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Board of Regents OKs fall tuition increase

By Erica Rodefer
News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents approved a 7 percent increase in tuition for universities to go into effect this fall semester.

"We know it's hard on students to come up with additional funds, but we're trying to hire the best faculty that we can," said Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost at MTSU. "Faculty salaries are not inexpensive. We also have utili-

ties and other fixed costs to keep the university operational. Tuition funds help cover those."

"This way we don't have to cut faculty or staff," she added. "We still think MTSU is a pretty good bargain."

This year's raise is tuition is still small compared to last year's 14-percent increase.

"Certainly we are concerned that tuition has gone up significantly over the past several years," said TBR spokesperson Mary Morgan.

"Obviously most students

these days are on financial aid. More and more students will be leaving school with some debt. It's never a good option," Morgan said. "It appeared to the board that the best choice among bad choices would be to increase tuition and let students get a little more loan money."

The state legislature's decision to implement 3-percent raises for employees left board members with few choices, Morgan said. "They [funded] 1 percent in the state budget - and we're very grateful for that

- but that left us with 2 percent coming from other sources."

Five of the 7 percent increase will go toward salary increases, according to Morgan.

Other increases in cost will not be compensated for.

"We will not be able to finance fuel costs, inflationary costs or the cost of health insurance - all of which are rising."

Matt Chapman, student regent for TBR and an MTSU student, was the only member present to vote against the tuition increase.

"Even though it was only a 7 percent hike, I feel that we could be creating a slippery slope here," he said. "It might just be going up 7 percent now, but what if it goes up 15 percent next year?"

"I was trying to send the message out there that students don't want this raise in tuition. State government needs to understand the importance of our education," Chapman explained. "It is important to Murfreesboro, to the state of Tennessee and to our country

and we need to make it a priority by putting state money toward higher education."

Kathryn Cloud, a senior graphics design major, is one of many students concerned about tuition going up again this year.

"It sucks for my parents because there are two of us [siblings] in college," she said. "Up until now, my parents never had to take out a loan. But since we don't qualify for financial aid, it might become the only option for us if tuition keeps going up each year." ♦

Movin' Out



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

The Gore Center and the Art Department move to Todd, the old library building on campus, at the beginning of the year. Much needed space will help support academic programs.

Art Department moves to Todd Library

By Tim Poland
Staff Writer

The Art Department and the Gore Center, both of which are in need of space, will relocate to the Todd Building over the next year.

The Gore Center, a regional history archive located in the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center, used to be the Environmental Simulation Laboratory and the Center for Popular Music. The Gore Center is now run by Lisa Pruitt, who asserts that the center has been cramped for a number of years.

"It's going to be a huge impact for us," Pruitt said.

"We desperately need the space so that we can fulfill our missions to support academic programs of the university."

Many history students do research at the center. Pruitt and her colleagues have to stop what work they are doing in order to move things around so students can get access to the work area they need.

The round shape of the Gore Center does not lend itself to file cabinets, a staple of such a research facility.

In the new location, the Gore Center will not only have more space for the many classes that do research in the facility, but it will also be more visible to MTSU students and visitors.

"We are working to preserve the history of the university," Pruitt added.

"People have been waiting for a new space for a long time," Jean Nagy, interim chair of the Art Department, said. "We will not be bumping into each other at the [Art] Barn."

"We've waited some 38 years or

more for this to happen," art professor Lon Nuell said.

"Everyone is thrilled that there will be much more space. It is a big event. It will be difficult to watch the Barn torn down."

Nuell has been a professor of the department for more than 33 years.

The Todd Building will not just relieve space issues, but it will also make class environments better with Internet access in every master classroom.

Professors in the department will be able to take advantage of technology that is a regular sight in many of the other buildings on campus to make their lectures more insightful.

The move to the Todd Building should modernize the efforts of both departments to support MTSU. ♦

Two die at Bonnaroo; Festival shatters attendance record

By Jason Cox and James
Pearson

Editor in Chief and Contributor

"Welcome to Bonnaroo," said the usher working the front gate.

"This place is like Vegas - what happens here, stays here. You got 500 acres, find a crack and stick it in" (the vehicle, that is).

The third annual Bonnaroo Music Festival took place in a Manchester, Tenn. cow pasture approximately 30 miles south of Murfreesboro.

The largest crowd to attend the festival (approximately 90,000) flocked to see bands and artists as diverse as The Dead, Bob Dylan, Primus, My Morning Jacket, Guster, The Bad Plus, Treya Anastasio (formerly of Phish), David Byrne, Damien Rice and Robert Randolph and the Family Band, just to name a handful of the 70-plus acts scheduled for the three-day event.

The Dead had as a very special guest in former guitarist Bob Weir, who reunited with his old band for an extremely well-received set, despite the thunderstorm that temporarily knocked out the power to the main stage.

However, the show didn't go off without a hitch. For the first time in festival history, there were two deaths at the festival - one a 20-year-old man from Michigan and another a woman from Kentucky.

Both deaths are believed to be related to either drug usage or the high temperatures that scorched festivalgoers the first two days. Festival organizers said the heat index and the humidity were both up from the previous two years' events.

Coffee County Sheriff Steve Graves said the woman's name was Amber Lynn Stevens, who would have turned 23 on Monday. Several news outlets reported the name of the Michigan man as Brandon Taylor, who died Friday.

Graves said both had cocaine and marijuana in their systems, according to preliminary toxicology tests, but autopsy results from the state medical examiner's office will not be available for two to three weeks.

"You know, obviously, we never want anything like that to happen, and both [deaths] are sad occurrences," said Superfly Entertainment spokesman Rick Farman.

See Festival, 2



Enrollment numbers to grow dramatically

By Chris Comstock
Staff Writer

Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs, estimates fall enrollment numbers to be between 22,300 and 22,600, exceeding last year's 21,744.

As of May 26, enrollment stood at 14,109, with thousands of applications still in process and the numbers rising daily. Though there are already 7,000 freshman applicants and more than 5,000 already accepted, fewer than 60 percent will actually enroll.

For incoming freshmen, the requirements continue to grow. In previous years, the standard was a score of 20 on the ACT or a 2.8 grade point average; now, students must have a 3.0 GPA or a 22 on the ACT or a combination of 19 on the ACT and a 2.7 GPA.

The university will be watching registration numbers to ensure that all enrollees in a class can fit in the classroom.

"We'll be checking the registration on a daily basis," Glenn said. "We'll be looking at exact

levels; we'll look at the rooms they are in."

Students will not see any drastic changes to accommodate MTSU's growth. There are currently few weekend and night classes and increasing possibilities for online courses.

"There are still a lot of ways for us [to] keep pace with the growth," Glenn added.

Funding problems have been a concern for a while, and the increasing number of enrollees raises similar concerns. State funding per student is \$4,887 at MTSU, not including tuition, compared to \$7,388 per student at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

"If the state continues to provide us with reasonable

See Enrollment, 2



Glenn

Reporter's book relays tales from Iraqi frontline

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Famed National Public Radio foreign correspondent Anne Garrels' book, *Naked in Baghdad*, has been chosen as the summer reading book for incoming freshmen.

The book is part of the Community Reading Program, which is a program supported by both MTSU and the Linebaugh Public Library. Some of the goals of the program are: to provide a unifying experience for the entering class of students; to partner with Murfreesboro community organizations; and to provide students with the opportunity to read and personally interact with critically-acclaimed authors.

Classes adapting the book as part of their curriculum include some sections of English 1010 classes, English 2030, Social Work 3200, University Honors 4600 and all sections of University 1010.

The book was selected from a wide selection from MTSU students and faculty.

"We sent out an e-mail to the entire MTSU community," Laurie Witherow, director of the Academic Support Center, said.

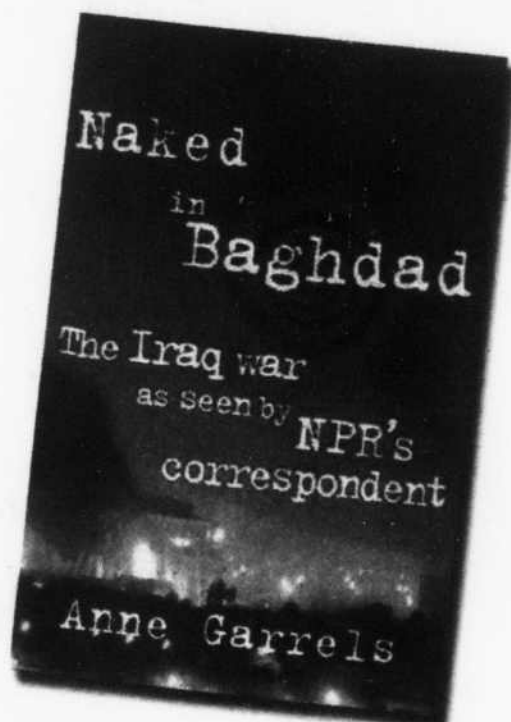
"We had a list of five or six and sent the names to the Distinguished Lectures Committee. We also had to see if the suggested authors were available and if we could afford them."

Anne Garrels' book was chosen because "it's a timely book dealing with Iraq and the fact that it's an election year," Witherow said. "It's also of political interest, but not partisan."

Garrels' book starts with several trips that she made to and from Baghdad before the war, starting in October 2002.

The book also includes many e-mails sent by her husband, Vint Lawrence, to

See Baghdad, 2



Job outlook hopeful in Middle Tennessee

By Carrie Hargett
Staff Writer

A recent poll taken by MTSU's Office of Consumer Research revealed that consumer confidence regarding job availability has increased.

In Middle Tennessee, 17 percent of respondents thought jobs are easy to find, compared to 15 percent previously. Thirty-three percent believed there are more job openings in the mid-state, which increased from 29 percent.

The poll was taken from 418 residents in Rutherford, Williamson and Davidson Counties and is conducted five times a year.

"Since February, generally the trend has been towards confidence," director Timothy Graeff said. "Consumers have more confidence in the past two years."

This is good news for the economy in Middle Tennessee. If residents are more confident, they will buy more which will result in more employment, according to Graeff.

"It means that people perceive the economy as doing better," Graeff said. "It also means that people feel better about the job situations and they feel better about the future."

For graduating students, this means that there will be more

jobs in Tennessee. It means jobs will be available in the next few years, Graeff said.

Casey Lodes, a senior graphic design major at MTSU, will graduate in December 2004. He is not worried about finding a job when he graduates.

"It all depends how much effort someone is going to put in while finding a job," Lodes said. "Some people believe they can slack off and a job will just come to them when it won't."

Lodes has a close friend who graduated in May and has already found a job. Stories like this encourage other graduating seniors. Lodes said that the degree does not really matter when it comes to finding a job.

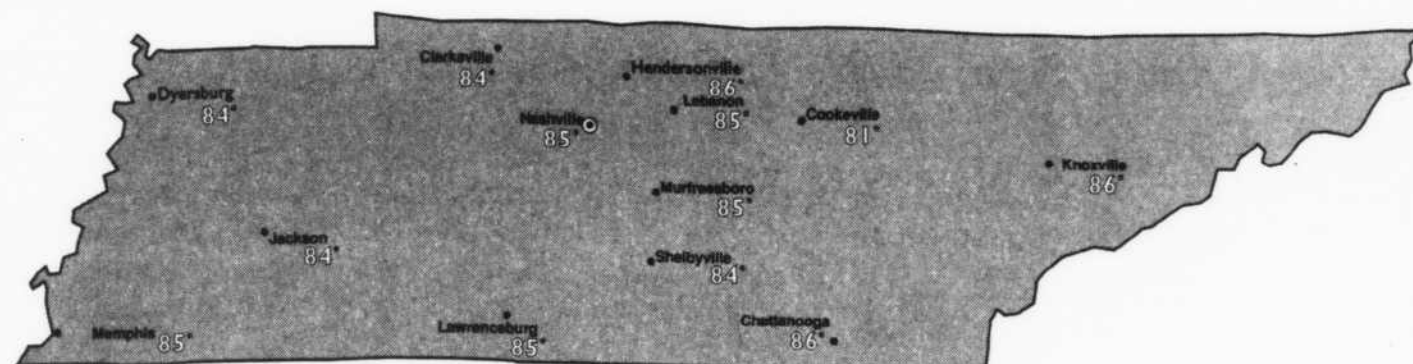
If you are able to graduate from college, you show the determination of completing something, according to Lodes. A company can hire you and train you.

As for now, Lodes will try to find an internship for the summer to help when he graduates.

The consumer confidence reports for the area show that people in the area have recognized the new jobs created, Graeff said. The Conference Board's national survey shows that 18 percent of consumers in the United States agree that there have been more job openings. It has gone up slightly over the past year, Graeff said. ♦

Tennessee Weather – Wednesday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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"Under God" left in pledge when court dismissed case

By David Kravets
Associated Press Writer

(SAN FRANCISCO) – The atheist father who challenged the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance said the Supreme Court's dismissal of the case represents "a blow for parental rights."

But the decision was so narrowly crafted that its impact will be muted, legal experts said. Some scholars suggested the decision even bolstered parental rights by upholding a Sacramento County family court order granting the daughter's mother absolute control of her upbringing.

The justices ruled Monday that because Michael Newdow did not have legal custody of his daughter, he had no standing to bring a lawsuit on her behalf challenging the words "under God" in the pledge.

Without addressing the merits of the case, the decision overturns a federal appeals court's 2002 ruling that the pledge, with its 50-year-old reference to God, was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion when recited in public schools. The decision also overturned the appeals court that ruled Newdow could sue.

"When hard questions of domestic relations are sure to affect the outcome, the prudent course is for the federal court to stay its hand rather than reach out to resolve a weighty question of federal constitutional law," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for five justices in the majority.

It was an anticlimactic end to an emotional high court showdown over God in the public schools and in public life. It also neutralizes what might have been a potent election-year political issue in which the Bush administration argued strongly that the reference to God should remain part of the pledge.

The outcome does not prevent a future court challenge over the same issue, however, and both defenders and opponents of the current wording predicted that fight will come quickly.

The mother, Sandra Banning, an Elk Grove Christian, wants her daughter to recite the pledge with the words "under God" and told the justices the girl, whose parents never married, does not object to it.

"The local court gave the decision-making authority to Ms. Banning. He tried to usurp that authority and do an end run around that with this constitutional claim," said Douglas Kmiec, a Pepperdine University School of Law professor.

Richard Barry, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, said the decision left intact the rights of

parents.

"It seems to me it's not going to make a big impact on parental rights," Barry said.

Newdow, a Sacramento doctor and lawyer, is in a protracted custody fight with Banning.

When he sued to overturn the pledge in federal court, Newdow said his now 10-year-old daughter should not be exposed to God each school morning. The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed in a decision that prompted Congress to recite the pledge at the Capitol and drew outrage from Bush.

"She spends 10 days a month with me," he said. "The suggestion that I don't have sufficient custody is just incredible."

When the appeals court decided the case, according to Sacramento County family court documents, the mother had "sole legal custody as to the rights and responsibilities to make decisions relating to the health, education and welfare" of the daughter, whom the court did not name. A year later, the custody order was amended to give both parents "joint legal custody" but providing Banning the authority to make final decisions if the parents could not agree.

"The family court order was the controlling document at the time of the court of appeals' standing decision," Stevens wrote.

Newdow said the California family courts are unconstitutional and that a parent should not be stripped of his parental rights.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist agreed with the outcome but still wrote separately to say that the pledge as recited by schoolchildren does not violate the Constitution. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Clarence Thomas agreed with him.

The First Amendment guarantees that government will not "establish" religion, wording that has come to mean a general ban on overt government sponsorship of religion in public schools and elsewhere.

The Bush administration had asked the high court to rule against Newdow, either on the legal question of his ability to sue or on the constitutional issue. The administration argued that the reference to God in the pledge is more about ceremony and history than about religion.

Congress adopted the pledge as a national patriotic tribute in 1942, at the height of World War II. Congress added the phrase "under God" more than a decade later, in 1954, when the Cold War was under way. Supporters of the new wording said it would set the United States apart from godless communism. ♦

We're not in Kansas anymore ...



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Violent thunderstorms hit Murfreesboro this weekend, leaving many residents seeking shelter from downpours of rain and hail.

Festival: 28 arrested, more than 200 cited

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"Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for everybody out here, and I think that we have the proper policies and procedures in place, and you know, like anything else, we'll review those."

"Obviously, safety is the number one priority," said Ken Weinstein of Big Hassle, a management and marketing company heavily involved in organizing the event. "We have the best team in the country."

In addition, many of the attendees had complaints about the schedule, which at one point featured Primus, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, Ween and Cut Chemist in the same time slot on four different stages. A rain delay kept The Dead on later than expected, frustrating many fans who wished they could be in more than one place at a time.

"It sucked," said Rhylon Durham, an MTSU student who traveled from North Carolina to see the show, "but I still got to see most of the Dead set, most of Primus, the end of

Ween and Cut Chemist's second set, so it was all good."

The rain effectively turned the grounds into a giant mud pit by Saturday evening, but concertgoers didn't seem too concerned.

"The music and the party brought us from Boston to this mud hole," Jesse Roland, 23, commented while taking in Medeski, Martin and Wood's set.

Josh, a Chicago college student from Oregon who decided not to give his last name, said he appreciated the non-commercial feel of the festival and artists who embraced file-sharing.

"Ani DiFranco – she is a self-made, talented artist," Josh said. "She loves file-sharing and downloads. Pretty amazing female artist. But I've been waiting on Primus."

Just as he said this, Primus' Les Claypool stepped out on stage and let out a cry of "Bonnaroo!" that lit up the crowd waiting in the middle of Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Graves said his department, which had assistance in the

form of 91 state troopers in addition to officers from the Manchester and Tullahoma Police Departments, worked with festival staff to make improvements on traffic, but he said it still took more than 55 hours to get everyone in the gates.

He said 28 arrests were made for a variety of charges, from drug-related to domestic assault. He also said more than 200 citations were issued, mostly for minor drug offenses.

"Considering the amount of people, we feel it went real well," Graves said.

Weinstein echoed Graves' sentiments and said everyone he talked to appeared to be having a great time.

"I was talking to Jim James from My Morning Jacket and he told me, 'I don't know what it is about Bonnaroo; there's just some sort of magic here,'" Weinstein said. "Great, you know, it was our third year, and it's a great festival. It's America's Glastonbury. There's always room for improvement; we learn every year ... it was just a fantastic time." ♦

Baghdad: Journalist began career at ABC News

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friends around the world updating them on Garrels' situation.

Garrels began her career as a journalist for ABC News.

Garrels will be speaking at the university convocation on August 29 on her experiences both before the publication of her book and on her experiences after the book was published as well as speaking in two journalism classes the first day of school.

"She has agreed to come and speak to two of our Understanding Mass Media [classes]," Witherow said.

A book essay contest is also open to incoming students, both freshmen and transfer. The essays will be judged by MTSU faculty and administrators.

The winner will be awarded a full scholarship for books from the Phillips Bookstore.

Second and third place will receive a \$100 book scholarship from Phillips.

The winners and their parents are also invited to attend lunch with Garrels.

On August 28, Garrels will be participating in a book signing at the Linebaugh Public Library. ♦

Enrollment: Officials prepared for extra students

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support, then we can catch up to our growth," Glenn said.

The school has made up for the lack of funding by cutting back custodial hours as well as shortening the library's hours.

Although the state now has lottery scholarships, numbers show that these may not fulfill a students' complete education. Currently, MTSU students spend four to six years at the university before graduating.

The new 120-hour requirement aims at shortening the average back to four years, but lottery scholarships in other states are rarely four-year scholarships.

An average of 85 to 90 percent of freshmen in Georgia qualify for the HOPE scholarship.

Once these students are sophomores, 38 percent are eligible. By the time students are seniors, 18 percent still qualify for the HOPE scholarship, Glenn said. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

'Under God' in pledge should be removed

The Supreme Court avoided a cultural controversy by dismissing the case regarding the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. But the issue is alive and well throughout the country, and many analysts do not consider this to be the last court case.

Americans have a long history of welcoming people from all lands and all religions, so why should we continue to compel our young to swear loyalty to a religious diety in order to show loyalty to our country?

The U.S. government should be, and has been in most other respects, very careful to avoid showing favoritism toward any one religion.

However, conservatives have hijacked this issue and blown it out of proportion, making liberals who support removing the phrase look like valueless heathens.

The real reason to support the phrase's removal is to give everyone, Christian or not, the chance to publicly support the nation that provides for religious freedom.

Furthermore, the history of that phrase and its inclusion in the pledge is important when considering whether it is necessary for millions of children to recite each day.

The phrase was inserted in 1954 after being approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The president was persuaded to do so by religious lobbyists who wanted to clearly differentiate the United States from godless communists.

The conservatives are now claiming that to take the phrase all the way to the Supreme Court is ridiculous and is just a way to politically correct America's history and tradition.

Keeping "under God" in the pledge is not a tradition and doesn't agree with the foundations that were laid when the country was first formed.

Freedom of religion is more important than holding on to some out-dated phrase, which only serves to reassure conservatives that God loves America and not our enemies.

Perhaps someone else will take up the case and some changes will come. It's no crusading cause, but it's the right thing to do. ♦

Fad diets won't help America's obesity problem

Earlier today, as I was sitting on my couch, eating my third peanut butter sandwich, an Atkins Diet commercial came across my TV screen. It moved me.

Over the course of the past few months, we have all seen the low carb options popping up on restaurant menus. From Subway to O'Charley's it seems everyone has jumped on the bandwagon.

Coca Cola now has a drink called C2. It has half the carbs of Coca Cola Classic. McDonald's now offers the adult Happy Meal. It comes with bottled water and a salad. Instead of some cheap, made in Taiwan toy, the adult receives a step counter as a prize.

The giants have spoken, America - it is time to diet. Honestly, I was holding out, really waiting for this Atkins thing to pass. I thought it was a phase. McDonald's and Coke,

companies that truly embody American culture, have proved me wrong.

It seems as if no one is safe from this eat-healthy-plague that is infecting our country. I hope I never live to see the day that Cyber Café or the Keathley University Center Grill go low-carb friendly.

After all, they have reputations to uphold. How would incoming freshmen gain those coveted 15 pounds without them?

The Atkins diet is successful for one reason: our country is badly overweight. For one reason or another, it's now cool to be in shape. Well, it's cool to be in the process of getting in shape.

I love watching people ride the elevator up to the track at the gym. Also, it is equally entertaining to see the frustration on people's faces when they can't find a close parking space at Wal-Mart. Why not walk up the stairs at the gym or park far away at Wal-

The Bottom Line



Trey Porter
Staff Columnist

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Laziness is bliss.

The problem with American's being fat is not that we are terrible eaters. The problem is that we are lazy. When kids get home from school they play their Xbox instead of going out to ride bikes. At night, instead of playing basketball in the driveway under the garage lights, kids are inside snacking it up while they surf the Web.

A low-carb diet may drop the pounds off, but then again, so would starvation. The truth is that neither are the healthiest of options. Americans have been healthier throughout history because they have been more active.

Pill poppers that eat Hydroxy Cut or Xenadrine artificially speed up their metabolism in hopes of cutting a few corners in the diet race. There is no sure answer as to what the long-term effects of diet pills are. Society has become so fixated on looking perfect that we have invented ways to do it by cutting corners.

Not eating things that are good for our body and that our body needs is unhealthy. Taking pills that speed up our metabolism and our heart rate when they are fine in the first place does not make much sense.

The final straw, however, in America's ridiculous cut-weight-at-all-costs behavior is the initiative from the beer industry.

I hate Michelob Ultra commercials. Beer in a commercial that shows people running and working out is crazy.

I have a great sugges-

tion as to how one can not gain those extra carbs from beer: Don't drink it. After working out, if the carbs are a problem, why not just drink water or something else healthy? I know that sounds absurd, but it's just a thought.

Think twice next time you're cutting someone off at Wal-Mart for a spot and then checking your McDonald's step counter when you walk inside feeling good about yourself. Work out hard if that's your thing, but that Michelob Ultra is not going to be the difference in a pot belly and a six-pack.

The bottom line is that a healthy body doesn't come from cutting corners. It comes from a healthy lifestyle. Peanut butter sandwiches are a great way to start. ♦

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Remember Reagan for what he helped change in America

A bright golden sunset illuminated the Pacific sky before finally dipping below the peak of the rugged California Mountains - the scene a certain Californian had enjoyed most of his life.

The man who envisioned America as a shining city finally relaxed and enjoyed an eternal city "unimaginably beautiful" in a land far away from the troubles of this life.

Friday, June 11, 2004, the United States gave its last farewell to the greatest president it has ever known: Ronald Wilson Reagan.

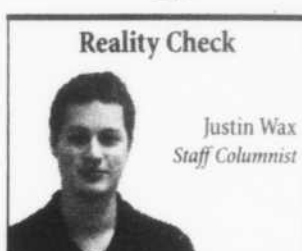
The California native emerged to win the governorship of his state in 1966, and he restored its fledgling economy to a thriving haven of fiscal opportunity.

After his term as governor, Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination in 1980 and went on to crush Jimmy Carter in the November election by capturing 44 states. In 1984, Reagan again routed his Democratic opponent winning 49 states, the largest electoral landslide in American history.

Branded the "Great Communicator," Reagan had an uncanny ability to know the right thing to say at the right time. America will never forget when he defied the communist dictator.

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," he demanded.

Instantly, liberals across the country flew into hysteria at Reagan's dare. They quickly washed their hands of the impending nuclear



Reality Check

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holocaust that was sure to follow such puerile and insolent remarks.

At least they thought nuclear war was imminent. But they were wrong, and the United States saw both the demise of the Soviet Union and the Cold War.

Reagan confronted evil by telling the truth, and he made the truth simple for Americans to understand. But he wasn't overly simplistic or stupid. No man can win the governorship of California twice and win the presidency twice and be a bumbling oaf.

After a 1982 press conference, reporter Sam Donaldson asked Reagan, "In talking about the continuing recession tonight, you have blamed the mistakes of the past and you've blamed Congress. Does any of the blame belong to you?"

To which Reagan quipped, "Yes, because for many years I was a Democrat."

He had been a Democrat of Democrats, even belonging to the liberal activist group, Americans for Democratic Action.

But somewhere along the way he began to have a paradigm shift, and he embraced the conservative principles of the Republican Party.

Reagan took it upon himself to further the rights of the unborn. He

stated, "We must with calmness and resolve help the vast majority of Americans understand that more than one and one-half million abortions performed in America in 1980 amount to a great moral evil and assault on the sacredness of human life."

If any one man convinced Republicans to adopt the pro-life platform, it was Ronald Reagan.

Though he was the oldest serving president, he always displayed an electrifying personality and a great sense of humor. After being shot by a would-be assassin, Reagan joked to his emergency room doctors that he hoped they were all Republicans.

Often, age companies proved this adage true. He once warned, "America needs God more than God needs America. If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."

Reagan enjoyed unequalled success because he understood life. "America is too great for small dreams," he advised.

Pray God we never have small dreams and that we live the words of our pledge of Allegiance: One Nation Under God.

Thank you, President Reagan, for your great dreams for the United States and having the resolve to see some big ones come true. ♦

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Longing to be back in the boring 'Boro

As I'm sure you're aware, Murfreesboro can be really dead in the summer. There's not much happening at all. Perhaps the only real perk is the reduced traffic.

Man, do I ever miss it.

Right now, I'm stuck in my hometown of Knoxville, Tenn., in a bedroom I occupied for most of my life. For weeks, I have been waited on hand and foot by my parents. I'm living the rich life.

And I can't stand it.

I had a small operation on my foot, you see, and as a result I can't be out of bed for any length of time at all. I'm healing, as another British comedy goes into the digital video disk player and my brain turns into a gelatinous lump of oatmeal. It's not all bad, of course. I've even begun a promising relationship with a Playstation 2.

The fact remains, however, that I am wistful. I really miss the summer ghost town of the 'Boro. Right now, all my friends are off living their lives every one else. They call me regularly to tell me about their school, their work and the ups and downs of life in general.

In a way, I envy them all. I feel like I'm frozen in time. If I could pop back one year, I'd tell my past self to enjoy the summer of 2003 to its fullest.

As it was, I was an incoming transfer student, and I barely knew my way around. I was so busy feeling alone and bored by history classes, I never stopped to think about the simple pleasures of living alone.

At the time, all I wanted was to be doing something better, easier and maybe more meaningful. I wanted to be somewhere much more exciting than Murfreesboro.

Now I'm in the opposite position. It's funny how life gets you like that. All I really want is to get back to that boring little town, its pleasant but quiet people and its nearly non-existent summer fun.

Heck, I even miss history class, just a little bit. I take comfort that in a year I'll no doubt look back on this enforced summer vacation with rose-tinted glasses.

"Ah," I'll say, "I sure do miss those endless repeats of Law & Order."

Then again...maybe not. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

Colombia not 'repressive,' as columnist says

Eric Blevins' article ["Terror: the new communism," June 9] makes some good points about how the United States is using terrorism to invade and control weaker countries. Unfortunately, he is not entirely accurate when he talks about Colombia.

I was raised in Colombia for 18 years and I think I know a little bit more about that country than him. First of all Colombia's current government is not repressive like he says. The actual president (Alvaro Uribe) is the best president this country has had. After two years of being president, his approval ratings are at 70 percent. He is working very hard to fight corruption and also fight the guerrillas.

The guerrillas are not a "rebel group" like Blevins says. The guerrillas are nothing more than a drug cartel. They do not have any ideals, and they certainly are not fighting for the people. They are killing the people.

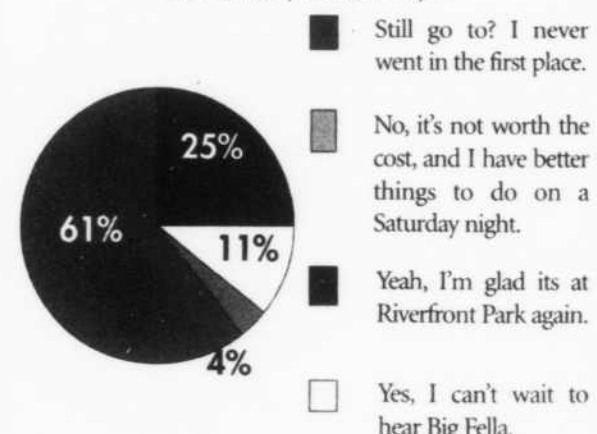
They have millions of dollars thanks to all of the cocaine bought by Americans and Europeans. The money giving by the U.S. government has been very helpful so far, because the government is using it to help poor farmers grow something other than coke.

But if the United States really wants to help Colombia, they need to stop buying so much cocaine. Eighty percent of the cocaine made in Colombia comes here to the United States. All of the cocaine users here and in Europe are funding a drug cartel guerrilla in Colombia, and they are contributing to the deaths of innocent children in Colombia.

Pablo Ahogado
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "Will you still go to Dancin' in the District?" Here's what you had to say:



28 people voted in this poll. Be sure to vote in this week's poll, "Should 'under God' be a part of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Poll results are not scientific.

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Living with Depression

By Michaela Jackson
Staff Writer

Everyone has days when they feel apathetic, or even hopeless, but what happens when days turn into weeks? And then months?

Is it possible for people to simply wake up on the wrong side of the bed every day for weeks on end? Though it seems improbable, it often becomes the self-diagnosis of someone who is unknowingly suffering from depression.

Though it will affect approximately 16 percent of Americans at some point in their life, many never receive the treatment they need because they chalk their symptoms up to stress, or unfortunate events in their lives.

So how can you tell the difference between being depressed and just having a rough week? According to MTSU's Guidance Services, depression may be a problem when it lasts for two weeks or more.

Depression can be induced by circumstances, or simply by genetic inclination. Regardless of the stimulus, though, depression is known to be caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain, in which, according to Guidance Services, the feel-good-chemicals are depleted by overwork or not adequately manufactured because of our gene pool.

Symptoms of standard depression include deep sadness, apathy, change in appetite or sleeping patterns, hopelessness, worthlessness, inability to concentrate, restlessness, sexual problems and thoughts of death or suicide.

Other notable classifications of depression, according to Guidance Services are manic depression, in which moods of euphoria alternate with times of deep despair, with no apparent stimulus. Guidance Services also classifies dysthymia, which is essentially a long-lasting low-level funk that depletes energy and relationships. Finally, there is seasonal affective disorder, which is depression that is connected with seasonal changes.

Most doctors recommend treatment using both antidepressant prescription drugs and cognitive therapy. Students at MTSU who feel

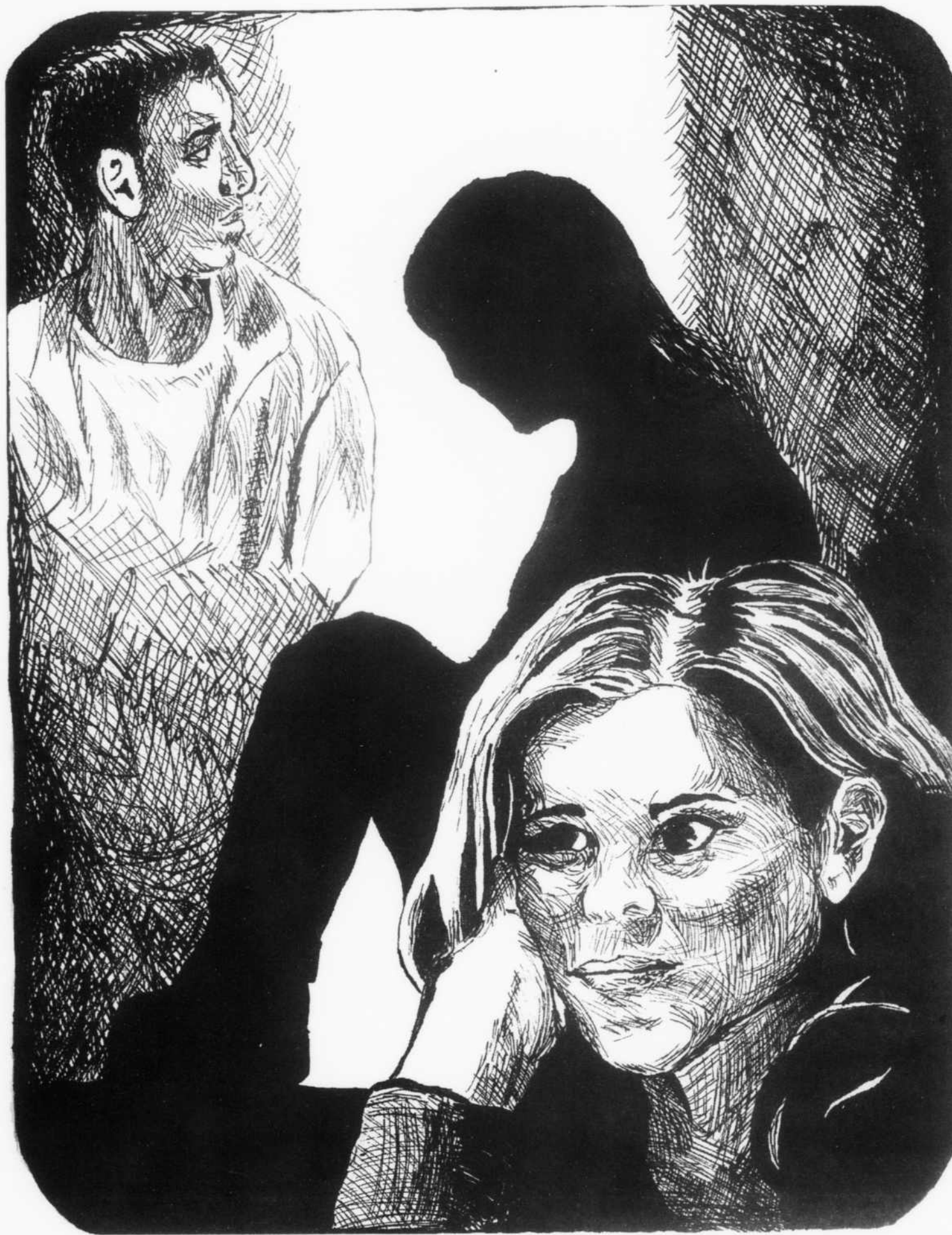


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MTSU Guidance Services provides on-site counseling to students who suffer from depression.

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'Saved!' smartly skewers intolerance

By William C. Fancher
Staff Writer

Saved! plays like two movies, neither of them without their flaws.

Saved!



(out of 4 stars)

In fact, *Saved!* works like a tag team. When one of the two movies becomes tired, the other film takes over.

The first part of *Saved!* is a sharp satire of the trends used to attract teenagers to Christianity.

"Are you down with G-O-D?" asks Pastor Skip, headmaster of American Eagle Christian High School.

The queens of piety at American Eagle are the Christian Jewels, led by Hilary Faye (Mandy Moore) and Mary (Jena Malone).

Mary thinks that her life is perfect until her boyfriend reveals that he might be gay.

Concerned by this turn of events, Mary decides to have sex with him in order to restore his heterosexuality. Her plan does not work, and she soon finds herself pregnant and alone.

Accordingly, her former friends, whose hypocrisy and intolerance become clear to her, shun Mary.

However, Mary finds new friends in Hilary Faye's paralyzed brother Roland (Macaulay Culkin) and Cassandra, the school's lone Jewish student (Eva Amurri).

The film's comedy comes out of its satirical side when Hilary Faye attempts to exorcise Mary.

For this reason, *Saved!* fails as a pure satire.

For one thing, the filmmakers could not resist spelling out their message rather than letting the satire speak for itself.

The characters are also too well-developed to be simple satirist's tools. This comes from the film's other side, which is a fairly conventional romantic comedy.

Mary falls in love with Pastor Skip's levelheaded son

See *Saved!*, 5

'Superstar' glamorizes savior's life

By Calley Stroud
Staff Writer

The impact of Jesus Christ lives on today.

His universal persona brings mayhem and awe to an audience near you.

The Tennessee Performing Arts Center hopes to capitalize on that persona with its production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which runs through June 20th.

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's modernized production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* stars Lawrence Clayton and Eric Kunze. It follows the path of Jesus' life from Jerusalem to his crucifixion.

Clayton is a Broadway veteran who has played the romantic leads in *Les Miserables* and *Miss Saigon*. He has also starred as Joe Hardy in *Damn Yankees*, alongside Jerry Lewis.

Mary Magdalene, played brilliantly by Natalie Toro, conveys the compassionate and nonjudgmental side of Christ. Toro recently finished *Francis of Guernica*, the new Marcus Hummon musical. She adds a certain feminine mystique to the project.

This updated version promises to captivate fans with its hit songs including "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Could We Start Again Please" and, of course, "Superstar."

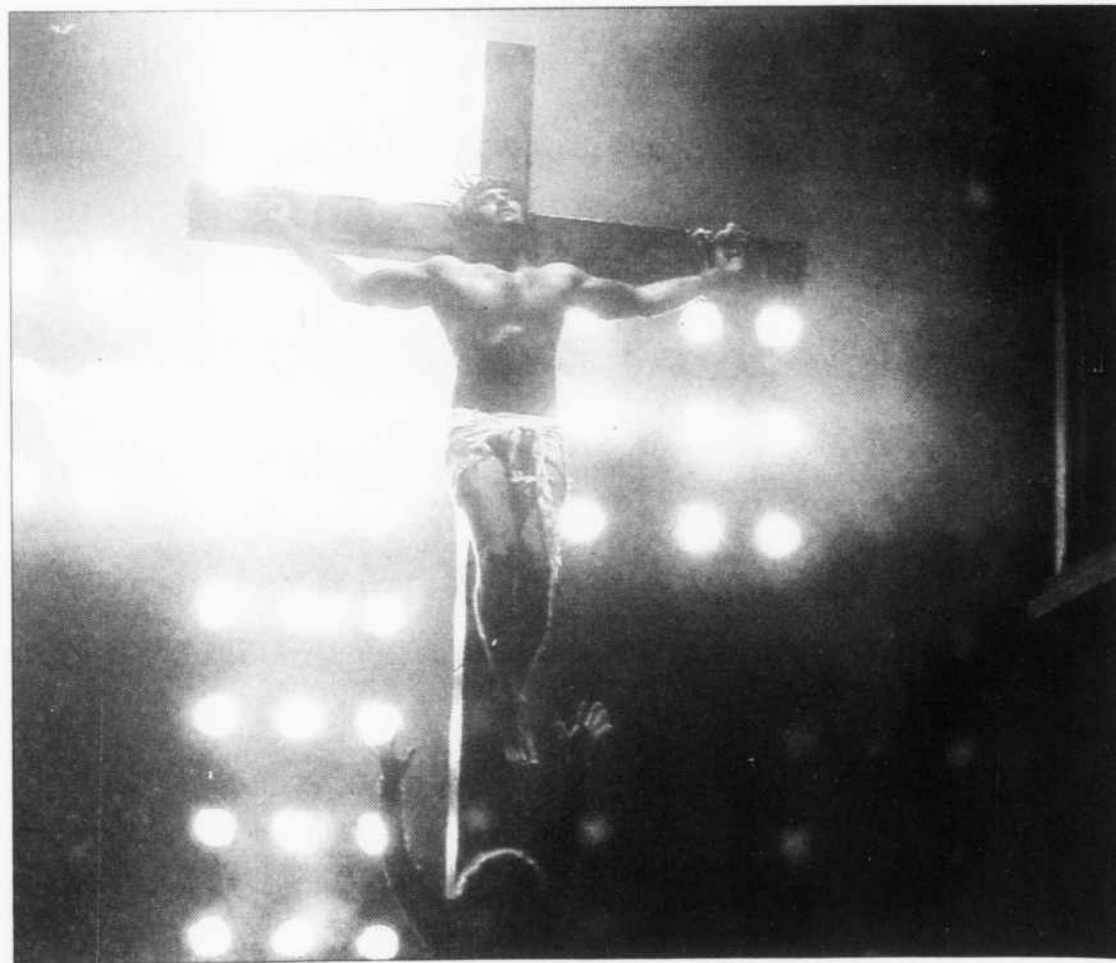


Photo provided by The Tennessee Performing Arts Center

Eric Kunze stars in the local production of *'Jesus Christ Superstar.'*

Jesus Christ Superstar begins tonight at 7:30. Beginning Friday it will start at 8:00 p.m., with special matinee showings running throughout the weekend.

Ticket prices range from \$17.75-\$68.00, depending on

performance times and seat locations.

For tickets, visit the TPAC Box Office at its Downtown or Green Hills locations. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (615) 255-ARTS. For infor-

mation on offers for groups of 20 or more, call TPAC Group Sales at (615) 782-4060.

On Sunday, a special matinee of *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be signed for the hearing impaired. ♦

Saved!: Satire rolls into town

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(Patrick Fugit), Roland and Cassandra fall in love and Mary's mother (Mary-Louise Parker) falls in love with Pastor Skip.

The predictable plotlines are kept afloat by the uncommonly good performances from the

actors and the tag team approach of the film's two styles.

The odd thing about satire is that those who need to see it the most usually ignore it. That *Saved!* is being shown at only two theaters within 30 miles of Murfreesboro is a sad testament to that fact.♦

Depression: MTSU gives aid

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they may be suffering from any form of depression are encouraged to seek help at the Guidance Services center, located in the Keathley University Center, room 329. Appointments can be made by calling 898-2670, but walk-ins are welcome as well.

Assistant Director of Guidance Services Michael Johnson explains that the purpose of Guidance Services is to help students help themselves.

The issues addressed by Guidance Services are not limited to depression.

They also counsel students struggling with alcohol and drug addictions, eating disorders, stress, breaking up in a relationship and even adjusting to social situations.

Johnson and the rest of the department welcome students who simply feel like they need to talk.

If you know someone who you suspect may be struggling with depression, or another psychological problem, bringing them to a counselor at Guidance Services may be one of the best things you can do to help them.

"We get referrals from everywhere, (including) students and even professors," Johnson said.

More and more people are seeking treatment for depression.

Johnson believes that this increase is due to society as a whole.

"There's a lot of crisis and drama in the college environment, and a lot of people are reactive," Johnson explains.

For further information about depression and other mental problems, as well as diagnostic self-assessment tests, visit the Guidance Services homepage, under the student affairs section of the MTSU Web site.♦

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Author uses bathroom vandalism as inspiration

By Christopher Caskey
The California Aggie

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. – Few people actually take the time to read the graffiti on the walls of bathroom stalls – but is there wisdom to be found between the good-time phone numbers and dirty limericks? Keith Foster thinks so, and the University of California-Davis alumnus has set out to show what university bathrooms can teach the world in his new book, "The Grout Society."

The pocket-sized paperback is a collection of quotes taken from 20 universities and over 2,000 stalls. For each scribbling, there is a picture of the graffiti, the quote itself and Foster's own personal interpretation.

Love, politics, partying, finals and more – his book covers a wide range of the college experience. From Homer Simpson's prophetic words

"Mmm, beer!" to the feminist insight, "American men are macho thanks to Viagra," Foster shows that college life can be zany, ridiculous and sometimes even poignant.

"By using bathroom-wall writing, I was able to show a unique view of college life, which is what I wanted," he said.

Foster, who graduated in 2002 with a degree in international agricultural development, said that he first thought of the idea while sitting around with some buddies, but didn't consider it a possibility until he took a marketing class.

"We had to come up with a marketing plan, and my professor took me aside and said that it was a really good idea and I should consider actually doing this," he said.

Foster just showed the book at a national publishing trade show in Chicago, attended by more than 30,000 people annu-

ally.

He said that the response was excellent and that he is looking to follow up with some very promising contacts. Currently, the book can be bought online from Borders and Barnes and Noble, but Foster said he wants his product on the shelves eventually.

Although he has a restaurant job on the side, Foster is devoting most of his time to this project. If successful, he said that he might even follow it up with another publication in the future.

He advises graduates looking to undertake a unique business endeavor that the most important part is to begin with a solid plan.

"Make sure you have a detailed business plan and do a lot of research before you start," he said. "After that, it's all persistence."♦



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Bolton title highlight of Music City Classic

By Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

More than 80 wheelchair athletes traveled to Nashville this past weekend to participate in the Music City Classic at Centennial Sportsplex.

The tournament, which is sponsored by the Tennessee Wheelchair Athletic Association, attracted some of the top wheelchair tennis players in the world along with many athletes of varying ages and skill levels from across the country.

"I would say there are people here from 3-year-olds all the way up to 70-year-olds," said Kevin Green, one of four athletes on the MTSU wheelchair tennis team.

Wheelchair tennis has grown rapidly throughout Europe and the United States since its creation in 1976, attracting people who otherwise wouldn't have participated in athletics at all.

"My mom dragged me out when I was 14 and said I had to do something," said Eddie Medel, a junior from the University of Arizona. "At first, I really didn't like it ... but I kept playing and playing and grew to love the game."

Derek Bolton of San Diego, Calif., won the

open draw, his first NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour tournament title since July 2003. Bolton, No. 23 in the world coming into the match, defeated No. 17 world-ranked Larry Quintero 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the final.

"I could smell him [Quintero] getting tired," Bolton said. "I could see his ball changing. I had to keep telling myself just to really focus on trying to be aggressive and forcing him to push the ball."

Quintero suffered cramping in his right wrist after Bolton went up 4-3 in the third set, the first time either player held serve in the set. After getting attention from the trainer, Quintero was unable to rally and dropped the last two games.

"By that time, I was already losing it," Quintero said. "I wasn't trying to work my point. I was trying to end the point a lot faster because I didn't want to be out there any longer than I needed to."

Bolton played the match of the weekend in the semifinals against France's Lahcen Majdi, winning 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 in a grueling three-hour, 15-minute marathon during the hottest weather of

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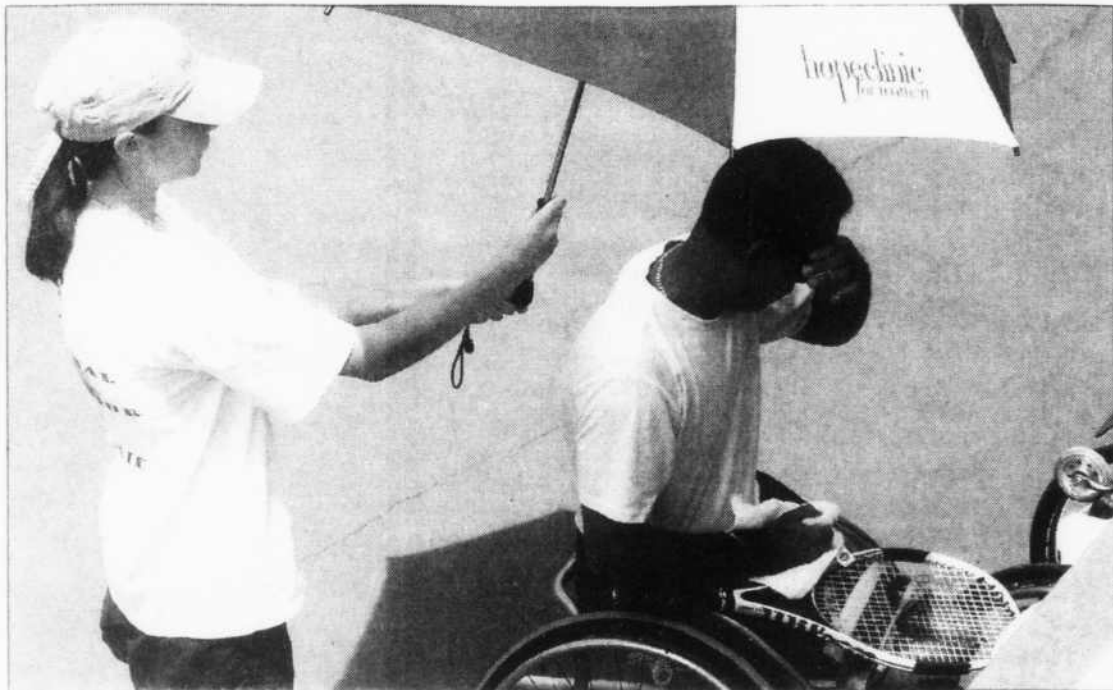


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A volunteer holds an umbrella over France's Lahcen Majdi during his match Saturday.

Leffler reigns in the rain

Captures first career victory after delay

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

It was well worth the wait for Jason Leffler to win his first career NASCAR Busch Series race this past weekend at the Nashville Superspeedway in the Federated Auto Parts 300.

Leffler took the lead for good when leader Kyle Busch spun in the infield grass with four laps remaining. Busch had a lead of more than three seconds and was trying to go to pit road, because his car was almost out of fuel. The final yellow flag came out with Leffler winning the race under caution.

The win was Leffler's first Busch Series victory in 56 starts. He became the fourth driver to win his first ever Busch Series race at the Nashville Superspeedway.

Greg Biffle, Scott Riggs and Jack Sprague are the other three drivers to accomplish that feat. Biffle won the first ever Busch Series race held at the Superspeedway in 2001. Riggs won the April 2002 race, and Sprague won the June 2002 race.

"It's incredible. It is not the way we wanted to win it, obviously, but you know you have to go to the end on fuel," Leffler said. "I know I couldn't catch the 5 (Busch), so I started saving fuel. I couldn't believe it when I saw him spin out in the grass. I feel bad for those guys; they help us out quite a bit," Leffler said.

Busch took responsibility for the mishap in the late stages of the race.

"It was just my fault. I ran out of gas," Busch said to nascar.com. "It was just a matter of time before Jason Leffler got to victory lane."

Busch finished in 17th place and lost the lead in the point standings to Martin Truex Jr. Truex Jr., who started on the pole, finished in the runner-up spot.

The biggest factor of the event was the weather. The race began at 7 p.m. last Saturday and ended around 12:45 a.m. Thunderstorms hit the Superspeedway a couple of hours before the race started. The track was cleared in time for the beginning of the race with skies still threatening.

On lap 84, Regan Smith slammed into the Turn 2 wall to bring out the third caution of the race. The cars circled around the track for 11 laps under the yellow flag.

At lap 95 the cars were brought onto pit road because of lightning. The red flag was put out to stop the race around 8:23 p.m. A few minutes later, the rain begins to fall.

The rain delay lasted for almost three hours, when about 11:20 p.m. the green flag flew to

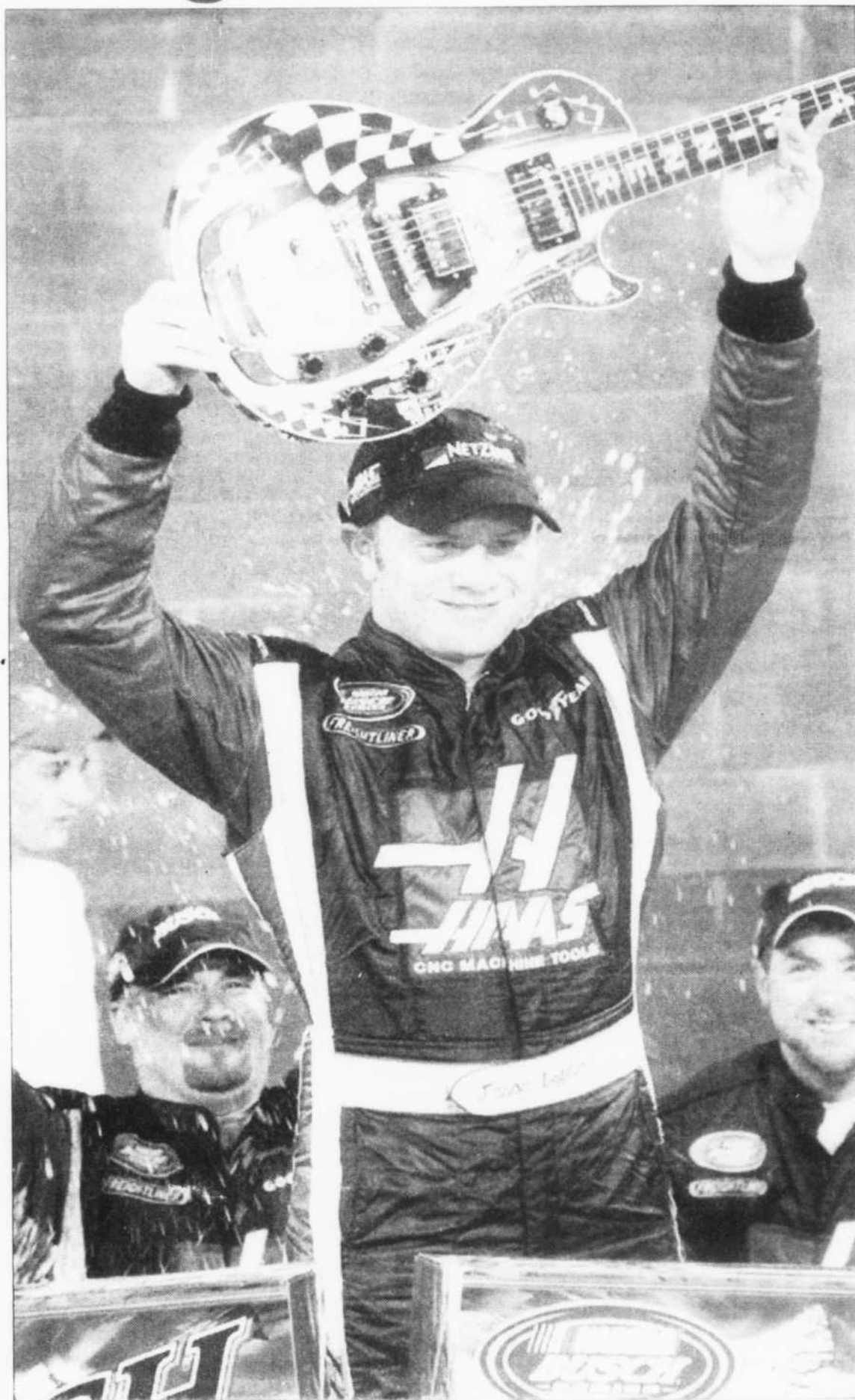


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Jason Leffler holds the guitar given to the race winner over his head in Victory Lane.

restart the event.

Clint Bowyer finished the race in third, and Mike Bliss and Ron Hornaday completed the top five. Kasey Kahne was sixth. Casey Atwood, J.J. Yeley, Ashton Lewis and Stacy Compton rounded out the top 10.

Kahne, Biffle, Michael Waltrip and Robbie Gordon pulled double duty this weekend, racing in the Nextel Cup event, the Pocono 500, in Pennsylvania.

Biffle finished 13th in Saturday's race, with Gordon in 14th. Waltrip dropped out of the race on lap 6 and finished 38th.

Truex Jr. now leads Busch in the point standings by 45 points with David Green in 3rd. Bobby Hamilton Jr. and Waltrip round out the top five in the point standings.

The next stop for the Busch Series is this Saturday night with the Meijer 300 at the Kentucky Speedway. The race begins at 7 p.m. on FX. ♦

Nashville becoming known as launchpad for successful careers

Sports Commentary



David Hunter
Staff
Columnist

Early Sunday morning, Jason Leffler joined a short list of drivers who won their first career Busch Series at the Nashville Superspeedway. Unlike most races where the winner gets a trophy, the Superspeedway gives a Gibson guitar to each victor.

"It's awesome. I never dreamed of it, but the guitar will look good in our race shop," Leffler said. "It is a prestigious award, better than an old plastic trophy that you get from somewhere else."

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— Jason Leffler
NASCAR racer

Leffler has scored two poles and a victory.

Leffler has spent some time in all three divisions. Last season, Leffler won a Truck Series race and competed in 10 Winston Cup events.

Like the Gibson guitars that each winner at the Superspeedway receives, all four drivers have gone through different notes throughout their careers. However, winning at the Superspeedway has helped serve notice around the NASCAR nation. ♦



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Fellow Busch Series driver and Nextel Cup rookie Kasey Kahne congratulates Jason Leffler after the race. Kahne finished sixth after starting the race 15th.

Race Results

Federated Auto Parts 300 - Nashville Superspeedway

Note: Results do not reflect post race changes such as penalties.

Finish	Start	Car	Driver	Points/Ronus	Laps Completed
1	2	#00	Jason Leffler	190/10	225
2	1	#8	Martin Truex Jr.	175/5	225
3	5	#21	Clint Bowyer	165/0	225
4	11	#20	Mike Bliss	165/0	225
5	8	#2	Ron Hornaday	160/0	225
6	15	#38	Kasey Kahne	150/0	225
7	10	#14	Casey Atwood	146/0	255
8	16	#18	J.J. Yeley	142/0	225
9	17	#46	Ashton Lewis	138/0	225
10	23	#59	Stacy Compton	134/0	224
11	22	#12	Tim Fedewa	135/0	224
12	30	#4	Mike Wallace	127/0	224
13	18	#60	Greg Biffle	124/0	224
14	21	#55	Robby Gordon	121/0	223
15	19	#47	Robert Pressley	118/0	223

Split-second ending denies Scales second place finish

By Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

Mardy Scales missed a second NCAA championship by a fraction of a second as he finished third in the 100-meter dash Friday in Austin, Texas.

Scales turned in a career-best time of 10.07 seconds (non-wind-aided), but his effort was 0.01 seconds short of Arkansas' Tyson Gay, who finished in a tie with Texas Christian's Michael Frater. Upon photo review, Gay was named the champion, giving Arkansas its first 100-meter title.

"It feels real good to be a Razorback champion," Gay told UA Sports Information. "I feel like I have redeemed myself after this past indoor season, especially after I've been hurt most of the outdoor season. I set my goals in July to set all



Scales

four school records, and thankfully I did it all in one year."

Scales ran just short of Gay for the second time in two weeks. The two tied at 10.02 seconds (wind-aided) in the 100-meter at the NCAA Mid-East Regional May 29, but Gay won in another photo finish.

"I would have liked to have won, but I gave it my best and came up just a little short," Scales told MT Media Relations. "It was a good race, and the competition was strong. I was right there, but in this sport, just a split second can make all the difference."

Gay's victory helped give the Razorbacks their second straight NCAA outdoor title and 11th overall. Arkansas finished with 65.5 points, 16.5 more than second-place Florida. Louisiana State was third with 31, and TCU, Ohio State and Southern Methodist University tied for fourth with 30 points each.

Scales also ran with the 400-meter relay team, which finished sixth with a time of 39.57 seconds. Xavier Darden, Wesley Dupar-Scott, J.J. Sturm and Scales each earned All-

American honors for their efforts. Scales picked up another All-American honor for his third-place finish in the 100-meters, making him a seven-time All-American during his time at Middle Tennessee.

Lady Raiders Rosemary Okafor and Kishara George were not as successful as their Blue Raider counterparts. Okafor was unable to qualify for the 400-meter dash after finishing 14th in preliminaries with a time of 53.47 seconds, and George's preliminary time of 62.65 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles also wasn't enough to place her in the finals.

"I was proud of our student-athletes, as they all had good races for the most part and represented themselves and the university well," MT assistant coach Roger Kerr told MT Media Relations.

Although his collegiate career is over, Scales is far from being done on the track. He will travel to Sacramento, Calif., in July to compete for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team and a shot at gold in Athens this summer. ♦

Wheelchair: Mixed success

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the tournament. Dubbed by some at the event as "the John McEnroe of wheelchair tennis," Bolton grunted, growled and yelled as he fought back from a 5-0 deficit in the third set.

"I had the dial tone going on upstairs," Bolton said afterward. "That's why I kind of was grunting a lot, just giving adrenaline at all times because I only had to maintain it for one set."

Three MTSU students participated in the event and had varying levels of success. Green advanced to the finals of the Men's B Singles before falling to Daniel Bolhouse 6-3, 6-4. Green also played in the Men's A

Doubles final with partner Jim Lewis, but the duo lost 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Michael Paul of MTSU lost to Victor Vaughn 7-5, 6-3 in the early rounds of the Men's C Singles but won 8-1 in the Men's B Doubles final with partner Wes Coffman. MTSU's Brandy Pounds, one of only four female participants, defeated Stephanie Dodd 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (4) before losing to Sordan McKenzie 6-1, 6-1 and Kelly Howell 8-5 in a superset.

This weekend the North American NEC Tour moves to Ontario for the Canadian Open. For more information on wheelchair tennis, visit www.itfwheelchairtennis.com. ♦

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Texas crushes Vandy to advance to College World Series

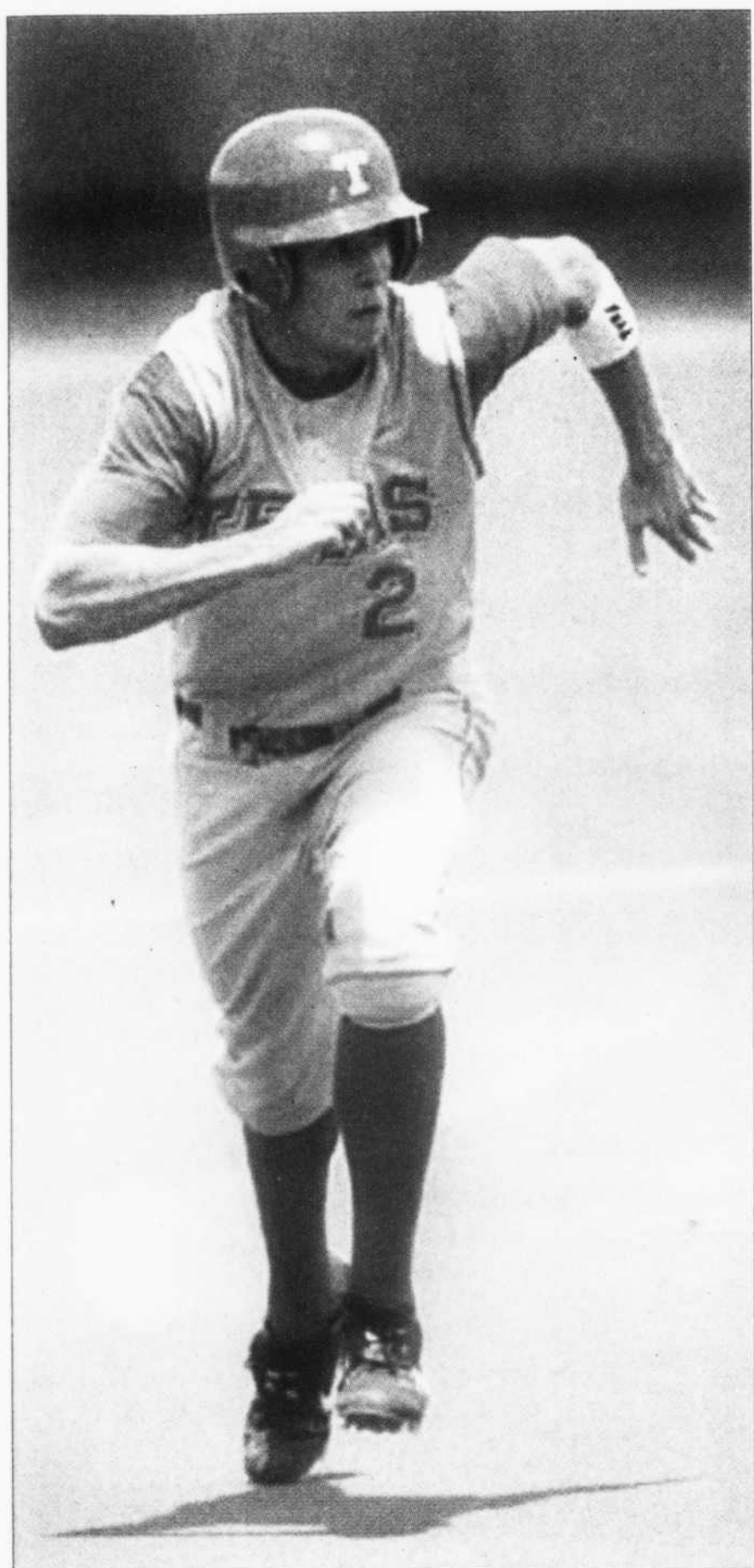


Photo courtesy of University of Texas
Texas infielder Seth Johnston scored in the 8th inning, assisting the University of Texas in their 15-2 victory over Vanderbilt Saturday.

By Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

The 2004 College World Series begins Friday in Omaha, Neb., with eight teams looking to capture college baseball's national championship.

Five of this year's eight teams also went to last year's series, including 2002 champion Texas, who defeated Vanderbilt 15-3 and 10-2 in the Austin Super Regional to advance to the school's record 31st College World Series.

"We play some really good baseball teams in the Southeastern Conference, but from pitching to hitting to defense and knowing how to play the game, this is about as good as a team as we have faced," Vanderbilt head coach Tim Corbin said after the Commodores were eliminated. "They are a great team, and I would put my money on them."

Junior Curtis Thigpen leads the Longhorns (55-13) with a .369 batting average and 26 doubles. Catcher Taylor Teagarden leads the team in home runs with nine and runs batted in with 49.

Texas' pitching staff features three relievers with an earned run average less than 2.00. J.P. Howell, who leads the team with 153 strikeouts and 14 wins, and Sam LeCure are the anchors of a starting rotation that has held opposing batters to a .220 average.

The Longhorns will face the Arkansas Razorbacks, who were picked to finish next-to-last in the SEC before the season began. Head coach Dave Van Horn became the fifth coach to guide two different schools to the College World Series, having led Nebraska to Omaha in 2001 and 2002. Van Horn joins current Texas coach Augie Garrido, who led Cal State Fullerton to the title in 1995.

Brett Hagedorn is one of five Razorbacks (45-22) hitting greater than .300 for the season. Pitchers Charley Boyce and Jay Sawatski each have won 10 games, thanks in part to Arkansas' run support. The Razorbacks have outscored opponents 442-319 this season.

Arizona, who returns to the College World Series for the first time in 18 years, faces Georgia in the first game Friday afternoon. The Wildcats (35-25-1) advanced after winning 4-3 over Long Beach State in 11 innings.

"We are pretty fired up," pitcher John Meloan told *The Arizona Republic*. "Our goal at the beginning of the year was to go to Omaha, and now we have to go there and get some wins. We need to make a run at a national title. We have shown we can beat anybody, anywhere, at any time."

Meloan leads Arizona with a 9-0 record, and the Wildcats' lineup features nine players with batting averages greater than .300.

Georgia (43-21) began its quest for the College World Series by thumping Middle Tennessee 16-2. The Bulldogs earned a trip to Omaha when freshman centerfielder Jonathan Wyatt hit a two-run homerun in the eighth inning to defeat Georgia Tech 5-3.

"They were throwing me fastballs earlier in the game, so I had to make an

.339 batting average and is a finalist for the Dick Howser Award, given to the top collegiate baseball player. Campbell leads the USC staff with 129 strikeouts and has a 9-4 record.

Cal St. Fullerton is led by catcher Kurt Suzuki, who sports a .437 batting average, including 16 home runs and 86 runs batted in. Both Suzuki and Powell are finalists for the Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation's top collegiate catcher. Jason Windsor is the Titans' ace, with an 11-4 record and 119 strikeouts in 141 2/3 innings.

The last matchup of the first round pits the 2001 champion Miami Hurricanes against the 1996 champion Louisiana State Tigers, who defeated Miami 9-8 in the 1996 title game when Warren Morris hit a two-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning. Saturday's contest will be the first meeting between the teams since that game.

Miami (49-11) advanced to its 21st College World Series after defeating Florida 3-1 behind Cesar Carrillo's complete game four-hitter.

"I felt like I was in the zone," Carrillo told *www.hurricanesports.com* afterward. "I was trying to get people out and miss the barrel of the bat."

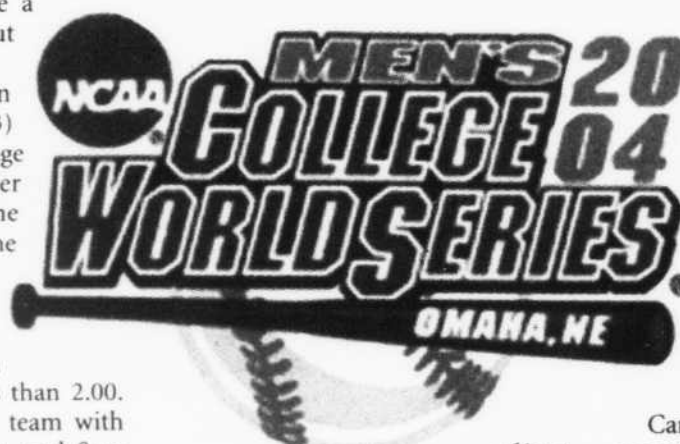
Carrillo is 11-0 in 15 starts this season with a 2.73 ERA. Jim Burt leads the Hurricane offense with a .373 average and 72 RBIs.

The Tigers (46-17) clinched their berth on their home field, scoring four runs in the top of the ninth to defeat Texas A&M 4-0. Lane Mestepey pitched a complete game shutout, and brothers Clay and Will Harris drove in all four runs.

"We just battled, battled and battled, and then good things happened," LSU head coach Smoke Laval told *www.lsusports.net*. "We very seldom - I don't know if we've ever had our last at bat win a ball game. I was very glad to see the Harris brothers up at that time."

J.C. Holt leads LSU's lineup with a .390 average, and Ryan Patterson has a team-high 14 home runs and 64 RBIs. The Tigers also have a solid rotation, with four pitchers having started at least 13 games.

All games will be televised on ESPN2, beginning with Arizona and Georgia at 1 p.m. Friday. ♦



adjustment, and this time I was looking for one, and I got it," Wyatt told *www.georgiadogs.com* after the game. "I was hustling out of the box after I hit it because that's always important, and I didn't know if it was going out. When I saw it go over the fence, I smiled and it was exciting to see all the guys come out of the dugout and meet me after I crossed home plate."

The other side of the bracket features two more SEC teams facing off against squads from opposite sides of the country. In the first game Saturday, South Carolina (50-15) begins its third straight College World Series against Cal St. Fullerton (42-21), who visits Omaha for the 13th time.

The Gamecocks feature two MLB first-round draft picks, the first time two USC players have been drafted in the first round. The Oakland A's selected senior catcher Landon Powell with the 24th overall pick, and the Kansas City Royals took junior pitcher Matt Campbell with the 29th pick.

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