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Crismon wins SGA election

Staff reports

It took two tries, but the leaders are chosen.

After weeks of campaigning, the results are finally in for the 1999-2000 SGA elections.

After the first election, candidates were narrowed down but a run-off had to be held. For the position of SGA president, Andrae Crismon took home the gold with 333 votes, defeating candidate Bobby Toy by 96 votes.

When asked what his basic platform was in a "Sidelines" survey, Crismon wrote, "To only be Andrae — to admit when I make a mistake — to work hard to correct it — to never forget, if elected, who put me where I am — to always put students ahead of my personal choices — to never try and be something I'm not — the wisdom to know that I don't have all the answers — the 'go get 'em' to do the things I can."

He also wrote that his official goals are to establish town hall meetings for the purpose of listening to students and to keep them informed.

The position for speaker of the Senate was filled by Megan Smith, the position of speaker of the House was filled by Kevin Travis and the election commissioner was filled by

Jennifer Sykora.

Chad Frey, John Marshall, Sue-z Spencer, Talmage Kirkland and Michael Shirley will fill the seats of Senators for basic and applied sciences. Julia Graves, Chelle Bradburn, Russ Henderson and Jason S. Charles earned the positions of Senators for the College of Business.

Dustin Rawls, Jonathan Bancroft, Nathan Sawyer, Melanie Kieffer and Rebecca Gillespie will fill Senator positions for the college of education.

The positions of Senator of the College of Mass Communications department will be filled by Megan Frazier, Brian Gillespie, Matt Hargis and Andrew Sims.

David Dodd filled the Senator position for undeclared majors.

The seats for the College of Graduate Studies will be filled by Shawn Rosas, Ed Salo and Jason Thompson.

In the first election, students voted in favor of the student activity fee increase, which still has to be approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) in June.

Current SGA president Jason Lawson said TBR would more than likely approve the increase because the students voted for it.

"I was very excited to see it [the fee-increase referendum] pass," he said. ■

Re/Constructing Definitions



Staff photo by Hiawatha Walker

Journalist and professor Jill Nelson addresses the Women's Leadership Conference Thursday night. Nelson is a contributing editor to USA Weekend and has had articles appear in The New York Times, Ms., Essence and The Nation. Her keynote address kicked off the fourth annual WLC, the largest conference of its kind in the nation.

Conflict in Kosovo escalates as NATO extends attacks on Serbs

Charges made of genocide as NATO bolsters forces

George Jahn
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia— Ordering up more firepower, NATO raced against time Sunday to smash Serb military units and head off what it called "genocide" against Kosovo Albanians.

Thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees, accusing Serbs of systematic brutality, fled into neighboring Albania and Macedonia. Officials in both countries pleaded for international help to prevent a humanitarian crisis, and Albania called for NATO ground troops to enter Kosovo — something NATO says it has no plans to do.

Violence in Kosovo has escalated

sharply since foreign observers left the province and NATO began its airstrikes against Yugoslavia, which is dominated by Serbs. NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said in Brussels that the airstrikes were no excuse for Serbs to slaughter Kosovo Albanians.

"Genocide is starting," German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping said in a television interview with station ZDF.

For its part, Yugoslavia's government-controlled news media said Sunday that Serb security forces and civilians were under attack by Kosovo Albanians.

Bratislava Morina, Serbia's commissioner for refugees, denied Serbs were behind the exodus and said ethnic Albanians were leaving because of the NATO attacks. Ethnic Albanians far outnumber Serbs in Kosovo, a province in Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

"There is no humanitarian cata-

strophe in Kosovo whatsoever," she said on state-run Serbian television. "Those manipulations with the number of refugees, carried out by foreign agencies and media, are used to intensify (NATO) attacks on Yugoslavia."

NATO promised to broaden attacks on Serb ground forces in Kosovo, despite the downing of a U.S. stealth bomber Saturday night.

The fifth straight night of airstrikes began late Sunday, with about 50 warplanes taking off from the NATO air base in Aviano, Italy. The Pentagon said the attacking planes included six of the F-117A warplanes.

The strikes would also include cruise missiles fired from B-52 bombers, U.S. officials said.

The Tanjug state news agency reported seven missiles hit Sunday night near Pristina, close enough to break windows at the central hotel that

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Thompson fears lengthy involvement by U.S. in Yugoslavia

Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

BRISTOL— NATO's air assault on Yugoslavia is short-sighted, and the United States' involvement isn't likely to end soon, U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson said Saturday.

The Tennessee Republican said even the "best-case scenario" would result in a lengthy peacekeeping mission, with "troops over there, probably for the rest of our lives."

The "worst-case scenario," he said, would be continued resistance by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and an escalation in U.S. military involvement.

"I'm mighty concerned about it, because obviously we're heavily engaged in it now,"

he told the Bristol Chamber of Commerce on the fourth consecutive day of NATO air strikes on Yugoslavia.

Describing the air assault plan as "not very well thought through," Thompson said too many questions are unanswered.

"The president hasn't told us what he has in mind," he said.

Thompson said the United States seems to be preparing for a more active role, although the White House on Saturday ruled out the use of U.S. ground troops and a NATO spokesman said there were no plans to send troops into Kosovo.

The air strikes began Wednesday and are aimed at forcing Serb-dominated Yugoslavia to sign a peace agreement with its strife-torn province of Kosovo.

The deal calls for basing NATO troops in Kosovo to keep the peace.

The plan already has been accepted by the province's ethnic Albanian majority, which would then have independence. But

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Broadway Blitz



Staff photo by Keith Cartwright

Crews ready an outside stage for the Broadway Blitz Block Party which featured Dove Award winners Chris Rice, Burlap to Cashmere and The W's. The performance by Burlap to Cashmere and All-Star United on the outside stage was broadcast live on Channel 5+.

Sundquist pushes Memphis project, denies MTSU additions

Staff Reports

Despite denying capital projects funding for MTSU, including the renovation of the Todd building, Gov. Don Sundquist is recommending \$15 million in state funds for a \$48 million hotel training facility and performing arts center at the University of Memphis.

Sundquist is proposing the Memphis project without a recommendation from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), the Murfreesboro Daily News-Journal reported yesterday.

Sundquist's press secretary Beth Fortune said that though Sundquist recommended the Memphis project without the support of THEC, it did not mean he discredits the board's process.

She said Sundquist took advantage of the opportunity to match state money for money that was privately raised.

"It was a good opportunity for the university and a good opportunity for the state to make the

investment and make a larger return on it," Fortune said.

Fortune said either state Finance Commissioner John Ferguson or a representative from the governor's office will answer questions about the higher education budget recommendation during an education committee meeting on Wednesday.

Sundquist's recommendation differs slightly from his 1998-99 recommendation. Last year, Sundquist recommended all of the projects recommended by THEC and added two projects for Memphis. This year, Sundquist didn't recommend all the projects on the THEC list, but he added the Memphis project.

However, he did recommend the THEC's top priority, a \$28 million engineering, math and computer building at UT Chattanooga and the number 12 priority, planning money for the renovation of the Glocker building at UT Knoxville.

"I guess I see that as the reason I have more concern for the [THEC] process this year than I did last year," said Sen. Andy Womack. ■

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WEATHER FORECAST



MONDAY
SHOWERS,
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LOW 42



TUESDAY
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CLOUDY,
HIGH 68, LOW 52



WEDNESDAY
RAIN,
HIGH 75,
LOW 57

ON CAMPUS

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 30 - 31
The Business Ed, Marketing Ed and Office Management will host a lecture on Interpersonal Communication and Conflict Resolution by Raholanda Moore on March 30 at 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. in BAS 334. The lecture will be on March 31 at 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. in BAS 343.

MARCH 31
The Up Till Dawn Committee is accepting applications for sub-committee members. Students wishing to be a part of this event benefiting the St. Jude's Hospital should pick up an application in KUC 306. Applications are due by March 30. For more information call Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.

There will be tax assistance available from 4:30 p.m. till 6 p.m. in BAS Suntrust room and on April 11 from 4 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. in BAS 270. The assistance is sponsored by Beta Alpha PSI.

APRIL 5, 6
Gamma Beta Phi will have member meetings at 5 p.m. in KUC 314 on both days listed above. For more information call Chereese Vines at 898-4293.

APRIL 7
The Teaching and Learning Committee Department of Mathematical Sciences will have lecture "Questions from Research We Might Ask Our Students" by professor Annie Seldon from Tennessee Tech. Univ. The lecture is at 2:30 p.m. in KUM 452. For more information call Leslie Aspinwall at 898-5939.

ON GOING
Presbyterian Student Fellowship will host dinner and discussion on Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N Tennessee Blvd following the study there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information call Rich Zeigler at 893-

1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at 7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowwh@bellsouth.net

MTSU Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowwh@bellsouth.net.

The Kingwood Heights Church of Christ College Class will host monthly devotions every second Thursday at 6:30. Kingwood Heights Church is located at 115 East MTCS Road. Contact Chuck Mullins at 898-1086 or Alan Welker at 890-0940 for more information.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold

Sunday services at 10 a.m. in the Murphy Center. Contact Ricky Walters at 907-4079 for more information.

Lambda Organization meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room S316 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information go to www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 322. Those interested may contact Courtney Rushlow at 849-7899 for more information.

The Tennis Club will have meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 12 noon at the MTSU tennis courts. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Carrie Hupp at 896-7164 for more information.

The Ultimate Freesbie Club will meet in the fields located across the street from the Rec Center. They will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information contact Eric Taylor at 898-3217.

The June Anderson Women's Center is having a support group for sexual abuse meeting on April 1, 8, 15. The meetings will be from 3 p.m. till 3:50 p.m. in the KKNB room 109. For more information call Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

The June Anderson Women's Center is having a support group for women to talk about problems with body and eating. The meetings are on Tuesdays March 30 and April 6, 13. The meetings will be in KKNB room 109 at 3 p.m. till 3:50 p.m. For more information call Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

The Women's Studies is wanting any interested in visual and/or literary work having to do with women's issues for a new magazine. Contact Christi U. at musio012@frank from more info and/or pick up entry forms in PH 109B. Deadline is April 8.

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

KOSOVO

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houses the Serbian Media Center. It also said two explosions shook the northern town of Sombor.

"We have to recognize that we are now on the brink of a major humanitarian disaster ... the likes of which we have not seen in Europe since the closing days of World War II," said NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.

Shea said more than 500,000 ethnic Albanians, a quarter of the population of Kosovo, had been driven from their homes, 50,000 of them in just the past few days.

"It seems as if (Yugoslav President Slobodan) Milosevic is trying to create a new situation on the ground, in his view irreversible," Shea said, adding that there seemed to be a deliberate campaign aimed at ethnic Albanian leaders.

He said both Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova and newspaper publisher

Veton Surroi had gone underground, among others.

In Belgrade, thousands of defiant Serbs attended an anti-NATO outdoor concert despite air raid sirens that signaled continuing missile attacks. It was the 10th anniversary of the day Milosevic, then Serbian Communist Party chief, stripped Kosovo of much of its autonomy, sowing the seeds of the conflict.

Earlier missiles fired at a military airport at Podgorica, capital of the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro, hit a MiG-21 jet fighter and an army vehicle, a Yugoslav army source said.

Calls for peace talks continued. In his Palm Sunday address, Pope John Paul II said, "It is never too late to meet and negotiate."

Protests against the airstrikes also continued, with 7,000 demonstrators in Sydney, Australia, marching on the U.S. consulate.

Some marchers damaged buildings and

clashed with police, and one protester tore down the U.S. flag and the crowd set it on fire.

There were also demonstrations in several European cities, and a small Communist party in Italy threatened to pull out of the governing alliance — a move that could collapse the center-left government — unless it takes stronger steps to end the NATO attacks.

And in Moscow, police chased away men armed with assault weapons and rocket launchers who opened fire on the U.S. Embassy. The men sped off in a van without firing the rockets. No one was hurt, but the embassy was hit with several bullets.

But in Albania, 10,000 people held a pro-NATO demonstration in Tirana, the capital.

British Defense Secretary George Robertson said four additional Harrier jets would join eight already involved in the NATO mission, which began Wednesday.

Experts at Carnegie Mellon University warn of new computer virus

Pittsburgh (AP)—A new computer virus can allow documents to be e-mailed to other people without warning, a potential security breach that should worry businesses and governments, an expert at Carnegie Mellon University said Saturday.

The "Melissa macro" or W97M—Melissa virus spreads via infected e-mail and attacks computers loaded with Microsoft's widely used Word 97 or Word 2000 programs, according to CERT — or Computer Emergency Response Team — Carnegie Mellon's Department of Defense-funded computer security team.

"We're getting so many reports from across the world, that we know this is going to be a huge problem come Monday," Fithen said. CERT has not determined where the Melissa virus originated.

If a computer user opens an infected Word-format document, the virus propagates itself by reading the user's e-mail address book and sending an infected message to the first 50 entries, CERT said.

Also, the virus reproduces and sends so much unwanted e-mail that the volume can overload some mail servers, the computers that distribute e-mail. However, it apparently causes no direct damage to a computer's memory or programs.

Rocket launched from platform floating in Pacific Ocean

Long Beach, CA (AP)—A rocket roared off a converted oil platform floating in the equatorial Pacific Saturday in the first test of an international venture's oceangoing satellite launch system.

The Ukrainian- and Russian-built Zenit-3SL rocket carried a dummy satellite as it lifted off from the Odyssey, a self-propelled platform stationed 1,400 miles south of Hawaii.

Sea Launch Co.'s inaugural launch was conducted from mission control on the accompanying ship Sea Launch Commander.

Company officials watched by satellite video link to Long Beach, home port for the two vessels.

The launch was delayed more than three hours by minor problems with support equipment. The company, citing cautiousness, had already pushed it back one day.

One shooter told deputy his friend was mad at teacher

Jonesboro, Ark. (AP)—One of the boys involved in last year's Jonesboro school shootings told an officer that the other shooter was mad at a teacher, according to an investigator's report.

The report by Craighead County Deputy Sheriff Terry McNatt was part of a case file on the shootings that was released last week by Deputy Prosecutor Mike Walden. Four students and a teacher died in the March 24 violence at Westside Middle School, and 10 other people were injured.

Mitchell and Andrew were sentenced to held until age 18 at the state Division of Youth Services for the attack.

There was no indication in McNatt's report of which teacher was the target of Andrew's anger.

NATIONAL NEWS



WORLD NEWS

Impeachment trial continues in Paraguay despite opposition by demonstrators

Asuncion, Paraguay (AP)—After deadly overnight clashes, hundreds of troops forced apart rival demonstrators outside Paraguay's congress building Saturday and lawmakers resumed the president's impeachment trial.

Many legislators were seen entering congress wearing bulletproof vests, and some blamed President Raul Cubas' government for failing to quell hours of flare-ups Friday and early Saturday that left at least four people dead.

Cubas' government has been dogged by political infighting and economic turmoil since taking office in August. But the assassination Tuesday of Vice President Luis Maria Argana plunged the landlocked South American country deeper into a political crisis, testing its 10-year-old democracy.

Cubas was impeached by Paraguay's lower house on Wednesday, accused of abuse of power for illegally freeing Gen. Lino Oviedo. The general, released days after the president's inauguration, was serving a 10-year sentence for his part in a failed 1996 coup.

Nepali teenager to become youngest Everest climber

Katmandu, Nepal (AP)—A 15-year-old Nepali left for the Mt. Everest region Saturday, hoping to become the youngest person to scale the world's highest mountain.

Arvin Timilsina, a ninth-grade student from the western town of Pokhara, flew to Lukla, a dirt airstrip one week's trek from the Everest base camp, with three Sherpa guides and a cargo of climbing gear and supplies.

Timilsina and his team plan to reach the base camp at 17,500 feet next weekend and pitch their camp at the foot of the 29,028-foot mountain. For the next two months, the climbers will gradually set higher altitude camps to prepare for a mid-May final assault.

"I am confident of my success as long as I don't get nervous once I get to the mountain," Timilsina told the Associated Press before boarding a small twin-engine plane.

Timilsina is eyeing a record set by Shambu Tamang in 1973 when he climbed Everest at the age of 17 to become the youngest conqueror of Everest.

IMF chief meets with Russian officials

Moscow (AP)—Only minor differences remain between Russia and the International Monetary Fund over a new loan package, a Russian official said after talks Sunday with the visiting IMF chief.

But IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus was less sanguine about negotiations for the aid that Moscow badly wants but the IMF has been reluctant to approve.

Russia's top negotiator with the fund, First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov, said there were just "millimeters" of disagreement left, including differences over Russia's policy on its influential energy monopolies, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Maslyukov said Camdessus' scheduled meetings Monday would be decisive. He is to meet with President Boris Yeltsin, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, the head of natural gas monopoly Gazprom, Rem Vyakhirev, and the head of Russia's electricity giant Unified Energy Systems, Anatoly Chubais.

defense," boasted the state news agency Tanjug, referring to the jet's nickname. At the crash site, jubilant farmers cut off pieces of the high-tech fighter's wreckage.

In Washington, President Clinton praised the "skill and bravery" of the rescue team. He said the NATO assault would continue and intensify.

"From the outset, I have said to the American people that this military operation entails real risks.

"But the continued brutality and repression of the Serb forces further underscores the need for NATO to persevere," he said.

U.S. and NATO officials declined to say why the plane crashed or provide details of the rescue.

A senior U.S. defense official said there are strong indications that the aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

The stealth fighter, designed to avoid most radar detection, had never been shot down in combat.

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Students battle ban on federal aid to those convicted of drug crimes

Carol Lewis
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Opposition is growing on college campuses to a provision of the Higher Education Act that withholds federal financial aid from students convicted of selling or possessing drugs.

Congress passed the provision in the fall to send a message to young drug users, but opponents say that it denies money to troubled students when they need it most to turn their lives around, that it fails to address drug intervention and education, and that it ignores other types of criminal behavior. Many college students are becoming aware of the provision but worry about its ramifications.

"I am a little scared myself. I know how people's names get dropped, and they can get arrested," said Hunter Russell, a junior at the University of Texas at Dallas. "My main fear is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I could lose my financial aid. I'm pretty dependent on it."

The provision, part of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, goes into effect in fall 2000 and denies grants, loans and work assistance to students convicted under federal or state law.

Students can lose at least one year of financial aid for a drug possession conviction and at least two years for a conviction of selling drugs.

Eligibility can be reinstated during the suspension if students complete rehabilitation and pass two random drug tests, but the law does not define rehabilitation, said Judy Schneider, assistant vice president and director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"We are somewhat hopeful that Congress will address some of the questions and actually reverse its position and not tie financial aid to the issue," said Schneider, president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. "We do not feel like it's an issue that should be tied to receiving financial aid."

"The provision is a misguided way to fight the war on drugs."

- Adam Smith

The opinion is shared by Drug Reform Coordination Network officials in Washington, who are trying to spread awareness of the provision through an online newsletter.

Student leaders at UT-Dallas and 130 other campuses are reviewing the provision to determine whether they will support a resolution to ask Congress to overturn it, said Adam Smith, the network's associate director.

"The provision is a misguided way to fight the war on drugs," said Smith, who is helping students to coordinate the campaign. "Given the racial disparity in

drug law enforcement, this will inevitably have a discriminatory impact. It will deny education to those for whom it is most vital: the poor, the nonwhite and nonviolent young people who have had previous contact with the criminal justice system and who are trying to turn their lives around."

Reports of increasing drug arrests among college students have contributed to lawmakers' frustration, but their approach should have focused on intervention and treatment, said Irma P. Jones, coordinator of substance abuse prevention and vice president for student affairs at University of North Texas.

"This is part of the 'let's get tough on drugs' attitude," she said. "I hope this is not a political ploy on the part of someone who wants to come up with a solution."

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. gave the students' campaign a boost last week by introducing a bill to repeal the provision. But it most likely will be opposed by lawmakers such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, who

strongly supported the provision.

"Every criminal who gets funding takes away from other students who need it," said Jim Wilkinson, Armey's press secretary. "There are so many kids in the inner city that do not have access to money for education who want to get out of their situations and to make something out of their lives. To think that some students get turned down because a drug dealer gets it, is a big concern."

Not all students consider the provision a slap in the face.

Jesse Martin, a junior political science major at UNT, said he has grieved for friends killed or injured in drug- or alcohol-related accidents and believes that the provision will force students re-evaluate substance abuse.

"That is not a harsh punishment at all. It's not denying them financial aid forever," Martin said. "They have the option of rehabilitation. It gives them reason for rehabilitation to help put their lives together. Their education will mean more to them."

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Driver in deadly Kentucky crash says he can't escape that fatal night

College Press Exchange

COLLEGE DALE, Tenn. - A University of Kentucky football player who was driving drunk the night his truck crashed, killing two friends who were along for the ride, said he has the forgiveness of their families but can't forgive himself.

"You almost want them to be mad at you because it will make the guilt easier," 21-year-old Jason Watts said of the families of his teammate Arthur Steinmetz, 19, and friend Scott Brock, 21, a student at Eastern Kentucky.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the crash, Watts told a group of students at Southern Adventist University, about 18 miles north of Chattanooga, that he can't shake images of his dead friends and is lucky if he gets three or four hours of sleep each night. Should he manage to think of something else, Watts said the scars he bears from the accident snap his attention right back to the "stupid mistakes" and "poor judgment" that he says have caused a lot of people a tremendous amount of pain.

"I literally see my buddies dying in my arms because of me," he said.

Watts, who spoke March 25 as a part of SAU's drug and alcohol awareness week, said he wants other students to learn from his mistakes. In addition to the "mental and emotional scars that will last forever," Watts said he's facing the outcome of a July 19 trial on two counts of second-degree manslaughter and one count of wanton endangerment.

"Drinking beers and getting behind the wheel is something that could have been avoided," he said.

Watts, who was dismissed from the team after the crash, said he spent the night drinking with his

friends to celebrate Kentucky's 55-17 Senior Day victory over Vanderbilt - a win that earned the Wildcats a berth in the Outback Bowl. By early morning, the trio decided they were bored and wanted to hunt deer. Watts was driving along U.S. 27 when it ran off the roadway as he passed a car, hit a mailbox and blew out a back tire.

The three men said nothing to each other knowing they were about to crash, Watts said. The truck flipped, throwing all of them out of the vehicle. Watts went through the windshield.

When he came to, Watts said he ran first to Brock, who smiled at him before dying. Then he said he ran to Steinmetz, who died in his arms.

"When you think about it, I should've been the first to go," Watts said, adding that he wanted to die along with his friends and even tried holding his breath in the ambulance that whisked him away for treatment.

At the hospital, Watts' blood-alcohol level was 1 1/2 times the legal limit. He had a foot-long gash on his right arm that has required surgery several times. He also had injured ribs and cuts on his left shoulder and back that needed to be stitched and stapled.

Sadly, it was not the first time Watts had been in trouble for drinking, he said. Watts shot then-teammate Oscar Smith in the buttocks as they handled a rifle outside the house they shared in October 1997. Two hours after the shooting, Watts' blood-alcohol content was 0.129. He was charged with unlawful discharge of a weapon.

But if he didn't learn a lesson then, he certainly has now, he said. He told the audience at SAU that he feels as if he's now living three lives - his and those of his dead friends.

"It's rough, but it's nowhere near as rough as it is on the families," he said. ■

THOMPSON

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Milosevic continues to reject the deal.

The attack came after months of diplomacy failed to end a year of fighting between Yugoslav forces and ethnic Albanian separatists that has killed more than 2,000 people and left over 400,000 homeless in Kosovo.

While the killings are tragic, Thompson said, the United States should not be involved in all civil wars in other countries.

"We do have interests that go across the world," he said. "But we have got to be selective and have a firm idea of what's in our national interest and have a plan. We have no plan."

Thompson criticized Clinton's handling of the matter. The president addressed the nation six hours after the strikes began, saying the military action would prevent a wider war in the Balkans.

"To send planes over there and then tell the American people ... is not the way to go," Thompson said.

"I cast a 'no' vote in protest."

Tennessee's other senator, Republican Bill Frist, also voted no. The Senate approved the attack 58-41, but Thompson said the vote was meaningless because Clinton already had made the decision.

Thompson said he hopes lawmakers are not swayed by the White House if the situation in Yugoslavia continues to escalate. He said Congress must remember that the president does not have unilateral power to declare war.

"We're going down slippery slopes," he said. ■

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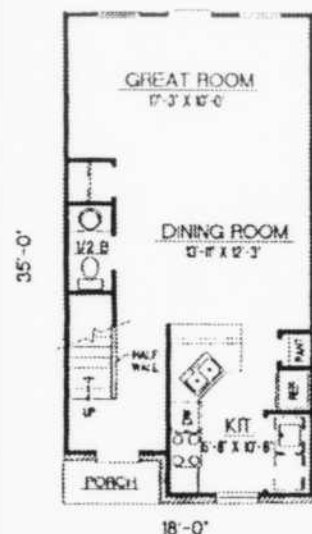
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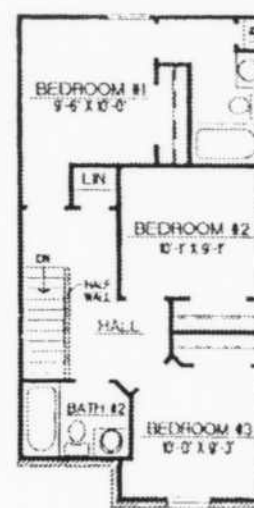
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Kosovo can open up dialogue with elders about what war really means

A professor walks into class Wednesday.

"Has anyone been watching the news today?"

The response? Blank stares.

"We just bombed Kosovo."

The response? More blank stares.

This was a college class, yet no one knew what was going on. What's worse is that no one really seemed to care.

Can people our age be blamed for being out of touch with the realities of war? For most Generation Xers, our only experience is the faint memory of Desert Storm when we were in middle school. We might have followed it on Whittle's Channel One (if we were paying attention), but what did we see and hear?

Smart bombs hit the targets with no man-to-man combat. Innocent civilians killed in the conflict were nothing more than "collateral damage." No one seemed to be protesting — how could you not root against perfect bad guy Sadaam Hussein?

In the end, it was over almost as soon as it started. How were we changed? For my fellow eighth graders, the answer is simple: we weren't.

It's been eight years since the Gulf War. That crop of middle schoolers is now in college. But one thing remains constant. We are still distanced from and unaware of the realities of war.

What is war to Generation Xers?

Perhaps it is a scene from "Saving Private Ryan" or a chapter in a history book. Maybe it's a carefully chosen image on the evening news. Whatever the answer, it is not the same thing our parents and grandparents know as war.

This may be the perfect opportunity to begin a dialogue with the people in our lives who have experienced other military conflicts.

Maybe we're old enough now to understand what it was like for our fathers to be shipped off to Vietnam when they were younger than we are now. Maybe we can begin to grasp how this affected those left behind while their husbands, fathers and sons were fighting overseas. Maybe we have friends of other ethnicities who came to the United States as refugees of war in their native countries.

This can be a learning experience for those of us who feel distanced from and unaffected by Kosovo.

Of course, the issues are not as explosive as those of Vietnam or as patriotic as those of World War II. Don't expect campus-wide protests or support rallies tomorrow.

But at least make an effort to know where Kosovo is on the map.

Don't make our generation look any more pathetic or apathetic than it already does. ■

No communication in Kosovo

Trudy Rubin
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The ugly situation in Kosovo reminds me of a movie I once saw about a postman in Egypt. The postman was so bored he used to open and read the mail before he delivered it, and onetime he spilled some coffee on a bunch of letters. Afraid his nosiness would be discovered, he hid the damaged letters. The lives of the addressees were tragically altered because some urgent messages were never delivered.

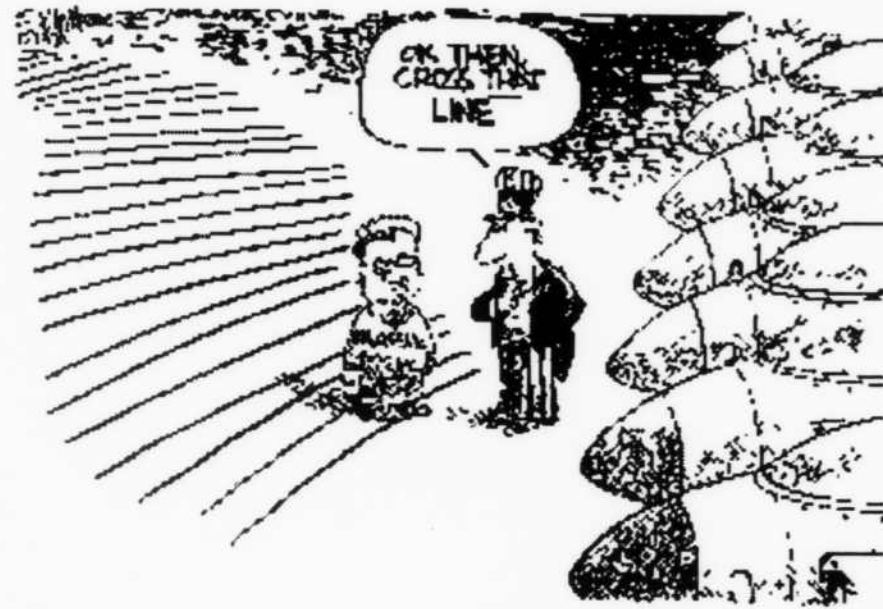
The confrontation in Kosovo has become more dangerous because of messages that went undelivered. The recalcitrant "postmen" mainly work for the Clinton administration; they include the president himself and much of his top foreign policy team. Despite a year of threats and meetings over Kosovo, they never communicated clearly to the public, Congress, Serbs or Kosovars the U.S. goals in the region, or how far they were willing to go to achieve them.

Those undelivered (or unclear) messages will make it much costlier to resolve the Kosovo crisis.

In fairness, it isn't easy to be clear about Kosovo, a southern region of Serbia whose population is 90 percent ethnic Albanian. But NATO's interest revolves around three points, which should have been the basis for all messages to Serbs and Albanians, and the American public:

Serb repression of ethnic Albanians threatens to spill over into neighboring countries and could cause a wider war in southern Europe, and NATO can't permit that to happen. The best preventive is to restore to Kosovars the autonomy within Serbia that was rescinded by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. But NATO opposes independence for Kosovo (unless it is peacefully negotiated), because that would open the door to the kind of politics of ethnic purity that caused the Bosnian war, and could destabilize Europe.

Up to this week, the messages to Milosevic have been a study in ambivalence. Warning after warning about bombings lest if he didn't stop the violence in Kosovo evaporated. Who can blame him for not taking the latest ones seriously? Even the current ultimatum was followed by yet another visit to Belgrade by U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke, which gave Yugoslav troops the extra time to carry out massive



attacks on Kosovar villages and guerilla forces.

Now Milosevic has created such a refugee emergency in Kosovo that NATO may have to shift its goals. Instead of focusing on pressing Milosevic to sign the plan for Kosovar autonomy, western leaders may be forced to focus on ending the new fighting, and negotiating with the Yugoslav leader to let more humanitarian aid workers in to help tens of thousands of refugees.

But the message to the Kosovar Albanians has also been less than categorical. Kosovar fighters want independence, and aren't willing to wait for the uncertain day when democracy comes to Belgrade, when they could live peacefully as a self-governing entity within Serbia. Nor are ordinary Kosovars willing to help hasten that day; they won't stop boycotting national Serb elections and join forces with Serb opposition parties, even though this move might propel the opposition to victory.

The Kosovars did sign on to NATO's peace plan, calling for three years of autonomy, but they are hoping Western military action will facilitate the very outcome that NATO wants to prevent: their independence. Some Kosovar guerillas would go further, provoking Serb attacks in hopes of massacres, which in turn would draw NATO ground forces into battle.

However hard it is to talk frankly to the victims, U.S. officials should have clarified that NATO won't fight for Kosovar independence. But in order to persuade Kosovars to sign on to NATO's peace plan, this tough message was dangerously blurred.

And then there is the dearth of clear

messages on Kosovo to the Congress or the public. The administration could have prevented the debacle of having Congress debating the funding of NATO bombing, even as the pilots were revving up their planes. This certainly must have heartened Milosevic, until the legislators dropped their challenge at the eleventh hour.

But bringing Congress along would have required careful briefing of congressional leaders as the Kosovo crisis worsened. We all know that the White House has been preoccupied with other matters over the past year, but more attention could have been paid to wooing key legislators, if the administration had had a clear message to sell.

Nor has the president prepared the American public for the gravity of this crisis. Instead of making a prime-time address to explain why NATO military action in Kosovo is needed, he made brief Kosovo remarks before a news conference last Friday. Since this was his first news conference in months, the Kosovo message got diluted. Again, Kosovo remarks got sandwiched into another presentation: a speech to a government workers' union Tuesday.

It takes more explaining for Americans to understand why Kosovo matters enough to justify what may be a long NATO involvement (in which many more European forces will be involved than Americans). There are solid reasons, but they shouldn't be presented as an afterthought.

What's so worrying about the administration's missing messages is that they aren't a result of a spilled cup of coffee. One worries that their absence reflects a policy move that still hasn't been thought through. ■

The URHA Source

by Justin McLeod

First, I would like to thank everyone who contributed logos for the contest. Tuesday will be the last day we will be accepting logos, so please get those in to us as soon as possible.

Next, I would like to address the issue of the "unsafe" conditions of Abernathy and Ezell. In the first column that I wrote, I described that URHA was the voice for the students who lived in housing. We are here to represent you. That did not happen during the entire situation.

The President of URHA, Bobby Jones, and I thought that it was very inappropriate that URHA was allowed no representation during some of the meetings that took place. We feel that we could have avoided several of the issues that happened if only someone from our organization was there. The issues that I am talking about are the moving deadline and refunds.

If we were properly represented Student Life and Housing and Residential Life could have avoided looking like the bad guys. From a student's perspective, it was obvious that moving by Thursday was impossible and giving refunds back to the students who wanted to move off campus was the right thing to do. The decision-makers should have decided this from the very beginning.

How can URHA represent you if the administration will not allow us? However, with the low turnout to our meetings, perhaps the administration knows that they can do whatever they want to us because we are not united in our motivation to make living on campus better. Attend your area meetings so we can rightfully demand representation. If few, attend, than the majority are left unheard.

Office Woes

Unfortunately, our office was in Abernathy. Now, we have no office. Please send your letters to Box 550 or leave them at the Cummings front desk. Also, if you would like to speak with Bobby or me, call us at 4058.

Residence Hall Week

Beginning after Easter Sunday, Residence Hall Week will begin. Your local area will be putting on an even for you, so be on the lookout. I am sure that they would like to get involved, contact your local area government.

Bowling Tournament

Next Tuesday, the second Kingpin Bowling Tournament will take place. I would like to thank all of the areas for getting involved. I played last year, and it was a lot of fun. I hope that this will be an event that is held each semester. If you would like to play, contact your area government. They might need some more players.

Letters from the Residents

Our first-ever letter from a resident has arrived! If you have anything concerning living on campus, write to us at Box 550, or give it to the Cummings front desk. Now, without further delay, (drum roll), our first letter:

I felt compelled to write this article due to the resentment I have encountered from both family housing students and the traditional students that have moved into family housing/Womack Lane Apartments. I think we all need to remember that this ordeal is out of all students' control. There is no need to cause problems for traditional students continually by complaining about things like parking (calling security to give tickets to students while they were still moving in was absurd!). Everyone needs to give the university time to deal with these issues. We all need to encourage a community of friendship and support.

Vice-president
Area VI Government
Gwen Harris ■

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Letters will be printed on a first-received, first-printed basis. Sidelines reserves the right to edit for style and grammar.

Deadline for letters is Monday at 5:30 p.m. for the Thursday paper and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for the Monday paper.



Muffin

By Nora McVittie



Editor's Note

by Susan McMahan

The staff of Sidelines feels it is important that we make our readers aware of a situation that has been hindering the quality of our operation and our publication.

We arrived in our newsroom March 1 ready to print Flash, our weekly arts and entertainment tabloid. Flash usually is completed every Monday to be distributed on Wednesdays.

However, what we thought would be an easy and routine job wasn't. Our laser printer in our office was no longer connected to the university's computer server and would not print anything.

After several visits from Macintosh computer experts, it was decided that a circuit problem had somehow developed in our one-year-old printer. This was a problem that the staff could not have caused or prevented.

Because this printer is relatively new — we purchased it last spring — replacement

parts are harder to find because most machines typically would not show problems this soon. A replacement part had to be ordered and installed by a certified Apple computer technician.

Because of our inability to print in our office, we had to take everything on disk to the Daily News Journal, where Sidelines and Flash are printed.

Every issue of Sidelines since March 4 has been printed in this fashion.

That is, every issue until this one. The problem was fixed Friday afternoon, and we are back to normal.

However, this situation affected our readers two ways: the paper was being distributed later than normal and quality has suffered.

This problem affected every aspect of our operation at Sidelines, because we have been unable to see anything on paper since the beginning of the month. Proofreading stories and completed pages

is much harder when it all must be done on a computer screen. Mistakes that normally would be caught on paper slip through the cracks.

The changes in the quality of the paper that I'm sure you have noticed in the past few weeks could not be avoided. We have worked hard to make the paper look as normal as possible, but we know that it has been obvious that something was wrong.

As editor of Sidelines, I am responsible for putting out a publication twice a week. I must make sure that the paper is published and distributed on the racks the next day.

Although it sounds like dropping off a disk instead of printing out and pasting up pages would be easier, I promise you it's not.

When we print out pages in our office, we know exactly how things will look when the paper is delivered the next day.

All the staff at the DNJ typically has to

do is shoot a negative of the pages and print them.

For the past few weeks, they had to print out our pages, shoot them and then print them.

Our laser printer problems have inconvenienced them just as much as they have inconvenienced us. The main problem for the DNJ is that taking the pages on disk changes what time our paper can be printed.

The DNJ is an afternoon paper, and it is printed in the morning. Before the printer problems developed, we were printed before the DNJ.

We were finished after the DNJ while our printer was not working.

So, thank you, readers, for being patient with us for the last few weeks. We apologize for all the problems that have happened because of our technical difficulties, which extend far beyond the look of the paper. ■

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FEATURES

Murfreesboro, TN

Rewards for singing praise

Independent artists win big
at 30th Annual Dove Awards

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Reporter

NASHVILLE — The 30th Annual Dove Awards seemed more like Independence Day, despite the fact the Fourth of July remains just over three months away.

This year's list of winners includes a slew of artists whose music was released by independent labels, including Artist of the Year Michael W. Smith.

Smith was the big winner Wednesday night at the Nashville Arena, taking home six Doves.

"I've never won for Artist of the Year before," said Smith, who after completing his current recording session for his forthcoming album, will attempt to co-author, along with his wife, a book on marriage.

"When you're young, you're a little green and preoccupied. As you get older, it's more like I know what my goals are; I wanna be a good dad and good husband. I'm at the age now where it's not as important whether I win or not."

Smith also took home top honors as Producer of the Year as well as for his role in *Exodus*, which won Special Event Album of the Year.

Exodus remains close to Smith's heart not only because of his performance but also because it was released through his own Rocketown Records.

"I really think there was something special about *Exodus*," said Smith, while meeting with the media afterward.

Smith was also happy to see Chris Rice win Male Vocalist of the Year. Rice, a longtime friend and colleague,

is also signed to Smith's Rocketown label. It was the 31st Dove award Rice has won over the span of his career.

"I'm glad he won," Smith said. "I was sitting there with my wife just before they made the announcement and I said to her, 'I hope Chris wins.'"

Rocketown executive Don Donahue added, "Kids responded to [Chris]. He may be conservative musically, but he's cutting edge lyrically."

Backstage a surprised — yet elated — Rice said, that even with the two Dove awards he won, the majority of his upcoming calendar will continue to involve performing at various retreats for children.

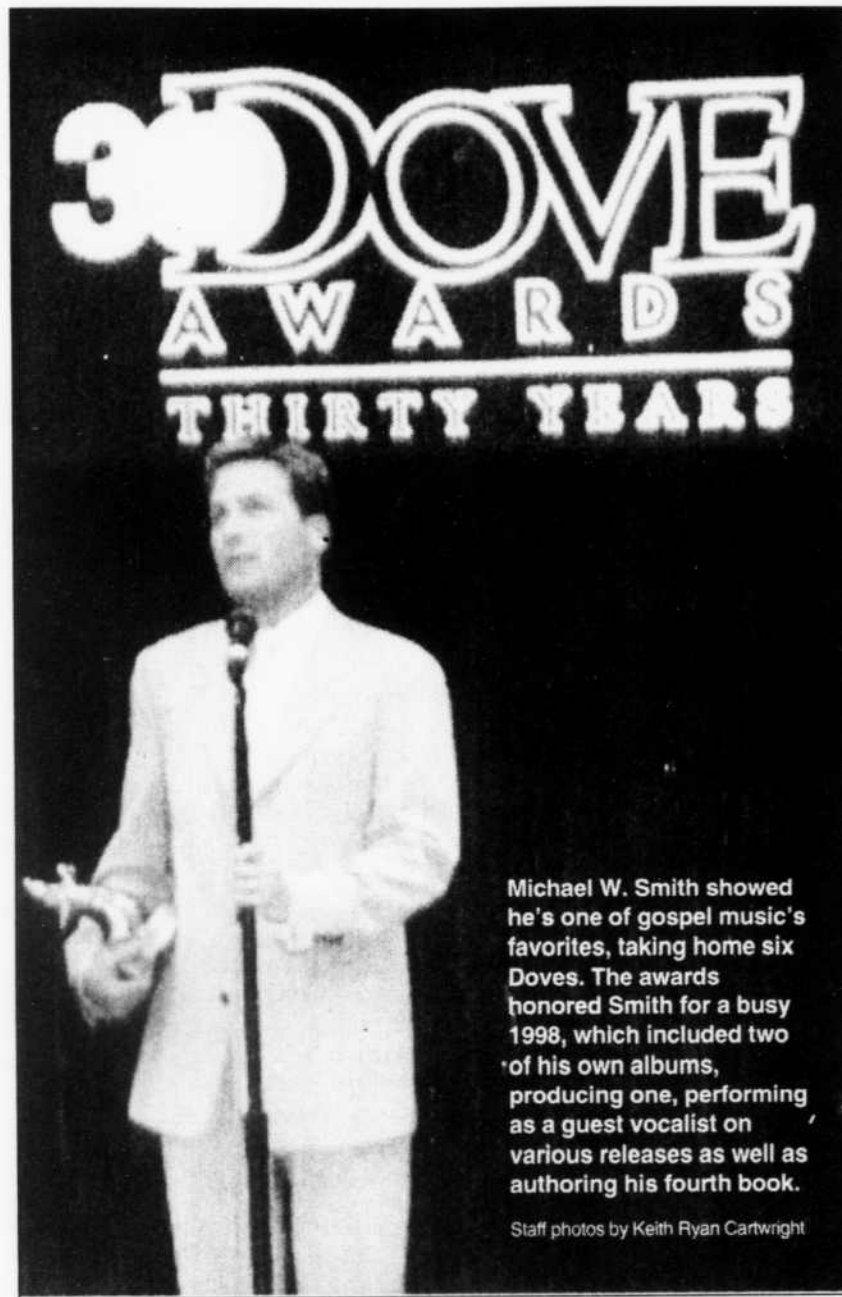
"The kids tease me and say, 'Oh you're a rock star now,'" said a joking Rice, of his recent exposure. "But they haven't changed, and that's what I really like about working with them."

Other big winners included Point of Grace for Group of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year Jaci Velasquez, and Jennifer Knapp was named New Artist of the Year.

"It's sweet," said Point of Grace's Denise Jones, "When it's totally unexpected, it makes it so special."

This year's event also showed that more than ever before Christian and gospel music are growing in their appeal toward a younger generation.

Along with various categories dedicated to youth-oriented music, the television portion of the show also featured live performances by dc Talk, Burlap to Cashmere, All Star United and Newsboys, who performed a raucous version of *Step Up To The Microphone*. ■



Michael W. Smith showed he's one of gospel music's favorites, taking home six Doves. The awards honored Smith for a busy 1998, which included two of his own albums, producing one, performing as a guest vocalist on various releases as well as authoring his fourth book.

Staff photos by Keith Ryan Cartwright



Above: Point of Grace accepted a Dove as Group of the Year for the second time in their career.



Left: Oregon-based The W's accepted its first Dove for Modern Rock/Alternative Recorded Song of the Year. The group, however, was just happy with the fact that the GMA provided free food.

The 30th Annual Dove Award Winners are

Artist of the Year: Michael W. Smith
New Artist of the Year: Jennifer Knapp
Male Vocalist of the Year: Chris Rice
Female Vocalist of the Year: Jaci Velasquez
Contemporary Gospel Album of the Year:
No Nation Project; Kirk Franklin
Song of the Year: "My Deliverer,"
Rich Mullins and Mitch McPher
Group of the Year: Point of Grace
Producer of the Year: Michael W. Smith
Songwriter of the Year: Rich Mullins
Southern Gospel Album of the Year:
Still The Greatest Story Ever Told; Gathier Vocal Band
Traditional Gospel Recorded Song of the Year:
"Is Your All On The Altar?";
Songs From The Heart; Yolande Adams
Rock Album of the Year:

Anybody Out There?; Burlap To Cashmere
Hard Music Album of the Year: *BrightStar*; Massivital
Modern Rock/Alternative Album of the Year:
Fourth From The Last; The W's
Rap/Hip Hop/Dance Album of the Year:
Heatseeker; The World Wide Message Tribe
Rap/Hip Hop/Dance Recorded Song of the Year:
"Plagiarism"; Factors of Seven; Grits
Contemporary Gospel Recorded Song of the Year:
"Let The Praise Begin"; Pages of Life Chapters I & II;
Fred Hammond & Radical For Christ
Rock Recorded Song of the Year:
"Undo Me"; Kansas; Jennifer Knapp
Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year:
"Testify To Love"; A Maze of Grace; Avalon
Urban Recorded Song of the Year:
"Revolution"; No Nation Project; Kirk Franklin

Hard Music Recorded Song of the Year: "Awesome
God"; The Insyderz Present *Skullhead*; The Insyderz
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"The Devil Is Bad"; Fourth From The Last; The W's
Inspirational Album of the Year:
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Live Hymns and Songs of Worship; Kim Hill
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VeggieTales; Kurt Heinecke and David Muller
Instrumental Album of the Year:
Acoustic Sketches; Phil Keaggy
Spanish Language Album of the Year: (Tie)
Libertad De Mas; Sandi Patty
Orn; Crystal Lewis
Youth/Children's Musical of the Year:
2 Extreme; Steven V. Taylor
Musical of the Year: *Mary Did You Know?*;

David Gathier and Bruce Greer
Enhanced CD of the Year:
Steady On Enhanced CD; Point of Grace
Special Event Album of the Year:
Exodus; de Talk; Lars of Clay; Silence None The
Richer; Cindy Morgan; Chris Rice; The Martins; Third
Day; Crystal Lewis; Michael W. Smith
Long Form Music Video of the Year:
My Utmost For His Highest - The Concert; Cindy
Morgan; Avalon; Twila Paris; Bryan Duncan; Sandi
Patty; Steven Curtis Chapman
Short Form Music Video of the Year:
"Entertaining Angels"; Newsboys
Recorded Music Packaging of the Year: *The Jesus*
Recorded; Rich Mullins and A Ragamuffin Band
Choral Collection of the Year: *Peace Speaker*; Geron
Davis

Swingin' good time

Break out your
dancing shoes and
learn to Swing Dance

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

Those of you wanting to 'Jump, Jive an' Wail,' will get your chance, thanks to the MTSU dance club and SHAPE club.

The clubs plan to host a swing class this Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Murphy Center's dance studio A. Admission will be \$2 for students and \$3 for anyone else. All proceeds will go to the dance club's semester performance.

Angela Armstrong, instructor, said that a swing class held last month was so popular that they decided to try it again. Armstrong will focus on the Lindy Hop and Single, Double and Triple Time steps. These styles feature fast turns, arm movements and jumps and lifts. The dancers featured in the Miss MTSU pageant used these particular styles.

Armstrong encourages people of all ages, beginner to advanced levels, to attend the class. She promises the class will be both fun and educational. If time permits, Armstrong will also teach some Salsa dancing.

Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. However, Armstrong welcomes those who wish to get decked out in the appropriate swing costumes. Also, couples are recommended, because it is not certain you will have a partner assigned to you.

Anne Holland, director of the dance department, said, "The class will show the typical moves from the Gap commercials, only we'll do it better." Holland has been teaching dance, including swing, for 32 years.

Armstrong advises those interested to call for reservations to guarantee a spot. If the class becomes too crowded, those with reservations will have a definite place. Leave a message on Angela Armstrong's voice mail at 904-8286. ■



School pulls plug on radio show after students read from Salinger novel

College Press Exchange

DE PERE, Wis. (CPX) — A couple of students at St. Norbert College said they were kicked off the air after they read eight pages from *The Catcher in the Rye* during their weekly campus radio show.

Murray McGough and Christopher Danczyk, both students enrolled at the Roman Catholic school, said the director of campus security showed up in the radio station's studios a little more than an hour into their two-hour March 4 broadcast, ordering them to sign off. The pair said the officer told them a college priest had complained about their use of offensive language on the air and that school officials had instructed him to yank them off the air.

School officials confirmed that someone was dispatched to the station after a caller complained that the broadcast — which could be heard only on campus — contained obscene language, but they insist they didn't pull the plug on the show.

McGough and Danczyk said they read passages from J.D. Salinger's famous — and oft-censored — novel because they wanted to try something new. To protest the school's actions, the two students devoted their next show to reading sex-related passages from the Bible. ■

Come do tha "Humpty" dance with Digital Underground

Shimeka Boyd
Staff Reporter

Git ready to do tha 'hump.' Digital Underground is scheduled to perform on Wednesday, March 31 on the KUC Courtyard at 4:00 p.m.

This multi-talented rap group is responsible for opening the door for the G-Funk sound and helped launch the career of the legendary Tupac Shakur, an individual known for his controversial lyrics and full-speed lifestyle.

Digital Underground is recognized as one of the most

important groups in the evolution of hip-hop. "Doowutchayalike" D.U.'s second single, was nominated for an MTV Video Award and their single "Humpty Hump" — along with album "Sex-Packets" — individually went platinum.

Digital Underground's latest release "Who Got the Gravy?" features rappers such as the Big Punisher, KRS-1, and Biz Markie. Already there's an underground buzz on the killer Big Pun collaboration "The Mission." Equally impressive is the infectious upbeat first single, "Wind Me Up," and the KRS-1 track "Smilin' Faces."

So come check out the Humpty Hump along with Money B Wednesday. ■



Money B



Humpty Hump



Sarah (Sandra Bullock) and Ben (Ben Affleck) pass themselves off as young marrieds to get a ride with a busload of senior "Sunseekers" heading south in DreamWorks Pictures' romantic comedy "Force of Nature."

'Forces of Nature' ends better than it begins

I have a confession to make: I have never liked Sandra Bullock. I know this is a surefire invitation for wrath, but I just don't enjoy this woman's work. On several occasions, in social settings, I have kept my mouth shut while others praise her talent. I almost feel ashamed for not appreciating her as much as others. But no more. I am outing myself.

It was with much trepidation that I accepted passes to a "sneak preview" of "Forces of Nature." (Having seen the trailer, I decided this film was one to avoid.) This hesitation was not entirely due to the presence of Sandra Bullock. I had the overwhelming fear that "Forces" would be another cinematic journey through "self discovery," wherein love is not a concrete thing. In movies like these, love is neither self-sacrificing nor respect-driven, nor does it emanate from pure motives. In Hollywood, love is a gushy, "touchy feely" fairy dust that comes and goes. It does not involve commitment, because love is just a feeling, like being happy or sad.

For about two hours, "Forces of Nature" was my skepticism realized. It tells the story of Ben (Ben Affleck), an uptight New Yorker who must travel from the Big Apple to Atlanta, Ga., to marry his fiancée played by Maura Tierney (an actress who, in my

opinion, puts Ms. Bullock to shame). A wayward bird flies into a jet engine upon takeoff and Ben cannot leave on his last-minute flight to Georgia. As you might expect, this complication is genesis of many throughout the story, a veritable movie version of Murphy's Law.

Ben must now travel by any means available, and it just so happens that a scrappy go-getter like Bullock is going to Atlanta, too. Her reason involves some never-fully-explained subplot about an unclaimed inheritance and a son she hasn't seen in years. What happens is just what you may expect: the odd couple encounter one unlikely mishap after another which, inevitably, brings them closer together. Complicating matters is the fact that Ben knows no happily married couples, and everyone from his best man to the classical thinkers in a quote book warn against the dangers of committing yourself to one person for the rest of your life.

"Forces of Nature" proved itself predictable. Utilizing one cliché after another, it meanders through a loosely-connected series of formulaic episodes. I could predict what was coming when Ben, claiming to be a doctor, boarded a bus full of senior citizens, even before they made a pit-stop at an amusement park. All the while, the movie layers on pseudo-philosophic

gobbledygook about "love" and "feelings" and "personality." I squirmed uncomfortably when the one character who speaks words of truth turns out to be a physically abusive alcoholic.

Added to these flaws is the director's apparent lack of integrity in characterization. Bullock's character is introduced to us as a semi-goth. Only later do we realize she's actually a neo-hippie free spirit. Even later, during a ballroom dance scene, she becomes an enchanting siren. This is where Ben begins to give himself over to his attraction. Ben himself is a contradiction. He's set up as a nearly neurotic conservative type, but the script has him lumbering atop a train, stripping in a bar, and finding himself hopelessly infatuated with Bullock. I have no problems with seeing an uptight guy lose some inhibitions, but these are ridiculous — and they take place in a matter of 48 hours! Affleck gives a competent performance, sub-par for his usual charm, but he's given little to work with. (Bullock, I fear, should stick to films like "The Prince of Egypt" where she's heard but not seen.)

There was little to like about "Forces of Nature." There is some nice special-effects work involving a slow motion overhead shot of a hail storm, a fantastic sunset and a climactic hurricane scene in which one couple seem to reside in an



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"The Movie Guy"



Jared Wilson
Staff Reporter

invisible bubble, a hedge of protection. There are some good supporting roles filled by Tierney, Blythe Danner, and the under-used Steve Zahn, whose brilliant goofball spark charges up some otherwise boring scenes.

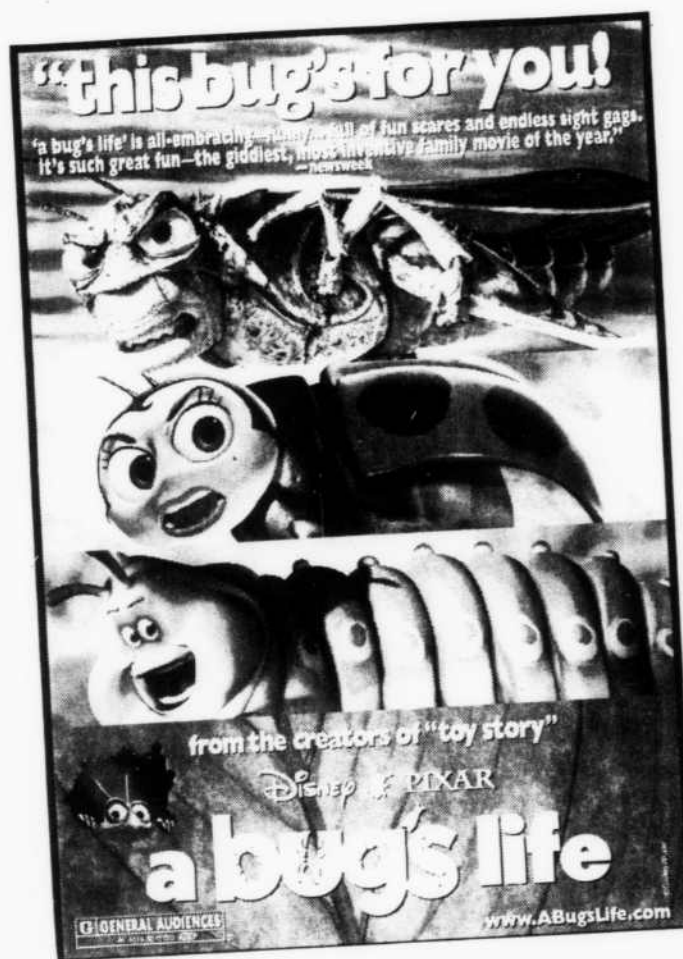
The best part of "Forces of Nature," however, is the ending. It plays out unexpectedly, totally foreign to the movie as a whole. In the finale, the filmmakers prove they knew more than they let on, creating a solution that is truer to their characters and realistically sound. Had I known the ending going in, I might have enjoyed the entire film a bit more, but it still would have seemed pointless. Though the conclusion was redeeming philosophically, it could not redeem the excruciating two-hour tease leading up to it.

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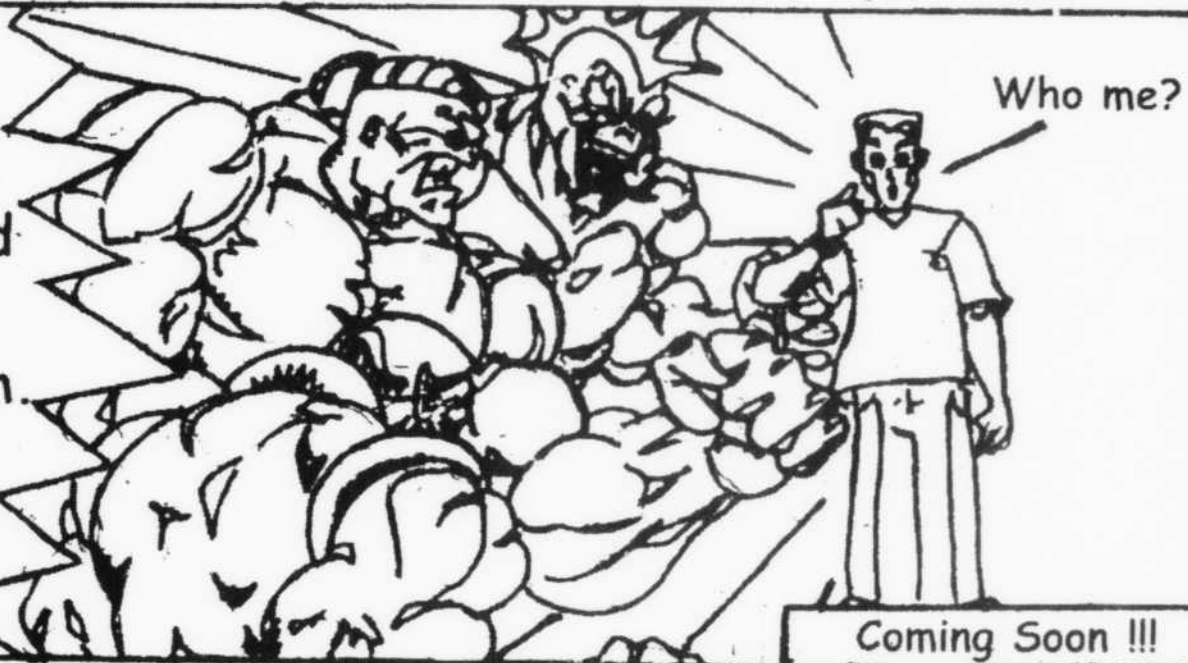
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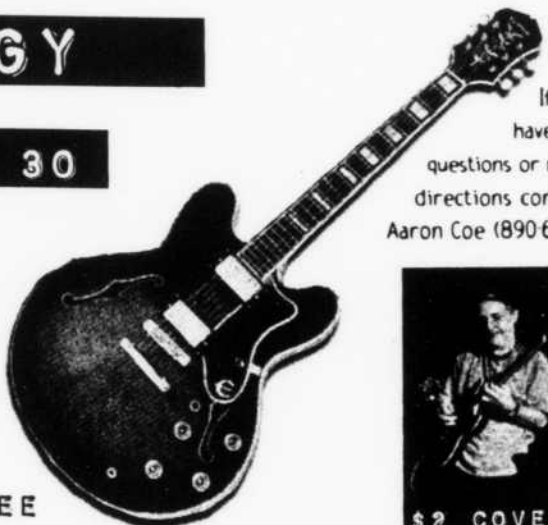
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Demons be gone!

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Louisville Cardinals were taken to the woodshed yesterday, compliments of the MTSU men's tennis team. MTSU won the match 5-2 in a match that lasted over three hours.

The Raiders took three of the first five matches, needing a win in the final battles to win the war.

Raider top seed Matt Walker started a bit slow against Louisville's Seal, but managed to fight and claw his way back into the match and eventually win. The first set was a back-and-forth battle that went in the direction of Seal. After winning the first set 6-5 with a tie-breaker, Walker dropped the first game of the second set.

However, after winning the next two games, Walker managed to take the second set in a very emotional battle.

"I just kept telling myself to keep making him play," Walker said.

That is exactly what he made him do. Walker clawed back and moved into a tie going into the third and final set. Starting the set, Walker made it clear that he was not about to back down to the nationally ranked Seal.

Walker jumped to a 4-1 lead before Seal flexed his muscles and closed the gap to 4-3. Going into the 10th game, Walker led 5-4. That was where he turned on the afterburners to separate himself from Seal. Walker dominated the final game and went on to win the set 6-4 and the match 2-1.

Robert Gustaffson, MTSU's second seed, took three sets to dispose of Louisville's Siverston. The first started with a Gustaffson victory, but a loss in the second set forced the Raider to play a third set to win. Gustaffson completely dominated the final set. Only one game was dropped by the Raider out of seven games total.

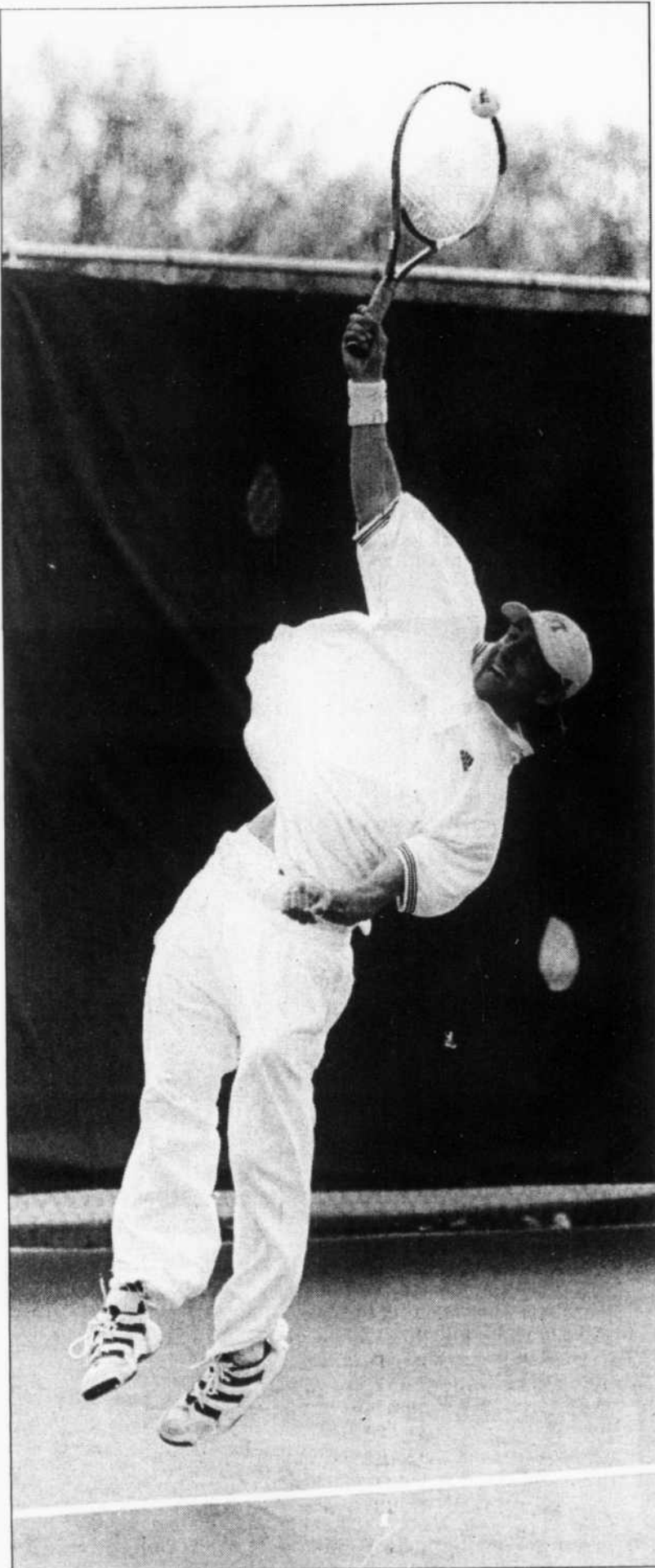
MTSU went on to win the match 5-2. Walker's victory broke a string of losses for the senior.

"I've had a really tough week outside of tennis, and it feels good to win. It's a release," Walker said.

"We can beat anybody, but we can lose to anybody, too," Head Coach Dale Short said. "I think we can be a top-25 team."

Coach Short expects the Raiders to be ranked around 60 when the new polls come out.

The Raiders are very young but very talented. The problem is not the talent level, but



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Matt Walker's ace was not enough to propel the Raiders to victory against Vandy. However, MTSU beat Louisville on Sunday.

knowing how to win at this level. They tend to try to avoid lose rather than trying to win.

"They start to be scared to hit the ball, and they back away from it," Short said. "That is the kiss of death, playing not to lose."

MTSU has four matches

coming up that will define their progress this year. South Alabama, Tulane, Southwestern Louisiana, and UAB are on the agenda. All four of them are ranked in the top 50 in the nation. Wins against a couple of them will help them move up in the polls and in their confidence. ■

Raiders shoot down Skyhawks

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee got big offensive performances to roll past host Tennessee-Martin 15-3 and 13-3 in Ohio Valley Conference play Saturday afternoon.

Josh Pride hit three home runs and drove in seven runs in the first game, and Kyle Thomas homered and drove in six runs in the nightcap to lead the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders also got complete-game pitching performances to move to 9-13 overall and 3-2 in the OVC. UT Martin falls to 9-18 overall and 0-2 after its OVC openers.

In the first game, Pride hit a two run homer in the first, a three-run shot in the fourth and another two-run homer in the seventh.

Bryan Peck hit a two-run homer in the

third and Ty Curley had a solo homer in the sixth for MTSU, which had 17 hits in the game. MTSU scored in every inning except the second. Leadoff batter Jeff Parson was 4-for-4 with four runs scored.

UT Martin had two hits from both Adam Gibson and Paul Slack, but stranded 11 runners on the bases against Jamie Powers, who pitched the complete-game victory.

In the second game, Thomas hit a bases-loaded double in a seven-run third and capped off MTSU's scoring with a two-run homer in the sixth. Dewon Brazelton went the distance, striking out eight and scattering six hits.

UT Martin's Chuck Seymour hit a solo home run, his fifth of the season.

UT Martin and MTSU play the series finale Sunday at 1 p.m. with a single game. ■

Lightning, cheerleading tryouts strike MTSU

Noelle Ball
Staff Reporter

Do you hate footing the big text book bill? And would you like for the university to pay for road trips to Blue Raiders games?

There's an excellent opportunity to pay for schooling and become more involved with the MTSU athletic program.

It is a chance to earn a \$500 scholarship each semester and receive books at no charge on a borrowed basis. Many benefits arise with opportunities such as extra cash and some exciting trips to places including Arizona, Louisiana and Florida - not to mention a way to meet friends for a lifetime.

MTSU mascot and cheerleading tryouts are right around the corner. Cheerleading tryouts will be held April 15-18 while Lightning will be selected the week before on April 5-6.

To tryout for either, a student must be a full-time student for the fall of '99 and have a GPA of at least 2.0.

Coached by Juli Heavener, the cheerleading squad will consist of seven males and seven females. Girls must meet height and weight requirements of 5'5" and 125 pounds.

Guys, on the other hand, must be able to bench press their own weight 10 consecutive times and squat twice their body weight.

Each participant must be capable of performing various tumbling skills as well as stunts that are mandatory to make the squad.

The scoring will be split so that 75 percent of the points will result from judges and 25 percent will be a coach/advisor evaluation of the participant.

The squad will travel to football games and with the men's and women's basketball teams. They also plan to attend UCA Nationals in Orlando, Fla. where

they will compete against nationally ranked schools.

This past year the squad received a bid to compete but was unable to attend due to various injuries. The cheerleaders also will perform at community events and alumni events throughout next year.

Mascot tryouts will be conducted by Victor Felts, who coaches Lightning. Candidates are required to be between 5'10" and 6'2" in order to fit the costume. Two students will be selected to perform as Lightning.

They will share all responsibilities and perform at athletic events as well as at numerous community functions.

Lightning has a neverending job, because, according to athletic department officials, people are constantly requesting his presence at events in and around the community.

At the tryout, mascot candidates will be expected to perform a three- to five-minute routine that they created.

They will also be expected to learn Lightning's characteristic trot and his unique mannerisms. They will be evaluated according to their ability to "get the look" of Lightning.

"You can act silly and crazy without ever feeling intimidated because no one knows who you are!" said Krista Rice, one of the two mascot performers from last season.

Lightning will also travel with the football and basketball teams next season. He hopefully will receive a bid to go with the cheerleading squad and compete at the national competition against other major mascots in the country.

Last year Lightning received a bid to compete but was unable to attend the competition.

In filling the position as either a cheerleader or mascot for the university

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Cleveland will reign again in the American League East

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Chicago White Sox lost Albert Belle, Robin Ventura, pitcher Jim Abbott, Mike Cameron and Will Cordero, and gained first baseman Paul Konerko and pitcher Darren Hall.

James Baldwin, who went 10-3 last year with a 3.68 ERA, will lead the pitching staff. Jaime Navarro, who had the highest ERA in the American League last year at 6.36, is penciled in as the second starter. Left-handed Mike Sirocka, right-handed John Snyder and lefty Jim Parque will be the other starting pitchers.

Bill Simas assumes the role of closer this year, while the rest of the bullpen is up for grabs.

Mark Johnson, Robert Machado and Josh Paul will compete for Catcher. Frank Thomas, Michael Caruso, Ray Durham, Paul Korenko, Carlos Lee, Jeff Norton, Mario Valdez and Craig Wilson make up the infield.

The outfield consists of Jeff Abbott, McKay Christenson, Magglio Ordonez, Brian Simmons

and Chris Singleton.

Chicago desperately needs veterans Frank Thomas and Ray Durham to have big years. Even if they have big years the pitching staff has many problems. This will be a rebuilding year for the White Sox. Luckily for Chicago, it is in a weak division. Expect Chicago to finish third.

Cleveland lost some old faces in the off-season but gained some new ones. Lost are pitcher Chad Ogea, outfielder Brian Giles, second baseman Joey Cora, catcher Pat Borders, pitcher Jason Jacome and second baseman Jeff Branson.

The new faces are second baseman Roberto Alomar, pitcher Ricardo Rincon, pitcher Jerry Spradlin and first baseman Wil Cordero.

Bartolo Colon, who was an all-star last year, will be the number-one starter. Charles Nagy, Dave Burba and Dwight Gooden are the two, three and four pitchers. Jaret Wright is also expected to make some starts for the Indians.

Mike Johnson will be the

closer, with Jerry Spradlin and Ricardo Shuey setting him up.

Sandy Alomar will anchor an infield that consists of Roberto Alomar, Russ Branyon, Jolbert Carbera, Travis Fryman, Richie Sexton, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel and Enrique Wilson.

Kenny Lofton will be the centerfielder for the Indians. Others in the outfield include David Justice, Jacob Cruz, Alex Ramirez and Manny Ramirez.

Expect the Indians to win the division and challenge the Yankees for the right to go to the World Series.

Detroit did some major shuffling in the off-season. Gone are third baseman Joe Randa, outfielder Luis Gonzalez, catcher Paul Bako, pitcher Brian Powell, outfielder Geronimo Berroa, pitcher Frank Castillo, outfielder Terry Beamon, pitchers Doug Bochtler and Roberto Duran.

The new faces are catcher Brad Ausmus, pitcher Willie Blair, outfielder Karim Garcia, catcher Bill Haselman, designated hitter Gregg Jefferies, pitcher Masco Kida, pitcher C.J. Nitkowski and pitcher Robinson

Cheko.

Brian Moehler is the ace of the pitching staff. Other starters include Matt Anderson, Willie Blair and Alberto Blanco.

Todd Jones will be the closer, and will be set up by Matt Drows and Mike Drumright, among others.

Brad Ausmus leads an infield that consists of shortstop Deivi Cruz, second baseman Damion Easley, first baseman Tony Clark, Gabe Alvarez, third basemen Dean Palmer and Gregg Jefferies.

Brian Hunter will be the starting centerfielder. The rest of the outfield consists of Kimera Bartee, Juan Encarnacion, Karim Garcia, Bobby Higginson and Gabe Kapler.

The Tigers have many new players that must learn to play together, and the team is young. Even with these concerns the talent is there. Expect the Tigers to finish second in the AL Central.

Kansas City was hit worse than anyone in the division by free agency. The Royals lost key players such as second baseman

Jose Offerman, third baseman Dean Palmer, pitcher Tim Lincecum, pitcher Pat Rapp, first baseman Hal Morris and outfielder Shane Mack.

On the flip side, K.C. got shortstop Rey Sanchez, third baseman Joe Randa, pitcher Alvin Morman, catcher Chad Kreuter and pitcher Terry Matthews.

Kevin Appier is the ace of a pitching staff that also includes Brian Barber and closer Jeff Montgomery.

Sal Fasano and Chad Krueter will battle for the starting catcher position. The rest of the infield consists of Carlos Febles, Shane Halter, Jed Hansen, Jeff King, Joe Randa and Rey Sanchez.

Jermaine Dye will lead an outfield that also contains Carlos Beltran, Dermal Brown, Jeff Conine, Johnny Damon and Mark Quinn.

The outlook is not good for the Royals. K.C. simply does not have the depth or talent to compete in the division. Expect the Royals to finish fourth.

Minnesota was also hit hard in the off-season. The Twins lost

designated hitter Paul Molitor, shortstop Pat Meares, outfielders Otis Nixon and Alex Ochoa and pitcher Dan Naulty.

The Twins did not sign anyone because the owner is trying to cut the payroll.

Brad Radke, who will probably be traded soon, is the ace of the pitching staff for now. LaTroy Hawkins, Dan Serafini and Eric Milton are the other starting pitchers.

Mike Trombley will be the setup man for Rick Aguilera in the bullpen.

Terry Steinbach will lead an infield that consists of Ron Croomer, Cleatus Davidson, Josue Espada, Christian Guzman, Denny Hocking, Corey Koskie, Doug Mientewicz and Todd Walker.

The outfield is made up of Chad Allen, Brian Buchanan, Marty Cordoun, Anthony felson, Torii Hunter, Jacques Jones, Chris Lathan, Matt Lawton and David Ortiz.

The Twins have little talent and are looking to trade what talent they have. Expect the Twins to be the cellar dwellers. ■

The Hook-Up

Commentary by Josh Ezzell/ Staff Reporter

Austin 3:16 opens up a can in main event

What's up, wrestling fans! I'm sorry I didn't have an article in last Thursday's paper, but I was sick. Well, I'm better now and ready to rumble.

Shane McMahon started things off by challenging X-Pac to a Greenwich style street fight. The Rock followed this by insulting Stone Cold as the Rattlesnake watched from the back.

Enter Mankind. It seems that he was jealous that The Rock was gonna be the special guest referee in the Stone Cold-Paul Wight match, and he decided to do something about it.

Mankind's solution was this: He would fight The Rock on Raw, and the winner would be the ref in the big match.

While all of this was going on Stone Cold was in the back brooding over The Rock's comments. He finally decided to get a Coors Light truck and drive it to the ring. As the Corporation stood in the ring befuddled, Austin hooked up a hose.

He followed this by giving Vince, Shane and The Rock a beer bath. The crowd was going wild, but Austin was not done yet. He told The Rock he was gonna "open up a can of whoop ass at Wrestlemania." This event concluded with Stone Cold killing a beer and driving off to the back.

The first match pitted Edge and Gangrel against Owen Hart and Jeff Jarrett. Nothing was happening until Public Enemy interfered and attacked Jarrett and Hart. At this point the lights went out. When the lights were turned on, Debra was covered in blood; she was another victim of a Brood bloodbath.

Are you ready? Let's get ready to "suck it!" Of course I'm talking about Degeneration X, but would you guess DX vs. DX? Yep,

The Road Dogg fought Mr. Ass in a title-versus-title match. While these two were beating each other, Goldust, Al Snow, "The Blue Meanie" and "The Big Valbowski" decided to make their presence felt.

The fireworks were not over yet, because Ryan Shamrock would also make her way to the ring. When one Shamrock shows up, the other follows, which meant Ken was not far behind. "The world's most dangerous man" went straight for Goldust-slapping on the ankle lock. Goldust was saved by "The Blue Meanie" and a chair, and the fiasco was over.

Ryan Shamrock was not the only woman making her presence felt, as Playboy centerfold Sable battled femme fatale Ivory. Sable won, but the action wasn't over yet.

Following the match, Sable was attacked by Tori. The March playmate responded by flaunting the Women's belt and leaving.

Another champion was in action; of course I'm talking about The Rock. He battled Mankind in a match in which the winner would be the special guest referee in the main event. You knew that the Corporate team wouldn't go to a gun fight without a big gun — or a "Big Show."

"The Big Show" a.k.a. Paul Wight went to the ring and delivered a vicious choke-slam. There was only one problem: the referee saw it. The Rock was disqualified, which meant that Mankind was the winner and the special guest referee.

Corporation member Kane did not fare any better in his match. He was supposed to fight Goldust, but Triple H had other plans. The DX member wore the Goldust makeup and robe to the ring, but revealed his true identity when he removed the robe. Nobody won the match, but

these two will get another piece of each other at Wrestlemania.

No chance, that's what X-Pac had. The Greenwich street brawl was more of a sham than the Lewis-Holyfield fight, if that is possible. As soon as X-Pac arrived he was jumped by Shane's buddies. The Greenwich posse quickly drove off after the beatdown, ending the street fight.

The Ministry of Darkness continued to wage war on the Corporation in a match that pitted The Acolytes and The Undertaker vs. Test, The Boss Man and Ken Shamrock. This was not a match, it was a brawl between two factions that hate each other. Nobody won, but neither side cares. And now, for the main event.

Stone Cold Steve Austin battled "The Big Show" Paul Wight in the biggest main event in Raw's main event. "The Big Show" lived up to his name early as he threw the rattlesnake around like a sack of potatoes. It seemed as though Stone Cold was not gonna whip anybody's ass, he was gonna get his ass whooped.

Just when Austin appeared to be out Mankind's presence began to be a factor. Wight began to become annoyed with Mankind when the "testicular one" made him break a hold. These two started going at it, which enabled Stone Cold to get back into the match.

After battling back Stone Cold hit Wight with a chair numerous times and followed these chair shots with a kick to the midsection. You can probably guess what happened next: A Stone Cold Stunner. A pin followed and Austin was victorious. Oh Hell Yeah!!! Austin 3:16 just whipped Paul Wight's ass.

Wanna know what happens next week? I've got two words for you: Read Sidelines. ■

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requires an enormous amount of dedication and time. Practices, games, and community functions will be required of each individual.

Both are team efforts — not individual activities. However,

the rewards and benefits are immeasurable. The scholarship alone is a nice asset, but it does not compare to the adrenaline rush of performing in front of thousands of screaming fans.

If you are interested in trying out for either, contact Heavener or Felts. Both can be reached through the university,

or show up for tryouts.

Mascot tryouts begin Monday, April 5, at 6 p.m. Cheerleading tryouts will be the following week on April 15 at 5 p.m. Both tryouts will consist of a clinic that will allow time to practice and then a tryout before judges. Hope to see some new faces! ■

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King David reigns at TPC

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - David Duval beat the best field under the toughest conditions with a clutch shot Sunday in The Players Championship. Now, not even the world ranking can dispute the fact that golf has a new No. 1.

With remarkable cool that has become his trademark, Duval birdied the treacherous 17th island hole to secure a two-stroke victory over Scott Gump and finally enable him to topple Tiger Woods in the world rankings.

Duval closed with a 1-over 73 to finish at 285, the highest winning score in the Players since it moved to the TPC at Sawgrass in 1982. Gump hit in the water and took double bogey on the par-3 17th, but birdied the 18th to finish at 287.

Nick Price was third at 288. Fred Couples had the best round of the day, a 4-under 68 that he finished before Duval even reached the second green. That shot Couples from a tie to 40th into a tie for fourth with Hal Sutton at 289.

Duval's victory came just two hours after his father Bob won the Emerald Coast Classic on the Senior Tour, making them the first father-son combination to win tour-sanctioned events on the same day.

The victory only confirmed Duval as the world's best

player, and what a place for the coronation.

Duval grew up near the TPC at Sawgrass, even played as a marker when he was 18. Cheers greeted him at every turn, and while he left the galleries holding their breath at times, he pulled through for the biggest win of his career.

"To win a big one like this, he deserves to be No. 1 in the world," said Woods, who had a 75 and finished 3-over 291. Woods had held the top spot for 65 weeks, including the last 41 weeks in a row.

Duval becomes just the third player to ascend to No. 1 without having won a major. Ian Woosnam and Fred Couples were both No. 1 right before they won the Masters.

Duval's 10th victory in his last 33 tournaments did not come easily, nor was it expected. The Stadium Course was set up like a major, with the nasty rough of a U.S. Open and supersonic greens like Augusta National, even though they put additional water on them overnight.

What Duval may have lacked in emotion was made up for with three shots that shook the Stadium Course.

He was tied for the lead at 2-under and facing the prospect of his fourth bogey of the front nine when he holed a bunker shot to take the lead for good.

Three holes later, he knocked in a 15-foot putt from off the green to get to 4-under. When Scott Hoch failed to save

par up ahead on the 13th, Duval had a three-stroke lead.

That proved to be important, because not even Duval was immune from dropping shots on a course that played 3.4 strokes over par. And it loomed even larger when Gump birdied the 18th to get to 1-under.

Duval missed the green at No. 14 and had to make a 6-footer to save bogey. On the next hole, he failed to save par from a bunker. His lead was down to one stroke when he stepped to the 17th, the hole that drowns so many hopes.

With a wedge in his hand and ice in his veins, Duval was impervious to the pressure. The ball descended from a brilliant blue sky into 6 feet and he made the birdie. A chip to within a foot on the 18th set off the celebration.

Duval won \$900,000, which pushes his season earnings to just more than \$2.1 million. That's about \$500,000 shy of what he won all of last year.

It also completed a hat trick of the PGA Tour's three most elite events - the winners-only Mercedes Championship, the Tour Championship for the top 30 money-winners, and The Players Championship, traditionally the best field on tour.

This year's field was the third-strongest in golf this decade, and it seemed only fitting that a new No. 1 would emerge from the pack. ■

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