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# Middle Tennessee State University SIDELINES

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## Indecent exposure reported late Tuesday

### Female student approached by unidentified white male

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Reporter

An unidentified white male exposed himself to a female student in the parking lot directly behind the McFarland Health Services Building on Tuesday at

10:22 p.m.

According to Detective Darrell Collins, the victim was leaving her car and walking toward her dorm room in Corlew Hall when a thin white male in his late 30s or early 40s approached her.

Collins reported that, according to the victim, the man masturbated in front of her and then made several sexually explicit comments to her.

According to Collins, the victim then walked rapidly toward Corlew Hall and called her roommate on her cell phone.

The victim then called Public Safety when she got to her dorm room.

In an e-mail circulated by

Public Safety, the suspect was described as having thick, straight black hair that came down just over his ears, wearing a black T-shirt and scruffy blue jeans and speaking with a country drawl.

Collins said police searched the parking lot and surrounding areas but did not find the suspect or any evidence for the case.

"We're at a stand still until someone comes forward with

more information," Collins said. Collins said that although the victim should have called the police immediately from her cell phone, she made the right decision to walk directly toward the nearest building.

"If [female students] have to be out at that time of night, should not be out alone," Collins said.

Collins emphasized that students should park in well-lit

areas, and if an incident occurs, they should use the call boxes placed around campus.

Indecent exposure carries a \$300 to \$400 fine and up to 11 months and 29 days in jail, according to Collins.

To report any information related to this crime, contact Public Safety at 898-2424 or Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. ♦

### Taking back the night



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Nick Sharp plays the drums during a performance for participants of Take Back the Night yesterday. The June Anderson Women's Center sponsored the event in an effort to promote awareness of violence against women.

## Class teaches women defense in attack situations

### Participants learn techniques for protection

By Erica Rodefer  
Contributor

Screaming women filled the room. They kicked, they punched, and they practiced using weapons, each proclaiming they would not become victims of sexual assault.

"I am in control. I will not be a victim. And I rock!" was the cry that echoed through the third-floor halls of the Keathley University Center Tuesday afternoon as women joined together to learn to protect themselves from sexual assault and other attacks.

The Rape Aggression Prevention class, a part of Women's Awareness Week, offered MTSU students instruction in defending themselves from attackers while teaching

the importance of taking preventive measures, such as being aware of surroundings at all times and not walking alone at night.

"There is no such thing as a victim, and no such thing as a weaker sex," said main facilitator Jim Hellvig, who is part of an organization at Murfreesboro's First Church of Nazarene that regularly offers women and children free self-defense training.

"If you come to one of our seminars and remember one or two techniques, you can take care of yourself - you really can if you use it with that same confidence," Hellvig said.

Though violent crime threatens everyone, teenagers and college-age women are at greater risk for sexual assaults, according to recent studies.

According to "The Sexual Victimization of College Women," a study conducted by

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## Students postpone school for war training

By Audrey Scruton  
Contributor

Several students have stopped studying and started training for the war in Iraq over the past few months.

More than 60 students withdrew from the university for military reasons, according to the university's Withdrawal Office.

"We've had 10 times more

students during the past few months than we did during the Gulf War 10 years ago," said Becky Adams, coordinator for the Withdrawal Office.

Junior mass communication major Steve Cross helped his roommate, freshman Michael McNabb, move out of their McNabb Lane apartment Feb. 26 after Michael was called up.

"He was given just 24 hours to report to his base in

Memphis," Cross said. "He was kind of shocked by it. He really didn't expect it at all."

McNabb, who was from Memphis, Tenn., was at MTSU for only two months when he was called to active duty.

To begin the withdrawal process, students called to active duty must present military activation papers from their unit or from Washington, D.C. Normal withdrawal rules still apply and

can be found on pages 2 through four of the Spring 2003 schedule books.

If the student withdraws before Feb. 3, the student's courses are not registered on their transcripts, and no grades are recorded for that semester. If the student withdraws before March 3, they will receive a "W" on their transcripts for all

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## Gore speaks, continuing global warming debate

### Manipulation by companies alters information

By Wesley Murchison  
Staff Writer

Former Vice President Al Gore criticized the oil and coal industries for distorting the debate of global warming Tuesday night.

"These industries are pulling

wool over the eyes of the people," Gore said.

In a case similar to that of the tobacco companies, the oil industry manipulates the media by countering the scientific evidence of global warming with their own scientists and scientific sources who say we don't know enough about our climate to support legitimate findings.

This use of scientific contradiction of the oil industry's part has come to a stalemate in environmental debate.

Gore cited an article in *National Desk* that included a Republican memorandum, titled "Winning the Global Warming Debate." The memo asserts that many voters believe there is a lack of consensus among scientists about global warming.

"Should the public come to believe that the scientific issues are settled, their views about global warming will change accordingly," the memo said. "Therefore, you need to contin-

ue to make the lack of scientific certainty a primary issue."

Gore made clear that this manipulation of scientific evidence has caused the global debate to wane in the public mind.

"To cloud the issue that the debate is still going on is a contradiction to scientific research," Gore said. "People are more willing to believe scientists than politicians."

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## MTSU junior killed in car crash; others injured

Staff Reports

A one-vehicle car crash claimed the life of MTSU junior Andrea August Friday morning.

Highway Patrol Trooper Toby Carter told the *Daily News Journal* Saturday that August died of injuries suffered in the crash, which occurred around 1:45 a.m. on Halls Hill Pike near the intersection of Kittrell Road and River Lane.

Carter also told the *DNJ* that Richard Rico of University Courtyard Apartments on New Lascassas Pike was charged with vehicular homicide of August, vehicular

assault of three passengers, reckless endangerment, driving under the influence of alcohol, underage consumption and driving without a driver license, insurance or registration.

The trooper also said Rico, 18, lost control of the 1991 Ford Explorer he was driving, ran off the left side of the road and over corrected. The Explorer then struck a tree and turned over. He said it was undetermined if August was ejected or rolled out of the vehicle through the passenger door.

Sophomores Tannery Young, Suzanne White and Lindsey Walsh, and freshman Xavier Solis were injured in the crash,

according to Carter.

Carter also told the *DNJ* that Rico said an animal ran in his path but that was ruled out because there were no signs of an animal.

In an e-mail to *Sidelines*, Danielle White, Suzanne's sister, reported that her sister was doing well.

"My sister, Suzanne White, had a gash on her forehead and a busted blood vessel in her right hand," White said. "She also had asphalt burns and many bruises. The other passengers were just badly bruised."

August was a student in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. ♦

## Women for Women hosts music camp

### Rock 'n' roll, women focus of summer program

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Reporter

Women for Women, in conjunction with the June Anderson Women's Center and Lambda, will host a Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp from July 28 through Aug. 2.

Women for Women is a student feminist organization founded in spring 2001. Sophomore recording industry major Kelly Anderson, president of Women for Women and the director for the Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll camp, played a vital role in getting the organization on its feet.

"I was a member last year and got it going again this year in order to have a feminist voice represented on campus," Anderson said. "This works out well for the camp project because it fits the ideology of Women for Women - encouraging girls to use their creativity to express their ideas and encourage education as a means to empowerment and autonomy."

Misty McElroy started in Portland, Ore., while working on her graduate project.

"Last summer, I flew out there to teach guitar and

thought that it was such an amazing idea that I was inspired to start one in the Southeast. I think we have all the resources here in Murfreesboro and Music City, U.S.A., for a camp of this caliber to be successful, and it's really time for Nashville to live up to its name," McElroy said.

The camp will offer instruction to girls ages 12 to 18 in different areas of music, including guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and vocal training, and it will host workshops on songwriting, screenprinting, 'zine making, live sound and band photography.

The camp will be held in Peck Hall and Wright Music Hall. Overnight lodging will not be provided for the girls during the camp.

"We are mostly targeting local girls since it is a day camp; however, we have received many inquiries from up and down the east coast," McElroy said.

The fee for the camp is \$100 per student to cover overhead costs, but fund-raisers will be held to offer scholarships to the girls who cannot afford to attend.

Organizers want to make the camp as accessible to all girls possible. The group is hosting an upcoming benefit on April 26 at the Red Rose.

Scheduled bands include Slack, The Reverbians and the

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## RAP: Assaults result in concern

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National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice in 2000, women ages 16-19 are 3.5 times more likely than other age groups to be raped or sexually assaulted.

Safety on campus, especially for females, has become a greater concern at MTSU as a result of several recent assaults on and near campus.

Within a four-month span beginning in November 2002 and ending in February 2003, four assaults, two attempted break-ins, two armed robberies and one attempted robbery were reported either on or near

MTSU's campus.

Also, a man exposed himself and made sexually explicit comments to a female student at 10:22 p.m. Tuesday night in the Health Services Parking Lot, according to police reports.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Week is a very important program at MTSU because it promotes awareness and educates the MTSU campus community, as well as the Murfreesboro community, about these issues that are occurring," said Tennesha Smith, coordinator of Sexual Assault Awareness Week at MTSU. "I would hope that people would take notice of this event more so now than ever

due to the recent attacks on campus."

People did take notice, and the room packed with enthusiastic students was the evidence.

"It was a good way to increase knowledge on how to protect myself, and this was the perfect opportunity," junior Kristi Watkins said. "I feel safer now that I have taken the class."

"I didn't feel as safe when I first got here, but after the class I feel like I'm more prepared to handle it," junior Emily Johnson said.

For more information on assault prevention, contact the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193. ♦

## Military: Students receive refunds

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courses.

However, one difference for students withdrawing for military action is what happens after March 3.

"It is a state law that we give students in this situation a 'W' even after the March 3 date has passed," Adams said.

"They also receive a state-mandated full refund for all courses they did not receive a grade in."

Many instructors across campus helped their students in this situation by giving them grades based on already-completed coursework.

Other professors gave these students early finals or accepted the remainder of the students' work in bulk.

"Five students were able to leave with partial grades, including several students with 4.0 grade point averages," Adams said.

"All the credit goes to the faculty and the staff for what

they've done," Adams said.

"If the faculty are not willing to work with students and with me, then I can't help them."

"Future employers looking at students' transcripts should not be deterred by a line of 'Ws,'" Adams noted.

"They didn't just drop out of college or give up," Adams said. "They were called to serve their country, and employers should be able to recognize the difference right away."

Adams worked with students stationed all over the country, from Fort Carson in Colorado to Fort Stewart in Georgia.

"We even had one young man who was with a medical unit, and that was the first person we'd had in a situation like that," Adams said.

Not all students involved with the military left campus. All ROTC contracted students are still in class, according to Lt. Col. Todd A. Overby.

"ROTC cadets will not deploy and will remain enrolled at MTSU until they receive an

undergraduate degree," Overby explained. "Upon graduation, they will become an officer in the U.S. Army."

Students across campus felt the impact of their peers leaving for the war.

Many students appeared nervous or edgy when they arrived at Adams' office.

"Most of these kids are 24 years old or so," Adams said. "They aren't freshman, but they're still young. You could tell it was the fear of the unknown that was coming out."

Ray Howell, a U.S. Air Force veteran and MTSU Veterans Services Department employee, sympathized with the students.

"While these military members did not look forward to leaving their families, they realized that they are American soldiers and are very proud of that fact," Howell said.

"They are motivated and eager to serve their country when they're called upon. I support them 100 percent." ♦

## Camp: Women-centered learning

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for Women will auction off records between sets so people can help out the camp while adding to their record collections.

Experience is not a necessity for the camp.

"It's not a necessity for the girls to have ever played an instrument before," Anderson said. "One of our goals is to raise girl's interest in rock 'n' roll music in general. [The camp] will be more focused on empowerment than technical musicianship because if the

interest is truly there, then the rest will come naturally. I also think that there is not enough women involved in rock 'n' roll, which is evident by the total dude-oriented scene here in our college town as well as the industry. I want to let the girls know that they can play whatever instrument they want and start their own bands as well as write their own songs."

Anderson also noted that the camp benefits MTSU as well as the girls attending.

"I am very impressed with our recording industry program and would like for more girls to

get involved, especially in the technical and production side," Anderson said.

The camp is still looking for volunteers, both male and female, as well as students who will not be on campus this summer but want to help out right now.

Anderson urges everyone to come out and support their benefit on April 26 at the Red Rose to sign up to help and learn more about the camp.

For more information, contact Kelly Anderson at kba2c@mtsu.edu. ♦

## Gore: Media coverage addressed

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Gore elaborated on the media's difficulty in covering environmental issues. Using a projection slide, Gore showed a distorted figure of Abraham Lincoln that came into focus. The image of Lincoln was a resemblance of the media's coverage of environmental issues, and that issue is too large for the media to grasp, he said.

"When the media has to cover a story that has a large pattern to it, it is easier to say there's no story there," Gore said.

In another slide, Gore overlapped a graph of human population and the progressive increase of carbon dioxide in

the Earth's atmosphere, relating the two to each other.

Taking some questions from the audience, Gore was asked about the recent increase in sport utility vehicle sales, and what consumers could do to counter these trends.

"We should do more to stretch our mileage, and more to build an alternative combustion engine," Gore said.

In another related question, Gore was asked about federal funding to General Motors to change their building standards to be more environmentally sound and whether that money would be better spent on Japanese companies, who are more advanced in hybrid cars.

"Right here in Tennessee, the

Saturn plant, which is GM's attempt to redesign the assembly line from ground up, is coming out with a new electric gas hybrid. And I think that American tax dollars should go to American companies," Gore said.

Gore continued to explain the environmental dilemma and global warming phenomenon, the amount of waste the average person uses, mass extinction and air pollution.

"The oil fires from the Gulf War I caused the same amount of air pollution that occurs everyday. And every day we're producing twice the body weight of trash per person," Gore said. ♦

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April 17, 2003 Tennessee Room, James Union Building, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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David Larsen Matthew Worley  
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Tierra McMahon  
John Miller  
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Alicia Parker

### Other Awards

Homer Pittard Creative Writing Awards Ryan C. Joki  
Presented by William Connelly Pablo Tangway

### Art

Charles M. Brandon Scholarship Patrick Brien  
Presented by Carl Brandon  
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Presented by Lon Nuell

Charles and Ola Massey Scholarship Dan Hall  
Presented by Andrew Kaufman Craig Freehauf  
John and Elva Griffin Scholarship Hans Schmitt-Matzen  
Presented by Andrew Kaufman Andrew Huddleston

Ari Department Rising Freshman Scholarship Charles Wildorf  
Presented by Andrew Kaufman

Ari Department Rising Sophomore Scholarship Michael Clendening  
Presented by Andrew Kaufman Colleen Seigo

Ari Department Rising Junior Scholarship Terry Koppleberger  
Presented by Andrew Kaufman Charles Clary

### English

Virginia Derryberry Memorial Scholarship Holly Bush  
Presented by Tom Strawman Jordan Green  
Anna Wilson

Christine Vaughan Scholarship Holly Bush  
Presented by Bone Cos Chasity Brackett

William R. Wolfe Graduate Writing Awards Clark Hutton  
Presented by Kathleen Therrien Savitri Ashok  
Melissa Blackman

N.C. Bensley Award Holly Bush  
Presented by Sara Dunne Desiree Eady

### Foreign Languages and Literatures

Outstanding Student in French Award Allison Tenpenny  
Presented by Rosemary Kew

Outstanding Student in Spanish Award Jeffrey Gibson  
Presented by Judith Ruscolelli Erin Hendricks

### Geoscience

Estwing Hammer Award Beverly Buchanan  
Presented by Ron Zawislak

Outstanding Geography Student Martha Leffer  
Presented by Ron Zawislak Carl Frazier

Outstanding Geology Student Beverly Buchanan  
Presented by Ron Zawislak Brian Cosky

### History

Tennessee Historical Commission Brian Cunningham  
Outstanding History Major

Presented by Fred Colvin  
Thelma Jennings Graduate Scholarship David Price  
Presented by Fred Colvin

Ernest Hooper Undergraduate Scholarship Kevin Mayfield  
Presented by Fred Colvin

Edward and Eileen Jennings Undergraduate Scholarship Cynthia Delizio  
Presented by Fred Colvin

### Music

Outstanding Achievement in Clarinet Jackie O'Kain  
Performance Presented by Steve Shearon

Outstanding Achievement in Saxophone Performance Reagan Mitchell  
Presented by Steve Shearon

Outstanding Achievement in Trombone Ben McIlwain  
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Outstanding Achievement in Flute Performance Jennifer Whitehead  
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Outstanding Achievement in Percussion Stephen Richardson  
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Outstanding Achievement in Vocal Deanna Wright  
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Outstanding Achievement in Orchestra Michael Chester  
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Outstanding Achievement in Music History Christopher McMurtry  
Presented by Steve Shearon

Outstanding Achievement in Music Education Natalie Piper  
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Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies Tamar Moten  
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### Political Science

Norman L. Parks Award Dawn Johnson  
Presented by John Vile

C.C. Sims Award Paul Baker  
Presented by John Vile

John W. Burgess Award Matthew Pauley  
Presented by John Vile

Jack Justin Turner Award Lori Hollandsworth  
Presented by Anne Sloan

Meritorious Service Award Erin Bumbalough  
Presented by John Vile

Gloria H. Kimmel Outstanding Student Award Donna Laurent  
Presented by Chuck Frost

Dale Robert Seime Scholarship Edith Crumb  
Presented by Chuck Frost Mandy Alford

Marian Clark Scholarship (Sociology students) Molly Brown  
Presented by Chuck Frost Gayle Kehoe

(Sociology students cont.)

Michelle Miller

Jessica Smith

(Social Work students)

Jill Aaron

Amanda Alford

Kimberly Baker

Amber Burgin

Melissa Case

Hollie Cox

Edith Crumb

Shannon Emerson

Alesha Gresham

Tonya Hobbs

Jeffrey Howell

Jennifer Osborne

Teresa Quanco

Lisa Reasons

Rebecca Smith

Sarah Susak

Ashley Walker

Jay Youngs

Rebekah Zahurones

### Sociology and Anthropology

Joe Ramsey Leatherman Award Stanley Loe

Presented by Ben Austin

Clayton James Scholarship Jessica Smith

Presented by Ben Austin

### Speech and Theatre

Dorothea Tucker Scholarship Mindi DeWitt

Presented by Dorothea Tucker Amanda Lamb

Erica Drew

Richie Smith Memorial Scholarship Christie Ault

Presented by Dale McGilliard

Clayton Hawes Scholarship Jennifer Harmer

Presented by Steve Jones

Bobby Aden Memorial Scholarship Jennifer Brown-Smith

Presented by Deborah Anderson

Janice and David Arnold Scholarship Christina Millheim

Presented by Bertha Clark Emily Wade

General Debate Scholarship Courtney Carver

Presented by Greg Simerly Heather Cannon

Natalie Woodward Scholarship Marshall Lutes

Presented by Greg Simerly

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Presented by Mandy Richards

Academic Achievement Award Kathy Fahner

Presented by Kay Garrard

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# WORLD BRIEFS

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## United States has options after capturing Abu Abbas

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials would not disclose their plans for Abu Abbas, the terrorist mastermind captured by American special operations forces during one of several raids in and around Baghdad.

They have several options: hold him at a military base, transfer him to another country or bring him to the United States for possible prosecution.

The raids Monday on hideouts of Abbas' Palestinian Liberation Front also nabbed other suspects and turned up weapons including rocket-propelled grenades, passports from Yemen and Lebanon and other documents, military officials said.

U.S. officials view Abbas' capture as a major win in the war on terrorism and a vindication of President Bush's charge that Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq was harboring terrorists.

No matter where they take Abbas — his real name is Mohammed Abbas — his American captors are sure to grill him about his ties to other terrorists and Saddam, who sheltered Abbas for years.

"Justice will be served," said Marine Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

## Arab nations to push for United Nations resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Angry Arab nations decided Tuesday to push for a U.N. resolution declaring the Middle East a zone free of weapons of mass destruction.

Syria plans to introduce a draft resolution on behalf of the 22-nation Arab Group to the Security Council on Wednesday. It again denied U.S. allegations that it possesses chemical weapons and is sheltering fleeing Iraqis who supported Saddam Hussein's regime.

Arab nations have long pressed for the Middle East to be a nuclear-free zone, but the new resolution would also seek to eliminate chemical and biological weapons.

Syria is a party to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty but not the international conventions to control chemical or biological weapons.

Israel is not part of any of the treaties. It refuses to confirm or deny having nuclear weapons,

but is widely believed to possess them.

## New allegations target DNA, bullet analysis at lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks after testifying at a court hearing in a Kentucky murder, FBI scientist Kathleen Lundy told her superiors a secret. She knowingly gave false testimony about her specialty of lead bullet analysis.

"I had to admit that it was worse than being evasive or not correcting the record. It was simply not telling the truth," Lundy wrote her superior in an e-mail likely to be used against her now that she has been charged by Kentucky authorities on a charge of misdemeanor false swearing.

Internal FBI documents obtained by The Associated Press show the FBI lab, which reformed itself after a mid-1990s scandal over bad science, is grappling with new problems that have opened its work on lead bullets and DNA analysis to challenges by defense lawyers.

In addition to Lundy's indictment:

- An FBI lab technician resigned while under investigation for alleged improper testing of more than 100 DNA samples, and the lab is now reviewing samples she placed into the FBI national database of DNA evidence;

- The Houston police crime lab has been banned from placing new samples into the FBI's DNA registry because of allegations of shoddy science in local cases;

- One of the lab's retired metallurgists is challenging the bureau's science on bullet analysis, prompting the FBI to ask National Academy of Sciences to review its methodology.

FBI Lab Director Dwight Adams said detection of the problems illustrates that the reforms instituted in the mid-1990s are working.

## Babies born to mothers with SARS have symptoms

HONG KONG (AP) — Three babies born to Hong Kong mothers with severe acute respiratory syndrome have difficulty breathing and look like they may have the illness although they initially tested negative, a pediatrician said yesterday.

The babies were delivered prematurely by Caesarean section to avoid complications

from medicines used to treat SARS and because the mothers were seriously ill, Dr. Hon Kam-lun told The Associated Press.

All three tested negative for the coronavirus believed to cause SARS, but Hon said they "increasingly resemble" SARS cases. It is possible the premature births also made them susceptible to health problems, he said.

Two have a fever, which is common in SARS patients, said Hon, who teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and has been monitoring the babies.

One of the mothers, a 34-year-old, was among nine people whose deaths were reported on Tuesday, Hong Kong's largest one-day total to date. The disease has sickened 1,232 people here and killed at least 56.

The other two mothers are still alive. Hon said he had no information on their conditions, but he said they were young.

All three mothers were taking the anti-viral drug ribavirin, Hon said, and doctors had been worried about side effects in pregnant women.

## Flight attendants get extra day for concessions vote

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines' chances of avoiding bankruptcy looked shaky after flight attendants did not approve \$340 million in wage concessions.

The world's largest airline said it will file for bankruptcy unless the flight attendants reconsider in another day of voting.

The airline granted the union's request to delay a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing and allow members to continue voting until 6 p.m. EDT yesterday.

"We got a 'no' vote because the contract was unfair," said Andrea Fischer, a flight attendant for 37 years who walked in front of the union headquarters Tuesday with a sign reading, "I stand by my 'no' vote."

Donald J. Carty, chair and chief executive of AMR Corp., American's parent, warned Tuesday that the company would immediately seek bankruptcy protection unless the flight attendants join two other union groups in approving their portion of \$1.8 billion in labor cuts.

Pilots and ground workers approved more than \$1 billion

in concessions by the Tuesday deadline.

## Pillagers burn Baghdad's most important libraries

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Looters and arsonists ransacked and gutted Iraq's National Library, leaving a smoldering shell Tuesday of precious books turned to ash and a nation's intellectual legacy gone up in smoke.

They also looted and burned Iraq's principal Islamic library nearby, home to priceless old Qurans; last week, thieves swept through the National Museum and stole or smashed treasures that chronicled this region's role as the "cradle of civilization."

"Our national heritage is lost," an angry high school teacher, Haithem Aziz, said as he stood outside the National Library's blackened hulk. "The modern Mongols, the new Mongols, did that. The Americans did that. Their agents did that," he said as an explosion boomed in the distance as the war winds down.

## U.S. Marines move through Tikrit, angering residents

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Confronted by rage and insults, U.S. forces swept through Saddam Hussein's hometown Tuesday and began disarming residents even as Marines came under fire while seizing an airstrip on the town's outskirts.

The U.S. military set up cordons around Tikrit to prevent Saddam's senior leaders — and in a long shot, perhaps even Saddam himself — from slipping away.

American tanks stood outside Saddam's presidential palace, which was seized without a fight, the military said. Plumes of smoke rose Tuesday from buildings around the Tikrit South airfield, which was pummeled by U.S. airstrikes before it was captured by Marines.

At Balad Southeast, another airfield outside Tikrit, the run-

way was strewn with garbage and old trucks to prevent coalition forces from landing their planes. Working aircraft had been moved and hidden under camouflage nets.

## Mandatory cuts proposed in diesel engine pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration proposed reductions greater than 90 percent in air pollution from diesel-powered boats, construction and other off-road equipment Tuesday, predicting the curbs would prevent thousands of premature deaths, heart attacks and respiratory ailments.

The changes would start with 2008 models, and all bulldozers, farm combines and other diesel-powered equipment not used on roads must have modern emission controls by 2014. Cleaner-burning diesel fuel would have to contain 99 percent less sulfur by 2010.

Diesel vehicles are responsible for large amounts of the microscopic soot that causes respiratory problems and smog-causing chemicals from motor vehicles, with construction,

farming, mining, locomotive and marine engines the main sources of off-road diesel pollution.

Health and environmental groups welcomed the move, saying it would dramatically improve public health.

## Assassin of politician sentenced to 18 years

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The killer of Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was sentenced Tuesday to 18 years in prison — a punishment that elicited courtroom "boos," crying and derision from Fortuyn supporters who said it was not nearly severe enough.

Volkert van der Graaf, 33, confessed to shooting Fortuyn outside a radio station May 6, just nine days before elections in which Fortuyn was contending for prime minister, to prevent him from gaining power and carrying out his anti-immigration agenda.

The crime shattered the country's tradition of peaceful democracy, and Fortuyn's supporters said Van der Graaf should be sentenced to life in prison. ♦

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## From the Editorial Board Global warming still a top concern

Occasional professor and former Vice President Al Gore has picked up where he left off on environmental issues, claiming that the oil and coal industries, along with the Republican party, have worked to muddy the facts in the debate on global warming.

Gore's most damning piece of evidence was a *National Desk* article concerning a Republican memorandum, which said a lack of clear evidence on the causes of global warming is paramount to winning the long-running public debate on global warming.

He also said that clouding the public debate nurtures the belief that scientific evidence is inconclusive, whereas Gore claims that to state that the question still exists contradicts scientific research.

It's no surprise by now that large industry has the Republicans in its back pocket. This is not to say that the GOP is the only party strongly influenced by an outside group, but it's both a sad and scary time for democracy if this document represents the attitude of the party as a whole.

Perhaps part of the problem is that many Republicans are tied to the energy sector, in one way or another: the Bushes' ties to various oil companies and magnates, Vice President Dick Cheney's affiliation with Halliburton, and so on. By the way, did anyone notice that Halliburton was awarded a no-bid contract worth up to \$7 billion to put out oil fires in Iraq?

When asked about sport utility vehicles, Gore said that a goal of both automobile manufacturers and the federal government should be to increase gas mileage and develop different types of engines, adding that federal tax dollars earmarked (theoretically) for research into alternative fuels and hybrid vehicles should be granted to U.S. companies for research.

Environmental issues have been pushed to the back of the public debate in the last few years. It is commendable of Gore to pick up the ball and run with it, so to speak, and remind anyone who's listening that, even in today's world, old and unresolved issues still need to be addressed. Hopefully people will listen. ♦

### Correction

In Gary Morrison's column "Beckett's flagpole waste of time" (April 16), the Home Owners Association petition needs 66 percent of the residents' signatures in order to change a rule, not 33 percent.

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## DSEA continues voiding of rights

### Finding Trouble



Audie  
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Don't be suckered in by the name – there's nothing patriotic about the USA PATRIOT act.

Sadly, the current administration wasn't happy with just passing that crippling blow to long-held American rights. Now they scheme in secret to finish off liberty completely.

Attorney General Ashcroft denied working on any new 'anti-terrorism' legislation, but his denials proved to be lies when a Department of Justice worker deliberately leaked a draft of the document – Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003.

This thing is ugly. First of all, this draft of a bill, which Congress has yet to see, was labeled as "confidential – not for distribution."

The question this should raise is: What could a non-elected government official gain from hiding this bill from the very branch of government that

needs to see it in the first place?

The answer: surprise. Make no mistake; Ashcroft did not have this bill written without intending to get it passed. Unfortunately, the smartest way to do that is to wait for the best time, a time when people are paying the least attention and smack us all in the face with it.

Kind of like the Bush Administration did with the USA PATRIOT act. Have to stick with what works, right?

This time they blew it. They made the draft of this bill so reprehensible that even the Department of Justice's own staff couldn't take it.

This bill calls for the complete destruction of the Fourth Amendment, finishing a job the USA PATRIOT act started.

By the way, the reason the USA PATRIOT act is always capitalized is because it is an acronym for "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism."

This cute, cuddly and completely unnecessary name was given to the bill

in the bill's own text.

If you can't see this as propaganda, you're blind.

Back to the DSEA, nicknamed Patriot II, and its assault on our Constitution: Constitutionally illegal search and seizures largely became available under the first Patriot act, but Patriot II vastly widens the field for these violations.

The federal government can now obtain national search warrants from any sympathetic judge they can find, and those warrants can bypass you completely for up to 15 days, longer if there is "good reason."

This means the FBI would be able to get a warrant against you in a Kentucky court (because you went there for vacation, or some other vacuous reason – like that's where your pen pal lives), and then enter your home without your knowledge, download the contents of your computer, install a phone tap and rifle through your belongings. Then, they can hold off telling you about it for up to 15 days.

Sure, there has to be some pretense of terrorism, but, as loosely defined as that is right now, a member of the Green

Party or Libertarian Party could be considered a terrorist.

As if this destruction of the Fourth Amendment wasn't enough, Ashcroft's bill draft includes a provision that would allow secret arrests.

Yes, you read correctly. Secret arrests.

Most Americans probably can't even conceive of such a thing. Just imagine a friend or family member disappearing for no apparent reason, and then you don't see them again for years, if ever.

When you hear that someone saw your friend or relative get arrested – if you are lucky enough to have a witness – you find no law enforcement agency willing to help you.

In fact, under Ashcroft's bill, not only would they be unable to help you, if they did, they would go to jail. And, if you get arrested, you can kiss your right to a trial goodbye.

Happily, this draft is not a bill.

The Department of Justice leak torpedoed this bill's chances because it allowed opposition to solidify before the bill's submission to Congress. Take note, opposition to this draft came from every

corner of the political spectrum.

Thanks to that opposition, this proposal now has little chance, so the bill remains unsubmitted.

We are lucky the surprise attack never materialized.

Now, it's time to put the man responsible for such an abomination under the strict surveillance he sees fit to impose on this country.

How did a man with these fascist views get to be the attorney general? How else is he working to undermine American freedom?

Attorney General Ashcroft wasn't elected, yet he might still be the undoing of the freedoms we hold so dear, the very freedoms our men and women are supposedly fighting for right now.

Keep a close eye on your rights.

If you don't, they might slip away unseen. Under the USA PATRIOT act, your grip on them is already tenuous, and with Ashcroft on the loose, it could easily get worse. ♦

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## United in disagreement

### Cosmo's Corner



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We're for the war. We're against the war.

We're for international diplomacy.

We're for nations to act independently.

We're united in our agreement to disagree.

Oh America, you great marvel of a great nation, how I love you so.

Now that it appears the war in Iraq is coming to an end, and we've achieved one of the most astounding military victories in history, I'd like to step back and reflect on the disunity that seemed so prevalent in our society before the fall of Saddam Hussein.

People were really divided and entrenched in their beliefs about the war.

Everywhere you turned, war was the topic of conversation, and the people really believed their ideas about it were the right ones.

But, what were they really doing?

They were simply exercising their rights as American citizens.

They were showing that this is the greatest, most interesting and most exciting country to live in throughout the world.

I can't help but marvel at our complexity. It's one thing to learn about other nations and the events they endured that defined them as a nation,

and it's another to be a part of one.

We just experienced what being an American is all about.

You don't support the war? Fine – have a protest, march up and down the street and tell those politicians what you really think.

Do you support the war? Fine – have your own demonstrations and tell peace activists what you really think.

You couldn't care less? Fine – sit on your couch and watch your sitcoms in a bliss of ignorance.

You can do whichever suits you best. It's your right.

As Americans, we can agree to disagree, and, in part, that's what keeps us strong as a nation.

We don't let things sit on the back burner.

We like to keep the issues right in our faces. We're always arguing or bickering over something. It keeps us on our toes.

How else can you deal with unexpected surprises when nothing really surprises you anymore?

Do you ever wonder why other countries hate us so?

People hate what they don't understand and what they are envious of. It's one of humankind's most basic reactions.

So why should it bother any American when a Frenchman or a German condemns us or our actions?

They're French, they're German – they're not Americans.

They know what it is to be French or German; they don't know what it is to be an American. They

only have an idea.

So, you shouldn't let their opinions affect your thinking because, fundamentally, they're different.

Under all our individual differences, we're all Americans.

That's the one thing that unites us.

Sure, we can disagree about many things. We always have. Even in the founding of this country, people wanted to remain loyal to England. Throughout our brief history, we've disagreed over many things we thought would bring an end to us all, but they didn't.

That's the beauty of it.

Whether you realize it or not, the people we have running the country genuinely do have the best interests of the country in mind.

If they didn't, they'd be out of a job – right?

I'm proud to say I'm an American. I will never deny that regardless of where I travel.

I'm proud to be a part of a country that can seem so confusing to the uninformed.

A country that most of the world doesn't understand and despises. A country that is nowhere and is everywhere, omnipotent and minuscule. A country that can agree to disagree.

This is the American experience.

Observe it, embrace it, love it and live it. ♦

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## Joe really hates class discussion

### Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler  
Staff Columnist

Joe's Journal, page 332:

"Please cover your ears when he speaks. Listening to him may make you stupid," my professor didn't say, but should have.

So I'm in English class and we're discussing Walt Whitman. We get to the part where Whitman's waxing poetic about waxing his pole. Flowers sprout up where his seed lands. This is some real crazy hippie nonsense if I've ever heard crazy hippie nonsense. Clearly Whitman was tripping balls.

About half the class was appalled by this particular portion of the poem, once it was explained to them.

Always looking for a chance to talk about masturbation, I raise my hand. I get the nod from the prof.

"You know there is an Egyptian creation myth that says the whole world was created by a god masturbating. His seed became the world," I said.

Now, I wasn't sure how this related to anything at all. I just know that particular factoid is the only semi-erudite thing I knew to say about masturbation. Hell, I can barely say "masturbation" without giggling. Besides, I'd had that knowledge in my head for several years and needed to get it out.

My poor professor, who would hate to discourage a young student like myself, pulled some nonsense out of his ass to match my own.

"Well, you know, Whitman was quite the Egyptologist, and he may have been thinking about that when he wrote this piece," he said.

I was stunned.

Then, I started getting nods from my classmates, as if I'd stumbled upon some sort of useful knowledge.

Little did they know, I was full of nonsense.

Now, it was time to let the rest of the class have their say. Mostly it was time for the student I refer to as Jesus Girl. A name like that might imply that she could perform miracles, cure pox, walk on water, turn water into malt liquor, or wear sandals. In fact, she acquired the appellation only because she talked about Jesus a lot. I suppose she's just lazy. It's a lot easier to talk about Jesus than to save souls.

Anyway, Jesus Girl took Whitman's masturbation poem as a personal affront.

"He may say he contains multitudes, but among those multitudes is not our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Spilling your seed upon the ground is sinful," Jesus Girl said.

"And what does that have to do with anything, Jesus Girl?" the professor asked.

She certainly didn't receive the latitude I was allowed.

"Well, Jesus says ..." Jesus Girl said before the professor cut her off.

"Yes, Jesus, yes, yes. Jesus. We get it. Jesus. You love Jesus. Jesus this. Jesus that. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus blah blah aargh," he said.

He didn't quit though. He just kept going. He totally lost his nonsense. He kept repeating "Jesus" and getting all up in Jesus Girl's grill. Eventually he was just kind of barking.

Under other circumstances I think he may have been taken with the Holy Spirit.

I'm certain he wasn't, though, because he picked up Jesus Girl and threw her out the window.

Worry not, she only broke a rib and an arm.

God help us all when a professor encourages class discussion.

Mind you, this isn't about some Christian kid going on about Jesus too much. This is about professors allowing students to talk during class. So please, shut the hell up. ♦

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## Baseball knocks off Vandy, 9-5

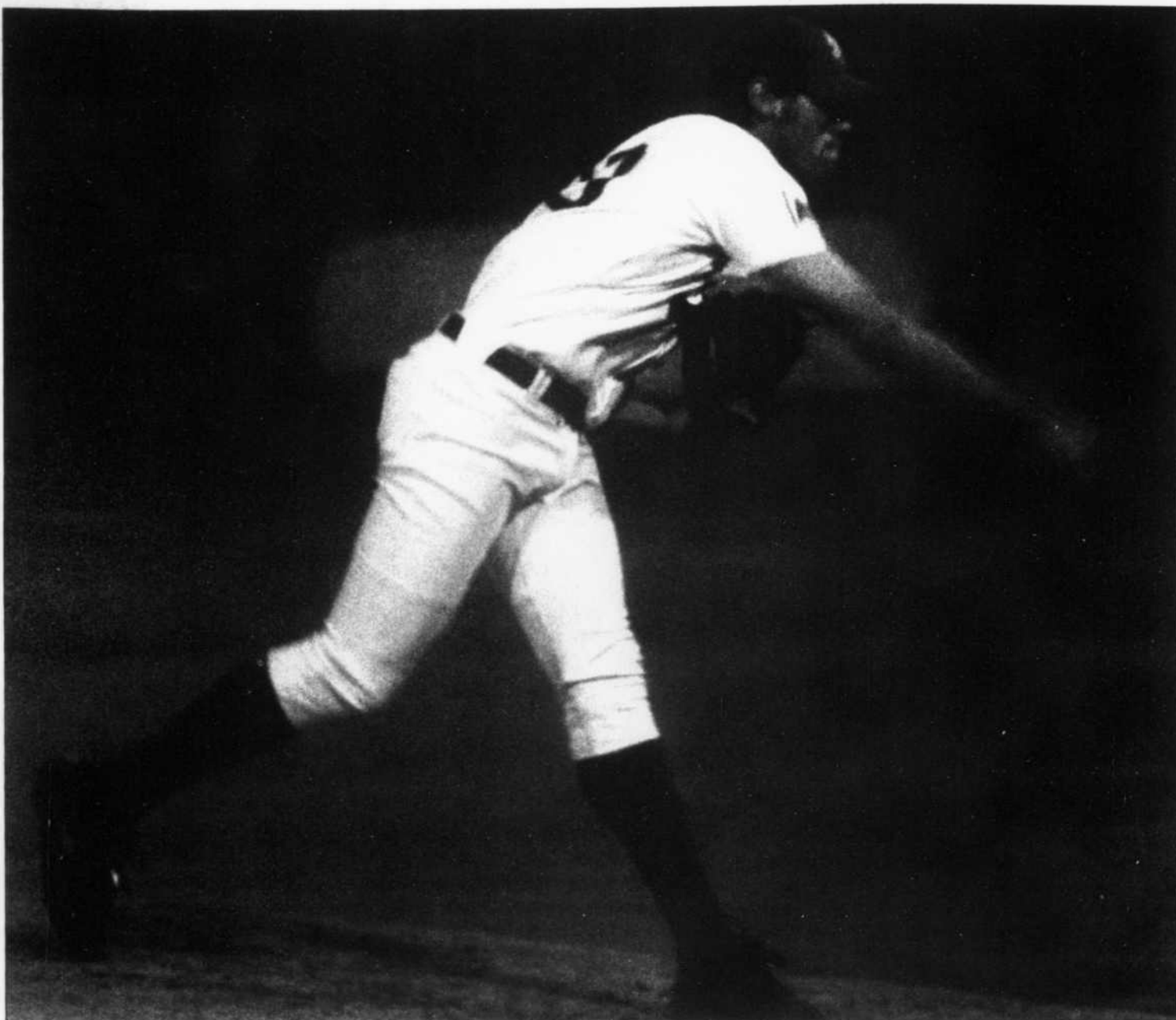


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MT pitcher Travis Horschel only had four hits against him Tuesday against Vanderbilt.

### Knox blasts two home runs in Blue Raider win

By Josh Beasley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Blue Raider sluggers lit up the sky Tuesday night with 17 hits and 11 runs and designated hitter Jerry Knox was a human highlight reel, blasting two home runs of his own to send the Commodores away with a thorn in their side.

"Right now, as a team, we are hitting the ball good, making clutch plays and playing good baseball," Knox said. "I feel real strong about the team right now. Our pitching is good, hitting is good and defense is good."

The Blue Raiders squandered the scoring opportunity in the second after Brett Carroll led off with a line drive up the middle and advanced to second by a single by Jerry Knox.

With a runner in scoring position, Shane Kemp failed to get down the sacrifice bunt to move Carroll within 90 feet of the plate. Vanderbilt's hurler Jensen Lewis settled down and got the final two outs of the inning, forcing Derek Phillips to fly out to third, and Cliff Thomas went down on strikes, leaving two Blue Raiders stranded on the bases.

Vandy struck first in the third when Tony Mansolino led off with a single and swiped second. Matt McGraner moved Mansolino to third with a ground ball to third baseman Brett Carroll. Zach Simpson delivered an RBI single to center to drive home Mansolino, giving the Commodores a one run lead.

Once again, the Blue Raiders got the lead-off man on base to start the latter half of the third. Jeff Beachum went shopping in the gap after lining a 1-0 fastball to right center field. Beachum moved over to third after Chuck Akers nearly legged out a sacrifice bunt down the first base line. With Beachum lurking at third, Nate Jagers battled at the plate and was issued a free pass.

Similar to the previous inning, MT's scoring hopes diminished after Josh Archer popped out to shallow right and Carroll grounded to short for the 6-4 force at second.

Vandy tacked on two more runs in the

top of the fourth inning, building their lead up to 3-0. For the Commodores, Kayes got things started with a single and advanced to second after a Derek Phillips throw to second scooted through the wickets of two Blue Raider defenders. Warner Jones followed with a single to center and put runners on the corners for the 'Dores. Worth Scott lifted a fastball just deep enough to allow Kayes to tag up and plate Vandy's second run of the contest.

The Commodores continued their threat after Mansolino singled to center, moving Jones to third. The single would close the books on Beachum, sending the Blue Raiders to the bullpen for reliever Travis Horschel. The big righthander battled with the Vandy sluggers to record the final two outs of the inning.

Knox got things rolling for MT in the bottom of the fourth, after parking a Jensen Lewis fastball over the right field wall, to

See Vandy, 6

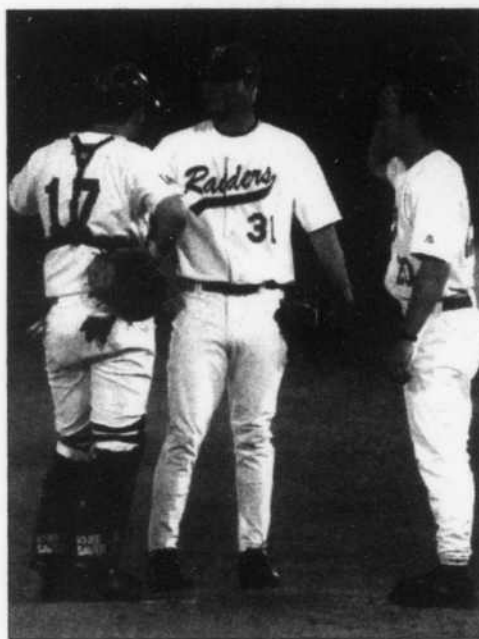


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Catcher Travis Horschel, pitcher B.J. Church and first baseman Josh Archer talk after a questionable call.



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The Blue Raider baseball team celebrates after winning against Vandy 9-5.

## Hilltoppers hires former player Darrin Horn as head coach

By Chris Duncan  
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Former Western Kentucky player Darrin Horn was hired as coach of the Hilltoppers on Tuesday.

Horn was an assistant under Marquette coach Tom Crean for four seasons; Crean was an assistant with the Hilltoppers during Horn's first three years as a player.

"He is someone we consider a rising star, and rather than let someone else catch this rising star, we decided, 'Let's get him for Western,'" athletic director Wood Selig said.

The 30-year-old Horn replaces Dennis Felton, who left to become coach at Georgia last week after five seasons.

Horn was a player for Western Kentucky from 1992 to 1995, when the Hilltoppers went 94-32 and played in the NCAA tournament three times under former coach Ralph Willard.

Horn joined the staff of Western Kentucky coach Matt Kilcullen in 1995 and was an assistant at Morehead State for two seasons before joining Crean in May 1999.

"It's good to be home. Being here tonight is a dream come true," Horn said during a news

conference at Diddle Arena. "There's no place in America, there's no place in college basketball I would rather be. This is where my heart is. This is where my passion is."

Horn beat out current Western Kentucky assistant Pete Hermann, Texas assistant Frank Haith and Willard, the coach at Holy Cross, for the job.

Felton led Western Kentucky to the Sun Belt regular-season and tournament championships the last three seasons, and the Hilltoppers played in the last three NCAA tournaments, losing in the first round each time.

Crean, who guided

Marquette to the Final Four this season, said Horn's ability to recruit and develop a strong relationship with Western Kentucky's administration and students will help the program "reach new heights."

"Darrin has the blueprint in how successful programs operate," Crean said.

Horn was hired by Morehead State coach Kyle Macy in 1997. Macy said Horn listed on his job application a desire to become a head coach by age 30.

"Looks like he'll achieve that goal," Macy said. "He was always very driven, very goal-oriented." ♦

## Former professor cheers team on

By Trey Porter  
Staff Reporter

His name is Frank Essex. If you don't recognize his name, you will definitely recognize his voice if you're a Blue Raider baseball fan.

For the better part of the past eight years, Essex and his two grandchildren have been cheering on the Blue Raider baseball teams at Reese Field in a unique way. They sit up top, right below the press box. It's a good view, and it helps carry their voices.

"My favorite is Jagers, Jagers, Jagers, hit a four bagger," said Essex's granddaughter Brittany.

Brittany is 14 years old and plays right field for Siegel Elementary. Brittany said her favorite thing about the games is "all the hot college guys."

The rhyming really makes her feel like a part of the game. Other members of the rhyming outfit include Brittany's sister Allison and their two friends Katie and Carl Glenn.

"Carl does dances and really gets into it," Brittany said.

But there is no question who is the instigator and the most experienced fan in the group.

Frank Essex is a retired MTSU political science professor. Essex saw the heyday of MT athletics and continues to support the Blue Raiders. He taught at MT from 1967 to 1993.

Originally from Arkansas, Essex worked in the funeral home business before selling it to his brother and going into the education field. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1950.

"I just have always done rhyming like that," Essex said.

He can also do a convincing Donald Duck impersonation, since he's been at it for more than 50 years.

"I did it at the Nashville Vols games in the late 1940s with buddies from college. They would often move to another part of the stands, because they were so embarrassed of me, and I would yell at them," Essex recalled.

The cheers are always wholesome and encouraging; rarely has Essex ever heckled the other team.

He thinks that heckling is bad luck and distasteful. Essex and his cheering section had an impact on both the players and the fans at Reese Field.

"One time last year they (the players) were making up rhymes about each other," Brittany said.

The fans enjoy the cheers and have become accustomed to the encouragement.

"The world needs more good fans like him with all the negative fans out there," said freshman baseball fan Jenny Pyke.

Sometimes their cheers seem to reach the players. Essex recalls earlier this year when in the bottom of the ninth, the game was tied, and MT was at bat, a simple cheer was all the difference.

"Archer, hit a departure! Then Archer hit a home run and won the game," Essex said.

Next time you are at the game, you might think about yelling out a tactful rhyme to cheer on the Blue Raiders.

If you are having trouble thinking of a rhyme, just go up top and ask Frank Essex.

He's got one for you. ♦

## Jordan's sports legacy not harmed by lousy years

Sports commentary



Trey Porter  
Staff Reporter

the whole Chicago thing played out.

Then, when arguably the worst franchise in the league hired Jordan five years ago as their main man, they hired him not for PR value, but to turn things around. Two years later, things are different.

The MCI Center has consistently sold out. This is classic Jordan, having an impact from the paint all the way to the merchandise rack. Number 23 brought basketball back to D.C. The fire the old Bulls played with in the 1980s is now beginning to rekindle in these young Wizards. Jordan was the match that lit the fire and the wind that helped it grow.

He is tough, critical and overwhelming at times. These players did not become champions because they played two seasons with the greatest champion of them all. They are, however, better, enlightened and inspired.

So the Wiz didn't make the playoffs, and because of that and a lack of dominance, Jordan cracked his legend and hurt his legacy and should never have come back.

Wrong.

The times changed, a few of his stats have changed, but there is still one thing that stands, despite all the critics out there. Michael Jordan's last playoff shot ever is still that ankle-breaking jumper for the championship in Utah.

If you don't remember, just ask Bryon Russell. ♦

It's finally over. Michael Jordan's third coming ended last night in Philadelphia. Two years ago, when he traded his suit for a pair of shorts and some Nikes, some people were critical. Now that the stat books are closed more critics will call his past two seasons a failure.

They will be wrong.

Jordan did a lot of things in these past two seasons. Even as a Wizard, he was still dangerous. He made appearances in both season's All-Star games. This year he even made a potential game winning fade-away — only to have a young player mess things up four seconds later. In many ways, the All-Star game is symbolic of the past two years.

The Wiz went from 19 wins to 37 wins in one year. That's not championship caliber, but it is an impact. Jordan knew they would not and could not win it all. Michael Jordan does not need another ring. There was something deeper involved, something about Jordan's character — He wins.

When Jerry Krause drafted the high flying two-guard out of Carolina, he drafted him to make the Chicago Bulls a winning team.

I think everyone knows how



## Blue Raider golf team finishes Arkansas State Indian Golf Classic in 16th place

By Randall Thomason  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's golf team concluded the Arkansas State Indian Golf Classic on Tuesday with a final round score of 305 to finish 16th in the 19 team field.

MT's final tournament before the Sun Belt Conference Championships was a struggle for the Blue Raiders.

MT was unable to break 300 in any of the three rounds, posting 303 and 307 before closing with 305, giving MT a total of 915. Patrick Williams and Blake Bivens provided MT with steady

play; each finished in a tie for 43rd with round totals of 227.

Williams followed two rounds of 76 with a closing 75, while Bivens bookended a second round 77 with two 75s.

Josh Nelms put together one of his strongest performances of the season, finishing in a tie for 49th with rounds of 76, 74 and 78 to total 228.

Charlie Gibson concluded the tournament with an aggregate score of 233, firing individual rounds of 76, 80 and 77. Carter Henderson concluded the Blue Raider scoring with rounds of 80, 83 and 81 to finish in a tie for 92nd at 244.

SBC member North Texas won the championship with a three round score of 875. UNT distanced itself from the host team, ASU, which finished runner-up with a score of 884.

Arkansas-Little Rock, co-leader after the first two rounds, faded in the third round, falling into a tie for fifth after struggling to a final round total of 313. South Alabama finished in a tie for 9th with a total of 890.

The Sun Belt Conference Championship is next on the Blue Raider agenda. The championship will begin play on Monday and run through Wednesday in Niceville, Fla. ♦

## Vandy: Raiders to host USA this weekend

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start a two-run inning rally for the home standing Blue Raiders.

"I just went up there trying to get on base and get things going," Knox said.

"He [Lewis] threw me a change-up and left it over the plate. I took a good round of BP (batting practice) today, felt comfortable and got the job

done."

MT continued to tee off on the Vandy chuckers in the bottom of the fifth and added three more runs to take their first lead of the game, 5-3.

Vanderbilt managed to get within one in the top of the sixth, but the Blue Raider bats could not be silenced.

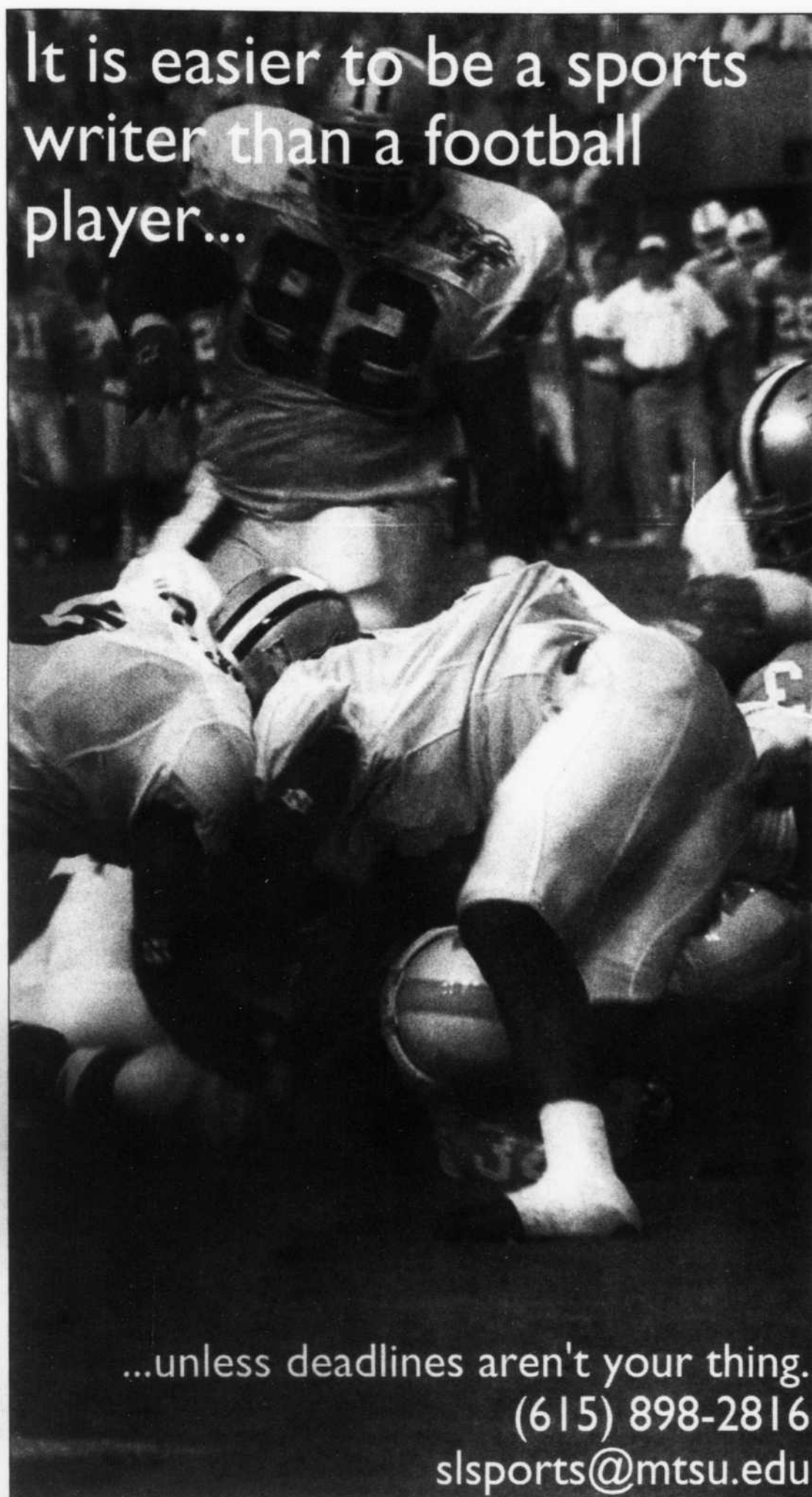
As if the nail weren't deep enough in the coffin, Archer and Knox drove it in deeper

with a pair of two-run shots in the eighth inning to give the Blue Raiders all the insurance they would need to cruise to a 9-5 win. Archer's homerun, a tape measure shot to center, gave the slugger nine on the season.

The Blue Raiders continue their home stand this weekend when they host South Alabama at Reese Smith Field for a three-game set. ♦



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# Sports Briefs

From Associated Press Reports

## Intoxicated fan storms field to attack umpire

CHICAGO (AP) — Umpire Laz Diaz was attacked by a fan who came out of the stands during a game between the Kansas City Royals and Chicago White Sox in a frightening reminder of what happened last year at Comiskey Park.

Security and players immediately came to the aid of Diaz, the first base umpire, and the attacker was quickly taken away.

Immediately after Carlos Lee fled out to end Chicago's eighth inning, the fan ran on the field and tried to tackle Diaz, wrapping his arms around the umpire's legs.

It was the first appearance by the Royals in Chicago since former first base coach Tom Gamboa was pummeled by a father and son who came out of the stands last September.

## First opinion on knee injury enough for outfielder

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Brian Giles initially asked for a second medical opinion on his

injured right knee, then withdrew the request a few hours later.

Giles, the Pirates' top offensive player for four years, was diagnosed with a sprained medial collateral ligament after being hurt sliding into second base Thursday against Milwaukee. Giles initially felt a twinge in the knee but didn't have any pain until waking up Friday.

He was placed on the 15-day disabled list Saturday, and the initial prognosis was he would be ready to play after two to four weeks of rehabilitation.

## Panthers assistant coach moves to head position

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh assistant Jamie Dixon will succeed Ben Howland as the Panthers' basketball coach.

Dixon has never been a head coach at any level, and he was initially passed over when the school tried to hire Skip Prosser of Wake Forest.

The 37-year-old Dixon interviewed recently for head coaching vacancies at Wright State

and Illinois State. He also was interviewed by Texas-El Paso in November.

Howland left Pittsburg to become UCLA's coach less than a week after the Panthers' NCAA tournament loss to Marquette on March 27.

## Garland named to succeed Massimino in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Michigan State assistant Mike Garland will succeed Rollie Massimino as head basketball coach at Cleveland State.

The university plans to introduce Garland at a news conference. He was selected after former Clemson coach Larry Shyatt withdrew his name from consideration.

The 48-year-old Garland has been an assistant at Michigan State for seven years. Brian Gregory, another aide to Tom Izzo, left the Spartans last week to become head coach at Dayton.

## Knicks coach slated to stay at least two more seasons

NEW YORK (AP) — Knicks

coach Don Chaney agreed to a two-year contract extension that will keep him in New York through the 2005-06 season.

The Knicks made the announcement before their final game of the season. They have missed the playoffs in their two seasons under Chaney after reaching the postseason for 14 consecutive years.

## Maple Leafs lose veteran player due to differences

TORONTO (AP) — Veteran left winger Shayne Corson left the Toronto Maple Leafs, ending a season marred by illness and waning production.

Corson, a key player in Toronto's 4-3 double-overtime victory over Philadelphia on Monday night, apparently told coach and general manager Pat Quinn after the game he was leaving the team and would not return.

## Capriati defeats Mikaelian in Bausch & Lomb tourney

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, who had eye surgery last December, wasn't as

aggressive as she would have liked. But she was good enough to beat Marie-Gaïrneh Mikaelian 6-4, 7-6 (5) in the second round of the Bausch & Lomb Championships.

Capriati (No. 3) was one of seven seeded players in action, and the first six won their matches. No. 2 Lindsay Davenport beat Nicole Pratt 6-1, 6-0; No. 4 Daniela Hantuchova beat Akiko Morigami 7-5, 6-2; No. 8 Amanda Coetzer beat Vera Zvonareva 7-5, 4-6, 6-0; No. 12 Lisa Raymond beat Julia Vakulenko 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; No. 14 Clarisa Fernandez beat Jill Craybas 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2; and No. 16 Alexandra Stevenson beat Els Callens 7-5, 6-3.

## Blind runner to participate in Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Marla Runyan will be accompanied along the Boston Marathon route by a race official who will provide course information to the legally blind runner.

Runyan, the top-ranked American female marathoner, will get split times and verbal

notification of water stations from the official, who will ride a bike near her in next Monday's race. The official also will alert her to potential course hazards and turns, marathon organizers said.

Runyan, a 34-year-old runner who lives in Eugene, Ore., might also get details about the proximity of competitors who are visible to the other elite competitors. The bike-riding official will begin offering information at about the one-mile mark and continue throughout the race. The official will stay with Runyan through the final turn only if she is in the lead or has a chance of winning.

## Sports programs cut due to budget constraints

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Fresno State will cut four sports from its athletic program as part of a plan to get out of a seven-year operating deficit.

Athletic Director Scott Johnson said the men's soccer, indoor track and field and cross country teams and the women's swimming and diving teams would be discontinued. ♦

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## 2003 Sun Belt Baseball Records

	Sun Belt		Pct.	Stk.	Overall		Pct.	Stk.	L10
	W	L			W	L			
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South Alabama	6	3	.667	L1	25	10	.714	L1	8-2
Arkansas State	7	4	.636	W1	17	17	.500	W1	5-5
New Mexico State	7	5	.583	L2	29	10	.744	L2	6-4
Louisiana-Lafayette	6	6	.500	L1	14	24	.368	L1	6-4
Western Kentucky	5	6	.455	W1	18	13	.581	W1	5-5
Middle Tennessee	5	7	.417	L1	16	19	.457	L1	5-5
Arkansas-Little Rock	3	6	.333	W1	20	14	.588	W1	4-6
New Orleans	2	7	.222	W2	17	18	.486	W2	3-7

### Florida International Golden Panthers

The Golden Panthers took a break from conference action this week, splitting a pair of games with Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla. FIU lost 11-6 April 9 before winning 4-1 April 10. After the series, Luis Rivera now holds a 21-game hitting streak, the longest such streak on the team this season. Rivera leads the team in batting average (.383), hits (59) and RBIs (36) and is tied for the team lead in doubles (11). Skip Adams extended his own hitting streak to 12 games April 10 as well. The Golden Panthers so far average nearly eight runs a ballgame this year. Despite leading the all-time series 41-6, FIU lost the 2003 season series to BCC 3-2 and lost four of the last six overall.

### Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns

Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns are 6-6 (.500) in conference play after winning two games in a crucial Sun Belt series against Arkansas-Little Rock. As a team, the Cajuns batted .343 (36-105) against the Trojans and now have seven consecutive games with 10 or more hits. The Cajuns had 12 hits in all three games over the weekend. The team batting average is up to .259 and jumped 21 points in the past six games.

Sophomore pitcher Kevin Ardoin won his second start in a row in Friday night's 14-2 win. Ardoin pitched eight innings, allowing just five hits and no earned runs. He struck out five batters and walked two. Ardoin is now 2-3 on the year with a 3.86 ERA and has struck out 51 batters in 53.2 innings pitched. Junior pitcher Jordy Templet received the win in Saturday's 5-2 win. Templet pitched seven innings, allowing just one run on four hits. He struck out seven and walked three. Templet leads the Cajun pitching staff with a 4-3 record and a 3.55 ERA in 63.1 innings pitched. Relief pitcher Kraig Schambough received the save Saturday after two innings of relief in which he allowed just one run and struck out four batters.

### South Alabama Jaguars

South Alabama moved to the top of the league standings over the weekend with a home series win over visiting Western Kentucky. The Jags had an eight-game win streak snapped and a six-game Sun Belt win-streak broken by a 10-6 loss to WKU on Sunday. USA has won 25 of its last 31 games since starting the season 0-4. Senior left fielder Ryan Mulhern belted his 11th home run of the season last week, pushing his mark to 40 for his career. He is third on USA's all-time list and needs just three more to become the all-time leader. Mulhern collected his 200th career hit in Friday's win over WKU. Senior right fielder Cole Craig has hit safely in his last six games. Last Wednesday, he hit a two-run home run to lead USA to a 7-5 win over a much-improved Florida A&M program. In his first at-bat in Friday's opener with the Hilltoppers, Craig belted a two-run shot for his third home run of the season. ♦



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