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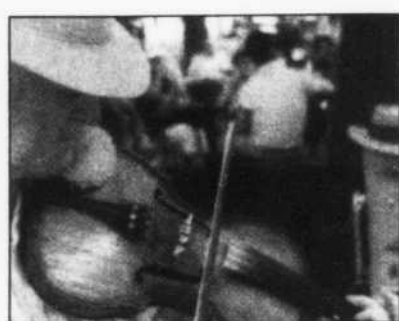
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Campus Briefs

Radio producer wins award

Shawn Jacobs, a producer for radio station WMOT, has won first place in the "Best Series/Feature in the Large Market Radio Division category" of the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcaster's Association annual contest.

Usually presented at TAPBA's annual convention, the award this year was mailed. Jacobs received notification of his award early last month.

Jacob's piece was a two-part series on Falcon Manor in McMinnville, Tenn. He took listeners on a walking audio tour of the mansion, a 1896 Victorian house that has now been converted into a museum.

The program originally aired on WMOT in April 2001, and was picked up for syndication by the Associated Press Network program, "Portfolio," soon afterward. It re-aired on the program during the Christmas season.

Officials plan a night out

The National Night Out celebration, sponsored by local law enforcement agencies, will be held Aug. 6.

Activities will begin at 5 p.m., lasting until 8:30 p.m., in between Cope Administration Building and Peck Hall. Food, catered by Aramark, will be provided. Some of the activities planned include DUI goggles, blood pressure checks, Scottish dance, puppets and face painting.

Murfreesboro Police are encouraging all city residents to lock their doors, leave their houses and talk to their neighbors. The police department hopes that the outing will generate support in anti-crime efforts by promoting well-being within the community.

There will be 10 cookout sites throughout Murfreesboro with free food, beverages and activities, in addition to the event at MTSU.

Building projects continue

University building projects are continuing on schedule, and most should be completed before the university opens its doors for the fall semester.

The James Union Building elevator has been completed for more than two months, and its Cope counterpart began service two months ago. Construction on the eastern half of that building is also finished.

The Mini Mart and the second-floor lounge in Keathley University Center have been completed. The third floor will become additional office space.

The horse science building is all but complete, and will officially open its doors before January 2003 classes start.

MT picked to be No. 1

Three major college football publications have predicted that MT will repeat as Sun Belt Conference champions. The newest issues of *Lindy's*, *Athlon* and *The Sporting News* all foresee a repeat of last year's title run.

Lindy's has ranked the Blue Raiders as number 63 nationally, while *Athlon* places them as number 64. *The Sporting News* was not as kind, placing MT at 73. ♦

TBR raises tuition by 7.5 percent

By Wesley R. Bush
News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents voted Monday on a 7.5 percent tuition increase that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission recommended last week.

The increase brings in-state tuition to \$2748 from \$2556 per year and will help fund an increase in faculty salaries, as well as maintain programs that might have been shut down if no new income was acquired.

"What the increase will do," said MTSU President Sidney McPhee, "is allow us to at least make every effort to retain the types of programs and faculty that we have at the university."

TBR Chancellor Charles Manning said the tuition hike

will bring about \$15 million more to the state's colleges, but falls short of other schools in surrounding states.

"Two years ago," he said, "it would have taken \$111 million more in the TBR system to have the dollars available per student from both tuition and the state equal to the average dollar per student in peer schools in the Southern states."

He added that the recommendation could have been worse, but the increase fails to reach the competitiveness of states such as North Carolina, which spent \$7,862 per full-time student during the 2000-01 school year, compared to Tennessee, which spent \$5,330, according to the Southern Regional Education Board Web site.

"The general assembly made a Herculean effort this year and did come through with a budget that meant we weren't cut 10 percent," Manning said, "so I am very thankful for what came through. At the same time, it

isn't really addressing the competitive problem we have with other institutions in other states who just flat are paying faculty members more. It is a competitive market in that regard."

In addition to overall tuition increases, MTSU also increased several mandatory fees, raising the total cost of attending 7.8 percent. The general access fee went up \$36, from \$386 this year to \$422, beginning in the fall.

To help accommodate increased usage of the Recreation Center, the student activity fee raised from \$30 to \$50, a figure that was last changed in 1995.

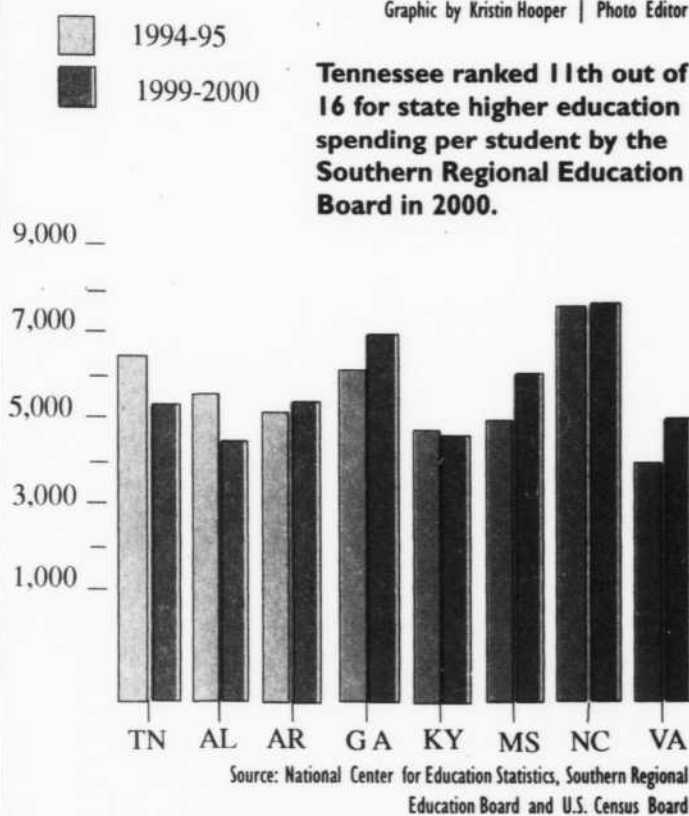
A new bicycle impoundment fee will be instituted in August that will charge offenders \$25 per occurrence, to help deter students from illegally parking bikes and abandoning them on campus.

The freshman orientation fee also was increased \$10, from

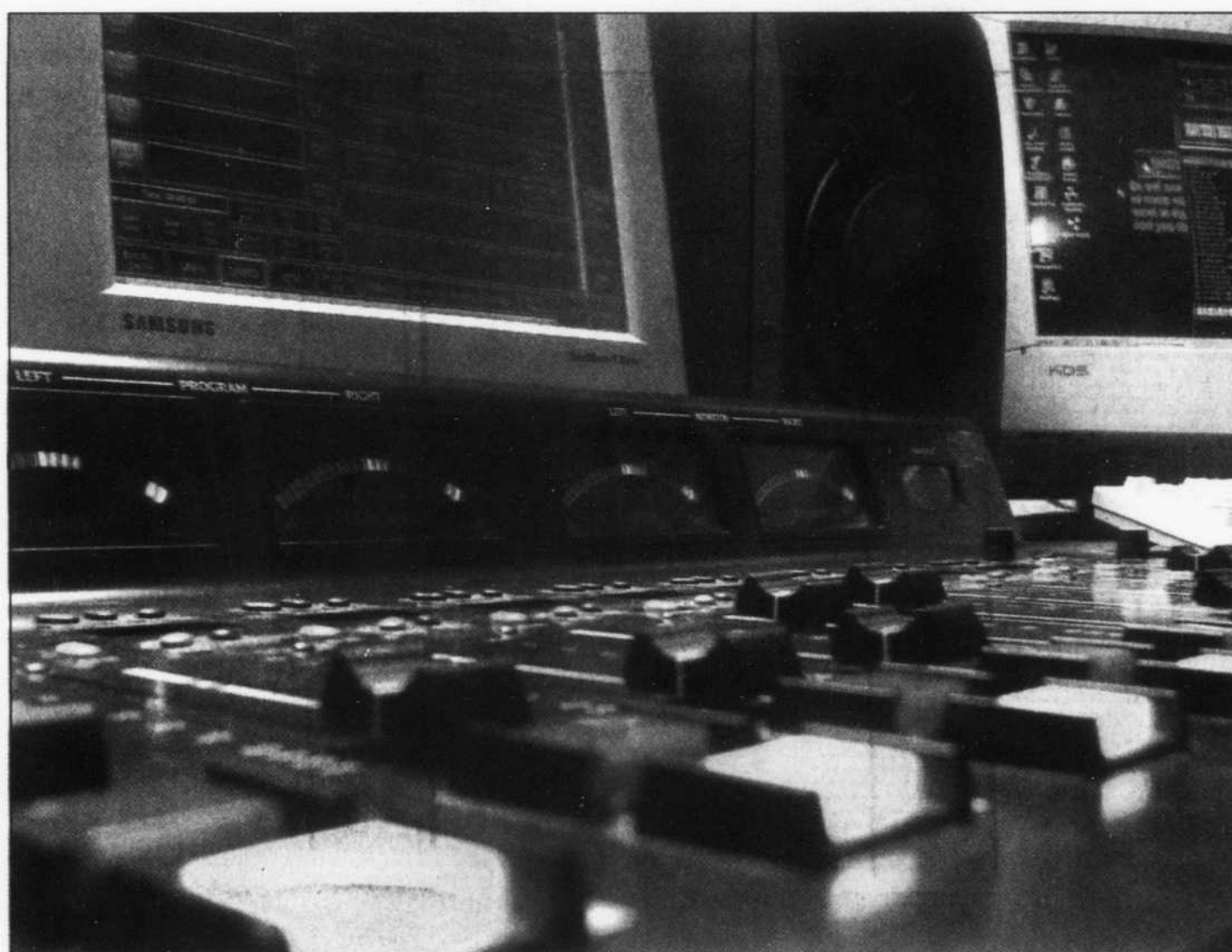
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Per student higher ed funding

Graphic by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor



Renovations give WMTS new home



Photos by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

(Top) 88.3 WMTS, the student-operated radio station, has been remodeling two of its studios to make room for a larger and more technologically equipped broadcasting center. (Below) Brittney Stacey, host of the show "Hello with Miss Kitty," airs a public service announcement. Her show airs 2 to 4 a.m. each Sunday.

Student radio station renovates office space for biggest studio yet

By Danny Rowland
Staff Writer

MTSU's student radio station, WMTS, is completing renovation of its new studio and should be fully operational by Aug. 18.

The new studio, which is next door to the current studio, is three times larger and will provide more room for guests.

James "Creepy" Palmer, a senior in the College of Mass Communication and station manager, said that, in addition to the space, the new station will provide new microphones and will be equipped for clearer signal processing and better sound quality.

"We're going from a '70s style Wolfman Jack to a much more modern Bob and Tom operation," Palmer said.

This is the latest in a series of moves for the growing station. Palmer said the last move was basically from out of the gear

closet of the present studio.

The student radio station started in 1992 with a group of students, led by Reza Bhakter, that broke away from their sister station, WMOT. The station broadcast on a local cable channel with the call letters WNAR — an acronym for We Need A Radio — until 1995.

That year, the station purchased the license for the 88.3 MHz frequency for one dollar and moved from the Keathley University Center into their current location on the second floor of the Learning



Resources Center. In 1997, the station adopted the call letters WMTS. In 1999, the station became the first campus station in the nation to broadcast digitally.

Palmer said he is proud of the station's

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Review site adds forum for teacher comments

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

By fall, MTSUreview.com, the Web site for MTSU students to post and read teacher evaluations, hopes to provide a forum for teachers to respond to their reviews.

"We are developing the teacher response section due to the high demand that has been displayed," said the MTSU Review webmaster, who requested to remain anonymous. "We look forward to having an area where teachers can post their comments."

Because of the anonymity of students posting reviews on the Web site, some teachers feel they can be accused of acts without having recourse to explain or defend themselves to the thousands of students who will potentially read it.

Students remain anonymous on the site for several reasons.

"Maintaining a system that authenticates reviewers would require us to be connected to MTSU's student information system," the site's creator said. "The MTSU Review Web site is operated independently and is in no way technically connected to MTSU's systems."

Students also remain anonymous for comfort, he said.

"When a student posts a review on the Web site, they are assured that they are to remain anonymous because they do not have to log in or provide any personal identifying information. Actually, as stated in the disclaimer, we do not even allow students to state their own name in the review, mainly because of the possibility of someone forging someone else's name."

The new teacher response forum will be greeted with a mixed reception. Some teachers doubt they will use the forum even if they dislike the Web site.

"I think that it's fair to have a teacher response," said English professor Favis Casson. "I probably would not use it. I just have other things to do and don't

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New book explores campaign wins, losses in history

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

A new book by an MTSU professor addresses the way presidential candidates handle winning and losing.

Presidential Winners and Losers: Words of Victory and Concession, a reference book by political science chair and professor John Vile, covers and analyzes victory and concession speeches ranging from the election of George Washington to that of George W. Bush. Vile collected more than 500 pieces of information, including diary entries, interviews, newspaper articles and private letters to write on a subject that Vile said has received relatively scant attention.

"There are literally less than a handful of scholars who have written articles about it," Vile said, adding that his is the first

book on the subject.

Vile said that, in the first 100 years or so of the nation's existence, presidents were often not prolific public speakers. He used diaries, letters and articles to piece together the thoughts of winning and losing candidates.

Vile said one of the first true victory speeches — and his favorite — came from Abraham Lincoln after he won the 1864 election. Lincoln's speech included an affirmation that, even in the midst of a civil war, the country is continuing to function and elections are still occurring.

"Lincoln [connected] his

victory to a human principle," Vile said.

The first concession speech was delivered via telegram to William McKinley from William Jennings Bryan in 1896. Vile said the telegram tradition continued into the 1970s, when the now-standard phone call began.

In concession speeches, Vile said, humor is often the key, even if the lines are borrowed. He cited the example of Adlai Stevenson, a Democratic presidential candidate, conceding the election to Dwight Eisenhower.

Stevenson used a line from Abraham Lincoln after he lost an election.

In part, it read that he "felt like a little boy who had stubbed his toe in the dark. [Lincoln] said that he was too old to cry, but it hurt too much to laugh."

Vile also cited a line from

George H.W. Bush's concession to Bill Clinton in 1992. He quoted Churchill in saying that he got "the order of the boot."

Vile said the 2000 election proved the tradition that lies behind the victory and concession speeches.

"Bush wasn't going to give a victory speech until Gore gave a concession speech," Vile said.

Vile also said that the speeches reflected positively on both candidates, adding that "Gore succeeded, I think, in maintaining his viability as a candidate."

He said Bush's speech, while gracious, also served to establish himself as the president despite not having the popular vote.

Vile also talks about notable speeches from non-presidential elections, including Nixon's assertion following the 1962 California gubernatorial election that the press "won't have

Nixon to kick around any more."

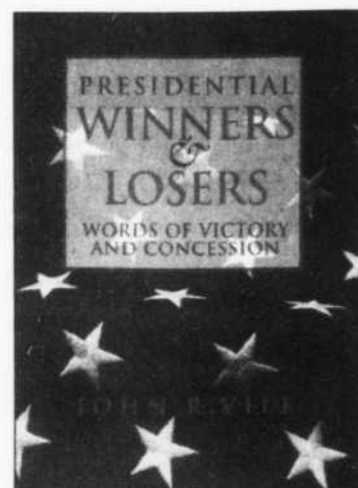
He also mentions a speech given by David Crockett after losing a Tennessee congressional election, telling his newfound friends in Texas that "I told [detractors] they might go to hell and I'd go to Texas."

Included in the text as well is material on third-party concession speeches.

Vile said he included these speeches because third-party candidates "often wear their emotions on their sleeves."

The book — which Vile described as a reference title — was published in June by Congressional Quarterly Press of Washington, D.C.

Vile was educated at the College of William and Mary and The University of Virginia. In addition to being the chair of the political science department, Vile heads MTSU's mock



Vile's new book, *Presidential Winners & Losers*, is the first ever to examine the emotions and reactions of candidates after elections.

trial team and has written books on the U.S. Constitution and a handbook for Mock Trial teams. ♦

WMTS: Station may broadcast at 250 watts by the end of fall semester

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growth. Lance McDonald, program director, added that the station — currently broadcasting at 200 watts — will most likely be operating at 250 watts by the end of the fall semester. McDonald also said that the fate of WMTS's Internet broadcasts hinges on upcoming rates that have yet to be determined.

Chris Pett, a disc jockey who goes by the title "Lord of Taint" on the air, said the spaciousness of the new studio is great, but the extra soundproofing is also nice.

"It'll be nice to blast out of all proportions when the teachers can't hear it," he said. "Loud rock's what it's all about." ♦

Jason Cox contributed to this report.

Tuition: Funding not keeping up with increasing costs, enrollment

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\$45 to \$55.

Mary Morgan, TBR director of communications, said state apportionment played an influential role in determining how much to allow colleges to raise tuition.

"It's a direct result of the state appropriation going down," she said. "The state appropriation is not keeping up with increased cost and student tuition and fees are going up to make up that gap."

Morgan said the General Assembly had not raised tuition per se, but had issued a 7.5 percent cap that, in effect, set the 7.5 rate.

McPhee said that the university will be able to fully fund the 2 percent faculty salary raise approved by the legislature this year with a portion of the fees.

"We're trying to play catch-up for the many years in which we have not received adequate funding," he said, "and for the many years in which we have also received cuts in our budget, including last year. We had a 1 percent reduction in our

budget. Many people forget that last year.

"Also, the 2 percent increase that the Legislature approved this year, for this budget, was not fully funded," McPhee said. "They only funded 65 percent of that 2 percent, so they required that we looked at getting the rest of that from student fees."

Manning said tuition hikes are likely to continue in upcoming years.

"In order to maintain the quality," he said, "we are needed to shift more of the cost to students. Unless there is a considerable increase in funding from the state, I think we can expect that to continue to happen in the future."

McPhee said the university is searching for ways to better manage the growth of enrollment, such as setting an application deadline for Aug. 11, where there was previously no deadline. Another option, he said, is to put a hold on special admissions and cutting back on students who barely fail to meet admission requirements.

McPhee emphasized his reservations for the rising

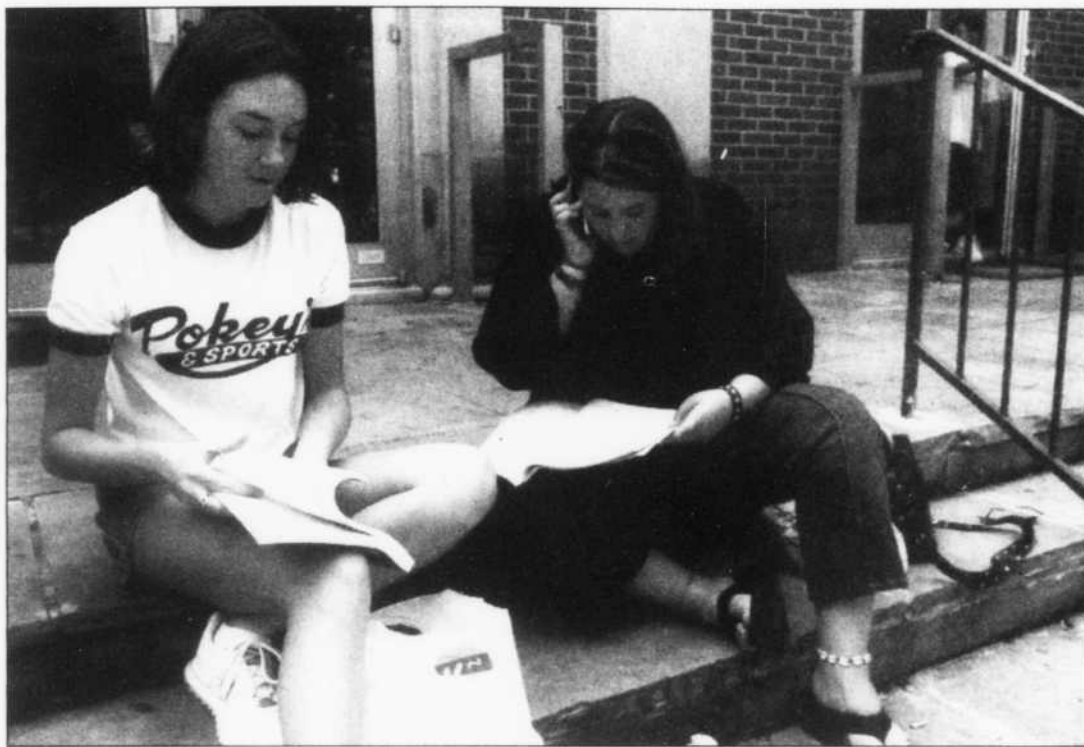


Photo by Tyler Andrews | Staff

Elizabeth Scott and Crisi Denton, new transfer students, try to work out their fall class schedules during a Customs session yesterday.

costs, but said he feels that the value of an MTSU education is still well worth the money.

"I must say I'm concerned about the years that we have to increase the fees double-dig-

its," he said.

"I'm not saying that there are students that aren't struggling to pay that \$2,700, but \$2,700 a year for an institution of this caliber is a good deal,

and we want to keep it that way. So we hope that the legislature will continue to find ways to support the university so that we don't have to be raising those fees so high." ♦

Review: Professors say there are options other than MTSU Review to research teachers

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have time to let a bad review bother me."

"It doesn't seem fair to me for students to be able to get up [on MTSU Review] and write bad reviews," said Thomas Hemmerly, professor of biology. "If they have a complaint, they should come to me."

Many teachers agree with the idea of MTSU Review, but they are anxious that it should be used in a proper context and not used as the sole instrument used in selecting a teacher.

"I think it's a wonderful tool for students to access," Casson said. "But also, take advantage of other resources. Talk to the teacher, talk to other people who have taken the class, get a copy of the syllabus, et cetera."

"[MTSU Review] is a good tool when no other tool exists," said Charles Frost, chair of the social work department. "Better tools do exist. You can go and talk to the professor before enrolling in their class, you can go and talk to another student who has taken the class before and get their opinion. These alternatives are not always available, therefore, you may find the Web site being the best available resource. However, you need to realize that some of that information may be posted by students who are not giving a fair and accurate picture of a

course."

Using other tools is also encouraged by MTSU Review's disclaimer which reminds students to "take all input ... and put whatever faith in them that you will. ... In the final analysis, you must make the decision and you're likely to have a unique experience from anyone else."

But just because there is a disclaimer does not mean that the reviews do not have checks and balances. MTSU Review adheres to the America Online

and Hypermart Terms of Service. This involves editing profanities and obscenities as well as vulgar and sexually explicit language. MTSU Review also edits for reviews that may contain irrelevant or character defaming information.

"This database is designed to facilitate opinions on the course and how well the professor instructs it," the site's creator said. "It is not designed for people to simply 'bash' a professor

by stating some possibly untrue information that is irrelevant to the course and instruction."

When a student posts irrelevant material, he said, he omits the information. Examples of common irrelevant information omitted include an instructor's appearance or how he or she looks or dresses, among other things.

There have been three cases where reviews were taken off the site, he said. One review was written on a teacher who did

not actually teach the semester that the review indicated. Two reviews were removed because the teacher evaluated was moving and would no longer be teaching at MTSU.

The webmaster noted that, while the site attempts to catch all inappropriate material, some cases are missed. He encourages teachers and students that believe a review contains violations of standards to email MTSUreview@aol.com with their questions and concerns.

"Students often fail to appreciate how influential they really are with professors," Frost said. "When we, as professors, get a note from a former student thanking us for a job well done, we deeply appreciate it. If students really wanted to change the way professors teach, one of the best ways they could do this is to let the teacher know what they like. Praise of the positive goes a long way in eliminating the negative." ♦

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ACADEMIC APPEALS FOR FALL 2002

If you think you may be suspended after grading for the 2002 Summer term and you want to appeal your academic suspension, you must complete an academic appeal form and return it to the Records Office by 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 2002. Academic appeal forms are available on the web at www.mtsu.edu/~records and in Room 106 of Cope Administration Building. Suspension notices cannot be mailed to the permanent addresses until August 14. If you have any questions, please contact the Records Office at 898-2164.

THE DEADLINE TO APPEAL FOR FALL 2002 IS
AUGUST 13 AT 4:00 P.M.

From the Editorial Board Tuition hike may be ticket to improvement

It didn't take a rocket scientist – or a state legislator – to figure out that tuition would be raised once again this year.

Last year's 15 percent increase has softened the blow of this year's 7.5 percent increase a bit. Regardless, it still incites sighs and darkened countenances from many students.

Yes, it's inconvenient and annoying. But things could be worse. We, as students, should take a cue from what Tennessee's 102nd General Assembly never learned, suck it up and do what's right for the community – in this case, the university.

It would be nice to receive more support from the state, but it should be clear to students by now that we are barely valued and must learn to fend for ourselves. A tuition hike is always unpleasant, but necessary at times to keep the university from crumbling around our ankles.

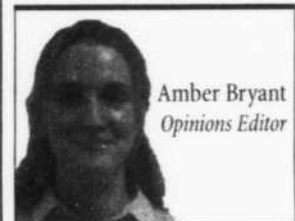
In addition to simply allowing the university to continue its normal operations, the hike will help supply professors with a much-deserved pay raise.

For quite some time now, professors at Tennessee higher education institutions have made significantly less on average than their peers in surrounding states. Many instructors here make less than high school teachers. Such low pay has been detrimental to the university's quest to find the best educators possible. Hopefully, the tuition hike can contribute to the reversal of that trend.

Each MTSU student will be paying nearly \$200 more per year than last year. This increase, while inconvenient, is tolerable. Without the few extra dollars higher tuition brings in, MTSU will never be able to attain viable goals for improvement, much less exceed them.

By obtaining a way to raise professors' pay, we have already cleared one of the hurdles most damaging to this university. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Church counselor wrong to condemn masturbation



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Last month, 42-year-old Todd Warren, a Sunday school teacher in Minnesota, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure after counseling a 16-year-old boy to repress his desire to masturbate by writing, "What Would Jesus Do?" on his penis.

Yikes. Masturbation, along with anger, selfishness and other "sinful" emotions that most religions claim pave the road to hell, is normal, healthy behavior. If the teenager had confessed that he excused himself to the bathroom at least five times during family dinner to milk his marmot, perhaps he would be justified in seeking religious help. But seeing the son of God's name adorning his penis is going to do

way more psychological damage than indulging on self-stimulation ever could.

Once again, those four little words have proven to be nothing more than a Christian mechanism to induce guilt for being human.

If anything, I think self-love is a positive alternative to sex before marriage. If masturbation is a sin, what is one to do with years of pent-up sexual energy?

I doubt that an all-knowing, loving God would design a species so inefficiently.

The only logical conclusion, then, is that personal sexuality is a fabulous part of our design that should be embraced.

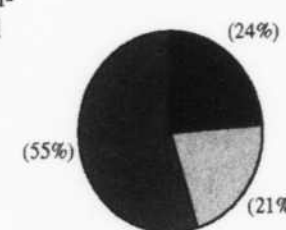
Either way, Warren deserves to lose his counseling privileges. The point of being a youth counselor should be to encourage young people to think for themselves, not to claim that a natural human instinct makes baby Jesus cry. ♦

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Do you think alcohol consumption on campus is a valid problem?"

No, I've never encountered an example of alcohol use on campus.

Yes, stricter punishments should be given to offenders.



It should be expected for college students to party.

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com and vote for this week's question: How do you think the tuition increase will affect enrollment?

* this poll is not scientific

Tennessee could use a little pot

Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

When it comes to tourism, Nevada pulls out all the stops.

Gambling, prostitutes – what more could you want? Oh yeah, that's right: legal marijuana. It completes the triple crown of a good time.

All joking aside, Nevada is heading in the right direction. Recently, Nevada's Law Enforcement gathered more than 70,000 signatures that will land one important question a spot on Nevada's Nov. 5 general election ballot: Should adults be allowed to possess up to 3 ounces of marijuana?

The answer is, of course, yes. But you already knew that. Drug Enforcement Administration drones, particularly director Asa Hutchinson, have twisted their panties into a huge collective wad and appeared on multiple news analysis programs and in news stories, shrieking in horror and declaring any person's drug legalization or decriminalization efforts dangerous, evil and bad for a state's reputation.

"What kind of tourism will Nevada attract?" Hutchinson asked the Associated Press. If only Hutchinson recognized the taste of irony. It tastes a little like nausea to me.

Up until last year, Nevada had the toughest drug laws in the nation. One token and you landed a felony on your record and could be thrown in jail for a year. Under the current proposal, pot would be

taxed like cigarettes and alcohol, and would be available only for the 21-and-over audience.

Common-sense laws regarding driving under the influence and other safety measures would be enacted as well.

Supporters of the proposal believe Nevada's law enforcement resources could be better spent if casual pot smokers weren't on the law's radar screen. This makes perfect sense, but Hutchinson and his pot Nazis won't have any of it. Weed smokers are evil, treasonous enemies of the state. They incite violence, sponsor terrorism and eventually end up spiraling down into a filthy world of motel rooms, dirty needles and cigarette burns.

He's got quite an imagination, but it keeps his department in business. Tennessee should wake up and take a cue from our progressive long-lost

neighbors to the west. Tennessee's No. 1 cash crop is marijuana. In the fertile soil of what has been dubbed by the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy as the Appalachia High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, more than \$600 million worth of pot was eradicated by the DEA in 1999.

Our second most lucrative crop that year was tobacco, which generated a measly \$200 million. (More irony – this perfectly legal crop is exponentially more deadly than marijuana and its profitability pales in comparison.)

When you take into consideration that the DEA's overpaid weed-eaters barely scraped the tip of the iceberg (it's estimated that most crop raids, such as these, eradicate around 2-3 percent of the state's total crops), it's easy to see a solution to

Tennessee's pathetic, ongoing budget woes.

Legalize it, regulate it and tax it. Thousands of men and women in jail could leave and free up space for dangerous criminals who actually deserve to be incarcerated. Gang crime rates would diminish thanks to lower, non-black market costs and wider, safer availability. Patients in need of medical marijuana would not have to fear the law anymore.

Perhaps the greatest benefit would be experiencing what it feels like to be one step closer to re-attaining our lost freedom to control our own perceptions.

If Tennessee isn't up for that, then viva Las Vegas. ♦

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Loving unions aren't bought from machines

By Wesley Jackson
Guest Columnist

A friend and I were talking with a mutual acquaintance of ours, Mr. Toad. He is an outgoing, gracious fellow and was telling us about his latest adventures. Females can just never get enough of him. Like any other American boy, Mr. Toad is searching for the woman of his dreams. It seems he nearly found her.

In some state at some club, SHE approached him. The woman was a knockout with an unbelievable offer for Mr. Toad. "You know," the sultry sex goddess said, "I'm not interested in a relationship right now – I don't want any strings attached. But every now and then you just need a good sex partner."

Mr. Toad thought he had hit

the jackpot. Here was a could-be Playboy model that had just offered him the chance to have a regular slot in her sex schedule with no obligations. Who would turn down such a pleasure buffet?

But he did and his head was the size of a Goodyear blimp, filled with "virtuous" pride that comes with such chastity. Mr. Toad was gloating over the fact that he had stared temptation in the face and walked away pure and unstained.

After he went on his merry way, my female friend and I commented on his tale. The word "chauvinist" certainly came up. The way our acquaintance talked, one would think that his ideal woman resembled a vending machine for sexual pleasure.

Why should he bother with the whole "mutual respect" thing? Why talk about commitments,

obligations and whose turn it is to do the laundry? Why do we need to talk about "communication?" It's a lot easier to go chuck your change in some slot, punch the buttons and get the product – usually a cheap one. If a woman is offering to fill the role of a vending machine for sex, why turn it down?

I don't know what is more sad, the fact that Toad views women as toys to be played with at his leisure or that the woman that made him the offer seems to see herself in the same light. Let's face it – by giving such an open-ended contract, she ignored any idea of a real human relationship. She denied the fact that she has a right to be treated better than a vending machine, a candy dispenser or a Snickers in the Wal-Mart check-out aisle. Whatever her motives, she intro-

duced herself as a commodity, something to be used rather than treasured.

I do not write to condemn Mr. Toad or the woman he met, but I can't help but feel a strain of pity for the both of them. Sex is a great thing; I doubt anyone will question that. But my impression was that it is a pleasure shared between two people rather than an individual and his or her own sexual robot.

We deserve to be treated with all the respect the highest creatures in nature merit. We are thinking, feeling individuals with souls deep enough to be their own universe. That's not something you find or can stuff into a vending machine. A relationship with a real human, with all the strings and obligations, tops the vending machine any day. ♦

Students still bank on parents



Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

Four weeks, two days.

That's how long it will be until the fall semester officially kicks off. In four weeks, a new batch of freshmen will arrive on campus to start a new phase of their lives. Most will think that they've finally hit independence. Their parents can't boss them around anymore. Curfews are just a bad memory from high school.

Unfortunately, total independence isn't usually the case. Many students on campus live in a state of "conditional independence."

Total independence would involve students taking responsibility for tuition, car notes, insurance, food and other expenses that most don't think about until they're away from home.

Instead, first-year students tend to hold many ties to home. Students rely on parents for food, emotional support and, most importantly, money for

everything a college student could need and want.

There's nothing wrong with having these connections. Everybody needs a little support sometimes, especially in the turbulent phases of college.

When I first left home, I felt like I would never have to come back. I went home the next weekend. My excuse? I forgot some stuff for my dorm.

For the first couple of months, I went home every other weekend. Sometimes I wanted to hang out with people I knew in town. Sometimes I wanted to get away from my roommates. Most of the time, though, I just didn't have anything else to do.

Upon arrival to college, one shouldn't cut all ties back home. It's very tempting to look at college as a complete escape from the 'rents, but life has a way of throwing the unexpected in your face.

What happens when your car breaks down and you don't have the cash to fix it? When all you had to eat last week was bowl after bowl of Ramen noodles, who's going to throw in a little money for a McDonald's run? Maybe the roommates can help a

little with these needs, but only your family will help you out time and time again.

The only problem with being dependent on your parents is that it is easy to overdo it. Those weekend stays at home can easily become two-to-three week vacations. This isn't healthy. But parents know how to fix this problem easily.

Take me for example. To teach me independence, they changed the locks on the doors. To teach me to fend for myself, they changed their phone number and told me to stop hanging around the house.

I pleaded with them, but they put a restraining order on me. After numerous arrests, a few court appearances and several months of therapy, I've learned to live all by myself.

So, to all the incoming freshmen, enjoy your time at college. Revel in the fact that you're independent, but not at the same time. Just don't overdo the dependent part. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

If you're going to nap in a police station, the least you could do is to remember to take the cocaine out of your mouth.

Edward O. Green was arrested in LaPorte, Ind., in May on charges of narcotics possession. Green fell asleep while waiting to bail out a friend from the sheriff's station. When deputies began to approach him, they immediately noticed several small plastic bags in his mouth filled with white powder, which tests later determined to be cocaine.

Sometimes, people make it too easy to write this column.

Why in the world would you bring very illegal drugs into a police station? It'd be much safer to keep them at home under your pillow or something.

We're a generous lot. Let's give Green the benefit of the doubt and assume he had a very good reason. That still



doesn't excuse the ignorant plan of storing bags of the stuff in your mouth.

How about the front pocket of your jeans? You could try your sock, but that might leave the coke smelling less than fresh. You could line your wallet with little baggies. Even sticking them in your bum, if you needed to transport them, would be safe. After all, we're willing to bet that LaPorte isn't the crime capital of the Midwest, and therefore wouldn't order a full body cavity search.

Let this serve as a reminder to everyone out there – if you're going to move the coke, don't fall asleep on the job. ♦

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Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Dixie dewdrop and dixie raindrops

High-spirited fans tough it out at celebration

By Ryan Noreikas
Staff Writer

A rather wet weekend in Murfreesboro didn't spoil the fun at the 25th annual Uncle Dave Macon Days old-time music and dance festival.

"The rain didn't slow down the momentum," said festival director Gloria Christy. "If anything, it picked it up. These people didn't miss a lick."

Held at historic Cannonsburgh, Murfreesboro's original name and place of settlement, the three-day event, free to all ages, drew a crowd of more than 40,000 old-time country music fans.

Known as the "Dixie Dewdrop," Macon joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1926 and became its first individual featured performer. A master banjo player and performer, he died in 1952, and was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1966.

Born David Harrison Macon in 1870, "Uncle Dave" grew up in Smartt Station, Warren County, Tenn., and later resided in Kittrell, Rutherford County, Tenn., with wife Matilda and their seven children.

Macon began his career as a performer entertaining family and friends while operating a mule-drawn transportation company between

Murfreesboro and Woodbury. He retired his mule teams in 1920 at age 50 to pursue a career as a full-time entertainer.

Now, 50 years after his death, tens of thousands of people gathered from July 12-14 to honor their "Uncle Dave" and the music he helped create.

Spectators enjoyed all-day competitions, pick-up jam sessions, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, historic exhibits, heritage activities and assorted concessions.

A historic photo exhibit was on display in the Cotton Warehouse throughout the duration of the festival, representing the 50-year career of the late Dick Shacklett, with photographs from the 1860s through the mid 1950s.

The fun kicked off the evening of July 12 with competitions including old-time singing, beginner instrumental, UDM freewheelin' style, freestyle dance – junior, freestyle dance – senior, harmonica, dulcimer and dobro. It was a rainy night, but the true fans stuck it out.

Many umbrellas were in use – some watched from under tents and others remained in the open field.

Sounds of rain and music were broadcast over WSM 650 AM. Known as America's country music station, WSM was present and broadcasting for the entire festival.

Listeners enjoyed interviews with special guests as well as select live performances from the festival. Also, stage performances were available via the internet at www.wsmonline.com.

"[Uncle Dave Macon Days] is great publicity for WSM," said longtime Uncle Dave Macon Days attendee and staff worker Bill Knowlton.

Competitions began around 9 a.m. Thursday and a "motorless parade" traveled down East Main Street.

The idea for the "motorless parade" originated from the minds of the late John Blankenship and the late Forrest Pascal. Their goal was to start a parade pulled by horses, ponies and mules because Uncle Dave Macon's mule transportation company was shut down by gas-

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Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff
Jim Brunson of Arkansas celebrates his 14th year of attending Uncle Dave Macon Days as he plays the fiddle.

Keb' Mo' brings blues, soul to District concert

By Ryan Noreikas
Staff Writer

An array of sounds filled the air at last Thursday's Dancin' in the District at Riverfront Park in Nashville.

Soulful blues artist Keb' Mo' was the featured performer. A two-time Grammy award-winner, he has worked with such blues greats as Charlie Tuna, Albert Collins, Big Joe Turner, Pee Wee Crayton and Jimmy Witherspoon.

"Nashville, Tennessee, Lord have mercy," Keb' preached onstage as he began sliding up and down his acoustic guitar and blowing into his blues harp.

Keb' was joined onstage by fellow strummer Darren Hill for various songs. Hill's accompaniments included guitar, banjo, mandolin and other instruments.

Born Kevin Moore, he grew up in Compton, South Central Los Angeles, and began playing guitar at age 12.

In the 1970s, Moore played on various musicians' albums, including Papa John Creach, and Jefferson Starship. He also joined A&M Records as a staff songwriter.

In the 1980s, he released his first solo album, *Rainmaker*, and began performing at the L.A. nightclub, Marla's Memory Lane, with The Whodunit Band, which featured blues aces Monk Higgins and Charlie Tuna.

"[Charlie Tuna] was the guy who really inspired me to play blues guitar," Moore recalled.

Playing with The Whodunit Band, Moore realized he had found his niche with the blues. He concentrated on solo acoustic work, and took a trip to Mississippi to hang out with



Photo by Tyler R. Andrews | Staff

Keb' Mo', also known as Kevin Moore, soulfully sings the blues from his recently released album, *The Door*, at Dancin' in the District Thursday.

veteran Delta bluesman Eugene Powell.

"The blues," he said, "is my history, my culture. It's always been around me. I always wanted primarily not just to be the blues guy, but a songwriter. But the blues gave me depth."

Playing blues on into the 1990s, Moore expanded his stage experience in L.A. and began calling himself Keb' Mo'. It was in 1994 that he released his self-titled debut album under the name Keb' Mo'.

In 1996, he received his first of two Grammy awards for the album *Just Like You*. He received his second Grammy in 1998 for

Slow Down.

His most recent release, *The Door*, is of similar caliber. Keb' writes from the heart. Nevertheless, his lyrics are bold and honest.

"With every song, I think there has to be something real – kind of an arm reaching out to reality," he said.

Keb' Mo' played a soothingly mellow show, with plenty of heart and soul.

The Flatlanders, a veteran band, performed before him. Made up in 1971 by Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Joe Ely and Butch Hancock, the band released one album in 10 years before they

split up and found success in solo careers. Reunited once again, their performance Thursday was spectacular.

Opening the show were Jupiter Coyote and Phormone. Both displayed a mixture of rock and country sounds.

Dancin' in the District happens every Thursday evening on the Cumberland River at Riverfront Park in Nashville. Free for all ages, it's a good source for the musical culture of Nashville. Future performers for the 10th annual Dancin' in the District include Blues Traveler, Sister Hazel, Better Than Ezra and many more. ♦

What's going on in the 'Boro

Compiled by Ryan Noreikas
Staff Writer

Wednesday, July 17

The Boro Bar and Grill will feature The Nationals at 9:30 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge.

The Bunganut Pig will feature Scotty Dorman and Joytown at 8 p.m. with no cover charge.

Wall Street will feature Doug Hough downstairs at 10 p.m. Faces will feature Spiral at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 18

The Boro Bar and Grill will feature Neo and Folk Medicine at 9:30 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

The Bunganut Pig will feature Tim Lake and Mister Indiana at 8 p.m. with no cover charge.

Red Rose will feature Kevin, Matt and Allan.

Sebastian's will feature Chase Adams with Coda.

Wall Street will feature Money Penny with Dogs for Daisies upstairs; Brandon Vickers downstairs at 10 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge. Ladies free until midnight.

Faces will feature Money Penny at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 19

The Boro Bar and Grill will feature Janie Grey at 9:30 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge.

The Bunganut Pig will feature Christine Arnold and Clarence Dobbins at 9 p.m. with a cover charge up to \$5.

Wall Street will feature Tartar upstairs and 3/4 Hemingway downstairs at 10 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

Saturday, July 20

The Boro Bar and Grill will feature Dead Sun, Lopan, and Unsound at 9:30 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

Faces will feature Money Penny at 9:30 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

Wall Street will feature Old Fire Water upstairs and Miguel Y La Perros at 10 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

Sunday, July 21

The Boro Bar and Grill will feature Mike's Open Mic Night at 4 p.m. with no cover. Rolland Gresham will perform at 8 p.m. with a \$3 cover charge.

Monday, July 22

Wall Street will feature Open Mic Night with host Don Clark at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Wall Street will feature The State upstairs and Matt Warren downstairs at 10 p.m. with no cover charge.

Wednesday, July 24

Wall Street will feature Doug Hough downstairs at 10 p.m.

The Boro Bar and Grill is located at 1211 Greenland Dr. The Bunganut Pig is located at 1602 W. Northfield Blvd. Red Rose Café and Bistro is located at 528 W. College St. Sebastian's is located at 109 N. Maple St. Wall Street is located at 121 N. Maple St. Faces is located at 2111 E. Main St.

Days: Heritage award given at Uncle Dave Macon Days

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powered engines.

The parade started around 10 a.m. at Central Middle School, and traveled down East Main Street, ending at Cannonsburgh village. \$50 premiums were given to the best entry in each of these categories: carriages, wagons, mounted riders and junior mounted riders.

Fortunately, the rain held off for the parade, but began anew around 1:30 p.m. Regardless, the schedule proceeded as planned.

Competitions Thursday included guitar, mandolin, contest fiddle, old-time clogging - junior, old-time clogging - adult, old-time clogging - senior, traditional style fiddle, old-time banjo, old-time band, old-time buckdancing - junior, old-time buckdancing - adult and old-time buckdancing - senior.

Around 5 p.m., a special celebration called "Macon Memories" was held on the main stage. Included was a performance by the great-great grandchildren of Uncle Dave Macon and the presentation of the 2002 Heritage Award.

The Heritage Award is given annually to an individual dedicated to the preservation and advancement of old-time music and dance. This year's winner was banjoist and singer Wade Mainer, a legendary performers of old-time music.

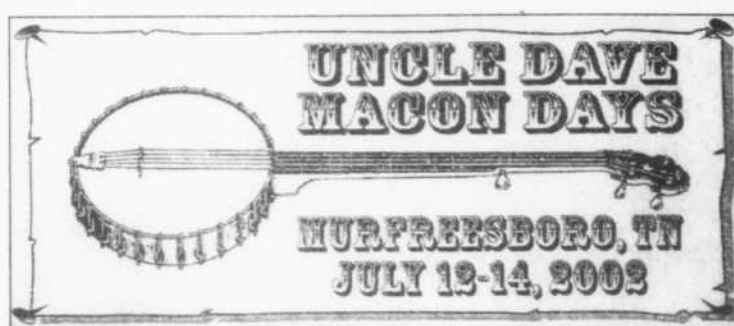
"Coming from a rural mountain community near Asheville, N.C., Mainer took the old ballads and fiddle tunes he heard his family perform and transformed them into what we now call country music," Charles Wolfe wrote in a brochure.

Wolfe is a nationally recognized author and MTSU English professor.

"At age 95, Mainer is possibly the last survivor of country music's Golden Age - the time of the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, and Uncle Dave Macon," he wrote.

"With his wife Julia, herself a pioneer on early radio, he continues to play and sing the old songs, using his unique two-finger banjo style."

Mainer has won several awards in his time, including the National Heritage



Photos by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

(Above) Jim Brunson of Arkansas and Dennis Baumgardner celebrate Uncle Dave Macon Days with fiddle-playing during Friday's festival. Baumgardner, who prefers to call his fiddle a violin, purchased his instrument on the Internet.

(Right) Bluegrass performers gather around a porch at historic Cannonsburgh Village, Murfreesboro's original name and settlement, in honor of the 25th annual Uncle Dave Macon Days celebration Friday held July 12-14.



Fellowship in 1987, presented by the vice president in Washington, and the Lifetime Achievement award in 1990, by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

"Wade Mainer is 95 going on 20," Knowlton said.

"What an adorable man," added staff worker Tracey Woodall.

After the "Macon Memories" celebration, the competition finals carried the festival into the night.

The third day was a sunny

finale for the festival. On the main stage was the 12th annual Gospel Showcase, which began around 2 p.m. and ended hours later.

The featured performers were the Southern Express Gospel from Tompkinsville, Ky. It was an uplifting finish for the 25th annual Uncle Dave Macon Days.

This festival will continue to aid in the preservation of the spirit of old-time music and dancing for years to come, rain or shine. ♦



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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Kevin Jones
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Raider Roundup auction set for Aug. 2

The Raider Roundup will be held at 6 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Foundation House Aug. 2. The event will be chaired by Liz Rhea and is used each year to raise money for scholarships and other programs. Area businesses have donated items for the auction in past years.

Super Bowl tickets will be highlighted along with sports memorabilia. Several items will be available for auction, including a number of trips, jewelry, furniture, clothing, and home accessories.

A group of 20 volunteers are responsible for making this year's event possible: Lori Dykes, Judy Myatt, Julia Sullivan, Linda Parks, Beth Binkley, Brenda Wunder, Ed DeBoer, Ginger Corley, Sharon Thomas, Chuck and Wanda Shaw, Don and Hannah Witherspoon, Tanya Rogers, Gail Tansil, Molly Culbreath, Kathy Hoover, Diane Gower, May Esther Bell, Cindy Flippin, Linda Watson and Stephanie Brackman.

The cost per person is \$50 and the festivities will include an open bar, music and food provided by Outback Steakhouse. Guests may dress in casual attire.

SBC names preseason All-Conference team

Recently, five MT football players were named to Football News' Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference team. The publication chose a first team offense and defense.

Taking the preseason honors for the offense were Heisman Trophy candidate Dwone Hicks, wide receiver Tyrone Calico and offensive tackle Brandon Westbrook.

Hicks was named 2001's SBC Offensive Player of the Year after leading the league in rushing and touchdowns.

Calico is the second leading receiver in school history. Westbrook was named First-Team SBC in 2001.

The other two Blue Raiders making the list were free safety Michael Woods and punter Robert Billings.

MT football guide tops all in Tennessee

The Tennessee Sports Writers Association recently voted MT's 2001 Football Media Guide "Best Press Guide" in the state of Tennessee.

The press guides are voted on by judges from another state and are judged on all levels. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville ranked No. 2, followed by Carson-Newman College coming in at No. 3.

The Blue Raider media relations office received a plaque July 15, when the 2002 guide was officially issued.

SBC chooses associate commissioner

SBC Commissioner Wright Waters has named Jim Carabin the new associate commissioner of marketing.

Carabin recently held the director of sales position for Crimson Tide Sports marketing in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Prior to the assignment in Alabama, Carabin was a senior account executive for the Detroit Pistons' parent organization, Palace Sports and Entertainment, for two years. His career began as a sales representative with the Cleveland Force, an indoor soccer team.

Carabin received his bachelor's degree in sports administration from Bowling Green State University in 1987. ♦

SBC recognizes student athletes

By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

A record 979 student athletes were recognized and honored by the Sun Belt Conference with the announcement of the league's academic awards Friday.

Middle Tennessee, one of the 13 SBC member institutions, had 93 students from 12 different varsity sports throughout the university make the list.

Only 800 SBC student athletes were named last year.

The academic awards are composed of the Commissioner's List and the Honor Roll.

Students named to the Commissioner's List must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA for the previous two semesters.

To be selected to the Honor Roll, a student athlete must maintain a 3.00-3.49.

"It says a lot about the quality of the student athletes that our coaches are recruiting to come to Middle Tennessee," said Athletics Director Boots Donnelly. "The student athletes

"The student athletes on this list deserve a big pat on the back for getting the job done where it counts—in the classroom."

—Boots Donnelly
Athletics Director



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on this list deserve a big pat on the back for getting the job done where it counts — in the classroom. Making these lists is a very difficult thing to do and these kids should be very proud of themselves for being able to juggle academics and athletics while excelling at both."

Forty-one MT student athletes were named to the Commissioner's list for 2001-02. They are as follows:

Baseball: Chuck Akers, Chris Leguene, Chase Swing.

Men's Basketball: Jon Douglas. Women's Basketball: Joanne Aluka, Paula Penttila,

Jessica Schlueter.

Football: Joey Montalbano, Kevin Pascoe, Reggie Polk.

Men's Golf: John Beddies, Carter Henderson, J.R. Wade.

Women's Golf: Kristin Lynch, Rachel Sanders.

Soccer: Jessica Busey, Nicole Fell, Ashley Hicks, Sarah Linder, Leigh Peacock, Sheri Robbins, Emily Shrum, Veera Viljakainen.

Softball: Laura Brockman, Kathleen McCraw, Kip Phillips,

Jennifer Polstein, Lisa Sherman. Men's Tennis: Oliver Foreman, Daniel Klemetz.



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Women's Tennis: Tanya Buchheim, Manon Kruse, Carien Venter.

Men's Track and Cross Country: Greg Jones, Levi Sybert.

Women's Track and Cross Country: Naomi Ansah, Lanora Gray, Jennifer Howard, Erin Russell.

Volleyball: Paraskevi Gargalianos, Jennifer Hignite.

Fifty-one student-athletes were named to the Honor Roll. They are as follows:

Baseball: Tim Crunk, Travis Horschel, Derek Phillips, John Williams.

Women's Basketball: Keisha McClinic, Mia Parviainen.

Football: Robert Billings, Glen Elarbee, Lucas Frost, Andrico Hines, Ben Howze,

Brian Kelly, John Madrick, Tony Matussek, Jamison Palmer, Sean Saylor, Zack Swanson, Paul



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Wheeler. Women's Golf: Tamara Munsch.

Soccer: Britney Camden, Emily Carter, Megan Holsten.

Megan McGregor, Laura Miguez, Tiffany Moore, Jessica Northcutt, Lesley Pearson,

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Martinez. Men's Tennis: Robert Gustafsson, Rishan Kuruppu, Greg Pollack, Michael Staniak.

Women's Tennis: Michaela Gridling, Emily Vest.

Men's Track and Cross Country: Carlos Gonzalez, William Rabe, Steve Safstrom.

Women's Track and Cross Country: Amanda Forrester, Coleen Parker, Regina Raccuglia, Stephany Reid, Kelley Smith.

Volleyball: Karisse Baker, Kelly Cannon, Dara Mclean. ♦



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Raiders have four on watch list

By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

The Football Writers Association of America released its 2002 All-America Watch List which included four Middle Tennessee players July 11.

Heisman Trophy candidate Dwone Hicks, place-kicker Brian Kelly, punter Robert Billings and offensive tackle Brandon Westbrook were recognized by the FWAA for the upcoming season which will kick off Aug. 31 against the Crimson Tide of the University of Alabama.

"Our program and university is honored to have that many players recognized by some of the top media personnel in the country," said head coach Andy McCollum. "All four players are very deserving and we appreciate the publicity, but we would rather see them make the team at the end of the year because that would mean the team had a great season."

Hicks, a respected 2002 Heisman Trophy candidate, took the title of the 2001 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year last season and led the SBC in rushing and touchdowns, and finished second nationally in scoring. Hicks, who is a Huntsville, Ala., native, was the

only senior from MT to make the watch list this season.

During his junior campaign, Hicks won the SBC rushing title with 1,143 yards during the 2001 season. Hicks started in 10-of-11 games in 2001 and was featured in the Sept. 24 issue of *Sports Illustrated* as "a dark horse for the Heisman Trophy."

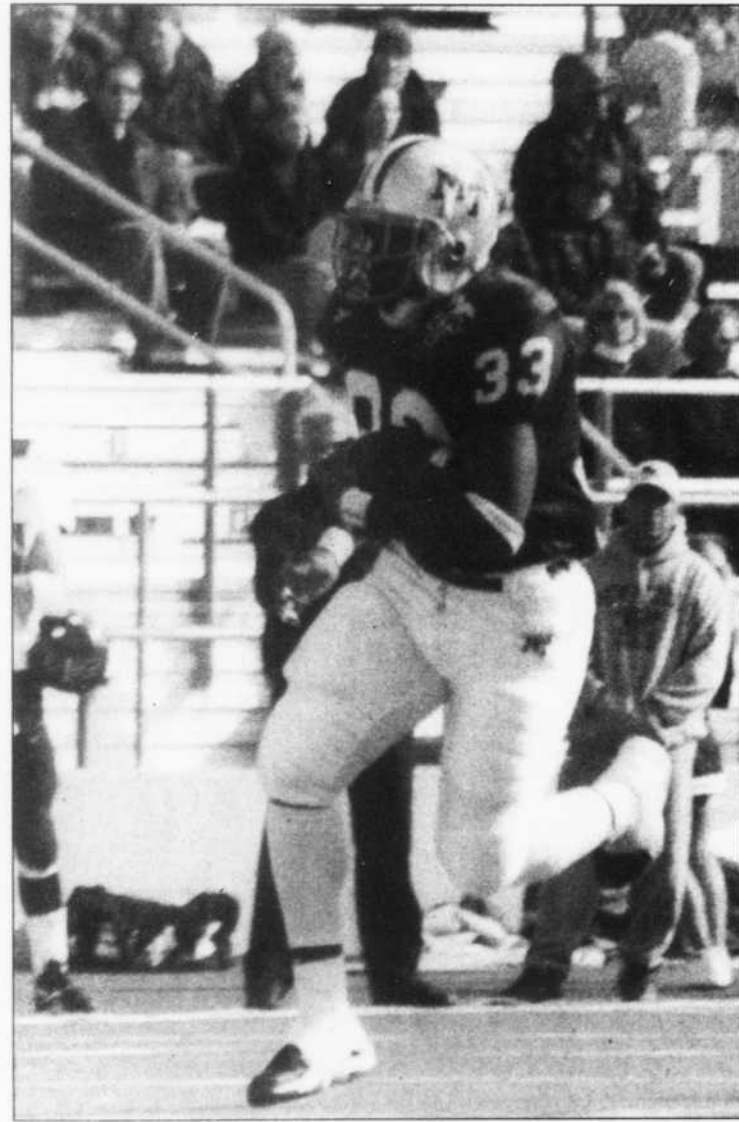
At the end of January 2002, Hicks announced that he would return to MT for his senior season instead of participating in the NFL draft.

Kelly, a Woodstock, Ga., native, has never missed a field goal in an SBC game and currently holds a 17-of-22 career record in field goals. A preseason Lou Groza Award candidate in 2001, he did not even sign with MT until late May of 2000.

While playing on turf during his college career, Kelly's longest field goal has been 47 yards. On grass, his longest is 42 yards. During the 2001 season, Kelly made 6-of-9 field goals and 44-of-46 extra points. He also played in 10 of 11 games during his freshman season at MT in 2000.

Originally a walk-on at MT, Billings has improved throughout his career and recorded the fourth best single-season punt-

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File Photo

Dwone Hicks runs for a touchdown against NMSU.

MLB heads into second half of play

Season continues even as players plan to strike

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With a possible strike in the future, Major League Baseball teams now begin the second half of the baseball season. Some teams will be looking to make trades to increase the chance of winning a pennant, while others have already packed it up for the year and are rebuilding for next season and beyond.

Early in the season the Boston Red Sox (52-33) jumped out to a lead in the American League Eastern Division standings. However, the offense slowed down in June, and the New York Yankees (55-32) have now taken over the AL East and led by two games coming into the first day of play after the All-Star break.

The Yankees, who added Jason Giambi during the off season, received outfielder Raul Mondesi and pitcher Jeff Weaver from trades before the break. The Yankees look to be in position to make another run in the playoffs, and possibly capture another World Series championship.

"We have one of the best records in baseball and are in first place. If I can get that in the second half, I'll be happy," Yankees general manager Wayne Cashman said to MLB.com.

If the season ended today, the Red Sox would advance to the postseason by winning the wildcard.

In the AL Central Division, the team that MLB tried to get rid of, the Minnesota Twins (50-39), leads the division by 7.5 games over the Chicago White Sox (42-46). The Twins suffered though many injuries

during the first part of the season. The performances by all-star outfielder Torii Hunter and closer Eddie Guardado (26 saves) have kept the Twins in first place. Last season the Twins had a five game lead and lost it.

The AL West could come down to a three-team battle for the division title. At the break, the Seattle Mariners (55-33) led the division by three games over the Anaheim Angels (51-35) and five games over the Oakland Athletics (50-38).

Seattle can repeat as AL West Champions if outfielders Ichiro Suzuki and Mike Cameron continue the production into the second half of the season. Suzuki is second in the AL with a .357 batting average, and Cameron hit four home runs in a game earlier this season.

In the National League East, the Atlanta Braves (56-32) lead the division by 9.5 games over the surprising Montreal Expos (46-41).

The Braves' starting pitching led by Tom Glavine (11-4), a bullpen that is finally good and closer John Smoltz (31 saves) have been key factors in the Braves going for another divisional pennant.

"These guys have done well, but they know there are 80-some games left in the season," Braves manager Bobby Cox said to MLB.com.

The Expos, who are owned by MLB, are looking to make a run to the wildcard by adding pitcher Bartolo Colon. In the future, they want to add Florida Marlins outfielder Cliff Floyd to go along with Vladimir Guerrero.

"They don't give up," Expos manager

Frank Robinson said to MLB.com. "They have a very quiet determination."

In the NL Central, the St. Louis Cardinals are still trying to cope with the deaths of famous Cardinal broadcaster Jack Buck and pitcher Darryl Kile. St. Louis comes into the break with a record of (47-38), and a two game lead over the Cincinnati Reds (46-41). The Reds had control of the division at the beginning of the season, but a 22-23 home record has dropped them to second place. It's all up to the health of outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. if the Reds are looking to make a comeback for first place.

Despite MVP candidates Lance Bertman of the Astros and Sammy Sosa of the Cubs, their respective teams are not in contention for the divisional title. Bertman leads the majors in home runs with 29 and Sosa is second with 28. The Houston Astros (41-45) are 6.5 games behind first place, then the Pittsburgh Pirates (38-49) are next at 10 behind. The Chicago Cubs (35-51) are in 5th place at 12.5 behind, and bringing up the rear are the Milwaukee Brewers (33-55), 15.5 back.

The NL West is a carbon copy of their AL counterparts with a three-team race for the division title. The Los Angeles Dodgers (54-34) are in first place in the division with a 2.5 game lead on the defending World Series Champs, the Arizona Diamondbacks (51-36). The San Francisco Giants are not far behind with 4.5 games out of first place.

The Dodgers have been led by rightfielder Shawn Green, who leads the team with 26 home runs and 68 RBIs. Green also hit 26 home runs in a game this season. The pitch

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Looking South



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All star game disappoints many fans

All right, forget that I said Major League Baseball has the best All-Star game in sports by leaps and bounds.

That theory shot itself in the foot last Tuesday night at the 2002 All-Star contest when Commissioner Bud Selig called the 7-7 game a draw after 11 innings.

With the game tied at seven in the 11th inning and all available pitchers for both teams used, Selig conferred with the umpires and coaches and decided the game would no longer go on.

They also decided to declare no MVP. This disappointed the fans at the game and many others across the nation — something that baseball, a sport on the hot seat, could not afford.

Baseball may have just thrown the first load of dirt on the deep grave it has been digging for itself in the past several months. The MLB All-Star game, which most people think is the best in sports, was to be a deterrent from the many problems facing the sport today. Steroid usage, labor talks, contraction and a potential strike have been at the top of the baseball headlines all year.

The Midsummer Classic was to settle the news, if for only three days. But after not giving the high-paying viewers a winner, the firestorm began. To top things off, baseball officials decided not to hand out the traditional MVP award, named that evening in honor of the late Ted Williams. Ah, what is "Teddy Ballgame" thinking at that great diamond in the sky?

MLB could have easily used the All-Star festivities as positive public relations towards the many unsure fans across the world.

The stage was set perfectly: national television in prime time, no other sports to contend with and people looking for dramatics (i.e. extra innings). Even most of the media was cooperative. Only baseball could mess this one up — and it did.

History will not be kind to the 2002 All-Star game, let alone the whole season. It could turn out to be the start of the baseball apocalypse.

Well, probably not. Baseball is more cursed right now than anything and you know how the fairy tale goes. The hero needs to come along and rid baseball of its villain, Bud Selig. ♦

Harvick wins again at Chicagoland Speedway

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Kevin Harvick used a spin and fuel mileage to take home the victory in the Tropicana 400 for the second consecutive year at Chicagoland Speedway Sunday.

Harvick stayed on the track instead of going into the pits with 25 laps to go. Then he held off Jeff Gordon to collect his third career Nascar Winston Cup victory. Harvick's last victory was at the same race last season.

"The biggest worry I had was on the restart," Harvick said to Rpm.espn.com. "Jeff Gordon is great on restarts. When he didn't get me there, I thought we could win it."

The fuel inside his car was able to last the final 67 laps of the race, and it ran out as he was doing post-victory celebrations to the fans.

Harvick's margin of victory over Gordon was 0.812 seconds, which is about eight car-lengths in front.

The final caution came out with 28 laps to go when pole-sitter and race leader at the time Ryan Newman got a flat right front tire. At the same time, Joe Nemecek crashed into the turn two wall. Before the caution, Harvick was running in 9th place, and Gordon was right behind him in 10th.

When the leaders pitted, Harvick and Gordon decided to remain on the track. That decision put Harvick in 1st place and Gordon in 2nd place.

Harvick stayed out on the track with 67 laps to go because Elliott Sadler spun out on the front stretch that brought out the yellow flag. Harvick went into the pits and filled the gas tank and put on four new tires for his final stop of the race.

On lap 197, however, Harvick got into some trouble when he tried to pass Kurt Busch between turns 1 and 2 on the apron of the racetrack. He then lost command of his car and spun out on the backstretch. Still, he did not hit anything.

Right behind Harvick, four cars spun out and crashed that brought out the sixth caution of the race.

"That was a pretty stupid move, in my opinion," said Jeff Gordon to Nascar.com of Harvick's attempted pass on the apron. "Unless they put the yellow line down there, guys are going to make those moves. He took three-quarters of the field out when he did it."

"You've got to give him some credit, though," he said. "I don't know how he saved that thing. It was impressive to see him save it, but not

impressive to see him do it." "Jeff Gordon got second," Harvick said to Nascar.com with a grin. "If he had a little bravery he might have won. If he thinks it's a stupid move, I think it was pretty cool."

Gordon's winless streak now extends to 26 races.

The rest of the top five were Tony Stewart in third, then Jimmie Johnson, and Ryan Newman.

Points leader Sterling Marlin was penalized one lap for going over the line in his pit box and working on the car while over the line. He finished 16th in the race one lap down.

Marlin's lead is now 49 points over Mark Martin, who finished ninth on Sunday.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. led the most laps in the race with 73, but lost the lead on Lap 202 to Ryan Newman. Earnhardt finished 10th after taking four tires on a pit stop with 25 laps to go.

Polesitter Newman was able to get a new right front tire and completed the race in 5th place. He led for 56 laps in the event.

The next race, the New England 300, is Sunday with at New Hampshire International Speedway. The race will be televised at 12:30 p.m. on TNT. ♦

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ing staff has been impressive with closer Eric Gagne. He leads the majors with 32 saves.

Don't count out Arizona with pitchers Curt Schilling

(14-3) and Randy Johnson (12-3), or the Giants with leftfielder Barry Bonds, who has 27 homers on the season.

The Colorado Rockies (42-46) and the San Diego Padres (35-53) bring up the rest of the

NL West.

The standings wouldn't mean anything, though, if baseball goes on another strike and these results will be lost in the history books. ♦

Football: Four on look for All-American

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season with an average of 42.3 yards per kick. That average also led the SBC.

Billings, who is a Collierville, Tenn., native, was officially put on scholarship by coach Andy McCollum in the fall of 2001. After running a 10-yard dash, Billings was clocked at 1.68 seconds.

During the 2001 opener against Vanderbilt, Billings punted a season-long 58 yards.

Westbrook was a first team All-SBC selection in 2001 after playing a career best 684 snaps and collecting 65.5 total knock-downs during his sophomore season. Westbrook, who is from Cumming, Ga., was selected a freshman All-American in 2000.

After starting 21 of the past 22 games in 2000 and 2001, Westbrook missed the 2000 season finale due to a broken leg suffered while playing South Florida.



Robert Billings punts during the Blue-White game.

These four All-American hopefuls will begin their SBC championship campaign Aug. 31 against Alabama followed by games against the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the University of Kentucky. ♦

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