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Business leaders take over classes

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

MTSU will be host to a plethora of Tennessee business people this year as part of the 10th annual Executives In Residence program.

The program, sponsored by the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, is the largest event of its kind in the Southeast.

More than 30 business owners, entertainment executives and media personalities will visit MTSU's mid-morning classes March 2.

The executives will take over

10:15 and 11:20 classes in almost every college. From the College of Business to the College of Mass Communications, executives will share experiences and answer any questions students may have.

Jim Burton, dean of the College of Business, will formally welcome the executives and their student escorts following a short reception at 9:15 a.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

"The visiting executives are not expected to teach the subject of the class in which they

are speaking," Burton said. "They might choose to discuss current activities within their organization, talk about the state of the economy or offer advice for landing that first job or developing a career plan."

"The executives usually talk about their journey from school to graduation and how their education payed off in the real world," said Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs.

Students are not the only beneficiaries of the Executives in Residence program, Burton noted. "The classroom experience will also give visiting executives an opportunity to know

more about the quality of the student that we're making available to them as future employees."

Some executives visiting March 2 include Lamar Edwards from Bridgestone/Firestone, William Fryar, president of Mid-South Publishing Company, Helene Colvin from Merrill Lynch and Laurie Danko from the Saturn Corp.

The program was designed for students as an insightful look at the real world, Tozer said. "This program is a good networking opportunity for students. They can meet executives

that might hire them later on."

To wind down the event, executives will be attending a luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The special luncheon speaker will be Jack Vaughn, retired president of Opryland Hospitality and Attractions. Vaughn revolutionized the hospitality and service industry, helping make Nashville a major tourist attraction, Burton said.

The luncheon will also include the presentation of the Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award. Rodgers is the former Free Enterprise chair and an avid supporter of higher

education.

This award is given to an "accomplished businessperson" who has also demonstrated the best of the Spirit of America through significant contributions in government, education and/or civic and charitable organizations.

Past recipients have included Aubrey Hawell, Bob Corker and Marvin Runyan, MTSU's Russel Chair of Manufacturing Excellence.

For more information on MTSU's Executives in Residence program you may call 898-2764 or contact Tom Tozer at 898-2919. ♦

Course numbers, prefixes slated to change

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Course numbers for over 4,000 MTSU classes will look slightly different in the fall when the schedule books are distributed.

Due to a ruling by the Tennessee Board of Regents, all undergraduate and graduate courses will be identified by a four-digit course number rather than the current three-digit identification.

The TBR's ruling is designed to allow students at Tennessee's public colleges and universities to transfer credits among the schools with less difficulty.

According to Records Director Sherian Huddleston, the TBR consists of "six universities, 14 community colleges and 26 area technology centers." She said that 80 percent of all Tennessee students attending a public post-secondary school are enrolled in a TBR institution.

Huddleston also explained the need for the change. "Schools within the TBR system offer many of the same courses; however, the courses do not necessarily all have identical course IDs," she said. "It is the TBR's intent that a student can view a course matrix and determine that they have earned credit for a specific course regardless of which TBR school they attended."

Because of the change, courses such as Topics in Biology will be identified as BIOL 1030 at MTSU and all other TBR schools.

The change will go into effect for the fall 2001 semester. All previous course work will remain on transcripts identified with the course number that existed when credit was earned, said Huddleston.

Along with course numbers, some course prefixes will also be changed.

General physical science courses will be identified as PSCI in the fall, rather than SCI. Music course prefixes will change to MUS rather than MUSI.

Developmental studies course prefixes will also change. Huddleston explained that all developmental studies courses will begin with



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The Tennessee Board of Regents is instituting a new course numbering system starting with the fall semester. The new system is intended to make the transfer of credits between TBR schools easier.

the prefix DSP, and then a fourth character, either W, M, R or S, will be added to differentiate between writing, math, reading and study skills, respectively.

It is possible that the changes may cause some initial confusion during the advising and

registration processes. Resources are available, however, to simplify the transition. The fall 2001 schedule of classes will include a cross reference of old and new numbers. The 2001-2003 MTSU catalog will also include the former course number in parentheses next to the new

number.

Alice Mills, associate professor of biology, does not foresee many adverse effects on the advising process.

"I think most of the courses in biology just get a 0 tacked onto the end of the old number, so it's not going to be that difficult to learn the new numbers," she said.

Mills also noted that the new numbering system has been discussed in faculty meetings, and that professors have been exposed to the new course numbers.

Huddleston stated that students will continue to use the five-digit call numbers listed in the class schedule books when they register for the fall semester via TRAM or WebMT. The fee statement, however, will list the new four-digit course number.

The renumbering is part of a response begun in 1999 to the "Report on Transfer and Articulation Initiatives" published by the TBR. The report is an attempt to "provide a means whereby students in Tennessee's public post-secondary institutions can transfer among the institutions with little or no difficulty and without being required to make up additional credit."

Some MTSU students who transferred from other institutions think the change is a good one.

"I think it sounds like a good idea," said Matt Birkholz, an aerospace maintenance student who transferred from Tennessee Tech University. "I took some biology classes at Tech designated as the higher-level classes, but they transferred here as lower level."

The renumbering of courses has involved many campus departments. Huddleston explained that the change has affected admissions and records, the Office of Information Technology, publications and graphics and all the academic departments.

Further information on course number or prefix changes can be obtained by contacting Huddleston or department chairs. ♦

MTSU celebrates National Women's History Month

By Eilene Veale
Staff Writer

National Women's History Month seeks to honor women's progress throughout history, as well as raise awareness of social issues concerning women today.

MTSU's committee for National Women's History Month, chaired by Jid Lee and co-chaired by Judith Iriarte-Gross, is sponsoring a host of events during the month of March.

The AFAW International Women's Day Breakfast begins the monthlong calendar of events. The breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. March 2 in the James Union Building, Dining Room C.

This year's feature event, "Testimony of a Comfort Woman," March 12 deals with

the experiences of involuntary sexual slavery during WWII. "Comfort Women" were drafted by the Japanese military to be used as sex slaves.

Some 200,000 "Comfort Women" from China, Guam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Netherlands and Korea were taken from their homes under the pretense that they would be domestic workers. These women were imprisoned in army shacks and forced to have sex with 100 or more soldiers a day.

The "Comfort Women" of Korea have been involved in a lawsuit against the Japanese government since 1991, but have not received an official apology or reparation. This event will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the JUB, Tennessee Room.

Samira Rafiq, Mirfet Abdelhadi and Maie Eliskandarani will discuss the images, stereotypes and reality of the current status of Moslem women in a lecture March 6 in the Keathley University Center, Room 314 at 1 p.m.

Carol Queen will speak on the "Politics of 'Sex-Positive' Feminism" March 7 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S328. Queen will discuss her views with regards to feminism and its relation to sex and sexuality.

A panel of six women will discuss the increasing participation of women in the construction industry. They will be analyzing adaptations and changes to the industry due to the increase of women workers. The panel will include Marti Taylor,

Michelle Hobby, Elaine Emory, Suzanne Carson, Jan Bennett and Edna Cox. This event will be held March 8 in the Voorhies Industrial Studies, Room 115.

The *Panama Deception*, a film by Barbara Trent, is the first of three film sessions presented by National Women's History Month and Women and Power Conference. Trent is the co-founder and co-director of the Empowerment Project, a resource center for progressive videographers, and an Oscar-winning filmmaker. She has exposed criminal activities in the White House, Pentagon and CIA. She has been targeted by three FBI counter-intelligence operations for doing so. Trent's activism inspires people to take an active role in society. She will speak of her personal experiences and present her film

March 8 at 7:15 p.m. in the JUB, Tennessee Room.

A second film session will be held March 9 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the JUB, Tennessee Room. *Crimes of Honor* is a 44-minute documentary film about Islamic women in Jordan who are murdered by their male relatives for committing such forbidden acts as refusing arranged marriages and losing their virginity, and thus "dishonoring" their families. Three women fight for these women's justice. *Ladies of the Lake* is a 20-minute film about the matriarchal Mosuo culture in southwest China that is being taken over by Nationalist China.

Mab Segrest will give a lecture based on her experiences and through her perspective as a

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The Student Government

Association will be handing out free SGA vote T-shirts starting today. Stop by the Keathley University Center, Room 208 to receive a free shirt. Supplies are limited. The SGA Office can also provide information about spring elections and referendum voting.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

By Jeremy Davis - Political Columnist

Clinton Controversy

Here is a simple breakdown of the Clinton pardon scandal:

The Cast:

Former President Bill Clinton: Pardoned multiple convicted felons on his last day in office. The most controversial is the pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich. There are investigations underway to see whether Clinton took money in exchange for pardons.

Marc Rich: Indicted in the early 1980's on over 50 counts of racketeering, wire fraud, income tax evasion and illegal oil trading with Iran. He has been living in Switzerland for the last 17 years in order to avoid prosecution, and he also gave up his American citizenship.

Denise Rich: Donated over a million dollars to Democratic causes and gave \$450,000 to the Clinton library fund. She is being investigated to see whether or not any of the money she gave was actually from Marc Rich. That would be illegal since he is a foreign citizen.

Dan Burton: Republican congressman from Indiana who is leading the Congressional investigation of the Clinton pardons. He is the chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. He also said he may hold the Clinton Library in contempt of Congress if they do not hand over the list of donors for the library. Burton has received death threats recently and has greatly increased his security.

Carlos Vignali: Cocaine dealer who had his sentence reduced to time served, which is 15 years. His father Horacio Vignali is a Hispanic leader in Los Angeles and a large contributor to the Democratic Party.

Almon Glenn Braswell: Miami businessman who was convicted in 1983 of fraud and perjury in connection to a mail-order baldness cure he sold. Los Angeles prosecutors were investigating him on other charges when Clinton issued the pardon.

Hugh Rodham: Younger brother to Sen. Hillary Clinton admitted to taking \$400,000 for lobbying the pardons of Vignali and Braswell. He returned the money at the Clintons' request.

Mary Jo White: U.S. Attorney for Manhattan has opened a criminal inquiry of the Clinton pardon of Marc Rich. She is looking for a connection between the contributions and the pardons.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton: Former First Lady is accused of lobbying for the commutation of the sentences of four Hasidic Jews in New Square, NY in exchange for votes. It has been reported that she was present at a White House meeting with a Jewish community leader who was lobbying for the commutation of the convicted Jews. She denies any involvement or knowledge of any of the pardon scandals.

The Plot:

After granting so many controversial pardons on his last day of office former President Bill Clinton is being investigated for an apparent abuse of power. Clinton did not follow procedure for many of the pardons by not informing the Justice Department or the attorney general's office.

Clinton can, by law, pardon whomever he wants, but there is a possibility he was bribed and that is what is bringing the investigations.

Gore Didn't Gain Enough in Another Recount

An independent study done for USA Today, the Miami Herald and Knight Ridder Newspapers revealed that Al Gore would not have gained the 600 or more votes Democrats believed he would in Miami-Dade County.

Using the most lenient standards (counting any indentation as a vote) Gore gained only 49 votes. Using stricter standards Bush would win the county altogether.

The accounting firm of BDO Seidman was hired to do the recount of all of Florida's 67 counties of which Miami-Dade was the first to be completed. The rest of the state should be completed in a few weeks.

Powell Receives Cold Welcome in Mideast

Secretary of State Colin Powell visited the Mideast this weekend and was greeted by protests and violence in many cities.

When Powell went to Ramallah, West Bank, two men were shot in the street while he was there. Anti-American protests raged in Iraq, Syria, Palestine and other Arab areas.

Powell urged Israel to give up the sanctions on Palestine, but he also reaffirmed the United States' full support of Israel.

Powell met with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov Friday in Cairo and discussed the plan for a missile defense shield. Both leaders said the discussion was friendly and productive but disagreements were still prevalent.

In a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Houssein, Powell told the Egyptian leaders he believes Saddam Hussein is still a threat to Mideast peace.

Houssein said they believe Hussein is no longer a threat and the sanctions are hurting the Iraqi people more than Hussein. ♦



Denise Rich



Burton



White

Commentary

Somebody hand Clinton a cane

I think ole Bill may need a cane because he has got to be limping after all the hits he has taken from the press, the Republicans and even his own friends. In fact, you better make it a walker.

When Clinton's brother-in-law Hugh Rodham came out last week and admitted to taking \$400,000 for getting a pardon, the Democratic Party decided it had been pushed to the limit. Even Clinton cronies James Carville and Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe have expressed regret and contempt for the former president.

It is also surprising that many of the Democrats on television don't seem too shocked about the recent scandals. They all just look frustrated and angry.

I think the thing that is bothering Democrats most is that Clinton is making Dubya look like a knight in shining armor. President Bush's approval ratings are continuing to climb up to Clinton-like levels while Bill and Hillary are taking a nosedive to the bottom of the chart.

A recent poll conducted by Quinnipac University in New York put President Bush's approval ratings in New York at 45 percent while the former President got just 43 percent and Sen. Clinton polled a measly 38 percent. If you are a Democrat, that should scare the hell out of you.

Sure, Bush hasn't really been tested yet. But he is getting a much warmer reception in Washington than anybody expected, and definitely a warmer reception than Al Gore could ever have dreamed of getting.

Bush has charmed everyone from Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy to British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Bush's public relations skills have been proven but his legislative skills have yet to be seen. His first foray into Congress this week with his budget proposal will give the nation a chance to see if he can deliver the goods without too much compromise of his political convictions.

Al Gore is hiding out in universities, the Clintons are heading for the bunker and the rest of the Democrats are running around like a bunch of chickens with their heads cut off. At the same time the Republicans are driving a well-oiled machine.

This won't last for long, and I'm sure Clinton will walk away from the accident and Bush will eventually get his shoe stuck in the mud. The real question is can the Democrats recover in time for the 2002 election? This will be the true test of the Republican's power. If they keep control of the Congress, Bush will be very difficult to defeat in 2004 and everyone in Washington knows it. ♦

Parking Notice

**We Need Your Help to Welcome TSSAA Fans to MTSU
Girls: March 7-10 * Boys: March 14-17**

The TSSAA Basketball Tournament will once again be held at MTSU with the girls competition running from March 7-10, and the boys competition from March 14-17.

On March 7-10 and March 14-17, the Greenland Drive Parking lots will be reserved paid parking for TSSAA ticket holders. All other TSSAA fans will be directed to the lots on the east side of campus. (TSSAA receives all Greenland parking revenue during the tournaments.)

Student Commuters who usually park in the Greenland lots will be directed to C street, where, at the intersection, those with MTSU parking permits will be allowed to turn right onto B street and park in any legal green-permit space. Please watch for redirection signs and public safety personnel who will help direct you. (All TSSAA visitors will be instructed to turn left at the intersection.)

The Tennessee Livestock Center lot will be closed for the Tennessee Beef Agribition March 9. All other days, student commuters may find available parking in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot.

To avoid C Street traffic, student commuters may want to enter campus on 2nd Street from Rutherford Boulevard to access parking on the east side of campus, near the Greenhouse, Health Services, and in the lot near the Recreation Center.

The entrance to Faulkinberry Drive on Tennessee Boulevard will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, March 7-10 and March 14-17. Any persons who park on Faulkinberry will need to exit the campus via Loop Drive by Peck Hall.

The Raider Xpress shuttle service will run its normal routes throughout campus except for the Greenland Drive lots.

Parking and Traffic Rules and Regulations will be enforced as usual. Every effort is being made with signs, public safety personnel, parking attendants, and shuttle service to prevent undue confusion and inconvenience and still ensure the safety of everyone on campus.

We apologize for this temporary parking displacement and ask for your patience and understanding. Hosting the TSSAA tournament is an opportunity for thousands of prospective students and their families to see MTSU up close.

For questions and concerns, please call Parking and Transportation Services at (615) 898-2850 or Public Safety at (615) 898-2424. Thank you.



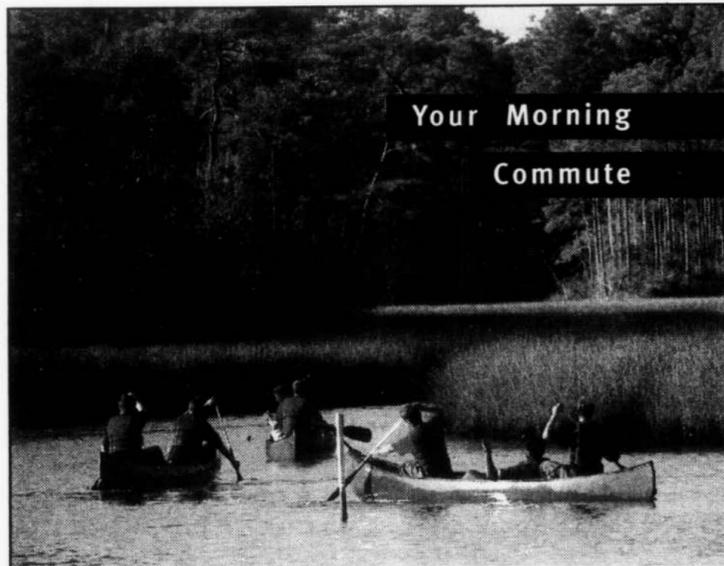
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Women: Month recognizes importance, roles of women

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self-professed "queer socialist." For 20 years she has been giving speeches, hosting workshops and writing on racism, homophobia, capitalism, sexuality, spirituality, hope, coalition-building and political strategy. She has worked with the World Council of Churches on issues such as sexuality, spirituality and justice. She is currently working on her third book, *Born to Belonging*. The lecture will be held March 9 at 3 p.m. in the JUB, Tennessee Room.

A Women's Concert to promote programs against domestic violence will be held March 9 in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts' Tucker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m.

Miriam Ching Louie will speak about the needs of immigrant women of color in sweatshops March 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the JUB, Tennessee Room. For over 30 years Louie has worked with immigrants and grassroots Asian communities. Her latest book will depict

empowered grassroots women leaders in anti-sweatshop and anti-corporate movements. Louie serves on the board of the Women of Color Resource Center and has worked with Asian Immigrant Women Advocates as national media coordinator for the Garment Workers Justice Campaign.

The third film session will feature *No Man's Land: Women Frontline Journalists*, a film directed by Shelly Saywell and narrated by Kate Nelligan, which profiles women war correspondents. The film focuses on American Janine di Giovanni, Luse Doucet, Clare Hollingworth, Martha Teichner and Ann Medina, who speak of their common experiences while covering wars all over the world. The film session will be held March 10 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

The KUC's Art Cube will display paintings by MTSU students Currier Howard and Jennifer Jennings, that depict stages of inner growth and emo-

tional turmoil. The exhibit opens March 10.

On March 15, two Women in Science lectures will be given by Sandra C. Greer, who teaches chemical engineering at the University of Maryland at College Park. Both "The Polymerization of the Protein Actin" at 11 a.m. and "Truth, Justice, and the Scientific Way: Ethical Issues of a Working Scientist" at 7 p.m. will be in the Davis Science Building, Room 100. Greer's studies have led to the transformation of course curriculums to include more contributions from women.

The Baldwin Photography Gallery will feature an exhibit by Gypsy Ray, "Ireland: Different Views." Comprised of 50 black-and-white silver gelatin prints, the display will be from March 4 through April 19 in the Learning Resource Center's Baldwin Photography Gallery. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. March 19 and a reception will follow.

MTSU history professor Lisa Pruitt will discuss race and gender issues in conjunction with

the governmental history of North Carolina. The lecture will be held in Peck Hall, Room 222 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:20 p.m. March 20. Pruitt's lecture is part of the Brown Bag Series presented by the history department.

Irina Rosenbaum will talk about the daily lives and expectations of Russian women April 3 at 3 p.m. in the BDA Building, Room 303B.

Holocaust survivor Elizabeth Limor will speak on, "Women's Voices: Lessons from the Holocaust" April 6 at 12:45 p.m. in the Hazelwood Room of the JUB. MTSU Holocaust Studies Committee includes a lunch and student writing awards beginning at noon. The lecture is free and open to the public. For lunch tickets contact Jimmie Cain at 898-5960.

For more information concerning these events contact chair of Women's Studies, Elyce Helford at ehelford@mtsu.edu, Jid Lee at lee@mtsu.edu, June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193 or Women's Studies Council at 898-5910. ♦

SueZann Bosler to speak against the death penalty

In 1985, James Campbell killed Rev. Billy Bosler and left his daughter, SueZann Bosler, for dead with stab wounds. Bosler, acting on her father's belief that life is sacred and that the death penalty was wrong, asked the jury not to give Campbell the death penalty.

Bosler will speak Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S118.




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The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor



Around the hot corner

The 5-0 start to the season by Middle Tennessee is the best ever baseball start under head coach Steve Peterson.

After Sunday's loss, the Blue Raiders are 14-3 in their last 17 games, dating back to last season, with two of the three losses coming against No. 4 ranked Clemson on the road.

The Blue Raiders have allowed 11 runs in 55 innings of play this season.

Coach Peterson was presented with a bat commemorating his 403rd victory as head coach prior to the series finale with Southeastern Louisiana. Athletic director Boots Donnelly and former baseball coach John Stanford awarded Peterson the award.

Josh Renick sat out Sunday's game with a sore shoulder and Jason Howarth left the game with a pulled hamstring.

The pulled hamstring's earned run average is still below 1.00 for the year.

Thomatis wins player of the week, again

Junior Jamie Thomatis earned the final Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. She won the honor for the third time this season. Thomatis won the award for her efforts in wins over New Mexico State and Western Kentucky.

Thomatis scored her fourth 30-point game of the season in the win over Western Kentucky and averaged 25.5 points for the week. She hit 56 percent of her shots and was near perfect at the free throw line connecting on 19 of her 21 attempts. She also led the team with four steals in the two games.

She became the first Lady Raider to earn Player of the Week in the Sun Belt Conference on Dec. 18 and was named for the second time on Feb. 5. She joins Gergana Slavtcheva from FIU as the only other player to earn Player of the Week three times this season.

Free trip to Europe!

Former volleyball standout Lindsay Pritchard has been selected to play for an All-Star team featuring some of the nation's best collegiate and international volleyball players.

Bring It Promotions is a company that offers universities the opportunity to gain international experience playing in Europe and other overseas locations.

Pritchard left to compete in tournaments in Spain and Portugal over the weekend and will spend a couple of weeks touring the two countries with the U.S. All-Star team.

Pritchard recently completed her career at Middle Tennessee as one of the school's leading hitters and blockers. She ended the 2000 season ranked 14th in the nation in blocks.

Double Trouble

The Sun Belt Tournament begins tomorrow. The Ragin' Cajuns are the rage for both the men and the women. The Lady Raiders open with Louisiana at Lafayette Thursday and the Blue Raiders open against the Cajuns on Friday. ♦

Track teams run to Sun Belt titles

MT Media Relations

Jonesboro, Ark. - Middle Tennessee continued its domination of Sun Belt Conference track and field by winning both the men's and women's indoor championships on Monday. The men won by a scant 2.5 points over Louisiana Tech, while the women rolled past Florida International for their second league title in the last 10 months. The Lady Raiders also won the 2000 outdoor title, just two months before their official July 1 entrance into the league.

"To win them both is just great," head coach Dean Hayes said. "It makes it tough coming home when one team wins and the other one doesn't. They will both be celebrating after this one. This was the toughest in the Sun Belt Championships

WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1. Middle Tennessee, 102.50
2. Florida International, 88
3. Arkansas State, 86
4. Louisiana Tech, 64
5. South Alabama, 57
6. North Texas, 46
7. New Orleans, 44
8. Arkansas-Little Rock, 43
9. Western Kentucky, 40.50
10. New Mexico State, 33
11. Louisiana-Lafayette, 19

MEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1. Middle Tennessee, 104
2. Louisiana Tech, 101.50
3. Arkansas State 96
4. North Texas, 95
5. South Alabama, 71
6. Louisiana-Lafayette, 61
7. Florida International, 36
8. Western Kentucky, 26.50
9. Arkansas-Little Rock, 21
10. New Orleans, 10



in several years as evidenced by the times and the meet records that fell. So to win it, and the field to be that tough, is even more rewarding."

The women, behind Jerkita McClorin, Willis Heintz, and Kim Freeman, racked up 102.5 points and set two new Sun Belt Conference and ConClorin, the meet's top women's scorer, won the 55-meter hurdles with a new meet record of 7.88, while also winning the long jump with a

leap of 19-11 1/2.

Heintz won the 55 meters in a time of 6.99 and took the 200 meters in a personal best 24.03. Freeman, voted the women's outstanding performer, set a new meet and SBC record in the triple jump with a mark of 42-4 1/4. Freeman was also third in the long jump.

The men's title had a little more drama by going down to the last event.

The Blue Raiders trailed Louisiana Tech by 1/2 point

entering the 4X400 meter relay, but came out of the event with a 2 1/2-point advantage by taking third, one spot ahead of the Bulldogs.

Like the women, the Blue Raiders set two new meet and SBC records en route to accumulating 104 points.

Godfrey Herring came up big once again for the Blue Raiders as he registered a win in the 400-meter run with a SBC record time of 46.98. Herring was also third in the 200 meters.

"Godfrey Herring was huge for us this weekend," Hayes said. "He stepped up in the absence of Rob Jordan, but so did many others."

Tanko Braimah collected the other meet record with a time of 21.12 in the 200 meters. Braimah also added a third place finish in the 55 meters. The only other event winner was high jumper Chris Koger who recorded a leap of 6-9 3/4.

Geoffrey Lagat also had a solid championship by finishing third in the 5,000 meters and fourth in the 3,000.

Hayes was awarded Coach of the Year honors for the men and women.

It marked the third Coach of the Year for Hayes in the Sun Belt and the 17th all-time (he was honored 14 times in the OVC). ♦

Lady Raider tennis shut down; No. 15 Lady Volunteers win 5-0

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders tennis team was shut out this weekend against No. 15 Tennessee.

It was the seventh Top 25 match for the Lady Raiders in just 11 matches.

The Lady Raiders got off to a good start as Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell defeated Vilmaire

Castelli and Kim Gates at the No. 1 position in doubles, 8-5.

Weirien Venter and Inge Wiskie of the Blue Raiders were less fortunate as they were defeated by the Vols Allison Ojeda and Agnes Wiskie, 9-7.

This gave Tennessee an early 1-0 lead which they never lost.

Head coach Randy Holden says, "We played extremely hard

today in doubles. We were just a point or two away from taking the doubles point, which could have meant an entirely different match."

The Lady Vols never backed down, taking four of the six singles matches in straight sets.

This puts the Vols at 7-1 with a four-match winning streak.

The Lady Raiders are now 3-

8 but have maintained the 59th spot in ITA's national rankings due to one of the toughest schedules in the country.

The Lady Raiders will get a slight break as they next travel to Louisville, Ky. to face the unranked Cardinals. ♦

Women's Tennis Results #15 Tennessee def. #59 Middle Tennessee, 5-0

Singles:
Alison Ojeda (UT) def. Manon Kruse (MT) 6-0, 6-2
Kim Gates (UT) def. Tanja Buchheim (MT) 6-2, 6-2
Vilmarie Castelli (UT) def. Inge Wiskie (MT) 6-2, 6-3
Agnes Wiskie (UT) def. Michaela Gridding (MT) 6-1, 6-2
Brooke Cordell (UT) vs. Carlen Venter (MT) DNP
Catherine Hall (UT) vs. Niger Kaur (MT) DNP

Doubles:
Krusse-Varnell (MT) def. Castelli-Gates (UT) 8-5
Ojeda-Wiskie (UT) def. Venter-Wiskie (MT) 9-7
Cleveland-Cordell (UT) def. Gridding-Kaur (MT) 8-1

MTSU Softball

Eagles 5, Lady Raiders 0

Feb. 25

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LP Martinez
WP Savage

Softball wins 4, loses in semis

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders softball team returned home from Georgia Southern with four wins under their belts.

During the first two days of the tournament, the Lady Raiders were undefeated in four games. However, the tables turned Sunday as the Georgia Southern answered MTSU's outstanding beginning with a 5-0 shutout.

Janice Savage of the Eagles threw a complete game one-hitter. Steffi Silva had the Lady Raiders one hit.

Jennifer Martinez, MTSU's OVC two-time pitcher of the year, struggled just a bit allowing five hits and five runs in 3 2/3 innings. Stacy Preator relieved Martinez allowing just one hit in over 3 1/3 innings. Preator also came away with three strikeouts.

The Lady Raiders record stands at 6-4. ♦

MT on road today

3:05 p.m.
Young Memorial Field
Birmingham, Ala.

MT golf starts strong, fades down the stretch

Staff Reports

The Blue Raiders finished in a tie for 10th this weekend at the Ron Smith Invitational. They finished the third round with a score of 908, 49 strokes behind the College of Charleston who won the tournament.

Head coach Johnny Moore says, "We just could not get anything going today. If we had a good hole, then we would turn around and have two bad ones. It just was not our day."

The team effort was less than par, but junior J.R. Wade played better than he has all year. After the second round, Wade was tied for fourth. Sunday wasn't quite as good for Wade as he dropped a few notches finishing the tournament tied for 16th.

On Sunday, Patrick Williams shot the team low with a 73 finishing the tournament with a 226 ranking 33rd overall. Hunter Ingram tied for 43rd with a 229 and John Beddies tied for 61st with a score of 224. Dane Randle registered a three-round total of 241 putting him in 77th place.

The Blue Raiders will next travel to Lakeland, Fla. They will compete in the Matlock Classic on March 5 and 6. ♦

Ron Smith Invitational Results

TEAM STANDINGS

College of Charleston (859)
Virginia-Commonwealth (881)
Georgia Southern University (889)
Columbus State University (892)
Arkansas State University (893)
Florida Southern College (897)
Jacksonville State (900)
Southern Miss. (901)
Austin Peay State University (902)
Tennessee-Chattanooga (908)
Middle Tennessee (908)
Central Florida University (910)
University of South Florida (911)
University of Memphis (917)
Marquette University (941)
Depaul University (943)
Florida Atlantic University (958)

MT RESULTS

T-16th J.R. Wade (72-71-79=222)
T-33rd Patrick Williams (78-75-73=226)
T-43rd Hunter Ingram (76-75-78=229)
T-61th John Beddies (78-79-77=234)
77th Dane Randle (82-76-83=241)

7 Day Sportscast

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Baseball Blue Raiders at UAB Birmingham, Ala., 3:05 p.m.	Women's Basketball Sun Belt Tournament Mobile, Ala., TBA Men's Tennis Blue Raiders at Mississippi St. Starkville, Miss., 2 p.m.	Sun Belt Tournament Men's and Women's Basketball Mobile, Ala., TBA	Sun Belt Tournament Men's and Women's Basketball Mobile, Ala., TBA Baseball Blue Raiders vs. Memphis Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m. Men's Tennis Blue Raiders at South Alabama Mobile, Ala., 11 a.m.	Sun Belt Tournament Men's and Women's Basketball Mobile, Ala., TBA Baseball Blue Raiders vs. Memphis Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m. Women's Tennis Lady Raiders at Louisville Louisville, Ky., 2 p.m. Men's Tennis Blue Raiders at UL-Lafayette Lafayette, La., noon	Sun Belt Tournament Men's and Women's Basketball Mobile, Ala., TBA Golf Matlock Classic Lakeland, Fla., All day	Sun Belt Tournament Men's and Women's Basketball Mobile, Ala., TBA Golf Matlock Classic Lakeland, Fla., All day Baseball Blue Raiders vs. Jacksonville St. Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.

OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, TN

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

SIDELINES ♦ 5

From the staff

Don't shoot the messenger; editorial staff columns are for the entire community

Recently, we received some criticism from readers about the content on our Opinions page.

Not everyone understands the concept of the page, so we want to clear up the misunderstandings.

The editorial that you are reading now is called a staff or "consensus" editorial which is intended to represent the opinion on any given topic of the newspaper as an institution, and not of an individual.

By contrast, other columns that appear on this page contain the opinions of those writers, not the paper as a whole.

The letters to the editor section is for our readers who have opinions that are either against ours or opinions on any subject.

We don't edit the content of letters or columns from individuals. We respect that everyone has their own perspectives, and who are we to tell them they can't write about a certain issue.

This pertains to almost any subject, including national politics, local or student politics, Greek issues or university affairs, such as parking problems.

There are certain issues that we shy away from such as racism or kiddie porn. These are examples of extreme issues that are considered taboo.

To restate, this page is intended to be an open forum of discussion between the newspaper as an entity, individual staff members and our readers.

It's a sort of bulletin board for our community. Hopefully readers will understand this and also understand why we allow certain opinions to be printed.

It's not necessarily because we believe in them, but rather, because some individual or group in the community does.

Celebrities turning into gods

Walking through the isles of Toys-R-Us, (yes, I still go to Toys-R-Us) I find action figures of heavy metal icons like Ozzy Osbourne, Alice Cooper and Kiss.

As I stand pondering the striking realism of these figurines, I am struck with a thought. These figures are uncannily similar, in nature, to all those little idols excavated from archeological digs. I find myself wondering if, indeed, these "toys" hold the same meaning for their owners as those pagan idols did for their ancient worshippers so many ages ago. A diminutive plastic Ozzy, posed rampant with a headless dove in hand and sitting atop a bedroom dresser, cannot be far from a little statue of Buddha sitting in a place of honor in an East Asian home hundreds of years ago.

Now, I realize the philosophy of Ozzy Osbourne may lack a bit of the sophistication of Buddha's, but these icons, and what they symbolize, still

Wes Cobb
Staff Columnist



Cranial Smorgasbord

basically serve the same purpose. They give their owners some sort of meaning in life - something bigger than themselves to look up to.

This tendency is not only manifested in ancient philosophers and heavy metal toys. In today's society, where religious faith sometimes seems to be in its darkest hours, the human need to have an ideal to strive for turns to those which are bigger than life.

In our culture, the celebrity is becoming more synonymous with a god head every day. As perfect in form

as a Greek god, Ricky Martin appears in his temple, the stage, to be worshipped and adored by the masses. Hades is reborn in the image of Eminem, an outcast god whose underworld kingdom separates him from the rest of the Pantheon. Madonna is a new Aphrodite who is looked to for sexual empowerment. Posters of these stars decorate the walls like stained-glass windows of old cathedrals.

We look upon these people as more than human - as symbolic of a perfection within ourselves that we struggle for but cannot attain.

We look to these human icons for hope in a world that can seem hopeless.

We need this release of the spirit to give us perseverance in our daily lives.

It is an inherent part of the human psyche, because even if religion were to disappear from our world, we would still have our gods. ♦

MTSU strip club: improving campus life

Many of you at home may be asking, "What job is there on campus that students can earn tips [from]?"

As far as I know, there aren't any. That's where my idea comes into play.

We need a strip club on campus. I've thought this idea through, I promise.

It doesn't have to be big - a small stage with a pole, a few chairs around the stage and some tables scattered about. Maybe we can throw in a couple couches for dances. To prevent any sexual discrimination lawsuits, we'll also build a male strip club. There's no reason to limit this great economic opportunity to females.

Another issue is where these clubs would be located.

I've got that covered, too.

We'll put both of them in the giant parking lot adjacent to the Rec Center and the baseball fields. This makes access convenient to everyone on campus, and there will be plenty of parking for everyone. As an added bonus, it provides great cover for someone looking to escape for a couple hours.

"Honey, where are you going?"
"Oh, I'm headed out to the Rec center. I'll be back later."

There is an economic argument as well.

Do you realize how much money strippers make in a night? I don't have



Canadian Bacon

Patrick Chinnery

Staff Columnist

any definite figures, but I'm certain they pull in several hundred dollars. Friends have told me they can charge \$30 a lap dance. That's serious cash. MTSU is no pimp daddy, so the strippers would be free to keep everything they make.

Obviously, I don't mean for this to replace all work-study jobs on campus. It would be a ridiculous idea to force anyone who wants money to strip for it. But, I dare say that there will not be a shortage of workers clamoring for this chance. I know of one girl who dropped out last semester to strip downtown because it pays so well. If only we had a club on campus, then she could have had the best of both worlds.

That takes cares of supply.

It is self-evident that there is demand for such an institution on campus. Every guy I've pitched my idea to has expressed full support.

While there has been some reservation among females, it was generally overcome once I pointed out they didn't have to go there if they didn't like it, and there would be a male club for those who are into that sort of thing.

Another valid concern, when dealing with this sort of establishment, is the safety of the dancers and the patrons.

MTSU is a dry campus, and these clubs would be no exception. Alcohol is one of the biggest catalysts in bar fights. So it stands to reason that, if the catalyst is removed, then the violent reaction cannot occur.

Who says I learned nothing in chemistry?

There you have it - my plan to revolutionize the work-study system, and bring a little bit of heaven to our sometimes dull campus.

I'd bet money that, if there was a strip club here, people would tend to stick around on weekends.

It would improve the local economy and bring hours of fun for everyone.

Far from making MTSU a den of debauchery, it would show the world that even here, in the buckle of the Bible Belt, we're open to new ideas. That is something I'd love to strut across a stage. ♦

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Dear Annie

My Friends Don't Like My Girl

Dear Annie,

I really like this girl I have been dating for about a month. But a couple of my good friends I have known forever don't like her. When I hang out with my friends, I feel like I can't bring her along. They don't enjoy being around her. I am concerned that if I insist on bringing her,

they'll refuse to hang out with me anymore. I don't want to lose my friends, but I don't want to lose my girl either. What should I do? - Troubled

Dear Troubled,

Have you asked your friends why they don't like her? Sometimes friends can see things you don't.

Since you have known these guys "forever," I can only assume they have

your best interest at heart.

Listen to their reasoning and decide for yourself if you want to pursue the relationship. If you still want to see her, explain your dilemma to your friends. Tell them how important this girl is to you.

True friends will try and accept her because she is important to you.

To send questions or concerns email DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com



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FLASH

Vanilla Ice: No longer too cold

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

Vanilla Ice, a well-known one hit wonder of the 90s, turned up the bass and cranked out his latest sound Saturday, Feb. 24 at Bongo Johnny's.

Although he arrived an hour later than scheduled, the crowd didn't seem to mind. The dance floor was packed with wild and drunken fans, eager to hear this popular artist.

If you only know Vanilla Ice, a.k.a. Robert Van Winkle, by the famous "Ice, Ice Baby" and those old school baggy harem pants, you might not have recognized him Saturday. His look, as well as his musical style, has drastically changed from 10 years ago.

This show was not focused on his original rap career. Instead, his new, hard-core rock style reveals the true Vanilla Ice. He did, however, set aside a section of the performance for his old music, including the beloved "Ice, Ice Baby."

In this hour long performance, Vanilla Ice showed the

audience much talent. He put on a good show with his singing, dancing, rapping and free styling. He also got the crowd involved by allowing them to join him on stage to express their own talent. Individuals were handed a microphone to free style rap with the given beat.

Halfway through the performance, Vanilla Ice took a few moments to thank the audience and explain his side of all the controversy he's had with the media in the past. He claimed he was forced to dress and behave in a way he disapproved of, just to gain popularity and fame.

"Life is not about money, ya'll. Life is about happiness," he said to the crowd.

Along with his new style, something else has recently entered Vanilla Ice's life - a relationship with God. After bankruptcy, he committed his life to drugs and alcohol until one night an overdose and near-death experience changed him.

From a previous interview he explained the incident made

him realize he was too good for his present lifestyle, so he turned to God. He even tattooed a leaf on his stomach, signifying his seriousness of turning over a new leaf and starting all over. Another major change in the life of Vanilla Ice was the birth of his five-month-old daughter, Dusti Rain. Those who know him say he's become a real family man thanks to her and his wife.



"He's a very genuinely nice

guy," says Matt Rankin, a member of Vanilla Ice's management team.

Although Rankin is not a close friend of Vanilla Ice, he had the opportunity to eat lunch with him and his crew early Saturday. He explained that Vanilla Ice's personality, on and off stage, is completely different.

Just by watching him perform in front of an audience, you probably wouldn't label him as a family man or Christian. Many of his songs promote and encourage the use of marijuana. He also focuses on sex by asking girls to "show me the titties." Girls don't seem to mind, though, that he's married and has a little girl. Some of them had no problem showing him and going as far as having him sign body parts that are normally covered.

Tommy Quon, Vanilla Ice's manager, has been working with Vanilla the majority of his career. As of now, they plan to travel across the states to small clubs like Bongo Johnny's.

Vanilla Ice is popular in America and many other countries across the world, including Great Britain, Brazil and Japan.

Although Vanilla Ice is the only big name known at his performances, he's not the only

performer. DJ Zero works with the turntables and focuses on the hip-hop side of the music. Vanilla Ice also has another performer on stage who sings and helps hype up the crowd.

Vanilla Ice's style is labeled as a new and rarely used type of music - "skate rock." It's not considered rock n' roll, heavy metal or hip-hop, but a mix of styles.

His upcoming album, *Skabz*, blends his old rap styles with his new hard-rock sound.

The album will be available in stores later this year. It will feature other artists such as Wu-Tang Clan, Lenny Kravitz, Public Enemy, Insane Clown Posse and more. Previous albums of his are *Hard To Swallow*, *Mind Blowin'* and *To The Extreme*.

Vanilla Ice, of all people, understands the meaning of struggle. Even with all he's been through, nothing has brought him down. He's ready to forget the past, move forward with his career and make the best of his life. ♦

Disturbing the peace Local band Diskord rocks out

By Katie Blakenship
Staff Writer

Diskord may be a fairly new band to Murfreesboro, but it looks like they've already learned how to pack a house.

I decided to check Diskord out at The Boro Bar and Grill, along with their self-proclaimed brother band, Without. Overall, I would describe the show as interesting and educational.

Their hard rock genre may not appeal to me personally, but as I found out Wednesday, there is a huge market for it here. The place was packed and it was filled with kids eager to rock, dance hard and mosh with their favorite bands.

Diskord is composed of Abe Freeland who is the lead vocalist, Scott Haynes the drummer, Todd Fullford (or as he prefers, "Mush," who plays lead guitar) and Matt Wales on bass. These guys have been together about nine months

and have already developed quite a following.

Scott and Matt used to play together in a pop-rock group and stayed together when they wanted to try something harder. They found Mush through a computer search and Abe was introduced through mutual friends. Thus, Diskord was born.

Their major musical influences consist of bands like Tool, The Deftones and Tap Root. Diskord describes their music as, "hard rock, not hard core." They all take part in their song writing and try to write music that accentuates their melodies.

The members of Diskord either attended or graduated from MTSU, and all majored in the Recording Industry.

Diskord agrees that Murfreesboro is a great starting point for their band. They are pleased with what they see as the rejuvenated music scene in town

and feel that things are opening up for them and bands like themselves.

Murfreesboro seems to be an ever-changing platform for local music. These guys are happy to see the platform changing from the "hippie rock" to bands more in their genre.

Though some might not be a hard rock fans, it is obvious that the genre's popularity in town picking up fast.

Whether or not it's my style, I am always happy to see local bands giving their all to the area music scene.

As far as hard rock goes, Diskord was more enjoyable than most. Their music is deeply melodic and, although their lyrics were fast and hard, they were still clear and audible (which is a nice change from similar bands in town).

Diskord is a new band that is just beginning to stretch their legs in Murfreesboro. ♦

Sweet, but not worth \$7.50

By Steven Murden
Staff Writer

I'll admit it. I'm a huge sap for romantic tear-jerkers. When I saw the previews for the new film *Sweet November*, I was awaiting a roller coaster ride of emotions typical of "those kind" of movies.

The fact that *Sweet November* starred the beautiful Charlize Theron, one of my favorite actresses, didn't give me any reason to complain. So yes, the movie was romantic, and yes, it was sweet, but really, it wasn't all that.

Sweet November opens with its vulnerable "lover boy," played by Keanu Reeves. Reeves is seen in bed, having sex with his girlfriend, until the sun comes up. Obviously, *The Matrix* no longer has him and he's out to see some action.

Reeves' character, Nelson Moss, is a typical early thirties workaholic. He is arrogant, self-centered and unable to see past his own nose. This is all about to change, however, or it wouldn't be much of a movie.

After his life falls apart, and he has a chance meeting with a rather eccentric young woman named Sarah Deever, played by Theron, Nelson Moss is slowly coerced into becoming her new pet project.

You see, Ms. Deever is a live one. Every month she takes a superb a**hole off the street and away from his typical environment and routine. She does all of this in hopes that she'll be able to correct the screw-ups. Thus, hoping they'll have the revelation, "Oh my god! I am a dick!" Once the epiphany occurs, or when the thirty days are



up, Sarah kicks them to the curb for the next loser. Obviously, things don't go as planned with Nelson - her "November."

During her monthlong conjugal visits, Sarah never reveals she is dying of cancer and how soon her impending death is. Nelson only learns about it after she becomes quite ill and he rushes her to the hospital.

No, the film isn't ruined for you now! You know there is going to be some kind of complication or it wouldn't (again) be much of a movie. Are you starting to follow this? And you know they're going to profess their love or it wouldn't

be much of a romantic film. It's how they do it that sets *Sweet November* apart and makes it so, well, sweet.

Sweet November isn't just romantic or grim. It has quite a few laughs - provided mostly by Sarah saying something that basically translates into, "Nelson, you suck. Change!" However, there is also Sarah's British, cross-dressing housemate who manages to get a few comical words in edgewise.

In the end, all I can say about *Sweet November* is that it was nice. That's certainly not high praise, so I'd wait and make it a Blockbuster rental night. ♦

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