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Campus Briefs

War Historian Speaks

Timothy H. Breen, an expert in colonial and revolutionary America and cultural anthropology, will visit MTSU as the department of history's third Strickland Visiting Scholar.

The Strickland Visiting Scholar program was established through the support of the Strickland family in memory of Roscoe Lee Strickland Jr., who was a longtime professor of European history at MTSU.

Breen will deliver a free public lecture Thursday in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building from 7-9 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend Breen's lecture, "The Invention of Color: Reconstructing the U.S. Landscape of the World of George Washington."

For more information, contact MTSU's history department at 898-2536.

Caregiving gets creative

The St. Clair Street Senior Center in Murfreesboro will host a conference titled "Creative Caregiving: Developing Community Partnership," designed to help participants learn how to utilize resources that will keep costs at a reasonable level while providing quality caregiving services.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 26 at the St. Clair Street Senior Center.

The event will host policy-makers, health-care professionals, students, caregivers and interested citizens who want to learn from the experts on how to utilize community resources to promote and enhance caregiving services.

For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 898-5950.

Techies gather at MTSU

The seventh annual Mid-South Instructional Technology Conference will host about 500 higher education professionals from across the nation April 7-9.

This year's conference will focus on incorporating technology into teaching and learning at the higher education level. Participants will have the opportunity to learn new instructional technology, learn how it is used in the classroom and to examine future trends.

For more information, contact Wendy Watts at 898-5065.

Bornstein speaks at JUB

Transsexual performance artist Kate Bornstein will lecture in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building today at 7 p.m.

Bornstein identifies as neither a man nor a woman. Born male, Bornstein underwent a gender change and "became a woman," only to find out that being a woman didn't work either.

For more information, contact Elyce Helford at 898-5961. ♦

Program offers jobs, services to students

By Jennifer Dotson
Staff Writer

A new youth workforce program wants to make a difference in the lives of MTSU students.

Youth Career Action Network, sponsored by the Mid-Cumberland Human Resources Agency, is a non-profit organization that provides an array of services and activities to low-income youth ages 14-21.

Youth CAN is new to Murfreesboro and serves both

Rutherford and Trousdale counties. The coordinators are currently seeking individuals to participate in the program. Youth CAN is open to MTSU students age 17-21 who are Pell Grant eligible.

The program's goal is to reach out to qualified youth who need help receiving a secondary school diploma or GED and to prepare them for post-secondary education and career opportunities. Youth CAN also offers supportive services to those seeking employment or going to school. These services

include assistance with test fees, tuition, transportation and childcare.

Assistant county coordinator of Youth CAN, Christina Pappafotis-Bogle, said she encourages MTSU students to apply for the program.

"Youth CAN could be an outstanding asset to MTSU students who are eligible for participation," Pappafotis-Bogle said. "We can supplement their Pell Grants with tuition assistance and assist them with the payment of required textbooks."

Cindy Ducker, an assistant county coordinator and MTSU alumna agrees.

"Youth CAN is an excellent organization and has a wide variety of free services to offer that most social service organizations don't assist people in," Ducker said. "Our program assists those who are financially disadvantaged but can also assist those who would not qualify for any other program based solely on financial need."

Along with recruiting participants for the program, Youth CAN is also seeking tutors.

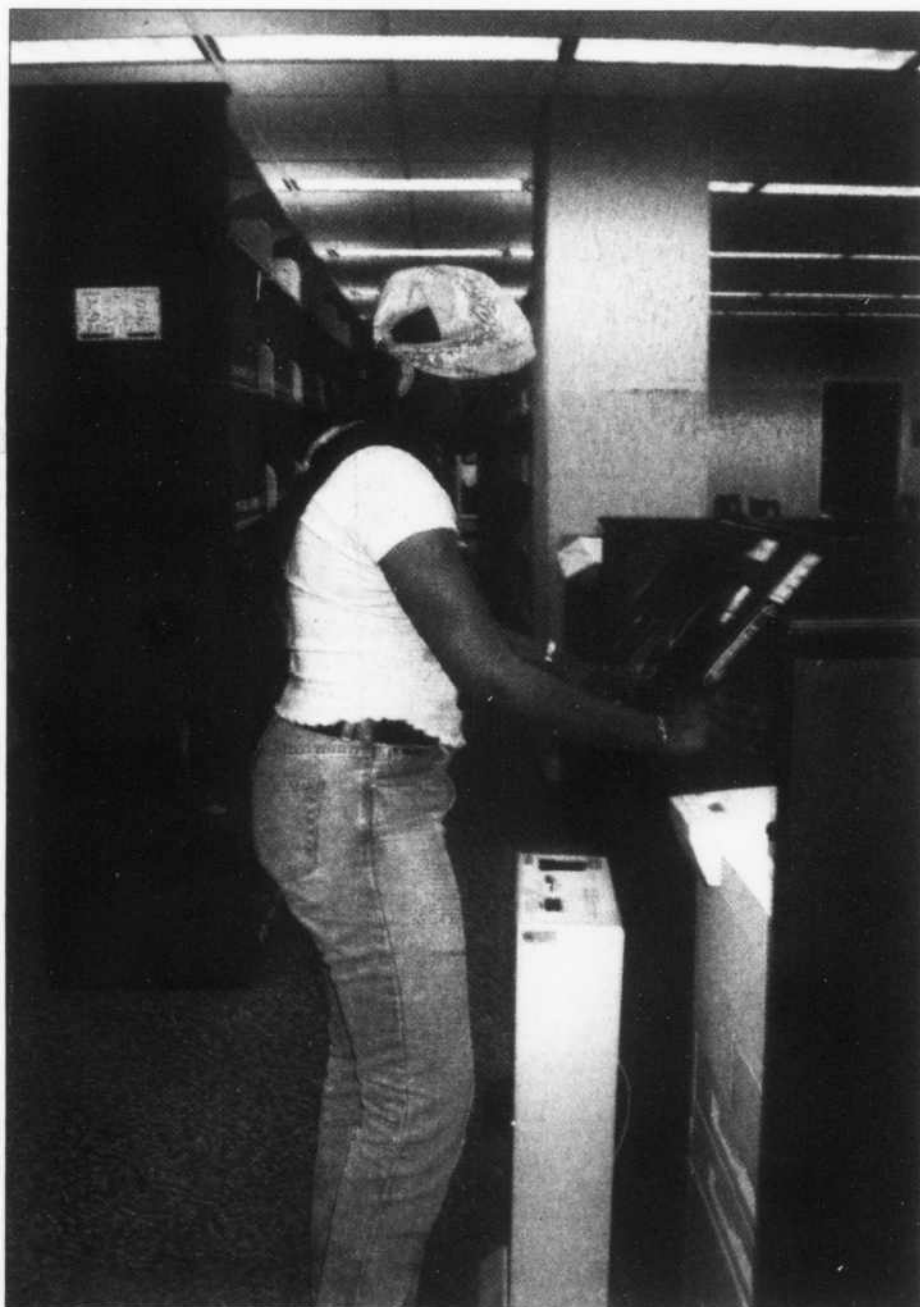
Qualified tutors must pass a background check and can earn up to \$15 an hour for 6 hours of tutoring per week.

"The students at MTSU should use this as an opportunity to interact within the disadvantaged population of the community to better understand the special needs of students who don't have as many resources as the more advantaged students have," Ducker said.

"There are many of our

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Library switches to free printing system



Freshman Kamaria Black takes advantage of the new free-printing policy at the James E. Walker Library that went into effect in February.

By Jessica Kent
Staff Writer

Starting Feb. 22, printing on all floors of the James E. Walker Library became free despite concerns from administration that it would result in overprinting.

Library Dean Don Craig said that once word gets around about the free printing, there will be an increase in the flow of students in the library. The volume of printing will increase as well.

"Volume tripled in the first week of free printing as compared to that week last year," Craig said.

John Marshall, president of the Student Government Association, said that waste has been a concern since the beginning. Officials told him that free printing could potentially double or triple. His response was they wouldn't know that until they tried.

"Nickel and diming students is more of a hassle than providing free printing," Marshall said.

Before free printing was approved, campus officials checked with other universities to see how they handled not charging students for printouts.

They also considered the new amount of waste that could potentially become a problem.

"Students aren't careful of what articles to print when they don't have to pay," Craig said.

To help reduce the amount of potential waste, the library has doubled the number of recycling bins.

"If students abuse the privilege, then we'll revisit that," Watson Hannah, director of Academic Affairs, said.

"I hope that students recognize this as a privilege."

Hannah said she doesn't think many students will abuse the free printing. If only a few people are caught wasting extreme amounts of paper, then those individuals would probably be confronted and punished instead of the whole student body, Hannah said.

Previously, printing was only free on the second floor of the library. For about a year, the office of the vice president for Academic Affairs has paid for printing on the second floor, Craig said. Students paid for printing on other floors. Students had to pay 7 cents with Raider Funds or 10 cents for each printed page.

Money to pay for the free printing is currently coming partly from the library fund.

Other money from printing is coming from the \$50,000 President Sidney McPhee provided for free printing in various places around campus, Hannah said.

Last semester, SGA senators raised the concern that only one floor of the library was free, Marshall said, and took the concern directly to McPhee.

McPhee took an interest in this concern and instructed his staff to look into it.

Robert Eaker, the interim provost, said this is a good example of how McPhee works closely with the SGA.

It took about four months to get free printing approved. Marshall said it would have been accomplished sooner, but the reorganization of the president's staff was the main hold up. ♦

Students make concrete float

Concrete canoe
to compete in
Annual Southeast
Regional Race

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

MTSU's concrete industry management program will compete for the first time in the Annual Southeast Regional Concrete Canoe Race April 6 in Tallahassee, Fla.

The event, hosted by Florida State University and sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineering, requires each team to race a concrete canoe around a track in a river on the Seminole Reservation.

"We're the only non-engineering school that's ever been

invited," assistant professor Heather Brown said. "Some of these schools have been doing this for 10 years."

The 120-pound canoe is made of concrete containing hollow glass spheres instead of rocks, allowing it to float and hold up to four rowers at a time.

While other schools involved began preparation in August, the ASCE didn't invite MTSU to participate until late December.

"A lot of the schools got a big jump on us," Brown said. "There were a lot of things we wanted to do, but we didn't have time."

Fifteen CIM students worked on building the canoe for four months, from the original wooden cast to the final coat of trident blue paint on the exterior.

The canoe is officially named

"Rookie Mistake" because it was dropped during the mold removal, chipping off a 3-inch chunk, which has since been repaired.

Each team is graded on canoe appearance, design and place finished in each of the five races.

"If [our canoe] comes back in one piece, a lot of schools will be impressed," said team captain Josh Cornwall, a junior CIM major.

Brown and the participating students already have been featured on NewsChannel 5 and are expected to appear in both the *Nashville Business Journal* and *Tennessee Concrete Magazine*.

After the race, the canoe will be hung in the CIM lab as a piece of memorabilia to attract prospective students. ♦

Faculty mods removed



The moduls located beside the new Quadrangle were finally moved off campus over Spring Break.

Photo by Pam Hudgens | Staff

Circuit court to review hemp ban

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

The Drug Enforcement Administration's attempt to ban products made of hemp seeds or oil as of March 18 was halted after the 9th Circuit Court motions panel referred the case to its merit panel, where they will begin hearing arguments starting April 8.

The ruling is a result of an interpretive rule made by the DEA that would place products made with hemp seeds or oil under the jurisdiction of the Controlled Substance Act of 1970. The DEA's rule was proposed Oct. 9, 2001. On Feb. 7, the DEA gave an extended grace period in which 40 more days were given to dispose of hemp products.

"The DEA has no public support for the new hemp food rule," Eric Steenstra, president of VoteHemp said. VoteHemp is a non-profit organization that promotes the buying and selling of hemp products.

"After examining the public

comments, it is clear that the DEA is out of touch with the general public, which is informed about the compelling nutritional and legal arguments in support of healthy hemp food products."

The basis of the law is because hemp contains tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the psychoactive chemical in marijuana and is considered a controlled substance.

Marijuana contains approximately 3 to 20 percent THC, while hemp is specifically bred to contain less than one percent THC.

There are several stores in the Murfreesboro area that could be affected by the outcome of the court's decision. The Body Shop at Hickory Hollow Mall and The Enchanted Planet in Murfreesboro are both concerned.

While neither shop sells products that contain enough THC to be banned, there is a fear of future problems, as well as a shared opinion of disgust

and disapproval.

"The DEA proposal is unjust, unfair and disturbingly ignorant. The DEA has proposed these rules 'in order to protect the public health and safety,' but their concern has no basis in fact," Anita Roddick, founder of The Body Shop, said in an online statement.

"Industrial hemp is not marijuana. Though they are both members of the cannabis plant genus, marijuana and industrial hemp are, in fact, biochemically distinct," Roddick continued.

Many U.S. companies are now manufacturing cereals, pretzels, salad dressings, chips, waffles, granola bars and breads that contain hemp seed or oil.

"I think it's ridiculous," MTSU sophomore Brandon Vankirk said. Vankirk makes and sells hemp jewelry as a hobby.

"It's one of our greatest natural resources. If someone tried to smoke hemp, all it would accomplish is giving them a headache." ♦

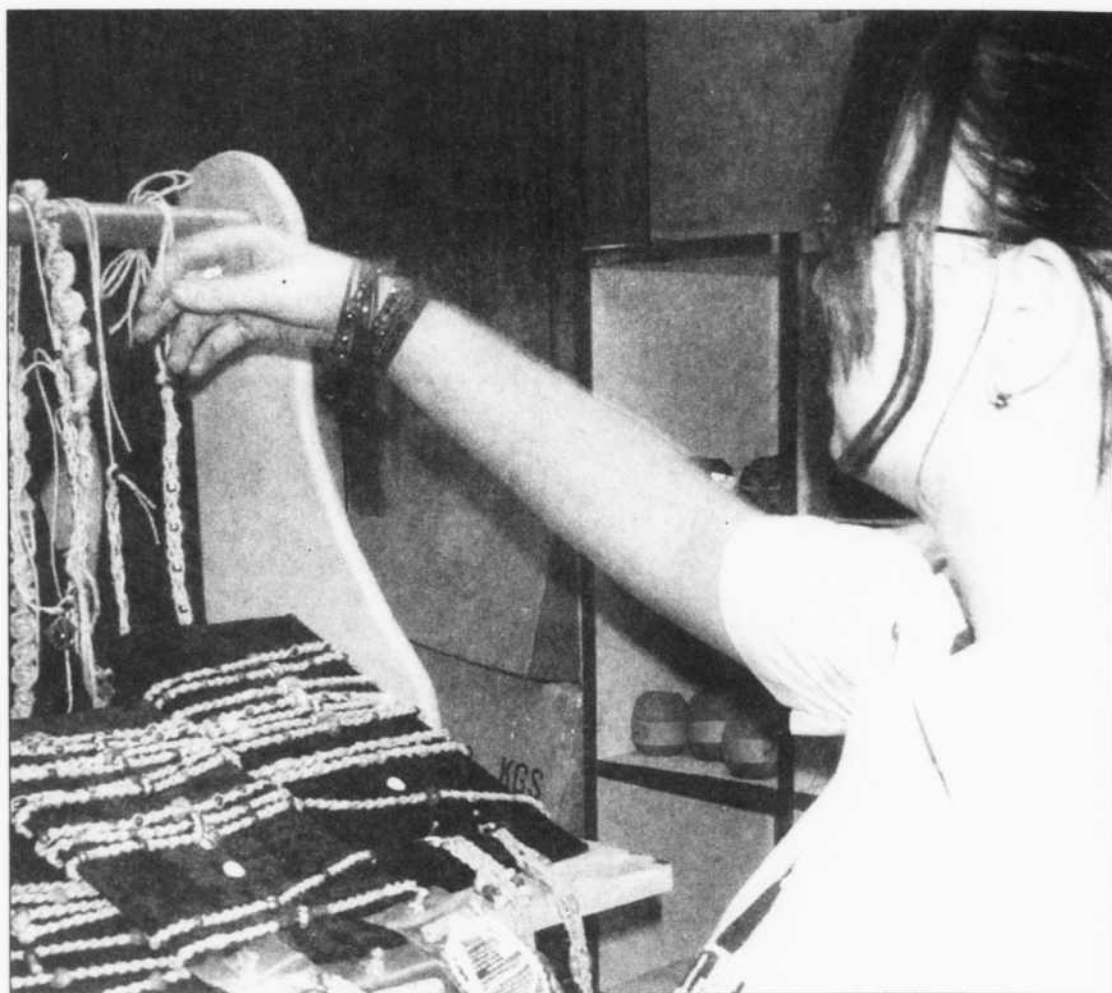


Photo by Steve Cross | Staff

Students wanting to purchase products made of hemp will have a harder time finding any if the 9th Circuit Court enforces the DEA's new law banning the sale of hemp.

MT updates school's image with new wordmark

Staff Reports

MTSU adopted a new look yesterday as the university's newly designed logo was unveiled.

The new logo, called "the wordmark," features the words "Middle Tennessee State University," as opposed to the older logo, which featured the letters "MTSU" in an avant-garde style.

"This new mark has a crisp, contemporary look reflecting the changes we have seen in the university," said President Sidney McPhee in a letter to the campus community.

The design's curved stroke "denot[es] action and progres-

sive movement," McPhee said in the letter.

The letter said the logo is not meant to suddenly replace the older logo, but that it will gradually phase it out. The new logo will be featured on departmental brochures, recruitment materials, catalogs and schedule books. The athletic logo, which features "MT" and Lightning, will still be used for materials related to sports and school spirit.

McPhee requested in his letter that materials with the older logo, called "the icon," be used until they expire, and not be discarded in order to replace them with materials with the new logo.



"I do not want any unnecessary expenditure of funds or waste of resources to occur as the result of adopting this new graphic treatment," McPhee said.

University officials have been working to create a new logo to replace the 30-year-old "icon"

for the past two years. The process was interrupted during the transition between university presidents but was picked back up shortly after McPhee took office.

To request materials with the new logo, contact Publications and Graphics at 898-2896. ♦

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Conducted by Liz Bennett, a retired school administrator

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clients who need an extra boost of self-confidence and need to see that secondary education is an option for them," Ducker

said.

Pappafotis-Bogle said one of her tutors has already made a big difference in the quality of one student's work.

"She is tutoring a middle

school student now who has increased his average in science from a 68 to about an 89, courtesy in large part to the tutoring we have set up," Pappafotis-Bogle said. "That is a definite

success."

For more information on Youth CAN, call 217-6823 or visit the office located on 415 North Maple St. ♦

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Editorial

Pros, cons of new Peck Hall furniture

Peck Hall and Kirksey Old Main got a facelift over Spring Break, when thousands of dollars of new furniture was moved in to replace the old, wooden desks that have evoked student complaints for years.

We were so glad when we found out the old furniture was being replaced. Those wooden desks have caused cramps and discomfort in many a weary student's legs and backs.

The *Sidelines* staff gave the new furniture a test drive, and here are our conclusions:

GOOD: Students can have more than one notebook on the desk at one time, facilitating a more comfortable, fluid learning environment.

BAD: The desk is incredibly top heavy. In three different classrooms, *Sidelines* staffers witnessed four students topple the desks over on accident. A misplaced foot or a student in a hurry to leave who gets caught on the edge of the desk can cause quite a disaster.

GOOD: The desks are ambidextrous, permitting either a left-handed or right-handed person to work with ease. Also, the adjustable tables at the front of the room permit easy accessibility for handicapped students.

BAD: The desks are crammed into the rooms so tightly that there is little flexibility with room set-up, and professors have very little room to teach at the front of the classroom.

GOOD: The chairs are not rigid, wooden and attached to the desks.

BAD: The chairs are rigid and plastic. Both they and the desks are made of such thin plastic and metal that they seem fragile and incapable of lasting for anything more than five or six years. Unfortunately, students are hard on furniture.

The new furniture is quite an improvement over the antiquated wooden desks that have plagued students with classes in the KOM and Peck. We just hope that the new furniture is worth the thousands it cost. We have a feeling we'll be seeing — or at least needing — some new furniture in about six years. ♦

Slavery was horrible; reparations are bad, too



I'm Just a Girl

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

The latest outlandish abomination to make headlines is the proposal of slavery reparations. What? Are these people kidding me? This is the most ridiculous concept I have ever heard.

Everyone's ancestors were wronged, and likewise everyone's ancestors wronged others. That's life. This does not mean that we should pay off the people who were wronged by our ancestors over 100 years ago.

Slavery was horrible,

and I do not think anyone would disagree with that. However, I had nothing to do with it. I was not there. I have never owned slaves and neither have any of my living relatives. Why should I be held responsible for something I had no control over?

In order to do this reparations thing, we would have to research everyone's family history.

Everyone! It would be a ridiculous waste of time and money to find out whose ancestors either were slaves or owned slaves.

Suppose that someone decided reparations should be paid. Why just for slavery? There are many groups of people who have been mistreated by the United States: Native

Americans, immigrants, women, labor unions — I could go on for days. None of these groups want to be repaid for past wrongs, and if anyone has the right to ask it's the Native Americans.

We successfully managed to lie to them, steal their land, massacre them, and force them onto reservations where many of them are now alcoholic gambling diabetics. Yet they demand nothing in return for this cruel treatment. The United States has done some bad things in the past, but it's in the past.

I suppose Great Britain owes us a great deal of money for our suffering prior to independence. The Romans, too, would have to pay an insane

amount in reparations for all the people they conquered and enslaved. It just is not practical.

Besides, I seem to recall that reparations for slavery have already been paid. Today we refer to it as the Civil War. Many people died for the cause, the price was paid, and the lesson learned. We cannot simply go around writing checks and expect that to heal old wounds — only time can do that. If you still want reparations, go visit Gettysburg or Shiloh. See the battlefields where countless men laid down their lives, and then come crying to me about reparations.

It's not just the soldiers who paid. The planters came off pretty bad at the end of the war. If their land

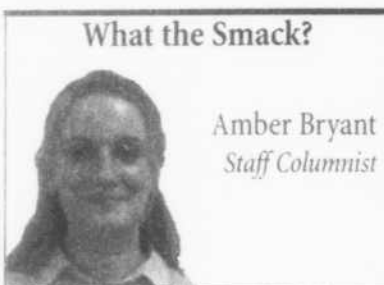
was not destroyed beyond all repair, they still didn't know how to farm it. Ending slavery also ended a \$4 billion investment. Fine by me. They deserve it.

In fact, I would have loved to come into some of those plantations and taken some chairs and curtains to give to the slaves, just for kicks. But the planters are all dead. Again, fine by me.

Let's leave it in the past. What's the use in burying the hatchet if you're just going to dig it up and chop someone's head off with it? ♦

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My hatred towards mass regression



What the Smack?

Amber Bryant
Staff Columnist

Everywhere I look, people seem to be living in the past.

During the '90s, the '70s were the decade to live in. Following suite, twenty years ago is the happening place to be these days.

The fashion and music industries have seemingly reverted back to the '80s. I imagine many other than myself had assumed this decade would be skipped, seeing as how it was a calamity from the moment M.C. Hammer and his brightly colored baggy pants were introduced.

The day I come on the scene sporting a long tee shirt with a wide, vinyl belt and leg warmers, it is my prayer that someone will have me committed immediately, preferably to a place that serves Jell-O with the fruit floating around in it.

Nashville also now has an entire radio station dedicated to eighties music, when genuine instrumental talent hit an all-time low. While I occasionally enjoy a Pet Shop Boys ballad or two, even the most incompetent moron can sing along with a synthesizer.

Even Disney is attempting to cash in on the olden days by creat-

ing a sequel to Cinderella, which came out in the 1940s. Now young girls will have one more reason to believe that life begins when a handsome young chap rides up on a white horse. While some would call that hope, I call it delusion.

In reality, after twenty years or so of being silent and oppressed in her marriage, Cinderella most likely broke off the toe of that glass slipper and gave her luscious hubby a good old-fashioned stabbing while he slept.

Perhaps this reversion to nostalgia is the only thing that keeps our society from going future-crazy by creating robots using porcine DNA, eventually leading to the demise of the human race.

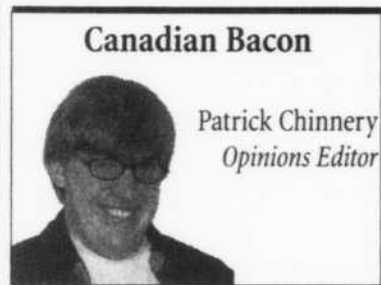
If this is the case, we should lapse back to more interesting times. I wouldn't mind witnessing a witch trial or two, or bathing naked in a lake with my neighbors.

However, I suggest we start developing fashion and music to include lightweight titanium hover gear and solar-powered helmets allowing for telekinetic recording sessions. As for Disney, if they want to miss the pathetic sellout boat, they'd better jump now.

We should at least attempt to upgrade a few small details, instead of trying to find comfort in what's already been done. ♦

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Lawsuit poor substitute for therapy



Canadian Bacon

Patrick Chinnery
Opinions Editor

Last August, Professor Kenneth S. Abraham, a widely-published and highly respected legal scholar, was explaining the legal principle known as the "egg-shell skull rule," that was the result of the *Vosburg v. Putney* tort case.

In the case, one child was severely harmed when another lightly kicked him in the shins. Even though the kicking child did not know the other's shins were fragile, and the kick was very light, he was still held liable for all damage caused.

In the class, Abraham demonstrated the "egg-shell" rule by tapping the shoulder of Marta Sanchez after announcing his intention of how a slight contact could be actionable.

With more irony than a Salinger novel, Sanchez filed a lawsuit in late February against Abraham, alleging that he knowingly intended to cause her harm. She also made the statement in her filed complaint that the touch put her in "reasonable fear of physical injury."

Former students of Abraham

are in agreement that the tapping was a normal part of Abraham's lecture on the *Vosburg* case.

Sanchez, while 11 years old and living in her native country Panama, was molested and raped. She claimed the tap brought long-repressed memories and emotions flooding back. Because of her alleged distress, she is seeking \$25,000 in compensatory damages and \$10,000 in punitive damages.

Though there may be precedent for her case because of *Vosburg*, the standard this case would set, if Sanchez is successful, is downright horrifying. As a law student, Sanchez must take classes in the coming years, where she will hear about cases that deal with personal issues such as rape, assault and battery and domestic violence.

In an interview with ifeminist.com editor Wendy McElroy, Ann Coughlin, a peer of Abraham's at UVA, said, "Given the stuff I teach, this [case] scares me out of my wits. I have to talk about issues that are much more explosive than a torts suit. I have to teach rape and police brutality..."

I couldn't put it any better myself. America is not a place to be coddled. Sanchez needs counseling, not a lawsuit. ♦

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Joe discusses impertinence, genocide and cupcakes



Bathroom Stall Graffiti

Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

From Joe's journal, page 86:

The guy in your class, who everyone hates, who you hate, with whom even your teacher is frustrated, the class ass we should call him, ought to be silenced, muzzled, ejected from class, permanently marked so that civilized people may shun him.

He, the foul wretch, forced to roam the campus, lonely and alone, would leave us in peace with our studies.

Alas, a Christian pity comes over me and I wonder to myself whether these poor men and women know their classmates despise them. Surely not, or they would change their ways. The class ass is product of ignorance.

Clearly the first step to solving our little problem

is to let the class ass know he is the class ass. So I did just that.

"Pardon me, Class Ass. I need to speak to you for a moment," I said to the class ass.

"Who are you talking to?" asked the class ass.

Of course, he was the only one who asked this, for everyone else in the class knew who the class ass was. Like I said, the class ass is ignorant of his true self. I suggest you point directly at the class ass and say, "Class Ass, I rebuke you."

Back to my story. So I explained to the boy the trouble he causes me. I told him he was the class ass and the rest of the class makes fun of him before he shows up. "When you aren't here," I said, "We talk about you."

The young man was stunned. For once the class ass didn't have anything to say. He hemmed, hawed and ended in a sigh. His head dropped, and he walked out of the room.

I was sure I'd never see him again.

Well, soon enough word got around that I'd

gotten rid of my class ass. Other students heard about this marvelous feat and tried it themselves. Class asses were expelled from classes all over campus.

The class asses took refuge in the condemned dormitories, having nowhere else to go. They petitioned the university but were only allowed to take telecourses.

The rejected and down-trodden class asses organized. They created the Class-Ass Liberation Organization (CLO for short).

They tried to create their own university but MTSU, with help from the almighty TBR, quashed their efforts.

So the CLO did what anyone in their situation would do. They emptied their backpacks of books and filled them with explosives.

They sent suicide bombers into classes. Hundreds were killed and maimed.

So we did what we had to do. We surrounded the Abernathy Hall, the CLO headquarters and demand-

ed they quit with this killing business.

We were soon ready to kill them all. It's like Grandpa always used to say: "Genocide starts with a G and so does good. So Genocide must be good."

But then again, Grandpa was a one time Nazi war criminal turned alcoholic.

I decided to go ahead with the genocide, crazy Grandpa or not. I was about to distribute the poison cupcakes when my roommate stepped in.

"Joe," he said, "I have something to confess. I am a Class Ass. You can't tell by looking at me can you?"

When I came to college I cut my hair and got new clothes so no one would know. I came to class and I shut up. But you know what, Joe? I'm not gonna shut up anymore. I'm a class ass and I'm proud."

What was I to say to this revelation? Part of me wanted to shove a cupcake down his throat and another part of me wanted to eat it myself. Of course, maybe I wasn't suicidal, just hungry. Nonetheless, I was torn.

I didn't know what to

do.

Then Rod Serling, my trusty celebrity spirit guide appeared. He had a stern look on his face. I don't think he was pleased with me.

"Joe, there's something you've got to learn. There are all sorts of class asses in the world. Maybe it's the weatherman who everyone hates. Maybe it's the girl in the office who gets on everyone's nerves. Maybe it's that columnist for the newspaper that everyone thinks is a retard but reads anyway. Ever think about that? Who is an ass and who isn't an ass is a matter of opinion. Some people like asses, and I don't mean in a Sir Mix-a-Lot way," Rod said.

"Good one, Rod," I said, as we all began to laugh at Rod's little joke.

"I can never fool you, can I kid?" said Rod as he ate a chocolate cupcake. Worry not, celebrity spirit guides are immune to poison cupcakes. ♦

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High stress level lies in perception of life

By Latrice Williams
Staff Writer

When the stress bug bites, it does not discriminate.

It can happen at any place on any given day — moments in which you want to pull out your hair, bite your nails or simply swear. It doesn't matter if it involves your work, school or family. Stress can be positive or negative.

"Stress comes in all shapes and sizes and has become so pervasive that it seems to permeate everything and everybody," according to the American Institute of Stress' Web site <http://www.stress.org>.

The Web site also states that there has been a growing confirmation of the role of stress in heart disease, depression, anxiety, smoking, obesity, substance abuse and a host of infectious and immune system disorders.

"That and more (stress) has an impact on people's lives," said Michael Johnson, assistant director of Guidance Services at MTSU.

For example, he said he has counseled individuals in regard to a wide variety of relationship issues — anything ranging from getting a divorce, breaking up, being involved in an abusive and controlling environment to situations where they are trying to balance academics with social problems.

In situations such as these, Johnson said, "The stress is exasperated."

He added that these conditions could manifest in physical, mental and emotional ways. When an individual has the inability to cope, it is because they lack the appropriate coping skills.

"They do not know what to do or how to handle stress when situations arise," Johnson said.

The AIS said stress is just one of life's consequences, which can't be avoided. There would be no life without stress.

Johnson agreed, "Stress is a

part of life. You can't avoid it. One of the most important skills is to cope with it."

He added that individuals must establish a good support system for themselves — seek out the help of family members and friends or get counseling.

They also must be able to sort and learn how to see any one situation in more than one way because there are other alternatives.

"When an individual does not see things from more than one angle, they are locked in (by stress)," he said.

Stress lies in an individual's perception. If you have a negative outlook, then you may have a negative outcome. But if you think positive thoughts, then anything's possible. If you believe, you will achieve positive things. Thus, optimism can help reduce social problems.

"Stress is so broad that it can be the origin of a number of situations," Johnson said.

Money problems can cause stress to occur, especially if someone forgets to balance their checkbook or overspends on a purchase.

"If I had more money, I would probably have less stress," said Delanie Boyd of Nashville. "Mine is mostly financial."

Boyd was working so many hours during the week that she could not keep up with her classwork, she missed too many days and she would fall asleep in some of her classes. Because she could not stay alert, she decided to withdraw from school and work full time.

Consequently, when someone tries to balance both work and school, sometimes one is sacrificed at a greater cost than the other is.

"Many sleep too much or are not eating (properly)," Johnson said. "Everyone needs to have an adequate amount (of both)." Boyd added that, at times, she gets so mad that she "just goes to sleep." With overdue bills, problems at home and a

demanding job, it is so easy for her to become frustrated. She also said that she does not eat that much "and that's not good."

"I still eat the same," said Lakesha Parker, an MTSU freshman majoring in political science.

The right amount of health and nutrition helps reduce chemical stress. However, the wrong amount can make someone gain weight. An individual must identify the reason behind their overeating in order to deal with stress.

The level of stress for each individual is different, thus how they deal with stress may vary from person to person.

"This semester is worse than last semester," Parker said. "I have a lot of outside studying."

To help her study without distractions, she said she usually sits in a quiet place by herself with nobody else around her.

Rasheila Upshaw, an MTSU senior majoring in elementary education, said she gets stressed out when she gets behind on classwork.

"Everything's due at the end of the semester," she said.

Adrian Williams, a senior at MTSU majoring in political science, said he tries to type up a paper the night before it's due. He added that he panics or gets anxious.

On the other hand, the Web site states that, while distress can cause disease, there are stresses that offset this and promote wellness.

"Increased stress results in increased productivity — up to a point," AIS added.

An individual may participate in activities because exercise improves health and reduces fatigue.

"If I have a lot of stuff on my head, I mostly do a lot of walking," said James Hampton, business management major at Nashville Technical Institute.

Upshaw said it helps for her to go to the Recreation Center

on campus.

When individuals psyche themselves up, it helps increase stress levels until their performance improves.

Upshaw added that she goes to church and reads her Bible for words of encouragement.

"I ask God to give me strength to carry on through the day," Hampton said.

Parker said that when she feels low, she feels she has let herself down.

"One problem leads to another, but eventually it all comes together," she added. "I'll be mad for the moment, but other than that, I don't let a lot of stuff bother me."

Williams said that when something happens, he does not stress over it.

"Because things happen in life regardless," he added. "It is

something you have to deal with and try to get it out of the way. And, don't let it consume you."

Through positive awareness, rational and thoughtful thinking, an individual can control their stress.

"It's very much like the stress on a violin string," AIS said. "Not enough produces a dull, raspy sound. Too much makes a shrill, annoying noise or causes the string to snap."

It is important to remember that by preparing for stress, anticipating when it may arise, an individual can manage their stress. It also helps if a person focuses his or her attention elsewhere or imagines a different situation to help eliminate stress from his or her environment.

Williams said stressed out people should "take a break,

calm yourself down a little bit." He added that you just have to manage your time well.

"People deal with stress poorly by not managing their time," Johnson said.

He explained that they are "trying to do 50 million things in two minutes." Johnson said it is all about three things: self control — they do not know how to breathe; self-awareness — they assume everything automatically; and homeostasis — they are out of balance.

"Good stress is when stress starts to dissipate, stress that motivates a person to take action," Johnson said.

He added that some talk and think or think and talk and do not get anything.

"Get up and go," he added. "Tackle the task. Get things completed in a timely manner." ♦

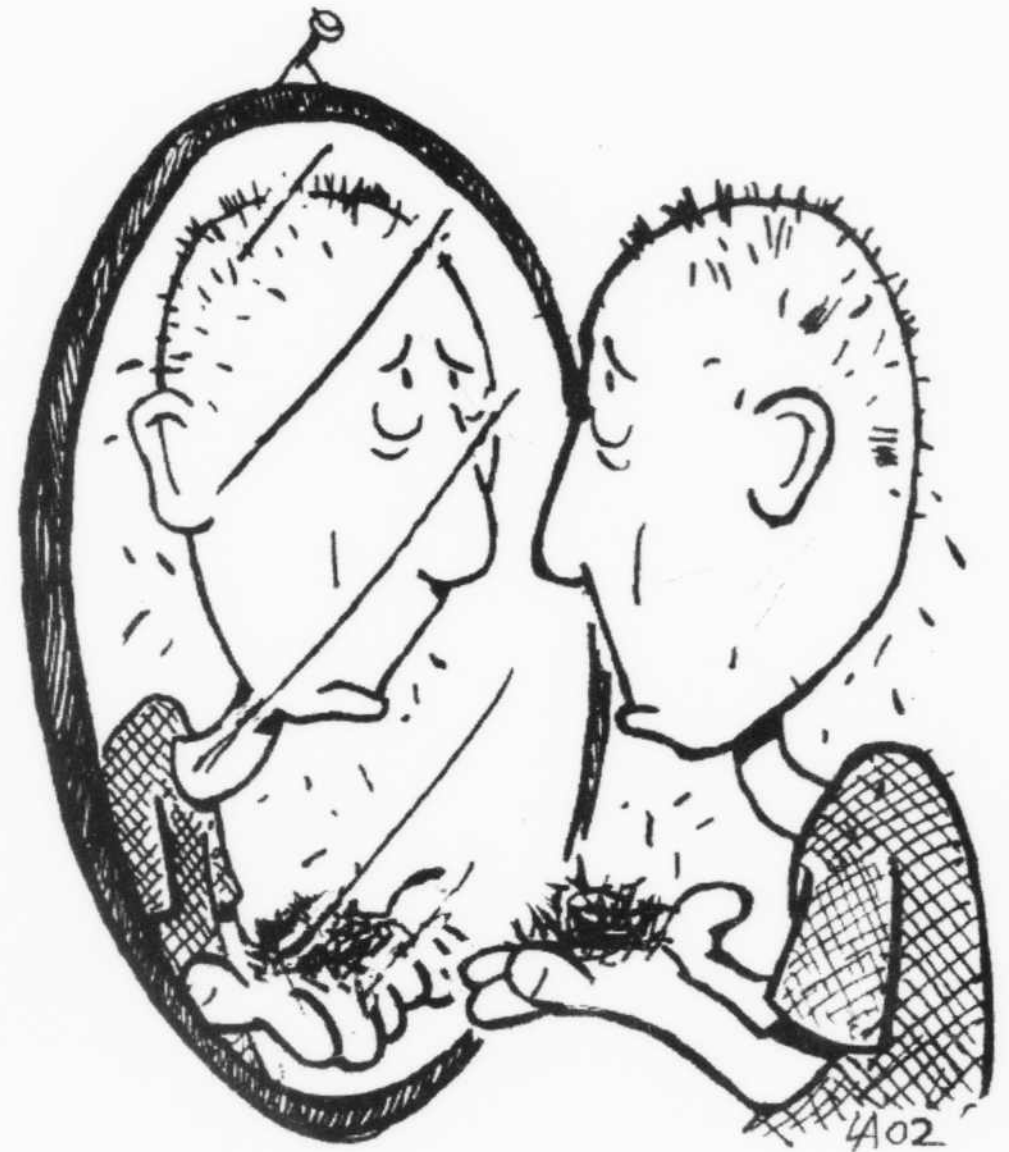


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Purses pocket unique styles of handbag carriers



Photo provided
"Country Dreaming" brown Liz Claiborne handbag.

By Jennifer Cathey
Staff Writer

Whether they're slung over the shoulder in a hurry or carried neatly by a strap, purses are a girl's best friend.

Purses are the only accessory that match everything. Girls carry purses to their senior prom, and they carry purses when dressed in sweat pants.

Purses are the ultimate fashionable and functional accessory. They can look very stylish and at the same time keep your keys safe.

However, purses aren't just carry-all bags — they're extensions of a girl's personality.

MTSU student April Powers, a blond girl in a trendy peasant blouse, particularly loves to buy purses.

"I buy purses. I don't care if they're ugly," Powers says, smiling slightly at her comment. In

fact, Powers feels she is "addicted to purses."

The stylish black canvas bag she carries is filled with the most essential items for life on and off campus. Her wallet, checkbook, keys and, by far the most popular item among all the interviewees, lip gloss are all stuffed into the bag.

Powers wholeheartedly agrees with the theory that a girl's purse is an extension of her personality.

"If I don't have this, I'm naked," she says, holding up the heavy bag.

Carrying a practical brown vinyl bag slung easily over her shoulder, denim-clad freshman Alyson Rudolph also feels her purse and its contents are an extension of her laid-back lifestyle.

"It goes with me," she says of her purse. "It suits me."

The bag she carries has plenty of room. She even carries a bottle of water along with her.

The usual items — lip gloss, keys and a wallet, along with her Palm Pilot — are in Rudolph's purse as well.

Student Alison Dempsey, dressed in a sunny yellow shirt, carries much of the same bounty in her sleek black velvet handbag.

"I have a water bottle, pictures, a speeding ticket ..." she lists.

Consequently, she also carries lip gloss, as well as her keys and her wallet.

Dempsey agrees that her purse really is just a carry-all

extension of her life.

"My pocket book is a microcosm of my life," she says with a laugh.

MTSU student Renea Thompson loves her tiny bag. It's a miracle she can fit all her necessary items in the little black bag.

"I have coasters, tissues, six tubes of lip gloss, keys, credit cards and pepper spray," Thompson says.

She adds: "It's stuff I need every day."

From an ordinary tube of lip gloss, to a speeding ticket, to a bottle of water, one can find the most conventional and outrageous items in a purse.

The items, however, are no more eccentric or strange than the purse owner herself. A look inside a modern woman's purse is like taking a look inside her soul. ♦



Photo provided by Cosmo magazine
Purses are the only accessory that match everything, from casual to formal wear.

Old School Flashback

Run-DMC brings hip hop to mainstream



Photo provided
Run DMC introduced hip hop to 1980s rap audiences.

By Stephanie Saujon
Staff Writer

Back in the day when rap music was still an underground phenomenon, innovators like Grandmaster Flash and Kurtis Blow were creating new sounds based on break beats and a rhyming emcee. With two turntables, a beat machine and a couple of microphones, the grandfathers of rap cleared a path for the hundreds of rap artists who followed. More than 20 years later, rap music has not only survived, but thrived. Today, hip-hop music is the second-highest selling genre of music in the world.

The rappers who brought hip hop to the mainstream, Run-DMC, released their debut self-titled album in 1984. Featuring popular tracks like "Sucker M.C.'s" and "It's Like That," this album proved that hip-hop music could be a marketable commodity for record companies.

Made up of three guys from Queens, N.Y., Run (Joseph Simmons), DMC (Darryl McDaniels) and Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell), the crew was

schooled by predecessors Kurtis Blow and Run's older brother, Russell Simmons. When the three friends came together to record Run-DMC in 1984, they had no idea their style would be such a success.

Run-DMC would go on to make history as the first rap group to earn a Grammy, to be on the cover of *Saturday Night Live* and to have their videos played on MTV. They were also the first rap group whose albums went gold, platinum and multi-platinum. With all their achievements, it's no wonder the members of Run-DMC are known as the kings of hip hop, or as they said back in 1985, the kings of rock.

Run-DMC is hip hop at its rawest. The scratching, breaks, beatboxing and tag-team lyrics will transport you back to the early '80s when MCs sported laced Adidas and the b-boy stance. You'll get the itch to bust out the windmill by just hearing the beat to "Hollis Crew," and the funky handclaps in "It's Like That" will make any American booty shake.

In "Hard Times," Run and DMC alternately finish each other's lines and rhyme simultaneously about the benefits of working hard and staying positive: "Hard times is nothin' new on me/I'm gonna use my

strong mentality/Like the cream of the crop/Like the crop of the cream/Beatin' hard times, that is my theme." "Rock Box" found the group experimenting with guitar riffs in their music, something that no other hip hop artist had done before.

You may say to yourself: Why should I bother to listen to that old stuff? I like DMX and Nas. Run-DMC is dated; only old heads listen to that album.

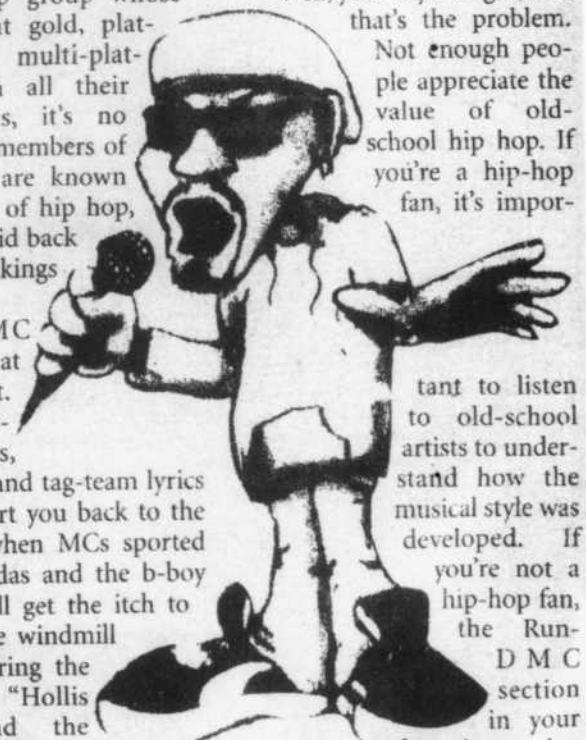
Well, you may be right, and that's the problem.

Not enough people appreciate the value of old-school hip hop. If you're a hip-hop fan, it's impor-

tant to listen to old-school artists to understand how the musical style was developed. If you're not a hip-hop fan, the Run-DMC section in your local music store is a

great place to start your rap education.

It is essential that we not only appreciate and support current hip-hop greats, but pay our respects to the people who made the rap industry possible: the old-schoolers. ♦



'The Time Machine': caught in a warp of mediocrity



By Mike Barbieri
Contributor

As I was halfway to the theater to see *The Time Machine*, I realized that my tickets were at home. I hurried back to get them and headed to the theater with the urgency of Marty McFly racing toward the clock tower and then the thought popped into my head. If I had a time machine, I could go back in time to remind myself to get the tickets. After viewing the movie, I wished I had a time machine so I could go back in time and get those two hours of my life back. I jest. The film wasn't that bad. It was just a bit unremarkable.

It's a remake of the 1960s version, which was also an adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel. Remakes are, by nature, a bad idea, especially when the original is a timeless classic. I had the "benefit" of never seeing the original as to not be disappointed by the remake's shortcomings.

The story is good. I guess we have H.G. to thank for that. I call him H.G. and not Wells because another Wells, Simon, who just happens to be his great-grandson, co-directed the film. Written for the screen by John Logan (*Any Given Sunday*, *Gladiator*), this sci-fi thriller has elements of action and horror. The most applicable theme in

the film is the danger of endless technology, which is totally valid and worth examination. However, it was more about startling the audience with futuristic man-beasts called "morlocks" than exploring that in depth, but what can we expect from Hollywood? Logan did take the liberty of fashioning some "clever" technology humor that I could've done without. A boy is misbehaving in a library in the year 2030. An adult threatens to "resequence his DNA" if he doesn't behave. I wanted to see his DNA to the lobby after that bomb.

For a time travel piece, it was relatively tight. Most have a plethora of implausible situa-

tions that can destroy the verisimilitude, given you don't question the plausibility of time travel. H.G. was probably also to thank for that.

Guy Pierce plays Alexander Hartdegen, the nerdy, 19th century scientist-turned-futuristic action hero. At the beginning of the film, Hartdegen seems a little Jimmy Stewart-ish, which kept making me chuckle at serious moments. Hartdegen travels way into the future, searching for answers and finds love and monsters.

Speaking of monsters, the special effects and creepy creatures are done well. Jeremy Irons sports a make-up job that was delightfully disgusting. The

passage of time in a super fast mode enables the audience to view an entire ice age. The time machine itself is noteworthy despite the fact that it's no DeLorean. It captures the style of the time period in which the primary action is set.

It is by no means a brilliant film. That doesn't keep it from being quite entertaining and beautiful at times as well. If you watch closely, you can spot homages to *The Labyrinth*, *The Dark Crystal* and even *Star Wars*. It's worth a look. Perhaps it would be appropriate to hop in your time machine and go into the future so you can rent it though. I doubt it's worth the \$7 admission. ♦

What's going on in the 'Boro

Compiled by Justin Ward
Staff Writer

Wednesday, April 3

- The Nationals at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.
- Ladies Night at Bongo Johnny's. Ladies free before 11 p.m. \$7 admission.
- Karaoke at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub, 7:30-close in the D. Room. Hip-Hop night, 10-close in the Barcar.

Thursday, April 4

- AKA Rudie at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.
- Undershade at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.
- College Night at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m. \$3 with college ID.
- Guest Bartenders for Charity at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub, 6-8 p.m.
- Cliff and the Cliffnotes, 8-midnight.

Friday, April 5

- Lucky Guns and the Features at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.
- John Scofield at Sebastian's at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

- Character, Currituck County and Phil Harris at the Red Rose Cafe at 9:30 p.m.
- Fiesta Fridays at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m.
- Johnny Jackson's "All Good Fridays" with D.J. Terry Grant at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub at 9 p.m. Sony Holand and the Dennis Burnside Trio, 6-9 p.m.

- Delta Sigma Theta presents 1st annual Spring Fest 2002 Jam at Plaza Garibaldi. Doors open at 10 a.m. Free before 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

- Del Giovanni Clique at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.
- The Loft at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.
- 27 b stroke 6 and Uya Mala at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.
- Johnny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub at 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

- Amy Hailstone at the Bluebird Cafe at 6:30 p.m.

- Mike's Open Mic at The Boro Bar and Grill at 4 p.m.
- Roland Gresham Jazz at 8 p.m. \$3 admission.

- Phat Sundays at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m.

- Louis Brown's Firehouse Jazz Band from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub. D.J. Viper in the Barcar at 10 p.m.

Monday, April 8

- Mike Henderson Band with John Jarvis, Mark Winchester and Pat O'Conner, 9:30 pm at the Bluebird Cafe - \$7.

Tuesday, April 9

- A special evening with Don Schlitz at 9 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe - \$1. Jeff Dayton, Kim Keyes, Billy Thomas and Jason Sever in the round at 6:30 p.m.

- Mur Free Jazz at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

- Ski and Snowboard movies at Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open Mic Comedy at 9 p.m. ♦



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Donnelly should look for recruiter

Athletics Director Boots Donnelly took strides to find a new coach this weekend at the Final Four in Atlanta, Ga.

Donnelly interviewed 15 coaches in his attempt to replace Randy Wiel. These coaches are from schools of different sizes, and the names aren't as high profile as, say, Bobby Knight, Rick Pitino or Mike Krzyzewski.

It would be easy to say, "go get a high profile coach who would raise school spirit and spark interest in the program," but that's unrealistic. Besides, the University of North Carolina wanted Randy Wiel, which I guess would make him high profile. Wiel couldn't win, and being high profile doesn't guarantee winning.

These aren't the qualifications Donnelly should focus on in his search for a coach. The coach needs to provide guidance, leadership and many other qualities for the team. Oh yeah, let's not forget this coach must be able to win and put fans in the seats. Those are the priorities around here right?

Sure, MT students and fans would like to see their men's basketball team succeed on the court. Every school would love for their team to be part of March Madness. Hey, we would enjoy being part of the National Invitational Tournament right now.

Still, a new coach isn't going to land the Blue Raiders in the postseason automatically. Players more than coaches dictate who wins and who loses on the court. The coach, no matter how good, can't go on the floor and put the ball in the basket. Players must hit the shots, grab the rebounds and make the extra pass.

So maybe Donnelly should look for a strong recruiter. Recruiting is where everything starts. The new coach must recruit players who will play for the team and not themselves. These players should be strong on and off the court.

One hopes the coach also will be concerned with the players' education. The graduation rate for most basketball teams is pathetic. MT wants to win ball games but hopefully not at the price of an education. Believe it or not, a school can succeed in the classroom and on the court.

Donnelly has done a good job in searching for a coach. Hopefully, he has already considered these things in his search for a coach.

The AD has two more interviews with Eric Bozeman of Ole Miss and Bret Campbell from UT-Martin. After these interviews, Donnelly will eliminate the list of 17 candidates to three or four finalists.

The following is a list of candidates for the new men's basketball coach:

Rick Callahan, Penn State, assistant coach; Kermit Davis Jr., LSU, assistant coach; Greg Gary, Miami (Fla.), assistant coach; Ray Harper, Kentucky Wesleyan, head coach; Tim Jankovich, Vanderbilt assistant; James Johnson, Georgia, assistant coach; Greg Marshall, Winthrop, head coach; Don Maestri, Troy State, head coach; Don Meyer, Northern State University, head coach; Mike Newell, former head coach, Arkansas-Little Rock; Ricardo Patton, Colorado, head coach (withdrawn); Mike Perry, Georgia State, assistant coach; Jeff Price, Georgia Southern, head coach; Steve Roccafort, Memphis, associate head coach; Lonnie Thompson, Motlow State, head coach; Eric Bozeman, Ole Miss, assistant coach; Bret Campbell, UT-Martin, head coach.

Lady Raiders 10-8 on season

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

With three big wins over Spring Break, the Lady Raiders tennis team improved to 10-8 on the season.

MT defeated Niagara University and Morgan State University on the road and took care of the University of North Texas at home.

In Thursday's NU match in Hilton Head, S.C., MT lost only one singles point, giving them a 6-1 win.

All of the doubles matches were won by a score of 8-1. The No. 12-ranked team of Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell took their 26th win of the season from NU's Milena Matijevic and Colleen Willick. Teamed up with Tanja Buchheim, Emily Vest won her second doubles match in a row by defeating Colleen Carey and Kendra Daigler. Michaela Gridling and Carien Venter beat Erin Burke and Mariam Al-Shikarchy in

the No. 2 position.

In singles, MT took all of the singles matches with the exception of Verena Preiss, who lost 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 1 position.

Venter defeated Al-Shikarchy 2-6, 6-3, (10-4) in the only 3-set match of the day in the No. 2 position. Gridling took a 6-1, 6-0 win from Willick, while Varnell went 6-1, 6-1 against Burke. Buchheim took Carey 6-0, 6-2, and Vest allowed nothing by, with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Daigler.

The previous day, the Lady Raiders swept MSU 7-0.

In the No. 1 doubles position, the Kruse-Preiss team was able to pull out an 8-1 win over Courtney Jones and Darcy Roberts. Gridling and Venter claimed an 8-0 win over Cynthia Craig and Reniat Fener, and the duo of Vest and Buchheim took an 8-1 decision from Tiffany Hampton and Yandy Rose.

In singles, all of the matches were

quickly swept in all two-set matches. At No. 1, Preiss took Jones 6-1, 6-2. Gridling, Jennifer Klashka, Venter, Buchheim and Vest gave nothing away, all winning their matches 6-0.

Just as Spring Break was starting for the Lady Raiders, they claimed a 4-1 home victory over UNT.

In doubles, MT gave up only one match, getting them the point. Playing at No. 1, Kruse and Varnell took Catherine Alain and Bettina Rettenmaire 8-1. Gridling and Venter claimed an 8-2 win over Natalie Clore and Sandhya Kanury. In the No. 2 spot, Preiss and Vest struggled, giving up an 8-6 decision to Kristin Beedy and Benita Bittner.

In singles action, the Lady Raiders were able to clinch 3 of 4 completed matches, giving them the win, before the No. 5 and 6 spots were stopped because of unfavorable weather.

See Tennis, 10



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Michaela Gridling prepares to serve.

Softballers split games at Atlanta Buzz Classic

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider softball team split four games at the Buzz Classic in Atlanta, Ga., March 22-24.

Middle Tennessee lost the first game of the tournament 1-0 to Troy State University. The Trojans scored their only run in the fifth inning on a home run by Erin Flater.

Jennifer Martinez (11-5) took the complete game loss, giving up 3 hits and 1 earned run while striking out 8. Leah Grothaus, Lisa Sherman and Danielle DeCamino each had a hit for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders regrouped and took an 11-0 five-inning win over Coastal Carolina. MT scored a run in the first on a DeCamino homer.

The Lady Raiders added 8 runs in the third to put the game out of reach. Kip Phillips and Sherman both singled. DeCamino doubled, scoring Phillips. Lindsay Azevedo hit a 2-RBI single. A Grothaus single scored Azevedo. Kristina Heib scored on an error. Grothaus moved to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch. Laura Brockman blasted a 2-run homer to end the scoring in the third.

MT finished the game with 2 runs in the fourth inning. With 2 outs, Grothaus doubled. Pinch hitter Jennifer Polsteen walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. With the bases loaded, Brockman singled, scoring Grothaus and Polsteen.

Stacy Preator (3-6) got the win, pitching a complete game while allowing only 1 hit. She struck out 5 batters and walked 1.

Phillips went 2-for-4 with a run scored. DeCamino finished 2-for-3 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs. Grothaus was 3-3 with 2 runs scored

See Softball, 7

Baseball team wins 2 of 3

By Kevin Rose
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team (18-8, 1-2) couldn't ride the confidence of a Sun Belt series opening 7-5 victory over the University of New Orleans to claim the series win.

Middle Tennessee lost Saturday's game 7-2 and Sunday's game 9-3.

Friday night, fans were expecting to see a pitcher's duel between MT ace John Williams and UNO ace Tom Lipari. But with a southwest wind gusting at 23 mph it was anything but a pitcher's duel.

"This is a pitcher's ballpark," said head coach Steve Peterson. "It's a spacious park with lots of foul territory. You can't really tell how windy it is unless you are out there. New Orleans pitcher Tom Lipari and John Williams ... both pitched some outstanding pitches and had some runs in there. But they made some mistakes."

The MT offense touched Lipari for 5 runs on 8 hits in 6 innings of work. Four of the 5 runs off Lipari were on solo homers by Justin Sims and Nate Jagers and a two-run homer by Marshall Nisbett. MT starter Williams (5-0) gave up 5 runs, 4 earned on 9 hits in 7 innings of



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer
Doug Kunicki receives a throw, holding a runner at first.

work, but was able to bear down to get the victory.

"That's what our team is all about," Williams said. "We battle against anything. We got runs early and then they came back. They hit the ball real well. They capitalized on anything I did."

Williams exited in the bottom of the eighth with a 6-5 lead. Reliever Jeremy Armstrong entered and closed the door. The first batter Armstrong faced bunted, resulting in a throwing error that set up runners at second and third. Armstrong intentionally walked the next batter to load the bases. He used a wicked curve ball to retire the

next three in a row and earn his second save of the year.

"We had runners on second and third," Armstrong said. "I knew I had to go with my best pitch. I couldn't give the guy anything good to hit. If I walk him or whatever, there is no harm done there so I just throw my best pitch and see what happens."

The Blue Raiders took the lead for good in the eighth, when a wild pitch from UNO reliever Jeff Stander allowed Jason Howarth to score. Howarth led off the inning with a single and moved to third on a

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MT netters fall to UM

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

The No. 29 Blue Raider tennis team (13-3) lost 4-3 to the No. 38 Miami Hurricanes March 25 in Coral Gables, Fla.

Doubles and singles play both came down to deciding matches, but the Raiders were swept up by the Hurricanes.

Robert Gustafsson and Oliver Foreman lost 8-2 at the No. 1 doubles to Andrew McDade and Andrew Golub. With that win, the Hurricanes had the upper hand in the doubles, but 56-ranked Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson soon defeated Joel Berman and Jose Lieberman 8-5 in the No. 3 doubles. Then it came down to the No. 2 doubles between Michael Staniak and Trevor Short for the Blue

Raiders and Tomas Smid and Todd Widom for UM.

Staniak and Short lost in the end 9-8 (2), dropping the doubles point for the team.

In singles, Foreman won at No. 3, 6-2, 6-0 against Golub. Staniak was right with him in the No. 4 spot, defeating Berman 6-3, 7-5. No. 85 Gustafsson lost the No. 1 singles to No. 12 Widom 6-2, 6-3. Jackson lost at No. 5 to Lieberman, 6-1, 7-5, giving UM the advantage over the Blue Raiders, but No. 17 Klemetz soon defeated Smid at the No. 2 spot 6-3, 6-4 to tie the match up.

The match came down to No. 6 singles with Short against Tarik El Bassiouni. Short had a substantial lead in the first set,

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Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff
Oliver Foreman returns a serve.

Blue Raider Notebook

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Easter break wasn't as restful for the MT baseball team as it was for MTSU's student body. The Blue Raiders brought a 3-2 record out of the break with a 1-2 record coming in conference play against New Orleans.

The season rolls on this week with Memphis.

Jagers Rolling Raiders:

The Blue Raider squad put a 3-2 record into their basket over the break with the two rotten eggs coming in New Orleans. Second baseman Nate Jagers carried the load for the Blue Raider baseball team over the stretch. In the opening win against Troy State, Jagers had 4 hits, 4 RBIs and then 3 hits against New Orleans in another winning effort.

Not So Easy:

New Orleans treated the Raiders like an overzealous 'Nawlin's cop with an itchy baton. They belted the MT squad unmercifully in a 3-game Sun Belt Conference series, forcing the Raiders to leave town with only a single win in their pocket. The telling sign came in the second game of the series when the Blue Raiders managed only 2 runs in the loss. The first five batters failed to connect with a hit on 18 attempts, though Jagers did manage to bring one of MT's runs across the plate.

Home Sweet Home:

The Blue Raiders are 18-8 with an 11-2 record coming in the confines of Murfreesboro. They look to continue this trend with a 2 game match-up against Memphis, which has already fallen to the Blue Raiders twice this season. Look for the Blue Raiders to take the field against the Tigers Wednesday at 3 p.m. ♦

Lady Raider golf team finishes 16 at tourney

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider golf team finished No. 16 at the 2002 Baylor Tapation-Springs Shootout in Boerne, Texas, Friday.

Middle Tennessee finished with a 36-hole 670, a two-stroke improvement from the first round.

Texas Tech won with a score of 613, and host Baylor finished one stroke behind TTU for second.

The individual leader after the first round, Tamara Munsch, had a score of 78 to finish the tournament in sixth place. In the previous two tournaments, she finished in first

and sixth place.

"Tamara is playing excellent golf right now," head coach Rachael Moore said. "This was a very competitive field, and she proved to be one of the top players. As for the team, I felt we played better today as a unit, but we still missed on some opportunities to move up the leaderboard."

Other scores include Kristin Lynch tying for 74th with a total of 169, Kandace Burnett scored 173 for 84th place. Amanda Harter finished 97th with a 178, followed by Kemmerlee Pennington with 180.

The next tournament for the Lady Raiders will be the Sun Belt Conference championship April 22-24 in Niceville, Fla. ♦

Miami: Blue Raiders to shake up lineup to find right mix

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but he went on to drop it 7-6.

He fought hard in the second set with the whole team cheering him on, but Bassiouni came out on top 7-5 to give UM the win.

"We've hit a little lull here as a team, and

we've got to figure out what's going on," said MT head coach Dale Short. "That may involve shaking up the lineup in singles and doubles, but we've got to figure some things out."

The Blue Raiders have lost three of their last four matches. They played Mississippi State yesterday in Starkville, Miss. But

results were not available at press.

MT plays host to South Alabama Friday, and Louisiana-Lafayette will be here Sunday.

MT lost 4-1 to South Alabama in the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic March 14-17. All three of these teams are ranked. ♦

Softball: Blue Raiders finish tourney with win

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and 1 RBI. Brockman had a 2-for-3 day with a run scored and 4 RBIs.

The Lady Raiders dropped Saturday's first game 3-1 to Belmont University.

The Bruins scored all of their runs in the second inning. With a runner on second, Heidi Lane singled and moved to second on a throwing error. The runner scored on the error.

Lane advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a double by Jennifer Binkley. Jessica Seymore scored on another single.

MT scored a run in the third

inning but couldn't make the comeback.

Phillips walked and stole second. A Sherman sacrifice fly advanced Phillips to third. Phillips scored on a wild pitch.

Amanda Kendall (1-4) took the loss, allowing all 3 runs on 2 hits. Heib went 1-for-1. Grothouse batted 2-for-2.

The Lady Raiders closed out the tournament with a 2-1 victory over Appalachian State University.

ASU scored a run in the first inning. Candace Shelton singled, went to second on a sacrifice bunt and stole third. Shelton scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

MT answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first. With runners at second and third, DeCamino reached on an error, allowing Sherman to score.

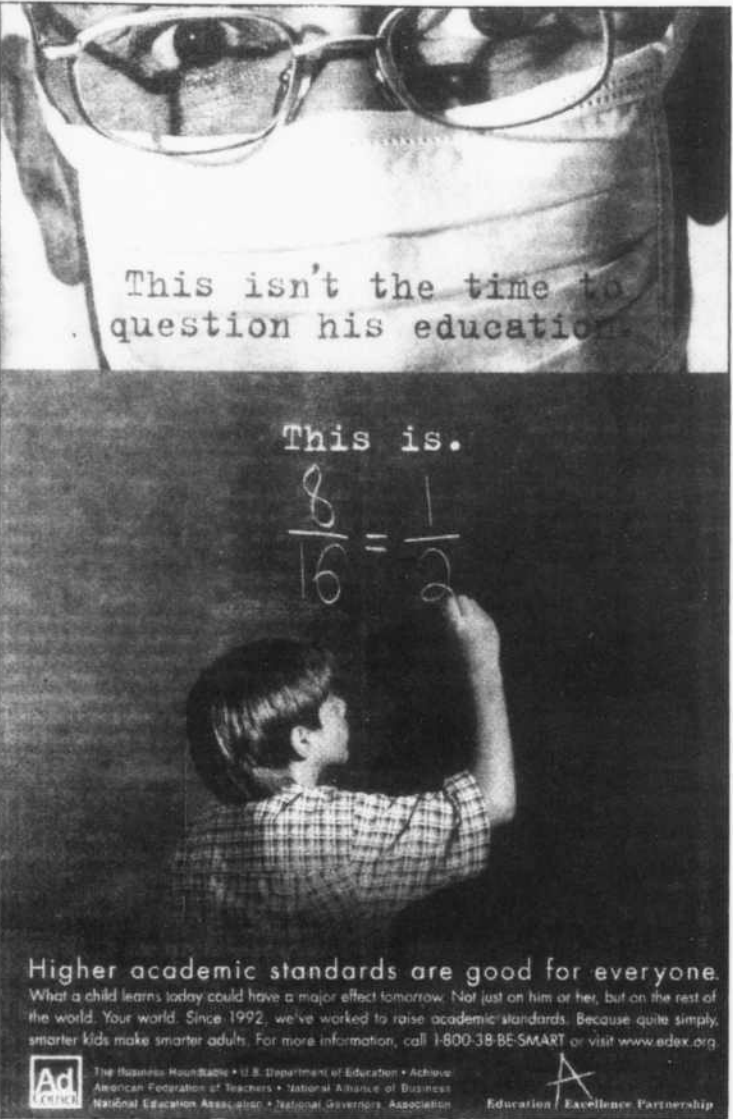
The Lady Raiders scored the winning run in the third inning. After a walk, Brockman smacked an RBI double, making the score 2-1.

Preator (4-6) picked up the win with a 5 hit, 5 strikeouts, 1 run performance. Phillips, Azevedo, Brockman, Polsteen and Silva had a hit apiece.

MT begins Sun Belt action with four games against Florida International University Saturday and Sunday. ♦

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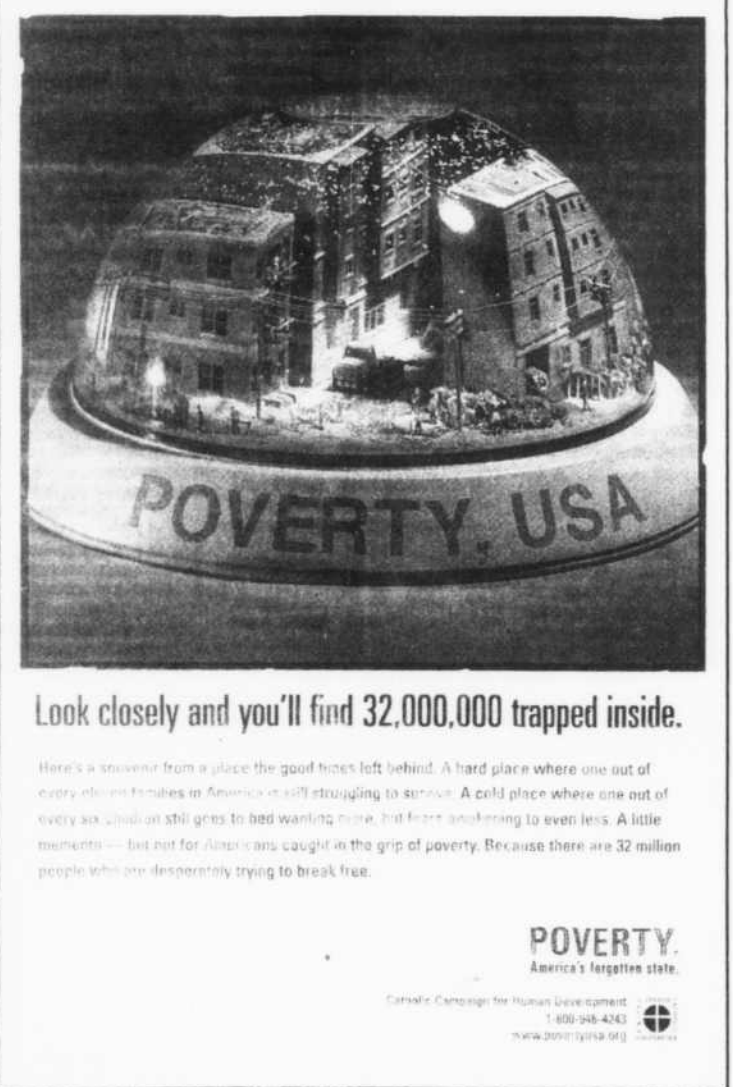
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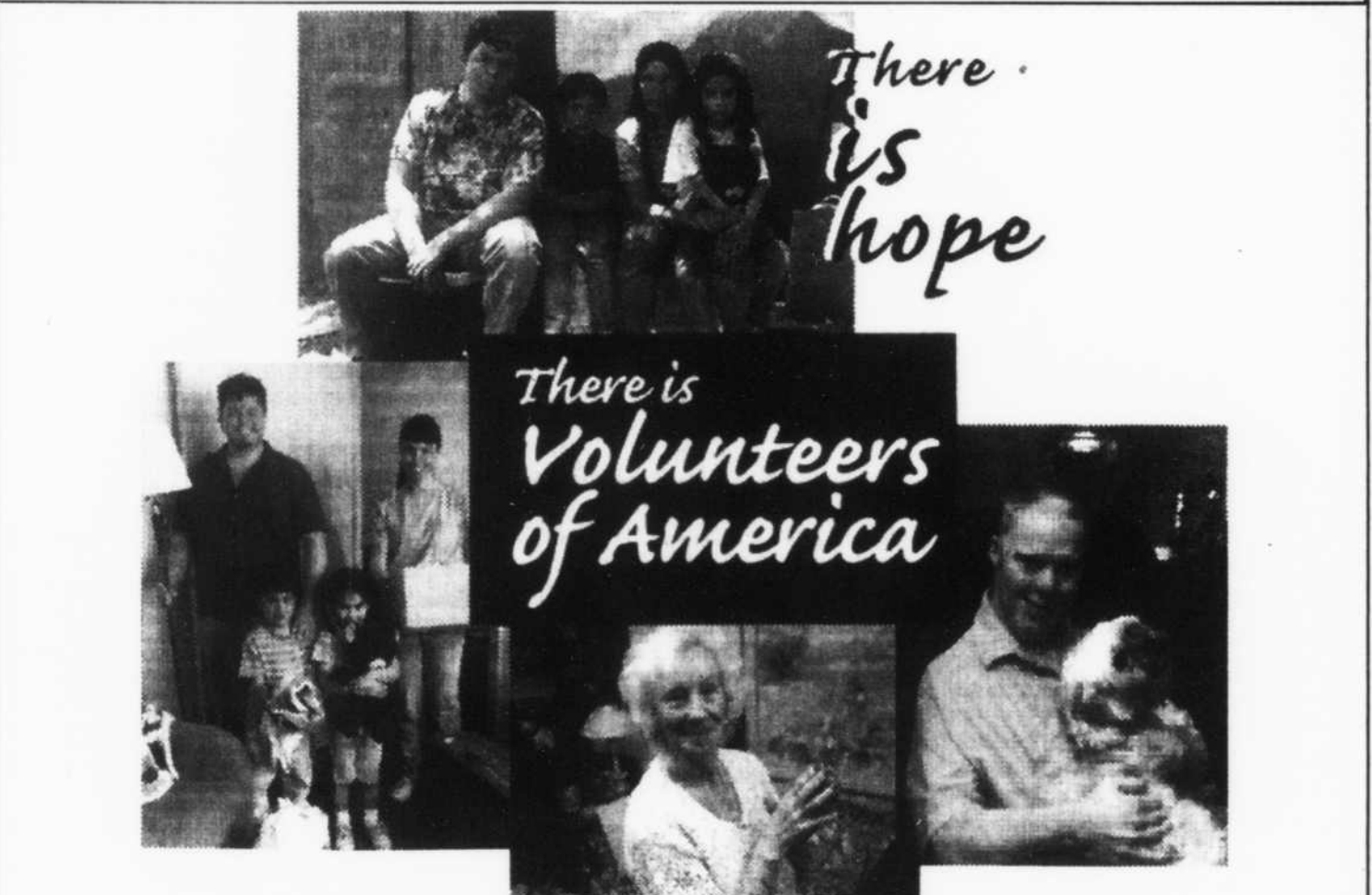
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Saturday, August 17

- Residence Halls Open-8am
- Dinner & Street Fair-6pm-behind Corlew Hall

Sunday, August 18

- University Convocation-2pm-Murphy Center
- President's Picnic-4:30pm-between Peck and Cope

Monday, August 19

- Meet, Greet, & Eat - TBA

Tuesday, August 20

- Volunteer Fair-10am-2pm - KUC Courtyard

Wednesday, August 21

- GreekFest- 7pm- Campus Recreation Center

Thursday, August 20

- Student Organization Fair- 10am- 2pm- KUC Courtyard

Friday, August 23

- Comedian Bill Bellamy -8pm- Murphy Center

Saturday, August 24

- Honors Challenge

Sunday, August 25

- Honors Convocation

Monday, August 26

- Open Mic Night at Cyber Cafe - 7:30pm

Tuesday, August 27

- Meet Murfreesboro - 10am-3pm - KUC Courtyard

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New Events for 2002

University Convocation- This new event is for all students, new and returning. The University will officially welcome all students to campus. Several special guests will be there to welcome you. Dr. McPhee, the Vice-Presidents, the Deans of each college, and many faculty and staff will be in attendance. All new freshman will be reading the book *The Color of Water* by James McBride prior to coming to school in the fall, and James McBride will be our featured speaker during Student Convocation. Please make plans to join us at Murphy Center on Sunday, August 18, at 2pm for the first annual Student Convocation.

President's Picnic- This is not a new event for our campus, but this year the annual event will take place immediately after Student Convocation. We will wrap up Student Convocation at approximately 4pm, and then relax and enjoy food, fun, and entertainment under the trees between Peck and Cope. This annual event is a time where new and returning students gather to catch up on the summer happenings and renew friendships.

Meet, Greet, & Eat- This event is an opportunity for you to meet our student athletes- those athletes you will be cheering to victory on the field, on the court, and on the track. the event location is TBA, but look for information around campus as soon as you return in August, as you do not want to miss this event. Come enjoy some food and get to know YOUR athletes.

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Baseball: Travels to New Mexico State for three games

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double by Brett Carroll.

The Blue Raiders added an insurance run in the ninth for the final score of 7-5 on a sacrifice fly by Sims.

Jeff Stander (2-2) took the loss for UNO. Jagers paced the Blue Raiders with 3 hits and 1 RBI. Sims and Nisbett had 2 RBIs apiece.

Saturday's make-up game with the Privateers resulted in a 7-2 loss for the Blue Raiders.

The MT offense was unable to muster much against UNO starting pitcher Brandon Kling (3-1). MT managed only 2 runs on 4 hits. Kling went the distance to earn his second straight Sun Belt Conference victory.

The previous week Kling was honored as the Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week after posting victories over Tulane and Louisiana Lafayette. Kling showed why by changing speeds and keeping the Blue Raider hitters off balance all day. MT starter Adam Larson took the loss for the Blue Raiders to drop to (3-2). Larson had one bad inning, which made the difference.

In the bottom of the third, the Privateers scored 4 runs on 5 hits. After the fifth, Larson did not allow a hit and was able to go the distance to preserve the bullpen.

A home run by Troy Harp and a double by Joe Capone were the only extra base hits for the Blue Raiders. Howarth and Carroll added singles.

In the rubber match of the series Sunday, the Blue Raiders took a 2-1 lead into the sixth, but the bullpen was unable to hold onto the lead in the 9-3 loss. MT got 5 and two-thirds innings from starter Stephen Kines. Kines allowed only 2 runs on 3 hits in the no decision. Chris Mobley (3-1) took the loss.

Tied 3-3 going into the bottom of the seventh, the MT bullpen allowed 6 runs in the seventh and eighth innings. Armstrong, Danny Borne, Kyle Sparkman and Nisbett all saw action out of the bullpen.

The MT offense pounded out 13 hits, but failed to come up with the big hit they needed. They left 11 runners on base, six in scoring position and left the bases loaded twice.

Howarth led the MT offense with 3 hits. Sims, Nisbett and Josh Archer had 2 hits each.

Out of conference, the Blue Raiders had more success, winning five out of six games from March 20 to March 27.

The Blue Raiders completed the two-game sweep of East Tennessee State by winning 10-4 March 20. Travis Horschel (2-1) got the win for the Blue Raiders. Horschel went 6 innings and gave up 3 runs, all unearned. The Blue Raider offense pounded out 12 hits off ETSU ace Reid Casey. Jagers and Sims led the hit parade with 3 and 2, respectively. Both had homers. Jagers finished with 4 RBIs while Sims had 2.

MT faced Austin Peay the weekend before they began Sun Belt play and won the three-game series 2-1. The series win was highlighted by outstanding pitching performances by Adam Larson and John Williams.

Friday, Larson dominated Governor hitters while going the distance. Larson allowed 6 hits, all singles, and struck out 9 in the 4-0 shutout. The performance by Larson was the first shutout and first complete game for a Blue Raider pitcher this season.

Saturday, Williams responded by throwing a complete game in a 5-4 win over the Governors. Williams struck out a career-high 16 batters. Nine of his strikeouts came after the fifth inning. All Governor runs and hits came during the fourth and fifth inning. Offensively, Josh Archer was the star. His solo home run in the eighth gave the Blue Raiders the win.

Sunday, the series concluded in Clarksville and the Blue Raiders were thumped 19-0. APSU used a 15-run sixth inning for the win. MT managed only 6 hits while APSU pounded out 16 off of seven Blue Raider hurlers.

Tuesday and Wednesday of Spring Break, the Blue Raiders entertained Troy State and came away with a pair of victories 7-2 and 4-3.

Tuesday, MT starter Kines threw a complete game for the win. Kines (3-0) gave up 2 runs on 4 hits. Jagers paced MT with 4 hits and 4 RBIs. One of his hits was a three-run homer.

Wednesday, the Blue Raiders defeated the Trojans 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth on an RBI single from Harp. Mobley got the win in relief of starter Travis Horschel.

MT will return to Sun Belt action Friday night when they travel to New Mexico State for a three-game series. ♦

Tennis: Kruse plays at No. 1

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Playing No. 1 singles, 33-ranked Manon Kruse won 6-2, 6-1 over Kanury. Preiss defeated Alain 6-5, 6-3 in the No. 2 spot, while Venter took a 7-5, 7-6 (4) tiebreaker over Benita Bittner at

No. 4. Gridling fell 6-1, 6-1 to Clore.

The Lady Raiders were in action at home yesterday against Memphis, but results were not available at press time. See Thursday's edition of *Sidelines* for final scores. ♦

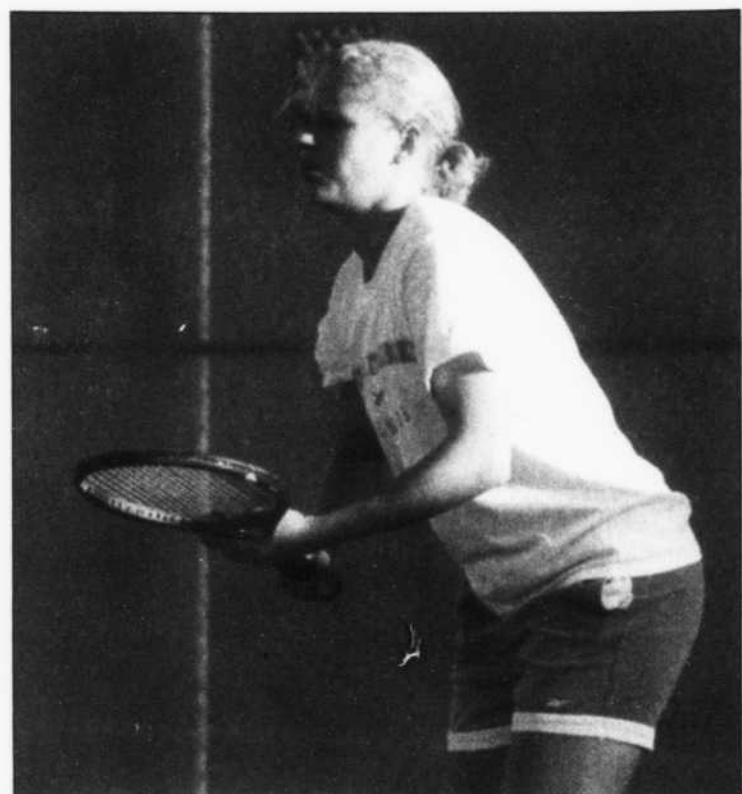


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