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## Panel explores status of women in media

By Sarah Lavery  
Features Editor

Women's interests are still being marginalized in American journalism, according to a panel of prominent female journalists that met at MTSU on Tuesday.

As the future of journalism becomes more uncertain, with impending technological advancements and flailing interest in actual newspapers, the panelists said they believe coverage of non-gendered issues rather than assumed female topics plays a major role in the solution.

"Most [people] think women will be the salvation of a floundering industry," said Jennifer Brooks, a reporter for *The Tennessean*. "Women make 80 percent of purchasing decisions, but only 45 percent read newspapers."

The lack of female interest may be attributed to what Cindy Dampier, former *People* magazine bureau chief, called a "ghettoizing of women's issues," including fashion, celebrity news and do-gooder stories.

However, this is not an all-encompassing package of female interests, the panelists agreed.

"There is no such thing as a women's issue," Brooks said. "It has even become irritating to hear coverage of Nancy Pelosi. If it's geared toward women, all [the news] says is, 'A woman speaker of the house? There's no bathroom for her!' Women want to know more than that. We also want to know what Congress is doing."

Though they come from different backgrounds and serve diverse news mediums, the panelists had no problem agreeing that women care about more than "shopping and having babies," Brooks said.

Female involvement in journalism may be on the rise, but Rita Henley Jensen, founder and editor in chief of *Women's eNews*, came to the discussion with statistics to prove there is a long way to go

before achieving equality.

"The people in charge are, for the most part, white men," Jensen said. "Sixty-five percent of all advanced newsroom positions belong to white men, and out of 16,800 sampled stories, three-fourths have male sources while only one-third have female sources."

While Jensen said she believes female presence in journalism is incredibly scarce, Laurie Goodstein, national religion correspondent for *The New York Times*, presented a more optimistic view.

"My editor is a woman," Goodstein said. "The entire front section of *The New York Times* is guided by women."

Dampier, who worked for a news outlet that catered more to interested female audiences, agreed.

"People is women heavy," Dampier said. "The three main editors are women."

Female presence in the field may be increasing, but the panelists acknowledged the distinct perils their gender faces in the newsroom.

Jensen said the lack of women journalists could be attributed to unsympathetic policies toward maternity leave. Because of journalism's assumed breakneck pace, its typically small pay and long hours, Jensen suggested women might shy away from advancing their careers in hopes of starting a family.

Goodstein, however, disagreed. "It is possible [to have both] with a good employer," she said. "And by picking a good [life] partner. With support, some juggling and good fortune, it is possible."

The threat of sexual harassment was also acknowledged as a predominantly unique threat to women.

When she first started at WSMV, anchor Cynthia Williams said her experience with sexual

See Panel, 2



Photo by Molly Segers | Contributing Photographer  
WSMV anchor Cynthia Williams, former *People* magazine bureau chief Cindy Dampier and *Women's eNews* founder and editor Rita Henley Jensen discuss the role of women in the media at Tuesday's panel discussion. The panelists agreed that, while there has been progress, journalism still has a way to go until it reaches gender equality.

## "20/20" correspondent addresses gender, politics in keynote speech

By Mary Rose Fox

Community News Editor

Lynn Sherr has an answer when people ask her how a woman can get a career and juggle a family: "The eggs get scrambled. Get used to it."

Sherr, a correspondent for ABC's "20/20," gave the keynote address about women, politics and the media following the panel discussion "Are Women's Voices Heard in Mainstream Journalism?" on Monday.

She discussed her career in broadcast journalism as well as the difficulties of being a woman in the industry.

When she graduated college and tried to enter the workforce in New York during the 1960s, many employers shut the door in her face because she was a woman. She said that they used excuses such as "we're not really interested in women" or "we already have a girl."

News station directors in the 1950s and 60s argued that a woman's voice was not appropriate to relay news, according to Sherr.

"I started out in the magazine world," she said. She got a paid internship at *Mademoiselle* magazine in New York, receiving \$65 a month.

She stepped into the world of television in 1972. When she auditioned for New York's CBS studio to replace the woman that was leaving, she noticed that she, as well as the other applicants, all had the same hair color.

"If you were going to be female you had to be blonde," she said.

But she knew that being a reporter was her calling. "I became a reporter for a very corny reason — to tell the truth," she said.

Sherr also discussed the less glitzy side of journalism. Once, her husband came with her on an assignment to Florida to cover the space program. He was driving her to get ready for the shuttle lift off at about 2 a.m., both of them half asleep, when he said to her sarcastically, "Thank you for sharing the glamorous part of your life with me."

As a part of her job as a female reporter, she learned a lot about feminism, and she became a firm believer in the ideal. She defined feminism in her own words as women having equal rights to men: "nothing more, nothing less."

After the lecture, she took questions from the audience. One student asked her for the best story she covered for the space program as a block. It was exhilarating," she said. When the space shuttle crashed in the January 1986, Sherr was on the scene for over 10 hours.

"I also loved covering politics," she said.

She gave advice to students who wish to pursue journalism.

"Do it," she said. "If you want to be a reporter, you have to find a way to be a reporter somewhere. Get yourself somewhere where you can move up the ladder."

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Sherr

## Alumnus shatters 'starving artist' stereotype

Wayne White visits campus to inspire student careers, relay advice on developing talents within art industry

By Andy Harper

Campus News Editor

Taking time off from his career as an award-winning painter, sculptor and designer, MTSU graduate Wayne White returned to campus this week as the spring semester visiting artist.

"We try to offer the opportunities of outside artists to come and talk to students as much as possible," said Sisavanh Houghton, an art professor. "It is nice to hear from other people on the outside instead of advice only reiterated by professors."

White graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor's of Fine Art with an emphasis in Painting. He was brought to campus to present his views on careers in art to students in a lecture on Friday.

"I am sort of a Friday case, and I've been lucky to have been able to keep lots of balls in the air," White said. "I've tried to keep all my work related and connected in a big circle."

Puppetry for "Pee-wee's Playhouse," set design for Fox Family, advertisement design for Altoys and gallery displays in both the United States and Japan are a few of the many positions White has held since his graduation.

"Of everything I've done, becoming a painter and realizing my dream is my best accomplishment," White said. "I'm also proud of the album covers I've worked on for Lambchop, a local Nashville band."

The journey of White's art from campus to career started as an

indecisive student who explored numerous art media before settling on an emphasis for his degree, said Lon Nuell, art professor. While Nuell never had White as a student, as head of the art department at the time, he was familiar with young White's work.

"He was very multi-directed, and there wasn't a particular thing he wanted to settle on—he liked it all," Nuell said. "I wondered what he would do when he got out because he was equal in many different areas of art. It seems, however, that his adult life played out much like his undergraduate."

While he was a student, Nuell said White established himself in drawing, painting and sculpting because of his natural ability to adjust in each medium.

"He does so well in his career because, like his studies and art, he didn't limit himself and was never afraid to leave his comfort zone," Nuell said.

This visit will mark White's third trip to MTSU, who also returned in 1991 and 2005 as a visiting artist.

"I enjoy talking to the students," White said. "I really want to impart to them that life is short, and you need to do what you love."

When talking to the students, White emphasizes the need for a simple dichotomy in art, incorporating two strongly opposing messages into an understandable meaning.

"No formula is absolute, and there are a million pitfalls that an artist can encounter," White said.

"The goal is to keep it simple. Even an artist who is complicated with natural human neuroses still has to express that neurosis through simplicity, so their work can be understood."

Because of these complexities in expressing oneself simply, White said art becomes very paradoxical and difficult to teach.

"It is only time and life experience that can teach you," White said. "The teachers are here to point to the paths available. One of my biggest strengths, in a way, has been my naivety. It really keeps up your spirits and allows you to continuously learn."

A part of the naivety came from leaving Tennessee, White said. Being culturally removed allowed him to remain grounded, a tool especially useful when moving from the South to New York City.

"Another way to gain experience is to go somewhere where everyone is better than you," White said. "It's fun to be the best, the one who knows everything in your classes, the big fish in the pond. But this isn't conducive to learning; instead find a whole army of people who are better. Find them and learn from them."

Learning from others and developing the artist craft can lead to the dangerous trap of the "artist ego," but White said remain humble and realizing one can continuously learn and develop is the key to maintain a calm sense of self-worth.

"An ego can be a dangerous

See Art, 2



Photo by Andy Harper | Campus News Editor  
Senior art major Cal Morton (left) receives advice from MTSU alumni Wayne White (right) about his work. White is visiting campus this week to meet with students and talk about his career with art and design.

# Processing time increases for aquisition of passport

By Ashley Brace  
Staff Writer

Students planning a summer vacation out of the country will need to allow more time than usual for receiving a passport.

A rise in passport requests following the Jan. 23 passport regulations, requiring all passengers on flights entering the U.S. from a foreign country to show proof of passport, has caused a delay in passport processing.

Passports typically take six weeks to receive. Due to the high number of people requesting

passports, they are now requiring an average of 10 weeks to be processed. Expedited passports, which usually arrive in two weeks, are currently taking three weeks for processing.

"It usually takes quite a bit less time, but because we have been doing so many it is taking a lot longer," said Shauntea Sherril, Rutherford County Deputy clerk.

The Rutherford County Clerks office currently averages 52-65 passport requests per day.

"The federal government regulates passports and therefore the wait is regulated as well," Sherril said. "The passports going through the federal passport offices are those from around the nation, not just Rutherford County or the state."

Since January, New Orleans alone has requested processing for over 165,000 passports.

The new passport regulations require United States citizens traveling by air to the neighboring countries of Mexico, Canada, Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands to show proof of identification in the form of a passport.

Travel to these countries did not previously require a passport.

"It's not the authorities of other the other nations that care, it's ours," said Jake Jackson, former employee of North West Airlines and junior journalism major. "You can leave the country but require a passport to get back in."

Many airlines are beginning to require proof of a passport when leaving the country to assure proper identification upon return.

"I wouldn't have even know about it if I was going on vacation somewhere, I thought it was the same it's always been," said Amanda

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 initiated the change in passport requirements. The act was amended in 2006 as The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

With the Initiative, new passport requirements were scheduled to begin Jan. 1. Due to high air traffic during the holidays and requests from airlines, the date was extended to Jan. 23.

"Requests have been steady since last December when they first started talking about this," Sherril said. "I would have thought it would have slowed a little by now."

According to the U.S. Department of State, the goal of the Initiative is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors by providing standardized identification.

"I think the new regulations and wait deter people from even wanting to travel," Jackson said. "A friend of mine wanted to go with me to Paris recently and decided not to go because expediting the passport costs way too much."

The United States is not the first nation to decide to regulate standardized passports for citizens returning to or visitors coming from neighboring countries.

"Most off the rest of the world already required passports to enter neighboring countries. It has really been the Americas that have been behind," Jackson said. "Asia, Europe and the Middle East have always needed them."

Changes resulting from the Jan. 23 deadline added new passport regulations only for those returning to the United States through air travel. The Initiative is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 2008 for land and sea travel to neighboring countries.

Passport requests are available in Murfreesboro at the Rutherford County Clerk office located at 319 N Maple St. ♦

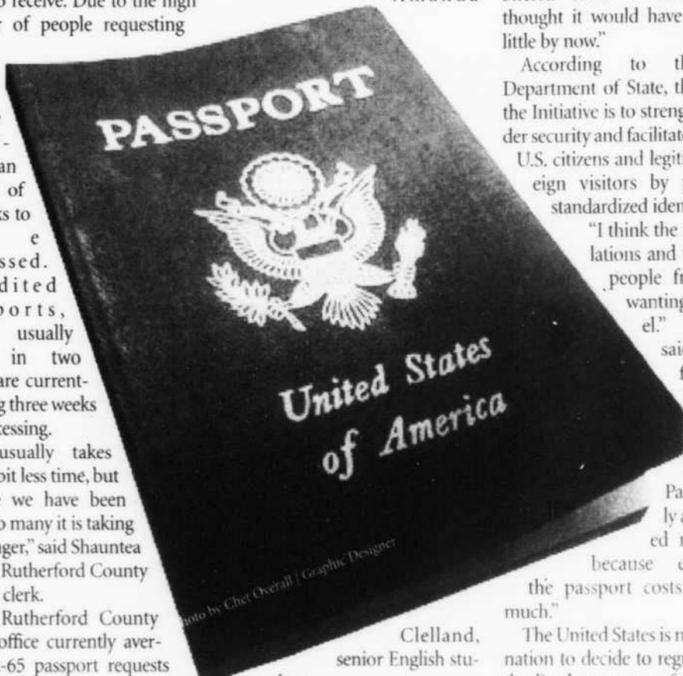


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Clelland, senior English student.

Being uninformed of the change in passport requirements has been a problem for many travelers planning trips to neighboring countries.

"People have booked these trips and are getting to their flights and not being allowed to board because had no idea of the change," Sherril said.

U.S. citizens attempting to reenter the United States without a passport will have to undergo a secondary screening through Customs and Border Protection officers prior to reentry.

U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam, however, do not require passports for air travel.

## Panel: Women discuss female presence in press

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harassment caused her to frequently miss work and almost quit her career before it really started.

"Since then, though, I've learned," Williams said.

The panelists did not limit sexual harassment explicitly to romantic advances. Dampier said during her early days at *People* magazine, her male boss routinely

answered her phone calls by saying, "You're not going to tell me you're pregnant, are you?"

These five accomplished, decorated journalists represent the fact that women, although faced with inevitable hurdles in their careers because of their gender, still have a chance to defy the odds. The statistics may speak against journalism becoming field, but Goodstein, Dampier, Jensen, Williams and Brooks prove hope

is not lost.

"Journalism is a natural for women," Goodstein said. "Women are curious, they listen, they have compassion, they pay attention to detail, they can write and are willing to work long hours with no pay."

Perhaps the stigma against women could ultimately work in their favor. "People think women are harmless," Brooks said, laughing. "We're not." ♦



Photo by Kim Harris-Mullins | Contributing Photographer

Lynn Sherr, "20/20" correspondent, speaks with professor of economics and finance Barbara Haskew after her keynote speech Monday. Sherr spoke about her life as a female journalist in a male dominated industry.

## Sherr: Speaker informs about voting statistics

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She said that in today's world, there is one question she gladly hears less often: "What's it like being a woman in television?" And that is how she knows the industry changing.

But she said it wasn't easy. "The road to suffrage was brutal and rocky."

After the 19th Amendment was passed, she said the social theory was that women would

now rush to the voting booths in droves, but in actuality, they discovered that women had no one to vote for but men.

She said an alarming statistic in party ties deals with gender. Overall, state legislators are 53 percent Democrat and 47 percent Republican. However, according to Sherr, the gap widens when focusing on female legislators, with 68 percent Democrat and 31 percent Republican.

In November 2000 she inter-

viewed Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsberg, who was only the second woman appointed to the Court. She told Sherr that when she took the bench, both she and Sandra Day O'Connor were given tee shirts. Hers read, "I'm Ruth, not Sandra" while O'Connor's said the opposite.

The purpose of both the keynote address and the panel discussion was to celebrate National Women's History Month during March. ♦

## Art: Alumnus gives art career advice to students

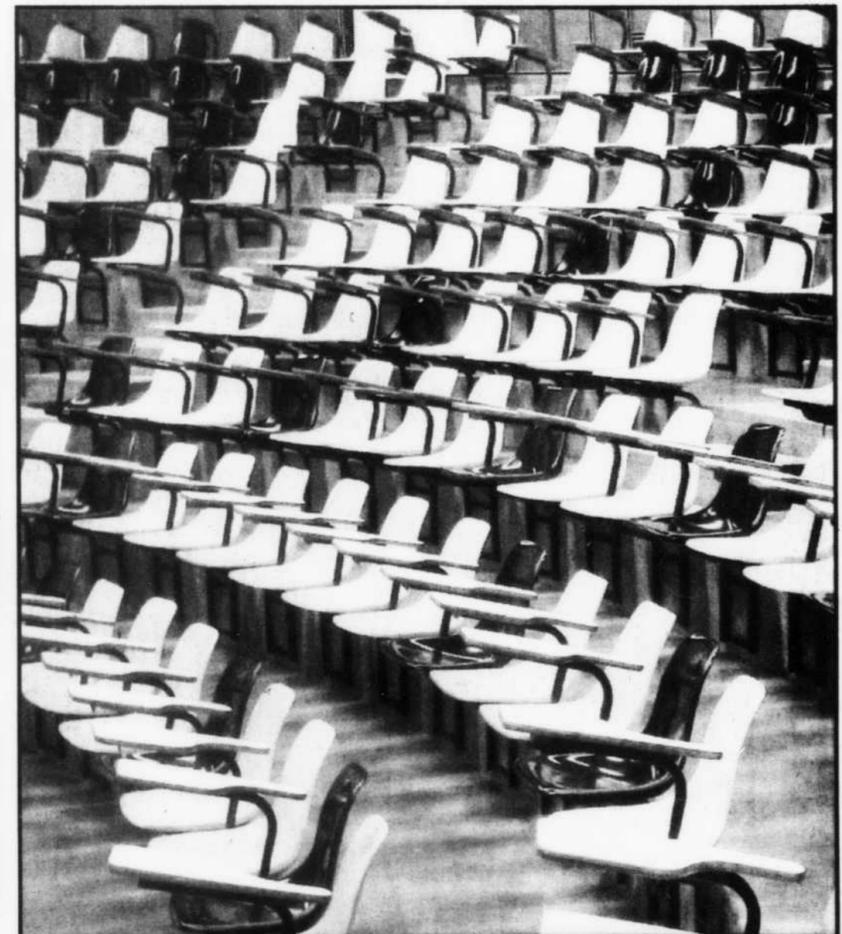
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thing, but confidence is needed as a survival tool," White said. "You can't create something without being confident with it, and people respect a modest confidence."

With all the notoriety, awards and nominations and national advertisements, White said he still is very connected with Tennessee and old college

friends. "You form strong life bonds with friends you make in college," White said. "College is such an important and informative time compared to when you are out in the jungle competing."

In addition to visiting two art classes Thursday, White will be presenting a public lecture over his career and works on Friday in the Todd Building, room 204 at 4:30 p.m. ♦



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# Center plans student fair to inform about safety, health

By Josh Daughtery  
Staff Writer

MTSU will host the first Health and Safety Fair to provide students with information to recognize and avoid dangerous situations next week.

Terry Johnson, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, said the main point is they hope to convey with the fair is to raise student awareness and provide an education on different safety issues.

Angela Manivong, junior early childhood education major and volunteer at the Women's Center, said the fair would be a good opportunity to teach students how to use the emergency call

boxes located around campus and the number for Campus Police.

"I think it's a good thing for students to know about 2424, it's a big thing," Manivong said.

Some of the organizations that will have booths set up during the fair are MTSU Public Safety, Health Services, the Recreation Center and JAWC.

Sgt. Steve Scott, MTSU Public Safety, said he believes students will get a lot from the Safety Fair if they will stop and see what is available to them.

"Our department will have a booth set up for Student Patrol to promote the Safety Walk [formerly the Raider Escort Service]," Scott said.

He said the Safety Walk is avail-

able to anyone who feels unsafe in the late evening. However, Scott emphasizes the Safety Walk is a walking escort to a person's car or dorm, not a ride in a squad car.

Scott said Public Safety will also have a booth set up for bike registration as well as information regarding different crime prevention programs.

Health Services will also be at the Health and Safety Fair to present literature and promote the Women's Health Center.

Rick Chapman, director of Student Health Services, said their booth would have information about various services offered at the Health Center including the Human Papillomavirus vaccine and free HIV testing, which is cur-

rently being offered.

Representatives from the Campus Recreation Center will also attend.

"We'll be there handing out information on our programs and recreational opportunities," said Charlie Gregory, director of campus recreation. "Be active, get fit [and] stay fit."

The President's Commission on the Status of Women, the June Anderson Women's Center, MTSU Public Safety, the Rec. Center and Health Services sponsor the Health and Safety Fair.

The event will be held April 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Keathley University Center Knoll. In case of rain, the fair will be rescheduled for April 4. ♦

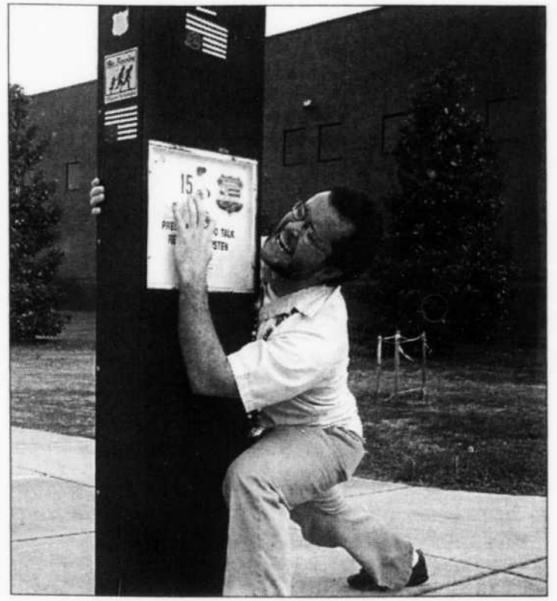


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The emergency call boxes located throughout campus will be one of the many topics of campus safety covered at the Health and Safety Fair on April 3.

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## CRIME BRIEFS

Mar. 23 - 4:55 a.m.

Champion Way  
DUI

Marsha Gillen of Nashville was charged with a second DUI.

Mar. 23 - 2:49 p.m.

Maintenance Lot  
Vandalism

Subject advised her vehicle had been keyed on campus last week.

Mar. 24 - 2:58 a.m.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon house  
Miscellaneous

Derek Hall of Murfreesboro was charged with resisting arrest, simple assault and public intoxication.

Mar. 24 - 3:46 a.m.

Felder Hall  
Vagrancy

Caller requested an officer in reference to a possible domestic dispute situation. The caller advised that there was a female subject in his dorm who did not feel safe in her own room due to an ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend had found her current location and was beating on the female's door. The female had previously notified the Wood-Felder front desk, and the resident director was en route.

Mar. 24 - 10:42 a.m.

Baird Lane Lot  
Vandalism

Someone sprayed graffiti on a green generator.

Mar. 26 - 1:49 a.m.

Greenland Drive  
DUI

Joshua Wolfe of Murfreesboro was charged with his first DUI offense.

Mar. 26 - 3:26 a.m.

James E. Walker Library South Lot  
Drug Abuse

Joshua Thompson of Jackson was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Mar. 26 - 3:38 p.m.

Traffic  
Traffic Row

Subject called and advised that someone had hit his vehicle Saturday and would like for an officer to come and take a report for an insurance.

Mar. 26 - 4:55 p.m.

Corlew Hall  
Theft

Subject called and advised that he and his roommate had just had a television and some other items stolen from their room.

Mar. 26 - 5:19 p.m.

Corley hall  
Burglary

An iPod was stolen.

Mar. 26 - 7:02 p.m.

Scarlett Commons Apt. 8  
Vagrancy

Subjects with United Subscription Agency were issued four trespassing warnings for soliciting on campus.

Mar. 26 - 9:05 p.m.

Off Campus  
Miscellaneous

An audible fire alarm was going off. The Murfreesboro Fire Department was en route and arrived upon arrival that an air compressor was damaged. Emergency maintenance was notified.

### CRIME STOPPERS

A \$300 cash reward offered for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect who took a woman's gray and black wallet from a purse. The crime was committed between 3:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on March 14.

A \$300 cash reward offered for information that leads to the arrest of a person who took a textbook from a book bag in front of Phillips Bookstore. The textbook, Intermediate Accounting, was stolen around 1:20 p.m. on March 19.

A \$300 cash reward offered for information leading the arrest of the suspect who took a burgundy Fossil laptop computer bag from the hallway outside of room #114 of the Fairview Building. The bag was stolen around 10:20 a.m. on March 12.

A \$1,000 cash reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect who took a goblet full of change from room #331 of Smith Hall. The goblet has a pewter bottom and dragons and gothic pictures on the sides. It was stolen between 3 a.m. on March 17 and 12 p.m. March 19.

A \$1,000 cash reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the suspect or suspects who unlawfully entered and burglarized a red 1999 Ford Mustang parked in the Greenland Drive Lot B. The burglar(s) took an iPod, its case, headphones, and a radio adapter. The felony was committed between 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. March 19.

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# OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

## Equality for women first, leadership to come later

The recent panel of female journalists who met to discuss the roll of women in the media suffered from the same problems that we here at *Sidelines* did when we discussed the issue during our own meeting. It has always been a cause of great concern for women that they are not taken as seriously by and in the media as their male counterparts. Women are often portrayed as only being concerned with trivial and "fluffy" pieces, such as those geared towards shopping, fashion and celebrity, while men are often treated towards more intelligent content focusing on ethics, politics and justice.

It's also common knowledge that women make less money than men, and that while women have been finding greater success in traditionally male-dominated industry, these positions are mainly only available at the ground level, because the majority of upper management continues to be of the male persuasion. However, in calling attention to these issues, what more can be done? Can women be retrained socially to desire and strive for more success? Is it possible for men accept them as worthwhile assets in serious media? Is it possible for women to accept themselves?

The panelists made the point that women are the majority in starting positions in journalism, but a minority in upper management. This could be attributed to women leaving the profession for family or simply being too intimidated to even strive for leadership positions. A good number of women, especially in the South, are not eager to call themselves feminists. They see the title as representing an alternative lifestyle rather than a push for equality.

If topics such as women in the media were more common and accepted in the social dialogue, society's way of viewing and treating women would change. If every woman could envision herself in a management position or pursuing a career with vigor, they would be more likely to strive for it. Likewise, if men began to see women as capable to holding high-power jobs, restraints would be lifted.

Here at *Sidelines*, we have a long history of female-dominated leadership. Out of the past eight editors in chief in recent semesters, five of those were female. Currently, out of a staff of 10 editors, more than half are female and only one of the five members of this board in particular is male. Hopefully, this is a sign representing a trend in journalism and other fields that will see an increase in the number of women in upper management positions.

## Letter to the Editor

### SAFH's real goal promotes violence, hatred

To the Editor:

Sarah Lavery would lead readers to believe in her Features article on Monday ("Amber Perkins won't back down") that Amber Perkins and the Students Against Forrest Hall area peaceful group working towards racial equality on campus. While that may have been originally true, their goals have changed and become hostile.

In a meeting I attended last month, the removal of Forrest from our military science building was hardly discussed. Rather their attention was soon turned towards *Sidelines* columnist, Matthew Hurtt. For those that may not know, Hurtt led a counter petition with several other students against the removal of Nathan Bedford Forrest's name. As soon as his name was mentioned, the mood quickly changed from accomplishing an unfinished goal of promoting racial equality to that of a hostile atmosphere directed towards Hurtt.

The intent to harm Hurtt both physically and mentally became clearly evident as one member made the claim, "We need to take him out. We need to start playing dirty." Are these the words of a peaceful group in which we are supposed to believe wish to promote equality for all? For about an hour, the SAFH discussed various ways to publicly harass and humiliate him. There was even talk of physically harming Hurtt in some way.

This group is nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing. This once peaceful, equality promoting group is now one which wishes to harm a fellow MTSU student and *Sidelines* columnist. Don't let the wool fool you. This wolf is out to harm.

Brian Petraitis  
Junior, electronic media management

### Don't let bad habits irritate fellow students

To the Editor:

Hopefully this letter is not too late to affect a change this semester. Inevitably every semester there are a few students in each of our classes that drive us crazy. I try to convince myself that this individual is an isolated incident and that I would be best served to just ignore them. However, after three years of college, I have learned there is a significant number of irritating students and it is time they were called out: The middle-aged married man that cuts up with younger girls in an attempt to re-live their middle school glory days. The girl who is perpetually confused and appears angered that absolutely no one else in the class seems to share in her bewilderment. The guy who interrupts everyone, including the teacher, not even in an attempt to challenge an idea, rather just to hear himself talk. The deadbeat that reminds the professor to take up the homework because he will not stand for the one time he took 15 minutes away from reality TV to actually do his incredibly simple assignment going unappreciated. The guy who seems to be able to conjure up a personal anecdote that has nothing to do with the class no matter what the topic might be.

Obviously there are a number of different people and personalities that make up our fine university. I totally appreciate the concept of people learning and expressing themselves differently. However, if in a fairly standardized setting like a classroom, if you find yourself wondering, "Is it possible I am one of these people?" There is a good possibility you might have engaged in this type of behavior in the past.

Burch Glover  
Junior, college of liberal arts



"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

## Feminists fail equality promotion

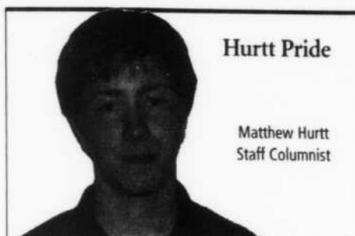
The revolutionary Declaration of Independence asserts that "all men are created equal," and this statement is essentially true. Given similar circumstances, two men would likely grow and develop similarly. For the purposes of this argument, the wisdom behind Jefferson's contention is not what is expressly written, but what is essentially excluded from the statement.

Men and women, however, are not created equal. They never have been, and they never will be. This fundamental truth must be accepted in order to function in any society. The realization that there are essential differences between men and women should be obvious to any cognitive human being.

Thousands upon thousands of pages of scientific research lend most scientists to argue the basic gender differences between men and women. These scientific differences should not be confused with sexist stereotypes. The fact that women are able to bear children and men are not is in no way related to the belief that one gender is superior to another. This sort of misogyny, or hatred of males, is wildly perpetuated among fringe-group feminists like that of radical feminism, which has strayed from the original goals of the movement.

First-wave feminism, as it is known, is the belief held by women and some men in the 19th and early 20th centuries. First-wave feminists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Mary Wollstonecraft as well as others focused on legally mandated inequality. The right to vote, increased involvement within the community, and other similar issues were debated in conventions and rallies across the United States and the United Kingdom until the goals of the original feminists were realized in the early part of the 20th century.

The original movement gave way to sec-



Hurt Pride

Matthew Hurtt  
Staff Columnist

ond and third-wave feminism, which produced such individuals as Betty Friedan and her "Feminine Mystique" as well as other left-wing individuals. They pushed for sexual liberation and gender eradication. There is no difference between men and women, essentially, argued several feminists in the latter part of the 20th century.

It is during this time that feminists for the most part abandoned the noble causes of their foremothers and began to fight for those basic "rights" as the right to an abortion and other basic necessities of womanhood. Original feminists like Susan B. Anthony almost assuredly rolled over several times in their graves at the arguments made by radical feminists, especially concerning the abortion debate.

Radical feminists certainly work hard to earn the nickname "feminazi." They ironically denounce all things masculine, but at the same time do little to embrace the femininity that is womanhood. There is nothing wrong with wanting to stay home and do those things necessary within a household, but radical feminists would argue that homemakers allow the dominant chauvinist patriarchal oppressors to impress their will on defenseless women.

I would argue that maintaining a home, raising children, and doing all those other activities pertaining to the home are oftentimes more strenuous than careers chosen by men. Whereas the man may put in 40

hours a week with some overtime, a woman in the home would undoubtedly put in many more hours – and for no immediate monetary compensation.

On the topic of labor and women in the workforce, feminists will almost always argue that women are making less money in jobs than men. According to the U.S. Department of Labor that is true, but what feminists do not say is that the career paths chosen by men are generally those that yield the highest income, while careers women choose tend to be careers women can be happy working in.

Several causes radical feminists will not fight for, but should, in the interest of true gender equality:

Feminists do not fight for the right to pay an equal amount to male counterparts in the areas of automobile and life insurance.

Feminists do not fight for paternity leave for the father of a child.

Feminists do not fight for equalized consumer pricing. That is to say, there are no feminist groups advocating discounted club admission under the guise of "males' night."

Feminists do not fight for the male's right to choose.

These are just several issues out of many that need to be immediately addressed by the feminist community.

Concerning this issue, there are apparent differences between men and women, and they should be celebrated, not eradicated. Men and women are capable of different things, more proficient in some things and less in others.

To ignore one side of the debate is to be completely ignorant to both sides.

I am a realist, and I practice realism.

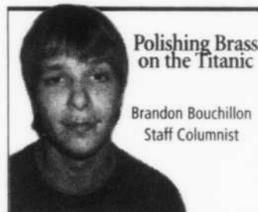
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## Iraqi war justified with hypocrisy

It's widely accepted that the Republican Party best represents more conservative viewpoints. Week in and week out, you can flip through the Christian networks and hear nothing but praise for our President, while his faults go strangely unmentioned.

If you can answer yes to the question, "Am I an overtly religious person?" then, especially in our great south, you would most likely fall under the voting category of Republican. There are exceptions, but in general, if you're Southern and participate in the "traditional" religions, my money says you're voting Bush. You're probably also Southern Baptist, but that's another expose'.

My question is simply this: if the Republican Party best represents the views of spiritual America, then why are they the quickest to support an unjustified war? Why do they insist that we remain in this Iraqi quagmire? Some Republicans



Polishing Brass on the Titanic

Brandon Bouchillon  
Staff Columnist

even claim that those who would "cut-and-run" are, in fact, abandoning our troops. In reality, withdrawal amounts to moving our military out of harms way, placing our troops back in the safe context of their former familial lives.

But the idea of leaving Iraq now, that's nonsense. This is the claim of our political leaders, who feed propaganda down through the Republican grapevine, to be eaten-up by "religious" locals. So the war continues, and everyone deceives themselves with these instructions from our leaders.

Here, exemplified, is why church and state should be sep-

arate. So political parties don't gain majority votes for themselves through religious influence. Elections should not be won on spiritual affiliation. From this, weighty decisions like war cannot be allowed to continue in error, just because a religious constituency believes it to be God's will.

The most shocking evidence of misrepresenting moral America is hidden somewhere beneath the Iraqi war's death toll. This conflict continues to kill; with at least 10,000 Iraqi civilians and more than 3,000 of our own troops deceased. Talk about your blessed are the peacemakers.

All those pundits who cry foul at the notion of withdrawal, they could care less about these soldiers. The soccer moms that drive around in gas-guzzling SUV's with dainty yellow ribbons stuck to the back, reminding us to "Support our Troops," they know nothing of real American lives. It's patriot-

ism they're after, the fervor of being on the winning side gets the off. The top-down propaganda they've been fed, it reifies the troops into nothing more than this magnetized yellow ribbons. You can purchase your support for \$3 at local gas stations. The self-gratification that comes with this purchase – that's free of charge.

With all the facts in, with obvious evidence that maybe Bush and company aren't as conservative as they claim to be, maybe the moral-majority should switch sides. Try making a thoughtful decision on your own for once. This country should rethink which party represents the "righteous" half of its citizens, and more importantly, who that influential majority elects to run our United States.

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# FEATURES

## Students weigh in on superstitions



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Junior psychology major Rachel Green realizes the grave consequences that may await her after standing under this ladder. Other students, however, disagree on the truth of superstitions and acquiring good or bad luck.

### Some avoid open umbrellas, black cats' paths, Friday 13th

By Katy Coil  
Staff Writer

If a black cat crosses your path, you'll have bad luck. Rubbing a rabbit's foot will ensure you good luck and success. Rooted in ancient customs and occasionally obscure facts, old adages such as these do not seem to fit into our modern world, where much is based on science and technology. And yet, some still believe that elements of good and bad luck continue to affect their everyday lives.

Mercedes Vinson, a freshman digital animation major, believes in a variety of superstitions.

"If you spill salt, you throw it over your shoulder and it gives the person you hit the bad luck," Vinson said. "I believe you get bad luck for breaking mirrors, walking under ladders, and on Friday the 13th."

Vinson has reasons for believing these superstitions. "I believe in Friday the 13th because my house got hit by lightning on Friday the 13th, my dog broke his leg and my friend broke his hip on Friday the 13th," she says. "Every Friday the 13th, I've had bad stuff happen. People in my family have been hurt, cars have been broken."

Walking under ladders has also been unlucky for Vinson. "I've walked under a ladder and as soon as I went through it, something hit me on the head."

Vinson believes in superstitions "because they work. They answer stuff," she says. "It's the same as religion. It's the same reason any person believes any myth. If spinning in a circle three times would give me an A on a quiz, I'd do it."

She believes the reason people don't believe in superstitions is fear. "It's the same reason people say other religions are wrong," she says. "It's easy to say you're right and someone else is wrong and to not answer any more questions."

Other students are on the fence when it comes to luck and superstitions, including sophomore recording industry major Grant Evertsen. "I believe in luck, but not so much superstition," he

says. "Finding money, making a good grade on a test is lucky."

Grant is of the opinion that luck is more learned than anything. "It's taught when you're little," he says. "It's a learned behavior. I believe in it, but not to the extreme. I wouldn't base anything off of luck."

Rachel Platt, a sophomore electronic media journalism major, believes not in luck or superstition but in the freedom of personal choice. "I think everything happens for a reason," Platt says. "I think you make your own destiny. I don't believe in [superstitions] because the choices I make are based on my own decisions. I think I made a decision and it turned out good, not that it is lucky. If you make the right decisions, then you'll have good luck."

Even though Platt does not believe in luck, she understands people who do. "I think everyone has the right to their own opinion," she says. "Some superstitions are stupid, but I do believe people have good days and bad days and that seems like luck. My brother played baseball through college and had these socks he always wore. It was okay because wearing them made him think that he could play better. I think because [people] feel certain things, certain moments are lucky and some are bad. We all have bad and good moments and they don't have a reason except for its good luck."

think anything is left to chance. I believe he has a big plan for us. It's an enlightenment type thing. When I came to Christ, I saw a whole different side to things. My mind looked at things differently. When you see things in a different light, phenomena happen for a reason and it all links up to God."

However, Phimmack does understand why some people leave their fate up to luck. "It's probably a tradition or culture type thing," she says. "I know a good Buddhist child follows everything their parents think. They don't think outside the box. They don't push that boundary. They believe in chances and that good comes back to you. There are people out there who are bad and get a lot of 'good luck' but I don't see it as fair. It doesn't work out in my mind."

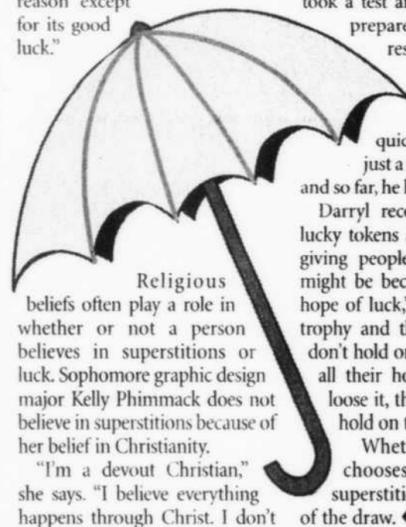
Kelly can also comprehend why some people view religions as superstitious beliefs. "I can't force them or try to change their mind," she says. "I don't want to scare them away. It's all in their heart. I believe that people who believe Christianity is just another superstition don't know [Christ]."

On the other hand, Darryl Sanders, a sophomore aerospace major, gives his Christian faith the credit for his luck in life. "I consider myself having good luck if I took a test and I knew I wasn't prepared for it and the results came out unbelievable," Sanders says.

"Basically, I give a quick prayer or two. I'm just a God-fearing person and so far, he hasn't let me down."

Darryl recognizes why some lucky tokens are connected with giving people luck. "I guess it might be because it's their only hope of luck," he says. "It's their trophy and they believe if they don't hold onto it, all their luck, all their hope is lost. If they loose it, they have nothing to hold on to."

Whether or not one chooses to believe in superstitions is just the luck of the draw. ♦



Religious beliefs often play a role in whether or not a person believes in superstitions or luck. Sophomore graphic design major Kelly Phimmack does not believe in superstitions because of her belief in Christianity. "I'm a devout Christian," she says. "I believe everything happens through Christ. I don't

## Rover bus system could be handy for students

By Kristen Snyder  
Contributing Writer

Sunglasses just might be necessary to block out the brightness of the neon-green busses that will soon pop up all over Murfreesboro. Sporting a cartoon dog logo on the side, these eye-catching vehicles will welcome passengers in early April.

Reminiscent of a childhood comic book automobile, the new Rover System has plans to move Murfreesboro forward. According to Bob Nugent, Director of Public Transportation in Murfreesboro, they wanted a unique name for Murfreesboro's first mass transit system. Instead of choosing a generic title used in every city, they settled on Rover.

From the beginning, the creation of Rover was a community project. There were more than 1,000 submissions to name the new system, but Rover stuck. Although some of the bigwigs were a little reluctant to name their project Rover, they eventually gave in and now enjoy its friendly title and mascot.

"It's about time Murfreesboro got something like this," junior art major Alexis Thompson says.

Thompson, like many students, does not have a car, and that can make traveling to school and work difficult. She uses her bike to get around town but would prefer a safer and more climate-controlled option.

"Any growing city should



This official Rover logo adorns every one of Murfreesboro's transportation system's neon-green busses. Scheduled to begin in early April, the Rover busses will be especially handy for MTSU students without cars of their own and may help the growing traffic problem.

Photo by Chris Barstad | Photography Editor

have a mass transit system," senior English major Nathan Inman says.

Right in the middle of the fastest growing county in Tennessee, Murfreesboro has waited a long time for a public transportation system. Rover is expected to pick up the pace in the increasingly frustrating traffic in town

The new system is people friendly, offering 50 cent fares to students between the ages of six and 16 and senior citizens. Children under five tagging along with adults can ride the green busses for free. Rover has specials, too, for thrifty students; 10 tickets are available for \$4 to any senior or student.

Thompson wishes they would

extend their student discounts to the big kids: MTSU students. After all, college kids are tight on cash.

One group that Rover does keep in mind are individuals with disabilities.

"When we decided on a vehicle, we wanted to cater to the wheelchair needs of the community and university," Nugent says.

The disability population is a large and integral part of this thriving city. However, due to funding, it is not always considered in city projects.

According to Nugent, MTSU's Disability Services Department expressed their desire to have a means to transport disabled students on field trips and other endeavors

"I have a friend with a medical condition, so I think it will benefit her," quantitative psychology graduate student Victoria Grabbard says.

However, Grabbard worries about pollution the busses may cause rather than reduce. And Thompson isn't too keen on it only running from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the day.

"Six to six really limits the times someone can be available to work, and that's what I would use it for [getting to and from work]," Thompson says.

Nevertheless, some folks are just plain happy that Murfreesboro will now join other cities in our public transportation equivalency.

"I think it will be an opportunity for people who do not have transportation," Councilman Doug Young says. "It will be an asset to the city."

The rise in gas prices may attract some passengers, but for others it may just be that you simply can't ignore a neon bus donning a friendly puppy on its windows. One almost wonders if ice cream truck music will continuously play over its speakers, informing people at the bus stop that Rover is on its way.

How Rover will do over time is yet to be seen, but one thing is for sure: for just a dollar, Murfreesborians now have a ride to work, the stores and other local businesses in town. And better yet, they'll be riding in style. ♦

# SPORTS

## Blue Raiders baseball squeaks by APSU

By Cody Gibson  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee won its 14th game of the season with Matt Ray's game winning single. The Blue Raiders are proving that they have a flare for the dramatic.

Bishop Rawley scored the game winning run, and extended his hitting to 15 games.

The Blue Raiders lead 6-0 after three innings, but Austin Peay fought back and took a 7-6 lead going into the bottom of the sixth.

The Blue Raiders answered with a run in the bottom half of the inning with a homerun by Grant Box.

Middle Tennessee scored in the bottom of the eighth to take a one run lead going into the ninth but Trey Farrar tied the game with a home run of his own, and then Ray's heroics allowed the Blue Raiders to get the win.

Coach Steve Peterson said that the team's effort was good,

and they did field the ball pretty well.

Austin Peay the star Trey Lucas, was inserted into the lineup in the third inning. Lucas hit two homeruns and had six RBI. Middle Tennessee's offense was very productive as eight players had one RBI apiece.

Myles Ervin, Bishop Rawley, and Wayne Kendrick all collected two hits and continue to provide a strong lineup.

The Blue Raiders will play Vanderbilt Wednesday March 28 before a three game series this weekend against Louisiana-Monroe.

Monroe 18-7 on the season and the Sun Belt Conference leader.

Monroe sports a .285 team batting average and holds opponents to a .235 average.

The Blue Raiders are batting .290 at this point in the season, but are allowing opponents to hit .270 against them.

This weekend could mean a lot of runs on the scoreboard.

Bo Bowman leads the Warhawks offense by batting a .365 as well as leading the team in all major offensive categories.

Dexter Fontenot is not far behind with a .363 average and is second on the team in RBI this duo looks a lot like the Blue Raiders one-two punch of Wayne Kendrick and Bishop Rawley.

A.J. Ford and Kye Wilson lead the Warhawks in wins. Ford in particular has been dominant this season posting a 2.14 ERA over 21 innings.

Monroe's bullpen has been especially tough this season with all three of their relievers having ERA's of 2.10 or lower.

Middle Tennessee matches up well with Monroe if they can get their bats going. If not the Warhawks pitching could be tough to overcome.

The three game series begins on Friday March 30 with a 6 p.m. game. Saturday's game starts at 4p.m., and Sunday's game begins at 1 p.m. ♦



Photo by Megan Allender | Staff Photographer  
Junior Brad Robinson and the Raiders held off Austin Peay on Tuesday to win 9-8.

## MT women's tennis team faces Alabama-Birmingham Saturday

By Wesley Mize  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will host the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Friday. The Blue Raiders have lost five straight matches with their last win coming over a year ago. The last four losses have come against ranked opponents. The Blazers are unranked in the latest polls.

MT's number one player, Hala Sufi, has struggled in singles play

recently. Her last victory came on March 3rd against Penn State. The match with Penn State was the first loss in this five match losing streak.

Sufi's ranking has dropped from No. 53 to No. 72 this month. However, all of her losses have come against ranked team's number one player, all of whom held higher rankings than Sufi entering the match.

Gulsah Esen is the Blazers' No. 1 player. Esen has won four

of her last five singles matches, three of those in straight sets. A player on the rise for UAB is Julia von Samson. Samson has won 12 straight matches and is the reigning Conference USA Player of the Week. She has played at the number three position for most of the season, but she was moved to number two in her most recent match.

Claudia Szabo has played well for the Blue Raiders lately. Szabo, along with Sufi, won a doubles

match last Saturday, and she also won a singles match against South Alabama on Monday.

Blazer head coach Mert Ertunga was one win away from career victory 200 heading into a Wednesday match vs. Samford. Ertunga has led UAB for the last 14 seasons.

The Blue Raiders will look to get back on the winning path Friday afternoon. The first game is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. ♦



I am Sportacus

J. Owen Shipley  
Staff Columnist

## 15 minutes spent with head coach Rick Insell

The Murphy Center office of MT women's basketball head coach Rick Insell is as fast-paced and energetic as any basketball court I've ever seen.

During the 15 minutes I shared with him Tuesday morning he received four land-calls and about six cell calls. There were three visits from his staff, a flight booked, a transcript faxed, and a 6 foot 7 recruit contacted. Oh, and we caught the top 10 plays of the day on sports center as well. After crawling on campus with about three hours of sleep and no coffee it was a bit hard for this humble sports junkie to take.

The room was simply moving in silence I could feel how many of the thoughts running through his head that had nothing to do with what we were discussing.

So, I stammered, stumbled, and mumbled my way through the interview and he did his best to appear focused. The awkwardness of the moment seemed to stem from one thing we have in common. We love the game.

The post season is always strange ground. Outside of the actual games I have much less in common with this man. I know nothing of recruiting and I've forgotten everything I knew about strength and conditioning.

I started by asking about Insell's induction into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame.

"It's a big honor to be mentioned in the same sentence with some of those people," Insell said. "It's a very humbling situation... to be thought of as a hall of fame coach."

There aren't too many ways to say, "Well, gosh it is nice... but I did earn it," but some questions have to be asked anyway. Once that obligation was out of the way, I put away my notes and started trying to pick the brain of "The Greatest Coach in America," according to Chrissy Givens.

There aren't many college teams that play the style of ball that MT does, so I was curious if Insell was using the same plan had won with at Shelbyville.

"Well...I've got more help now," he said. "I've got four assistant coaches, secretaries, trainers, a strength and conditioning coach... I've got more help but I need more help [now]."

But is your coaching style itself still the same? Insell said.

"The one thing that we do [the same]," Insell said. "We are a discipline type organization, as far as players are concerned. We keep involved. [The game plan] changed because the kids are more athletic and... able to do things better than kids that aren't college prospects"

Ok. Well, what happened when didn't Marist? I wondered. Why didn't the game plan work like it had in the previous 28 games?

"Sometimes you run into different schemes, and that's what happened," Insell said. "They played a different scheme. I feel like there was two good basketball teams and they just played better."

His answers were getting short and my questions were getting boring. The interview needed a coffee injection but I knew I had no time. So, I skipped straight to the real reason I had set the appointment.

I was dying to know what next year's team would be like.

Insell started by immediately acknowledging that "the Chrissy Givens and Krystle Horton era is over" before answering any specific questions.

"We've got a good nucleus coming back," he continued. "Starr [Orr] ... Amber [Holt], Johanna [Abney], Jacky [Pickle] ... and we're excited about where our program is at right now. We got two new recruits coming in. It'll be up to us to take that and build a great program"

"Amber's role is going to change. We're going to call on her to score more. [She] played out of position all year. She probably should have played on the perimeter but we had Starr and Chrissy last year."

Do you expect her to take over Chrissy's leadership role? I asked, hoping for something definitive.

"That's the exciting part about building a team," he replied slyly. "You wait to see who will step up."

An abrupt call ended the interview there and Insell rushed off to discuss his mysterious 6-foot-7 recruit with the AD office. He had one thing right. It was definitely exciting just to glimpse his world.

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## Insell inducted into High School Hall of Fame

By J. Owen Shipley  
Staff Writer

MT women's basketball head coach Rick Insell was inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame last week for his 28 years of achievement at Shelbyville Central.

"It's been a long journey, 28 years at Shelbyville," Insell said. "It's just a situation where we put in a lot of hard work, a lot of great players, a lot of good parents. I've been fortunate at Shelbyville, not only in the administration but fans who were very supportive of what we were trying to do."

Insell's Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes, who finished as either runner up or state champions in 15 of his 28 as head coach of women's basketball and helped to usher in the new era of excitement in the sport. After only one season in Shelbyville, Insell decided to train his team year round.

"A lot of coaches when they get done in March they put the

balls up until October. You know, we didn't do that," Insell said. Their AAU summer squad, the Shelbyville Sport Shop, won 3 national titles and quickly came to be called "The Program" by those within the sport.

Insell is proud that over 60 of his girls played at the college level, 41 at Division IA schools. Perhaps more important than his skill as a coach was his propensity for shaping the minds of his players. Insell's teams received the TSSAA Distinguished Award for Academic Success for 12 straight years from 1989-2000. The award is based on team GPA and his teams' GPA during that stretch never dropped below 3.4 and went as high as 3.98.

He continued that trend this year at MT. Chrissy Givens was voted the ESPN Academy All-American of the Year after graduating in 3 years with a 3.89 GPA and a bachelor's in Criminal Justice.

Insell is only the sixth Tennessean to be inducted into the NFHS hall of fame. ♦

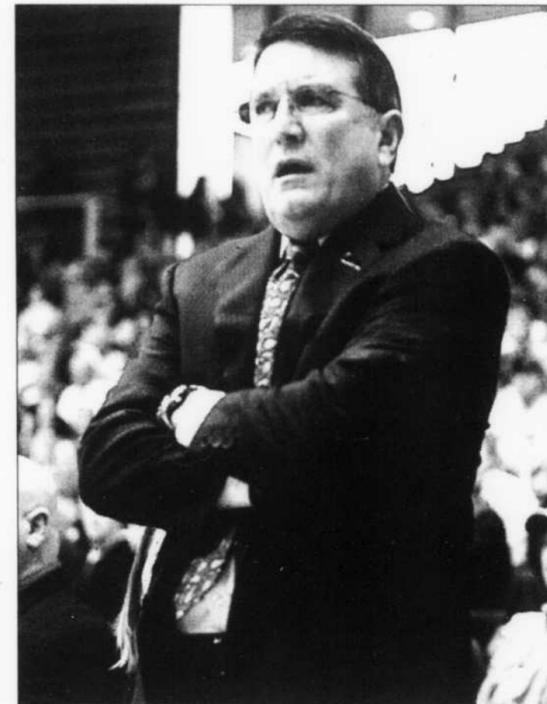


Photo by Jay Richardson | Staff Photographer  
Head Coach Rick Insell of the Lady Raiders was named to the High School Hall of Fame by the NFHS.

## Blue Raiders softball goes on road



Photo by Megan Allender | Staff Photographer  
Junior Ashley Cline and the Blue Raiders travel to ULM to face the Warhawks.

By Wesley Mize  
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider softball team is traveling to Louisiana-Monroe this weekend for a three-game series. Middle goes into the game with an overall record of 16-18 and a 5-4 in Sun Belt Conference play.

The Blue Raiders have won three of their last five games. MT has won only two of its six road games this season. Head Coach Leigh Podlesny is making sure her team is focused and prepared no matter where they play.

"We are just out to focus on what we can control," said Podlesny. "The only thing we can do is play our best no matter if it's home or away."

Blue Raider outfielder Martha Davis leads the team with a batting average of .344. Coach

Podlesny credits consistency as the reason for Davis' success.

"Martha has been very consistent for the entire spring," Podlesny said. "It's really hard to be consistent over such a long period of time in softball, but she's been able to do it."

Despite being new to SBC play, Louisiana-Monroe has a well established softball tradition. The Warhawks, ranked as one of the 50 best college softball programs by the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association, are 15-22 their first season as a member of the SBC and are winless in conference play.

"I expect them to be a quality team," Podlesny stated. "They are kind of an unknown to us right now because they're new to the conference, but I expect it to be a

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# Former baseball player to speak at annual cultural conference, lecture

By Clarence Plank  
Sports Editor

The Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference is being held Friday, Mar. 30 for scholars and baseball fans in the Murfreesboro area. The MTSU Virginia Peck Foundation, Distinguished Lectures Committee, Athletics Department and College of Liberal Arts are sponsoring the annual lecture, which will be held in the James Union Building from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Associate professor of English Warren Tormey is one of three professors that organized the event. "The Baseball in Literature and Culture [Conference] is a collection of people who teach literature for a living," Tormey said. "English professors who teach among other things sports literature classes and been interested in novels and poetry associated with baseball and so forth." This the 12th year for the conference and the second time it has been held here on campus. It had been formerly held

at Indiana State University. Tormey and two other professors, associate professor of English Ronald Kates and associate professor of Speech and Theater Crosby Hunt, used to travel to this conference. Pete Carino, associate professor of English at Indiana State, who founded the conference, brought it to Middle Tennessee after seeing how much Kates, Tormey and Hunt attended the conference. Tormey has the conference five times, while Kates has attended it six times. "It started out an occasion for literature scholars who happen to teach sports literature among other things," Tormey said. "Dr. Carino noticed that there was three of us that were from MTSU that would go out there regularly." As for the baseball conference itself the guest speakers for the luncheon is Denny McLain, a former pitcher for the Detroit Tigers and the last pitcher to have 30 wins in a single season, which was in 1968 when the Tigers won the World Series. With the addition of the

McLain, the other guest speaker is Gerald Wood, an English professor from Carson-Newman University. According to Tormey "our biggest challenge was to make it more of an event to out to scholars [and other] regional institutions." "Our goal is to get a core group of people that are regulars at the conference to increase its visibility so that we got a consistent group of attendees," Tormey added. "That is really what they had at Indiana State and we are trying to preserve that." Last years conference had 27 scholars from different universities from across the country and from Halifax, Nova Scotia. The guest speaker last year was Bill "Spaceman" Lee of the Boston Red Sox. "He's probably best known to a moderate audience for his comments on the Ken Burns' baseball documentary," Tormey said. "He went over very well. There was over a 100 people at these luncheons and we are looking for about that many this year [or] probably more." ♦

| Agenda for 12th Annual Conference  |  | Location: Dining Rm. C   |  | via Non-Baseball Cinema*  |  | Location: Dining Rm. C  |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Baseball in Literature and Culture   |  | Chair: Warren Tormey   |  | Philip J. Lowry, Minnetonka, Minnesota: "Negro League Ballparks and Marathons"  |  | Chair: Thomas Veve  |  |
| Friday, March 30, 2007   |  | Sarah D. Bunting, Brooklyn, NY: "A Rose By Any Other Name: One Fan's Big-Picture Argument for Electing Pete Rose to the Hall of Fame"  |  | Nick Bush, Middle Tennessee State University: "Who's, Whose, or Whos On First: Writing, Language, and Metaphor in Baseball" |  | Jim Blackstock, Stark State College of Technology: "When Vevek and Paige Were All the Rage: How Bill Vevek and Satchel Paige Changed the Culture of Cleveland Baseball Forever" |  |
| 8:15-8:45 Registration and Breakfast   |  | Thomas D. Veve, Dalton State College: "Before the Boss: Mike Burke and the CBS Yankees"  |  | 12:00-1:30 Luncheon and Denny McLain Talk   |  | Stephanie Liscio, Shippensburg University: "Forgotten Champions: The Integration of the Cleveland Indians and the Demise of the Cleveland Buckeyes"                             |  |
| 8:45-9:00 Welcome  |  | 10:55-11:55 Concurrent Sessions B  |  | Tennessee Room  |  | 3:05-4:00 Concurrent Sessions D   |  |
| Warren Tormey, Conference Coordinator  |  | Session B1: "Baseball and American Culture"  |  | 12:00-12:45 Lunch   |  | Session D1: "Fiction, Poetry, and Memoirs"  |  |
| Dr. John McDaniel, Dean, College of Liberal Arts   |  | Location: Hazlewood  |  | 12:45-1:30 Denny McLain Talk (20 min + -10 min. Q & A)  |  | Location: Hazlewood   |  |
| 9:00-9:30 Keynote Address  |  | Chair: Ron Kates   |  | 2:00-3:00 Concurrent Sessions C   |  | Chair: Nick Bush  |  |
| Dr. Gerald Wood, Carson-Newman College   |  | Stephen Andrews, Grinnell College: "Clearing the Field of Play: Judges, Umpires, and the Settlement of Law in The Pioneers"  |  | Session C1: "Baseball in Contemporary American Literature"  |  | Carl Schinasi, Miles College: "Bunning's Perfect Game: At the Intersection of Baseball, America, and Self"  |  |
| "Doctor Smoke: Joe Wood, Yale University, and the 1926 Baseball Controversy"   |  | Scott D. Peterson, University of Maine: "Of Ourselves We Sing: Finding an American Voice Through Early Baseball Journalism"  |  | Location: Hazlewood   |  | Tom Wells, Schreiner University: "Jesus in Right" Jilly Dybka: "Poem Selections, Fair Territory"  |  |
| 9:45-10:45 Concurrent Sessions A   |  | Roy Neil Graves, The University of Tennessee at Martin: "A Coherent Little World": Donald Hall and Baseball"   |  | Chair: Philip Lowry   |  | Session D2: Open Forum  |  |
| Session A1: "Baseball and Critical Theory"   |  | Monique Moyal, The University of California, Santa Barbara: "Chasing a Dream and Swinging for the Fences: A Study of Baseball Economics in Contemporary American Literature" |  | 12:00-12:45 Lunch   |  | Teaching Baseball Literature: Approaches and Issues"  |  |
| Location: Hazlewood  |  | Peter Carino, Indiana State University: "Language and the Construction of Masculinity in Take Me Out"  |  | 12:45-1:30 Denny McLain Talk (20 min + -10 min. Q & A)  |  | Moderator: Warren Tormey  |  |
| Chair: Gerald Wood   |  | Location: Dining Rm. C   |  | Chair: Roy Neil Graves  |  | Location: Dining Rm. C  |  |
| Shawn O'Hare, Carson-Newman College: "Jacques Derrida Was a Cubs Fan: Critical Theorists and Their Baseball Teams"                             |  | Chair: Roy Neil Graves   |  | Matthew J. Gladman, Ohio University: "Examining Baseball as a Cultural Identifier in American History"                      |  | 6:00 Sun Belt Conference Baseball: MTSU vs. ULM, 6 p.m. Reese Smith Field   |  |
| Andy Hazucha, Ottawa University: "Salvador Dali, Destino, and the Aesthetics of Baseball"  |  | Chair: Roy Neil Graves   |  | Session C2: "Cleveland"   |  |   |  |
| Trey Strecker, Ball State University: "Thirteen Ways of Looking at Willie Mays: The Production of Presence in Paul Metcalf's 'Willie's Throw'" |  | Chair: Roy Neil Graves   |  |   |  |   |  |
| Session A2: "60's, 70's, and 80's"   |  | Chair: Roy Neil Graves   |  |   |  |   |  |

## Softball: Louisiana-Monroe

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tough series as if it were any other team in our conference." Coach Podlesny has emphasized intense, fast-paced play for the entire season. She believes that her team will have to continue this style of play in order to take the series from the Warhawks. "We need to continue to play at a quick pace,"

Podlesny said. "Running, stealing bases, and making solid defensive plays will give us the best chance to win." The action begins Saturday, Mar. 31 at Monroe, La. The first game is scheduled for 1 p.m. followed by a game at 3 p.m. The Blue Raiders play the Warhawks at 1 p.m. on Sunday to complete the series. ♦



Senior Tyler Copeland goes into his windup to make the throw to the plate. Check out the story on page 6 and the Baseball Lecture at the top of this page.

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| Killa B                      | 8  | Weedwackers           | 17 |
| Oversized Balls              | 5  | The Astronauts        | 3  |
| WOMEN'S / SORORITY (8pm-9pm) |    |                       |    |
| G Blare                      | 11 | BTS                   | 8  |
| IM Embarrassed               | 8  | Softballs             | 6  |
| Free Agents                  | 8  | Showstoppers          | 12 |
| Parrotheads                  | 5  | MTSU All-Stars        | 6  |
| A O Pi                       | 13 | Free Agents           | 11 |
| The Breakneck                | 5  | A D Pi                | 6  |
| Parrotheads                  | 10 | Chi Omega             | 3  |
| CO-REC (9pm-11pm)            |    |                       |    |
| Masterbatters                | 8  | Granny Panties        | 18 |
| Billirubin                   | 0  | Tent Pitchers         | 5  |
| Team Soul Train              | 92 | Chelky Z              | 70 |
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| TUESDAY NIGHT SCORES SOFTBALL       |         |             |    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| Kappa Sigma                         | 6       | Pornstar    | 1  |
| IFC B LEAGUE 8 PM                   |         |             |    |
| SAE                                 | 10      | PIKE (B)    | 12 |
| BETA                                | 7       | Sigma Pi    | 8  |
| IFC A LEAGUE 9,10 PM                |         |             |    |
| Sigma Pi                            | 14      | BETA (A)    | 19 |
| AGR                                 | 11      | ATO         | 7  |
| PIKE (A)                            | Win     | SAE (A)     | 17 |
| Angry Apes                          | Default | K A         | 5  |
| Pi Kappa Phi                        | 10      | Sig Ep      | 11 |
| TKE                                 | 5       | Sigma Chi   | 5  |
| MEN'S B 11 PM                       |         |             |    |
| Warrior Face                        | 6       | REBELS      | 7  |
| The Nads                            | 3       | BTS         | 4  |
| TUESDAY NIGHT SCORES ARENA FOOTBALL |         |             |    |
| IFC B LEAGUE (6-7 PM)               |         |             |    |
| Sig Ep                              | Win     | SAE (B)     | 57 |
| PIKE (B)                            | Default | BETA (B)    | 40 |
| MEN'S B LEAGUE (8PM-10 PM)          |         |             |    |
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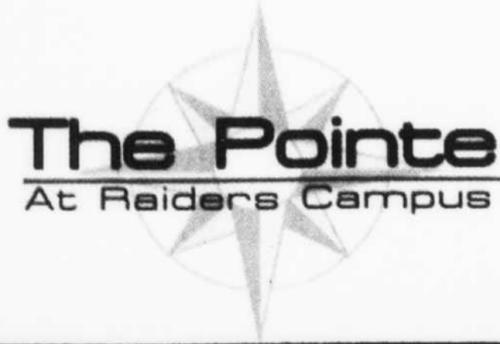
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