 917, the United States will still be babbling, "Still not hostile. No, no, no." What possibly could be more

hostile than war?

Oh, that's right. I forgot. Operation: Iraqi Freedom technically isn't a war. Free to me, in my naive mind, I can't help but think "war" when soldiers are shipped out, enter into combat, throw down an entire governmental system, come back maimed or in body bags or ... should I go on?

I'm not implying the president has no concern for human life. I actually believe the opposite, but Bush is a little concerned with another date on the calendar other than Thanksgiving this year.

He needs votes, and while the campaign in Iraq boosted his popularity, soldiers still getting killed for that operation would only hurt him.

Make of that what you will, but we still need to be supporting our troops, writing Washington to bring them home and praying for their safety. Heaven knows they need it. ♦

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Super Bowl, commercials meant for adult audience

Is there no end to ridiculous lawsuits? A woman decided to sue Janet Jackson, Justin Timberlake, CBS, MTV and Viacom over the "mishap" during the Super Bowl.

Think for just one minute about all the other things in the show that could be deemed offensive: girls dancing in underwear or not much else and Justin slapping Janet's rear end. Jackson had more clothes on than any of the dancers, even with her breast exposed for a couple of seconds.

If you found it offensive, OK, but if you don't want to be offended by something on television, don't watch it.

Sex sells everything. It's impossible to escape. The only way to avoid the "sex sells" mentality is to unplug the television and radio and throw out all of your newspapers and magazines. If you don't want to see something that could be offensive, stick to children's books.

Don't sex entertainers for entertaining. Things happen on live television that are out of the control



Sandi's Logic

Sandi Van Orden
Staff Columnist

of those in production. And, if you want to believe it or not, it's not the job of those producers to protect viewers from something they don't like.

It could be said the Super Bowl should be something for the whole family, but who are we kidding? Were any commercials directed toward kids? Of course not, but there were commercials for beer and Viagra, among other things.

The advertisers are on to something. Not many children sit and watch the entire game, so they market to those who do. It doesn't matter who you think the Super Bowl should be for. It's directed at a particular audience, and children aren't the people advertisers are targeting.

If you're upset that your child saw a woman's breast

on national television, I have one question: Why was your child watching the game? Parents please take a little responsibility for allowing your children to watch something they shouldn't have.

The only reason a child should have seen any of the game was if he was grabbing something to eat.

This may be an off the wall idea, but my brother and I always played with friends in one room while the adults watched the game in the den. I never felt I missed anything, and when we were old enough to enjoy the entire game, we began watching it.

If you're someone who was deeply offended by the halftime shenanigans, just remember what you were subjected to before you turn on the game next year. Better stick to Nickelodeon and the Disney Channel from now on.

For everyone else, enjoy next year's game. I know I will. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

English language of class; Spanish ads target voters

To the editor:

Jeremy Coseo's analysis of the Mexican-American immigrant dynamic ("El Presidente Bush," Feb. 4) is a cumbersome one. With the Hispanic immigrant population in Rutherford County steadily growing and making clear understanding more important, I feel compelled to call Coseo on his views.

Coseo's article spirals in on a desire (promoted to the level of a need) for "freedom from Spanish," embroidered with some rather banal, uncontroversial views on illegal immigration. He doesn't recognize the obvious: that the targeted listener of John Kerry's or George Bush's Spanish-language campaign ads is a registered voter - a U.S. citizen - not an illegal immigrant.

If Coseo actually distinguished between the two, he would've had no basis to drag in the issue of illegal immigration. The problem isn't that anyone has sold out our history or profaned the English language, but rather that many U.S. citizens simply have a really hard time acknowledging a Hispanic presence that's actually legal.

Neither the importance of heritage nor the importance of sound immigration policy has much to do with speaking Spanish on television to address a constituency. I've seen this issue spark real fear, the type of fear people feel when they think someone is talking about them behind their backs: a type of paranoia, a terror of "what could be next?"

A huge sector of Hispanic immigrants (including illegal ones) look down upon the cliché use of Spanish, and view the use of English as a sign of class, education and direction.

Take a look at the course listings of the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute, and you'll see that English as a Second Language is one of the hottest offerings - and the classes aren't cheap. Clearly, English is alive and well. A campaign ad or two in Spanish won't take this away.

And even if it did? The survival of English as the language of class in the United States has had little to do with any special claim to prominence and even less to do with national heritage. The sooner people realize this, the sooner they'll see the importance of engaging newcomers who speak other languages and the sooner they'll understand that paranoia is just another form of laziness.

Richard E. Morris
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Super Bowl show offensive

To the editor:

This is written in response to Wendy Caldwell's column on Feb. 4 ("Chill out FCC - it's just Janet's breast"). Caldwell states that she doubts the incident "was anyone's first look at a breast" and that the incident "wasn't offensive."

Caldwell's analysis of the event is ignorant of the concerns of American families as well as a large portion of the Super Bowl audience. What many people found so offensive wasn't the naked breast itself but the context in which Jackson was exposed.

The Jackson/Timberlake incident was obscene for a G-rated event. My question for Caldwell: What part of an American icon ripping off a woman's clothes and bearing that woman's nakedness while using sexually suggestive language in front of an unsuspecting family audience isn't offensive?

Actions like that create the image that demeaning language and behavior toward women bordering on sexual assault is acceptable, and that sort of message can't be afforded the largest TV audience of the year.

The Federal Communications Commission doesn't need to reconsider what is obscene, but Caldwell might. That behavior is something parents don't want their children "familiar" with. It's unfortunate that degenerates can ruin the party for families wanting to enjoy an American tradition.

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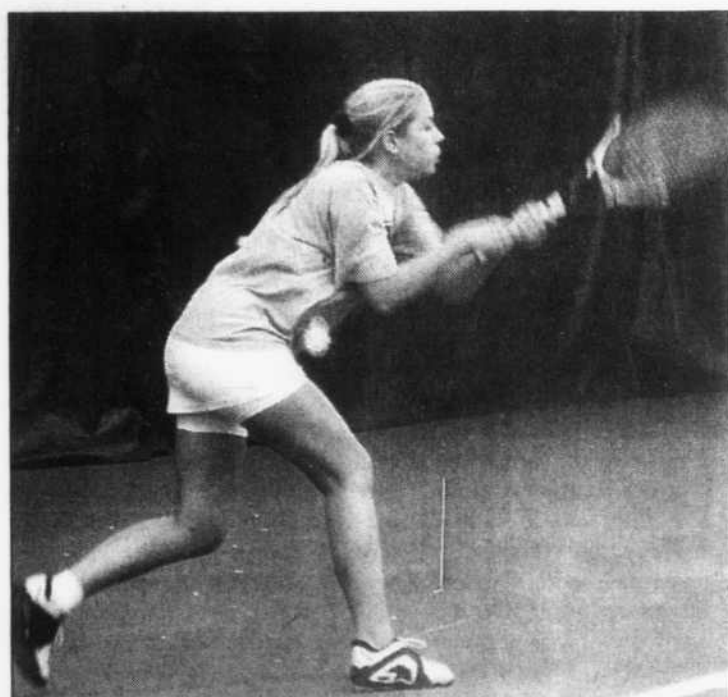
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MT women on road again for two matches



By Colby Sledge
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders head back out on the road this weekend to take on the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and the University of Memphis.

Middle Tennessee head women's tennis coach Randy Holden is unconcerned about his team's performance away from the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro, where the Lady Raiders are 3-0 this season.

"I really feel that since we're on the road, we can kind of bond together and have everybody together on the same page for two days, and I think that helps," Holden said. "At home, everybody has, to a degree,

File Photo

Right: MT junior Jennifer Klaschka, left, is 4-2 this season in singles play, including a 6-1, 6-1 victory over SLU's Amanda Hellberg Sunday.

more free time than they do on the road."

MT is coming off a 7-0 victory over St. Louis University Sunday, the team's third win in its last four matches. No. 54 Manon Kruse extended her singles winning streak to six matches with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over SLU's Katarina Lozanova.

Holden expects Kruse to move up in the next edition of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings, which will be released Feb. 24.

"She should move up probably to the 30s, maybe low 40s at least, but she's always been the staple of our lineup," Holden said.

Kruse defeated No. 23 Aibika Kalsarieva of the University of Kentucky Jan. 24 and has not lost a set this season.

The Lady Raiders travel to Little Rock, Ark., Friday to face a Trojan team that has not lost a match all season. UALR (8-0) remained perfect after a 4-3 victory over Tennessee Tech University and a 7-0 shutout against Memphis last week.

Holden, however, isn't very impressed by the Raiders' record.

"They don't really play the schedule we do, so that's kind of deceiving, some of their results," Holden said. "I think we're a lot more talented than they are, to be honest with you."

UALR sophomore Ellie Vicary was named the Sun Belt Conference women's tennis Player of the Week Wednesday. Vicary is 8-0 this season, but she has not played higher than No. 3 in singles play.

MT holds a 7-3 all-time record against UALR, including a 6-1 victory over the Trojans last season.

Sunday the Lady Raiders face in-state opponent Memphis, whom MT defeated 4-1 last season at home. Before their loss to UALR, the Lady Tigers (3-2) had won their last three matches, including a 5-1 victory over Tennessee Tech Feb. 14. Memphis is led

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Blue Raiders head to Arkansas

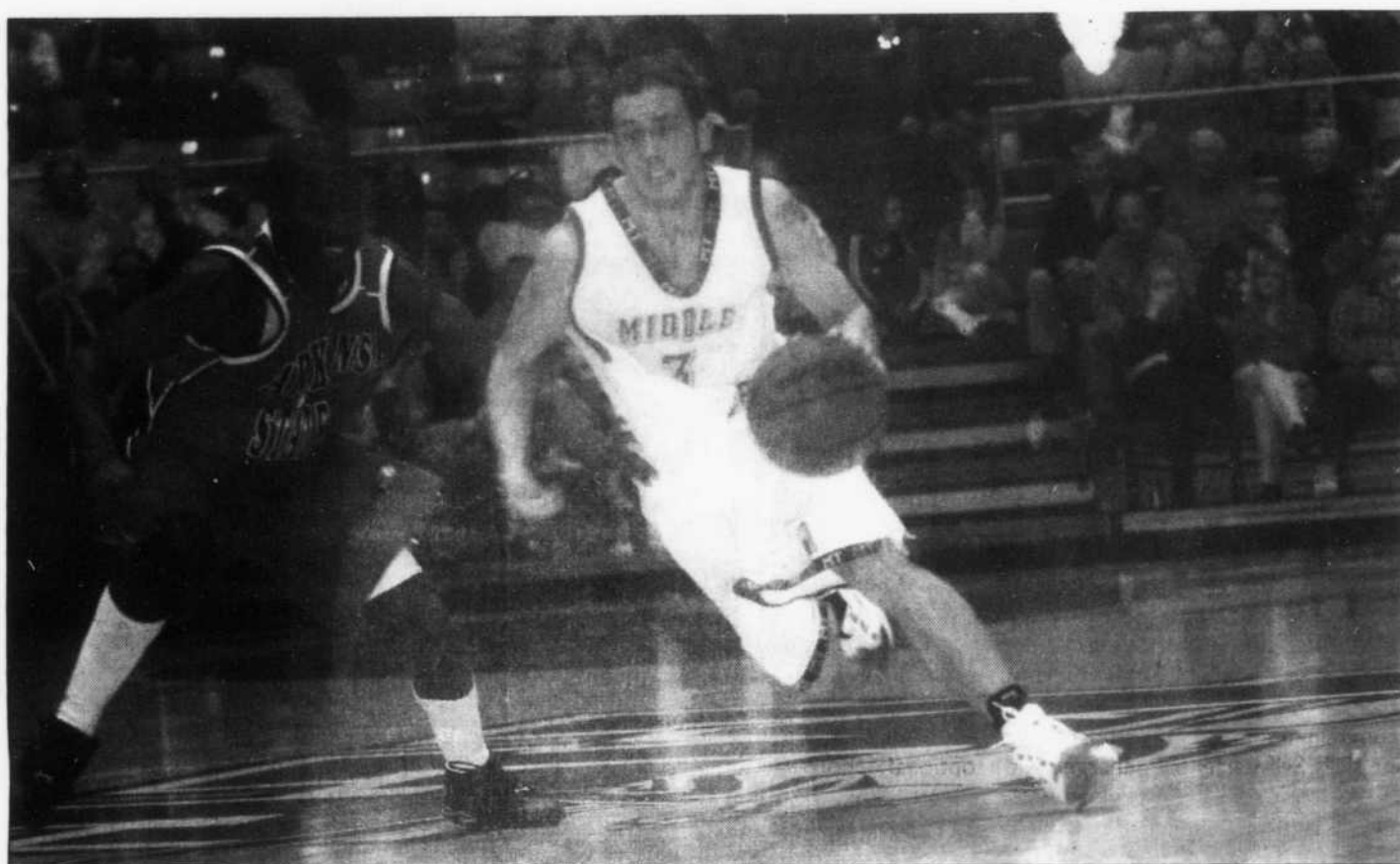


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MT point guard Bryan Smithson drives past an Arkansas State University defender in MT's 92-86 win Jan. 15.

Games crucial to securing SBC tournament bid

By Katy Hamlett
Staff Writer

After a 65-48 win against the University of Denver at Murphy Center Saturday, the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team will hit the road this week to face Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

After winning 92-86 in overtime in their last meeting in January, MT is going into the ASU game on Thursday with a fairly high level of self-assurance.

"We've played very well against ASU the last two years," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "We won at their place last year. That doesn't mean we are going to win, but

our team will go in with a lot of confidence."

ASU is home to the Sun Belt Conference's two leading scorers, junior guards Dewarick Spencer and J.J. Montgomery. At the Jan. 15 game in Murphy Center, Montgomery netted 24 points, falling short only to MT junior guard Mike Dean, who scored a career-high 30 points.

"I think we've been playing harder in the last month," Dean said. "The last couple of games, we've been defending better."

After ASU's decisive 82-57 victory over Florida International University Monday, the Indians will be anxious for another win Thursday in the race for SBC

tournament bids.

The Blue Raiders will continue their road trip through Razorback territory to play the UALR Trojans Saturday.

In the teams' last meeting Jan. 17, the Blue Raiders fell 68-66 to the Trojans. Points in transition became a deciding factor with each team making 15 turnovers.

Junior guard Michael Cuffee played his best game of the season against UALR Jan. 17, playing 36 minutes and scoring 17 points.

"We're looking forward to going out and just maintaining and holding on to the ball and running good offense," Cuffee said. "So hopefully we won't have so many turnovers."

UALR's defense ranks sec-

ond in the SBC in defensive rebounding and defensive field goals.

"I think a big key to the game is for us being able to attack their full court press and be able to score against their press without turning it over," Davis said.

UALR's doubleheader last Saturday included an intense double overtime 100-95 loss to the Western Division's second-ranked University of New Orleans. In the team's next game against FIU, the Trojans snagged a more comfortable 62-46 win.

Davis has set a team goal of keeping the opposition's defense field goal percentage to under 40 percent, which the

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The Greatest Victory

A month-long tribute

Ageless Paige used humor for progress

By Katy Hamlett
Staff Writer

Leroy "Satchel" Paige was born July 7, 1906 in Mobile, Ala., as the seventh of 11 children.

Paige's first job was carrying bags for passengers at Union Station in Mobile. Thinking he could earn more money by carrying more bags, or satchels, at one time, Paige constructed a harness device that allowed him to cart many bags in one round. According to the *New York Times Book of Sports Legends*, fellow co-workers jokingly said the device made him look like "a walking satchel tree," coining Paige's famous nickname.

Paige joined the Negro Baseball Leagues in 1927, pitching for the Black Barons. Head coach Bill Greenwood taught Paige a few of what would become his later infamous pitches, including the "barber," which grazed the chin of the batter, and the

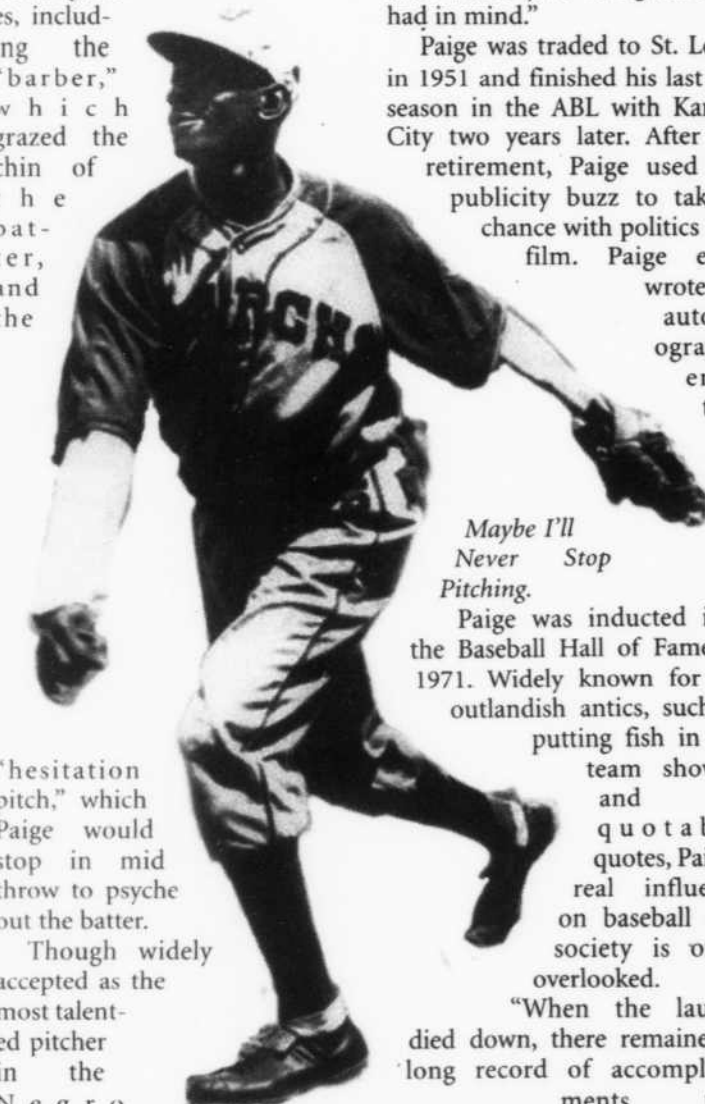
the NBL and ABL. At age 41 (though many thought he was close to 50), Paige was thought to be past his prime by most owners.

Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck, who signed Larry Doby, the first black athlete in the American Baseball League, eventually signed Paige in 1948. Though the signing was criticized as a publicity stunt, Paige silenced critics after shutting out the Chicago White Sox in a 5-0 series that year.

That same series included the Aug. 20, 1948 game seen by 78,382 fans, which remains the attendance record for a single baseball game as cited in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

At the end of the 1948 season, Paige would be named Rookie of the Year. At age 42, Paige replied to the nominations coyly, "I wasn't sure which year the gentlemen had in mind."

Paige was traded to St. Louis in 1951 and finished his last full season in the ABL with Kansas City two years later. After his retirement, Paige used his publicity buzz to take a chance with politics and film. Paige even wrote an autobiography entitled



Maybe I'll
Never Stop
Pitching.

Paige was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971. Widely known for his

outlandish antics, such as putting fish in the team shower, and his quotable quotes, Paige's real influence on baseball and society is often overlooked.

"When the laughs died down, there remained a long record of accomplishments that helped change the face of the

country," Holway writes in the introduction of his book.

"In 1933, he had a winning stretch of 21 consecutive games and 62 scoreless innings," Marc Patchers, author of *Champions of American Sport*, wrote. "There were weeks on end when he pitched daily, and twice on Saturday and Sunday. And yet he won and won again."

Paige drew sold-out crowds to every game he pitched. Even before the Civil Rights movement reached its peak, Paige became an inspiration for aspiring black athletes.

Paige died on June 8, 1942, three days after he attended the dedication of the Satchel Paige Stadium in Kansas City. ♦

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Talkin' baseball: Season begins Friday

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

After an exciting and eventful offseason full of workouts and preparation, the Middle Tennessee baseball team will begin their 2004 campaign later this week as they host Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for three games.

A handful of pre-season honors given to some MT players have Blue Raider fans excited about the upcoming season, yet last year's Sun Belt Conference champions were selected to finish fourth by the league's coaches.

"What you have to remember is, we were up and down last year," MT coach Steve Peterson said. "Getting the key players on the field and healthy was very important. We made some adjustments, and the last 20 ball games, we were a solid ball club."

Fourteen upperclassmen return from last year's team, eight pitchers and six other players who have played in at least 45 games.

This group will be led by junior third baseman Brett Carroll. Carroll led the Blue Raiders in almost every offensive category last season (19 home runs, 52 runs batted in, .330 average) and was named a preseason All-American by the National Baseball Writers Association, Louisville Slugger and

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Photo courtesy of MT Media Relations

MT pitcher BJ Church is one of eight returning pitchers for the Blue Raiders this season. Last year Church went 4-1 in 13 appearances.

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Baseball America.

Joining Carroll on the NBWA squad is teammate Chase Swing. Swing emerged as the Blue Raider closer during mid-April of last season, leading the team with 27 appearances and 11 saves.

Joining these two in the infield will be several talented and proven players.

MT has the luxury of having four talented catchers, led by Troy Harp, who was voted the best defensive catcher in the SBC by the coaches prior to this season.

Senior Derek Phillips and two freshmen, Michael McKenry and Tommy Decker, should also see playing time behind the plate throughout the season.

Jeff Beachum, Nate Jagers and Josh Archer will join Carroll in the infield. All of these players saw extended playing time at their respective positions last season.

Roaming the outfield this year will be senior Chuck Akers, a senior centerfielder who has started all but one game in his career.

Joining Akers will likely be Shane Kemp, Marcus Taylor or

any number of the talented Blue Raider freshmen.

While Swing leads the relievers, several starters also return after having successful campaigns last year.

Steve Kline, John Williams, Chris Mobley, BJ Church and Shay Horseman all have starting experience from last season.

The squad welcomes the addition of Eric Blevins, a junior transfer who ranked in the top 10 in the nation in earned run average at Walters State Community College.

In addition to the returning letter-winners all over the field, the Blue Raiders had an exceptional 2004 recruiting class, so several freshmen could step up for MT this spring.

"My biggest expectations are improving in league standings where we could compete for the league championship," Peterson said. "If we can compete for a league championship, we will lock up a spot in the [NCAA] tournament."

MT will begin conference play Mar. 26 in Las Cruces, N.M., against New Mexico State University. ♦

Men's tennis squad looks to rebound

By Matthew Adair
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis squad will go up against two opponents at home, taking on the University of Memphis and Purdue University at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro Friday and Sunday.

The Blue Raiders are hoping for a victory after facing two back-to-back losses, falling 6-1 to Virginia Tech Feb. 14 and 5-2 to Georgia Tech Monday.

MT's first opponent, Memphis, has been playing strong since opening their season this year. After falling 6-1 against the University of Tennessee Jan. 24, the Tigers came back and won their next three contests against University of Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee Tech University and Illinois State University to improve to 3-1.

Head coach Dale Short, however, sees the Tigers' winning streak as nothing to fear.

"Memphis plays a much weaker schedule than we do," Short said. "Essentially, they've only played one team that's ranked thus far, where every team that we've played has been ranked except for Belmont."

The real challenge for the Blue Raiders seems to be the number of injuries affecting their performance, including a recent knee injury to senior Trevor Short. Doctors are unsure of the exact cause, and Trevor has required multiple



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MT senior Trevor Short returned to action Monday against Georgia Tech. Short injured his knee Feb. 10 and missed one match.

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Women prepare for final homestand



File Photo

MT forward Tia Stovall scored a season-high 23 points against Denver in the Lady Raiders' 68-56 win Sunday.

By Jori Rice
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team will take on Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock this weekend.

MT (17-6, 7-3 Sun Belt Conference) is currently on a two-game winning streak, but back in the middle of January, both ASU and UALR dealt the Lady Raiders road losses. MT lost to ASU 69-62 Jan. 15 and to the Trojans 68-54 Jan. 17.

"We have a talented basketball team," MT head coach Stephany Smith told www.goblueraiders.com. "We just kind of lost our way that one weekend."

Patrice Holmes leads the Lady Raiders offense, averaging 16 points per game. Krystle Horton was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. Although Horton's season average is 14 points per

game, in conference games last week she averaged 22 points and 8.5 rebounds.

This week, however, ASU (17-6, 8-2) has the SBC's Player of the Week in sophomore Ali Carter. She averaged 16.3 points per game in three victories. Carter posted a career-high 23 points in a 69-53 win over UALR Feb. 12.

Carter kept on shooting Sunday as she made 18 points in the Lady Indians' 81-68 victory against the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders Feb. 15.

On the season, Carter is averaging 10.7 points per game, including shooting better than 40 percent from the three-point line.

The Lady Indians also have Rudy Sims, a freshman point guard from Memphis, Tenn. Sims is one of the top scorers for ASU, averaging 12 points per game. Junior Amber Abraham also averages 12 points per game for the Lady Indians.

UALR (8-15, 1-9) features freshman Heather Morris, who averages 14 points per game and has 49 steals on the season.

Junior Alicia Cash is the leading scorer for the Trojans with an average of 16 points per game to go along with 22 blocked shots and 21 steals on the season.

Another freshman, Jocelyn Love, is averaging 12 points per game and has 38 steals.

Those three Lady Trojans were the main reasons why MT lost the teams' last meeting. Love scored 19 points, and Cash and Morris each had 18 in the victory. Cash also grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Lady Raiders will have a chance to avenge their losses to ASU and UALR starting today against the Lady Indians at Murphy Center. Tipoff for today's game is 7 p.m.

MT takes on the Trojans Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. ♦

UALR: Continuing defense key

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Blue Raiders have accomplished in their last three games.

"The biggest thing is just ball movement and player movement and just having the guys being unselfish," Davis said. "That's going to be a critical thing for this road trip."

With the Blue Raiders clinging to a 13-10 record with four games to go, the upcoming games will make the difference between a winning or losing season.

"We're smarter than we were a

month ago," Cuffee said. "We aren't making so many mistakes. The team is just getting better and better every day at practice. As long as we go out there and play hard, we don't have anything to worry about."

MT heads into the road games with a 5-5 conference record and is currently fourth in the SBC Eastern Division. Since the Blue Raiders trail one and a half games behind conference leader Western Kentucky University, the next two games are crucial factors in determining if MT receives an SBC tournament bid. ♦

Tennis: Match moves outdoors

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by senior Marlene Dirnstorfer, who is undefeated in both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles play this season.

"I think as far as talent-wise we should be ahead of them [the Lady Tigers], but a big factor is we're probably going to play outdoors against them on Sunday, which makes it a kind of iffy situation,"

Holden said. "We haven't been able to practice outdoors much because of the weather ... so that gives them, to a degree, a little bit of an advantage."

MT will face the Trojans at 2 p.m. Friday. The time for Sunday's match against Memphis has not yet been determined. ♦

Hoping: Injuries plague seniors

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surgeries to drain fluid and treat inflammation in the past.

Senior Kirk Jackson has been dealing with injuries of his own, suffering from lower back pain as well as pain in his shins.

"Those are the two seniors we've been counting on, and those are the two that have been struggling the most," Dale said.

Even so, he remains optimistic for the team overall.

"As I've said from the beginning of the season, I think this team really has the potential to do a lot more towards the middle of the season," Dale said.

As the team's oldest members recover from their injuries, the new additions to the squad are gaining the confidence and experience necessary to compete in college athletics.

Purdue, on the other hand, seems

to be stumbling after losing to Notre Dame Feb. 8. The Fighting Irish trumped the Boilermakers in singles, winning four of six singles matches and two doubles matches to take the overall victory against Purdue.

"We lost to a team that was a little better," Purdue head coach Tim Madden told reporters. "We had good intensity, but our inexperience in the singles lineup caught us."

Dale is banking on the hope that his team's similar edge in rank will translate into wins for the Blue Raiders.

"I'm hoping that the Memphis and Purdue matches, being that we're probably slightly more talented, will be an opportunity for us to get to .500 as a team," Dale said.

The men will host Memphis at the Racquet Club Friday at 2 p.m. Purdue will follow Feb. 22 at noon. ♦

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