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Haskew out of UT presidential race

Up 'Til Dawn applications due

Applications for Up 'Til Dawn executive board positions are due tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 326-S. Applications can be picked up in the same room, the Office of Student Organizations and Community Service, KUC 326-S.

Positions available include executive director, associate director of marketing and associate director of finances. Students will need to sign up for an interview time when they turn in their applications.

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For more information, contact Jacqueline I. Victory, coordinator of Student Organizations and Community Service at 898-5812.

Week to increase assault awareness

The June Anderson Women's Center has several events planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Week April 12-17.

The Clothesline Project, a display of T-shirts showing how sexual violence affects the community, will be on the KUC Knoll Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Officer David Smith will present "Risk Reduction Strategies," Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building. Sign-up is required through the JAWC office. The "Take Back the Night" rally will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. Campus and community members will speak out against sexual violence. The event includes a rally, a march, a candlelight vigil and information tables. The week concludes with a "Journey of Hope" 5K Fun Run/Walk Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The proceeds will benefit the new Rape **Recovery and Prevention** Center. For more information about events, visit the JAWC Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~jawc.

By Patrick Chinnery Editor in Chief

MTSU economics professor Barbara Haskew didn't make the cut of 12 candidates to be interviewed by the University of Tennessee Presidential Search Advisory Counsel.

Haskew, who accepted her candidate nomination last weekend, was one of 35 people



Haskew the Atlanta-

based consulting firm advising

cut by the the process, raised the bar in committee Monday. She said

vesterday a group of 12 candidates selected by Baker-Parker Inc.,

terms of what would be expected of the candidates. "They brought their list in

on Saturday, and when you brought those folks in, it was a much, much more highly-qualified pool," Haskew said. "You had some real heavy-hitters come in with those that were brought in by the search firm."

One characteristic of the

group surprised Haskew - only one female, Karen Hitchcock, president of the State University of New York at Albany, was included in the pared-down list.

"I'm disappointed that there was only one woman that made it," Haskew said, "because ... institutions and higher education in general is becoming more female-dominated in the student population."

With no need to pack for Knoxville, Haskew intends to remain at MTSU and retain her position as interim director at the Tennessee Center for Labor Management Relations. She also hopes to expand her arbitration practice and perform research.

"Don't worry about me having any free time," she said.

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Counsel to start plans for suit

Staff Reports

A Trial Management Conference has been scheduled to "develop a plan for a just, expeditious and inexpensive resolution"

of the lawsuit filed by Tammie C. Allen against President Sidney McPhee.



The conference, to be held April

McPhee

19, will address several topics regarding the lawsuit against the

Moving into the Internet age **Schedule** books

available online

By Amanda Maynord Managing Editor

MTSU is toying with the idea of converting printed course schedule books to online versions, phasing out printed versions altogether.

The actual work involved in converting the system has not yet been outlined, but if the university gives the OK for the project, students could be rushing to a computer instead of a printed book by spring 2005. Students have already discovered they can no longer register for classes on TRAM, which essentially has been phased out for an online registration method. Sherian Huddleston, assistant vice provost for Enrollment Management, said that although this is not a total overhaul of the registration system, the university is looking at cost management and improvements it has made technologically. "What we're looking at again is cost savings," Huddleston said. "TRAM was very good and provided a service. However, we didn't have Web then ... and we had to go to something because we had simply too many students." Connie Pimentel, assistant director for the Scheduling Center, said her office is meeting this week to discuss converting the printed schedule books. "We're kind of brainstorming right now to see what we would need to do and what kind of online access we would need to have," Pimentel said. Other institutions such as the University of Memphis have already converted their schedule book system and boast about the benefits.

Banquet celebrates global students

office The of Programs International and Services is having an International Banquet on April 17.

The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will include a buffet dinner and several presentations by international students. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and \$6 for MTSU students.

The banquet will be held in the James Union Building in the Tennessee Room. For more information, call the office at 898-2238.

Alpine tower open for free climbing

Open climbing on the Alpine Tower will be availtomorrow and able Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. It will be free for students.

For more information, contact Scott Pruett at the Campus Recreation Center at 904-8473.

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"The printed directory is out of date and with an Huddleston, MTSU is look-

Former Vice President Al

Gore visited campus Monday

and led a small group discus-

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"I was 17 years old when I

By Tim Hill

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Staff Writer

Printed schedule books might soon be a thing of the past, now that a complete online version is available. TRAM, MTSU's former telephone course registration service, has been completely phased out, and students must now register online. online directory of classes or schedule of classes, you have one that's always current," said Noel Schwartz, UM Registrar, "and students are able to see what is currently

Schwartz said that although the university had few complaints about the. conversion, many students still like a printed version and make use of the PDF version on their Web site.

available."

ment,"

According to Pimentel and

ONLINE REGISTRATION Visit www.mtsu.edu and click the 'PipelineMT' tab at the top or on the left.

ing to convert the printed schedules because of the same problem that UM faced, the information was outdated by the time it reached students. "Really the book is old ...

the information that's printed, especially in the back See Online, 2

part," Pimentel said. "It's printed so many weeks in advance that by the time it gets on campus," it's outdated.

Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Huddleston also pointed out that putting course availability online instead of in print would save the university money.

"It costs quit a bit of money to publish those books and because we do have it online already, we're

president, the university, the Tennessee Board of Regents, TBR Chancellor Charles Manning and the state of Tennessee.

Some of the outlined topics include problems of recusal or disqualification of the judge, procedures to clarify and narrow issues of fact, the consideration of an alternative dispute resolution and the establishment of a firm trial date.

Chancellor Tom E. Gray from Sumner County will be hearing the case. Gray was assigned to the previous litigation filed by Allen last October against the TBR, after all Rutherford County judges recused themselves from the case. 🔶

O'More merger halted

By Carrie Hargett Staff Writer

MTSU and O'More College of Design are trying to work out a formal articulation agreement; however, talks of a full merger have been put on hold for the time being, MTSU President Sidney McPhee said.

The two schools have a history of students transferring from one school to the other in order to take classes. If an articulation agreement occurs, it will be easier for these students.

Articulation agreements would enable students to enroll in one school while taking classes at another.

Earlier this year, MTSU and O'More created committees to look at academic, administrative and technology issues. These committees' responsibility was to see if a merger was possible.

They examined every area to

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Gore

been efforts other than the

is located above know,

Antarctica ... primarily because it is the only continent that is an ice desert, completely surrounded by oceans, and has had 400 years of ice and snow stacking up on it," he said. "Because of the 360 degree-like wind patterns, the ice crystals that have formed in the ozone compounds eventually end up causing the hole in the ozone layer."

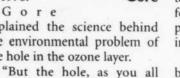
Gore said that there have

Kyoto Protocol of 1992 to help the environment.

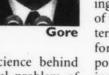
"The Montreal Protocol signed in Canada several years ago is one that concentrates on phasing out the production of the chemicals which contribute to both global warming as well as the ozone layer hole," he said. He said many countries have

adopted the Kvoto Protocol or its standards, but the United

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in 1976. Gore

explained the science behind the environmental problem of the hole in the ozone layer.

BRIEFS

Campus Recreation to showcase gear

Campus Recreation will be set up on the lawn in front of the KUC to showcase their outdoor equipment and promote their summer and spring trips.

Campus Rec will have whitewater rafts, kayaks, backpacks, tents, climbing gear, camp stoves and more available to look at today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Outdoor Pursuits offers Ocoee trips

Campus Rec's Outdoor Pursuits is offering trips to the Ocoee River April 24-25 and May 1-2.

The Ocoee River boasts class III and IV rapids and is located in East Tennessee. The cost for each trip is \$40. Call 898-2104 to reserve a'spot. ♦

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'Sidelines' receives awards

By Wendy Caldwell **Opinions** Editor

MTSU's student newspaper, Sidelines, won three of the Professional Society of Journalists' Mark of Excellence awards in Region 12 April 2-3 for the calendar year 2003.

The Sidelines editorial board won first place for Best Editorial Writing. The Sidelines staff won first place for Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper (published 2-3 times per week). News Editor Kristin Hall won honorable mention for General News Reporting.

"This is a well-deserved recognition of the dedication

said.

Burton has worked as a consultant for several international corporations and has seen different styles of management at work, some that succeed and some that don't.

"The field seemed stuck in their own aged definition of what management is," he said.

Burton discussed what he believes management should be like versus what he has experienced. Businesses, organizations and communities need leaders, not managers, Burton said.

"Managers have titles, employees and resources," he said. "Leaders have recognition, followers and influence-urging and convincing others to follow their ideas and vision."

Business dean discusses 'legacy leadership'

"Leadership is necessary because we can't let everybody do their own thing, even in our government," Burton said.

Burton said the "legacy leadership" is what people should strive for.

"A legacy leader is courageous - they face conflict headon, with the strength to bear

burdens and adapt and change when adversity strikes," he said.

"Legacy leaders are also ethical - they know what is right or wrong, they know the consequences of such behavior, and they always hold to their code," he said.

A good leader is one who identifies the qualities of the people around him or her and uses those qualities to the advantage of the organization, Burton said.

These leaders also emphasize teamwork because they

strive to treat their employees just like stockholders and recognize that people have different talents that can be put to use," he said.

Burton also urged future leaders to strive to be "more than ethical."

"Being just means treating people fairly, by being honest and moral consistently," he said. "The choices can be tough, but the decisions are always yours." ♦

Online: Conversion could save university thousands of dollars

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By Tim Hill

Staff Writer

looking at it going totally online," Huddleston said.

During Monday's weekly

honors lecture, James Burton,

dean of the Jennings A. Jones

College of Business described

the definition of "legacy leader-

ship" and how it can help stu-

are enrolled at a university or

college, they already are leaders.

with the intellect you have, and

that does make you a leader," he

Burton said that if students

'You are earning your degree

dent leaders today.

After UM converted its printed schedule books to online versions, the university

saved between \$35,000 and \$45,000, which has been diverted to other departments.

"We have diverted that money to an answer center that we have staffed in our student services building," Schwartz

said. "We've diverted that to a staff position and Web services."

If the conversion takes place, according to Pimentel, the university is prepared to assist any student having difficulties with the new system.

"In scheduling, we are very customer-service oriented and we assist anybody who cannot get online," Pimentel said.

Students have access to several computer labs on campus and a few computers in the scheduling center.

Meetings are being held this week and next to collect data concerning the conversion.

Gore: Former vice president criticizes Bush's fuel-cell proposal

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States has not.

During a question and answer period, the former vice president discussed issues ranging from nuclear power to President George W. Bush's fuel-cell proposal.

"What I don't agree with that proposal is that the fuel would

come from coal, which would end up increasing the amount of carbon dioxide in the air," he said. "That wouldn't be helping the issue much."

Addressing nuclear power and the talk of moving forward to build more power plants based on nuclear power, Gore said that it is important to understand that a lot of plan-

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in the future, McPhee said. n

design school located in

O'More is a private four-year

It currently has about 150

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students enrolled. It also has

articulation agreements with

Columbia State Community

be webcast. On April 20, the committee will narrow the

group further, to three candi-

dates. The UT Board of Trustees

will interview those three and

name their selection that day. It

is expected that the successful

candidate will be in office by

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at http://pr.tennessee.edu/presi-

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agreement will be possible. A merger is still a possibility

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ning goes into building even one power plant.

"After the incidents at Three Mile Island years ago, the Tennessee Valley Authority, in the aftermath, had to cancel 15 of their proposed plants all of a sudden," he said. "There is a huge bet you end up placing if you choose this type of power." Gore also addressed Bush's

proposal to drill in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge.

"The Congress, in its current configuration, has been successful in the single issue - environmentally - of not allowing ANWR drilling," he said.

When it comes to oil production in general, Gore said that some are predicting a worldwide peak in oil production sometime in this centuryeven bigger than ever before.

Gore is scheduled to speak to a large number of students April 19, with charts giving students updates on new information on the environmental movement and the issues that are coming forward with that. •

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E-mail submissions here: slnews@mtsu.edu.

Merger: Committee will continue to meet for now

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see if a merger would be beneficial to both schools, McPhee said.

The academic committee will continue to meet. They are reviewing the curriculum of both to schools to see what can be worked out.

'The academic committee is made up of faculty from MTSU and O'More College of Design," McPhee said.

That committee will report

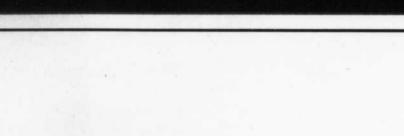
Haskew: 12 candidates include chancellors, dean

Knoxville. Those interviews will

July 1.

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Have to submit something to Sidelines for your reporting class? Don't procrastinate.



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and energy of the Sidelines staff and editorial leaders," said Wendell Rawls, Sidelines' adviser. "It is the result of a deepening commitment to aggressive reporting, journalistic quality and professional attitude."

The editorial board is composed of the editor in chief, the managing editor, the campus news editors, the state and local news editor and the opinions editor. Each issue, the editorial board writes "From the Editorial Board," focusing on one of that issue's stories. The editorial board submitted three editorials from 2003 and received the MOE for their accomplishments.

SPJ awards two Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspapers awards: one for newspapers published between two and three times per week and one for newspapers published between once per week and once per month.

Hall won honorable mention for "NCAA chooses McPhee as board representative" (July 23, 2003).

"I feel very honored to be recognized by SPJ out of so many other quality student newspapers," Hall said.

Hall has been a member of the Sidelines staff since August 2002 and currently serves as one of the campus news editors.

SPJ was founded in 1909 as Sigma Delta Chi. Since then, membership has reached about 9,000 in the United States. The organization is dedicated to the practice and protection of free press. MTSU is home to the Sigma Tau Delta chapter of SPJ.

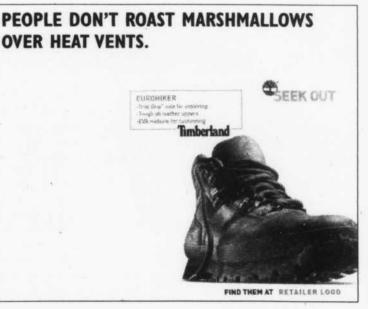
National winners will be announced Sept. 9-11 at the SPJ National Convention in New York City. ♦

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Left in the hunt are two health care systems vice presidents, three university chancellors, one university system vice president, three university presidents, a provost, a dean and a director of an environmental policy group.

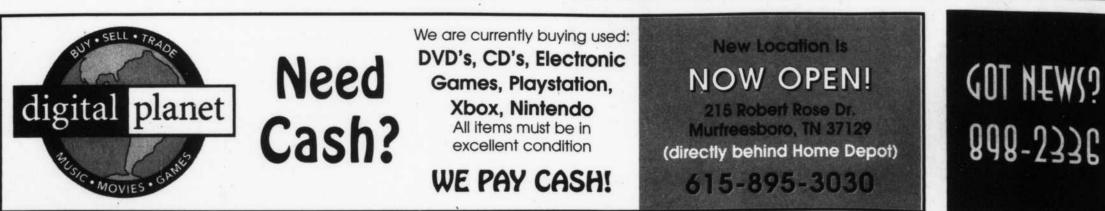
The group will be narrowed further April 15, down to four to six candidates, after two days of in-person interviews in

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Gay marriage motion now at county level

By Jason Cox State and Local News Editor

The Rutherford County Steering Committee approved a resolution Monday evening that would encourage state legislators to approve a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages.

The Daily News Journal reported yesterday that five county commissioners - Mike Sparks (who brought forth the resolution), Rick Sage, Bob Peay, Steve Sandlin and Rick Sage - voted for the measure. John Rodgers abstained and Jeff Phillips was not present for the vote.

With the steering committee's approval, the resolution will be considered by the full commission later this month.

Sparks said a constituent in his district came to him and wanted him to introduce such a resolution, which he sees as a 'marriage resolution," not one banning gay marriage outright.

"Looking at the sanctity of marriage and how marriage is such an important issue, I don't think we need to recognize certain groups and give them marriage," Sparks said. "I mean, that's not what marriage is about. Marriage is between a man and a woman, and it's sad

our culture."

He cited the plight of the youth as a major reason he decided to go forth with the proposal.

"If our country says, you know, yes, that [same-sex marriage is acceptable], if they're already having trouble with their self-identity, and probably 95 percent of those youth do," he said, "and they see an issue like this, if they're already kind of on the fence that they might want to choose a lifestyle like that, it's only going to encourage that choice.

that it even has to be an issue in where you're going to be our culture." ridiculed."

Rodgers said he abstained from the vote because he didn't think it was a matter the county commission should be considering.

"First of all, I don't find any authority that the county commission has to deal with that kind of issue, to legislate the definition of marriage. The county commission has been given certain powers by the state to do certain things, but this issue is just simply not one of them.

"While this issue is impor-"You're looking at a lifestyle tant, there are a whole lot of

other issues and duties that we have been charged with and need our attention, and that's what we should focus our efforts toward right now. Plus, I'm just troubled and concerned by efforts to use the county commission as a pulpit to push moral and religious agendas."

Sparks said proposing the resolution was not a matter of discrimination.

"We should have love and compassion for those we disagree with," he said. "My heart goes out to people who choose that lifestyle. I feel bad for them to have to go through some of the struggles they have to go through.

"I didn't bring this up to try to bash any groups or cause any pain to certain groups, but as an elected official, I'm supposed to represent my district and my people," he continued. "If they feel strongly about this issue, and I have a constituent that brings this to me, and I feel strongly about it, then I don't have a problem bringing it up."

Sparks raised concerns during Monday's debate that recognizing same-sex unions would lead to companies being forced to provide benefits to these

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Musical portrays South **By Melissa Coker**

Staff Writer

Pack yourself, friends or family up and move over to Murfreesboro's Center for the Arts to participate in their production of I Shall Not Be Moved before it's gone.

The name stems from a hymn that's been covered by the likes of Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. Set in the year 1942, this popular musical with a plot production showcases the story of a close-knit Southern gospel band family. In the midst of many changes, they stand proud, tall and smack dab in the middle of it all.

Of the Oklahoma family, one daughter decides to go mobile, heading to California in pursuit of big acting dreams, and another is expecting a child.

But the center circle is drawn around a son who goes overseas to fight in World War II. So the devoted group gathers in their home to sing together once more before his departure.



(Left) Havala Travis, Sam Davis Home education director, stands with the Sam Davis



Home museum's award of excellence from the Tennessee Association of Museums. (Above) The museum, after being closed for 10 years, reopened in November. The project, which included the new museum and visitor center, was funded entirely through donations. The Sam Davis Home and Museum is open for tours Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Sunday hours are 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

A user-friendly drama that ties together a series of classic southern gospel hymns ("In the Sweet By and By," "Amazing Grace" and others), the play is at times nostalgic and touching but also raucous and funny, says Dana Everts-Boehm, assistant director at the Center. She describes it not as a musical but as an "ensemble show," adding that the audience is encouraged to sing along - and often does.

"I hope the audience gets a real sense of what it must be like for anyone who has a relative sent overseas to fight," says Michael Reinhardt, the Center's "It's executive director. poignant no matter which side you're on."

Reinhardt says the story is similar in scope to the production Smoke on the Mountain. He was moved to take it to Murfreesboro after seeing a show in Michigan at a dinner theatre titled Turkeyville USA, which, much like the name suggests, serves an eclectic allturkey menu. He chose it because of its relevancy to both wartime and the spiritual time of Easter.

The response so far has been beyond favorable, according to Everts-Boehm.

"We've received a standing ovation at every show," she said.

I Shall Not Be Moved is based on a concept by Bill Johnson and Ted J. Morris. Denis Pessar is the stage and musical director. It features a cast of ten local performers who have built up quite a camaraderie, as well as a children's chorus. Actress Judy Woodruff Stacey actually grew up in a family gospel band and says she "learned to play piano in the womb."

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. The Murfreesboro Center for the Arts is located at 110 West College St. Call 904-ARTS for more information.

MTSU profs run for school boards

Bills target kids' health

Staff Report

A House subcommittee approved two bills yesterday, one to limit the sale of junk food in vending machines in public schools and another to limit the weight of textbooks students are allowed to carry.

The goal of the bills is to raise healthier students and to teach them healthy habits.

The textbook bill, introduced by Rep. Joe Towns, D -Memphis, chair of the K-12 Subcommittee, Education wants the state to put weight restrictions on textbooks.

Heavy textbooks can cause long-term injuries to students' backs, so the books would be divided into two or three volumes each.

The additional books could cost state and local governments up to \$6 million dollars in addition to the \$60 million already being spent on textbooks.

The other bill, introduced by Rep. Joe Fowlkes, D Cornersville, would replace sodas, candy bars and chips with more healthy foods and drinks at K-8 schools.

Fowlkes' bill intends to address obesity and the health problems it causes. •

By Jason Cox State and Local News Editor

If you go to the polls to vote in the April 20 city elections or in the Aug. 5 county elections, you might see some familiar names.

Several MTSU professors have tossed their mortarboards in the ring for city and county school board positions.

Mark Byrnes, political science professor and candidate for Rutherford County School Board, said the county's growth is the main challenge facing schools today, adding that new schools are being built at the rate of nearly one

Byrnes school a year. He said he wants to run because he has school-age children and because he sees education as an essential duty of local gov-

ernment. "Providing education is the most important thing our government does, certainly at the state and county level," Byrnes said, "and I want to run not only because I have kids within the public school system, but because the system serves so many students and has such a key role in the community.

"I'm an educator. I've been in the classroom. I know about dealing with young people. Obviously my students are older than K-12 students, but I'm hoping some of the lessons I've learned will translate."

Byrnes said that even though the county school board does not have the authority to pass its own budget per Tennessee laws (the authority lies with the county commission), that the board "has a responsibility to present a reasonable budget and then to make a case for it both with the commission and with the public."

Byrnes is a graduate of Leadership

Rutherford and has served with the Boy Scouts and the Rotary Club.

Meanwhile, MTSU boasts two candidates for the Murfreesboro City School Board election April 20: Art professor Lon

Nuell, who has already served two

terms on the board, and Patrick McCarthy, a psychology professor who is seeking his first term.

Nuell said the board has taken great strides toward improving education in the city since he was elected in 1996.

He cited the creation of a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk children that now has 10 centers and the addition of art teachers to the city's 10 schools and renovations of schools. Nuell also said upgrading technology has been a goal of the board.

"Every one of our academic classrooms throughout the system are considered 21st century technology classrooms," Nuell said, adding that each classroom now has five computers, each teacher has a computer and funds are in place to stay on the cutting edge of technology.

Nuell said the board is now focusing on the needs of non-English speaking children a rapidly-growing group in the area.

"Making education available to non-English speaking children is critically important," he said. "We have a large Spanish-speaking population, some of whom are still very migratory ... [but] we are still responsible for their education."

Nuell said his experience in the schools makes him a good choice for re-election.

"I've been in the public schools for a long time," he said. "I have known and established contacts with educators, read about the educational process, stayed on top of it. It brings a certain perspective to the table that others simply don't have."



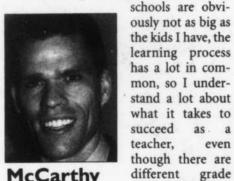
In addition to serving on the school board, Nuell is also a Leadership Rutherford graduate, has served on the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and once ran for Murfreesboro City Council as a write-in candidate, receiving about 1,100 votes.

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McCarthy sees his candidacy as an extension of his current work with the schools. He was the president of the Parent-Teacher Organization and worked with school board committees.

"I started off by just saying, 'How can I help?' and that's how I got into these other things," he said. "I thought getting involved with the school board just seemed like the next logical step for trying to help out.

"Even though the kids at elementary



the economic disparity in the city as a unique challenge.

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Siegel, which is probably about 5 percent [economically disadvantaged]," he said. "It's very white-collar, parents are welleducated [and there is] a lot of parental support. You've got other schools that are about 60-72 percent disadvantaged. Many of those kids don't even speak English, and many of their parents, of course, don't either. And that presents a whole different range of challenges."

McCarthy has served on the city school board's committee dealing with gifted children, and is the current chairman of the Unity Advisory Council, which advises the city school board on diversity issues. ◆

levels involved." McCarthy sees

"At one extreme, you've got places like



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couples, placing an undue hardship on the businesses.

"This does tie into revenue and taxes," Sparks said.

Rodgers said he has seen no statistics that would shore up what he called "that bold allegation" by Sparks.

Shafer, a supporter of the resolution, said he had initial doubts about whether the county should be addressing the issue, but recent events such as the mayor of San Francisco allowing same-sex unions despite a state law banning such legal unions changed his minds.

"You've got to work to change laws in this country," Shafer said. "If you decide what

Man arrested

laws you're going to support ... to me, that leads to anarchy. Another thing I believe ... [is] that if a business wants to provide benefits to same-sex couples, that's fine, but I don't believe they should be told they have to."

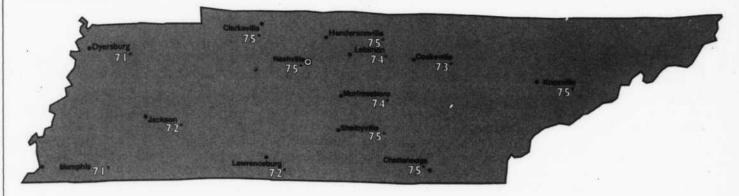
All of the commissioners contacted said the vast majority of their constituents who had spoken to them about the issue said they supported such a resolution.

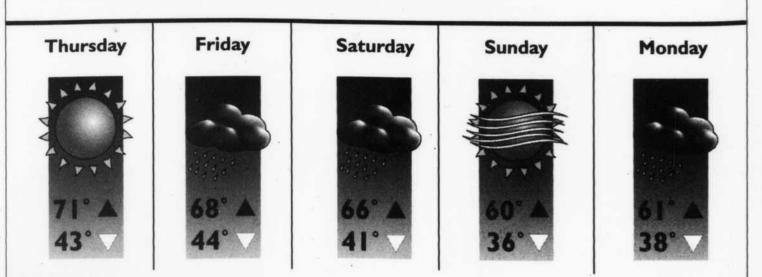
In fact, only Rodgers said he had spoken to anyone who disagreed with it.

They all also said they supported basic rights for homosexuals, including laws against discrimination in housing and in the workplace.

Tennessee Weather - Wednesday's Highs

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after theft attempt

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By David Paulson Staff Writer

arrested Police Adam Winfrey, 18, of Murfreesboro after he attempted to steal several credit cards and pieces of jewelry from a bedroom during a party on Bradyville Pike Saturday night.

Christini Carey, 21, was hosting the party at the residence and had secured her bedroom door earlier in the evening. At approximately 1 a.m., Carey noticed that the door had been forced open. She found Winfrey inside her bedroom, filling his pockets with her jewelry. Winfrey quickly fled the room. Security officer Christian Riviera found Winfrey in the backyard of the residence and placed him into custody after a brief struggle. During the struggle, several items belonging to Carey reportedly fell out of Winfrey's pockets. Riviera then contacted Murfreesboro Police. Murfreesboro Police Officer

Doug Arrington arrived on the scene and searched Winfrey. "I arrested Mr. Winfrey and found about \$600 worth of jewelry in his pocket," Arrington

reported. In addition, police found several credit cards, a pair of diamond earrings worth \$1,200, \$170 in cash and a personal check, all belonging to Carey. Winfrey was also in possession of a credit card belonging to William Farless, a guest at the party. The property was returned to victims after being identified.

Winfrey, who denied any knowledge of the stolen property, was arrested and charged with burglary and two counts of theft over \$500. He was booked into Rutherford County Jail and was issued a \$23,000 bond. His court date is set for June 1. ◆

By Tom Sharp Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -The bill authorizing Gov. Phil Bredesen's proposed TennCare changes provides a safety valve for people who need more health care than available through the new limitations, but makes clear those exceptions are not an entitlement.

The bill's language is an apparent attempt to forestall court decisions that have impacted the program in the past.

The proposed new law was presented in the Legislature for the first time Tuesday. It was discussed briefly in a House subcommittee and deferred until Wednesday.

The bill is on target with the governor's stated goal of putting a tighter rein on the \$7.3 billion program. Not all of its provisions have been fully discussed, but already there are concerns

among advocates for enrollees and health care providers.

Bredesen proposes limiting drug prescriptions to six per month, hospital visits to 45 inpatient and eight outpatient visits per year, doctor visits to 10 a year and laboratory or Xray procedures to 10 a year. Those are now unlimited.

"We have talked to doctors and there are few who feel these hard limits are good medical practice," said Tony Garr of the Health Tennessee Care Campaign, which advocates for TennCare enrollees. "You don't want that seventh prescription or 11th doctor's visit to be a trip to the emergency room."

Bredesen said Monday he is well aware of the impact lawsuits have had previously TennCare and the possibility of more to come, including challenges to the benefit limits.

"I don't know where they'll come from," Bredesen said. "We're making fundamental

TennCare bill emerges in Legislature changes to a \$7 billion program. I certainly hope people will be sensible, but we'd be crazy not to prepare ourselves for that as one of the possibilities."

Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz, whose department oversees TennCare, said the administration "is trying to be thoughtful and careful so we're defensible in court, and so we can do what we say we'll do."

The bill proposes to set up the TennCare Foundation. It would be funded on an annual basis through, the budget process and pay for services beyond the set limits-like when an enrollee needs seven or eight prescriptions per month to stay in the work force or to stay out of the hospital.

The bill is explicit that no enrollee is entitled to those additional benefits. There is no right of appeal for denials of care, and the bill notes there may not be enough money to satisfy all applicants.

Mike Huggins of the Tennessee Hospital Association said the state's hospitals are concerned "as to what ultimately might occur in terms of unreimbursed care."

The worry is that benefit limits could return the health care situation to where it was under the old Medicaid system, where doctors and hospitals were inundated with charity care and the entry point to the health care system was often the emergency room.

Russ Miller of the Tennessee Medical Association said he had concerns that the bill seems to put more responsibility for policing fraud on doctors and none on managed-care organizations.

'We've heard concerns from doctors about the increased risk to their practice, but without seeing the full details we don't know," he said. ♦

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SIDELINES 5 Media bias: who controls news

From the Editorial Board **Commission's bigotry** should be challenged

The debate over same-sex marriage has hit Rutherford County.

The Rutherford County Steering Committee approved a resolution Monday that is designed to encourage state legislators to approve a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The state legislature has been toying with the idea for some time, and most recently has come out against civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Now County Commissioner Mike Sparks, along with several other commissioners, wants to put the Rutherford County stamp of approval on a constitutional ban.

Sparks is mostly concerned about children, he told Sidelines yesterday. He seems to be afraid that allowing same-sex couples to wed might persuade youngsters who haven't yet accepted their socially prescribed gender roles and sexuality to hop the fence and join the dreaded other side.

Yikes. Paranoia can't even begin to describe what's at play here.

Sparks said that there is no malice in his intentions, and that he doesn't wish to discriminate against any individuals or groups. Quite the contrary, he said. He simply wishes to voice the concerns of his constituents. Apparently, making sure loving couples with matching genitals can't get married is something the people of Rutherford County are adamant about.

Sparks and other local, state and national lawmakers need to hear from those of us who believe that as long as the government is going to sully its hands in the business of marriage, all consenting adult couples should be eligible. They need to hear those of us in the community who do not see gays and lesbians as deviants, but as friends, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and important, valued members of our community who deserve the same privileges and rights as everyone else.

The full county commission will tackle the matter at their next meeting at 6 p.m. April 15 at the county courthouse.

If Sparks and the other commissioners want to accurately represent their constituents, it's only fair that we let them hear from us by going to the meeting and speaking out.

From the Opinions Editor As this semester ends, take time to enjoy it

It seems odd to me that some people see a liberal bias in the media. I consider myself a liberal, and most of my views are excluded from mainstream debate. The conservatives really have control of public thought.

All one needs to do to recognize this is take a look at who controls the public airwaves. Conservative talk radio shows hosted by Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity reach massive audiences. Limbaugh alone is heard on more than 600 stations.

According to a recent column by Al Franken in the Los Angeles Times, "The 45 most powerful radio stations owned by the top five station owners broadcast more than 300 hours of conservative talk radio each weekday. They broadcast only five hours of liberal talk.'

Franken and others are trying to combat this with the recent launch of Air America radio, a liberal radio network that was able to buy time on a whopping six radio stations across the United States before their first broadcast. Now, who do you think has more influence in the media: the 600-stationstrong conservatives or the six-station-strong liberals?



If this doesn't convince you, just look at what happened to the only show on network television in recent memory that allowed a significant voice to liberal thought. ABC's Politically Incorrect with

Bill Maher was cancelled after being part of super late night network programming for less than six years. This was not a liberal show, but it allowed liberals to be heard along with conservatives and others. Now Maher's show has been sent to cable, where it can do less harm.

On the other hand, the conservatives have Bill O'Reilly, who has a prime time spot. His show has been on the air for more than eight years.

Liberal voices aren't represented on The O'Reilly Factor. Most socalled liberals that show allows on are really moderate, and the host ple when they say something he doesn't want to hear.

Another way to see this conservative bias in the media is to look at how views and even factual events have been excluded from media coverage by conservatives who know that including such things could hurt the system they wish to conserve.

The invasion of East Timor by Indonesia, supported by the United States and resulting in hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths from the mid-1970s to the late 1990s, has suffered almost complete exclusion.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the fact that the U.S. government had supported and trained terrorists in Afghanistan and was responsible for the Taliban coming to power never entered mainstream debate.

After Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, no one mentioned that we supported this monster through many years of his atrocities and continued to support him until he disobeyed our orders.

When it was revealed that the current administration's invasion of Iraq, which has resulted in more than 10,000 civilian deaths, was based on false evidence, there was can be counted on to cut off peo- no significant outrage in the media for these lies. There has been some criticism for putting U.S. soldiers in harm's way, but not for the meaningless killing of civilians.

During all the Florida recounting in the 2000 presidential election, there was no mention of the fact that Jeb Bush was responsible for wrongfully purging thousands of voters before the election happened.

These voters all belonged to demographics that traditionally vote Democrat. To get information on that, you have to go to a book like The Best Democracy Money Can Buy by Greg Palast.

When Ronald Reagan attacked Nicaragua with contra killers, the press criticized him for not getting the permission of Congress. No one questioned the fact that he would purposefully target civilians; they just wanted him to go through the proper channels.

There are many other examples. Read about some in Manufacturing Consent by Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky. ♦

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Educate, don't eradicate; respect cultural diversity

How many times have I heard, "End the occupation in Iraq," or some other variation on that comment? Too many; it makes me sick to listen to these people.

Granted, we invaded a country that may have very remotely had something to do with the World Trade Center attacks, but we've undone the economy and lifestyle of an entire region.

Sure, let's pull out our already thinly spread troops and have the Iraqis just sit there, killing each other and rotting from lack of standard provisions, which our bombing



wonder people jump and laugh in the streets when something tragic happens to us.

This brings me to Falluja, four where Americans were killed, burned, beaten and then dragged through the streets, as reported by The New York Times. Maybe they were a little upset that

move is scrutinized. It seems we have to fight fair against those who don't.

Either way, it's too late to pull out of the war that supposedly ended some time ago. Suck it up. We started it; now we have to fix it.

We could send in pasty white missionaries that will drill Christianity into a culture that has followed another religion for hundreds of years, just like settlers did to the American Indians.

We could force them to be like us and strip them from everything they have with the cheap tricks and

Racial profiling can have benefits

In today's age of terrorism, we've taken drastic steps and spent millions of dollars to prevent another major attack. We've passed legislation, such as the USA Patriot Act, created the agency of Homeland Security and beefed up security at any possible target to fight terrorists.

As America has been

on guard for the past

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past was mostly used against minorities during and after the Civil Rights Movements. It was a social problem. But the civil rights suit of safety, I can't help activists weren't trying to destroy our country; they just wanted to change some social injustices.

It's good that the

As the days get longer and warmer, more and students more are countless spending hours in the library, frantically trying to finish up last-minute projects and papers before the semester comes to a close

Why? What's so important that it can't wait a few hours or can't be done outside?

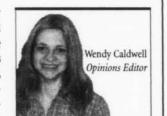
Case in point: Yesterday was a nice day. It was warm but not too hot; the sky was clear and the sun was out.

That's the kind of day I'd like to take off and spend outside, reading some high-minded philosophy book under the shade of a tree.

College students are notorious for being in a hurry and for running around like chickens sans heads trying to get ready for the semester to end.

You don't have to get ready for the semester to end. It will end whether you want it to or not, so take a breather and eniov it.

This doesn't mean to neglect your studies or stop working for good grades in your classes. Instead, do some of that work outside, or delay it a few hours in order to



spend some quality time in the great outdoors. Or at least open a window.

When inclement weather hits, we sometimes get a break from our studies. However, what else are you going to do in the snow? Granted, elementary kids like to play in it, but that gets old really quickly when you're in your 20s.

Instead, officials should give us the first sunny day off, provided that the temperature is at least 75 degrees. Make it a university holiday.

One day a year when all students can just go outside and enjoy the now would do this university some good.

If we all got a day off like that, we probably wouldn't be so anxious in our April classes, constantly checking our watches, glancing out the open window and frantically tapping our foot until our professor dismisses us. Sometimes a break in schedule does a world of good. •

campaigns destroyed in the first place.

They'll leave us alone after we leave. For how long? Until another dictator takes over?

I hate to say that I feel like I'm in the midst of another Vietnam in a way. No wonder the French are weary about helping.

We're not fighting the Iraqis; we're fighting insurgents, simple rebels who use unfair tactics to hurt people for their skewed views. They look the same as civilians and usually use law-abiding people as shields, not caring if those people become victims caught in the crossfire.

I understand why other countries don't want to help: We're Americans. They think we need to suffer a little. We never get involved in anything that doesn't concern us or our economy. As for other countries we've never helped, they won't ever affect us, so we needn't bother with them.

That's the attitude we project to the world. No

we killed at least 15 of their civilians during a demonstration last year.

Then again, maybe it was the civilians we killed when we were fighting the rebels recently that upset the people. It's easy for the insurgents to ambush and kill the unfortunate Americans and then blend back into the crowd as a mob begins to form to desecrate the bodies.

This is who we're fighting - cheaters who use their own people as shields and weapons. Either way, we piss off everyone no matter what we do.

We could attack and accidentally kill more civilians, making them loathe us even more, or we could sit back and wait, hoping we don't get shot, like we have been doing, making our people furious.

It becomes even more complicated as the whole world is looking at our every move. We've put our troops in a situation in which we're not allowed to retaliate when the time comes because their every

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bribery of our ulterior motives.

As for fixing their economy and way of life, it's up to the people who live there. We can't do everything for them.

We can show them our government model, but our ways aren't foolproof either. How many companies here have recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection?

Maybe I shouldn't say this, at the risk of sounding like an idiot to all politicians, since this topic is always on the back burner. Ah, whatever. Education:

Has anyone ever heard of it? It's a good investment. Maybe we should educate instead of eradicate. Their people are intelligent; how about teaching people around the world, including Americans, to respect and appreciate cultural diversity. 🔶

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enforcement officers can use that's cheap and doesn't require us to pass legislation or create new agencies: profiling.

This word gets a lot of people upset, but if you really think about it, profiling is just using common sense.

Because all of the Sept. 11, 2001 hijackers were Islamic extremists of Middle Eastern descent, you don't go looking at little old ladies with blue hair to prevent the next attack. You look for suspicious people of Middle Eastern descent. When a little old blue-haired lady blows up a plane,

then you look for them. But profiling is taboo in our politically correct culture. Our country doesn't want to appear insensitive or unfair to any groups within our society.

We need to get over this. We're in a war where our enemies aren't following conventional rules. Fighting a war on a too sensitive and politically correct stance can only bring disaster.

Why would profiling bother people? I know we have a history where profiling was abused, and innocent people suffered the consequences, but today is different.

uncalled-for profiling of minorities has been done away with, but it stigmatized something that can have real applications. During World War II,

United States law enforcement agents kept close watch on people of German and Japanese descent, and no major domestic attacks from possible saboteurs or terrorists ever occurred. Was it politically correct? Probably not, but it worked.

Back in today's world, everyone must comply with increasing security standards. When you go to the airport, be prepared to spend half the day waiting in line. God help you if you have any metal on you.

My message, partial to the upper echelons of government Homeland Security but also to those in law enforcement or a security position, is to forget political correctness and use your damn head. Go after the people you know are planning or have done these things, and leave the little old ladies with blue hair alone. ♦

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Urban Chess

By Erica Rodefer *Features Editor*

Chess ... check.

Urban music ... check. Chess and urban music

checkmate! MTSU student Damon

Willis is redefining the game of chess by mixing the strategists' board game with hip-hop music with his new Web site, www.urbanchess.com.

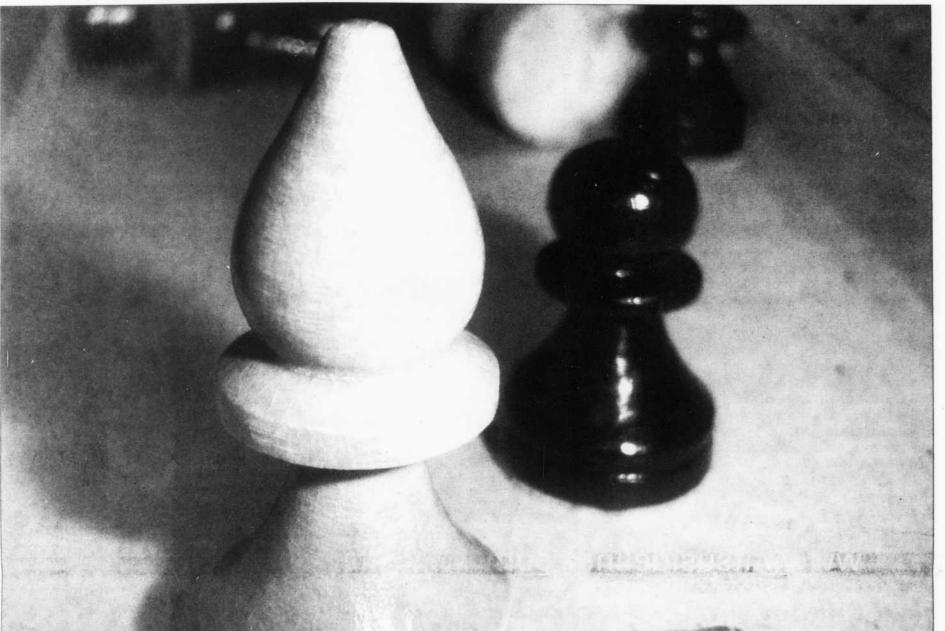
"I wanted to take the negative stereotype [associated with chess] away, and to let people know it's not out of reach," Willis says.

The Web site includes everything you need to know about urban chess. It includes diagrams explaining how to play the game, strategic tips, biographical information on exceptional black chess players throughout history, a message board and game rooms where players can communicate with and challenge players from anywhere in the world.

All of this is set to the musical stylings of a featured urban artist, which will change every month.

"A lot of people think it's hard to play – that you've got to be a nerd to play – but there are a lot of people playing," Willis points out.

The site has been an instant success, with 10,000 hits since it was first launched March 21.



"The farthest place that I've seen somebody playing was in Somalia," Willis says. "It's going to reach a lot of people."

Willis hopes that through Urban Chess he will reach an audience that might not be interested in chess otherwise.

"Anybody can play chess," he says. "It's not a rich, old white (CIK-12]

man's game.'

While chess can offer an outlet for socializing with others (and, in this case, a chance to hear some good music), Willis hopes his Web site will also pro-

vide players with some important life skills that can benefit anyone.

"You can learn a lot by playing chess," he explains. "It teaches younger people to think

before they actually move because in life, like in chess, you have to think before you react."

This is the idea behind the Urban Chess slogan, "Think, React, Conquer!" "That's what you have to do in life," Willis says.

The idea for Urban Chess came to Willis as he was playing chess with some friends while listening to Jay-Z, a hip-hop

artist who also plays chess, according to Willis.

"Basically we were chilling -

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'Jeopardy!' looks for contestants

Popular quiz show seeking players from the Nashville area next month

By Laura Taylor

Staff Writer

Attention trivia buffs:, *Jeopardy!*, the nation's number one rated quiz show, will be visiting Nashville May 6-8 in search of contestants.

Contestant coordinators will hold auditions for about 700 adults and teens and about 60 kids in the Nashville area. To register for a chance to audition, visit www.jeopardy.com.

Once you are registered on the Web site, a contestant coordinator may contact you to set up an audition.

> Contestants will be selected for the following categories: adult contestants for regular shows, fulltime undergraduate students with no previous degrees for the C o l l e g e Championships, teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 for the Teen Tournament and

children ages 10 to 12 for Kids' Week.

Maggie Speak, contestant coordinator for Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune, describes the audition process.

"First, you have to pass a difficult, 50question test. Then you participate in a mock version of the show," she says.

Prospective contestants are not chosen solely on their intellect, however. The interviewers also take personality into account when choosing contestants.

"Jeopardy! is a serious game, but some people take it too seriously," Speak says. "We want people to have fun."

What does it take to be a *Jeopardy!* contestant? Well, you must master the rules of the game, such as answering all "answers" in the form of a question, and learn to use the buzzer correctly. This may not seem like rocket science, but Speak says that it is an important task to master.

Most importantly, you must have a virtually unlimited capacity for seemingly useless trivia.

It is important to prepare for an audition by studying a wide range of material. Categories range from subjects like Renaissance art to song lyrics, so a wellrounded knowledge of all things trivia is essential.

Having this knowledge can definitely pay off. High scoring contestants are known to win as much as \$50,000 in one day.

In 2002, the winner of the College Championships, Kyle Hale from Texas A&M took home \$51,300, according to the *Jeopardy!* Web site.

Last year, the first ever Jeopardy! Masters Tournament was held and the

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Construction promising better flow of traffic

By DeAnna Withrow Staff Writer

MTSU students have much to look forward to in the coming years as Murfreesboro city planners schedule road improvements for areas surrounding campus, beginning this September.

The improvements are a part of Murfreesboro's 25-year plan to equip the city for a steadily rising population, says Murfreesboro City Planner Dana Richardson.

"MTSU is both a major destination and an origin of traffic," Richardson says. "So, of course MTSU's growth is going to be a consideration in our plans."

The city is working closely with MTSU's planning department in order to best understand the needs of the campus, according to Richardson.

Among the projects scheduled is a plan to widen Tennessee Boulevard to five lanes, including bike lanes and reconstruction of the sidewalks.

The section between Broad Street and Main Street, which was started in September, is estimated to reach completion around May 2006. The area from Main Street to Greenland Drive should be completed by November 2005.

Renee Mitchell, a student living in Lyon Hall dormitory, says she's sure it'll all be worth it when its done, though it will probably be hard to keep in mind while it's going on.

"I will definitely have sympathy for my fellow students that have to commute," she savs.

There's no doubt that students will endure the pains of road construction, says Richardson, but the city is trying to phase it in a manner that will have the least impact.

"Sometimes you have to put up with the short-term inconveniences to get to the long-term benefits," he says.

Also beginning this September is a plan to widen Old Lascassas Road from two to three lanes, complete with bike lanes and sidewalks.

Andrea Fisher, a student at MTSU, uses the road as a shortcut to get to campus. She can't decide how she feels about the future changes.

Right now, she says, widening the road might ease some of the current traffic problems in the area, or, she says she's

Jeopardy: Former contestants share tips

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winner, Brad Rutter, won \$1,000,000.

Kelly Lovell, a senior psychology major at MTSU, knows what it's like to be on a game show. When Wheel of Fortune held auditions at the Murphy Center in October of 2002, she was selected to be on the show.

She made her television debut in February of 2003 and won \$11,100. Ironically, her roommate, Rachel, also made it on the show after being an alternate and won \$6,750, Lovell

She says that preparation is very important to the audition process.

"You definitely need to prepare for an audition by making sure you know the rules of the game," she says. "Also, watch the show and develop some sort of strategy."

Her favorite part about being on Wheel of Fortune was being on television and getting to meet country music stars like Marty Stewart and Allison Krauss.

Lovell would like to audition

for Jeopardy!, but there is a rule that does not allow anyone to be on a game show for three years after his or her last appearance.

"I think that I'm a lot better at Wheel of Fortune anyway," Lovell says.

Jeopardy! has won 24 Emmys since its debut in 1984 and it has held the title for numberone quiz show for more than 1,000 weeks.

It is a television phenomenon that you could be a part of. You never know - you may be the next college champion.

the opportunity to play people playing chess and listening to and just mess up." some music - and I was like, She says the urban setting 'There's no place where they first attracted her to the Web combine hip hop and chess,"

site. "I thought it was nice to have "I saw the need for it and a chance to play with kids that came up with the idea." are my age, as opposed to an Chess players in Middle

older crowd," she adds. "It brings together people that you'd never meet otherwise.

Mullens says. "It's good to have

Derrick Shelton, a junior aerospace major who enjoys playing chess and listening to hip-hop music agrees that it's a good idea, although he hasn't

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Chess: Web site offers new outlet for players tried Urban Chess yet.

> "The music could help or hurt because some people are too tense when they're playing [chess], so it can relax them," Shelton says. "But it can hurt if you're trying to concentrate."

For those who might have a hard time concentrating, the option for complete silence is available. The tunes can be switched off with a click of the mouse at the bottom of the main page. ♦

FOR ONE SPECIAL NIGHT OF

THE YEAR, I STOP AT EVERY HOUSE THAT DUMB RABBIT

Roads: Short-term hassle brings progress

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afraid it could attract new traffic.

The estimated completion date for Old Lascassas Road is set for August 2005.

Greenland Drive also appears on the city's to do list.

Scheduled to begin January 2005, Greenland Drive, extending from Tennessee Boulevard to Highland Avenue, will be widened from two to three lanes

Further away from campus, there are also plans to widen Rutherford Boulevard from two

and three lanes to five lanes. The improvement includes the area from Broad Street to Ransom Drive.

More information about these and other projects can be found on the Murfreesboro City Web site under Traffic Updates. •



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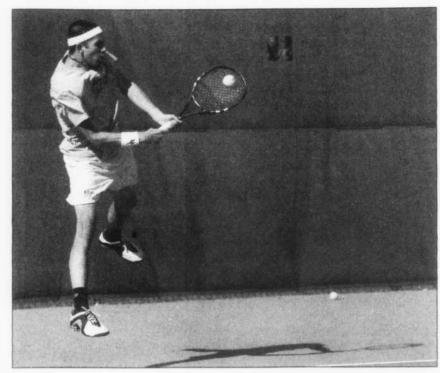


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MT sophomore Brandon Allan returns a volley in his doubles match against Louisiana-Lafayette April 2. MT won the match 4-3.

By Brad Jameson

Staff Writer

The Blue Raider tennis team will face off against No. 20 Vanderbilt today in Nashville.

Middle Tennessee (7-11) won its last two matches at home last weekend against No. 54 Louisiana-Lafayette and No. 57 Old Dominion. The Blue Raiders defeated ULL 4-3 on Friday

and Old Dominion 4-2 Sunday, gaining revenge for the team's 4-2 loss to Old Dominion at the Blue-Grey Tennis Classic in early March.

The two victories are welcome after a six-game losing streak on the road that included losses to No. 2 Ole Miss, No. 14 Harvard and No. 31 San Diego. The string of losses dropped MT to a seasonlow rank of No. 74 March 30.

Despite its road woes, the team has dominated its opponents in

Murfreesboro and has not lost a home match since the season opener against Indiana University in January. The Blue Raiders are 7-1 at home this season.

MT's singles attack is led by two freshmen, Kai Schledorn of Germany and Andreas Siljestrom of Sweden. Schledorn posts an 8-9 record to compliment Siljestrom's 9-8 in singles play. Junior Rishan Kuruppu of Canada holds the best singles record with 9-5. Also a regular on the singles court is senior Kirk Jackson, who has a 5-12 record.

The doubles team of Schledorn and sophomore Brandon Allan is 13-5 this season and was ranked No. 28 nationally on March 23. The doubles point has been very important to the outcome of a match for the Blue Raiders this season. When the doubles point goes to MT, they are 7-5. When their opponent wins the point, the Blue Raiders are 0-6.

Men's Tennis

Standings

Current as of

Denver

New Mexico State

Western Kentucky

Middle Tennessee

11-5

10-7

8-7

March 31, 2004

9-8

8-8

7-8

7-11

Vanderbilt (12-8) has struggled recently with two losses to top 20 opponents. No. 17 Tennessee and No. 10 Georgia both defeated the Commodores 5-2.

Junior Scott Brown leads the Commodores with a 23-6 overall singles record. Also adding to Vanderbilt's success are senior Zach Dailey and junior Matt Lockin, with 20-7 and 17-8 overall records, respectively.

The Commodores began the season

ranked No. 3 but after eight losses have dropped to No. 20. So far, the Blue Raiders have suffered through a season devoid of wins against top-ranked opponents, posting a 0-6 record against teams in the top 50.

MT returns to Murfreesboro to host Tulane April 10 and UAB on April 11 for their last two home matches before heading to the Sun Belt Championships in late April.

Huskies win big in Final Four



A true national champion was decided Monday night in San Antonio, Texas, as the Connecticut Huskies celebrated their second men's national championship by defeating the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets 82-73. UConn is the second Big East team in as many years to win title, following the Syracuse's victory last season. There was no doubt that UConn was the best team on the court Monday, as they made GT play the fast-paced, breakaway game the Huskies are used to. Emeka Okafor and Ben Gordon combined for 45 points to squash the Jackets and assure coach Jim Calhoun's second national championship. Georgia Tech shocked the Huskies early in the regular season in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament, but nothing seemed to fall for the Yellow Jackets Monday night. Georgia Tech completely lost control of the game in the second half with four turnovers in the first seven minutes. GT center Luke Schenscher, who was the Player of the Game Saturday in the semifinal against Oklahoma State, did not have the same presence against UConn forwards Okafor and Josh Boone. GT finally found their game with three minutes left, cutting a 25-point UConn lead to nine before the game ended. GT missed many oneand-one opportunities at the free-throw line in the first half, however, which allowed UConn to take advantage of the game.

Church gives MT first SBC home win By Michael Bailey

Staff Writer

Reese Smith Field witnessed several firsts Sunday afternoon as the Blue Raiders defeated visiting University of Louisiana-Lafavette 9-6 for their first conference home win this season.

The Blue Raiders (17-11, 2-4 Sun Belt Conference) exploded for eight runs in the first inning and never looked back, riding strong pitching performances from sophomore B.J. Church in his first start of the season and junior Steve Kline in his first relief appearance since 2001.

Four of Middle Tennessee's firstinning runs crossed home plate on freshman catcher Michael McKenry's grand slam. The home run, McKenry's second of the season, came in his first atbat in his first start of the series. "Coach Pete has confidence in me, and it shows at the plate," McKenry said. "It took a lot of pressure off B.J. because he knew he didn't have to throw the perfect pitch." Church (1-0) cruised for 5 2/3 innings before the Ragin' Cajuns struck with a rally of their own. ULL leadoff man Justin Merendino reached base after a wild pitch on a third strike eluded McKenry's mitt. The Ragin' Cajuns then mixed three doubles, a single and a walk-all with two outs to cut the lead to 8-5. "I was doing a good job of hitting my spots early," Church said. "I was getting kind of tired, though. I had only pitched four innings all season before today."

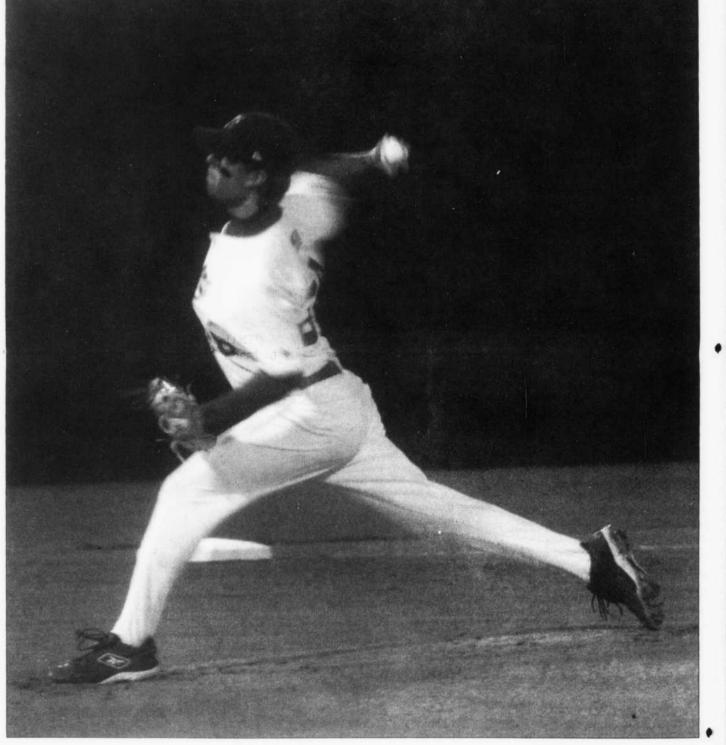
Blue Raiders salvage series with win

Arkansas-Little Rock

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GT guards Jarrett Jack and Marvin Lewis, who each played key roles in the Yellow Jackets' success in the tournament, went a combined 4-17 from the field for 13 points.

"You know, it just happens like that some

See UConn, 9

Kline stepped in and stopped the bleeding when he got ULL outfielder Kevin Preau to ground out for the final

See Church, 9

Photo by Julie Madewell | Staff Photographer MT pitcher Chris Mobley delivers a pitch in Friday's 6-5 loss to Sun Belt Conference foe Ragin' Cajuns.

Squad begins road stretch with Governors

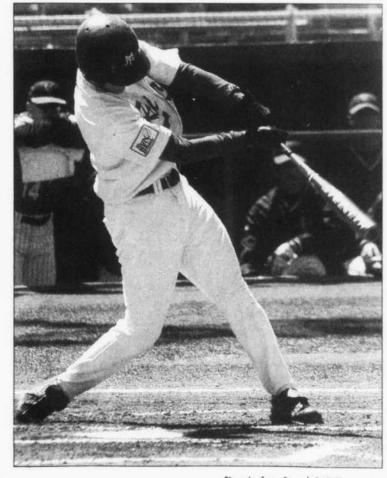


Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer MT second baseman Eric McNamee went 2 for 5 Sunday in the Blue Raiders' 9-6 win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

By Jon Leffew Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team will play the first of this week's four road games today, traveling to Clarksville, Tenn. to take on the Austin Peay Governors.

Steve Peterson's Blue Raiders will look to begin a winning streak after taking one of three games from Louisiana-Lafayette at home last weekend.

The Governors have enjoyed a successful season thus far, as they currently stand at 19-7 overall and 6-0 in Ohio Valley Conference play.

After losing to Vanderbilt March 30, APSU began a threegame winning streak against the Samford Bulldogs.

A talented group of individuals have led the Governors' offensively all season. Jared Walker, a junior infielder, leads his team in batting average, runs batted in and slugging percentage (.394, 24, .606). Jake Peterson (.344 batting average, 10 doubles, 21 RBIs), Tommy Smith (.342 batting average), Alfredo Burkeen (.333 batting

average, three triples, 12 stolen 3.34 earned run average. bases) and Chris Hyde (teamleading six home runs) have contributed greatly to a team that has 148 total runs and a 295 overall batting average.

In addition to their prowess at the plate, the aforementioned APSU players all have a fielding percentage better than 92 percent.

The Governor pitching staff has also performed well thus far, holding opponents to a .259 batting average. Jeff Mault, a senior right-hander, leads the team in earned run average (2.23) and has held opponents to six extra base hits this year. Rowdy Hardy, a junior lefthander, is tied for the team lead in wins with Mault with six and leads the team with 46 strikeouts.

In addition to Mault and Hardy, Adam Carrico leads the team in saves with four and is holding opponents to a .226 batting average.

Two underclassmen have emerged this year as key pitchers for the Governors. Brad Daniel, a sophomore righthander, is currently 2-0 with a

Shawn Kelley, a freshman infielder and pitcher, was recently named the co-pitcher of the week for the Ohio Valley Conference.

In 10 2/3 innings of work against Lipscomb and Samford, Kelley allowed just one run while picking up a key victory over the Bisons and preserving one against the Bulldogs.

For MT, four players are currently batting greater than .300, led by Eric McNamee (.411).

"Eric has come out of a tremendous junior college program and been outstanding at second base for us," Peterson told MT Media Relations. "Offensively, he is learning as he goes, learning his role as a leadoff hitter. His job is to get on base, and he has done a tremendous job of that and helping us score runs."

McNamee and his Blue Raider teammates will look to continue swinging the bats well against the Governors before finishing out the week with a three-game series in Miami with the Florida International Panthers. ♦

Golf squad finishes fourth at LSU UConn: Dominates Georgia Tech

By David Hunter

Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's golf team shot their lowest score of the season in the Louisiana State University Spring Invitational at the University Club.

This past weekend, the Blue Raiders completed the tournament in fourth place with a score of 5-underpar 859 for the three-day event.

Friday, MT drove its way to the top spot with an all-time best tournament score of 14-under 274 during the opening round.

By the end of Sunday, host LSU finished on top with a 278 in the last round after falling behind by 12 shots after the opening round. The win was the third in a row in the tournament for the Tigers.

LSU's total score was a 13-under 851, one better than second-place University was third with 9-under 855, and the Blue Raiders were fourth.

Michael Thompson of Tulane University and Furman's T.J. Blanford tied for the top individual score in the tournament with a 9-under 207. Thompson defeated Blanford in a playoff.

MT golf coach Johnny Moore was happy with the team's performance.

'We knew LSU would make a run, and they did to win it," Moore told MT Media Relations. "We just couldn't hold up under the LSU barrage, but I was pleased with our play this weekend. You don't know how you are going to react to being out front until you are there, and I think we handled it pretty well. This is something on which to build."

Earlier this season at the Fall Beach Classic in Gulf Shores, Ala., Oct. 27-28, the Blue Raiders shot an 865 in the

Furman University. Jacksonville State three-day tournament. That score was their season low before this weekend's performance.

> Blake Bivens had the top MT score at LSU with a three-under 213 to tie for 13th. The past lowest score for Bivens came with a 227 at the University of South Florida Invitational.

Charlie Gibson shot a two-under 214 at LSU that tied him for 16th place. Chris Webb shot a par 216, including a Sunday-best one-under for MT that tied him for 26th place. Josh Nelms shot a 13-over 219 for 36th.

All four aforementioned MT golfers had their lowest tournament scores of the spring.

Kenny Green shot an 11-over 227 to finish in 72nd place.

The next tournament for the Blue Raiders is this weekend at the Arkansas State Indian Classic. •

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nights," GT head coach Paul Hewitt said after the game. "They just went after the ball, they used their size, they boxed out well, they went after the ball. We were fighting as hard as we could."

UConn led 41-26 at the half behind Okafor's 10 points and seven rebounds, and Ben Gordon led the way for UConn with 14 points at the break.

UConn began the second half by opening up an 11-2 run to extend their lead to 50-31. The Huskies never looked back while playing a solid all-around game. They made the plays when they needed to and they capitalized on GT mistakes and turnovers.

With his second national title, Calhoun joins the elite group of Bob

Knight and Mike Krzyzewski as the only active coaches with multiple titles. Calhoun spoke on what he did to assure that his team would not lose the trophy.

'With about six minutes to go, we wanted to make sure we stood on the podium, and we wanted to make [GT] catch up to us rather than us turn the game over to [GT]," he said after the win. "This team proved to me that we can stand up to our disappointments."

"This moment makes all the hard work worthwhile," said Okafor, who finished with 24 points and 17 rebounds. "This proves we are as good as what we believed and what everyone said we could be. It is hard to put into words the feeling I have right now. It still has not hit me yet that we are the champions." •

Church: Wins first start of season

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out of the inning. The Ragin' Cajuns were not finished threatening the lead, however.

The Ragin' Cajuns (18-9, 4-2 SBC) had a chance to take the lead in the top of the seventh when they loaded the bases after Kline walked first baseman Rhett Buras. Unlike their previous inning, this scoring opportunity yielded minimal results for ULL as Kline retired the next two batters in order and allowed the Blue Raiders to maintain an 8-6 advantage.

MT tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth on senior Shane Kemp's sacrifice fly to left field and held on to win 9-6.

'The reason we beat Lafayette was BJ Church," MT head coach Steve Peterson said.

"This was an important win against a team that will be in the conference race the entire year. You never know how momentum starts and stops, but hopefully this will get us going on the right track." ♦

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