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Marshall re-elected for SGA president

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

The student body re-elected senior John Marshall to Government Student Association president for a second term last week in a runoff vote.

Marshall received 427 votes while his opponent, Maggie Clark-Schneider, received 286.

"Marshall had at least a 50 percent-plus-one majority, making him the winning candidate," Election Commissioner Julia Graves said.

In the general election, Marshall received 436 votes and Clark-Schneider received 275, but two other candidates received the difference totaling

947 votes cast.

"I was very happy at the turnout for the runoff elections," Graves said. "In the past, the turnout for runoff elections has not been very good, but this time around people voted a second time."

Senators for the College of Education, Graduate Studies and undeclared were also elected in the runoff vote.

Sophomore Allison Lunsford and junior Ben Thompson defeated junior Albert Mudd for



the two remaining senate seats in the College of Education.

Yolanda Beard-Lawson and Calvin Pinkerton won the senate seats for Graduate Studies, defeating Richard Bennett, Joseph Carter and Barry Collins.

Freshman Jenny Rowan defeated freshman John Rembold for the last remaining senate seat for undeclared majors.

"The officer transitional period will take place through mid-April," Graves said. "The official transition ceremony will be held on April 16."

All voting took place on WebMT.

"I want to recommend to the

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2001-2002 SGA executive officers and senators

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The segment of the loop between Smith Hall and the Cope Administration Building was open during the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's basketball tournaments. However, many students were not aware of the opening.

TSSAA prompts opening of east loop

By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

With the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's basketball tournaments at Murphy Center closing Faulkinberry Drive, the interior loop was reopened from 1st Street.

Normally, this loop that runs by Cope Administration Building, Smith Hall, Wisner-Patton Science Building and Peck Hall is restricted by gate to Raider Xpress buses, uni-

versity vehicles, Public Safety and emergency vehicles.

The access gate removal is only temporary to aid traffic flow during the TSSAA tournaments, according to university officials.

Connie Hagberg, director of Parking Services, said that portion of the loop had been restricted for some time but was reopened previously when Faulkinberry was closed during construction of the new stadium.

The loop was closed "due

to safety reasons and traffic congestion," Hagberg said. "There is much pedestrian traffic in this area, which is a safety concern. Also, there was much traffic congestion, which would cause problems for individuals driving through this area as well as for the shuttle bus system."

She added, "This area needs to be clear of traffic in the event of an emergency."

Hagberg said that the information given to the media was the loop would be

open during the construction of the stadium and be closed after Faulkinberry was reopened.

The decision to close the loop was made jointly by Parking Services and Public Safety, Hagberg said. She said that she was unaware if student input was sought or considered in the decision.

"It will probably not be permanently opened anytime again in the near future," Hagberg said, due to those same reasons. ♦

Class presentation evokes confusion, police involvement

By Pam Hudgens
News Editor

Police were called to campus Thursday night as men in camouflage and ski masks carrying assault rifles invaded a classroom in Peck Hall.

Of course, the assault rifles were fake, the camouflage was part of the students' ROTC uniforms and it was all staged as a class demonstration.

"I don't know why they did it. I was just thinking, 'somebody's going to call the police.'"

Bob Mullikin
- student

Unfortunately, the police and students and faculty in the surrounding classrooms didn't know that.

Students doing a group presentation in Judge Donna Scott's Special Issues in Law Enforcement class were acting

as federal agents for their project.

The students' presentation was on the 1992 confrontation between agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Randy Weaver family in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. The 10-day standoff ended with three people dead - 13-year-old Sammy Weaver, his mother Vicki and Marshall William Degan.

As one of the students was giving the first part of the presentation presented from the Weavers' point of view, the class could hear the rest of the group over a two-way radio acting like they were federal agents. Then, as the first part of the presentation came to a conclusion, the fun began.

"They opened the back door and put this bucket in the classroom with fireworks in it," explained Bob Mullikin, a junior in the class. "Only a few went off, but that created enough smoke."

The rest of the students rushed in the front door of the classroom carrying fake assault rifles saying that Weavers' side of the story was all lies, and they were going to tell the government's part of the story.

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Airport displays student art

Assemblage features new Country Music Hall of Fame

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Visitors to Nashville International Airport can get a sneak peek at the soon to be opened Country Music Hall of Fame thanks to a group of students from MTSU and West End Middle School in Nashville.

Three large prints of the new Country Music Hall of Fame on display at the airport were made through a cooperative effort from 28 West End students and 11 MTSU students.

The middle school students drew segments of the Hall of Fame based on a model by the architectural firm Tuck Hinton. MTSU students then used the sketches to create various assemblages, one black and white, one color, and one abstract.

The prints provide viewers with a glimpse of how the new home of country music will look. The \$37 million, 135,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open May 17.

Visible in the prints are unique features of the building. The front windows form the pattern of a piano keyboard. A tower rising atop the building is made to look like a radio tower.

MTSU professor Christie Nuell oversaw the project. She explained that photocopies were made of the students' drawings, and the photocopies were used to produce stencils for the silkscreens.

Because specialized equipment was needed, parts of the process had to be completed at MTSU. Nuell wanted

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Cara Appleton browses through the selection of dresses at Alpha Delta Pi Formal Dress Sale Saturday. Proceeds from sales benefitted the Ronald McDonald House.

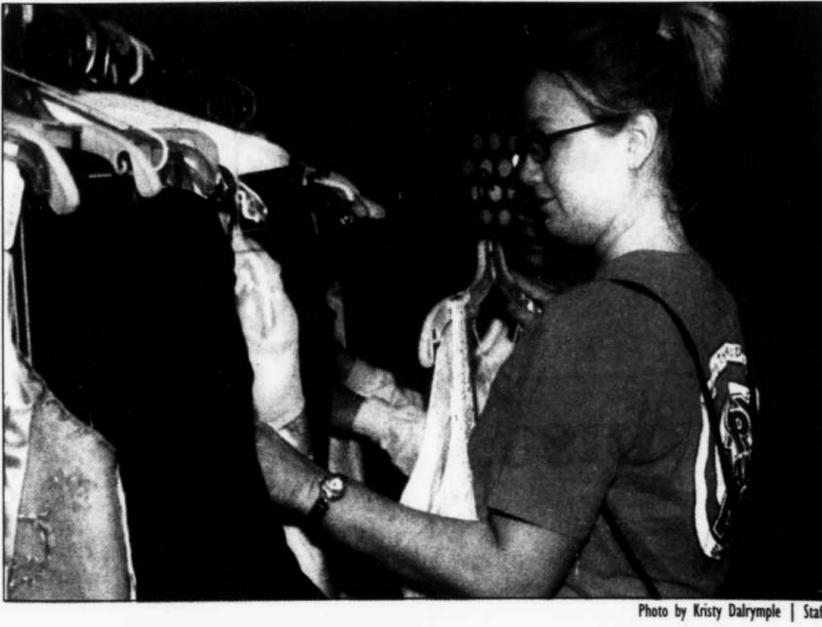


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Reception for prolific photographer tonight

Tonight at 9 in the Learning Resources Center, Room 221, a slide show/lecture will be presented by veteran photographer Gypsy Ray in honor of her current collection, "Ireland: Different Views." A reception in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery will follow the presentation. For over 20 years, Ray has worked as an educator and photographer. She has contributed her work to dozens of national and international exhibits. Ray's current exhibit, co-sponsored by the National Women's History Month Committee, consists of fifty black-and-white, silver gelatin prints, the majority of which are of two Camphill Communities in the southeast of Ireland. The exhibit will be on display until April 12. For information, contact Tom Jimison at 898-2085. ♦



Gerry Resting is just one of the 50 photographs in Gypsy Ray's current collection "Ireland: Different Views" on display through April 12 in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

Fall course list available online

To view a list of open courses for fall 2001, visit www.mtsu.edu/~records/books.html and click on the "Searchable Open Courses" link. Links for departmental sections, evening courses, distance learning courses and off-campus courses will be listed. Added course selections, room and time changes and canceled courses can be found under "Changes After Publication." The "Course Section Notes" feature includes information about course priority and meeting dates. The Web pages are updated weekly until registration begins April 3, when they will be updated nightly. Printed schedule books are now available upon request at the scheduling center in the James Union Building. ♦

Women's poetry to be read in original languages

Students and faculty are invited to the International Women's Poetry Reading, Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Participants will read both famous and obscure women's poems in the languages in which they were written. Translations will also be provided. For more information, contact Nuria Novella at 898-5769. ♦

ROTC Camp Challenge applications available

MTSU's Army ROTC department is now accepting applications for Camp Challenge 2001 to be held this summer. The camp is held annually and is designed to give students with no ROTC experience a taste of Army life. Students are under no obligation to continue with the Army after graduation from camp but will receive six hours of credit for Military Science 300 and earn \$650. Students who graduate from the camp and meet academic and medical

requirements will be eligible to compete for a two-year ROTC scholarship. The Camp Challenge experience focuses on leadership and time-management skills and features such activities as rappelling, stream crossing, land navigation and water survival. To apply, contact Major Chuck Tilton at 898-2470 or Randy Weiler at 898-2919. ♦

MTSU's recycling program sponsors scholarship

By recycling aluminum cans and newspapers, MTSU's recycling program is able to fund the John Zamora Biology Scholarship each year. The scholarship was established in honor of John Zamora, a professor of biology at MTSU, who began teaching here 14 years ago, has worked closely over the years with Pat Doyle, the creator of MTSU's recycling program. The two were largely responsible for the success of the program, which has raised over \$450,000 for scholarships in its 28 years of operation. Individual contributions are responsible for an additional \$125,000 the program feeds directly into its scholarship fund. To apply for the scholarship, contact Doyle at 898-2069 or Randy Weiler at 898-2919. ♦

Two professors to discuss significant women's issues

Lisa Pruitt, a professor of history at MTSU, will discuss the "interactive dynamics of race and gender in the governmental history of North Carolina" tomorrow from 12:30 p.m.-1:20 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 222. Another professor, Irina Rosenbaum, will talk about the daily lives and expectations of women living in Russia. Her lecture will be April 3 in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Room 303B, from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Both lectures are free and open to the public. ♦

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Pagans plan bonfire near Campus School

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

A bonfire to celebrate unity, diversity and the coming of spring will be held Wednesday by the Student Pagan Organization of MTSU.

The event begins at 4 p.m. between the Bell Street parking lot and the Campus School. It is free and open to the public.

"We want people to get to know us," said Amanda Plageman, secretary of the organization. "People tend to

fear what they don't understand."

Activities at the bonfire will include free tarot readings, a drum circle and a display by Stone Keepers, a local merchant.

The Student Pagan Organization's Web page defines Paganism as any religion that is not Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Buddhist.

Paganism comes from the Latin word *paganus*, which means a country dweller.

Modern Paganism is a category that includes various religions including (but not limited to)

Wicca, Shamanism, Druidism, Santeria and Asatru.

Christina Jolly founded the MTSU Student Pagan Organization in 1998.

The mission of the organization is to provide interested members in the MTSU community with a supportive environment for discussion and exchange of information about Pagan and Neo-Pagan religions.

More information on the organization is available at www.mtsu.edu/~pagan. ♦

Michigan State U. student addresses ecstasy myths

By Amy E. Stanton
The State News (Michigan State)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. - Angela Massingill knows there is a common perception that most college students use the drug ecstasy; but she's working to change that.

"Media exposure to the drug has led to a popular misperception that everyone is doing it," the human biology senior said. "Shows on MTV made it seem like the increase in use was huge."

"Yes, there has been an increase in the past few years but that does not mean everyone uses it."

Massingill works with the Olin Health Center Health Advocates and recently compiled a poster containing facts and precautions on ecstasy, which was distributed to all residence halls and greek houses.

She said there was a study conducted last spring where Michigan State University students were surveyed on their experiences with the drug.

More than 90 percent of those students said they don't use ecstasy.

Ecstasy can have many effects varying from extreme relaxation to dizziness and restlessness. It can also enhance the senses, making things feel, smell and taste better.

The drug is illegal because it has no approved medical use.

"We want to counteract the hype surrounding the drug and let people know what the real facts are," Massingill said. "If students know that it is not the norm it will give them the ability to make an informed choice."

Chemistry junior Alex Julien said he saw the poster in Holmes Hall where he lives and stopped to read it.

"I usually don't read anything hanging on the walls in the hall," he said. "But I saw it was talking about ecstasy and you are always hearing something about that."

Before seeing the poster, Julien said he thought the drug was a bigger problem. Still, he thinks it is important to address the issue.

"I think it's good that they recognize that there are people who are still going to choose to use the drug," he said. "By giving precautions and things to

do if you are going to take the drug, they can possibly prevent even more problems."

Massingill said she has been working on the project since January and the health advocates have received good responses from both residence hall managers and Greek organizations.

"The poster is applicable information to everyone in the college age group," said Gerri Barker, president of the Phi Mu sorority. "There is a current period of ecstasy abuse."

"It's not a problem in my sorority," the criminal justice senior said. "But I agree that there is a need to address the issue and this can give them the information they need to make the right choices."

Barker said she thinks it is important to make people aware of stereotypes placed on young adults, like the ones involving ecstasy.

"By showing that most people do not use the drug it reinforces the positive and not the negative that people are used to seeing," she said. "We need to get the word out that hype is sometimes wrong." ♦

Demo: Police respond to fake terrorists

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presentation began, the class went back to normal.

"I don't know why they did it," said Mullikin, who said he was surprised by the loud skit. "I was just thinking, 'somebody's going to call the police.'"

About 30 minutes later, police officers from Public Safety and the Murfreesboro Police Department arrived at Peck Hall. Some of the students in the class are police officers, and when they saw the officers arrive outside the classroom,

they went out to meet them.

"Apparently there were classes on the second floor that were scared out of their minds and had locked their doors," Mullikin said. He also said that after the confusion was over, the students doing the presentation admitted that they were getting funny looks from people as they waited to enter the classroom.

After Scott and the police officers smoothed everything out, one of the officers came into the classroom to speak to the other class members.

"One of the police officers

came in and gave our class a scolding," Mullikin said. "We just thought it was funny."

Mullikin said Scott was unaware of what the students had planned for the presentation. She later told them they should have warned Public Safety of what they were going to do.

"I bet they would have gotten in trouble for it if our professor wasn't a judge," Mullikin added.

Scott and Director of Public Safety John Drugmand could not be reached before press time. ♦

Art: MTSU art students assist in printmaking

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the middle school students to have full knowledge of the entire printmaking procedure, however.

"I created a video with Pat Jackson and Ken Byers that explained the whole process so that the students would have an understanding of the part they didn't get to do, as well as an overview of the various printmaking processes we teach here," she said.

The black and white assem-

blage served as the basis for the other prints. The students colored their drawings to produce the color and the abstract versions.

"The black and white one is pretty recognizable," Nuell said. "They all look totally different, but they came out great."

MTSU students involved include Rachel Brown, Travis Choat, Jenna Cobb, Bill Corbitt, Melissa Cornell, Amy Harrington, Shannon Harvey, Tracy Hesson, Adam Lacy, Ben Rosson, and Marta Slaughter.

The project was conducted at the airport last Thursday in a workshop that also involved students from Martin Luther King Magnet School and Tennessee State University who were participating in a block printing lesson. The workshop, called "Two by Two," was funded by the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission, as well as the Arts in the Airport program.

The prints will be on display at the airport's Concourse A until June. ♦

SGA: Marshall wins runoff election

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next election commissioner (Daryn Thornberry) that polling sites be set up around campus in addition to the

WebMT voting for next year's general elections," Graves said. "I think that if students saw the polling centers, they might be more inclined to stop and vote."

"Overall, the elections ran

smoothly this year," she added. "I am proud of the way that the candidates conducted themselves and the respectfulness they displayed to their opponents." ♦

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Applications will be available in the JUB Room 306. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed. Interviews will be held at the April 20, 2 p.m. You will be notified if you are to be interviewed.



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Recreation Center Sun Deck |

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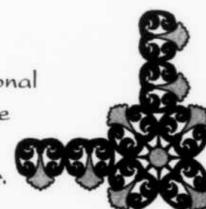
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WORLD BRIEFS

One dead, about 90 injured in train derailment in Iowa

NODAWAY, Iowa (AP) - An Amtrak train carrying 210 people from Chicago to California derailed in rural Iowa early Sunday, killing one passenger, injuring about 90 others and leaving a zigzagging trail of silver cars along a muddy embankment. At least seven of the injured passengers were hospitalized, and dozens of others were treated and released from area hospitals after suffering minor injuries. The cause of the crash about 70 miles southwest of Des Moines was unknown. Terry Williams, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said investigators were gathering details on the scene. ♦

Loan guaranteed by donor first alerted FBI to senator's finances

WASHINGTON (AP) - A prominent New Jersey contributor arranged and guaranteed a \$100,000 loan for Sen. Robert Torricelli that helped earn him a \$144,000 profit in the stock market, a deal that sparked six years of federal investigations into the New Jersey Democrat's finances. Prosecutors opened a preliminary inquiry into whether the loan arrangement was an illegal gift and whether Torricelli provided favors to the donor in exchange for it. They interviewed the lawmaker in 1995 under oath, telling him his rights before asking questions, law enforcement officials and lawyers told The Associated Press. ♦

Socialists take Paris in municipal vote

PARIS (AP) - The Socialists wrested Paris City Hall from the nearly quarter-century grip of President Jacques Chirac's conservative party on Sunday, provisional election results showed, dealing a stinging blow to France's chief of state. The left also took Lyon, another longtime bastion of the right, in Sunday's round of municipal elections but suffered numerous losses in other cities where Chirac's camp made gains. But Paris - where Chirac served as mayor for 18 years - was the plum of the vote. Socialist Bertrand Delanoë, 50, declared victory over Philippe Seguin, a former leader of Chirac's Rally for the Republic party, or RPR, late Sunday, calling his win a "choice for profound change." Seguin conceded in a televised speech from his campaign headquarters late Sunday. The elec-

tion results were to be confirmed early Monday by the French Interior Ministry. ♦

Senators brace for 'free-for-all' campaign finance debate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senators predicted "free-for-all" and "freewheeling" discussions this week on campaign finance, but suggested Sunday there was no consensus yet on what the legislation ultimately would do. The evenly split Senate was set to begin debate Monday, seeking to balance concerns about freedom of speech, fund-raising advantages and other issues in the long-running standoff on campaign finance. A plan by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., would ban soft money donations and restrict other political spending. An alternative from Sen. Chuck Hagel would limit but not prohibit those loosely regulated donations to political parties from corporations, labor unions and individuals. ♦

Sharon seeks Bush approval for moves with Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AP) - At the White House on Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will be looking for President Bush's endorsement of his cautious approach to peacemaking with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Sharon says violence must stop before he will start peace talks with Arafat, and is looking at interim accords but not a final peace treaty. It is a sharp scaling back from the approach of Ehud Barak, whom Sharon defeated in February. He is willing, however, to give the Palestinians time before escalating Israel's response to Palestinian violence. ♦

Some Hispanics find easy fit in census options

WASHINGTON (AP) - "White" did not do. Nor did "black," "Asian," or other options on the 2000 census, so Dagoberto Zelaya marked "some other race." For the Iowa minister and 14.9 million other Americans of Hispanic ethnicity, it was the most concrete race description the federal government offered, even after the Census Bureau, for the first time, allowed people to classify themselves as belonging to more than a single race. Though the number of race options increased from five in 1990 to 63 in 2000, the new

options apparently were not enough to fully paint America's demographic portrait, Zelaya said. ♦

Market turmoil clouds retirement hopes of many

NEW YORK (AP) - Suddenly, those plans for early retirement seem unwise, and eating in sounds better than dining out. For many Americans over 50, stock market worries are taking a toll on outlooks and lifestyles. In the past two decades, close to 50 million Americans have invested more than \$1.5 trillion in employer-sponsored retirement plans, most with exposure to the stock markets. The latest market gyrations are hurting those planning retirement and those already retired. ♦

Californians seek silver lining in current power crisis

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Jane Ruetze inches her car through Southern California's notorious freeway traffic every day during her three-hour roundtrip commute between her Whittier home and her job 33 miles away. It was in the car, listening to the radio, when she heard of California's power crisis, dot-com decline and cooling economy. With California increasingly crowded and congested, some are hoping rolling blackouts and higher utility bills will help keep the state's population in check to maintain a semblance of the famous California lifestyle. ♦

Macedonian government campaign intensifies as support for rebels widens

TETOVO, Macedonia (AP) - Fighting between government troops and ethnic Albanian rebels sent residents scurrying for cover Sunday on the outskirts of Macedonia's second-largest city - and mixed the sounds of gunfire with chants of churchgoers praying for peace. Macedonian gunners unleashed sustained artillery and mortar strikes Sunday for the fifth straight day, targeting the wooded foothills where the rebels have been hiding and returning fire on Tetovo. Government forces fired large-caliber mortars, sending 120-mm rounds looping behind a mountain ridge in an attempt to reach insurgent positions farther back. ♦

Phone rates could increase with new legislation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Legislation that could mean increased rates for some Tennesseans on in-state long-distance calls is up for a final vote Monday in the General Assembly, where some lawmakers have received generous contributions from the industry.

The legislation would free AT&T, Sprint and MCI WorldCom from state oversight, enabling them to charge what they want for in-state long-distance calls. If approved Monday,

the bill next goes before the governor, who has received \$5,000 from the industry.

With 68 percent of the state's long-distance market, AT&T would be the primary beneficiary of the new law. One of its hired lobbyists, Betty Anderson, is married to House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, D-Covington. He has received \$5,150 from AT&T and Sprint political action committees since 1995.

Sen. Jim Kyle, D-Memphis, has been given the biggest con-

tributions from the industry - \$5,350. He is married to Sara Kyle, a director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the agency that now monitors in-state long-distance rates for phone companies.

Naifeh did not return phone calls seeking comment on the matter. In the past, he has said he would notify the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation himself if he believed lawmakers were selling votes.

Kyle said he does not discuss

legislation with his wife.

"I do my best not to know anything about my wife's work," he said.

Phone companies argue competition among them will prevent increasing rates.

A regulatory authority analysis last year confirmed that hypothesis, though only for heavy long-distance users who subscribe to special service plans. It concluded, however, that rates probably would jump for others who do not subscribe

to special plans.

The legislation has sped through the General Assembly at a rate that has surprised even its sponsor, Sen. Jerry Cooper, D-Morrison. The Senate passed the measure earlier this month on the consent calendar, which allows lawmakers to approve a number of bills at once without discussion or a vote.

"I expected it to be bumped from the consent calendar," Cooper said.

Sen. Steve Cohen, D-

Memphis, said Cooper brought up the legislation and "no one had any objections."

The regulatory authority has taken no position on the measure.

AT&T spokesman Gene Regan said continued regulation serves no purpose.

"When competition is available, then the market should control (pricing)," he said. "You don't regulate a market because a few people don't buy a product." ♦

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Monday, March 19, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Protesting requirements violate rights

Last semester when students discovered that even those without vehicles now had to pay a parking fee, many were upset.

Students expressed their opinions to professors, administration and their fellow students. Some went as far as writing a letter to the editor but one student went even further. That student was Ron Bronson, a junior here at MTSU.

Instead of just complaining about the parking fee, Bronson formed an organization called Students Against Paid Parking and started a petition opposing the fee.

This semester, Bronson is at it again. He's still protesting parking issues but this time his target is the TSSAA basketball tournament.

Because of the annual tournament, students were not permitted to park in certain areas on campus. Once again, students were upset and some sent us letters voicing their concerns, but Mr. Bronson got out there with a sign that read "TSSAA Stole Our Parking!"

Whether you agree with the guy or not, you have to hand it to him for speaking his mind and taking action.

Bronson claims he protested for 20 minutes before leaving the premises, after the police threatened to arrest him.

This is not fair. By ordering Bronson to leave, the police compromised his constitutional rights of free speech and peaceful assembly.

In all fairness, it does state in the student handbook that students have to request the use of MTSU facilities for protests, so Bronson did violate policy. But just because something is policy, doesn't make it constitutional.

This is our university, we pay to attend here but yet we can't protest unless we give the university a five-day notice. What happens if something spontaneous happens on campus today, will we have to wait five days to protest?

Making students request to protest is just a way for the university to sabotage our efforts before they get started.

MTSU is a state school. It is government property, so why do we have to get permission from university administration to exercise rights the government has given us?

We're not saying police should just let anything on at these protests. If things start to get heated, police should step in and do their job. However, in Bronson's case, one man holding a sign isn't hurting anyone.

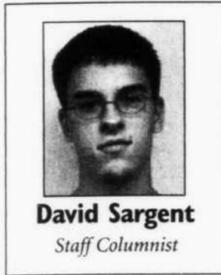
FRANKLY MY DEAR

Send all telemarketers to Siberia

There is a phrase to describe the feeling you get when a telemarketer stumbles upon your home phone number — great googalymoogaly (at least that's how I feel). Because nothing matches a friendly call from your over-charging phone company to annoy you and ask for money. We all have our stories; but fear not, there is hope for us yet.

Ring, ring!!! "I got it," you say as you rush for the cordless. You have to get to it first because it could be the girl of your dreams or your parents, ready and willing to send money. You pick up the phone and say, "Hello?" No one answers and you make a fatal mistake, you say hello once more. Doh! That's just enough time for the "person" on the other end to react and go in for the kill.

"Hello, may I speak with a Mr. James Bingham?" Who is she talking about? "Uh, he's dead," you reply with total honesty on the brain. "Oh, ok, thank you. Is



David Sargent
Staff Columnist

there a better time we could reach him," she asks? "Uh, he's dead," you reply again. "Ok, we'll try back again later," she says as she hangs up. You then think to yourself, "man, we had some connection going there — morons, all of them!"

This is how most telemarketing calls go, and most — correction — all of them are worthless. I take in a full body shiver and clenching of the teeth every single time the machine picks me as a lucky winner.

I never wondered if it was physically possible to reach your arm through to the other side of phone line until I got my own

place. But now I imagine it is.

My question is simple. Why? Let me ask it again. Why? There is no reason that AT&T desperately needs to talk to me about my choice in long distance carriers.

Are major corporations now conducting personable consulting sessions over the phone? Do I need to tell you how worthless that service is?

I don't care if the service does include a free fanny pack for all new subscribers, although it would be nice to have one of those. You can put your wallet, sunscreen and belly button lint in it for safekeeping. Yeah, that would be swell...but that's not the point!

Wouldn't it be a more advantageous step to fire all the telemarketers and spend the money elsewhere? Maybe to lower rates.

But they say we are men of greed. Logic does not become us.

The phone calls stacked on top of useless mail and

e-mail. I can see where one would snap — in half, that is. Especially when they mispronounce your name but still sound like they want you in their circle of friends. I can't stand it.

Another prime example of this ruthless, useless marketing happens at my mailbox every day. The house I'm living in was once inhabited by an elder gentleman — we'll call him Jimmie — who has been dead for some time now. But every day, without fail, he gets some type of plea for money from either a retirement home, hospital or an insurance company (probably robot insurance, for when robots attack...). Folks, if you're reading this, he's dead!

In one, out the other. It just boggles the mind.

We all know there are many other things these companies could do besides try to sell us death insurance. So, avoiding such annoyances becomes a daily task in life.

It's simple. Turn into a

bird so you can fly far, far away. Then, there's always Siberia. I hear it's quite snowy this time of year.

And whenever there's a pause at the other end of the line, hang up, even if it could be your grandmother.

It's too great of a risk. But it's all procrastination of the inevitable. Whether you're rich, poor, dead or alive, someone will always want to sell you something.

Even if they know you don't want it, they will feel the need to bother you because their job sucks and you are not them.

Simple rules of spite. Just remember: bird, then Siberia and then hang up. If you want to find out more about stopping junk mailing and telemarketing, check out www.junkbusters.com. They despise this stuff more than I do.

Also, find out what your rights are by reading the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991. ◆

'Frankly My Dear' can be found every Monday in Sidelines.

FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE

Oops, the US accidentally kills again

Oops, says the Pentagon, as we kill more people during peacetime.

By the time this is published, most of you will have heard about the accidental bombing in Kuwait by a U.S. Navy plane that killed five American soldiers and one New Zealander. Military officials and President Bush seemed perplexed as to how observers to a training exercise could be hit by a live bomb (imagine that). This adds to the comedy of errors our military has committed over the past few years.

For instance: In February of 1998, a U.S. Marine pilot decided to play stunt pilot and



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

clipped the cable of a ski gondola in Italy, killing 20 people. The pilot, Capt. Richard J. Ashby, was found not guilty of involuntary homicide. Ashby and his navigator were later found guilty of obstruction of justice, though and discharged. In May of 1999, NATO

forces bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Three people were killed. The Pentagon's excuse was that it thought the Embassy was one of Osama bin Ladin's secret weapons sites because it used an old map. In other words, the Pentagon responded to killing three people by saying "D'OH!" Of course, there has been much discussion that the bombing wasn't an accident; but I'll leave that speculation up to you, dear readers.

A few weeks ago, a Navy submarine filled with donors to various causes surfaced under a Japanese boat, killing nine

people. The United States government tried to make things all better with a formal apology. While this accident is still being investigated, I will take it upon myself to remind navigators that looking through the periscope before surfacing is probably a good idea in the future.

If I had flown a jet around the mountains of Italy, clipped the cable of a gondola and killed 20 people, do you think I'd be walking the streets today? Of course not! But, that's what happened. Of course Ashby was going to get discharged. What a BIIIIII-IIG punishment. I'm not saying this is

how our military acts as a whole. I have the utmost respect for people who join the military, particularly those who go into combat for our country.

However, these acts of incompetence create a horrible perception for the world to have about our military. Many people outside of the United States already think our military is overbearing and clumsy.

If we are supposed to be the world's police force, which, like it or not, we are, we should be stifling terror instead of instilling it. ◆

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Don't blame students for lack of participation in SGA

"Information is power," right? Well, Sidelines, unless you know what you're talking about, do some of us a favor and please, don't publish staff opinions that are outrageously incorrect and unnecessary. Telling students that they should "get off of their duffs" and make this year's SGA election a more successful one is first of all, absolutely, not your job; secondly, why don't you ask yourself "Why aren't they voting?" and maybe you'll run into these answers: 1. SGA did not

even get close to doing the job of promoting this year's elections. 2. Forums were not set up to target the students.

And, Sidelines, is it the students' fault that they were not properly informed about the details of what they "should" be voting for in the election?; and 3. After asking yourself just these two questions, maybe you'll think that you shouldn't publish uninformed, uneducated opinions. Maybe you'll think that because we haven't been spending semester after semester with Student Affairs trying to figure out why many student's [sic] don't get involved, don't vote or even participate in on-campus events that we aren't informed enough to tell students to move and make elections glorious. But if you don't think that and continue to publish statements like this one, maybe you'll ask yourself "How many people are we going to light up with this?;

How much does a PR campaign to cover our asses cost?; and, finally, How elementary are we going to look when 8,000 copies hit the stands with this statement in it?"

If anyone that contributed to Monday's staff article would like to help organize an open-to-students session about getting informed with your campus life or ways to get students involved, then I know of a very educated group of student advocates who will gladly discuss this with you. And, SGA, of course, is invited to attend, and expected to be at the Getting in Touch with Your Constituency segment of the session.

Love,
Joel E. Fortner

MTSU police were out of line

Okay, I'm confused here. Parking at MTSU is in no way affiliated with MTSU as previously stated. Why are the MTSU Police perusing the Murphy Center parking lot in the first place?

Anyway, one person holding a sign is peaceful assembly and the police had no right to threaten arrest. Nor was he trespassing. Last time I checked, Murphy Center was part of OUR campus. I also believe that TSSAA is a public event, not private. For the high school student who stole the sign and ripped it in half - why was he not reprimanded? This isn't his school, this isn't his concern, and that wasn't his sign.

It's bad enough that our inadequate parking that we pay YEARLY for is made even more inadequate to accommodate TSSAA, but what MTSU Police did seems to be completely over the line. Maybe they are the ones who should be reprimanded.

Heather Brown
Senior



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Coolbone



Karla Bonoff

RIM plans concert series in Nashville this weekend

By Christina Carden
Contributor

Rimstock 2001, a three night concert series, will be held at Exit-In, in Nashville March 22-24.

The purpose of the concerts is to help raise money for MTSU Department of Recording Industry's Development Fund.

"I worked for a concert promoter in Chicago (JAM Productions) for more than ten years, so I'm just applying my real world skills to the needs of the Department," said Recording Industry Professor Paul Fischer, who has been working to make the concerts successful.

"You see, we don't have any ten million dollar donors waiting in the wings," he said. "So, we're raising some money this way so we can go looking for a handful of six or seven figure donors a year or two from now."

"We hope to make money from ticket sales. It looks like the shows will be coming in under budget. That means we're at the mercy of the public now. They've gotta buy those tickets."

The Recording Industry

Department is housed in the John Bragg Mass Communication building at MTSU.

"The 90,000 square-foot recording studios (a third is located in another campus location)," according to the department's Web site.

It also includes "a digital audio edit/dubbing suite, a television studio with associated video and audio control rooms, two post production rooms, eight video suites, a digital imaging and animation lab, a MIDI lab and electronic news room, \$1 million 30-foot mobile production vehicle, a central machine room, maintenance and testing areas and classrooms," said the departments Web site.

Several RIM students will be assisting in production roles of the concerts, Fischer said.

"I enjoy producing and promoting concerts, and it's something I teach about," Fischer said, "so my students are seeing what I do to make the shows happen."

"Also, all of the ads, publicity and attention the shows get in

the media around town is a benefit to the department also. It reminds the community that we're here, we're engaged with the music industry, and that we really know how to do the things we teach our students about."

There are also several sponsors of the concert series.

"In addition to the student help," Fischer said, "we've gotten some sponsorship dollars from Wherehouse Music and Broadcast Music Inc., and have traded some tickets for air time and giveaways on The Phoenix (WYYB 93.7 FM), and WSM-650 AM that will help promote the show. I've also gotten a ton of help and low-cost assistance from the folks at Exit-In, where the shows are being held."

The first night of the concert will feature Coolbone opening for recording artist Terrance Simien.

"Terrance Simien plays zydeco," Fischer said, "a dance oriented music from Louisiana with strong elements of Rhythm and Blues and Cajun French music swirled together."

"Coolbone is a 'brass hop'

band from New Orleans who play like a traditional brass jazz band, with funk and hip-hop flavors mixed in."

The second night of the concert series features Steve Forbert will opening for Karla Bonoff.

Karla Bonoff is a singer/songwriter ("Someone To Lay Down Beside Me," "All My Life," "Tell Me Why," and "Personally"), Fischer said.

Steve Forbert is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who widely followed in the late seventies.

The final night will feature the Del McCoury Band with the Cluster Pluckers opening.

"The Del McCoury Band are legends in the field of bluegrass music," Fischer said.

The Cluster Pluckers are a bluegrass band from Cookeville.

"If this year's events are deemed successful, it'll be back next year, perhaps a bit bigger," Fischer said. "I hope it grows naturally over time, into a big, annual fund-raising event and teaching tool for MTSU's Department of Recording Industry." ♦



Terrance Simien



Del McCoury Band



Steve Forbert

Nevermind Sundance, here comes MTSU Student Film Festival accepting submissions for April event

By Alan Coulter
Staff Writer

While Hollywood is abuzz with talk of the Academy Awards, the MTSU Films Committee wants to bring the movie excitement a little closer to home.

The MTSU Student Film Festival 2001 will feature works by this year's finest student filmmakers. From April 16-19, original films ranging from one to 30 minutes will be shown at the Keathley University Center Theater.

Festival coordinator Court Donner said, "This is the film festival's second year. We hope to keep it an annual event, getting bigger each year. I know there are a lot of students on campus who enjoy making movies. We thought this would serve as a great opportunity to have their films shown and get noticed."

This is not just a showcase, however. The film festival is also a contest to recognize the best of the best. Films will be judged on the following categories: acting (lead and supporting),

directing, editing, effects, script, story, and a general overall rating.

An awards ceremony will be held after the festival's conclusion. All participants will receive an MTSU Student Film Festival 2001 certificate. In addition, the three highest rated films will earn special recognition. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded a gift certificate from Phillips Bookstore - each worth \$100. The second place winner will take home a Lego and Steven Spielberg Moviemaker Set and the first place

winner will receive a Sony video camera.

Submissions may approach any subject, but unnecessary nudity and/or violence will not be tolerated. Films exhibiting themes deemed inappropriate will automatically be disqualified from judging and will not be shown at the festival.

The participants chosen will be notified of their acceptance and show time. Each will be expected to prepare a three to five minute speech given at the time of the festival to introduce his

or her work. Afterwards, the filmmaker will be allowed to address questions from the audience concerning any aspect of the film.

All MTSU students are eligible, given they are in good standing with the University. Applications are available in KUC room 308, and all submissions should be returned to the same locale Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The deadline for submissions is April 3, 2001 at noon. ♦

Festival brings 'Peace' to campus

MTSU special events is bringing the CTN Music Binge to campus April 17. The day long festival will feature interactive games and contests. Also featured is a concert by Our Lady Peace and American Hi-Fi at 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady Peace is a Canadian-based rock group that has four albums to their credit. Their latest effort is called Spiritual Machines. The album is based on the book The Age of Spiritual Machines - When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence. The

album even has spoken word pieces by the author Ray Kurzweil.

Also performing is American Hi-Fi. The punk group's self-titled debut album includes the song "Flavor of the Weak."

The festival is sponsored by farmclub.com and Best Buy among others.

The festival will be on the Keathley University Center knoll and will be going on throughout the day. Both the festival and the concert are free and open to the public. ♦



SPORTS

Commentary: MT led by talented skipper

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Brazelton mowed down Cubans like the mafia did in the 1960s, and helped lead the USA to a gold medal.

His performance was a given this year. Everyone knew he would be great, and he has been. He leads the starters in ERA (0.91), strikeouts (50), and innings (38). Those numbers are scary.

If you know anything about

college baseball, you know pitching is a premium. With the aluminum bats, it is extremely difficult to hold teams to few runs. It's the only league where a check swing hit, might find the left field fence. Aluminum bats or none, Brazelton has been absolutely dominating this season.

Blue Raider fans might not have expected the great pitching the team is getting from the other two starters, Kris

Lammers and John Williams. These two have ERA's of 2.05 and 3.05 respectively. Former Alabama transfer Jason Moates has picked up a win in his first start since being injured. This makes the Raider rotation four men deep which will be crucial during tournament time.

Not only is the starting rotation doing well, but the bullpen has been superb as well. Tennessee Tech transfer Jason Kuhn has seen the light at

MTSU, and leads all relievers with 12 innings pitched. His ERA is sitting at just under three, while striking out seven batters. Opponents are hitting a mere .229 against the junior right hander from Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Two other relievers stick out as well. Kevin Davis and Jeremy Armstrong have pitched eight innings each, and are yet to yield a run.

The only thing Blue Raider

fans may have questioned before this season was the offense. However, after 16 games, MTSU has hit .302 as a team, hit 16 home runs, scored 126 runs, and stolen 26 bases. MTSU is averaging nearly eight runs per game, and hitting one homer per game.

The offensive leader has to go to the guy who leads the Raiders in three of five major categories. Josh Renick leads off for MTSU, is hitting .509 with a

slugging percentage of .679, and an on base percentage of nearly .600. He has scored 20 runs in 15 games, and stolen 12 bases, being caught just one time.

Justin Sims leads the big blue in runs batted in with 19, and home runs with four. He is hitting one homer every 16 at-bats.

With every thing clicking for the Blue Raiders, they will be hard to beat when the Sun Belt tournament rolls around. ♦

Lady Raiders season comes to an end

Indiana defeats MT despite 30 points from Thomatis

Staff Reports

The Lady Raider basketball season came to an end Wednesday night after a tough 66-63 loss to Indiana in the Women's National Invitational

Tournament.

Middle Tennessee and Indiana went back and forth in the first half. The Hoosiers closed out the first half with a 14-6 run to give them a 10-point

advantage at halftime.

Indiana was cold from the floor to start the second half. They hit only one of their first nine shots in the first two minutes and forty seconds. The Hoosiers quickly rebounded and took control with a 16-2 run. A three-pointer by Heather Cassidy and two from Rainey Alting sparked the run.

Indiana built up a 20-point lead with 9:45 to go. Jamie Thomatis

answered leading a frantic run by the Lady Raiders. She scored 15 points in an 18-2 run. This scoring spurt pulled Middle to within four with 4:20 left.

The Lady Raiders cut the lead to 66-63 with 33.4 seconds remaining. The Hoosiers held the ball, running out most of the clock on their next possession. Middle Tennessee was unable to get a game-tying three off.

Alting led the Indiana scoring attack

with 15 points. Anna Waugh added 14 and Jill Chapman contributed 11 points and seven rebounds.

Thomatis led the way for the Lady Raiders with 30 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Middle finishes the season 17-13. ♦

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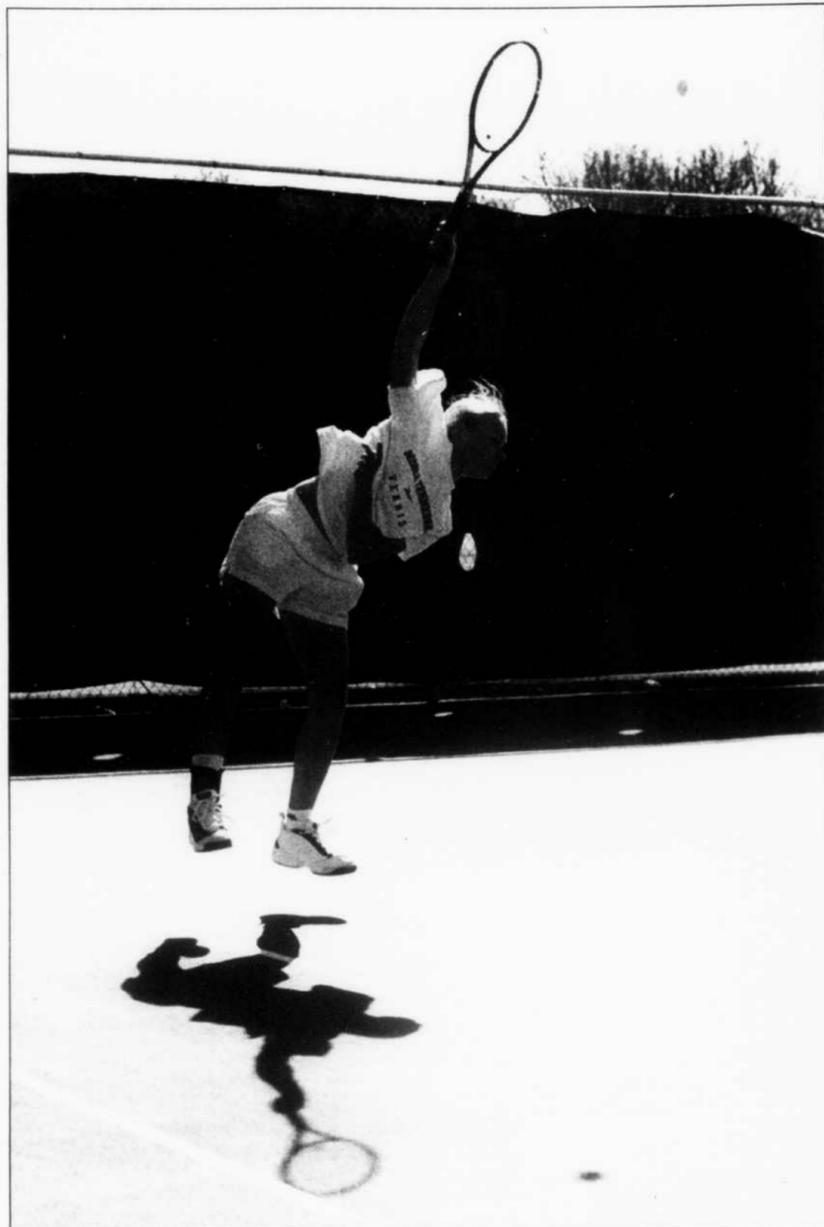


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Manon Kruse serves during a match March 7. Kruse won her singles and doubles match Saturday to help lead the Lady Raiders. However, the women lost Sunday to Troy State on the final point of the match. More information will appear in Wednesday's edition of Sidelines.

Tennis:

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extended her winning streak to eight with a 6-0, 6-1 victory. She has a team-best 14-4 record in outdoor matches.

The rest of the MT singles scores are as follows: Niger Kaur, 6-3, 6-2; Kruse 6-0, 6-3; Gridling, 6-2, 6-1; Weirich, 6-3, 6-0; Buchheim, 4-6, 3-6.

MT has won 11 straight at home and 12 straight versus Ohio Valley Conference teams.

With their victory over Murray State, the Lady Raiders have won six of their last nine and improve to 7-9.

"We've gotten better as the year has gone on," Venter said. "It was harder earlier in the year, though, because we had to play so many ranked teams."

Nine of the Lady Raiders' first 11 games were against ranked teams.

The MT women's team will face fellow Sun Belt Conference member Louisiana Tech April 6 at Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. ♦

Women's Tennis RESULTS

#65 Middle Tennessee def. Murray State, 6-1

Singles:

Manon Kruse (MT)
def. Melissa Spencer (MS) 6-0, 6-3
Eric Hestleman (MS)
def. Tanja Buchheim (MT) 6-4, 6-3
Carlen Venter (MT)
def. Maria Alonte (MS) 6-0, 6-1
Michaela Gridling (MT)
def. Kerry Lee Glass (MS) 6-2, 6-1
Inge Weirich (MT)
def. Cheryl Graham (MS) 6-3, 6-0
Niger Kaur (MT)
def. Annette Steen (MS) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles:

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The Blue Raiders opened their conference schedule with a 5-2 win against Arkansas State in Jonesboro. The Raiders lost game two despite Josh Renick's 2-for-2 performance.

Raiders split first games in Sun Belt

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee won one and lost one this weekend against Arkansas State in Jonesboro. Friday's 5-2 win marked the Blue Raiders' first-ever win in the Sun Belt Conference.

The 14-1 record overall and 1-0 in SBC play lasted only a day as the Blue Raiders fell to Arkansas State 3-0 Saturday. The loss ended MT's winning streak at nine and puts the team's overall record at 14-2, equaling the best start in school history.

ASU's record improved to 7-14 and the game evened the Sun Belt records of both squads at 1-1.

"I knew we would lose again,

but I was hoping that it wouldn't be today," said Middle Tennessee skipper Steve Peterson. "Hats off to Arkansas State and Robby Cuffia for pitching a great game. They got the big hit when they needed it today."

Both teams remained scoreless into the bottom of the sixth inning until APU's Brock Buckingham made his way to the plate with one out and runners at second and third.

Blue Raider starter Kris Lammers had sailed through the Indian order to this point in the game, but a one-out walk and a catcher's interference call put the lefty's back to the wall. Buckingham got a fastball over the heart of the plate and hit a high fly ball to left that hit the

top of the wall and bounced over to give the Indians what turned out to be an insurmountable three-run lead.

Lammers lasted 6-2/3 innings allowing only five hits. He walked three and struck out eight. Only two of the runs he allowed were earned.

The loss dropped Lammers' season mark to 3-1 while Cuffia improved to 3-1.

Josh Renick went 2-for-2 in the game, making him 7-for-7 in the series. Renick has not yet been kept off of first base in the series. He reached two more times on Saturday with a walk and by being hit by a Cuffia pitch.

In Friday's historic conference win, Brazelton was tagged for two runs in the first three

innings, but settled down to turn in another stellar performance on the mound. The Tullahoma native scattered 11 hits on his second complete game win of the year while striking out 11 ASU batters. The K tally gives Brazelton his third straight game in which he has reached the double-digit plateau in strikeouts.

Renick went 5-for-5 with a homer and two RBIs against the Indians. He also stole two bases.

Things looked rocky for Middle Tennessee in the early going as they fell behind 1-0 after an inning. The score remained there until the top of the third when Renick delivered his big blow over the left field wall.

In the fourth inning, the Indians got a lead off single from second baseman George Sterner, who advanced to third with one out on a sacrifice and a wild pitch. Brazelton got Nate Oldon to ground out to a drawn in Renick and struck out center fielder Nick Martin to end the inning.

In the fifth, an error put Buckingham aboard with no outs and promptly advanced to second a single from Kent Brunen, looked to surely plate Buckingham, but a tremendous throw from right fielder Marshall Nisbett cut him down at the plate for the first out of the inning. Two straight Ks from Brazelton ended the threat.

Friday's win brought

Brazelton's record to 5-0 on the year and his strikeout tally to 50. In fact, his 11-strikeout performance put Brazelton's 231 career Ks in third place on the all-time list. The win was the 20th of his career, good enough for fourth place in the record book. Oddly enough, Brazelton passed Steve Sonneberger in both cases.

Freshman lefty John Williams (2-0, 3.05 ERA) was slated to start for the Blue Raiders while righty Tommy Goforth (1-2, 2.25 ERA) was scheduled to get the starting nod for the Indians in Sunday's game. Look for details of the game in Wednesday's *Sidelines*. ♦

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R. Colin Fly Sports Editor

MTSU to sponsor Sports Medicine Expo

MTSU's athletic training education program will host the Sports Medicine Expo 2001 to inform and educate those involved in athletic training, physical therapy and related fields from students to professional and athletic-training educators.

The expo, which begins 8 a.m. Friday, April 6, will be held in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

In its inaugural year, the 2001 expo will focus on sports injuries of the brain and cervical spine.

Topics will include anatomical review of the brain and spine, biomechanics of head and neck injuries, research and clinical considerations of assessment of concussion in sports, prevention of cervical spine injuries, spinal stenosis and cervical spine injuries, on-the-field management of cervical spine injuries and catastrophic injury and you the athletic trainer.

Guest speakers will include professionals who have been on the Spinal Task Force for the National Athletic Trainers Association. Kent Falb, former head athletic trainer for the Detroit Lions and past president of the NATA, will present the expo's keynote address beginning at noon titled, "This Could Be You."

Falb will focus on the perspective of health-care trainers for athletes, including what it means to have an athlete go down on the field with a catastrophic injury and how the trainer has to respond.

Advance registration for Sports Medicine Expo 2001, which will include lunch and snacks, is \$60 for physical therapists, those certified in athletic training and other field professionals. Registration is \$80 at the door April 6. Students may register in advance for \$25 and \$30 the day of the event. Onsite registration begins at 8 a.m.

For more information, call Malissa Martin at 615-904-8187 or e-mail her at mamartin@mtsu.edu.

Hot Corner

Josh Renick raised his season batting average to .500 after a 2-for-2 performance.

Derek Phillips has performed well in a pinch-hitter role for the team. Saturday's single makes him 2-for-4 off the bench this year.

The Blue Raiders failed to hit a home run Saturday, ending their consecutive home run streak at four.

Justin Sims and Renick extended their hit streaks Saturday. Sims' streak stands at eight and Renick's improves to seven games.

Renick now has seven multi-hit games out of 16 played.

Dewon Brazelton won seven of his last eight starts dating back to last season. The eighth game was a no-decision against Old Dominion in the regional tournament last year.

Marshall Nisbett now has four outfield assists on the year, three of which have come on plays at the plate. ◆



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Manon Kruse returns serve in a match earlier this season. The Lady Raiders defeated Murray State 6-1 to win their seventh match of the year.

Lady Raiders down former rival

By Adam Sparks
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team defended their home court Saturday by

ousting Murray State 6-1 at Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

Middle Tennessee's win featured a 3-0 sweep in doubles matches and straight set wins by five of the six Lady Raiders.

In doubles, Carien Venter and Inge Weirich won 8-3. Both teams of Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell and Tanja Buchheim and Michaela Gridling won 8-2.

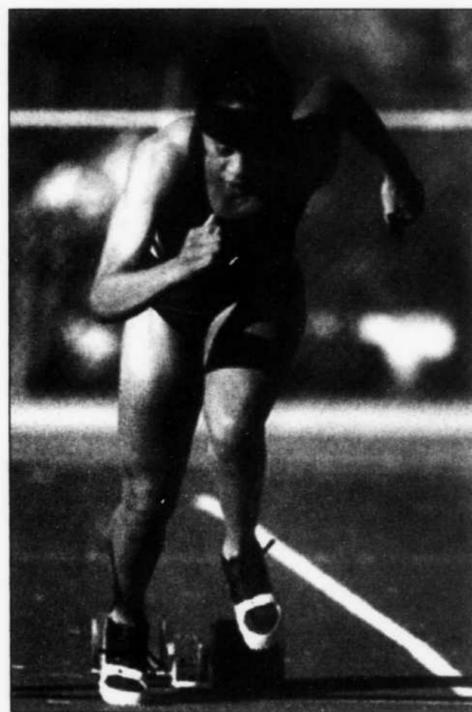
The doubles sweep was the first by MT since their season opener against Tennessee-Martin.

"I thought we competed well today," head coach Randy

Holden said. "We did a good job of putting matches away today."

In singles, freshman Venter

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File Photo

Willisa Heintz prepares for the outdoor season which began in Mississippi this weekend.

Track breathes fresh air

Men and women track teams finish strong in first outdoor event of the season at Southern Miss Invitational

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee's track teams opened their outdoor schedule Saturday in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Lady Raiders dominated the triple jump at the Southern Miss Invitational, defeating several Sun Belt Conference opponents.

Stephany Reid, Tiffany Purham and Jameka Ceilins took first, second and third place in the event. Reid also finished fifth in the long jump behind teammates Letitia Eady and Jerkita McClorin, who were third and fourth, respectively.

McClorin also won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.05. Naomi Anshah won the 400-meter race.

Tori Blander finished second in the 400-meter hurdles and the relay teams took top three finishes in both relay events.

The Blue Raiders also came home with some stellar accomplishments.

Mardy Scales won his first collegiate event as a Blue Raider with a time of 10.52 in the 100-meter

dash.

Two-time All-American Godfrey Herring did not compete in the 400-meters, but did win the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.37.

Jasper Dempers finished second with a time of 14.31 in the 110-meter high hurdles.

D.J. Spann took first place in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.76, finishing nearly a full second ahead of the pack.

The Blue Raiders 4x100 relay team also took first place and set a stadium record at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Chris Koger, Sun Belt champion in the high jump, won the event with a height of 6 feet, 9.75 inches.

William Sims finished third and broke his personal mark for the javelin toss with a distance of 168 feet, 4 inches.

The men's and women's teams will travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. Next weekend for the Alabama Relays. ◆

Blue Raiders set to have record season

View from the Top



Michael Edwards

Commentary

Don't look now, but the Middle Tennessee baseball team

is off to its best start ever.

The Blue Raiders have surged to a 14-2 record, and as of Saturday, they were 1-1 in one of the best college baseball conferences in America, the Sun Belt conference.

Last year, the Sun Belt sent a team to Omaha for the College World Series, which Louisiana State University won for the fifth time in 10 years. In 1998, South Alabama beat LSU in one game during a regional. South

Alabama is in the Sun Belt conference.

This success, however, is not strange to baseball czar Steve Peterson, who is one of the most successful head coaches in MTSU history with over 400 wins. He won more games in the first two weeks this season than the men's basketball team won in five months.

A season ago, the Blue Raiders were four wins away from going to Omaha, coming

up short to Clemson in the regional. Looking at the MTSU start, it would be hard to predict anything less but a return to the college baseball national tournament.

The reason for this success, outside of Peterson's sea of baseball knowledge, is the great pitching and hitting of the Blue Raiders team.

Beginning the season, MTSU was looking forward to seeing Dewon Brazelton take the

mound for, what will probably be his last season at MTSU. Unfortunately for MTSU, Brazelton will probably be the first player taken in the amateur baseball draft.

For you future leaguers, he provides a low earned run average, and high strike outs. Brazelton is arguably the best player in America. If you don't believe me, just ask the Cubans.

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