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## Burglary suspect now in custody

Alleged Clements Hall burglar also suspected of JUB break-in

By Matthew Kelly  
Police Reporter

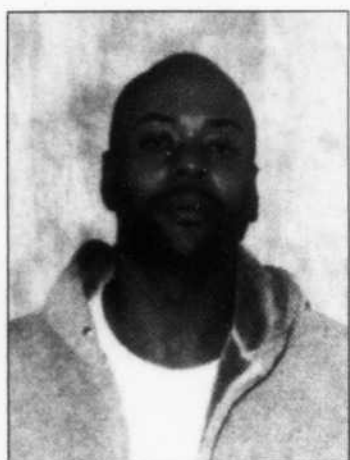
A former Aramark Dining Services employee is in police custody after an early morning burglary at Clements Hall Monday.

Police believe the same individual might be involved in another burglary that occurred the same night that caused more than \$1500 in damage to the James Union Building.

Reginald Troy Watson, 40, of 2210 Winston Place in Murfreesboro, has been charged with one count of aggravated burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Vandalism charges for damage done to the JUB may be added later, pending the findings of a forensics investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Nashville, according to Public Safety Lt. Darrell Collins.

Around 5 a.m. Monday morning, someone broke in to a room near the area coordinator's apartment in Clements Hall. Police say someone damaged the door that leads from the television room to a storage



Watson

**Reginald Watson, now in the Rutherford County Jail, has been charged in connection with a burglary to Clements Hall which occurred Monday morning. Watson is a suspect in an additional burglary to the JUB earlier the same morning.**

room which backs up to the AC's apartment.

A guest visiting the AC heard a disturbance and, upon investigating, allegedly found Watson in the hallway.

"He asked [Watson] what he was doing, and [Watson] took flight," Collins said.

Two officers observed an individual, later identified as Watson, matching the suspect's description at the intersection of East Main Street and Baird Lane about five minutes later. They stopped his vehicle and took him to Clements Hall where the witness positively identified him, Collins said.

A search of Watson's vehicle - after his arrest - led officers to find a long wrench with a sharp end on it, a sledgehammer and additional burglary tools. The wrench appears to correspond to the marks left on the door, according to Collins.

Earlier that night, sometime between 7:09 p.m. and 2 a.m. according to police, someone entered the JUB and damaged a Coke machine and several offices on the third floor.

Police believe the individual entered the building through an open door, though they are not sure which door or how it had been unlocked. The building was checked at 7:09 p.m. and all

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Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

The door of one of the instructor's offices which was damaged during the vandal incident on Sunday night.

## Library's new name to honor Walker

By Erin Edgemon  
Staff Writer

The new university library is going to be named after former university president James Walker.

"It is one small way that we can express our appreciation for what he has done for the MTSU community," said John Marshall, president of the Student Government Association.

After the Building Naming Advisory Committee agreed upon Walker, the proposal was sent to and approved by interim president Eugene Smith. Then it was sent to the Tennessee Board of Regents, who also approved the proposal.

The committee is composed of administrators, faculty members, alumni and student leaders.

"It had been anticipated that the library would be named after James Walker," said Duane Stucky, the vice-president of Finance and Administration Division and the chairman of the naming committee.

"[Walker] stood for learning, quality and what a university should be," said Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs.

According to Stucky, it was Walker's idea to build a new library and he really pushed to raise the money. Prior to Walker, the Todd Library was just going to be renovated.

Walker was very instrumental in making improvements to the university.

In addition to the library, Walker was responsible for the construction of the Student Recreation Center and the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

"He wanted to raise the standards. He did not want to settle for second best," Tozer said.

Students also feel strongly about the decision.

"I think that he did a lot for the university by bringing in out-of-state people," junior Bob Gilmartin said. "He should be recognized."

"He helped make MTSU a university that students would

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## Summer renovations planned for KUC



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The future home of the KUC mini-mart is this lounge on the second floor of the KUC.

By Amy Calloway  
Staff Writer

Approximately \$1.2 million is being invested in renovations for the Keathley University Center, despite plans to build a new university center.

"The renovations look to begin this summer, but the plans are still tentative," Robert Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs, said. The renovations are scheduled to be finished this fall.

"It all depends on the bidding process," he said. "I would like to see the store being worked on this summer and ready for next fall."

With plans to build a new university center within five years, many students question whether the money is being spent wisely.

"A new university center

would be nice, but there are other areas on campus where that funding could be better used," sophomore Graham Stoner said.

The funding for the renovations comes from a carry-over of unexpended money from previous years, pooled from various sources into one account.

"We feel the renovations are important and needed," Glenn explained. "So we scrimped and scraped and did without in order to save money for the project."

"The money being spent on the renovations is not going to be wasted, because the KUC will still be greatly utilized even if a new university center is built."

When renovations do begin, the lounge will be temporarily closed. However, Glenn said it

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## New IDs to expand services, credit capabilities for students

By Lisa Thomason  
Staff Writer

MTSU students could soon be carrying ID cards with more features than the current cards have. The Office of Information Technology is working on an upgraded ID system to use next fall.

The upgraded system could include features like "relationship banking and off-campus merchant usage," said Robin Jones, Information Technology Manager.

If those features are implemented, students could place money in an account and then access it, via their ID card, at sites on and off campus, much like a debit card.

The IDs would be "tied to funds already in their account, working like a declining balance," Jones said.

Such an account would be like an expanded version of the current Raider Fund accounts.

For use at off-campus locations, the cards would need to be backed by multiple banks, Jones explained. However, it would be up to the different off-campus vendors whether or not to accept a student's ID.

The upgrade involves integrating some of the ID card components that are currently being run off an interface. Jones noted that it is not a new system, just an improvement on the current system.

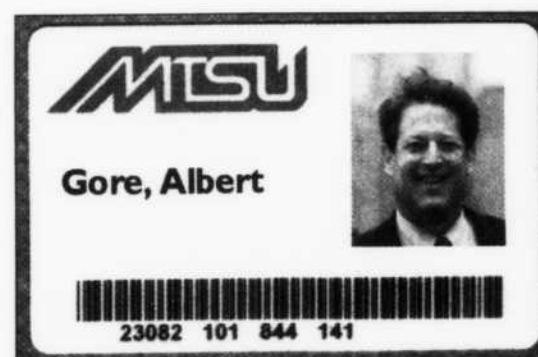
Jones also stated that a new

ID design is being considered. "One real benefit," she said, "is that we will not have to re-card; but we are considering redesigning them."

Such a system is already in place in some colleges around the nation. MTSU's card vendor, Diebold, is currently working on upgrading systems at MTSU and other universities in Tennessee.

Cameron Reed, a senior, expressed some concerns with the planned upgrade.

"It seems like it would give students an opportunity to exploit parents who put money in their account that is supposed to be used for school," she said. "Personally, I think things tied to school should stay on



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you want to be

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Illustration by Raymond Hutzler | Managing Editor - Design

The Office of Information Technology is considering possible changes to the student identification cards that will expand the cards' uses. Added functions may include debit and credit card features. Although they may redesign the cards, the old cards will still be valid in the new system.

campus."

Students will have the choice as to whether or not to utilize

the new features. Those students who do not want to set up an account will not be required

to, and they can continue to use their IDs under the current system. ♦



# WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Pam Hudgens - Assistant News Editor

## Sharon favored in Israel election

JERUSALEM (AP) - Ariel Sharon, pledging to halt months of violence and take a tough line with the Palestinians, appeared set to score a sweeping victory in Tuesday's election against Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who staked his job to a peace treaty he has been unable to deliver. Israelis headed to the polls Tuesday morning amid more news of the turmoil that has engulfed the country since last September. Masked men, believed to be Israeli Arabs, temporarily blocked the main road and stoned passing cars in Israeli Arab town of Taibeh in central Israel before being chased off by police, army radio reported. Many Israeli Arabs have said they will boycott the poll, and police were out in large numbers to prevent voter intimidation. Also, an Israeli soldier was killed Monday in a gunbattle with Palestinians near the Rafah border crossing. ♦

## Former employee kills four, then self

MELROSE PARK, ILL. (AP) - Within minutes, four employees were killed by gunfire and another four wounded at a suburban Chicago engine plant. Then the gunman, identified by police as William D. Baker, turned the weapon on himself Monday. The 66-year-old former employee was to begin a federal prison term Tuesday for helping steal engines and parts from the company, police said. The International Truck and Engine Corp. plant, which makes engines for parent company Navistar, closed down after the shooting spree. It was to reopen Tuesday with grief counselors on hand. ♦

## Bush's tax cut package set to expand

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Republicans and lobbyists say they like President Bush's proposed tax cut, but they won't back down from plans to add their own priorities, even though Bush is promising to defend his proposal "mightily." Beginning a week of selling his tax plan, Bush was visiting a Washington-area small business Tuesday to spotlight his argument that his proposal would spark greater economic growth. Bush planned to send Congress an outline of his package Thursday, and it was expected to mirror the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax reduction program he offered during his campaign for the White House. On Monday, Bush defended it against Democrats who would shrink the measure and Republicans who would like to expand or otherwise alter it. ♦

## Group warns against e-mail wiretap

WASHINGTON (AP) - Before you forward that private message from your boss to several co-workers, consider the possibility that he may hear about it. Thanks to a newly publicized security hole in major e-mail programs, your outgoing messages may be tapped. Makers of the two of the most popular consumer e-mail applications scrambled to deal with the problem Monday, telling their customers how to protect themselves.

Using a small piece of invisible programming code in an e-mail message, an e-mail's original sender can get copies every time the message is forwarded, including the comments added to the message by its recipients, warned the Privacy Foundation, which publicized the problem Monday. This e-mail wiretap could be used to get off-color remarks from company or governmental officials, or used by a spamming company to gather e-mail addresses. ♦

## Former Philippines president sues

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Ousted Philippine President Joseph Estrada filed a lawsuit with the Supreme Court on Tuesday questioning the legitimacy of his successor. Estrada lawyers said the petition is the first direct challenge to the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who was sworn in Jan. 20 as swelling street protests forced Estrada to leave the presidential palace. Macapagal-Arroyo, who was vice president, picked a successor to that position Tuesday from Estrada's home region of Mindanao. ♦

## Fighting flares in Serbia's south

VRANJE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Ethnic Albanian militants fired mortar shells and small arms in an hourlong attack against government positions in southern Serbia just outside Kosovo, a top official and witnesses said Tuesday. The overnight attack, the heaviest in months, began "from trenches and other rebel positions with mortar and heavy artillery fire," said Rasim Ljajic, minister for ethnic minorities in Serbia's government. ♦

## Books promise some of the inside story

WASHINGTON (AP) - The election that wouldn't quit is now begetting at least a half-dozen books recounting the recount and the chaotic Florida flip-flops on Election Night. Reporters and commentators who descended on Palm Beach and Tallahassee or covered the postelection morass from afar are writing books about the 36 days of limbo that followed the Nov. 7 election draw. "It's an irresistible story," said Newsweek writer David Kaplan whose yet-untitled book will be published by William Morrow. "I want to attempt, with a little bit of distance and a little bit of perspective, to tell what really happened." ♦

## Cruise and Kidman announce separation

LOS ANGELES (AP) - After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman say they are separating because their work is keeping them apart. "Citing the difficulties inherent in divergent careers, which constantly keep them apart, they concluded that an amicable separation seems best for both of them at this time," Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said Monday. The couple have two adopted children. It wasn't known whether custody would be shared. Kingsley denied further comment. ♦



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Students should designate the course for which they desire course credit from the list on the registration form below. These courses are offered for 2 credits and on a pass-fail basis. Students should see the designated faculty for each course for specific course requirements.

Only those students who submit the form below AND meet the above criteria will be eligible for admission to "Creating a Family-Centered Community." Names of eligible students will be randomly selected for admission to the course. Class size is limited to 125 students.

Notification of students admitted to the class will begin Thursday afternoon, February 8th by the Scheduling Center personnel.

### Registration Form for Albert Gore Class Spring 2001

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Dr. John Vile	2	P S 439	_____ or P S 520 _____
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# Burglary: Maryland felon suspected of overnight campus crime spree

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exterior doors were secure at that time, Collins said.

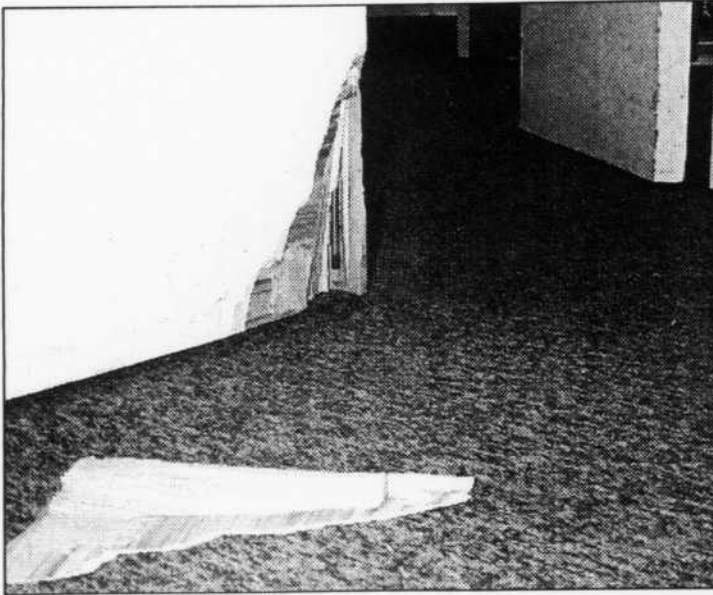
Sidelines staff members, who have offices just down the hall from the damaged rooms, were working in the building until just after midnight. They did not hear anything suspicious, although one staffer reported hearing footsteps down the hallway as she was leaving around midnight, but assumed it was a janitor.

A Coke machine in a third-floor hallway was tampered with and \$50 was obtained from the bill changer, Collins said. A total of \$500 worth of damage was done to the machine.

Two faculty offices, Rooms 300 and 305, were both entered although nothing was stolen. Five hundred dollars worth of damage was done to each of the doors.

The damage to the doors at the JUB appears to have been caused using the same method as the damage done to the door at Clements Hall, Collins said.

In addition, a door to the JUB cafeteria was damaged in what appears to be an attempt to pry it open, but was only "scarred" and is still functional, according to Collins.



Police are currently awaiting the results of an analysis by TBI of fingerprints found at the scene and a comparison of the marks left on the doors to the tools found in Watson's vehicle.

Watson was employed by Aramark in the JUB Dining Hall until about three weeks ago, when he quit, according to one of his former supervisors at the cafeteria. He had only worked for the company for about a month.

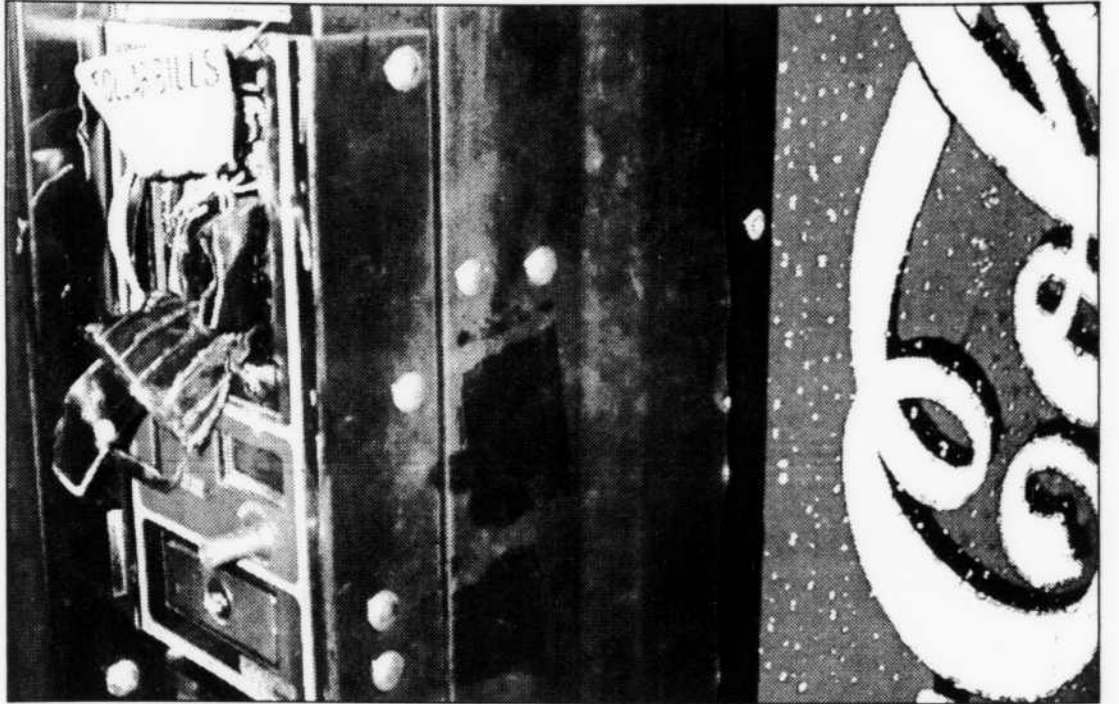
"He was tardy, calling in all the time," said the supervisor, who wished to remain anonymous.

"He was a little spacey as to the way he looked. ... I could see it in his eyes that he was up to something other than work."

The supervisor did add, however, that Watson was "very cordial" to other employees and customers, but said he was not surprised that Watson was suspected in the burglary.

Watson is a convicted felon who is currently on parole in Maryland until 2006, Collins said.

"He has a very lengthy record in Maryland," Collins stated, adding that Watson was



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(Above Left) This door inside Dining Room C of the James Union Building was damaged during the vandal incident Sunday night. (Above) The door of one of the instructor's offices which was damaged during the vandal incident Sunday night.

also arrested in Nashville last November for shoplifting.

Police have contacted Watson's parole officer in Maryland who is in the process of charging him with a parole violation, Collins said.

A check of Rutherford

County court records show that Watson has no previous local arrests.

Police have issued Watson a criminal trespass warning so that if he is caught on the MTSU campus again, he will be arrested, regardless of his rea-

sons for being there.

Watson is currently being held at the Rutherford County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is due to appear in General Sessions Court March 7. ♦

## KUC: Renovations slated for summer

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will be of minimal inconvenience to students.

The lounge area on the second floor of the KUC will be converted into a market and information center for students and visitors. The market is moving down from its previous location on the third floor.

Other renovations include a centralized mailroom and a student organizational workshop on the third floor.

"The most common complaint from students is that they 'don't know,'" Glenn said. "We are always looking for ways to improve communication with all student organizations."

Part of the third floor will be converted into much needed office space, because some staff are literally working out of closets, Glenn said.

There are still many uncertainties in the plans for the new university center.

Glenn said the specific details of what will be included, the amount of money that is going to be spent and the location are a few of those uncertainties.

"I feel, very passionately, that we need a new student union in the worst possible way," he said.

Glenn's vision for the new university center includes a \$45 million building on the site that is currently an intramural field east of Corlew Hall and the Business and Aerospace Building.

He hopes the new student union will be one stop shopping for students.

"Currently, if students want to do business, they have to travel all over campus — from Cope to

the Murphy Center to the KUC," Glenn said.

He hopes the new center will serve students more conveniently.

"We can't go forward in the absence of a president," Glenn said, explaining the greatest uncertainty of the new center. "He or she has to say, 'Yes, we need it,' and then work and get it done."

The greatest benefit Glenn sees in a new university center is an improved community life.

"A significant number of students use MTSU like an ATM machine," Glenn said. "They buzz in and do what they have to and then leave as quickly as possible."

"If we want to be one of the premier universities in the state, we have to have a community life, and the student union is the spark that makes that happen." ♦

## Library: Library named Walker

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want to stay around on the weekends."

Sophomore Donisha Dubose also thinks it's a good idea.

"He was a good president, and he got along with the faculty and students," she said.

While some students believe that Walker deserves the honor, others disagree.

"I think that it [the library] should be named after someone who donated money to help build it," senior Becky Baker said. Baker also has a problem with

the library being named after Walker because he left MTSU to go to another university.

Faye Johnson, assistant to the provost of Academic Affairs, is going to be the committee's

chairwoman and plan the naming ceremony.

Johnson said they're in the process of putting together a committee to plan the ceremony. ♦

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## From the Editor University should be more careful in hiring criminals

Early Monday morning, MTSU Public Safety officers arrested Reginald Watson for allegedly burglarizing a Coke machine in Clements Hall.

The police also suspect that Watson was connected with another burglary in the James Union Building earlier that same night.

After the arrest, police discovered that Watson was a convicted felon in Maryland and was on parole. He also was arrested in Nashville for shoplifting last November.

Basically, the guy is a career criminal, which is not uncommon or surprising.

What is surprising is that he was hired by the university and Aramark Dining Services to work in the JUB cafeteria.

Does the university not screen employees for criminal backgrounds?

Working on a college campus is similar to working at a daycare. Most students are sent here by their parents. During Customs – the orientation program for new students – parents are repeatedly assured that this institution is one of the safest in the area.

One would think that in order to keep that image and reputation, employee screening would be more of a priority.

The JUB burglary hits especially close to home for me. The burglary is thought to have occurred in the early morning hours on Monday, just after the *Sidelines* staff and myself left the building.

Well, most of us.

My online editor was still in the building when I left. When she was leaving she heard footsteps in the hallway, but she just assumed it was a custodial worker.

The custodial crew actually didn't enter the building until later that night, so presumably, the footsteps that were heard were those of the suspect.

The suspect is thought to have used a crowbar to jimmy the vending machine and the doors to two faculty offices right down the hall from our newsroom.

My point is that my online editor could have been harmed had the suspect walked a few more feet down the hall and attacked. Then I would have had to run a bloody photo of a co-worker and friend on the front page.

I just wish the university would be more responsible in its hiring methods. This simple burglary could have been much more devastating.

James Evans Editor in Chief

## People, not guns, are the problem

Wes Cobb  
Staff Columnist

### Cranial Smorgasbord



I went to a gun show this weekend. As I perused all the AR-15s, the Ruger 10/22s and admired a six-foot long .50-caliber bolt action "squirrel gun," I began to meditate on one of America's most important and defining freedoms: the freedom to keep and bear arms.

I've heard the arguments about what our forefathers "really meant" about the Second Amendment – present to children. I'm not going to go into figures and statistics, but after doing some research on this subject, and I will comment upon these issues.

Some scholars claim the phrase "being necessary" in the Second Amendment is a conditional phrase meaning "as long as it is necessary." There are linguists who make claims for both sides of this argument, but use a bit of your own reasoning for this one. Think about what kind of people the founding fathers were and the philosophies they followed. Do you really think they ever intended for U.S. citizens to be disarmed? Not a chance.

The assumption that gun control will decrease crime is one of the most widely held misconceptions about firearms. The record shows there is less crime in places where law-abiding citizens are allowed to carry guns. Put yourself in the shoes of an average criminal. Are you willing to put your

life on the line to get your hands on some illegally gained goodies? I think not.

An unarmed victim would be much preferred. Also, there are some who think making guns illegal will keep them out of the wrong hands. This idea would work about as well as Prohibition and the war on drugs. Why would a criminal care if something is illegal?

The accidental death of a child is a tragedy. A number of children die from firearm accidents every year. This is probably the most emotionally compelling argument against guns, but the problem lies with a lack of guidance for children with regards to firearms, not the firearms themselves. My father owns probably ten guns, and as a child I would have NEVER touched one of them without the expressed permission of my dad. They were all kept in a locked gun cabinet, except for a revolver in the nightstand

drawer on each side of my parents' bed. However, I was taught not to go nosing around in other people's things. Therefore, I never even knew about them until I was old enough to handle a gun unsupervised.

I guess, what bothers me the most about this whole issue is the movement to blame an inanimate object for people's misdeeds. If all the guns magically disappeared tomorrow, criminals would use clubs, people would have fatal accidents playing around with knives and some people would want to ban swords. People are behind the problem, not guns.

But don't just take my word for it, or dismiss me as a nut. Spend an hour or two on the Internet looking at both pro- and anti-gun sites, as well as statistics from the Center for Disease Control and then come to your own decision.

I'm a strong advocate of people thinking for themselves. So I beg you not to blindly follow any side, for any issue, ever. Reason is perhaps humanity's greatest asset. If everyone used it, we would be closer to having a perfect world where weapons of any kind would be considered nothing more than quaint anachronisms. Until then, do as I do and hope for the best – but prepare for the worst. ♦

## Parking at MTSU: Where's the service?



### Canadian Bacon

Patrick  
Chinnery

Staff  
Columnist

MTSU Parking Services has been a hot topic since I arrived on campus, and I'm sure it was the focus of many a heated discussion long before then.

Everyone I know on campus who drives, either has had a problem with Parking Services or knows someone who has.

A ticket here, a citation there, perhaps inadvertently having the campus police write a ticket for the car next to yours cause it was parked too close to you and you couldn't get out of your spot.

The meter-readers are like vultures, circling around the posts, waiting for the little red flag to pop up, so they can triumphantly place a yellow envelope underneath the driver's side wiper of an offending vehicle. They cut no one any slack.

Example One: I was in McCallee, eating my evening meal last Tuesday. I willingly put my 50 cents in the meter so I could have a half-hour of culinary pleasure. Thirty-four minutes later, I walked out side and discovered a little yellow envelope under my wiper. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who was walking by at that moment and was offended by the string of obscenities that flowed so easily out of my mouth.

Four minutes. Now I am to pay a \$10 fine. While I have no credible defense (believe me, I thought of every possible argument), I do not think I should have to pay the ticket. State troopers, out of the kindness of their hearts, usually let people who are

going 5 mph over keep on driving. Is it so wrong to let cars sit for an extra 5 minutes?

On one level, I can emphasize with the Parking Services staff. It is truly a thankless job. No matter how much leeway they give, someone will certainly complain. If they were to give a 5-minute leeway, why should the line be drawn there? What's to stop a different columnist from clamoring for a 10 minute leeway?

Mine is not the worst story, however. I was recounting my story to a friend a couple days ago, when a passerby spun around and detailed his parking horror story. He too was eating at McCallee one night. He had put \$.50 in the meter, and was finishing his dinner. Luckily for him, he was a faster than I, and headed out with 3 minutes left on his meter.

But, to his surprise, the parking dude was already along side his car, punching in the license plate number, preparing to dispense metered justice.

Perhaps my vulture analogy was a little too accurate. Parking Services is supposed to be a service to MTSU stu-

dents and staff, not a hindrance. They can make the argument that if a person parks legally, then they have nothing to worry about. But, I assert that parking legally is not always a practical option. MTSU's ever-increasing student body needs a place to park, and sometimes a staff or metered spot is the only option. Certainly we can all agree that it is better for students to park there than in fire lanes?

One possible solution is a parking garage. I am not the first person to voice this opinion, I know. We've gathered interest for the chalk problem (the collection is up to \$3.65, by the way; look for me outside Peck one day this week being loud and asking "Change for chalk?"), perhaps we can gather interest for a parking garage.

I understand that a large concrete structure will take more than pennies, and that it won't be the most aesthetically pleasing structure on campus, but it will look more professional than the trailer park outside the LRC.

Lipscomb had a problem with parking recently. What did they do? Built a parking garage, of course. It fits in well with the surrounding buildings, and no one living in the area has complained about it.

I know MTSU has a parking lot it can turn into a garage somewhere. Make it centrally located, and it would solve a lot of the parking problems on campus. And, it would let poor college students (are there any other kind) keep their hard-earned money. ♦

## SIDELINES

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## Ways to lose that freshman 15!



#54. Lift packets of  
Ramen noodles.

## \*\*\*\*\* Dear Annie \*\*\*\*\*

"I don't know why I am telling you this?" I hear this question all the time. The reason my friends feel comfortable confiding in me is because I am a concerned listener. I am an objective friend. They know I am on their side, but I will always call it like I see it. I can bring judgment to their problems without being judgmental. I want to help you think through your problems.

Have you ever had a fight with your significant other and needed a friend to listen? Pondered what the statement "I love you, but I am not in love with you," really means? Or maybe, you just can't decide what you want in life. E-mail me, Annie, your questions and concerns and we will work through them together. I am not Dear Abby or Dear Ann Landers. I am Annie, a college student at MTSU.

Dear Annie,

I can't make anyone happy these days. I work, go to school, participate in a fraternity and I have a girlfriend. My brothers give me hell when I don't go out partying with them and my girlfriend is always

mad at me because I don't have enough time for her. How can I make everyone happy? – Exhausted

Dear Exhausted,

The first thing I have to ask is what would make you happy? Give yourself a priority check and figure out what you really want to do. We all know school comes first then work... wink wink, nudge nudge. Now onto juggling your girlfriend and brothers needs. Here are some tips. Every guy needs a guys' night out just like every girl needs a girls' night out. Some nights you should spend just with your favorite girl. Take her out to a nice dinner and make her feel special. No, McDonald's doesn't count! Sometimes there are big fraternity parties and I know you can take her along. I am sure your brothers would love it, especially if she brought some of her "stylin'" ladies with her. Just remember you aren't superman, sometimes you just have to accept you can't do it all. Prioritize or otherwise your life becomes a mess!

Dear Annie,

My best friend and her boyfriend are lovers and I think he is cheating on her. I know he has cheated on girlfriends in the past and I have caught him flirting with other girls. Sometimes he flirts with me! My best friend says that she would be heart-broken if she ever lost him. I want to tell her, but I'm afraid it would ruin our friendship. I don't have definite facts, but I don't want to see her get hurt... should I tell? – A Concerned Friend

Dear friend,

Put yourself in your best friend's position. Would you want to know, or would you rather go around with blinders over your eyes? Personally, I would want to know. Sure it would hurt to know my true love had other lovers on the side. But what if one of his other lovers had a disease and he passed it to me. Yikes! It's tough since you don't have definite facts. However, your suspicions are reason enough to raise a red flag. I think you should say something like -- "as your friend I want you to know that

I am suspicious about your boyfriend being totally faithful. I'm telling you this because I care for you and I don't want you to get hurt." Now, if you do say this, you must know she will confront her boyfriend. He will probably say something like -- "I love only you... I trust you, why don't you trust me?" He will turn it back on her and make her feel guilty for asking. Then, she'll either come to you saying "everything is fine. I love and trust him... he would never cheat on me." Sadly, this is what most girls will do. Or, if her theme song is "Independent Women" by Destiny's Child, and if she has the least bit of intelligence, she will tell you how much she appreciates your friendship. She will start being more aware that her boyfriend may not be as perfect as she thinks. Tell your friend -- all your friends -- to love themselves enough to say, "I won't settle for just anyone. I deserve the best!"

Please e-mail me your questions and concerns to  
DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com



## The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly  
Sports Editor



### Start streaking

The Lady Raiders have won three in a row since mid-December and will look to extend the streak on Saturday against Arkansas State. If they win the game, it will tie their season high.

The Lady Raiders have defeated two of the top three teams in college basketball in less than 48 hours. Western Kentucky and Florida International were a combined 14-4 conference games before facing MT.

### Career day

Junior Paula Pentilla scored a career-high 20 points on 7 of 9 shooting. Pentilla hit five three-pointers in the game.

FIU's leading scorer, Gergana Slavcheva, hit only 3 of 17 shots from the field, scoring only 10 points on the afternoon.

### 20, again, again and again

Junior Jamie Thomatis scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds against FIU. She has scored 20 or more 12 times in 22 games, including the last three in a row.

Junior Jessica McClure surpassed Jan Zitney for 10th place all-time in assists. McClure needs two more to take over ninth place.

Senior Chrissy Davenport reached double figures for the third time in the last five games against the Golden Panthers.

### Draining the jumper

The Lady Raiders have hit at least one three-pointer in 50 straight games.

### Enjoying the warmth

Senior Freddie Martinez played his best game of the season since Christmas break in Miami on Saturday. Martinez scored 16 points on 6 of 13 shooting.

### Gunning again

Freshman Tommy Gunn scored double figures again against the Golden Panthers. Gunn dropped 11 points and grabbed four rebounds.

### Streiking in the wrong direction

The Blue Raiders loss to Florida International was the teams ninth straight, tying the longest such streak in school history.

### Scores from the Rec

Men's A League  
The Realest 70,  
Farmhouse 37

Rough Riders 53,  
HB IV Vengeance 52

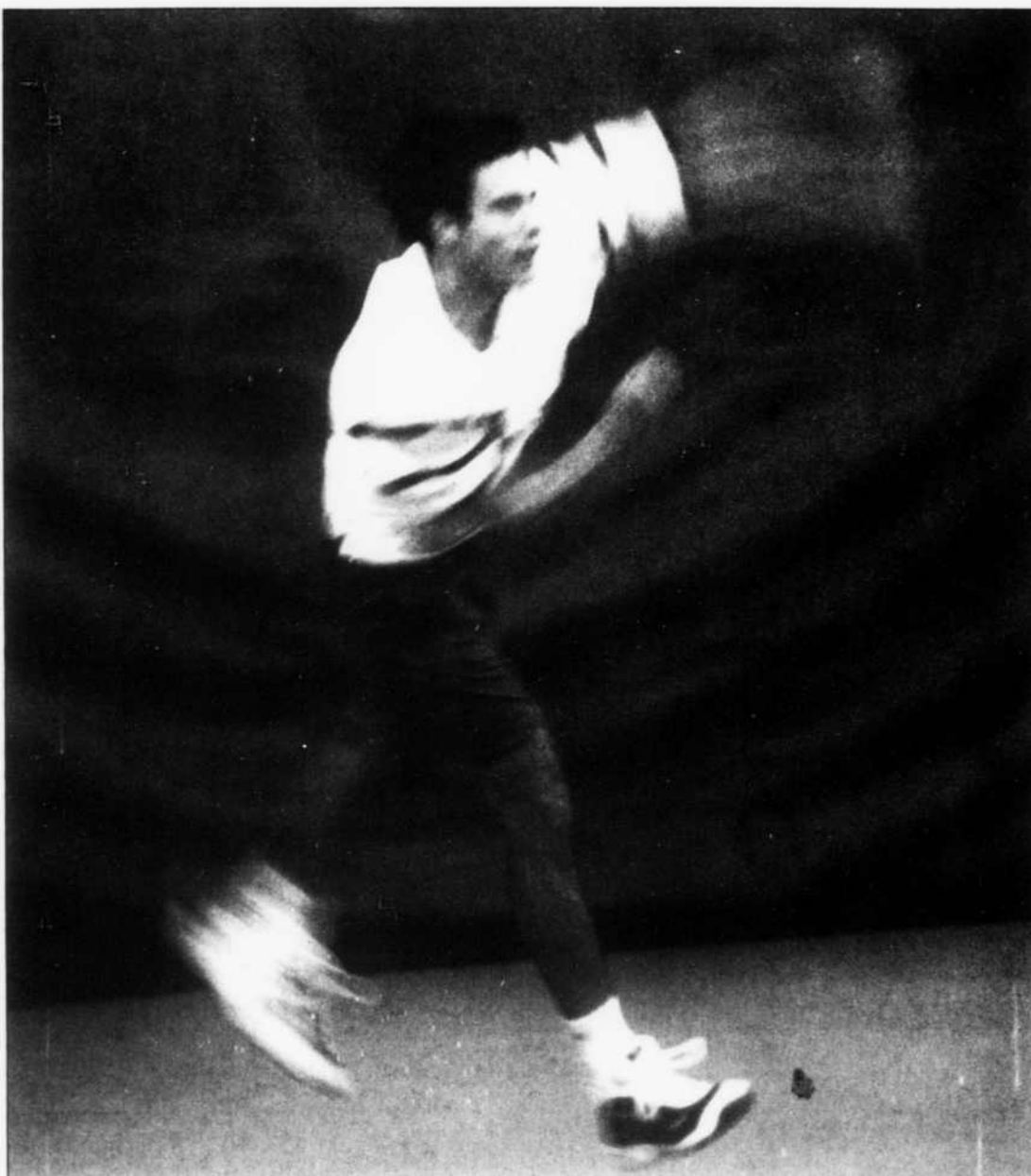
Men's A League 2  
Greekmixer 43,  
MEMPHIS 34

The Outcasts 55,  
The Ruckus 51

IFC A League  
Pi Kappa Alpha I 47,  
Sigma Phi Epsilon 25 ♦

Correction: In Monday's Issue, Kris Lammers was incorrectly identified as Chris Lammers. Sidelines regrets the error.

# Blue Raiders 'boil' Purdue



Daniel Klemetz returns the ball during Sunday's match against Purdue.

### MT Media Relations

Daniel Klemetz won in straight sets over the defending Big Ten Champion and Trevor Short earned his first match-clinching win as No. 46 Middle Tennessee defeated No. 39 Purdue 4-3 at the Racquet Club.

The Blue Raiders came out sluggish as Purdue easily took a 1-0 lead, winning all three doubles matches.

"What bothered me is the way we played and competed (in doubles)," said head coach Dale Short. "That is something that we are going to have to address if we are going to beat the teams in the Top 20, but Purdue (1-2) has a great doubles team and they are very well coached."

Following doubles, the Blue Raiders responded to Short's complaints winning four of the six singles matches to give Middle Tennessee their fourth straight win over a ranked opponent.

Robert Gustafsson and Michael Staniak quickly dispatched Carl McCafferty and Derek Miller at the No. 2 and No. 4 positions, respectively in straight sets. Oliver Foreman lost to Scott Mayer at No. 3, while Klemetz earned his fifth win over a ranked opponent defeating Jason Marshall 7-5, 6-2 to give Middle Tennessee a 3-2 lead with two matches left.

Leading 3-2, Trevor Short

RESULTS	
Middle Tenn. def. Purdue 4-3	
Singles:	
(#10) Daniel Klemetz (MT)	def. (#29) Jason Marshall (PU) 7-5, 6-2
Robert Gustafsson (MT)	def. Carl McCafferty (PU) 6-4, 6-2
(#50) Scott Mayer (PU)	def. Oliver Foreman (MT) 6-2, 6-2
Michael Staniak (MT)	def. Derek Miller (PU) 6-2, 8-1
Andrew Wakefield (PU)	def. Mark Pellerin (MT) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5
Trevor Short (MT)	def. Troy Havens (PU) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
Doubles:	
Marshall-Dan Swan (PU)	def. Foreman-Gustafsson (MT) 8-5
Lath Al-Agha-McCafferty (PU)	def. Klemetz-Staniak (MT) 8-5

clinched the match for the first time in his young career with a win over Troy Havens at the No. 6 position. After Short took the first set 6-3, Havens forced a third where he led 3-2 but couldn't hold on as Short battled back to take the set and clinch the match 6-4.

"Trevor hung in there and didn't crack," said Coach Short. "I'm proud of how he battled and of how the guys responded today after how we started."

Middle Tennessee - now 4-0 on the season - will face their fifth straight ranked opponent when No. 27 Indiana State visits Murfreesboro for a 2 p.m. start at the Racquet Club Thursday. ♦

## Track teams tune up for Sun Belt challenge

### MT Media Relations

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - In another tune-up for the Sun Belt Conference Championships, the Middle Tennessee men's and women's track and field teams traveled to the Indiana Invitational where a few individuals stood out in the unscored meet.

On the men's side, senior Tanko Braimah enjoyed a big day by capturing a win in the 200 meters in a time of 21.83 seconds, while placing second in the 60-meter dash just behind former Blue Raider Christian Nsiiah.

Godfrey Herring won the 400 meters (47.81), while Chris Koger and Geoffrey Lagat brought home first place finishes in the high jump and 5,000 meters, respectively. Koger had a jump of 2.09 meters and Lagat ran his winning event in a time of 14:39.99.

Other men's highlights was

Michael Long's second place finish in the triple jump (14.66 meters), Rob Jordan's third place showing in the long jump (7.02 meters) and the 4 x 400 relay team placed fourth.

It wasn't all positive for the men's team in Indiana according to head coach Dean Hayes.

All-America candidate Jordan will likely require knee surgery after tearing his meniscus. Jordan's status will not be final until he returns to Murfreesboro and is checked out by the team doctor.

As for the women, Kim Freeman was the lone winner by taking first in the triple jump with a mark of 12.23 meters. Also for the women, Jerkita McClarin placed third in the 60-meter hurdles (8.56 seconds) and the long jump (5.79 meters). Stephany Reid came in third in the triple jump and Willisa Heintz was fifth in the 60 meters. ♦

## Women's tennis team bows to No. 45 Iowa

### MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee's women's tennis team finally got a break from playing a top 25 team but still had to face a ranked opponent in Nashville on Sunday against No. 45 Iowa. The Hawkeyes (2-1) won the doubles point and picked four wins in singles for a 5-2 victory over the Lady Raiders (1-5).

Inge Weirich and Carlen Venter won their match at No. 2 doubles over Deni Alexandrova and Pascale Veraverbeke but Iowa won at positions one and

three as Iowa took a 1-0 lead into singles play.

The Lady Raiders received straight set wins from Manon Kruse and Weirich but Iowa got a win from Veraverbeke over Tanja Buchheim in three sets with Alexandrova, Jennifer Hodgman, and Erica Johnson all winning their singles matches over the Lady Raiders in straight sets.

After having to play four consecutive teams ranked in the Top 25, the Lady Raiders have now played five straight against a ranked opponent. ♦

## Intramural Basketball Schedule for Feb. 7-8



### Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001

League/Time	Place	Teams	
IFCB/I 6:00p.m.	RC C3	Pi Kappa Alpha II v.	Sigma Alpha Epsilon II
IFCB/I 6:00p.m.	RC C5	Kappa Alpha II v.	Alpha Gamma Rho
IFCB/II 7:00p.m.	RC C3	Sigma Nu v.	Alpha Tau Omega II
IFCB/II 7:00p.m.	RC C5	Beta Theta Pi II v.	Pi Kappa Alpha III
IFCB/II 8:00p.m.	RC C3	Sigma Chi II v.	Kappa Alpha III
IFCA/I 9:00p.m.	RC C1	Kappa Alpha I v.	Alpha Tau Omega I
IFCA/I 9:00p.m.	RC C3	Sigma Chi I v.	Beta Theta Pi I
IFCA/I 9:00p.m.	RC C5	Alpha Phi Alpha v.	Sigma Phi Epsilon I
IFCA/I 10:00p.m.	RC C1	Sigma Nu I v.	Alpha Tau Omega I
IFCA/I 10:00p.m.	RC C3	Pi Kappa Alpha I v.	Beta Theta Pi I
IFCA/I 10:00p.m.	RC C5	Kappa Alpha I v.	Sigma Chi I

### Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001

League/Time	Place	Teams	
MB/IV 7:00p.m.	RC C1	Stars v.	Raiders for Christ #1
MB/IV 7:00p.m.	RC C3	Crackers v.	Raiders for Christ #2
MB/IV 7:00p.m.	RC C5	A - Team v.	D.C. Connection
MA/I 8:00p.m.	RC C3	Rough Riders v.	Corlew Magic
MA/I 8:00p.m.	RC C5	Farmhouse v.	HB IV Vengeance
MA/II 9:00p.m.	RC C3	Dam Ba Jam v.	The Ruckus
MA/II 9:00p.m.	RC C5	Memphis v.	The Outcasts
WA/I 10:00p.m.	RC C3	D.C.F. v.	Tennessee
WA/I 10:00p.m.	RC C5	Rollers v.	Raiders for Christ



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### THURSDAY

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Lady Raiders at  
South Carolina  
Columbia, S.C., 2 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Blue Raiders vs.  
Indiana St.  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m.

### SATURDAY

■ **Women's Basketball**  
Lady Raiders vs.  
Arkansas St.  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

■ **Men's Basketball**  
Blue Raiders at  
Arkansas St.  
Jonesboro, Ark., TBA

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Lady Raiders at  
Clemson  
Clemson, S.C., 10:30 a.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Blue Raiders at  
Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY

■ **Women's Tennis**  
Lady Raiders at  
Furman  
Greenville, S.C., 10 a.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**  
Blue Raiders at  
Mississippi  
Oxford, Miss., 1 p.m.

### MONDAY

■ **Golf**  
Beau Rivage Classic  
Gulfport, Miss., All day

### TUESDAY

■ **Golf**  
Beau Rivage Classic  
Gulfport, Miss., All day





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## FLASH

# Bare Jr: After the 'Boo-Tay'

New Album 'Brainwasher' pleases fans

By Patrick Chinnery  
Staff Writer

Bare Jr.'s new album, *Brainwasher* (Or More Songs About Girls That Don't Like Me) picks up just down the street from where their first album, *Boo-Tay*, leaves off. Back again are Bobby Bare Jr.'s disheartening tales of love lost and dignity long forgotten, though some of the musical tricks and quirks from the first album are noticeably missing.

This band deserved more attention after the release of their first album. Their biggest hit to date, "You Blew Me Off" was in fact the only single released from that album. This new work has three songs I feel could make it as singles (title track, "You Never Knew," and "Limpin'"). Not only that, it contains what could possibly be the best slacker anthem I've ever heard: "Why Do I Need A Job?" I've been blaring that one for days now.

The shortcomings of this album are few. While Bare's lyrics will never be confused with John Lennon's, they are certainly worth listening for, if for no other reason than let-

ting you feel better about yourself. A self-acknowledged loser when it comes to love, every song that has appeared on a Bare Jr. album was inspired by one of Bare's past loves.

Missing from the new album are the entertaining gimmicks of the first. The word "boo-tay" is not mentioned once, and there are no answering machine messages worked into songs. Sadly, the dulcimer is not as influential in the new album as it was in the first, although the rock-a-billy flavor is still present.

*Brainwasher* relies more heavily on Bare's unique voice and hard-driving solos (on both guitar and dulcimer). Unfortunately, the rocking solos sometimes detract from the more entertaining lyrics. However, I prefer this arrangement to an acoustic disc.

One thing the albums share, which will hopefully become the band's signature, is an attention-grabbing first track. The word "boo-tay" was repeated 15 times in several different octaves to open up the first album, and the opening track to this album is hardly

a disappointment. Bare demonstrates his orchestral skills by writing a moving string piece to open the album. Try and guess which song from the album has been adapted for the strings- it's hours of fun for the whole family.

Bare Jr is a band people will love or hate. Their country-influenced style may turn off some listeners, and I'm sure their song "God" will cause many a Christian to pray for their souls. The album, however, is a worthy addition to any rock fan's collection. ♦



## El Rodeo: Mexican food at an affordable price

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you're still hungry after indulging in your tasty entree, flan, sopapillas, and my favorite, fried ice cream, are offered for dessert at the unbeatable price of \$1.25 a dish.

Sometimes atmosphere is just as important as the quality of the food, and El Rodeo passes that category with flying colors as well. The building has been completely renovated with the employees pitching in to paint the outside, put in a new bar and install a stereo system that pumps lively music, native of Mexico, into the dining area. The walls inside are adorned with blankets and sombreros that help to give it a homey feel, and plants hang from numerous spots in the ceiling to add to the decor.

More than anything else, the service here is great. The wait staff is extremely friendly and always goes out of their way to



Photo by Brian Spencer | Staff

make sure you are enjoying your dining experience. I've never had to wait for a drink refill, more chips and salsa, or to get my bill when it's time to leave.

Needless to say, this is one of

those places where I enjoy leaving generous tips.

Perhaps the most important thing, especially to college students, about El Rodeo is that they serve some of the tastiest

and stiffest margaritas in town. They have a full service bar with a few beers on tap, but the highlight of their alcoholic beverages is the house margarita.

Priced at a mere \$2.75(!), I've gone up there thinking I was going to get a little buzz with two margaritas and walked out with someone else driving my car. They mix the drinks so well, you can't even taste the alcohol, but believe me, like Ragu, it's in there. They also serve 60 oz. pitchers of margaritas for the reasonable price of \$13.50. I even saw they have a 44-oz. monster margarita. I'd suggest planning ahead, however, if you're going to be drinking those. My guess is that they are stronger than most drinks in town.

El Rodeo is located at 1122 Memorial Blvd., on the corner of Maple Street, and is open from

11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They feature daily specials for lunch and dinner that make their great prices even more affordable. They also have coupons in the new Blue Raider Campus Coupon Mint book that I know so many of you use more than some of your textbooks.

This is a great restaurant and I highly recommend it. Every visit I've made there was really enjoyable and the staff goes out of its way to make sure everything goes smoothly. So, although I don't want to curse them by saying this, it seems safe to say that El Rodeo has successfully dodged the curse of failure that so many have fallen to in the past in this building. I suggest that you go see for yourself. ♦

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# Worthy of 'The Pledge'

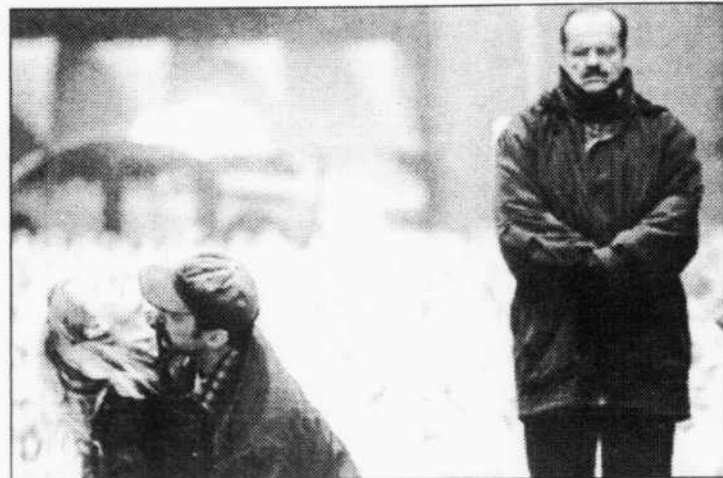
By Rachel Robinson  
Staff Writer

Last year, Hollywood disappointed many viewers with their Blockbuster season. However, this year proves Tinsel Town's flare hasn't been lost forever, only merely forgotten.

The psychological thriller *The Pledge* is almost buried under the marketing of the other features, but it should not be overlooked.

Jack Nicholson always shines in the roles he brings to the big screen, but his portrayal of Jerry Black is one of his best. Black is a once great retiring police officer. At his retirement party, news breaks that a 10-year-old girl has been sexually assaulted and murdered. Black is drawn to the case and pledges to the parents of the slain girl that he will find her killer.

Unable to move on with his



retirement, Black finds himself obsessing over other juvenile murders in nearby towns, looking for similarities. He befriends a local waitress (Robin Wright Penn) and her daughter and tries to move on from the case, but it haunts him and he soon realizes what he is holding the

closest is in danger.

Sean Penn does an outstanding job directing *The Pledge*. Each scene fades wonderfully into the next making that sometimes-odd connection. One particular good blend is when Jerry is at his party and getting overwhelmed. The room starts

spinning into white that fades into the snowy landscape of the murder scene.

The acting is also superb. Nicholson, who has laid low in Hollywood since *As Good As It Gets*, gives his best performance since *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* or *The Shining*. His gritty charm gives way to Black's rugged concern for the victim.

Penn plays a far less glamorous role. Her blond hair is a mucky brown, and one tooth is even half-way gone. She masters her small-town country accent, making it natural, not over worked.

Laughs are woven in at just the right moments. When Black is pushing Penn's daughter on a swing, he tells her to "give [him] her tootsies." It might not sound gut busting, but it fits perfectly, adding some Nicholson flare.

*The Pledge* should already grace top 10 lists. A great script, excellent cinematography, and masterful casting makes *The Pledge* a promise well kept. ♦

## Groove: Film weak; may not satisfy all rental needs

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ing subplots, but I have to admit I was entertained. All the bad elements came together as a whole to make it a fun movie to sit around and watch with a few friends and laugh at.

*Groove* opens in a dimly lit warehouse in the middle of San Francisco, where a few friends have decided to throw a small rave, by word of e-mail. From there you are introduced to a number of people who are either involved in the planning of the party or going to it. This is when my favorite character in the film, David, is introduced.

Played by Hamish Linklater, David is a struggling writer who is not sure he wants to go with his brother Colin to the party. The funniest scenes in the movie happen after David drops ecstasy

for the first time and doesn't quite know what he's getting into. His acting is so bad that I found myself laughing after most of his lines.

The action finally shifts to the actual party, which is filled with more lollipop-sucking, water-drinking, brightly clothed, affectionate ravers than you can count. All of these descriptive qualities of the "rave" are shown again and again, as if they wanted to make sure you noticed that they know what it's like at a real rave. This is when all the subplots at the party begin to unfold, such as a hilarious DJ rivalry, trouble from the police, drug use and wedding proposals. Most of it's really boring and not worth going into much detail about.

The best thing about this film is the soundtrack. Everything

from house, trance, and drum and bass music is spun by the DJs at the party, most of which is pretty good. World famous DJ Digweed makes a guest appearance near the end of the film, when he comes in to save the party late in the morning hours. There's a real funny scene after he plays his set, where the beginner turntablist DJ Spaz, who was shown earlier in the film struggling with his craft, sees Digweed and gushes out pathetically, "Can I touch you?"

The only theme that I could really draw from *Groove*, is that it's good to use drugs, as long as it's responsibly. At the party, one user says to the other, "If you're going to be a successful drug user, you have to be informed." Another raver, who is smoking marijuana, encounters someone wasted on ecstasy and quickly

states, "Stay baked, not fried, it's the healthy choice." There's more dialogue about drugs which really starts to get stale 30 minutes into the film.

This is just one of those movies that I can't really recommend to you, but I also can't say it's a complete waste of time. For example, I laughed a lot during the film, not at the intended jokes, but at the acting. *Groove* falls into that category of films that is so bad it's fun to watch. People who have been to a rave in real life might especially get a kick out of all the clichés that are marched around in the film.

This is the one movie that I know of that focuses completely on rave culture. I can only hope that if there are going to be more, substance will prevail over style next time. ♦

## Up close with Bare Jr.

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lazy.

P: Completely unrelated from the music, what do you think about Bush? Were you for Bush or Gore?

B: I'm a Democrat. Whether [the candidate's] from Tennessee or not. I don't like seeing the country going in the direction of the Republicans. That just never seems like a good idea.

P: So, do you think we're going to have a completely inept White House for the next four years?

B: Oh, no, no, no. I just don't trust those motives. I don't trust either side, I just trust the Democrats more.

P: The lesser of two evils?

B: Exactly. I think getting the young to vote is really important. We did "Rock the Vote" this summer.

P: In terms of Nashville acts, what's the one that's really got you interested?

B: I like Joe Marx Brother a lot. I don't know if it's a Nashville band or not, but Ryan Adams lives in Nashville, and he's really something. He used to be the singer of Whiskey Town, and he's on everybody's top ten of the year. Elton John was on TV talking about him the other day.

P: How do you, as an artist, see Napster?

B: We're giving out hundreds of free CDs tonight. Everybody understands that [most] favorite local bands aren't going to be signed, because there isn't enough money to sign a lot of new bands. That's because not as many people are going to be buying new records. They just won't. There's no way that you can tell me that getting free music will cause people to buy more records across the board. I absolutely don't believe that.

But, I am glad that more people are getting turned on to our music, in any way possible.

P: To wrap things up, my friend Kneff wanted to know the answer to this question: What kind of Under-Roos did you wear as a kid? You can tell a lot about a person by his Under-Roos.

B: Never. Stayed away. Steered clear. Dressed up in Superheroes. Big Star Wars fan.

P: What do you want to say to MTSU?

B: Oh, God...I dated a lot of girls from Murfreesboro. I played there on campus a lot, as the lead man for a band called The Apes. Try to stay in town on weekends. Make it a real college campus, like UT. [With nobody there] it really sucks. Everybody just goes home, it really sucks.

There you have it. The man's a straight shooter. Not only that, he puts on a damn good show.

The concert opened with the first two songs from the new album *Brainwasher*, and from there, things just got louder and more fun.

Bare even provided everyone in attendance a joke to take back to school: "If you've had a good time tonight, I want you to go home, and tell all your friends that you went to 328 and saw Bare Jr. live! And if for whatever reason you aren't enjoying yourself, go home and tell all your friends that you went to see Creed live, and they were the worst Pearl Jam cover band ever!"

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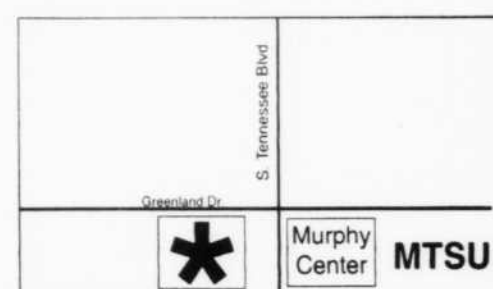


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## Badu: A bit to prove

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definitive ease. On "My Life," the layered vocals that dominate the track, coupled with a lurching piano, give it a graceful funky vibe that you can't help but bob your head back and forth to. The only duet on the album is the song "In love With You," sung alongside Stephen Marley. Marley shines in the shadow of his father, and Badu slides along at a fluid and mesmerizing pace on this standout song. Other outstanding tracks on *Mama's Gun* include "Kiss Me On My Neck" and "Bag Lady," the first released single. Besides Marley,

guests on the album are Ahmir Thompson, Roy Ayers, Roy Hargrove and Betty Wright.

To be honest, the only thing I don't like about this album, is that the order of the tracks on the CD is different from the order listed on the booklet and case. Oh crap, I guess I shouldn't buy it now! No, it isn't that big of a deal. I just feel I had to say something not quite perfect about it.

So gather up a few badu's and invest in Erykah Badu's new album *Mama's Gun*. I think you'll want to thank me later. ♦

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## Campbell inspires with old hymns Wandering in the Gospel Blues

Rachel Robinson  
Staff Writer

Does this semester already have you singing the blues? Do you need a little inspiration to boost your spirits? Sounds like Kate Campbell's newest CD, *Wandering Strange*, is just what the doctor ordered.

Campbell grew up as the daughter of a Baptist minister singing hymns, yet this is the folk artists first "gospel" record.

Growing up in the eye of the civil rights movement of the 1960s no doubt formed her character and morphed her music into a mix of folk, soul, R&B and Southern rock.

The 30-year-old artist got her recording start in Muscle Shoals' Fame Studio in Alabama. When spurred for the idea to do her fifth album, she headed back to her roots.

With her Bonnie Raitt sound and Flannery O'Connor storytelling ability, Campbell lists such musicians as Al Green, Ann Peebles, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison as major influences on *Wandering Strange*.

"Wandering Strange is very much more about all of my musical influences and the songs that I loved to sing as a child,"

says Campbell.

Of the twelve songs on the CD, Campbell co-wrote four, while six are old 17th and 18th century hymns. She also covers a Gordon Lightfoot song and an early Elvis recording on the hidden track "Miracle of the Rosary."

One of the best songs on the

album is "Bear It Away." This song is an eloquent elegy for four young girls that were killed in the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church.

Yet, "Jordan's Stormy Banks" was what provoked Campbell's decision to make a gospel album. She would close concerts with

this 1787 hymn, and fans would ask when her gospel CD was coming out. Needless to say, their wait is over.

*Wandering Strange* is a mellow album that will inspire and calm even the most stressed students. If it feels strange to wander just ease into it but don't miss it. ♦



## 'Franny and Zooey': Good Literature?

By Kristy Adams  
Staff Writer

*Franny and Zooey* is a 1950's classic novel by the well-known J.D. Salinger. But even though it's a classic, and Salinger's previous *The Catcher in the Rye* has been read by millions, is it considered good literature? After reading it, I honestly have no clue.

What is good literature? Is it just wordy entertainment to occupy a reader's time? Or is it defined as opening the doors of a writer's imagination to reveal an incredible and meaningful world? Or could it be both, depending on the opinion of the present audience?

Assuming that this book is a work of art that "intelligent" people read, I gave it a try. I enjoyed and detested my experience of this novel. My disapproval of it could be the result of

two possibilities:

- 1- I'm not the only one who thinks it's a little shy of being spectacular. After all, it isn't what Salinger's known for. Or...
- 2- It's way over my head and

I'm not one of the "intelligent" people that take the time, like I should, to ponder on the deeper meaning of each paragraph.

What I enjoyed about *Franny and Zooey* is that it's a quick read and the ending leaves you with a feel-good philosophical outlook on religion and life.

The problem is getting through all the unnecessary dialogue for just that brief revelation of how to make yourself a better person. Here's an overview to explain what I'm talking about.

*Franny and Zooey* are sister and brother, the youngest of seven. Franny has just returned from college with a new outlook on life. She's reading a book called *The Way of a Pilgrim*. The book is about religion and it tells how to "pray without ceasing." Apparently, if you continuously pray "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me," you will eventually be consumed with the Holy Spirit.

*Franny* attempts this task but it only makes her critical and lazy. Zooey, through most of the book, tries to convince Franny she's doing it all wrong. Without giving away too much of the ending, he finally finds a way to get through to her.

Before reaching the importance of this book, though, the reader must go through a lot of boring meaninglessness.

Most of the novel consists of only three scenes. One scene is 50 pages of Zooey and his mother talking, and another 50 pages contain a conversation between Zooey and Franny. Although these conversations aren't too hard to get through, they seem completely pointless. They're too drawn out.

So, do I recommend the book? Yes and no. If you like reading spiritual books that give you a new outlook on life, I say go for it. It can't hurt you. But, if you're like most students with only time to focus on those required Psychology and Algebra Bibles, then don't waste your time. You won't miss out on a once in a lifetime experience. As for it being "good literature," you'll have to decide for your self. ♦



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