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## Once upon a time



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Professional storyteller Adora Dupree tells tales to students on campus Thursday. Her visit to MTSU was sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## Four vie for president in upcoming election

### Staff Reports

Student Government Association elections will be held on campus March 8 and 9, giving students a chance to select who will lead the SGA into the next millennium.

Four students were vying for SGA's top spot as of Feb. 25. Independents on the ballot are Andrae Crismon and Rob Croisdale. The Student Party's presidential candidate is Kyle Heckman and Bobby Toy is running for the College Party.

There also are four candidates for speaker of the senate. Running independently are Andrew Margrave and Larry D. West. On the College Party ticket is Megan Smith. The Student Party is represented by Aaron Tallent.

Only one candidate is on the ballot for Speaker of the House. Kevin Travis is running for the College Party.

The candidates for election commissioner are Katie Martin from the Student Party and Jennifer Sykora from the College Party.

Senator candidates from the College of Basic and

Applied Sciences are Chad Frey, John Marshall and Sue-z Spencer.

Business candidates for senator are Chelle Bradburn, Jason S. Charles, Julia Graves, Russ Henderson and Tru Quoc Luong.

Dustin Rails currently is the only candidate for College of Education senator.

College of Liberal Arts senator candidates are Kenny R. Wilson and Josh Ponders.

Brian Glimpse is running for College of Mass Communication senator.

David Odd is the candidate for undeclared students

There currently are no candidates for Graduate Studies students.

A referendum also will be on the ballot to increase the SGA student activity fee from \$5 per student per semester to \$20 per student per semester.

A similar referendum was on the ballot last Spring, but it failed. The new possible increase will give a flat amount of money to the SGA, sports clubs, a university lecture series and student programming. The rest of the money will be used to fulfill requests from student organizations. ■

## Recording artist to visit media writing classes

### Staff Reports

Singer-songwriter Ron Wallace will be on campus March 2, when he will perform and answer questions for the students enrolled in two of the school's media writing courses.

This visit will be Wallace's first trip to a university-classroom setting.

Lisa Rollins, a former full-time journalist and current media writing professor, said she invited Wallace to demonstrate to her class the craft of songwriting as a form of media writing, up close

and firsthand.

"I can teach students the basics of media writing and journalism, and I can tell them that songwriting is indeed one form of media writing, but I can't teach them to write a song or show them how it's done," Rollins said.

"His talent is two-fold, and his inside dealings within the Music Row community can only further educate our students—many of whom intend to pursue careers within the recording industry," she later added.

Dubbed one of the "most distinctive new voices on the country music scene" by Billboard,

Wallace migrated to Nashville from Independence, Mo., to pursue a country music career.

He later became one of Nashville's most sought-after demo singers and signed a publishing deal with Sony/ATV as a staff songwriter.

Wallace earned significant acclaim when Columbia Records released his 1996 album, "Bound and Determined."

When times started to get tough for Wallace, he asked his label chief Paul Worley to release him from his recording contract

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## Wholeness of body, mind, spirit essential for healthy self image

David Copeland  
Staff Reporter

On March 2, a lecture concerning women's body images and health problems related to them will be given on campus.

The lecture will take place in Keathley University Center 314 from 3-4:30 p.m.

"Whole Bodies: Women and Body Images" is one of a series of lectures that will occur on campus during March, which is Women's History Month.

According to Sandra Fuentes, coordinator of the lecture, topics of this lecture will include "eating disorders and any kinds of destructive images of the body."

The lecture also aims to "project the idea of wholeness, which includes a healthy body, mind and spirit—not just focusing on physical health." The speaker will be Lori Gailbreth, a counselor in

Murfreesboro who teaches positive parenting skills.

According to Fuentes, her lecture will be limited to around thirty minutes as to allow for a formal question and answer period.

After that, extra time is planned to allow the audience a casual opportunity to mingle and ask questions.

"There should be time to mill around and meet the speaker," Fuentes said. "This relaxing atmosphere will allow people to ask the more personal questions that they perhaps did not want to ask during the formal Q & A session."

Most of all, the aim of this lecture is to help people realize that health does not only concern diseases and viruses.

As Sandra Fuentes puts it, "Health has to do with wholeness and your relationship with other people and (this lecture should) help people realize that destructive images can be just as harmful as any virus." ■

## Windham Lecture focuses on Clinton impeachment

### Staff Reports

Richard Vatz will speak on the recent impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton and the surrounding rhetoric on March 4 as a part of the Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts.

Vatz, a professor of Mass Communication and Communication Studies at Towson University in Baltimore, MD, is a nationally prominent scholar and commentator.

He has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a doctorate in rhetoric and communication.

Media criticism and presidential rhetoric are topics that are favored for his lectures. He has been

teaching for over 25 years.

Vatz has published over 200 articles in "Quarterly Journal of Speech," "Philosophy and Rhetoric," "The New England Journal of Medicine," "The Washington Post," "The Los Angeles Times," "The Wall Street Journal," "The Baltimore Sun" and a variety of other newspapers and professional journals. He has appeared on "Nightline," "Crossfire," "Firing Line," "Larry King Live" and "Donahue."

His presentation will emphasize on his view of the meaning of rhetoric and any analysis of the coverage of the impeachment process, which includes media reporting and the congressional and presidential rhetoric.

His lecture will be held in the LRC at 7:30 p.m. ■

## Radical feminist professor ordered to teach men

### College Press Exchange

BOSTON (CPX) - Boston College Professor Mary Daly, who for 25 years has been teaching women-only classes, has been ordered to open up her courses to men, too.

Faced with the threat of lawsuit, college officials told Daly in December that she needed to allow men into her courses on advanced feminist theory. They've had similar talks with the self-

described "positively revolting hag" in the past.

The college reprimanded her in 1974 and 1989 for her women-only stance, but the issue died down each time, school officials said.

However, the latest round of complaints appeared headed to court, prompting school officials to insist that Daly change her ways because they don't give the school a "legal leg to stand on," a school spokesman said.

Daly, who has taken a leave of absence,

**She defends her single-sex classroom, insisting that it allows women to feel free to "really talk and explore ideas."**

has refused and gone public with her protest. She defends her single-sex classroom, insisting that it allows women to feel freer to "really talk and explore ideas."

Daly is quick to add that she's willing to work with men on an individual basis and offer them the same curriculum that she gives to her female students. She simply asks that men stay out of her classrooms.

Daly's reasoning and her policy upset senior Duane Naquin and junior Matthew

Glazer. Both students complained. Naquin, backed by the Center for Individual Rights, a public-interest law firm, threatened to sue the college if he wasn't admitted.

The college has offered Daly, who is 70 and the author of seven books, including "The Church and the Second Sex" and "Gyn/Ecology: the Metaethics of Radical Feminism," early retirement. She has refused the initial proposal, saying that she will retire when she can do so at her own discretion. ■

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**MARCH 1 AND 2**  
Gamma Beta Phi will have meetings on the above dates at 5 p.m. On March 1 the meeting will be in KUC 324. On March 2 the meeting will be in KUC 322. Those interested in purchasing a T-shirt must bring \$10 to the meeting. For more information contact Chere A. Vines at 898-3156.

**MARCH 3**  
The Walt Disney World organization is hosting an information meeting for summer internships/college program at 6 p.m. The event will be in the KUC 322. Anyone interested must attend the information meeting to be eligible for interviews on March 4. Those interested may contact the Placement Center at 898-2500.

**MARCH 4**  
The American Business Women's Association will have an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center room 312. For more information call Sherrie Murray at 898-5315.

The Golden Key National Honor Society will have a new and current member meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the KUC 305. Pizza will be available at the meeting. For more information contact Chere Vines at 898-3156.

**ON GOING**  
Presbyterian Student Fellowship will host dinner and discussion on Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N. Tennessee Blvd following the study there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have

weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at 7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

MTSU Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

The Kingwood Heights Church of Christ College Class will host monthly devotions every second Thursday at 6:30. Kingwood Heights Church is located at 115 East MTSU Road. Contact Chuck Mullins at 898-1086 or Alan Wellen at 890-0940 for more information.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2ai@mtsu.edu.

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold Sunday services at 10 a.m. in the Murphy Center. Contact Ricky Walters at 907-4079 for more information.

Lambda Organization meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room S316 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information go to [www.mtsu.edu/~mtLambda](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtLambda).

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 322. Those interested may contact Courtney Rushlow at 849-7899 for more information.

The Tennis Club will have meetings every Saturday at noon at the MTSU tennis courts. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Carrie Hupp at 896-7164 for more info.

The Ultimate Freesbie Club will meet in the fields located across the street from the Rec Center. They will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information contact Eric Taylor at 898-3217.

The Raider Coordinating Council of Organizations is presenting two awards at the 1999 SGA Awards Banquet. Every registered MTSU student organization is eligible. Applications for the Outstanding President Award and the Unsung Hero Award are available in KUC 306. Applications and letters of recommendation are due by March 22. For more information contact Office of Student Organization at 904-8418.

The June Anderson Women's Center is having a support group for sexual abuse meeting on March 4, 11, 25 and April 1, 8, 15. The meetings will be from 3 p.m. till 3:50 p.m. in the CKNB room 109. For more information call Mary Glantz, M.A. at 898-5725.



## NATIONAL NEWS

## Sawyer Brown holds concert to raise money for tornado victims

**Clarksville, TN (AP)**—Country rock group Sawyer Brown raised more than \$13,000 at a weekend concert to benefit victims of the Jan. 22 tornadoes that ravaged the city.

About 3,000 people attended the Friday night event at Dunn Center on the campus of Austin Peay State University, which also sustained significant storm damage.

Lead singer Mark Miller said the group aimed to raise money but also give the community a chance to relax.

"We're here tonight for one reason and one reason only - so you can have some fun," Miller told the crowd.

The concert was free, but university officials manned collection bins where concertgoers contributed everything from loose change to \$100 bills. The money will be split between Austin Peay students hurt by the storms and the city's tornado relief fund. ■

## Olympic ethics report cites gifts, training programs

**New York (AP)**—Another remnant of picking Olympic cities the old-fashioned way - with gifts and training programs - is expected to disappear after former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell releases his ethics report Monday.

The independent inquiry stemming from the Salt Lake City bribery scandal probably won't contain new revelations of wrongdoing or list millions of dollars in improper inducements to International Olympic Committee members, as two other investigations already have done.

But Mitchell's report to the U.S. Olympic Committee will draw a road map for future American bidders that won't include stops at the gift shop or help in getting athletes from overseas ready to compete.

The Salt Lake scandal, the worst in Olympic history, pointed out those areas ripe for corruption. While Mitchell and his panel, including former White House chief of staff Ken Duberstein and baseball union chief Donald Fehr, have refused to discuss details of their two-month investigation, the former senator from Maine said it would look ahead, not back. ■

## Body of nine year boy found

**Norton, MS (AP)**—The body of a 9-year-old boy who disappeared while looking for his dog in a snowstorm was found Sunday by a shallow stream about 300 yards from his family's home, in an area that had been searched several times before.

The body of Corey Anderson was found curled in a ball in dense underbrush along the banks of an icy brook after the stripes from his Boston Bruins jacket caught a searcher's eye, police said.

Search crews in canoes made the discovery shortly before noon on the bank of Mulberry Brook.

It was the fifth time the area had been searched. But police said the body was only visible from the creek, and snow that had obscured the body may have melted.

It appeared the boy was trying to stay out of the waters of the swamp next to the creek when he died, Hartley said.

Police said they do not believe Corey drowned, but were unsure of the cause of death. An autopsy was scheduled. ■

## WORLD NEWS

## Falae to contest results of Nigerian presidential election

**Abuja, NIGERIA (AP)**—Presidential candidate Olu Falae plans to contest the results of Nigeria's elections, a top aide said Sunday, casting a shadow over the vote billed as a chance to bring democracy back to Africa's most populous country.

Saturday's presidential election, only the third in Nigerian history, was "completely rigged," said the aide, Sunday Durodola, who is also the party secretary for Falae's Alliance for Democracy.

"We have not had a free and fair elections, and Falae will contest this," Durodola said in a telephone interview from Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital.

The surprise announcement came as Nigerian election officials announced that Falae's opponent, retired Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, a former military ruler seeking a civilian comeback 20 years after leaving power, had pulled further into the lead.

By Sunday evening, Obasanjo had captured 62 percent of the vote with 31 of Nigeria's 36 states and the federal capital reporting. Many of the remaining states have traditionally backed Obasanjo's Peoples Democratic Party. ■

## Khatami loyalists ahead in local elections according to newspapers

**Tehran, IRAN (AP)**—Hard-line opponents of Iran's reformist President Mohammad Khatami appeared headed for defeat in the first local elections in 20 years, newspapers reported Sunday.

Women were reported to be the front-runners in at least 20 cities, and nearly all of the successful female candidates were supporters of Khatami, who has encouraged women to play a bigger role in political life.

Nearly every newspaper reported that pro-Khatami candidates were the leaders for the 15 seats in Tehran. The city is seen as a key test in the struggle between hard-liners and moderates in the government.

Election officials had counted nearly 10 million votes, or 40 percent of the ballots, by Sunday night, Tehran radio reported, quoting the Interior Ministry, which is supervising the poll.

The ministry says final results may not come for days, especially in larger cities like Tehran. ■

## Lewinsky sees her plight similar to Princess Diana's

**London (AP)**—Monica Lewinsky sees a parallel between her own difficulties and the problems of the late Princess Diana, a British newspaper said Sunday.

"I'm not a princess in a royal sense, but I was also wronged by a man who said he loved me," Ms. Lewinsky was quoted as saying. "And remember, I was in love with him. I was trapped, too. I had a lot of pressure on me, and like Diana, I had nowhere to go, nowhere to hide."

The Sunday Mirror's article was a prelude to this week's publication of "Monica's Story," by Andrew Morton. Morton's 1992 book, "Diana, Her True Story," revealed the breakdown of the princess' marriage to Prince Charles.

Morton's book about the former intern and her relationship with President Clinton is to be published March 5. ■

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# White House hopeful warns GOP is doomed unless it bans abortion

Scott Lindlaw  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Smith warned Sunday that the GOP will "fall into the ash bin of history" if it does not make outlawing abortion its top priority.

The New Hampshire senator cast aside pleas from fellow Republicans who have called for the party to talk about issues other than abortion.

In a forceful speech to the California GOP convention, he said he refused to be treated like a "second-class citizen because we stand up for the (anti-abortion) plank in our party."

"The bad news, there might be a third party, the worse news, the Republicans might be the third party," he said. "If we're not going to stand up for the life of unborn children, maybe the Republican Party deserves to fall into the ash bin of history ... and it will, if we don't stand up for life."

Smith's remarks drew repeated ovations from the Republican delegates gathered for their twice-annual state convention. His speech preceded a vote for the new chairman of the party.

That election campaign has become a referendum on abortion and has deeply fractured the state party.

One candidate, party Vice Chairman John McGraw, has said banning abortion is his No. 1 mission; his opponent, Nicholas Bavaro, has said he will focus on other issues.

Even some state GOP lawmakers who have carried anti-abortion legislation have urged a party that suffered devastating losses in November — only two Republicans currently hold statewide office — to talk about other issues this weekend.

But Smith firmly backed McGraw.

"Killing children is the central issue facing our nation today, and it needs to be stopped," he said to applause from the delegates. "I'm for a big tent, but I don't want a

tent that's flat on the ground that everybody has to crawl under."

Minutes before Smith's speech, McGraw, Bavaro and other adversarial leaders in the party stood together at a news conference meant to project unity.

"Moderates and conservatives are going to come together," Bavaro said.

He and the other party candidates then headed into a convention hall littered with signs for candidates promising party harmony.

"Unity must begin today," read a campaign placard for southern vice chairman Dr. Asha Knott.

Second assistant secretary candidate Mike McSweeney's sign offered this to-do list: "1. Unify party. 2. Win."

Smith was the seventh presidential aspirant to address the convention. All seven oppose abortion.

Some, like Smith, offered fiery defenses of their position. Others, like former Tennessee Gov. Lamar

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# UTC faces \$800,000 shortfall that will likely cause cutbacks

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The University of Tennessee's Chattanooga campus faces a shortfall that may result in a hiring freeze, travel ban and other cutbacks, according to a published report.

And while competition for donations between the university's 1 1/2-year-old Finley Stadium and the school's athletics program is at the heart of the problem, academics will likely be affected, The Chattanooga Times/Chattanooga Free Press reported Saturday.

Chancellor Bill Stacy is expected to make his recommendations Monday, and faculty are anxious to learn the impact.

"These troops are really ticked. It's really going to hit the fan when the chancellor makes the announcement," said Pedro Campa, a professor of foreign languages.

"We have just voted in a new general education requirement we might not be able to implement," he said.

"For that we need new faculty positions and adjunct positions. If they put a freeze on travel, that means they are putting a freeze on the candidates we are interviewing for faculty positions. If we can't hire until (the new fiscal year begins July 1) all our first choices will have gone to work somewhere else."

University spokesman Chuck Cantrell said a hiring freeze and travel ban are on the table, as well as smaller items like trimming budgets for office operations.

He said any cutbacks would apply to the athletics program as well.

He would not confirm the exact amount of the budget shortfall, but the newspaper cited sources estimating it between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

Cantrell said one culprit is higher-than-expected utility costs, but the bulk of the shortfall is due to the athletics program failing to reach its fund-raising goals. The athletics program is expected to supplement its state appropriation with ticket sales, corporate sponsorship and private donations.

However, last year many private and corporate donors spent their money on gifts and priority seating at Finley Stadium.

The \$28.5 million stadium opened in the fall of 1997 as home to the university's football program.

But ticket sales fell short of projections in its first season at the 20,000-seat facility.

"I have no doubt when it's all said and done that the community can come forward and support both the UTC athletics and the stadium — we're going to have to work something out," Cantrell said. ■

# Parents sue school district for supporting 'pagan' activities

Jim Fitzgerald  
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — The issues are weighty: religious liberty, personal privacy, public education. At the outset of a federal trial in which three Catholic families are attacking a school district, both the First Amendment and the First Commandment were invoked.

But then the tooth fairy was mentioned. A psychic who had lectured on creativity said she also was a telepath. A yogi who taught stress reduction said he also was a numerologist.

"Interspecies communication" was mentioned.

And the exasperated judge wanted to know just one thing:

"Can a psychic tell when this case will finish?"

The case, which resumes Monday, is perhaps an extreme example of the backlash against a nationwide trend that has broadened course offerings away from the basics of reading and math.

The dispute began in 1995, when kids in the Bedford Central school district, which takes in four affluent towns in Westchester County, began playing on school grounds a strategy card game called "Magic: The Gathering." The cards bear images ranging from innocent fairies to a lurid depiction of a woman about to be sacrificed.

Some parents objected to the darker aspects of the game.

"It's much worse than witchcraft," said Mary Ann DiBari, a plaintiff who is also a

member of the Northeast Ritual Crime Investigators Association.

And when some children formed a Magic club that met in a classroom, parents demanded that the schools end all support of the game. Superintendent Bruce Dennis halted play for 30 days until mental health experts assured him the game posed no danger.

Not satisfied, the parents went to court and added a number of other school activities to their complaint: making models of Aztec gods as part of the study of Mexico; studying an owl's regurgitated lunch for evidence of its diet; taking a field trip to a cemetery; celebrating Earth Day; and making "worry dolls" to put under children's pillows to keep nightmares away.

Such activities, they said, amount to

"the promotion of Satanism and occultism, pagan religions and New Age spirituality" and violate freedom of religion. The worry dolls, said Mrs. DiBari, amount to voodoo. When asked if she found the tooth fairy objectionable, she said, "It was not taught to my child in school."

Earth Day? The plaintiffs said part of the celebration included making pledges to the Earth, which they said was like praying. "We worship the creator, not the creation," Mrs. DiBari said.

The plaintiffs also objected to drug and suicide counseling, as well as some homework assignments, as violating the families' privacy. They demanded injunctions against some activities, the right to opt out of others.

The school district said the activities were mainstream and wholesome. And

allowing opt-outs, Dennis said, would bring chaos to the curriculum.

The dispute sharply divided the community. Some parents held a news conference to announce their support of the curriculum. Some Catholics separated themselves from the plaintiffs' religious objections.

"Since the initiation of this lawsuit," one parent wrote to the judge, "the atmosphere in the Bedford public schools has been one of fear."

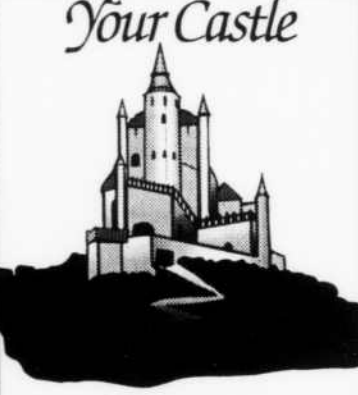
Sensing an important case, the American Catholic Lawyers Association has taken up the plaintiffs' cause; the liberal People for the American Way is supporting the schools.

Judge Charles Briant has been

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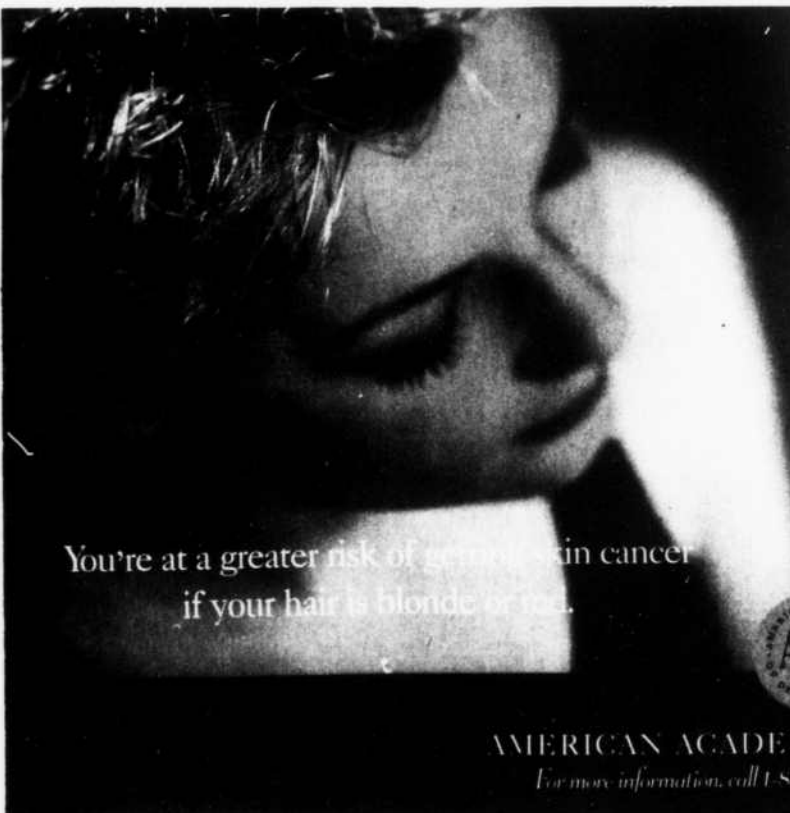
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# Syracuse announces plan to ban smoking in all dorm rooms

College Press Exchange

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (CPX) - Some students at Syracuse University are fired up about the school's decision to ban smoking in all dormitory rooms in 2000.

Currently, students are allowed to smoke in their rooms with their roommate's consent.

The ban stemmed primarily from concerns about the effects of second-hand smoke and the damage students do to their health when they smoke, school officials said.

Student government leaders agree that smoking is a community health issue, but they are concerned that university administrators approved the ban without input from students. As a result, the campus' student government association has asked school officials to revisit the issue.

A study conducted in November by researchers at Harvard University reported that smoking is on the rise among college students. Nearly 30 percent of them are everyday smokers, the study found. Among other things, it recommended that schools increase the number of smoke-free areas on campus and ban smoking in dorm rooms ■

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and Worley agreed.

Wallace's struggle to make it as a singer-songwriter in Nashville was documented in the HarperCollins book, "Three Chords and The Truth: Behind the Scenes with Those Who Make and Shape Country Music" by Laurence Leamer.

In addition to coming to MTSU, Wallace is now gearing up for his next project recording project.

Wallace can be seen on Tuesday, March 2 at the BAS 343 from 2 to 4 p.m. ■

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insisting that a court is not the place for a curriculum dispute.

The framers of the Constitution "never intended this mess," said the 75-year-old jurist, but he was unable to force a settlement.

In testimony last week, the plaintiffs' children told of being forced to make models of Mexican and Indian idols; one parent recited the First Commandment scripture against false gods.

The children said they were bothered when the yogi — Agia Akal Singh Kalsa, whose World Wide Web site is called "yogaguy"

— came to the school to lead stress-reduction exercises.

When the yogi testified — in the turban and white robes of a Sikh minister — he said his lesson had "nothing to do with religion" and that he hadn't mentioned his numerology hobby to the children.

The plaintiffs claim the schools allow the expression of Eastern religions but exclude Christianity.

The psychic, Nancy Weber, said she had been invited to lecture on creativity and that she hadn't mentioned being a psychic, a telepath or a minister in the LifeSciences Congregational Church. The plaintiffs said Ms. Weber inappropriately asked the

students to "tap into" themselves by drawing with their non-dominant hands.

While Ms. Weber was on the stand, she was asked if she believes in "interspecies communication."

"I'm not sure I know what interspecies communication is," Briant said when the defense objected to the subject being introduced.

"It's communication between people and animals," said plaintiffs' lawyer James Bendell.

"You mean, 'Come here, Rover, lie down?'" the judge said as lawyers and spectators burst into laughter. "Objection sustained." ■

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Alexander, called for the party to emphasize other issues.

"Instead of laying down litmus tests and rigid pronouncements, reach out to others with whom we agree," he urged convention attendees Saturday.

There was one other issue that united Republicans at the gathering: their dislike of President Clinton, a man, Smith said, who "behaves like an animal."

Both Smith and former Vice President Dan Quayle drew

raucous standing ovations when they praised the House trial managers, who fought to remove Clinton from office following his impeachment.

Smith, who voted to oust Clinton, said there was no one he respected more than the trial managers. ■

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The west end of Faulkinberry Drive (at Tennessee Boulevard) will be closed from March 10-20.

\*The TSSAA regional basketball tournament will be played at Middle Tennessee State University, with the girls competition running from March 9-13, and the boys playing March 16-20.

\*Campus parking will be most affected on March 10-12 and 17-19, since the March 9 and 16 games will be played in the evening, and March 13 and 20 are Saturdays.

\*The campus community and general public need to be informed that during the tournament, beginning Wednesday, March 10, at 6 a.m., Faulkinberry Drive will be completely closed to traffic on the west end (at Tennessee Boulevard).

\*In addition, from Wednesday, March 10, through Saturday, March 20, team buses will be parked on the east side of Tennessee Boulevard from just north of East Main Street to Division Street. North-bound traffic will not be able to use the right lane.

\*MTSU students and employees will be permitted to drive on the east end of Faulkinberry in order to access the KOM parking areas and Loop Drive. In addition, students and employees will be permitted to park on Faulkinberry Drive (east end, green parking) and (west end, white parking) until the spaces are filled (Be reminded, however, that the west end of Faulkinberry will be closed off.)

\*Faulkinberry Drive will also be closed to through traffic on both Saturdays.

\*The campus community should also be reminded that spring break is March 15-19, which will lessen the amount of inconvenience and decrease MTSU traffic.

\*The Greenland Drive lots will be reserved for TSSAA ticket holders. TSSAA visitors who are not tournament ticket holders will be directed to perimeter parking areas.

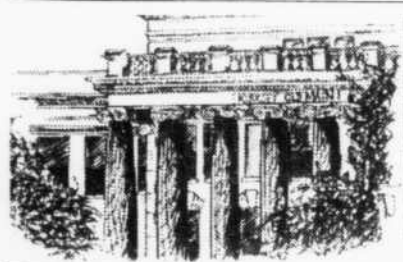
\*In addition, students and employees, as well as the general public, need to know that the Tennessee Beef Agribition will be held in the Tennessee Livestock Center, March 10-14. This means that from Wednesday, March 10, to Friday, March 12, general campus parking will also not be available in the Livestock lot.

\*Parking will be available in the Maintenance Lot (next to the Telecommunications Building), and in the other lots on the east and south sides of campus. The RaiderXpress shuttles will be running their regular routes.

\*As for R & R Bus and University Courtyard Van riders, the stops will remain at the same location near the James Union Building.

\*If you have any questions, please call MTSU Parking Services at 898-2850 or MTSU Public Safety at 898-2424. Your patience and understanding are appreciated during this busy time on the MTSU campus.





MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999

# OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

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## Editorial

### Vote yes for fee increase referendum

A referendum will appear on next week's Student Government Association election to raise the SGA student activity fee from \$5 per person per semester to \$20.

It sounds like a big jump until you realize exactly what you'll be getting for your money.

Hate that there is nothing good to do on campus on the weekends? Wish better musical acts came to campus? Wonder why the big-name speakers seem to pass MTSU by?

The secret to these questions lie in the activity fee.

The difference of \$15 per semester will make all the difference in the world. If students want the type of activities that will keep them on campus, they have to pay.

A similar referendum was on last year's ballot, and it failed — with a margin of 46 percent of students voting in favor of the increase.

But most of the 54 percent who voted against the increase probably were not aware of what the increase would mean.

It's a chance for MTSU to catch up to other universities. MTSU has a well-deserved reputation of being a commuter campus. Providing more weekend activities is a great first step in shedding this image.

This fee is the only one that goes directly back to the students. Student groups use the money for student activities and organizations.

MTSU is now a place to spend time while in class. This money can make it a place to spend time out of class. ■

## Dear Diary...Monica wrote me today.

Michael Koh  
Indiana Daily Student

Dear Diary:

Nov. 15: A little biscuit showed me the straps of her thong underwear today. I must have her.

Nov. 17: Today I had sex while talking on the phone with Rep. Sonny Callahan of Alabama. And the sex wasn't with my wife either! I should mix work with pleasure more often.

Nov. 20: The little biscuit gave me a tie today. Gosh, does this mean that I have to buy her stuff too?

Dec. 31: She told me her name again because she thought that I had forgotten. I get the feeling that she thinks I do this kind of thing all the time. It was a happy New Year.

Feb. 4, 1996: Today I talked with her for 45 minutes. She has quite the mind.

Feb. 28, 1997: I have been without her for 11 months. I was quick and to the point. Only 15 minutes while Betty Currie waited outside. Not bad.

May 27: The Supreme Court says that I am not immune to civil lawsuits just because I'm president. For some inexplicable reason, they think I should be held to the same legal standards as Joe Six-pack. Damn Reagan, Bush and their conservative original intent appointees! What am I gonna do about Paula Jones?

July 3: Monica wrote me today. She said she might have to explain to her parents

why she isn't getting a job in the White House ... There's an executive order prohibiting the assassination of foreign leaders. Is there one for presidential blackmailers?

Dec. 19: I told Vernon Jordan that I have never had a sexual relationship with Monica. I think my nose grew. I wonder if Vernon noticed.

Jan. 5, 1998: Monica called. She's worried. They might ask why she was transferred from the White House. I tell her that maybe somebody else helped her find it. I tell her not to send me mushy notes anymore. People might think I like her.

Jan. 17: I was deposed in the Jones case. I told the lawyers that I never had sexual relations with Monica and used the Ronald Reagan defense when asked if I was ever alone with her: I don't recall. I lied in the world of common sense, but I think my linguistic hairsplitting will hold up in a court of law. Either way, I made sure the cameras didn't get a profile shot of me before or after.

Jan. 21: I think the proverbial cow manure has hit the fan. The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and ABC News reported on Starr's investigation. I keep telling the media that I didn't have a sexual relationship with Monica. I've said it so many times, I'm beginning to believe it's true.

**You'd think they'd be upset that I lied about sex in a sexual harassment suit, but I guess lying in such a context is okay for me because I'm a Democrat.**



## From the Mailbox

### Subject of story upset with finished product

Dear Editor:

As the subject of "Lay the Snack Down" in the Feb. 18 issue of Sidelines, I was disappointed by the article as it appeared.

I agreed to the interview because I wanted to let your readers know how highly I think of the students and faculty who frequent the Mass Communication building food cart.

Some of the writer's phrasing ("peddling her wares") is cliché and sounds like I'm selling pots and pans door-to-door. Other information was not accurate. For example, I don't sell Pepsi products.

I'm very happy to be a part of the MTSU community. I enjoy my job.

I like the people I work with, and the customers I see every day.

Sincerely,  
Terry Rafferty  
Aramark Food Services

## Dress up for school? No way

Lindsey Hirschfield  
Syracuse University

Brush my teeth, do my hair, grab a quick bite and get my butt to class on time. I can't imagine what time some of my "fashion setter" classmates must be getting up.

It must take hours to put themselves together so they can end up looking like the Fourth of July fireworks over the Statue of Liberty. I am sure they awake when it's still dark outside. That, of course, would explain why they dress so brightly. And some of their outfits could use volume-control knobs they're so loud.

The effort wasted on getting "dressed-to-kill" in order to sit in class and learn could be dramatically more rewarding if it was

spent on preparing intellectually for the very same class that is blessed by their "haute couture" of the day.

Many people who over-dress for class are really hiding behind their fancy clothes. They want to draw attention to themselves, trying in some superficial way to boost their own self-esteem. Some of their outfits are okay; it's when they get carried away that it becomes offensive or uncomfortable for the rest of us.

"Once in awhile dressing up is okay, but mini-skirts and high heels are not necessary. Who do these people have to impress?" one female student asked. "It's disgusting to overdo it. The natural look in clothing is more preferable," a male student said.

The only impression these people are creating is exactly what they are trying to

create - an impression! Don't they see what everybody else sees? Or is the mascara too thick for them to see through? Giorgio Armani's runway belongs in Paris and not on a college campus. What are fashion queens thinking? Or maybe that's the problem. Are they thinking at all?

Time is precious. People who devote themselves to broadening their minds will undoubtedly project a much more beautiful person than today's fashion trends can. While I have nothing against taking pride in appearance and being well-groomed, I do have a problem when appearance becomes the primary focus of a person's day. We can not pre-judge people just because they dress up. Nevertheless, the mere fact that they are taking so much extra time to dress up indicates where their heads are!

Imagine what could be accomplished if all those beauty queens took some of the time spent on their appearance and devoted it toward furthering their studies and applying what they've learned to make a real difference in the world. They are, after all, in college to enhance themselves intellectually, not physically.

So to all the "clothes horses" out there, it's late and you're about to go to bed because you have an 8:30 class in the morning. You're planning on jumping out of bed, showering, getting dressed and going. Do you set your alarm clock for 5:45 a.m. or 8 a.m.? The choice is yours. Tomorrow is a new day. Try a new way. ■



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Laura Maria Censabella

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## Award winning playwright Laura Maria Censabella visits MTSU

Amanda Virgillito  
Staff Reporter

Playwright Laura Maria Censabella plans to visit MTSU today and tomorrow. She will present her work "Abandoned in Queens," Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the JUB Hazlewood Dining Room. The performance, which is part of this year's MTSU National Women's History Month, is free and open to the public.

"Abandoned in Queens" deals with the struggles a father and son experience after the mother leaves. Censabella, along with Professor Charles Dean, will perform this two character play.

Another of Censabella's works, "Posing," was featured in Poems

and Plays, a collection of works published by MTSU.

Claudia Barnett, program coordinator, plans to have Censabella visit two of her classes and encourages anyone interested to attend. Censabella will be available for an informal open discussion Monday at 1:30 p.m. in English 223 in Kirksey Old Main, room 160, and Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Women in Theater class in the Business and Aerospace Building, room F309.

Censabella's plays have been produced or used in workshops by the Philadelphia Festival for New Plays, the Working Theater, the Women's Project, the Interact Theatre in Los Angeles, the American Living Room Series in Ohio, the AthenaWorks Marathon,

the Belmont Italian American Playhouse and the Ensemble Theatre.

Additional honors and awards for Censabella include participation twice in the National Playwrights Conference, two grants from the New York Foundation for the Arts, and fellowships from Yaddo and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

Censabella has also taught play writing at Columbia University, City University of New York, the Sewanee Writers' Conference, the Actors Studio MFA Program at the New School, and the Springs Young Playwrights Festival.

Any further questions can be referred to Dr. Claudia Barnett at 898-2887. ■

## Program helps young people shed tattoos and the life they represent

Veronica Alaniz

Knight-Ridder News Services

FORT WORTH, Texas - Robert Barton's hands and arms are covered with marks of hatred, each painfully etched into his skin when he was in his early teens.

Tattoos that he once wore with pride are now shameful reminders of a life that Barton, 19, says he has left behind. But with the help of a nonprofit program, the emblems of racism are beginning to fade from his body.

When they are finally gone, thanks to laser surgery provided at no cost by a Fort Worth doctor, Barton said, he will know that his new life has really begun.

"At the time, I thought it was the right thing to do," Barton said of the designs traced across his forearms, wrists and knuckles. "Now, it just doesn't make any sense. I want them gone. They don't mean anything to me now."

Getting rid of the unwanted tattoos and the shame that comes with them is Michael Bumagin's mission.

Since returning to Fort Worth a little more than a year ago, Bumagin, 57, has volunteered his time and expertise to help those with little means remove ugly reminders of their past.

"These kids have been in bad situations - gangs, broken homes. Some of them have been on the street. They've had a hard life," said the doctor, who has his own plastic surgery practice. "These tattoos are going to keep them from succeeding in life. They make it hard for them to get jobs, even in the most entry-level positions."

That is one of the reasons Jessica Cross, 21, wants the Tasmanian devil cartoon character above her right breast removed.

"If you have a tattoo, I think a lot of people think you're a bad person," said Cross. "Everybody looks at you, and I can see what they're thinking."

Barton said that feeling is all too familiar to him, and he'll be glad when he doesn't have to hide his hands in his pants pockets in shame.

"People see this stuff on me and slap a label on me and write me off," Barton said. "But this (tattoo removal) is going to open up a lot of doors for me and give me a lot of opportunity."

Every other month, young people such as Cross and Barton

"If you have a tattoo, I think a lot of people think you're a bad person. Everybody looks at you, and I can see what they're thinking."

-Jessica Cross

come by the dozens to wait for their turn with Bumagin.

Some hear about the service, administered by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth, by word-of-mouth. Others are referred by their local police departments, school counselors or probation officers.

In return for what many recipients call a life-changing service, the patients perform four hours of community service for each treatment. They call it a more than fair trade.

Gary Grossman, an Arlington Independent School District counselor, works with students in alternative programs and refers some to the tattoo removal program. He called Bumagin's work a godsend.

"Erasing those marks off their bodies is symbolic," Grossman said. "It's a way of leaving their past behind, a way to start a fresh, new, clean life. But for many, it's beyond their financial ability."

Bumagin said hearing his patients' stories is why he keeps doing the work.

"The kids benefit, the community benefits, and I get the feel-goods," he said.

But the program couldn't exist with Bumagin alone. Donations pay for rental of the laser machine

and other supplies.

Cross, who paid \$50 for her tattoo while she was in high school, said that when she first looked into having it removed, the \$2,500 estimates she was given were prohibitive.

"I thought I was going to have to live with it forever," she said.

Danielle Lessard said she, too, was floored by the cost of losing her tattoo - a 2-inch-high tribute to her ex-boyfriend's gang name etched on her right hip.

When Lessard found out about Bumagin's work from the Fort Worth Police Department's gang unit, she jumped at the opportunity. She said that though her tattoo is not readily noticeable, its presence haunts her.

"Stupid. That's all I can say. I was 15, and it was a home job," said Lessard, now 18 and a Tarrant County Junior College student. "Since I'm not in that stuff anymore and I'm not in that environment, I don't want that stuff on my body."

Israel Villareal, 23, who got the first of several gang tattoos when he was 13, said he wants them gone so they won't influence his three children.

"I don't want my little kids growing up seeing them and thinking it's OK," he said.

Removing the tattoos takes far more time - and often hurts more - than getting them.

After her first treatment in January, Lessard said she wasn't expecting it to be so painful.

"Oh my gosh, this is stinging real bad," she said as she squirmed in her seat.

Bumagin said the pain comes from the particles of pigment that, when touched by the laser, explode through the skin.

The treatments cause redness, swelling and sometimes bleeding, but the symptoms disappear in a few hours. He said the pain decreases with each treatment as the tattoo fades, and the number of treatments varies by tattoo.

When Angela Acua showed up for her treatment last month, she was very apprehensive.

"I'm scared. What if it hurts?" she asked the doctor.

After whimpering through the few minutes that it took to zap her tattoos, Acua turned to her boyfriend and gave him some advice.

"It hurt," she said. "Don't ever put anything on you." ■

## Sepultura goes 'Against' the commonplace

David Robinson  
Staff Reporter

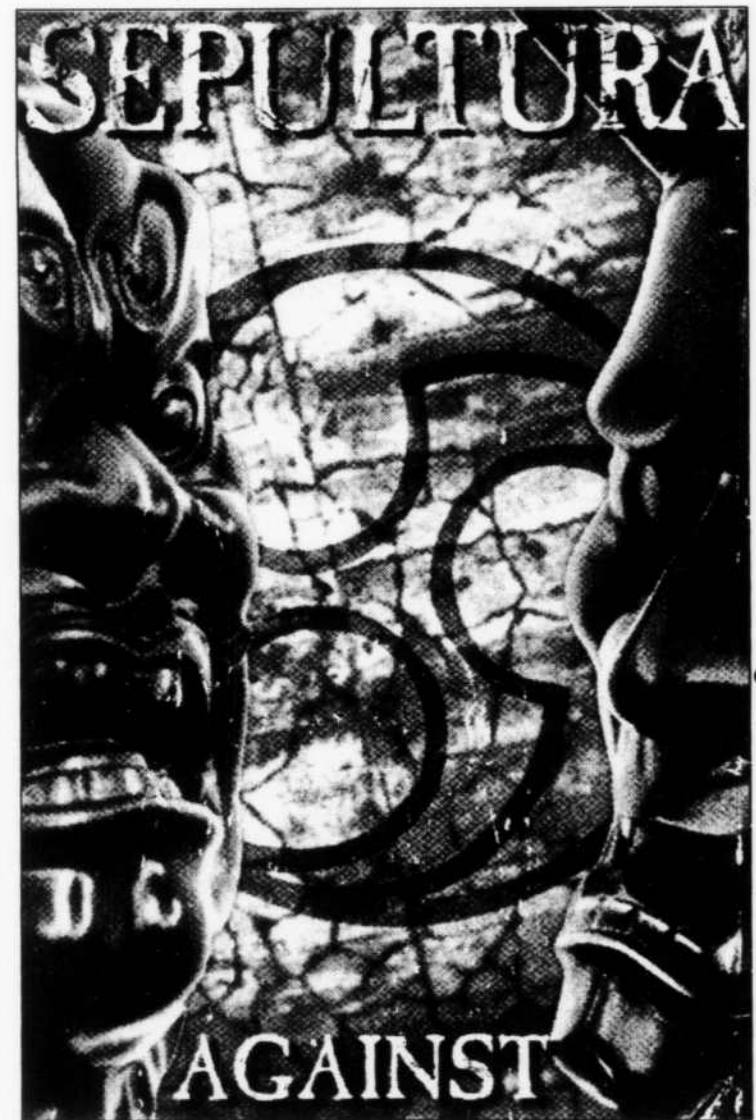
When a band is together for ten years with the same lineup, it's hard to know how that band will be accepted by its fans after losing a member. And when the member lost is the singer, that makes it even worse. Sepultura has released their first album without lead singer/rhythm guitarist Max Cavalera.

Following up their groundbreaking 1996 release "Roots," Sepultura now offers us "Against," their sixth full-length studio album. New to the vocal front is Derrick Green, the lucky pick of the thousands of vocalists who auditioned for the job. Unfortunately, he doesn't even begin to fill Max's shoes, but puts forth good effort.

Sepultura's style has changed considerably now that Max is out of the picture, due to guitarist Andreas Kisser, who still seems to be taking the approach that made "Roots" so powerful, writing all music. With simple but effective rhythms this album leaves behind the fast furiousness of earlier albums.

My favorite aspect of the new album is the band's continuation of the tribal theme introduced in "Roots" with drummer Igor Cavalera laying down his now trademark style, and bassist Paulo Jr. never letting up the underlying rhythm. There is even an instrumental piece, "Kamaitachi," which includes KODO, a Japanese percussion group.

There is a guest appearance



by Metallica bassist Jason Newsted on one track entitled "Aside," but it really made no distinct impression on me compared to the rest of the album.

At first I was completely disappointed with "Against" but I think that was related to my

bitterness of Max's departure with the band, and how much I enjoyed his new project Soulfly. I expected to hear something that I knew wasn't going to be there, but the more I listen to the new album, the more I appreciate it for what it is, a new start for an old band. ■

## Disney World looking for interns

Staff Reports

Recruiters for the Walt Disney World College Program will be in the Keathley University Center, room 312 Wednesday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. informing undergraduate students about the benefits of participating as an intern in the Walt Disney World College Program.

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## Big stars don't shine in 'Analyze This,' 'Office Space' fares better with fresh faces

Some movies these days are pre-packaged for success. Producers line up A-list actors, place them in the care of knowledgeable directors, and hope for the best, counting on them to somehow birth a great movie from their cooperative talent. Sometimes it works. Sometimes it seems this talent has nothing more to work with than a premise sketched out on a cocktail napkin by said producers.

I would not be at all surprised if this were the case with "Analyze This," what appeared to me to be the first promising comedy of 1999. I entered a sneak preview last week with uncharacteristic anticipation. The movie stars Robert DeNiro, arguably his generation's best actor, Billy Crystal, perhaps Hollywood's most enduring comic actor, and is directed and cowritten by Harold Ramis, a delightfully eccentric comic mind in his own right. (You might remember him as Igon in "Ghostbusters.") "Analyze This," helmed by these three men and supported by Lisa Kudrow, Chazz Palminteri, and Molly Shannon, seemed a sure-fire hit. I left the preview very disappointed.

The awkward plot involves DeNiro as a mob boss suffering panic attacks who fears for his life if word of his psychological woes reaches his enemies before the big "mob boss meeting." Does it strike anyone funny that every Mafia movie has an inevitable "mob boss meeting" wherein all the godfathers across the nation gather (in New York — at an abandoned warehouse) around a table and discuss each other's business? In this film the clichéd scene is supposed to aid in the spoof of gangsters; instead, it's just clichéd. DeNiro seeks help from Crystal, who embodies another cliché — the neurotic psychologist. (Gee, a psychologist with problems of his

own — that's fresh!)

Like the leads, Kudrow and Palminteri are unfortunately wasted in cardboard roles. "Analyze This" just wobbles forward, barely propelled by its few genuine laughs, hobbling over all-too-convenient plot points. The Mafioso, of course, comes across more troublesome than troubled, interrupting his doctor's wedding, breaking into his hotel room in the middle of the night, and reining his family vacation. It should have been titled "What About Bob DeNiro?" It should have been better.

While "Analyze This" packs in the star power for tepid results, another new comedy casts relatively unknown leads, supports them with fairly recognizable faces, and makes a strong showing.

"Office Space" is just the sort of movie you'd expect from writer/director Mike Judge, the creator of TV's "Beavis and Butt-head." It's irreverent, offbeat, and wildly expressionistic. Capitalizing on the current "work stinks" mentality, brought to the pop mainstream by the successful merchandising of Scott Adams' comic strip "Dilbert" and television shows like ABC's "The Drew Carey Show" and NBC's "Working," Judge's film stars Ron Livingston ("Swingers") as Peter, a hapless cubicle slave at a heartless computer company. Peter is the prototypical Everyman, the "average Joe," a drone firmly shoved into place as an unappreciated cog in a money-making machine. After undergoing relaxation hypnosis, Peter finds that he cares absolutely nothing about his job.

The rest of the film is just a mish-mash of highly improbable plot contrivances, meanderings into the bizarre lives and minds of various coworkers, and an undeveloped romantic subplot

### "The Movie Guy"



Jared Wilson  
Staff Reporter

involving Peter and Joanna (Jennifer Aniston). None of these flaws really matter, however, because "Office Space" is funny — incredibly funny.

No matter that, structurally, director Judge has simply attached a string of comedic sketches together, forcing them into continuity. No matter that, realistically, the characters' mutiny via computer virus is ridiculously conceived (though deftly executed). "Office Space" is a winning satire. It's sort of a live-action "Dilbert," only with lots more acidic wit added.

Judge directs broadly, paying minimal attention to detail. Placing tongue firmly in cheek, he saturates the soundtrack with hardcore "gangsta" rap as his middle class clock-punchers begin their secret revolution. Judge simply lets his performers feel out his script. And in this preposterous story, the characters resonate because, ultimately, they are grounded in reality. This is why, when "Beavis and Butt-head" debuted several years ago, my friends and I found it so funny — we knew guys like them. This is the same reason why Judge's current animated show, "King of the Hill," is so successful. There's a bit of truth in his humor.

There's a place for this truth in "Office Space," too. It savagely skewers our 9 to 5 "grind" and delivers one laugh after another. You can certainly skip it without regret, but you'd be missing the first genuinely funny comedy of the year.

My grades: "Analyze This" C+; "Office Space" B. ■

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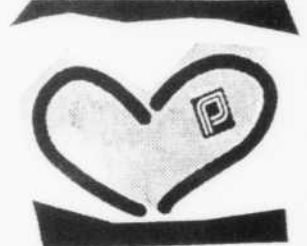
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## Blue Raiders fall to SEMO to end season

Michael Barrett  
Staff Reporter

After a homecourt defeat of TSU, the Blue Raiders advanced to a semi-final showdown in the OVC tournament with the #2 Warriors of Southeast Missouri. This would be the third time these two teams have met this season, with SEMO winning both of the earlier matches.

SEMO jumped on the BlueRaiders early with great inside play by OVC player of the year Bud Eley and 4 early three pointers by Warrior guard Cory Johnson. Halfway through the first half the Warriors enjoyed a comfortable 10 point lead, 22-12.

MTSU was determined not to go away without a fight. Senior Ali McGhee hit 2 straight 3 pointers to cut the SEMO lead to 4, 30-26, with 5 minutes remaining in the first half. After trailing by as many as 11 points, MTSU headed into the locker room at the half, down by just 2, 39-37.

The BlueRaiders opened the second half with some early turnovers and the Warriors capitalized and stretched their lead to 7, but MTSU would eventually answer with a 3 pointer by McGhee to cut the lead to 4, 44-40.

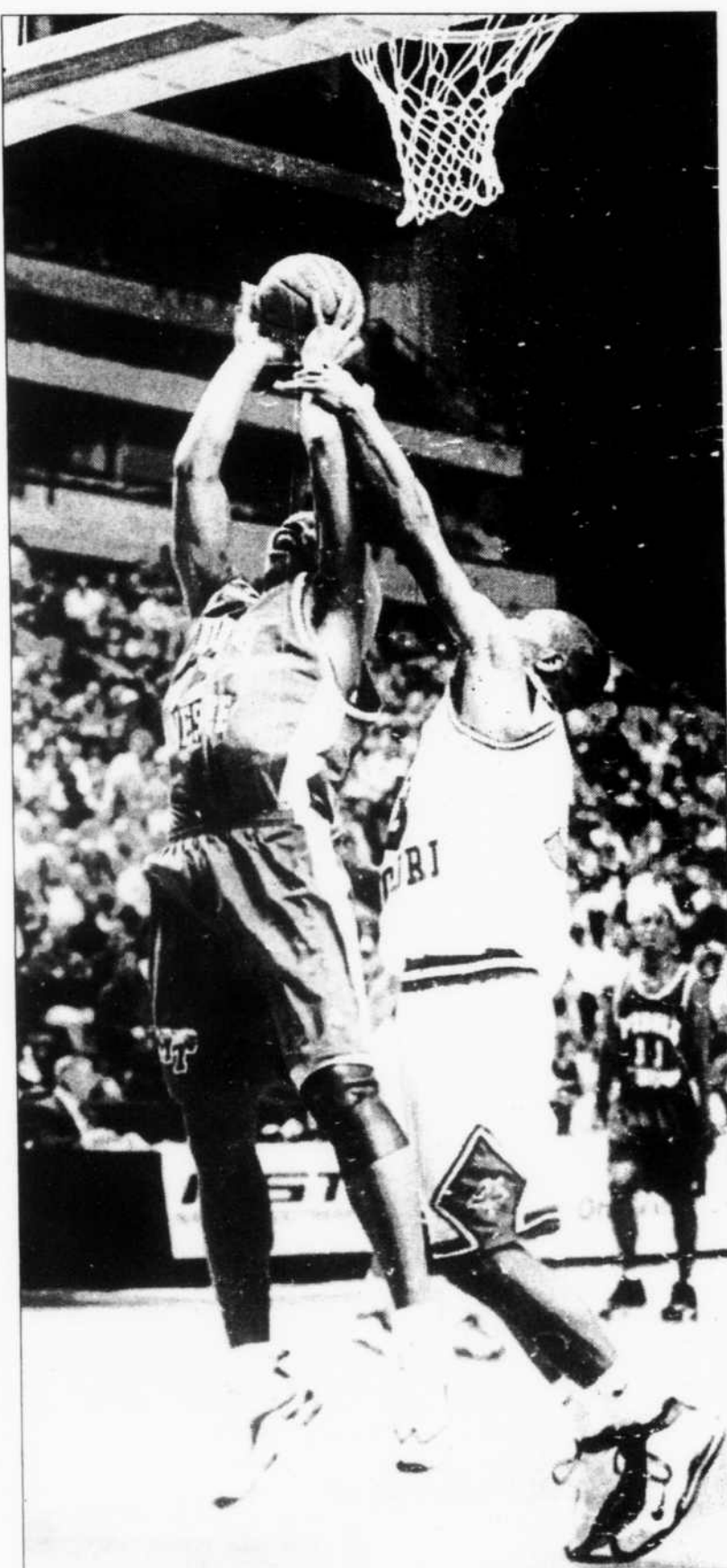
SEMO would once again

pull away and with 8 minutes to go they would have their largest lead of the game 66-53. However, that lead was short lived. The BlueRaiders roared back with a 7 point run of their own, and with less than 6 minutes remaining, they were down by only 6.

That would be as close as the BlueRaiders would get. SEMO would answer with another run and extend their lead back to double digits, 70-60. MTSU would get as close as 6 points before SEMO finally put them away. They went on to a 82-74 victory and end what has been a long and disappointing season.

The loss not only ended the season for the BlueRaiders, but also the collegiate careers of 3 MTSU seniors. Richard Duncan, who would finish as MTSU's all time assists and steals leader, Ali McGhee, the rifleman, and Kent Ayer who was the Murphy Center fan favorite, left all they had on the court Saturday night. You could see the emotion in their eyes as they watched their great careers come to an end.

MTSU lost more than a game Saturday night, but they lost 3 classy guys as well. The loss of these guys will be hard for Coach Weil's club, but be sure he will have the Blue Raiders ready to play next season. ■



Gerald King is fouled on his way to the basket for the Raiders Saturday.

Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

## Murray State captures OVC title by a point

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

The Ohio Valley Conference season came to a close yesterday with the Murray State Racers once again taking the top spot in the conference. The Racers won the conference championship by beating Southeast Missouri by one point at the Nashville Arena. It was Murray State's 10th straight OVC Championship appearance.

Southeast led the game at the half by two points, but just as usual Murray St fought back in the second half. Bud Eley led all scorers with 20 points. No One for Murray could match the size and strength of Eley in the paint. Mike Branson added 18 for the Indians. Eley also managed to grab 17 rebounds to go along with his four blocked shots.

Murray State was led by Duane Virgil and Aubrey Reese, who scored 16 a piece. The stat that sticks out is the field goal percentage and free throw percentage. Murray shot 41 percent from the floor, while SEMO shot 39 percent. From the line is where SEMO gave many opportunities to score. The Indians converted only six of eleven from the line. However they did manage to hit 44 percent of their three pointers. Murray St converted 11 of 14 freethrows in the game.

SEMO took great control of the ball by giving only eight turnovers, while the Racers turned it over 14 times.

Murray St. trailed late in the game until they hit a shot within five seconds remaining in the game. Which propelled them to the top.

Despite the effort of the Indians and the miscues of the Racers, Murray St managed to pull off their seventh OVC Championship in the 90's. Murray State won the game 62-61. ■

## ACC tourney is Duke's next challenge

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - Duke guard William Avery insists it will be tough.

But at this point the No. 1 Blue Devils are making everything look easy.

Duke routed No. 14 North Carolina 81-61 on Saturday night to become the first Atlantic Coast Conference school to complete the regular season at 16-0.

Now the Blue Devils go at it again, trying to knock off three more league teams and capture the conference tournament that starts Thursday in Charlotte.

"They're a great team, even better than I thought," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said.

"Overall, we played well in the first half but they have quickness and energy and they're well-coached. I've never seen anyone such an odds-on favorite to win the national championship. They're head and shoulders above everyone else."

Avery scored 24 points and Elton Brand had 17 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Blue Devils (29-1) to their school-record 24th straight victory with the win on their archrival's home floor.

"We hadn't won here since 1991 and we were looking to change that but we also wanted to get ready for the ACC tournament," Avery said.

Seven teams had perfect records in the ACC before the league expanded to nine teams in 1991-92, the last being North Carolina in 1987.

"It's a special feat for us," Brand said. "We did it. No one can take it away from us and it's very special."

The Tar Heels (22-8, 10-6 ACC) came into the game leading the league in rebounding (40.6 per game) and rebound margin (10.4). Their rebound margin, the best in ACC history, was also the tops in the nation.

But the Blue Devils met that challenge and did it without the scrappy Shane Battier, outrebounding the taller Tar Heels 52-36. Battier, the team's third-leading rebounder, dressed but did not play after spraining his left ankle in a 96-64 win over DePaul last week.

Brand and freshman Corey Maggette picked up the slack, combining for 24 rebounds, including 12 on the offensive glass alone.

"I told the team not to concentrate on Battier being out or on Carolina or last year," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I told them to concentrate on blocking out and executing, things we could be in control of. They did that the whole second half."

Chris Carrarell added eight rebounds and Trajan Langdon contributed six. Even Avery, Duke's 6-foot-2 point guard, had four rebounds, one more than North Carolina's 7-foot center, Brendan Haywood.

"Rebounding was the top priority in practice

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## Two defaults cost women's tennis Louisville match

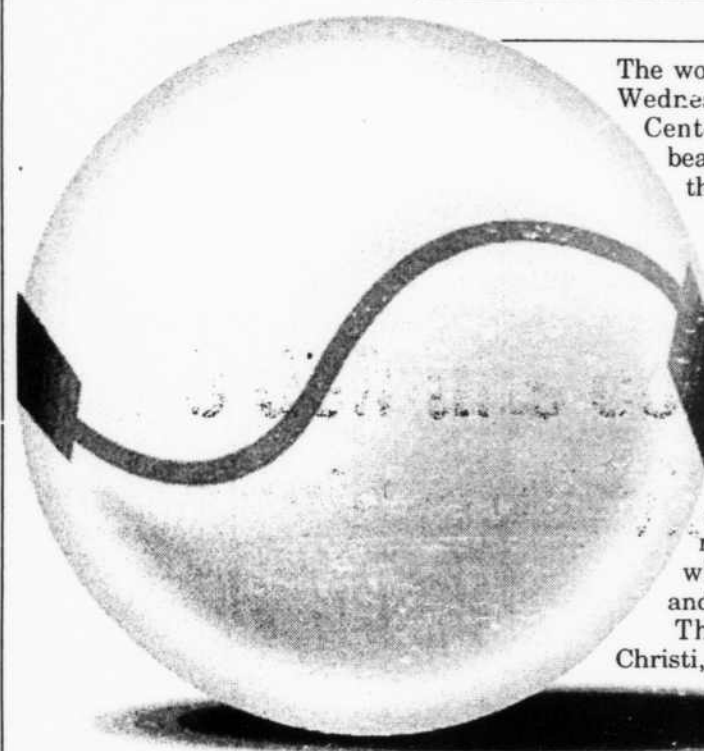
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The women's tennis team fell to Louisville Wednesday 6-3 at the Bass Rudd Tennis Center in Louisville. The Raiders were beaten only four times in the match, but the two defaults cost them the match.

The Blue Raider men's tennis team defeated Troy State 6-1 at the Blue Raider Tennis Complex on Friday evening to improve their season record to 2-2.

Head coach Dale Short was pleased with the straight-set victories the Raiders got from three underclassmen. Sophomres Shayne Podbury and Mark Pellerin along with freshman Oliver Foreman recorded the sweeps for the Raiders, who won five of six singles matches and two of three in doubles.

The Raiders departed for Corpus Christi, Texas for the HEB Invitational. ■



Singles	
Nadia Karpol (UL) def Jennifer Bryans (MTSU)	7-5, 6-3
Alex Toelle (MTSU) def Manisha Patel (UL)	6-3, 6-3
Kelly Miller (UL) def Michelle Gridding (MTSU)	6-3, 7-6
Kelly Ford (UL) def Esther Eisenbarth (MTSU)	6-1, 6-3
Katie McLaughlin (UL) def Nigier Kaur (MTSU)	6-3, 5-7, 6-0
MTSU default	
Doubles	
Bryans/Toelle def Patel/Karpol	8-5
Gridding/Eisenbarth def Miller/Hoyt	8-5
MTSU default	

Singles	
Willy Campos (TS) def Matt Walker	7-5, 6-3
Shayne Podbury (MT) def Shannon Nettle	6-4, 6-4
Oliver Foreman (MT) def Aman Gill	5-2, 6-3
Mehdi Belkachs (MT) def Pelle Henning	4-6, 6-4, 7-6
Mark Pellerin (MT) def Andy Kane	6-1, 6-3
Doubles	
Campos/Nettle def Foreman/Michael Chamberlain	8-5
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## Baseball defeats Southern Miss to tie record at 2-2

Michael Barrett  
Staff Reporter

MTSU baseball played in Hattiesburg, Mississippi against the Southern Miss Eagles last Friday.

Middle Tennessee's baseball team defeated Conference USA member, Southern Miss (5-3), to run their record to 2-2 on the season. Jeff Parsons picked up his first win of the season by shutting out the Eagles for five innings despite walking six. Parsons allowed only three hits and struck out eight batters. He now has struck out 11 on 10 innings of work on the season.

Both teams set season highs in walks and runners left on base. The Blue Raiders used seven USM walks and thirteen hits to outscore the Eagles 10-5. Middle issued 10 base on balls but was able to hold off a late rally by Southern Miss.

Dewon Brazleton issued three consecutive walks to start the sixth inning, but was able to get Chris Fishburn to hit into a double play to thwart the inning for the Eagles.

The Blue Raiders toughest threat came in the seventh when Brazleton gave up a two run homer to Dusty Haley and allowed four runs in the inning but Middle had already built an 8-1 lead. The Raiders put up two more runs in the top of the ninth to provide the final margin.

Josh Pride's four for five performance led the offensive attack for MTSU. Wayne Chinnapen drove in a team high three runs while going two for four. Justin Links collected three hits and drove in two runs. Jason Howarth and Cheyne Griswold also had two RBI's in Middle's also had two RBI's in Middle most impressive offensive performance of the season. He allowed only one hit and no runs while striking out three. ■



## The Hook-Up

Commentary by Josh Ezzell/ Staff Reporter

# The Rock, Stone Cold battle for belts, beers

What's Up Wrestling fans! It's that time of the week again. Time for Josh 3:16 to Hook everybody Up with a Raw review. So, for the thousands reading around campus, ladies and gentlemen, let's get ready to rumble!!!

Let's backtrack a little bit and talk about the ladder match between Mankind and The Rock.

In case you don't remember Paul Wight saved The Rock from "The Mandible Claw" with a choke-slam; enabling The Rock to regain the belt.

On Monday Paul Wight and Vince McMahon addressed the ladder match and The Rock was not too happy about this.

It seems that the self-proclaimed "great one" thinks that he doesn't need any help. In the end the "ungrateful one" said he could kick the big man's "roody pooh candy ass." The big man challenged the champ, with the champ accepting. Hold up, there's more!

It seems that Mankind wants to be a referee at Wrestlemania, but he needs to prove himself first.

Well, in a title match you need a ref with testicular fortitude, and Mankind claims to have an abundance of it.

It was decided- Mankind would be the special guest referee in the title match between Paul Wight and The Rock.

McMahon also addressed his problems with "The Ministry of Darkness." He decided that the solution was a main event inferno match between The Undertaker and Kane.

In an inferno match the first person to get caught on fire loses. Now let's get to the

action.

In the first bout Public Enemy (formerly in the WCW) made its debut against The Brood. PE won the match, but probably wishes it would have stayed in the WCW.

It seems that The Brood felt PE needed to be welcomed to the WWF with a bloodbath.

Now let's go from biters to a lover. Of course I'm talking about "The Big Valbowski" Val Venis.

In his first Raw with Ryan Shamrock he wrestled Goldust in a non-title match. Both men were pummeling each other when out of nowhere The Blue Meanie made an appearance. To everyone's surprise he greeted "The Big Valbowski" with a DDT, which enabled Goldust to win the match.

The ladies man was not done for the night, oh no. He was the special guest commentator in The BA Billy Gunn's match with Ken Shamrock.

As usual, Val could not keep his hands to himself. This time he didn't put his hands on a woman; he put them on Gunn and Shamrock. These three pounded each other, and the match was thrown out.

Billy Gunn's Degeneration X buddy X-Pac was in action against former DX member Chyna. I thought I would never say this, but I'm about to say it: Triple H cost Chyna the match.

While the ref was distracted Triple H delivered a kick to Chyna's midsection and followed it with a Pedigree.

X-Pac took advantage of this by pinning "The Ninth Wonder of the World" and winning the match. In the match everyone was waiting for The Rock battled Paul

Wight for the belt. Mankind followed with enormous fan support, but this support shortly turned to disappointment.

The match was a sham! It seems that The Corporation set Mankind up once again. And now, for the main event.

As Mr. Mahon promised, an inferno match took place between The Undertaker and Kane.

The Undertaker won the match by setting Kane's foot on fire, but that is not the big news.

It seems that Paul Bearer had a gift for Mr. McMahon: Vince's teddy bear. While Vince was in shock The Undertaker set the bear on fire, which brought the boss to his knees.

At this point Raw went off the air, but it was not over. Stone Cold entered, put out the fire, and scared everyone out of the ring. Everyone but The Rock.

Apparently Stone Cold had The Rock's belt, and The Rock was not leaving without it. The self-proclaimed "great one" responded by stealing two of Austin's beers.

Both men finally agreed to give each other back their stuff, but The Rock got a little more than he bargained for. After the trade-off Stone Cold kicked The Rock in the midsection, stunned him, and gave him a tongue lashing. After six more stunners Stone Cold killed a six pack and left The Rock in the ring with the belt.

Things ended with The Rock insulting the fans and Stone Cold.

Wanna know what happens next week? I have two words for you: Read Sidelines. ■

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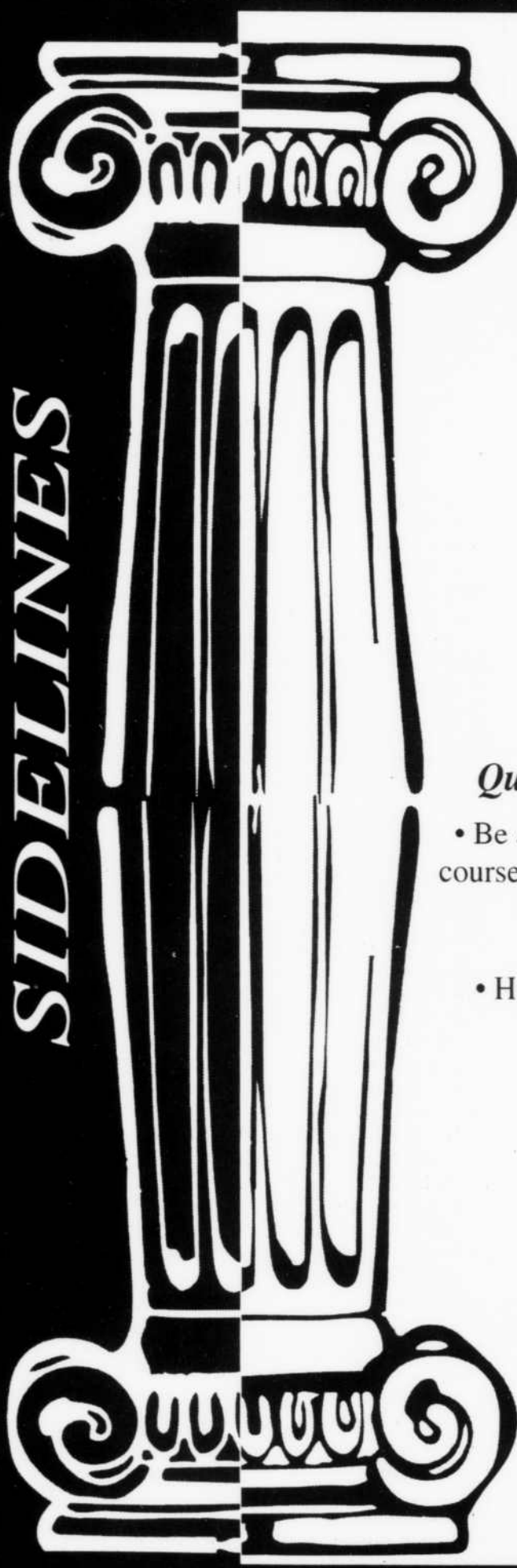
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## Lady Vols capture SEC title

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Another year, another Southeastern Conference tournament title for Tennessee.

Tamika Catchings scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half and Chamique Holdsclaw added 19 as the second-ranked Lady Vols beat No. 14 Georgia 85-69 Sunday for their ninth SEC tournament championship overall and fifth this decade.

Whether it turns out to be an omen for the three-time defending national champions remains to be seen. Only three of the Lady Vols' six national titles have followed SEC tourney victories.

It didn't look like Tennessee (28-2) would win its second straight tournament title early.

Georgia (23-6) led by as much as nine in the first half and was up 40-37 at halftime by outdoing the Lady Vols at what they do better than

anyone in the country — shooting. The Lady Bulldogs hit 55 percent in the half (18-of-33) compared to Tennessee's 39 percent.

Then Tennessee turned up the pressure and the volume from a capacity orange crowd and wound up outbounding Georgia 42-30 overall and forcing 19 turnovers in the final 31 minutes.

The Lady Vols, who score the final six points of the first half, opened up the second half with a 22-7 spurt. Georgia hit only two of its first 13 shots with three post players in foul trouble.

Catchings scored off a miss by Holdsclaw with 17:37 left for a 42-40 lead, Tennessee's first since five minutes into the game.

With Georgia in its shooting drought, the Lady Vols built that lead to as much as 18 in the final two minutes. ■

## Lakers 106, Rockets 90

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Michael, Scottie and Dennis showed up at the Forum, and it sure wasn't like old times.

With Michael Jordan watching from court-side, Dennis Rodman's energy and Rick Fox's big fourth quarter helped Los Angeles beat Scottie Pippen and the Houston Rockets 106-90 for the Lakers' first win in four nationally televised Sunday games this season.

Rodman, playing 26 minutes in his second game for the Lakers, had two points, 10 rebounds and two assists in addition to playing effective defense as Los Angeles raised its record to 2-0 since Kurt Rambis was appointed head coach.

Fox, who didn't play in the

first half, scored 15 of his 21 points in the first 6:55 of the fourth quarter to spark a 19-8 run that gave the Lakers a 96-80 lead — the biggest of the game for either team to that stage.

Fox, who played 19 minutes, made all seven of his field goal attempts — including four from 3-point range.

Snaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 22 points and seven rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 18 points.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 22 points and eight rebounds. Pippen had 16 points, six rebounds, eight assists and five steals along with five turnovers, and Charles Barkley had 14 points and six assists in his first game since undergoing knee surgery. ■

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this week," Brand said. "They're a huge team but our rebounding improved from that last game."

Duke's 52 rebounds was the most against North Carolina since Massachusetts grabbed 54 in a 91-86 win over the Tar Heels in 1993. The Blue Devils recorded their biggest victory in Chapel Hill since a 104-69 victory on Feb. 29, 1964.

"We're not as bad as we looked," Guthridge said. "They've done that to every team. The way we played we could have beaten a lot of teams tonight, but not Duke."

The Blue Devils pulled away in the second half with a 22-6 run that featured 3-pointers on three of four possessions. When Avery scored on a drive with 5:25 left to make it 68-47 and end the run, what had been a fired up sellout crowd became very quiet.

"When it was 46-41 we went to some of our sets and made some big shots," Krzyzewski said. "We just had contributions from a whole bunch of people. I'm proud of winning here."

Haywood had 16 points to lead the Tar Heels, which shot 31 percent in the second half (9-for-29) in their worst home loss since Temple beat them 83-66 in 1988. ■

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