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# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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## Police looking for three felony suspects

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

Police are attempting to identify three female suspects accused of two felonies they committed on campus in February.

Public Safety Detective Sgt. Matt Foster said three black females, estimated to be in their early 20s, attempted to rape a male resident of Cummings Hall at approximately 5 a.m. Feb. 11. The women also stole money from another resident's room, Foster said.

According to the Foster, the three women entered the dorm and walked



Suspect

past the desk assistant and onto the elevator that leads to the male students' floors. Even though females aren't allowed on male floors except during specific hours and only after

being signed in by a resident, the desk assistant did not attempt to stop the women, Foster said.

The women rode the elevator to the fifth floor, where they allegedly entered an unlocked room and pinned a male victim, who had been sleeping, down on the floor. According to the victim's account, the women tried to remove his clothing and attempted to sexually assault him.

Foster said the man told the suspects he wanted nothing to do with them, and they left. He also said the victim was in his room alone with no roommate.

The women went up to the seventh floor, entered another unlocked room and took \$15 from a man's wallet while he and his roommate slept, then left. The men awoke as the women exited the room, Foster said.

"Even when they came back down and left, he didn't stop them," Foster said of the desk assistant on duty.

Cummings Hall Area Coordinator Joshua Burdette said he could not speak specifically about what measures Housing and Residential Life will take against the desk assistant.

"There have been repercussions,"

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Photos provided by MTSU Public Safety

Police obtained these shots from a Cummings Hall elevator camera.

## Mock Trial team wins competition

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Reporter

MTSU's Mock Trial team recently traveled to Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., for a competition in which they received more awards than any other school in attendance.

At the Regional Competition held at Samford University Feb. 28-March 1, both teams were outstanding.

"Our top team, captained by Erin Bumbalough, had an 8-0 record and took first place among 16 teams," said John Vile, the team's adviser. "Our second team, captained by Mat Pauley, had a 5-3 record and came in second."

Many other participants won individual "top 10" awards. These students included Erin Bumbalough and Ben Cooley for attorney, and Alisha Walker, Patrick Chinnery, Stephen Chambers and Tina Nemarnik for witness.

"This is the team's 14th year in existence as well as its 14th successive year that we will be attending the top national tour-

namment," Vile said.

The group qualified for the highest national tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, a great honor since only 64 teams are invited to attend.

Mock Trial receives its funds from the College of Liberal Arts and from student activity fees.

"We believe that we represent this university very well in national competition," Vile said.

The students who will represent the school at the national tournament in Des Moines are attorneys Erin Bumbalough and Dawn Johnson, attorney and witness Lisa Collins and Patrick Chinnery, witnesses Alisha Walker, Aspen Steward, Stephen Chambers and Tina Nemarnik and Mat Pauley as timekeeper.

Vile said he thoroughly enjoys coaching the Mock Trial team.

"I like the interaction that coaching gives me with students and the way that I see many develop their analytical and speaking skills, their knowledge of the rules and their

See Mock Trial, 2

## Patch cheaper after contract

Contraceptive now \$20 instead of \$40

By Jenn Howerton  
Staff Writer

Health Services now offers the highly publicized birth control patch at the Student Health Center.

While the health center has sold the patch for quite a while now, they did so at the retail price of \$35 to \$40 because Health Services had no contract with the manufacturer of the patch.

"Now that we have a contractual agreement with the manufacturer [Ortho], we can sell it for \$20 instead of the previous price which is too high for most college students," said Ellen Goodner, a nurse practitioner at the student health center.

Before the patch alternative, complaints about the pill were numerous. While many were about side effects, the main criticism was about the frequency of the dosage.



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Jonna Hooker Whitman, M.D., demonstrates how to administer the birth control patch, available at a reduced price at Health Services on campus.

quency of the dosage. For the pill to work, women need to take it at the same time every day, a requirement many found difficult to remember.

"The patch is for a woman who is not confident that she can remember to take the pill every day," Goodner said.

In contrast with the pill, the patch is placed on the body

once a week. The patch is replaced on the same day the first patch was put on for three weeks in a row. On the fourth week, the patch is removed and the menstrual cycle is allowed to start. After menstruation ends, the cycle begins again.

A woman using the patch places one on any part of the body except her breast, but

most women put the patch on their hip or stomach area. The patch then securely sticks to the skin.

"We were concerned with the feasibility of the patch," Goodner said. "Would it stay on in the shower? We tested a patch and it was very adherent,

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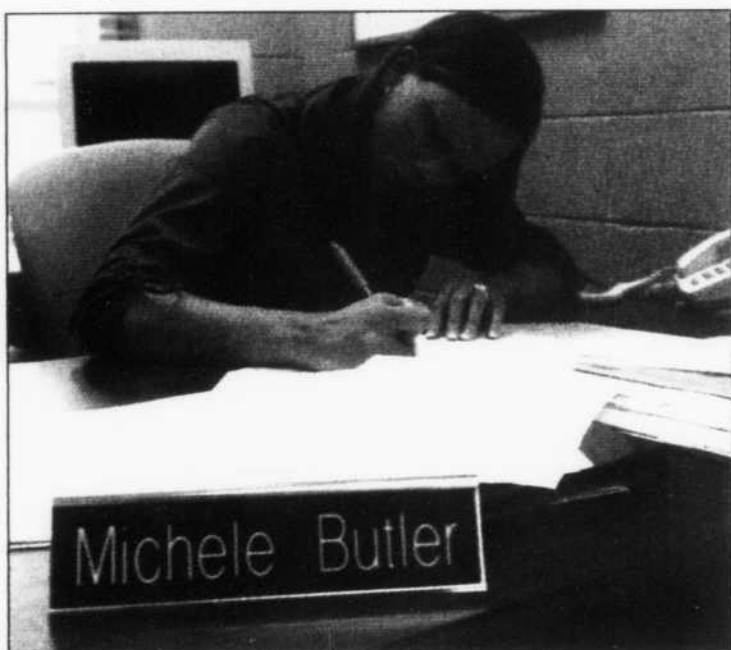


Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Michele Butler spends time in her office before officially becoming Student Government Association president.

## New SGA president has plans for office

By Amanda Maynard  
News Editor

After winning the 2003-2004 Student Government Association presidency, Michelle Butler has big plans for MTSU.

The student body elected Butler with 913 of 2,015 possible votes and she is excited about her new position.

"Coming in as a freshmen senator three years ago, I knew something," Butler said. "I knew there was a goal I wanted to

reach and I finally reached my goal."

Since 2000, Butler was a member of the SGA serving as a freshmen senator her first year, senator for the College of Education and Behavioral Science her second year and most recently as vice president of Administration and Public Affairs.

While in office, she hopes to focus on issues like the use of Raider Funds, renaming

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## Remembrance of Holocaust topic of lecture

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

While most Americans have read *The Diary of Anne Frank*, the story of a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust, not many know the story of Hannah Senesh.

Many Israeli children know the story of Senesh, a female paratrooper from Palestine who was executed at the age of 23 by the Nazis for rescuing Jews from

Germany.

This example, as foreign language professor Sonja Hedgepeth said, illustrates how different cultures memorialize the Holocaust.

Hedgepeth spoke during Monday's honors lecture in a speech called, "The Commemoration of Loss: Cultural Influences of the Holocaust."

"We have different cultural ways of enacting commemora-

tion," Hedgepeth said. "Some are public. Some are private."

Hedgepeth first explained there are two definitions of holocaust.

"Holocaust is an offering, the whole of which is burnt, or a burnt offering, or it can mean great or total destruction of life," Hedgepeth said.

The Jewish term for "catastrophe" is shoah, the preference of Jewish survivors rather than holocaust, which occurred

in Europe from Jan. 30, 1933, to May 8, 1945.

Although Americans were not as deeply affected by the loss of so many Jews during the Holocaust, the country remembers the Jewish genocide by the Nazis in many different ways.

Hedgepeth mentioned the Boston Holocaust Memorial, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in

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## Professor addresses violent acts at sporting events

By Jason Kyle  
Contributor

With violence at sporting events occurring more often, hooliganism is beginning to spread across the United States.

"Hooliganism really started as part of the British soccer culture during the 1960s," said Colby Jubenville, assistant professor of sports management at MTSU.

One of the major catalysts for hooliganism was that Britain had huge stadiums they hosted

their soccer games in, but they lacked crowd control.

There were also poorly-designed stadiums, incompetent segregation of the fans and easily distributed tickets that contributed to their behavior.

"It really came about because the sport of soccer is such an ingrained part of their society," Jubenville said. "It defines who you are as a person."

Through this, rivals began to develop, which led to bad behavior on behalf of the fans. This happened because the

rivalries were unmonitored. It soon became "cool" to act badly.

Hooliganism in the United States differs from that of Britain.

"Hooliganism, in the context of Britain, is very much gang related," Jubenville said. "We don't really have a phenomenon of patterns of behavior where it is groups of people."

An example of hooliganism in the United States was the Cleveland Browns incident of 2001. The referees reviewed a play and ruled in favor of the

opposite team, Jacksonville Jaguars. Fans became outraged and began to throw bottles, along with other trash onto the field.

The Browns' head coach injured his knee, and one of his assistant coach's children was hit in the head with a cup. No one was seriously injured, but the game was postponed for nearly 30 minutes. The game ended with the stadium near empty.

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## Mock Trial: Team prepares for tournament

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self-confidence," Vile said. "It is also gratifying to see that students at a state university like ours can compete with highly elite schools from throughout the nation."

In participation for the Des Moines competition, the team might hold some scrimmages with Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

The team has high hopes for the national competition, as they are one of the few schools

in the nation that has placed in the top 10 in the tournament for the last 11 consecutive years. Additionally, many students received "All-American" awards at nationals.

"Doug Sadler, who received an 'All-American' award last year, got a full scholarship to the Stetson University Law School in Florida," Vile said.

Vile, along with Clyde Willis, professor of political science, advises the Mock Trial team.

The team practices from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Judicial

Building in Judge Don Ash's courtroom, using that time to scrimmage – one team playing the defense and one playing the plaintiff.

Former MTSU graduates and local attorneys also advise the teams by sitting in on scrimmages.

Former alumni have also returned on occasion to help judge the team's national invitational tournament, the largest in the nation, held each November. ♦

## Birth Control: Patch effects similar to pill

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even in the shower."

The patch then releases estrogen and progestin into the skin. These are the same hormones in birth control pills. Made naturally in the ovaries, estrogen and progestin prevent ovulation and thicken cervical mucus.

The patch has the same benefits and possible complications as the oral birth control.

Along with preventing preg-

nancy effectively, the patch can lower the pain of menstruation as well as keep the menstrual cycle regular. On the other hand, the patch also has negative aspects such as weight gain, nausea and breast tenderness. In addition, the manufacturers recommend that no one over 190 pounds uses the patch, due to safety reasons.

The same steps to get the pill are required to get the patch. First, one must have a record of a recent (within a year) gynecol-

ogical exam. If a woman has not had one, she must schedule an appointment before she can receive birth control of any sort.

Doctors recommend that every woman get an exam every year. The Women's Clinic offers seven to eight appointments for annual female exams every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which need to be booked in advance.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Health Services at 898-2988. ♦

## Butler: Confident in student interaction

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Tennessee Boulevard, increasing the number of police call boxes and improving campus lighting.

Butler wants to see Raider funds work off campus and in the community at places like laundry mats and restaurants. She also wants to rename Tennessee Boulevard to Middle Tennessee Boulevard and place a billboard on Interstate 24 welcoming motorists to the MTSU campus.

Butler also hopes to increase student involvement in all aspects of campus, including participation in SGA elections.

"I want to see student relations improved with the Student Government

Association," Butler said. "I want to get the word out and work more hand-in-hand with the students to let them know that we are their voice and they can come to use for their voice to be heard."

To increase student voting, Butler suggests adding voter boxes out on campus, thus increasing voting outlets for students unable to use PipeLine MT.

Along with promoting student involvement, Butler is confident about her relationship with MTSU administration, noting recent interactions have been beneficial.

"They are always willing to hear our voice and always willing to work with us," Butler

said. "We've never been turned down for anything. So, I think we already have a positive relationship with them and I really don't see any changes needed in that aspect."

Butler said she feels parking and the next proposed budget are some of the most important issues being addressed by current SGA president Brandon Robbins.

She suggests improving Raider Xpress to help deal with the parking situation by listing time of arrival and departure at bus stops.

Butler officially begins her term as SGA president May 1 and will remain in office one year. ♦

## Hooligans: Graduate student aids research

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"Why has it become accepted behavior to rush the arena after they have won a basketball game or rush the stadium after they have won a football game?" Jubenville asked. "That is part of American hooliganism in my opinion."

There have been advances in technology to help prevent hooliganism, such as the closed-circuit television cameras, the

photophone and the hoolivan.

Jubenville and Stuart Currie of the College of Education and Behavioral Science have co-authored two articles on hooliganism with Benjamin Goss of Clemson University and Jon MacBeth, professor of physical education at MTSU, which has been presented to the International Association of Assembly Managers.

Their most recent article, "Defending Without Offending:

Balancing Facility Security With ADA Accessibility," is scheduled to be released some time this month.

This line of research started for Jubenville around three years ago when he had an interest in facility security. His graduate student, Currie, then presented on hooliganism in Great Britain.

"It really opened my eyes to the phenomenon of hooliganism," Jubenville said. ♦

## Honors: Memory has cultural meaning

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Washington, D.C., and even the Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the capitol in Nashville.

"Through the film industry and television, it seems a lot of people know a lot about, or at least have a notion of the Holocaust," Hedgepeth said.

She mentioned two popular films about the Holocaust, *Schindler's List*, which came out in 1993, and *The Pianist*, the 2003 Oscar-nominated film by director Roman Polanski.

For European countries, such as Germany and Poland, memorializing and remembering the Holocaust have a greater meaning for their cultures.

After a recent visit to Germany, Hedgepeth remarked, "To me, Germany is one big cemetery."

In 2000, Germany began work on a national Holocaust memorial amid heated debates over the appropriate way to commemorate the tragedy of almost 60 years ago.

"There has been a discussion

about whether we need a huge memorial when the country is a memorial itself," Hedgepeth said.

Hedgepeth said that in Austria, young men who would otherwise be drafted into the national army now have the choice of working in the nation's Holocaust museums or volunteering as hospital aides for Holocaust survivors.

After a visit to Cracow, Poland, a country whose Jewish population dropped from 3 million to 50,000 after the war, Hedgepeth was surprised at the way the city chose to remember its loss.

She explained that the city created dozens of Jewish-styled cafes and restaurants where they served traditional Jewish meals and sang Jewish songs.

However, the Jewish population was so small in Cracow, the synagogue barely had enough

people to have a service.

"It's a revival of Jewish culture without Jews in Poland," Hedgepeth said.

Many cultures use images and memories of the Holocaust as political messages.

Hedgepeth showed pictures of Palestinian protesters with signs comparing Israeli Prime Minister to Adolf Hitler.

Hedgepeth also displayed a picture from the recent "Books Not Bombs" rally at MTSU in which a protesting student held a sign that read, "Look what happened when we waited for Hitler. Hitler [equals] Saddam."

"The ritual of loss – in many contexts, it could be private, it could be political, it could be state – instituted – of the Holocaust still seems to resonant in the 21st century," Hedgepeth said. ♦

## Crime Log

March 1 – 12:34 a.m.

Driving under the influence  
Blue Raider Drive

Adam Kenneth Goodman of Murfreesboro was arrested and charged with DUI, first offense.

March 1 – 4:59 a.m.

Underage consumption  
Greek Row

Tchezaray W. Major of Pulaski, Tenn., was arrested and cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

March 1 – 3:52 p.m.

Theft  
South library parking lot

A car jack was stolen.

March 2 – 9:52 a.m.

Vandalism  
Peck Hall

Two vending machines had their glass windows destroyed. Some products were stolen.

March 4 – 3:59 a.m.

Underage consumption  
Tennessee Livestock Center

Alexander S. Nall of

Franklin, Tenn., was arrested for underage consumption and public intoxication.

March 5 – 7:55 p.m.

Theft from automobile  
Greenland Drive parking lot C

License plates were stolen off a car while the owner, a student, was in class.

March 5 – 11:05 p.m.

Theft  
Recreation Center

A student ID was stolen.

March 6 – 11:27 p.m.

Underage consumption  
Greek Row

Adam Parker of Rockvale, Tenn., was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

March 7 – 12:59 a.m.

Drug abuse / possession  
(Sale/Delivery: Marijuana)

Julie P. Bugg of 410 Esles Street, Murfreesboro, was arrested and charged with the following: felony possession of marijuana, driving under the influence, driving on a sus-

pended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of the Implied Consent Law and violation of the Open Container Law

March 7 – 11:59 a.m.

Vandalism  
Greenland Drive parking lot A

A car was keyed.

March 8 – 7:30 p.m.

Trespass warning  
Peck Hall

Trespassing skateboarders were escorted from campus.

March 9 – 3:27 a.m.

Driving under influence  
Greenland Drive

Ulises Diaz of Murfreesboro was arrested for DUI, first offense. ♦

These incidents were compiled from Public Safety's media log.

To report a crime or emergency, call 898-2424. To report tips related to a crime, contact Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP.

## Suspects: Cameras provide good visual



Photo provided

Police obtained this photo from a Cummings Hall surveillance camera. The woman pictured allegedly participated in an attempted rape and burglary.

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Burdette said.

"That's part of [a desk assistant's] job – to stop people of the opposite sex" from getting on the inappropriate elevator, he said.

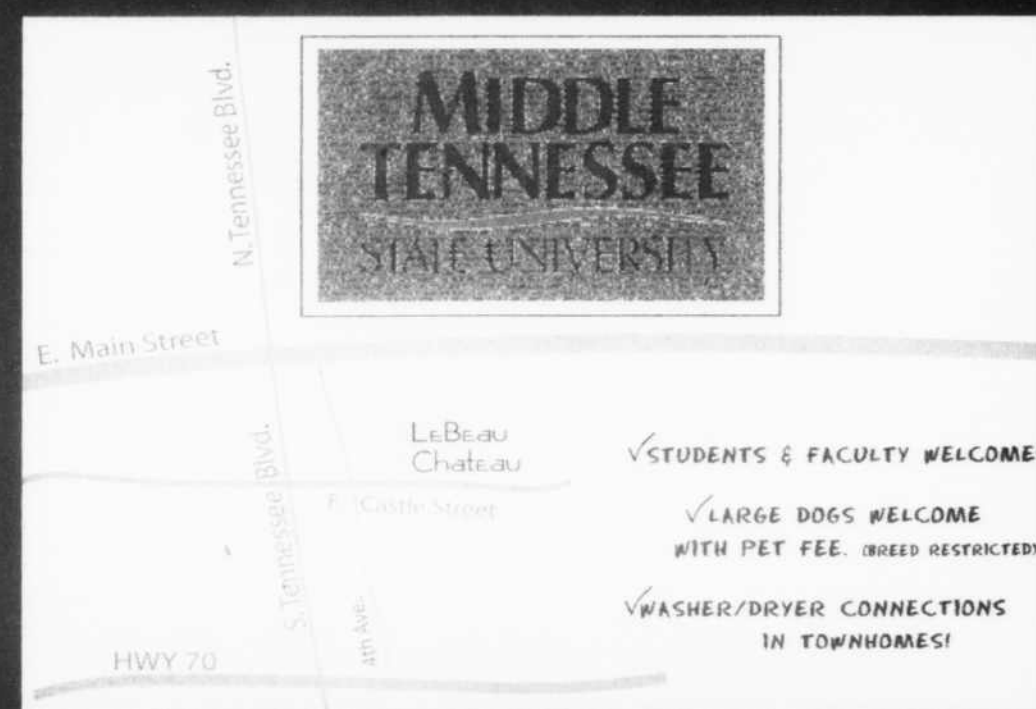
"It's an isolated incident," Burdette said. "We don't condone it."

Elevator surveillance cameras have provided police with a general idea of what the suspects look like, but Foster said it is difficult to estimate how tall each woman is.

Both incidents are considered felonies – one count of attempted rape and another of aggravated burglary.

Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 for clues leading to an arrest for each of the incidents. ♦

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# WORLD BRIEFS

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## U.S. advises weapons inspectors to leave Iraq

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — In the clearest sign yet that war with Iraq is imminent, the United States has advised U.N. weapons inspectors to begin pulling out of Baghdad, the U.N. nuclear agency chief said Monday.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the advice was given late Sunday night both to his Vienna-based nuclear agency hunting for atomic weaponry and to the New York-based teams looking for biological and chemical weapons.

"Late last night ... I was advised by the U.S. government to pull out our inspectors from Baghdad," ElBaradei told the IAEA's board of governors Monday. He said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Security Council were informed and that the council would take up the issue later Monday.

U.N. officials have said the roughly 60 inspectors and support staff in Iraq could be evacuated in as little as 48 hours.

No one has yet given the order for the inspectors and support staff to begin pulling out. In fact, chief inspector Hans Blix said he planned to present a plan to the Security Council on Tuesday that would extend the inspections regime by several months.

Blix, asked by reporters at the United Nations whether inspectors would continue their work on Monday, said: "Yes — unless we call them back."

## Mitchell says he considers Elizabeth Smart his wife

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The self-proclaimed prophet accused of abducting Elizabeth Smart told his attorney he considers the girl his wife and wants the 15-year-old to be renamed "Remnant Who Will Return."

"He wanted me to tell the world that she is his wife, and he still loves her and knows that she still loves him, that no harm came to her during their relationship and the adventure that went on," attorney Larry Long said in an interview aired late Sunday on Salt Lake City's KUTV.

Long, who said he had agreed earlier Sunday to become Brian David Mitchell's attorney, was speaking for his client for the first time.

Long said Mitchell — whom he referred to as "the perpetrator" — would consider the girl's nine-month disappearance a "call from God," not a kidnapping.

Smart, who was snatched from her bedroom June 5, was found Wednesday with Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, in Sandy, Utah, when they were stopped by police. Mitchell and Barzee remained in jail awaiting charges expected to be filed Monday.

## Experts suspect virus is cause of Asian illness

Health experts searching for the cause of a frightening outbreak of a deadly flu-like illness in Asia say the culprit is probably a virus, and they are encouraged that some victims appear to be getting better.

More than 150 people have fallen ill, mostly in Hong Kong and Vietnam, over the past three weeks. And experts suspect that another 300 people in China's Guangdong province have the same disease beginning in mid-November.

While experts are unsure precisely what is causing the outbreak, several say their biggest fear is that it is a new and lethal form of influenza.

So far, the disease has killed nine people. Its rapid spread, and the discovery of two clusters in Canada, caused a rare worldwide health alert to be issued on Saturday.

Health officials in China said Monday that the disease that infected about 300 people and killed five in Guangdong province "seems amenable to treatment," although they stressed there is still no link to cases in other countries.

## FBI has identified cases possibly affected by flaws

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than six years after the FBI crime laboratory was rocked by controversy, the Justice Department has identified about 3,000 criminal cases that could have been affected by flawed science and skewed testimony.

It is letting prosecutors decide whether to tell defendants about the problems.

Government officials told The Associated Press they are aware of between 100 and 150 cases in which prosecutors have alerted defendants of problems they concluded were material to verdicts. None has resulted in overturned convictions, they said.

One of those cases already has reached the Florida Supreme Court, which ruled earlier this month that convicted murderer George Trepan was not entitled to a new trial despite evidence the FBI's chief toxicology chemist gave inaccurate testimony.

The identification of cases and prosecutorial reviews are the final stages of a scandal that shook the FBI during the mid-1990s when a senior chemist at the famed crime lab went public with allegations of shoddy work, tainted evidence and skewed testimony.

A Justice Department internal investigation conducted in 1997 that 13 lab technicians made scientific errors in cases or slanted testimony to help prosecutors. Several were reprimanded, but none was fired or prosecuted.

## Nine Palestinians, including 4-year-old killed in raids

NUSSEIRAT REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops firing from tanks and helicopters battled dozens of Palestinian gunmen in a four-hour raid in this crowded shantytown Monday. Seven Palestinians, including a 4-year-old girl, were killed in intense fighting.

Israel seized parts of the town of Beit Lahya in northern Gaza. Two Palestinian policemen manning a checkpoint were killed, and about 700 teenage boys and men were taken for questioning to the town square, witnesses said.

The fighting came hours after an Israeli army bulldozer killed U.S. citizen Rachel Corrie while demolishing a home under construction near the Gaza-Egypt border. The army said the driver couldn't see Corrie because the windows in the bulldozer are small.

## Al-Qaida suspect gives leads to interrogators

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — An al-Qaida suspect nabbed during a recent raid in the eastern city of Lahore has started cooperating and is "giving some leads" to his Pakistani and American interrogators, a security official said Monday.

Yassir al-Jaziri, allegedly in charge of communications for Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, was arrested on Saturday. Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed disclosed on Monday that a man believed to be al-Jaziri's brother-in-law is also in custody.

A third man, an Afghan national named Gul Zeb, was arrested with al-Jaziri, but was regarded as less important.

## American protester killed by Israeli bulldozer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An American college student in Gaza to protest Israel operations was run over by a bulldozer while trying to block troops from demolishing a Palestinian home.

At least one Palestinian also was killed.

The killing of the student by the Israeli — the first of a foreign activist in 29 months of fighting — came as Israelis and Palestinians wrangled over the terms of a U.S.-backed plan to end the violence and establish a Palestinian state.

Rachel Corrie, 23, of Olympia, Wash., had been with U.S. and British demonstrators in the Rafah refugee camp trying to stop demolitions. She died in the hospital, said Dr. Ali Moussa, a hospital administrator.

"This is a regrettable accident," said Capt. Jacob Dallal, an army spokesman. "We are dealing with a group of protesters who were acting very irresponsibly, putting everyone in danger."

The army said soldiers were looking for explosives and tunnels used to smuggle weapons.

## Saddam warns Iraq will take war anywhere

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein warned Sunday that if Iraq is attacked, it will take the war anywhere in the world "wherever there is sky, land or water." President Bush gave the United Nations one more day to find a diplomatic solution to the standoff.

Amid fears that war is imminent, U.N. weapons inspectors flew most of their helicopters out of Iraq; Germany advised its citizens to leave the country

immediately and said it would shut down its embassy in Baghdad.

Residents of the Iraqi capital lined up for gasoline and snapped up canned food and bottled water. People mobbed pharmacies to buy antibiotics and tranquilizers. Workers sandbagged fighting positions outside government buildings.

## Gunplay reviving image of New York as battleground

NEW YORK (AP) — The bul-

lets seemed to be flying everywhere: In a string of store clerk slayings in Queens and Brooklyn, at a melee in a crowded Times Square arcade, during a police sting on the streets of the city's most sedate borough, Staten Island.

Those shootings alone killed six people this month, including two undercover detectives, reviving menacing images of the Big Apple as an urban battleground.

"Sometimes we have a couple of fights, but nothing like

this," said Omar Leger, a security guard for the Times Square arcade's nightclub, where eight people were shot a week ago.

The violence has been a startling departure from the city's long, steady decline in crime.

The latest crime statistics show 43 people were shot in the city in the first week of March, compared with 25 in the same period last year.

Venezuela rationing water due to drought, forest fires. ♦

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### What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a synthetic hormone, chemically similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

### How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breastfeeding and if exclusively breastfeeding. **ONLY** at the end of 3 months (13 weeks) for long-term, injectable contraceptives when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective when used as directed. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your healthcare provider will help you complete DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who get pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.1	0.2
Injectable (thru needle)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Condoms	0.5	-
Progestin-only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Injectable	20	-
Condom T, USA	0.8	-
Condom (with spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	2	12
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Rhythm (abstinence)	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	9	18
used after childbirth	6	16
No method	85	85

Source: Trussard et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1997;90:558-567.

### Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

Birth control you think about just 4 x a year.

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (thrombosis) in your legs, lungs, or other parts of your body
- if you have problems with your liver
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA or any of its ingredients

### What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before you start using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection. It is important to tell your healthcare provider if you have any of the following conditions:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram result or a breast lump
- bleeding from your vagina
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of alcoholism
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter drugs

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

### What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after you stop using it for its effect to wear off. Based on the results of a large study done in the United States, it may take about 9 months after you stop using DEPO-PROVERA to become pregnant. It may take about 12 months for about half of those who become pregnant after you stop using DEPO-PROVERA to become pregnant. About 2% of those who become pregnant after you stop using DEPO-PROVERA become pregnant within 3 months (13 weeks) after you stop using it.

### What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a change in their menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding or spotting, or no bleeding at all. Usually heavy or continuous bleeding (menstruation) is not a side effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if this happens, you should see your healthcare provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 15% of the women reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use and 40% of the women reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason for this amenorrhea is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your lining. When you start using it again, the lining starts to grow again. The lining of your uterus does not become as thick as the lining that comes with your normal menstrual cycle, so you have fewer periods. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your normal period will usually return to normal in 1 to 3 months.

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of calcium stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone loss. However, the amount of bone loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use and also tends to be less in women with a normal rate of age-related bone loss.

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or testis. However, women under 35 years of age who used DEPO-PROVERA to prevent pregnancy had a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss the with your healthcare provider.

**Unplanned Pregnancy:** DEPO-PROVERA is an effective contraceptive method, but the risk of unplanned pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly every 3 months (13 weeks) is very low.

While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal death (birth or other health problems in infants) compared to the birth of children born to women who are not using DEPO-PROVERA, you should discuss this with your healthcare provider as soon as possible.

**Side Effects:** Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe, but potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

**Other risks:** Women who use hormone-based birth control may have an increased risk of blood clots, stroke, heart disease, and a small increase in the risk of developing breast cancer. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing liver problems, including liver tumors. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing gallbladder disease. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing high blood pressure. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing depression. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing osteoporosis. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing diabetes. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing thyroid disease. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing autoimmune disease. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing cancer. Women who use hormone-based birth control may also have an increased risk of developing other health problems.

### What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection may experience the following symptoms, which may be a sign of a problem. If you experience any of the following symptoms, you should see your healthcare provider right away:

- any time you experience any of the following symptoms: severe abdominal pain, severe headache, severe dizziness, severe nausea, severe vomiting, severe diarrhea, severe constipation, severe bloating, severe swelling, severe weight gain, severe changes in your menstrual cycle, severe changes in your skin, severe changes in your hair, severe changes in your voice, severe changes in your mood, severe changes in your behavior, severe changes in your appearance, severe changes in your personality, severe changes in your interests, severe changes in your values, severe changes in your beliefs, severe changes in your attitudes, severe changes in your opinions, severe changes in your actions, severe changes in your thoughts, severe changes in your feelings, severe changes in your desires, severe changes in your needs, severe changes in your wants, severe changes in your goals, severe changes in your dreams, severe changes in your hopes, severe changes in your fears, severe changes in your 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From the Editorial Board

## Health Services on birth control ball

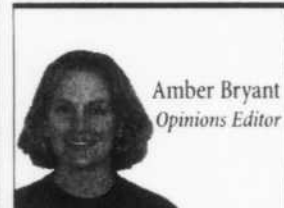
If you like to have sex but hate remembering to pop a pill every day, you just might be in luck. Student Health Services has officially signed a contract with the maker of the birth control patch, Ortho, allowing them to sell it to students for \$20 instead of a wallet-draining \$35 to \$40, which was the price until recently.

The patch is a small piece of adhesive plastic applied to a different spot on a woman's body each week, excluding menstruation, and virtually eliminates the need for 800 Post-It notes stuck on various pieces of furniture reminding you to take your pill. For many women, the patch is a much better birth control option than the pill (see page 1 for story).

We continue to be impressed with the progressive attitude towards sexuality, especially that of females, displayed by Health Services the past few years, and this gesture is just another step forward. They continue to add necessary services to their medical menu, including establishing a women's clinic to provide regular gynecological exams to female students and the Depo-Provera injection, one of many birth control options they offer. They prove that, even though we live in the land of ancient ways of thinking, at least one administration recognizes that, for many college students, sex is a regular practice.

Since we at *Sidelines* would never encourage any of our readers to act irresponsibly, make sure to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases, as well as unwanted pregnancy. Health Services usually distributes free condoms and, if they happen to be out because of a particularly raucous shindig, you can always shimmy on down to the local drugstore. Regardless of where and how you obtain contraception, at least you'll know that safer sex is available and encouraged on our campus. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor Behavior of women regressive, inhibiting



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Opinions Editor

Not only did Spring Break provide me with the rest and solace I needed to complete the semester, but it destroyed the last clinging sinew of my reverence for humanity as well.

I was fortunate enough to participate in a road trip with a party of previously unknown fellow students, two of them females. The mini-vacation was perfectly mediocre, until I brought up my favorite topic of conversation, feminism, over dinner. Because I'm used to being the passionate soapbox orator in any group of people and launching into scholarly debate with one person at a time, it was easy to dismiss the predominant silence as thoughtful contemplation on the part of my female companions. However, one of the young women at the table later commented that she didn't like feminists – behind my back, of course.

Her catty comment brought back such a feeling of high school nostalgia that I had to mentally struggle to remem-

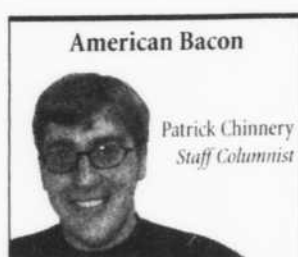
ber we were adults.

How any women could profess dislike toward feminism is beyond me. Is the problem a gross misunderstanding of what, exactly, feminism stands for? Have angry women who refuse to let men hold doors open for them set a feminist stereotype in stone? Just like racial and social equality, feminism must not be unrealistic, nor as the bitter venture of women seeking revenge on men.

If women think female oppression is no longer a problem, we have serious trouble ahead. In a country where one in every six women is raped in her lifetime, reported rapes are only 50.8 percent likely to result in an arrest, a female has never been elected to the presidency in the more than 200 years it has been in existence, our current president wants to nix female reproductive rights and women cannot walk alone on our very own campus, indifference or, heck, blatant dislike of feminism is only a huge step backward.

Women are entitled to an equality we're nowhere near possessing. For your own sake, stop pretending the status of women is where it should be. ♦

## Color code provides little credibility



American Bacon

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Changes are being considered for the Bush administration's color warning system. No, sadly, the ridiculous scheme isn't being scrapped. The proposal is to add a new sub-level to level orange. While Washington bigwigs ponder the consequences and repercussions such a move might have, the average American citizen wonders, "So what?"

Many people scoffed at the color code when it was introduced last year, and rightfully so. We aren't all kindergartners; we don't need colors to help us understand danger and threats. A simple "We have reason to believe that an

attack is coming" would do.

When Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge or Attorney General John Ashcroft (who actually makes the decision to raise and lower the level) would announce that the threat level was increasing or decreasing, his message was lost because citizens wondered why he had a painter's palette behind him.

Apparently, the Homeland Security Department was going for the "rainbows will protect us from terrorism" motif. The only way the scheme could be taken less seriously would be if *Sesame Street* characters used the same prop to teach preschoolers their colors.

I digress. The new sub-level debate is stirring up the usual fuss in Washington – many sources saying that a change is coming, a

spokesperson for the department denying any change is being considered, advisers wondering what the effect will be on the economy. Meanwhile, no one else cares.

As well they shouldn't. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on this code, money that could have gone to a worthwhile cause. We never found bin Laden, Hussein is still in power, North Korea threatens North America with nuclear weapons and the economy is mucking about in the dredges.

For a rational person, the code is impossible to take seriously because, when the level is changed, nothing other than a general explanation is given. How threatening is "an increase in chatter that could be linked to al Qaeda," as was cited when the alert was raised Sept. 12, 2002? Or, because

"public buildings [faced] an increased threat" when it was raised just last month?

If no credible reason for the change is provided, why should the American public believe that the new level is anything more than an attempt to manipulate the nation's fears? Granted, there are some threats the government needs to keep secret until they are neutralized. But why tell the public just enough to spook them and not enough to make them feel the government is taking action?

Even more disconcerting are the constant sound bites from the White House, urging Americans to live their lives normally but be ready for the next terrorist attack, wherever it may come from. That advice has come from the Bush administration on an almost monthly basis, so often that the average citi-

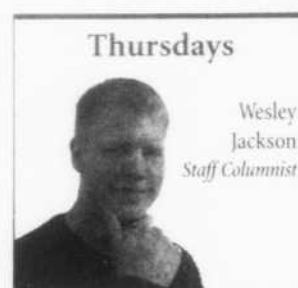
zen no longer pays attention. There is no one to blame for this lackadaisical attitude other than the source of the doublespeak.

At a conference Thursday, Washington, D.C., police officials seemed to have the right attitude. When asked about the change to the code, they said changes would be not a law enforcement matter but a political decision. Their operations would remain unchanged.

That sounds like a plan every American should follow. Until the government chooses to ditch the childish color code and provide real information, warnings issued have little credibility and do not deserve to be taken seriously. ♦

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## Avoiding 'Me Too' syndrome



Thursdays

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Staff Columnist

Spring Break is over. I hope we all had a wonderfully relaxing holiday as we traveled, rested, and, just maybe, found a little love.

For those of us that weren't successful in finding the loves of our lives over the break, here's a pointer as we continue to search.

A common pitfall for those seeking romance is what I call the "Me Too Syndrome." The cause seems to be the belief that relationships are built solely on the things held in common between two individuals.

I saw a great example of this "condition" in a local church of all places.

Sitting quietly in my seat waiting for the service to begin, I saw a guy plop down in the chair next to a girl sitting in front of me. He started a conversation with the young woman.

"Hi!" he shouted with eagerness. The girl quietly returned the greeting.

"I'm John!" he declared as he thrust his hand forward, waiting for a friendly shake. The girl shook his hand and replied with her name.

Then John decided to start a game of Twenty-Questions-With-Obvious-Answers.

"So," he began, "are you a Christian?"

I guess he was just being cautious.

Never can be too sure how many Satanists are infiltrating our churches and attending Sunday morning worship services these days.

And to his relief she responded that she was a Christian.

To which he exploded, "Whoa! Me too!"

Him too? What a surprise. In church of all places.

John continued with, "So, are you from the Middle Tennessee area?"

She said that she was, to which he exclaimed, "Whoa! Me too!"

What a coincidence. I mean, really, what are the chances of two people of the opposite sex from Middle Tennessee actually meeting in Middle Tennessee?

This must have been the hand of fate. It must have been a sign.

The guy finally asked, "So are you a member at this church or just visiting?"

She said she was only visiting, which provoked yet another convulsion of ecstasy from Prince Charming.

"Wow! Me too!"

The way this guy reacted you would've thought he had found his long lost mate.

That about half the people in the auditorium at the time, given his criteria, could've been his soul mate as well didn't seem to have occurred to him.

But that didn't matter. He had found someone with whom he shared at least three things.

Didn't that merit the chance for him to ask her out for a night on the town?

Whatever he might have thought, he didn't get one.

This is the "Me-Too Syndrome."

Those suffering from such a disorder think if they can find enough things in common with a member of the opposite sex, it qualifies them for a

date, perhaps for lifelong romance.

They seem to think commonalities are the primary glue for relationships.

I'll be the first one to advocate the desirability of friendship-lovers, those who are true friends before they become a couple. Friendship implies common interests. But love, and especially life-long love, is ultimately based on an unchanging commitment.

This means the love is there even when common interest and "Whoa! Me too!" aren't.

Remember your "best friends" from sixth grade that, years later, you've no idea why you were "best friends" with them? You went to the same school, hated the same teacher, liked the same foods, but that was about as deep as it went.

When the circumstances changed, so did the relationship.

But there are some relationships that only grew stronger with life's changing seasons.

I can think of a few older, married couples I know, whose relationships are like this.

It's amazing to see these people, totally opposite from each other, who can't live life without their spouse.

They fell in love with a person rather than a personified result of a 20 Questions, demographic survey report.

These folks were looking for a real relationship, not just a "Me too!"

That's always the first step for overcoming any romantic disorder. ♦

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

*Sidelines'*  
occasional  
watch for  
mutton-heads.

By Patrick Chinnery  
Staff Columnist



This week brings us a very special "What a Schmuck." This one is personal.

My friends and I took a trip this weekend to Georgia for the opening weekend of Six Flags. After a long day of riding coasters and eating overpriced, lukewarm, processed barbecue sandwiches, we decided to relax by walking around downtown Atlanta. It was there that we met the "preacher."

A block over from International Boulevard, the six of us were approached by a well-dressed man with a beret and wire-rimmed glasses.

He claimed to be the assistant pastor from the 16th Street Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., the church bombed in 1963 by evil white men who didn't think that blacks deserved equal rights.

The preacher man said he was in town with 43 children from the church to see the *Lion King* musical. He claimed his van was broken down just off the interstate, and they were \$43 dollars too short to hire a tow truck. First, the man asked if any of us had an AAA membership, and when we said we didn't have one that could get a van towed, he asked us to lend him the amount they were short, "to help the children and God."

We have to admit, this schmuck was good.

He knew his history about the church, and a little investigation revealed that, yes, the *Lion King* was playing in Atlanta last weekend. He was polite, friendly and loved shaking hands and giving hugs – all the traits one would expect from a preacher in need.

Once we found an ATM, one of us gave him \$20, another gave \$24 and one more gave \$3 (he needed another \$4 for tax, after all). We wrote down one of our cell phone numbers, and he read it back to us to make sure he could read the writing. We were told to expect a call that night, once the head pastor arrived in town with more money.

There was never a call.

We fell for one of the oldest swindles in the book. He knew exactly what he was doing, and the most effective lines – it was for children, it was for God, the racist police weren't willing to help, etc.

We left the city as suckers, but suckers willing to do the right thing.

We would encourage the preacher to read his Bible, Proverbs 19:5: "The false witness will not go unpunished, and he who utters lies will not escape." ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Kentucky and IUPUI to play in NCAA tourney

### Staff Reports

The University of Kentucky and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis are set to play in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Nashville tomorrow.

The Kentucky Wildcats (29-3, 16-0 SEC) are coming off a 64-57 win over Mississippi State University in the Southeastern Conference Tournament. Mississippi State was winning the game 31-30 at halftime, but Kentucky rallied in the second half to win the game. UK guard Keith Bogans led the team with 28 points during the game.

During the 2003 season, the Kentucky Wildcats averaged a winning margin of 20 points per game. The Wildcats never lost a SEC game, even when trailing Vanderbilt University by 14 at halftime during a match on Feb. 4.

IUPUI (20-13, 10-4 Mid-Atlantic) edged out the competition in the Mid-Atlantic Conference with a 66-64 win over

Valparaiso University. The game was won by a last-second jump shot by guard Matt Crenshaw. This season marks the fifth season in Division I-A for IUPUI.

Their game marks the first match of the NCAA basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. Other games being played in town for the tournament are the Midwest's No. 8 Oregon versus No. 9 Utah and the South's No. 6 Maryland versus No. 11 University of North Carolina. Also in Nashville is Xavier versus Troy State.

Middle Tennessee played against IUPUI on Dec. 7 in the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. Blue Raider William Phippen earned 18 points and 10 rebounds in the 64-60 romp on IUPUI.

Tickets are still available for first round games. All games in Nashville will be played in the Gaylord Entertainment Center tomorrow and Sunday. For more information, call Ticket Info at (615) 770-2040. ♦



## Blue Raiders earn mixed results over break



File Photo

The Blue Raider baseball team upped its record to 6-9 after a five-game home stand last week.

By David Hunter  
Senior Staff Reporter

Over Spring Break, the Middle Tennessee baseball team started out of the gate very good at times and very bad at others to complete the five-game home stand (2-3) to make its record (6-9) on the season.

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Blue Raiders began the home stand in dramatic fashion by breaking a 4-4 tie in the bottom of eighth by a two-run shot by Marcus Taylor, and a home run by Brett Carroll to take home the 7-4 victory over Samford. The win broke the four game losing streak for the Blue Raiders.

"We really needed this win," MT third baseman

Carroll said.

However, MT lost Nate Jagers for one to three weeks in the fifth inning with an ankle injury after trying to break up a double play. Jagers led the Blue Raiders in batting with a .452 average. Carroll also a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth.

Earlier in the contest, MT jumped out to a 4-1 lead after five innings. However, in the sixth inning Samford's Heath Owen knocked MT's starting pitcher B.J. Church out of the game with a two-run homer to cut the lead to 4-3. Samford tied the score in the fourth with a double by Justin Klinger that brought home Kip Snowden. Chase Swing came in and after giving up the tying run. Swing shut out Samford the rest of the way to pick up the victory.

The following day, Stamford started the game by scoring 10 runs in the first four innings to blow out the Blue Raiders 14-6. The lone bright spot for the Raiders was Carroll, who hit his third home run in two days in the sixth inning.

MT's Steven Kines, who had his first start of the season, gave up six runs on seven hits in only 1.2 innings of work. Samford's Karl Zuck picked up the victory to better the Bulldogs record to 5-7.

The Blue Raiders were back in action with a weekend series against Purdue University. Friday's contest began the same way Wednesday did, with the visiting team jumping out to a huge margin early, and giving the Blue Raiders no chance to

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## Oklahoma Sooners to take NCAA tournament

### Sports commentary



David Hunter  
Senior Staff Reporter

Unlike most tournaments in the past, this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament has no clear choice to walk home as the champion in New Orleans on April 7. However, there are some teams that are a step above everyone else in the tournament.

While most people are picking the Midwest No. 1 seed, the Kentucky Wildcats, to win it all, I am going a different route and picking the No. 1 seed out of the East, the Oklahoma Sooners, to defeat the Wildcats in the championship game. Oklahoma's Hollis Price is most likely the best player in the nation and a true leader for the Sooners.

Some fans are upset because the top two teams in the nation were put in the same bracket. This would prevent a finals matchup between Kentucky and No. 1 seed in the West, Arizona. Instead, they would meet in the semifinals. However, Arizona will not even make it to the Final Four because the toughest region in this year's tournament is the West.

The West Region is loaded with teams regarded as some of the top programs in the nation, with No. 3 seed Duke and No. 2 seed Kansas. Also, two teams from the so-called mid-major conferences are also in this bracket. No. 9 seed Gonzaga and No. 6 seed Creighton look to continue to break the stereotype that mid-major teams cannot advance far into the tournament.

My pick to come out of the regional is the Jayhawks to upset the Wildcats in the regional final.

That pick is not even the surprise team that will make the trip to the Big Easy for the Final Four. As with every year some team that is given no chance at all to advance to the Final Four makes the trip. Last season, it was the Indiana Hoosiers who made it to the national championship game with a No. 5 seed. This year that team will come out of the South Regional with No. 3 seed Xavier beating T.J. Ford and the rest of the No. 1 Texas Longhorns in the regional final.

The surprise team of this year's tournament will be the No. 10 seed Colorado Buffaloes. I have them taking care of the No. 2 seed Florida Gators in the second round of the South, then getting knocked out by Xavier in the Sweet 16.

I just hope by the end of the tournament that either I will be a genius or a complete idiot who does not know what the hell I am doing. However, that is what makes this tournament so exciting, because anything could happen.

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## Memphis unhappy with No. 7 seed, Vols hurt

### Associated Press

Memphis' first NCAA tournament berth since 1996 left coach John Calipari trying to figure out how his 16th-ranked Tigers fell to a No. 7 seed Sunday, while the Tennessee Volunteers had to settle for an NIT bid.

The state of Tennessee wound up with three teams in the NCAA tournament field with Austin Peay and East Tennessee State joining Memphis, a big improvement over last year when the Volunteer State was shut out.

But not many coaches or players were happy with what the selection committee decided.

"I can't explain how we ended up seeded where we were," Calipari said. "You don't try to. At least it was a better seed than last year."

Memphis (23-6) was seeded seventh in the West Region and will play No. 10 Arizona State (19-11) in Oklahoma City on Thursday. The Tigers went to the NIT the past two seasons and won that tournament last year with standout Dajuan Wagner.

The Tigers were ranked No. 16 this week and won 12 straight games before losing to Louisville in the Conference USA tournament semifinals on Friday.

Tigers point guard Antonio Burks said he was told by Calipari that they would earn no less than a No. 6 seed.

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## Vanderbilt seniors want to leave final touch

By Teresa M. Walker  
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The videotape reeled off the highlights and quiet moments of arguably the most successful duo ever at Vanderbilt. Fans stopped in their tracks to catch the touching sequence.

But not Chantelle Anderson and Ashley McElhiney.

Anderson, who is 34 points short of breaking Vanderbilt's career scoring record for women and men, and McElhiney, the career assists leader, paid little attention to the giant screen on the floor where they created so many memories.

They want to leave their final mark on Vanderbilt with their final NCAA tournament.

"Once you sit back and think about it, we've had an awesome career," McElhiney said Sunday. "We want a Final Four. We want a national championship, and that'd be a great thing to end by."

"Once you sit back and think about it, we've had an awesome career."

— Ashley McElhiney,  
Vanderbilt basketball player

A berth in the Final Four and a national title are about the only things missing from the resumes of the senior duo.

The Commodores are 96-39 since they arrived in 1999. They returned Vanderbilt to the rankings and won the 2002 Southeastern Conference tournament title.

This is their fourth straight NCAA berth, and they reached the elite eight in each of the past two seasons. This season they are seeded fourth in the East and play No. 13 Liberty in the first round Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

"It's an extremely high standard, and they have so much to do with that, and they deserve a

lot of credit for that," Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb said.

The two make a very unlikely pairing.

The 6-foot-6-inch Anderson was a highly recruited center out of Vancouver, Wash., a member of the Parade All-America team. But people wondered if she was too polite and soft to play in the physical SEC.

The 5-foot-6-inch McElhiney was Tennessee's top player out of Gleason High, but few besides then-Vandy coach Jim Foster thought she could play the point in the nation's toughest conference.

"We've both been proving

See Seniors, 8



# Sports Briefs

From Associated Press Reports

## Russian regains indoor pole vault record

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Svetlana Feofanova reclaimed the pole vault world record from Stacy Dragila by clearing 15 feet, 9 inches Sunday at the World Indoor Championships.

The Russian bettered the mark of 15 feet, 8 1/4 inches Dragila set at the U.S. Indoor Championships on March 2. Dragila - the Olympic champion and outdoor world record holder - failed to clear a height in Saturday's qualifying and did not make Sunday's final.

Dragila still holds the outdoor record of 15 feet, 9 1/4 inches. She raised the indoor record eight times before a foot injury kept her from jumping her best for most of last year.

## NCAA tournament teams picked, preparing for war

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kentucky, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma got the top spots in the NCAA Tournament on a Selection Sunday that offered very little controversy, from what teams got in to where they have to travel.

There were still questions about the effect a war would

have on the tournament.

NCAA officials were busy making contingency plans for security and possible postponements, but the event would not be cancelled, tournament managing director Greg Shaheen said.

CBS has said it might switch some games to ESPN if there is a war with Iraq. It could also shift the games to another of the networks owned by CBS' parent company, Viacom, such as MTV, UPN, BET or TNN.

## New Cavaliers' player to undergo knee surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers rookie Dajuan Wagner tore cartilage in his right knee and is expected to miss the rest of the season.

Wagner, Cleveland's No. 1 pick and the sixth overall selection in the 2002 draft, said he will have surgery on Tuesday.

## Leonard edges past Love, Campbell in golf classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Justin Leonard shot a five-under-par 67, broke the Honda Classic record with a 24-under 264 and beat Davis Love III and Chad Campbell by one stroke for his eighth career tour

victory on Sunday.

Leonard, paired in the final round with his close friend Love for the first time since the 1997 PGA Championship at Winged Foot, rallied from two strokes down over the final 13 holes to win \$900,000.

## Australian earns second LPGA career title

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Wendy Doolan overcame soggy conditions and the pursuit of more prominent players to shoot a five-under 65 and win the LPGA Tour's season opener by three strokes.

The 34-year-old Australian did what she had to do - bounce back from a bogey with a birdie on the next hole - to blunt charges by Grace Park and Betsy King to capture her second title, the Welch's-Fry's Championship.

## Fichardt nails three-foot putt to win Qatar Masters

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — South Africa's Darren Fichardt made a three-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat countryman James Kingston and win the Qatar Masters.

Fichardt and Kingston each shot a three-under 69 in the

final round and finished tied at a 13-under-par 275 after 72 holes at Doha Golf Club.

## Couple wins matching Pacific Open Life titles

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt and girlfriend Kim Clijsters have matching Pacific Life Open titles.

Top-ranked Hewitt beat a weary Gustavo Kuerten 6-1, 6-1 to defend his championship right after top-seeded Clijsters defeated Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 7-5 in the women's final Sunday.

## Honduran team ties with MLS champions in tourney

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Amado Guevara scored his second goal in the 85th minute as nine-time Honduran champion CD Motagua tied the MLS champion Los Angeles Galaxy 2-2 Sunday in the CONCACAF champions cup round of 16.

Carlos Ruiz scored in the 21st minute and Alexi Lalas in the 62nd for the Galaxy.

Guevara scored on a 28th-minute penalty kick after Los Angeles defender Tyrone Marshall was called for a hand ball in the penalty area.

## Freitas defends WBA, WBO titles against Ramirez

CHICAGO (AP) — Brazil's Acelino Freitas retained his WBA and WBO junior light-weight titles Saturday night, stopping Mexico's Juan Carlos Ramirez in the fourth round.

Referee Gino Rodriguez stopped the fight at 19 seconds of the fourth round after Freitas pinned Ramirez against the ropes and landed a series of punches that left the challenger defenseless.

## Skiier needs surgery on knee after collision

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Two-time Olympian Caroline Lalive had surgery to repair knee ligaments she tore in a crash earlier this month at a World Cup event.

Lalive had surgery last week in Vail, Colo., and is recovering at home, the U.S. ski team said Sunday.

Lalive was injured March 1 when she caught an edge with one of her skis as she approached the finish line in a World Cup downhill race near Innsbruck, Austria. Her skier flipped into the air as she went down, and one landed on her back.

## Players union warns NBA about drug's side effects

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA players' union sent a letter to members last month warning them about ephedra, the supplement linked to the death of Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler during spring training.

Ephedra is not currently banned by the NBA. Union director Billy Hunter sent a letter alerting players to the Bechler case and warning them to consult a doctor before taking anything containing ephedra, union spokesman Dan Wasserman said Sunday.

## Arabe Unido outplayed Columbus Crew in tourney

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Panama's Arabe Unido defeated Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew 2-1 Sunday in the first round of the CONCACAF regional champions soccer tournament.

Augusto Salinas scored in a penalty kick just seven minutes into the game, but the Crew, playing with only 10 men in the second half following an ejection, earned a score on a late shot by Edson Buddle at 59 minutes. ♦

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## Memphis: Alabama earns berth in tourney

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"It feels nice to just be in," Burks said. "You get a rush sitting there hearing your name called. Now we're just anxious to get back out there and play."

When the last team in the NCAA tournament was announced, a murmur went up among the Volunteers, who had assembled in a room at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville to watch the selection show.

The Vols (17-11) finished 9-7 in the Southeastern Conference, which coach Buzz Peterson thought earned them a berth.

Alabama, who went 7-9 in the SEC and also had a 17-11 record, got into the tournament despite losing to Vanderbilt in the opening round of the conference tournament in New Orleans.

Senior guard Jon Higgins was ruled academically ineligible for postseason play under an SEC rule that he had to pass at least six hours in the fall semes-

ter. Higgins was not with his teammates Sunday.

Senior Ron Slay, the SEC's player of the year, called the situation very frustrating, especially after being shown on national television as a bubble team.

"We can still roll without Higgins. You know, I guess they see otherwise," Slay said.

The Vols accepted a bid to the NIT on Sunday night and will host Georgetown (15-14) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"Hopefully we'll take this as motivation going into the NIT and try to come out with a win," Slay said.

No. 13 seed Austin Peay (23-7) will play No. 4 Louisville (24-6) on Friday in Birmingham. The Governors are in the tournament for the fifth time and first since 1996 and have won six straight games and 14 of their last 15.

Austin Peay coach Dave Loos got all he had hoped for with the seeding and the tournament site close enough for his fans to drive and be ready with their

"Let's go Peay" cheer.

At least Loos knows something about Louisville.

"I've seen them on TV several times," Loos said.

Second-seeded Wake Forest (24-6) might want to beware of East Tennessee (20-10) when they play Friday in Tampa.

This is the Buccaneers' fifth NCAA appearance but the first since 1992, when they beat Arizona 90-87 in the first round before losing to Michigan's Fab Five in the second round.

The Bucs are 2-6 all-time in the NCAA tournament, including a 1968 loss to Florida State. Coach Ed DeChellis said he'll use any history he can to motivate his players.

"It's extremely important to have your guys confident going into an NCAA tournament game. We'll use everything we can think of to keep their confidence level where it needs to be," DeChellis said. "In the same sense, we're playing a great basketball team. We're going to have to play extremely well." ♦

## Baseball: MT heads to Florida Saturday

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make a comeback in the 7-0 shutout.

Purdue began the game by scoring four runs in the first three innings. Purdue pitcher Mitch Pruemer froze the MT offense by only giving up two hits in seven innings.

"He was good, sharp, we're a slow starting team, but we never really got going good at all," MT head baseball coach Steve Peterson said.

Most of the PU offensive came from Chad Reeves, who drove in three runs and went 3-for-4 from the plate. MT's John Williams dropped to 0-2 by giving up four runs, three earned, on nine hits.

In the second game on

Saturday, the Blue Raiders returned the favor by scoring seven runs in the first four innings of the game in an 8-5 win. MT pitcher Steve Kline dominated the Boilermakers with a career-high eight strikeouts to improve his record to 2-1 on the season.

The Blue Raiders got home runs from Carroll, Jeff Beachum, and Troy Harp. Marcus Taylor got a hit in his sixth consecutive game. Scott Byrnes picked up the loss for PU to make his record (0-2) for the year.

It was another fast start in the rubber match of the three-game series that lead Purdue to a 14-3 blowout over MT on Sunday afternoon.

Purdue scored nine runs in the first three innings off MT starter Travis Horschel. Horschel got the loss for the Blue Raiders.

PU's Andy Rempel and Nick McIntyre both hit doubles off the wall, which scored two runners apiece as part of the scoring.

McIntyre added a towering shot in the fifth that found the MT practice football field as a landing spot.

In all, Purdue had 19 hits off of six pitchers. Chris Tonesuzzi got the victory for PU.

The next game for the Blue Raiders is against Florida International in Miami, Fla., on Saturday. The game begins at 6 p.m. ♦

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## Seniors: Anderson expected to go to WNBA

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people wrong, and it'd be great to end proving everyone wrong," Anderson said.

This hasn't been an easy season for either Anderson or McElhiney because of what happened last April. They had just finished their best year ever when Foster quit and left for Ohio State.

Replacing Foster turned into a circus when Tom Collen, now coaching at Louisville, was hired and then quit a day later over a resume flap. Balcomb finally filled the void in June.

Balcomb brought an uptempo offense with her, which was very different from Foster's methodical approach.

Anderson said Foster told her before he left she was in the best position because she would have to learn a new offense and adapt to new coaches before going to the WNBA this year.

Balcomb agrees.

"She was getting very comfortable at Vanderbilt and with Jim Foster. I personally don't think you grow unless you get out of your comfort zone," she said. "This is a huge growth spurt for her, and it came at a good time for her."

The Commodores suffered through plenty of criticism as they finished 0-2 in the SEC but finished by beating Louisiana State University in the regular season finale. Balcomb credited Anderson and McElhiney with easing the transition for everyone.

"They already knew their importance and knew it wasn't important to be right. It was important to get everybody on the same page so they could have a great season," Balcomb said.

Communication has never been a problem for Anderson and McElhiney. They quickly

meshed on the court and became the best of friends away from basketball with no topic off limits.

"We can yell at each other," McElhiney said. "We can laugh at each other. That's what basketball's about - having that relationship so you can get on each other and battle."

Anderson is expected to be a top draft pick for the WNBA and wants to work her way into broadcasting. McElhiney likely will try to play professionally as well before turning to coaching.

In the meantime - with each upcoming game possibly their last in college - McElhiney will keep adding to her record 663 assists and Anderson is closing in on Wendy Scholtens' record of 2,602 career points.

"We'll see how we finish as to whether it's bittersweet," Anderson said. ♦

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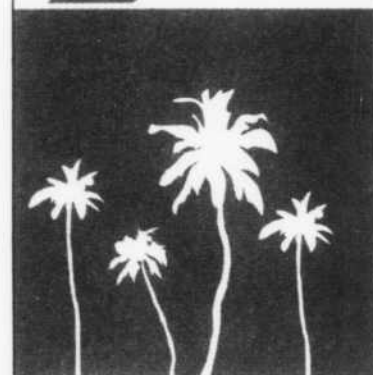
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