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# Complaints filed against PR director

By Lindsey Turner Managing Editor

Several discrimination complaints have been filed against Doug Williams, director of News and Public Affairs.



dent worker Pamela Courtney, former employee Robinson and current employee

Former

Lisa Rollins said they have filed a total of five complaints against Williams since 1996 with the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office.

The complaints allege that Williams repeatedly treated women in the office unequally with the men - belittling and 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.

Williams denies their allegations and said he was notified about a month ago that EO/AA found that the complaints did not merit an investigation and dropped them altogether.

EO/AA director Forrestine Williams, after first denying that there had been gender discrimination complaints filed recently, acknowledged that the matter had been brought to her attention 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 status of their complaints. Robinson, who filed a complaint in late fall, also would not comment.

"By their silence, that speaks volumes on the care and concern of the institution on this entire matter," Courtney said.

Courtney's most recent complaint against Williams was filed March 4, when she alleged Williams' mistreatment was based on gender, age and eth-

"[Doug Williams] demonstrated 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 tolerated in other arenas," Courtney wrote in her formal letter of complaint. "To say that I am shocked that he continues to be employed by MTSU would be succinct phrasing.

Williams called Courtney's allegations "blatant fabrications.

'What they were disagreeing with was how much work they were asked to do," Williams said of the women who filed the complaints. "There are several other women who work in the office, and they have no complaints whatsoever."

Williams said the EO/AA office showed him three letters of complaint - one from Courtney, one from Robinson and one from former office employee Priscilla Wainwright, who said she never filed a formal complaint with the university but that she sent a letter of support with Rollins' complaints. Williams said he was unaware of Rollins' complaints.

EO/AA, Williams said, told him it seemed that the women had a problem with his management style and that their complaints didn't merit an investigation.

Wainwright said

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# III Honors Lecture Preview

#### Lecture exposes health risk of dorm life at MTSU

By Lisa Thomason

Staff Writer

MTSU students who are living 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 "Surviving the First Communal

Smith said she will introduce her audience to the "ecosystem" of communal living. She explained that this ecosystem is composed of visible parasites, such as lice and ringworm, and invisible parasites, like herpes, gonorrhea and chlamydia.

According to Smith, lice, including head, body and pubic lice, can spread easily through communal environments because they are transferred via humans and inanimate objects, such as bed linens, pillows or hairbrushes.

She plans to address how students get lice, the symptoms they exhibit and things they can to do treat them. Treatment options include medications

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# Greeks 'All-Sing' as one against domestic abuse



behind Staples. No arrests were made.

Photos by Allison Grammer | Staff

Kappa Delta Sorority (above) did a performance from South Pacific. First place winners Delta Zeta (right) performed excerpts from Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The competition raised money to fight domestic violence.



By Victoria Cumbrow Staff Writer

The 2002 All-Sing brought in more than \$4,000 for the Domestic Violence Program in Murfreesboro.

The competition was hosted by Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society of MTSU and benefited the Domestic Shelter Violence Murfreesboro.

"This is my first year to be a part of All-Sing, but I'm really excited," Courtney Norman of Kappa Delta said. "We won last year, and we're hoping to take the trophy back again this year. It's all about the cause and the fun though."

The competition was open See All Sing, 3

to all Greek organizations on campus and featured 12 acts in three divisions - female, male and co-ed.

Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Delta Pi, Wesley Foundation, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi and Phi Mu Alpha all competed in All-Sing.

Delta Zeta, a social sorority, won the female division as well as overall. Phi Mu Alpha, a music fraternity, won the male division.

Alpha Omicron Pi also won an award for excellence in community service.

# Former LSU coach picked to head basketball team at MT

By Colleen Cox 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. Wiel had an overall record of

The Blue Raiders suffered

losing seasons in six of the last 11 seasons and have failed to make it to the NCAA

Tournament since 1989. Davis was

chosen because Athletics Director Boots Donnelly and President Sidney McPhee were confident he could turn the basketball program around.

"I don't think we could have asked for a better person to lead our basketball program," Donnelly said. "He has a tremendous philosophy toward winning and doing what is right for Blue Raider basketball.

"I think we have a guy who will represent our university, program and community in the highest regard."

Davis, who in 1988 became the youngest head coach in Division I, 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'll bring excitement back to basketball here because it's just waiting to happen."

The road to winning begins with three steps, according to

Davis. Those steps are recruiting well, scheduling well and coaching intelligently. Davis has been known for his staunch recruiting in his 19 years as a basketball coach. At Louisiana State University, he was a big part of recruiting efforts that led to the Tigers winning a Southeastern Conference title in 2000 and making the postsea-

son in 2002. However, Davis' recruiting

practices while coaching Texas A&M in 1990 got him in trouble 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, good weather and a growing program." Scott also claimed

# Israeli conflict point of march on square

By Jennifer Cathey Staff Writer

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.

The demonstrators delivered their concerns about the violence in Israel and U.S. policy there to Congressman Bart Gordon's office across from the Rutherford Courthouse.

Stephanie Varnado, of the Palestinian International Advocacy Network, said Palestinians have been treated unjustly.

"(The Israelis) have played games for far too long," Varnado said. "This occupation has been going on for too many years. Thirty-five years of military occupation is enough."

Varnado also turned her attention to the effects of war on the occupiers. It's ruining the moral fiber of Israel, she

Not everyone at the rally was as supportive of the cause of Palestinian statehood as the flag-waving demonstrators. Opposition could be found on the square as well, and those gathered were just as vehement in their opinions as Varnado

"I'm down here to demonstrate against the senseless killing of Jews," said Howard Covington of Murfreesboro. "I think Sharon needs go over there and kick Arafat's butt."

Murfreesboro resident Peggy Birdsey was also among those gathered against Palestinian statehood.

"God's side is for Israel," Birdsey said. "I'm for my Lord Jesus Christ."

Members of the MTSU community were also present at the rally. Philosophy professor Michael Principe said he doesn't feel the United States' tendency to side with Israel has anything to do with religion, stop." ◆

despite what some may think.

"We've had a long-standing ally in Israel that is connected with our economic and political interest," he said.

Principe said the United States should turn up the heat on Israel to control its role in the violence. MTSU student Atal Sakwall,

a 21-year-old political science major, was firmly on the side of Palestinian statehood.

"This is a clear-cut case of colonization," Sakwall said of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian areas. He said he didn't consider the Palestinian suicide bombers to be terrorists, but rather desperate people who'd exhausted every option.

"When you force someone out of their home, what do you expect?" he said. "I don't think they're terrorists at all."

Sakwall also said Americans have not been properly educated on the Palestinian cause by the media.

The media, the government has always been pro-Israeli," he said. But Sakwall does believe the media have been doing a better job covering events in the Middle East from the Palestinian point of view.

"I think, given the recent pressure, they're becoming more pro-Palestinian," he said.

"Both hands are dirty," said student Katie Schlicher, who has visited Israel and was at the rally as a spectator, although she considers herself pro-Israeli.

The overriding sentiment of the protesters was that the violence must stop.

Saleh Sbenaty, proudly holding the Palestinian flag, spoke mainly of stopping the violence in the region.

"I'm just concerned about the violence," said Saleh Sbenaty, as he held the Palestinian flag. "Those people have been under occupation for

"We are against the killing of innocent human beings," Sbenaty said. "The killing must

#### Dorms: Venereal disease transmission to be discussed

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called pediculicides, as well as home remedies like mayonnaise and petroleum jelly.

"Treatment can be expensive because you not only have to purchase medications, you have to treat bedding, stuffed animals, your sofa and everything else you've come in contact with," Smith said.

"It can be less expensive to invest your money in a spray

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and then use mayonnaise or Vaseline to treat the lice."

Smith also wants to address diseases like herpes, which are caused by invisible microbes. She plans to include facts about the diseases, the symptoms they cause and the dangers, which are often underestimated.

When speaking of the dangers of chlamydia, Smith said, People think it will just go away, but you can become sterile because of it."

She also wants to show her audience what the diseases look like in both men and women.

"I thought graphics were crucial, so there will be actual 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 move-

"I'm 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

Smith's lecture can be heard this afternoon at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

The lecture is free and open in day and what to do upon to the public. •

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#### Williams: Complaints filed

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experienced problems with Williams as well, but filed no not opening for me any further complaint because, at the time of her employment, she was a single mother and "could not afford to rock the boat."

"From the first meeting with him, I began wondering if he had some issues with women," she said. "As time went on, my suspicions proved correct."

Wainwright said that, as a result of Williams' treatment of her and the other women in the office, she decided to leave

"I realized the doors were at MTSU," she said.

Courtney said she first complained about Williams in 1996, when she sent a letter to then President James Walker and Linda Hare, Williams' immediate supervisor.

Courtney said that, instead of an investigation, the matter was turned over to Williams'

# jurisdiction. Hare declined comment.

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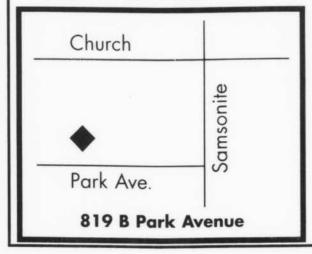
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# World Briefs



Compiled By Angelica Journagin - News Editor

#### 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

The speech at the state party gathering was Gore's first appearance 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 virtually even with Bush in the state in the 2000 election, and said they could do the same and defeat Gov. Jeb 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 Jewish cemetery in eastern France were marked with swastikas, the latest in a series of anti-Semitic acts in France that reportedly number up to a dozen a day, police said Saturday.

An obscene remark was scrawled on the wall of the Strasbourg-Cronenbourg cemetery and swastikas were painted on about 20 tombstones, according to police. The desecration was discovered

Three people, aged 19 and 20, were placed under investigation a step short of being charged Friday in connection with the April 5 discovery of a homemade bomb at the cemetery, according to judicial officials. Two others were placed under investigation on

Monday.

France-Info radio reported Saturday that nearly a dozen anti-Semitic 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.

"Before the nation, before the Venezuelan people, I present this resignation," 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 Cabello, went on Union Radio to say he was acting president until Chavez returns to power. He was shown being sworn in on television.

Labor Minister Maria Christina Iglesias had said on state TV 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 on Friday after demonstrations against him. Some commanders refused to accept the appointment of Carmona, head of Fedecameras, Venezuela's largest business association.

Former Serbian interior minister dies two days after shooting himself to protest law allowing his extradition

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - An associate of ex-President

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 Stojiljkovic, 65, Serbia's interior minister in charge of police under Milosevic, had been indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Stojiljkovic shot himself 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 9:30 p.m., said Branko Djurovic, head of the Belgrade hospital emergency 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 and hundreds 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 spacewalking grandfathers, nicknamed the Silver Team, floated outside and finished bolting a 44-foot girder to the international space station Saturday.

Shuttle Atlantis astronauts Jerry Ross and Lee Morin had to contend with some sticky bolts, but still managed to snap two threepronged struts into place and complete the work begun by two of their colleagues earlier in the week.

It was the first spacewalk ever by two grandfathers, albeit relatively young ones.

"We've got the Silver Team on television," one of their fellow 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 spacewalker. He is on a record-setting seventh space flight. ◆

#### Davis: New MT coach forced to resign from Texas A&M

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the university paid for part of his father's airfare and allowed talent scout Rob Johnson to fly on a university plane.

Texas A&M conducted a three-month investigation that concluded Johnson became a "representative of the institution's basketball interests." This was a direct violation of NCAA rules. In all, the school reported nine violations to the NCAA in March 1991. Three of those violations were for providing extra benefits to recruits and student athletes. The other six involved

The NCAA's Committee on Infractions placed Texas A&M on two years' probation, including suspension from postseason play for a season, a limit of two scholarships and limit of expense-paid official visits.

Also during his one season at A&M, Davis met some other problems. Several of the Aggies' key players failed to qualify academically, others fell to injury and some left for personal reasons or were dismissed for disciplinary 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 in severance pay from the university. The NCAA ended Davis' punishment seven months early. Davis approached the committee and argued that most coaching jobs are filled in the spring, meaning the Nov. 4 ending date on his suspension would cost him three years instead of two. The NCAA agreed and gave him the seven-month break.

"You have to admit you made a mistake and grow from it," Davis said about his experience at A&M.

Davis also said, "Dr. McPhee was adamant about signing very good student athletes. He wants a very, very clean program run. They thought I'd be the safest hire because of what I've been

As for scheduling well, Davis said, "You've got to try to get very good, high-major programs to come into your building. You can't be afraid to go on the road and play opponents."

His coaching strategy for turning around his team

accomplishments in all academic disciplines.

includes working on individual skill development and then putting that into the team concept.

We can add two or three players in this next signing period, which just happened Wednesday, and I think maybe winning can take place a little quicker than it has in other places," Davis said.

"We got a lot of work ahead of us, no question about that, but we've got an excellent opportunity to get competitive

Davis posts a 71-49 overall record but has not held a winning record since 1989-90. He held individual meetings with his players yesterday. •

The Associated Press and R. Colin Fly contributed to this report.

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

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

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The performances included acts from such movies as The Sound of Music, Beauty and the Beast and Sister Act.

There was a selection done from movie soundtracks, as well as MTV's Total Request Live. The female division hosted

six competitors, the co-ed division only one and the male division 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 year's judges included professors of music from MTSU and executives from

Music Row in Nashville. The panel featured five

judges: Paul Allen, the executive director of Country Music Broadcasters; 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 directed to Karen Daughrity or Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society of MTSU.

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#### Editorial Illegal actions equal employment at MTSU

MTSU makes some interesting choices.

The university's recent selection of Kermit Davis Jr. as head basketball coach to replace Randy Wiel is a little - how do we say it - hypocritical.

Davis comes to MTSU with some baggage. As head coach of the Texas A&M Aggies, he allegedly committed multiple NCAA recruitment violations. 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 wanted a clean program and a coach who would enforce and foster a clean program and clean recruitment practices. Interviewees for the position 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 impor-

McPhee said Davis was chosen because he had learned his lesson from all the controversy that surrounded him in the early '90s.

True, everyone can change and everyone deserves a second chance, but for MT to take such a huge chance on a coach with a losing record and a questionable past is a little scary.

After Davis' violations were confirmed, A&M was penalized quite heavily. They were not allowed to participate in postseason play for a year and were limited to two scholarships for the 1992-93 season. They were only allowed eight of the usual 15 expense-paid official visits 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 doesn't need or deserve to be known as a second-chance school.

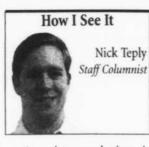
Perhaps officials should think back to spring 2001, when the university physician was caught shooting up prescription drugs in an empty elementary school, unaware of who or where he was.

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 officials were aware of Slay's history of drug problems but believed that he had been 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 on the line.

# Homeschooling fosters well-educated children



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.

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

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.

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

I was in high school. For all I knew, these friends of mine had been locked in their houses while the rest of us were learning algebra and diagramming sen-

I soon learned my ideas about homeschooling were wrong. Many of them knew about subjects that we had never been taught. Everything in our world of public schools was standardized from the school lunches to the curriculum. Every student in each class studied the same subject at the same time.

When I mastered a concept, I had to waste time waiting for everybody else to also learn the concept. When I fell behind, I had trouble getting back on track. The teachers could do little to help, as they were juggling the educations of 35 other people.

Homeschoolers avoid these pitfalls and the onesize-fits-all approach. With a low teacher-to-student ratio, they can learn at their own pace. Learning programs can even be structured around a child's

It is estimated that anywhere from 850,000 to 1 million children are homeschooled in the United States alone. On average, homeschooled children outscore their public school peers on standard-

example, the composite scores of the homeschooled have led the national average by more than one point for several

Part of the academic strength of homeschooled boys and girls comes in their self-reliance and independence. While parents supervise and monitor their child's studies, much of their learning comes from books and not simply lectures. Many times the college-educated parents find themselves learning concurrently with their child.

While some subjects may be easy to convey to a child's eager mind, others require additional help. Many homeschoolers follow nationally accredited curriculums and learn in groups with other homeschoolers. For more difficult subjects like higher math and science, parents may wish to hire a tutor.

Ironically, as many as one-fourth of homeschooling parents have taught in public schools at one time or another. Perhaps they, through first-hand experience, realize that parental involvement is crucial to a child's academic development.

Too often many parents do not become involved in their child's education until they receive a call ized tests. On the ACT, for from the school saying

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.

Concerns about socialization are the reason many parents choose to homeschool their children. While social development is important in the development of a child, many negative effects of socializing in a public school can be circumvented.

Students in public schools face violence, peer pressure of all kinds, illegal drugs and indoctrination by educators, which many times is opposite of what is taught at home.

A child educated in a public school spends more hours awake to these influences than at home with parents.

Just the opposite, homeschooled kids forge stronger bonds with their parents. They are not put in a room with 35 other students the same age and a baby sitter with a desk. They learn to socialize with people of all ages and, in turn, develop very well socially.

Isn't it strange that over the years, as spending on education has increased, test scores nationwide have decreased? If you attended public schools like myself, nrt2c@ mtsu.edu.

you probably noticed the instructor spent more time calming down a group of students, going over disciplinary policies and waiting for others to learn the same subject you learned days ago. Homeschooling is much more efficient.

Homeschooling isn't for everyone. It demands extreme parental commitment and persistence, but the rewards are priceless. Homeschooling offers better family bonds and a higher-quality education. Ninety six percent of homeschooled adults, if they had it to do again, would choose to be homeschooled.

My wife is completing her last semester here at MTSU in computer information systems. Unlike me, she has a 3.5 GPA and will graduate college at the age of 20. She was homeschooled ever since she could talk. Her scholarly aptitude won her a fouryear scholarship that takes care of almost all of her

We both look forward to the days when our children are born and our days homeschooling them. As for me, and my house, we choose to homeschool.

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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

After the current slew of lawsuits is finally settled, it is expected that the Catholic Church will have to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements. This is tithed money that could have gone toward feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and housing the

homeless. Instead, however, thousands of families will have to pay for the disgusting habits of a handful of priests. But I digress. A March 10 article by Washington Post writer Alan Cooperman reports that in South Carolina, a Baptist minister, Fernando Garcia, has begun a 60-year prison sentence for sexually abusing 23 children. Last

month, an Episcopal minister in New York was convicted of molesting a 14-year-old boy and an Orthodox rabbi from New Jersey is about to go on trial for groping two teen-age girls. These cases demonstrate that sexual abuse is not limited to any one

religion. Psychological sexual disease knows no boundaries. The question, however, is this: Are there more pedophilic priests in the Catholic Church than there are amongst their counterparts in other religions?

The average, uninformed American would be quick to answer yes, his or her judgment based on extensive media coverage of a handful of current lawsuits against the Catholic Church and a lifetime of insidious

If these condemnatory laypeople would do a little research instead of running their mouths willy-nilly, however, they would find their results surprising - no widespread studies have been done to prove or disprove

Fred Berlin, director of the National Institute for the Study, via e-mail at pwc2c@mtsu.edu.

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, 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 anoth-

The only reliable independent study of this question has been conducted 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 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

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 molest children, then prevention and treatment efforts can be focused on those groups. That would be a much wiser investment in time and money than blowing smoke and making jokes about a perverse illness that has an effect, directly or indirectly, on thousands of Americans every

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# 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 you're a seasoned employee who'd like a leg up on the ladder of success. Or possibly you're a cocker spaniel using this issue of Sidelines for toilet training.

It doesn't matter who you are (unless you're a college grad who took a break from toilet 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 some disease-ridden foreign cesspool will bring you and your degenerate friends caviar or Purina Doggy Treats (if you're the cocker spaniel).

It is important that you be aware of the current business climate. Today's business climate is partly cloudy with highs in the mid-'70s. It is also important that you get yourself in the right 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 you've 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 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 be stupid. Not you personally; I'm referring to the rest of the

What you really want from your career is a sense of fulfillment and maximum personal satisfaction, as measured in U.S. dollars. Now I know some of the bleeding-heart hippies say that money can't buy you happiness. But thanks to the industrial revolution, you can now rent happiness until such time as you are dead. Then you really don't need it anyway.

You will need to get hold of lots of this "money" quickly, and one popular way is to get a "job." This is usually the slowest and most tedious way. Another much faster way is "bank robbery," but I'll save that for another column.

To find this job, you might start with your local newspaper. The best way to differentiate between good jobs and dead-end slave labor is to count the words in the ad.

Take the following examples: 1. Cook wanted - To cook things. 2. Associate Administrative Subdirector Needed - Young thinking, fast moving, forward looking, dynamic company is seeking an eager, ambitious, personable, aggressive, can-do, confident, hard-working, highly motivated selfstarter to clean various bathroom-related implements. It is obvious that the second job is better, based on the word count.

Then you will need to send a resume to the company. The word "resume" is derived from the French word "resume," meaning "boldfaced lying." There are many Internet sites that will, for mere hundreds of dollars, take your work history that you send to them and put it in a different order.

Fortunately, I've got your back. To make an impressive resume, you will need to take everything that you've ever done since birth or possibly earlier and lie about it with fabrications of

a scale so grand and illustrious that even politicians will cringe at its sight.

Instead of saying "I was born," you'll need to reword it as, "I coordinated a dynamic, exertion-intensive maneuver alongside several highly established personnel of the medical

Instead of "I was a cashier at the bag n' barf," you'll need something like, "I was personally responsible for the economic viability of a successful business place, focusing on customer service and correct change." And so forth.

Then comes the job interview. The interviewer will try to throw you some "curve balls" to see how well you think on your feet. Thus, you will need to be prepared with some snazzy comebacks, to truly impress the dickens right out of him or her. Let's take this example:

Interviewer. Tell me, what do you feel is your greatest weakness, as an employee?

You: Bite me. Interviewer: Ha ha! You got me there! What

vision do you plan to bring to the team? You: Your momma.

Interviewer: (really warming up to you): That's great! You seem like just the kind of quick-thinking employee we need to facilitate our bathroom environment! How about a huge starting salary with paid vacation and your own Lear jet?

You: I'm Batman.

Congratulations! You got the job and are well on your way to your first tax evasion! In my next column, I might explain the intricacies of finding out what your particular job is, if there's any "work" involved and, if so, how to avoid it like the plague. •

# Simmons breaks down the science of hip hop

By Shawn Whitsell

Features Editor

Hip-hop music mogul Russell Simmons released his autobiography Life and Def: Sex, Drugs, Money and God during the latter portion of 2001.

Co-written by hip-hop historian Nelson George, Life and Def is a peek through Simmons' life, chronicling everything from his humble beginnings in Hollis, Queens, to his days as a street hustler and drug abuser, to becoming hip hop's most influential player.

Much of Life and Def is a history lesson for those unfamiliar with the roots of hip-hop culture. Simmons writes about the beginnings of classic rap acts such as Kurtis Blow, Run DMC, LL Cool J, The Beastie Boys, DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

(Will Smith), just to name a few.

The book also focuses on how Simmons took hip hop, a product of young, ghetto culture, and helped mold it into a multi-billion dollar industry.

In the book, Russell admits that, when he entered the music business as a manager in the early '80s, he didn't know what he was doing. He says he made plenty of mistakes and had to face plenty of obstacles because music industry executives considered hip hop to be a joke.

Considering that there was no blueprint for hip-hop artists, Simmons created his own and he shares it all in the book.

Life and Def is a strong reference tool for aspiring hip-hop artists and executives. Simmons gives away a lot of his secrets (of course not all of them), which can provide inspiration and

motivation for those looking to follow in his footsteps.

secrets, Speaking of Simmons let readers in on a great deal of "inside" industry information that the average person knows nothing about. He speaks freely about people who have taken advantage of him, those who did drugs with him in the past, those who have bad attitudes and act unprofessionally and more. He has probably pissed a lot of people off.

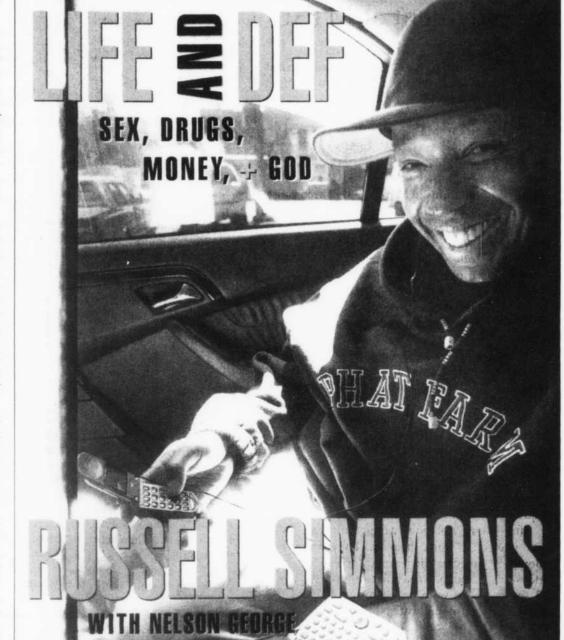
The book also lets readers in on little interesting facts they may not have known, such as the fact that Simmons and Rev. Run (from Run DMC) are brothers, or that Def Jam was started by Rick Rubin (a white guy who is a heavy rock fan) in his New York University dorm room, or that Simmons was initially a producer for John Singleton's 'hood classic, Boyz N

Simmons seems to have a lot to say on just about everything from the word "racist" to Hollywood to yoga. Chapter titles include "Cold Gettin" Paid," "White People," "Calvin Klein's a Friend of Mine," "Nigger With Attitude," "Bigger and Deffer" and "Spiritual Matters." Though Simmons writes about more than just hip-hop culture, he uses it as the string to tie everything together.

His mission seems to be to make the world aware of the impact hip-hop culture has had on the world, and the political influence it can have on the

Though Simmons is a brilliant man who speaks and writes intelligently, don't expect the book to be anything but pure hip hop. Simmons uses curse words and slang, giving readers a true feel for where he's coming from.

If you're interested in the man behind Def Jam Records, Phat Farm, Def Comedy Jam, Def Poetry, Krush Groove and countless other ventures, definitely pick up Life and Def. It's a great read. •



Photos Provided

(Above) Russell Simmons' book tells some major hip-hop and music industry secrets. (Below) Simmons mugs it up at Christmastime with friends and colleagues (left to right) Danny Simmons, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Wyclef Jean and Nokio of Dru Hill.



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

for Black Managers

Last spring, freshman Anthony "Tone" Martin brought together various African-American organizations to form African American Organizations United.

The AAOU is composed of Greek organizations Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, along with the Urban Music 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 organizations to come together to dispel the myth that various African-American groups can't work 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 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 feature a variety of workshops such as time and money management, leadership, fitness and many others.

Martin admits that, though he looks forward to the conference, he has had to face a lot of challenges.

"It was hard to get this organization started," he said. "No one knew who I was. I was just a freshman trying to get all the organizations together. It wasn't easy for Martin Luther King to get people to organize, so I couldn't expect it to be easy for me.

"The first meeting, only Willie Nelson (Phi Beta Sigma President) showed up," he said. "I announced that we would have food at the second meeting and everyone showed up. From there, a legacy was born."

According to Martin, AAOU plans to 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 may create an organization like AAOU for their

To join, students must first become a member of one of the participating organizations. For more information, contact Anthony Martin at mtsu\_aaou@yahoo.com. •

#### African American Organizations United:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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African American Student Association

# Dear Annie

Keep Trying - Love Awaits

Dear Annie,

I need help meeting men. I read your article on what to do if you have a crush on a guy, but it just didn't help. I don't have a crush to confront. And I don't really like meeting men in the Rec Center.

I mean, I am working out, sweating and make-up-less. Let's just say I don't feel like flirting with men while I'm gasping for air while running

around the track. I am lonely and I want to meet and date men just have a friendly conversation with a man. If I see a guy in the

bar that I like what do I do? Should I just , walk up to him and start a conversation? What would I talk about? Or should I

wait for them approach me? I've tried but they this never come over and talk to me. What does it take? Can you give me some - Dateless

Dear Dateless,

If I understand your question correctly, you basically want to know how to pick up a guy in a bar. That statement seems a little backwards. Aren't guys supposed to be the initiator? Well, maybe back in the "olden" days.

An important thing to be aware of is your nonverbal communication. Are you standing there with your arms crossed? If so, this position sends a "do not approach" signal to men. Always smile. Happiness is contagious.

It's inviting to be close to people who look like they're having fun. Don't twirl your hair or nervously fidgit. Clothing is also very impor-

Wear something that makes you feel beautiful. I would avoid "slut wear" unless that's the message you are trying to send.

If you feel comfortable, I would try and make eye contact and smile. If the guy responds and smiles back, you're halfway there. After coyly flirting, it would be nice if the guy would come over and talk to you. He might, or he might not. He could be shy. This is when you decide if you feel like being bold.

Take a deep breath, relax your shoulders, smile and start moving toward your target You're on the hunt and he is your prey. I'm kidding!

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You're now face to face with the guy of your choice. Don't panic or nervously giggle.

u s t introduce yourself. Ask him if he goes to college what his major is, how old what his goals are and if he likes

OK, does this guy seem responsive? Is the conversation flowing or are you struggling

through the awkward pauses? If you're struggling, then you need to relocate. You could say, "Nice to meet you," and walk away. This doesn't mean that something still won't happen. You can always come back and talk to him

It helps to be approachable and nice. But most importantly, be yourself. The right guy is out there. Don't lose hope. Those who are patient will have better luck finding a meaningful relationship. Instead of focusing on finding a guy to date, try focusing on finding a new friend.

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com. •

# James Bond game stirs, doesn't shake

By Adam Schultz Tufts Daily (Tufts U.)

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass. - Look! It's a first-person shooter. No, wait, it's an actionadventure game. No, wait, it's

Games like "Red Faction" (THQ) did this well. "Half-Life" (Sierra) did this well. "Deus Ex" (Eidos?) did this well. And "Agent Under Fire" tries to do it but ultimately comes up short.

These games all try to do the same thing - create a hybrid

that draws from the strengths of four years ago, and its success the best first-person shooters (a la the "Quake" series) and the best action-adventure games (the "Metal Gear Solid" series).

Essentially, it's an attempt at creating a first-person shooter experience with a plausible, dramatic and entertaining

"Red Faction" had the whole package: a compelling story, superb gameplay and brilliantly designed levels.

"Half-Life" pioneered this genre of games some three or

rested squarely upon its story and its intense atmosphere. Deus Ex did the same. The real weakness with Agent Under Fire is it fails to shine in any one of these areas. The story is solid but fairly unoriginal and uninspired; the gameplay lacks originality; and the levels are moderately sized but poorly designed. The result is a game that is supremely mediocre: nothing more and nothing less. Gameplay

It's all pretty standard here.

You run, shoot, drive and use gadgets. That's what James Bond always does, so that's what he does here. And the control to get you there is fairly solid in 'Agent Under Fire."

While I did have some issues with the default control scheme - mainly with the pitch being too fast - you have a variety of options to reconfigure the controls. So after a little tinkering, the control is fairly solid although the overall speed of the game, especially in multiplayer, feels bogged down. I'm are here in full force.

not referring to the framerate, but the characters themselves simply move slowly. And while there is an option to make them faster, I didn't find it very 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 prod-

And the James Bond gadgets

But from a gameplay standpoint, they're not used well at all. For instance, in one level where you must rescue a hostage who is tied up, you have to cut her loose using a handy dandy handheld laser.

But why? I feel like most of these gadgets are forced into

In any non-James Bond game, your character would 'untie" the hostage without the use of the laser and you wouldn't think anything of it. So why

See Bond, 7

# British pop music makes its comeback

By Melissa Marchel Oklahoma Daily (U. Oklahoma)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. - Ever since the Beatles washed up on American shores in the 1960s, the United States and the United Kingdom have had a symbiotic music relationship.

In periodic spurts, waves of British bands have made a splash with American audiences. After the mid-1990s invasion of Brit-rockers such as Blur, Oasis and Pulp, however, America had been going through a dry spell. Well, rejoice Anglophiles, because it looks like the Brits are back.

#### Travis: 'The Invisible Band'

The mellow pop-rock of Travis is perhaps the epitome of bittersweet Brit-pop. Sunny melodies with sad lyrics are the hallmark of Travis, who hail from Glasgow, Scotland. On their third record, The Invisible Band, they craft some exquisite melodies and irresistibly catchy

When it was released in 2001, critics everywhere threw laurels at Travis. The praise was well deserved. The triumvirate rock without pretension. of Sing, Side and Safe are some of the best songs to grace binary bleeps on CDs this and last year.

ocals drip effortlessly over the rich texture of instrumentation provided by bandmates Andrew Dunlap, Douglas Payne and Neil Primrose.

Even with its many bright spots, sometimes the shoe-gazing style drags the record down.

introspective to be stuck as the second song on a record filled with catchier, more upbeat

Travis does continue a tradition feared dead by music fans the past few years. They bring back the bonus track found way out in the black space beyond the last listed song.

They treat you to two hidden songs, which are good and definitely worth the effort of scanning through the blank space.

Idlewild: '100 Broken Windows'

If one band were to resurrect the ghost of Brit-pop past and take it on a dizzying journey into the future, that band would be Idlewild of Edinburgh,

Their second record, 100 Broken Windows, released in 2001, is a good, old-fashioned rock record. These days most rock music seems either to be stuck in a post-grunge, numetal rut or snobbishly inacces-

Escaping the usual trappings, Idlewild makes a record that, while catchy and quick to grab your ear, never sacrifices integrity. To put it simply, they

Idlewild is not afraid to scream out the chorus or let loose the post-punk riffage. Vocalist Fran Healy's warm They combine that musical innovation with smart lyrics, which don't fall into any of the usual clichés.

For example, these lines found on "These Wooden Ideas": "It's a better way to feel/ don't be real/be post-modern."

The wonderful "Idea Track" "Dear Diary" is too slow and layers irresistible melodies in a

thick layer of distorted guitars to a soaring conclusion. Each song has its own distinct flavor and merits, from the opening notes of "Little Discourage" to the mellow end, "The Bronze Medal." To discuss all the great songs would be to describe the whole record.

Stereophonics: 'Just Enough Education to Perform'

Here's the reason why corporations and copyright laws bite: Welsh lads Stereophonics wanted to call their third record

But Daimler Chrysler put the brakes on that idea, claiming it infringed on their trademarked Jeep vehicles. Not to be deterred, the boys simply spelled the word out in the title.

So Just Enough Education to Perform was born, and, as everyone knows, long titles are a pain to say and type - thanks to the lawyers for Jeep. So while the title is quite long and arduous, the contents are anything but.

The most identifiable characteristic of Stereophonic's music is the gravel-throated delivery of lead singer Kelly Jones. His voice sounds like he's been drinking cocktails of rusty nails and broken glass.

If you've eaten in the Cate Center lately and stopped to watch the music videos playing there, you might have seen the video for "Have a Nice Day." It's one of those great, breezy pop songs, complete with some "bah-bah-bahs" in the chorus.

The only problem with such a catchy song is it tends to

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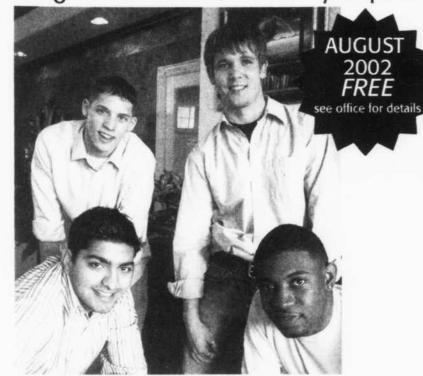
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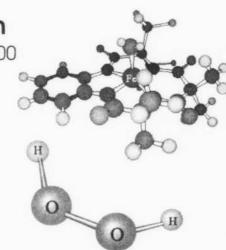
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Compiled by Shawn Whitsell | Features Editor

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#### Tuesday, April 16

MTSU Films presents the MTSU Student Film Festival for students wishing to enter an original film or video.

All videos will be shown at 7 p.m. each night in the KUC Theater. The showings are free and open to the pub-

For more information, 898-2551.

Wednesday, April 17

The Urban Music Society, CEO Enterprises and the African American Student Association will sponsor the 3rd semi-annual Family Reunion at 5 p.m. in the KUC Knoll. There will be free food and entertainment. For more information, contact Shawn Whitsell at 898-



Members of MTSU's choral ensemble Schola Cantorum will perform the patriotic musical 1776 at 8 p.m. at the Wright Music Building. Tickets are \$10 at the door or by calling 898-

#### Thursday, April 18

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will host a cookout and games at the Rec Center Sun Deck from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Montaque at 904-8468.

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# **Bond:** Video game of 007 aims but misses target

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the laser? It's Bond, dude, that's Graphics

Running at a constant 60 frames per second, "Agent Under Fire" is generally a pretty game. But it is far from perfect.

The biggest graphical letdowns are the explosions. Simply put, they look crappy. They look like 2D orange blobs. Sure, it's a minor point. But for an effect that's so prevalent and so often measured as a benchmark of graphics, you'd expect more from a top-quality title. Where are the flashy particle effects of which Gamecube is capable? They're not here.

Moreover, the textures are clean and crisp, and the animation of the characters is above average. The characters don't display the detail or fluidity of movement found in other topcaliber games though (Metal-Gear Solid 2" comes to mind). And "Agent Under Fire" handles a wide variety of incoherent levels nicely. From driving through cities to running through elaborrate corporate complexes, the graphics hover above par-

A solid tumiecube effort, "Agent Under Fire tails to shine in the graphical department. It simply doesn't push the envelope like other Camecube offer-

Sound

to hear the James Bond theme song? Enough already. While this isn't the only background noise in the game, it sure does feel that way at times. And the other sound effects are also pretty mediocre.

The voices are fairly well done - it seems game developers finally are realizing having good voice acting really can help a game. Thank God the days of the voice acting from the original "Resident Evil" on Playstation I are gone. It seems developed editors finally hired real voice actors. Good job. But

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With average graphics, 'Agent Under Fire' lacks the punch its marketing campaign promised.

Replay value

mention some weak, if not downright stupid, enemy A.I. in places), interest in the singleplayer mode fades quickly.

The multiplayer mode, however, is substantially stronger. And thankfully, it's fully customizable. You choose which

weapons are available each round: you choose the number of enemy bots; you choose the strength of the bots; you choose which Bond gadgets are available; you choose how fast the players move, etc. The options abound here, and when configmred to your liking provide for a

Agent Under Fire" is quite fun. With a few friends, you'll keep coming back for this action. Overall

Poor and inconsistent level design, average graphics and sound, and a weak single-player mode really bog down "Agent Under Fire." With some more imagination and innovation and a little more shine, this could have been something special. As it stands, though, it falls right to the middle of the heap.

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### Brit pop: English invasion surfacing again

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overshadow the other material on the record. While it's tempting to leave track five on constant repeat, more goodies are in store for listeners.

The rest of the material on Just Enough Education to

Perform is equally good and surprisingly diverse.

Stereophonics travels from the drugged-out slow stomp "Mr. Writer" to the very un-British, almost Southern rockish chords of "Vegas Two Times" to the mellow strains of "Step On My Old Size Nines."

They navigate easily through all the varied tempos and styles, making an interesting album.

Love Is Here is a sturdy little pop record that is definitely worth a listen. And how often do British rockers stop and play in Norman for free? •

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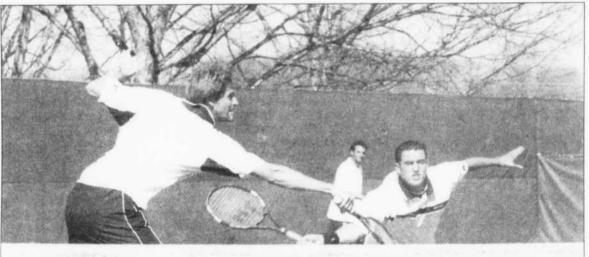
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Tennis

# Netters close out season with loss



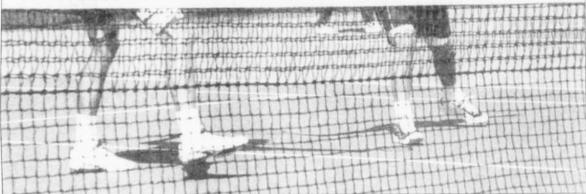


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Robert Gustaffson and Oliver Foreman stretch to hit the ball in doubles competition.

By Rebecca Pickering

Assistant Sports Editor

The 46th-ranked Middle 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 match.

In doubles, the 26th-ranked duo of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson fell to VU's 48thranked Bobby Reynolds and Lewis Smith 8-1.

Playing at No. 3, Trevor Short and Michael Staniak clinched an 8-3 win over Zach Dailey and Josh Tarkoff.

The 46th-ranked duo of Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson defeated Chad Harris and Scott-Brown 8-6. Klemetz and Jackson close their spring season 13-3.

In singles, playing at No. 3. Jackson fell to Jens Frederiksen 6-0, 6-1. Brown took a 6-4, 6-4 win over MT's Rishan Kuruppu.

Short kept MT in the match with a three-set victory over Tarkoff 2.6 (6.3 (6.2 but the team

was unable to follow through. Staniak fell 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 to Dailey at the No. 3 position.

Playing at No. 1, 14th-ranked Klemetz fell to 26th-ranked Reynolds 7-5, 6-4. Klemetz ends his spring season 14-2.

His only other loss was ironically to 26th-ranked, at the time, Roger Anderson of Georgia Tech Feb. 22.

With the win over MT, VU is hoping for a better chance to make it to the NCAA Championships.

"This was a must-win match for us," Vanderbilt head coach Ken Flach said. "Middle Tennessee is in our region, they are close to us in the rankings and we knew we would be in dire straits for making the NCAAs if we didn't win this match. I am extremely proud of how we played in the singles. After losing the doubles point, to come out and win four singles matches against. Middle. Tennessee is extraordinary."

Wednesday's match was the last regular season match for the Blue Raiders. They end their spring campaign 14-6. They will play in the Sun Belt Conference Championships in Mobile. Ala., April 19-21.

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
- 4. Scott Brown (VU) def. Rishan Kuruppu (MT), 6-4, 6-4
- 5. Jens Frederiksen (VU) def. Kirk Jackson (MT), 6-0, 6-1
- 6. 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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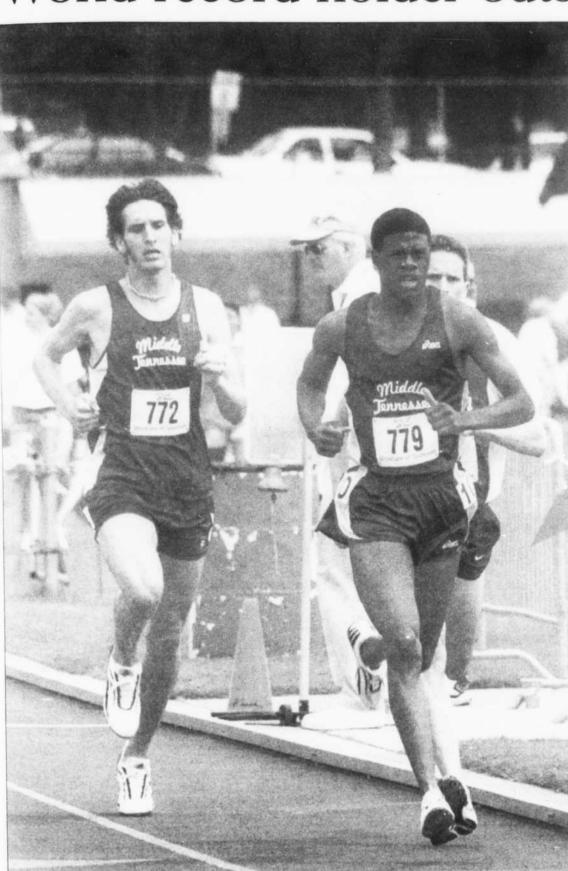
# Heading into championships



Photo by Amy Jones Chief Photographer No. 1 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 performance of University of Tennessee-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 leads the world for this year with a time of 10.00 seconds. Because his sprint was above the 2.1 legal wind limit in the event, Gatlin's time was not able to beat the 10.05 second record he had previously set in the 100-meter dash.

"I wanted to run a 19-something wind legal," Gatlin said.
"Today's times made me see that I'm much better that at this time last year."

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 broke 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 seconds to come 22nd 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 feet 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 DJ 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 a fifth place finish at a time of 1 minute and 00.77 seconds. The

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(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

By Patrick Chinnery Staff Writer

Following a heartbreaking season, in which the Blue Raiders went 8-3 (5-1 conference), were co-champions 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 case.

The Raiders this season should finish with a 10-2 record, the two losses in the first two games of the 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, Louisiana-Lafayette 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

#### **SEC Opponents**

University of Alabama Aug. 31

University of Tennessee Sept. 7

University of Kentucky Sept. 21

Vanderbilt University Oct. 12

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



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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. ◆

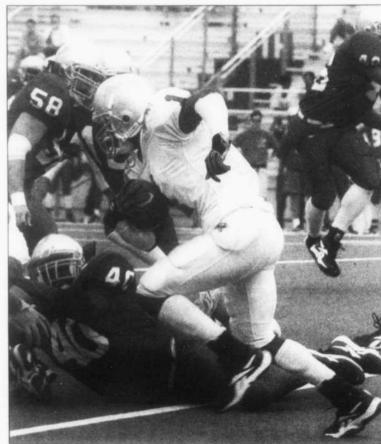


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Kerry Wright runs with the ball after catching the pass.

#### Blue Raider Football

#### Scrimmage showcases improvements

Defense displays more speed, athleticism By Kentral Moore Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team held its annual Blue-White Spring Scrimmage Saturday.

The offense played the defense in an exciting match. The offense came primarily from No. 1 quarterback Andrico Hines who completed 15-of-21 passes for 148 yards, and the No. 2 quarterback Andre Green, who went 12-for-18 for 137 yards, 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 yards and led all rushers with 52 yards 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 candidate Dwone Hicks was only in on five offensive plays, he received 2 carries for 8 yards.

The passing game received contributions from senior wide receiver Tyrone Calico who led all receivers with 6 catches for 54 yards. Reggie Jones 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 guys made plays," said head coach McCollum. "But I am disappointed in the three turnovers."

Defensively, the Blue Raiders 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 transfer Will Martin contributed 6 stops and locy Montalbano added 5.

"This has been a great spring for 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.



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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

Sports 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 touchdowns.

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.

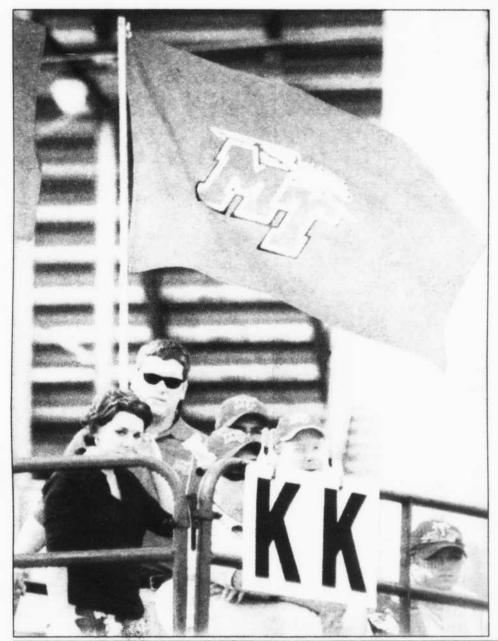
"He is very deserving. He has been here for three years and had three really good years here. I look for big things from Dwone, because he is working just as hard now as he was two years ago, but that's just the type of person he is. But he also knows that he has two guys right there with him, Reshard 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."

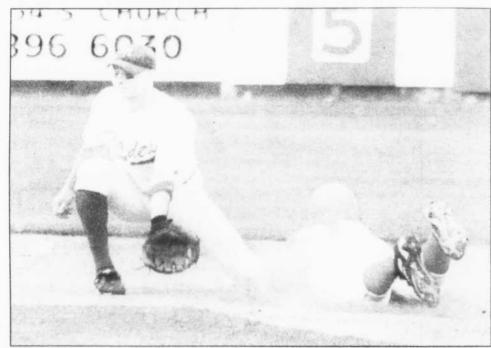
Media Relations Director Mark Owens is in charge of the Heisman campaign. He will send Hicks 4 Heisman posters to Heisman voters and mail postercards with updated statistics each Monday after games. Hicks also has changed his number from 33 to 4 and a Web site has been created for the Hicks 4 Heisman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





# MT Family Fun Day

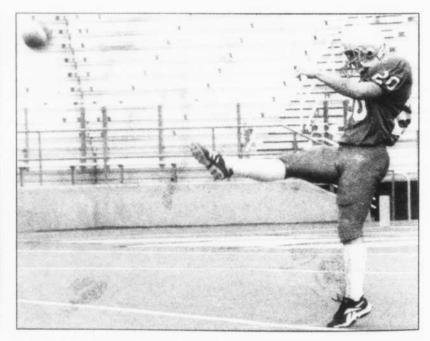
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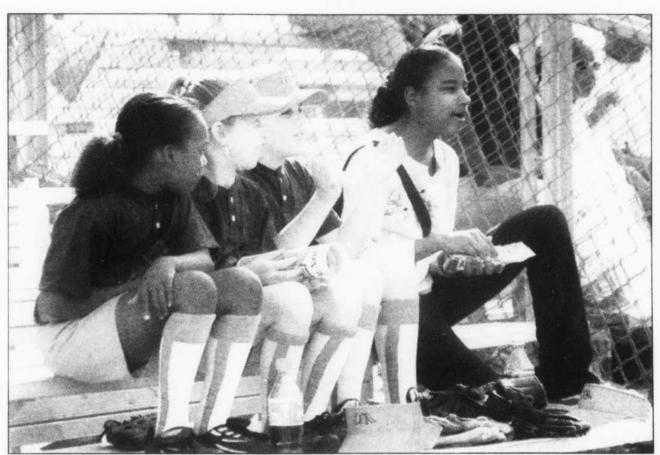
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Fans keep track of the number of strikeouts (left). Jason Howarth attempts to tag the sliding runner (above). The football team receives their championship tropy (bottom left). Robert billings punts the ball (below).

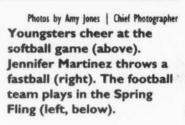




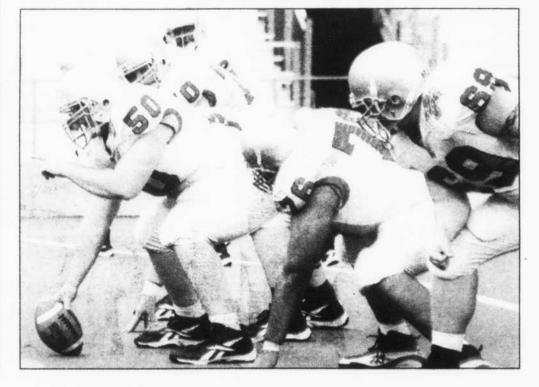
# Lady Raider Athletics











#### Baseball

# Baseball team loses two Sun Belt games

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

By Kevin Rose 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 10

to start to get something going, and Bicondoa really just made some outstanding pitches."

The Hilltoppers 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 3-1 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."

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Adam Larson comes through his motion to the plate.

# Charles Street Base 1515 Pro.W.

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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 for the past nine games the Middle Tennessee baseball team put together their best overall performance of the year in a 12-3 win over home-standing East Tennessee State University Wednesday in Johnson City.

The Blue Raiders improve to 20-13 on the season while the Bucs drop to 11-20,

MT got a strong outing from starting pitcher Travis Horschel, Horschel allowed 2 early runs, but was money the rest of way.

He pitched a career-high 8 innings and struck out 3, throwing only 103 pitches. He hasn't lost a start since his first of the year against Troy State Feb. 22.

The Blue Raiders led 4-2 going into the fifth inning, but erupted for 4 runs in the fifth and 4 more in the sixth.

Derrick Phillips hit a 3-run home run to

highlight the fifth inning. However, the Blue Raiders were not done hitting the long ball. Nato laggers led off the sixth with a solo-homer and Brett Carroll added a 3-run homer later in the inning.

The Bucs added a single run in the bottom of the eighth for the final score of 12-3.

Chase Swing pitched a scoreless ninth inning for the Blue Raiders. He gave up 1 hit.

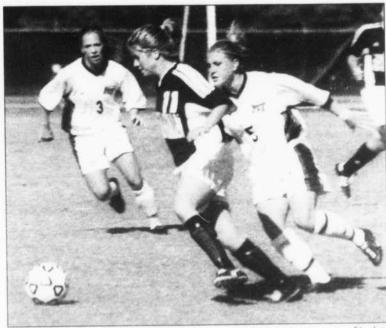
The Blue Raiders pounded out 14 hits. Chuck Akers, Kris Smith, Marshall Nisbett, Jaggers and Phillips all had 2 hits apiece. laggers. Phillips, Smith and Nisbett also scored 2 runs apiece.

The win snaps a three-game non-conference losing streak for the Blue Raiders.

ETSU was victimized by 5 errors.

The Blue Raiders next game will be Tuesday night against Belmont University at Reese Smith Field. Start time is 7 p.m.

#### **Briefs**



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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 scoring the two points to win the game 2-1

The Thunder, a traveling women's soccer team based in Nashville, took the lead early in the first 30-minute period Saturday morning. The traditional 90-minute 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 Miguez passed the ball to Cox from the top of the 18-yard box to earn the assist.

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 score the game winning goal.

"We struggled a bit early but played much better in the final two periods," new head coach Aston Rhoden said. This was the first time Rhoden has coached the Blue Raiders in competitive play.

"Right now is a transition period for both the players and I, and everyone realizes there's a lot of work to do," Rhoden said. "The players have responded well, and things are coming together."

The Blue Raiders will host a 9vs.-9 tournament next Saturday as part of their spring season. Regular season play will begin in the fall.

#### Conference USA joins New Orleans Bowl

Conference USA has signed a

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 football-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 network 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 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 I-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. ◆

# Superspeedway opens season with help from MT

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

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.

"Oh yeah, it was worth \$25," MT junior Josh 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

- 1. Scott Riggs
- 2. Jack Sprague
- 3. Bobby Hamilton Jr.
- 4. Scott Wimmer
- Jason KellerRandy LaJoie
- 7. Jamie McMurray
- 8. Kerry Earnhardt
- 9. Stacy Compton 10. Tim Sauter

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# 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 Jerie 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.

Jennifer 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 walking 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 Cajuns 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. Joy 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 Connelley said, "or at least not let any runs score and have your swing at the bottom of the seventh. Louisiana-Lafayette'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 strikeouts.

In Sunday's first game, the Lady Raiders lost again to ULL with a score of 11-6.

The Lady Raiders scored first in the game when pitcher lennifer Martinez hit a two RBI double, sending home Lisa Sherman and Dani DeCamino.

The Lady Cajuns answered in the second inning with a solo home run over the left centerfield fence by Webre.

The Lady Cajuns added another five runs in the top of the third inning, with Middle Tennessee adding one of their own in the bottom of the third on a Louisiana-Lafayette error, which sent home pinch runner Jen Polsteen.

The Lady Cajuns increased their lead in the top of the sixth, knocking in two runs to make the game 8-3.

The Lady Raiders started a come back in the bottom of the sixth inning. Azevedo started off the inning for the Lady Raiders with a double to right center. Erica Buhl then had a base hit to send Azevedo to third. Buhl made it to second off an error. Then Leah Grothause was hit by a ball and sent to first base, and the bases were loaded with no



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Ashlie Way stares in at the batter as she holds her defensive position, prepared for the ball.

outs. Coronado walked Bruckman and sent a run in to make the score 8-4. Coronado finally struck out. Meagan Cherinka for I Lady Claum out. Sylva laid one down in the infield for the Lady Raiders. The Lady Cajuns threw an out at home plate and went for an out at first base but missed the throw for an error. Another run advanced to home, but ULL managed to tag an out at third base to end the inning.

The Lady Cajuns singled to first to start off the top of the seventh inning. Jill Robertson got hit with the ball to give the runners at first and second. Then Summar Lapeyrouse, the third baseman for ULL, hit a home run over left center to make the score 11–5 in the Lady Cajuns favor. Preator finished out the inning with three straight outs for the Lady Raiders.

MT started out with two outs in the bottom of the seventh but managed to come back with another run for the final score. Ashlie Way walked, and Azevedo got a base hit Then pinch hitter Kellie Cormier bit a base hit to left center and lemaked in a run for the Lady Ranker taxotherse flied out to end his jame. The final-score was 11-6.

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ULI fittished their sweep of the Lady Raiders vesterday with four home runs in the fourth game of the series defeating MT 9-1.

Alana Addison homered with two on base in the top of the first inning to put the Lady Cajuns up 3-0. Tiffany Grayson homered in the top of the second to make the game 4-0.

Crystal George homered in the top of the fourth for the Lady Caiuns with 1 on base for 2 RBIs. Alexander singled, and McMurtry doubled to knock Alexander in to make the score 7-0. Addison followed with her second homer of the game with I runner on base to put ULL up 9-0 over the Lady Raiders.

Buhl hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth inning for the Lady Raiders sole point of the game. This is the fourth home run of her career, which puts her in fifth place in the Lady Raider

Mitchell (10-4) picked up the win for the Lady Cajuns, allowing 4 bits and had 3 strikeouts. Kendall (1-5) got the loss, pitching 3 innings and allowing 5 hits. Martinez pitched 2 innings and allowed 5 hits and had 2 strikeouts.

"Our goal is to get better every inning," Connelley said. "We're going after Western Kentucky next weekend, and we've got to continue 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. Game begins at 1 p.m.

#### **Baseball:** Belmont comes to MT tomorrow

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The Hilltoppers went ahead in the eighth 4-3. Jeff Pacholke singled, and pinch runner 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 1/3 innings and gave up 4 runs on 9 hits in the loss to fall to 5-2 on the season. Chris Mobley entered and pitched the final 1 2/3 innings.

The Hilltoppers reached him for a run in the ninth. Townsend singled and scored on a Ryan Cattell double.

The Blue Raiders had no serious threat in the eighth or ninth for a final score of 5-3.

Saturday the Hilltoppers wasted no time scoring. They jumped on MT starter Adam Larson for 4 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.

The Blue Raiders added a run in the fourth on a home run by Josh Archer. Archer had 3 hits and 2 runs scored on the day.

The Blue Raiders got 2 runs in the fifth to make the score 5-3. A single by Harp and a walk by Chad Cooper chased WKU starter 1.6. Faircloth. Harp scored on a double play ball hit by laggers and Cooper scored on a wild pitch from reliever Andy Baldwin.

Baldwin tamed the Blue Raiders for 4 innings in getting the win WKU broke the game open in the sixth. A single and double chased Larson for reliever Jeremy Armstrong. Armstrong entered and gave up a 2-RBI triple to Townsend. Cattell plated Townsend with a single increasing the lead to 8-3.

MT added a run in the sixth when Cooper drew a bases loaded walk to pull to 8-4. WKU added 2 more runs in the seventh off Armstrong for a 10-4 lead and chasing him from the game.

Chase Swing pitched the final 2 1/3 innings without giving up a run.

Fownsend paced the Hilltopper offense with 4 hits and 5 RBIs. They pounded our 15 hus on the day.

The some concluded vesterday, Results were intavailable at press time. Check Westnesday's issue of Sidelines for complete results.

Furnorrow the Blite Raiders will host Belmont at \* p.an. ◆

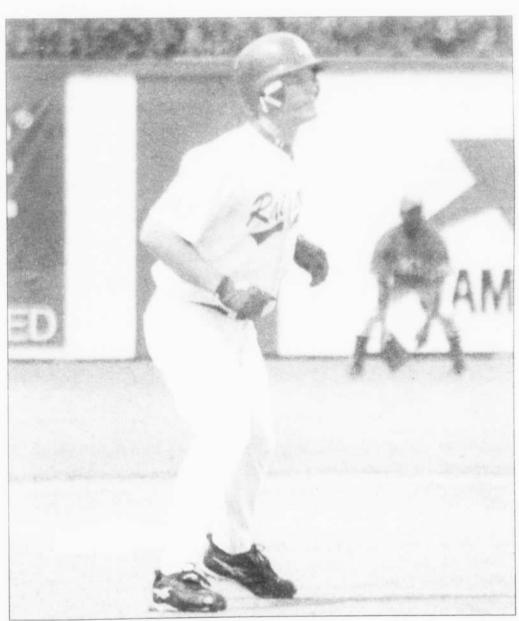


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Chuck Nisbett takes his lead and gets ready to take off upon contact against Western Kentucky University Saturday. Nisbett has a .355 batting average and .403 on base percentag e in 36 games this year. He has scored 33 runs and stolen 7 bases this season. The Blue Raiders dropped two games to WKU.

#### Saturday's baseball game against WKU

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

Player	AB	R	Н	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

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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 first place finish of 52.80 seconds.

The usually strong jumpers had a disappointing finish this weekend

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.

#### 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

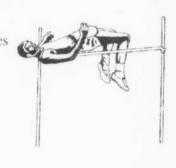
3 minutes, 7.03 seconds

Women's team

1 minute 0.77 seconds

Triple jump

Letitia Eady 40 feet, 7.50 inches Stephany Reid 40 feet, 05.00 inches



#### Blue Raider 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.

Dwone Hicks career stats  Middle Tennessee – running back						
Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	TDs		
1999	9	28	3.1	1		
2000	186	1277	6.9	19		
2001	191	1144	6.0	20		
Totals	386	2449	6.3	40		
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	TDs		
1999	0	0	0.0	0		
2000	19	181	9.5	2		
2001	18	230	12.8	4		
Totals	37	411	11.1	6	CT DE	









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#### 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