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Campus Briefs

Vacancies still open for study abroad program

MTSU's study abroad program still has a variety of positions available for interested students. Many programs with various areas of study and destinations have vacancies. Remaining program destinations include Japan, Korea, Barbados, Belize, Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, England, Scotland, Singapore and Australia.

Contact the International Programs and Services Office for more information at 898-2238.

'Collage' still accepting submissions for spring

Collage, MTSU's creative magazine, will be accepting submissions until March 21.

Though the official deadline has passed, the staff is still seeking visual elements, including photography, sculpture, paintings, 3-D art and computer-generated art but will not be accepting any more written works. For more information, call the Student Publications Office at 898-2815.

Murphy Center to host basketball tournaments

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association state basketball tournaments will be held at the Murphy Center during Spring Break.

The girls' event will be held March 12-15, with the boys playing on March 19-22. Girls' and boys' high school teams will compete in state competitions. Tickets will be sold at the gate. For more information, call 898-2300.

Upcoming fund-raiser to benefit local teachers

The Committed To Kids Expo will be held from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Murphy Center on March 29. Admission is \$5 for adults, and up to six kids are free with adult admission.

Committed To Kids is a fund-raiser for Teacher Mini-Grants administered by the Business Education Partnership at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and the *Daily News Journal's* Newspapers-in-Education program. For more information, contact Leslie Eatherly at 896-6189 or go to their Web site at www.committedtokids.org.

Student film festival to kick off next month

MTSU will host its annual student film festival April 7-11. Films will be shown in Keathley University Center Theatre at 7 p.m. each night and the festival is free and open to the public. For more information about the film festival, contact Timmy Gibson, festival coordinator, at 867-9916 or by e-mail at aquamouth@yahoo.com.

SGA voting ends today for candidates, more

Voting ends today for Student Government Association officers, senators and two referendums. Students can vote via PipelineMT, at www.mtsu.edu.

Women's History Month



Philosophy professor Mary Magada-Ward continues, like many women within the community, to make an impact through her dedication to educating students. See the Women's History Month special edition for story.

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Counterculture examined in lecture

Broad social movements discussed

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

The counterculture revolution of the 1960s, the topic of Monday's honors lecture, encompassed numerous individual yet interrelated social movements that included civil rights, feminism, gay liberation and ecology.

Larry Gentry, professor of English, discussed in detail the two most influential movements of this period: the sexual

and drug revolution.

"The counterculture revolution was brought about uniquely, by chemistry," Gentry said. "In fact, by three chemical compounds - penicillin, the birth control pill and LSD."

Antibiotics, like penicillin, significantly reduced the spread of venereal diseases, and along with the birth control pill, ushered in new attitudes toward sex.

"The old religious and social restrictions were overturned," Gentry said.

"A formerly taboo subject was publicized, analyzed and merchandised."

Paralleling the sexual revolution was "a serious radical

social and intellectual movement, which began in the mid 1950s - the Beat Movement," Gentry said.

Rebelling against post-war conformity, beatniks understood the alienation and impatience of Jack Kerouac's prose and the idealism and intellectualism of Allen Ginsberg's poetry.

LSD was synthesized in 1943 by chemist Albert Hoffman and became the third element of the counterculture movement, which brought the hippie to the forefront of social change.

"[Hoffman] describes it in his book, *LSD, My Problem Child*, in a combination of psychological and religious or

rather mystical terms that have been the hallmark of descriptions of LSD users ever since," Gentry said.

Hoffman promoted the new drug as a psychiatric tool during its early years and was tested by the CIA on subjects like Ken Kesey, a graduate student at Stanford University in 1959.

"Because of Kesey and his electric Kool-Aid acid tests, which were multimedia fore-runners of rock concerts and of today's raves, LSD broke free of the laboratories and hit the California streets," Gentry said.

On Oct. 6, 1966, LSD became illegal, but the impact had

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Professor honored for excellence in teaching

Krau receives national award

By John Wes Cline
Staff Writer

MTSU professor of nursing Stephen Krau recently received the Baird Medical Award for Excellence in Education.

Nationally, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses gives three Baird awards each year. Krau was nominated by Suzanne Prevost of the National Healthcare Chair of Excellence in Nursing at MTSU.

The AACN is a national not-for-profit organization of 65,000 members dedicated to continuing education, certification and research in the field of critical care nursing.

"Krau affirmed his credibility and expertise as a teacher and a practitioner, validating his appropriateness for the award," Prevost said in her nomination statement.

Prevost based her judgments on Krau's achievements in teaching at MTSU, his practice as a nurse in the coronary care

unit at Vanderbilt Medical Center and his excellent teaching evaluations from his students.

"It shows the local community and the country that MTSU School of Nursing employs the best teachers and provides the best opportunities to nursing students," Prevost said of the award.

Having been a nurse in almost every area of health care during his career, Krau said his personal philosophy is that a patient never stops being a mother, a sister, a father or a brother.

"Even though we have a nurse-patient relationship, it goes beyond that," Krau said. "So, consequently, we end up providing for that patient's family and incorporating them into our practice."

Currently, he is working with Middle Tennessee Medical Center and Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma on a phenomenological study on the experience of losing a loved one in an intensive care

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MTSU offers media outlet

Today's Response spotlights campus experts' opinions

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Today's Response, an idea that came to News and Public Affairs Media Relations director Tom Tozer while he was shaving three years ago, has developed into a soundboard for MTSU faculty, allowing them to donate their expertise on pressing issues.

Tozer has the process of picking out prevalent stories down to a science.

"Each day I scan the papers, as well as wire services and Internet outlets," Tozer said. "I do much of this work on the weekends. That's the only way I can keep the flow going and replenish the reservoirs of Today's Response."

"Also, Gina Logue in my office assists in this process by scanning the Internet and passing on story ideas. That helps," Tozer added.

After scanning the news services on the Internet, Tozer picks stories that he feels are appropriate for Today's Response, writes a pitch and then e-mails the pitch to a member of the faculty, who has the expertise in that certain subject area.

News and Public Affairs publishes an experts guide in which faculty members and their areas of expertise are listed.

"In addition, I have accumulated resumes of other faculty not in the guide, and I keep an extensive file of faculty and their expertise," Tozer said. "That way I can target my pitches. I only want those responses from faculty who feel confident in what they have to say."

As far as Tozer knows, no other universities have a soundboard like Today's Response.

"I know that some schools have the money and staff to offer an audio newswire, whereby a reporter can call a number and access recorded comments by professors on topics," Tozer said. "MTSU is moving in that direction and actually can do that now."

Tozer said that several public relations officials at other universities contacted him about how Today's Response is put together.

"The greatest stumbling block in doing Today's Response for anyone is that it is absolutely labor-intensive and relentless," Tozer said. "I have to pitch continually fresh and timely issues to faculty and compile responses in order to keep the well from running dry."

Today's Response is published daily, containing three different issues totaling 15 pages.

Today's Response also helps many media outlets, including *The Tennessean*, by making it easier to find stories.

"That's my goal always, to make it sinfully easy for reporters to cover MTSU. B

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Fat Tuesday

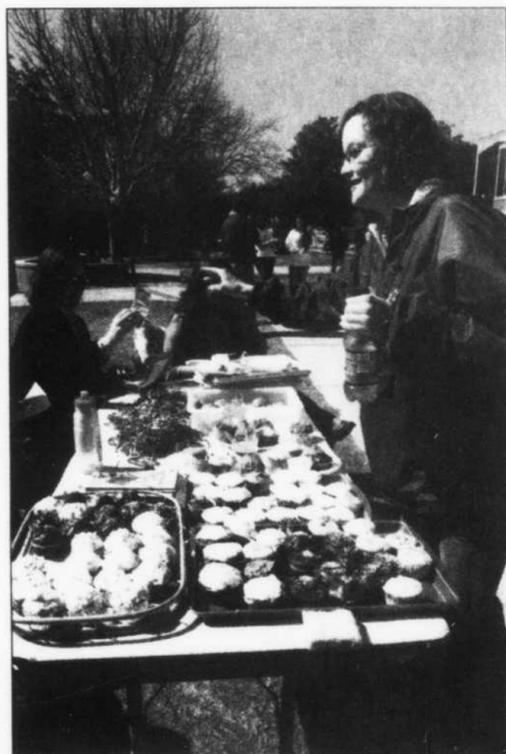


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Senior Laura McGregor of Kappa Delta purchases a cupcake in support of Alpha Omicron Pi's Mardi Gras madness sale yesterday on the Knoll.

Today's Response: Recipient of awards

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doing that, we are assured of constant coverage, which is our lifeblood," Tozer said.

Today's Response is distributed to as many as 120 reporters, editors and producers every morning.

"The greatest compliment is when a new reporter comes on board at a paper and calls and asks to be included on the TR e-mail list," Tozer said. "Today's Response is vital in keeping MTSU in the public spotlight, allowing programs as well as faculty and students to be seen and heard by alumni, prospective students and their families, legislators, TBR directors, and potential donors," Tozer said.

With Today's Response, jour-

nalists have important issues at their fingertips, allowing them to grab ideas and run with them.

"Reporters work under pressure and deadlines," Tozer said. "Today's Response enables them to latch onto an issue, find an expert, do an interview - all in short order."

Along with being a respected media outlet, Today's Response has won several awards, including a Council for Advancement and Support of Education Special Merit award and a Parthenon Award given by the Tennessee Press Association.

Michael Cass, a reporter for *The Tennessean*, also did a story on Today's Response a few years ago.

"Today's Response is an

example of dreaming up an idea, then rolling up the sleeves and making it work," Tozer said. "Most ideas, like Today's Response, are born out of an intuitive spark rather than by endless surveys and analysis. I think the best marketing ideas emerge from one's intuition; it just feels right. Today's Response felt right from day one."

News and Public Affairs also sends out a media bulletin, "Simply the Best," touting some of the brightest MTSU students each month.

Any interested faculty, who are not already included in the expert's guide should contact Tozer at 898-2919 or e-mail him at ttozer@mtsu.edu. ♦

Krau: Emphasis placed on end-of-life care

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unit.

"Twenty percent of Americans die in ICUs and Tennessee was ranked in the bottom five for end-of-life care by Last Acts, a subsidiary of the Robert Hood Johnson Foundation," Krau said.

"I would like to further end-of-life care in Tennessee and, morose as it sounds, see that Tennessee isn't just a good place to live, but a great place to die."

Krau began studying nursing after serving as a Methodist missionary in Zaire where he said people's lack of understanding of basic health care overwhelmed him.

He also taught English and math that went well beyond the basic needs of the natives of Zaire.

"Health care, self care and

life expectancy were deplorable," Krau said.

Returning to the states and graduating from nursing school, Krau went into the Navy, and while serving at the Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill., attended Saint Xavier in Chicago where he completed his master's degree in church and community.

In 1990 Krau moved to Tennessee where he taught at Austin Peay State University and worked part time at Vanderbilt University.

Krau has continued to work full and part time at Vanderbilt and later received his doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Tennessee.

At MTSU for nine years, Krau teaches health care research and leadership and management. He is also the coordinator for the extended

education of the School of Nursing.

Krau was awarded Teacher of the Year at MTSU in 2001 and has been published in numerous health care journals.

He has received recognition for reach by the AACN and is a member of the American Academy of Bereavement.

He also holds memberships in Sigma Theta Tau, the American Assembly for Men in Nursing, the Tennessee Nursing Association and the Association of Death, Education and Counseling.

Krau is also a member of the Tennessee End-of-Life Partnership, which works with the Tennessee Department of Health to set standards for end-of-life care licensing in the state. ♦

Crime Log

Feb. 21 - 12:09 a.m.

Vandalism

Corlew Hall

A candy machine's glass pane was broken.

Feb. 21 - 3:05 a.m.

Driving under Influence

Tennessee Boulevard

Jeremy Akin was arrested and cited for driving under the influence. This was his first offense.

Feb. 21 - 3:05 a.m.

Underage Consumption

East Main Street

Brett A. Smith was issued a state citation for underage consumption.

Feb. 21 - 11:22 a.m.

Vandalism

Murphy Center

A car was vandalized outside the Murphy Center complex.

Feb. 24 - 10:24 a.m.

Theft under \$500

Recreation Center

Theft from building.

Feb. 26 - 12:49 p.m.

Outstanding warrant

Schardt Hall

MTSU Public Safety assisted the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office with the arrest of student residents. Students had outstanding warrants.

Feb. 26 - 6:45 p.m.

Vandalism

Scarlett Commons

Sprinkler fire alarms were activated.

Feb. 26 - 10:14

Driving on suspended license

A person was driving a red Ford Explorer with expired tags while carrying a license that had been suspended.

Feb. 27 - 2:16 a.m.

Burglary

Sims Hall

Complainant reported that his television and Xbox game were stolen.

Feb. 27 - 11:52 p.m.

Driving on suspended license

Recreation Center Parking Lot

Lakeith Kneeland was given a state citation for driving on a suspended license. ♦

These accounts were compiled from Public Safety's media log, which is available for viewing during business hours.

To report a crime or emergency call 898-2424.

To report a crime and have a chance at a cash reward, contact Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP.

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already spread nationwide.

"The 'Summer of Love' was celebrated in 1967, when thousands of young people flocked to San Francisco to be part of the action, and since the counterculture was so visual and oral, it was ready-made for media exploration and exploitation," Gentry said.

The pinnacle of the counterculture revolution is often considered Woodstock, the three-day music festival in August of 1969.

"Everything about Woodstock has moved into the realm of legend and myth," Gentry said of the importance of the event.

Social and political protest

were also central issues of the counterculture revolution, and the 1960s saw many important rallies that became consequential events in American history.

In 1968, Ginsberg and Hoffman were at the demonstration outside the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, where television cameras captured the police beating protesters.

The same year at the March on the Pentagon, the famous image of a protester placing a flower in the barrel of a soldier's rifle was ingrained in the nation's mind.

"But confrontation was ultimately not the counterculture way," Gentry said.

"The revolution must be a revolution of individual con-

sciousness."

Gentry defined the hippie consciousness as characterized by optimism, openness, tolerance, mysticism, freedom of expression, simplicity, community, authenticity and reverence for nature.

Gentry ended his lecture with the assessment of current American culture, which he considers a shift back to more conservative and rational national consciousness.

"But to quote my favorite poet, 'The times they are a changing,' and the democratizing and anarchizing forces of the electronic information revolution, which we are still in the throes of, may eventually overcome the corporate monolith." ♦



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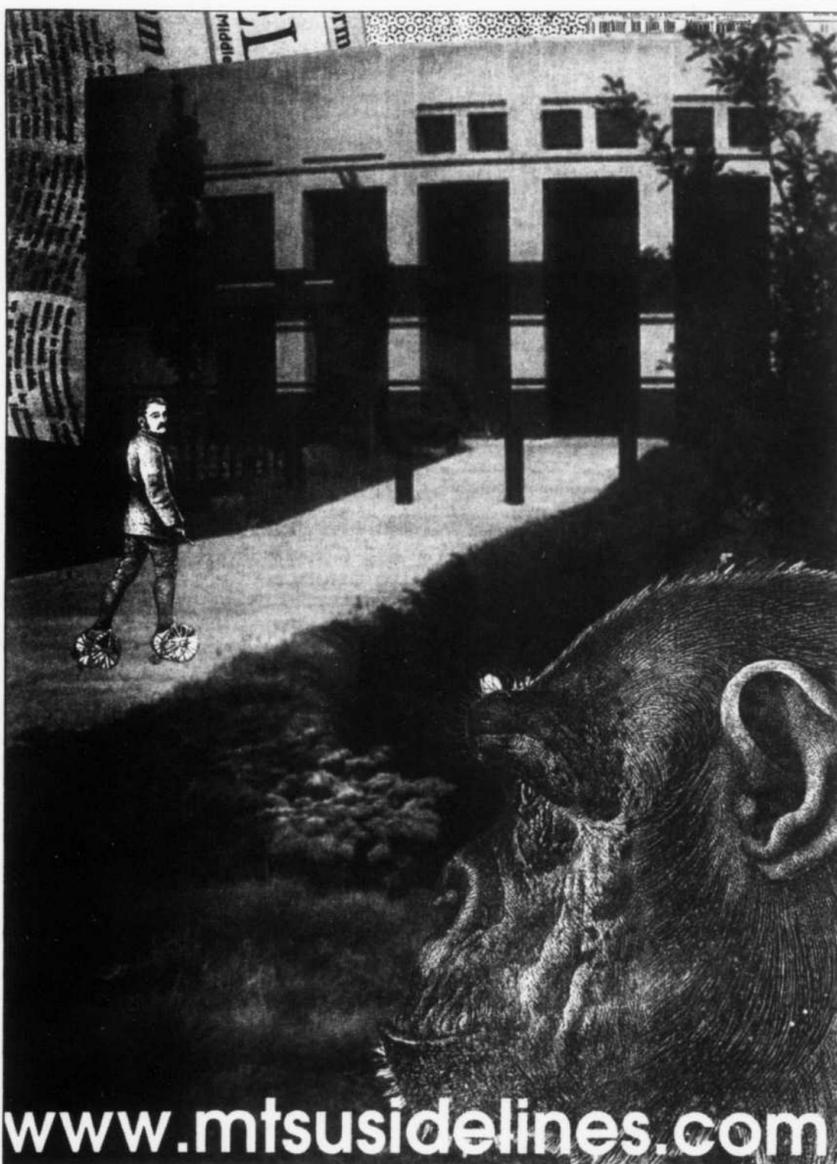
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From the Editorial Board

Activism essential to college atmosphere

War! What is it good for? That's what Solidarity wants to know. MTSU's campus is bustling today with anti-war energy, most of which will be concentrated at 10 a.m. on the Keathley University Center Knoll.

The members of Solidarity have organized an on-campus protest against a war with Iraq in conjunction with the "Books not Bombs" student strike, led by the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition. According to NYSPC reports, more than 300 campuses plan to take part in the event, and participants will span across the globe, including Australia, Spain, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Brazil and Scotland.

During the one-day strike, students will skip or walk out of class to oppose the war and make anti-war demands on President George W. Bush, Congress and local officials.

MTSU participants will gather on the Knoll for a rally. Afterward, they plan on marching to Rep. Bart Gordon's office on the Square in downtown Murfreesboro.

This kind of juicy, serious action is a throwback to the days when college campuses were actually considered a highly effective forum for public debate and activism. It has been a long time since something has stirred up the kind of controversy and fervor that Bush's beef with Iraq has.

College campuses – especially our own – seem to have fallen victim to the dreaded apathy virus over the past few decades. We can barely get 10 percent of the student population to turn out for a campus election, much less an event that affects the entire world.

Whether you're for a war or against it, awareness and involvement are key to a college student's existence and effectiveness as a citizen in the global community.

Though the university has made it clear that class absences won't necessarily be excused today, it seems like, if you're going to skip a class or two during the semester, this might be a good time to do it.

For our readers who aren't yet versed in the art of protesting or protesting protests, today's rally on the Knoll will provide an excellent learning environment – one that no student should ignore. ◆

Airport security getting personal

Thoughts While Driving



Gary Morrison
Staff Columnist

Be wary of what you read – even this column. Form an opinion, but keep an open mind about topics on which you are not fully informed. I had to keep these things in mind while reading a recent news story about the new government airport security plan that Delta Airlines will test this month. It seems that the latest way to flush out would-be terrorists is to check your credit.

Congress has ordered a new computer system to be developed that will allow airlines to search databases of passenger information before an airline ticket is sold. Information in such checks would include credit reports, banking activity and the comparison of passenger names with

those on government watch lists. I wonder if they will still ask you if your luggage has been out of your possession at any time during the day? Probably so – that tactic has undoubtedly denied flights to many terrorists, as well as overly honest people who said "yes" just because the cab driver put the bags in the trunk on the way to the airport.

According to the Associated Press article I read, "Advocates say the system will weed out dangerous people while ensuring law-abiding citizens aren't given unnecessary scrutiny."

Isn't requiring every passenger to submit to a background check already unnecessary scrutiny? Even when buying a handgun, I don't believe credit checks are run. If you happen to be blacklisted, will the airlines tell you why? "Sir, I am sorry to tell you this, but your name appears on a government watch list for left-handed atheist golfers who are against reciting

the Pledge of Allegiance. This means that I cannot sell you a ticket. But, we do have federal agents standing by to assist you in arranging other travel accommodations. By the way, your credit score is terrible, and you have an overdraft charge on your checking account because a check to *Juggs* magazine bounced. Have a nice day."

Even if they do tell you why, how will you go about correcting a mistake? I feel confident that the correction probably won't happen while you wait.

The program, called CAPPS II (Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System), will collect data and assign each passenger a color code for risk potential – either red, yellow or green. Will this bring about a kind of pre-boarding snobbery? I can already picture the promotions at the car rental counters – maybe people with "green" ratings will get express check-in, first choice of premium cars and dis-

counted rates. I think I even hear the new round of junk mail hitting my mailbox: "Apply for our credit card and raise your airport color rating."

I'm ridiculing the government, not for trying to protect me, but for how they're trying to protect me. Some of you may ask if I have any ideas of my own for airport security. I'm glad you asked. How about this: all passengers must pass a passenger license test, similar to a driving test. First, you must pass a multiple choice written exam, then take a flight with a flight examiner. If you pass (by sitting still, properly buckling your seat belt, etc.), you'll be given a passenger-flight license allowing you to fly wherever and whenever you want (this license will need to be renewed every year, of course, at an exorbitant rate). No good? How about the interview system, during which you would have a sit-down interview with airport officials before you board a

plane. No, wait, this is it: first, the government interviews you and, if found worthy, you then take the passenger exam. If you pass that, instead of carrying an actual license around, you wear an armband that has some symbol – a red cross of sorts. The armband would allow airport security to tell at first glance that you have government clearance to be a passenger on a plane. But, if you happen to forget your armband, perhaps there could be some sort of password, maybe something German that rhymes with "File Fitter," along with a salute – an extended arm at a 45-degree angle.

I think these measures would do a great deal to increase airport security, but I'm not going to suggest them to anyone. It seems as if the government is heading in that direction already. ◆

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For our safety, drink smart

Yesterday's Tomorrow



John Miller
Staff Columnist

I awoke the other morning to my roommate's cell phone ringing. I didn't think anything of it because I often wake up this way. This time, he was nice enough to leave the room while he had his conversation with whomever from back home. I rolled back over and went to sleep.

About 30 minutes later, I heard him come back into the room, and I nonchalantly asked, "What's up?"

"My frat brother just died," he said.

The words resounded in my head. I wasn't sure what to say. After you know someone for only five weeks, what do you say to him or her when they tell you a friend has died halfway across the country?

I tried to be comforting, to let him know if he needed anything or wanted to talk about it, I was here for him. At the same time, I know there's nothing I can really say or do to ease his pain.

Sunday night, my roommate's frat brother went with his friends for a few drinks, as many of us have done before. A couple of drinks at one bar, followed by a few more drinks at another, and the night was turning into a pub-crawl.

Unfortunately, he never made it home.

At 2 a.m., he became another statistic. He's now among the thousands upon thousands of people who have died due to drunk driving. Twenty-one years old, on the verge of graduating, and his life was cut short by one poor decision.

People often feel they are able to drive after drinking at a bar or club. "Sure, I can drive; I've only had a few drinks,"

they say. Is it really worth it, though? Is the chance of gambling your life away worth getting behind the wheel instead of calling a friend or a cab?

Thousands of people every year have their lives forever changed by drinking and driving.

However, not everyone who is affected loses his or her life. There are countless mothers, brothers, fathers and sisters who now have to live with the pain of knowing their loved ones aren't coming home.

Then there are those who survive the wreck but sustain permanent injuries and have to live the rest of their lives with the consequences of one awful decision.

Maybe worst of all, there are those who survive the wreck but have to wake up every morning and look in the mirror to see the guilt they must live with because they took another person's life.

Any way you look at it, it's a lose-lose situation.

If you're going to drink, do it responsibly. Don't wait until it's 2 a.m. at the bar before you start to think about how you're going to get home that night.

If you go out with four or five friends, make one person the designated driver.

Many clubs and restaurants offer incentives such as free food and non-alcoholic drinks to encourage designated driver programs.

The next time you go out, have a backup plan on how to get home, just in case you do have too much to drink.

Remember, thinking you are OK to drive home or that nothing will happen this time may be a decision that will change not only your life but the lives of those closest to you. ◆

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Breast-feeding requires tact

A Single Voice



Heidi Ward
Staff Columnist

Imagine yourself in a nice Italian restaurant. You're sitting there with some friends or family, the waitress has brought drinks, and you're making conversation while you wait for the food.

The restaurant is full of other groups of people and couples. At the table next to you is a couple with their baby. "How cute," you think. "I hope it doesn't cry."

Suddenly, the woman lifts her shirt up. Apparently, the baby realized that it was in a restaurant and time to eat. The woman sits there, one breast exposed, while she prepares the baby. Then she positions it, and it suckles away. Mmm, dinner.

I'm not opposed to breast-feeding. In fact, I'm all for it.

According to just about any doctor you talk to or book you read, it's the best thing for the baby.

Breast milk is perfectly suited to a baby's nutri-

tional needs. Breast-fed babies have fewer illnesses, fewer allergies and are less likely to be obese than formula-fed babies. Plus, when they do get sick, they recover more quickly, because breast milk has maternal antibodies and immunological cells that stimulate the baby's immune system.

So, bravo to that imaginary woman for breast-feeding her baby.

However, her choice of time and place to do it could use some adjusting.

A public restaurant isn't the place to just sit with your breast exposed. Maybe we shouldn't have a problem with the human body or a perfectly natural act, but let's face it – we live in a culture where public nudity is not common. Nakedness of any kind will make some people very uncomfortable.

I understand that mothers who breast-feed get so used to having a breast exposed to feed their babies that they don't even notice anymore. But these mothers need to keep in mind that others are not accustomed to seeing women breast-feed.

There may be people with their kids who do not want to try to explain

what's going on. There may be teenagers who still snicker at the mere mention of a breast. And there may simply be people who don't want to see that while they're eating.

But don't worry; the baby doesn't have to go hungry, and mothers don't have to resort to using store-bought formula. There is an invention called a breast pump, and breast milk can be stored. Not as long as formula, but it can be stored.

When going out, especially to very public places, take some bottles of breast milk along in case baby gets hungry.

If bottles are a real bother, do as I've seen other mothers do. Wear clothes that make the breast a little easier to access, so you don't have to lift your entire shirt up. And then, put a towel or small blanket over your shoulder and the baby. This allows you to breast feed, but doesn't expose others to your bare breast.

By all means, breast-feed.

Just please make baby's dinner a little more discreet. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Drug contraband should stay illegal

To the Editor:

After reading Jason Cox's column, I was completely dumbfounded ("Operation Headhunter" distraction from real war," Feb. 26). Not only does Cox sound like he just fired up a huge blunt before he sat down to crank out this column, but the argument he lays out is entirely idiotic (which may or not be the result of aforementioned blunt).

Marijuana in this country is illegal, so why should the U.S. legalize contraband associated with the production and consumption of it? Cut your readers some slack, Cox. We're not in the least believing in your incoherent babbling nor will we be led around by every word you state.

Sam Greer
Criminal Justice

Columbia disaster not to be taken lightly

To the Editor:

I try to pick up *Sidelines* whenever I can. I think this is the same for most MTSU students, and we all expect a certain amount of professionalism from the writers. However, I find it difficult to read each issue completely when they publish columns from people like Wendy Caldwell. Her last column demeaned the tragedy of the Columbia explosion by putting it with Oscar nominations and duct tape ("Disasters happen every day; let's pull ourselves together," Feb. 17).

I believe *Sidelines* should be concerned with the growing dislike for this columnist, because it reflects on them. I want Murfreesboro to know that Caldwell doesn't represent the opinions of the average student, but more the ignorant opinions of an eighth grader.

Jessica Muse

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A knack for news



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Channel 4 anchor Holly Thompson smiles for the camera, something she has perfected over the years. In addition to anchoring the morning news, Thompson also plans and advances news stories for the next day. She has done most jobs possible in the media business. She has tried producing, editing, reporting and shooting. Now she is content being an early bird on the 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. show, as well as a mother and wife.

MTSU alumna works her way to the top

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

The first thing that jumps out about Holly Thompson is her great laugh. It's a loud, unconstrained laugh, which for some reason makes you giggle.

Holly, a jack-of-all-trades in broadcast journalism, anchors in the morning for the local Channel 4 news station WSMV, so hearing her big, loose laugh is not inappropriate, but is unexpected at first.

Maybe it's not expected because Thompson, an MTSU alumna, has proven herself as a hard-working professional. She started at WSMV almost six years ago at the bottom and tried practically every job in the newsroom.

"When I first started, I was doing what is traditionally called a one-man band," Thompson says.

As a one-woman band, Thompson reported her own stories, set up the camera, taped herself and edited the story.

"You have to set up the camera, and then you get back to the station and find out that you've cut your head off," she says, laughing again.

Since that point, she's tried practically every job in the newsroom: producing, editing, shooting, writing, reporting and even weather forecasting at a CBS station in the tri-cities of Johnson City, Bristol and Kingsport.

Experiencing so many jobs firsthand has helped her understand her

co-workers' responsibilities better and helps her work better with others.

Lisa Spencer, one of WSMV's weathercasters and an Emmy-nominated reporter, used to work with Thompson in the morning but since moved to nights.

"No matter what part of the building you work in, whether it's a person in the production crew or a photographer or a salesperson, she really reaches out," Spencer says of Thompson.

Still, she likes anchoring and reporting the best because that's where she gets to deal with the public most often.

"That's really where my heart is. That's where the real people aspect is," Thompson says.

The chance to work with the public and her boyfriend at MTSU were the two main reasons Holly decided to study broadcasting.

Her college sweetheart, Lee — now husband — studied broadcasting at MTSU and convinced Thompson to switch form her first major, accounting.

"I really enjoyed math, but it wasn't for me," Thompson says. "I want to be out there in the middle of everything, knowing what's going on and talking to folks."

Thompson is the type of person who can use the word "folks" in casual conversation without sounding like a Denny's waitress, and in the same breath spring the word "awesome" on you to describe the broadcast industry.

"It's very deadline-oriented in that it can be extremely hectic and very stressful. But it's an awesome business," she says.

"The one thing you'll notice about Holly is she is an extremely hard worker," Spencer says. "She's here early, and she stays late."

Thompson's day starts at 2 a.m., when she has to get up in order to be at the station by 3:45 a.m.

She prepares for the 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. show by reviewing the stories, copy editing and adjusting the wording of her script to suit her style.

An admirer of *Today Show* anchor Katie Couric, Thompson tries to incorporate a friendly personality and professionalism into her shows.

"I'm not one of those anchors that is just a real stiff person, and that's what is wonderful about a morning show because there is a lot of time to show personality, whereas you can't really in the evening shows," she says.

As a result, Thompson receives incredible feedback from viewers in the form of, as she described it, "a gajillion e-mails."

"You really do become family to people because they wake up to you. You're in their living room every day," she says.

After the morning show, she spends the next three hours voicing radio updates and *Today Show* cut-in updates every half hour. As the coordinating producer for the morning show,

"You really do become family to people because they wake up to you. You're in their living room every day."

— Holly Thompson
Channel 4 anchor

she has to plan and advance stories for the next day.

Thompson anchors for the noon news segment and *More at Midday*, which airs at 12:30 p.m.

"That has a lot of guest segments, so you're trying to familiarize yourself with the topics," she says. "At the same time, you're trying to make the noon news as fresh as it can be."

Besides all the responsibilities at work, Thompson just became a first-time mother to a baby boy named Joshua, now five months old.

"How has this changed my life?" Thompson jokes. "I guess a better question is how has this not changed my life?"

She took three months off work to care for Joshua after his birth and admits that her schedule makes it harder on her and her husband.

"I have to go to bed early and someone has to watch the little pumpkin," she says.

Thompson also comes back to MTSU to talk to broadcast classes, encouraging students to get an intern-

ship before graduating.

"That's the only way to get out there and get a feel for what it is you're going to do," Thompson says.

As someone who worked her way to the top, Thompson sees a lot of new college graduates with misconceptions about the broadcast industry.

"They think they're going to start off huge, prime time, with a huge paycheck, and it will never, never happen that way," she says.

There are good reasons Thompson made it as a broadcaster, mom and wife.

She's down-to-earth enough to use the word "awesome" repeatedly without becoming conscientious.

"She always goes the extra mile. She wants the best for the morning shows and she has a lot of initiative," Spencer says.

This is why it doesn't come as a shock to hear how Thompson advises students of broadcasting.

"You've really got to work your tail off, but it will pay off," she says. ♦

BURNT ORANGE PEEL!

by lucas antoniak



Jazz Fest promises music, education

By Jennifer Bardoner
Staff Writer

MTSU's Annual Jazz Fest returns to MTSU on March 22, bringing with it a variety of music, as well as education.

"[They] started Jazz Fest to bring local bands here and to provide an educational outlet," said Don Aliquo, director of jazz studies at MTSU. "It's good for music education and good for jazz in the community."

Although this is his first time organizing the event, he said this year will be no different.

"We're not doing anything radically different from my predecessor last year," he said.

With at least eight local mid-

dle and high school bands confirmed, a panel of established adjudicators, or clinicians, and a performance by a renowned jazz artist, Aliquo said it will be a full day of music and education. The day begins around 10 a.m. and ends with an evening concert around 9 p.m. The finale in the jazz artist series will feature bass violinist Rufus Reid, who will perform with the MTSU Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m.

"He's one of the best well-known jazz artists in the world today," Aliquo said. "He's played with every concert jazz artist you could think of."

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Dear Annie

Revisiting a lost love



Dear Annie,

I wrote you last semester a couple of times. I was the girl who was waiting for her boyfriend/ex-boyfriend to call after he needed a break.

Then, I wrote you again and told you that there might be another girl, and that I wanted to call and confront him about this issue. You told me our relationship was over, and I should move on. I won't lie to you; it was really hard. You made some really good points, and I thought about it and took your advice.

Well, my life started to get back together, but a couple of weeks ago, when I got off work and went to the food court, I ran into my ex. He rushed up to me and gave me a big hug and started saying how good it was to see me and how much he'd missed me.

He had been trying to get his life together and was hoping to run into me on my break to tell me that he wants to get together and talk sometime. So, we did get together. He dated another girl, but it didn't work out with her because he said that he couldn't stop thinking about me.

At first I was unkind to him and said a lot of things that I probably shouldn't have said. But he just sat through it and kept saying, "I'm sorry, and I'll find a way to make it up to you." I don't know whether to believe it or not.

When it comes down to it, I still love and miss him. My friends think I'm crazy. I don't think they understand. When you spend eight years of your life being friends and loving someone, it's really hard to let it go. I did let him go, and he came back. I don't know what to do about this situation. You helped me before. Can you please help me again?

— Out on a Limb Again

Dear Out on a Limb Again,

I went back into my files and read your previous letters.

Do you remember how upset and hurt you were about how this guy treated you?

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Your answer must be no! Some of the readers may have forgotten this relationship's problems.

He cheated on his girlfriend to be with you, then he got you pregnant.

You had a miscarriage.

Then, he said he needed time and didn't call you for more than a month, and you found out that he was back with his first girlfriend.

You finally decided to move on, and now he's not with her anymore, so he conveniently runs into you and says that he wants you back.

No wonder your friends think you're crazy.

I know you let him go, and now he's come back. It feels good, doesn't it?

Maybe momentarily, until you realize that this guy cannot be trusted.

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Nothing can make up for the pain he caused you.

I understand you still have strong feelings, but please don't put yourself through this heartache again.

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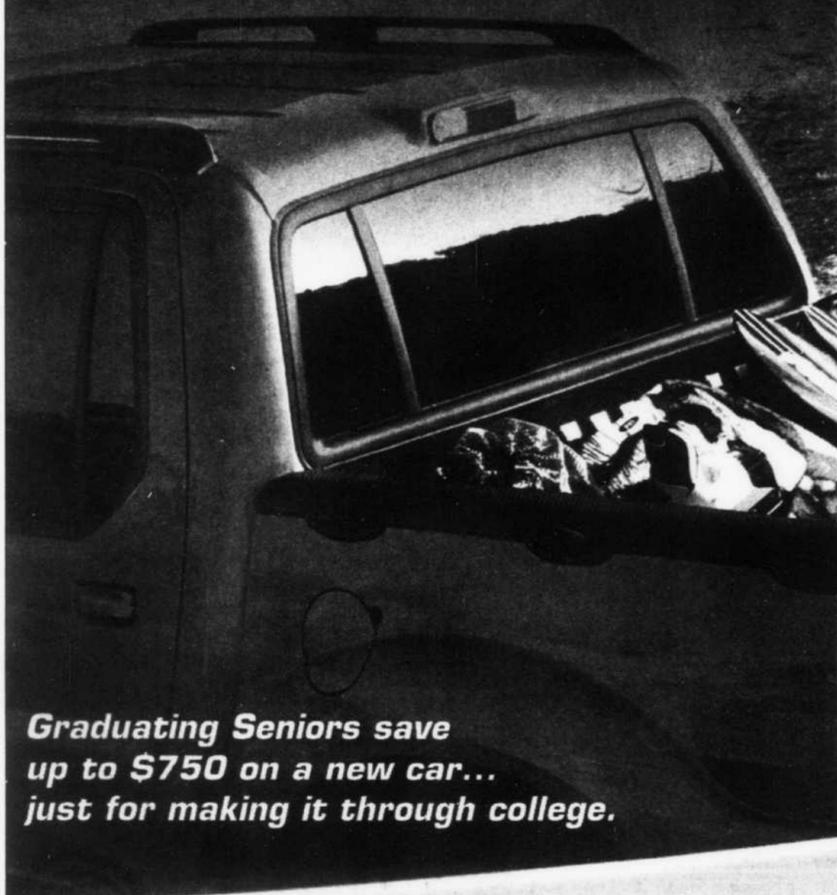
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Jazz Fest: Organizers say event will attract hundreds

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According to Reid's Web site, that includes the likes of Gene Ammons, Art Farmer and Dizzy Gillespie. He also recorded more than 250 CDs in his 30-plus-year career. However, according to Aliquo, that's not his only forte.

"We try to pick someone who's not only a great artist, but someone who can relate to students," Aliquo said.

Aliquo, a music educator since 1971 with a 20-year tenure at William Paterson University, said Reid is that someone. His Web site points to several recognitions in this regard including Outstanding Educator of the Year, awarded in 1999 by the New Jersey chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators.

In addition to his evening performance, Reid will also offer a general clinic free and open to the public. Because the topic is up to the artist, Aliquo could not say exactly what Reid would speak about. However, he did say that the artists generally speak briefly about their career and offer some instruction specific to the instrument they play.

The rest of the day will feature between eight and 12 area school bands.

"We invite all area schools and a lot of schools from outside the area," Aliquo said.

Although, he said, there is usually a varied mix from year to year, often bringing in Southeastern university bands, many of the local schools are involved every year. This year there will be two ensembles each from Oakland and Hendersonville high schools, and one each from Smyrna

High School, Nashville School of the Arts and Central Middle School, along with the two jazz ensembles from MTSU. Several university bands are invited but have not yet replied.

"We want to be able to help their program and provide an opportunity for them to play," he said.

In order to do this, each band is given a one-on-one classroom session with one of the adjudicators after its 30 to 40 minute performance.

The clinicians, each armed with a tape recorder, make notes critiquing the performance and then share their comments and wisdom during these master classes, which usually run about 45 minutes.

The adjudicators are, according to Aliquo, experienced jazz educators with extensive performance backgrounds, extensive education backgrounds, or both and hail from universities across the country. This year hosts John Wilson from Duquesne University, Rusty Holloway from University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Bruce Dudley from Belmont and Jamey Simmons from MTSU.

With the exception of the evening concert, which alone usually attracts between 300 and 400 people, all of the day's activities are free and will likely draw around 500 participants, Aliquo said.

Admission to Reid's performance with the Jazz Ensemble is free to MTSU students, faculty and members of the invited bands. Although there are no pre-sale tickets, the public can purchase tickets at the door for \$12.

"We're expecting a pretty big crowd," Aliquo said. ♦

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MT survives wild weekend

Ninth inning home run steals win

By Josh Beasley
Staff Reporter

A hard-fought back-and-forth contest ended with a bang Saturday afternoon when Josh Archer blasted a game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth to give the Blue Raiders a 7-6 win against Rutgers at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders led much of the game but to regain the lead, they had to rally in the latter half. Sophomore Nate Jagers delivered for MT in a bases-loaded situation with a two-run single to net a 6-4 advantage.

MT held the lead into the ninth, but a walk, a single and a wild pitch by the Scarlet Knights led to a game-tying single by Rich Canuso, setting the stage for Archer's heroics.

Archer once again provided the offensive punch Sunday afternoon against Kent State, belting a two-run shot to left field to give the MT hurlers all the run support they needed. The 6-4 win over KSU Sunday capped a perfect weekend for the Blue Raiders (4-2). Archer's home run total moves to three on the season.

"This is three big wins for us," Archer said. "Regardless if the program is up or down, we beat Kansas, Rutgers and Kent State. We need to work on some stuff, and we're not where we need to be, but this weekend is a huge step in the right direction."

Although the Blue Raiders picked up three victories this weekend, they continued to struggle on defense, committing 17 errors, including six Saturday afternoon in their contest with Rutgers, the most since committing six at Tennessee Tech on March 11, 2002.

"It's coming down to good pitching and pitchers working their way out of jams," Archer said. "We're getting hits with guys on base and moving runners. We're not doing things the way we should if it was midseason, but we're getting the job done. We're scoring runs and we're holding them under enough runs so we can outscore the opposing team and get a win."

The Golden Flashes cut into the Blue Raider lead in the fifth and sixth. During the sixth, Nate Jagers led off with a single to left field. Archer followed up in fine fashion with a towering shot to left that found its way into the concourse of Floyd Stadium to give the Blue Raiders a 6-3 lead.

The Blue Raiders' Travis Horschel (1-0) picked up his first win of the season. Horschel allowed three runs in 5.2 innings of work. Danny Borne worked an impressive 2.2 innings, allowing an unearned run while striking out four. Chris Mobley was called on in the bottom of the ninth to get the final two outs and his first save of the season.

The Blue Raiders travel to Southwest Missouri over the weekend. ◆



Jerry Knox, above, steps in to pitch hit against Kanas on Friday. Josh Archer, below, had two home runs on Saturday against Rutgers and Kent State.

Photos by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

Kansas falls to cold weather, hot hitting

By Josh Beasley
Staff Reporter

Junior college transfer Jarret England scored twice and drove in two runs as the Blue Raiders squeaked past the 17th-ranked Kansas Jayhawks, 6-5, Friday at a frigid Reese Smith Field.

England, 1-for-1 at the plate, smoked a two-run double to deep center field to give the Blue Raiders a 5-3 lead heading into the seventh inning.

Middle Tennessee struck first when Chuck Akers scored on a Nate Jagers single to left field. The Raiders relinquished the lead in the top half of the third, when Sean Flynn relocated a John Williams fastball over the left field wall for a two-run homer.

The two clubs battled back and fourth throughout the contest, but MT proved to be too much down the stretch. In the pivotal sixth, the Blue Raiders manufactured three runs to take a two-run lead.

Freshman reliever Shay



Horseman was called on in the seventh to nail it down for MT, but was hit hard and early by the Jayhawk sluggers. Matt Tribble led off the top half of the seventh with a three-bagger to right field and Casey Spanish followed with an RBI double to left. Spanish later scored off an

RBI single by Sean Flynn to knot the score at five all.

Horseman (1-1) found and settled in his groove. The southpaw set down the final six batters of the contest to get the win, striking out six in three

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MT track squads finish off competition

By Michael Rutledge
Assistant Sports Editor

The domination continued for Middle Tennessee's men's and women's indoor track teams, as both squads picked up their third straight Sun Belt Conference titles last weekend.

MT left everyone behind in the Jonesboro, Ark., event as the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders finished 57 points ahead of overall runner-up and host school Arkansas State University.

Junior Mardy Scales continued his domination in the 55-meter to win the conferences Outstanding Track Performer of

the Year. MT head coach Dean Hayes took home his 22nd coach of the year honors. Hayes has coached the MT track team for 38 years, winning the SBC crown every year he fielded a squad and has a resume that includes 36 conference titles and 16 top-25 NCAA finishes.

"Mardy just continues to improve and excel," Hayes said after the Arkansas matches. "All the men ran really well and the women came through for us in the end when they had to."

On the women's side, Rosemary Okafor should be joining her male teammate Scales in the upcoming NCAA Championships, as the sopho-

more grabbed provisional qualifying marks in both the 55m and 200-meter. Okafor also picked up the Outstanding Track Performer of the Year over the weekend.

Lady Raider senior Kim Freeman ended her collegiate career at MT when she won the triple jump event on Sunday after winning the long jump on Saturday.

The men's squad had no problem seizing the competition as they won 92 of the 156 sprint points available, but the women's team took their championship run down to the wire. With the title on the line going into the last sprint, MT's

women 4x400-meter relay team tied the conference record to win over North Texas and Florida International, the Lady Raiders' closest challengers.

In individual performances, Scales also won first place in the 200m, as did MT freshman Sean Waller in the 400m. The freshman class had a strong showing for MT as Linnie Yarbrough took second in the 55m hurdles ahead of upper-class teammates Brad Orr and Jasper Demps who took fifth and sixth respectively.

The last NCAA qualifying event for runners and field athletes is this weekend's Last Chance Invitational. ◆

Rec Center offers outdoor pursuits

By Angela Hall
Staff Writer

Go kayaking on the Rio Grande, rock climbing at Foster Falls and even rent equipment to pursue your own outdoor adventure.

These are just a few of the opportunities offered by Outdoor Pursuits at MTSU.

Middle Tennessee Outdoor Pursuits provides a variety of outdoor opportunities that are instructional, recreational, social and service-oriented in nature.

Charlie Gregory, director of the Recreation Center, started the outdoor program in the early 1990s, according to Tim Jewell, present Outdoor Pursuits director. Before that, the recreation program was mainly an intramurals program. A full-time outdoor leader was hired when the Recreation Center opened, and in the mid-1990s, the program flourished.

The main opportunities provided by the program are various clinics, adventure trips and equipment rental.

The leaders of the clinic are trained, qualified and available to meet student needs. They consist of two graduate assistants, volunteer instructors and student employees pursuing a degree in outdoor recreation.

"[The program] provides student employees experiential learning opportunities and hands-on experience," Jewell said.

The clinics teach needed skills to prepare for trips, exercise or just plain fun.

Two clinics will take place this month. Today, MT will hold a belay clinic. The class will go over the basic skills and the safety aspect of rock climbing. Participants will become certified belayers at the Rec Center.

The clinic will be held at the rock-climbing wall, which is the largest collegiate wall in Tennessee, with four different skill levels.

A kayak roll clinic takes place March 25-26. Participating students can develop their kayak rolling abilities in the indoor pool of the Rec Center.

All the clinics offered are limited in space and tend to fill up very quickly.

The equipment rental services are cheap and affordable, even for college students. As a student of MT, you will be treated first; all that's needed is a student ID.

By renting from a variety of gear, "you can develop life-long skills without making a big investment," Jewell said.

The adventure trips can range from one day to more than one week. Day trips usually include backpacking, hiking or rock climbing.

Trips operate on a first come, first served basis. All trips are limited in space, usually to about 12-15 people. On most trips, you can even bring a friend from off campus for a slightly higher price.

"We are here for our students first," Jewell said, "but others are welcome to join."

A trip over Spring Break is scheduled for next week. The group will canoe on the Rio Grande River in southern Texas.

Inexperienced people should not hesitate to sign up. All the trips run on a "common adventure philosophy."

"Everyone is in it together," Jewell said. "We make a decision as a group. We don't go with the majority; everyone has to agree."

At the same time, everyone will be challenged according to his or her own skill level.

An evaluation is taken after every trip. Suggestions and comments are encouraged. The program is here to enjoy.

A trip to Alaska will be taken in July.

There will be kayaking on the sea, touring of the LaConte Glacier and the Anan Bear Observatory.

A full itinerary is available in the Rec Center lobby. Information is available at www.mtsu.edu/~camprec. ◆

Middle Tennessee sweeps Belmont in doubleheader

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee Lady Raider softball team traveled to Nashville's Aquinas College Monday and returned with a two-game sweep of Belmont University, 8-2, 5-1.

MT (5-5) improved its record back to .500 with an easy pair of wins and gave the Lady Bruins (1-2-1) their only two losses in the young season.

Senior hurler Stacy Preator recorded her third win of the season in the opening bout after being involved in a car accident three-hours before game time. The team's co-captain allowed only two runs and five hits while fanning eight Lady Bruins at the plate.

While Preator silenced the Belmont rotation, senior Megan Cherinka and junior Courtney Mitchell woke up the Lady Raiders' bats early in the series. Mitchell sealed the day's first win with a three-run homer in the sixth, and Cherinka grabbed a pair of doubles and a RBI.

"It was nice to see our bats

come alive," head coach Cindy Connelley said. "We had a good day at the plate."

In the second game of the doubleheader, MT scored two runs in the fourth inning and three in the seventh to shut Belmont down. Sophomore Dani DeCamino led the Lady Raiders with a double and single save for MT.

Freshman Tiffany Childress picked up her first win in a Lady Raider uniform, going five-innings from the pitcher's circle. The Columbia Central graduate gave up only one run from five hits. Freshman California native Valerie Swanson picked up the save for MT.

The Belmont sweep concluded a two-day, four-game schedule for the Lady Raiders after 10 days away from the diamond.

MT dropped a pair of matches to Eastern Kentucky on Sunday, 3-4, 3-7.

The next Lady Raider home game is slated for March 10 against David Lipscomb University at 5 p.m. ◆

Baylor Bears claw Blue Raiders 7-0

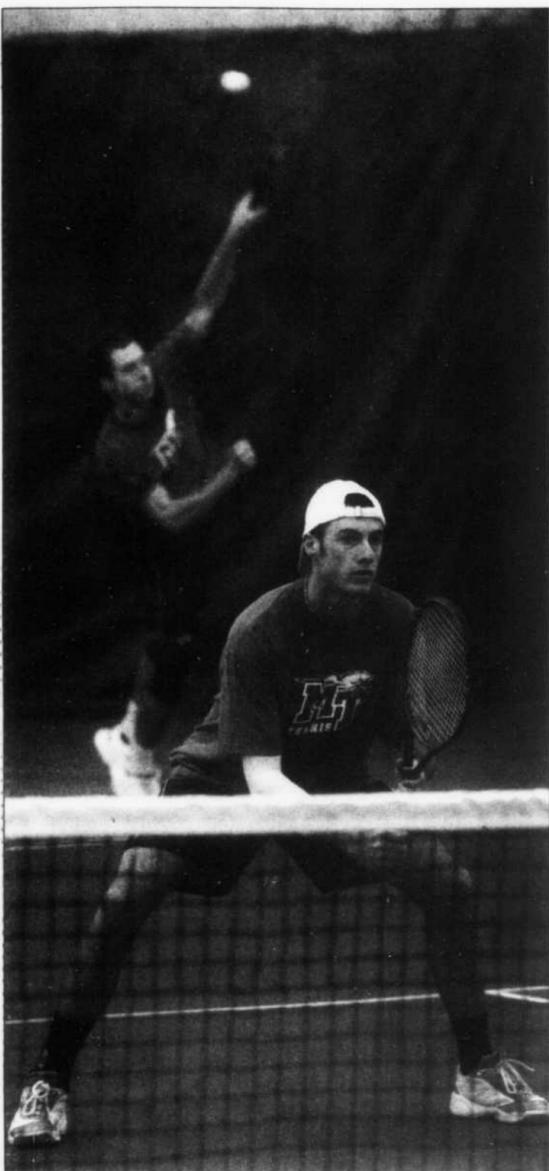


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Michael Staniak, front, and Trevor Short were the only Blue Raiders to win a match against No. 4 Baylor.

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

The fourth-ranked Baylor Bears defeated No. 59 Middle Tennessee 7-0 Sunday afternoon at the Baylor Tennis Center in Waco, Texas.

The No. 4 team in the country was simply too much for the Blue Raiders.

The Bears won the doubles point and all six singles matches en route to the victory. The loss ended MT's brief two-game winning streak.

The Bears (11-1) won the first two doubles matches to win an early point. At the No. 1 seed, Ivor Lovrak/Matias Marin defeated 58th-ranked Daniel Klemetz/Kirk Jackson 8-1.

The No. 2 seed match saw Benjamin Becker/Mike Garcia take care of Greg Pollack/Anant Sitaram 8-3. The Blue Raiders (3-8) won at the No. 3 seed with Trevor Short/Michael Staniak defeating Benedikt Dorsch/Jason Gould 9-7.

In singles, the Bears helped the home team win all six matches. Nationally ranked Becker, No. 67, extended his record to 9-0 by beating Jackson in straight sets at 6-3, 6-2. The 30th-ranked Marin won in straight sets as well 6-0, 6-3 over Sitaram. Lovrak, ranked No. 105, defeated Rishan Kuruppu 6-4, 6-0 before Barry McLaren won 7-6, 6-2 over Brandon Allan.

Fourth-ranked Klemetz fell at No. 1 to the 51st-ranked Zoltan Papp 6-2, 6-3. Staniak was the only Blue Raider to take a set from the Bears, but fell to Reinor Neurohr at the No. 4 seed 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Up next for the Blue Raiders is the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, March 13-16, in Montgomery, Ala. ♦

Baseball: Next home game versus Samford

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innings of work in relief of Williams.

The Blue Raiders took the lead again in the bottom of the seventh inning, after Shane

kemp drew a one-out walk, swiped second and advanced to third after the Jayhawks catcher sailed his throw into centerfield. Nate Jagers, determined to get the winning run across the dish, fisted a hanging curveball to

right field, plating Kemp for the game winning pitch.

"I didn't think he was going to come at me because we had a base open," Jagers said. "I was looking for a curve ball, and I was right on it." ♦

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Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball News & Notes

New Mexico State Aggies

New Mexico State defeated Denver 86-76 to clinch a tie for first in the West Division of the Sun Belt Conference.

The Aggies had three players in double figures. Princess Moore led the way for the Aggies for the first time since Dec. 18 versus Nevada Reno. Moore had 23 points, which was the most she scored in a conference game all season. Sinnamonn Garrett had 17, and Mari Sanchez had 16.

The Aggies out-rebounded the Pioneers by 10. New Mexico State would then traveled to Denton, Texas for their last conference game of the season. New Mexico State fell to North Texas 87-67. Sinnamonn Garrett scored a conference high 30 points, falling one point short of her career and season high 31 points. Despite the loss, the Aggies won the tiebreaker between the Aggies and South Alabama. The Aggies came out as the No. 1 seed in the west division of the Sun Belt Conference.

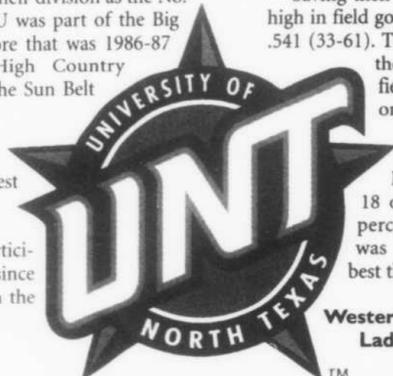
The last time the Aggies won their division as the No. 1 seed was 1994-95 when NMSU was part of the Big West Conference. The time before that was 1986-87 when NMSU was in the High Country Conference. The Aggies joined the Sun Belt Conference in 2000.

This season the Aggies posted their best conference record and won the No. 1 seed in the west for the first time ever since joining the Sun Belt.

New Mexico State has not participated in a NCAA tournament since 1987 and has not participated in the NIT since 1993-94.

North Texas Lady Eagles

Freshman forward Jamie Armstrong led the Lady Eagles to their 87-67 upset of West Division, leading New Mexico State on Saturday with a career-high 19 points. She connected on eight of 11 field goals and was a perfect three-for-three at the free-throw line. In addition to leading four North Texas players



2003 Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball Records

East Division

Sun Belt Team	Sun Belt Team		Pct.	Stk.	All Games		Pct.	Stk.	LS
	W	L			W	L			
*(1) Western Kentucky	12	2	.857	W9	19	8	.704	W11	5-0
(2) Middle Tennessee	9	5	.643	L1	16	11	.593	L1	4-1
(3) Florida International	9	5	.643	W2	18	9	.667	W2	3-2
(4) Arkansas State	5	9	.357	L2	10	17	.370	L2	1-4
(5) Arkansas-Little Rock	0	14	.000	L15	5	22	.185	L5	0-5

West Division

Sun Belt Games	Sun Belt Games		Pct.	Stk.	All Games		Pct.	Stk.	LS
	W	L			W	L			
*(1) New Mexico State	10	5	.667	L1	16	11	.593	L1	4-1
*(2) South Alabama	10	5	.667	W2	18	9	.667	W2	4-1
(3) New Orleans	9	6	.600	L1	12	15	.444	L1	2-3
(4) North Texas	6	9	.400	W1	11	15	.423	W1	3-2
(5) Denver	6	9	.400	L7	12	17	.414	L7	0-5
(6) Louisiana-Lafayette	4	11	.267	W3	8	18	.308	W3	3-2

* = Division Champion/Co-champions + = Tournament Champion
() = tournament seed \$ = NCAA participant ^ = WNIT participant

in double figures, she also led the team with a career-high nine rebounds.

Fellow freshman guard Erika Bob also enjoyed a career night against the Aggies, scoring a career-best 17 points on six-of-nine shooting. She also hit two of the Lady Eagles' three three-pointers in the game.

Saving their best for last, the Lady Eagles reached a season high in field goal percentage against New Mexico State, hitting .541 (33-61). The team's 87 points were the second-highest of the season, and the 33 made field goals were also second most for the year.

At the free throw line, the Lady Eagles hit 18 of 22, for .818 percentage that was also second best this season.

Western Kentucky Lady Toppers

Western Kentucky extended its winning streak to 11 games with wins over Chicago State and MT last week. It is the longest winning streak by a Lady Topper team since the 1994-95 club won 15 straight.

Senior guard Kristina Covington became the 26th Lady Topper to score 1,000 points in her career when she drained a three pointer late in WKU's 76-67 win over Chicago State Monday night. Covington enters the Sun Belt Tournament with 1,020 points, just 25 points shy of passing Jaime Walz for 25th on WKU's career scoring list.

WKU avenged one of its two conference losses with an 84-73 win over Middle Tennessee Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Toppers could have an opportunity for revenge against South Alabama as well because seeing how the two clubs could meet in the tournament semifinals.

Western finished the regular season with a perfect 7-0 at home in conference play. It also enters the Sun Belt Tournament 12-2 overall in Diddle Arena this season.

The Lady Toppers finished a perfect 7-0 in February. It was the first time that WKU has gone a complete month undefeated (not including November or March) since finishing 5-0 in December of 1994 during a 15-game winning streak to start the year.

Western has now won 21 of the last 23 times they have played on Senior Night. Since the 1980-81 season, the only two times WKU did not win its final home game of the regular season were in 1991 and 2001. ♦



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Women's issues still worth fighting for

Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

Sitting in one of my Women's Studies classes the other day, I was taken aback by a neighboring conversation I was forced to listen to, thanks to my proximity to the two women talking.

"I am so sick of hearing about women's issues," one woman said. "I can do anything I want; why are we still concerned with women's issues?"

Her sentiments are shared by many men and women who are convinced that feminism has achieved all it could – women's suffrage, reproductive rights, and work and educational equity for women.

But what this limited point of view fails to recognize is that "women's issues" are not these

weird, obscure requests by women to make them feel equal with or superior to men.

Instead, "women's issues" are, essentially, questions of civil and human rights. The only reason our society is still struggling with these issues is that – surprise, surprise – they haven't yet been fully resolved.

The recognition that women should be treated as equal American citizens and, more importantly, as human beings with inherent rights, was not won without struggle. Many women and some men of the past embraced "women's issues" as a powerful platform for reform when they tired of women's second-class (or non-existent) citizenship. Their struggle is easily likened to last century's fight for civil rights for Americans of color.

"Women's issues" incorporate more than petty concerns about who opens the car door for whom.

What many anti-feminists may not realize is that many "women's issues" concern not just women, but those of all genders, colors and

creeds, as well as those who are straight, gay, bi, transgendered or unspecified.

Feminists are fighting to empower women, who have traditionally been disempowered by society's inconsistent view of them. Feminists are also struggling against rigid gender boundaries that restrict men and confine them to specific roles within society.

Feminists are attempting to free women economically, by cultivating respect for the stay-at-home mom while demanding pay equity for women in the workplace. By their actions, feminists are making it more acceptable for fathers to stay at home and raise children while the mother works – an option men may have desired in the past but not had the social approval or economic stability to do so.

Feminists are struggling to dismantle sexual stereotypes and double standards, thus allowing women a full range of sexual experiences – not just a virgin/slut dichotomy that can only sexually stunt participants.

Thanks to feminists' redefining and expanding sexual roles and rules, men won't be confined to the traditional role of sexual carnivore, thus allowing them a full range of emotional experience, which has been traditionally taboo among many heterosexual men (except, of course, until marriage, supposedly).

One particularly important civil rights component of the feminist platform is gay rights. Feminists, seeing the struggles women have weathered over the years, take issue with a society that refuses to recognize the rights of a group of citizens. Gay marriage still isn't legal in most states, and there are layers of laws that restrict gay partners from doing as they please – from visiting their partner in the hospital as "immediate family" to performing sexual acts in the privacy of their own homes.

My classmate was right – she can do anything she wants. But she fails to recognize the supplemental problems doing "anything" might cause a woman in modern-day America.

Until a woman can run for presi-

dent (or, sadly, even the U.S. Senate) and actually have an equal chance of winning, "women's issues" have not yet been resolved.

Until a woman can feel fulfilled and be free sexually without being called a slut, "women's issues" have not yet been resolved.

Until a woman securely has agency over her own body and its functions, "women's issues" have not yet been resolved.

Until homosexual and bisexual couples and individuals can feel the social and sexual acceptance and freedom enjoyed by heterosexuals, then "women's issues" have not yet been resolved.

"Women's issues" have a long way to go. They have a rich history, and an uncertain future. There is one thing you can count on, however.

Feminists, whether you embrace them or scoff at them, will be fighting for quite some time for equality and civil rights – including yours. ♦

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Equal Rights Amendment serves to protect women's rights

Finding Trouble



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Women don't deserve equal rights.

At least, that's how Phyllis Schlafly feels.

For her, women's rights are secondary to morality. As if the two are incompatible.

The Equal Rights Amendment goes to Congress every year, and has since 1923. The only time the ERA had a chance nationally, however, Schlafly personally led the charge against it.

She does the same in states where ERA's come in front of the state legislatures.

Illinois is one of those states this year. Schlafly issued a letter Feb. 11 to Illinois residents giving her reasons for opposing the ERA, and urging Illinois residents to do the same.

Mostly her reasons concern issues in heavy debate, like abortion and gay rights.

So, how do these relate to women's rights?

Well, most ERAs read something like the text of the 1972 national ver-

sion: "Equal rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

As in Connecticut, this wording has the potential to make Medicaid pay for abortions.

After all, only women get pregnant, so to deny funding is discrimination, right?

Abortion is a touchy issue, so it's best to avoid it entirely. We can do that by dealing with the law instead.

If abortion is legal, then yes, Connecticut's court decision is correct. However, the problem is not with the ERA, it is with *Roe v. Wade*.

As long as the nation's laws consider abortion a right, then the ERA's facilitating it is not legally problematic.

If abortion were illegal, the ERA could not have any effect on it.

Target abortion laws directly, if you are so inclined. Leave the ERA out of it.

No, this is not an argument either for or against abortion – it's an argument for the ERA.

Abortion in this case is a red herring. However, abortion isn't the only problem Schlafly has against the ERA. She also condemns it for sanctioning gay rights and gay marriage. Notice the wording: "on account of sex."

Here, Schlafly is correct. Under

the ERA, men can marry men and women can marry women.

So what?

Marriage laws confer certain personal rights on a married couple. These rights in no way impinge on anyone else's, but they do validate under law love's bond between two people. They also help strengthen that bond.

Gay people are just that – people. Get to know a few, and you will find they are not evil and immoral. In fact, some of the most decent human beings you will meet are gay.

Standing against validation of their love, just because you don't like the way they have sex, is empty moralizing based on an outdated, exclusionary way of thinking.

It is also vain (a deadly sin).

If you believe in God, as nearly every single anti-gay activist does, then let Him sort it out.

You are no more His agent than the gays you might condemn – to believe otherwise goes against your own faith.

Since opposing gays is another failed reason to oppose the ERA, we'll move on.

Schlafly's next problem concerns the draft. Under the ERA, women would have an obligation to sign up for the draft.

Yes, they would have to go to war too.

Unfortunately, Schlafly doesn't argue against women in combat – she simply states its possibility as if that's argument enough.

It's not.

Why shouldn't women fight alongside men? In this case, the ERA will actually take away women's right to exemption, but this is a good thing.

On the short term, the possibility of women dying on the front will more fully engage the population in decision about war. Perhaps then we will consider other options more closely.

On the long term, two benefits arise. The idea of a female president would become more palatable to more people, and men would lose their last bastion of superiority over women.

It sounds more good than bad; too bad Schlafly didn't argue her side. The last thing Schlafly deals with in her letter to Illinois is the ERA's effect on sports.

She calls it Title IX's mischief.

One question, why are men's sports so sacrosanct? Women have something to offer sports, and to say men's sports are more important is clearly sexist. Of course, nobody really says that, do they?

Yes, some do. And they say it with money. This is the reason so-called "radical feminists" go after pro-

grams that more equally fund men's sports. Too bad if this ends up denying men a few sports opportunities – that's the way it's been for women all along.

Schlafly's concern is with the money. If there were money enough to fund both men's and women's sports, this would be a non-issue. It is not the ERA's fault people don't put an emphasis on funding athletics when profit isn't involved. Again, leave the ERA out of it.

Sure, the ERA will shake things up, but so did the civil rights act. All laws take sorting out when the consequences become real. As always, we will need to fight negative effects, and look for and strengthen positive ones. Same as any other law.

The most important effect a national ERA would have on law is it would force consistency concerning women inside the legal system.

The positive potential for change under the ERA is too great to ignore.

Women deserve the protection this amendment would give. They deserve equal rights.

No matter what Schlafly's poorly thought out, sentimentalist opinions are.

Tell your representative what you think. ♦

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From the stage to the classroom

Philosophy professor moves from stage to MTSU classroom

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

Mary Magada-Ward has always loved to perform.

Her childhood aspiration of becoming a great ballet dancer took her to Chicago during two summers in high school and to New York City after she graduated.

Today Mary still performs, albeit her setting is the classroom rather than the theatre stage.

Mary, a philosophy professor at MTSU, says that her love for performance is what drew her to the teaching profession once she decided to leave New York City and ballet behind.

Her first teaching experience, an introductory course as a graduate assistant at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, convinced her that teaching philosophy is what she wanted to do.

"I loved it, and I think I loved it for maybe not-so-good reasons," she laughs. "Because, in a lot of ways, teaching is like performing."

Mary Magada discovered ballet at age seven while growing up in Bowling Green in northwest Ohio. Her dad, who died of lung cancer when she was 10, was an artist and an art professor at Bowling Green State University in the same town. Her mom, also an educator, taught in a 'cluster college' system at BGSU. Mary describes it as a "'70s experience" — participating freshmen lived and took humanities classes in the same building.

After graduating from high school, Mary took off to New York City to refine her ballet skills in the hopes of one day joining a professional company. However, she found that, as many dancers do, that "it isn't enough."

"It turned out I didn't really love

ballet," she says. "I like the idea of being dedicated to something difficult, but not necessarily ballet."

With that, Mary went home to Bowling Green after a year in the Big Apple and went to BGSU to be, "believe it or not, a Skinnerian behaviorist, a psychologist," she says.

A visiting professor's class in epistemology piqued her interest in philosophy. The professor, Ken Sayre, told her, "Don't do psychology, do philosophy of psychology. You can read all the interesting stuff and you won't have to do the boring stuff," she recalls.

"You can't help but philosophize," she adds. "It is the most self-affecting discipline. It is the place where you question all assumptions."

"Especially with philosophy, you realize it keeps you from being alienated. There are all these things that

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Philosophy professor Mary Magada-Ward once danced along stages but later decided to pursue a degree in philosophy. Her academic pursuits led her to a teaching position at MTSU.

Local sci-fi novelist works against gender barriers

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Most contemporary writers would be lost without their computers, but Andre Norton is not of that company.

The computer, which she calls "the damn thing," isn't used for writing.

"In fact, I am allergic to technology," she said.

Stacks of hand-written notes she made in her library accompany the typewriter on her desk, and nearby a cat lounges in the Murfreesboro afternoon sun.

In many ways, Norton considers herself behind the times, but perhaps that is what makes her fan base so loyal over the years.

"I'm like the dinosaur in writing," Norton said, "on the way to the tar pit."

Norton, known as the "Lady" to her fans, has quite a few notches on her writing belt, as the author of 130 science fiction and fantasy novels. As



Norton

one of the early science fiction writers in the 1950s, Norton started long before the genre gained the respect and the readership it has now.

"In those days, no major publish-

ing company would publish science fiction," Norton said.

Norton shrugged off her words with the patience of a parent, accepting the burdens that came with it.

That burden was being restricted to juvenile literature to be published because the only other format for science fiction was the pulp magazines. This beginning later proved to be a hurdle, as Norton had to bridge the gap from adolescent to adult to be considered a serious writer.

"A person who wrote juvenile seldom, if ever, wrote adult," Norton said, but admitted that children's writers today have an easier time being accepted by adults.

"Look at all the adults that are reading *Harry Potter*," Norton said with a chuckle that included no bitterness.

But one of the biggest hurdles for Norton to overcome was the fact that she was a female in a largely male-dominated field.

Born Alice Mary Norton in 1912,

she changed her name to Andre Norton in 1934 to better suit her career as a writer of historical and adventure novels, which were marketed mainly towards boys.

"I had to. In those days, women didn't write those kinds of stories," Norton said, simply stating a fact that she accepted without question.

The name change appeased her publisher because that same year she published her first novel, *The Prince Commands*, at the age of 21. The story is about a young American boy who discovers that he is the prince of an obscure kingdom in the midst of political turmoil.

Norton's publishers held the popular belief that boys wouldn't read books written by women. Along the same lines, Norton's early protagonists were often male.

Although female writers now would protest, Norton never had a problem utilizing or being restricted to the male perspective in her novels.

"It seemed perfectly normal to

me to write it from a masculine view," she said.

Norton attributes this attitude to her selection of reading as a young child. She grew up on early science fiction pioneers like Edgar Rice Burroughs, Talbot Mundy, H. G. Wells and A. Merritt. These authors wrote a mix of historical adventure stories and fantasy, and commonly featured male protagonists.

"I didn't even know those kinds of books even existed. Oh, boy, I was walking on air!" she said, recalling memories of reading these books at her sister's home in Canada.

Norton's fondness for literature grew from a supportive and well-read family who took regular Friday night trips to the library.

"Our interests and imaginations were fed by books," she said.

Moreover, her mother especially fostered Norton's interest in writing and encouraged her creativity.

"Since I was two, she used to

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Innovative women on campus

Women continue to make large impact

By Wendy Caldwell
Staff Writer

Karen Hargrove

Karen Hargrove, outreach coordinator for MTSU's Center for Environmental Education, is a woman of many accomplishments.

Throughout her life, she has done just about everything. At one point, she was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of her five children. It was during this time that she developed a hobby that others could enjoy.

"I had a business. I sold antique jointed teddy bears," Hargrove says. Hargrove once sold one of the bears to an auction. She also sold custom-made bears.

Hargrove also spent time as a Cub Scout leader, taught craft classes and was a classroom teacher in Knoxville, Tenn.

"I found that I really like teaching adults," Hargrove says. "I fell in love with non-formal education."

Hargrove then went back to school for her master's degree and her Ed.S.

"I thought it would be harder to go back to school with a large family. In fact, it was easier," Hargrove explains. "I had so much support."

She also states that since she was already married with children, she didn't have to worry about trying to balance a social life.

Hargrove is currently working on a project called WaterWorks! "It's a program to promote water quality in the state of Tennessee," she explains.

Hargrove urges students to prepare for the future because what they're studying now may not be what they're doing later. "Be sure to finish your education," Hargrove says. She also adds, "Be a lifelong learner."

Virginia Donnell

Virginia Donnell, professor of speech and theatre, claims, "I'm not traditional at all."

In fact, Donnell claims that her classes are always different, and sometimes she changes the syllabus every semester. "I just don't like status quo," she says.

She teaches classes ranging from costume design to special effects and is currently working on a doctorate in educational administration from Tennessee State University.

"One of the things I want to do is to get into the big picture so I can



Karen Hargrove discusses a recent project she participated in with a mission to save various species of fruit bats, such as the Giant Malayan Flying Fox found in Gainesville, Fla.

help serve the students," Donnell says. Donnell always keeps the students in mind. Earlier this semester, she helped get computers in the dining halls on campus.

Donnell says she always brings everything she learns back to her students.

"I spend a lot of time making connections with other disciplines, people in other disciplines," she says.

Though it is rare, those connections sometimes bring her in contact with her husband, Chris Haseleu, chair of the recording industry. The two worked together to bring an entertainment technology minor to MTSU.

"We wanted to get our students together," Donnell explains.

Donnell places a strong emphasis on learning and urges students to learn as much computer technology (a hobby of hers) as possible. She also recommends that students prioritize.

"Always set your goals, and be sure you know the steps to get there," Donnell says.

Donnell adds that she's constantly setting goals for herself. "I can't imagine ever being finished. I'm a work in progress."

Soraya Nogueira

Soraya Nogueira, assistant pro-

fessor of Portuguese and Spanish, came to the United States to get her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She is originally from southeastern Brazil.

Nogueira, who speaks Portuguese, Spanish and English, says that the best way to teach a foreign language is with the communicative approach. She encourages her students to speak the language as much as they can.

"The students are the center of my class," Nogueira states. Her classes include language classes as well as literature classes. She also teaches cultural classes as part of the study abroad program.

"This year, I am the director of the study abroad program in Brazil," Nogueira says.

Last year, students spent five weeks in various parts of Brazil. They learned a variety of things, from Brazilian history to Brazilian popular culture.

In addition to the study abroad program, Nogueira is also organizing an international poetry reading. A booklet is published annually with poems from around the world, both in English and in the native tongue of the poet. Each year, the poems are read during a poetry event in March as a celebration of National

Women's History Month. A reception follows.

Nogueira is married and has a teenage son.

"I think it would be very hard for me to be anything but a professor, because family comes first," Nogueira says of her career.

She has published in Spanish and Portuguese and plans to someday publish in English as well.

Nogueira urges people to have faith in others again and to "just be human with each other."

"Every person that we see out there will have a story behind them," Nogueira says.

Meredith Richardson

Meredith Richardson, a sophomore majoring in political science and minoring in secondary education, is far from ordinary.

Richardson has participated in fencing for a while, and she used to compete.

"I've done top 32 in three or four national tournaments," she says.

Richardson is also a member of Alpha Theta Omega, a Christian sorority founded at MTSU May 11, 2002. She was a member of the first pledge class. Several colleges are now interested in starting chapters of Alpha Theta Omega.

Richardson has also been to 14 different countries. During her junior year of high school, she was an exchange student in Austria for one year. She arrived in Austria not knowing anyone, any German or who she was going to be living with. However, she learned quickly, and admits she sometimes finds herself reliving that year.

"I'll think in German. I'll dream in German," she says.

"You learn a lot about other people and other cultures, but you learn more about yourself," Richardson says. "It'll change your perspective."

This summer she plans to study abroad in the Semester at Sea program. From June 17 through Aug. 19, she will be on a ship, stopping at ports such as Alaska, Russia and Vietnam. She will be taking nine credit hours while at sea.

Richardson suggests that women not be afraid to "no" for an answer and not to believe in gender role stereotypes. "We can be the doctors and the moms at the same time," she adds.

Oceana Glantz

Oceana Glantz, a junior majoring in business and minoring in women's studies, is a busy woman.

"I'm in the beginning of starting a business," Glantz explains. Glantz has been doing massage therapy for several years but began doing it full time just six months ago.

Glantz is a part-time student at MTSU. When she's not in class or at work, she's usually with her two children. "I'm still trying to do the full-time mommy thing," she says. "It's good that they see me spending time with them."

Glantz is a single mother. "It makes starting a business exponentially harder," she says.

Glantz, 26, began school a while ago. She then stopped in order to get her massage license. After having Eva, 3 1/2 years old, and Zoe, 2 1/2 years old, she came back to get her degree.

"It's a challenge, but it is so worth it," Glantz says.

Glantz hopes to finish her degree and make massage therapy her career.

In the meantime, she tries to serve as a positive role model for Eva and Zoe. She also believes in staying true to herself.

"Be the person you want to be. Don't let 'shoulds' take over your life," Glantz says. ♦



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Female involvement in science studies continues to increase

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

In 1979, there were only three females teaching biology at MTSU. Now, of the 40 faculty teaching biology, 12 are female, seven of which are full-time professors.

But the percentage of women on the faculty isn't the only thing growing in the science department. Female students are sowing their seeds, too.

Ethel Cobbett earned her undergraduate degree in biology at MTSU in May 2000. She is now a master's candidate in biology, working toward graduating in May. As if that weren't enough, this fall she plans to attend medical school at the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

"I am specifically interested in human physiology and development," Cobbett says. "Humans are true works of art, from elemen-

tal building blocks to kidney symmetry."

Cobbett is the founder of the MTSU chapter of the Student National Medical Association, which was formed in the fall of 2000. SNMA is committed to encouraging minority students to consider and prepare for medical and scientific careers.

She says she felt that MTSU should have a pre-medical organization that met the needs of minority students. SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest organization focused on serving the health needs of under-represented communities, educating people about important health matters and eliminating disparities in health care delivery. Membership includes pre-medical students, medical students and physicians.

"I'm proud to say that SNMA is in its third year and still going strong. I'm still involved

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Women show great historical relevance

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

Even the smallest changes can make a huge difference, especially in the struggle for civil rights and social justices, because history is made just one step at a time.

Women have often had to strive to revolutionize the attitudes toward civil rights in the quiet, in the darkness and in the small towns and cities of the nation.

Together this weaving web of women petitioned at their city councils and their school boards to integrate, to accept and to understand.

Mary Martin, chair of MTSU's National Women History Month committee, explained how women work on interfaces between home and work, and expectations and reality.

"Women have to live their lives with their feet in two worlds," Martin said.

The importance of Women's History Month is twofold, Martin said.

"The first reason is to be aware of women's role in our collective history. The second reason is to discover the ways that women have not been allowed to play a role."

Many women who are relatively unknown in Tennessee's history have influenced changes beyond the state lines as well.

One of Tennessee's most well known activists is Ida B. Wells Barnett, a black journalist from Memphis whose fearless and scathing writing against lynching awakened the world to the problem.

"Through her publishing, she eventually got herself run out of town because she takes on the lynching establishment," said Melinda Lickiss, an adjunct professor of history at MTSU.

After leaving Memphis, Barnett published two booklets about lynching called *Southern Horrors* and *A Red Record: Tabulated Statistics and Alleged Causes of Lynching in the United States*.

She lectured throughout England, Scotland and Wales and garnered a strong support base that helped to expose America's lynching crisis.

"She really caused a lot of international pressure on the lynching issue," Lickiss said. "That, I think, was one of her most important contributions."

Barnett moved to Chicago in 1893 and continued her work through civic associations, organizing Chicago's first civic club for black women.

Community clubs proved to be one of the most positive tools women like Barnett used to promote social change in small towns and cities.

Mary Church Terrell, born in Memphis

in 1863, worked toward her goals of equal rights for black and the woman suffrage movement through numerous community and national boards and associations.

In 1892, Terrell led the Colored Women's League that later combined with the Federation of Afro-American Women to become the National Association of Colored Women.

Terrell, a highly educated and a gifted orator, was the first president of the NACW and strived to establish kindergartens and day nurseries for black working mothers.

"She goes on to be a major leader in the NAACP and is a charter member," Lickiss said.

She died just two months before the 1954 Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the judgment that ended legal segregation in the United States.

A real radical in the 1800s was a Scottish freethinker named Frances Wright who set up a plantation in western Tennessee.

"This plantation is to educate African Americans to become independent farmers on their own," Lickiss said.

This land, which she dubbed Nashoba, was a type of utopian experiment in emancipation.

"She believed in interracial marriage, free love and birth control – all of those things that were not acceptable at the time," Lickiss said.

More recently in the 1960s, during Nashville's struggle toward segregation, a young black Fisk student named Diane Nash brought the issue to a head with her student sit-in movement.

"In February of 1960 through May of 1960, she confronts Mayor [Ben] West on the city council steps and gets him to finally say in front of the news cameras that he thinks it's morally wrong" to segregate, Lickiss said.

This prompted admission encouraged by Nash's efforts had such an effect on the state's attitude towards segregation that by June of 1960, seven Tennessee cities opened their lunch counters to black patrons.

"She goes on to be one of the major leaders in the leaderless society of SNCC – the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee," Lickiss said.

Barnett, Terrell, Wright and Nash impacted the civil rights movement and women's suffrage through small changes like opening day cares to monumental changes like the integration of lunch counters.

"[Women's History Month] is really important because we have to recognize that every day people made a difference in our society," Lickiss said. ♦

MT women's teams possess rich histories

Female teams encouraged by Title IX

By **Angela Hall**
Staff Writer

Women's athletics, especially at Middle Tennessee, have evolved tremendously just within the past 50 years.

Imagine having a sport you play being taken away because university officials didn't think it was a good situation to drive 30 miles to Nashville to compete.

Well that's where Faye Brandon, a former MT basketball player, found herself after her 1946-47 season. According to Brandon, the university had teams prior to that year, all the way back to the 1920s.

"They would have a team, and then they wouldn't. Then they would have a team, and then they wouldn't," Brandon said. There were many gaps between seasons.

They weren't fighting too much for sports at that time because hardly any other colleges had women's athletic teams.

"The war had a lot to do with it," Brandon said. "It kept any athletics from doing much around 1941-45." The only athletics around at the time were mainly club teams and AAU teams.

Brandon is still an avid attendee of MT athletic events, as well as a proud alumna. During a recent game this season, her old teammate leaned to her in the stands and remarked how nice it would have been to play in an arena like the Murphy Center.

Of course, Brandon and her teammate surely aren't the only ones who feel this way. Many women, even today, at MT and all around the world, have

felt cheated and disrespected when it comes to athletics.

However, the improvement is too great to ignore. Much of this is credited to the Educational Amendment, Title IX, which was enacted in 1972.

This greatly increased the participation and expansion of opportunity for women athletes. The amendment states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Even teams already in existence prior to Title IX were affected by this new amendment. For MT, these were women's basketball, volleyball and tennis.

Assistant Athletic Director Diane Turnham was honored with the privilege of becoming the full-time women's assistant basketball coach in 1982.

Prior to that year, the women had never had a full-time assistant, while the men's team had two.

Due to lack of coaching, Turnham also became the volleyball coach with little expertise in the sport at that time.

"I knew the ball was white, and you hit it over a net," Turnham said, laughing and reminiscing on the memories. She continued through 1994 with an overall record of 98-156.

The first year for a woman to receive a scholarship here at MT wasn't until 1975. Current professor and adviser Sandy Neal was awarded a partial scholarship for tennis her senior year.

It was around that same time that they started putting money into coaching.

The first full-time coach for tennis didn't come along until two years after Neal graduated.

When Neal competed, a separate group besides the NCAA governed the team.

"We were happy if they paid for a fast food meal while we traveled," Neal said. "But once we got in the NCAA we got more equity."

The fact that MT had a female athletic director early on really helped women's athletics at that time.

With that help came the addition of women's track and field and cross-country.

Golf was added to the list just recently.

The first Lady Raider in history to win a golf tournament was Tamara Munsch in 2002 at the Chris Banister Classic. This is only their second year to debut in the NCAA.

Two sports that debuted as a result of Title IX were softball and soccer, which were established in 1993 and 1996, respectively.

The softball team will be celebrating 10 Years on the diamond this year.

Their first year began as a result of a strong club team on campus. The first 15-player team played at Samsonite Field while a playing field was being built here on campus. It opened for play the second year.

Karen Green, who started the softball program at Belmont University in 1992, became the first softball coach here at MT.

"I like to be the first because you can start off the way you want the program to be started off," Green said.

"You can get your players from scratch. I'd much rather start a program off then come in after someone's been there for a while."

Green started off with just two or three scholarships her first five years. She fought for more and was allowed 11 or more when she left in 2001 with a record of 276-217.

The women's soccer team just recently finished its third season in the Sun Belt Conference.

Their first two years were spent in an Independent League but moved into the Ohio Valley Conference during the 1998-99 seasons.

This brought MT to a total of eight women's sports, which equally matched the men's.

Although people still fight today for more equity, the improvement of women's athletics at MT is vast and makes up a great portion of the university's history. ♦

Blue Raider Dance Team energizes spirited MT supporters



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The MTSU dance team spends hours developing and perfecting their routines, which they perform multiple times.

By Brandon Morrison
Sports Editor

Imagine walking into a room full of giggling women. Some are in the corner on a mat, laughing about last night's fiasco during dinner. On the other end, others are unrolling a mat, preparing for a workout of tumbles, twirls and twists.

Each group around the room functions on its own, and yet they all work toward their common goal: giving the audience a good time while having fun performing.

Welcome to dance team practice. "Everybody out there has a passion for dance and they love it with every fiber of their body," said head dance coach Latonya Vaughn. "Because if they didn't, I don't think they could do it."

The Blue Raider Dance Team is composed of 16 dancers who perform at every home football and basketball game. In addition, the team acts as a spirit catalyst during pep rallies and various away games. During their season, the dancers spend countless hours designing and preparing for their shows.

"We try to do as much new choreography as we can," Vaughn said, "so the audience isn't seeing the same things over and over again. I do some of the choreography, and some of the team members do some choreography."

Every week, the team comes up with something new to show the

"Everybody out there has a passion for dance and they love it with every fiber of their body. Because if they didn't, I don't think they could do it."

—Latonya Vaughn,
Dance coach

audience. Routines are done to either band performances or more contemporary music.

This season is Vaughn's first season as head coach. Before coaching, Vaughn was one of the captains of the team. When former coach Jamie Johnson decided to move to Chicago, Vaughn was asked to take her place. Over the past five years, the team has had four different coaches leading the squad.

Dance member Cindy McElroy was on the squad when Vaughn first took over the coaching job.

"At the beginning, I thought it would be a little bit risky, but I was happy because I didn't feel that anyone else met the qualifications," McElroy said.

As time went on, McElroy and the rest of the squad adjusted to the change.

"She knew when it was time to be serious, when it was time to be your friend," McElroy said. "She was fair when she needed to be fair and

lenient when she needed to be lenient."

When Vaughn first started, the team faced financial troubles. Originally part of the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety program, the team tried to move out and gain recognition.

"They had to pay for their own uniforms," Vaughn said. "They performed at games, but it was on the sidelines."

Eventually, the team broke out of its mediocrity and worked on gaining recognition. The team has participated in the Collegiate National Dance Tournament for the past two years.

"Last year when we went to nationals, everybody was like, 'Who is Middle Tennessee?' This year, everyone knew who we were," dance team member Tia Smith said.

With the last of their performances this season behind them, the

See Dance Team, 10

MT volleyball team competes against Tennessee budget constraints

By Brandon Morrison
Sports Editor

Volleyball is a game of numbers. One can rate a team by the number of kills, attacks and aces it has. Wins over big teams and losses to smaller programs all contribute to the overall state of a team.

However, there is one statistic that can make or break a team's performance: its budget.

"The ones that put their financial resources into the program, those are the ones that win," MT volleyball coach Lisa Kissee said.

The team has faced financial problems in the past. According to Kissee, a team can't be successful unless it can draw in new players with incentives such as scholarships.

Jim Luna, head volleyball coach from 1988-1991, spent much of his coaching career trying to gather money for the fledgling program.

"We had money for about six in-state scholarships," Luna said. "The money that they gave me wouldn't cover a [full] scholarship."

According to Luna, the team couldn't give anyone a full scholarship because that meant they "spent a whole bunch of [their] money right there just like that."

Kissee's theory seems prevalent in Luna's career. With a 29-100 record, Luna holds the record for the lowest winning percentage for a volleyball coach in MT history.

Luna had many quality players. Priscilla Robinson played for Luna and holds many MT records, including most career solo blocks, highest percentage of serving aces per game during a season and third-most kills per game over a season.

However, Luna's struggle to bring the team to a competitive level affects the team today.

"I've always been somewhere

where someone had to pave the way," Kissee said. "It's either someone before me, and they continued with me, or started before me."

For the past seven years, Kissee has tried to push the quality of the team to a new level.

"My philosophy has always been with every team I have ever coached, is if you play the best, then you will be the best," Kissee said. "I never cared how many wins or losses I had, because if I develop these kids into the best that they could possibly be by the end of the season, then I did my job."

Today, the volleyball team continues to improve. Last season, the team picked up a 17-15 record, their first winning record since the team won the Ohio Valley Conference championship in 1995. The team picked up key wins against Auburn and Sun Belt Conference foes Arkansas State and North Texas. ♦



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Volleyball coach Lisa Kissee teaches her players about serving techniques during last Friday's practice.

Women's Center has history of activism

By **Lindsey Turner**
Editor in Chief

The June Anderson Women's Center has a history that stretches back to 1977, when educators around the nation were beginning to realize the importance of women in a university setting.

Originally called "Women in Service to Education," the center was staffed by faculty and staff volunteers in a small room in Jones Hall, which now houses mostly psychology professors' offices. According to the JAWC Web site, female faculty provided furniture, made curtains and donated books to the center.

Named for June Anderson, a chemistry professor and one of the founders of women's programs at MTSU, the center is now located in the James Union Building.

Interim Director Carol Ann Baily, who was approached to take the helm this semester upon the previous director's retirement, said that, though the center is searching for a new permanent director, they are tackling new programs and ideas in the meantime.

Baily said the center is putting together a task force of women who were either pregnant or caring for their new children while going to college so that the center can discern what sort of programs it could offer to prepare new mothers trying to juggle their pregnancy or new baby and school.

"This is just another service we've just realized, 'No one really does anything for these women,'" Baily said.

Another service that has proven to be a staple of the center's offer-

ings is its monthly legal clinic. Attorneys are brought to campus to offer free consultations concerning a number of legal issues, such as domestic violence. The legal clinic is open to any MTSU student, faculty or staff member, provided he or she makes an appointment ahead of time.

The center also sponsors and co-sponsors a number of activities throughout the year. This past weekend, the JAWC was heavily involved in the Women and Power Conference, held every other year on MTSU's campus. According to the center's Web site, the JAWC is involved with Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, as well as other workshops and events that promote awareness and understanding of issues related to young women, women of color and other factions of the female population.

The center also sponsors awareness activities each year during one week in April - Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The Clothesline Project and the Take Back the Night rally and march are two major events each April that the JAWC organizes. The Clothesline Project is an outlet for those who have been sexually or emotionally abused to express their experiences on T-shirts, which are strung across the Keathley University Center Knoll for passersby to observe. The TBTN march and rally allow community members concerned with women's safety at night to come together and take back the streets of Murfreesboro and campus for a night.

In addition, the center, in 2001, set up a hotline for victims of sexual



Photo by Danny Grigsby | Staff Photographer

The June Anderson Women's Center is composed of a diverse group of student volunteers and staff. The center offers a variety of services for students and sponsors many campus activities.

assault - 898-5238. This is an automated phone line where the caller can choose options for information about the Rape Crisis Center, Middle Tennessee Medical Center's Emergency Room, Guidance Services at MTSU, Rutherford Crisis Team, MTSU Health Services, MTSU Judicial Affairs and various religious organizations.

Though Baily is the interim director, she has high hopes for the

future of the center, which will probably receive a new permanent director sometime this summer.

"We're working on some new programs that just came to light in the past couple of months," she said.

Juggling her term as interim director along with her full-time job as director of the Adult Services Center, Baily said she relies heavily on the experienced staff of the JAWC to keep things running

smoothly.

"Fortunately," Baily said, "the staff ... has been there for a while. They know what they're doing."

The center is always looking for volunteers for their various activities throughout the year.

For more information about the JAWC, visit their Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~jawc or contact them at 898-2193. ♦

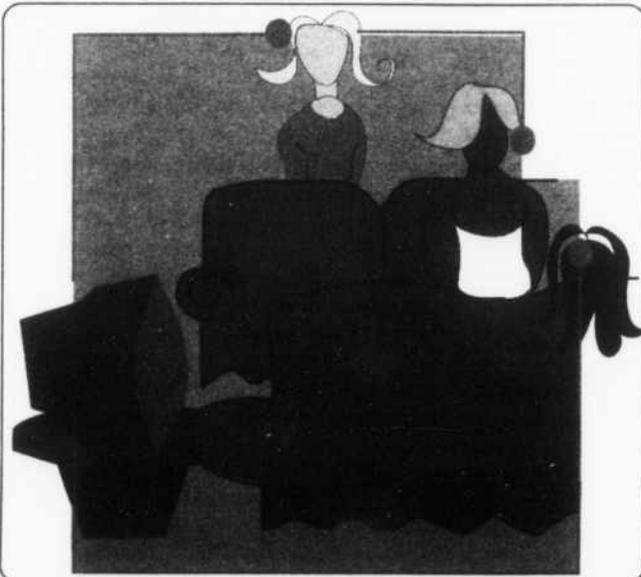


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Local women play vital role in church leadership

Churches strive to encourage female members

By Stephanie Hughes
Features Editor

For centuries there has been much dispute on the role that women should play in the church and how much authority they should be given.

The beliefs and doctrines of today's churches are shaped and dependent upon various denominational views. And those views can clash at times.

Most modern-day churches encourage women to develop their gifts, whether it be in leadership, teaching or in other spiritual gifts, however controversy and debate arise over biblical interpretation of how women are to use these gifts and how the gifts manifest themselves.

"A lot of controversy about women in leadership roles can be cleared up by going back into Bible history," says Charles Nored, campus minister for Baptist Colligate Ministry at MTSU.

According to Nored, the first Baptist church, which was started in England in approximately 1609, appointed women deacons and pastors.

The United Methodist News Service reported that, in 1910, the U.S. Census identified 685 women as clergywomen. In 1950, the number rose to 6,824. Today, there are more than 4,500 ordained clergywomen. Of those, "75 to 80 are senior pastors or lead a congregation that has 350 or more in worship regularly."

Recent statistics also show that 5 percent of all protestant senior pastors in the United States are women.

While the idea of a woman teaching Sunday school or leading a Bible study is not a new concept, more and more churches are embracing the idea of women as teachers over women and men, or in a pastoral role.

And a few great women in the Bible led the way.

"In Romans 16:1, Paul commends Phebe as a servant of the church," Nored says. "The Greek word for servant here is deaconess. And, in Romans 16:7, Paul greets

Junias, who many New Testament scholars say is a woman ... a female of great leadership stature in the early church."

Other women, such as Mary, mother of Jesus, Priscilla, a leader in the New Testament Church, and Anna, a prophetess who is spoken of in Luke, chapter two, were all but timid in their faith and passion for God and His people. Their legacy, along with many other women of the Bible, continues to speak volumes to modern-day church leaders and pastors.

"Some of the best leaders I've had [at BCM] have been females who viewed their ministry as a calling," Nored says. "They knew it was something that God wanted them to do."

Megan McCall, vice president for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at MTSU, has been leading a woman's bible study for four semesters and firmly believes that women have just as much right to be in the pulpit as men do.

"God has called all Christians to be preachers and apostles," she says. "If that wasn't God's will, then so many lives would not be changed."

McCall attends two Assembly of God churches that encourage women in all leadership roles.

There was a time, however, when women were not encouraged to develop any potential leadership gifts. During the 17th and 18th centuries, in Colonial America, there were strict rules that the man was to be the head of his household, church and government. In fact, men were the only ones allowed to hold any governmental or church position. A woman's role was to instruct her daughters in how to manage a household and may have held half of the responsibility for the religious well being of her children. Men and women strictly followed biblical teaching of "the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church." The women were to willingly submit out of reverence.

So, what has changed? The Bible of the 17th and 18th centuries is still the Bible of Christians today. It's the interpretation of various verses that continues to change, even to this day. It's also why there continues to be debate among men and women over how much authority a woman should be allowed to have.

"I think the controversy has a lot to do with society, women's roles in

society and different interpretations of the New Testament," says Kristie Warren, vice president for Pentecostal Campus Ministry at MTSU.

Warren, who believes that God will call people who are willing, regardless of gender, says that her church does not teach for or against women pastors.

"All the pastors I've had have been men," she says. "It wouldn't offend me to have a woman pastor, but I would have to get used to it."

Even though the number of women as pastors, missionaries, deacons and seminary students is on the rise, there is still resistance felt by some. Much of it is taken from various interpretations of 1 Timothy 2:11-12, which reads: "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent."

"When looking at this verse, two questions are raised," Nored says. "Is this a teaching that Paul meant for all churches, for all times, and, are we guilty of picking and choosing the passages we want? We need to be consistent and look at all the verses in the New Testament."

"I think you have to look at the context of the verse," Warren says. "At the time, there were women that were being unruly, and it was better for them to keep silent."

However, embracing the idea of women being in authoritative roles over men or women, or both, may still be hard to swallow for some.

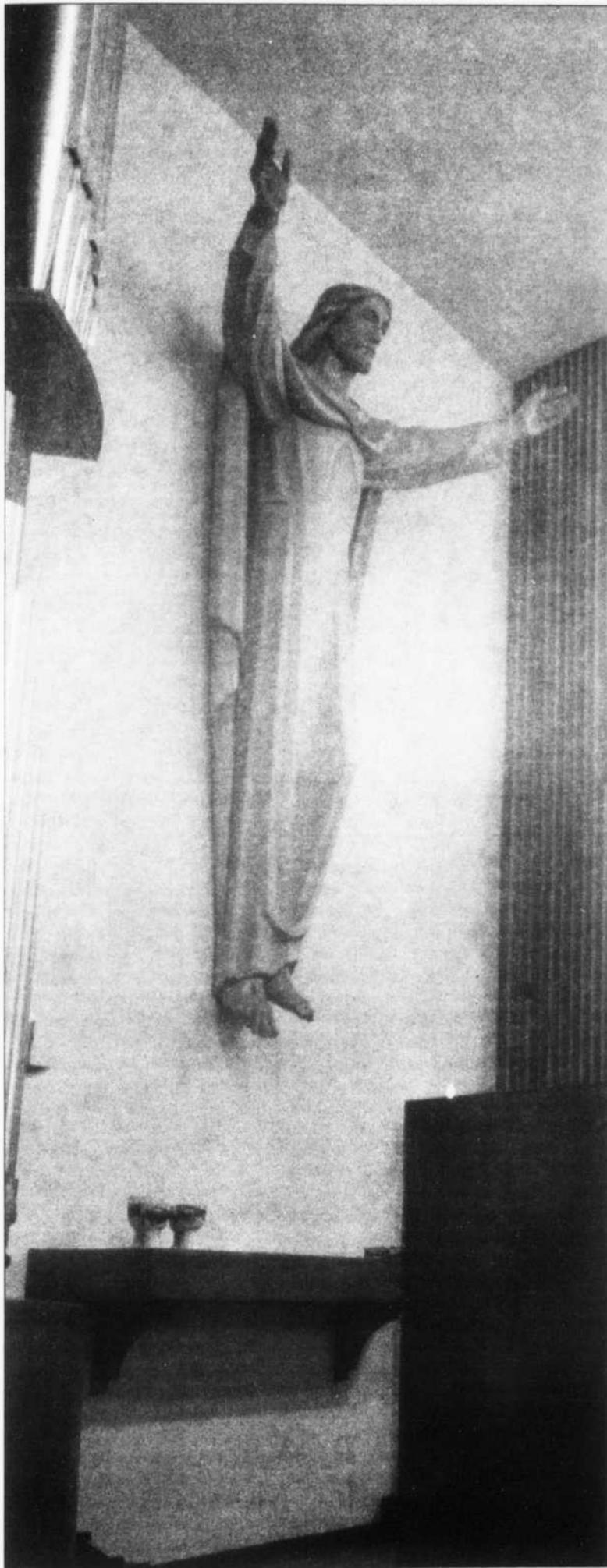
"It will continue to be a point of contention in the future," Nored says.

But, as Paul warns the church in Rome, Christians are also to "accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters."

Regardless of whether one Christian believes that women have just as much right as men to be in leadership positions, and another Christian does not, each one is to respect the views of the other.

Women of all races, all religions and all backgrounds have made major contributions in church history. Some have had opposition, some have been fully embraced and some have spoken a thousand words simply by being in silent submission.

Regardless, women will continue to make history, change lives and impact their society. ♦



File Photo

Despite changing attitudes within many churches, the debate over the role of women in the church rages on.

Magada-Ward: Magada-Ward teaches philosophy and Women's Studies courses

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you've wondered about, the whole tradition has been concerned about, and you can see people who spent their lives thinking about what knowledge was or what beauty was."

While completing her undergraduate degree, she met a young artist named Steven Ward. She warmly recalls the night she was working the drive-thru at Roy Rogers Restaurant and a friend came through on the way to a party. She met Steven at the party that night and says she "fell in love almost instantly" – they married in 1982 and had Jade, now 16, while still in school. A son, Darius, 12, would follow while Mary was working on her doctorate from SIU.

Today Steven teaches occasionally at MTSU as an adjunct art professor and is exploring sculpture at his art studio. He will be teaching the junior seminar in the art department this semester. He was also in a band called Proof of Utah, and Mary proudly adds that the band was reviewed in *Spin* magazine.

After getting her doctorate in 1993, Mary accepted a position with MTSU. She says she was excited about taking the job and being able

to live in an area where she was comfortable and at a university that emphasizes students rather than research.

"For one thing, they offered me the job," Mary laughs. "I wanted to be either in the Midwest or the South. I wanted to be at a teaching institution and I just think the college is terrific."

"I get to teach a very wide variety of classes and I love the students here," Mary adds.

She says she was impressed both by the flexibility a university like MTSU offers professors, adding that BGSU and SIU are institutionally similar in nature to MTSU.

She was also taken by the diversity the school offers within its student body and faculty, something which she says BGSU, a more conservative campus, lacked when she was a student there.

"One of the big surprises to me about MTSU is how active Lambda (MTSU's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual awareness and support organization) is. And then I know we have a way to go, but we have a pretty diverse faculty on this campus and a fairly diverse student body," Mary says.

In addition to teaching introduc-

tory courses (which all philosophy professors teach), she is teaching classes in American thought, aesthetics, philosophy of language and feminist epistemology. She will also be teaching a Women's Studies course next semester.

Ron Bombardi, professor and chair of the philosophy department, says that Mary brings a "hard-headed feminism" to her courses and the department, which he says is lacking in the area of Women's Studies.

He says that her study of Charles Peirce, a pragmatic philosopher who was aware of the importance of science, brings a unique perspective of the American philosophical movement to the table.

"(Peirce is) a very systematic thinker," Mary says. "He recognized very early on the importance of the community."

Also, Ron says, she represents a movement that began in the 1970s that brought more gender, ethnic and class diversity to academic philosophy. Until that time, American philosophical study was dominated by white, male, Ivy League and "tweed jacket" types who took a very analytical view of philosophy.

"The need for diversity in philosophy was pretty evident," he says.

"Feminism is just one of those areas that contributed to [diversity]."

Mary now lives in Murfreesboro and has really taken a liking to the community. Jade attends Oakland High School and Darius goes to Central Middle School.

Jade has an interest in MTSU and is thinking about pursuing a career in law. Mary laughs as she talks about what she deems her daughter's great quote – "Mom, how could you stand to live doing something for which there are no final answers?"

"I told her that the last laugh is on me because philosophy is the best major to get into law school."

Mary says she enjoys the college atmosphere and loves teaching the students.

She worries, however, that one of the main factors that attracted her to MTSU – that it was affordable and available to everyone that wanted to go – will disappear in upcoming tuition hikes.

"It does seem to me that way too many of the students work much more than they should and try to carry a full load," she says, adding that she believes many students work to avoid being saddled with debt when they graduate.

"They don't realize that this is the time in their life where they should take advantage of the education they're being offered, including the extracurricular stuff," she says.

One student who certainly took advantage of it was Debra Jackson, one of Mary's first students. Debra graduated from MTSU and went on to get her Ph.D. from Purdue University and is now a professor at the University of California-Bakersfield.

Jackson returned to campus last fall and gave a lecture on sexual consent.

"It's like watching your kid grow up," Mary says about Debra. "I think of her as like my first philosophical daughter."

Mary says her dedication – first to ballet, then to teaching – lies in being dedicated to something difficult.

"I also think what's really important about teaching is that I had such good teachers myself and I felt like this whole world would be opened up to me," she says.

And, after her first tutu, New York City, a college education and establishment as an educator, Mary performs still. ♦

Dance Team:

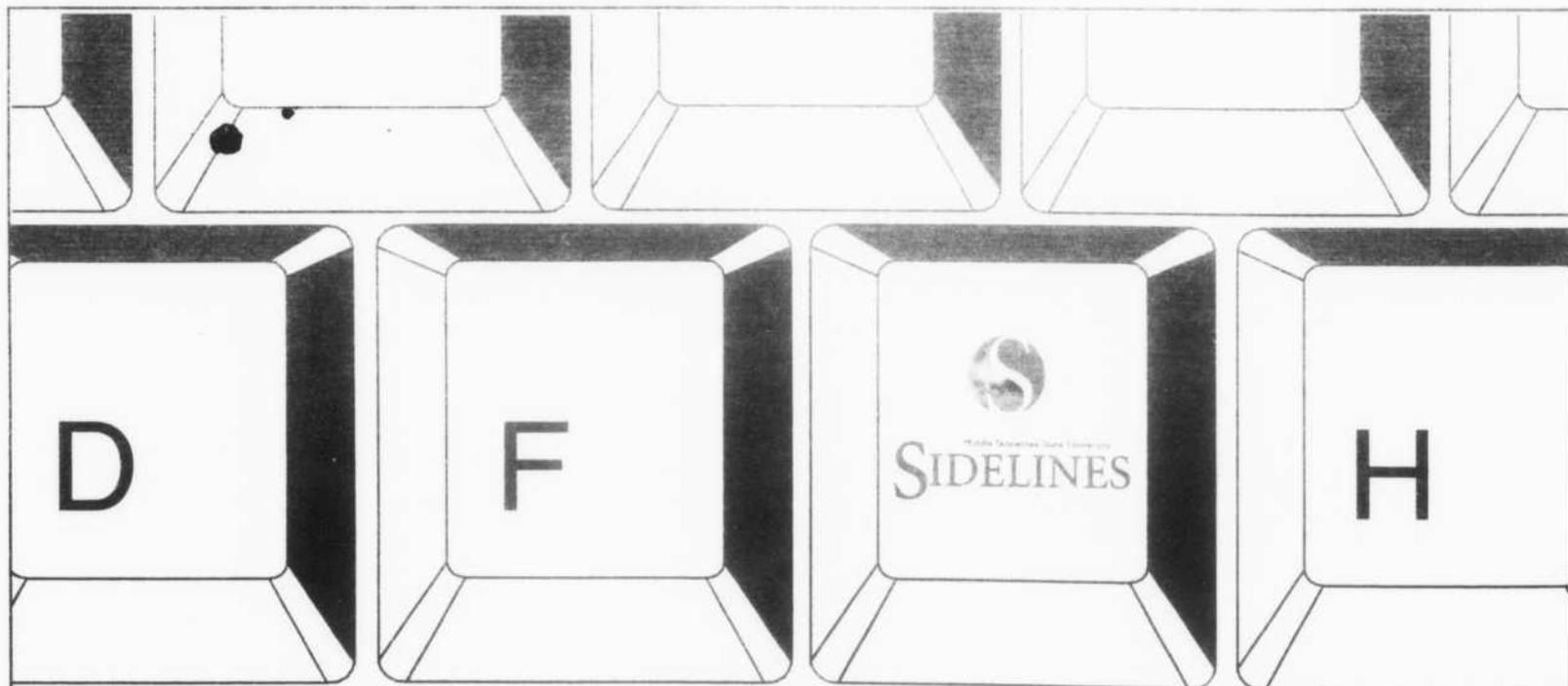
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team looks forward to gaining new recruits. To kick off their recruitment process, the team is holding a dance clinic. "Lightning 101" will cover everything a potential member will need to know before auditioning.

After the clinic, the team will hold tryouts for new members. Unlike previous years, the team will be split into two parts: Blue Lightning and Silver Lightning. Blue Lightning will perform at all home football games, pep rallies, and certain away football games. Silver Lightning will pump up the fans at Blue Raider and Lady Raider basketball games.

Auditions are open to any MT student, including incoming freshmen who can bring proof of enrollment. The team is looking for women who can learn new routines quickly and have a good memory.

The Lightning 101 clinic will be held March 29 from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost for the event is \$10. The location for the clinic will be announced. Tryouts for the team will be held on April 11-13 in the Wright Music Building. ♦



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Norton: 'Witch World' series, with 30 pieces, remains Norton's most notable work

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recite poems to me," she said. "I got the feel for words long before I could understand them."

As a child, Norton would get caught for telling stories about her family to the neighbors. Instead of chastising her for telling a lie, her mother explained the difference between a story and a lie.

"My mother never got angry when I imagined something," Norton said.

Her affection for books led her to a career as a librarian within the Cleveland public library system, working mostly in the children's section. During that time she published her first eight books and two short stories.

"I did some of my best planning riding on the streetcars to work," Norton said.

After resigning in 1951, Norton published her first straight science fiction novel, titled *Star Man's Son 2250 A.D.*, a post-holocaust tale set in a world inhabited by tribes who survived an atomic blast. The repercussions of a nuclear war, a theme she continued to use throughout her career, spoke to the fears of many Americans during the Cold War.

"I found her work heavy going," said Norton's business manager, Rose Wolf, who became a fan of her work in college. "Almost like the first alcoholic beverage after a lifetime of soda pop."

Now at age 90, Norton is best known for her *Witch World* series, which started in 1963 and contains more than 30 novels, short stories and collections all linked together.

"She has a knack for evoking genuinely alien worlds, but keeping the human perspective in them at the same time," Wolf said.

In *Witch World*, Norton introduces her readers to Simon Tregarth, a former colonel in the military, who finds himself in a difficult position on Earth and must escape to another dimension called Witch World. There he becomes deeply involved in a struggle between the matriarchal society of the Estcarp and the empire of the Kolder invaders.

Although generally grouped with science fiction, Norton has always preferred to write fantasy novels where she is not limited by her knowledge of technology and machinery.

Norton's incompatibility with technology stems from her doubt of the benefits of technology, and this results in her belief that there is an inherent split between science fiction and fantasy.

"In fantasy, the power is mental. In science fiction, the power is physical, through machines," she said.

Like many heroes and heroines in her novels, Norton sees technology as distancing humans from the natural world. Instead, Norton affirms respect for the land and animals through the use of telepathy and other supernatural powers in her novels.

"We live against the Earth," Norton said. "We always change things to suit us."

Although she doesn't follow a formula for her fiction, many of Norton's novels depict an exiled, lost, and alienated hero or heroine who leaves his or her original community to find a place to be accept-



ed. This recurrence is more a result of her underlying values radiating through her words.

"Although she will stoutly deny the fact," Wolf said, "she drew upon her own personal experience and pain to characterize the outcasts in her novels."

"She was not a very social person," Wolf admits. "She was taller than any of the boys in her class."

Through her characters, Norton tells the archetypal rite-of-passage story that is relevant and appealing to so many young readers.

"Above all, they showed troubled teens that other people had indeed suffered the same things that they endured," Wolf said. "And what's more, they came through it."

In response, science fiction and fantasy fans have shown their appreciation for Norton's work by awarding her the Life Achievement Award from the World Fantasy Convention in 1998. She was nominated three times for the Hugo Award, and received the Gandalf, which is a special Hugo for overall excellence in 1977.

One of the qualities Norton is best known for is her attention to detail. With a long background in libraries, all of her stories are products of extensive research in areas of history, costuming, archeology, biographies and diaries.

"That's the kind of thing you want when you're writing," Norton said of her research. "Enough so you feel at home in it and any reference you make is accurate."

Norton has also found that

research is sometimes a good way to find or create new ideas for stories.

"I've written three books from footnotes I've come across that led me to do further research," she said.

In an effort to fill a void she thought existed in most libraries, Norton opened High Hallack, a science fiction and fantasy research library behind her home in Murfreesboro in 1999. Named after a magical land she created in her *Witch World* series, the library houses around 10,000 fiction and nonfiction volumes.

Considered a "browsing" library because the books are grouped by subject, a majority of the library's nonfiction section includes topics like the early West, American Indians, English royalty, speculative archeology, social history, military and naval history, Victoriana and gothic novels.

"These are the sort of things that can be adapted to another world," said Norton. "They are very good jumping-off places."

Norton is kept busy in her library, sorting through donated books from fans and other writers. Currently, she primarily writes novels in collaboration with other fantasy writers like Mercedes Lackey, doing most of the research at home. She also contributes short stories to anthologies, and judges science fiction and fantasy contests.

"I don't feel comfortable unless I'm working on something," Norton said.

Even so, Norton always has time for her readers and responds to every piece of fan mail, writing pages of response on her typewriter.

"That is obligatory for a writer," she said, with firm tone in her voice.

Her fans range from schoolteachers and veterinarians, to a gypsy and



two medical hermaphrodites.

"They cut completely across the spectrum of society," Wolf said of Norton's fans, "regardless of sex, race, creed, color or planetary origin, I begin to think at times."

Norton has been concerned for some years that she might not have a following among the younger readers as she once did. However, her older fans have been spreading the word about her books.

"You can see that the boomers who grew up with her work are now passing on their treasured copies to their children and grandchildren," Wolf said.

When she thinks of Norton's effect on readers, Wolf is reminded of a line from Psalms 19:4, which she thinks would be a fitting epitaph for Andre:

"Their line has gone out through all the Earth and their words to the end of the world." ♦

Innovation: Scholarships allow student to pursue dream of undergraduate degree

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in it, and I think that the members and officers have built a strong and lasting foundation," she says.

Some students such as Crystal Smith, a chemistry major, have shown strength in other ways. Crystal recently returned to school after not only a marriage but also a new baby. She gives credit to the June S. Anderson Scholarship for women for helping her through.

"The scholarship has allowed me to take the courses I need for fall, spring and even summer terms," Cobbett said. "It has really helped to make my dream of finally getting a degree possible. There will always be obstacles to discourage you from your goals, but if you're persistent and believe in yourself then you will succeed."

Megan Sampley is currently a senior biolo-

gy student with a concentration in microbiology. Her main areas of interest are in biochemistry and cell and molecular biology (gene expression and regulation). She will graduate in May after being at MTSU for four years.

She initially began in the pre-med curriculum because she wasn't quite sure what she could do with her biology interests, but she soon discovered that her passions were for teaching advanced science and participating in academic research.

"I have to say that I'm drawn to the spirit of science. It's an ordered sense of thinking and systematic process of elucidating fact," Sampley said. "The university setting is appealing to me because of the endless wonder, of always working with people in the process of basic investigations of nature, gaining insights into the nature of our being."

She's had a few jobs in her time here, from

being a resident assistant in Wood Hall for two years to an internship with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Here, she worked in the forensic toxicology department, where she saw drug testing techniques firsthand. She says it was a great lesson in how government applies science to its own practical needs.

Currently she is doing undergraduate research with Scott Seipelt in the biology department, where they are applying fundamental concepts of biotechnology, cloning and re-inserting a particular aminotransferase gene back into a strain of budding yeast to observe the effect.

"This is the golden age of biology," she says.

Female students interested in science are encouraged to become involved and not to be intimidated by how big the science community seems to be.

"I have found many members of our faculty here to be great people," Sampley said. "A

department such as the one found at a school like MTSU provides students the ability to know their professors and to feel a good sense of comfort. Sexism is not a part of MTSU's department. Everyone who shows the initiative has the chance to succeed."

To help that success take root, the hall staff at the new Women in Science Learning Community housed in McHenry Hall provides a unique chance for female students, living either on or off-campus, to become involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related programs.

This program lends support for women in these often underrepresented fields. This semester they're planning a trip to the Tennessee Aquarium. For more information, contact Judith Iriate Gross, chemistry faculty member, at 904-8253 for more information. ♦

Women's History Month Events

For a further listing of events, go to www.mtsu.edu/~womenstu.

Thursday, March 6
Guerrilla Girls Gig
Learning Resources Center Multimedia Room
7 p.m.

An entertaining romp through the history of the Girls, an up-to-date look at their latest masked capers as they strive to create equality through feminist activism and a discussion with the audience on the current discriminating trends in their home turf.

Wednesday, March 19
"Perspectives of MTSU Women in Science"
Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 121
1-3 p.m.

New and established faculty women from MTSU science departments will participate in a panel discussion of their experiences as women in scientific disciplines. After brief initial statements, the moderator will invite questions and audience participation.

Monday, March 24
"Free Women of Color in Memphis During the Civil War and Reconstruction"
Hazlewood Dining Room, James Union Building
3 p.m.

Beverly Bond is an associate professor of history at the University of Memphis. She will discuss the momentous transition from slavery to freedom that African American women experienced during and after the Civil War, highlighting in particular their construction of identities as free women. Co-sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Center for Historic Preservation.

Wednesday, March 26
The International Poetry Reading
Alumni Center
4 p.m.

This event celebrates women poetry writers from all over the world. People of different nationalities take part, reading poems in the target language and translating them into English.

Friday, March 28
Graduate/Professional School in Science for Minorities/Women: Questions and Answers
Hazlewood Dining Room, JUB
12 p.m.
Carole Baldwin, Museum Specialist at the Smithsonian Institute, and minority and female MTSU professors in science and math will dine with undergraduate and graduate students. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about careers, graduate or professional schools, and experiences as women or minorities in a relaxed, informal setting. Sponsored by the Tennessee Center for Excellence in Science, Technology and Mathematics Education. Reservations are required. For information: Kim Cleary Sadler, 904-8283; kdsadler@mtsu.edu

March 31 - April 4
"Take Back the Night" and Clothesline Project
Keathley University Center Knoll
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Since 1993, Take Back the Night has been a part of the MTSU Sexual Assault Awareness Week and sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. Take Back the Night is an annual march to protest conditions causing women to feel and be unsafe when they are alone at night on the streets. Details will be widely announced on campus. The Clothesline Project is another activity, which is on going during Sexual Assault Awareness Week. T-shirts that vary in messages and in designs are literally hung on a clothesline in front of the KUC. Students, faculty and staff, or family and friends of victims are able to anonymously create shirts expressing their feelings toward violence.

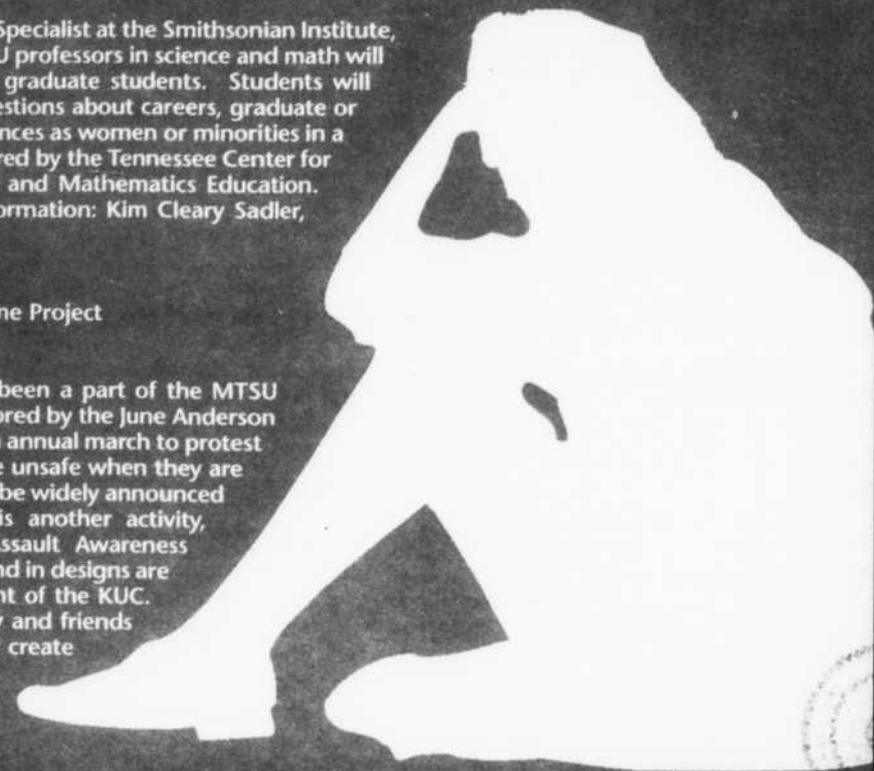
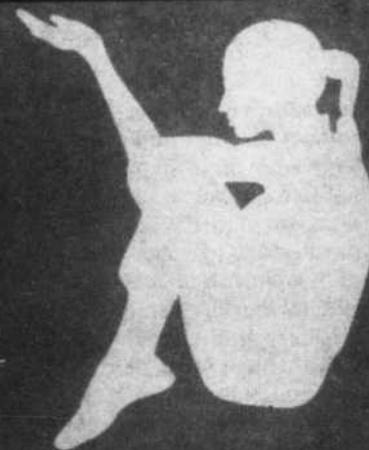
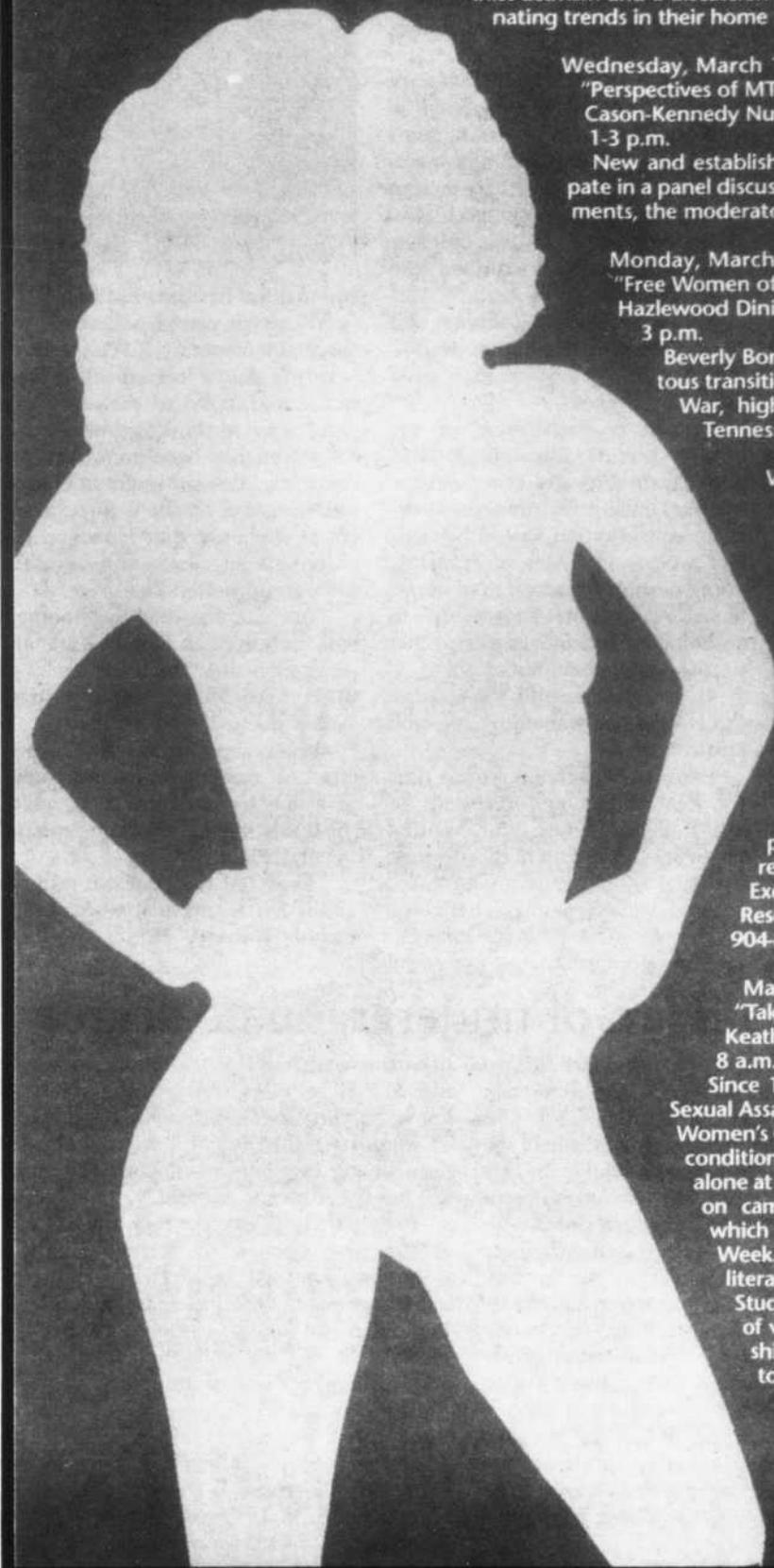


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