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Campus Briefs

Haskew honored, not chosen

Barbara Haskew, distinguished professor and former provost and vice president for Academic Affairs of MTSU, was honored as one of six finalists in the selection for the presidency of the University West Florida, but was not chosen to hold the office.

John C. Cavanaugh from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he is currently provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, was the recipient of the title in late May.

Customs welcomes freshmen

More than 4,000 future students of MTSU will visit the campus this summer, beginning June 12.

The Customs program familiarizes incoming freshmen, transfer students and their families with the campus and its facilities.

During the six weeks of orientation, 87 percent of this fall's freshman students have planned to attend the optional program, and more than 2,700 family members have planned to join them.

Summer Speaker Announced

As a continued tradition, the immediate past Faculty Senate president will speak for summer commencement.

Dennis Oneal, professor of electronic media communication, will be the commencement speaker on August 10.

Summer health fee established

MTSU Student Health Services has established a one-time \$25.00 Summer Health Fee for students not enrolled in summer courses.

The fee is only available for students who were registered for the spring 2002 semester and who are also registered for the upcoming fall semester.

Additional fees will still apply for lab tests, medications, supplies and procedures. Payment of the fee is required before services can be rendered.

Faculty Senate heads named

Jennifer Dooley, associate professor, developmental studies, became the new Faculty Senate president on June 1. The Faculty Senate president-elect is Dan Pfeifer, associate professor, recording industry. Pfeifer will take the office of Faculty Senate president next year.

VSA arts project kicks off

Approximately 50 people turned out for the kickoff of a Vision, Strength, Artistic Expression arts project of the Tennessee chapter.

VSA is a group dedicated to opening the world of the arts to people with disabilities.

The organization offers teacher training by bringing together artists, teachers and disabled students.

In addition to Lori Kissinger, founder of the Tennessee chapter, MTSU faculty Sharon Smith, Jette Halladay and Ann Shea are part of the group. ♦

Search for two college deans concludes

'Influential' media scholar hired for Mass Comm

By Wesley R. Bush
News Editor

MTSU President Sidney McPhee announced yesterday the appointment of a dean for the School of Mass Communication, the second dean hired at the university in as many weeks.

Anantha Babbili, a specialist in international communication and former chair of the journalism department at Texas Christian University for 12 years, said he was enthusiastic about the college's future.

"It is a great pleasure and an honor to be selected as its dean,"

he said. "I intend to build on the foundations and traditions of the college and reach the next level of national prominence and reputation."

Babbili's research has been published in a variety of international journals and in seven books. He has traveled extensively worldwide, and has presented papers at conferences in Slovenia, Brazil, Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, Canada,



Babbili

Great Britain and South Korea.

A widely quoted expert source for dozens of news organizations, ranging from The New York Times to CNN to Time Magazine, Babbili is considered an expert in information technology and media ethics and has been involved in internationalizing journalism and mass media education.

He was a visiting chairholder at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He helped design and implement the TCU-in-London program as well as the TCU-at-Oxford

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Cheatham erases 'interim' from nameplate

Staff reports

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences will have one of its' own as the new dean in professor Tom Cheatham.

Cheatham, who has been at MTSU for 12 years, was selected from six finalists compiled from a national search.

"He was competitive on a national scale," President Sidney McPhee said, "and deserved the opportunity to be the dean of that college."

Cheatham listed building partnerships with local busi-

nesses and updating out-of-date technology as two of his top priorities.

Other candidates for the position included Charles Carraher, associate director of the Florida Center for Environmental Studies and chemistry professor at Florida



Cheatham

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FedEx bird lands at MTSU



Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

The donated Boeing 727-100 is expected to be permanently grounded and used as a classroom.

By Wesley R. Bush
News Editor

When the Boeing 727-100 touched down on the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport runway, a history of service had not ended, but rather just begun.

The donated jetliner had soared freely for more than 35 years, but now sits, wings clipped, awaiting a whole new role—that of a teacher.

FedEx Express, the world's largest express transportation company, gave the recently retired freighter to the MTSU aerospace department's aircraft maintenance technician program last month. The gift helps both the university and the company, said Ed Coleman, public relations liaison of FedEx.

"This is just one way," he said, "that we can provide opportunities to students in the maintenance technician program that will hopefully have a long-lasting effect in their careers."

Coleman said the goal of the donation

is to help educate students who may ultimately work for FedEx when they graduate.

MTSU aerospace chair Paul Craig said the airliner will be refurbished and turned into a classroom and also will offer office space for flight instructors.

"Right now," he said, "the position (of the aircraft) is not its permanent location. Ultimately, it will be turned into a working laboratory and classroom. One of the things we want to be able to do is use the landing gear system to teach how the hydraulics works to our maintenance management students."

Craig said that there are plans to have the airplane raised off the ground and mounted permanently in the air so that the landing gear can be raised and lowered.

FedEx donated two other aircraft to Memphis and Florida Community College at Jacksonville this year as it upgrades its fleet and withdraws older jetliners, which have three engines instead of

the more fuel-efficient twin-engine planes, from service.

"They made the management decision," Craig said, "to try to, instead of scrapping them, to give them to places that would use them, specifically universities that have programs like our own."

The offer originated last summer when Garry Lyons, a graduate of MTSU and FedEx maintenance area worker contacted Craig and said the company would soon ground 727s.

"When he called," Craig said, "he said, 'If I gave you a 727, would you take it?' and I said, 'Yeah, who is this really?' No, he was serious and was just the first step up the ladder."

Craig said the university had to "audition" for the airplane because FedEx wanted it to be used as laboratory equipment and wanted to find a university that had a program already that could utilize it.

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Sanctions placed on SAE chapter

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

The fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been placed on disciplinary probation and faces social event restrictions resulting from various violations of university regulations during Paddy Murphy Week last April regarding misconduct and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus.

According to John Dickerson, director of Judicial Affairs, the university's investigation resulted in SAE being found responsible for disorderly conduct, consumption of alcoholic beverages and misrepresentation of information to a judicial officer. The fraternity was found not responsible for conduct dangerous to others. No individual members of the fraternity have been disciplined.

SAE was placed on disciplinary probation until Dec. 31, 2004. In addition, the fraternity cannot sponsor or participate in social activities, excluding Rush Week, effective May 2 and ending at the culmination of the spring 2003 semester. SAE can petition for review on or after Feb. 17, 2003 to have this restriction lifted early.

Dickerson said that all rush activities must be pre-approved by the director of Greek Life and that SAE will be allowed to participate in activities such as intramural sports.

The fraternity must also complete 300 hours of community service by Dec. 1—20 of which must be with a women's issues organization and 100 at a alcohol treatment center. SAE must also schedule a speaker on sexual harassment, which would be mandatory for all members and pledges, by Sept. 30 of this year.

Dickerson emphasized that the sanctions are meant to be educational for those involved.

"None of this is meant as punishment," Dickerson said. "It's meant as a learning experience for the entire organization."

The Inter-Fraternity Council, whose investigation was promptly halted by the university pending its own findings, has yet to meet to discuss

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Summer school with a French twist

5 MTSU students travel abroad for summer classes

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

Like thousands of other college students right now, Nikolas Alexiades, Daniel Stone, Shane Gallo, Anyess Travers and Nathalie Mornu are taking summer classes. But this year, the five MTSU students are doing their summer studies with a French twist.

They are participants in the sixth year of MTSU's Normandy Internship Program, a program designed to give college students a chance to engage in French culture as well as in French business experience.

Rosemary Kew, of the Foreign Language and Literature Department at MTSU, is a coordinator for the program, which began five years ago at MTSU and became further developed by the work Kew did along with Barbara Haskew of the economics and finance department.

They widened the program's appeal to students of various disciplines such as global studies, journalism and the foreign languages and literature departments.

This year there was increased advertising of the program to all of the Tennessee Board of Regents four-year colleges and drew interest from other schools such as David Lipscomb and Tennessee State University.

Students who apply for the program do not have to be studying for a major or minor in French to apply for the program, but they must be able to speak some French.

"One of the things we do require is that the students have a high intermediate (approximately four semesters' worth) understanding of the language," Kew explained. "I held phone interviews with each of the applicants in French."

Applicants were also required to write a one-page letter in French, on their GPA, career goals and other experiences they might have had in using French.

Once the students were received into the program, some of them qualified for limited financial aid, which was provided by Champs Elysees of Nashville and the Alliance Francaise de Nashville.

The applicants were otherwise responsible for their plane fares and living expenses while in France. The students will be living in a hostel, "La Foyer" for their stay in Normandy, except two of them, who, by request, have been placed with volunteer host families.

The students will spend 10 weeks in France, from May 18 until the end of July. The first three weeks are spent in intensive Business French classes held at IUT, a technological school that is a division of the University of Caen.

At the end of the three weeks, the students begin individual internships with French businesses where they have been placed according to their career interests by the Normandy Program's coordinators.

The program is counted as French credit or internship



Photo provided

Students participating in the internship program are required to possess intermediate French-speaking abilities.

credit towards the student's major.

There are six students in this year's program – the five MTSU students joined by TSU student Renaldo Brown – and the career interests, and therefore the internships, are wide and varied.

Shane Gallo, a senior, is a mass communication major with a double minor in French and Biology. She will be interning with a French newspaper.

Sophomore Nikolas Alexiades and senior Daniel Stone are

both accounting majors and have been placed with accounting firms for their internships.

Nathalie Mornu is a senior with a major in journalism and a double minor in art and French. Her internship is with COGEMA, one of Europe's largest nuclear waste facilities.

Anyess Travers is a sophomore with a Spanish major and a French minor. Renaldo Brown of TSU is sophomore with studies in business information systems and French.

Kew points out, however,

that the point of the program is not just the potential career advantages.

"This program is not just a high powered internship or business opportunity," Kew said. "Students will be more like 'go-fers' for their companies. But if they show that they can do more, they will be given more to do."

She described the program as designed more to give the students a chance to exercise the French language and to become familiar with the workings of

another culture.

Kew says she is pleased with the show of interest in this year's Normandy program and the students chosen for it. She hopes that spreading the word about the program will encourage more interest in the years to come.

Already, colleges such as Belmont, Tennessee Tech, and Austin Peay, along with Tennessee State and David Lipscomb, have expressed desire to become involved with the program in the future. ♦

Walking for life

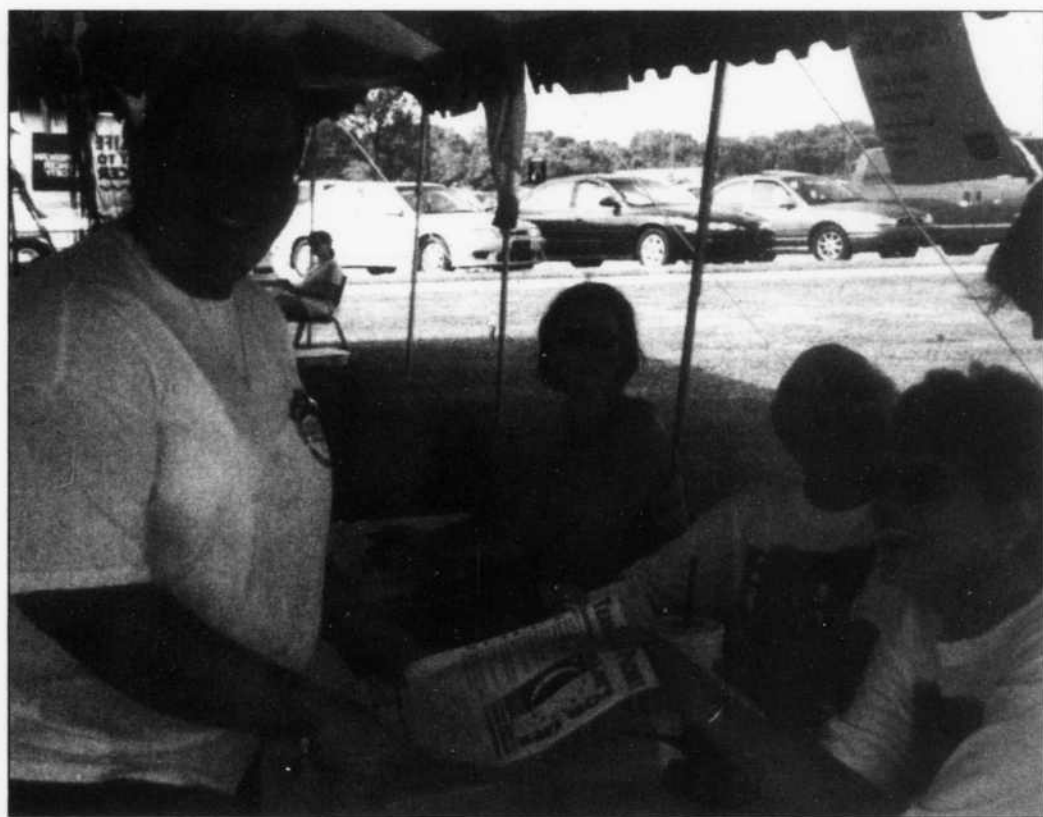


Photo by Kelly Hite | Staff

MTSU alumna Michelle Lawson, left, of the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic, signs up to participate in the Relay for Life Saturday. The Walk for Life is an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society, local churches and businesses to raise money and awareness for cancer treatment and prevention. Several hundred volunteers paced the intramural fields for 24 hours while receiving pledged donations for the number of laps they walked.

Fraternity: Alumni advisers consider appeals process

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the matter, according to IFC president Will Denami.

"We're going to go with whatever the council decides; if [they] decide to take further action, we'll pursue it," Denami said.

He said a meeting time has not been set. Officers of SAE could not be reached for comment.

"We are working closely with the university, the undergraduate chapter and the alumni advisers and we are continuing to thoroughly review the sanc-

tions with consideration for the appeals process," said Chris Mundy, director of communications for SAE's national office, which has not taken action against MTSU's chapter.

The sanctions stem from events during the fraternity's Paddy Murphy week, including

complaints from several sorority members following SAE's swami party, where a traditional roast got out of hand when several brothers began giving detailed descriptions of the attending sorority sisters' sexual encounters with some of the brothers. ♦

Boeing: Final plans for the plane depend on assessment

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The university was not able to accept the first offer by the company because the airport runway is not usually equipped for such a large airplane, Craig said.

"We sought permission from the airport manager," he said, "and that took us on a long, drawn-out process of getting permission from not only the manager, but from the airport commission, and eventually the city council, mayor and city attorneys."

The concern was that if the airplane damaged the runway

or taxiway upon landing, someone had to be held responsible for repairs.

"MTSU stepped up to the plate," Craig said. "They had some engineers come in and test the runway before and after to determine what the actual risk was."

"Eventually, what happened was MTSU stepped in and we wrote a letter to the city saying, 'Should any damage take place, MTSU and the Tennessee Board of Regents would cover any damages.'"

Although final plans for the plane are up in the air, Craig said he hopes to place Plexiglass

panels in some of the walls so students can see how the electrical systems and hydraulic lines work, as well as create a conference room-type class.

The donated 727 is aircraft number N117 and was built in 1966 as a passenger aircraft for Eastern Airlines. It was converted to a freighter and entered into service for FedEx in 1982.

FedEx employs nearly 2,500 aviation maintenance technicians in 125 locations in the United States and 55 abroad. The company hires an average of 120-150 AMTs per year in the country, according to a press release.

"What we're doing right now," Craig said, "the maintenance management students that are here this summer have been working on it, but less so much in a classroom environment as it is an inventory on what we have."

"It's an airplane, yes, but it's also a collection of 100,000 parts and all those subsystems that go along with making an aircraft work properly."

"It hasn't started into service as a teaching tool just yet. To some degree it is, but it will start playing more that role in the fall," he said. ♦

Babbili: New dean sees vision for future

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program.

Babbili has been a Knight Foundation Fellow at the Institute of Journalism Excellence, American Society of Newspaper Editors.

He is a consultant to the United Nations on issues of global news flow and human rights. The German magazine New Medien has called Babbili "one of the most influential" media scholars in the world.

President Sidney McPhee said that, although all of the finalists were qualified for the position, Babbili was generally favored by most of the committee assigned to recommend a new dean.

"He seemed to have really hit a chord with the faculty and staff that he interviewed with," he said. "He had a good sense of what needs to be done not only to maintain the quality, but to build on that."

"Secondly, he had a tremendous amount of experience in accreditation and also seemed interested in seeking outside resources to help that college move forward," McPhee said.

Babbili has won several university teaching awards and has been recognized for teaching excellence by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the

Burlington Northern Foundation, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Associated Press Managing Editors and the National Conference of Editorial Writers.

He was recognized by former Chancellor William E. Tucker with the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching at TCU Convocation in 1996. Babbili also was honored as Texas Professor of the Year in 1997 for extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He spent the fall semester of 1998 opening a permanent campus at the TCU London Center, which provides opportunities for students to study and work in an international setting. Babbili also has taught at Regent's College in London and is invited on a regular basis to lecture at India's Osmania University, Oxford University and the London School of Economics.

Scheduled to begin house shopping in late July, Babbili said he feels MTSU will continue to flourish academically.

"It's got a solid foundation and it just is exciting that I should be coming in and contributing to its growth and its reputation, so I'm really looking

forward to that.

"I plan to assist in the long-term goals of MTSU under the leadership of President Sidney McPhee and shape the future of the college by blending the professional with the academic, the local with the global, and media skills with changing technology. The college will serve the best interests of the students – in journalism, electronic media and the recording industry – while nurturing the faculty's expertise and strengthening ties with the media industry."

"I thought he was outstanding," said David Badger, professor of journalism and member of the search committee. "The man really has substance. I think we're all going to appreciate him."

"I think he has a vision for the future. I think he will be aggressive in attempting to raise funds for the College of Mass Communication ... He's going to be a unifying force. He recognizes the recording industry program as one of the most important players of the college."

"One of the points he made when he addressed the entire faculty is that he sees free expression as an important theme for the college and a way to unite the three departments." ♦

Cheatham: McPhee: 'He moved that college forward'

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Atlantic University, Robert Stach, professor and adviser to the chancellor at the University of Michigan-Flint, and Babajide Filoni, professor and chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Memphis.

Cheatham, who has served as interim associate dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, received his bachelor's degree from Campbellsville University in Kentucky and earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University

of Kentucky.

"A lot of times," McPhee said, "when someone is an interim candidate, they tend to be overly cautious about what they do and mark time in the position. He didn't do that. He moved that college forward."

MTSU's College of Basic and Applied Sciences encompasses majors such as nursing, military science, agriculture, aerospace, engineering technology and industrial studies as well as chemistry, biology, astronomy, physics, mathematical science and computer science. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

We dig the new deans

It may be true that the *Sidelines* staff is difficult to please, but we dig Anantha Babbili, the long-awaited choice of the Mass Communication Dean Search Committee.

Babbili, in addition to a long history as a professor, also has journalistic experience as an editor and stringer for Reuters and the Associated Press. He also fits the mold of the academic leader the staff was hoping would be found.

As the former chair of Texas Christian University's journalism department as well as a coordinator of the school's graduate program, Babbili understands the academic system as well as any candidate could. His long academic history soothes fears held by some that a professional chosen directly from the field might not give all the departments their due.

According to a member of the committee, he also is a firm believer in free expression and the importance of such to a school of communications.

With journalism, broadcast and recording industry departments as well as the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies under his guidance, this commitment to the principles of free expression is encouraging.

Unrelated to our majors, we also think that Tom Cheatham was a good choice for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. His familiarity with MTSU assures that the new dean would not run out the door screaming when he or she saw the archaic technology that our science departments must live with. His position as interim associate dean will dramatically make the transition easier on everyone in his college, and MTSU should be proud that one of its own was the best candidate of a national search. ♦

Kidnapper on trial, not parents



All Due Respect

Courtney England
Staff Columnist

On Feb. 2, 2002, Danielle Van Dam was reported missing from her San Diego home. Twenty days later, authorities arrested neighbor David Westerfield and charged him with the kidnapping and murder of the 7-year-old.

Prosecutor Jeff Dusec claims that fingerprints, blood, and hair samples, all belonging to Danielle, were found in the defendant's motor home. If convicted of these charges, Westerfield could face the death penalty.

Since the beginning of Westerfield's trial, the par-

ents of Danielle, Damon and Brenda Van Dam, have been under severe scrutiny from the defense. They both have admitted to smoking marijuana cigarettes the night of the kidnapping. In addition, Damon has admitted to explicit sex acts on two occasions with close friends of his wife.

Defense attorney Steve Feldman attacked Damon Van Dam in open court for initially lying about his marijuana use the night of the kidnapping. Damon testified that he did lie when first questioned by police. However, after the investigating officer said that drug usage was unimportant in comparison to telling the truth, he quickly retracted the lie.

Brenda Van Dam testified that she had three encounters with Westerfield, one being at a

bar the night of the kidnapping, but stressed that she and her husband barely knew him. According to Brenda, she and two girlfriends had gone to a bar February 1, and her husband had stayed home with the kids. At the bar Westerfield had shown an interest in one of Brenda's friends, but the three ladies did not include Westerfield in their conversation. Brenda arrived home at approximately 2:30 a.m. and went to bed. She woke to find her daughter missing in the morning.

It is obvious that the defense is trying to use drug use and sexual behavior to discredit Danielle's parents. First of all, David Westerfield is on trial here, not Damon and Brenda Van Dam. Yes, they have a lifestyle that the average person would look down on, but at the same time

they were careful not to expose their three children to the drug usage and sex acts. Brenda testified that the marijuana smoking took place in the garage where it was impossible for the children to enter.

When the defense questioned Damon about the sexual encounters he had with Brenda's friends, Damon testified that on those occasions, "The kids were spending the night at someone else's house." Obviously, the Van Dams had a secret life that was separate from their children.

Perhaps in a child neglect case imposed by the Department of Children's Services, this type of information would be useful. However, in a murder trial where David Westerfield is sitting at the defendant's table, I see no reason to include this

information.

The fact is, someone entered the Van Dam's residence on the night of Feb. 1, 2002, kidnapped and murdered seven-year-old Danielle, then dumped her body along a rural road 25 miles east of the Van Dam home. The ethics of Damon and Brenda Van Dam are not on trial here. They are the victims of this vicious act. Maybe defense attorney Steve Feldman knows the evidence is stacked against his client and he is trying to draw the attention away from Westerfield. That would be the only explanation for putting this couple, who have just lost a child, on trial. ♦

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Realizing you've realized your potential



For Argument's Sake

Jason Cox
Managing Editor

clogged with the residue of the lazy, uninspired, disinterested, insipid and plain stupid.

Too often, capable students are pushed aside because of the sheer numbers that attend our humble institution.

As anyone who watches The Learning Channel knows, any passageway flows better when it is free of obstructions. The educational method the American society and MTSU in particular have chosen is that of an angioplasty.

In the medical realm, an angioplasty consists of putting a balloon-tipped catheter to push aside

blockages within an artery. By telling students since their education begins that college is the golden calf, we are using a static amount of resources to serve a vastly increasing student body, and plenty of students are being pushed to the wayside via lack of decent advisement and personal attention.

Worse than that, many students being shepherded in by their high school guidance counselors and parents just don't want to be in college. Just as many aren't intellectually or emotionally ready to handle college and the new challenges it brings. We aren't reminded that trade

occupations such as auto repairs are every bit as respectable and essential as doctors, engineers and certainly journalists.

College students, supposedly the brighter members of today's gene crop, prove consistently that most 18-22 year olds aren't ready to be independent.

The best solution to this situation is a bypass. Instead of expanding universities endlessly, shoving students aside, we can provide an option for graduating seniors besides college or the military. Schools like Nashville Auto Diesel College provide this service, but we need more.

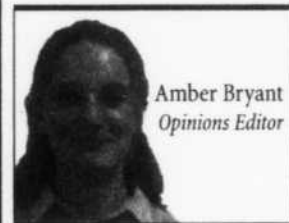
enough too need to earn enough loot to provide a decent living and be attractive occupations.

As any person familiar with overindulgence knows, the first step to solving the problem is realizing that it exists. MTSU needs to get off her back and on her feet in advancing the idea that college does not possess the holy grail for everyone, even if the flow of precious blood money slows down a bit. ♦

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From the Opinions Editor

Virginia legislator wrong to manipulate with cash



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

this case, I can't decide which way the money is flowing. So Americans learn another valuable lesson; if you're rich, you can manipulate and mistreat others as you wish.

Unfortunately, there are men that use wealth and power to thrust their uncontrolled libido towards unwilling parties. Equally regrettable but less common are women that feel the only way to get gender justification is to string a man up by his balls by abusing the "weaker sex" theory. I believe the former is the case here, but only because I think male politicians are actively seeking to protect the age-old dominance of their sex in politics.

Regardless of who is guilty, both Thompson and Wilkins shouldn't have been so willing to replace truth and justice with a six-figure Band-Aid. ♦

Once again, a wealthy, powerful man has used the almighty buck in an attempt to dissolve his problems and a cowardly woman has thrown her self-worth to the wind and accepted the offer.

My oh-so-wise grandfather once said, "Follow the money" if you seek to find the guilty party. In

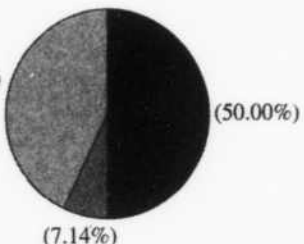
Correction

In last week's *Sidelines*, it was incorrectly reported that recording industry management professor Doug Mitchell had worked for the CIA. In reality, Mitchell has worked with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, among other government bureaus.

Sidelines regrets the error.

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, (42.86%) "What can be done to control enrollment?"



Admission standards should be raised. (50%)
Admission deadlines should be moved up and enforced strictly. (7.14%)
A combination of raising standards, cutting out remedial courses and enforcing deadlines would work best. (42.86%)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com and vote for this week's question: Did the university make the right selection for dean of Mass Comm?

* this poll is not scientific

Getting along with the frat



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

A month ago, I thought I was home free. After living with a pledging Kappa Sigma for nine months, I thought I would never have to deal with any frats anymore.

No more late-night calls looking for John. I wouldn't have to walk into a dorm room full of people I don't know. No more covering for him when he was over at the frat house doing God knows what.

My toga life was finally over.

Then I got a summer job. Unfortunately, writing columns for *Sidelines* doesn't pay the bills, so I also wash cars for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Franklin, Tenn. Part of my job is to pick up cars from different dealerships to bring back to Franklin.

During one of my first trips, my boss, Brian, started to tell me about his fraternity days at University of Tennessee-Martin.

As he droned on about "the greatest party ever," I couldn't help drifting off.

"Great," I thought, "Another frat boy to live with." My roommate John had given me all the Greek Row I ever wanted.

It's not that I regret living with John. I got to know a whole new group of people that I would have never met without him. I learned that Greek life isn't just drinking and partying. These guys watch out for each other more than any other group I know. Unfortunately, that doesn't help me. As an outsider, I have a hard time relating to John and Brian. The insane level of commitment these guys gave to their respective fraternities scares me. Both of them spent a majority of their time in college running around with their brothers and hanging out at the frat house.

How does someone like me, who has never put that much time into one thing, relate to someone who has spent a good portion of the last few years of their lives around their frat?

The answer hit me last week. Brian and I had to take a car out to meet an important customer. On the way up to the gas station, Brian went on about his crazy trip to Chicago with his frat buddies. I couldn't have cared less.

When we pulled up to the station, I jumped out of the car for a breath of fresh air. I couldn't take any more of Brian's stories that he could only halfway remember.

Then, she got out of her car. Who was she? Gorgeous. She had blonde hair, long legs, a small tank top and a nice car. In my book, that's worthy of a marriage proposal.

When I walked back to the car, Brian had a gleam in his eye. Apparently I wasn't the only one to see Gorgeous walk into the convenience store.

The rest of the trip we finally had something we could talk about: women.

When it's all said and done, I may not be able to take any more stories about the fundraiser that went horribly wrong.

Greeks may not care why I freak out when column lines aren't equal in a layout. What I do know is that we have something deeper than fraternity brotherhood to bond us together - the never-ending quest for women.

Sorry, ladies. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

You know how we hate reporting how the government has done something asinine, but this radioactive retardation cannot go by unmentioned.

At the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, east of San Francisco, the Federal government has spent \$62 million on a new storage facility for low-level radiation waste. Construction was substantially complete last June.

One would think the hundreds of bright yellow, 55-gallon drums would be stored safely inside the building, right? Actually, no. They are stacked two-high under tents next to the building.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, the area's congressperson, says she has received three reasons for the waste being left in the open. Pick any reason you want - they're all ridiculous.

In January, Tauscher was told that the building could not withstand a direct hit from an air-



plane. Good thing they decided to use tents, wasn't it?

The second reason, provided by Jessie Roberson, the assistant energy secretary for environmental management, was that the building itself could pose a hazardous threat to the waste. As Tauscher said, "How could they consider a building built to their own specifications to be inadequate?"

The third explanation, coming from an Energy Department spokesperson, is that construction isn't yet finished. Curious, isn't it, that Livermore workers haven't been allowed inside at all?

The DOE says the waste will be inside by September. Our guess they'll just order tents with flaps. ♦

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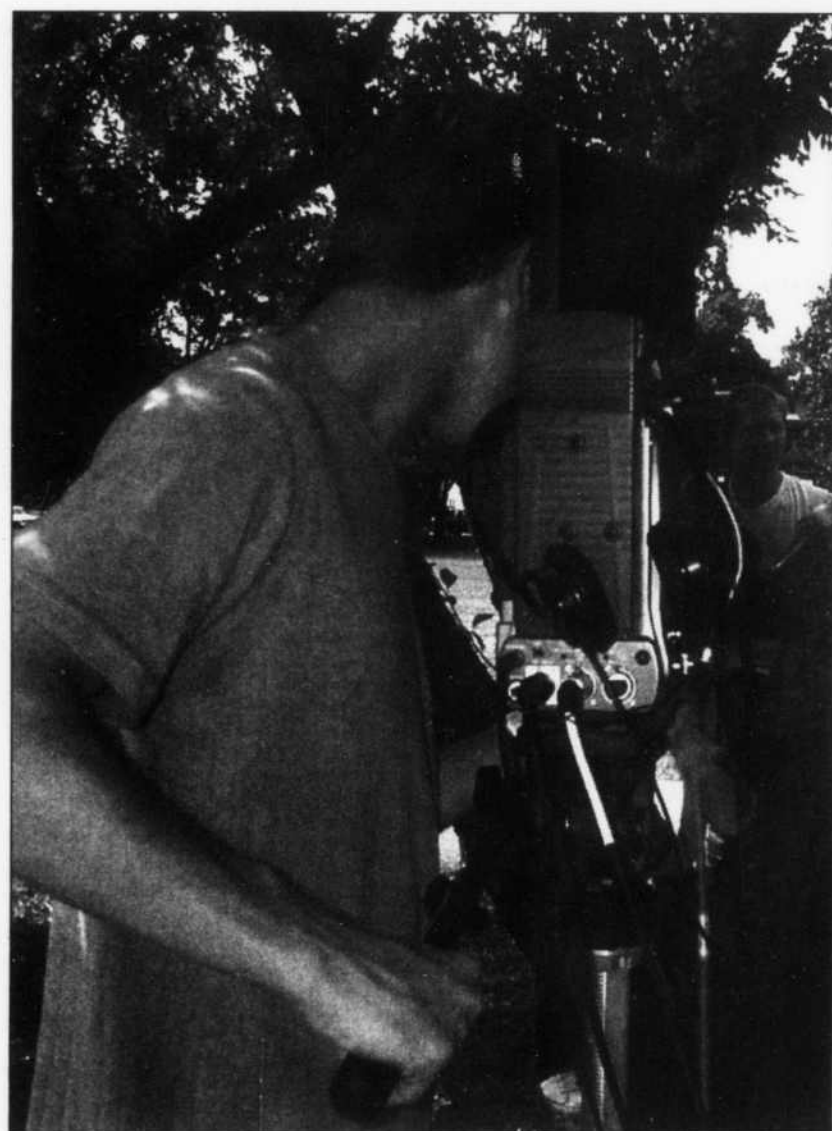
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Movie magic

Former students use campus as backdrop for indie film



Photos by Jason Cox | Staff

(Top) Mike Barton, an MTSU graduate, Rob Brunson and Matt Curry, another graduate of MTSU, stand ready to recite their lines as artistic director Justin Brown mans the camera and Chris Nichols, director of photography, looks on. The crew is filming *The Truth About Kate*, which will eventually feature several scenes filmed on the MTSU campus. In the other photos, the crew can be seen lining up a precise shot through split tree branches and a boom mike operator taking a break as the crew works on lighting. The film's producers are currently seeking a distributor for the film, for which a release date has yet to be set.

Hospice helps makes death endurable

By Allison Vick
Contributor

It was Will and Abbey Videon's eighth anniversary. The kids were with grandma.

They had an amazing three-course dinner served on fine china, and toasted each other with champagne in elegant crystal glasses. It was a truly magical night.

But this dinner was not served at Flemmings, Wild Boar or any other fine restaurant you would typically expect. They were at the Hospice of Nashville, a care facility for the terminally ill.

Will has an aggressive form of lung cancer that, despite treatment, metastasized and spread to his ribs and spine. He and his family have accepted the painful truth that he is dying. "He doesn't want to be tortured anymore," Abbey said. "He just wants to go home."

Hospice works with the terminally ill

and their families. The goal is to help them care for the patient out of the hospital. At the hospital the focus is "cure," at Hospice the focus is "care."

"We want to make the patient comfortable," said volunteer Sandra Jones. Jones has been working with Hospice for the past nine years. She began working with Hospice about a year after they helped her care for her mother during her death.

"We focus on controlling their pain, letting them spend time with family, and social as well as spiritual aspects of their death. Staying at the hospital can be a very impersonal experience. The Hospice is designed to be the opposite of that."

Hospice also greatly assists the family. They tell you what to expect and provide emotional support.

"Caring for a terminally ill person is difficult," Abbey said. "I didn't know what to do, and it is so hard to watch

them suffer. There are good days, but the bad ones, they are so hard on us all. Just little things like using swabs to moisten their mouth are things I didn't know."

The emotional aspect of losing a loved one coupled with all the medical equipment and the narcotics are enough to drive the sanest of people crazy.

The Hospice provides doctors, nurses, social workers, dietitians and grief counselors to help the families make it through.

"It was so great how they planned that dinner for us," Abbey said as she closed her tired eyes momentarily.

"It meant so much to both of us because we know it will be our last anniversary together. I mean, we had lobster. Can you imagine?"

The services of Hospice are typically offered when a patient has less than six months to live. Though the services they offer are always immensely helpful, they are particularly useful as the patient

draws closer to death.

"Most people have never seen a person die before," Jones said. "There are biological changes that occur that they need to be prepared for. 'Cheyne-Stokes,' for example, are the short shallow breaths that you will hear as life draws to a close. People need to know what to expect."

Hospice has been helping families like the Videons for almost two decades now. They contend that while death is inevitable, it need not be impersonal, and it need not be unendurable. There are more than 31,000 hospice programs that currently assist roughly 31 percent of America's dying.

The Hospice of Murfreesboro has been serving Rutherford County since 1984. For more information about the services Hospice provides or about becoming a volunteer, call 896-4663 (HOME). ♦

Entertainment briefs

Compiled by
Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

J.Lo separates from husband

Superstar singer/actress Jennifer Lopez has separated from dancer/choreographer Cris Judd, her husband of nine months. Though the couple is living apart, they are attempting to work their problems out and even continue still to see each other.

The rumor mill is that J.Lo has reunited with hip hop artist Sean "P.Diddy" Combs, but for now, both the Lopez and Combs camps are denying the rumor (Note: Let the record reflect that Lopez and Combs initially denied being a couple when they got together the first time. And one more thing, what's up with all these songs they keep making about each other?).

Combs recently released *We Invented the Remix*, which debut at No. 1 on the Billboard charts and Lopez's latest flick *Enough* is in theaters. As for Judd, he could be out like Rene Elizondo but he has a cameo in Lopez's latest video.

Beyonce fulfills destiny

Destiny's Child front-woman, Beyonce Knowles, will hit the silver screen this summer in the third installment of the Austin Powers series, *Goldmember*. She plays Foxy Cleopatra, a cross between '70s Blaxploitation characters Foxy Brown and Cleopatra Jones. Knowles' character is the sexy, diva ex-girlfriend of Powers who helps him fight crime.

Knowles, who made her major acting debut in MTV's *Carmen: A Hip Hopera* last year, is set to start filming her next project, *The Fighting Temptations* with Cuba Gooding Jr. this summer. In addition to acting, Knowles has also recorded a song and video for *Goldmember*, penned a tell-all book with her DC groupmates and is slated to drop her solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, later this year.

Mos Def brings the drama

Rapper Mos Def continues to spread his wings. After releasing two critically-acclaimed LPs (*Mos Def* and *Talib Kweli* are Black Star with partner-in-rhyme Talib Kweli and his gold-selling solo effort *Black on Both Sides*), this one-time underground rapper has returned to his acting roots.

He has made appearances in MTV's *Carmen: A Hip Hopera*, *Monster's Ball*, *Bamboozled*, and the soon-to-be-released *Brown Sugar*. However, it is his performance in the Tony-nominated, Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway play *Top Dog/Underdog* that is earning him much praise.

Top Dog/Underdog, written by Suzan-Lori Parks and also starring Jeffrey Wright (*Ali*, *Shaft*, *Boyz n the City*), is a play about three-card monte and sibling rivalry. Mos also plans to release three new albums in the very near future, one with Kweli, another solo record and one with his band Black Jack Johnson.

Jagger to be knighted

Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger, will be knighted by the Queen of England during her birthday honors next week. In a documentary last year, the 58-year-old rocker expressed his disappointment that both Elton John and Paul McCartney had been knighted and he had been passed over. Speaking of Sir Paul, he and fiancée, former model Heather Mills, announced that they will be married. ♦

CD Reviews

Christian R&B artist offers smooth mix for debut offering

By Farrah Albertie
Contributor

Ray Bady, GospoCentric Records' newest artist, recently released his debut album, *Mission K.O.B. (Keep On Believin')*. The musical collection is a smooth mix of bumping music and uplifting melodies that give God all the praise. This is an album that makes you want to jump up out of your seat and dance, but also makes you want to fall down on your knees and pray.

When I first started listening to the CD, I was immediately assaulted by a sound that is highly reminiscent of R Kelly. It came as no surprise when I found out Ray was Kelly's drummer for five years. You can hear Kelly's influence all over this album. He even produced and wrote a song for the album, although the track was cut from the finished product.

One of my personal favorites on this album is the song "Simple Things," which reminds us that we don't have to put on a big show to prove to people we care or that we love the Lord. All we have to do is

live our lives with godly character and that is the best witness to others. Another song I am highly partial to is "Things That Make U Say Ummm!" Bady takes an old Arsenio quote and makes us ponder over our lives and appreciate all the things that God has done for us.

"It's In The Name" rounds out my choices for top songs on this album. For all of us who claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we all know what power the name of Jesus has.

Though he just released his first album, Ray Bady is no newcomer to the industry. Not only is he a very talented singer, he is also one of the most sought-after drummers and drum programmers in the industry. He produced and wrote most of the songs on the album along with his brother, the legendary gospel great Percy Bady. If that wasn't enough to establish his credentials, Ray has toured, recorded and/or appeared with Marvin Sapp, Ce Ce Winans, Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams, Trinitee 5:7, R Kelly and many more.

Overall, I believe that *Mission K.O.B.* is the first of

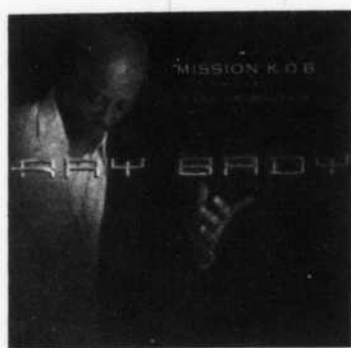


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Christian artist Ray Bady's debut album reflects an R Kelly influence.

many great albums to come from Ray Bady. His rich musical background is highly evident from the first note to the last beat of the album. This talented artist successfully mixed a bit of old school gospel testimony with new school flava and ended up with an album that is off da chain.

Ray Bady set out on a mission to keep us believing in Jesus Christ and I must say that personally the album has inspired me to *Keep on Believing*. Job well done, Ray Bady! Mission accomplished. ♦

L-Boogie delivers raw, emotional new disc

By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

Coming off the heels of her 10 million-selling, critically acclaimed, five-time Grammy winning solo debut, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, Lauryn Hill has recently released yet another album with her name in the title: *Lauryn Hill Unplugged 2.0*, a two-disc collection of songs recorded for an MTV *Unplugged* special.

The outcome is a tapestry of acoustic-driven, lyric-heavy, raw, intense, heart-wrenching psalms about God, love, freedom, redemption and the social ills of the world. We heard Hill touch on these themes on *Miseducation* and her two albums with the Fugees, but this time around she digs much deeper and masterfully delivers introspective lyrics that chronicle her journey over the past few years.

Anyone looking for *Miseducation Part Two* need not pick up *Unplugged*. The two are completely different animals. There's no 16-piece band

or do-it-to-perfection production. It's just Lauryn and her guitar. Not even Lauryn's voice is perfect. She's raspy at times and even cracks a time or two, but Lauryn makes no apologies. In fact she embraces it by claiming it to be "reality."

On *Miseducation*, there was a classroom of kids discussing their perceptions of love and relationships in between tracks. *Unplugged* makes a similar notion but this time it's Lauryn doing the talking.

Most of the songs are a bit unorthodox compared to industry standards; they are a bit long for the average listener. Some songs last six or seven minutes. The albums highlights are "Adam Lives in Theory," "Just Like Water," "Peace of

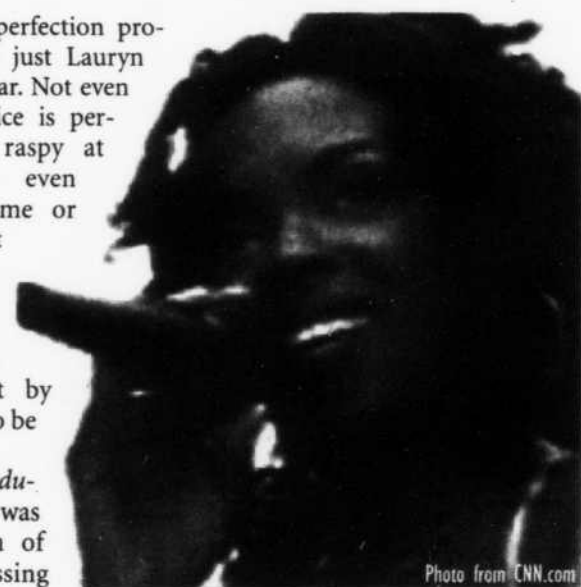


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Mind," "I Get Out" and "The Mystery on Iniquity," a song that's obviously about the unjust legal system and Lauryn's battle over production credit on her last album.

Though Lauryn's still growing as a guitarist and she doesn't have all the flash and flair that she had on during the *Miseducation* era, this album is definitely class Lauryn. ♦

Dreaming the dive less taken: a realistic ending

By Tracy Nemitz
The Daily Iowan

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — When I read the ending of Ann Packer's *The Dive from Clausen's Pier*, I all but threw it down in a fit of frustration. Before the book left my hand, a passage came to mind that made me reconsider.

"All art can be divided into two groups, hard and soft, and as pleasing as the soft is, the hard is always superior — it might as well be a rule of nature."

The Dive from Clausen's Pier follows 23-year-old Carrie Bell, who was born and raised in Wisconsin. Her life can only be described as mundane. She is engaged to her high-school sweetheart, hangs around with all of her childhood friends, and spends her days as a librarian. It is clear from the beginning that Bell aspires to be more, yet all hopes of branching out are stifled by her loyalty to her fiancé, Mike.

One day, Mike is paralyzed after diving off a pier, and Bell is faced with a monumental

decision: to stay and care for him or to leave and start a life of her own.

After a great deal of consideration, Bell leaves Wisconsin without giving any notice to her cherished friends or family. She journeys to New York and begins to carve a new life. She quickly surrounds herself with a small but close group of friends and takes up a relationship with a mysterious and captivating man named Kilroy.

Bell is also able to nurture her lifelong interest of fashion design by enrolling in classes

and observing the endless array of styles the city holds. Despite the satisfaction her new existence brings, Bell is unable to let go of her Wisconsin life. Plagued by her friends' and family's pleas for her to come back, the guilt of cutting off Mike and her friends is perpetually present.

Bell is able to resist the urge to turn back until she learns that her best friend's mother attempted to kill herself after her sister was assaulted. Bell returns to Wisconsin for what is meant to be a short trip. But it

becomes obvious that she may never return to New York.

In *The Dive from Clausen's Pier*, Packer's first novel, she displays an immense amount of skill as a storyteller. It is impossible not to identify with her characters and their struggles. After only the first few pages, I found myself rooting for Bell as she struggled to fulfill her potential.

The story would have been a good book had it ended in a Cinderella tradition in which Bell makes it big as a fashion designer in New York and lives

happily ever after with Kilroy.

What makes Packer's novel great is that she doesn't settle for the happy ending. Her prose is thought-provoking, not allowing the readers to get so comfortable that they don't have to actively think about the course Bell's life is taking. Packer maintains a sense of reality by keeping the thought that life doesn't always turn out the way we plan and that some dreams are meant to be just that — dreams. ♦

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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Spring Fling moves from Chattanooga to Memphis

After nine years of hosting the annual high school Spring Fling, Chattanooga, Tenn., was outbid by the largest city in Tennessee — Memphis — to house the event for the 2003-05 seasons.

The Spring Fling is a one-week period during the last week of May where champions are crowned in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association sports: baseball, softball, boys' soccer, tennis and track and field.

With the move to Memphis, the baseball and boys' soccer tournaments will expand to allow eight teams in each classification to compete at the state tournament level.

The addition of four teams in each classification in the two sports is possible due to the number of facilities in Memphis.

The four cities that submitted bids to the Board of Control for consideration to host the Spring Fling were Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville and Jackson.

Middle Tennessee is currently the host of the football and basketball state championships.

End of Blue Raider football season ticket sale this week

The sale of season tickets for the 2002 MT football will end June 15. To order tickets call 898-2103 or 1-888-YESTSU.

Tickets can also be picked up at the MT ticket office at Floyd Stadium.

Reserved season tickets on the sidelines are \$70, while tickets for the Flex Plan in the end zone are \$40.

Faculty and staff tickets cost \$37.50. For premium seating relocation, call the Blue Raider Athletic Association at 898-2210.

Donnelly testifies before house subcommittee

MT athletics director Boots Donnelly testified in Nashville last week about sports agents and college student-athletes.

U.S. Representative Bart Gordon introduced a bill, which Donnelly supports, that would prohibit sports agents from approaching college student athletes without serious repercussions.

The bill, currently in the House of Representatives, would allow state attorneys general to prosecute violators of the Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act in federal district court under the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission.

If passed, the new law will amend the FTC to treat a violation of this act as a violation of the FTC rules as an unfair and deceptive act or practice.

Schools could seek civil remedies for any damages or expenses incurred through violations of the act, and civil fines of up to \$11,000 a day could be imposed for each offense.

"Stars of Tomorrow" camps to be held in June, July

MT women's basketball coach Stephany Smith and many staffers will start the annual "Stars of Tomorrow" basketball camps today.

That camp will be the High School Team Camp I and the Middle School Team Camp.

The High School Team Camp II will begin June 19 and will end June 22.

MT will wrap up the camp schedule June 30 through July 3, with the Fundamentals Camp and Pee Wee Camp for younger athletes. ♦

Vipers take first win over Wheelers

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

After four losses to the Quad City Steamwheelers, the Tennessee Valley Vipers rewrote history with their first-ever victory over the Steamwheelers 60-40 Saturday night in Quad City, Ill.

One of the previous losses was a 68-59 defeat at the first-ever ArenaCup in 2000.

The win kept the Vipers in first place with an 8-1 record in the National Conference South Division. If the season ended

today, the Vipers would hold the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

"It feels good to get the monkey off our back," said Viper lineman Andy Fuller in the June 9 edition of the *Quad City Times*. "It doesn't take away the sting of not winning the championship, but it feels good. Those guys are still the defending champion. They are still the team to beat."

Tennessee Valley controlled the game from the beginning, and led the whole way. The Vipers jumped out to a 33-19 lead in the first half. They

extended their lead to 29 points twice in the second half, and took it easy the rest of the way.

The Vipers opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 16-yard touchdown pass from former Middle Tennessee quarterback Wes Counts to Ronald Bonner with 11:55 left in the quarter. A couple of minutes



Wes Counts

later, Quad City quarterback Dan McMullen scored on a 1-yard run, but the Steamwheelers missed the extra point.

Tight end Andy Fuller extended the lead with a 21-yard touchdown reception of a Counts' pass, making the score 14-6. McMullen answered with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Hewitt, but Quad City again missed the extra point. Tennessee Valley led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Counts found Reggie Worthy twice more in the end zone —

once from 7 yards out and again from 17 after a Kelly Snell interception.

McMullen found Hewitt again with a 32-yard pass with 7:26 left in the half to make the score 27-19.

Viper kicker Todd Latourette added two field goals from 40 and 45 yards to end the half. The second one came at the buzzer to give Tennessee Valley a 33-19 halftime lead.

The second half began with Counts finding Fuller for the

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MLB takes MT's finest



By Amy Jones
Sports Editor

During the past week, Major League Baseball drafted three of MT and head coach Steve Peterson's finest players.

Senior right-handed pitcher Adam Larson took the first call from the majors and was selected in the 15th round by the Chicago White Sox.

Larson, who took the 450th selection overall, had completed just his first full season with Blue Raiders as a starter.

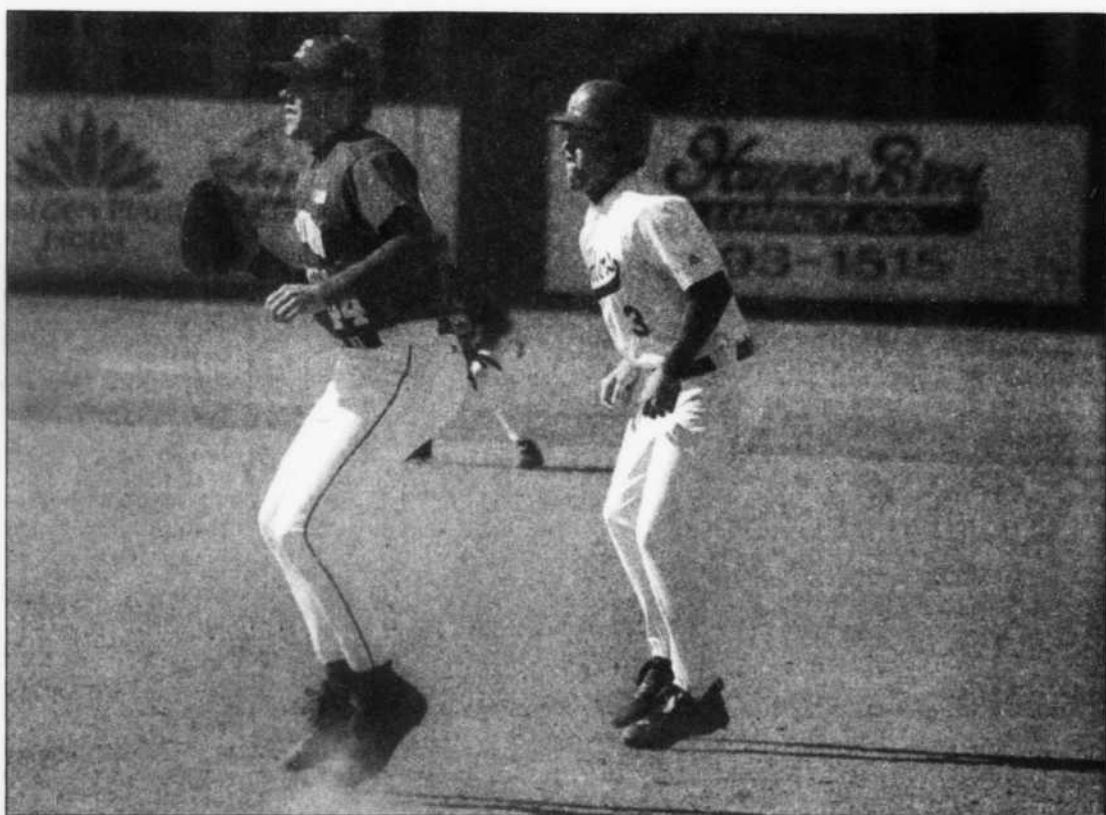
Larson went 3-7, gathered a

5.11 ERA and completed a total of 90 strikeouts in the 2002 season. He pitched 91 2/3 innings and tossed a team-high four complete games.

Soon after Larson's selection, junior outfielder Justin Sims was selected in the 22nd round by the American League Minnesota Twins.

Sims, who is classified a junior, was taken 622nd overall and became the second MT player in two years to be drafted by the Twins.

Sims led MT as a triple crown winner this season, lead-



(Top Left) Adam Larson fires a shot from the pitcher's mound across homeplate. Larson was the first Blue Raider drafted after the 2002 season.

(Top right) Justin Sims leads off first base while a first baseman attempts to hold him on. Sims was picked in the 22nd round.

(Left) Jason Howarth tags a runner out after he attempts to steal second during a regular season game. Howarth heads to spring training this week.

ing the team batting with a .387 average, 11 homers and 53 RBIs.

Sims was named on the First Sun Belt Conference Team at the end of the season, making him the first Blue Raider in school history to earn the honor in consecutive seasons.

Last Wednesday, senior shortstop Jason Howarth received a post-season offer to a

stop for the Blue Raiders the past two seasons.

Howarth will report to extended spring training Saturday and is expected to be assigned to the Twins' rookie league team in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Howarth ended his 2002 season with a .304 BA and 59 hits. He has been the starting short-

stop for the Blue Raiders the past two seasons.

Howarth is the third player in two years to be selected by the Minnesota Organization. Last year's Sun Belt Player of the Year, Josh Renick, was taken in the 11th round by the Twins and currently plays Class A ball in Ft. Myers, Fla. ♦

Lakers closer to cutting down Nets

L.A. up on New Jersey in final series 3-0

By Benjamin Holl
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Lakers escaped New Jersey Sunday night with a 106-103 victory.

They now hold a commanding 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven championship series.

It was the Laker's seventh NBA finals triumph in eight games, with their last defeat coming at the hands of the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 1 last year.

The Lakers looked as though they would repeat their dominating performances of games one and two in Los Angeles.

They jumped on New Jersey early in the game behind the play of Shaquille O'Neal, who had 35 points and 11 rebounds.

Shaq once again easily played the three center combo of Todd MacCulloch, Jason Collins and Aaron Williams.

Williams recorded an NBA record, fouling out in 7 minutes of play.

Late in the third quarter, after trailing by as many as 14 points, the Nets' Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin helped trigger a 13-point run to give New Jersey the lead. It was the first time the Nets led in the second half of any game all series. Kidd, who finished with 30 points, 10 rebounds, and Martin, 26 points, 4 rebounds, showed consistent play for the first time in the finals.

Trailing by 1 late in the game, Shaq found the always clutch Robert Horry behind the three-point line. Horry, who has made a habit of hitting late-game threes, sunk the shot, giving Los Angeles the lead for good. Kobe Bryant, who shot 14-for-23 and scored 36 points, 12 in the fourth quarter, secured the lead for the Lakers by hitting shots with defenders in his face.

New Jersey's first signs of life in the NBA finals should give

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Four teams represent SBC in NCAA tourney

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

The journey to Omaha, Neb., for the NCAA baseball College World Series began with the best 64 teams in the country May 31.

Four of those teams — Louisiana-Lafayette, South Alabama, New Mexico State and Florida International — represented the Sun Belt Conference. However, the path was stopped short of Omaha for the four members from the Sun Belt, who each fell in their respective regional tournament.

Each team is assigned to one of 16 regionals. Each regional is played at a different site with four teams playing a double-elimination format at each site.

This year's representatives included the surprise winner of the Sun Belt tournament, NMSU. This was the Aggies first berth in the NCAA tournament. ULL had made the trip to Omaha in 2000, and looked to make a return trip. USA finished first in the final regular-season standings and earned a No. 1 seed in its regional. FIU made the tournament with a record of 41-18.

ULL had the best showing of all the teams from the Sun Belt. They went to an all-Louisiana regional in Baton Rouge, La., as the No. 2 seed. The Ragin Cajuns won their first game against Tulane, 6-3. ULL pitcher Justin Gabriel pitched a

complete game for the victory. It was his first tournament start since the 2000 College World Series.

"We were playing a very good ball club," said ULL head coach Tony Robichaux. "We needed Gabriel to step up and pitch big. Gabe gave us an opportunity where we didn't have to score a lot of runs. We wanted to try to get the bunting game down to best of our abilities and try to move runners."

In the game, ULL matched a school record in stolen bases when Corey Coles stole second in the second inning, giving the Ragin Cajuns 145 stolen bases on the season. Coles, who had reached on a single, scored on an RBI single by Bryan Sneed. ULL took the lead for good with a run in the fifth, and 2 in the eighth for the victory.

The second game was a 5-0 victory over arch rival Louisiana State University. Andy Gros pitched a complete-game shutout for the second time against LSU this season. Justin Bourque and Bryan Sneed both hit home runs in the game.

"We knew it was going to be a war with the tradition and fans they have here," Robichaux said.

"We tried not to let the 10th man beat us, so we relied very much on Andy (Gros) to cut the momentum of the game down."

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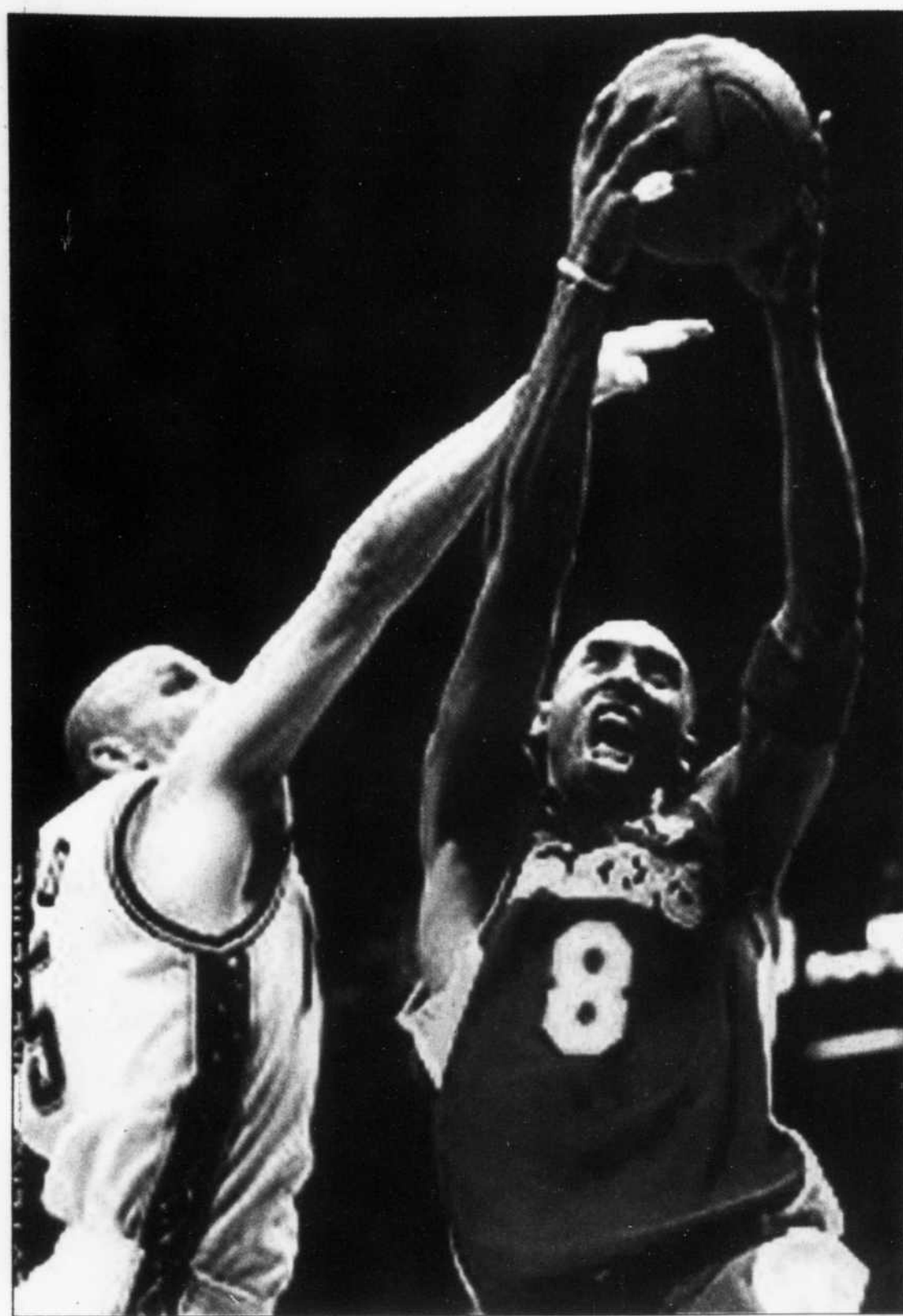
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Kobe Bryant attempts to make a layup while New Jersey Net point guard Jason Kidd blocks the shot.

Lakers: Lakers take lead in series, 3-0

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them confidence heading into game four at home. The Lakers will be looking to pull a Lennox

Lewis and deliver the knockout punch in their meeting today. The Lakers will attempt to end the series and capture their third straight championship

when the two teams face off in Game 4 today. Tip-off is at 9 p.m. and the game will be televised on NBC. ♦

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Vipers: Counts leads squad to Wheelers win

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second time from 8 yards out to put the Vipers ahead 40-19. Three plays later, the Viper defense forced a McMullen fumble.

Then Counts snuck in from the 1-yard line to lengthen the Viper lead to 47-19 with 7:51 left in the third quarter.

Ira Gooch scored for Quad City from 2-yards out on a reverse to close the gap to 47-25 with 2:51 left in the third quarter. However, the Vipers answered back with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Counts to

Worthy for the third time in the game.

Tennessee Valley led 54-25 after three quarters. The fourth quarter had Frank Trentadue scoring on a 6-yard run for Quad City to cut the lead to 54-33.

The final score of the night for Tennessee Valley was a Counts-to-Worthy 18-yard touchdown pass.

Quad City added a 1-yard run by Jeff Hewitt to close the scoring at 60-40.

Counts was named the game's most valuable player for his performance. He went 17-

for-26 with 7 touchdowns and no interceptions. Reggie Worthy won the game Ironman award with 6 catches for 89 yards and 4 touchdowns. With his interception in the second quarter, Snell took home the ADT Defensive Award.

It was the second consecutive home loss for Quad City, and their fourth in five games. Their record is now 5-4 with a rematch at Tennessee Valley June 22.

The next game for the Vipers is Saturday at home against the Roanoke Steam. ♦

Series: SBC teams represent in NCAA tourney

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With heart and emotion, you can win every game. The following day, with ULL needing one win to go to the super regional, the Ragin Cajuns were defeated twice by LSU, 12-2. The two wins gave LSU the regional title and a spot in the super regional. ULL finished the season 39-23. ULL's Chase Lambin, Sneed and Gros were selected to the All-Tournament team.

USA was the No. 1 seed at the South Bend regional. An Erik Smallwood home run helped the Jaguars defeat Kent State 7-4. Sam Smith pitched 7 innings, striking out 5 for the victory.

The next game was against host Notre Dame. USA lost 25-1 in a game that saw many tournament records fall. USA only had 1 hit in the game, an RBI single by Smallwood in the first inning.

"We ran into a buzzsaw," said USA head coach Steve Kitrell. "Notre Dame was really focused. Twenty-five to one is hard to conceive, especially in a game like this between a one and two seed."

The next day, Ohio State ended the Jaguars' season with a 6-4 victory. OSU pitcher Scoot Lewis had 10 strikeouts in the victory. USA scored 2 runs on a homer in the first inning by

Ryan Mulhern.

"It was a tough loss," Kitrell said. "I know we had a disappointing post, but we had a great regular season; thought these guys overachieved during the year." USA completed the season at 42-19. Notre Dame won the regional and advanced to the super regional.

NMSU made its first-ever appearance in the tournament as the winner of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The Aggies went to Mesa, Ariz., for their regional as a No. 4 seed. In their first game, the Aggies were defeated 9-0 by Houston.

The Cougars got home runs from Brett Cooley and Jesse Crain in the victory. Jason Williams was the losing pitcher for NMSU.

The following day, San Diego knocked the Aggies from the tournament with a 2-1 victory. Thanks to a strong pitching performance by Tom Caple, and runs scored by David Bagley and Jason Martin.

NMSU got their run in the eighth on a single by First-Team Collegiate Baseball All-American Gabe Veloz that bought home Erik Winegarden. Later on in the inning, USD Gavin Ng saved an Aggie run by making a diving catch on a hit by David Licini.

"At first, I didn't think that it was going to fall," Licini said. "Then I saw it tailing away. He

just made a great play on it."

"It's really, really frustrating for a good offensive ball club to not be able to break through," said Aggie head coach Gary Ward. "They gave a whole lot of effort, with not many results."

The loss ended the Aggies' season at 37-25. Houston was the regional winner.

FIU went into regional play as the No.2 seed going to Gainesville, Fla. In their first match-up, the Golden Panthers were defeated by Miami University 9-1. Miami scored 5 runs in the fifth inning to break the game wide open. The only run for FIU was an eighth-inning home run by Hector Nunez. Joshua Banks was the losing pitcher for FIU.

The next day, the season ended for FIU with a 7-4 loss to Bethune-Cookman. Dennis Diaz hit a home run for FIU to cut the lead to 5-3 in the fourth. BC added 2 more runs for the final score. Arthur Santos was the losing pitcher.

The Golden Panthers finished the season at 41-20. Miami won the regional and advanced to the super regional.

The Sun Belt teams finished the tournament with a 3-8 record. The College World Series will be played June 14-22. The games will be shown on ESPN and ESPN2, with the championship game scheduled to be on CBS. ♦

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