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Complaints filed against PR director

By Lindsey Turner

employee
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Lisa Rollins said they have filed } \\ & \text { a total lof five }\end{aligned}$ a total of five complaints against
Williams since 1996 with the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative The complaints allege that Williams repeatedly treated women in the office unequally
with the men - belitting with the men - belittling and
humiliating them, preventing humiliating them, preventing
them from being promoted while men had promotion
opportunities, threatening their future careers and holding them to a much stricter standard than
the men in the office the men in the office. tions and said he was notified about a month ago that EO/AA found that the complaints did
not merit an investigation and not merit an investigation an
dropped them altogether dropped them altogether. Williams, after first denying that there had been gender discrimination complaints filed recently, acknowledged that the matter had been brought to her atten-
tion after she was shown a copy of Courtney's complaint letter filed March 4, 2002. She would not comment further.
Courtney and Rollins said they have not been contacted by
EO/AA regarding the statu $\mathrm{EO} / \mathrm{AA}$ regarding the status of who filed a complaint in late

fall, also would not comment. "By their silence, that speak "By their silence, that speaks

volumes on the care and convolumes on the care and con--
cern of the institution on this cern of the institution on this
entire matter,' Courtney said.
Courtney's most recent comCourtney's most recent com-
plaint against Williams was filed plaint against Williams was filed
March 4, when she alleged
Williams' mistreatment was
based on gender, age and ethbased on gender, age and eth-
nicity.
"Doug Williams] demon-
strated a demeaning attitude
and total lack of respect toward me during my time in the office,
and in short, operated a caste
system that would not be toler-
ated in other arenas," Curtney
wrote in her formal letter of ated in other arenas," Courtney
wrote in her formal letter of
complaint. "To say that I am
shocked the shocked that he continues to be
employed by MTSU would be
uccinct phrasing" succinct phrasing."
Williams called Courtney's
allegations "blat allegations "blatant fabrica-
tions."
"What "What they were disagreeing with was how much work they
were asked to do," Williams said were asked to do, Williams sal
of the women who filed the complaints. "There are several other women who work in the
office, and they have no com office, and they have no com-
plaints whatsoever." plaints whatsoever."
Williams said the EO/AA office showed him three letters of complaint - one from
Courtney, one from Robinson and one from former office
emplovee Priscilla Wainwright, employee Priscilla Wainwright,
who said she never filed a for who said she never filed a for-
mal complaint with the univer
sity but that she sent support with Rollins' com
suaints. Will plaints. Williams said he was unaware of Rollins' complaints.
EO/AA, Williams said, told $\mathrm{EO} / \mathrm{AA}$, Williams said, told
him it seemed that the women him it seemed that the women
had a problem with his manage-
ment style and that their comment style and that their com-
plaints didn't merit an investigation.
Wainwright said she See Williams, 2
(C( Honors Lecture Preview
Lecture exposes health risk of dorm life at MTSU By Lisa Thomaso
Staff Writer MTSU students who are liv-
ing in dormitories or who live
with roommates off campus
can learn about some of the
health hazards and nuisances
related to communal living at a
lecture presented today by the
honors college.
Maria Smith of the School of
Nursing will present the lecture
"Yurviving the First Communal
Year."
Smith said she will introduce
her audience to the "eocystem"
of communal living. She
explained that this ecosystem is

## Activists speak out against Staples' paper



Greeks 'All-Sing' as one against domestic abuse


Phooes by Allison Grammer | StaI Kappa Delta Sorority (above) did a performance from South Pacific. First place winners Delta Zeta (right) per-
formed excerpts from Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The formed excerpts from Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The


By Victoria Cumbrow Staff Writer to all Greek organizations on
campus and featured 12 acts in
care campus and featured 12 acts in
three divisions - female, male The 2002 All-Sing brought in more than $\$ 4,000$ for the Domestic Violence Program in Murfreesboro.
The competition was hosted The competition was hosted
by Tau Omicron Women's by Tau Omicron Women's
Honor Society of MTSU and Sigma Alpha, Kappa Sigma $\begin{array}{ll}\text { benefited the Domestic Chi and Phi Mu Alpha all com- } \\ \text { Violence } & \text { Shelter }\end{array}$ Murfreesboro.
uThis is of peted in All-Sing. Delta Zeta, a social sorority, "This is my first year to be a won the female division as well
part of All-Sing, but I'm really
as overall. Phi Mu Alpha, a part of All-Sing, but I'm really
excited," Courtney Norman of overall. Phi Mu Alpha, a
music fraternity, won the male excited, Courtney Norman of
Kappa Delta said "We won last $\begin{aligned} & \text { music frat } \\ & \text { division. }\end{aligned}$
year, and we're hoping to take Alpha Omicron Pi also won the trophy back again this year. an award for excellence in com It's all about the cause and the munity service.
fun though."
fun though."
The competition was open See All Sing, 3

Former LSU coach picked to head basketball team at MT
$\underset{\substack{\text { By Colleen Cox } \\ \text { Sports Editor }}}{ }$
Sports Editor
The Middle Tennessee
Athletics Department named Kermit Davis Jr. the 19th head coach of MT Friday. Davis replaces Randy Wiel, who resigned after six seasons
and a $14-15$ record last season. and a $14-15$ record last season.
Wiel had an overall record of $84-90$.
The Blue Raiders suffered
 confball program around ketball program around.
"I don't think we could ha "I don't think we could have
asked for a better person to lead asked for a better person to lead
our basketball "program," Donnelly said. "He has a tremendous philosophy toward
winning and doing what is right winning and doing what is right
for Blue Raide basketbal for Blue Raider basketball. will represent our university, program and community in the highest regard."
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Davis, who in } 1988 \text { became } \\ & \text { the youngest head coach in }\end{aligned}$ Davis. Those steps are recruit-
ing well, scheduling well and the youngest head coach in ing well, scheduling well and Division 1, appears excited
about taking over a program that is desperately trying to get back on the winning track. "Middle Tennessee state is a
gold mine," Davis said "We"l gold mine", Davis said. "We'll bring excitement back to bas-
ketball here because it's just waiting to happen." The road to winning begins
with three steps, according to
ing well, scheduling well and
coaching intelligently. Davis has
been known for his staunch recruiting know for his staunch recruiting in his 19 years as a State University, he was a big part of recruiting efforts that led to the Tigers winning a
Southeastern Conference title in Southeastern Conference title in
2000 and making the postseason in 2002 . son in 2002. Dawever, Davis' recruiting
Hower
practices while coaching Texas
A\&M in 1990 got him in trouA\&M in 1990 got him in trou-
ble with the NCAA. An NCAA be with the NCAA. An NCAA
investigation began when the Syracuse Post-Standard broke a story with allegations from transfer student Tony Scott that Texas A\&M lured him there with promises of "furniture, program." Scott also claimed See Davis, 3

Israeli conflict point of march on square By Jennifer Cathey
The red, green and black colors of the Palestinian flag waved in the Murfreesboro square
Friday as Arab-Americans and others rallied for Palestinian
statehood. statehood. their concerns about delivered their concerns about the
lence in Israel and U.S. lence in Israce and U.S. policy
there to Congressman Bart Gordon's office across from the Rutherford Courthouse.
Stephanie International Advocacy
Palestinians unjustly. (The Israelis) have played
games for far too long,"
Varnado said. "Thise Varnado said. "This occupation
has been going on for too many has been going on for too many
years. Thirty-five years of mili tary occupation is enough.
Varnado also turned
tutention attention to the effects of war
on the occupiers. It's ruining the mo
said.
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despite what some may think.
"We ve had a long-standing
ally in Israel that is connected
with our economic and political with our economic and political
interest", he said. interest," he said.
Principe said the United States should turn up the heat
on Israel to control its role in on Israel to control its role in
the violence. MTSU student Atal Sakwall, a 21 -ycar-old political science
maior, was firmly on the side of
Palestinian Palestimian statehood.
"This is a clear-cut case of
colonization,", Sakwall said of
the Isracli the Israeli occupation of
Palestinian areas. He said he Palestinian areas. He said he
didnt consider the Palestinian suicide bombers to be terrorists,
but rather desperate people
whod exhausted every option. "When you force someone
out of their home, what do you expect?" he said. "I don't think
theyre terrorists at all."
Sakwall also said Americans

Dorms: Venereal disease transmission to be discussed

audience what the diseases look
like in both men and women.
"I thought graphics were "I thought graphics were crucial, so there will be actual
pictures of what these pictures of what these look
like," she said. In addition to providing information on such diseases, Smith also will give tips for students with asthma who live in dorms, including preparations
that can be made before movethat can be made before move-
in day and what to do upon Im sure it's things people will want to know. They won't remember how to mix vinegar for nit removal or how long to keep petroleum jelly in their
hair, so the handout will provide that information," Smith vide that
said.
Smith' Smith's lecture can be heard this afternoon at 3 p.m. in Peck this afternoon at 3 p.m. in Peck
Hall, Room 109A. The lecture is free and open applications for the DOUGLAS E. STULTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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\$1200 will be awarded in scholarship money at the discretion of the committee

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Gore says time has come for Democrats to fight a
Republican agenda that is 'wrong for this country'
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) - Al Gore told cheering Florida Democrats Saturday it was time "to speak out boldly" and rejoin
the political debate with President Bush and Republicans because much of their agenda "is wrong for America." The former vice president and 2000 Democratic presidential
nominee returned to the site of the disputed recount in that election to tell the Florida Democratic Convention both parties can stand together on the war against terrorism, while debating many
other issues. other issues.
The spee The speech at the state party gathering was Gore's first appear-
ance with other possible candidates for the White House in 2004 since the last election. It also was his most partisan political performance since the campaign against Bush two years ago.
He thanked Florida Democrats for helping pull him vi even with Bush in the state in the 2000 election, and said they could
do the same and defeat Gov. Ieb Bush, the president's younger Jewish graves desecrated in eastern France become
latest in growing series of anti-Semitic acts in country STRASBOURG, France (AP) - About 20 graves at a lewish
cemetery in eastern France were marked with swastikas, the latest in a series of anti-Semitic acts in France that reportedly number up An obscene remark was scrawled on the wall of the Strasbourg
Cronenbourg cemetery and swastikas were painted on about 20
tombstones, according to police
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Davis: New MT coach forced to resign from Texas A\&M

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 ciplinary reasons. In all, Davis
lost 12 players and suffered an eight-win season.
Davis was forced to resign amidst the controversy and
received $\$ 27,500$ pay from the university. The NCAA ended Davis punishapproached the committee and argued that most coaching jobs are filled in the spring, meaning

Monday.
France-Info radio reported Saturday that nearly a dozen antiSemitic acts were being committed each day in France since Easter The information came from a report by French intelligence. The acts range from insults to physical attacks.

Interim president resigns in Venezuela after thousands protest to restore former president Chavez to power

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Venezuela's interim president resigned Saturday - a day after taking office - in the face of protests
by thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chavez. thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chavez.
"Before the nation, before the Venezuelan people, I present this signation," Pedro Carmona told Union Radio.
Thousands of Venezuelans took to the streets earlier Saturday -
some taking over state TV - demanding that ousted Chavez be returned to power.
Carmona said he was handing over power to the National
Assembly, but Chavez's vice president, Diosdado Assembly, but Chavez's vice president, Diosdado Cabello, went on
Union Radio to say he was acting president until Chavez returns to power. He was shown being sworn in on television. that Chavez was about to be flown out of the country by a military plane from Orchila Island off the Venezuelan coast. Earlier in the day, with control of the military appearing to unravel, Carmona postponed inaugurating his Cabinet.
The military of oil-rich Venezuela forced Chavez out after demonstrations against him. Some commanders refused to accept the appointment of Carmona, head of Fedecameras,

Former Serbian interior minister dies two days after shooting himself to protest law allowing his extradition
suspension would cost him includes working on individual
three years instead of two. The skill development and then put- accomplishments in all academic disciplines.

Slobodan Milosevic died Saturday, two days after shooting himself in the head to protest passage of a law that would have allowed his arrest and extradition to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.
Vlajko Stojilikovic, 65, Serbia's interior minister in charge of police under Milosevic, had been indicted by the U.N. war crimes Thursday on front of the federal parliament hours after passage of an extradition bill for suspects sought by the court.
Stojiljkovic never recovered from a deep coma and died at 9:3 p.m., said Branko Djurovic, head of the Belgrade hospital emer gency ward.
The Hague court indicted Stojiljkovic for alleged crimes against humanity during the 1999 Kosovo war, when about 800,000
Kosovo Albanians were driven from their homes were killed by Serbian security forces. He is one of about 20 suspects believed to be in Yugoslavia.

Silver Team: Spacewalking grandfathers, Ross and Morin, finish bolting girder to NASA space station Saturday
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - The world's first pair of spaceand finished bolting a 44 -foot girder to the international space sta tion Saturday.
Shutle Atlantis astronauts Jerry Ross and Lee Morin had to contend with some sticky bolts, but still managed to snap two three pronged struts into place and complete the work begun by two of heir colleagues earlier in the week "We've got the
astronauts joked as Ross and Morin emerged from the space sta-
The 54 -year-old Ross, a retired Air Force colonel with eight spacewalks to his credit, is NASA's most experienced spacewalke

## All Sing: The Greek event raised over $\$ 4,000$ for shelter


acts fromerformances included Beast and Sister Act. There was a selection done
from movie soundtracks frell as MTV's Total Request
Live. The female division hosted The female division hosted
six competitors, the co-ed division only one and the male divi-
sion hosted five competitors. Each group had two minutes to set up and eight minutes to perform. Judging was based on this, as well as singing This years judges included
professors of music from

Music Row in Nashville.
The panel featured five judges: Paul Allen, the executive director of Country Music
Broadcasters; Christine IsleyBroadcasters; Christine Isley
Farmer, a professor at MTSU Frank Wainwright, who works on music row; Charlie Mock, owner of Mock Family Music and Christina Moore, vocal teacher at the Music and Drama Center in Murfreesboro. MT
senior John Hood was the Master of Ceremonies. This year, All-Sing was a great success," Karen Daughrity, president of Tau Omicron said. Any questions can be direct-
ed to Karen Daugrity ed to Karen Daughrity or Tau
Omicron Women's Honor

For the Spring Semester 2002, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi invites the following students to join this national honor society which recognizes outstanding


The initiation will be held Monday April 22, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. in Dining Room C of the James Union Building. If you would like more information about the Honor Society, contact Mark Byrnes, Chapter President at 898-2351.

## OPinions

## Editorial

Illegal actions equal employment at MTSU

MTSU makes some interesting choices.
The university's recent selection of Kermit The university's recent selection of Kermit
Davis Jr. as head basketball coach to replace Davis
Randy
critical.
Davis

Davis comes to MTSU with some baggage. As head coach of the Texas A\&M Aggies, he allegedly
committed multiple NCAA recruitment violacommitted multiple tions. According to the Associated Press, A\&M
found nine violations in March 1991. Three violations were for providing extra benefits to recruits and student athletes.
From the get-go, President Sidney McPhee and
Athletics Director Boots Donnelly said they wantAthletics Director Boots Donnelly said they want-
ed a clean program and a coach who would enforce and foster a clean program and clean recruitment practices. Interviewees for the posi-
tion said they were asked several questions regarding running "a clean program." It seems kind of ironic that MT officials would choose the only candidate with a questionable
record to run the clean program that's so important them.
McPhee said Davis was chosen because he had
learned his lesson from all the controversy that
surrounded him in the early ' 90 s. deserves a second chance, but for MT to take such a huge chance on a coach with a losin After Davis' violations were confi was penalized quite heavily. They were not allowed to participate in postseason play for a year
and were limited to two scholarships for the 1992 3 season. They were only allowed eight of the usual 15 expense-paid official visiss for the 1992 calendar year. MT can't afford a penalty like that.
Our athletic programs already struggle to gain Quality athletes and respect. Also, this university doesnt need
Perhaps officials should think back to spring 2001, when the university physician was caught
shooting up prescription drugs in an empty elementary school, unaware of who or where he was. Unfortunately, it was not the physician's first offense. His medical license had already been suspended twice by the Tennessee Board of Medical
Examiners for drug problems. University offcials were aware of Slay's history rehabilitated. So they hired him. And his tenure here ended in a scandal that could have been harmful, and even deadly, to the student body. While coaching basketball isn't administering medical care, it still deserves a great amount of caution and consideration when choosing someone to do it. The basketball program's morale, reputation and, in many ways, financial status are

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Homeschooling fosters well-educated children

|  | I knew, these friends of mine had been locked in their houses while the rest of us were learning algebra and diagramming sentences. <br> I soon learned my ideas | example, the composite scores of the homeschooled have led the national average by more than one point for several years. <br> Part of the academic strength of homeschooled | their child is falling behind. Most probably never hear from the public school to begin with because the overworked and underpaid teachers simply have too many other worries. <br> Concerns about social- | instring students, going over disciplinary policies and waiting for others to learn the same subject you learned days ago. Homeschooling |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A quiet revolution is slowly changing the face of education in America. From sea to shining sea, as many children head for the nation's public and private schools for learning, others are staying home. <br> Driven by both a need for parental involvement and a sense of dismay with the state of public schools, these children's parents believe that the path to a good education begins at home. <br> Homeschooling is not new. George Washington was homeschooled. In fact, so were many kings and queens. In many cases the homeschooled children were educated in that manner not because alternatives were not readily available, but because it was thought home education and tutoring was simply made the children better citizens. <br> I, like many other people, used to have some misconceptions about homeschooling. I'm a veteran of the K-12 public schools. The first time I met anybody who was "homeschooled" was when |  |  |  |  |
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Pedophilic priests? No more than the average Joe


Earlier this year, defrocked priest John
Geoghan was convicted of molesting a
child 10 years ago. Currently, 86 other
plaintiffs are suing the archdiocese of
Boston over sexual abuse cases relating to
Geoghan.
After the current slew of lawsuits is
finally settled, it is expected that the Prevention and Treatment of Sexual Trauma, reported to CNN Web
author Thurston Hatcher that he does not believe there's a higher rate of pedophilia practiced within the Catholic Church than within any other "We certainly are noticing it more, I think, because of the tremendous disparity between what we expect of a priest and this kind of conduct,"
Berlin said. Berlin said.
Berlin, however, could provide no empirical evidence to support his claims. Words are just words, after all, and his are little better than the
anti-Catholic hatemongers who make claims after hearing about another lawsuit.
The only reliable independent study of this question has been con-
ducted by a Texas lawyer, funded by the $\$ 119$ million judgment of a ducted by a Texas lawyer, funded by the $\$ 119$ million judgment of a molestation lawsuit against the archdiocese of Dallas. Sylvia M.
Demarest's research has revealed that as of $1996,1,100$ priests have been Demarest's research has revealed that as of 1996,1, lo0 priests have been accused of molesting children. After updating the list in the near future,
she expects the number to reach 1,500 - around 2 percent of all priests that have practiced in the Unites States since 1984.
That percentage is roughly the same as the national rate of sexual abuse as reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services. Services.
This lone, limited study, however, is not enough to prove or disprove either side of the debate. More studies are necessary, and not just of priests. If it can be pinpointed which, if any, groups are more likely to
 no those groups. That would be a much wiser investment in time and that has an effect, directly or indirectly, on thousands of Americans every that has
year.

## of milions of dollars in setuements. This is tithed money that could hav

 gone toward feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and housing thhomeless. Instead, however, thousands of families will have to pay for th disgusting habits of a handful of priests. But I digress.
A March 10 article by Washington Post writer
reports that in South Carolina a Baptist minister, Fernando Geerma reports that in South Caroina, a Baptist manister, Fernando Garcia,
begun a 60 -year prison sentence for sexually abusing 23 children. Las begun a 60 -year prison sentence for sexually abusing 23 chidren.
month, an Episcopal minister in New York was convicted of molesting 14 -year-old boy and an Orthodox rabbi from New Jersey is about to go on trial for groping two teen-age girls.
religion. Psychological sexual disease knows no boundec Thy one tion, however, is this: Are there more pedophilic priests in the Catholic Church than there are amongst their counterparts in other religions? or her judgment based on extensive media coverage of a handful of current lawsuits against the Catholic Church and a lifetime of insidious
jokes. If these condemnatory laypeople would do a little research instead of
running their mouths willy-nilly, however, they would find their results running
surprising - no
ical science major can be reached

Getting the important things in life - money and a Lear jet

By Jody Parham
Staff Columnist
Maybe you are fresh out of college, making
your first foray into the job market. Or maybe your first foray into the job market. Or maybe your a a seasoned employee whod like a leg up
on the ladder of success. Or possibly yourre a cocker spaniel using this issue of Sidelines for
toilet training. toilet training.
It doesn't mat
It doesn't matter who you are (unless you're
a college grad who took a break from toilet a college grad who took a break from toilet
training to read this, in which case you need training to read this, in which case you need
more advice than I can give you). I can show you how to achieve your career goals and win the rewards of success, such as cars with price tags like blackmarket infants and big fancy houses wherein you can press a button at any
time and uniformed servants from time and uniformed servants from some dis-
ease-ridden foreign cesspool will bring you and ease-ridden foreign cesspool will bring you and
your degenerate friends caviar or Purina Doggy your degenerate friends caviar or
Treats (if you're the cocker spaniel)
It is important that you be aware of the cur-
rent business climate. Today's business climate
is partly cloudy with highs in the is partly cloudy with highs in the mid- -70 s. It is
also important that you get yourself in the right also important that
mindset for success.
So put this paper down (yes, right now) and
chant the mantra "I will be an uncaring, sterile, greedy, conformist, exploiting, capitalist, bureaucratic worm" a few thousand times. Once youve reached corporate nirvana, read
on (yes, pick the paper back up). You will now need to formulate a career
objective. Some people feel that working with objective. Some people feel that working with
the public is important to job happiness. These the public is important to job happiness. These
people are on powerful narcotics. You will come to notice after working with them for a
while that the public tends to you personally; I'm referring to the rest of the


## FEATURES

## Simmons breaks down the science of hip hop <br> By Shawn Whitsell

$\underset{\text { Hip－hop music mogul }}{\text { Russell Simmons released his }}$ Russell Simmons released his
autobiography Life and Def：Sex， Drugs，Money and God during
the latter portion of 2001 Co－written by hip－hop his torian Nelson George，Life and Def is a peek through Simmons life，chronicling everything
from his humble beginnings in from his humble beginnings in
Hollis，Queens，to his days as a street hustler and drug abuser，
to becoming hip hop＇s most to becoming hip hop＇s most
influential player． influential player．
Much of Life and Def is a his－ tory lesson for those unfamiliar
with the roots of with the roots of hip－hop cul
ture．Simmons writes about the beginnings of classic rap acts
such as Kurtis Blow，Run DMC LL Cool J，The Beastie Boys，D

## 



After building a rap empire，Russell Simmons appeared on the cover of Black Enterprise in 1992.

Campus Club Spotlight－AAOU
African American Organizations United

By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor
Last spring，freshman Anthony＂Tone＂ Amerin brought together various African－ American organizations to fo
American Organizations United．
The AAOU is composed of Greek organi－ zations Alpha Phi Alpha，Kappa Alpha Psi，Phi Beta Sigma，Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delt
Sigma Theta，along with the Urban Musi Society，the NAACP and the African American Student Association．
Martin，who is also the president of AAOU， felt a need to create a place for these organiza－
tions to come together to dispel the myth that tions to come together to dispel the myth that well together． ＂One day，I kept hearing that the black
organizations on this campus can＇t get along and that they are segregated＂，he said．＂It was also said that we have five of the same forums instead of coming together for just one［big
forum］．So I came up with the idea to do forum．So I came up with the idea to do a
conference for minorities and get all the black organizations on campus to come together to plan it．＂
On April 27，the members of the AAOU will see their first and only project for the year come to life－the aforementioned Minority
Development Conference．The conference will Development Conference．The conference will
feature a variety of workshops such as time and money management，leadership，fitness and many others．
Martin admits that，though he looks for－ ward to the conference，he has had to face a lot of challenges．
ed，＂he said．＂No one knew who I was．I was just a freshman trying to get all the organiza－ tions together．It wasn＇t easy for Martin Luther King to get people to organi
expect it to be easy for me．
expect it to be easy for me．
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announced that we would have food at the announced that we would have food aped up．
second meeting and everyone showe From there，a legacy was born．
According to According to Martin，AAOU pla
spread its wings a little more next year

## ＂AAOU is looking to expand．We do not

 have all the black organizations in AAOU ［yet］＂，he said．＂Also，when other schools see how organized and unified we are，they maycreate an organization like AAOU for their create an organization like AAOU for their
campus．＂ ber of one of the participating organization For more information，contact Anthony
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## James Bond game stirs, doesn't shake

By Adam Schultz

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Mass. - Look! It's a firt-persons Mass. - Look! It's a first-person
shooter. No, wait, it's an actionadventure game. No, wait, it both. (THQ) did this "Red Faction" (Sierra) did this well. "Dalf-Life" (Eidos?) did this well. And "Agent Under Fire" tries to do but ultimately comes up shor. "Agent Under Fire" tries to do it
superb gameplay and brilliantly
sut ultimately comes up short.
These games all try to do the
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la the "Quake" series) and the
and its intense atmosphere. best action-adventure and the the "Metal Gear Solid" series).
Essent a Ereating a a fity it's an attempt at creating a first-person shooter experience with a plausible,
dramatic and entertaining story. "Red Faction" had the wher package: a compelling whole superb gameplay and brilliantly
"Half-Life" pioneered this
and its intense atmosphere.
Deus Ex did the same. The real Deus Ex did the same. The real
weakness with Agent Under Fire weakness with Agent Under Fire
is it fails to shine in any one of these areas. The story is solid but fairly unoriginal and unin spired; the gameplay lacks orig inality; and the levels are mod erately sized but poorly
designed. The result is a game designed. The result is a game
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gadgets. That's what and use ond dhat dharacters themselves he does here And the control simply move slowly. And while get you there is fairly solid in there is an option to make them Agent Under is fairly solid in While I did hav
with the defalt have some issues mainly with control scheme too fast - you have pitch being options to reconfigure the con trols. So after a little tinkering the control is fairly solid although the overall speed of the game, especially in multifaster, 1
noticeable. The various levels are scattered, and each is designed completely separately from the next. There's a lack of coherency, making it feel like sections of footage merely were patched
together to create a final product. And the James Bond gadgets And the lames Bond gadgets

But from a gameplay stand point, they're not used well at ill. For instance, in one level where you must rescue a
hostage who is tied up, you have hostage who is tied up, you have
o cut her loose using a handy o cut her loose using a handy dandy handheld laser. But why? I feel like most of hese gadgets are forced into In any non-lames Bond In any non-James Bond game, your character would untie the hostage without the ${ }^{n}$ 't think anything of it. So why See Bond, 7 player, feels bogged down. I'm


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Tennis

## Netters close out season with loss



Photo by Amy Jones | Chiel Photographe
Robert Gustaffson and Oliver Foreman stretch to hit the ball in doubles competition.

By Rebecca Pickering Assistant Sports Editor
The 40th-ranked Tennessee men's tennis team fell 4 2 to 54th-ranked Vanderbilt University Wednesday at Currey Tennis Center in Nashville

The Blue Raiders were able to clinch the doubles point, but the Commodores came back to claim singles wins in the No, 1, 3, 4 and 5 positions, giving them the math. In doubles, the 26th-ranked duo of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson fell to VU: 48 th ranked Bobby Reynolds and Lewi Smith 8-1

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## was unable to follow through

 Staniak fell 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 to Daile at the No. 3 position.Playing at No. 1, 14th-ranked Klemetr fell to 20 th-ranked Revnolds 7-5, 6-4. Klemetr end his spring season 14-2
His only other loss was ironias Iy to 26th-ranked, at the time Roger Anderson of Georgia Te Feb. 22
 karders. They end their spring the Sun Belt Conterenc Championships in Mobile. Ala. April (9-21.

No. 54 Vanderbilt - 4, No. 42 MT - 2

## Singles

1. Bobby Reynolds (VU) def. Daniel Klemetz (MT), 7-5, 6-4 2. Chad Harris (VU) vs. Robert Gustafsson (MT), 6-7, 6-4, 1-2 DNF 3. Zach Dailey (VU) def. Michael Staniak (MT), 3-6, 7-5, 6-1
2. Scott Brown (VU) def. Rishan Kuruppu (MT), 6-4, 6-4
3. Jens Frederiksen (VU) def. Kirk Jackson (MT), 6-0, 6-1
4. Trevor Short (MT) def. Josh Tarkoff (VU), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2

## Doubles

1. Reynolds/Smith (VU) def. Foreman/Gustafsson (MT), 8-1
2. Jackson/Klemetz (MT) def. Harris/Brown (VU), 8-6
3. Staniak/Short (MT) def. Dailey/Tarkoff (VU), 8-3

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Heading into championships


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(thee Photographet No. I singles player Manon Kruse awaits the ball at the net. The Lady Raiders close out their season tomorrow with a match against the University of Memphis. Saturday's match against South Alabama was canceled. MT plays in the Sun Belt Championships April 19-21.

## World record holder outshines track team



By Angelica Journagin News Editor

The world record breaking per formance of University of Tennessec-Knoxville sophomore Juston Gatlin in the 100 -meter and 200 -meter dash overshadowed the accomplishments of Middle Tennessee track and field members who participated in the 2002 Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., this past weekend
In the 100 -meter dash Gatlin cads the world for this year with a lime of 10.00 seconds. Because his print was above the 2.1 legal wind milinhe event. Gatlin's time was of ablic to beat the 10.05 second rocort he had previously set in the all thing wind legal." Gattion said. Today's times made me see that I'm much better that at this time

For MT freshman Wesley Dupar-Scott had the best showing with his time of 10.69 seconds in the event to come in at number 26 . sophomore Mardy Scales also competed in the event, but he came in at number 42 with his time of 14.53 seconds.
In the 200-meter dash, Gatlin oroke this year's world record with a wind legal time of 20.06 seconds.

Teammate Leonard Scott came in second in the event with a time of 20.37 seconds.

Again. Dupar-Scott competed in the 200 -meter dash, this time coming in at a time of 21.47 sec onds to come 22 nd place.
The Blue Raiders had more success in the high jump where sophomore Chris Koger again took place a first place finish with a NCAA provisionally qualifying height of 7 teet and 1.75 inches
Senior Godfrey Herring's 45.60 seconds in the 400 -meter dash also provisionally qualified him for the NCAA championships in May Herring's time was good enough got him to take second place in the event behind UTK's Gary Kikaya's first place time of 45.46 seconds.
Herring and Dupar-Scott also participated in the men's 4-by 400 -meter relay team that beat the school record this weekend by 00.25 seconds with a time of 3 minutes and 7.03 seconds to come in sixth place. Junior DI Spann and Senior Rob Jordan were apart of the record breaking team.

The women's 4 -by-100-meter shuttle hurdle relay team had marginally more success with fifth place finish at a time of minute and 00.77 seconds. The

See Track, II


Photos by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer (Left) Anthony McGary leads Josh Carroll in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Sea Ray Relays. (Right) Amanda Forrester clears the bar in the high jump.

## Blue Raider Football

## Blue Raiders looking for success in 2002

## Filling voids, big games key for wins <br> By Patrick Chinnery <br> Staff Writer <br> Following a heartbreaking season, in which the Blue Raiders went 8-3 (5-1 conference), were cochampions of their conference and, yet, were still forced to watch a bowl games from the sidelines, players and coaches alike vowed that the 2002 season would bring better fortunes to the team. If all goes as planned, that should be the <br> The Raiders this season should finish with a 10-2 record, the two losses in the first two games of the <br> SEC Opponents <br> University of Alabama <br> Aug. 31 <br> University of Tennessee Sept. 7 <br> University of Kentucky Sept. 21 <br> Vanderbilt University Oct. 12

 season, when they play both Alabama and Tennessee away from home. With two weeks to rest after the Tennessee game and before the rest of the season starts, MT should have plenty of time to work out any kinks in the offense and launch a 10 -game winning streak. Teams such as Arkansas State, LouisianaLafayette and Southeast Missouri will pose little threat to the coming blue-tinted juggernaut.That is, of course, assuming that star MT running back Dwone Hicks stays healthy. As the morale epicenter of the team, an injury to Hicks early on in the season would be nearly impossible to overcome.

Last season's most upsetting loss came against the University of North Texas, when Hicks was forced out of the game in the first quarter with a hamstring injury. As Blue Raider fans know, that loss was the deciding factor to determine whether MT or UNT would represent the Sun Belt Conference in the New Orleans Bowl.

Also important to the Blue Raiders' future is the man at the helm. With quarterback Wes Counts gone to the greener pastures of Arena Football League 2, the team is left to fill a void large enough for even the "short-yardage big boys" to rumble through. After the otherwise disastrous North Texas game, Counts held every MT passing record, including total yards, touchdowns thrown and pass completions.

To help fill Counts' shoes, and to build for the future, Blue Raiders head coach Andy McCollum has
recruited quarterback Josh Harris from Union High School in Santuck, S.C. In his junior and senior years of high school, Harris threw for 5,515 yards, 67 touchdowns and only 11 interceptions in nearly 600 attempts. While it cannot be said how much of an immediate impact this freshman phoneme will have on the team's ability, he is the future of the franchise, the player to watch.

The games to watch this season include the four against Southeastern Conference opponents, Idaho and the Nov. 23 rematch with the Mean Green of the University of North Texas.

The two most anticipated games for Blue Raiders fans are the Oct. 12 game against Vanderbilt and the homestand against UNT. While Vandy will be looking to regain the respect they lost when MT snuffed them 37-28 in the first game of last season, the Raiders will continue to dominate the hapless Commodores, who still lack a defense of any kind, despite an active recruiting season.

MT fans will turn out in droves to see the Raiders beat UNT, payback for last season's humiliating 24-21 loss. Look for this to be Hicks' most impressive game of the season. He will stop at nothing to defeat the team that took him out of the game and his team out of contention last season.

The only good thing about the Alabama and Tennessee games is that they will bring the university national exposure two weeks in a


The offensive line tries to create a hole for the running back and hold the defensive line back from tackling the runner. The offensive line will have to create holes for Dwone Hicks in 2002.
row. This, of course, will only be good if the university makes a decent showing against the two perennial powerhouses of the SEC. A 55-0 thumping like the one MT received while visiting Florida during the 2000 season will not do. But if the Raiders can score at least three times, like they did in last season's 45-17 loss to Ole Miss, they might be able to solicit invitations to join better football conferences than the SBC next season.

The Idaho game will be of note only because obscure collegiate record enthusiasts will want to see if the NCAA Division I record for most points in a game will be broken for the second season in a row. Last year, the two teams combined for 128 points in a sloppy MT victory. MT's offense, though it suffered the loss of Counts, is still the biggest threat in the SBC. The defense will be an improvement over last year's model, thanks to strong recruiting efforts. The Blue Raiders will not only repeat as SBC champs, but also will hold the title by themselves. Next season stands to be MT's most successful yet as a I-A school.


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photognapher
Kerry Wright runs with the ball after catching the pass.

## Scrimmage showcases improvements

Defense displays more speed, athleticism

## By Kentral Moore

Staff Writer
The Middle Tennessee football team held its annual Blue-White pring Scrimmage Saturday
The offense played the defense in an exciting match. The offense came primarily from No. I quar terback Andrico Hines who com pleted 15-of-21 passes for 148 vards, and the No. 2 quarterback Indre Green, who went 12 for-18 for 137 vards, but also threw the only interception.
The running game was sparked primarily by Don Calloway, who had the longest run of the day at 15 vards and led all rushers with 5. ards on 13 carries and a touchdown.
Fullback Avery Hatten rumbled
for 29 yards on 4 attempts, while Reshard Lee ended his afternoon with 11 yards on 4 carries. Although Heisman trophy candi date Dwone Hicks was only in on five offensive plays, he received 2 carries for 8 yards.
The passing game received con tributions from senior wide receiv er Tyrone Calico who led all receivers with 6 catches for 54 yards. Reggie lones and Ryan Edmiston each caught 4 passes, while Quan Domineck hauled in 3 passes for 90 yards. Hashem Joyner finished with 3 receptions for 75 yards.

Offensively, we did some nice things during the scrimmage and some guvs made plavs," said head coach McCollum. "But I am disappointed in the three turnovers.

Defensively, the Blue Raider showcased their improved speed and athleticism. Transfer Aaron

Pitts made the first big play when he picked up a fumble and ran it back 25 yards for a touchdown.

Then, two series later, Chris Johnson intercepted an Andre Green pass and brought it back 42 yards for a touchdown.

Senior Curtis Daniely had the biggest day of any defensive player with 3 tackles, 3 pass breakups and a tackle for loss. Senior linebacker Chris Gatlin collected 8 tackles while transter Will Martion contributed
Montalbano added
This has been a great spring in our football team." McCollum said. "The attitude and work ethic these guys have displayed has been incredible. Now we have to have dedication this summer and be ready to go strong in August.

The Blue Raiders play their season opener Aug. 31 against the University of Alabama. $*$


Running back Dwone Hicks received 2 carries for 8 yards in Saturday's annual scrimmage.

## Team will help individual pursue Heisman Trophy

By Colleen Cox

Pports Editor

Dwone Hicks launches into his Heisman Trophy run as the Middle Tennessee football team prepares for the 2002 season.

The schedule poses difficulties for the Blue Raiders as they take on four Southeastern Conference teams in 2002. MT's first three games are against SEC opponents. Hicks must excel in these games to have a legitimate chance at the Heisman.

SEC teams haven't intimated Hicks, who rushed for 203 yards and 4 touchdowns against Vanderbilt and 134 yards against Louisiana State University.

Hicks realizes the importance of those first games, but is more focused on his team and their performance.
"Certainly, those first few games are important, but I'm only going to do as well as my team does," Hicks told the Daily News Journal. "It's not about me. It's about our team. People will look at how I do, but I'm more concerned about what we do as a team. That's No. 1."

Hicks is among five senior running backs in the college game. He holds five MT rushing records and needs 1,221 yards and 3 touchdowns to hold records for most career yards and most career touch downs.

The Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year and Doak Walker Award candidate rushed for 1,143 yards and scored 20 touchdowns last season. He also put together back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Heisman candidates have typically not won when their team has lost more than two games in a season. Therefore, the Blue Raiders record will play into Hicks' chances as much as his total yards.
"I think that the first thing that helps is team," said head coach Andy McCollum. "I think that the more success that the team has, the better opportunity it would be for Dwone, and the better our team is, the better it is for Dwone to have a great year.
"He is very deserving. He has been here for three years and had three really good years here. I look for big things from Dwone, because he is working just as hard now as he was two years ago, but that's just the type of person he is. But he also knows that he has two guys right there with him, Reshard Lee and Don Calloway, who are pushing him every day. It's a great situation with a great kid."

Another factor in the run for the Heisman is the blocking Hicks will receive and the holes the offensive line can create.
"He has the entire offensive line back," McCollum said, "and we have some good young ones coming on for added depth. I think it's a great honor to even be thought of in that part of it, but Dwone is a team guy who wants what's best for the team and to get to a bowl game. I think he would take that over anything. I'm not speaking for him, that is just the type of person he is."

Media Relations Director Mark Owens is in charge of the Heisman campaign. He will send Hicks 4 Heisman posters to Heisman voters and mail postercards with updated statistics each Monday after games. Hicks also has changed his number from 33 to 4 and a Web site has been created for the Hicks 4 Heisman campaign.


Photos by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Fans keep track of the number of strikeouts (left). Jason Howarth attempts to tag the sliding runner (above). The football team receives their championship tropy (bottom left). Robert billings punts the ball (below).


## Blue Raider <br> Baseball

## Baseball team loses two Sun Belt games

## Pitcher's duel leads to 5-3 loss

## By Kevin Rose <br> \section*{Staff Writer}

The Middle Tennessee baseball team returned to Reese Smith Field for a Sun Belt Conference series against Western Kentucky University. But home was not so sweet for the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders (20-15, 2-6) lost Friday night 5-3 and Saturday 10-4. The Hilltoppers improve to $25-8,8-2$ on the season.

Friday's night game was a classic pitcher's dual between MT ace John Williams and WKU ace Ryan Bicondoa.

Bicondoa won the battle going 9 innings, giving up 3 runs, 2 earned, 5 hits and 12 strikeouts. He improves to 5-2 on the season and a perfect 4-0 in league play.
"Both Bicondoa and Williams locked up into a great ballgame," MT head coach Steve Peterson said. "It was kind of a see-saw battle. They went ahead; we went ahead. It looked like we were going

MT vs. Western Kentucky

## Game 1

 MT 3, WKU 5
## Game 2

 MT 4, WKU 10to start to get something going, and Bicondoa really just made some outstanding pitches.

The Hilloppers struck first when Patrick Ransdell scored on a Tanner Townsend RBI single in the third.

The Blue Raiders went ahead in their half of the inning with two runs to pull ahead 2-1. A double by Troy Harp and a single by Chuck Akers put runners on the corners. Harp scored on a single by Nate Jaggers, and Akers scored on a groundout by Marshall Nisbett.

The Blue Raiders added a run in the fifth for a 3-I lead. Harp was hit
by a pitch and stole second. He advanced to third on a groundout by Jaggers, and scored on an errant pick-off attempt to third by Bicondoa.

MT starter John Williams was on cruise control until the Hilltoppers tied the game in the top of the seventh. Williams opened the inning with a strikeout, but the Hilltoppers put together 4 straight singles to tie the game at 3 all.

The Blue Raiders looked like they were going to go ahead in the bottom of the seventh when Kris Smith led off with a single. Smith moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Harp, but Bicondoa struck out Akers and Jaggers to end the threat.

We had some opportunities, not very many opportunities," Peterson said. "Bicondoa answered the challenge every time. He didn't change anything he did from the first inning on. He went to his off speed stuff and mixed in enough fastballs. He just carved us up.

See Baseball, II


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer Adam Larson comes through his motion to the plate.


Photo by Amy Jones| Chief Photographer Josh Archer stretches for the throw as the runner tries to make it to the base.

## Raiders beat ETSU

By Kevin Rose

## Staff Writer

## After struggling

the Middle Tennessec baselvail toum pul together their best overall pertommanow of East Tennessec
Wedresday in Johnson City
 the season while the Bucs drop to ||-20.

MT got a strong outing from starting pitcher Travis Horschel. Horschel allowed 2 early runs, but was money the rest of way.
He pitched struck out 3 , throwing only 103 pitches. He hasn't lost a start since this firen of the vear against Troy State Feh. $z$
The Blue Raiders led 12 goinge into the fifth inning, but erupted for 4 rums in the fifth and 4 more in the sixth.

Derrick Phillips hit a 3 -run home run to

Enuthligh the fifth inning. However, the Iftre Rader were not done hitting the long mbers led oft the sixth with a Ceba homer and Brett Carroll added a 3-run fomer later in the imning. The Pucs added a single ruin in the hotmor the eghth for the final sore of 12

Chase swing pitched a scoreless ninth inning for the Blue Raiders. He gave up 1
The Blue Raiders pounded out 14 hits Chuck Akers, Kris Smith, Marshall Nisbett, Jaghers and Phillips all had 2 hits apicce. Jaggers. Phillips, Smith and Nisbett also corced 2 runs apiece.
The win snaps a three game non-conerence losing streak for the Blue Raiders.
HTSU was victimized by 5 errors.
The Blue Raiders next game will be Tuesdav night against Belmont University it Recese Smith Field. Start time is 7 p.m. .

## Briefs



File photo
The MT defense swarms to get the ball before the offense.

## Soccer team defeats

Nashville Thunder
Of the 90 minutes that Middle Tennessee's soccer team played against the Nashville Thunder, the Blue Raiders waited until the last 10 minutes of the match before scor ing the two points to win the game

The Thunder, a traveling women's soccer team based in Nashville, took the lead carly in the first 30 -minute period Saturday morning. The traditional 90minute soccer game was split into 3 periods.

The Thunder's held the lead
until halfway into the third period when sophomore mid-fielder Jenny Cox scored the tying point with only 15 minutes left to play. Freshman midfielder Laura Migue? passed the ball to Cox from the top of the 18 -vard box to earn the aswist.
With only five minutes left in the game, sophomore midfielder Emily Carter crossed a ball from the right side of the field that cleared the goalie's hands to scor the game winning goal.
We struggled a bit early but flaved much better in the final two periods." new head coach Aston Rhoden said. This was the first time Rhoden bas conched the Blue Raiders in compectitive play
"Right now is a transition peri od for both the players and I , and everyone realizes there's a lot of work to do," Rhoden said. "The playes have responded well, and things are coming together.
The Blue Raiders will host a 9 s. -9 tournament next Saturday as part of their spring season. Regular scason play will begin in the fall.

## Conference USA joins

New Orleans Bowl
Conference USA has signed a

## Superspeedway opens season with help

By David Hunter
Staff Writer
The Nashville Superspeedway held its first race of the 2002 season, Middle Tennessee day, Saturday.
"(Vice president and General Manager of the Superspeedway) Mr . Hawks came up with the idea and came to university with the idea," said Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for Enrollment Management.
"It will give us PR exposure," Glenn said.
For the race, tickets normally priced at $\$ 52.50$ were priced at $\$ 25$ dollars for MT students and $\$ 40$ apiece for members of the faculty, staff, BRAA members and alumni. The race sold out with 40,000 fans filling the seats.

Phillip's Bookstore and the Admissions Department had booths set up to give out information about MT and to sell MT items. There also was an MT car during the pre-race festivities. During the race, the jumbotron showed an MT commercial and there was an advertisement for MT in the race program.

The race was the NASCAR Busch Series Pepsi 300 presented by Kroger.

The winner, Scott Riggs, won his second race at the Nashville Superspeedway. However, instead of a truck, he drove a car to victory lane.

Riggs took home his first ever Busch Series win in only his seventh start in the series. He had visited victory lane last year in winning the truck race at the Superspeedway.

This year, he moved up to the Busch Series to compete for the series title.
"This is just awesome, so awesome," Riggs told Nascar.com after the race.

The race started with the caution flag coming out because of a rain shower in the area on Lap 19. The cars drove around at a slow speed for 35 minutes and 25 laps. The race restarted at lap 44. Then on lap 57 , defending race champion Greg Biffle wreaked into the front stretch wall, bringing out the second caution of the race.

There were seven cautions in the race.

During the last pit stop, with 55 laps to go, Riggs' pit crew put on only two tires to gain track position. Eight laps later, he took the lead for good and led the rest of the way for the victory.
multi-year agreement with the New Orleans Bowl to send a mutually agreed upon team to its annual game, bowl officials announced Thursday.

The New Orleans Bowl, to be played Dec. 17, 2002, at the Louisiana Superdome, will now match a Conference USA team against the champion of the Sun Belt Conference.

Conference USA has 10 foot ball-playing members for 2002, which include Army, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Houston, Louisville, Memphis, Southern Miss, TCU, Tulane and UAB. South Florida, a member of C-USA in all other sports, becomes a football member in 2003.

The Sun Belt Conference heads into its second season of football competition in 2002 with seven member institutions: Arkansas State, Idaho, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, Middle Tennessee, New Mexico State and North Texas.

The 2001 New Orleans Bowl, which was televised by ESPN2, saw 26,718 tickets sold in its inaugural year as Colorado State defeated North Texas $45-20$ Dec. 18. The game had a 1.37 national rating, making it the third-most watched
bowl game on ESPN2 since the net work began broadcasting bowl games in 1997.

The agreement was a four-year deal.

Also announced was a new stipulation that will allow a selection committee to pick the team to participate in the bowl game in case of a tie like the situation with MT and NT this season.

## NCAA stipulations <br> passed for 2004

The NCAA's Management Council announced it endorsed new standards to go into effect during the 2004 season.

The standards require a school to schedule at least five home games against other 1-A schools each year, average 15,000 in home attendance, sponsor at least 16 varsity sports (a minimum of 8 women's sports), annually offer a minimum of 200 full scholarships or spend at least $\$ 4$ million on scholarships and offer at least 90 percent of the maximum football scholarships, 85.

The endorsement was passed April 25. None of the Sun Belt's seven I-A football schools meet all the standards.

Oh yeah, it was worth $\$ 25$, MT junior losh Vaughan said. "I liked the race, almost seeing Bobby Hamilton Jr. coming from one lap down to almost win."
Hamilton, a Nashville native and son of Winston Cup driver Bobby Hamilton, tried to pass Todd Bodine but hit him with 62 laps left.

He cut one of his tires and took a pit stop that put him a lap down. He got the lap back and finished third in the race.

Jack Sprague finished second in the race and is now the leader in point standings by 78 points over Randy LaJoie. LaJoie finished the race in sixth place.

The next Busch race is Saturday at Talladega with the Aaron's 312 The Busch Series will make a return trip to Nashville June 8 with the Nashville 300

Pepsi 300 top 10 finishers

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1. Scott Riggs <br> 2. Jack Sprague <br> 3. Bobby Hamilton Jr. <br> 4. Scott Wimmer <br> 5. Jason Keller <br> 6. Randy LaJoie <br> 7. Jamie McMurray <br> 8. Kerry Earnhardt <br> 9. Stacy Compton <br> 10. Tim Sauter
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## Lady Raider Softball

## Softball team drops four to Lafayette

By Colleen Cox and Justin Ward
Sports Editor and Staff Writer
The Middle Tennessee softball team (18-23, 1-7) dropped three games to No. 17 University of Louisiana-Lafayette (33-10, 7-1) Saturday and Sunday at Lady Raider Field.

The Lady Raiders lost Saturday's first game 3-0 on a first-inning home run. Lafayette's Ierie Alexander singled to start the first. Beck McMurtry followed with another single. With two outs and runners on second and third, Jill Robertson smacked a shot over the left field fence.
lennifer Martinez shut down the Ragin' Cajuns the rest of the way, but the MT offense managed just 3 hits against ULL pitcher Melissa Coronado and could not score.

Each of MT's 3 hits came in a different inning. lindsay Azevedo, Laura Brockman and Megan Cherinka had MT's hits in game one.

Martinez (12.8) picked up the loss, going 7 innings and allowing 8 hits while striking out 8 . Coronado (10-2) got the complete-game win. giving up just the 3 hits and walk ing 1

In Saturday's second game, MT trailed close at 4-3 but had the wind knocked out of them by 3 runs off 2 home runs in the top of the seventh inning.

ULL started off the game with 2 runs in the top of the first inning. The Lady Raiders came back with their own run in the bottom of the third. With runners at first and third, Azevedo grounded to the shortstop, who booted the ball for an error and allowed a run to score.

The Lady Cajuns picked up two more runs in the top of the fifth inning. McMurtry lined for a double, and Missy Martin grounded through the shortstop's legs to knock in a run. Alexander doubled into the right center gap to score the second run for the inning.

The Lady Raiders answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth and a run in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 4-3. Steffi Sylva lined a single to left center in the bottom of the fifth and then stole
second. Kristina Hieb singled to left center to send Sylva home. Laura Brockman hit a home run over the left field fence in the bottom of the sixth inning for the Lady Raiders third run of the game.

The Lady Caiuns shattered MT's close chance in the top of the seventh with two home runs. McMurtry singled over the third baseman's head, and Alana Addison hit a home run to knock in 2 runs. loy Webre hit the second home run of the inning to make the final score 7-3

You always want to come back and have three up and three down," Lady Raider head coach Cindy Connellev said, "or at least not let any runs score and have your swing at the bottom of the seventh. Louisiana-Tafayette's runs in the top of the seventh put the game a lot out of reach.

Mitchell (9-4) picked up the win for ULL allowing 6 hits and had 2 strikeouts. Preator (5-9) got the loss for the Lady Raiders, allowing 14 hits and had 6 strikeout

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The Lady Raiders scored first in the game when pitcher lomnite Martinez hit a two RBI double sending home Lisa Sherman and Dani DeCamine

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Photo by Any Jones | Chef Photographes
Ashlie Way stares in at the batter as she holds her defensive position, prepared for the ball.

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Withell (10-4) picked up the for the lady Caiuns, allowing ats and had 3 strikeouts. Kendal I 5 got the loss, pitching shine and allowing 5 hits Martinez pitched 2 innings and allowed 5 hits and had 2 strikeouts. "Our goal is to get better ever inning," Connelley said. "We're going after Western Kentucky nex aveckend, and we ve got to contil we to improve. Right now we're playing one inning at a time.

The Lady Raiders travel to Western Kentucky Saturday for their next Sun Belt match-up their next Sun Belt
Game beginsat 1 p.m.

## Baseball: Belmont comes to MT tomorrow

## Continued from 8

The Hilltoppers went ahead in the eighth 4-3. Jeff Pacholke singled, and pinch rumner Rafeal Vellejo stole second. Vellejo advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Nick Turner and scored on a single by Antone Towns chasing Williams.

Williams went 7 $/ 3$ manings athd gave up 4 runs on 9 hits in the loss to fall to 5.2 on the seavon. (Thris Mobley entered and pritched the final I $2 / 3$ mning

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first-inning runs on 3 hits for an early 4-0 lead.

They increased the lead to 5-0 in the second on 2 hits and an error by Larson. Larson took the loss for the Blue Raiders, going 5 innings giving up 7 runs, 4 earned on 9 hits. He struck out 7 and falls to 3 . 3 on the season.
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Larson for reliever feremy Armstrong. Armstrong entered and gave up a 2-RBI triple to Townsend. Cattell plated Townsend with a single increasing the lead to 8 - 3.

MI added at run in the sixth when Cooper drew a bases loaded walk to pull to 8-4. WKU ddded 2 more rums in the seventh off Armstrong for a lor-t lad and chasing him from the game

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## Saturday's baseball game against WKU

WKU 10 (25-8,8-2 SBC), MT 4 (20-15,2-6 SBC)

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| AKERS, Chuck cf. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JAGGERS, Nate 2b/3b. | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| NISBETT, Marshall rf.. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ARCHER, Josh 1b. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| SIMS, Justin dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| HOWARTH, Jason ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SMITH, Kris If | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| YARBROUGH, Seth pr/lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HARP, Troy c. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| PHILLIPS, Derek ph/c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CARROLL, Brett 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COOPER, Chad 2b | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 33 | 4 | 7 | 2 |

## Track: Teams headed to Vandy

Continued from 3
University of South Carolina's relay team took first place with their time of 44.38 seconds.

Freshman Rosemary Okafor had the next best showing for the Lady Raiders with her seventh place finish in the 400 -meter dash. Okafor's time of 54.13 seconds was beat by USC's Lisa Barber's tirst place finish of 52.80 seconds.

The usually strong jumpers had a disappointing finish this weekend

## Middle Tennessee track results

## 100-meter dash

Wesley Dupar-Scott 10.69
Mardy Scales 14.53
200-meter dash
Wesley Dupar-Scott 21.47
High jump
Chris Koger 7 feet, 1.75 inches
400-meter dash
Godfrey Herring 45.60
Rosemary Okafor 54.13
4-by- 400 relay
Men's team
3 minutes, 7.03 seconds
Women's team
1 minute 0.77 seconds
Triple jump
Letitia Eady 40 feet, 7.50 inches
Stephany Reid 40 feet, 05.00 inches
with the best showing coming from sophomore Letitia Eady in the triple jump with her 10th place distance of 40 feet and 7.50 inches Right behind her was senior Stephany Reid with her distance of 40 feet and 05.00 inches.

The Lady and Blue Raiders will travel to Nashville this weekend to compete in the Vanderbilt Relays before travelling to Philadelphia, Penn., next weekend for the Penn Relays.
batting average and. 403 percentag e in 36 games this year. He has scored 33 uns and stolen 7 bases this season. The Blue Raiders dropped two games to WKU.

## Blue Raider <br> Heisman Watch

The following is a statistical breakdown of four candidates for the Heisman Trophy. Two juniors and two seniors comprise the four players selected for this breakdown. These are the numbers for each candidate heading into the 2002 season.


Ken Dorsey career stats
University of Miami - quarterback

| Passing | Att | Comp | Yds | Cmp\% | TDs | Int |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1999 | 12 | 4 | 44 | 33.3 | 1 | 0 |
| 2000 | 322 | 188 | 2737 | 58.4 | 25 | 5 |
| 2001 | 319 | 185 | 2667 | 58.0 | 23 | 9 |
| Totals | 653 | 377 | 5448 | 57.7 | 49 | 14 |

Rex Grossman career stats University of Florida - quarterback

| Passing | Att | Comp | Yds | Cmp\% | TDs | Int |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2000 | 212 | 131 | 1866 | 61.8 | 21 | 7 |
| 2001 | 395 | 259 | 3896 | 65.6 | 34 | 12 |
| Totals | 607 | 390 | 5762 | 58.2 | 55 | 19 |



Casey Clausen career stats University of Tennessee - quarterback

| Passing | Att | Comp | Yds | TD | Int |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2000 | 194 | 121 | 1473 | 15 | 6 |
| 2001 | 354 | 227 | 2969 | 22 | 9 |
| Totals | 548 | 348 | 4442 | 37 | 15 |

