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# Athletes change locales, but continue playing during break

By Michael Bailey  
Staff Writer

While many students will be basking in the sun, watching the waves roll in on a sandy beach during Spring Break, a select few have alternate plans.

Members of MT's tennis, baseball and women's basketball teams will be representing this institution on playing fields far and wide.

But before you console the nearest athlete, understand that they welcome the opportunity, and they're not exactly going to Siberia for the week, either.

"Usually I go back home to Franklin County [Tenn.] and rest, but I am so thankful we are going to the NCAA tournament," sophomore Tia Stovall, a forward on the Sun Belt Conference Champion Lady Raider basketball team, said. "This is the biggest accomplishment in my life. In the end, it's worth it to still be playing."

Senior Blue Raider outfielder Shane Kemp echoed Stovall's remarks.

"You go into the season knowing you have to make some sacrifices, but if you love playing, you don't worry about it," Kemp said. "Actually, I don't really know what I am

missing, because I have never had a regular Spring Break."

Kemp and the rest of the MT baseball team will play eight games during the span, including a three-game series at New Mexico State University March 26-28, which will help determine if the team achieves its preseason goal of winning the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship.

"It's [the NMSU series] the biggest, most important series of the year," Kemp said. "We get to go to Miami in April to play FIU anyway."

Although the women's tennis team won't play as many games as the baseball team during the break, they will outdistance the guys when they visit Las Vegas March 20.

"We won't be playing everyday, so we will have some free time to do the tourist thing-shop and go sightseeing," senior Laura McNamara said.

MT women's tennis coach Randy Holden, whose team stopped in Miami last year

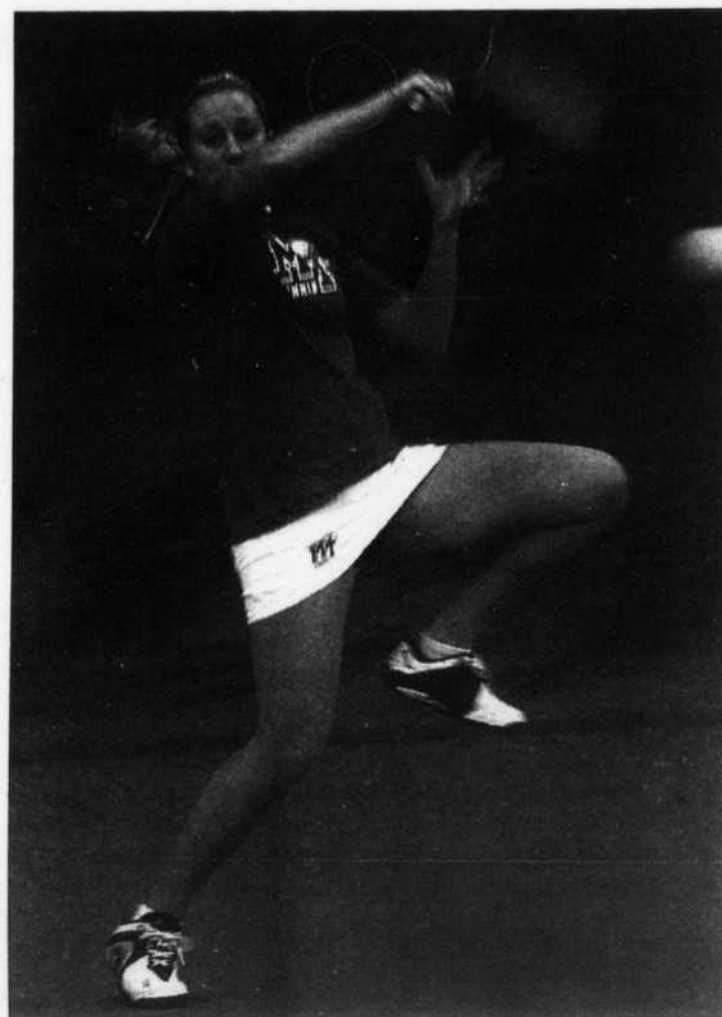
during the break, explained why he continually chooses to book a road trip.

"We recruit internationally, so when the girls come here, they want to see the world," Holden said. "And I have to keep them happy or they would be playing elsewhere."

It may seem unfair to the average student, but there is a small consolation for the athletes: While students who visit the beach might not recall most of the trip, these student-athletes will be making memories to last a lifetime. ♦

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**MT senior Laura McNamara and the rest of the Lady Raiders will travel to Las Vegas for two matches before heading to Dallas for two more matches during Spring Break this year.**



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**Preparing your car before that week-long road trip could prevent the risk of hitchhiking back home.**

## Car trouble, irresponsible drinking can lead to Spring Break disaster

**By Austin Starchman**  
Staff Writer

For many students, Spring Break is a time to travel, have fun and soak up the sun. Along with the recreation and relaxation, however, come added risks and dangers. Here's a guide to keeping safe during the break.

Alcohol may be one of the main sources of entertainment for college students traveling over Spring Break, but it's the leading cause of accidents and injuries during Spring Break as well.

According to a 1998 study by the University of Wisconsin, more than 50 percent of college males and 40 percent of females report being drunk to the point of vomiting and/or passing out at least once. These numbers are attributed as the main cause of alcohol poisoning and sexual assault involving college students during Spring Break.

The state of Florida, one of the most popular Spring Break destinations, has several points of advice concerning drinking during Spring Break on its

Florida for Visitors Web site.

First, the site advises that one decide how much one to drink beforehand, and then notify friends of the amount to help keep drinking in moderation. The site also has advice on what to do if someone does drink too much and when to call 911.

The site also recommends some basic tips for motel safety, such as not opening the door for anyone who knocks and not leaning off of high balcony railings.

The site reminds women to use the same caution they use in local nightclubs, such as keeping their drinks with them at all times and not leaving alone with people they just met.

Another danger for anyone heading to a warmer climate is the risk of sun damage. Although getting a tan may be on many students' lists of things to do during the break, there are safer ways to do so.

Sheena Babb, who works at Hot Spot Tan and Travel, a local Murfreesboro tanning salon, offers several points of advice for people planning to

hit the beach during Spring Break.

"First, make sure that you're wearing a sun block with at least SPF 15, even on cloudy days, since you can still get a sunburn even when its overcast," she said. "Also, it's always a good idea to stop and use a tanning bed for at least one session before going on vacation in a sunny area, since getting a light tan from a tanning bed protects you from the sun's UVV rays."

The UVV rays are the weakest rays on the UV spectrum.

Finally, students driving to their Spring Break destinations should go through a checklist of precautions and examinations before leaving. Travelers should check all fluids, including oil, transmission fluid, engine coolant and windshield wiper fluid. They should check the tire pressure in all four tires and be sure to carry a spare just in case.

Students should also be sure to carry a minor repair kit, including jumper wires, a tire repair can, an extra quart of oil and a simple tool kit with a flashlight. ♦

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# Spring Break no alternative if forgotten week later

Spring Break is upon us, and amid signs of joy and relief comes the inevitable question: what will you do for the next week?

At every school I've attended, one eternally-popular choice has been the infamous "alternative spring break." I'm sure you've heard of it. It's where you sign up to get on a plane, fly to a third-world country, help distribute water, food, blankets and medicine, and generally make the world a better place.

For one week, that is.

Call me cynical, but this has always struck me as a double-standard, akin to the idea of "doing one good deed for the day." Once you're done with your week, you can come back to your lush, comfy existence, crank up your air conditioning



And So It Goes

Sarah Crotzer  
Staff Columnist

and order an extra-large pizza with a two-liter Coke. You never have to think about the suffering humans again, because you helped them.

Does anybody see anything wrong with this picture?

I'm not trying to say there aren't wonderful, giving people out there who are committed to helping those less fortunate. That's not my point at all. Why are people – people who would not ordinarily be so giving, who don't make this part of

their regular lifestyle – jumping up and doing this for Spring Break?

The answer is simple: Some people need a reason to feel good about themselves. And I think that completely undermines the whole idea – not only of humanitarianism, but of Spring Break itself.

The crazy thing is, this type of Spring Break is so common anymore, you can't really call it "alternative."

People always seem to need to do something during that week off, something real and meaningful (at least to them). Road trips to exotic places, participating in highway clean-up crews, going to rock 'n' roll festivals with an endless stream of sex and drugs. Folks always have to have a reason – if not to save the world, then at least

to proclaim their youth.

I'm not really into any of those ideas, though. They seem like too much effort and too much planning for a genuine "break." I've decided what I'm doing, and it's a real shocker.

I'm going to stay home and do nothing.

That's right, folks: nothing. I'm not going to plan a thing until that week hits me. Maybe I'll watch some television. Maybe I'll read a book. Maybe I'll call up some friends, or take a long drive or go to dinner. I might do all of those things-or none of them.

Wow. Can you imagine the possibilities?

That's the real point of Spring Break. It's not some sort of strange, week-before-Christmas excuse to rush out and justify your existence. It's a

time to relax, kick back for a short time and forget the worries of the busy university life (be your pursuits academic or one long frat party).

You should be able to do whatever it is that gives you a week of peace, even if that means sitting in a deck chair on your porch with a Game Boy in one hand and a beer in the other.

Maybe, just maybe, it involves helping people in need. And if it does, I'm all for that; just make sure you're clear why you're doing it. Spring Break shouldn't be a statement; it should be a reflection of the person you already are – no matter who that is.

You don't need to make this week into more than it is. Go on. Take a break. ♦

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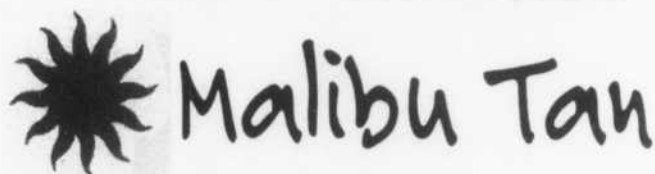
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**Sidelines wishes everyone a great Spring Break.**

*Except for those of you going to Canada.*

*Be sure to forget your return tickets, you crazy Canucks.*

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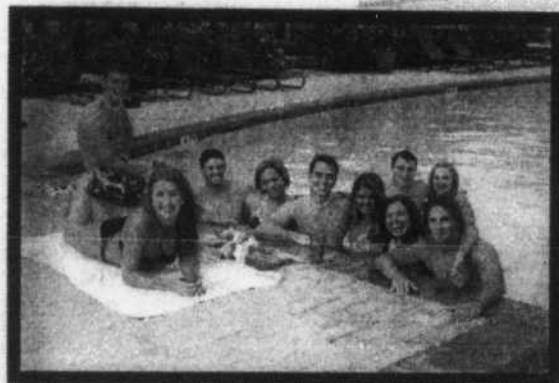
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**By Colby Sledge**  
*Spring Break Tab Editor*

So all of your friends are leaving for Spring Break, and you're going to be stuck at home fighting boredom and killing time.

Before you throw yourself the worst pity party since your last breakup, consider spending some of your time next week in Nashville.

And for those of you who think you've already done everything in Nashville, don't kid yourself. Here's a sample:

○ Discover hockey

We actually have two professional sports teams in Nashville. The Predators are currently in the running for their first playoff berth since their creation in 1998. The team has been trying everything to get more fans in seats, including offering plenty of discounts on tickets. Currently tickets are as low as

\$10, and you can usually find coupons in grocery stores and *The Tennessean*.

The Predators play the defending Western Conference champion Anaheim Mighty Ducks Tuesday at 7 p.m. They also host the Columbus Blue Jackets March 27 at 7 p.m. You can order tickets by calling 770-PUCK.

○ Get some culture

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts is currently hosting one of the most impressive art exhibits the city has ever seen. "From El Greco to Picasso: European Masterworks from The Phillips Collection" showcases some of the greatest works from artists people have actually heard of, like van Gogh, Monet and, of course, Picasso. Almost 60,000 people have gone through the Frist Center since the exhibit opened on Jan. 31.

Other exhibits currently running

include crafts from the Smithsonian, Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series (which focuses on the Harlem Renaissance) and 50 works of art by children with disabilities, including 18 by Nashville youth and their families.

Here's the best part: Admission is only \$6.50 with your student ID. So go. It will be better than whatever lame movie you were going to rent instead.

○ Do the country thing

When it comes to country music, most college students plug their ears and run away screaming Radiohead lyrics. Like it or not, Nashville is country music, so you might as well give it a chance. The first place to start is the Country Music Hall of Fame, which is currently holding a special exhibit titled "Night Train to Nashville: Music City Rhythm and Blues" that highlights the interaction between

# Spring Break EXPEDITI in Nashville? NS

College students need not travel for week of fun

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and Visitors Bureau

**Above:** The Frist Center for the Visual Arts is now hosting the most popular exhibit since the center was built.

**Far Right:** The Country Music Hall of Fame in its new digs next to the Gaylord Entertainment Center.





rhythm and blues and country music in Nashville after World War II. The museum is open daily and admission costs \$12.95.

If you really want to delve into Nashville and country music, go to the Grand Ole Opry – you know, the place where they play music next to Opry Mills. There are concerts every Friday and Saturday from artists who play purebred country, not just the stuff you hear on major country radio stations. Unfortunately, in March the show moved back from its five-month stint in its original home, the Ryman Auditorium, but it's still worth seeing. Tickets start at \$24.00 and can be ordered through [www.opry.com](http://www.opry.com).

○ Be cool

If you're feeling extremely

cheap, then just go to Green Hills, which is basically located between Belmont University and Vanderbilt University. Besides being a major college hangout, there are also some pretty cool shops and restaurants and plenty of nice, if slightly eccentric, people. Stopping by Fido, a coffee shop owned by the same owners of Bongo Java (the home of the Mother Theresa bun we all remember), is definitely recommended. Then scrounge up a few bucks and see a movie in the Belcourt Theatre, a cultural icon that shows independent and lesser-known films.

And if after all that, you're still not satisfied, go do something yourself. You might actually discover you took a pretty cool (and relatively inexpensive) Spring Break vacation after all. ♦



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**For a 'smashing' Spring Break experience that doesn't involve alcohol, try heading down to the GEC and watching a Predators game. What's the best part? The stadium sells beer.**

## Forget the beach: many heading home

By Austin Starchman  
Staff Writer

According to a recent unscientific survey of MTSU on-campus residents, most students will be going home to visit family and friends for Spring Break.

The poll, which consisted of 50 randomly surveyed resident students, showed that most viewed Spring Break as a chance to get away from campus and get back home, with 62 percent saying they were going home. Some cited missing their family and friends, while others cited more practical reasons.

"I'm going home for Halo, groceries and cash," Justin Myers, a freshman living in Felder Hall, said.

A surprisingly large number of students, 28 percent of those surveyed, said they would be staying on campus. Most cited work

reasons, with studying and friends coming in close behind. Campus dining services seem to have also taken into account the relatively large number of students staying for the break, as McCallie Dining Hall will be open regular hours during the break.

Ten percent of students stated that they would be using the break as an opportunity to take a vacation on their own or with friends. Out of those five, however, only one planned a trip to Florida, the traditional Spring Break hot spot. Travel destinations varied, including Maryland and Texas.

As a side note, several members of the teaching staff were asked their plans for the break. The unanimous response from all parties?

They'll be grading papers. ♦

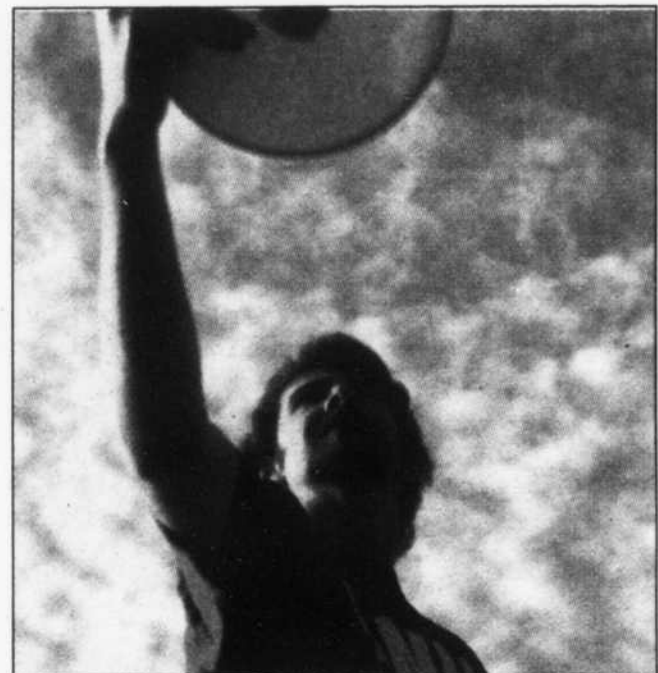
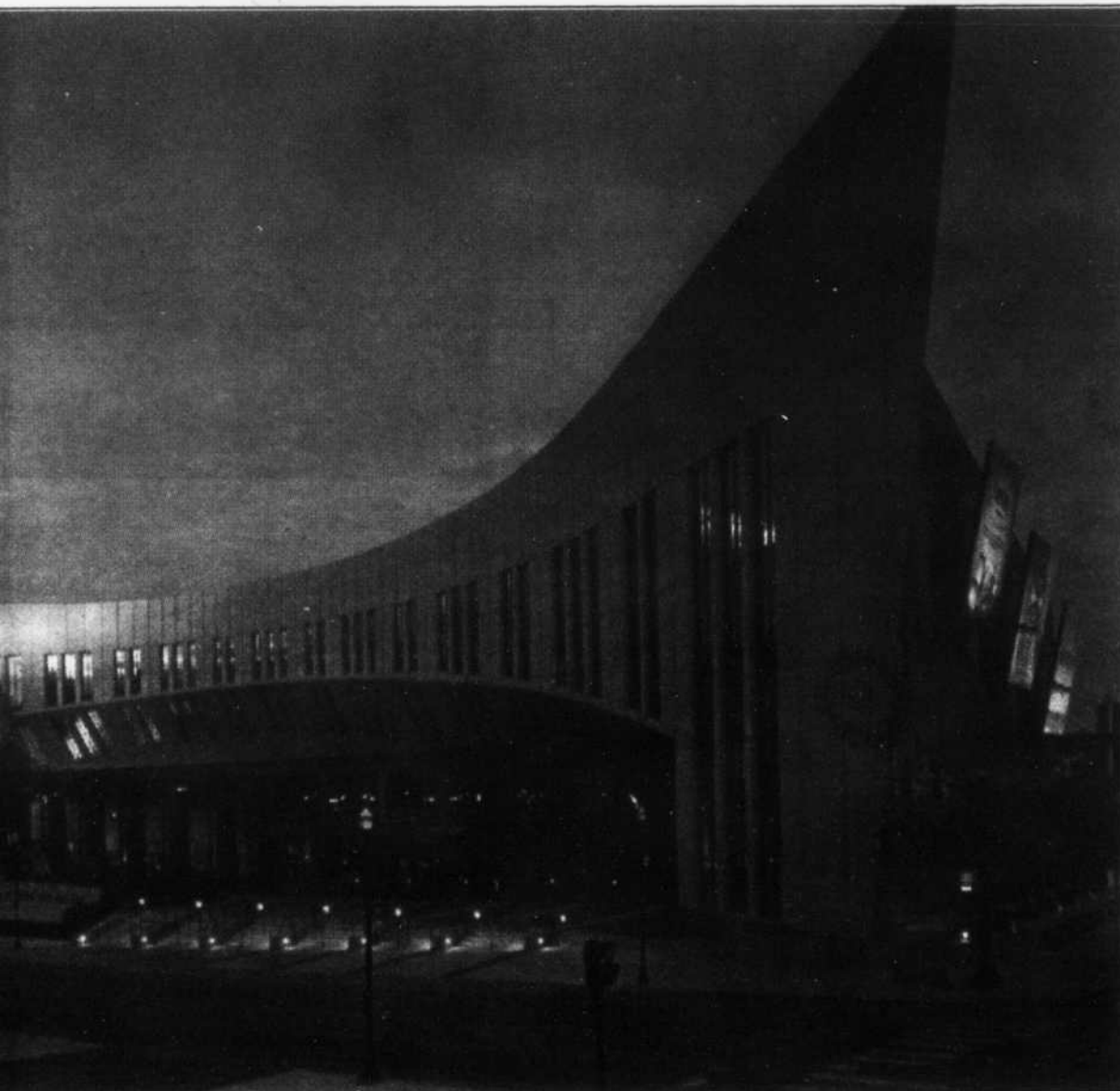


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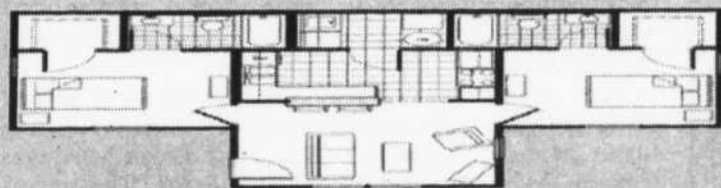
**Like many students, junior Steven Whittimore plans on enjoying himself during Spring Break.**



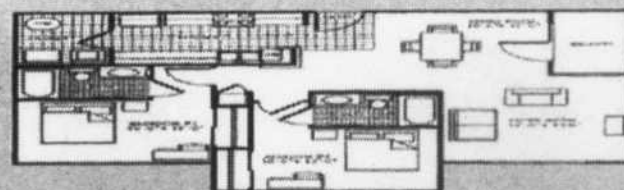
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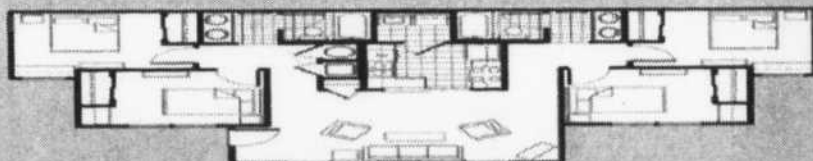
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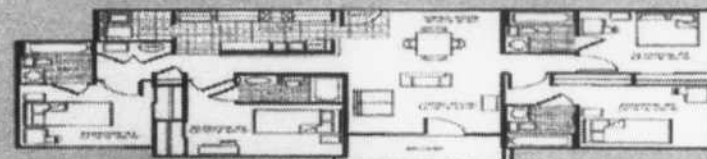
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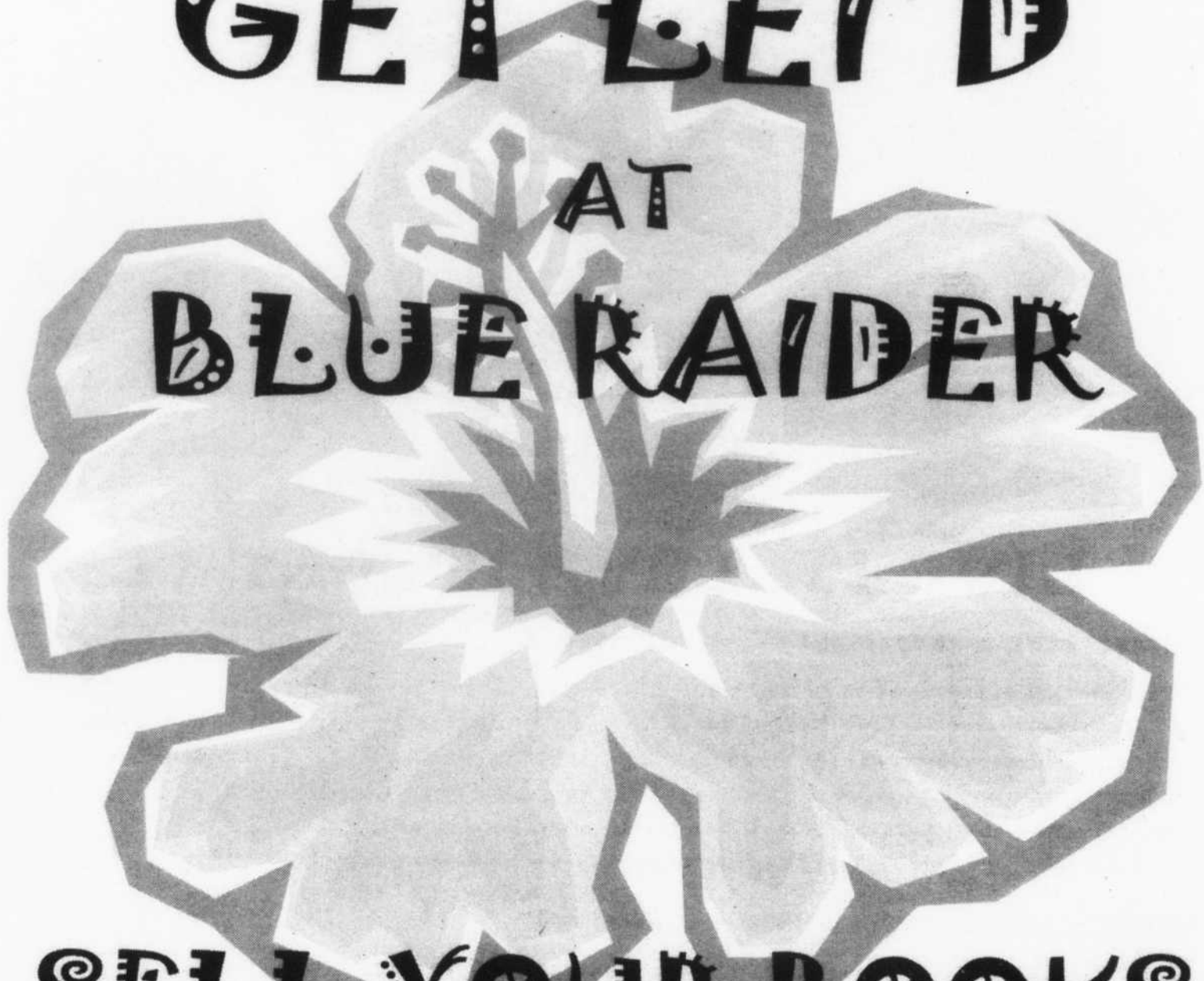
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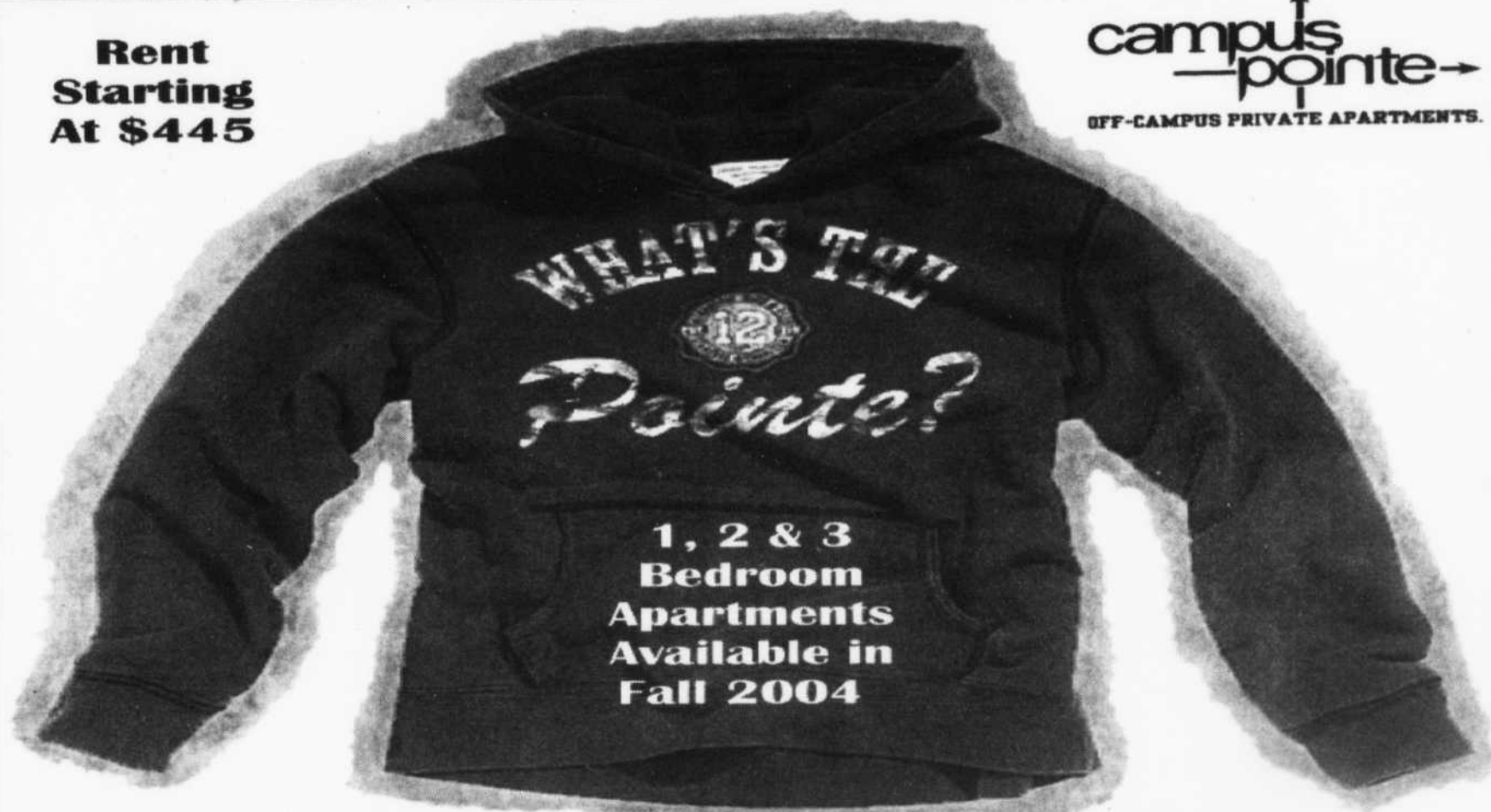


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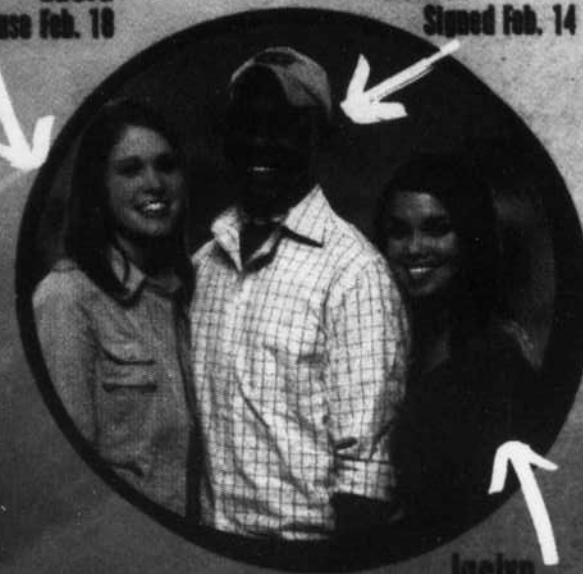
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### SGA elections wrap up tomorrow

The Student Government Association spring elections continue this week, and end tomorrow. Students can vote via PipelineMT, accessible on MTSU's Web site, [www.mtsu.edu](http://www.mtsu.edu).

Student candidates are vying for the positions of president, vice president of administration and public affairs, executive vice president/speaker of the senate, election commissioner, as well as senators for all the university's colleges.

### Registration begins after Spring Break

Priority registration for summer and fall 2004 is set for April 5-16. Assigned registration times are available on WebMT under the "Registration and Schedule" tab, under "Assigned Registration Time." Students are required to resolve all registration holds before signing up for classes.

The summer and fall course schedules are available on WebMT.

Students should check with their advisors prior to registration. Call the Scheduling Center at 898-5800 or 898-5094 for more information.

### Sorority to hold semiformal in April

The women of Delta Sigma Theta sorority will hold a "Black and White Affair" semiformal at the Boys and Girls Club of Murfreesboro April 18 at 9:13 p.m. For more information, contact Maryam at [mmh21@mtsu.edu](mailto:mmh21@mtsu.edu).

### Four young pianists win awards, money

Four young pianists garnered awards at the eighth-annual Clavierfest March 6. Charlene Hong of Brentwood, Tenn., took home top honors in the Kindergarten-third grade category.

Anna Liang, also of Brentwood, won the fourth-sixth grade competition.

Erica Tung Yan Leung of Trenton, Tenn., finished first in the seventh-ninth grade competition.

Stacy Cheng was named the winner of the 10th-12th grade competition.

The winners split \$850 in prize money, and each took home a medal. The competition was sponsored through the support of the Steinway Piano Gallery in Nashville and the MTSU Public Service Committee.

### Works by ceramist on display in Barn

Ceramist Sylvia Hyman's recent works will be on display until Friday in the Art Barn Gallery. Hyman is a native of New York who is based in Nashville.

She attended the Albright Art School and Buffalo State College, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in art education. Admission to the gallery is free.

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## Permanent residents forced to jump hurdles

### History professor pushes for better process to accept green card holders

By Adam Parker  
Staff Writer

Can you tell the difference between a permanent resident and an international student?

According to MTSU's admissions department, there is no difference.

What this means for permanent residents at MTSU is, "a lot more paperwork, they're required to pay a higher application fee, they have to take the [Test of English as a Foreign Language], and some of them are required to take [tuberculosis] tests, which should not be necessary for a permanent resident," according to Yuan-Ling

Chao, history professor and adviser to the Asian American Student Association.

Permanent residents are immigrants who have held a green card and lived in the United States for five years. At the end of that five-year period, they have the option of becoming a U.S. citizen or keeping their green card and permanent resident status indefinitely.

During the interim between permanent residency and citi-

zenship, they are treated the same as citizens with a few minor exceptions, such as providing additional information on job applications.

Permanent residents pay the same taxes and can hold the same jobs as any U.S. citizen. Most permanent residents have lived in the United States for long enough to speak fluent English.

Every other university that is under the Tennessee Board of

Regents admits permanent residents in the same manner as they do U.S. citizens. So does virtually every other university in the nation.

As an example, the admissions page on the George Mason University Web site differentiates between permanent residents and international students.

"Individuals who are U.S.

See Residents, 2

## Guitar prodigy looking at MTSU

### Professor seeks ways to fund Romanian student's tuition

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

An 18-year-old Romanian guitar prodigy is looking to come to MTSU this fall, but the issue of cost could prevent him from doing so.

"We're bending over backwards to try to get him here," said William Yelverton, a music professor and guitar instructor. "He wants very much to come to America to study but there is absolutely no scholarship really that could give him what he needs to come here."

Silviu Ciulei, a high school student, said he has been playing guitar since he was just four or five years old. It all started with a toy guitar.

"Before I entered the first grade," Ciulei said, "my parents just tried to find something for me to do."

He said he tried sports for a while, but — unlike his brother, an award-winning sportsman in Romania — sports just weren't for him.

"I always came back to guitar," Ciulei said.

Yelverton met Ciulei in June of last year, while performing with the Black Sea Philharmonic in Ciulei's hometown of Constanza. Ciulei approached Yelverton after the concert to congratulate him on his performance.

"I went to congratulate him and he asked me about my nails — I have nails like a guitarist — and he asked me to play," Ciulei said.

Yelverton said he was immediately impressed with Ciulei's skill. Yelverton spent the next afternoon at Ciulei's father's restaurant listening to him play guitar.

"We kept in touch and he thought that I had big chances to come and study at MTSU," Ciulei said.

But the big obstacle Ciulei faces is getting enough money to afford tuition. According to

See Guitar, 2

### Breaking into spring



Photo by Sean Jordan | Staff Photographer

Buttercups — or daffodils — bloom near the Business and Aerospace Building yesterday, thanks to warmer temperatures and sunny skies. The first day of spring falls just before Spring Break this year, on March 20.

## Freshman arrested for assault

### Victim lapses into coma after fight

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

MTSU freshman Travis Aaron Hillis was arrested for aggravated assault, which resulted in the victim lapsing into a coma.

According to the Murfreesboro Police Department, officers arrived at the Woods at Greenland apartments in reference to a fight on March 7.

The victim, Christopher Pittman, was in a coma when he was transported to MTMC

around 2 a.m. He has been discharged from the hospital.

MTSU Public Safety also responded to the scene to assist the MPD.

Hillis, 19, had cuts on his hands and knees when he was arrested later that morning in his Cummings Hall dorm room, according to his arrest

record.

Det. Jim Wyatt from MPD investigated the case and arrested Hillis as the assailant. Hillis' bond was set at \$50,000, which was paid the same day.

Hillis' court date is set for April.

Hillis did not return repeat phone calls to his dorm. ♦

## SGA decides to let Chapman run

### Election Commission fines candidate for having Web site up before official date

By Austin Starchman  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Election Commission decided Friday to allow Student Government Association presidential candidate Matthew Chapman to run for office.

There was a question about Chapman's eligibility because of an article in the SGA Constitution that requires

students running for executive office to have completed 45 university hours.

Chapman, a transfer student, had enough hours, but not at MTSU.

Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, initially vetoed an SGA Judicial Board decision to disqualify Chapman, but later retracted his veto, giving the decision back to the Election Commission.

The commission also met immediately afterward to decide what punishment should be handed down to Chapman for beginning his campaign too early.

The SGA Election Charter states that a candidate cannot begin campaigning until he or she has been declared an

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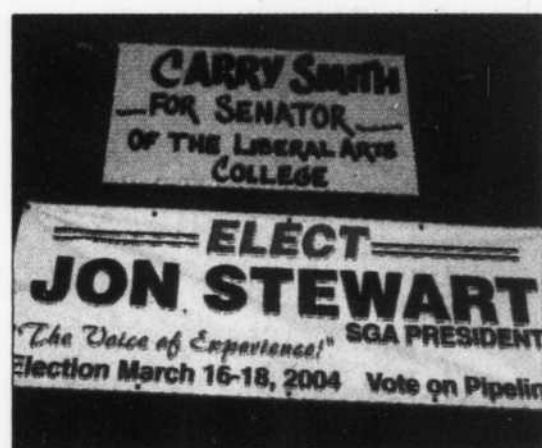


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Student Government Association elections wrap up tomorrow. Students can vote on PipelineMT at [www.mtsu.edu](http://www.mtsu.edu).

## Mock Trial teams win big at National tournament

By Andrea Hinch  
Staff Writer

One of MTSU's Mock Trial teams walked away from a tournament this weekend with a first place trophy.

The other team received an honorable mention by placing

in the top 10 at the American Mock Trial Association Silver Flight National Tournament in Richmond, Ky. The team also won the Spirit of American Mock Trial Association award for sportsmanship in their division.

"This tournament we won

really is a fairly big deal," said John Vile, political science department chair and the teams' coach. "We've been to this tournament three times placing either first, second or third each visit. We've had pretty good luck at this tournament."

In mock trial, the AMTA creates a court case and every participating university puts its own ideas into it. Colleges compete against each other in a court-like setting with both sides taking a prosecution and defense stance.

"We basically use the same

rules of procedures as the federal court system," explained Jonathan Brooks, a sophomore and member of the first-place team. "We have obvious differences (like time limits) since it is a competitive arena."

See Mock Trial, 2



# Irish music band, The Rogues, to perform

By Meagan Kirby  
Staff Writer

The Honors College Lyceum will present an Irish folk music concert featuring the local Irish music band The Rogues at 3 p.m. today.

The Rogues consist of five members playing instrumental Celtic music.

Members include David Coe and Bill Verdier on fiddle; Bill Wolfe on flute, accordion and



tin whistle; Elkin Brown on cittern and guitar and Frances Cunningham on banjo and cit-

tern.

"We specialize in traditional Irish music," Coe said. "We focus on the instrumental music instead of lyrical. Mainly we play music like reels, jigs, hornpipes and airs that you would most likely hear at a bar in Ireland."

The band has been together for around 20 years and played in several different festivals all over the United States.

The Rogues have made

appearances at the Middle Tennessee Scottish Festival, on the radio station WPLN, in the St. Patrick's Day Festival, the Vanderbilt International Music Festival and at several Irish/Scottish pubs in Nashville and surrounding areas.

They have also made several appearances on the Grand Ole Opry.

"We are thrilled to be playing at MTSU," Coe said. "We hope to get a lot of people to come

out and enjoy some Celtic music on St. Patrick's Day."

"Several people recommended them to me, and they were willing to come down and play on a weekday afternoon," said Georgia Dennis, honors college events coordinator.

The Honors College Lyceum has several events planned for the rest of the semester on Wednesdays.

"All these events are going to be experience events, in that

students are learning about things outside of the classroom," Dennis said.

"The new lyceum will take a different approach to presenting information, culture and knowledge."

The concert will be free and open to the public in the Honors Amphitheater, Honors Building, Room 106.

Green attire is recommended. ♦

## Residents: Permanent residents feel insulted by process

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citizens or permanent residents of the United States, no matter where in the world they live or go to school, are not considered 'international applicants' and should complete the traditional Undergraduate Application," according to the Virginia-based university.

Meanwhile, permanent residents at MTSU are the exception to this rule. They do not

complete the traditional undergraduate application.

When all is said and done, the \$15 admission fee that most incoming students pay increases to about \$100 for permanent residents once they have taken TB shots, TOEFL tests, and paid a \$30 admissions fee – just the same as it does for international students.

And there is more to their frustration than just time and money.

"I've gone to high school in the U.S. all of my life and then they (MTSU) wanted to give me a test to see if I could speak English," said Eddie Detvongsa, a computer information systems major who was born in Bangkok, Thailand, but has lived in the United States for 23 of his 26 years.

He said he feels insulted by MTSU's system for admitting permanent residents and said that the only reason he chose

MTSU was because it was close to his job and his employer paid his tuition.

Chao's proposed solution is simple: Admit permanent residents the same as U.S. citizens, just ask for their green card number, photocopy the green card, problem solved. ♦

Scott Dumm contributed to this story.

## Guitar: Student attends school with 12-hour days

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the International Programs and Services Office Web site, MTSU requires that international students be able to prove that they can afford \$16,000 a year for tuition and living expenses.

Like most families in Romania, Ciulei's family makes an average of \$200 a month, which totals of \$2,400 a year – not enough to finance international-student tuition.

Yelverton said he is seeking private donors to help fund Ciulei's education.

"The reason he is so special is because, in my 15 years here, I've never seen a kid who's 18 years old in high school who is even approaching the talent of this guy," Yelverton said. "In my opinion he is certainly one of the best high school guitar students in America."

Ciulei has already garnered several awards for his guitar work. He received the George Enescu gold medal in Romania, and – though he didn't come away with an overall award – he received the highest ranking as a national finalist during the American String Teacher's Association competition.

Yelverton said Ciulei's culture sets him apart from most other guitar students. He said Ciulei was studying material in seventh grade that most guitar students don't attempt until their freshman year of college.

"He grew up in a culture of flamenco guitar, which is a very highly developed art form," Yelverton said. "He's been on a track to become a musician since he was six years old."

Ciulei attends an arts school in Constanza, whose schedule is dramatically different from the typical American high school.

The school day begins at

7:45 a.m. and ends 12 hours later. Students do not take math or science courses, but instead focus heavily on music and arts, as well as literature and languages.

"We learn to love studying, especially music stuff," Ciulei said. "You just go and do all these other courses because you want to do the music courses. So you just have to make a compromise."

Ciulei said he practices his guitar every day for about three or four hours – maybe more on weekends.

"It's not important how much you study," Ciulei said, "it's important how you study."

Ciulei said it's best to practice with one's head.

"You just think everything," he said.

Ciulei is fluent in English, Romanian, French, Italian and Spanish, and can speak a little bit of Turkish. He said some of the courses he studies as a musician include music history, music theory, harmony, directing, choir and orchestra, folklore, jazz history, psychology and piano.

Ciulei said he mainly wants to come to MTSU to study with Yelverton.

"He's just very open with students and he helps student a lot," Ciulei said.

Ciulei said he likes MTSU and the Murfreesboro area. He said the town is peaceful.

"I'm used to a lot of racket and stuff like that – a lot of cars, a lot of pollution," he said. "You can just study here all day, you know, like practice."

Yelverton said it's been difficult trying to arrange things so that Ciulei can come to MTSU.

"The only thing I can do is play my best, practice and just prove that I'm the best," Ciulei said. "If I don't get all the money and would need to work, I will work. I just want

## Mock Trial: Teams go to nationals in Des Moines in April

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"We know our law, how well we know how to keep parts of the witness statements in or out," said Brooks, who was awarded Best Witness honors.

"As a witness, I was scored on how well I held up under cross-examination and how convincing as a witness I was."

More than 500 students and

42 teams from the East, Midwest and South attended the tournament at Eastern Kentucky University.

Members of the championship team include: Brooks, *Sidelines* editor Patrick Chinnery, Lisa Collins, Brittany Hays, Tina Nemarnik, Andrea Walker and Tiffany Walter. Chinnery and Collins also received personal awards for

their work as attorneys. They were tied for third place at the tournament.

Members of the honorable mention team include: Joel Bellis, Kristen Bradley, Ashley Jones, Aaron Perry, Shaun Salem, Helen Caddes and Jason Walker.

MTSU's tournament win assured them a bid at the Gold Flight National Championship

Tournament, April 2-4 in Des Moines, Iowa. This tournament will be the final nationwide tournament of the year.

"It's my first year belonging to mock trial, but I'm learning a lot," Brooks said.

"I think there are very few people in the world who have as much as fun as we do trying a murder case." ♦

## Election: Chapman files appeal regarding fine for Web site

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actual candidate by the Election Commissioner, which normally occurs 10 days before the first day of the election.

The main issue discussed was the fact that Chapman's campaign Web site, [www.chapman4sga.com](http://www.chapman4sga.com), was up at least two days before campaigning could begin.

Chapman said the site was not publicly listed on any search engines, and was only used to coordinate between his campaign team and the Web site designer.

The commission declared that Chapman violated election campaign rules, and thus asked him to take down his Web site until Wednesday of this week.

Chapman then filed an

appeal to the student judicial board, and as such, has been able to keep the site running.

"I don't think allowing the Election Commission to try the matter is fair since they were the ones to file charges," Chapman said Monday. "It's kind of like having the police, judge and jury all rolled into one. It just seems to me to be a conflict of interest."

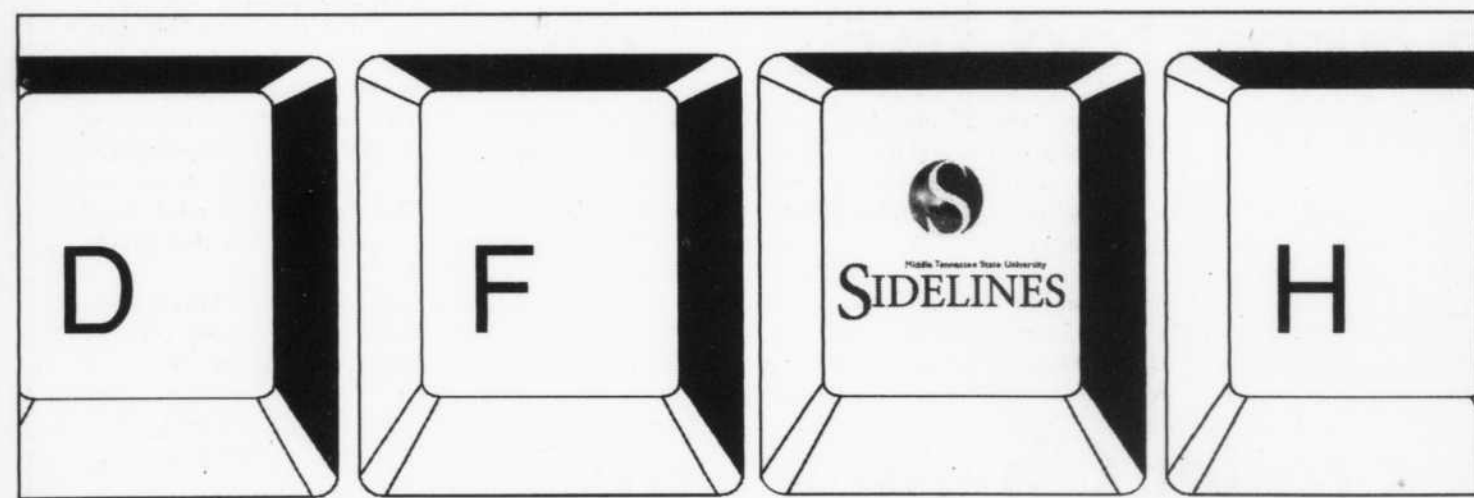
Election Commissioner Brittany Rogers could not be reached before press time.

The student judicial board meeting had not been scheduled at press time.

The SGA elections began yesterday and will conclude tomorrow. Students can vote by logging on to PipelineMT. ♦

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## Many Tennesseans perform at low literacy level

### Poverty thought to be cause of substandard ability

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than half of adult Tennesseans have trouble reading well enough to understand a street map or to calculate postage, a new study on adult literacy shows.

A study released Monday by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research reported that 53 percent of the state's adults are classified in the bottom two rungs of the five levels of litera-

cy. "If they are at level 1, they can read a little but not well enough to fill out an application, read a food label or read a simple story to their child," said Carrie Megill, curriculum development specialist for Nashville READ, a nonprofit literacy program.

Those at level 2 can read a little better but lack higher-level reading and problem-solving

skills.

State officials conducted the study by interviewing those involved with literacy programs, reviewing recent literacy studies and analyzing material from the Office of Adult Education.

Meg Nugent, executive director of the Nashville Adult Literacy Council, said Tennessee and most Southern states historically have high illiteracy rates.

"It's got to do with poverty," she said. "We see a big correlation between poverty and under-education."

"Usually these adults have never had much success in school, and they find it very difficult to come in and say 'I need help with this.' But it's definitely worth it."

— Carrie Megill

Curriculum development specialist, Nashville READ

Tennessee allocates less money to adult literacy programs than most Southeastern states, where spending ranges from \$2 million a year in Mississippi to \$241 million in Florida, according to the report.

Tennessee spent \$3.2 million on adult literacy in 2002, the latest year for which figures are available, along with a portion of \$4.1 million that the Department of Human Services gives the state Office of Adult

Literacy.

The study suggests the state Legislature create tax incentives for businesses that offer adult education programs for their employees. It also recommends incentives for adult education teachers.

Megill said many adults who have trouble reading have a hard time asking for help.

"Usually these adults have never had much success in school, and they find it very difficult to come in and say 'I need help with this.' But it's definitely worth it." ♦

## Man attempts to enter homes

By David Paulson  
Staff Writer

Police arrested Buddy Lee Newman of Murfreesboro after he attempted to break into a residence on Esquire Court Saturday morning. Officers found a loaded gun, baseball bat and several stolen articles in his vehicle.

The victim called police at approximately 8 a.m. Saturday morning and reported that a black male wearing a black toboggan and red shirt had attempted to open her garage door and had taken the screen off of a back window. The suspect then got an aluminum bat out of his car, placed it under his shirt, "got spooked" and drove off toward Penny Lane.

Another resident on Esquire Court reported that a black male wearing the same clothing came to the door and lightly tapped on the window. She reported that she did not answer the door but that she "made noise with the TV." The suspect then left the premises.

The suspect's car was described as an older-model black Mazda.

Murfreesboro Police Officer Eddie Burgess located the vehicle on Rutherford Boulevard and made contact with Newman.

"He [had] returned to the scene, where officer Jensen read Mr. Newman his rights, and he admitted to attempting to break into the residence," Burgess reported.

A loaded handgun found under Newman's driver's seat was revealed to be stolen.

Upon further questioning from Detective Craig Snyder, Newman admitted that he had committed two other burglaries in Murfreesboro since August. He has previously been charged with aggravated burglary. ♦

## A tale of two candidates ...



Illustrations by Brandon Morrison

### Bush/Cheney campaign still low key in Tennessee

By Juanita Thouin  
Staff Writer

Although many states are feeling the full force of the Bush/Cheney presidential campaign, Tennessee is not one of them.

According to David Kustoff, the Bush/Cheney general campaign chairman for Tennessee, Tennesseans will not start seeing a lot of Republican political action until after the convention in August.

Scott Piper, national sales manager for WKRN television in Nashville, said he just returned from Florida where Bush/Cheney advertising is everywhere.

"You can't miss it," Piper said.

George Bush began releasing his television commercials Mar. 4. To

date, that's the earliest any president has ever begun a full-fledged campaign.

Bill Clinton began his campaigning for the 1996 election Mar. 8.

A Mar. 4 article in *USA Today* reported that the Bush campaign is running the ads in 17 key states.

Piper and the *USA Today* story suggested the targeted states were chosen based on the voting patterns of the 2000 race.

Piper said his station has not sold advertising to the Bush/Cheney campaign, and colleagues in Knoxville say they have not either.

On Mar. 3, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported that Bush's early campaign came in response to John

See Bush, 4

### Bredesen may help Kerry to obtain Tennesseans' votes

By B.J. Chaplin  
Staff Writer

If Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts hopes to oust incumbent President George W. Bush from the White House, he may do well to concentrate on health care in Tennessee.

Health issues were rated as the top problem in Tennessee, according to the spring 2004 MTSU Poll. Following health issues (23 percent), were the economy (14 percent) and education (13 percent).

"Kerry means lower prescription drug costs," said Christy Holden, newly elected president of MTSU College Democrats. "Bush has made drug costs worse for elderly people."

Holden, a 23-year-old political sci-

ence major, also noted the importance of focusing on "jobs, jobs, jobs" during the 2004 election. The sophomore said that Kerry is a "big labor supporter" and that the issue is especially important in Tennessee.

"Since George Bush has taken office, 70,000 jobs in Tennessee have been cut," she said. "Students here and across Tennessee are worried about finding a job whenever they graduate."

Holden said that she believes Gov. Phil Bredesen's record and presence will help Kerry garner Tennessee votes.

"I think the balanced budget will be a big point to bring out," she speculated.

See Kerry, 4

## Traffic channel provides public service

By Melissa Coker  
Staff Writer

Many Murfreesboro residents may have used it: the quiet but effective traveling tool appearing on Cable Channel 3.

The City of Murfreesboro's traffic cameras were already in use by the city's traffic department, but by the mid-1990s, Traffic Director Dana Richardson decided it was high time the viewing public got in on what before went largely unseen.

And they did get in on it. Right around the year 2000, what had aided the Traffic Department began to aid drivers too.

Nineteen cameras in heavily traveled areas keep motorists who tune in driving on or around some of Murfreesboro's most popular routes.

The project had two phases: Phase One, composed of 13 cameras, was completed in March 1998.

Phase Two, completed in July 2000, linked up the remaining six. Arterial roadways monitored include the intersections of Broad and Main Street, Memorial and Northfield Boulevard, Old Fort Parkway and Chaffin, Church and I-24 and more.

"Primarily the purpose of these cameras is so that we at the Traffic Department can

be at both ends of town while still in our operation center. It's as if we have one person in 19 places," Richardson said.

He went on to say that both he and TV director Alan Bozeman have received nothing but positive feedback about the system.

"It may be the most popular thing on the government channel," he added. "I've received lots of e-mails and phone calls letting me know people are watching. Usually we receive response when one of the cameras is down and people feel like they're missing out."

Richardson cites heavy snow days as a prime example of when the cameras have provided help. Without them, someone might only be able to see what's in front and behind their houses.

They may be afraid to venture out too far for themselves — but with Cable Channel 3, they have the visuals for where they may not be able to physically be.

With most of its funding flowing from federal sources, Richardson knows that objections may arise because people could spy to catch speeders or other invasion of privacy issues.

Acknowledging these issues, he said

See Traffic, 4

## Irish author, journalist to lecture at Hermitage

By Melissa Bowman  
Asst. State and Local Editor

Billy Kennedy, a well-known Irish author and journalist, will be launching his new book *The Scots-Irish Chronicles: Women of the Frontier* at the Hermitage March 23.

Kennedy will give a lecture on his book at 7 p.m. The Tennessee Historical Society, the Ulster Scots Agency, the Hermitage and the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society will host a reception for Kennedy prior to the lecture. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. and will include a meet and greet with Kennedy, where he will be signing copies of his book.

*Women of the Frontier* is the eighth of Kennedy's series, *The Scots-Irish Chronicles*, which focuses on the Scots-Irish migration to America.

As its title indicates, Kennedy's newest book focuses on female faces of the frontier.

"Women had to be strong, self-reliant, resourceful and loyal to their families," Kennedy said in a Tennessee Historical Society press release. "Through their honest and dedicated endeavors on the frontier, a democratic and decent civilization emerged which today expands ... from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

The book features a number of Tennessee women, including Rachel Jackson, Andrew Jackson's wife, which, according to Kelly Wilkerson, Director of Membership and Programs for the Tennessee Historical Society, is the reason the Hermitage was interested in hosting the program.

"It just made for an ideal

See Kennedy, 4



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# Kennedy: Interest in history reason for author's passion

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location," Wilkerson said. "He also talks about Andrew's mother Elizabeth ... There are those two Jackson connections."

Kennedy gave another lecture for the Historical Society in 2000 upon the launch of his book *Heroes of the Scots-Irish in America*.

"He's quite an interesting character," Wilkerson said, "and he's very popular with our membership and with the genealogy organizations here in middle Tennessee, and we're delighted to have him."

Kennedy is an author and journalist from Northern Ireland and a leading authority on American culture and development.

"History has always been a strong interest for me, and I have a deep fascination and admiration for the many people (estimated 250,000) who emigrated to America from the Irish province of Ulster in the 18th century," Kennedy said of his passion for the topic. "They endured in a bleak wilderness

and helped create the civilization and democracy which is at the cornerstone of American life. Their contribution in the making of the United States as a great nation is immense and it has been a mighty task but a pleasure to chronicle their exploits and achievements."

He has worked for the *Ulster/Belfast News Letter*, and he is currently editor of the *Ulster-Scot*, the newsletter of the Ulster-Scots Agency.

The Agency is an Irish group formed "to promote the study, conservation, development and use of Ulster-Scots as a living language, to encourage and develop the full range of its attendant culture and to promote an understanding of the history of the Ulster-Scots," according to the Agency's Web site.

Admission to the reception and lecture is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested by telephone at 741-8934 or by e-mail at [membership@tennesseehistory.org](mailto:membership@tennesseehistory.org). ♦

# Kerry: Survey says 44 percent in state would vote Kerry

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The MTSU poll reported that Bredesen had a 72 percent approval rating, a record high for the 5-year-old semiannual survey.

Bredesen's rating, pollsters noted, "coincides with the introduction of his new budget designed to increase education and control TennCare costs."

According to the survey, 44 percent of Tennesseans would cast a vote for 60-year-old Kerry if the election were held at the time of the poll. President Bush has a narrow lead with 48 percent of the projected vote.

Race and religion may be determining factors in the election. Eighty-four percent of blacks polled would vote for Kerry as opposed to only 37 percent of whites.

Also, according to the survey, 58 percent of whites approved of Bush's job performance, while only 24 percent of blacks approved.

The survey found that only 38 percent of Evangelical Christians would vote for Kerry, while 60 percent would vote for Bush.

"Self-identified Evangelicals," according to the survey, make up about 69 percent of Tennesseans.

Other factors that may influence the campaign are the highly publicized gay marriage debate, running mate choice and the impact of third-party Independent candidate Ralph Nader.

As for the gay marriage debate, Holden admits that she

is unsure of how the controversy will play out in the election. Results from the MTSU poll are also arguably inconclusive: Thirty-one percent of Tennesseans supported civil unions and 62 percent were opposed to them. Only twenty percent of Tennesseans, the poll found, support gay marriage. Eighty percent of Tennesseans, however, support gay rights (including housing and job rights), according to the poll.

Kerry has said that although he supports civil unions, he is against gay marriage.

Holden said she hopes Kerry takes on former fellow Democratic nomination hopeful John Edwards as a running mate. Kerry and the North Carolina senator, Holden said, would give Democrats "that North and South pull" needed to bring a diverse group of Americans together.

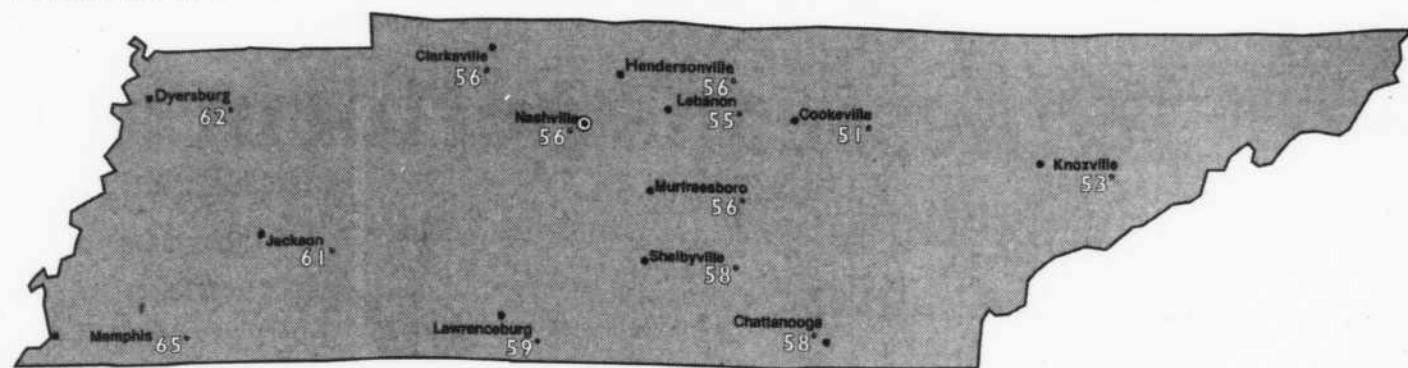
Tennessee, which was won by Republicans in the last presidential election, would have provided for a Democratic presidential victory had the state been won by then-Democratic candidate and Vice President Al Gore. That is why, as Holden explained, Tennessee is "a key battleground in the South."

Holden insists, however, that she is not worried.

"Democrats have a majority in the [state] House and Senate," she said. "And that's all we need." ♦

## Tennessee Weather – Wednesday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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## Bush: Republicans still on the move

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Kerry's early win as the Democratic presidential nominee.

According to Beth Harwell, the Republican Party chairwoman for Tennessee, even though the major campaigning in Tennessee has not begun, the party is still on the move.

Harwell said in addition to passing out bumper stickers and yard signs, the organization is mobilizing their grass roots teams.

According to information on the Tennessee Republican Party Web site, Harwell and other party officials have already met with activists in 28 counties.

Harwell said she is excited by the amount of statewide enthusiasm for Bush, especially the enthusiasm coming from young people.

"We've seen an increase in young people who identify with the Republican Party," Harwell said.

Tyler Smith, vice-president of Raider Republicans, is not surprised. His organization already has a mailing list of more than 200 interested students.

"The more people get educated about the issues, the more they lean towards the Republican Party," Smith said.

In February, the Middle Tennessee Survey Group conducted a poll and found that 48 percent of Tennesseans support Bush for president and 44 percent support Kerry.

Kustoff said the race will likely be close both nationally and in Tennessee.

However, he cautions that the most credible political polls are those that question likely voters. The MT Poll surveyed randomly selected Tennesseans.

Kustoff said the national and state parties are taking advantage of the Internet's ability to disseminate information quickly. Whenever John Kerry or the

Democratic Party makes a negative comment about Bush, the party sends a rebuttal e-mail to everyone on its mailing list.

"People don't like to see their president attacked," Kustoff said. "[The attacks] have gotten a lot of Republicans and independents upset."

Those interested in learning more about the Bush/Cheney campaign can do so by visiting [www.georgebush.com](http://www.georgebush.com). Those interested in volunteering on the state level should call the GOP office in Nashville at 329-9595.

Students interested in Raider Republicans can learn more or send e-mail via [www.raiderrepublicans.com](http://www.raiderrepublicans.com). ♦

## Traffic: Cameras prove to be useful

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they were taken into deep consideration when he approached the city council with the plan. As the pilot project of its type for the state of Tennessee, he made sure to note that the cameras are used only for monitoring traffic.

"As far as the television aspect of it goes, we use that so that the public can see what we see," he said. "Besides, when you're driving across a public highway, then really, how much of an expectation

of privacy do you have?"

Richardson adds that he has not recognized anyone from watching the film feed.

Cameras are up and displaying video on Cable Channel 3 only during the rush of morning and evening drives. (Typically 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 4:00-5:30 p.m.). The department also provides streaming online video, so spin those wheels on over to [www.murfreesborotn.gov/government/traffic/traffic\\_cams.php](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/government/traffic/traffic_cams.php). ♦

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### "A Victorian Easter"



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Traditional Easter dinner is set at the Sam Davis Home for the celebration of "A Victorian Easter." The lamb in the center of the table is made of butter and sugar, which represent Christ and innocence.



# OPINIONS

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## From the Editorial Board

### Permanent residents deserve equal rights

As page 1's, "Permanent residents forced to jump hurdles," indicates, MTSU has a rather backward policy of dealing with permanent residents.

Permanent residents – not to be confused with international students who receive a student visa to study in the United States – are being forced to go through the same process as applicants who have never stepped foot on U.S. soil.

These hassles include paying a much higher application fee (nearly \$100, as opposed to \$15), having to take a test called the Test of English as a Foreign Language and tuberculosis shots.

These residents – who have generally lived in the United States for most of their lives – are treated as fully international students, as opposed to most other colleges and universities, which treat permanent residents as citizens in regards to the application process.

It should be noted that permanent residents have almost the same rights as a citizen, including the right to be employed by whomever wants to hire them.

We believe this is an issue that should be addressed immediately by the administration.

First of all, it's inconsistent with most other schools as well as the system the federal government set up. If a resident can jump through the hoops necessary to receive permanent resident status, he or she shouldn't have to deal with extra hassles. There's no obvious reason for the extra steps, and it could discourage some students from attending MTSU.

Permanent residents must pay the same taxes as U.S. citizens, yet they don't reap the benefits as other taxpayers do.

Why, then, does the administration treat these prospective students as international applicants?

Permanent residents live in this country legally. They possess green cards. That's why they're called permanent residents.

Treating these individuals in this manner and making them pay higher fees is a blight on this institution. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor

### High school kids come, parking gets even worse

The annual TSSAA Tournament held at Murphy Center is a great opportunity for high school kids to get a look at what MTSU has to offer.

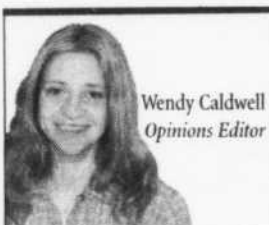
More specifically, it highlights the increasing problem of parking on campus, something students have been griping about since, well, I guess since people started driving on campus.

Blocking one lane on Tennessee Boulevard for TSSAA bus parking causes all kinds of traffic problems for those of us trying to get to class on time.

For those leaving the area by the James Union Building, seeing around the buses is virtually impossible. You just have to pull out, get in the left lane and hope no one is coming.

For students and faculty arriving on campus to start a day full of classes, mid-terms are stressful enough without adding the extra worries of having to leave your house 20 minutes earlier than usual in order to allow ample time to park and walk.

This is especially problematic because midterms are a time when many students are



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up at least half the night finishing lengthy papers and cramming for tests.

With the Student Government Association election in full swing, this issue has become part of many campaign platforms, and for good reason.

But opening up white parking spaces at 5:30 isn't going to solve the parking woes of students circling like vultures at 9:27 a.m. just to get to class at least five minutes late.

TSSAA is a great asset to Murfreesboro and MTSU, but the powers that be need not neglect the needs of those who are here day in, day out.

It's time someone came up with an effective way to handle the parking dilemma both during regular times and especially during the TSSAA Tournament that so accurately accentuates the parking situation that students have been struggling with for far too long. ♦

## Authorities threaten free speech, privacy

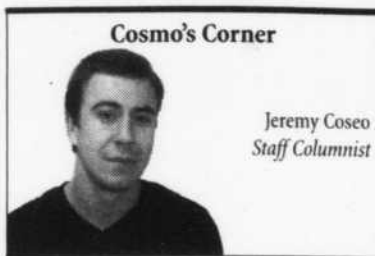
If you've kept up with the paper in the past week, you may have read some interesting stories.

Besides all the stories dealing with the troubles of the president of our university, there was one particularly disturbing story that ran March 8. The Rutherford County Sheriff's department apparently ran background checks on all the editors of our little college paper. Why? Because of an opinion.

This is flattering and disturbing at the same time. It's wonderful that our paper can reach an audience outside of the campus, and such an influential one at that. But it's a sad and scary day when the powers that be decide to push or intimidate us.

We're a small college publication that reaches a relatively small audience in a small town. Who could be scared of us or something we say? Well, it appears there are people who are frightened of us.

Historically speaking, I guess there are some grounds for the people in power to keep an eye on what's happening on college campuses. In the past, campuses have been the starting points for several



Cosmo's Corner

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social protests and activities, like the civil rights and anti-war movements.

What we have here seems small in comparison, but it should actually raise a lot of questions, all of which I can't go into, but it can affect us all.

For a brief recap of the controversy in question, I'll make it short. In an editorial on Feb. 18, the *Daily News Journal* was satirized as only reporting the "happy" news in Murfreesboro. Included in the editorial were comments like "the mayor is great, the sheriff and his merry band of thugs are great and so on."

It was this sarcastic comment about the sheriff's department that allegedly prompted the background checks.

What reasons were given for this unwarranted glance into the

lives of the members of the editorial board? Edward Farmer, member of the sheriff's department's general counsel, said the comments were "degrading, an attempt to libel the sheriff and his department," and was concerned someone at the paper was using their position to pursue a "personal vendetta" against the sheriff's department.

The background checks turned up nothing.

I haven't heard too many concerned voices about this. Maybe people don't know about it, but this bothers me tremendously. As an American, I love my freedom, and whenever I feel anything is threatening my freedom, I'm up in arms. Searches like this are a threat to our freedom.

We have the right to free speech in this country, even if some people disagree with what's said. However, there are limitations on our speech, such as libel and obscenity, but this comment is far from either.

Free speech aside, we also have the right to privacy. A background check without permission is an invasion of privacy.

Shortly after the sheriff's department admitted to the background checks, however, they quickly denied doing the checks, leaving us with a "your word against mine" situation.

And as much as I'd like to think our word here at the paper can challenge that of those with power, I'm afraid nothing is going to come of this. I don't think we have the backing or money to fight something like this.

This leaves us with the option of doing what I'm doing now: voicing our dissent and giving a warning to everyone else out there.

We're heading into trouble times in this country. When the right to voice your opinion is met with an investigation into your life, it's un-American and a threat to democracy.

We're not in a police state yet, but if you turn your back on acts such as these, we will be. ♦

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## Bush's atrocities unsurprising

It seems like a lot of people want "anybody but Bush" to win the upcoming presidential election.

This has got to be the most ignorant position a person can take regarding a race for president.

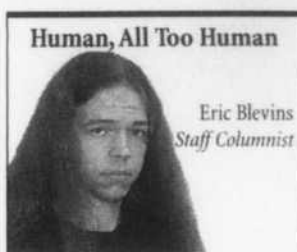
The obvious problem is that it could be difficult to get a lot of support for one opposition candidate, which is necessary to defeat an incumbent. If you just say, "don't vote for Bush," but you don't give an alternative, you really don't have a chance of getting the man out of office.

What happens in this situation is that people who might have supported a third party or independent candidate surrender to the Democratic Party because they're the only ones who really have a chance to beat Bush, right?

The problem is that no Democrat is really much better than Bush. Bush has been somewhat exceptional in his ability to build public support for the unjust killing of masses of civilians. Well more than 12,000 dead civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan with much public support for the invasions in less than four years is quite an achievement.

But the only thing unique about these actions is the scale and amount of support. Every U.S. administration has engaged in this type of behavior.

Clinton bombed a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan that provided more than half of the poor country's antibiotics and vaccines. He also bombed Afghanistan and Yugoslavia and continued bombings of Iraq and economic sanctions against the country, resulting in



Human, All Too Human

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thousands of civilian deaths.

The first Bush attacked Panama when he got into office. Then one of his brutal dictator-type allies decided to invade Kuwait, which gave him an excuse to increase U.S. military presence in the oil-rich Middle East to defend the repressive Saudi regime.

Reagan started a covert war through much of Central America, where thousands of civilians were killed by death squads in El Salvador, Nicaragua and other countries.

During the Carter administration, the U.S. sent arms to Islamic fundamentalists like Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan to draw the Soviet Union into a war that lasted more than a decade and ended with the radical fundamentalists we supported taking over.

There's no reason to think that something will change if we just elect another Democrat. A look at Sen. John Kerry's record confirms this. He supported the current administration's bombings of Iraq and Afghanistan and defended Clinton's bombing of the plant in Sudan. For more on how Kerry is like Bush, check out a recent article by Stephen Zunes at [commondreams.org/views/04.0305-03.htm](http://commondreams.org/views/04.0305-03.htm).

Of course the reason some people want to get rid of Bush isn't that he

killed so many civilians but that he lied to the American people to build support for his war in Iraq. Clinton lied when he said the pharmaceutical plant in Sudan that he bombed produced nerve gas. Reagan tried to keep his Central American wars clandestine. American presidents lie about these things to justify them.

Then there's the problem of Bush ignoring international opinion and international law, but this is nothing new.

When the World Court convicted the United States of unlawful use of force in Nicaragua, we increased support for the Contra killers. Then the United Nations tried to get us to stop by passing a resolution requiring countries to uphold international law, but our support of the killers continued. The U.S. also has the worst record of vetoing U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Carter, Reagan, the first Bush and Clinton all ignored international opinion in their support for Indonesia's invasion of East Timor, which resulted in hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths. They didn't have to ignore U.S. opinion because no one here knew or knows about what happened.

So Bush is not a uniquely bad American president. "Anybody but Bush" is not an improvement. A real opposition candidate cannot come from one of the two ruling parties. ♦

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## Tours mask problems

It's time for prospective students and parents to take campus tours.

It's humorous to me how they're unaware of some of the problems our school has.

I want to be proud of the school I graduate from, but when I look at the condition and money management of our school, I wonder how it became this way.

Through life experience, I've realized to value the art of first impressions. This is why it comes to me as no surprise that the tours don't mention certain things about the Business and Aerospace Building, such as how the south side third floor balcony is about to fall off (the doors to the balcony are locked, and there is a sign) or how the elevator has a mind of its own, sometimes sitting idly on one floor and closing and reopening the doors, making handicapped students and faculty back track to the north side's elevator.

My favorite is the girls' restrooms. In one, ceiling tiles are black from mold, and in another, there are problems with the soap dispensers. This isn't an old building.

It was entertaining to see a landscaper trying to tidy up with a leaf blower in the rain and a guy arranging rocks in a ditch. That's my money efficiently at work, right?

When the tour continues to the library, do they mention that most of the books are outdated? It seems as if the money was spent more on the exterior appearance rather than the interior, the books, which is what really matters.

We really don't need books, when we have that new nice entrance for the football stadium in the works.

Though I must admit, at least there is a great article database and periodical collection.

In front of the library, we finally got rid of the nasty old portables that used to be offices. I'm assuming those offices are the ones that have moved into the asbestos-laden, condemned ex-dormitories. Apparently, the new lovely landscaping will prevent health problems as a result of exposure to the asbestos.

In our school's quest to pave over anything green, why has the issue



On The Rocks

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of a parking garage always been shot down? If garages were built, I guess the school wouldn't make as much money off of parking tickets because there would actually be enough spots. It would save space, look nicer, and more students would go to class. I can't remember how many times I just went home because I couldn't find a spot or had wasted too much class time looking for one.

I've heard the issue with crime and safety in garages, but students aren't any safer now. In a recent semester, someone was attacked in their dorm room. Maybe we just need more security all around.

What's the point of constructing parking lots past the school apartments beside Greek Row? It seems speeder-hunting cops are the only people who actually park there. What a waste of time and money.

What about the rugby field in the middle of campus? Since everything else is paved over, why can't we make that a parking lot? The players would probably appreciate it if their field moved to where they could actually park close enough to walk there in a reasonable amount of time.

What about Blue Raider Drive? My tuition is paying pavers to drop blobs of hot asphalt into potholes and stamp on them with their feet until they think it's flat. The result of this is a reversed pothole, a lop-sided speed bump. No wonder I see a lot of jeeps and sport utility vehicles driving around campus.

I shouldn't even start on how many times the art department has been shafted for more popular programs.

I love the professors I have, but I'm tired of the headaches that come with attending here. I'm curious if anyone else has noticed this lack of supervision and responsibility on our school's behalf. ♦

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## Finding an Alternative Sun and Water Powered Cars

By Laura Taylor  
Staff Writer

MTSU's agriscience department is breaking new ground.

Professor Cliff Ricketts and his students are currently setting up a system that will run vehicles off of the world's two most abundant resources, sunlight and water.

Ricketts has been teaching at MTSU for 28 years and has been interested in alternative fuel sources for almost a long time.

He was inspired 25 years ago by the Iran hostage situation. The United States had stopped importing oil from the Persian Gulf, which caused gas prices to skyrocket.

"I thought that I could save the world," Ricketts says. "I wanted to do something so that America could be self-sufficient."

He has been perfecting the art of powering vehicles with renewable resources ever since.

His first project was to run an engine off of corn.

"I remember telling one of my supervisors that I was gonna run an engine off corn, and he said 'You're crazy,'" Ricketts recalls.

Ricketts was able to power a car by converting corn into ethanol. He traveled and made presentations about his work at places like the 1982 World's Fair. He also began working on a new way to run vehicles off of methane.

After becoming successful in this venture as well, he moved on to bigger and better things.

"My lifetime dream has been to run engines off of nothing but sun and water," Ricketts says. "There's nothing more long term than that."

One way to do this is to



Ricketts works closely with students to improve the performance of engines run on alternative fuel sources.

Photo by Laura Taylor | Staff Photographer

extract hydrogen from water through the use of solar power, he says.

This process is very expensive, and Ricketts has slowly been acquiring the necessary equipment over the years.

In 1987, Ricketts ran his first hydrogen engine. By 1991, he had set a world record for the fastest land speed with a hydrogen-powered vehicle.

The 1974 Chevy pickup

dubbed Young Thunder had a 100 horsepower engine and reached speeds in excess of 108 miles per hour.

The most amazing thing about it is that Ricketts and his team still hold the record.

The closest contender was the University of California - Riverside. Two years ago they came very close to meeting Young Thunder's record but fell short. Their vehicle was a 600

horsepower Ford Cobra.

After that, Ricketts did not work with hydrogen for about 10 years because a vital piece of equipment that he needed, called an electrolysis unit, was financially out of reach.

"The piece of equipment that I needed cost over a million dollars, which was about \$990,000 over my budget," Ricketts says.

Two years ago, his luck

changed when he found an electrolysis unit manufactured by a different company for only \$50,000, which he was allowed to purchase with funds raised by student fees. Last year, he was also approved funding for a solar energy unit.

In layman's terms, this is how the system works: The solar panels gather energy from the sun, which is used to power the electrolysis unit.

The electrolysis unit removes hydrogen from water and stores it. The hydrogen is then used as fuel for the vehicles.

"I think that's one of the coolest things in the world to have a bunch of [agriculture] boys from Middle Tennessee State University show the rest of the world that we can run engines off sun and water," he says.

Ricketts' next goal is to drive his Nissan truck, which he calls Forces of Nature, from Mountain City (one of the easternmost towns in Tennessee) to Memphis using only hydrogen fuel. He is planning this expedition for sometime this October.

Although Ricketts is very confident in the potential of hydrogen powered vehicles, he does not claim any efficiency on his current projects.

He compares his projects with those of the Wright Brothers.

"This is just like the Wright Brothers flying the first airplane," he says. "No one would use that airplane today, but they were the first to show it could be done."

In order to spread the word about hydrogen fuel, Ricketts says that he tries to reach over a million people per year through media outlets such as television, Internet sites and articles.

His accomplishments have been noted in several books, he has been mentioned in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and his projects have even been featured on the History Channel.

Ricketts' goal is to raise awareness about alternative fuel sources so that one day a feasible alternative to gasoline will be available to the public. ♦

## Student parents cope with added stresses

By Erica Payne  
Staff Writer

Young adults plus college equals stress. The obligations of higher education are numerous and each demand carries tremendous weight.

Imagine that a child was thrown into the equation or marriage, or both. This is the reality of many students at MTSU. These individuals are full-time students and parents.

Carol Ann Baily has been director of Adult Services at MTSU for 10 years.

She believes the biggest obstacle for student-parents is child care. Adult Services maintains a list of child care agencies in the community.

The daycare at Womack Apartments is only for three to five-year-olds and can accommodate only 24 children a day. More inclusive on-campus childcare would greatly decrease the amount of stress on student-parents, according to Baily.

That amenity is far from a reality.

The student body of MTSU is categorized, cross-categorized and collated.

However, there are no statistics that indicate the number of students with children on-campus. It is not feasible to ask if a student has children during the admissions process.

Baily suggests a question concerning the age of children should be utilized during the registration process.

"We really need those statistics," Baily says.

Because there is no record of the number of children that live on-campus or their ages, the university cannot alter its resources to meet the needs of student-parents, according to Baily.

"Unfortunately," Baily continues, "we still don't have adequate facilities for child care."

Jana Mason is a junior English major. She has a three-year-old daughter and a five-year-old son, has been married

seven years and is a resident assistant.

A typical day for Mason begins at 6 a.m. and ends around midnight or later. Her children have to be at school by 7:15 in the morning.

Mason is in class non-stop from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. when she picks up her children from school.

Between helping her son with homework, spending time with her children and husband and doing chores, Mason usually does not start on her school work until 10 p.m.

"By the time I get to do my homework I'm exhausted," Mason says.

Mason considers herself one of the lucky ones because she has a supportive husband and family.

"He is my backbone," proclaims Mason of her husband. Her children were her motivation for returning to school.

"They made me realize how important it was to get that degree," Mason says.

She empathizes with other student-parents who lack the support that she has.

Other, less fortunate young parents "go to class when they can and pray their kids don't get sick," Mason says.

Many professors are unyielding when it comes to attendance policies.

"We get intimidated into dropping classes," Mason exclaims.

The conflict of being a student and a parent exemplifies what psychology professor Thomas Brinthaup calls role stress.

"The stress of being a parent is intense," he says.

According to Brinthaup, the most stressful part of parenting is the unpredictable occurrences.

Parents can deal with stress better if they focus on the problem.

Thomas Brinthaup  
Psychology professor



Photo by Josh Jordan | Staff Photographer

This five-year-old lives with his family at Womack Family Housing on campus.

For example, snow days for Murfreesboro City Schools or child sickness are unexpected conflicts that force a student-parent to choose between going to class and staying at home with his or her child.

Many times going to class is not an option because there may not be anyone to care for the child.

In addition, Murfreesboro City Schools observes holidays, such as Columbus Day, that the university does not.

There are two types of coping techniques, according to Brinthaup.

Emotion-focused coping

deals with stress through emotional outlets, such as laughing or crying.

Problem-focused coping handles stress by concentrating on the conflict and doing things to enhance time management.

"Parents can deal with stress better if they focus on the problem," Brinthaup says.

There is an increased number of parents who have children that live on-campus and more men have custody of their children than in years past, according to Baily.

Notwithstanding, more women who become pregnant while in college continue to

pursue their degrees. All of these factors influence the culture of MTSU and the university should adapt to these changes, Baily maintains.

Mason believes there are some great resources that aid student-parents. Organizations such as Project H.E.L.P., Mu Omicron Mu, a sorority for mothers, and Adult Services assist student-parents in various ways.

"Don't be afraid to ask for help because everybody needs it," Mason advises. "Just put yourself out there." ♦



Photo by Josh Jordan | Staff Photographer

Jana Mason's daughter plays at Womack Family Housing.



## Dear Jonathan,



Jonathan Hicks



Many of you enjoyed my last article in which I reviewed the Web browser, Firefox.

So I've decided to review the free e-mail client from the same people, Thunderbird.

I'll tell all of you how you can set up Thunderbird to use your Frank account and some of its features.

Some of you might be wondering why you should use Thunderbird instead of Microsoft Outlook.

Honestly, I can't answer that.

I don't use many Microsoft products when I can help it a little bit.

In fact, I've only really used the text based mail client called pine, but few people will ever use that.

I'm guessing that most of you go through Pipeline to check your school account.

It's OK, but I really don't care for it.

You always have to log on manually and you can't change the look. Plus, it's slow.

There is just no reason to use this when there is a much better alternative.

You can download Thunderbird at <http://mozilla.org/products/thunderbird/>.

After you install and run Thunderbird it will ask you to set up a new account.

I'll tell you the values you need to set this up on your Frank account.

First, you will need your account name and e-mail address.

My account is jh2f and my e-mail address is jh2f@mtsu.edu.

I believe the best protocol to use to access your mail account is imap.

So you need to say that you want to access the imap server at [www.imap.mtsu.edu](http://www.imap.mtsu.edu).

Next, you will need the name of the outgoing mail server.

This is a little tricky. If you are on campus your outgoing mail server is [www.frank.mtsu.edu](http://www.frank.mtsu.edu) but if you use some other service at home, you will have to ask your server provider what it is.

Bellsouth is my digital subscriber line provider so my outgoing server is [www.mail.bellsouth.net](http://www.mail.bellsouth.net).

OK, now relax.

I know that I hit a little hard in that last paragraph with some computer jargon but it's really not that bad.

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You can search your messages quickly, set up filters to block certain people you don't want coming in and an adaptive junk e-mail filter.

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I could go on and on about some really neat features it has but I don't have enough space for it all.

So all of you should download it and play around with it. ♦

Send computer questions to [jh2f@mtsu.edu](mailto:jh2f@mtsu.edu).

# Blacks vital to country music history

By Erica Payne  
Staff Writer

Black and country music are words rarely present in the same vicinity.

*Waiting in the Wings* is a documentary produced by Country Music Television dedicated to highlighting the contributions of blacks in country music and attributing the origins of country music to the plantations of the old South.

*Waiting in the Wings* is a 90-minute documentary that traces the origins of country music back to the slave quarters of the 1600s.

The documentary includes commentary from Wynonna Judd, Arsenio Hall, Vince Gill, Timbaland and Charlie Pride, the most commercially successful black country artist.

It also shows 17-year-old Buddy and 15-year-old Tina Wright, a black bluegrass duet from Dallas, Texas.

Charles Wolfe has been an English professor at MTSU for three years and is one of the experts in the documentary.

When West Africans were brought to North and South Carolina as slaves, many of them were musicians in their native lands, according to Wolfe.

One of the instruments slaves brought with them was the banjar, an early version of the banjo.

Another instrument was made of a gourd with one or two strings, resembling a fiddle.

Slave masters would use musically inclined slaves to play for their banquets.

"Thomas Jefferson wrote in his diary of listening to the slaves play their music," Wolfe says.

Bluegrass and country music were integrated in the early years.

In the documentary, Wolfe describes what it was like, traveling back in a time machine

100 years in Tennessee history.

There were just as many black fiddlers and banjo musicians as there were white musicians, Wolfe says.

Wolfe blames the past and continuing segregation of country music on Northern record label owners.

In the early days of recorded music, most of the record companies were in New York, he says.

"They figured since the South was segregated socially, it was segregated musically," Wolfe adds. "Northern record companies were just as Jim Crow as any redneck sheriff in Alabama," he exclaims. "They virtually destroyed black fiddle music."

Many black singers were pressured into being blues singers, Wolfe says.

The documentary reveals a black man named Rufus "Tee Tot" Payne who taught Hank Williams, Sr. to play the guitar. Ella Fitzgerald, jazz legend,

made country music hits. Charlie Pride demonstrates the reactions of audiences when they discover he is black in the documentary.

"These stories were basically untold," says Karla Winfrey, MTSU graduate, Mass Communications Hall of Fame inductee and co-producer of *Waiting in the Wings*.

She became interested in the story of blacks in country music while in Denver, Colo.

"I discovered that one-third of the cowboys were of African descent," Winfrey says.

Winfrey met Cleve Francis, a black cardiologist who spent two years in Nashville trying to break into country music.

Unsuccessful, he returned to medicine and now practices at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

"If a white rapper can be number one, why can't an African American make it in country music?" Winfrey protests.

Wolfe believes this to be an artistic inequality.

"It's an injustice that many people don't realize," Wolfe says. "There's still an imbalance."

There's segregation in country music. Programs like this go a long way," Naomi Judd says in *Waiting in the Wings*.

*Waiting in the Wings* is history and entertainment in one, according to Winfrey.

Wolfe believes this documentary is an important step in educating America.

"This is a subject that isn't taught in textbooks," Wolfe says.

"Young black musicians are butting their heads against a glass ceiling, but they'll break through," Wolfe says.

The documentary aired Feb. 27.

Future airings are not currently listed. ♦



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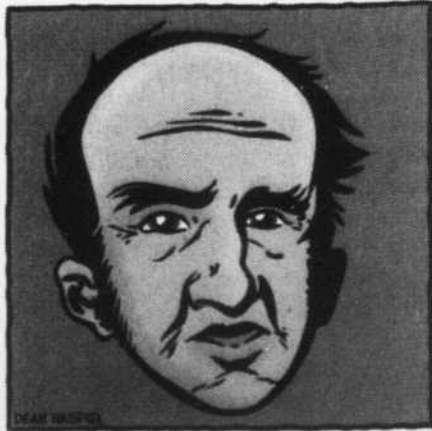
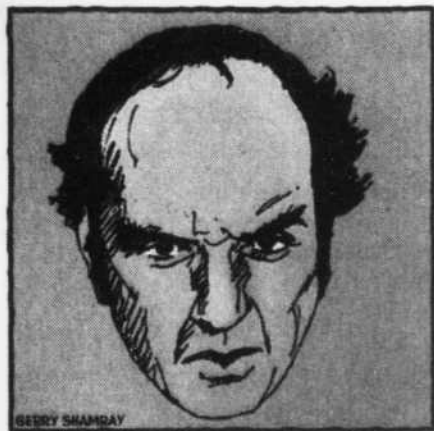
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## A comic book of a different sort

THE MANY FACES OF **HARVEY PEKAR**, CREATOR OF

**AMERICAN  
SPLENDOR**



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*American Splendor* is the story of comic author Harvey Pekar. Pekar's comics were drawn by several artists over the course of his career. The movie stars Paul Giamatti as Harvey Pekar.

## Movie depicts author's life, work

By Sarah Crotzer

What is it about comic books? They're perhaps the most juvenile storytelling form, lodged somewhere between the printed word and the cinematic lens, but we love them as adults nearly as much when we're kids. My featured movies this week focus on men who have shaped their identities around the four-color world.

I heard a lot about *American Splendor* when it came out last year, but I never saw it. Honestly, I think I built up my expectations too high. It's an interesting view of Harvey Pekar, the real-life file clerk who publishes each year of his existence as a comic, but it's ultimately sort of shallow. The visual design — composing shots like comic panels, swapping between the real and cinematic Harveys — is the most exciting part of the film. In over 90 minutes, we don't learn much more about Harvey than we would from a decent Web site or magazine biography.

The digital versatile disc has fun animated menus, but much like the film, style wins out over substance.

Most of the features are quick and simple; even the best supplement, a

### 'American Splendor'

**Starring:** Paul Giamatti, Harvey Pekar, Hope Davis

Columbia Pictures

**Rated R**

**Rating**

**Movie:** ★★1/2

**DVD:** ★★1/2

(out of four stars)

commentary with actor Paul Giamatti, the producers and several of the real-life characters, is more a fun ride than anything truly insightful.

*Comic Book: The Movie* is a little different, and much stranger. Everyone's favorite Jedi, Mark Hamill, directs and stars in a film that tries to be too many things. *Comic Book: The Movie* is ostensibly about a fan hired as a technical consultant for the movie of his favorite comics hero, Commander Courage, and his fight against the movie executives.

*Comic Book* also serves as a goofy comedy, a portrait of the San Diego ComicCon and a gallery of cameo appearances by comic book personalities, actors and voice artists. Hamill himself describes it as a 'love letter' to comics fandom, and that's exactly what it feels like — a low-budget fan film.

The second disc is arguably the better of the two. Its biggest feature is the hour-long Behind the Voices panel, featuring many voice artists from the film, whom you probably don't know by sight or name, but by ear. It's an interesting hour with a group of overlooked talent. There are also the full versions of interviews conducted by Hamill's character with such luminaries as Kevin Smith, Stan Lee and even Hugh Hefner. For the most part, only the fictionalized Commander Courage material is used in the film, so these are worth your time.

These movies aren't perfect, but I think they present comics well; they're enthusiastic and positive about an art that still carries social stigma, while showing the obsessive, depressing side, too. Comic book fans are advised to give these a rent. ★

## Songwriter talks censorship, music, reefer

By Joey Hood

Recently, [flash] editor Joey Hood chatted with Nashville songwriter Jason White about the craft of songwriting and the dismal state of the record industry.

Outside the corporate parameters, White's "Slow News Day," is a staple on Nashville's progressive rock station, WRLT Lightning 100. His upcoming release, *Tonight's Top Story*, hits record stores later this month.

**Joey Hood:** Let's start off by talking about your new album, *Tonight's Top Story*. Were you more confident during the recording process, as opposed to your previous disc, *Shades of Gray*?

**Jason White:** During the recording of *Shades of Gray*, we were unsure of people's reaction. We had more fun with *Tonight's Top Story* because it was not unfamiliar territory. With this one, we actually took chances.

**JH:** One of your songs from *Shades of Gray*, "Red Ragtop," pertains to the subject of abortion. Recently, your song was recorded by Tim McGraw and welcomed onto country radio playlists. Considering the conservatism of country radio, are you surprised about the song's success?

**JW:** To tell you the truth, I didn't know who Tim McGraw was until he expressed interest in my song. I knew that the song was edgy and touched on a sore subject, but I was amazed at how people were freaked out about it. There have probably been a thousand made-for-television movies with that exact plotline. I was surprised at how many people banned my song. I mean, after all, it's just a song. It's not like anybody's running for president here.

**JH:** So after your success with "Red Ragtop," do you focus more on writing songs for yourself or country artists?

**JW:** Sometimes I do attempt to tailor songs for



White

the country market, especially when I write with other songwriters. Basically, I just try to write something I like. That seems to work well for me.

**JH:** So I'm guessing that prior to "Red Ragtop" you didn't have any aspirations of becoming a successful country songwriter. Would I be correct in that assumption?

**JW:** When I moved to Nashville, writing country songs was definitely not on my mind. To me, a good song is a good song. If a country singer sings it, the song will sound country; and if a rhythm and blues singer sings it, the song will sound urban. To me, it's all music.

**JH:** Who are your influences as a songwriter?

**JW:** Bob Dylan and Neil Young were my first songwriting idols. But later on, I got into Van Morrison and Elvis Costello. I've always liked people who write great lyrics. The lyrics are something I occasionally struggle with. I spend countless hours on the lyrical aspect of songwriting.

**JH:** All right. What albums are in your record player right now?

**JW:** I dug out my old vinyls recently after watching the film *High Fidelity* and I've been listening to Joni Mitchell's *Blue* and the Jayhawks' *Rainy Day Music*. I'm the midst of a David Bowie revival with *Ziggy Stardust* and *Station to Station*. I have close to a thousand records. It's ridiculous. I

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## Online babbling increasing due to Weblogs

### Webloggers speak their minds in Internet journals

By Andrew Young

Aside from Friendster, the Weblog was the big Internet trend of 2003. A Weblog ("blog," for short) is a page of short chronological entries, usually consisting of links, personal commentary or diary-type ramblings.

If you've ever participated at a discussion site such as Slashdot.org, browsed the links on Fark.com, or bared your soul in your LiveJournal, then you've already used a blog.

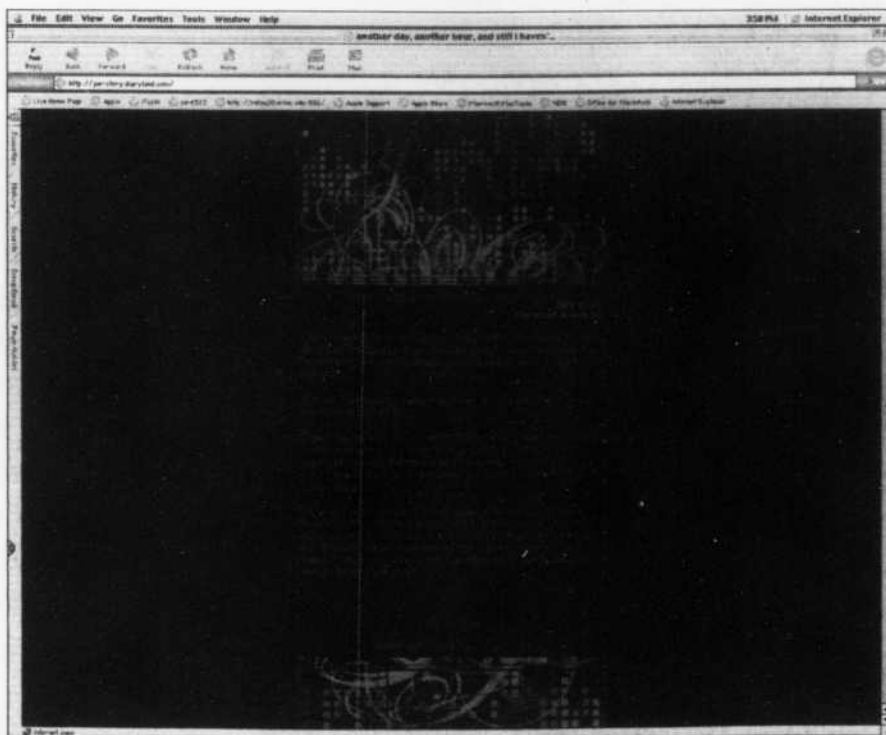
Blogs have been around since at least 1999, but they've exploded in popularity in the last year or so. The earliest blogs simply consisted of links to interesting and unusual news stories across the Internet, interspersed with personal commentary and reader comments.

Many blogs still retain this format, although the increasing popularity of blogging has given rise to such variations as online diaries, political, entertainment, tech, photography, humor and group blogs.

Celebrity bloggers include the likes of Wil Wheaton, Moby, Adam Curry, Ru Paul, Michael Moore and Bill Maher. Every presidential campaign this year has a blog and mainstream news corporations are even getting into the act. Blogging has created a vibrant online community that emphasizes an independent exchange of news, commentary and ideas.

So how can you get in on it? Considering that you have actually something interesting to say, the first step is to figure out which blogging tool is best for your needs and your level of technical skill. What follows is a review of the most popular free blogging tools.

Blogger.com, which is now owned by Google, jumpstarted the blogging craze in 1999 with their user-friendly service that allows you to easily publish a Web log without any technical skills. You can have your blog hosted for free on Blogspot.com, or you can have Blogger publish it to your own Web site. Blogger is by far the most



Diaryland.com provides an easy to create Weblog for the novice blogger. Blogger.com and Blogspot.com also provide free blogs.

popular tool for blogs with over one million registered users.

But if you want more power and control, and you've got technical skills, then you may want to check out Movable Type. Movable Type is a powerful, free blogging tool that has become the standard among independent bloggers. Movable

Type is installed on your own account. Any host that allows you to run computer-generated imagery and a database will do.

Installing and configuring Movable Type requires some basic knowledge of file hosting protocols and file permissions. You can customize the design of your blog, but

it requires a firm grasp of hypertext markup language and style sheets. For tech-savvy users, Movable Type offers the best features and the greatest degree of control over a blog.

Another option are the community-centered blog services such as Livejournal (or its darker cousin Deadjournal), Diaryland and Xanga. These sites are geared more towards younger audiences with an emphasis on personal diaries. The upside to these services is that they're free and easy to use. The downside is the lack of features, which often require you to pay extra.

Once you've got your blog online, how do you get people to read it? If your content is interesting enough, people will eventually come. This is true more with the community sites such as Livejournal, but if you're hosting your own blog, you'll need to do some promotion. If you're using Blogger or Movable Type, you can configure your software to "ping" various blog lists everytime you update. Submit your blog to the various blog-specific directories

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# Comic convention comes to Nashville Sunday

By David Lawrence

This Sunday, Nashville will once again be caught in a feeding frenzy, the likes of which can barely be comprehended by the mortal eye.

What's the cause of this frenzy? Are Tennessee Titans in the Superbowl? Are the Predators competing for the Stanley Cup? Could it be Elvis, rising from his grave, only to wreck

vengeance upon an unsuspecting humanity?

It's none of the above, true believer.

For this Sunday, Nashville will see – for the tenth consecutive year – the return of the Nashville Comic Convention.

Comic book shop owner Mark Ballard sponsors the event for both the token comic book geek and the uninformed average Joe.

Ballard talked with [flash]

in a recent phone interview about what the average Joes can expect at the convention.

"This convention promotes the readership of comic books," Ballard said in a recent interview.

Even if someone doesn't buy anything from me directly, they can still see all the things we have to offer," Ballard elaborated.

Ballard plans to make the show bigger every year and

this year is no exception.

Current National Wrestling Association starlets Trinity, Lollipop and April Pennington are slated to appear.

*Leatherface:* Texas Chainsaw Massacre III producer Robert Engelman and *Pet Semetary* director Mary Lambert are also scheduled to make an appearance.

From the comics industry itself, fans can expect to see artist Tim Kane of *Hell* fame

and *Phantom Jack* scribe Mitchell Breitwesier.

The show will be held at Wilson Hall in the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Admission is \$3 and the show begins at 10 a.m.

There will also be a variety of door prizes including Predator tickets and autographs from various Titans. ★

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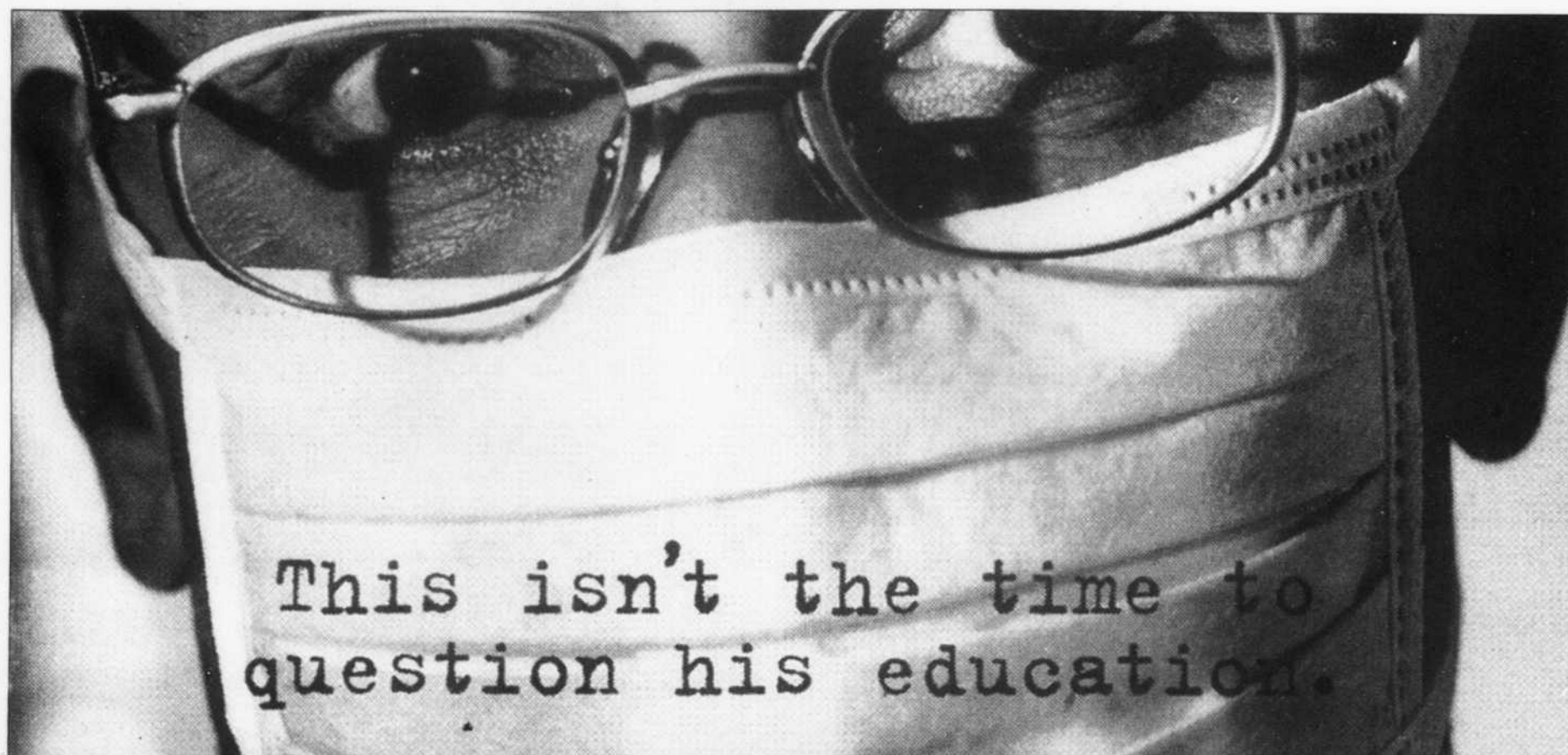
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## Nashville artists slams Grammys

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really don't listen to contemporary music anymore. (laughs)

**JH:** I don't either.

**JW:** I watched the Grammys and I don't like any of the artists. It has gotten to the point that there aren't any real bands or songwriters anymore. And the Grammys are like Las Vegas. You have all these dancers onstage and everyone is half-naked. It's just not rock n' roll.

**JH:** Well this being a college newspaper and all, I was wondering what your college experience was like. Was it more like reefer madness, or more like staying at home on Friday night?

**JW:** (laughs) I think reefer madness is a pretty good description. I only attended college for a year at Vermont's Middlebury College. Really all I was doing was partying with my friends and playing guitar at the campus pub. ★

## Blogs empower masses

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If your blog has a simple syndication feed, submit the Internet address of your feed to blog search engines such as Feedster.com. Simple syndication feeds also have the added benefit that readers can read your blog regularly using a tool called a news aggregator. Feedster and Bloglines.com are two services that allow you to subscribe to simple syndication feeds.

But the best way to get readers to your blog is to participate. Read other people's blogs, post comments, and link to them.

Blogrolling.com offers a free tool that allows you to easily manage a list of links on your blog. Many bloggers will check to see who has posted comments or linked to them, and will be more than happy to read your Web log in return.

In the words of my mass media professor, remember that you have more personal publishing power right now than at anytime in history. Just make sure you use it wisely. ★





# SPORTS

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Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Lady Commodores defeat MT netters 5-2



DAVID McNAMARA

By Mark Emery  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team won the first point of the match against No. 4 Vanderbilt University, but that was not enough to keep them from losing 5-2.

The Lady Raiders grabbed the first point of the match by winning two out of the three doubles matches. At the No. 1 spot, the No. 22 duo of Manon Kruse and Carien Venter defeated Kelly Schmandt and Aleke Tsoubanos, who are currently No. 3 in the nation, 8-4.

Jennifer Klaschka and Laura McNamara beat the No. 27 team of Audra Falk and Annie Menees, 8-3, to take the doubles point. Ana Maria Cibils and Emily Vest lost at the No. 3 spot to Vanderbilt's Amanda

Fish and Ashley Schellhas, 8-2.

The singles were not as successful for the Lady Raiders, as they lost five of the six singles matches. One of those losses was No. 55 Kruse losing her first singles match of the season. She lost in two sets to No. 27 Falk 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

Klaschka, who is currently No. 100 in singles, won her sixth straight match and the only singles match for the Lady Raiders. She defeated No. 69 Schmandt in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

At the No. 3 spot Venter lost to Tsoubanos 6-2, 6-4. Fish, No. 80, went on to beat McNamara in two sets 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 4 spot. At the No. 5 and 6 spots, Cibils and Vest also lost in two sets.

The Nos. 3 through 6 spots have consistently been a struggle for the Lady Raiders. Kruse and Klaschka, who have played every match this season at Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, have a combined record of 21-3 on the season. The 3-6 spots currently have a combined record of 23-23 on the season.

With the loss, the Lady Raiders fall to 8-4 on the season with six matches to go

before the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. Vanderbilt was the fourth Southeastern Conference team the Lady Raiders have faced this year. So far they are 1-3 against teams from the SEC.

The next two matches for the Lady Raiders will be this weekend when they travel to Las Vegas and play the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Saturday. The Lady Raiders will play Bowling Green the next day. ♦

### Scores at a glance

#### Vanderbilt 5, Middle Tennessee 2

1. No. 22 Kruse/Venter (MT) def. No. 3 Schmandt/Tsoubanos 8-4 (VU)
2. Klaschka/McNamara (MT) def. No. 27 Falk/Menees (VU) 8-3
3. Fish/Schellhas (VU) def. Cibils/Vest (MT) 8-2

1. No. 27 Audra Falk (VU) def. No. 55 Manon Kruse (MT) 6-4, 7-6(5)
2. No. 100 Jennifer Klaschka (MT) def. No. 69 Kelly Schmandt (VU) 6-4, 6-2
3. Aleke Tsoubanos (VU) def. Carien Venter (MT) 6-2, 6-4
4. No. 80 Amanda Fish (VU) def. Laura McNamara (MT) 6-2, 6-2
5. Annie Menees (VU) def. Ana Maria Cibils (MT) 7-6 (5), 6-1
6. Ashley Schellhas (VU) def. Emily Vest (MT) 6-0, 6-0

Photo by Josh Jordan | Staff Photographer  
MT junior Jennifer Klaschka returns a volley against Louisville March 13. MT beat the Lady Cards 6-1.

## Ladies earn invite to big dance

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Columnist

Listening to the Lady Raiders talk about going to the NCAA tournament is a little like listening to Academy Award nominees.

Talking to Lady Raider players and coaches after Sunday's selection show, they were saying all the right things. Not one piece of bulletin board material. There's just one catch.

Something in the eyes belied their pre-planned responses. Sure they're happy to be here, but in their minds and the minds of many, they are supposed to be here. Many flinched when the pairing with the University of North Carolina was announced, but the way this team has been playing lately, any team short of perhaps the Lady Vols or UConn, might sweat at the thought of playing this good of a 13 seed.

The odds are most definitely stacked against the Lady Raiders, a team making its first tourney appearance in six years. They drew perhaps the toughest No. 4 seed in the tournament, a Tar Heel team with a national championship, multiple Final Four appearances and twice as many (16) tournament appearances as the Lady Raiders.

On the court, these two teams are carbon copies of each other, with both playing an athletic style and pushing the ball up the court, relying very little on the outside shot. On paper, the so-called experts say it's a mismatch. Neither side will make a prediction. And in this Internet, media-driven age, who can blame them? Today's confidence is tomorrow's Web site cannon fodder. Regardless, it should be an exciting game.

As for a prediction, mine's 67-60.

Ahem ... Lady Raiders. ♦



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## Carroll adjusts to new position at third

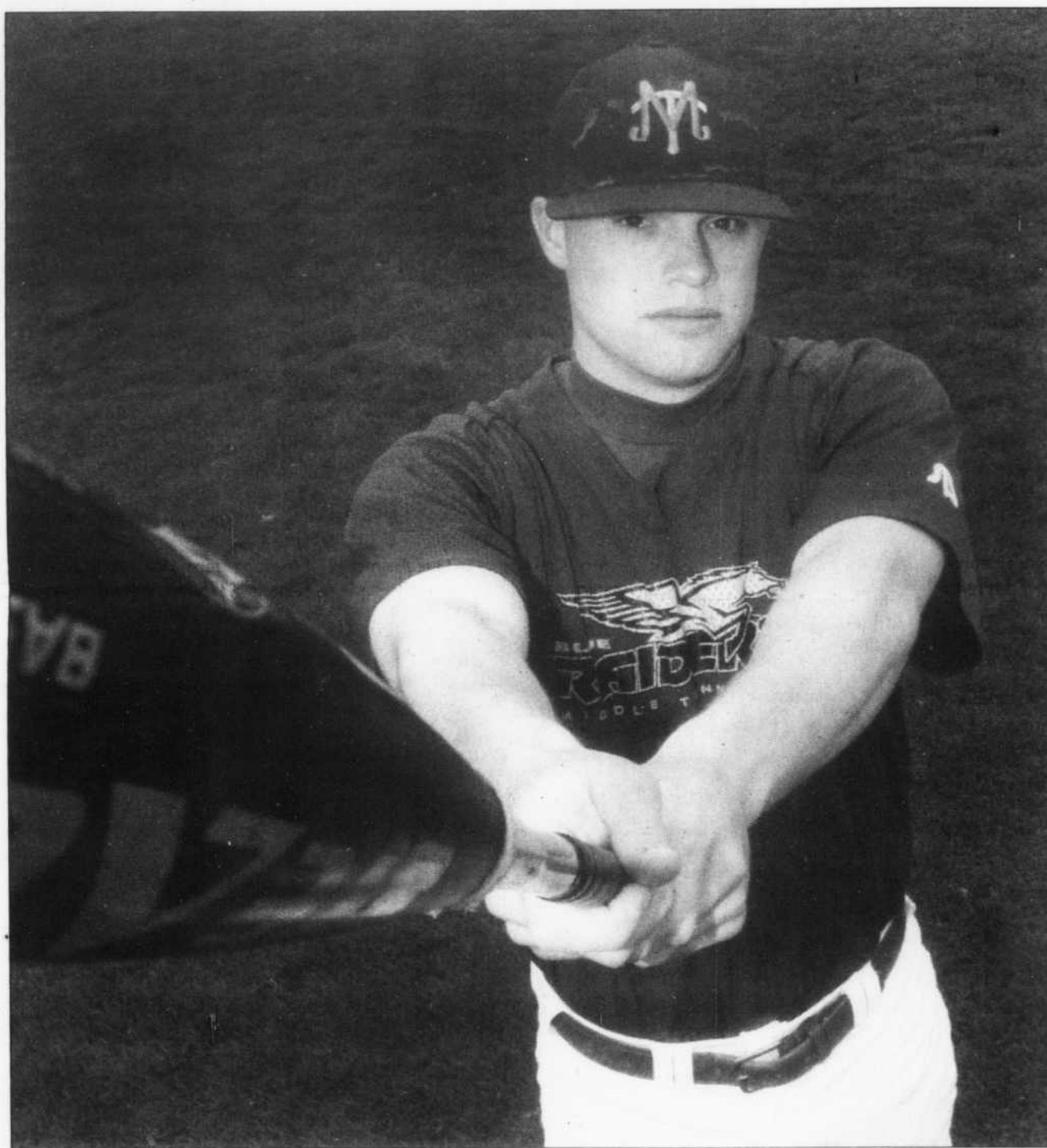


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MT junior Brett Carroll enjoys the challenge of switching positions for the Blue Raiders baseball team.

## Improvement, attitude keys for success

By Michael Bailey  
Staff Writer

One of the biggest stories in major league baseball's offseason was Alex Rodriguez's move from the Texas Rangers to the most dominant franchise in sports history, the New York Yankees.

The added off-field pressure of suiting up for the most storied organization in team sports and the intense New York media coverage will be tough enough, but Rodriguez will have to alter his game on the field as well. The Yanks coaxed the defending Gold Glove award winner to switch positions, moving him to third base so he and fellow superstar Derek Jeter can be on the field at the same time.

The position swap garnered national attention, yet it is not uncommon for baseball players to adjust positions during their careers. For instance, Middle Tennessee junior third baseman Brett Carroll was an all district shortstop for Bearden High School before enrolling at MTSU.

Like Rodriguez, Carroll had to adjust to a new environment and position at once.

To get immediate playing time, Carroll shifted to third base in his freshman year.

"I had always played third before I came here," Carroll said. "It took me a good year to learn and get comfortable over there, but I look at each day as an opportunity to work hard and get better at it."

After a freshman season Carroll termed "up and down," he came back in the fall with 39 college starts under his belt.

"I came back knowing I could have done better," Carroll said. "I wanted to prove something."

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## Softball squad bags two wins at Aces Invitational

By Michael Bailey  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders split four games this weekend in Evansville, Ind., at the Aces Invitational. MT (9-7) twice defeated Ball State University but dropped both matchups with host team University of Evansville.

Saturday, the Lady Raiders got off to a fast start as they scored nine runs in the top of the first inning. They capitalized on four Ball State errors with timely hits from Cortney Mitchell and Danni DeCamino, who combined to drive in four of the nine first inning runs.

This was more than enough run support for junior Crystal Bobo, who pitched 5 2/3 innings before giving way to Brittany Herald, who logged the final 1 1/3 innings of work for the Lady Raiders.

Middle Tennessee added insurance runs in the third, fifth and sixth to complete a 13-7 victory.

The Lady Raiders' offensive production slacked off in the late game against the University of Evansville. The evening tilt remained scoreless through four innings until Evansville's Natalie Heldt delivered an RBI single to left field.

MT knotted the score at 1-1 when senior catcher Angie Huebner, an Evansville native, belted a solo home run over the left fence off UE pitcher Casey Clutch.

Clutch rebounded well, however, by putting UE on top with an RBI double in the eighth and striking out Huebner with two runners on base to end the game.

MT experienced déjà vu on Sunday when they opened strong offensively and fizzled late. The Lady Raiders scored seven runs by the close of the second inning in the initial matchup against Ball State.

Huebner homered for the second time in as many days, this one a grand slam off Lady Cardinal starter Randi Freese. Joining in on the offensive barrage were shortstop Jennifer Dorais, Brandy Davis, Muriel



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Lady Raider Crystal Bobo pitches to a Lady Bison March 4. MT split the series with Lipscomb.

Ledbetter, Leah Grothouse and cleanup hitter Mitchell. Each recorded two hits apiece.

This time the pitching duties flip-flopped as Herald started and Bobo came on in relief. The 9-6 win was Herald's first of the year for the Lady Raiders.

In the second game, Bobo and Clutch battled for seven innings in another low-scoring pitcher's duel with UE ultimately squeaking out another victory over

See Split, 11



## Carroll: Sets Middle records

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The hard work in the offseason paid dividends for Carroll during his sophomore campaign, in which he saw his production skyrocket from the previous season.

Playing at third, Carroll posted or tied for the team lead in several categories, including runs (54), total bases (148), doubles (18), home runs (19), hits (73) and runs batted in (52).

While Murfreesboro is not New York, people still noticed his performance. The National

Collegiate Writers' Association voted him onto their 2004 pre-season All-America squad.

The individual honors are nice, but Carroll contends that team goals drive him.

"My first goal is to help the team win a conference championship," he said. "I want to go back to the regional and advance to Omaha for the College World Series."

If Carroll accomplishes this feat, he will have achieved something neither Jeter nor Rodriguez were able to do as amateurs. ♦

## Split: Ladies improve to 9-7

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MT 3-2.

Evansville got out on top 1-0 in the first inning on a sacrifice fly to center field by freshman Ashley Werner. MT took over the lead 2-1 in the third on a sacrifice fly by Mitchell that plated Ledbetter. UE tied the Lady Raiders in the sixth and took the lead for good on a Kim Nichols solo blast in the top of the seventh.

The tournament victory was the Aces' fourth on the year. They swept all four games on the weekend, pushing their record to 20-4.

Ball State lost all four of their games in Evansville, and are now 1-11 on the year.

The Lady Raiders depart for Atlanta, Ga., March 19 when they begin play in the Buzz Classic at Georgia Tech. ♦

## MT tennis squad to face the Rebels

By Brad Jameson  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team begins a three-match road series today against No. 2 Ole Miss in Oxford, Miss.

The Blue Raiders are currently in a three-match losing skid and have lost four of their last five matches. The team is 5-8 on the season.

Ole Miss, however, is having their best season since 1997. The Rebels knocked off No. 15 Vanderbilt University 5-2 last Friday to remain undefeated in the SEC at 3-0. The Rebels have won their last six and are 11-1

overall.

No. 57 MT dropped three matches last weekend at the Blue-Gray Collegiate Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala. The squad fell 4-1 to No. 14 Harvard and lost 4-2 to both No. 67 Old Dominion and No. 47 William & Mary.

The Blue Raiders are 0-4 on the road this season. They are also 0-4 against top 50 teams, posting a 3-8 record against ranked opponents.

The Rebels are 7-0 at home this season.

MT's doubles pairing of sophomore Brandon Allan and freshman Kai Schledorn is 12-1, and was ranked No. 46 earlier in the season. The Blue

Raiders have only lost the doubles point three times this season. MT lost all three of those matches.

Ole Miss coach Billy Chadwick refuses to let the Blue Raiders' start fool him.

"Middle Tennessee traditionally has a strong team, having made the NCAA Championships six of the last eight seasons," Chadwick said. "We are looking forward to another tough match."

Ole Miss is led by senior Claes Lindholm, who collected his 20th win of the season at Vanderbilt. He has won 11 of his last 12. Junior Catalin Gard is just one win away from 20 career SEC wins. Gard is 15-6 overall.

After visiting Oxford, the Blue Raiders travel to San Diego, Calif., over spring break to face San Diego State University and the University of San Diego before returning to Murfreesboro at the beginning of April. ♦



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### Employment

Immediate opening for furniture delivery and warehouse work in Brentwood. We offer flexible hours--no nights or Sundays! And wages are well above average. We'll make the drive to Brentwood worth your while. A valid driver's license is necessary. Apply in person. Inside-Out Home Furnishings, 149 Wilson Pike, Brentwood, 615-373-8313.

Need Money? Student advisors are needed for 120 unit off-campus MTSU apartment community. On-site training, cash referrals and generous hourly salaries are included. Call toll free, 1-866-594-5470 to make an appointment with Kimberly Sanders.

Rewarding summer internship. Handful of openings with world famous Southwestern Company. Challenge yourself. Build your resume. Earn staggering income (Student Avg. \$2312/month). Call 888-478-5330.

Full-time Nanny Position. We are searching for a fun, energetic, caring person who loves children to be a nanny for our 11 month old daughter, Alexandria. The position requires approximately 45 hours per week, Mon.-Fri., in our home. We would be open to job sharing between 2 persons to allow for class schedules. Salary is negotiable. We are located in Primm springs sub-division off of Thompson lane. Please call John or Nikki @ 615-867-2450 after 4 pm to inquire and set up an interview. Or email anytime: [kelly-jandn@comcast.net](mailto:kelly-jandn@comcast.net).

Servers/Cooks needed. Maggio's Italian Restaurant is looking for experienced servers and cooks. Please apply between 2-4pm Mon.-Sun. 2910 S. Church St.

**Bartender Trainees Needed!** #250 a day potential. Local positions. 1800-293-3985 ext. 305.

### Help Wanted

**\$10 per hour.** Mowing grass, flexible hrs., Commercial mowing experience required. Full or part-time. Call Matt @ 456-1793.

**N.C. MOUNTAIN DUDE RANCH JOBS SUMMER 2004.** Beautiful Resort (Dude Ranch) Looking for summer help- Food Service/ Housekeeping/ Counselors. 828-675-4510.

Wanted Student to help register

the local chapter of a national honor society. 3.0 Minimum GPA required, sophomores preferred. Contact us at vice president@phisigmatheta.org.

### Internships

**Do you need to prepare for graduate school?** To qualify, student has to be a low-income/ first generation or underrepresented student with a desire to achieve earning a PhD. Have a 2.8 GPA and 60 earned credit hours by May 2004. For more information, contact the **MTSU McNair Scholars Program** located in Midgett 103 or call 904-8462 for more information.

Attention: College Students! Eight Summer Intern Openings. The Southwestern Company. Challenging and Rewarding experience for resume. Average \$2312 per month. Get details at 888-478-5330.

### Opportunities

**Are you interested in earning a PhD?** Would you like to have your own personal research mentor? Would you like to receive funding while conducting research? Are you interested in preparation for graduate studies? If you answered yes to the above questions, please contact the **MTSU McNair Scholars Program**. The McNair Program is located in Midgett 103. Our staff would like to tell you more about our distinguished program. Information may also be found at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mcnair/>

### Services

Lucky Lawn Service. Mowing, mulching, landscaping, etc. Best prices in town! Call now. 615-995-6003.

Ever wanted your pet's image in a beautiful photograph? Saturday March 20th from 8AM to Noon @ Warren Animal Hospital there will be a photographer to capture you and your pet in a family portrait. Small sit-in fee per subject. Call 895-8126 for an appointment today!

Dtgr/U Write It - Freelance Typing and Word processing Iris McGee, Creator Send to: 211 Old Flat Ck Rd. Shelbyville, TN 37160. Fax: 931-695-5544 Specialty: Resumes.

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### Sales

'96 Dodge Avenger loaded. Call 615-481-1235 or 615-895-6371. \$3,400.

2-12 in. Blaupunkt speakers and box. 250 watt mtr amplifier. \$200 obo. Call 615-476-4090.

Roland Fantom-S music workstation with sgc hard case. Value \$2000. Will sell for \$1,200-\$1,500. 479-7792.

Small utility trailer for sale. \$50. Call now 615-849-1763.

'95 Honda Passport LX, Red, PW, PDL, CC, leather, mint condition. Must sell, baby on way. \$4500 obo. 615-849-1763.

'94 Isuzu pick-up. 175k. Great car for students, even better price! \$1,200 obo. Call 901-355-6260.

Box spring and mattress sets. Various sizes. Very good shape. \$50 or \$75 delivered. Call Adam anytime @ 615-554-4061.

Wedding Dress sizes 4-8, pure white, never altered, worn one time, strapless, heart-shaped neckline, long train, lots of beads and lace must sell. \$150 obo. Call 931-607-9077 lv. msg.

Canon Eos (Rebel) for Sale. Canon Ultrasonic 75-300mm Lens, Canon (Tiffen) 28-80 mm Lens - EF 28-80mm f/3.5-5.6, SunPak Auto 433 AF Thyristor - Flash CanEos. This camera is in immaculate shape. It has only been used for 3-4 rolls of film. For more information contact: Nic Stone 424-7561. \$450 obo.

'97 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for sale. Black, leather interior, CD player, CC, PVV, PL, tinted windows, 80k, non-smoker, regular oil changes and maintenance. \$10,000 obo. Contact 631-4275.

'97 Chevy S10 truck, 119K miles, 5 star 16" rims, low profile tires, V6 Vortec Engine, K&N Air filter, Roll pan, 5 speed manual transmission, hunter green. \$3,850. Call 417-0844.

Name brand sofa, chair and ottoman. Excellent condition. \$700. Cherry cocktail and end table. Excellent condition \$70. Call 896-4073.

Photo paper for sale 4x6 9ml 20

per box \$5, 8x11 7.5 ml 15 per box \$7. Contact or Curt 893-0469, Wesley Foundation.

1983 BMW 320: automatic, sunroof, leather, air. \$750 or best offer 217-8057 or 397-2365.

Brand new white hot point refrigerator with ice-maker. Retail at HD/Lowes for \$598. Sale w/ free local delivery, \$375 firm. Call 615-578-3377 for more info.

Large Coca-Cola. Glass Front merchant style reach-in Cooler/refrigerator. Free local Delivery sale for \$375. Call 615-578-3377 for Details.

New Never installed Kholer 6 Jet Hydramassage Luxury Bath Tub. Complete with motor assembly. Measures almost 6 ft by 4 ft. Retail for over \$1,000. Sale with free local delivery, \$575. Please call 615-578-3377 for more info.

Female black lab, AKC registered, 9 months old, spayed and current shots. Friendly, loving and smart. Must sell. \$90. Call 890-8791 before 6 p.m.

For Sale: Car Stereo equipment. 2 Cerwin Vega subs in custom box, 3 Amps, all high end wiring. \$500 obo. Large sleeper sofa. \$60 obo. Large entertainment center. Accommodates 32" TV with room for components behind glass doors, \$75 obo. 300 MGHZ computer with 256 megs or ram. Great Internet/Word processor machine. Comes with 14" monitor. \$170 obo. Wooden side table 3" x 18" \$40 obo. Contact Kristi @ 867-4826 or 473-2473.

7.2 inch Pyle remote controlled flip down cart TV New with dome lights \$200 obo. New Custom built Sun visor with 7.2 inch Casio TV with remote control \$200 obo. Call 901-351-7480.

1993 Toyota Camry XLE, green, auto, CD, sunroof, power, leather, 147K miles. \$3300. Contact Adam or Kim, 366-5105 or 668-9015.

Scuba gear!! Fins, booties, mask. \$200. Call Amanda 653-3046.

### Wanted to Buy

Cash loans on valuables. Buy Gold Jewelry, Weapons, Musical Instruments. 896-7167 Come in, 1803 N.W. Broad St. M'boro Gold-n-Pawn.

### Roommate

Roommate wanted- Female. Rent is \$375 w/ All utilities included. About 10 min. from campus. No Deposit required.

Call 931-580-2715 or 615-222-4251.

Roommate or Couple Wanted To share 2 BD/2BA apt. Move in May 1st. \$410/mo. includes rent, utilities, internet, phone, and cable. Contact JD at 615-596-7515.

Roommate Wanted: Homeowner in town wants tenant to live in 3-bedroom house. No long term lease required. Rent is \$375/mo. includes electricity, cable, water, and local phone. Cell # 330-3937. Ask for John.

### For Rent

2 BD Historic house. Close to MTSU-all modern conveniences. Central Heat & Air. Water furnished. \$600. 895-0075.

Raiders Crossing 1 BD in 3 BD apt. Room has free tanning, pool/hot tub view, balcony overlooks pool, \$425/mo., furnished. Only one roommate lives there now. Call for details 498-4713.

Room for rent @ Sterling University Gables. \$350/month includes water and electric, shuttle bus, ethernet, game room, basketball and volleyball courts. Handicap accessible. Call Jesse ASAP 653-7946.

Raiders Crossing Apt. for rent- 425, 3 BD, 3 BA and fully furnished. #1 apt. in awards. Call me Saleh at 615-456-6711.

### Subleasing

Male or female sublesser needed for summer @ Sterling University Gables. Great roommates! \$350/month. Call David @ 498-2513 anytime.

Female Roommate wanted @ Sterling Gables in furnished 4 BD, 2 BA including washer/dryer. Access to fitness room, tanning bed, pool, hot tub. Rent \$330/month, includes water electricity, ethernet. Move in ASAP until August '04. Call Megan @ 364-6019.

1BD, 1BA Apt. to sublease, across the street from MTSU. Need someone to take over lease ASAP. Call Barbra, 481-3620.

4BD/ 4BA Apt. Female sublesser needed ASAP! Awesome roommates! Tennis court, basketball court, outdoor pool, free tanning. University Courtyards. Top floor apartment. \$395/ month. All utilities included. Call 289-7931 if interested.

Female sublesser needed for a

4BD/4BA apt. @ The Woods @ Greenland. Great roommates, free tanning and workout facility, year around hot tub. Rent is \$399, includes water, electric, premium cable, and T3 internet connection. Fully furnished w/ washer&dryer. Available in May. Call 423-432-2312, leave msg.

Do you want to get off Campus for the summer? Spacious BD with personal full bath, clean carpet, furnished(w/washer/dryer) with ALL utilities included!!! Share with one respectable female roommate. Downstairs unit in University Courtyard for \$485/month!!! Call for negotiations: 904-8861 and ask for Jamie L. Looking to sublease as early as May 2004.

Male sublesser wanted for the summer at Sterling Gables. It is a 4 BD, 2 BA apartment with access to gameroom, hot tub, pool, and tanning bed. Move in at beginning of May. Rent is \$330/ month. For more information Call Clay at 865-660-2041.

### Pets

Cute black palmarainen, 12 wks. old all shots, proof of authenticity. Call Courtney 931-409-0911 or 217-0694.

### Spring Break

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