

SIDELINES

Student arrested for theft

Tip solves case of microphone, computer theft

By Wesley Murchison
Staff Writer

Campus police arrested MTSU student Thomas Jayoung Choe after receiving a tip about the theft of over \$3,000 worth of computer and electronic equipment during spring break.

The tip reported to MTSU Crime Stoppers also led to Choe's confession of stealing \$8,000 worth of microphones from the Bragg Mass Communication Building Feb. 12.



Choe

During spring break, Choe, a senior in mass communications, stole a Macintosh Power Mac G-5 tower computer, mouse, keyboard and zip drive from music professor Michael Linton's office in Saunders Fine Arts and Wright Music Building, Room 113. Choe also stole a pair of sneakers from assistant music professor James Simmons' office in room 279.

Choe was already considered a possible suspect for not returning a sub-master key that is used by student workers to access the copy room. Music professor Connie Bowrey informed police that Choe still had the key.

After the tip was made to Crime

See Mic Theft, 2



Photo submitted

Science classes, dorm temperature and people who wear UT colors were just a few of the complaints lodged on a black sheet hung by SGA representatives as a forum for campus frustrations.

Students use 'Hate' to change campus

Staff Reports

Students gathered on the Keathley University Center Knoll Tuesday to share their thoughts about what's wrong with campus as part of MTSU's "I Hate..." campaign.

The Student Government Association-sponsored event planned to get student opinions of what needs to change on campus by writing on a large black sheet that read "I Hate..."

The complaints listed on the sheet ranged from calculus-based physical chemistry and temperature in the dormitories, parking, Aramark and "people who wear UT" apparel on campus.

"Anyone can write on the wall, as long as it pertains to campus and it's not obscene," said Prasant

Akunuri, SGA senator for Basic and Applied Sciences. "People can write things they'd like to see changed or brought to MTSU."

The campaign was part of "Make a Difference Week," Akunuri said.

This is the second year the campaign has been put on and has had great success, said Meagan Flippin, SGA vice president of administration and public affairs.

"Hate sounds so bad but it is a great way to find out what students want to see done on campus," Flippin said.

All the complaints on the sheet will be transferred to a separate document that will be kept on file at the SGA office and sent to MTSU President Sidney McPhee, Flippin said.

Legendary songwriter to visit MT

Songwriter for Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and B.B. King to give speech about his career and perform

By Michelle McCray
Staff Writer

Singer/songwriter John Hiatt will be on campus Wednesday to discuss his songwriting career and perform a few of his songs.

The event will be held in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace Building at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

"Hiatt is an interesting example of an influential figure in the recording industry because he's not a superstar or a high profile performer," said Paul Fischer, professor of recording industry management studies.

"His kind of success is more attainable, because he's not trying to be a superstar," Fischer said. "If you know his work, then you don't miss a chance to see him perform."

Hiatt's solo career began in the 1970s with his first hit "Sure I'm Sitting Here," which was recorded by Three Dog Night.

Hiatt has written over 200 hits songs including "Have a Little Faith in Me," "Perfectly Good Guitar" and "Riding with the King."

Prominent recording artists including Bob Dylan, B.B. King, Eric Clapton and Rodney Crowell have covered Hiatt's songs.

Hiatt continues to write, record and tour even today. His latest album "Master of Disaster," was released in June 2005.

"We are fortunate to have a speaker with the national stature of John Hiatt," said Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communication. "Students and faculty of mass communications at MTSU are extremely fortunate to have him on campus."

Fischer recalls the first time he saw Hiatt perform at a concert in Chicago.

"I was working as a security guard for the concert venue, and Hiatt was the opening act that night," Fischer said. "I kept breaking character as a security guard and listening to Hiatt, and I found myself laughing at his work instead of doing my job. His performance and songs were insightful and on target. I became an instant fan."

Hiatt's lecture is a part of the 2006 Tom T. Hall Writer's Series, which brings distinguished authors, poets and songwriters to campus to discuss their careers.

"The goal of the Tom T. Hall Writer's program is to bring all kinds of writers to campus on a regular basis so that students thinking about a career within the creative dimensions can hear from writers of all kinds," Fischer said. "These kinds of discussions and lectures could be very instructive to students on how things could go for them in these industries."

See Hiatt, 2

Former astronaut speaks on importance of science

Story Musgrave talks about former job with NASA at MTSU sponsored conference

By Dana Owens
Staff Writer

Former astronaut Story Musgrave spoke to math and science teachers about educating students for the future as part of a two-day conference sponsored in part by MTSU Tuesday.

"I only do one thing—that's creating an experience for other people—and that's what teachers do," Musgrave said, despite his experience in the fields of mathematics, literature, medicine, art and mechanics.

During his speech, which was part of the two-day conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville, Musgrave emphasized that teachers should focus on preparing students for an unforeseeable future.

"Find out what your students are passionate about and utilize it," Musgrave said, adding that following his curiosity and passion led him to join NASA.

Musgrave, who has been on six space flights in his 30 years with NASA, said people often ask whether he aspired to be an astronaut as a child. He said he has to remind them that the space program did not exist in the 1930s. Instead, he spent his time working on his family's farm in Massachusetts.

It was not until Musgrave was 29 and witnessed Sputnik, the first artificial satellite to orbit Earth, that he realized he wanted to go into the space program. Before that, he joined the military instead of completing high school. Though he went on to "beg his way" into a university where he studied mathematics and neurology, he said he had had a good mentor.

"There are no people on this earth more motivated than teachers," he said. "We need to support them, encourage them, give them the same opportunities as students."

The United States is lacking in its math and science education when compared to other parts of the world, said Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost of MTSU.

"There is an increasing concern about America's future capacity of being a world leader in math and science," Gebert said. "We are committed, and we know that time is slipping away. We need to address this now."

The summit was organized in part to address President Bush's stated need for more teachers and students to be involved in math and science, Gebert said. The summit focused on math and science education from "K-16." The conference also focused on workforce needs.

MTSU played a significant role in the summit,



McPhee

organizing the conference and hosting other events on campus for teachers and students. There are many elementary through high school teachers that come to campus for education programs, Gebert said.

"[The summit] is a culmination of work that has been done here on this campus for a number of years with regard to working with NASA and with agencies that deal with math and science education," Gebert said.

The conference featured speakers with expertise in the areas of math and science, including MTSU alumni and NASA representatives.

In addition to Musgrave, Tom Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Science, and Gebert addressed the audience the first day of the summit. Gov. Phil Bredesen and MTSU President Sidney McPhee spoke the following day.

Other key figures and former MTSU students present included Rep. John Hood, D-Murfreesboro, Larry Bilbrough of NASA and Linda Jordan, the science coordinator for the State Department of Education.

The aim of the summit was to bring together leaders from the "state and national level to make sure we're moving in the right direction and also to let people know more about MTSU and the kind of work and programs that we've been involved in for quite some time," Gebert said.

The objective of the conference was to catch the attention of lawmakers. Expected outcomes include a set of consensus recommendations that will be presented to the governor and legislative committees.



Photo by Dana Owens

Former NASA astronaut Story Musgrave emphasizes the importance of providing educators with resources to teach math and science in schools. His speech was part of a two-day state summit in Nashville.

LOCAL FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HI: 82° LO: 60° PRECIP: 0%	HI: 78° LO: 59° PRECIP: 30%	HI: 75° LO: 58° PRECIP: 30%

CAMPUS

Student Film Festival Coverage

Last week, the Keathley University Center Theatre hosted the 2006 MTSU Film Festival. Student-made films were presented from Monday through Thursday, with three winners announced and re-screened Friday.

FEATURES

Danny Greene

The semester is coming to a close, as is this series on printmaker Danny Greene. All semester he's been working on screenprints dealing with gender ambiguity. Now, it's time for the final process.

SPORTS

Baseball Wins

The Blue Raiders (17-14, 5-4 SBC) won four out of their last five after finishing this weekend's series with Western Kentucky (15-16, 3-9 SBC) at Reese-Smith Field.

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Mic Theft: "Student caught"

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Stoppers, Sgt. Matt Foster had Choe summoned to the station for questioning, at which point Choe confessed to the robbery. "Subsequently, a warrant was taken out for Mr. Choe's arrest for theft over a \$1,000," Foster said.

Accompanied by another officer, Foster and Choe went to his permanent residence in

Brentwood where the stolen property was recovered, Foster said.

When Choe and his lawyer returned to the station to return the property, Foster requested an additional interview about the stolen microphones. Choe confessed. However, the microphones will not be returned because they may possibly have already been sold, said Travis Smith, media

chair and representative of Crime Stoppers.

Smith also said that the charges against Choe are "going to be folded down, instead of multiple charges and multiple offenses. He will get one charge of a theft of over a \$1,000."

Choe is also in the process of negotiating a restitution deal to repay MTSU for the stolen microphones.

Choe was officially charged

with one Class D felony and posted bond at \$3,500.

Crime Stoppers is a community organization to help solve crimes on the MTSU campus and in Rutherford County. Part of their policy includes that all tipsters will remain anonymous. Tipsters are eligible for award if the information provided leads to an arrest.

The organization comprises faculty and students, and works

in conjunction with Foster to help solve crimes.

"It probably clears one-two cases a year on campus, because the tip has to be good enough to lead to an arrest," Smith said.

"The tip certainly helped us solve this case and make an arrest," Foster said. "Crime Stoppers is a wonderful tool for law enforcement to use."

Before the anonymous tipster can receive the reward, Crime

Stoppers has to take a formal vote.

"Since this is a felony case, the Rutherford County Crime Stoppers Board will be handling the reward. If it had been a misdemeanor, then the campus board, which works with the county board, would be paying the reward," Smith said.

The reward for the information being offered was up to \$1,000.

Hiatt: "Performs for campus"

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Babbili said he believes Hiatt's knowledge of the recording industry will prove useful for students at MTSU.

"[Hiatt's] insights and experience will be highly useful as our students enter the industry and society," Babbili said. "It is certain to be a night that we will never forget."

Fischer stressed that Hiatt is an influence to a variety of students, not just RIM majors.

"Students who are perhaps English majors, people in philosophy, deep thinkers and people who have a unique world viewpoint might learn something about how to harness their passions, express themselves, possibly and how to turn that into a lucrative career," Fischer said.

"Even if people don't fit into any of those categories and know anything about pop culture or pop culture references they'll understand him."

Editor-In-Chief

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fundraiser to help EMC student

Vincent Dave, Jr., an MTSU majoring in electronic media communications, was involved in a serious accident March 30. He was immediately rushed to Vanderbilt Hospital, where he currently remains hospitalized in the Intensive Trauma Care Unit.

Dave is suffering extensive head injuries, according to family and close friends.

Upon hearing the news of their son's accident, Dave's parents immediately rushed from Knoxville, Tenn. to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, and they have been with him ever since.

In order to help Dave's parents with the accumulating expenses, the Kappa Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated will be hosting a spoken word in his honor.

This event will take place Wednesday April 19 at Keathley University Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Donations will be taken and all proceeds will go to assist Dave's family.

Dave's extra-curricular involvements include Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Middle Tennessee Association of Black Journalists, volunteering for the Boys and Girls Club and the Discovery Center, and working at Sears.

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Film Festival shows off student talent

By Sarah Crotzer
Staff Writer

Last week, the Keathley University Center Theatre hosted the 2006 MTSU Film Festival. Student-made films were presented from Monday through Thursday, with three winners announced and re-screened Friday.

This year's selections covered a variety of styles and genres, including drama, comedy, music video, action and animation. Many of the films lasted only a handful of minutes, while one came close to an hour.

One of the longer films, "frank," focused on a lonely and apathetic young man as he tries to make sense of the world.

"About three years ago I came up with the idea, and I really wanted to make it," said Daniel Henry "frank"'s director.

"Daniel pitched the idea to me for quite a long time," said Jake Goings, who also worked on the film. "It was a good idea, but it wasn't completely put together. So our group threw some ideas back and forth and tried to finish it, trying to come up with a movie to submit. Things started to come together more, and we started to see the story make more sense."

Henry said he felt the film was "well received" by the audience, and that his creative group would soon go on to produce something else together.

Another filmmaker in attendance was Brandon Hardy, who submitted two shorts.

"I think both of my films got a great response at the festival this year," Hardy said. "Particularly 'A London Short': it was a lot of fun, and we had a really great cast. 'Raw Hate' was shot in a 48-hour period from drive to screen, and it was a good spoof—typical CSI-detective-procedural-type thing. It was a great experience and fun for everyone involved."

Hardy was also involved in the production of films by his friend David Poag, who was the winner of both the 2004 and 2005 festivals.

"8:59" was a short that Zach Gunner and Alex Altman and I did the second semester of our freshman year," Poag said. "We didn't know what we were doing, but we had a lot of fun and somehow it won that year. The next year was 'Good Digs.' Very goofy...but it won, too."

Poag returned this year with four submissions, including "The Jim Poag Archives," which he had updated from his father's own filmmaking projects in 1979.

"My sister was rummaging through the attic a few months ago, and found these two Super-8 canisters," he said. "Not knowing what they were, we brought the subject up, and Dad said they were his. I got a hold of a Super-8 projector, and made a digital copy of them, and gave them to him for Christmas. I put music behind them, and I think they're so incredible, I wanted to show other people."

Ultimately, Poag won second and third place in this year's competition. Taking silver was his 30-



Photo © David Poag
David Poag lines up a shot on location for "Seeing Sophie," which won second place in the MTSU Student Film Festival. His short film, "Brown-Haired Girls," received a third-place nod. Poag received top honors for the Festival in 2004 and 2005.

minute drama, "Seeing Sophie," while the bronze went to his four-minute short, "Brown-Haired Girls."

"Seeing Sophie" was the main one I poured way too many hours into," he said. "I wanted to do something different, something slower, something more photography-oriented. The idea came because I drive a lot and I've always wanted to pull over and see what was there...I just got all my neighbors and family members and cousins and did this silly thing, and it was fun. It was hard, but it was a lot of fun."

"Brown-Haired Girls" was more of an experiment, he said. "I just wanted to see if I could do it. It was a test in trick photography. I wrote it the night before, and shot it the next day."

Carianne Lance starred in both films, including a dual role in "Brown-Haired Girls" where she had to act against herself via split-screen.

"It was very challenging to act to nobody, and we

had to mark every single prop for every single shoot," Lance said. "It was very time-consuming, very difficult to do. Every single scene, every part was in David's head before we started filming, so the entire process was him explaining it and pulling it out of us. It was his own, personal vision."

Poag emphasized that although he is the name behind the films, they are really a team effort. "All of my films are really all of my friends' films. We all put a lot of work into it. It's a very collaborative thing."

"I'll always continue making films," he said. "Each film is like another practice session. I learn a lot with each one I do. I make lots of mistakes, and I learn from them. I'm going to take the summer off, but I would like to write one soon, and do another one, just because I love doing them."

The gold award of the 2006 festival went to the short film "Uh-Oh, Betty," spoofing the "How-To" shorts of the black-and-white era.

"We're very surprised," said Anthony Veve, who wrote the film. "We were actually working on a project to place at all. I didn't expect anyone to laugh!"

"It was just a test," said Drew Weaver, the director of the film. "We were actually working on a project to film over the summer, and [Anthony] came up with a script that just happened to be pretty funny. We just filmed it as a test to get used to working with the camera."

"I had just seen some goofy cartoons, and I'm a big fan of cartoons, so I tried to just come up with that," Veve said. "[Drew] said, 'Come up with something simple,' and I don't do simple too well, so this is what came out of it."

The "Uh-Oh, Betty" team said they are working on another short, which they will follow with an hour-long feature they intend to shop to different festivals.

"I'm very happy with the way it all turned out," said William C. Fancher, chair of the MTSU Films Committee. "While the festival was going on it wasn't apparent who was going to win. Last year, there was more of a clear winner. This year, I wasn't entirely sure who was going to come out on top, but I'm happy with the result."

Regarding the festival itself, Fancher said, "It's becoming a long-running tradition here at MTSU. Each year it keeps getting bigger and really, getting better—that's not just a line. This year we had 19 entries, 14 of which were actually in competition; the others were in exhibition only. What we had originally intended to do this year was to keep the number of films down to about 12, but once we got 19 films in, and we watched all of them...we decided to keep them all in."

Fancher's own film, "Billy the Kid," was shown in exhibition.

"It was written over the summer with the intention of it opening this year's film festival, in that it's very much about student films and some of the pitfalls on the way to delivering any sort of quality product. There's a lot of learning in student films...but the fun thing with 'Billy the Kid,' I thought, is at the end, they really don't learn anything."

All humor aside, Fancher said, "I've been very pleased with the quality of the films this year. As digital technology and filmmaking becomes easier and less expensive, you see higher quality in these films, and that's really nice. I hope next year we have the problem of too many films entered. That's always a nice problem to have."



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Carianne Lance and Carianne Lance star in "Brown-Haired Girls," the third place winning film in the festival

Alpha Phi Alpha gives a century of service

By Erica Hines
Staff Writer

The Kappa Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is hosting several events for students and locals in Murfreesboro to benefit the community as part of their 100th year celebration.

The fraternity is providing entertainment, along with promoting their community service activities, which are sometimes forgotten because of their well-known "frat party."

"At MTSU, one of the first things you're going to hear about is a Greek party," said Jerry Whitmore, junior interdisciplinary studies major and the Alpha's Kappa Xi chapter president. "You're not going to hear about community service."

This year the fraternity is trying to do a community service project at the same time, in which they'd like the rest of the campus to participate, Whitmore said.

There are going to be incentives for those who get involved during

"Alpha Week." Everyone from Greeks to non-Greeks will have a chance to meet up and eat at a restaurant after the service projects, Whitmore said.

For instance, today they will be tutoring at the Boys and Girls club between 3 and 5 p.m. After that, the children are going to eat ice cream at Baskin Robins. Tomorrow, everyone will meet at Buffalo Wild Wings, and there will be a different service project each day for students to come out and support the Alphas.

"We're stressing involvement because we don't want to do everything by ourselves," Whitmore said. "I mean it is a lot of us, but still, we're here for the campus so we'd rather work with the campus as a whole."

Warren Isenhour, president of Omicron Sigma Lambda alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. said that two big problems he sees with the college-age students are the lack of leadership and involvement.

"The goal of all of our chapters is

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Jerry Whitmore
Kappa Xi chapter president.s

to preserve their community, to handle local issues, provide information about them and to create a better environment for the people in that community," Isenhour said.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. has partnered with March of Dimes for over 25 years, and conducts programs to improve education and health of the African American community, Isenhour said.

March of Dimes supports "Walk America" month in April. This organization focuses on research combating premature births and infant mortality. Money raised will advance finding solutions to diseases and defects that arise, killing babies at birth.

The fraternity's goal is to raise a minimum of \$200,000 nationwide and \$1,500 in the Murfreesboro area.

The walk is April 23 at Central Middle School at 10:30 a.m., where there will be food, games, prizes and entertainment provided. For more info go to walkamerica.org.

Isenhour also said Alpha Phi

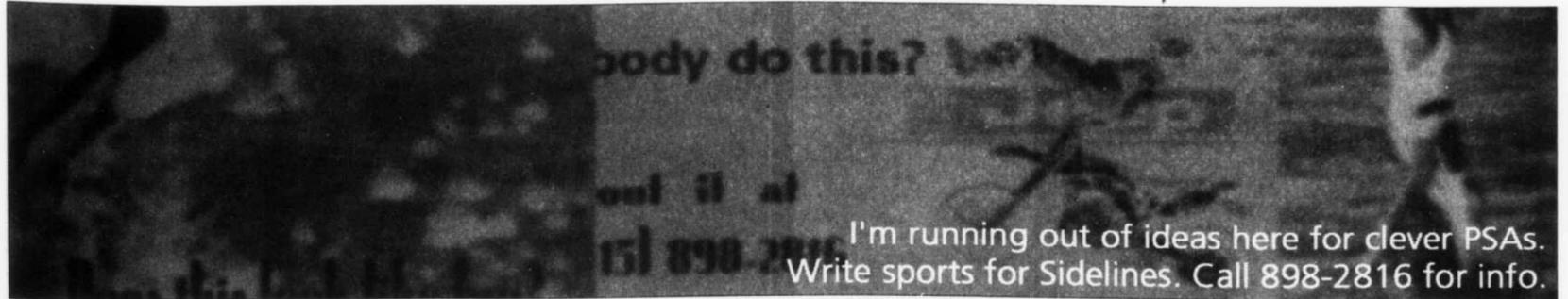
Alpha is a very politically- and socially-active fraternity.

Involvement with the campus is highly stressed to the members of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"They have to be in more organizations on campus and to serve on executive boards of the various organizations because we do not want to have our works just dealing with Alphas," Whitmore said. "We need people to be on SGA, MTABJ, Student Council and all organizations on campus."

"Within the Greek community, we always hear about who's runnin' the yard, but we stress to our members [it] isn't about throwing the crunkiest parties," Whitmore said. "It's about having your foot in each organization on campus and having an influence and producing leaders."

"We like challenges; to show people how involved we are with the campus because without the campus we have no purpose," Whitmore said.



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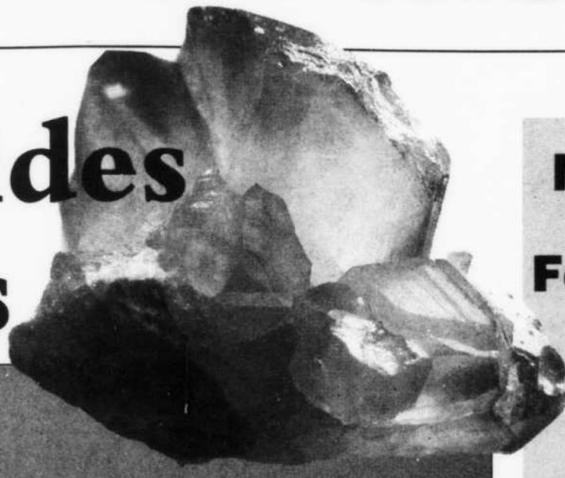


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Geosciences Professor Albert Ogden holds a piece of pyrite or "fool's gold"—one of many mineral specimens on display at the Mineral, Gem and Fossil Museum housed in Ezell Hall.

By Carmen Anderson
Staff Writer

For archeology and geology enthusiasts, there is a little-known mineral and fossil museum on campus.

Upon entering, visitors may expect to find a dusty room with dusty shelves, displaying even dustier rocks, but that is not the case.

For rock hounds, this museum is an unexpected treasure in an unexpected neck of the woods.

The mineral, gem and fossil museum, started in August 2005 by geosciences Professor Albert Ogden, is located at the once-condemned, now partially renovated Ezell Hall.

The 1,300-square-foot facility is chilly upon entering—its walls decorated with a variety of educational posters. One such poster is the very-recognizable Periodic table.

Sharing space with these posters are beautiful photographs taken by Ogden of various geological attractions of the world, like the Grand Canyon.

In the display cases are examples of various oxides, sulfides, carbonates, sulfates and silicates. There is also a popular display of Moroccan fossils, some of which were once buried by volcanic eruptions, and visitors can't leave without catching a display of rough and polished versions of various birthstones.

In six months, the museum has had 1,500 visitors, a number of which were third- and fourth-graders on field trips from various parts of Tennessee, Ogden said.

One of the biggest attractions for kids is the museum's fluorescent mineral room. Here, behind a black curtain, students can observe various minerals that glow under ultraviolet light. This small room was set up by Ogden's assistants: Matt Farhner, Doug Hayes, Anna Teagarden and Patrick Carroll.

Ogden said another thing the children enjoy is the free rocks they can take home from the pile outside the museum, but this is no ordinary rock pile. This special pile consists of shells that are millions of years old, horn coral and petrified wood.

There has also been a day for home-schooled children, which was set up after a parent read about the museum on a Yahoo chat group for home school teachers.

When it isn't hosting school trips, the museum is used for geology labs. According to Ogden, the labs usually take 25 minutes. During the lab, students group themselves together while looking at and discussing various specimens.

"Here, they get to see what it really looks like," Ogden said. "I almost have to kick them out the door."

Contributors to the collection consist of

Murfreesboro resident Lewis Elrod, former president of the American Federation of the Mineralogical Society and MTSU professors Aaron Todd and Linda Wilson. A collector of specimens for over 50 years, Ernest Hammons has also donated fossils to MTSU in his will. Those fossils are now in the process of being appraised.

Another big contributor to the exhibits has been Vanderbilt University.

The Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society also donated a display of unique jewelry to the museum.

Ogden donated \$20,000 worth of specimens from his own collection. "Half of the specimens used to be mine," he said.

The Special Projects Committee at MTSU gave a \$5,000 grant to the project, which paid for the display cases of the precious gems and fossils. Liberal Arts Dean John McDaniel and University President Sidney McPhee were instrumental in finding space for the museum, Ogden said.

Ogden said the museum has doubled his work load, and with the attention the museum is getting, he admits he's nervous about how many may come in the fall.

As of now, trips to the museum during the week are by reservation only. During the weekend, the museum is free and open to the public on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Need to Know Info: Mineral, Gem and Fossil Museum

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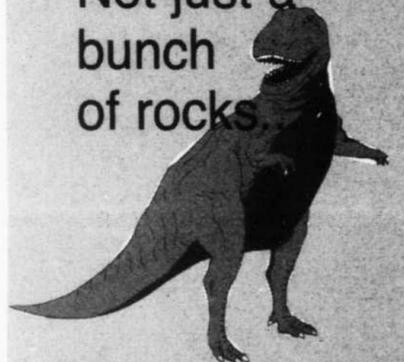
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Location



Not just a bunch of rocks.



In addition to having a collection of mineral and gems, the museum also boasts a selection of fossils and dinosaur-related specimens. For those who are more visually driven, the museum also has a collection of fluorescent mineral specimens housed in a black-light room.

Sidelines says 'good-bye' to Danny Greene

By Jessy Yancey
Staff Writer

The semester is coming to a close, as is this series on printmaker Danny Greene. All semester he's been working on screenprints dealing with gender ambiguity, and Sidelines has followed him from the beginning stages of drawing to inside the darkroom. Now, it's time for the final process.

"After I finish a print it usually takes like a week to do a full-color print," says Greene, "figuring out the colors and the registration—what's gonna go on, which color's gonna go after the next and what colors I'm going to use."

He rips off a piece of masking tape with his teeth, explaining that he has to tape up the uncovered portions of the screen so the paint won't seep through and mess up his picture. He then secures the wood-framed screen by locking it into hinge clamps.

Taping acetate on one side so it can be easily flipped up, Greene explains the importance of the transparency: "I'll print onto this; then I'll be able to slip my paper under and get in the correct spot."

This is what's known as registration. If it's off-registered, the color appears in the wrong place.

He opens an overflowing cabinet. "I've got all these different containers under here of all these inks I've mixed and might need for later," he says, pulling out two yogurt containers, each filled with a different color of ink.

Greene's image has been baked onto the screen into something like a stencil, so the ink will go through the screen and onto the paper in the form of the original drawing, a group of girls gathered

around a young boy.

He pours a generous amount of blackish ink from the yogurt container along the edge of the screen and then grabs a rubber-bladed squeegee.

"This is drowning it," he says. "You have to get the ink just over where the edge is, and then, you hit it." Greene slides the squeegee across the painting, spreading out the ink; this is what he calls "hitting it." An outline of the children appears on the acetate.

He sops up the rest of the ink with the squeegee and prepares to do it again, this time onto a thick piece of paper. Lining up the paper under the acetate and "hitting it," the outline appears on the paper.

"Registration really matters a lot when you're throwing in your key color, which usually for me really revolves around the drawing," Greene says.

His key color in this case is a pinkish color, something Crayola might call "salmon" or "melon." After he has made several copies of the black outline, he wipes off the acetate.

He repeats the process with the new color, and a pink appears on the acetate. Lining it up with the outline of the children, he "hits it" again. Now, the outline of the picture in the center of the picture is filled with the pinkish color.

Many of Greene's other prints are more complex, with numerous colors that have to be layered.

"I try to fit as many [colors] as I can," he says. "A lot of the different colors are really subtly used, like the color of a shoe or a scarf or the hair." He pulls one of his already-finished pieces from a drawer.

"Every color's a different run," he says, pointing to the picture's many hues. "Eight or nine colors, some-

thing like that. I had to break this one off into pieces. Registering was such a pain in the ass, but I'm really happy with it...now."

Still, he says, it's important to stick with it. "I can't go into working on something and be like, 'Well, I'm just gonna quit,'" he says, wiping his hands



Photo by Adam Casto | Photography Editor

Featured student artist Danny Greene sits among a semester's worth of his screenprints. Greene won Best in Show at the MTSU Student Art Show.

on his jeans. "I can work on different projects at the same time, but when I'm working on something like this, I've gotta do it until I'm done, no matter if the outcome's crappy; it's just learning."

Tonight, Greene has made several copies of the print, but half a dozen is nothing compared to what he is used to. As a freelance poster designer, he prints 100 copies of each poster, all using this same process.

"It may not seem like all that, but it can get tiring," he admits.

Greene has designed posters and fliers for artists such as Marissa Nadler, Dead Moon and Pale Blue Dot, as well as the avant/experimental label Table of the Elements' showcase for the Austin music festival South by Southwest.

"My sister is a booking agent for this record company out of Brooklyn," he says, adding that she has hooked him up with jobs with bands and different record labels. "Eclipse Booking is what my sister does, so I got to be Eclipse Prints."

Greene plans to eventually move to New York City or San Francisco to pursue his career as an artist. He hopes to attend graduate school, either after he graduates next spring or sometime in the near future.

In the meantime, he will be spending his summer at MTSU, taking a full load of classes, playing music and, of course, working on his art.

"I'll have to make the transition from having to make work to working just because I need to, not having deadlines," he says, adding that this semester has been "pretty intense."

Two weeks ago, Greene won Best in Show at the MTSU Student Art Show for a pair of screenprints, including the one mentioned in this article.

He's off to a good start but believes he needs time "to grow and become more mature in my own work."

Whether Greene puts off grad school for a few more years or heads straight in, only time will tell. He dreams of being an art professor, a job in which he is expected to talk about, teach, and make art all day. "That is the ideal situation, but, you know, maybe I'll move to Europe," he laughs. "I don't know."

He only has one true ambition in mind: "My long-term goals are to make art," he says. "Nothing more, nothing less."

OPINIONS

Immigration stalemate has reasons

By Matt Hurtt
Hurtt Pride

Our fellow Americans:
We would first like to wish each and every one of you a happy non-religious Spring-themed holiday. Yesterday, many of us spent quality time with our families. The children searched for hard-boiled colored protein capsules, while we discussed current events with our extended families.

The situation of illegal immigration did arise. We found that most of our relatives really do not think a person can be illegal. That, essentially, was the focus of the conversation.

At 3:30 this morning Senator Frist called Senator McCain, and thus began a

two hour long conference call between all Republican Senators. The topic: illegal immigration. At one point, Senator Arlen Specter switched parties, so we disconnected him. After much discussion, we have decided on a solution to the problem at hand.

We would like to apologize up front. Blanket Amnesty will be rewarded to the 12 million some-odd illegal immigrants here in this country. This will be disguised as a "guest worker" program. We believe that 12 million is a somewhat conservative number, and since we are all conservative, that is the number we chose. Other estimations put the illegal immigrant tally at around 16 million.

We apologize.

We will not secure the border in the

best interest of the nation because we essentially want a system similar to the European Union, where citizens of Mexico, the United States and Canada can roam freely around the North American continent if they so choose. We think this would be in the best interest of the economy, allowing both Canadians and Mexicans to purchase goods in America, using the Amero dollar, which will be unveiled later this year.

We apologize.

You elected us, however, we believe in the trustee form of governance. What that means is we make decisions based on what we think is in the best interest of our constituents. Since we really do not care what our constituents think, then it stands to reason we would eventually let

you down.

We apologize.

We have decided to strike the word "illegal" from all texts coming from Congress. We feel that "illegal" is too harsh a word to describe an action. Coming to America through "extra-legal" means is perfectly OK.

We apologize.

Finally, we have given into the pressure from groups like La Raca. We realize that our imperialist actions before the 20th century led to certain "extra-legal" means by which we expanded the borders of our country; therefore, we have decided to return to Mexico what is rightfully Mexico's. Beginning July 1, Mexico will resume control of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Utah and

Nevada.

We apologize.

Thank you for the many phone calls and letters, but we really can not give in to your ridiculous requests, even though you forced us.

For that, we apologize.

Sincerely,
Republican Senators,
109th Congress

Matthew Hurtt is a freshman history major, wrote this letter himself, and can be reached at mch2x@mtsu.edu.

Mistakes in Iraq must be addressed

By Tim Hill
Opinions Editor

A few weeks ago, the third anniversary of the 2003 Iraq War was celebrated. Many headlines in the press said nothing about liberating millions of women and children. Instead, newspapers decried "the upcoming fourth year of the war."

I am a conservative who does not only admit that my political beliefs have made mistakes, but I also can describe what I believe those mistakes have been.

Most of the mistakes in the war on Iraq can be traced back to liberal appeasement. According to the United Nations, Iraq shut down its weapons of mass destruction programs in "late 2001." Conservatives know that means Saddam realized he was dealing with an American president who actually wanted to fight terrorism, and not run from it.

Ann Coulter says that when liberals complain to her that we didn't give the inspectors enough time, her answer is, "We gave them fifteen months!" Not attacking Iraq in November or December 2001, even with an operation in Afghanistan, was a

mistake we made.

I support President Bush, but he usually makes it harder for me to do so whenever he tries to "be the president of all Americans." That tends to translate into an attitude of accommodate any and all opponents.

We made our most critical mistake in pre-war planning when Secretary Rumsfeld announced that we were not going to bomb schools, hospitals, and places of worship that the UN reaffirmed were Iraqi Republican Guard outposts.

I'm not advocating the deaths of innocent children. Chef objected to that best when he said, "Operation Human Shield, my ass!"

In HBO's miniseries, "Band of Brothers," Major Richard Winters decided what to do with a German building after one operation was over. "It is a military outpost, so it must be destroyed," he said. If President Bush wants to make the case that Iraq and World War II go together, then the strategies should be similar.

I am not a military expert. I'm not anywhere close. I am a supporter of the president, and I want most of his agenda to benefit

Americans. I could do without another guest worker program, unless it went hand-in-hand with troops on our borders. In Iraq, the answers just seem so clear.

As a Christian, I understand that true peace will not come until Christ returns. Up until that point, we have only "capitalism as the Iraqis' only hope." My friend George said, "We need to get them hooked on Big Macs."

If I was the CEO of Wal-Mart, my overseas goal would be to convert one of Saddam's former palaces to a super-center in downtown Baghdad. Iraq just needs to be safe and stable enough so that it's a place worth out-sourcing various services to.

By choosing to foolishly pursue a 17th resolution in the United Nations against Iraq, the President wasted precious time. "When we do catch Bin Laden, he will probably have a Tennessee driver's license and will be on Tenn-Care," talk show host Phil Valentine has said. Phil might be right, but he doesn't have access to the same intelligence information that President Bush does.

Going to the UN was a mistake, especially since all of those

nations were making money while Saddam was in power. Our country, on the other hand, likes to make money while he's out of power! As a mildly ignorant acquaintance of mine said last week, "The only reason gas prices are high is because companies like Exxon Valdez are taking advantage of people."

Even though democracy is closing in on Iraq, there are still folks there who don't want it. A good way, in my opinion, to settle down the insurgency would be to drop leaflets, pull all essential people out and flatten the Sunni Triangle with one of our 10,000 nukes. Most returning soldiers would agree, I bet.

What the opponents of democracy in Iraq want is something irrational, such as the destruction of Israel. Even with the Gaza Strip withdrawal, the annihilation of that nation is not our nation's policy. And, with Batman's help, it never will be.

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This week, we start a new game called,

"WHERE'S THE CRIME?"

1.) President Reagan ordered the CIA to take care of the situation with rebel forces in the aftermath of another foreign policy issue, the Iranian hostage crisis. People get upset when it is revealed that the CIA sold weapons to Iran, and used the money to help spread democracy in Nicaragua. Lt. Oliver North and a couple others are later implicated in the efforts. George H.W. Bush pardons them. Future conservative college students, while studying, ask their professors, "Where's the crime?"

2.) Famed Washington, D.C. lobbyist Jack Abramoff is hired by several Native American tribes to influence members of Congress to get certain gambling-friendly legislation passed. In 2002, Jack opens Signatures Restaurant at 801 Pennsylvania Avenue. The complimentary meals, which are paid for by tribal lobbying dollars, eventually lead to free golf trips to Scotland, as well as House votes. This is the first time a restaurant owner has ever benefited from giving complimentary meals on a consistent basis to his friends. Opinions Editor Tim Hill lays awake nights, asking, "Where's the crime?"

3.) Overzealous prosecutor Ronnie Earl brings a few grand juries together to charge wedgy-causer Tom DeLay with violating a Texas statute that wasn't even in existence. In Washington, D.C., DeLay faces an automatic charge of "Being Republican with intent to distribute the agenda to working families." Conservatives across America ask themselves, "Where's the crime?"

Tune in next time as we explore the Hell that is the CIA leak case. With seven layers of separation, Kevin Bacon is sure to be found somewhere.

Opinions Editor's note: This section takes the news and exaggerates it, or makes it up completely. Outside of this box, you're free to think for yourself.



White House Photo by Paul Morse

Deputy Chief of Staff Joe Hagin formally swears in new White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolton. Looking on is former Chief of Staff Andrew Card. Hagin is best remembered for his 20-minute long private conversation with Cindy Sheehan last summer on the grounds of the President's Crawford, Texas ranch. Not pictured is National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, who also took part in Hagin's conversation with Sheehan.

The band-wagon has been jumped on by Tim Hill and his crew of conservative pigs. Check out the debut of the Opinions Sidelines Podcast at www.mtsusidelines.com/podcast

Click on "MTSU President Bush Opinion Survey" to see what several students had to say about our nation's commander-in-chief of unjust and illegal wars*.

Conservatives and liberals are encouraged to check out our podcasts. It may just change your life—or your haircut.

* If you want to hear the case for war and believe that we should trust the United Nations and not the CIA, please feel free to read all 20-plus reports at www.unmovic.org. That organization, of course, is the same organization that was set up by the biblical model of government for the sole purpose of disarming Iraq. That's right—Iraq. Not every Middle Eastern nation, but Iraq. Iraq, all by itself. For further reading, check out the Iraqi Liberation Act of 1998, which was signed into law by the husband of U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, our nation's 44th president-to-be.

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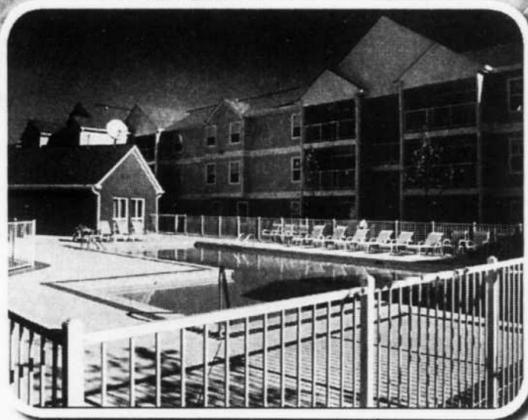
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SPORTS

Baseball wins series over WKU

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Next game vs. Vandy
Tuesday 7 p.m.

By Russell Luna
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders (17-14, 5-4 SBC) won four out of their last five after finishing this weekend's series with Western Kentucky (15-16, 3-9 SBC) at Reese-Smith Field. Earlier in the week, a bombardment of runs helped Middle Tennessee clinch a couple of victories against Austin Peay and Belmont. The Blue Raiders split the first two of three games with the Hilltoppers after picking up a 6-5 win on Friday and falling 7-5 on Saturday.

Jeff Beachum helped Middle Tennessee regain some offensive momentum as a double and homer making him the all-time hits leader in Blue Raider history on Tuesday. Middle Tennessee's 15-5 victory over Austin Peay included Beachum's seventh triple of his career in the fourth inning, which allowed him to surpass Clay Snellgrove with 271 hits. Despite allowing four runs on four hits, Jeff Kasser (2-1) earned the win by pitching five innings, while walking and hitting three runners.

Todd Martin had record setting nights in Wednesday's 13-4 win over the Belmont Bruins. A double and two home



MT catcher Michael McKenry rounds the bases after hitting a home run in the 15-5 win over Austin Peay, last Tuesday. Last week, McKenry was named Sun Belt Player of the Week.

runs in the 2nd and 8th innings allowed Martin to drive in five runs and help lead the Blue Raiders offensively. Jeff Beachum's three singles and runs scored in the final three innings helped seal the deal and give Tyler Copeland (2-1) the win.

Behind the solid offensive performance

by Adam Warren and the clutch solo homerun when Matt Campbell, the Blue Raiders picked up their fourth conference win. Western Kentucky took an early 1-0 lead in the second, but then the Blue Raiders scored three runs due to a Michael McKenry double and a home run by Adam Warren to make the score 3-1.

Western Kentucky regained the lead in the top of the 6th inning when Casey Hamilton led off with a double to center field. A Matt Ransdell single scored two making the score 5-4 in favor of the Hilltoppers.

First baseman Matt Campbell stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the 8th

and hit the game winning homerun, allowing Middle Tennessee to take the 6-5 lead and give reliever Brett Reilly (1-0) the save after allowing only one hit in one inning pitched. Starter Matt Scott received a no-decision after pitching seven complete innings, allowing five runs on 12 hits while striking out three.

Pitching was the problem again in Saturday's 7-5 loss to Western Kentucky. The Blue Raiders jumped out early with a 2-0 lead going into the third inning but were quickly stifled when a Jordan Newton single helped score Cortez Armstrong and Scotty Colt gave the Hilltoppers a 4-2 lead, ending Brett Smalley's day. Smalley pitched 2 and 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits.

The Hilltoppers padded another run in the top of the fourth before a Dillion Heath pinch hit scored two runners tying the game 5-5.

Western Kentucky then scored their final two runs off reliever Tommy Sterritt in the top of the fifth inning. The throw by Wayne Kendrick went past the first baseman, allowing Colt to score, followed by a Dennis Winn single, allowing the Toppers to take a 7-5 game clinching lead.

Sterritt (0-2) pitched two complete innings allowing three runs on two hits, while walking one batter. Evan Twigg (2-1) pitched 1 and 2/3 innings for Western Kentucky, allowing no hits and no runs while striking out two, to pick up the win.

The Blue Raiders concluded their series with Western Kentucky on Sunday with a 11-4 win. The Blue Raiders will play Southeastern Conference opponent Vanderbilt on Tuesday at 7 p.m., before traveling this weekend to Mobile to play Sun Belt foe South Alabama.

Photo by Greg Johnson | Staff Photographer

Softball defeats North Texas for first SBC series win

By Jill Davis
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders (13-31-1) traveled to Memphis to take on the Tigers, Wednesday. The doubleheader ended with a split. Memphis defeated Middle Tennessee in the first game 2-0. The Blue Raiders came back in the second game to win 3-2.

The Blue Raiders were first on the board when Shelby Stiner showed her power on the RBI double to bring home Michelle Wilkes. The Memphis game was the first appearance of Wilkes since March.

The Tigers came back with their own RBI double thanks to Kara Ross to tie the game 1-1 in the second inning. Memphis took the lead in the third inning as

Trish White walked Memphis' Melissa Nance with bases loaded. White entered the game as a relief for Ashley Katinas.

Katinas re-entered the game in the fourth inning, however, and threw three scoreless innings to keep the Blue Raiders alive.

Katinas took the win and improved to 3-7 on the season. Stiner led the Blue Raiders with a double, an RBI and stole her 11th base this season.

MT was held to one hit in this game with Stiner getting the hit.

The Blue Raiders showed their force last weekend as they picked up their first Sun Belt series win against the Mean Green of North Texas (17-26).

MT hit three home runs and had eight base hits to

win game one of the series 8-5 Friday. With the score tied 5-5 at the top of the seventh inning Stiner added her fifth home run of the season to give the Blue Raiders the lead over North Texas. Melissa Weiland hit her own two-run homer.

The Blue Raiders had the lead in the fourth inning after scoring four runs. North Texas regained the lead after a single by Kadie Platt. Justine Cerda connected on her first home run of the season, tying the game at five.

Katinas took the win and Weiland led MT with two RBIs and scored twice.

The Blue Raiders dropped game one of its doubleheader 8-2 Saturday against North Texas but rallied back to win 11-1 in game two for its first Sun Belt

series win of the season.

MT had a season high 16 hits to win the second game. Laura Moore returned to the mound for the first time in a month to take the win for the Blue Raiders.

North Texas scored first, but MT came back for five runs in the second inning. Muriel Ledbetter hit her eighth home run of the season in the fourth inning to score Stiner.

The Blue Raiders hit .387 for the series and hit nine doubles, two triples and five homeruns.

MT returns home Tuesday to the newly renovated softball field. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. followed by a 4 p.m. doubleheader against Tennessee Tech.

Men's tennis finishes strong against Memphis with a sweep

By Casey Brown
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't always pretty, but at this time of the year all that matters is the result.

Middle Tennessee men's tennis wrapped up its regular season with a 7-0 defeat of Memphis Saturday at the Buck Boldin Tennis Center.

Before the match MT head coach Dale Short said he was concerned about the possibility of an upset at the hands of the 6-12 Tigers.

"I preached to them all week that the stars were aligned [for a loss] because of the matchups they had, and because they are better than their record," Short said.

Despite coming away with the win, the Blue Raiders were challenged throughout by an upstart UM squad.

"This match was their [UM's] season," Short said. "We had everything to lose and nothing to gain, and it was exactly the opposite for them."

The match began with a closer-than-expected doubles point in which MT won all three matches in tiebreakers.

At No. 1, fifth-ranked Andreas Siljestrom and Marco Born traded early breaks with UM's James Spence and Sam Withell, then stayed on serve the rest of the way to send the match to a tiebreaker, which Siljestrom and Born won for a 9-8 (4) victory.

After struggling mightily for most of the match, MT's Brandon Allan and Kai Schledorn erased a 7-4 deficit to force another

tiebreaker, culminating in a 9-8 (3) win over Bryan Bankester and Matt Brewer.

Greg Pollack and Morgan Richard made it a clean sweep for the Blue Raiders with a 9-8 (5) defeat of Michael Jetter and Garrison Pilant at No. 3.

After a shaky start in doubles MT found its footing in singles play, winning all six matches.

Rishan Kuruppu was the first off the court for MT after posting a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Tezar Putra of UM at No. 6.

Born added another quick point when he defeated Spence 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2. Siljestrom's subsequent 6-4, 7-5 win over Withell clinched the match for the Blue Raiders.

Pollack struggled at times in his match, but still managed a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Pilant at No. 5.

The last two matches left on the court went to super tiebreakers, with both Blue Raiders emerging victorious.

Allan claimed a 7-5, 3-6, 10-5 triumph over Jetter at No. 4 and Schledorn over Pilant at a 4-6, 6-4, 10-5 win over Brewer at No. 3.

Saturday's match marked the last home contest for seniors Allan, Kuruppu and Pollack and junior Schledorn, who is returning home to Germany. After the match Short lauded his players.

"They've been solid as a rock for us down the stretch," Short said. "They're basically irreplaceable," Short said.

"We're just going to enjoy the ride while they're here, and hopefully they'll always remember their time at Middle Tennessee."

The Blue Raiders finished first in the Sun Belt and earned a bye



Photo by Adam Casto | Photo Editor
Andreas Siljestrom serves for MT. Siljestrom won 6-4, 7-5 in singles play.

into the semifinals of the SBC Tournament. Play begins Friday in Mobile, Ala.

Regardless of their finish in the tournament, MT has all but locked up a bid to the NCAA

Tournament. Regional play begins May 12.

"This team has a chance to finish as one of the best teams ever at this university," Short said.

Tyndall new MSU head coach

By David Hunter
Sports Editor

Former Middle Tennessee men's basketball assistant head coach Donnie Tyndall is going back to his alma mater. Morehead State University named him the new basketball head coach Monday. Another former MT assistant Matt Woodley is heading to Washington State to become an assistant.

Tyndall played at MSU from 1991 to 1993, and was MT head coach Kermit Davis' right-hand man for the past four seasons.

"I don't think Morehead State could have hired a better person," Davis told MT Media Relations. "I'm really excited for Donnie. He has a lot of passion for coaching, and he has great passion for Morehead State. I'm really appreciative of the job Donnie did for us here at Middle Tennessee to help us grow our program. I know he impressed the people at Morehead State and will do a great job at his alma mater."

Part of Tyndall's duty in the past four years was being the recruiting coordinator for the team. During those four seasons the team went 68-50 and had four straight winning seasons.

Tyndall and Davis have worked together for eight seasons, four at MT and four at Louisiana State when both were assistants under current LSU coach John Brady.

Tyndall becomes the 12th head coach in MSU's history. MSU finished 4-23 last season and did not make the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"I am very excited about the

opportunity to become a head coach, and it's even more special to have this opportunity at my alma mater," Tyndall said.



Tyndall

Tyndall played at MSU from 1991 to 1993, and was MT head coach Kermit Davis' right-hand man for the past four seasons.

Tyndall's other coaching experience includes one season as associate head coach at Idaho. During the 1996-97 season, he led St. Catharine College in Springfield, Ky. to a 30-5 record and the National Junior College Tennessee-Kentucky Junior College Coach of the Year that season.

Woodley was a MT assistant for the past couple of seasons. Before coming to MT he was an assistant at Denver. He played his college ball at Drake from 1998-00.

There has been a lot of interest in filling those spots, but Davis will take some time before he makes a decision on choosing the new assistants.

SPORTS

Women's tennis suffers tough weekend

By Casey Brown
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee women's tennis concluded the regular season with a pair of losses this weekend, falling 4-3 to Alabama-Birmingham and 4-0 to Marshall at the Buck Boldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders capped an up-and-down campaign in typical fashion, displaying moments of potential but ultimately coming up short.

Head coach Alison Ojeda said the rigors of the season appeared to take their toll on her team.

"I've trained these guys at a level they're not used to, knowing that it will pay off in the future," Ojeda said. "At the same time their bodies are worn out and tired."

Friday the Blue Raiders kept the score close against UAB, but losing the doubles point in a tiebreaker ultimately proved too much to overcome.

The teams split decisions at Nos. 1 and 2 doubles, with UAB's Ornisha Maier-Knapp and Julia von Samson picking up an 8-4 win over Marlene Chemin and Claudia Szabo at No. 1 and Kelly Adams and Ann-Kristin

Siljestrom rallying for a 9-7 victory over the Blazers' Gulsah Esen and Annemieke Elsholz at No. 2.

MT's Pooja Kommireddi and Elvira Yusupova pulled within one game of victory at 7-5 before dropping the deciding match in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (3) at No. 3 to Antonia Nugent and Samrin Tanzeem.

The outcome of the match was decided quickly in singles play, as the Blazers posted victories in the first three completed singles matches.

Maier-Knapp took care of Szabo by a 6-2, 6-1 margin at No. 1, and Nugent picked up a 6-4, 6-0 win over Adams at No. 5.

The Blazers clinched the victory at No. 4 when Esen finished off an injured Yusupova 7-5, 6-0.

Though the team had already lost, the three remaining Blue Raiders on the court persevered to win long matches.

Chemin, playing at No. 2 for the first time this semester, got off to a fast start by winning the first set 7-5 against von Samson. Up 5-0 in the second, the freshman was unable to hold the lead and dropped the set in a 7-3 tiebreaker.

With the result hinging on a super

tiebreaker, Chemin rose to the occasion to win 10-5.

Siljestrom defeated Elsholz 6-1, 0-6, 6-3 at No. 3, and Kommireddi picked up her 26th victory of the season with a 5-7, 6-0, 10-5 defeat of Tanzeem.

Saturday's match was a brief affair, as No. 55 Marshall defeated the Blue Raiders 4-0 in just over two hours.

Victories at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles gave the Thundering Herd its first three points.

Jessica Keener and Jeanne Schwartz defeated Kommireddi and Yusupova 8-3 at No. 3 before Karolina Soor and Shannon Brown posted the same result over Siljestrom and Adams.

Marshall made short work of MT in the first three singles matches to claim victory.

Lynzee Kever blanked Szabo 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Keener won 6-1, 6-0 over Adams at No. 6 and Kelli Schmitt defeated Chemin 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2.

Despite the losses Ojeda said her team was prepared to compete in the upcoming Sun Belt Tournament.

"We're more ready than we have been all season," Ojeda said.

Men's Golf comes in seventh in ASU tourney

By Wade Neely
Staff Writer

A two-hole playoff decided the Arkansas State Indian Classic golf tournament Tuesday.

Unfortunately for the Middle Tennessee, the Blue Raiders were not involved in the playoff. The Blue Raiders were in contention heading into the final round on Tuesday but were unable to mount a charge, winding up in seventh out of 15 teams with a two-day total of 908.

As for the playoff, the University of New Orleans and Oral Roberts University tied at 895 but the Privateers would put away the Golden Eagles on the second hole. In a tightly contested field, Arkansas-Little Rock and Missouri State University finished in a tie for third place shooting a total of 901.

In what was supposed to be a great tune-up for the Blue Raiders before next week's Sun Belt Conference Tournament, the Blue Raiders stumbled out of the gate Tuesday and could never fully

recover.

"We just did not handle the wind and tough conditions well today," head coach Johnny Moore told MT Media Relations. "We also had too many three putts, and you can not make those kinds of mistakes and expect to win golf tournaments."

After Monday's rounds, the Blue Raiders were sitting in fifth, shooting a 304 and a 294 in their first two rounds before struggling Tuesday. The Blue Raiders posted a 310 in the tournament's final round.

On the individual front, Nick Bailes shot a one-under 71 in his first round, a 75 in his second and a 76 on his final round to finish in a tie for ninth place with a total of 222.

Bailes' 71 was the only the second round under par for the Blue Raiders.

Spencer Provw notched the team's best round with a two-under-par 70 in his second round. Provw finished in a tie for 21st with teammate Chas Narramore with a total of 227.

Rounding out the scoring for the Blue Raiders, Rick Cochran finished in a tie for 58th position, shooting a two-day total of 235. Bart Barnes finished in 75th place with a total of 243.

Next week's Sun Belt Conference Tournament will begin on Monday and continue through Wednesday. The tournament will be held in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

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Split track teams pull out victories this weekend

By Clarence Plank
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee track team competed in split teams Friday and Saturday at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team of Jermaine Barton, Orlando Reid, Daryl Terrell and VanTonio Fraley bested 14 other teams to come in first with a time of 1:23.21 on Friday.

Juan Walker finished ninth in the 110-meter hurdles in 13.95 and Linnie Yarbrough finished 11th. Walker's time was a personal-best and he also had a season-best in the 400-meter hurdles. Pete Senatus finished 26th in the 400-meter hurdles.

Samuel Adade competed in the 100-meter and finished with a season-best 16th with a time of 10:54 and Fraley finished 21st in 10:57 season-best for him. Sean Waller finished 14th and Terrell finished 16th in the 400-meters. Barton finished 38th. Derek Dell finished sixth in the 10000-meters.

A team of Tiffany Owens, TraMayne Gillyard, Shanna-Kay Campbell and Antranette Stringer finished fifth in the 4x200-meter relay. Candice Robertson finished 11th. Campbell and Stringer finished 19th and 22nd in the 400-

meter, respectively.

Vernonia Patterson had a season-best in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.62. Stephanie Tamgho competed in the triple jump to finish 10th and with a season-best distance of 40-1.25.

At the Sea Ray Relays Saturday, the men's 4x100 team of Walker, Adade, Terrell and Fraley finish in fifth place. Fraley finished with a 21.05 mark in the 200-meter which was good enough to qualify for a NCAA regional mark. Senatus finished 12th in the 200-meter as well.

Walker finished fifth in the long jump and Yarbrough was tied for 10th place. Jonathan Guillou finished 16th in the 5,000-meter invitational.

A team of Owens, Robertson, Stringer and Campbell finished 12th in the 4x100 meter relay. Another team of Gillyard, Robertson, Stringer and Patterson finished 26th in the 4x400-meter relay. Owen also competed in the 100-meters late Saturday and finished in 29th place.

The other half of the track team was in Nashville Saturday competing in the Boston-Moon Classic at Tennessee State University.

Sierra Douglas competed in the triple jump with a mark of 40-2 and ran the 100-meter hurdles in

14.64. Douglas claimed a personal-best in both events. James Thomas finished first in the discus, second in the hammer throw and third in the shot put. Willie Parker finished first in the hammer throw with a distance of 152-5, and second in shot put and discus.

Julius Defour got his first victory of the season in the high jump. Tavaris Leak finished third in the 400-meter and seventh in the long jump. Derek Carey competed in the 100-meter and finished eighth. Jeremy Turner finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles. Matt Young finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

JJ Sturm competed in the long jump and triple jump and finishing third in both events. JaKeith Hairston finished seventh in the triple jump. Meaghan Byrd set a personal-best in the shot put with 44-3.25 to finish third. She finished third in the hammer throw.

Carlissa Shaw finished seventh in the 800-meter and Ashleigh Thaler finished eighth in the 3,000-meter. Sara Lunning competed in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and finished fourth.

The track team will travel back to Nashville, this weekend to compete in the Vanderbilt Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Acreman new MSU head coach

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee soccer assistant coach Beth Acreman became Murray State's head coach on Monday.

Acreman has spent the last six years at MT as an assistant.

"I'm very excited to be offered this position and to have the opportunity to be the head coach at Murray State," Acreman told MT Media Relations.



Acreman

Acreman worked under MT head coach Aston Rhoden for the past four years and with Scott Ginn two years before that.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Acreman will do extremely well at Murray State," Rhoden told MT Media Relations. "I didn't treat Beth as an assistant coach here; rather, I treated her as a second head coach."

In the previous three seasons, the Blue Raiders have had a 38-16-6 record that includes a Sun Belt Conference record of 17-3-5. MT won the SBC title in 2004 and fell one game short of the title to North Texas last season.

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SPORTS

Women's Golf finish third in tourney

By Wade Neely
Staff Writer

In the last two MT Lady Raiders golf tournaments there has been one name missing from the scorecards: Maggie McGill.

The junior, who had not played a full tournament since the Lady Raiders first-place finish at the Lady Jaguar Invitational over a month ago, came back strong in this week's Lady Eagle Invitational.

After finishing strong Monday, McGill slipped a bit Tuesday finishing in sixth place overall and giving the Lady Raiders enough of a boost to finish in third place out of eleven teams.

The Lady Raiders were seeking their first top-three finish since the Lady Jaguar Invitational and found some help from Taryn Durham, who continued her recent tear finishing third overall with a two-day total of 222.

Durham and McGill helped propel the Lady Raiders to a team total of 909, just three shots behind second place finisher South Alabama. The Lady Raiders were a bit behind Memphis, however, who torched the field to the tune of 893, 16 shots better than the

Lady Raiders.

Durham and McGill were not the only ones getting into the act, however, as freshman Leigh Watkins finished in 11th place overall with a total of 229. The Murfreesboro native improved her score Sunday, finishing with a final-round score of 75. The 54-hole total score was a personal best for her, and helped the Lady Raiders move toward the top of the leaderboard.

The tournament, which was basically a tune-up for next week's Sun Belt Conference Tournaments, gave head coach Rachael Short reason to be optimistic.

"This is not a bad way to head into next week's conference tournament, but if we hope to come out on top we have to play with more consistency," Short told MT Media Relations.

Rounding out the scoring for the Lady Raiders, Mallory Bishop finished in a tie for 19th position, shooting a total of 233. Jamey Dillard finished in 37th place with a total of 242.

With the high finish, the Lady Raiders now have a bit of momentum heading into next week's conference tournaments. The tournament, which starts Monday and ends Wednesday, will be held in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

MTSU Master's Swim Club prepares for nationals

By Ebony Pugh
Staff Writer

The MTSU Master's Swim Club is really getting busy. The team is ready to have a great season and soak up all their competition along the way.

The team competed in the East Coast Swim Club Championships March 31-April 2 in Atlanta, Ga. The team faced off against swimmers from 14 other schools, including Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Elon University, Emory University, Georgia College, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Indiana University, Osprey Aquatic Club, Tulane University, University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, University of West Florida and Wake Forest University.

"We have a really strong team," MTSU Master Swim coach Hap Parsons said, "This year we had a lot of new freshmen join that are really good."

Ninety-one male swimmers were registered for the competition, six of whom represented MTSU. The swimmers were Parsons, Kimidatsu Nishimura, Adam Kennedy, James Brendle and Chris Ashby. The men placed eighth overall. Kennedy placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 29.60. Parsons, Nishimura, Brendle and Kennedy placed



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From left to right, Pam Footit, Kimidatsu Nishimura, Chris Ashby, James Brendle, Hap Parsons, Adam Kennedy, Tiffany Smith, Karen Wallace, Paige Greene and Tauna Thompson comprise the swim club.

seventh with a time of 1:40.01 in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Six women also competed in the championship for MT: Pam Footit, Ali Sanders, Tauna Thompson, Tiffany Smith, Paige Greene and Karen Wallace. The ladies also placed eighth overall at the East Coast Swim Club Championships. Greene placed sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 35.06.

Wallace also helped the team by placing seventh in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 15:18.09. Thompson, Smith, Greene and Wallace placed

eighth in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:29.63.

"We've done pretty good, because usually not too many people go to meets for the last seven years," Parsons said. "This year we've had the most people ever on the team. It made a lot of difference, and we have a lot of competitive swimmers on the team."

Kennedy, Parsons, Greene and Thompson qualified for the 2006 Short Course Aquatic National Championships for US Masters Swimming. The championship will be held in Coral Springs, Fla. May 11-14.

The East Coast Championship was not the only meet the Master's Swim Club has attended this year. The club has also attended meets at Vanderbilt University, University of Tennessee, Music City Master's in Nashville, Auburn University, Bowling Green, Ky. and a postal meet with Tamalpais Aquatic Masters in San Rafael, California.

If anyone wishes to join the Master's Swim Club please contact the MTSU Aquatic Coordinator Pam Footit at (615)898-2255.

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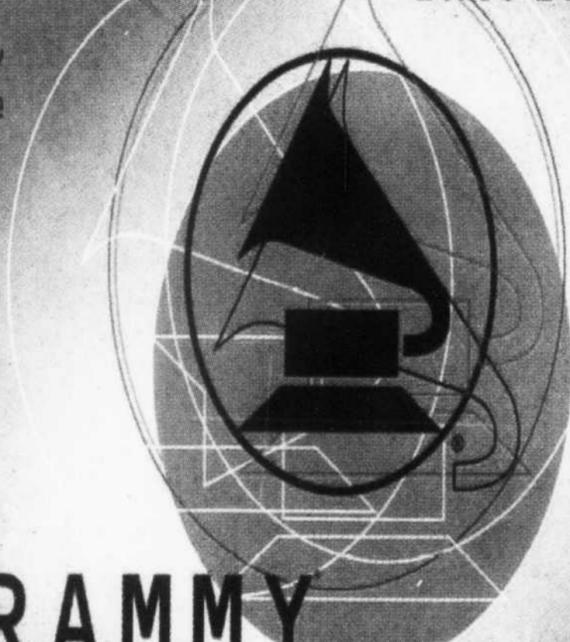
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