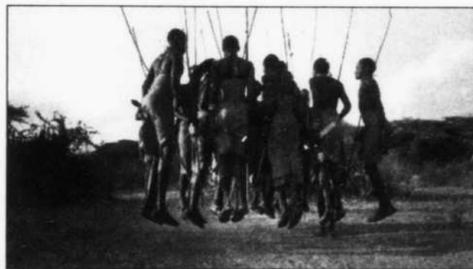




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Goodwill, Salvation Army officially tax free

Ms. Cheap aids in research

By Jesse Lee Campbell
Staff Writer

The next time you visit a Goodwill or Salvation Army, take notice that you may not need that extra change when you check out.

Effective on the first of this

month, Goodwill and Salvation Army Thrift stores no longer charge the 9.25 percent Tennessee state sales tax on used clothed items.

The Tennessee's own Mary Hance, known to readers as Ms. Cheap, began researching the topic after receiving a question

in the mail from Christi Robbins about double taxation on used clothing. Robbins questioned why thrift store shoppers had to pay a tax on used clothing that had already been taxed.

Ms. Cheap found that in 1994 the legislature wanted to help a group of churches that had organized a thrift store. The legislature amended the sales tax law to exempt sales on

used clothes for thrift stores with a nonprofit status.

"Goodwill stores in other regions had granted the tax exemption to their customers, it was the Middle Tennessee area stores that had not made the change," said Randy Gustafson of the Department of Revenue.

Murfreesboro Salvation Army assistant manager Heather Hargrove said she

doesn't believe the tax will affect their business but will benefit those who shop at the store.

Some question the terms of this tax-free exemption since the Goodwill and Salvation Army stores of Middle Tennessee collected approximately \$1 million in taxes last year, as reported by *The Tennessean*.

"This is a serious change

because we had our register prices altered for the exemption," Hargrove said. "I think it would only make our customers mad if we had to go back to charging the tax on clothing again."

The Salvation Army raises money to help other Salvation Army stores and is donated to

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McCallie cleaning up



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Junior Patrick Hefner cleans the dessert area in the McCallie Dining Hall Friday. The cafeteria recently scored a 66 of 100 during a surprise health inspection after complaints from students and parents.

Eatery fails health inspection

By Jennifer Bardoner
Staff Writer

McCallie Dining Hall recently scored a 66 of 100 on its health inspection by the Tennessee Department of Health, according to Stacy Finks, an environmental specialist.

This is a 20-point drop from its last

inspection in December of 2002 and one of the lowest scores over the past few years.

Finks, who conducted the inspection, has been with the state for more than nine years.

Among McCallie's deficiencies, Finks listed "severely dented cans of pineapple with spray bottles stored over them,

spray bottles stored over the toilet paper, spray bottles not properly labeled in the dish room, dishwasher leaking water from a pipe onto the dish machine and a baby cockroach in the pastry room."

Food service providers are given surprise inspections twice a year — once

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Survey looks at academic misconduct

Plagiarism incidents to be evaluated

By Kristin Hall
Staff Reporter

In an effort to judge the university's rate of academic misconduct as compared to other campuses, MTSU is participating in a survey designed by the Center for Academic Integrity, open for student participation until Friday.

Gene Fitch, associate dean of Student Life and director of student affairs research, said the survey could identify a possible problem.

"I think [academic dishonesty] exists, but I don't know of any information that we have now to show us to what level it exists," Fitch said.

Academic misconduct is defined in the MTSU student handbook as plagiarism, cheating, fabrication or facilitating another student's misconduct.

The survey, which was sent out via e-mail to all students on March 8, questions students about the frequency of cheating on tests and homework and how knowledgeable students are of university cheating policies.

The CAI is part of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University and conducts

research through nationwide polls and surveys on the topic of academic integrity in both high schools and colleges.

Research projects conducted by Donald McCabe, CAI founding president, show that on most campuses 75 percent of students responding admitted to some cheating.

Over the past three years, the Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services at MTSU has documented a rapid increase in reported cases of academic misconduct.

From the summer of 1999 to the spring of 2000, only eight cases were reported.

Between the summer of 2000 and the spring of 2001, the rate of reports rose to 19. And during the summer of 2001 to the spring of 2002, 64 cases of academic misconduct were reported.

"This substantial jump in rates is the result of the Office of Judicial Affairs working harder to help faculty understand how to report and deal with instances of cheating," said John Dickerson, assistant dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services.

Faculty failure to report academic misconduct is a problem that most universities face.

In a 1999 CAI survey, one-third of faculty responding who

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Gore examines media, democracy

Students share opinions during open forum

By Tiffany Brown
Staff Writer

Former Vice President Al Gore was on campus last week to give a lecture to students in the College of Mass Communication about media and democracy.

The crowd consisted of at least three classes from the college and, following an introduction from university President Sidney McPhee, Gore addressed the subject of re-engaging citizens in the democratic processes of this country and what role the media can play.

In an open forum-style lecture to the class, students participated by giving Gore feedback on their opinions and definitions of what it means to be democratically engaged.

"The media may have had something to do, either by

action or inaction in the disengagement of the American people in the democratic process," Gore said.

"Outside of the 2000 election, voter participation has been declining," he said referring to signs of disengagement amongst the American people.

Gore discussed his belief that voting should to take place on holidays and polling places should be open for 24-hour periods with media disclosure rules.

While not directly discussing the current war with Iraq, he pointed to times of conflict as a means by which citizens become more involved in the democratic process.

"Vietnam was a prime example of mobilized citizenry," Gore said in reference to the many boycotts and protests evident at that time.

Gore spent much of his lecture tying communications concepts to historical events,

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Real World cast members Steven H. and Coral Smith laugh at the audience's questions during their visit.

Former 'Real World' cast members chat

By Leonard Robertson
Staff Writer

Real World cast members Coral Smith and Steven H. visited MTSU Thursday for an open forum.

Coral from *The Real World: Back To New York* and Steven from the current *Real World: Las Vegas* discussed numerous topics, including their relationships with other cast members, problems they encountered while on the show and what they are currently doing.

They came out to 50 Cent's "In Da Club" before updating the audience on their current whereabouts.

Coral started her own nonprofit organization called Zapatos, which provides shoes for children and battered women. She is also a rape crisis counselor.

Steven works with a pediatric AIDS foundation and travels all over the country with his Las Vegas cast members

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Ft. Campbell soldier in custody after grenade attack

By Joe Biesk
Associated Press Writer

FORT CAMPBELL, KY. (AP) — An American sergeant who had what Army officials called "an attitude problem" remained in custody as the only person being questioned in a deadly grenade attack that killed an officer of the 101st Airborne Division and wounded 15 other soldiers Sunday in Kuwait.

George Heath, a civilian spokesman at Fort Campbell, identified the soldier in cus-

tody as Sgt. Asan Akbar of the 326th Engineer Battalion. Heath said the Army would not release Akbar's age or hometown. Heath said he could not confirm reports that Akbar was a convert to Islam.

The Army also identified the dead soldier as Capt. Christopher Scott Siefert, 27. No hometown was provided. Heath said Siefert was married.

A spokesman for Siefert's mother and father — Thomas and Helen Siefert of Easton, Pa. — said the family would not be speaking with reporters at this time.

"We do want to honor Chris. We have suffered a loss in our family. We are grieving right now," said spokesman Mark Drill.

The three soldiers with the most significant injuries were in serious but stable condition Sunday, Heath said.

Akbar was detained on suspicion of throwing grenades into three tents at a 101st Airborne command center in Kuwait.

The motive in the attack "most likely was resentment," said Max Blumenfeld, another

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Tax: Students excited about exemption

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regional drug and rehab centers. The Salvation Army did not publicize the tax change.

"The law would have to change for the exemption to be removed, and this could happen at any time," Gustafson said.

The Goodwill in Murfreesboro adorned its store with flyers and handouts to customers making them aware of the tax exemption.

"Our goal is to please our customers and help out those who are less fortunate than others," Goodwill manager Maryann Verdi said. Verdi thinks that the exemption will help their business and encourage others to buy more clothing.

The Outreach Thrift store

located in the Georgetown Plaza off Broad Street made no tax changes in their store. In response to the tax break taken by other thrift stores, they are taking 10 percent off all their used clothing. General manager Tim Nelson said that their store is structured differently than a Goodwill and Salvation Army because they are an independent store.

"We made the changes to remain competitive with Goodwill and Salvation Army and to bring in those customers that are looking for the deals," Nelson said.

"I think the tax break is great because it is an inexpensive way to find unique clothes that you don't see every day," said junior Lee Feathers.

The following items are non-taxable: blazers, coats, dresses, evening gowns, jeans, pajamas, pants, pantyhose, shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, suits, sweatshirts, swimsuits and underwear.

The following items are taxable: all new clothing, new and used belts, clothing accessories, gloves, hats, jewelry, purses, scarfs, shoes and ties.

Some students are excited about the tax break.

"I think the tax break is a great idea and will help out broke college kids because we all love to shop at Goodwill," MTSU senior Mandy Gallagher said.

Gallagher likes to buy vintage clothing to wear to parties such as the '50s party sponsored by her church every year. ♦

Survey: Methods of cheating explored

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were aware of cheating did nothing to address it.

However, Fitch suggested that the rise in reported cases at MTSU might be because there are simply more students cheating on tests and homework.

"This survey may help us to clarify which is the case," Fitch said.

A big problem facing universities and high schools now is the increase in "cut and paste" Internet cheating, as McCabe calls it, where students can find papers online and either buy or copy them for free.

A CAI survey in 1999 showed that 10 percent of students admitted to this type of cheating, but the number rose to 41 percent in a 2001 survey, with 68 percent suggesting it was not a serious issue.

In response, several plagiarism detection services, such as Turnitin.com, will compare submitted papers to content found on the Internet for a fee.

McCabe noticed many schools and faculty utilize these Internet services but believes that teachers who blindly submit all their papers for a plagiarism check indicates to students

that they are not trusted.

"I'm very much in favor of promoting integrity rather than trying very hard to detect and punish dishonesty," McCabe said.

Despite disciplinary sanctions ranging from a reprimand to expulsion from the university, some students are risking the punishment to get the grade.

"I think that students are just finding many ways to easily rationalize their behavior: faculty members who aren't doing a good job in the classroom, poor exam security, pressure from the job market or the graduate school market," McCabe said.

A majority of the questions in the survey deal with how students assess the severity of different types of cheating.

"In working with students over a 24-year period, my experience has been that what students consider to be academic dishonesty or academic misconduct has changed over the years," said John David Hays, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life.

"Things now that students don't see as cheating were pretty obvious to students 20 years ago as being something that you

don't do," McCabe said.

Besides providing schools with statistical data regarding the frequency of cheating, CAI helps universities evaluate current policies and develop plans to improve academic integrity.

One plan used by many private and some public universities is the honor code.

An honor code is a student commitment to maintain ethical behavior in academics and a promise not to aid other students in academic misconduct, such as cheating and plagiarism.

According to research from CAI, the level of serious test cheating on campuses with honor codes is typically one-third to one-half lower than the level on campuses that do not have honor codes.

Serious cheating on written assignments is one-fourth to one-third lower.

Despite these statistics, Fitch said that the university would have to consider the options before enacting an honor code at MTSU.

"There's a mixed reaction to honor codes," Fitch said.

"It's going to take some time. We want [our students] to have integrity, but we don't have 100 years of tradition behind us." ♦

McCallie: Food not tested

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between January and June and again between July and December. However, this inspection could be the result of a complaint made by MTSU student, Reagan Bergstresser.

Bergstresser is a junior who serves as a resident assistant in Corlew Hall, which shares its building with the McCallie Dining Hall.

As an RA, she receives five meals per week as part of her required meal plan. These meals may be redeemed at either the McCallie or James Union Dining Dining halls.

Bergstresser claims she became ill several times from the cafeteria's food as a freshman.

She reportedly became ill once more in mid-February after eating turkey stir-fry served at the cafeteria. Bergstresser says she awoke the morning of Feb. 19 with diarrhea and began vomiting soon thereafter.

"I don't normally eat any sort of meat from there because

I don't trust it, but I figured it was stir-fry, so they couldn't mess it up," Bergstresser said. "But I guess they messed it up. It was the sickest I've ever gotten from food."

She immediately called her parents, and her father, a doctor, diagnosed it over the phone as a case of salmonella poisoning. He prescribed the necessary antibiotics and contacted the health department through an e-mail in which he told of his daughter's situation.

No complaint was made with the school or its food service provider, Aramark.

University president Sidney McPhiey declined to comment on the situation, and Paul Stuart, MTSU Food Services director, could not be reached.

Although the health department reacted, no tests were done on the food. Several doctor-assessed cases of food poisoning are required before any food tests are performed.

The resultant standard inspection, which consisted of 45 items, focused on the cleanliness, storage, preparation and

service conditions, yielded several "criticals," or deductions of four to five points.

"It's just a lot of little things," Finks said. "They really have problems. It's very hard."

Although they were given 10 to 15 days since the initial inspection to fix all the "criticals" noted in the report, Finks said they addressed many of them before she even left, labeling and moving bottles and calling maintenance about the leaky dishwasher.

She also noted that although the cafeteria had been sprayed the night before for bugs, they sprayed it again shortly after the inspection.

"They were very concerned," Finks said.

On the other hand, Finks said students should not be so concerned, claiming she probably wouldn't have a problem eating there.

Of the threat of food poisoning, she simply urges common sense.

"If it doesn't look clean, if it doesn't smell right, don't eat it," Finks advised. ♦

Real World: Cast members discuss war

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speaking at different universities.

Coral and Steven did a small Microsoft PowerPoint presentation discussing what each of their cast have been doing since their shows before answering audience questions.

One of the first questions asked was about Steven's relationship with Trishelle.

"I love me some Trishelle. No we are not still together," Steven said. "She has a boyfriend."

Coral was asked questions about her attitude toward Mike in the beginning and if anything personal was going on in her life when she was on the show.

"I didn't like what he said to me. He dissed my community,"

Coral said. "I have a low tolerance for ignorance."

Questions about the reality of the show and if scripts were used in certain scenes were also addressed.

"Everything actually happens," Steven said "You are a character and they cut and paste footage."

They gave tips on what producers are looking for on *The Real World*.

"The best way to get on the show is to send in a tape," according to Coral. "You never know; I didn't think I would be on the show."

A question concerning Trishelle's alleged eating disorder was addressed by Steven.

"She had bleeding ulcers in her stomach. She couldn't keep

down her food," Steven said.

A member of the audience asked both cast members their opinion of the war.

"No individual wants anyone to die," Coral said. "Am I anti-war? Yes."

Coral and Steven both said they would do the show again.

Coral said she would not change her actions but rather what was aired after seeing herself on television.

After the show, Steven and Coral posed for pictures, signed autographs and gave audience members hugs.

The event was sponsored by the student programming Ideas and Issues Committee and the Eta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. ♦

Gore: Technology replacing newspapers

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such as the founding of the country and changes in the medium of communication.

I get the impression that people were more involved at the time of our country's founding, he said, pointing to the constitutional convention and the writing of the Federalist Papers as signs of deep citizen involvement.

Gore also suggested that the four hours per day the average American spends watching television is another possible cause

of the disengagement of the public in democratic affairs. In the 1960s, television replaced newspapers as the dominant source of information about public affairs, he said.

"The first to go were the afternoon newspapers because the ecological niche for the afternoon papers was populated by adults coming home from work in the afternoon," Gore said. "Now they can just turn on the TV."

The principal medium in which we as citizens exchange ideas about our democracy is

no longer the printed word," he said.

After giving a brief history of communications, focusing on the medium of print, Gore concluded by discussing how technological changes give people an opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

"When full-motion video is routinely available over the Internet," Gore said, "it will hit the oligopolistic stance of the media. We are on the verge of a second reformation." ♦

War: Photos reveals wounded soldier

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U.S. Army spokesman. Heath said Akbar had not been charged with any crime.

Heath said Akbar had been "having what some might call an attitude problem."

Heath, who held a news conference outside Fort Campbell, home base for the storied 101st Airborne, said the attack obviously weighed heavily on soldiers' minds.

"When somebody's firing at you, you know who the enemy is. When they're standing in the same chow line, or using the same shower with you, it's hard to recognize. It's had a detrimental effect, probably, on the morale."

It also frightened loved ones back home.

"I was very scared because I didn't know where my wife was," said Robert Ward, whose wife, Lorna, is a specialist in the 101st Airborne Division. "All I could think of and worry about was I prayed that it wasn't my wife. I just couldn't believe that it was one of ours that actually did it."

Ward said he spoke to his wife on the phone about 2:15 p.m. Central Standard Time on Sunday.

"We didn't really get into it too much, but I told her about it, and she was shocked," he said. "She didn't know anything about it whatsoever."

The attack happened in the command center of the 101st Division's 1st Brigade at Camp Pennsylvania at 1:30 a.m. (5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Saturday).

One grenade went off in the command tent, said Blumenfeld, the Army spokesman. The tent, the tactical operations center, runs 24 hours a day and would always be staffed by officers and senior enlisted personnel.

Names of the wounded were not released. However, a newspaper photo of the 1st Brigade's commander, Col. Frederick B. Hodges, showed him with blood on his uniform and his arm in a sling.

"He's on the front of the *Tennessean* today with his arm in a sling ready to be a brigade commander," Heath said. "He does look a little bit worse for wear."

The 101st Airborne is a rapid deployment group trained to go anywhere in the world within 36 hours. The roughly 22,000 members of the 101st received deployment orders Feb. 6. The last time the entire division was deployed was during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, which began after Iraq invaded neighboring Kuwait.

Most recently, the 101st hunted suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters in the mountains of Afghanistan.

Camp Pennsylvania is a rear base camp of the 101st near the Iraqi border. Kuwait is the main launching point for the tens of thousands of ground forces - including parts of the 101st - who have entered Iraq.

The Rev. Gerald Baker of Sts. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, Ky., said one of the soldiers now listed in serious condition is a member of his parish near Fort Campbell.

Of the soldier in custody, Baker said, "We've got to pray for him. If he did this, I'm sure he'll be punished accordingly." ♦

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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board Ensure cleanliness before raising prices

A failed health inspection has McCallie Dining Hall striving to clean up its act, and it has *Sidelines* questioning the necessity of the most recent dining hall "upgrades" on looks and prices.

In the summer, Food Services implemented a complete overhaul of McCallie that included a new ceiling, new floors, equipment, lighting and more. Food Services officials stressed that the food in McCallie would undergo changes as well - morphing from "mystery meat" to fresher, more healthy and appetizing food. This overhaul included a bit of a campuswide price increase, much to most students' dismay.

But how appetizing can food be when it's prepared and served in an eatery that scores below the level of acceptable nastiness?

The cafeteria's most recent score of 66 on a surprise evaluation points to some serious deficiencies.

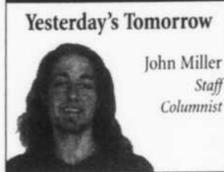
Despite efforts over the past few semesters to improve the ambience and service of McCallie, a failed inspection here or there can damage a cafeteria's reputation - not to mention the appetites of those who eat there.

The health department found several small problems with the cafeteria, including dented cans of food with spray bottles stored over them, as well as spray bottles scattered throughout inappropriate places. There was also - brace yourself - a cockroach in the pastry room.

While complete and total sanitation and freedom from germs can't realistically be expected from any eatery, adequate sanitation is to be demanded from a cafeteria that serves thousands of students each day - students who are required, for the most part, to use its services. For many students on a meal plan, McCallie serves as one of only two options for the three squares each day.

It's important for Food Service officials and workers to realize that appearance is only half the battle. Ensuring cleanliness, health, sanitation and safety is what will keep students alive and coming back for more. ◆

'Simpsons' writers worthy of worship



John Miller
Staff
Columnist

Have you ever had someone ask you what your favorite movie, musician or book is?

These questions are all hard for me to answer because I have many movies, books and musicians I like greatly.

I have always liked *The Catcher in the Rye*, *On the Road* and *High Fidelity*.

Decisions, decisions. My tastes seem to change over time. They transform with age, location and the new people who come into my life.

However, there's one entertainment question I have always been able to give a definitive answer to: "What's your favorite TV show?"

That one I know without even thinking.

The Simpsons is, by far, my favorite TV show of all time.

That's right - a cartoon. Like many of us, I grew up watching *The Simpsons*. I remember when they debuted on *The Tracey Ullman Show*. My mom would let me stay up late to watch a family of five semi-poorly drawn characters.

In the beginning, the skits were only 30 seconds long before and after the commercial breaks.

They caught my attention and never let go. As you can imagine, I was thrilled when they finally got their own show in 1989.

How did a cartoon about a semi-dysfunctional family has become one of the most popular shows in television history? These characters never age. Most

episodes don't coincide with the ones before, yet they seem to captivate our attention.

There aren't many things I liked when I was 10 that I still enjoy now in my early 20s.

The Simpsons, however, are still as entertaining now as they were then, if not more so.

The show's knack for changing with the times has given it the ability to stay fresh and interesting. This is in no small part due to the great writers who create each episode. If anyone ever tells you *The Simpsons* is nothing more than a kid's show, just educate them to the fact that 10 of the writers are Harvard alumni.

One of the more famous former *Simpsons* writers now hosts his own late night TV show, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. In some ways, an

episode of *The Simpsons* is more difficult to create than your average TV show.

There are more steps involved in the writing and editing process than many other programs, not to mention the time it takes for animation, voice-overs and post-production.

Most people don't realize that almost every voice heard in a *Simpsons* episode are done by the same five actors.

That's pretty impressive when you think of the dozens of character who have been on the show over the years.

I would have to say one of the reasons I so liked *The Simpsons* have liked over the past 14 years is that the show is a farce of the American family and provides humorous commentary on American society.

Situations that are funny and even silly at times, nonetheless, make a point.

Homer's feeling of despair when it comes to his job, Bart's lashing out against authority, Lisa's living with a family she doesn't feel understands her, Marge's search for an identity beyond that of a wife and mother of three and Maggie's insignificant role in the family all provide snapshots of the not-so-perfect American family.

The next time you watch *The Simpsons*, read between the lines.

Look beyond just the pure humor of the jokes and try to see if there is something more than just a crazy family living in your average American town. ◆

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War not entertainment



I'm Just a Girl

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

War. What is it good for?

Apparently, entertainment.

Since the strike on Iraq began Wednesday night, television stations have been broadcasting footage around the clock.

Saturday night, I saw U.S. Marines engaged in ground fire in Iraq. Evidently, some Iraqis were in a building, which the Marines proceeded to nearly blow up. There was an explosion of sorts in a corner of the building.

Earlier in the evening (dawn in Iraq), I got to experience the piercing Baghdad air raid sirens on television before witnessing bright bomb explosions on the horizon.

How sick are we? Do people actually enjoy watching this?

Ironically, these are probably the same people who claim violence on television and in video games is destroying and corrupting our youth.

Right. But watching bomb explosions in prime time is educational?

"Look, Mom! The bombs are exploding over Baghdad!"

"Those aren't bombs; they're cruise missiles." I was in New York when the war began, which was an experience to say the least.

I will say one thing: New Yorkers know how to protest.

One hundred thousand people marched from Union Square to Washington Square Park Saturday. One hundred thousand is one hell of a protest.

We had some students stand in front of the Keathley University Center for a few hours before marching to the Square here in Murfreesboro.

It was a good effort, but it actually didn't have the same effect as 100,000

angry New Yorkers.

Meanwhile, our soldiers are overseas fighting while Iraqi oil wells are going up in flames.

So what's our priority? "Operation Iraqi Freedom" sure seems to resemble "Operation Cheap Oil."

According to one of the many news reports I've seen in the last few days, a ground invasion was put off because of a fear that oil wells would be set on fire.

The excuse implies that we're only concerned with the best interests of the Iraqi people, but I don't buy it.

Iraq has oil. We want oil, and we want it cheap.

I, for one, don't want to watch live fire during the process. If someone gets shot, I certainly don't want to watch it.

It's time we Americans examined our priorities a little closer. ◆

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



As college students, we know there are many circumstances that would require a person to stay up late. Maybe there's a major test the next day. Most of us have postponed a term paper until the last minute. Heck, we've been known to put off sleep to get *Sidelines* out on time.

The one circumstance everyone should recognize as a time to stay alert, however, is when you're robbing a bar.

Last week, a Romanian man from the village of Baia Sprie entered a bar through its roof after the owner closed up shop. Apparently, he was first planning on taking money from the till and running, but his thirst got in the way of a clean escape. After emptying the register, he began with the whiskey and sampled the pub's most expensive liqueurs.

As the night wore on, the spirits proved too much, and he passed out, only to be awakened in the morning by the owner of the eatery. After writing the man a \$90 bill for the alcohol, the owner called the police, who arrested and took the petty criminal into custody.

Now, we're not condoning thievery as a way

of life by any means, but if you're going to break the law, don't get caught for something as easily preventable as falling asleep.

This guy and the microwave pot fellows from a couple months ago should get together. There's no telling what hijinks they could get themselves into; maybe they could pull off a brilliant caper wherein they have an in-depth chat with a store clerk about how they're going to rob the place and then go through with the plan.

Maybe they could plan a takeover, break into a grocery store and steal beer and Hot Pockets, wave at the security camera, go home, fall asleep and claim they didn't know where the goods came from when the police knock on their door the next morning.

Really, that's about the only way their stories could get more ridiculous. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Protesters took freedom for granted

To the Editor:

I passed a scene in downtown Murfreesboro earlier this month I couldn't let go unchallenged. It seems that a small number of young men and women, most of whom probably attend MTSU, were gathered on the square carrying signs protesting U.S. military action in Iraq. Their protests were watched by downtown businesspeople and even covered by Nashville television outlets.

These protesters skipped class to take part in this charade. If I have this straight, it's now the cool thing to do to skip the classes you've paid for, make anti-American signs, march downtown and harass passersby in the name of peace. American military action is evil, they say, and president George W. Bush is the worst of the worst. If only Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden could have seen the actions of these enlightened Americans, this protest would really have been a success.

I would remind these protesters that 3,000 Americans were slaughtered at the hands of terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001, that Hussein is an evil man responsible for the murder and enslavement of millions, that the United States is the only nation that will step up every time to defend freedom both here and abroad and that there are brave men and women ready to die fighting to defend the rights of these protesters to curse America, its leaders and its military.

The only problem is, I didn't have time to do this. I was on my way to class, furthering my education and enjoying the freedoms and opportunities available to me. Real leadership is in responsibility, and I honored mine. I'm resigned to the fact that my actions won't make the news tonight, and that's too bad.

God bless our President, our troops and our United States.

Jacob Levine
Senior, finance

Corrie deserves limited sympathy, Darwin award

To the Editor:

This letter is to clarify a few things about Rachael Corrie being killed by an Israeli bulldozer ("Israeli bulldozer murder inexcusable," March 20).

The Israeli military demolishes the homes of terrorists and people who aid terrorists. One must understand that Islamic extremists hate the people of Israel. These extremists would continue to send suicide bombers to Israel even if Israel did nothing in retaliation. Corrie went to protect the home of a person who aided terrorists and was run over by a bulldozer - not a typical construction bulldozer, but a tank with a bulldozer blade on the front with limited visibility.

I feel bad for Corrie's family, but she deserves no sympathy for trying to protect a terrorist. The only thing Corrie deserves is a Darwin Award.

Richard S. Hoff

Please write us more letters about the war. One gazillion just isn't enough.

E-mail us at slopinio@mtsu.edu.

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Did the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation have a right to take names at the peace rally on campus?"

Yes, the government needs to know who disagrees with its stance, for safety purposes. (22%)

They have the authority to do whatever they want. (11%)



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Will McCallie Dining Hall's failed health inspection deter you from campus eateries?"

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Out of the closet

Plato's Closet offers up fashion philosophy

By Jennifer Bardoner
Staff Writer

Ever wish you had a million dollars when you went shopping?

Well, at Plato's Closet, located in the Bell Forge Square Shopping Center near Hickory Hollow Mall, you can feel like you do.

They sell name brand clothing at an average price of \$10, so you can stretch the \$100 that usually only buys one outfit into a whole new wardrobe. And remember the GAP shirt you spent \$40 on that just sits in your closet? You can take that in, get cash on the spot and then turn around and buy another shirt.

The store, which opened its doors on Jan. 16 this year, is part of a franchise that started in Ohio, according to local owner Zina Goodin. Her store is number 82 in a cluster found mostly in the Midwest, and is the first in Tennessee.

After 25 years as a mechanical engineer, Goodin decided she was ready for a change and began looking at different franchise opportunities.

After her only son went to college last fall, she began to miss the interaction that comes with having a house full of her son's friends.

"Being around teens is something that interests me," Goodin says.

Naturally, being a jean-wearing mom herself, she picked Plato's Closet as her business venture, which promised not only to bring her in contact with lots of teens and young adults through its focus on teen-style clothing, but also to

be an instant success.

According to the company's Web site, Plato's Closet identified the need of the target market group and provides a unique solution to fill the void. The need for brand name apparel and the availability of it in virtually every closet in America presents many opportunities for business owners.

The Web site goes on to define this generation as heavily style- and name-brand conscious with a large disposable income.

"This next generation of consumers likes to spend on apparel and accessories more than any other generation before them," the Web site says. "They are also very aware of brand-name merchandise and value."

And, according to Goodin, business has been good.

"We started Dec. 7 with an empty store and advertised that we were buying [merchandise]," Goodin says. "It took us a month to fill the store."

She describes business now as "pretty steady."

"We never have a time during the day when we have nothing," she says.

The store size is equivalent to the female juniors' section at Dillard's, but the prices are comparable to TJ Maxx. Everything is divided into sections for sweaters, jeans, pants and tops and then organized by size. From a brief walk through the store, the size and style selections seem to serve a variety of shoppers. They even have a funky assortment of shoes, purses and costume jewelry to

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Photo provided
Zina Goodin, owner of Plato's Closet, smiles proudly at the wide array of clothing and accessories she offers. Plato's Closet, located near Hickory Hollow Mall, has been open since Jan. 16 and has been a success thus far among MTSU students, as well as teenagers.

Campus Events

March 24

• Students will gather at 12:30 p.m. today on the Quadrangle between the Business and Aerospace Building, Bragg Mass Walker Building and the James E. Walker Library to protest the war in Iraq. Students are encouraged to bring "chalk, cameras, your love, your grief, your rage," according to adjunct professor Andy Smith.

• The Spring 2003 Honors College lecture series, "Cultures and Customs," presents "The Rain in Spain Stays Mainly in the Plain." The lecture will be given by Nuria Novella in Peck Hall, Room 109A, from 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. For more information, call 898-2152.

March 25

• The Seigenthaler Chair lecture, with special speaker Al Gore, will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the BAS. For more information, contact Faye Johnson at 898-5941.

• Troy Behrens will be on campus at 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym, Room 103, to talk about cooperative education and student work programs. At 2:30 p.m., he will give a "School to Work" presentation in Boutwell Dramatic Arts, Room 216. Behrens is currently a manager of college relations for a Fortune 500 corporation. For more information, contact Wayne Rollins at the Cooperative Education office at 898-2225.

March 27

• DJs on the Knoll, presented by MTSU

Concerts, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on the Keathley University Center Knoll with DJ Jolby and DJ Matt J. For more information, call 898-2551.

March 28

• Spoken word artist Henry Rollins will perform in Tucker Theatre starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in the Student Activities Office in the KUC, Room 308. For more information, call 898-2551.

• MTSU Concerts presents Abakua, a salsa band composed of MTSU jazz students and faculty, on the Knoll from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Feiling or Jennifer Kirk at 898-2551.

March 28-30

• The Tennessee Valley Association of Texas Longhorn Breeders Show will take place at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Contact Gregg and Lori Beeson at (931) 364-4886 for more information on the show.

March 29

• The Committed to Kids Expo will take place in the Murphy Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults 18 years and older. Up to six children are free with adult admission. Committed to Kids is a fund-raiser for Teacher Mini-Grants, which is administered by the Business Education Partnership. For more information, contact Leslie Eatherly at 896-6189 or visit their Web site at www.committedtokids.com. ◆

Teacher makes waves as avid environmentalist

Former MTSU professor stays active

By Erica Rodefer
Contributor

Bertha Chrietberg took her daughter on a white water canoeing trip on the Big South Fork River in Eastern Tennessee about 30 years ago.

At that point, the area was not developed, and there was only one entrance to the river. So the trip took two days.

The river was unusually high and swift on the second day of their trip. As they were paddling down the river, they came upon a swiftly moving rapid that threw her daughter from the canoe.

"The water was so strong she lost her jeans and her shoes," Chrietberg says. "She looked like a horse had kicked her in the rear."

The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association later named that rapid "Bertha's Bump" after Chrietberg because of her adventure on this trip.

"That's my one claim to fame, I guess," Chrietberg says.

At first glance, Chrietberg may seem like a typical 83-year-

old grandmother, but it takes a mere 30-second conversation with her to realize this couldn't be further from the truth.

As an avid outdoorsman and environmentalist, the former MTSU physical education professor has made waves for as long as she can remember.

As a young woman, she was one of a small handful of females involved in outdoor recreational sports, such as whitewater canoeing and kayaking, backpacking and hiking. She is still active in many outdoor activities today.

Chrietberg, who taught physical education classes at MTSU from 1961 through 1981 and then as an adjunct faculty from 1995 to 2001, often leads nature hikes, swims and canoes and actively tries to protect the natural scenery within the region.

She shows no indication of slowing down; she's very dedicated to saving the environment around her.

"I feel like if we don't protect the environment, there won't be any place to camp and such," Chrietberg says. "I particularly try to save the wetlands."

Chrietberg has proven to be a watchful guard dog for environmental issues in Murfreesboro. When she noticed the local government bought property containing a small spring to build an animal shelter, she called the state to make sure the water would be

protected. The state ordered a ditch to be built around the spring in order to preserve it.

"I drive around and see things going on that shouldn't be going on," Chrietberg says. "And I let people know about it."

Rutherford County has since given up on this piece of property, which cost almost a quarter of a million dollars, as the foundation for the new animal shelter. Plans to build the animal shelter on John Rice Boulevard were recently announced.

Chrietberg devotes much of her life to sharing her love of the outdoors with other people. She taught canoeing and swimming from the age of 19 until the time she retired from MTSU in the 1980s. She was active in Girl Scouting when her daughters were young and wrote several articles and a full-length book on nature and wildflowers in Tennessee.

While she taught at MTSU, Chrietberg, with the help of other professors, established the recreation major in the physical education department, which became available to undergraduate students in 1981.

"The more people that share in the love and respect for nature, the more people there will be to fight to protect it," Chrietberg says.

Chrietberg began making

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plans for Murfreesboro's Greenway, a place where residents and visitors can go to enjoy the natural scenery while they walk, run, roller-blade or ride bicycles, about 25 years ago.

"I got a grant and went before the city council and proposed a greenway to show them what we could do," Chrietzberg says. "They let me go so far as to get professional plans made with my grant money."

At that early stage, city council stopped the planning process due to a fear that a greenway might encourage crime.

When the greenway came before the board again, they went back to Chrietzberg for her original plans. The Stones River Greenway officially opened to the public in 1996 and is now approximately 6 miles long.

The construction of the greenway provided a new outlet for nature lovers to appreciate the outdoors and allowed for the beautification of an area that may not have been well cared for otherwise.

"It really served to clean up the river, which was needed because businesses were just throwing trash down the hillside," she says.

There was also a lot of pollution, according to Chrietzberg.

"Now we're enjoying the river that's closer to Murfreesboro and keeping it clean," she says.

Given her background, it seems natural she would want to preserve the environment.

Chrietzberg, an Alabama native, has many fond memories of growing up beside a river where she could swim and play.

When Chrietzberg was 24, her peers suspected she contracted polio from swimming in the river. Even polio, which was a deadly disease at the time, failed to slow her down.

Chrietzberg, whose husband fought in World War II for three years when she contracted polio in 1944, sought treatment. She was sent to a world-class facility for the treatment of polio patients in Warm Springs, Ga., by order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"I was lucky," Chrietzberg says. "I stayed there for six months and had early treatment, but I didn't walk for a year."

Chrietzberg attributes her recovery to the same thing that probably gave her polio to begin with: her love of swimming and the outdoors.

"I swam my way out of it," she says. ♦

Closet: Local resale store buys used clothing

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complete any new outfit.

And the selection is constantly growing and changing as people keep bringing in their slightly used clothing.

"We're definitely being able to keep our inventory built up for the busy season coming up," Goodin says.

However, she stresses that they are very picky about what they will pay for.

"Name brands go along with

style," she says, "but style's more important than the name brand choice."

They are currently looking for khaki pants, purses, shorts, short-sleeved T-shirts, accessories, men's pants, women's capris and dresses that meet these qualifications. The average payoff is \$25 per bag of merchandise.

For their complete buy list and other information, you can go to their Web site at www.platosnashville.com. ♦

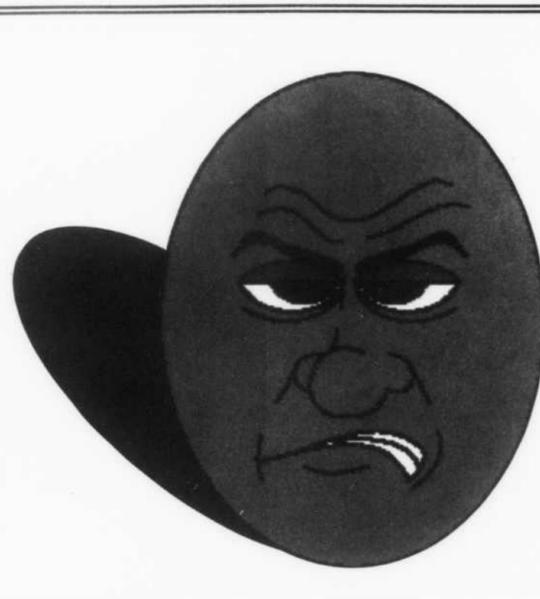


Art exhibition, presentation reflects African life



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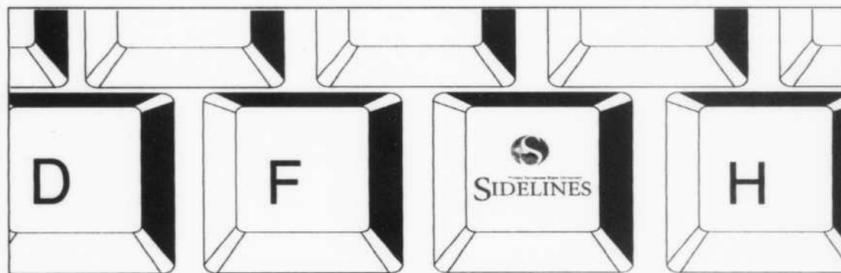
Photographer Betty Press's exhibition, titled *Reflections of Africa*, is a compilation of photographs shot in Africa, Cuba, Trinidad and Belize. Press's work will be on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center until April 10. Press will conduct a slide/lecture presentation March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in LRC, Room 221.



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SPORTS

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Monday, March 24, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Tennis team beats Georgia State, 4-3

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

The No. 61 Blue Raiders defeated Georgia State, 4-3, on Friday afternoon at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

Georgia State won the first doubles match as the duo of Matias Ormazza/Albano Franco defeated MT's Kirk Jackson/Anant Sitaram, 8-5. However, the Blue Raiders bounced back to win the final two doubles matches.

Trevor Short/Michael Staniak took care of Nicolas Lupica/Chris Magnone, 8-4. The tandem of Daniel Klemetz/Brandon Allan won 8-5 over GSU's Luka

Bernard/Miha Lisac.

Middle Tennessee won three of the first four singles matches with Jackson taking a

victory 6-2, 7-6 (5) over Sitaram. Franco won convincingly 6-0, 6-3 over Lupica. Trevor Short also won for the Blue Raiders taking a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 decision over Magnone.

Georgia State won three singles matches, but the final

two occurred after the match was already decided.

Lisac defeated Staniak in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, while Bernard took care of Rishan Kuruppu, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Ormazza outlasted No. 12 Klemetz, 7-5, 0-6, 7-6 (3) in a hard-fought match between the competitors.

Ormazza's victory marked the fourth win in his past five matches.

The only loss he suffered over this span was to No. 13 Chad Harris from Vanderbilt University.

MT's Daniel Klemetz, on the other hand, encountered some difficulty coming back from his knee surgeries. He has

lost two of his past three matches. Klemetz began the season ranked third nationally but dropped to No. 12. His overall record is 6-7.

Only six matches remain before the Sun Belt Championships at the end of April. The Blue Raiders took to the road to face Memphis yesterday, and anticipate matches next weekend at South Alabama and Tulane. ♦



Klemetz



Allan



Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

Brandon Allen and Daniel Klemetz won their match against Georgia State University on Friday.

Close calls for Blue Raiders



Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

The Blue Raiders edged out a 6-4 win against New Mexico State, but fell 12-8 on Saturday against the Aggies. Scores for yesterday's game were not available at press time.

MT splits conference opener

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Brett Carroll hit a two-run homer to lead Middle Tennessee to a 6-4 victory over New Mexico State in the conference opener Friday night.

Middle Tennessee got a jump start in the first as Chad Cooper led off with a single and Carroll hit a two-run blast over the left center field wall for an early 2-0 lead.

NMSU got a run in the second on a two-out single to short left center by Chris Ewen.

NMSU's Hal Bisnett hit a solo homer in the third to cut the lead

to 3-2, but MT answered with a run in the bottom half of the third as Chris LeGuenec doubled down the left field line, giving the Blue Raiders a 4-2 lead.

The Aggies tied the score in the fifth when Brad Ditter hit a two-run homer over the left center field wall.

Middle Tennessee regained the lead in the bottom half of the fifth when Shane Kemp drove in the run with a ground out to third, giving the Blue Raiders a 5-4 advantage.

The Blue Raiders manufactured another run in the

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Blue Raiders edge by TTU

By Osby Martin
Staff Reporter

Brett Carroll plated the winning run to give Middle Tennessee a 7-6 victory over Tennessee Tech Wednesday afternoon at Reese Smith Field.

After trailing for the first two innings, the Blue Raiders (8-9) got on the board in the third as a wild pitch hit Chad Cooper and Cliff Thomas reached on catcher's

interference. Carroll lined out, Jerry Knox grounded out and Josh Archer doubled in both runners, cutting the deficit to 4-2.

In the fourth inning, Jeff Beachum drew a two-out walk, and Troy Harp singled to right. Akers then singled to left to load the bases as Cooper lined a 2-0 pitch into the right center field gap, clearing the bases and giving

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Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

Junior Shane Kemp rounds the bases during Friday's game against New Mexico State.

Women's rugby team prepares for tourney

By Angela Hall
Staff Writer

The women's rugby team at Middle Tennessee doesn't like to lose.

Two years ago, MT finished their season as the Mid-South champions. This season they are 3-2 with one tournament and one game remaining.

Last week, they competed in the St. Patrick's Day tournament in Savannah, Ga., and took home first place out of eight in their division. There were 25 women's teams and 100 men's altogether. It is one of the largest tournaments in the United States.

While only in their sixth season of play, MT is constantly in a rebuilding state. Junior player Missy Cuss is in her second year of play. She says they are pushing for 30 players to become a varsity sport and relying heavy on recruitment.

"We've kind of been rebuilding this semester, but haven't done as well as we have in the past," Cuss said.

"You don't have to know how to play the game or be athletic," Cuss said. "We'll take you and we'll train you and we'll make you athletic."

Cuss plays for the national semi-pro league this summer.

The Lady Moose raise their own funds for travel expenses such as gas, hotel stays and food, for which they are later reimbursed by MT.

During the summer they hold fund-raisers, sometimes working concerts at Amsouth Amphitheater. They also designed their own T-shirts and sold them to other teams.

Club president Angie Denny came back to coach after three years of play. "Meeting cool people and traveling to cool places," is her favorite aspect of being part of a club team.

The team's main goal is to get back into Division I, Denny said.

"We can't do that until we get a solid team and a solid coach together," Denny said.

In the summer, players get a chance to play on a "seven team." Instead of 15 players on the field, there are only seven. The rules are the same.

The Lady Moose will be competing in the Nash Bash this weekend at Vanderbilt University. It is a men's and women's tournament held by the national semi-pro team. ♦

Illini struggle, escape with 65-60 win over Hilltoppers

By Chris Neubauer
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) INDIANAPOLIS - Illinois head coach Bill Self said he knew Thursday's first-round game with Western Kentucky would be difficult when he found out the tournament draw on Sunday evening.

But his Illini didn't expect the Hilltoppers to be nearly as tough as they were on Thursday. Or nearly as fast.

"The game was in fast-forward," Self said. "We were fortunate to have one of our assistant coaches [Tim Jankovich] play them at Vanderbilt last year. He said they were faster in person than on tape. I don't think we underestimated their quickness, but I think we underestimated their ability to get out and run with us. The pace of the game was too fast for us early."

Fourth seed Illinois (25-6) escaped the RCA Dome Thursday with a 65-60 win over No. 13 seed Western Kentucky (24-9), but the Illini had to scratch, sprint and punch their way to their sixth straight opening round win. The Hilltoppers certainly did the same.

"They played very hard - one of the hardest all year," said freshman center James Augustine, who scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds. "They gave us everything we could handle. It was too close for our comfort."

Self said he liked the Hilltoppers' style of play.

"I thought this was a great basketball game. Western plays the game the way it's supposed to be played," Self said. "We were fortunate to win today."

Illinois seemed to have put

the finishing touches on a scrappy win when senior forward Brian Cook hit two free throws with 2:47 remaining to give the Illini a 63-55 lead - their largest lead of the game.

But then Cook picked up two fouls in two seconds to foul out with 2:03 left. A dunk by Western Kentucky center Nate Williams and a three-pointer by forward David Boyden cut the Illini lead to 63-60 with about a minute remaining.

The Illini held strong without their star player in the final minute by stepping up their defensive intensity and converting their free throws. Freshman guard Dee Brown's two free throws with 22 seconds remaining were the game's final points.

Sophomore guard Luther Head's steal with four seconds left sealed the victory.

"We try to do some things in practice to see how we can do without Brian [Cook]," Head said. "I guess it worked for us today, because we came out on top. We know we need him in many ways."

Self said Head provided a lift for the team in place of the foul-plagued Cook. Head finished with nine points, four rebounds and a game-high three steals in 26 minutes off the bench. Cook scored a game-high 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"I thought Luther was a spark for us," Self said. "Roger [Powell] tweaked his ankle yesterday, and he wasn't as effective. So, we had to play Lou and Sean. They pressured so much that we needed guys to beat them off the bounce. Lou was the X-factor for us. He gave us a great spark." ♦

NWA:TNA Wrestling Insider

By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

I've seen quite a few strange things in my years as a fan of pro wrestling, from Hulk Hogan on the fans to a grown man dressing up like a chicken and dancing. I thought I had seen everything.

Total Nonstopping proved me wrong though, as I saw "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan and Sanddog Spot take "The Gift" Gilbertti. As I watched the emaciated frame of Duggan struggling to whack at Sanders through his two by four and Spot howling at the spotlights, I could only think that watching the match was akin to watching a car filled with people you don't like getting hit by a train. You're horrified by the carnage, yet it feels oddly satisfying. Gilbertti, who apparently felt this match was below even his standards, left Sanders halfway through the match. Duggan pinned Sanders to put the match out of its misery.

The National Wrestling Association World Tag Team champs, Triple X, Elix Skipper and Christopher Daniels, fought The Disciples of the New Church, Slash and Brian Lee. Triple X won by a disqualification when Disciple ally Malice interfered. Watching the

Disciples getting cheered is still surreal, no matter what the announcers say.

Konnann challenged Jerry Lynn to another fight this time; only this particular fight would be a tag match between the two of them. Konnann revealed his mystery partner to be the returning Juentud "The Juice" Guerrero, and the two of them challenged Lynn and his partner Jason Cross. Konnann pinned Lynn to win, but as usual Lynn made everyone in the ring look like a million dollars. Since Konnann held on to the ropes to hold the pin, I doubt this feud is over.

To settle that he doesn't need a woman to help him win his matches, X-title champ Kid Kash challenged both the Amazing Red and his valet Trinity to a three-way dance for the X-title. Kash retained his belt after pinning Red, although there was a hint that his relationship with Trinity might have become strained as a result.

NWA World Heavyweight Champion Jeff Jarrett, along with Dusty Rhodes and D-Lo Brown, took on the "Second Generation Superstars," Eric Watts, Brian Lawler and David Flair. Brown handled himself rather well, which made a great impression on the crowd. Amazingly, Watts actually

learned how to do something besides a lousy dropkick, although his newfound knowledge did little to help him once Jarrett pinned Flair. Ron "The Truth" Killings came out and turned on Jarrett after the match. The heels dragged Jarrett outside, where Watts tried to tie Jarrett to the back bumper of a limo, but he let him go at the last minute. Watts promised a fate far worse than road rash the next time they meet.

And in a rematch for last time, Raven challenged A.J. Styles to a hardcore ladder match, with the winner getting the shot at the World Heavyweight title next week. The match wasn't as good as the match last time, although that's hardly the fault of the wrestlers. Styles gave a good fight, but after being powerbombed through a table by "The Gift," the match was all over. Raven won, and he's going on to face Jarrett next time for the title.

Even though Russo wasn't seen, his presence was definitely felt, evidenced by Holly Wood and Athena's catfight. Sadly, there was no nudity this time, making it even more pointless.

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Aggies: Despite rally, Blue Raiders drop second game, 12-8

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seventh without a hit. Cooper drew a lead-off walk, went to second on a wild pitch, stole third and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by Carroll for a 6-4 Middle Tennessee win.

Swing walked the leadoff batter of the eighth before getting the final six outs in order, including four strikeouts, to pick up his first career save.

Kline (3-1) tied his career high for the second straight outing with eight strikeouts, walking four and allowing six

hits and four runs.

Middle Tennessee (9-10, 1-1 SBC) earned four runs in the ninth to force extra innings, but visiting New Mexico State (22-6, 1-1) scored four runs in the 11th inning to take a 12-8 victory Saturday afternoon at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders scored six runs in the final two innings to force extra frames as Brett Carroll homered and Marcus Taylor doubled to provide key runs.

Middle Tennessee was down 8-2 in the top of the eighth

before Carroll's eighth home run of the season made it 8-4. Chris Mobley forced three outs in the top of the ninth for the Blue Raiders, setting up a dramatic comeback.

Josh Archer doubled to lead off the ninth and scored on a pair of balks by NMSU reliever James Allen.

The two balks seemed to rattle Allen as the Blue Raiders got three consecutive hits to make it a one-run game.

The Aggies brought on Mike Smith to face Carroll with the tying run at second. The runner

went to third on a passed ball, and Taylor knotted the game at eight, scoring on another passed ball.

Gavin Monjeras doubled in a run in the 11th, and Chris Ewen's two-bagger plated a pair to give the visitors their first conference win of the year.

The two teams concluded their three-game series Sunday at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders will hit the road for a seven-game swing starting tomorrow at Memphis. ♦

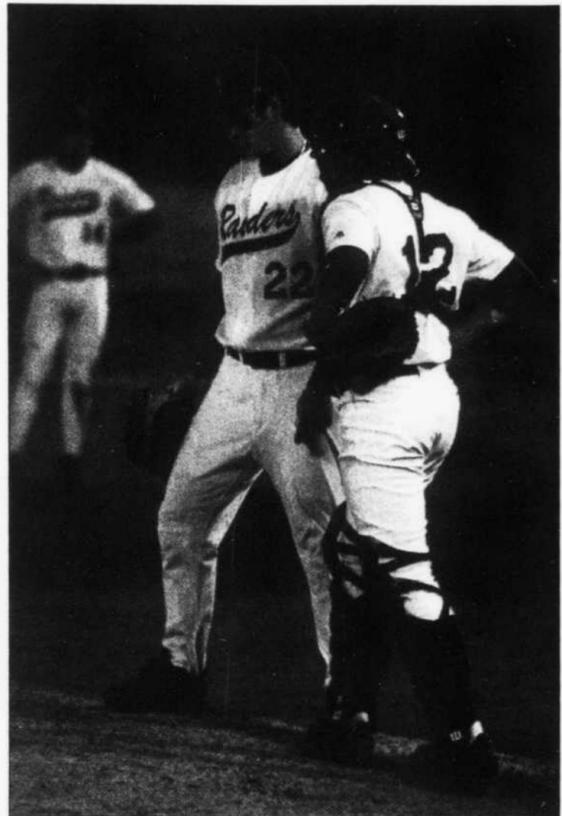


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Players Steve Kline and Troy Harp console each other.

Tennessee Tech: Next game tomorrow against Memphis

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the Blue Raiders the lead.

TTU's Cole Helms singled with one out before Casey Benjamin laid down a perfect bunt down the third baseline, giving Carroll no chance to make a play.

A strikeout gave Blue Raider hurler Danny Borne a chance to get out of the inning unharmed, but Carlos Martin beat out a chopper up the middle to load the bases. Brent Bilodeau drove

in a pair with a single to left, giving the Golden Eagles a 6-5 advantage in the top half of the seventh inning.

The Blue Raiders would erase the deficit again, with Carroll leading off the bottom of the seventh with a single. After a Knox walk and a strikeout, Shane Kemp lined a single up the middle, plating Carroll with the tying run.

Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech tied at six in the bottom of the ninth when

Carroll drew a lead off walk from TTU reliever Cooper Eddy. The Golden Eagles made a pitching change, bringing in Brian Driskell to face pinch-hitter Derek Phillips.

Phillips laid down a terrific sacrifice bunt up the third baseline.

TTU first baseman Josh Eye's high throw sailed over TTU shortstop Benjamin's head, who was covering third base and down the left field line. Carroll slid headfirst into third, popped

up and headed for the plate with the winning run in a thrilling victory for the Blue Raiders.

Kasser (1-0) got the final four outs of the game to get the win, striking out two and giving up one hit. Church started and struggled, walking four more in two innings of work before giving way to Chase Swing. Swing did another excellent job as relief, allowing one hit and striking out three in three innings. ♦

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