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Gore speaks



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Former Vice President Al Gore shakes the hand of President Sidney McPhee as John Seigenthaler, former publisher of *The Tennessean*, looks on. Gore spoke Tuesday about the problems in the media's war coverage.

Gore criticizes war coverage

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Former Vice President Al Gore criticized the media and the current administration's war on Iraq and suggested an "unhealthy relationship" between the two at Tuesday's Seigenthaler Lecture.

"I admire these journalists who are covering this war who are embedded, but

I don't want the owners of the companies they work for to be in bed with the government," Gore said.

Citing the continued deregulation of the media industry as a major problem, Gore held the media responsible for the role it played in the months leading up to the war.

"The relative intolerance of dissent on the part of the media in America led to a

completely inadequate debate prior to the beginning of this war," Gore said.

A majority of the lecture dealt with the issue of entertainment media's impact on American communities and society, which is an issue Gore and his wife Tipper know well.

Tipper Gore, who was invited but did

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Library staff studies needs of students

Need for extra hour questioned

By Alex Roach
Contributor

With budget cuts looming over MTSU, James E. Walker Library officials still don't have enough information to decide whether to keep or cancel the extra library hour.

"It is way too early to tell whether the extra hour is being beneficial," said Donald Craig, dean of the library. "I suspect it will pick up after Spring Break."

The initial figures that have only been accruing since early February showed an average of 119 people at 11 p.m. still in the library. They were checked again at 11:30 p.m., and there were approximately 78 people using the library.

These figures represent about half the average number of people who are in the library during earlier operating hours, 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., or about 250 students per hour and approximately 63 per floor.

The library staff obtains the figures used for determining the library outcome by physically going to each floor and taking a

head and placement count of the remaining library occupants.

The library has come a long way since its establishment by librarian Betty Avent Murfree soon after the university was founded.

It originally boasted a collection of 75 donated volumes, according to a library administration pamphlet.

Since then, the library has moved three times to reach its current location between the Mass Communication Building and the Business and Aerospace Building.

It can now accommodate up to 800,000 volumes and general reader seats of 1,500, with the original design allowing for expandability in the future if needed.

"The extra hour does seem initially to be very beneficial," said Lena Burgin, a junior information systems major and front desk clerk.

The library personnel have been keeping track of not only the bodies themselves, but of what facilities the students are actually using during the last hour. This would include areas of the library that host the computers and specialty books.

One such area is the

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Executives to come to classes

Business leaders visit, give advice

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Reporter

Many professors will get the opportunity to step away from the podium, allowing more than 40 executives from the region to take over their morning classes April 4 for the 12th Annual University Takeover/Executives-in-Residence program.

Former College of Business Dean Barbara Haskew and Earl Thomas, chair coordinator at the time, first developed the idea for the program.

According to a press release from the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, this event is the largest of its kind in the Southeast.

Business executives will attend both 10:15 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. classes, giving students an opportunity to ask questions on many subjects such as job interviewing and what jobs offer the best salaries.

"Planning the event is a year-long process," said Jim Burton, dean of the College of Business. "Letters are sent inviting professors to share their classes as well as sending letters to executives to participate."

Registration will be held at the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

University President Sidney McPhee will formally welcome guests and their student hosts,

according to the press release. Students will escort the executives around campus and to and from classes.

Burton encouraged students to ask many questions to the executives saying that this is their chance to talk to "high-powered" people, giving them an opportunity to ask anything they want.

"We also invite students to be Student Executive Assistants. Schedules are prepared for the executives, and the professors are notified of the executives coming to their classes," Burton said.

According to the press release, the executives are not required to teach the subject of the class they are visiting. Some topics they might discuss include current activities going on within their organizations, the state of the economy and advice for landing a first job or developing a career plan.

A luncheon will be held for all involved in the event at the James Union Building in the Tennessee Room.

Thomas E. Smith IV, co-chair of the Industrial Development Board of Rutherford County as well as co-chair of Destination Rutherford, will be the speaker for the luncheon.

The Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award will be presented at the conference.

"The award is given to someone who has demonstrated the spirit of America as exemplified by Ambassador Joe M. Rodgers, first holder of the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in

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Sydney Shortridge of Tullahoma stands with Medusa during the grand opening of the Tennessee Miller Coliseum.

Campus community supports armed forces

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

Despite recent on-campus protests against the war in Iraq, many students and faculty continue to rally around the troops with tangible and intangible means of support.

Some of their support is coming in the form of prayers, letters, banners and care packages.

Most of those taking a proactive stance cite close relationships with military personnel as their motivation.

"Several sorority members have family who are over there or on bases around the country," said Latasha Newberry, senior education major and president of Delta Sigma Theta.

On April 7 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Delta Sigma Theta will be at the Keathley University

Center collecting money to buy phone cards for soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. They will also display a large banner on which students can write encouraging messages.

Maj. Byron Deel, assistant professor of military science, said the biggest thing students can do to help the military is to be as informed as possible.

"The better informed, the better they can support the troops," Deel said.

According to Deel, several current MTSU students and alumni currently serve in Iraq. In an effort to support these particular troops, the department of military science will forward any care packages brought to their office.

The department of military science is located in Forest Hall

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Miller funds new coliseum facilities

By Stephanie Shoup
Contributor

The grand opening of the Tennessee Miller Coliseum fulfilled the dream of Mary E. Miller on March 18.

Following the instructions of the trust fund received in 1994 from Mary E. Miller, MTSU built a horse arena and study site in honor of her late husband John C. "Tennessee" Miller.

"This is the premiere facility within the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association," said IHSA President Bob Cachonie. "Out of the 312 colleges within the IHSA, no one comes close to a

facility of this magnitude at a college level."

The coliseum is hosting the IHSA national competition this May. Cachonie said that event alone should bring at least 2,000 to Murfreesboro.

Ten world-famous horses and their riders rode first in the new arena. They displayed their talents for the horse-loving crowd.

While they rode, the Murfreesboro Philharmonic Orchestra set the mood with pieces ranging from "The Star Spangled Banner" to music from the motion picture *The*

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Suggested items for care packages

- Paper, pens, envelopes and stamps
- Toilet paper
- Lip balm
- Baby wipes
- Sanitary wipes for hands – individual travel size
- Small bottles of waterless hand cleanser and sanitizers
- Sunscreen
- Beef Jerky
- Nuts
- Kool-Aid packets or Gatorade packets
- Cookies – purchased in tins or containers where they will not crumble
- Snacks in crush-proof containers
- Candy that won't melt in the desert sun
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair barrettes and scrunchies in different shades of brown, black and blonde
- Ski goggles
- Zip lock bags
- Thick scarves
- Playing cards
- Magazines – those with scantily clad or naked models are prohibited
- VHS tapes of TV shows or sporting events
- Disposable cameras
- International phone cards
- Short stories
- Word puzzles
- Pictures of local areas or family and friends

Spanish, American differences discussed

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Nuria Novella, an Italian and Spanish professor at MTSU, said that when she came to America from her native country of Spain, she was anxious about stereotypes and misconceptions.

"I should not have worried so much," Novella said at the Honors Lecture on Monday. "I found that many people didn't really know much about Spain."

Novella's lecture, titled, "The Rain in Spain Stays Mainly in the Plain," explained the culture and history of the country of Spain.

The main misconception that Novella said she faces today in America is people associating the term Spanish with Mexican and Latin American culture.

"Nobody thinks you're English just because you speak it," Novella said.

Spain is bordered by Portugal to the west and France to the north and is a peninsula surrounded almost entirely by the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

The Pyrenees Mountains in the north made passage into France and Europe difficult for many centuries.

"For that reason, Spain has been isolated with respect to the rest of Europe," Novella said.

As a result, Spain boasts a remarkably different culture than other European nations and one that bears a strong imprint from the Moors from North Africa.

From 711 to 1492, Spain was a Muslim province and benefited from the Muslim advances in medicine, mathematics, architecture and philosophy.

Novella explained that the influences of Muslim language are evident in the Spanish language, such as the letter "j" pro-

nounced with an "h" sound. The isolation of the country also affected the Spanish concept of distances because they do not travel as quickly as Americans.

"For someone to take a trip that is five hours, they need a week to stay at their destination; otherwise, it's not worth it," Novella said.

In the 15th century, Spain enjoyed a huge growth through the acquisition of many new territories in North and South America.

"Spain had the first modern empire. There was a point where the sun never set on the Spanish Empire," Novella said.

Spain is much larger than most countries in Europe but only covers the area of about the size of California.

With a population of 40 million, Novella explained that many people who could afford it lived in apartments in cities, and poorer people lived in houses in more rural areas.

Another difference between American and Spanish culture is the schedule of the school day.

"Children do not go to school all day like they do here," Novella said.

Children and parents take a three-hour break in the middle of the afternoon to have lunch together.

Novella noted that the geography of Spain had a large impact on the culture of the nation, especially concerning the northern Basque region.

"Like in any country, the differences between North and South, East and West are quite marked," Novella said.

The Basque language is entirely different than Spanish or any other language, and some people who live in the Basque region want to create an independent nation from Spain.

"I do not think that will happen anytime soon because there is not enough support in the population," Novella said.

Nevertheless, the terrorist groups kill politicians, police officers, military officers and journalists who publicly denounce the need for an independent nation in the Basque region.

"Terrorism is the biggest problem in Spain," Novella said. "We have been fighting that for 30 years."

Novella said that the government has a difficult time stopping terrorist groups because of the loyal following it has.

"If you catch one person, there are five more that will follow him," Novella said.

Despite the country's problem with terrorism, Novella said Spain is still relatively safe for tourists and relies heavily on tourism.

With four official languages in one country — Basque, Castilian Spanish, Catalan and Galician — traveling to Spain might sound difficult, but Novella explained that Castilian Spanish is used throughout all the regions.

"The Catalan and Galician languages come directly from Latin," Novella said, "but Portuguese is very similar to Portuguese."

The origins of the Basque language are completely unknown and have been the topic of study for many years.

Novella explained that although 99.4 percent of Spanish people are Catholic, Catholicism is not the official religion of Spain.

"Soccer is the official religion," Novella said.

"It's a fever. Entire cities stop when Spain is in the World Cup." ♦

Gore: Music labeling questions answered

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not attend the lecture, was a spokeswoman for the Parents' Music Resource Center, the group that effectively persuaded record companies to place parental advisory labels on material considered offensive in 1985.

Gore fielded many questions from the audience about the ethical problems of labeling music as offensive.

"I would not want someone else telling me what they think my child should see or hear," said Laura Fischer, wife of recording industry professor Paul Fischer and mother of two. "I might object to what they think is appropriate for my child."

Gore replied that the label process was a compromise reached between the record companies and the PMRC.

"I think the imperfect voluntary system is better than no system and better than one that would be more intrusive," Gore said.

Many stores like Wal-Mart refuse to stock compact discs with parental advisory labels and, because Wal-Mart is one of the largest music sellers in the country, music consumers have a harder time finding some CDs, which creates indirect but undeniable, censorship.

"I think there may have been some excesses that have taken on the superficial character of de facto censorship," Gore said.

Still, the Gores have many supporters in MTSU's College of Mass Communication.

Rich Barnett, professor of Recording Industry Ethics, teaches about the PMRC and parental advisory labels in class, but has found some students have misconceptions about what I did a lot of research into.

"I did a lot of research into Tipper Gore and the PMRC," said Barnett, who co-wrote the book called *Controversy of the Music Industry with MTSU* journalism professor Larry Burriss.

"The more I read about it the more I realized that she wasn't for censorship," Barnett said. "She was for more information."

Throughout the speech, Gore kept referring back to the idea that entertainment mass media is no longer about good music or a good product, but simply making money.

"Parenting is a tough job," Gore said. "And in a mass culture where the dominant source of information ... comes from corporations sending messages into society for commercial purposes to children, that makes it an even tougher job."

"There is an unlettered riot

on the part of some giant corporation that wants to make a little bit more money by peddling it to young children, to just cram it down that child's throat as a part of a mass marketing campaign."

Gore touched on a number of problems in American society he considered direct effects of the mass entertainment industry.

His points included over-consumption of material goods by the American public, a childhood obesity epidemic from playing video games and watching television, and a lack of voter participation and a lack of diverse viewpoints.

"All of this, I think, has been accentuated by an accelerated trend towards the concentration of ownership of the mass entertainment media in the hands of an ever-smaller number of large companies," Gore said.

While it was clear that everyone in the audience, from journalists to mothers to faculty and students, could not agree on the issues brought up, Gore urged for a greater tolerance for diversity of opinion.

"Our country faces dangers we best not be facing because our shield protection ... is free and wide-open debate," Gore said. ♦

Troops: Sorority sends cards to servicemembers

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—next to the KUC.

Alisha Suqua, a junior education major and new member coordinator for Alpha Delta Pi, said members of her sorority support the troops by sending cards to those in the military and setting aside a designated time each week to pray for the soldiers.

"Not only as a sorority, but also as a nation, we feel it's the right thing to do," Suqua said.

Chris Felker, a junior marketing major and commander of Sigma Nu fraternity, agrees with Suqua. Felker said one of his fraternity brothers was recently deployed to an unknown location overseas, and four others are members of the

military.

"We're keeping our eyes glued to the TV and waiting for our brother to send us an address," Felker said.

Additional information and suggestions for ways to support the troops can be found at www.defendamerica.mil or www.operationmilitarysupport.com. ♦

Library: Extended hours benefit students

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children's books section, where one student commented that it was only her first time to use the extra hour but was glad because only the library had what she needed.

The extra hour, she said, let her stay on top of her studies, which would not have been possible last semester.

These sections also include other specialty books, micro-

film and periodicals acquired by the university for student research and can be used only in the library.

"I like the extra hour because I usually keep later hours," freshmen Brett Harrison said.

"It also seems like the last hour is longer than the rest, so I don't feel rushed."

Not only is the library benefiting those students who are studying late, work late or are just late, but it is also a big help to

those students with classes that demand late hours.

"I like it because I am a [recording industry] major and have studio sessions until four in the morning sometimes," said Youngtae Rich Bae, a student from South Korea.

"With the extra hour, I can get to the library around 10:30 p.m. and get myself prepared before the session." ♦

Executives: Excellence awards presented

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Free Enterprise," Burton said.

"Nominations are received, and an anonymous committee makes the selection."

Past recipients include Aubrey Harwell, Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise; Bob Corker, mayor of Chattanooga; Marvin Runyon, MTSU's Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence; and E. W. Wendell, retired president and CEO of Gaylord

Entertainment Company.

Some of the executives taking over classes include Ross Barrett from Tennex North America, Tom Boyd from Bank of America, Chris Clark from WTVF-TV, Jim Holland from the Holland Group, Tom Larimer of Murfreesboro's *The Daily News Journal*, Raul Regalado of the Nashville Airport Authority, Andy Womack of State Farm Insurance and George Yowell of Tennessee Tomorrow.

"This event is not aimed at 'recruiting,' although some students have made contacts that led to job interviews and positions," Burton said.

"It is a networking opportunity and an opportunity to hear from successful people at the top of their organizations what is going on in business, industry, government and what it takes to be successful."

For further information, contact Burton at 898-2764. ♦

Miller: New facilities to accommodate courses

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Lord of the Rings.

The center's primary functions are providing research opportunities, public service activities and learning space for the equine industry. Future site development plans include a farrier science lab, a barn for student horses and a student apartment for three to five student workers.

The Millers were among the earlier advocates of the Tennessee Walking Horse Owners Association. Their main connection to MTSU was their involvement in the walking horse industry.

Charlie Myatt, president of First Tennessee Bank and chair of the Miller trust fund, noted that the gift of \$20 million was the largest single gift ever made to a public university in Tennessee.

"Not a penny from the state or any other source was used to

construct this arena," Myatt said, "or to purchase the land on which it sits."

The coliseum has seating for 4,500 people with a concourse that can expand seating up to 6,000 and surrounds a 45,000-square-foot arena.

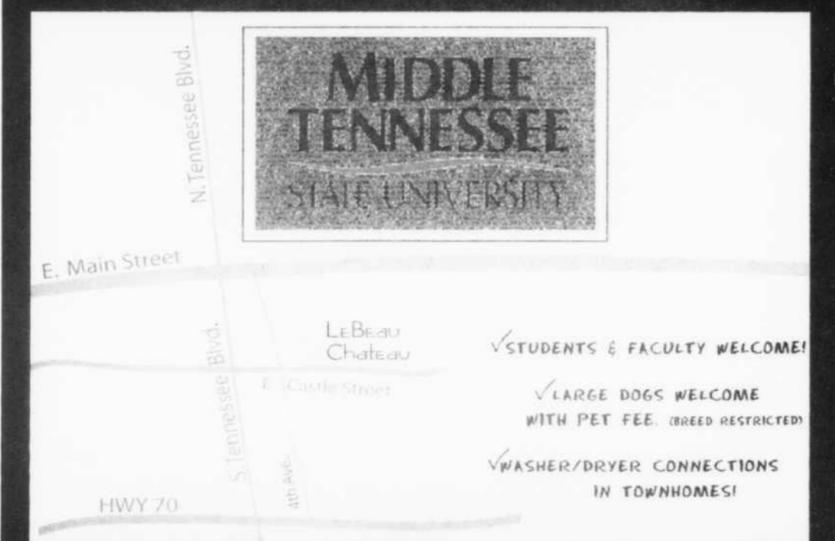
The main barn contains 492 stalls and the four adjacent

barns contain 50 stalls each.

"This facility ... will enable us to thoroughly enhance the quality of our academic program," said university President Sidney McPhee. "It is a monument not only of the Millers but also of the partnership of the school with this community." ♦



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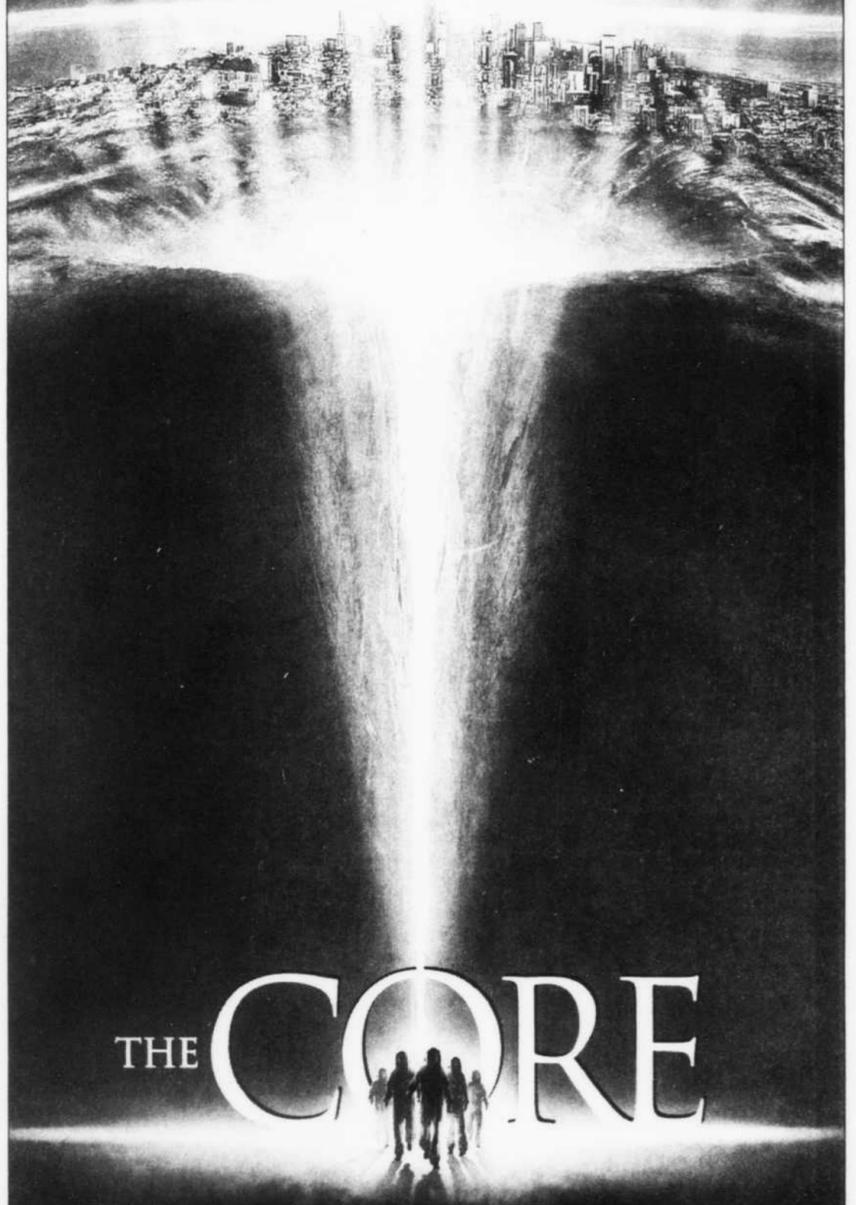
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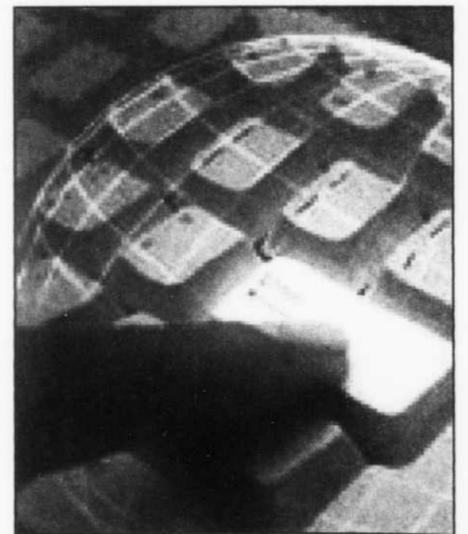
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Media's job not to sugar-coat battle

If we wanted our reporters to be cheerleaders, we'd dress them up in skirts, give 'em pom poms and send them on their way to the front lines.

But we don't – and that's the problem.

Since the war has begun, the American media has fed us unbridled speculation, live battlefield action, dead and captured U.S. forces, heroic humanitarian aid efforts and plenty of stories about how the war's going just great.

Where are the questions about our military strategy and how, all of a sudden, war planners have realized that it won't be so easy to completely take over a nation with a relatively strong and (mostly) fiercely loyal military? How are the civilians really being treated – by both Iraqi and coalition forces – and how many are dying? Are we really supposed to believe that the massive firepower we're using isn't taking innocent lives?

The problem with the message lies in the process in which the information is being gathered. Reporters embedded with military regiments are providing reports from the front lines and sometimes even showing video of live gunfire. Note the live film of Baghdad being bombed from the air and the Marines conducting a bulldozer in Umm Qasr, with viewers around the world watching lives being taken.

By using this method, these media outlets are allowing military leaders to show the war from any perspective they want. Naturally, this portrayal is almost always positive and is certainly not critical of the war strategy and informing us of what the war will really cost in human suffering.

The U.S. media, if it cannot gain entry, should make use of the British Broadcasting Corporation, which currently has staff with the Iraqi Republican Guard. It's a risky proposition, but our perspective on the war might just be different.

If we want the government to tell us the war's going just great, we can get that on C-SPAN ... or FOX News. We expect a little more from our media. These guys need to put down their megaphones and pom poms and do a little reporting on the things President Bush doesn't necessarily want us to be thinking about. ◆

Singing in car truly American

Thursdays



Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

I love commuting to school and giving a concert in my car. Crank up the radio and let me sing my little cotton-pickin' lungs out.

This sort of behavior always attracts inquiring minds and curious looks from that crowd of people who can't help but stop and gawk. I calmly catch their wide and amazed eyes, smile a knowing smile and muse to myself, "That's right. I am your next American idol."

Obviously not everyone drives around celebrating

current contributions to pop music, and perhaps we wouldn't want them to. I do wish more people would sing in their cars, though.

People who sing in their cars have discovered a life-changing truth: They don't care what other people think about them. They like their music and want to sing along. They don't feel socially constrained to just stare at the stop light with the rest of the rush-hour herd on the drive home.

In other words, they have the guts to stand out and be themselves.

I find pleasure in getting to know professors and fellow students who are the way they are, regardless of what anyone else thinks.

They don't alter their

opinions just because Oprah said so. They don't nod their heads to fit in with the rest of the crowd. They know what they believe and why they believe it.

I don't always agree with these folks, but I highly value their friendship.

I know these are real people. They're not going to change on me overnight. They stand fast. They are not tossed and fro with every wind of changing opinion polls.

They can sing in their cars, hold a protest or disagree with a professor and the rest of the class without feeling guilty.

And it is this sense of guilt that has come to characterize modern American culture. Non-conformity, true non-con-

formity, has become the great scarlet letter of our day.

Henry David Thoreau, himself a great American non-conformist, once said that when the head monkey in Paris puts on a hat, all the little monkeys in America put on their hats. His point was that Americans tend to be non-thinking imitators. We just blindly follow whoever is in front of us. In many ways, culturally speaking, we are still the sweaty little colonials of Europe.

Yet Americans, in the past, have been proud of themselves for their remarkable individuality. We don't want to be colonials following the whims of Europe or anyone else. We are our own nation. We are our own people.

That's why I love indi-

viduals who sing in their cars. I look at them and think, "Now that's an American if there ever was one."

More than likely, the people who can sing in their cars without feeling guilty for being non-conformists can probably voice their opinion and hold to their opinion in the face of smirks, ridicule and the valley-girl giggles that characterize the snobs of the herder.

Know what you believe – and why – and then stick to it. That's the real mark of an American or woman.

So, be an American. Sing in your car. ◆

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War in Iraq should be conducted carefully

Finding Trouble



Audie Sheridan
Staff Columnist

Within days, our military is within 50 miles of Baghdad. It actually looked for a moment as if we would have this thing over quickly.

Then our rear-echelon troops started being taken prisoner in cities our military passed on their screaming run to Baghdad.

Not good. Those support personnel aren't just tag-alongs – the army and Marines simply cannot survive without them.

That's why the ground needs to be clear when the support follows the main advance. Running past nearly every city on the way to Baghdad on the mere assumption that most of the Iraqi military would surrender anyway was stupid. We learned valuable lessons from the first Gulf War, and to assume Saddam Hussein didn't is proof of a sore lack of forethought about this war.

In Gulf War version one, recall that gigantic numbers of the Iraqi military surrendered. This made Hussein look bad. With that experience behind him, he figured a way for that not to happen again – provide a Republican Guard backbone for the conscripted, civilian Iraqi military.

We gave Hussein 12 years to think about how badly the last war went. Here are a couple of things we should assume he noticed: Iraqi tanks are no match for open ground; American bombs are accurate and deadly, so concentrating Iraqi military units and equipment is a bad idea; he can't depend on his conscripted military; street-to-street firefights are where his military can do the most damage, and he probably already knows a loss is inevitable.

So, what does this mean for our troops?

We can expect Hussein and his military advisers will keep most of the fight in the cities and do their best to avoid open ground. In addition, we already know he learned to disperse his weapons and troops so one bomb can't take them all out.

His knowing a loss is inevitable is the wildcard. It's the reason we must apply thought, and not just bullets, bombs and brown to Gulf War version two.

Take, for instance, the raising of an American flag over the port city of Umm Qasr by a U.S. Marine.

When we say repeatedly that this war is not about taking over a country, raising a flag like that makes it look otherwise – even if our military intended no such message. Pictures of this made it onto Iraqi television before the station's destruction.

Imagine if something similar happened here in America. Patriotism would swell in minutes. It had a similar effect in Iraq.

Keep in mind that Arabs around the world watch this war every day on television. What we do and how our military conducts itself now will determine how those Arabs perceive us in the future. Since Hussein already knows he can't win on the battlefield, he might decide to use a far more powerful weapon – the Arab people's perception of us.

This should concern us. We can't afford even a hint of dishonesty or inconsistency this time around.

We're at war; now we need to take what we have and do the best with it we possibly can.

We need to bring the U.N. back into the story. Leaving them out of the rebuilding of Iraq will look to the world like we intended an economic takeover.

If the war truly isn't about oil, then make sure that American corporations don't profit from the war's devastation. We need to keep Iraq's debt to American corporations low, too. If our government or corporations take spoils from this war, it will suggest an inappropriety we simply cannot afford in the eyes of the world.

Additionally, we must conduct the actual war in the best way we can. We tried to show off, and it bit us in the butt. Now we need to get the thing done as quickly as possible and leave all of Iraq – including every drop of oil – to the Iraqi people. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Blood, tears of Iraqi people enough evidence

To the Editor:

After reading Andy Smith's column ("Resisting war against dreams," Feb.13), I couldn't help but chuckle. Instead of voicing opposition to the war, Smith makes it seem that any president who has conservative values and doesn't pursue a pseudo-socialist agenda is the biggest threat to democracy since Hitler and Stalin. Smith's column degrades from a sound argument against war to a partisan bludgeoning of the president and seriously hurts his credibility.

While I agree with Smith that Bush should show more respect for the United Nations and more sensitivity for our longtime allies, I feel a war in Iraq is not only justified but inevitable. Saddam Hussein has been playing the inspection game for more than a decade now, and the big losers are the Iraqi people who are raped, tortured, brutalized, murdered and starved by one of the worst regimes this century. We as Americans have an obligation to liberate the Iraqi people with the banner of the U.N. behind us and stay the course by rebuilding their country with programs similar to the Marshall plan used to rebuild war-torn Europe. By doing so, we would show the world the compassion and generosity this nation is capable of.

Smith harps about the lack of evidence and goes so far as to cite "reports" which amount to little more than rumors claiming the government plagiarized and fabricated evidence. Instead of waiting for evidence of a "smoking gun," Smith and the many who share his position should look at the blood and tears of the Iraqi people. To those who oppose war, I pose this question: How many people have to suffer? How many lives have to be lost at the hands of this madman before action is warranted? All this talk about "let the inspections work" and "containment" echoes the position taken by Nazi Germany by the European governments. As the skulls in Auschwitz bear mute witness to, containment doesn't work.

Aaron Perry

Hussein irrational, dangerous with weapons

To the Editor:

In the letter to the editor "America only escalating cycle of violence," the author mentioned about Iraqi-U.S. relations that "they stopped obeying our orders in the early 1990s, we took action that best served our people." If intervening an adjacent country (i.e. Kuwait) is OK, then I guess we were wrong for intervening.

He argued an invasion of Iraq would kill thousands of Iraqi civilians – as with any war, there will be casualties. Hussein in the first Gulf War based key military sites around civilian populations, knowing we would be hesitant to strike because of civilians in the surrounding area.

What disturbed me the most was the author's comparison of Iraq to Washington, D.C.: "If slaughtering civilians and amassing weapons of mass destruction are grounds for invading a country, then Washington, D.C., is the first place to attack."

Last time I checked, the United States has never gassed its own citizens. Furthermore, yes, we have weapons of mass destruction, but we're a rational country. Hussein isn't rational and would use or aid others in the use of these weapons without thought of the consequences. Iraq had sanctions put on it by the United Nations after the Gulf War to prevent this type of aggression by Hussein again. Hussein disregarded these regulations and must be corrected.

In the past, America has supported groups who later became our enemies – mistakes are made. We don't kill our own civilians and, while we have weapons of mass destruction, we're responsible enough to own them, unlike Iraq and its leader.

Andrew Coleman

Protesting war same as protesting fighting soldiers

To the Editor:

I just read Heidi Ward's column and just had to respond ("Anti-war isn't Anti-American," March 26).

Ward says that protesting against the war doesn't mean you're protesting against the brave men and women fighting for our country. I beg to differ. I assume Ward has no friends or family over in Iraq and doesn't understand the situation. Protesting the war is protesting what our soldiers are willing to die for, so anti-war protesters are disrespecting them. I think the mother of one of the prisoners of war said it best on CNN: "My son chose to fight for his country because he believed in what he was fighting for. Protesters are belittling what my son may die for, and that really hurts our family."

As for Hollywood, they have no business using the media to influence people who don't care what anything about politics. Hollywood is here for entertainment. I don't care what they think and I'm sure they wouldn't care what I think. I don't like war any more than anyone else, but it's time to stand behind our president and troops. The war has started, so stop protesting and do something that may actually make a difference, like sending much-needed supplies to our soldiers.

Lea Wilson

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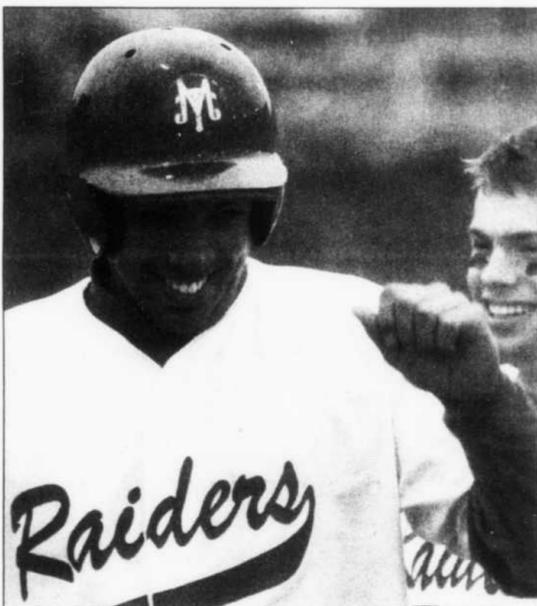
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MT baseball heads to Cajun country



Nate Jagers tags out a runner in a recent game. Tuesday's game against Memphis was canceled due to rain. The teams played a double-header yesterday afternoon in Memphis. Scores were not available at press time.

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MT senior Jarrett England celebrates with his teammates after knocking out a homerun.

Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee (9-11, 1-2 SBC) baseball team goes on the road for the first time this season against a Sun Belt foe as they take on the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (7-20, 1-2) for a three-game weekend series.

MT hopes to improve their position in the Sun Belt Conference standings as they end their weeklong road trip with a visit to M.L. 'Tigue' Moore Field. Both teams are currently tied for fifth place in the SBC standings with Arkansas-Little Rock.

The Blue Raiders wrapped up their first SBC games of the year last weekend by losing two out of three games to New Mexico State at Reese Smith Field.

On the other hand, the Ragin' Cajuns come into the series with a similar record in the SBC after being defeated by Western Kentucky in two of the three games.

Before this weekend's matches, both teams were in action on Wednesday. MT played in a doubleheader on the road against Memphis. ULL had a game against state rival, Tulane University.

Results were unavailable by press time. Right now, the Blue Raiders have two

batters swinging the bat well Chad Cooper and Brett Carroll.

Both players currently are on a seven-game hitting streak. Carroll is 12 for 27 at the plate with three home runs and 10 RBIs during the streak. Cooper is 13 for 31 with five RBIs, two doubles, a triple and one round-tripper.

Unlike past years, ULL has had a hard time using the home field advantage this season. They are currently 6-8 at home. This will be their first home SBC series this season. Last Monday, ULL defeated Illinois-Chicago 7-1 to end their five-game losing streak at home on Moore Field.

The win also ended their 10-game losing streak. Saturday's 1-0 victory over Western Kentucky was the first road win of the season for the Ragin' Cajuns. The win also put head coach Tony Robichaux in first place on the ULL all-time wins list with 292.

ULL's Brad Saloom is a slugger on a hot streak. Saloom has a nine-game hitting streak.

Last season, ULL swept the only meeting between the two teams at Reese Smith Field in a three-game series.

The first pitch is at 6:30 tomorrow night and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The series ends Sunday at 1 p.m. ♦

NFL teams need change in overtime regulations

Sports commentary



Brandon Morrison
Sports Editor

Many factors go into what makes a football team good or bad.

Owners spend millions of dollars every year to make sure their team has the best possible chance of winning a Super Bowl ring. Coaches pour hundreds of hours every season into finding the most talented recruits for next year's squad. Players spend most of their days training and conditioning themselves to be the best athletes they can possibly be.

Unfortunately for everyone involved, part of having a great football team involves a little luck. Despite all the training and preparations, sometimes a team just has to be lucky to pull off a winning season.

The one part of the game where luck most comes into play is during overtimes. The NFL is currently looking into changing overtime play.

Right now, overtime rules dictate whoever scores first wins the game. A coin flip decides who plays offense first.

At first glance, this seems fair. After all, if a team can't keep an offense from scoring, why do they deserve to win?

However, keeping a determined team from scoring any points is nearly impossible. Last season, kickers made 52 percent of all attempted field goals beyond 50 yards. That's up 39 percent from 30 years ago, when overtime play was first introduced.

During regular play most coaches opt for touchdowns rather than field goals because they're worth twice as much. During overtime, however, a coach doesn't need a lot of points to win the game. They only need to move within a kicker's range and get a field goal.

When kickers can make a field goal from half a field away, it puts tremendous pressure on the defense to make no mistakes. The majority of the time, whoever wins the coin flip wins the game.

"You don't want a game to be lost because of a coin toss," Chicago Bears General Manager Rich McKay told the Associated Press. "We want to create a little more fairness."

In college football, a team has the chance to match the points the opposition puts up in overtime. After each drive, the opposing team has to either match or earn more points in the next drive. If they don't, that team loses.

Even though this system has the potential to create long, drawn-out overtime matches, it is the fairer of the two systems. It allows for a more exciting game.

Changing the system will be no easy task. In order to modify any NFL rule, three-quarters of the teams need to vote for the change.

"I like defense," co-owner of the New York Giants Wellington Mara said to the AP. "If you can't stop a team when it gets the ball, then you don't deserve to win."

Many other NFL figures share the same sentiment as Mara.

"I like it the way it is, personally," New York Jets coach Herman Edwards told the AP. "At the same time, what's wrong with a tie? Sometimes they're interesting."

The NFL needs to change its antiquated overtime system to something similar to what NCAA football has in place.

With this system, it takes a little more than luck to win a game. ♦

Predators eliminated from playoffs with recent tie

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Nashville Predators should try to find some help for goaltender Tomas Vokoun quickly.

The overworked goalie, who played in 50 of 51 games, stopped 42 shots, and Mark Eaton scored with 1:24 left in regulation, but the Predators were eliminated from playoff contention with a 1-1 tie Tuesday night against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Teammates credited Vokoun for grabbing a point Sunday. The Predators were outshot 43-21 and outplayed in every area except one.

"We'll take the point because Tomas deserves it," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said.

Vokoun took over as Nashville's top goalie in December after the Predators traded Mike Dunham to the New York Rangers. He started 32 straight for Nashville, coming into Tuesday's game seventh in the NHL with a 2.21 goals-against average.

"Hopefully, we offer him more defensive support in the next six games, or this is just going to peel years off his career," defenseman Bill Houlter said. "There were a couple times I went back there [and] he was huffing and puffing, dripping sweat. We've got

to give the guy a breather."

The Predators were officially eliminated from playoff contention with the tie. They were just three points out of the eighth playoff berth in the Western Conference on March 1, but they lost top scorer David Legwand that day to a broken collarbone.

Top goal scorer Andreas Johansson has been in and out with injuries.

Vokoun alone couldn't stop a woken slide that reached nine games (0-5-3-1).

"He's played well, and he's kept us in games we shouldn't even have been close," Scott Hartnell said. "They outshot us by a huge number, and he was

there all but once. He's been our No. 1 guy every night and showed it again tonight."

Philadelphia clinched a playoff spot, but the Flyers missed a chance to close the gap on Atlantic Division-leading New Jersey. Philadelphia trails New Jersey by three points.

"I think in the back of our minds, we are always thinking about the Devils," Flyers left wing John LeClair said.

The Flyers complimented Vokoun's play, but coach Ken Hitchcock thinks his Flyers stopped playing after Michal Handzus gave them a 1-0 lead at 11:05 of the third. Hitchcock said he knew Nashville was tired after arriving home from a

three-game road trip through western Canada at 6 a.m. Monday.

"The goalie was good, but we still had a 1-0 lead, and then we stopped moving our feet, and we tried to play the game standing still," he said. "You play 52 minutes of flawless hockey, do so many things well, you should be up 5-0 or 6-0, but you're not."

Eaton tied the game for Nashville when Hartnell skated behind the goal and passed to Eaton in the slot. Eaton beat Roman Cechmanek over his shoulder in the goalie's first game back after missing three because of a strained groin muscle. ♦

Blue Raiders pick up pace at tourney

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

After a slow start, the Middle Tennessee men's golf team posted the third best total of the day in the third round of the Chenal Trojan Cup Tournament in Little Rock, Ark.

MT's final round score of 287 elevated the Blue Raiders to a ninth place finish in the 18-team event, finishing with a three-round total of 891. Sun Belt Conference member Arkansas-Little Rock claimed the title with a score of 861, and fellow Sun Belt competitor South Alabama placed second at 871.

With a Tiger Woods-like performance, MT's Patrick Williams' blazing round of 67 on Tuesday boosted the Blue Raiders back into contention. Williams vaulted himself into a 17th-place finish and a round total of 220.

Charlie Williams sandwiched a mediocre second-round score of 77 with an opening round 73 and a closing round even par 72 to finish in a tie for 27th.

Carter Henderson improved steadily throughout the tournament, firing rounds of 78 and 75 before closing with an even par 72 to finish in a tie for 37th. Blake Bivens had a three-day

aggregate of 228 to finish in a tie for 48th, while Josh Nelms carded a three-day total of 238 to tie for 80th.

In addition to the top two spots, the Sun Belt Conference was well represented throughout the tournament field with the University of Denver finishing 12th to go along with MT's ninth place performance.

New Mexico State ended the event in the 17th position.

The Blue Raiders will be back on the links Monday for the Amoco-Ultimate Intercollegiate in Jacksonville, Ala. ♦

Women golfers place fifth

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's women's golf team capped an impressive showing at the Samford Lady Bulldog Intercollegiate by carding its best round of the year on Tuesday.

The Lady Raiders closed with 309 to finish fifth in the 18-team field. The 309 score in the final round was MT's best score of the year and the fifth best in the program's brief history.

Once again, junior Tamara Munsch paced the Lady Raiders with an overall score of 246 to place in a tie for third. Munsch opened with a 72 on Monday and closed with a 74 on Tuesday.

Amanda Harter posted a new career-best score on Tuesday

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From Moolah to Stratus: The history of women in professional wrestling

By David Lawrence
Staff Writer

With women's sports only recently gaining some attention and clout, one might think that professional wrestling is just now starting to take advantage of ambitious women in the ring.

Wrong. Women have been involved in wrestling for as long as wrestling has been around. Noted wrestling historian Doug Mellot follows women's involvement in the sport.

"The women's title [in World Wrestling Entertainment] can be traced to the original Women's World title, where the lineage can be traced back to the late 1800s," Mellot said.

The first female wrestler to hold a women's championship title was Josie Wahlford in the late 1800s.

According to Mellot, the first official women's world title holder was Mildred Burke, who won it in 1937 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Burke continued to involve herself in wrestling long after winning the title, eventually forming the World Women's Wrestling Association in the early 1950s.

Burke gave her-

self the world title when she formed the organization.

One of the most well-known women wrestlers was the Fabulous Moolah. Moolah first earned a women's title in 1956 in what was then known as the World Wide Wrestling Federation, now known as World Wrestling Entertainment. Moolah successfully defended her title for 28 years, earning her a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The original women's championship belt has a strange and muddled history. Originally, the belt was a part of the National Wrestling Association in the 1950s.

The WWWF was bought out by the WWF in 1961 by Vince McMahon Sr.

Instead of combining the two companies, McMahon decided to promote the WWF separately. Because of this move, he lost the rights to use the belt in the WWF.

The belt itself remained the property of the NWA and was later won by Betty Boucher in 1966. Throughout the rest of the '60s and '70s, champions defended the belt everywhere from Seattle to Tokyo.

In 1978 the WWF returned to the NWA, and the Fabulous Moolah once again wore the belt after spending an undisclosed amount of money buying the both the belt and rights to be called the Women's champ.

Sadly, the relationship between the promotions didn't last very long, and one of Vince McMahon Jr's first acts as head of the now WWF was to withdraw from the NWA in 1983. Moolah was then recognized as being the WWF women's champ, not the NWA.

The belt was defended regularly until 1990 when, in a cost cutting measure, the WWF rendered the belt inactive.

The Women's World title wouldn't see the light of day again until Dec. 13, 1993, when it was won in a tournament by Alundra Blaze.

Blaze traded the belt back and forth with Japanese legend Bull Nakano until she left the company in 1995. McMahon decided to retire the belt once again after Blaze appeared on rival WCW's Monday Nitro Live, where she verbally trashed McMahon and destroyed a replica of the WWF women's title in the middle of the ring.

The belt would once again come back, this time in 1998. Excluding a few months of inactivity in 2001, the belt has been a near constant fixture on the WWE scene with stars such as Lita, Trish Status and Molly Holly. ♦



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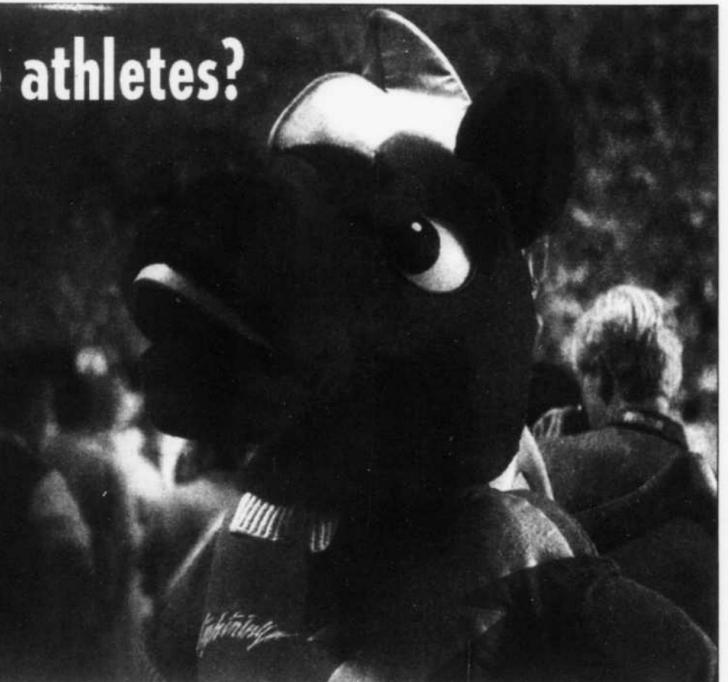
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Shortstop returns to game after leaving due to injury

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez went two for eight with a homer and handled four fielding chances cleanly in a minor league game, his first game since being diagnosed with a herniated disc in his neck nearly two weeks ago.

Rodriguez batted once an inning and played seven innings in the field for Triple-A Oklahoma against Portland, San Diego's Triple-A team. Rodriguez said he felt fine after he was done and would be ready for the season opener Sunday night at Anaheim.

Weaver edges out others to start for Yankees

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Weaver won the competition to be the New York Yankees' fifth starter.

The decision means Cuban right-hander Jose Contreras, who signed a \$32 million, four-year free agent contract during the offseason, will begin the regular season in the bullpen.

Weaver emerged early on as

the front-runner. He is 2-1 with 1.35 ERA in five games. Acquired from Detroit last summer, he led the American League with three shutouts last year despite making few starts after the trade.

Veteran Braves announcers dropped from TBS lineup

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Longtime announcers Skip Caray and Pete Van Wieren won't be part of TBS' coverage of the Atlanta Braves at the start of the season as the cable network tries to lure more viewers.

Don Sutton and Joe Simpson, who've split television and radio duties with Caray and Van Wieren for the past several years, will be in the booth for 90 games on TBS.

Caray and Van Wieren, entering their 28th season with the Braves, will handle 36 games shown on Turner South, a regional cable network in only 6.5 million homes. By comparison, TBS can be seen in 87 million homes.

Agassi defeats competition in fourth round of tourney

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Weaver won the competition to be the New York Yankees' fifth starter.

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andy Agassis beat Philippoussis 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the fourth round of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Agassi converted only four of 14 break-point chances, but he remained patient until the Australian's game began to unravel. Philippoussis finished with 28 winners but also 38 unforced errors.

Top-seeded defending champion Serena Williams and No. 3 Kim Clijsters easily advanced to a showdown in the women's semifinals.

Son of Buccaneer receiver dies after premature birth

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The infant son of Tampa Bay receiver Joe Jurevicius died nearly 10 weeks after being born prematurely during the Buccaneers' run to the Super Bowl.

Michael William Jurevicius, born on Jan. 14, died Monday night at a hospital in St. Louis.

The receiver's wife, Couple, gave birth to the couple's first child five days before the NFC championship game. Jurevicius missed three days of practice following the baby's birth, then

flew to Philadelphia to help the Bucs defeat the Eagles 27-10.

NFL changes playoff rules to allow better officiating

PHOENIX (AP) — The NFL plans to use intact crews to officiate playoff games next season rather than all-star units—a move that comes after a post-season marked by officiating disputes.

The move, announced at the NFL meetings, is designed to ensure more cohesion by using officials who have worked together all year. Until now, playoff crews were made up of officials who rated the highest at their positions but hadn't necessarily worked together before.

Lester Patrick Award given to first black hockey player

Forty-five years after he broke the league's color barrier, Willie O'Ree was given the Lester Patrick Award for a lifetime of service to hockey in the United States.

On Jan. 18, 1958, O'Ree played his first game for the Bruins, a 3-0 victory over archrival Montreal. At the time,

he didn't really think about his role in integrating the sport, nor did the next day's papers mention anything about his place in history.

By the time he was called back up to the Bruins in 1961, though, he was known as "the Jackie Robinson of hockey." In all, O'Ree played just 45 games in the NHL, scoring four goals.

Michigan basketball coach quits after poor season

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Sue Guevara resigned as women's basketball coach at Michigan after finishing last in the Big Ten.

Guevara went 123-82 in seven years, including trips to the NCAA tournament in 1998, 2000 and 2001. But this season's team went 13-16 overall and 3-13 in league play. ♦

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by firing a 74 in the final round. She finished in a tie for 19th with a two-round total of 157.

Kandace Burnett shot 79 on Tuesday to finish with a 160 total and in a tie for 28th.

Kristin Lynch and Kemmerlee Pennington rounded out MT's scoring with matching totals of 164 to tie for 51st.

The University of

Alabama claimed the championship with a round total of 601.

MT beat out two Sun Belt Conference foes in the event, distancing themselves from Western Kentucky and South Alabama.

The Lady Raiders will tee off April 7 at the Lady Eagle Invitational, hosted by Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg. ♦

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155 House for rent

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Large 2-story house. 3 miles from campus. 5 spacious rooms for students. Female students preferred. \$250 a month + utilities. Discounts available. \$50 off 1st month rent for the first lease. \$300 security deposit. Fully furnished, washer & dryer, dish washer, microwave, central H/W/A and Culligan drinking water. Call 898-2005.

165 Roommates

Looking for 2 female roommates for a nice 3 bed/2 bath house near campus. \$360 a month per person, all util., cable and internet included. Call Ashley at 474-0002.

Roommate wanted at Chelsea Place. \$295.00+ 1/2 util. call 896-3612.

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Spacious room with private bath, laundry and kitchen privileges. Grad student preferred. \$350. 867-6994.

Roommate needed for 3 bedroom apt. at SUH. Available at the end of fall semester.

\$420/month includes washer/dryer, all bills (including cable.) I will pay you \$100 on move-in. Call 898-3588 or email jwh2q@mtsu.edu. Roommate wanted: \$100 deposit, \$385 includes all utilities, washer & dryer, fully furnished. Call 615-907-3962 or 931-278-0043.

170 Subleasing

Do you and a friend need a place to stay for the summer? I have a two bedroom two bath apt at Raiders Crossing that will be available for move-in by the middle of May. For more info call LaToya or Jana at 615-849-8006.

Male subleser needed for April, May, June & July @ Woods at Greenland. 1 bd/1 ba avail. for \$395/mo. Call now and I'll pay 1/2 of your rent! Call Blake at 706-766-2303 or Mary at 706-291-9452.

Looking for someone to sublease my beautiful apartment. Must move in immediately because I am graduating. Close to campus and inexpensive rent. Fore a limited time, a \$100 move-in rate. Rent is \$325 thereafter. Please call 217-3327, ask for Jason or Kay. Amenities include Central Heat and Air, W/D, Major Appliances, and a great outdoor view, swimming pool and jacuzzi.

One bedroom avail. in 3BR apartment at Raider's Crossings. Furnished w/W/D, ethernet hookup, premium cable. Walking distance to MTSU. Rent is \$420/m. Call Jesse at 615-268-4114.

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Female needed to take over lease @ Univ. Courtyard. Private bed/bath. \$365 a month, reg. \$385. 5 minutes from campus. Call Leigh (615) 482-3090.

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Sun Belt Conference News and Notes

2003 Sun Belt Baseball Records

	Sun Belt		Pct.	Stk.	Overall	
	W	L			W	L
Arkansas State	3	0	1.000	W4	11	11
New Mexico State	2	1	.667	W2	23	6
Florida International	2	1	.667	L1	22	8
Western Kentucky	2	1	.667	W1	12	7
Arkansas-Little Rock	1	2	.333	W1	17	8
Middle Tennessee	1	2	.333	L2	9	11
Louisiana-Lafayette	1	2	.333	L1	7	20
South Alabama	0	0	.000	W2	17	7
New Orleans	0	3	.000	L3	14	12

New Mexico State Aggies

New Mexico State took two out of three from Middle Tennessee last weekend. It marked the first league-opening series victory for the Aggies since 1995.

Christian Jackson was the hard luck pitcher for NMSU. He pitched a team-best eight innings in his start Saturday, allowing just five hits and four earned runs while striking out seven and walking just two.

He left the game with an 8-4 lead, but the Aggies allowed four runs in the ninth before eventually winning 12-8 in 11 innings.

Third baseman Gavin Monjaras has been steady at third base this season. In his past seven games he hit .291 with three home runs and nine RBI.

He has a current streak of eight games without an error, which includes 35 total chances.

The Aggies are playing much better defensively than a year ago. Right now NMSU has a team fielding percentage of .949, much improved over last year's figure of .942.

In the series victory over Middle Tennessee, the Aggies made just two errors for a fielding percentage of .938.

NMSU did not allow an unearned run over the weekend while Middle Tennessee made nine errors and allowed five unearned runs.

Billy Becher continues to wreck opposing pitching staffs.

He batted .357 over the weekend with a double and two RBI. For the year he is bat-

ting .451 with 17 home runs and 66 runs batted in.

His 17 home runs are already tied for ninth in NMSU single season history while his 66 RBI are just four short of the 10th best mark in NMSU history.

The Aggies can set a school record for the program's longest home winning streak with a victory over Arkansas-Little Rock Friday night. NMSU has won 17 consecutive home games, tying the school record set in 1990.

NMSU has been an offensive powerhouse at home this season, batting .389 as a team and averaging 13.8 runs per game.

Becher leads the offense at home with a .549 average, 13 home runs and 48 RBI in 17 games. Alex Borgo (.444), Brad Ditter (.429), Gavin

Monjaras (.366) and Beau Blacken (.358) are all players in the daily lineup that are hitting above .350 at home.

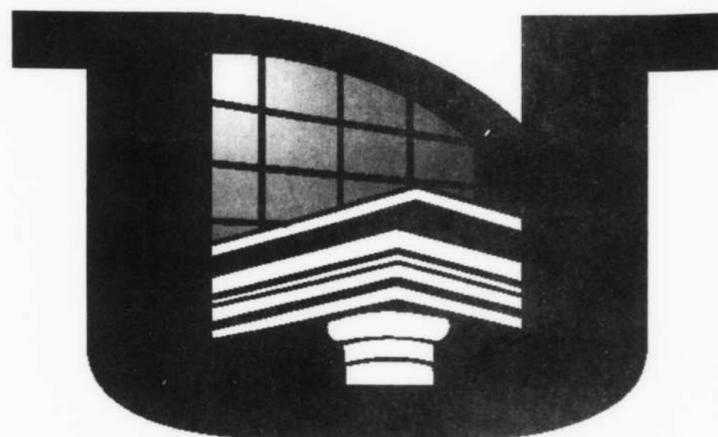
The NMSU pitching staff has been equally impressive at home, allowing just a team batting average of .259 with a team ERA of 4.37.

Andrew Garretson has not allowed a run in five home appearances covering 13 innings. Dustin Cameron, Jason Williams and J.T. Severe are all a perfect 3-0 at home this year.

Williams has never lost a game at home in two years as an Aggie with a perfect 8-0 mark. ♦



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