



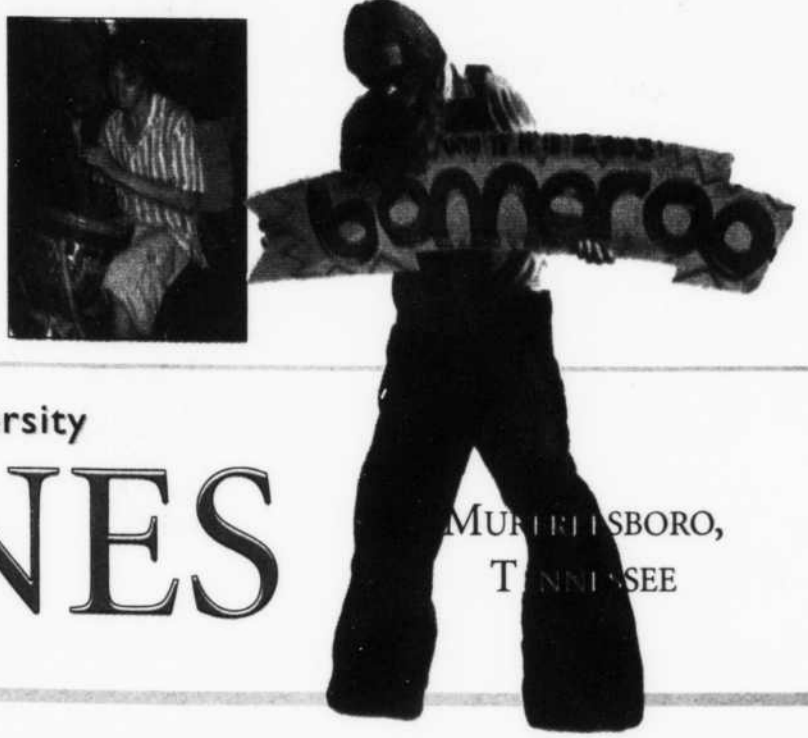
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How will the expected double-digit
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Campus Briefs

Directorial candidate introduced to students

A student panel will be held to introduce one of the candidates for the director's position in the June Anderson Women's Center. Candidate Kris Ewing will be in Room 326J of the Keathley University Center on June 19 from 11 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. to meet with students. Carol Ann Baily has been serving as the interim director for the JAWC.

For more information, contact Baily at 898-2193.

Summer intramural registration extended

Campus Recreation announced the extension of the deadline for summer intramural 3-on-3 basketball and sand volleyball until today. The games will start June 23, and the fee will be \$45.

Intramurals will be open to all individuals in the community who are at least 18 years old. Registration packets will be available in the office of the campus Recreation Center Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Chewey Lam at 898-2104 or e-mail impsports@mtsu.edu

HPERS computer lab open summer hours

The Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety computer lab in Alumni Memorial Gym room 204 will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. for the summer. The lab will be temporarily closed from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Governor's School takes place at MTSU

The 18th Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts will be held on campus all month. Registration for the approximate 230 students began Sunday. The program runs for four weeks, during which time the selected high school students will participate in various activities in the arts. Last year's program was suspended due to budget constraints.

For more information, contact Dale McGilliard at 898-2274.

Camp Prism teaches hands-on math, science

June 16 through June 25, MTSU will host a program to teach children math, science and technology. Camp Prism will occur both on campus and in the Murfreesboro community.

Participants will enjoy such activities as studying earthquakes and constructing robots. MTSU and Murfreesboro City Schools collaborated to provide this program, funded by the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation and an MTSU public service grant.

For more information, contact Rebecca Zijlstra, program coordinator, at 848-8960 or Linda Gilbert of Murfreesboro City Schools at 893-2313. ♦

THEC proposes tuition increase

By Wendy Caldwell
Assistant News Editor

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a 9 to 14 percent tuition increase at a meeting last Wednesday.

The Tennessee Board of Regents will meet June 27 to determine whether or not to approve the proposed tuition hike. Mary Morgan, TBR director of communications, said



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— Sidney McPhee
MTSU president

students would not know what percentage of increase to expect until the meeting.

"There's been a steady decline in state appropriations per student," Morgan explained. Morgan said state appropriations are currently at 80 percent

of what competing institutions outside of the TBR are appropriating for higher education. She anticipates tuition at

state universities will continue to increase as long as state appropriations decrease. She doesn't know what the TBR will decide on the 9 to 14 percent proposal, but she expects the board to approve some form of tuition increase.

TBR institutions were asked to plan ahead for the TBR meeting and make projections based on tuition increases ranging

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The National Youth Sports Program at MTSU offers local at-risk students summer activities such as golf.

MTSU hosts at-risk kids

National Youth Sports Program held on campus

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

The National Youth Sports Program hosted 200 Rutherford County school children on campus this month.

The national program, which began in 1968, was designed to promote life-time involvement in sports for youth from economically disadvantaged or at-risk backgrounds.

"Our focus is skill development in an instruction-intensive setting," said Gloria Bonner, dean of the MTSU College of Education and the program's project administrator.

NYSP was one of 202 summer sports programs staged at colleges and universities throughout the United States in partnership with the National Youth Sports Corporation and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This was the first year MTSU hosted the NYSP.

Initiated by Dianna Bartley, interim chair of the MTSU Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety department, this year's local NYSP was funded through a federal grant.

The NYSP operated with the help of a wide network of community partners,

including the local healthcare community, public school teachers, churches, the MTSU coaching staff, the Recreation Center and the Homer Pittard campus school.

"It's very fun and sometimes when you get home you are really tired because there is so much to do," said participant Griselda Cardiel, age 11, from Siegel Middle School in Murfreesboro.

The five-week program combined a busy daily schedule of sports activities with education and life skills training.

Participants ages 10 to 16 alternated lessons in golf, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics and swimming with classroom sessions that educate students about the

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Lofty writers create works

Published mentors aid Writer's Loft participants

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

MTSU's Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service will now offer a low-residency creative writing program called the Writer's Loft.

Students will earn a creative writing certificate after completing an intensive 18-month program modeled after a Master of Fine Arts curriculum.

The Writer's Loft combines workshops, panel discussions, public readings and one-on-one mentoring.

"Our mentors are essential to the Writer's Loft's success," Roy Burkhead, a marketing and development coordinator with MTSU, said in a press release.

The program will begin on Aug. 23, when mentors and students meet for a day of orientation. Students will decide whether to write fiction, memoir, non-fiction or poetry. They will return home to write and correspond with mentors.

Mentors for the program include published authors, professors from MTSU's English department and others working from locations throughout the country.

Most mentors earned a Master of Fine Arts in writing, while some possess a master of arts in English and one has a doctorate of philosophy.

In order to maximize individual attention to students, each mentor will be responsible for no more than five students at a time throughout the course of the program.

Students will mail packets of writing approximately every five weeks to mentors, who will evaluate the work and return the writing with detailed comments.

"Studying creative writing in a low-residency format is the ideal situation because writers should be home writing, not sitting in class," Charlotte Rains Dixon said in a press release.

Dixon is an award-winning writer from Portland, Ore., and one of the program's mentors.

"A mentor in a low-residency program respects the student's writing on its own terms and exists to guide that writing to excellence," Dixon said.

In addition to producing

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Lottery scholarships to aid 10,000 students

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Attending Tennessee's institutes of higher education got a little easier last Wednesday as Gov. Phil Bredesen officially signed the state lottery bill into law.

With the lottery expected to begin early 2004, scholarships for high school seniors will be available for the fall 2004 semester.

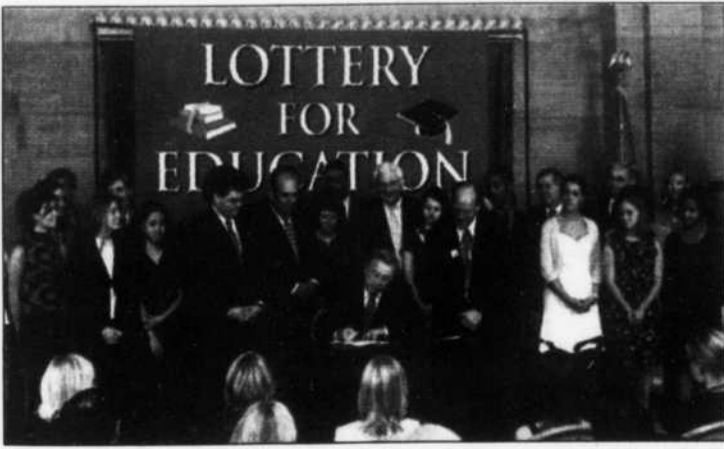
"What we think we will probably see is about a 9 percent enrollment increase," said Mary Morgan, director of communications for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Rep. Kent Coleman of Murfreesboro said he thinks the new lottery scholarships will improve not only MTSU as a university, but also Tennessee students.

"[The lottery] will help make MTSU more competitive academically because it will allow some students who otherwise couldn't go to college because of financial constraints to be able to go," Coleman said.

Scholarships are set at \$3,000 per year to attend a four-year college, but the amount awarded next fall ultimately depends on lottery funds.

"There is a provision where, if the state doesn't have enough money to fund at the \$3,000 level, they can always cut it," said David Hutton, director of MTSU's financial aid. Hutton said the first year's



Gov. Phil Bredesen signs the lottery bill into law, creating a lottery that will provide scholarship funds for students.

scholarships are estimated to be worth \$2,200 each.

Tennessee high school graduates from June 2003 and June 2004 are eligible for the HOPE scholarship, as long as the requirements of a 3.0 grade

point average or a minimum score of 19 on the ACT are met. Other scholarships that will be funded with lottery money include the General Assembly

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Writing: Writer's Loft offers one-day workshops, public readings, panel discussions

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writing for review by mentors, students will also be required to attend three workshops throughout the program.

The one-day workshops will cover a variety of topics, from the craft of poetry and starting a novel to screenwriting and self-publishing.

The Writer's Loft workshops will be available to the pub-

lic, with fees ranging from \$59 to \$89 each.

Writer's Loft panel discussions are also scheduled for each of the three program semesters. The discussions are free of charge and open to the public.

The first, titled "Getting Published: From Manuscript to Book," is set for Nov. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. at Davis-Kidd Booksellers in Nashville at 4007 Hillsboro Road.

Panelists will include novelist M.M. Buckner, writer Joe DeGross and literary agent Scott L. Nelson.

Each semester the Writer's Loft will offer three opportunities for public readings in which students will read their own works created during mentoring sessions.

Some of these readings will be hosted at MTSU, with others to be presented at Davis-Kidd.

The Writer's Loft program is open to all applicants regardless of education level or writing experience.

"Anyone serious about the craft of writing can submit an application," Burkhead said in a press release.

"Our goal is to help people improve, whether you're 85 years old or just getting out of high school," he said.

There is no competitive

component to the application process, but space is limited.

Since the certificate program has 10 mentors, the 5-to-1 student-teacher ratio will restrict the first semester's class to 50 participants.

Tuition is \$1,250 per semester, a total cost of \$3,750 for all three semesters.

If the entire tuition is paid in advance, the program will offer a \$250 discount.

Applications for the Writer's Loft are due by Aug. 1 with an application fee of \$200, 10 pages of sample writing, a transcript, a resume and a letter explaining why the applicant intends to enroll.

For more information about the program online, visit the Writer's Loft Web site at: www.mtsu.edu/~learn/non-credit/theloft.htm. ♦

Program: MTSU to attend national NYSP convention

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dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, decision making, conflict resolution, time management and career options.

"I like the classes because they motivate you," said Christopher Ledell Mays, age 11, from Erma Siegel Elementary.

"If someone asked me about the NYSP, I would tell them to go because it is a lot of fun," he added.

The participants were provided with breakfast and lunch as part of the free program.

Educators at MTSU had a hands-on role in the day to day operation of the program, setting it apart from NYSP administration at other universities.

Additional staffing was provided by graduate students in the human performance department, as well as a number of volunteers.

"Volunteers are key to the success of the program, and we hope to have more volunteers in the future," said Cheryl Ellis,

professor of public health in the HPERS department and the educational specialist for the NYSP.

The MTSU program was modeled after the Yale University NYSP, acknowledged as one of the best programs in the country.

"We've found that there are even some components of our program that are unique," Ellis said.

Representatives from MTSU will attend the national NYSP convention in October to deliver a presentation highlighting local innovations in the program, such as the creation of detailed family medical histories for participants.

In the future, program administrators said that they hope to expand the NYSP and attract corporate sponsorships, which could provide free sports equipment and athletic clothing to the participants, in addition to other program enhancements. ♦

Lottery: Scholarships will aid 10,000 MTSU students

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Merit Scholarship, which requires a 3.75 GPA and an ACT score of 29.

Supplemental awards will be given to students whose families have an adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less and fulfill the HOPE requirements.

Hutton estimates the lottery scholarship will aid about 10,000 incoming students at MTSU alone and add about \$32 million each year in revenue for the university. Hutton said specifics of the lottery have not been determined.

Currently, admission to MTSU requires a minimum ACT score of 20 or a 2.8 GPA.

"Practically all of our students that we admit will qualify for the lottery scholarships," Hutton explained.

Despite the fact that the lottery has widened the road toward higher education, the signing of the bill came on the same day that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a 9 to 14 percent tuition hike. (For more information about THEC's decision, see "THEC proposes tuition increase," page 1.)

The tuition increases are mainly in response to the new state budget that reduces state appropriations to higher education by \$107 million starting July 1.

"[The lottery] will have a lot of positive impact, but I also want to note that, while we are getting more students, we're not getting more dollars to fund those students, to be able to hire instructors and build classrooms," said President Sidney McPhee.

"It's kind of a catch-22 for us," he said.

"I think higher education took a hard lick with the current budget that we are facing," Coleman said.

In spite of higher tuition and lower state appropriations, government and higher education officials predict a brighter future.

"Activism, voting, support for education - all those things go up significantly if you yourself have had an experience with higher education," Morgan said.

"I do think that the more Tennesseans that get an education, the more support education will have at the state government level," Coleman said. ♦

Tuition: Scholarships affected

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from 8 to 14 percent. MTSU President Sidney McPhee agreed a tuition increase is needed this year.

"I certainly think there is a need for somewhere in that upper level [of the proposed increase]," McPhee said.

This year, the university had to make a \$4 million budget cut this year and an \$8 million cut next year. McPhee explained that, while the increase would not replenish all of the cut funds, it would help to ensure more resources aren't used.

"While we are concerned that students are asked to shoulder more of the burden, the reality is we have to fund the operation of the university," McPhee said.

Morgan agreed that MTSU needs a higher increase than other universities because TBR wants to increase MTSU's standing among other state universities.

"We can't compare ourselves to [the University of Tennessee], but there are other schools in the UT system, such as UT-Martin and UT-Chattanooga, that are far ahead of us, and that should not be the case," McPhee said.

"Any opportunity to bring ourselves to that level and above

that level I would support."

McPhee said that, although tuition is expected to rise, enrollment for the university is still increasing.

Should the TBR approve the tuition hike, some scholarships would be affected as well.

"It does have an impact on scholarships in the sense that, when you raise tuition, you also have to factor in the cost of funding those scholarships," McPhee said.

David Hutton, director of financial aid, said athletic scholarships would need to be increased if tuition were raised.

However, non-athletic scholarships would not change because they are fixed amounts.

Hutton said the university currently spends between \$4.5 and \$5 million on scholarships each year. If the TBR approves the tuition hike, that amount would increase.

Wednesday was the same day that Gov. Phil Bredesen signed the lottery bill, which will provide funds for scholarships to Tennessee institutions.

Although the lottery will provide scholarships for students who meet certain criteria, Morgan doesn't expect it will affect tuition.

"Once TBR makes its decision, we are required to follow it," McPhee said. ♦

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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board HOPE scholarship standards too low

While we're all happy that lottery scholarships will be available to high school seniors beginning the fall of 2004, it seems that the standards are just a bit low.

For example, students will only have to have a 3.0 grade point average or – a key word – a 19 composite score on the ACT.

While the GPA standard is fair, a 19 on the ACT alone is a little low to justify \$3,000 a year. MTSU officials have said that virtually anyone who is eligible to attend MTSU will qualify for the scholarship.

The problem is that enrollment will inevitably increase even more with the scholarship while matching funds from the state will remain largely stagnant, resulting in lower per-student spending. By the way, the per-student spending at MTSU is already the lowest in the state, and Tennessee's overall per-student spending is among the lowest in the nation.

There is a way to alleviate some of this though; a remedy we've been advocating for a long time: Raise the standards to get into MTSU.

Everyone knows someone who, for one reason or another, does not need to be at a four-year university at this stage in their lives. Instead of allowing people who barely qualify for remedial classes to come to the university, let them use the scholarship at one of the many community colleges in Tennessee, all of which offer the same level of coursework in the freshman and sophomore levels.

Tennessee is finally wising up to the fact that education pays, and that investing in education almost always bears rich fruit. However, this plan could turn the four-year universities of this state into a dumping ground for every average student – a waste of valuable funds and the time of students, professors and everyone else involved in the process. ◆

Cloning deemed ethical by AMA

Wit and Wonder

Callie Elizabeth Butler
Staff Columnist



The American Medical Association made a bold move Tuesday when it announced its endorsement of cloning in medical research. The AMA deemed cloning to be an ethical practice but will allow doctors to refuse to perform it based on conflicting ethical viewpoints.

The AMA's cloning report, drafted by Dr. Michael Goldrich, stated that cloning "makes a stance for science."

The proposal focuses

on a single procedure in which embryos would be created in order to cultivate stem cells, which scientists believe can be used to treat numerous diseases. The AMA's Council of Ethical and Judicial Affairs submitted it with the purpose of creating firm policy on cloning.

The proposal was met with great support from groups such as the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, who stated that cloning for medical research purposes, not reproducing humans, should be allowed.

The proposal goes against the ban President George W. Bush put in place against all forms of

cloning. The Senate has yet to act on the AMA measure, and other outlets of criticism have surfaced.

Cloning has the potential to be an important asset to medical science. Numerous possibilities in science and medicine lie within this relatively new procedure. Why should the AMA's efforts as well as other organizations' interests in pursuing research of this new breakthrough be hindered?

They shouldn't. The AMA clearly takes ethics into consideration with their statement that no embryos should be used to create human beings. These cells are merely created in an effort to further research and preserve life, the basic mission of the

medical community. Why is that wrong?

Pro-life groups and conservatively-minded politicians will undoubtedly argue that this is the creation and destruction of life, but these doctors are merely creating cells to aid in treatment and possible cures of diseases that plague our world's population. These aren't significantly developed embryos and won't ever connect with a woman's uterus. How is that unethical?

The AMA is working to further the medical community's ability to help people. Stem cell research has shown promise in numerous areas, including potential cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and advances in cancer-

preventing medicine. This procedure would not be the creation and destruction of life, but the manufacturing of cells that could sustain and improve the quality of human life.

The AMA credits humanity by fighting to help others while standing up for a controversial procedure that could bring them tough criticism. As an organization, they face this head on in the name of medical advancement. That's admirable and a step worthy of praise from all directions. ◆

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Dog owner irresponsible for leaving pooch in car

Thoughts While Driving

Gary Morrison
Staff Columnist



If you are like me, you probably enjoy the summer sessions. They just seem more laid back to me. I like the casual atmosphere brought about by fewer people being on campus. The campus feels less crowded and there is more room for those of us that are here.

For instance, if you ride a bicycle on campus you probably have a much easier time of it during the summer. And don't forget the parking situation. I haven't had much trouble finding a good space these past few weeks. Enjoy that perk while you can; it will end soon enough.

Another aspect of the summer session I enjoy is the increased presence of dogs on campus. I actually like to see people bring their dogs to campus. It creates a park-like atmosphere, and I genuinely like that. I see people playing Frisbee with their dogs and running or walking around campus, generally having a good time.

But last Thursday, I saw a dog on campus that did not seem to be having a

good time. This particular dog was locked in the cab of a red pickup truck parked on the street near Peck Hall. I saw a person with a backpack exiting the truck and heading toward Peck Hall, but it wasn't until I walked passed the truck that I heard the dog barking.

I looked inside the truck and on the driver's side floorboard I saw a little sheepdog, panting with its tongue hanging out. It did have a small cup of water there, and I guess that would last until the dog kicked it over and spilled it. One window was cracked less than an inch.

I was dumbstruck and pissed off. Did I really just see a person leave their dog in a truck while they went to class? Maybe not. Maybe that person had to drop off a paper and would only be gone a moment. But if that were the case, why was the dog owner wearing a backpack that looked like it was full of books? And why did he leave a cup of water if he was going to be gone just a few moments?

It appeared that this person was going to class while the dog remained in the truck. I can only hope that, if that was the case, it was a full-session class that meets for a shorter time than the other summer session classes.

Maybe I am being overly sensitive to this issue. Maybe most dog owners leave their dog locked up in a vehicle while they go to class. Please e-mail me and let me know if this is the case.

I am not condemning this person just yet. There may have been a very logical and justifiable reason, of which I am unaware, as to why the dog was left in the vehicle. Perhaps there were extenuating circumstances that left no other option than that of bringing his dog to school and leaving it in a truck.

I have thought about this for three days, however, and can't think of a reason. Can you think of a reason that would justify leaving a dog inside a vehicle during the summer while you went to class? Do you yourself sit in a vehicle during the summer with only one window cracked for air while you wait for somebody? I doubt it. But apparently this person didn't have a problem leaving his dog in the same situation. What do you think? Post a comment online or e-mail me. ◆

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



In baseball, a batter gets three strikes before he's out. If only it were that easy to dismiss some of the activities of our government.

Strike one – the Washington, D.C., government, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Florida-based Bannum Incorporated are planning to build a halfway house for convicted sex offenders in a planned commercial area, instead of land zoned for residential development.

OK, a simple zoning violation isn't that bad. It was probably just an oversight, and it's easily petitioned for rezoning. Hey, most batters get one strike in each at-bat.

Strike two – the proposed home is near a day-care center for mentally disabled adults. We can live with re-releasing these apparently reformed monsters back into society (some people can have a second chance), but to put them next to a home full of unsuspecting, more-trusting-than-the-general-public innocents is ludicrous.

However, the right precautions could prevent this action from becoming a tragedy. Many game-winning hits have come with one strike left.

Strike three – the proposed halfway house is also near a home for young girls.

The feds, Washington city government and Bannum are all out – or, at least, they should be.

Young girls? What on earth is the unholy trio of government and business thinking? This situation couldn't possibly work out for the best. We'd love to believe that the current prison system does a wonderful job rehabilitating these deviants, but repeat offender statistics indicate otherwise.

We believe that if the released sex offenders really want to take advantage of their new freedom and molest, stalk or rape someone else, they will eventually. But why tempt fate, and up to 300 felons, by placing the halfway house so near a girls' home?

Money can buy a lot of things, but no system is fool-proof. And money can never buy back innocence stolen from a little girl. ◆

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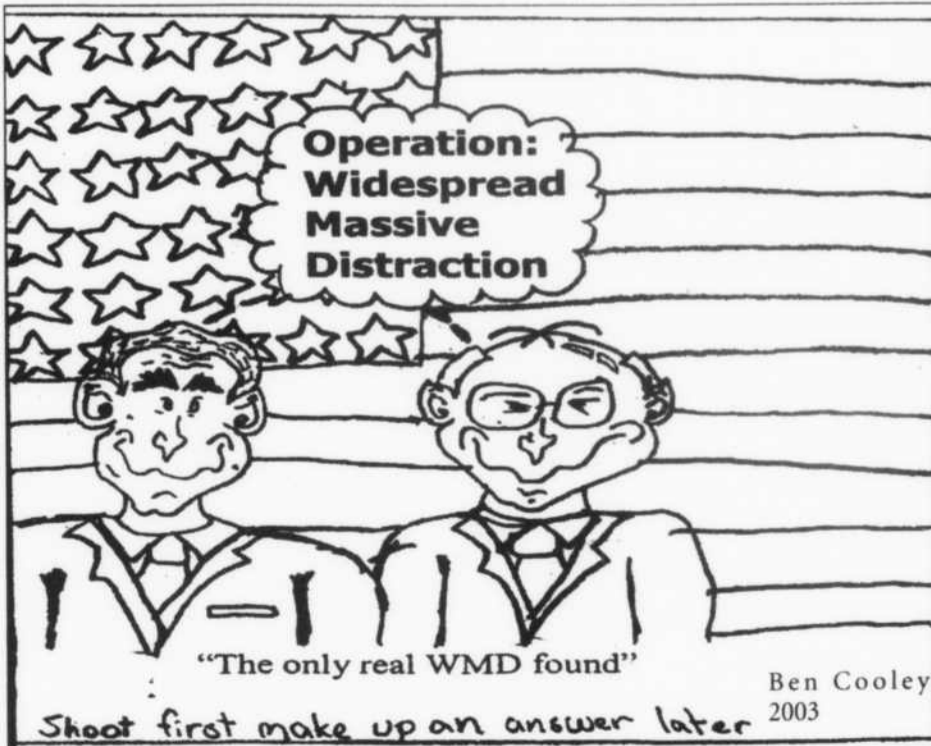
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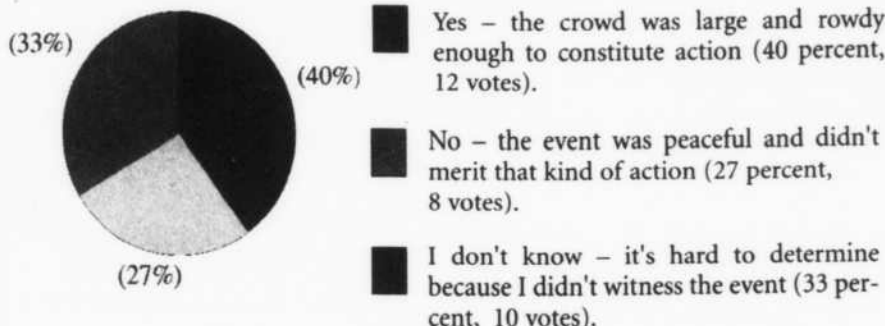


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Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked, "Was Public Safety justified in spraying pepper spray at the Alpha Phi Alpha probate?" Here's what you said:



Be sure to visit www.mtsusidelines.com and vote on next week's poll question: "How will the expected double-digit tuition hike affect you?"

Letter to the Editor

Cops acted improperly by spraying APA function

To the editor:

I was highly disturbed by last week's "Public Safety stops Greek Probate" (June 11). I was present at this gathering, and I was really appalled by the actions of Officer Vergena Forbes. We were all standing in the crowd waiting for the Greek probate show to begin, and she suddenly came out of nowhere and began to spray pepper spray. There was no one fighting or disturbing the peace in any way.

Why does she get the privilege to come in and spray this substance without at least asking what's going on? I thought that officers were supposed to ask questions before they began forcing students out of public areas and spraying them with harmful substances. I understand that the men of Alpha Phi Alpha were violating regulations by setting off fireworks, and they must suffer the consequences for their actions, but why doesn't Officer Forbes have to suffer the consequences for her actions as well?

I also read the statement that was made in Sidelines by sophomore Andrea Keith, and I honestly understand that the officer may have thought that something was wrong. It couldn't have been anything too serious because the only loud noises that caused a huge disturbance were fireworks. I've never seen students just stand around and be that calm if someone is seriously hurt or if there's any kind of fight. The crowd usually disperses. What should we do so that situations of this nature don't occur again? I think it is ridiculous that our school officers, who are here to "protect" us on campus, can't ask questions before responding in such a violent way.

Laia Jones
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The right stuff

Drinking smart on summer days

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

Whether you're planning to sweat it out playing sports this summer or merely planning to kick back in the sun, you might want to think twice about bringing along those cold beers and strawberry daiquiris.

While alcoholic beverages can serve as cooling retreats from warm summer days, they should be avoided when it comes to quenching thirst.

Instead of refueling your body's tissues with water, alcohol acts as a diuretic, causing the body to lose water, which then causes dehydration.

Ellen Goodner, nurse practitioner at MTSU Health Services, defined a diuretic as any beverage that the kidneys do not absorb. This then allows the drink to pass through the body without providing fluid to the body's tissues.

"The body is that [in drinking alcohol] you may not be aware that your body is losing water and not replenishing it," Goodner said.

"Alcohol actually dries out the tissues of the body, and especially those in the brain. This in turn stimulates pain sensors that may cause a headache — also known as a hangover."

Headaches and feelings of discomfort can also arise from the loss of electrolytes, which are taken from the body along with water when alcohol is present.

Electrolytes are minerals that play a vital part in nerve and muscle health. They include sodium, potassium chloride, calcium, magnesium and others.

Goodner explained that this could mean bad news for those who drink alcohol while participating in athletic activities.

Because alcohol decreases muscle coordination and sensory perception, those who drink alcohol and play sports will be unable to perform at peak ability.

Not only does dehydration occur, but a person is also more likely to get drunk in hot weather.

Nancy Clark, writing in the March/April 1997 issue of *American Fitness Magazine*, reported that the hotter a person is when drinking, the more quickly alcohol will absorb into the bloodstream.

Goodner noted that alcohol should also not be used as a thirst-quenching beverage because it depletes the body of more nutrients than it gives.

Often alcohol may increase thirst which, in turn, leads to more drinking and greater dehydration.

Ironically, dehydration may also occur from caffeinated beverages, such as coffee, that are used to cure a hangover. Coffee is also a diuretic, and while it may stimulate the body to "wake it up," it continues to deplete the body of water and electrolytes.

Clark also reported, that stay hydrated, a good rule of thumb is to drink at least one glass of water for every glass of beer to prevent alcohol's dehydrating effects. Goodner adds that, in general, 12 glasses of water are needed daily by the body to keep it cleansed and the tissues hydrated.

Although alcoholic beverages should not be used to quench thirst, they can still be enjoyed in moderation.

Goodner described moderate drinking as two drinks (or one ounce of ethyl alcohol) a day for men and one drink (half an ounce of ethyl alcohol) for women. A "drink" is equal to a 12-ounce beer, 5 ounces of wine, 10 ounces of wine cooler, or 1 1/4 ounce of distilled liquor.

In other words, summer visits with Jack Daniels, Sam Adams and The Captain should be short and sweet.

This summer, drink smart. Your body will thank you. ♦

"Alcohol actually dries out the tissues of the body, and especially those in the brain. This in turn stimulates pain sensors that may cause a headache — also known as a hangover."

— Ellen Goodner
Nurse practitioner

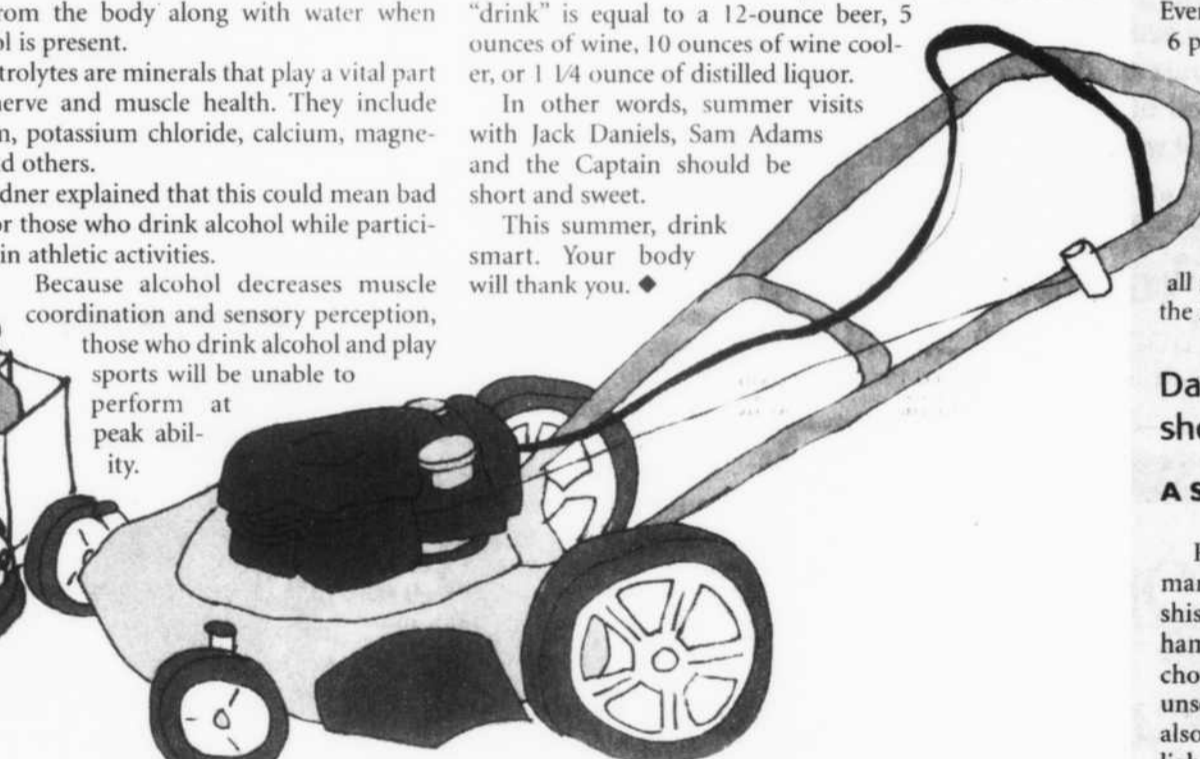


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Frugal Stu

Money saving tips for cash-strapped college students

The following area businesses offer discounts to those with valid student identification.

Jersey Mike's Submarines

128 W. Northfield Boulevard
10 percent off any regular-priced item on the menu

Tropical Tan

309 S. Church Street (next to Gold's Gym)
15 percent off all tanning packages and in-store products

Harvey Washbangers

2069 Lascassas Pike
Every Monday night from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. — free wash, free pool and \$5 pitchers

Krystal

1925 Lascassas Pike
10 percent discount on all regular priced items on the menu

Dating on a shoestring budget

A S'mores night out

Purchase a bag of marshmallows, wooden shish-ka-bob sticks, graham crackers, Hershey's chocolate bars and an uncoated candle. You will also need matches or a lighter, a candlestick holder and, if desired, a boom box and your favorite compact disc.

Take all of the items onto the concrete patio or sidewalk. Light the candle, place a marshmallow on the stick and roast it over the candle. Make s'mores under the stars while listening to your favorite music.

Smiles by design

Using a computer word processor and printer, create dollar-bill-sized handouts. Each handout should contain the phrase, "Smile and the world smiles back."

Print the word "smile" in a bold, eye-catching font. (Be sure to print the phrase on both sides of the handout.)

Take your date for a walk down the street and give a handout to each passerby. Watch their reactions. Are they surprised, annoyed or do they just smile? This date provides great fun for those who love to watch people.

Short story enterprise

Have on hand two pairs of scissors, two copies of the daily newspaper, some glue and a large piece of poster board. Spend the evening cutting phrases from the newspapers and pasting them on the board to create a short story. Phrases must contain no less than three words. Serve your favorite snacks and beverages while creating the masterpiece. ♦

Honors lobby gives unique sanctuary to students

By Seth Wood
Staff Writer

When you walk into Wood and Felder halls, one of the first things you'll probably notice is its lobby is unnaturally cool and collected.

There's a girl with her head back listening to headphones, a guy playing a game of solitaire on a cheap coffee table, a couple of young ladies giggling, and someone softly pressing the keys of a piano to set the mood.

To an ordinary observer, there might seem nothing special about the place — maybe a few comments about the retro nature of the design, but nothing out of the ordinary.

However, to the people who live inside the dorm, this lobby is something more.

For them it is a place to forget who they are for a little while and let loose, or to take a break from the hardships of their day. They see the lobby as a unique part of Wood/Felder.

"It's just the place where everyone comes together to hang out," freshman Emily Walenga said.

"It's the place you go when you don't want to do your homework. It's just a meeting place.

With that kind of information in mind, it's easy to see the thriving community that inhabits the honors lobby. These "lobby rats" tend to maintain a constant relationship with the lobby, never missing an opportunity just to drop by and talk. It's almost as if these students have scheduled times they spend there.

"I usually refer to [them] as two crews," Walenga said.

"There's the people [who] usually take the day into the night and the people who take the night into the morning; two shifts."

At 11:30 p.m., there's still activity over

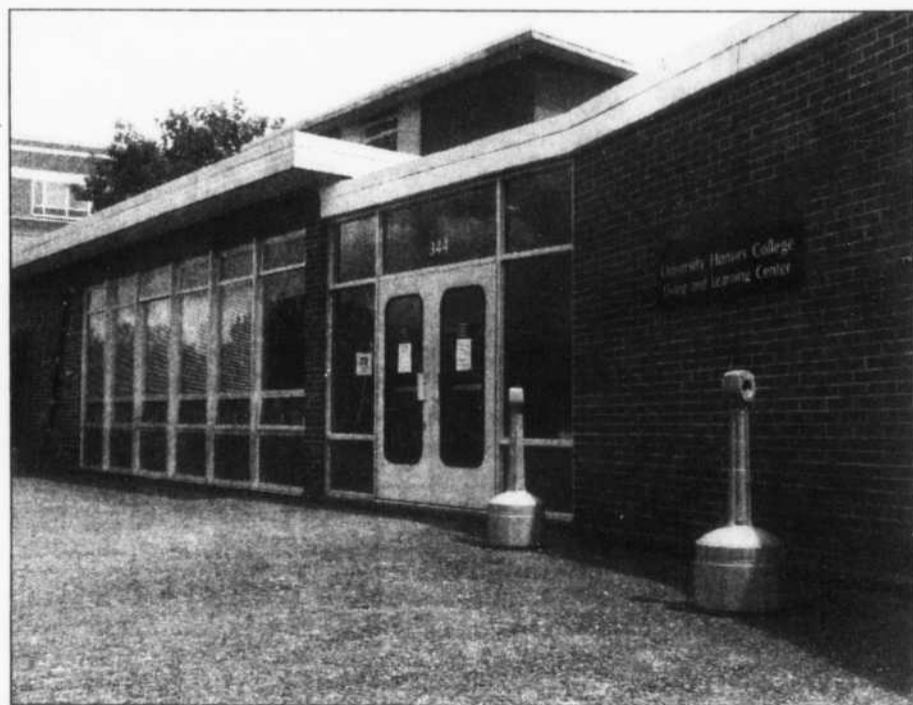


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Wood and Felder halls are reserved for honors students.

in Wood/Felder. In the background one hears the pounding sound of the piano. An anxious desk assistant gets uptight because there is too much noise being made, but the piano player doesn't seem to notice.

To compensate for the sound, the DA angrily lowers the television volume. This is one of the most active hours for the lobby.

People all over the place are conversing about everything; it becomes a social party of some kind, with an invitation extended only to the honored elite.

Some people call it a night and wave goodbye as if they're not going to be seeing their friends for some time.

Others begin to move into their places for the all-night shift. It may be a wonderful picture to look at for the painter but there are some, such as

Shannon Aplin, who see another side to the drawing.

A graduating senior and respected resident assistant, Aplin has her own views on the lobby situation.

"I think we have lobby dominators. And I think there's some hostility between the lobby dominators and those [who] never hang out in the lobby," she said.

One can get that feeling by simply spending a day observing the lobby's social interaction.

Many people simply chose not to interact with the lobby folk and pass them by on their way to class or to their dorm.

"There are other people who are not accepted into the lobby group. So when they walk through it's like they're not even allowed to make eye contact with

the lobby people. They just have to duck their head and walk," Aplin said.

"And if they ever try and sit on the couches, people will look at them funny because they're not normal lobby people ... I see a lot from behind the [DA] desk."

According to Aplin, this may not be noticeable to the commoner, but these minor social tensions seem to be keeping the lobby an interesting place.

"I think the lobby is a social clique in and of itself. There might be diversity in the lobby but ... they're still lobby people," Aplin said.

Walenga feels differently. "Once you get in the lobby, you'll hang out with anybody. There's merging."

As the sun begins to set on a Friday evening, the lobby mood changes. People begin to pack up their belongings and head toward the horizon that will lead them home.

With this change, Wood/Felder suddenly loses many of its students to the weekend. The once vibrant lobby is now a quiet, desolate place.

The anxious, annoyed DA has been replaced by a calm, pleasant female; the loud chattering of voices have been replaced by the sound of quiet whispers and the noisy banging of the piano has ceased.

Everything goes silent on the weekend. It's waiting to be filled again with people next week.

According to those who work there, it's the people who make the Wood/Felder lobby so special.

"It's definitely not the furniture," Walenga said. "Everyone complains about it. It's not the TV, because usually the DA gets control over that."

"Everyone goes downstairs and says, 'I want to see who's in the lobby.' You don't go to sit in the lobby, you go down to talk to people." ♦

LIFE AT BONNAROO

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Bonnaroo: Music, frisbee, substance(s)

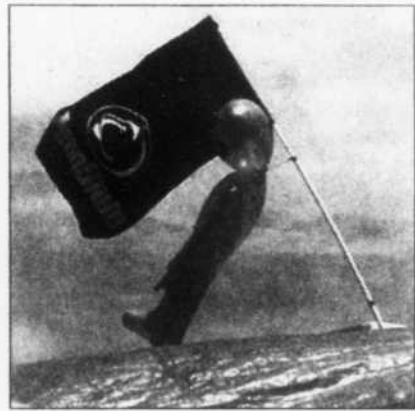
Musings from a daytripping writer at the nation's largest jam festival

By Johnny Stargent
Staff Writer

The Bonnaroo journey began with the considerable task of trying to actually get into the compound. There were three lines coming from the north, south and west, and getting in could take anywhere from two to 12 hours, depending on when you got there; a guy I talked to spent 15 hours in line.

Being in line wasn't torture; the party had already started on Highway 55 and New Bushy Branch Road. The coolers and lawn chairs were out, the frisbees were flying and music of all kinds was pouring into the streets. Everyone was showing patience, including the police officers charged with keeping the traffic moving, which helped tremendously. Vendors were set up on the side of the road selling everything from food and drink to T-shirts and hemp products.

I roamed the lines taking pictures, telling people I was putting together a photo essay. Almost everyone was cooperative except for



the fat guys selling leis. Maybe they were strange, or maybe they realized the obvious humor of fat slobbers trying to lei people and spared themselves from it.

After nearly seven hours spent in line, we finally got through the checkpoints and rolled up to our campsite. The path from our site to Centeroo, where the stages were, held vendors of all types selling burgers, massages, pipes, Chinese food, body art

and even "schwag" (cheap) beer for a buck (with hawkers yelling, "What the fuck? It's only a buck!") — and these were only the licensed vendors.

It was impossible to comprehend how massive the complex was. We were a good quarter-mile from the venue area — and we had one of the closer sites. The complex sprawled over nearly 600 acres, giving some campers a good mile to walk to the shows.

We stayed up for a while and talked to the people in the RV next to us. They had made quite a journey: They were from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and had somehow collaborated to get an RV down to Manchester, Tenn. People had traveled from all over the United States and Canada to come; we saw plates from Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, New Hampshire, Ontario, Delaware, New York and Colorado.

We also met Ahmed, a local from Murfreesboro. He had somehow gotten down to Manchester and had walked through the car line to his campsite, and now he couldn't find his friends, so he tagged along with us.

He disappeared for a while, but come morning he was asleep in one of our camping chairs. With the rest of my group still zonked out, I went to go get my press credentials. The line to get credentials was absurd; it took me nearly an hour. But, then again, there seemed to be a wait for a lot of things.

Shortly after, we dropped out and went to see Jack Johnson. After fighting our way through the crowd, we finally got through the gates. Security wouldn't let us bring a cup of water in, so we took empty containers to fill with the potable water that was promised inside the gate. We slowly wandered toward the stage, but dehydration began to set in as the sun was beating down on us. The stink of mud and horse feces permeated the air in areas, and I had to get some water fast.

At long last, we finally found the water station. But there was a problem.

Someone poisoned the water!

Or at least it tasted like it. The smell of eggs and stink from the water filled my mouth and only made me need water more, but the water they were giving us was tainted and undrinkable, so we set out for the press tent — only we didn't know where it was.

We started losing each other drifting through the crowd. We started out with a group of six, which had whittled down to three by the time we found the gate to the tent.

"Stay here!" I told my friends, as massive disorientation had set in at this point.

I stumbled and fumbled my way through the gate and to the press tent. The food and water I had been expecting was nowhere to be found; only an empty press conference area and a CNN tent.

Luckily at that moment, the VIP tent was sitting unguarded. Despite complete confusion and bad lighting, I managed to snag three Cokes (not good for the dehydration) and brought them back.

We wandered on toward That Tent to check out Tortoise, but in doing so we lost the most cognizant person in our group.

For a while we just stood, as the sun beat down on our soon-to-be sunburnt necks and the world was swirling around us. Questions that needed answers were left open-ended: Where had our friends gone? What time was it? When was Ben Harper playing and how

would we get there? Why was the ground shifting beneath us? And why was that Kroger bottle of water on the ground looking at us that way?

I thought the dehydration was going to get us, but luckily we met Tov, a guy from Colorado. Or rather, he met us.

"You got a cigarette, man?"

I gave him one of the cheapies I'd brought with me and begged him for a sip of his water, but it was no go. He wanted a buck each for the bottles in his backpack. Not a very good way to help a soul out, I thought, but it was badly needed.

We talked to Tov for a few minutes about everything we'd seen and heard so far, but he took off on us all of a sudden. With Tortoise's set wrapping up, we sought refuge from the heat under a shade tree by the port-a-johns.

Along came another daytripper, a guy in his 30s, who plopped down beside us.

"Where's What Stage, man?"

I should note here that the separate venues were called What Stage, Which Stage, This Tent, That Tent and The Other Tent — leading to confusion among anyone, especially the massive, swirling, overheated and dehydrated people pumped full of mind-altering substances.

We got out a map and figured out the theoretical route, but every time we tried to get there we ended up in the Employees Only area of the Sirius satellite radio truck. The only advice I could offer him was that, if he could get on the other side of those boards man, he would be right there.

As the sounds from What Stage, Which Stage, That Tent and the trucks blended into weird, interesting music around us, we had a tough choice to make:

Lay on the grass and chill to Ben Harper or stretch out on the sand to Bela Fleck?

Eventually Kevin and I settled on Ben Harper. He tore through a fabulous set that included "Steal My Kisses" and a standout version of "Sexual Healing," along with "Burn One Down/With My Own Two Hands" — appropriate for the occasion.

We laid down in the grass and, as the blades tickled the sun-charred skin on my neck, we took in the music and watched the clouds swirl and twirl in the beautiful sky.

I was either asleep or daydreaming when two of our friends found us. The overwhelming sense of confusion was gone, replaced with the sudden urge to go see the end of Bela Fleck's set.

More water was sorely needed, so I tried to get my way back into the VIP tent. But there was a problem — apparently I wasn't VIP press and a security guard kept me out. Whatever.

After rest, recovery and a meal at the campsite, it was time for Neil Young. According to the handy-dandy media guide I picked up, he'd been playing mostly new material for his past few shows and was bringing out some of the classics for his Bonnaroo set. His band rocked through "Cinnamon Girl" and "Keep On Rockin' In The Free World" and kept everyone entertained. "Hey Hey My My" and especially the line "rock and roll will never die" brought a resounding wave of applause from the appreciative crowd.

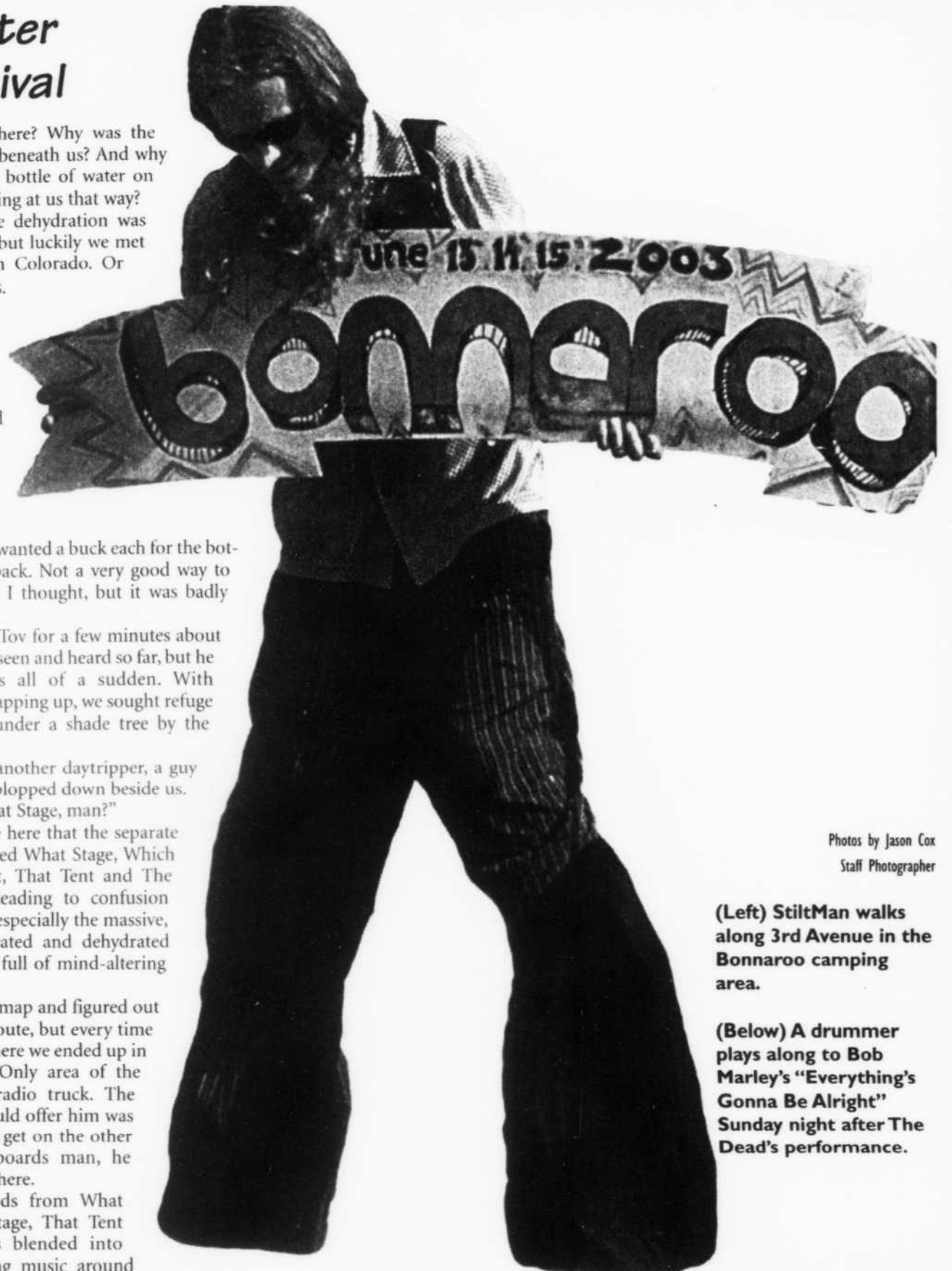
I went people-watching after the show, and there was plenty to see. You could characterize the majority of the crowd as 20-something hippies, but everyone from the frat boy to the middle-aged couple had come out to camp and hear the music. There were drum circles and people juggling fire and \$1-a-minute massages to be had, but dawn was coming and I was absolutely exhausted. ♦

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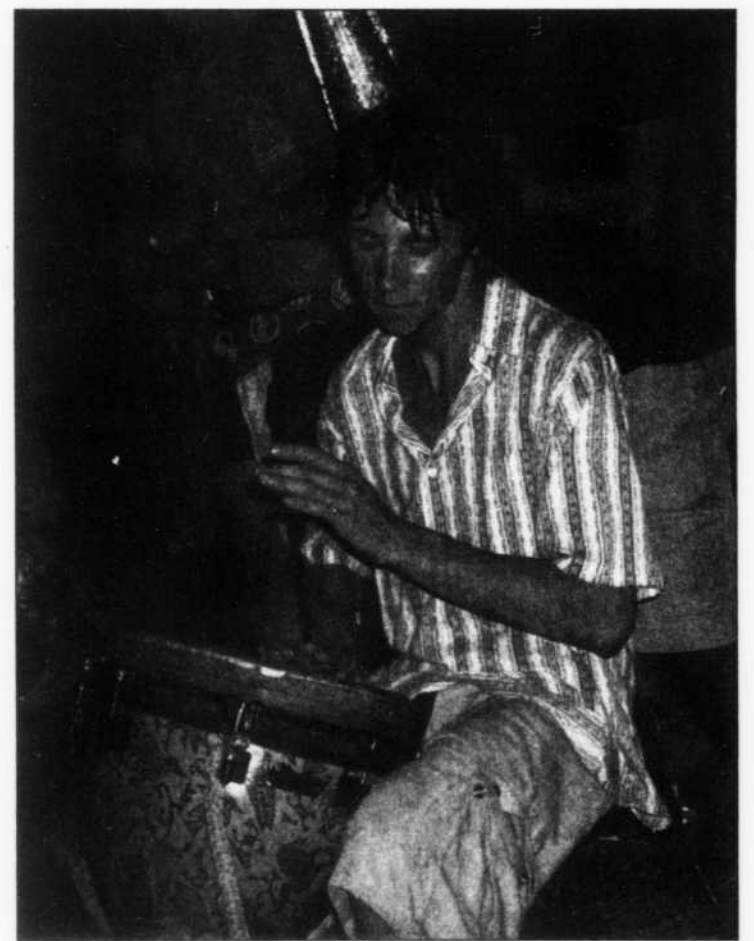
Tom Palmer of Murfreesboro sells barbecue on the way to Bonnaroo. He will open Blue Raider BBQ next spring.



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Staff Photographer

(Left) StiltMan walks along 3rd Avenue in the Bonnaroo camping area.

(Below) A drummer plays along to Bob Marley's "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" Sunday night after The Dead's performance.



Bonnaroo boasts plenty of music and mud

By Russ Oates
Associated Press Writer

MANCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) — The music began Friday at Bonnaroo with most of the 80,000 fans splitting their time between listening to the sounds blaring from speakers, watching the clouds roiling overhead and dodging the mud holes scattered around the site.

Spring rains capped by a Wednesday thunderstorm turned the 600-acre farm where the three-day music festival is staged into a muddy mess. Showers were forecast throughout the weekend, but many of the fans here could see past the dark skies to a bright side.

Steven Christopher, 22, of Los Angeles, said the site was worse last year. The ground

was bone dry, and the thousands of fans stirred up dust that stuck to the sweat on his skin, he said.

"I like it muddier," he said as he waited first in line to get as close as he could to Neil Young, who was scheduled to perform more than 10 hours later.

Haley Richardson, 20, from Knoxville, also didn't seem to mind the muck. She knew the forecast called for more rain, so she and each of her three friends brought an extra pair of sandals. Richardson nearly had to pull out her spare pair after a half-foot of mud sucked a sandal from her foot.

Bonnaroo promoters were trying gravel, plywood, sand and straw to combat the mud holes. It appeared to work in most places.

Donna Thomas, who was

working at a food stand near the main stage, looked forward to rain.

"That's when everybody will take their clothes off," said Thomas, 39, who added she might get distracted from her work if that happens.

Thomas of Manchester said it was the people who drew her to work at Bonnaroo. But another Manchester resident, Tom Jacobs, 51, said he was working at the booth for a different reason: "Money."

Matt Doemland, 21, of Downers Grove, Ill., was standing on one of the main thoroughfares in the sprawling camping area selling his "fire-water." The concoction — a mix of pure grain alcohol, rum and Mountain Dew — sold well Thursday night, he said.

"I was thinking of an opportunity to make back the

money I spent on my ticket," he said.

Other fans were stuck in their vehicles waiting in a massive line for the last camping spots.

Kyle Woodall, 25, of Nashville, said it took him and a high school friend most of Thursday night to get to their campsite from Winchester, about 20 miles to the south. But Woodall said the traffic jams created "cool stop and go gravel road parties."

Friday's crowd appeared to be as mellow as the 70,000 fans at last year's festival, which was marked with few arrests and incidents. Jerry Saporta, 47, of West Palm Beach, Fla., realized that after only a few hours on site.

"Everybody's content," he said. "This is a nice crowd." ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Former Blue Raiders inducted into Hall of Fame

By Josh Beasley
Assistant Sports Editor

Two former Middle Tennessee football players and the Blue Raider's first full-time athletic trainer will be inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame tomorrow in an induction banquet at the Garden Plaza Hotel.

Former football standouts Clark Maples and Herbert Owenby, along with George Camp, will become the latest of Blue Raider inductees and take their places among some of

MT's all-time greats.

Camp, a maiden at MT in athletic training, became the first full-time trainer on the Blue Raider staff in 1968. Camp continued to condition athletes for 30 years until his retirement in 1998 from the full-time duties. However, he continues to help out with MT athletics, by insur-



Maples

ance administration. Camp has already earned a spot in the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame.

"I'm honored and pleased they have selected me," Camp told the *Daily News Journal*. "I'm not used to accolades or being honored, so it's a little new and strange. When I heard I was going to the



Camp

Hall of Fame, I told Jim Simpson I would rather put somebody in who put their blood, sweat and tears onto the field instead of me. There are people that should be in there other than an old trainer," Camp said.

Owenby, who remains one of the Blue Raiders greatest

receivers, set numerous pass catching records from 1964 to 1967. Grabbing three touchdown passes in a single game still ranks as an all-time best for MT receivers. Owenby is tied for third in career receptions with 110, while his 1,757 career receiving yards ranks him fourth all-time. His 21 career touchdown receptions rank him tied for first.

Maples, who began his college career at the University of Kentucky, transferred to MT to help anchor down the offensive line and was a pivotal force at

stopping the run as a linebacker while becoming one of the Ohio Valley Conference's top linemen during his two-year stay as a Blue Raider (1963-64). Maples helped lead the Blue Raiders to two of the best years MT football has ever enjoyed. During his tenure, MT went 15-4-1 and captured an OVC championship. Maples continues to be a strong supporter of the Blue Raider athletics.

In addition to the Hall of Fame induction banquet,

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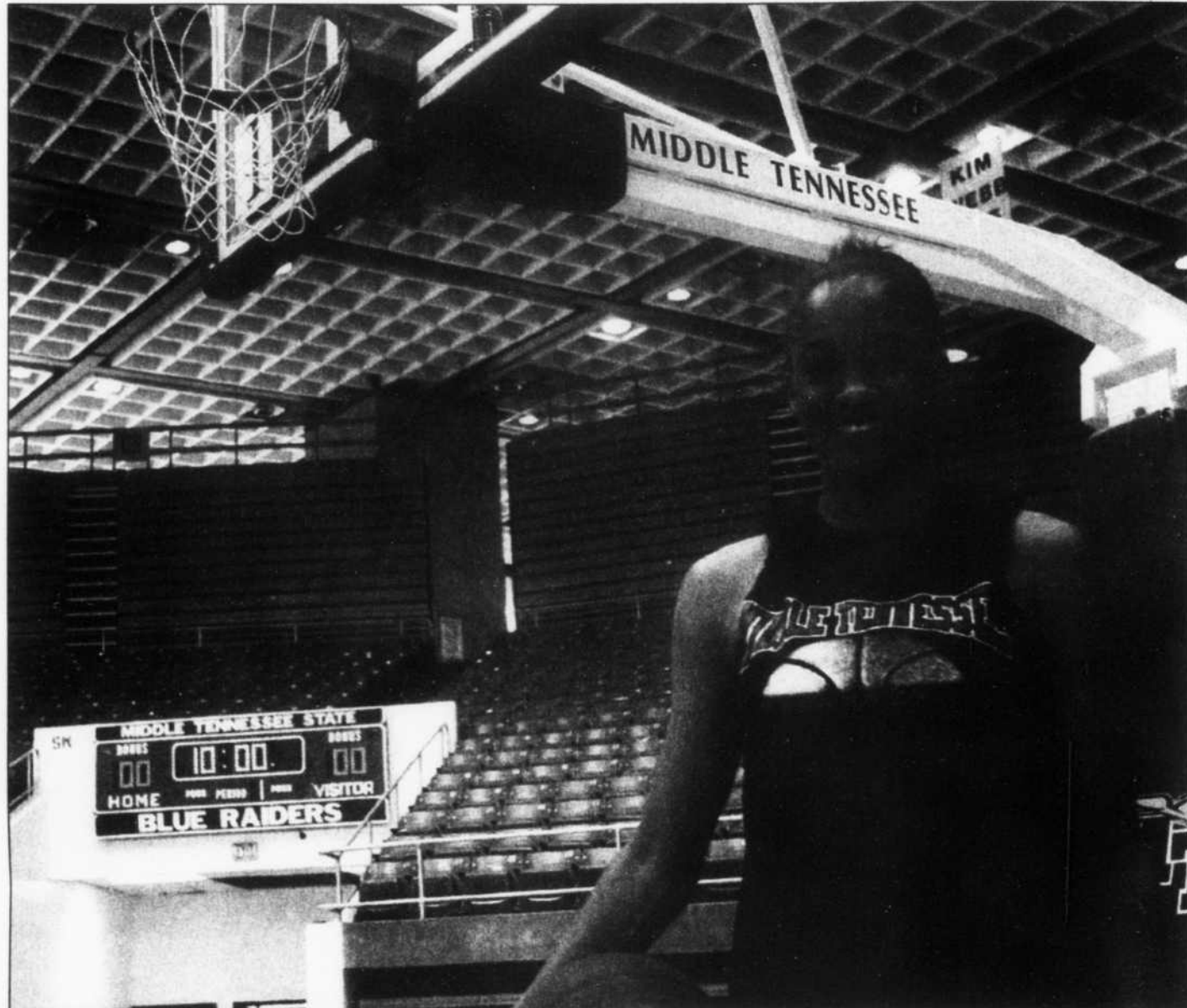


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Krystle Horton, a former Riverdale Lady Warrior, signed with the Lady Raiders last spring.

Locals make home at MT

By Jerry Wilkinson
Staff Writer

Figuring out which college to attend coming out of high school is a tough decision. Trying to figure out which college you want to attend and play a sport at is even tougher.

Many of the student-athletes at Middle Tennessee have gone through the hardships of leaving home and living many miles away from the comforts and friends in their hometown.

Many local student athletes have made the decision to play sports at the collegiate level for the Blue Raiders.

Krystle Horton, a four-year letter winner from Riverdale High School, made the decision to stay in Murfreesboro and play college basketball for the Lady Raiders. During her career at Riverdale, she scored 2,093 points and was the Warriors' leading scorer. She was named District 7-AAA Player of the Year and scored 49 points in a game at the AAU National



File photo

Former Oakland Patriot Chuck Akers hits a single.

Championships during the summer of 2002. She was named All-District in 2000-2003, All-Region in 2002-2003 and was named the *Daily News Journal's* Athlete of the Year.

"Well, mainly I wanted to stay close to home even though many of my friends were moving away. I like the people here and the atmosphere," Horton said.

"Academics come first. I

know that basketball will not always be there for me, and I know that I have to do well in school to be able to achieve other things," Horton added.

"Basketball is just something else I am doing to get me through school."

The Lady Raiders have also signed and brought on board Jeanne Webb, also from Murfreesboro. A graduate of Oakland High School, she was considered one of the state's top guards. Webb was named All-District 7-AAA, All-Region 4-AAA and All-Midstate.

Webb averaged 16.3 points per game, 3.9 steals and 1.6 assists last season.

The MT baseball squad has players from the Murfreesboro area as well. Chuck Akers, Jerry Knox, Steve Kline, John Williams, Nick Jones and Brad Todd were all Oakland Patriots who decided MT was the school for them.

Akers won back-to-back

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Final four teams set to play for CWS baseball championship

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Reporter

Eight teams traveled to Omaha, Neb., hoping to win a national championship at the NCAA's College World Series inside historic Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium, which has hosted the CWS for 54 years.

This year's CWS underwent some changes to the bracket. The double elimination format stayed the same, but the eight-team bracket was divided into two with four teams in each. The two winners from each bracket plays a best two-of-three series to determine a national champion instead of a winner-take-all game as in years past.

The action began last Friday, with bracket one's contest between Stanford University and the University of

South Carolina. John Hudgins pitched eight innings and only gave up two hits to lead the Cardinal to an 8-0 shutout victory over the Gamecocks.

"It was a great game for us. It was a great pitching performance for John Hudgins. He's done a lot this year. He gave up two hits and did a fantastic job," Stanford head coach Mark Marquess told ncaasports.com.

The Cardinals' Sam Fuld and Jonny

Ash had 3 hits each. Ryan Garko had 3 RBIs in the win.

The other bracket one matchup was between two national powerhouses, Louisiana State University and Cal-State Fullerton. Fullerton isn't known for its power, but it was used to beat LSU, 8-2. Shane Costa hit a three-run home run in the third inning for the Titans to pull away from the Tigers. The home run was the Titans' 35th this season.

"We're tickled to death. Anytime

you beat LSU at the College World Series is a great accomplishment," Cal-State Fullerton head coach George Horton told ncaasports.com.

Bracket two play began Saturday with a matchup between Rice University and first-time participant Southwest Missouri State.

Both teams had 8 hits combined, which tied a record for fewest in a CWS game. Rice's Jeff Niemann had a one-hitter and a 4-0 lead going into the final inning. However, he had to fight through cramps and back-to-back solo home runs by SMS's Greg Mathis and Jacob Hilgendorf. Niemann was pulled, and David Aardsma closed the door for the 4-2 victory by the Owls.

"What can you say? Jeff [Niemann] came to the big show and he threw as he's been all year. He had cramps and had to come out after eight innings. Southwest Missouri has no quit in them. We're just happy for the victory today," Rice head coach Wayne Graham told ncaasports.com.

The last two national champions, the University of Texas and the University of Miami, met in the other bracket two matchup. The game was over by the second inning as Texas jumped to a 7-0 lead and defeated the Hurricanes, 13-2. It was the worst loss by Miami in their CWS history.

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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Blue Raider tennis inks pair of signees for 2003 season

Middle Tennessee head men's tennis coach Dale Short announced the signings of Andreas Siljestrom and Kai Schledorn to national-letters-of-intent last week.

Siljestrom, a 21-year-old from Stockholm, Sweden, is a transfer from the University of Stockholm and was originally scheduled to enroll at Middle Tennessee this past January.

The 6-foot-9-inch Siljestrom has a huge serve and will be expected to step into the top of the Blue Raider lineup in 2004.

Short's second signee, 20-year-old Schledorn, hails from Worms, Germany, and is ranked in the Top 200 in the men's rankings in Germany. He recently posted wins over some of the top 100 ranked players in Germany.



Short

Track members set for USA National Championships

Current Blue Raider and NCAA 100-meter dash champion Mardy Scales will lead a contingent of six athletes with MT ties this week at the USA Track and Field Championships at Cobb Track and Angel Field on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, Calif.

Scales, who won the NCAA title in the 100-meters on Friday night in Sacramento, Calif., is set to participate in both the 100-meters and 200-meters at the national championships this week, beginning with competition in the 100-meters on Thursday.

Semifinals and finals for the 100-meters are Friday. The 200-meters will be run Saturday and Sunday, with prelim action taking place on Saturday, followed by semifinal and final competition on Sunday.

Joining Scales in both the 100-meters and 200-meters will be Middle Tennessee graduate assistant coach Tasha Jenkins, who helped the Lady Raiders to the 2003 Sun Belt Conference Indoor Track and Field title.

Jenkins has a strong chance to qualify for USA team for the 2003 World Championships, set for Aug. 23 through Aug. 31 in Paris, France.

Others with Middle Tennessee ties include five-time All-American Godfrey Herring, who will run in the 400-meters.

Prelim action in the 400-meters is Thursday, with the semifinals on Friday and finals on Saturday.

All-American Roland McGhee will participate in Friday's long jump. Two Blue Raider freshmen, JJ Sturm and Zack Wood, will also be in Palo Alto to compete in the USA Junior Track & Field Championships, which will run simultaneously with the national championships.

Sturm will compete in the long jump on Saturday, while Wood will run in the 3000-meter steeplechase on Sunday.

Lady Raiders volleyball adds three to 2003 signing class

MT head volleyball coach Lisa Kisse announced the addition of three signees, inking two foreign and one junior college player to assist in the Lady Raider's 2003 season.

Victoria Monasterolo is a 5-foot 9-inch middle blocker and outside hitter from Cordova, Argentina. She has eight years of playing experience and is a solid all-around player.

The second foreign signee is Dressa Lyra, a 6-foot 9-inch middle blocker who comes from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She is a seven-time state champion in the 12-to-19-year-old league and won the junior nationals at the 16 and under and 17 and 18 leagues.

Talayna Akrie, coming from Colby Community College, rounds out the signing class. The Aurora, Colo. native is a setter who was Second Team All-Jayhawk West and Second Team Region VI/District D at Colby Community College.

This brings Kisse's signing class up to five for the 2003 season. In the spring, Kisse added Allison Liptak from McKees Port, Penn., and Megan Sumrell from Chattanooga, Tenn. The Lady Raiders open the 2003 season on Aug. 29 at the College of Charleston Tournament. ♦



Scales



NWA:TNA Wrestling Insider

By David Lawrence
Staff Columnist

With the one-year anniversary approaching like a freight train, the fans of NWA: TNA were treated to an interesting show, to say the least.

The show kicked off on a good sign, as Raven and his new Flock were being interviewed outside. He told of his destiny and how D-Lo Brown might try to interfere with it. Ordering Julio Dinero to remove the threat, they were surprised to find D-Lo already there and waiting for them. D-Lo, who was rather upset at Raven's flock for costing him his shot at the World Heavyweight Title, pulled off a lot of highflying moves in the match.

However, all the heat was sucked out of the match the instant Brown was knocked down by a reverse sidekick from Dinero, the problem being that the kick missed making contact with Brown, who still sold it like he'd been smacked by a truck. Brown managed to recover from the attack in time to perform the Sky High and pin Dinero.

X-Division champion Chris Sabin won the right to decide his opponent in his title match when No. 1 contender Paul London was unable to make it back in time after a tour of Japan. So Sabin decided to go with a man who is heads and tails above the rest: Shark Boy. Shark Boy, who up until the announcement was busy playing Twister with New Jack, was left speechless by being selected.

The match itself ended with Sabin retaining his title and attempting to remove Shark Boy's mask. Shark Boy's dignity was saved by the timely intervention of New Jack.

After that, Eric Watts was busy doing an interview backstage about his handicap match against Kid Kash when he was attacked by a masked man and slammed head-first into the ceiling. Kash was concerned about Watts' condition and the match was still on, only with interviewer Goldy Locks and Kash's valet Trinity instead. Trinity did all of the work, while Goldy Locks just stood off on the ring apron.

Just when it seemed that Trinity might pull off an upset victory, the same masked man who brutalized Watts reappeared and slammed her to the mat. Kash pinned her using one foot. It was a decent effort from all the participants, although the reasoning behind the match leaves much to be desired.

The newest feature erased the last match, the Hard 10 match. Like last time, the point of the match was to be the first to score 10 points using all of the available weapons around the ring. The participants in this match were Extreme Championship Wrestling legend the Sandman and newcomer Devon Storm. Storm, best known as Crowbar in World Championship Wrestling, put on a commendable effort. But alcohol fueled intensity will always beat out raw talent, as the Sandman nearly killed Storm when he flipped off a lad-

der onto the prone Storm to pick up the win.

The main event featured Raven, champion Jeff Jarrett and A.J. Styles in a three way dance for the title. The match was one of the best of the night in terms of in ring action, but since simple wrestling just won't cut it, there must always be a run-in.

In this case, it was current Xtreme Professional Wrestling champion Shane "The Franchise" Douglas. Douglas attacked Raven while Russo attacked Jarrett with a guitar. Styles pinned Jarrett to be crowned the new NWA World Heavyweight champion.

Screwy ending aside, the match was great. After the match, Jarrett demanded a rematch while Styles celebrated with Russo. Styles refused to fight Jarrett in a singles match, so Jarrett instead challenged him to a tag match next week at the one-year anniversary show. Styles could have any partner he wanted, but Jarrett went with only one man as his partner, former WCW champion Sting.

And with that, the show came to a close. If you're interested in seeing the one-year show, then you had better hurry. Ringside seats are \$25 and are selling out fast, while general admission is \$15. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. at the Nashville fairgrounds, but if you can't make it, the show can be ordered off of In Demand cable or Direct TV. The Pay-Per-View cost is \$9.95. ♦

Standouts: Local athletes stay close to home to play college ball

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Williams was also named the *Daily News Journal* Player of the Year twice. Nick Jones was voted All-District as a junior and senior. He also earned All-American and All-Midstate honors as a senior. Jones was also a member of the back-to-back state championship Patriots. Todd earned All-Region and All-Midstate honors while at Oakland and was a three-time All-District honoree. MT track and cross-country also has a player from

Murfreesboro. Josh Carroll attended high school at Oakland and was twice recognized by Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Andy Vaughn is from Murfreesboro and plays golf for the Blue Raiders. While at Oakland, Vaughn earned All-State honors, All-District four years in a row, All-Region as a sophomore, junior and senior, and was a four-year letter winner for Coach Dickie Thomas. ♦

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Hall: Former Raiders receive recognition

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another ceremony is slated to begin at 4:30 p.m. in the grass area between the Greenland Drive parking lot and Floyd Stadium.

The MT athletic department will hold the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Hall of Fame building as a kickoff to the university's annual Legends Event.

"I am happy to announce this groundbreaking," said ath-

letics director Boots Donnelly.

"We have been planning this building for a long time to make sure it was done the right way. This newest addition to our athletic facilities will be something for all Blue Raiders past and present to be very proud of."

President Sidney McPhee said, "I am very excited about getting the Hall of Fame project underway. The MT athletic department has long needed a place to enshrine its hall of fame members and serve as a place

for all of our former athletes to gather when they visit campus. Emmett Kennon's generous gift will provide such a place, and the University is very grateful to him for making this project possible."

The three new entries into the Hall of Fame left their mark on the Blue Raider athletic program and all three continue to contribute in their own respective ways. ♦

Series: Final four play for championship

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On Sunday, the first game was an all-Southeastern Conference matchup between South Carolina and LSU. The winner got to stay while the loser went home. USC took an early 6-0 lead, then fell behind 10-7.

The Gamecocks scored four runs in the seventh and eighth innings, including an RBI double by Landon Powell to break the 10-10 tie to end the Tigers season 11-10.

The loss was the second time LSU was eliminated after two games in 12 trips to the CWS.

"I'm proud of them. They have battled all year," South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner said to ncaasports.com.

The winner's bracket first game was between Cal-State Fullerton and Stanford. Richie Burgos nailed a triple into the right field corner during the seventh inning to break a 5-5

tie. The Titans held on for the 6-5 win over Stanford.

"You just saw a microcosm of Fullerton/Stanford games. We just got lucky that we had one more run than them today," CSUF head coach George Horton told ncaasports.com.

On Monday, ended the short first time trip of Southwest Missouri State with a 7-5 victory. In the nightcap, Rice defended in-state rival and defending CWS champion Texas by a large margin of 12-2. The Owls fell behind 2-0 after the first inning. Rice then took control of the game, which included seven runs in the sixth inning.

The victory puts Rice in the bracket two championship game.

In Tuesday's matchup between Stanford and South Carolina, the Cardinals ousted the Gamecocks from the CWS with a one-way ticket back to Columbia, S.C.

For the Cardinals, Ryan

McCally tossed six shutout innings and allowed a run in seven innings, on Brian Buscher's solo shot over the outfield wall. It was the righty's first start since he threw a complete game win over Illinois of Chicago in the Regionals on May 30.

The Cardinal offense, led by Danny Putnam, teed-off on four Gamecock hurlers for 17 hits.

Putnam parked a home run and drove in five runs as Stanford eliminated the Gamecocks with a 13-6 victory.

Texas and Miami were set to play at 7 p.m. Tuesday night, but the game states were unavailable at press time.

The CWS continues until next Monday with the best of three finals on Saturday, Sunday and Monday if necessary. All the games are televised on either ESPN or ESPN2. ♦



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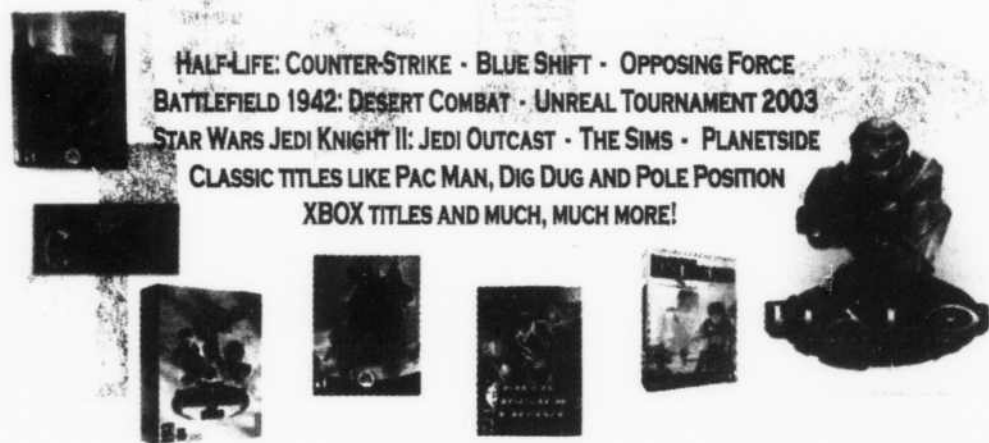
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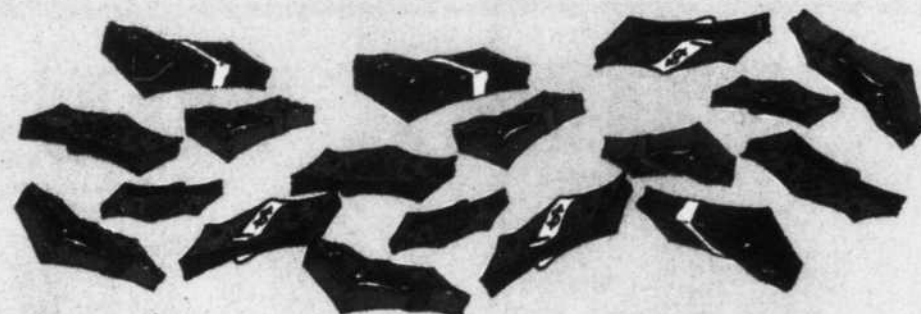


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