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Campus Briefs

NASA funds center

This fall, MTSU will open Center for Advancement of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in the education wing of the former Belle Aire property on Fairview Avenue.

MTSU received a \$525,000 grant from NASA for the center and the College of Basic and Applied Sciences will hold an invitation-only reception to commemorate the gift. The reception will be held today from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall.

The center's mission will be to enhance the quality of mathematics, science and technology education at all levels in Tennessee.

The associate director for the center will be Cindi Smith-Walters, co-director of the Center of Environmental Education.

For more information, contact Ray Phillips at 898-8410.

Major to talk leadership

Maj. Julie S. Norman of the United Sates Army will appear at MTSU and talk about "Women as Leaders" today in Forrest Hall, Room MS 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Norman's visit is part of the National Women's History Month activities at MTSU.

Norman's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Commendation Medal.

For more information, contact Randy Weiler at 898-2919.

Event to focus on finance

The 10th annual MTSU Financial Industry Outlook Conference will take place March 13 at the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro at 10:45

The conference is sponsored by MTSU's Jennings A. Jones College of Business and Weatherford Chair of Finance. The cost will be \$15 per person, which includes lunch and conference materials.

The event will commence with a speech from R. Glen Hubbard, chairperson of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Bush administration.

Hubbard was confirmed by the Senate May 10, 2001, and was appointed by President Bush May 11.

Scholarships for students

The Community Foundation Middle Tennessee is seeking applications for scholarships, provided by a fund set up in the memory of Archie Hartwell Nash. The Archie Hartwell Nash fund will award scholarships of up to \$2,500 each to MTSU students, who will be selected based on merit and financial need.

His wife, Carolyn Nash, established a fund in Nash's name at the Community Foundation so scholarships could be given to help students The deadline for applications is April 1, and applicants will be notified of the results by May 1.

For more information, contact Brenda Batey at 352-5184 or Laundrea Lewis at 321-4939.

Bill limits parking ticket punishment

By Beth Davis

Committee will discuss a bill today that will prohibit postsecondary schools in Tennessee from withholding academic transcripts and diplomas from students because of unpaid parking tickets.

SB 2666 is one way state lawmakers are looking for solutions to the parking problems experienced by most higher education

March 6 and, if passed by the

committee, could directly affect refuse to issue a diploma or aca-MTSU. Many students and faculty believe parking on the MTSU campus is a problem.

"I think that the campus parking policy is way too strict," said sophomore Jenny Queener. "It's not like the parking fines are \$5 or \$10. I got a \$30 or \$35 ticket last year for parallel parking the wrong way. No wonder people wait so long to pay them college students can't afford

demic transcript based solely upon the student's failure to pay parking or traffic tickets.

Miller began his presentation by explaining his own experiences with the parking situation at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

"It came time for me to graduate, and I was rudely reminded of those parking tickets, which I had not had a thought about, that had accumulated some years before," he said. "They said I could not receive my diploma until I paid those parking tickets with all the penalties and inter-

est, which accumulated to over \$500."

Miller discussed some stories that he has heard from college students who were unable to transfer credits to their new schools because of parking fines at their former universities.

"I know that our post-secondary institutions need to keep order, and I know that parking is a problem on most of those campuses," Miller said. "I am just asking you to let the punishment fit the crime because students, some of which can't come up with that kind of money all at one time,

might not get their diploma or transcript until they do. It is a hardship for many because for students with a valid parking pass that commute and cannot find a parking space, they are faced with the decision to miss class or get a parking ticket."

Committee member Sen. JoAnn Graves (D-Gallatin) explained the reasoning behind her disapproval of the bill. Grave's son, who is scheduled to graduate in May, has accumulated more than \$400 worth of parking tickets while at college

See Tickets, 2

Weil resigns from men's b-ball post

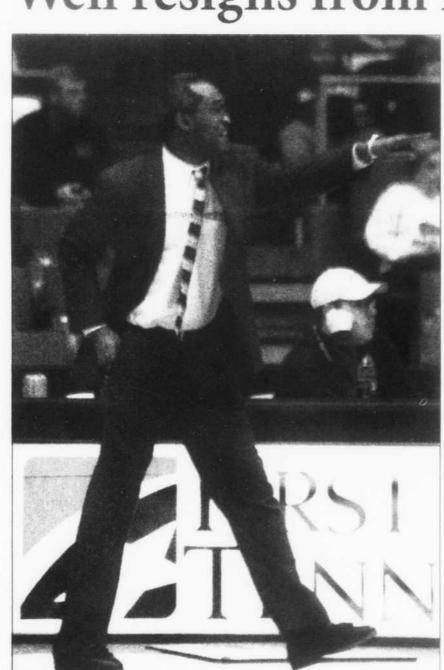


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Blue Raider basketball coach Randy Weil resigned yesterday after two losing seasons at MT. His resignation followed a nine-game improvement this season over the 2001 season record of 5-22.

By Angelica Journagin News Editor

After six seasons and an 84-90 overall record, Blue Raider head basketball coach Randy Weil resigned yesterday afternoon with two years remaining in his contract.

"In coaching, there is a lot of turnover, and it usually happens every five years, and I have been at Middle Tennessee for six," Weil said.

Weil coached his last game with the Blue Raiders March 3 against New Mexico State University in the second round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The Blue Raiders lost 63-48 to end their season with a 14-15

This followed a 2000-2001 season that saw the men's basketball team beat the school record of 22 losses, including a 15-game losing streak.

"Basically, Randy had six years trying to get the program moving in the right direction, and he hasn't been able to do that," said Athletics Director Boots Donnelly.

Wiel came to MT from the University of North Carolina Asheville, where, in his three years as head coach, he improved the team's record from 3-24 to 18-10. In his six years at MT, Weil has had three winning seasons, including two 19-win seasons in his first two years.

"In my six years, we have had some good seasons, but this just goes with coaching," Weil said. "The 2000-2001 season was not what Middle Tennessee fans are accustomed to, and it was very hard for them.'

For the past couple of months, the Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro's daily paper, has been running an online poll asking readers if Weil

Despite this, Donnelly said the coach time to turn it around." •

decision for Weil to resign was not a result of outside pressure.

After talking to Donnelly, Weil held a meeting with the basketball team to break the news to them. Senior center Lee Nosse said he was shocked to learn about Weil's resignation.

"It's unfortunate because he was a good guy," Nosse said about Weil. "I was surprised because I thought that they would at least give him another year. I mean, last year I was hurt, and he [Weil] was training a lot of new guys. This year we didn't have Glasper. There is just a lot of little things going on that people don't see."

Further hurting the team this year was the suspension of star senior forward Iiro Tenngren for violating team rules and personal reasons.

"For the first time, it made me think about more than just basketball," Nosse said.

Donnelly said MT would be honoring the remainder of Weil's contract, dependent on whether he finds a new job, which would make his current contract with the university null and

"My relationship with Weil, knowing him as I have, he is an absolute credit to the program," Donnelly said. 'The ability to win games is extremely tough. To see a guy with coach Weil's character ... he is an excellent guy and excellent basketball coach."

MT will advertise for the next two weeks for a new head coach before making their cut, Donnelly said.

"I appreciate the opportunity given to me by former President Dr. James Walker and former Athletics Director Lee Fowler," Weil said. "There are some who feel a change is needed and the program needs to go in another direction.

"I just hope they give the next

Past college deans honored at groundbreaking

By Amber Bryant Staff Writer

The College of University Honors will officially begin building its new home near the Bragg Communication Building

"I think [the building is] symbolic of our commitment to academic excellence at MTSU," said June McCash, who founded the honors program and served as director until 1980.

The \$4 million structure is planned to include a tower for thesis defense conferences, patio area, student lounge with a fireplace, library and an amphitheater, in addition to classrooms and faculty offices. The building is estimated to be completed

during the fall of 2003.

"What the university is trying to do with this building is put faculty and students together so they can make up the atmosphere one would expect at a small, private college," said John Paul Montgomery, dean of the honors college.

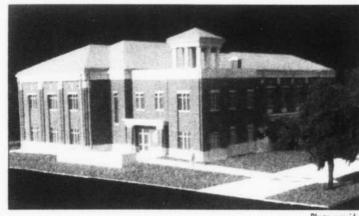
The honors program has grown more than 500 percent in the past 10 years, adding more than 700 students since it was founded in 1973. The program became the College of University Honors in 1998.

The idea of a new building was presented to Montgomery by Paul Martin Jr., the first honors program graduate, and his brother, Lee. In July 2000, they donated \$2 million, provided that the university match it before the end of the year 2001. The building is dedicated to the memory of their father, Paul Martin Sr.

"It's really gratifying that one of our students thought enough of the program to want to see it continue," said Ron Messier, a history professor who directed the honors program from 1980 until 1991.

Alumni, students, faculty, community members and local provided businesses remainder of the funding needed to put the building plans into action. The final \$250,000 was given by the Andrew Woodfin Miller Foundation at the beginning of December.

The college currently has a committee dedicated to producing ideas to enhance upper-



The College of University Honors' new building will hold the 500 percent enrollment increase of honors students.

division courses and recruit high-ability students, as well as possibly raising the requirements needed to be admitted into the college.

Scheduled to speak at the ceremony before the official

See Honors, 2

MT Poll finds income tax opposition growing in state

By Lindsey Turner Managing Editor

Tennesseans still oppose a state income tax but are more willing to favor a flat tax than a graduated one, according to this semester's MT Poll.

Fifty-eight percent of respondents said they opposed the general idea of an income tax. However, of those 58 percent in opposition, some are willing to negotiate - if an income tax would mean ending the sales tax on groceries and lowering the sales tax on other items, the opposition rate drops to 38 percent. Support for an income tax grew to 52 percent when the respondents were asked about enacting an income tax if all the proceeds went to benefit education.

Ken Blake, assistant professor of journalism and operations manager of the poll, said the ambivalence over an income

is kind of like cough medicine." he said. "The general idea may come up with flavors that peo-

Tennesseans to favor a flat income tax, in theory, is more financially stressful for the poor," Blake said.

tax poses a puzzling dilemma. 'In short, a state income tax be repulsive, but it's possible to

Honors: Fall 2003 date of completion

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groundbreaking are McPhee, Montgomery, Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning, the Martin brothers and Andrea Perry, an honors college psychology major.

All students and faculty are invited to attend the ceremony at the intramural fields and the preceding 9:30 breakfast. •

Tickets: Senate takes on bill today

Continued from I

because he chose not to park in the outlying parking lots.

"If a school doesn't have any way to require a student to pay those parking fines, I can assure you that my son probably would have walked away from those fines," Graves said. "I think, as a citizen, we all have to learn that there are rules that do inconvenience us and do make life difficult, but if we choose to embrace going to college, then we have to learn to be inconvenienced sometimes.

"I think that it will be a real travesty to say that a college has no ability to collect fines that are due because students would choose not to follow the rules," Graves said.

Senior Jim Cantrell is one student who has chosen to park in one of MTSU's outer lots.

"I have to get up earlier, and I have to walk a lot further, but I haven't gotten a ticket this year, and I never have to worry about not finding a parking place," Cantrell said.

Not all students at MTSU feel this way.

"I have been at MTSU for almost two years and have paid probably \$200 in parking tickets," junior Derrick Greene said. "There might be parking available on the outside lots, but by the time you walk in from those lots, you are late for class."

Sen. Larry Trail (D-Murfreesboro) did not comment on the bill except to ask that it be moved to next year's academic calendar due to the lack of a fiscal note on the bill.

The sponsor denied that request but agreed to have the bill rolled one week in order to allow the Tennessee Board of Regents and other higher education officials a chance to discuss the bill in private. •

Fifty-nine percent of respondents said they preferred a flat tax over a graduated one.

Blake said he assumed that respondents would prefer either a flat or a graduated income tax based on their personal level of income, meaning that poorer respondents would prefer a graduated tax, which charges wealthier people more per dollar of income than poorer people, and wealthier respondents would prefer a flat tax, which charges everyone the same percentage of their income.

The poll also found something Blake said he fully expected - support for the U.S. military strikes in Afghanistan remains high, at 86 percent.

However, the poll was taken

high-water mark," he said

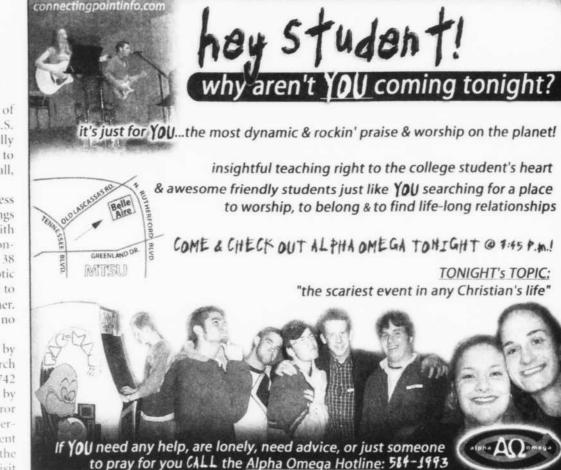
· Nearly half = 47 percent were more likely to describe the

than were non-Republicans.

· Fifty-two percent of Tennesseans believe the U.S. Constitution unconditionally protects journalists' rights to criticize politicians. In the fall, just 41 percent felt this way.

· The phrase, "God bless America," means many things to many different people, with 28 percent of respondents considering the phrase religious, 38 percent considering it patriotic and 24 percent considering it to mean something else altogether. Ten percent said they have no idea what the phrase means.

The poll was conducted by students from Feb.18 to March 1. The students interviewed 742 Tennesseans age 18 or older by phone. The poll has an error margin of plus/minus 4 percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. To view the complete results, www.mtsu.edu/mtpoll. •



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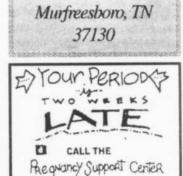
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Editorial

Academic Profile should count for something

All graduating seniors are required to take the Academic Profile test before receiving their degree at

The Academic Profile tests seniors on their knowledge of the general studies courses that they probably took in their first two years at the university.

Seniors are not graded on this test. In fact, students must make special requests to see their scores. The whole purpose of the test is research, Should seniors perform well enough on the test, the university could receive extra funding.

Quite frankly, the Academic Profile is pointless. There is absolutely no incentive to take the hourlong test that the information packet said would be 40

Seniors can't be kept from graduating because they did poorly on the test. Still, you have to take the test to graduate.

Seniors also are required to stay the full hour instead of being allowed to leave when they're done with the test. I suppose this ensures that the seniors

months they'll start receiving those annoying phone calls asking for money for the university.

Like new graduates have any money. Most are either still looking for a job or struggling with the low-paying job they received after graduation.

There also are these things called student loans that seniors have to start paying back six months after graduation.

Perhaps making the test worth something will help performance and seniors' efforts. Don't hinder graduation, but give them something more than a decal sticker of our mascot. •

From the Opinions Editor

Read this before sending

I've been opinions

editor for some time

now, and it has become

clear to me that the uni-

needs a quick journalism

and I mean never, see an

article on the opinions

page. There are columns

(such as from Alan Slone

today), there are editori-

als (such as the one from

the Editorial Board

above) and there are let-

of facts and occasionally

comments of observers

suasive pieces of writing,

designed to get the read-

er to at least consider a

new point of view. Good

columns report facts,

like articles, but they also

fair and balanced on my

page. Unlike FOX News,

I like keeping things

In a letter today, Chris

Schneider pines for their own.

express opinions.

I mean that.

All columns are per-

or experts in a field.

All articles are reports

ters to the editor.

First, you will never,

lesson.

community

in your letter to the editor

rebuttals to columns

written by Nick Teply. I

welcome Schneider, or anyone else on campus,

to write in a 500-700

word rebuttal to Teply's

columns, and I'll run it,

some may believe, I do

not possess a magic hat, out of which I can pull

columns. I force my

writers to express their

own ideas, and I print all

but the occasional mili-

an opinions section, I

have come to realize, is

to encourage thought

and debate among stu-

dents on campus. Some

things that get printed may shock you, some

things may be exactly

what you were thinking,

but all intelligent, ratio-

nal, informed opinions

have a right to be heard.

support all of my colum-

nists, from the feminists

to the arch conserva-

tives, but I also would

love to see the rest of

campus take an active

part in this page by

responding to what we run not with complaints

of bias, but with

informed opinions of

I stand behind and

The point of having

tant, racist piece.

Contrary to what

space permitting.

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

This column will make you feel smarter

Panic Office



Lacking real ideas for a column, I thought that I might collect some of the more colorful newsworthy items of the week.

According to a Reuters report, a computer specialist was charged last Thursday with 68 counts ized it was paying for a sex

organizations in the world you'd think of duping, does the army of the leading nation in the free world really top your list? I didn't

Also, what does this say about the Army? If one of the most powerful armies in the world is handing out high-speed Internet access to anyone just based on their word, what else are they handing out? I wonder if I can get a tank with the line, "Hey, I need one of your tanks to fight the war on drugs.

In the theme of military faux pas, another Reuters report details how the Canadian Navy (motto: We're not a world superpower, and we know it") purchased four (and I am "mothballed" diesel-powered submarines from England in 1998. There's nothing really wrong with this, except that during the first training run, one of

first of the HMCS Windsor's problems. When Canada first acquired the Windsor, its maiden voyage from England to Canada under Canadian command was a "nightmare." Among other things, the submarine leaked hydraulic fluid, the radar mast leaked and had to be fixed with duct tape and a garbage bag and another piece of faulty equipment had to be unjammed with (what else?) a hockey stick.

I'm not a person to attack our neighbor to the north, but you have to think that this doesn't help their image in the world's eyes. Most Americans already think that Canadians aren't the not making this up) brightest cravons in the box, but buying decrepit submarines from another country? The fact that one of the crewmen accidentally "flipped the wrong switch," sending 530 gallons of seawater into a battery compartment didn't help either.

The Reuters story quoted Defense Minister Art Eggleton as calling the buy "a bargain." England, on the other hand, said of the Canadians ... well, nothing, because they were laughing too hard to really comment. Besides, they'd sold the four floaters for \$475 million in U.S. funds approximately two billion exactly where John Q. Law Canadian dollars.

But with all this extra wealth, it seems that the English don't have much more than their Canadian counterparts. In yet another Reuters article, two British inventors have invented a device that, when strapped to your wrist, will help guide you to the nearest bar, Called eSleeve, the contraption uses Global Positioning Satellite technology to guide the drunken revelers to both bars and home.

This is pure genius. First of all, these things would make a killing at Spring Break, with only a few minor adjustments. Of course, there'd have to be a

beer-goggle attachment, where the computer would take a picture of a person and then show you an "enhanced" photo to let you know just how ugly they really are. Second of all, there'd need to be tracking devices on all the police around - giving you the ability to know just was planning on busting up your drunken debauchery. Lastly, it would need a voice-disguising device so that when your girlfriend/boyfriend calls to see how much you miss them, they won't be able to hear the new hottie you picked up in the back-

Sometimes the stupidity of the world makes it too easy for people like me to make fun of their actions. Let this be a les-

Alan Slone is a junior recording industry major and can be reached via email at plaidrabbit@

Letters to the Editor

Privatization of Social Security bad

Nick Teply's statements on Social Security proves that the way he sees things is with distorted vision. Teply wants to fully privatize Social Security and keep paying current retirees their benefits.

One problem - if we totally privatize Social Security, we do not have the money to pay current benefits unless we want a massive tax increase. The other option would be to run deficits in excess of \$500 billion a year.

Second, he tries to convince people that their employer match is coming from them. I doubt people would get a pay raise if employers no longer had to match Social Security contributions. He claims returns on Social Security is meager, when in fact people often get more than they pay in. Then he attacks Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) for criticizing privatization. Let's look at the real facts and see if privatization is good. First, stocks decline one out of every four years, proving them to be risky.

Look at Enron employees who lost everything when the company's stock dropped. Right now Social Security is guaranteed by the U.S. government, which has never gone back on that promise "doomsday" predictions on Social Security are based on economic predictions that say the economy will grow at half the rate it has the past 50 years. That is extremely unlikely, and if it happens, privatizing social security will not be very helpful.

Finally, if we keep all the surpluses, Social Security runs until 2016. Social Security will not become insolvent. The only accounting trick on Social Security is that the government is paying down other debts with it, paying down higher interest debt and paying Social Security back with lower interest rates.

Thomas Hoffman

Keep things balanced in opinions

To the Editor:

I think a student-run newspaper is important; it gives future journalists experience for their future careers, and it gives the students a chance to talk about issues that are important to them. That's why I have a problem with Sidelines' opinions section.

Nick Teply, who I have never met and bear no ill will toward, has repeatedly written his uninformed, racist, conservative columns in your opinions section with seemingly no rebuttal or opposing viewpoint. Having been offended almost every time I have read his columns, I'm simply amazed that Sidelines would even print such

I am no journalist, but I even know that while his columns are simply opinions, the media have a responsibility to be objective as possible, especially in dealing with sensitive issues such as abortion and the "war on terrorism." The media should feel obligated to play point/counterpoint with such issues by giving opposing viewpoints on such issues because they play such a key role in what their audience thinks about. When the audience only thinks about something in one way, the media haven't done their job,

Not to mention that I seriously doubt Teply's views are representative of the majority of people on campus, certainly not mine. I guess what I'm trying to say is, that in the name of objective, fair journalism, please post opposing viewpoints in the opinions section so that our paper doesn't become a vehicle for conservative politics.

Thank you for your time,

SGA and its elections waste of time

I'm not so sure that student apathy toward the Student Government Association is such an absurd notion. Students don't care about the SGA because, quite frankly, the candidates don't give them any reason to. I've witnessed two SGA elections at this school and, from what I can gather, it has been largely reduced to a popularontest. To me, the word "election" conjures up images of with agendas and purposes working hard to make those agendas and purposes known, discussing issues and providing credible reasons why we should choose them to represent us.

What I witness in reality is a bunch of nameless, faceless, nomadic students roaming aimlessly around the Keathley University Center and posting flyers asking people to vote for them. Without reason, explanation, addressing any issues or serious campaigning, they are only able to utter, "Have you voted in the SGA election? No? My name is John Q. Student, Vote for me. Thanks," Not only does this appear lazy and uninspiring, it's only done at the last minute on Election Day, which makes it seem that much more pathetic and trifling. And you expect the student body to take this hoax of an election seriously by showing up en masse at the ballot box? You must be kidding.

If I walked up to you on the street and said, "Do you have a financial adviser? No? Well, my name is Kia. I need a job right away. Hire me," would you take me seriously? I doubt it, and I would hope not.

How about giving people a reason to vote. Posting some flyers telling people why they should vote (for you) would be a good start. Having some sort of campaigning issue, stance or at least some idealistic election fluff would be a nice second step.

Even then, you have to dig pretty deep to find anything of interest or use that the SGA actually accomplishes. The plus/minus grading system and free printing could arguably be categorized as "important," but give me a break. Few professors used the system and fewer students really gave a damn anyway. And personally, I have more important things to worry about than the price of paper in the com-

Short of those two nuggets, the SGA is nothing more than resume filler for whomever can hand out the most flyers at the KUC on election day. The fact is that if the SGA election is a joke, it's because SGA

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Warm heart touches the lives of others

Resident helps community by offering free child-care



Priscilla Brown offered free child-care for parents.

By Charlene Callier

Cotton fields. Wash tubs. Cedar bush brosms.

people have only heard through stories, documentaries or history books, but to Priscilla Brown. these are images of her child-

Brown invited me into her cozy home and offered me a seat on one of her couches,

there were happy memories. Brown said she knows it's hard for a lot of people out there and

Although Brown lived in a one-room house with her three siblings and mother and father, with the kitchen attached separately, there was still room for

Sam and Priscilla Marble had tour children who lived with them on the land owned by LW. Hanes in a log cabin.

I was named after my mother, Priscilla," Brown said.

> "It's funny how these kids complain about money these days. Back then we had to just make ends meet."

> > Priscilla Brown,

She said there was always. plenty of firewood around to be used to keep the house warm.

Brown reflected on the summer times when they would gather Cedar bushes to sweep the inside of the cabin.

bake cakes for Christmas in November and they would still be fresh in December.

"Now, a cake won't last a week," Brown chuckled as she leaned back into her armchair.

She said they would kill hogs and cut them up and hang the meat in a barn crib and that's the way they would eat during the winter.

"We would always let our company first

eat and the family would eat last, Brown said.

2001 Unsung Hero

Mondays tarm of the man that used to being wash day," Brown said. We would scrub the clothes in a wash tub and scrub board."

remember

She said sometimes they would walk three miles to Smerna to wash clothes for 25

Brown dropped out of Lillard Chapel in the third grade to take care of her sick mother. "Small family," she explained. "When one got sick

After her mother's death, the family moved into a two-bedroom cabin until they got old enough to move out on their

Brown married Frank Brown children could eat.

She said her mother could in 1941 and the couple had two children, the Rev. John E. Brown and Ernestine Brown, both of whom are active in the church.

Once married, Brown and her husband picked and chopped cotton and milked cows on their farm.

After three years of farming, they moved to Murfreesboro and into her house, paying only \$25 a month.

"We paid \$25 a month for this house for 10 years," Brown

"Frank was making \$14 a week by working at Goldstein, the clothing store on the square, and I was making \$6 cooking at the L & M Café on the square."

"I would sometimes go cook for a lady on Main Street for 75 cents a week," she said.

"It's funny how these kids complain about money these days. Back then we had to just make ends meet.'

She said she understands the struggle a lot of people endure when it comes to avoiding a babysitter. That's why she kept children for working parents or those going to school.

According to Brown, word got out and that's how the babysitting process began.

She said she would never worry about food because when churches and other people heard about what she was doing they would donate food so the

"I would just tell the parents, to give to me when you can," Brown said.

She said her good fortune continues until this day because although she loves to cook, people still bring her food.

"This morning a lady just dropped off a pan of baby-back ribs," Brown said, "and last night someone brought me a pan of spaghetti."

Priscilla can no longer babysit children because at the ripe age of 83 she has endured some complications with her health that won't allow it.

She said that, on May 24, last year, they put her in the hospital because she had a blood clot

close to her heart. A smirk crossed her face as

she sits back in her chair.

"They thought I was leaving this place," she said.

"I just kept smiling at them and told them to read I John

"That's why I'm sitting here today, on his will." Brown said. Priscilla said she doesn't like

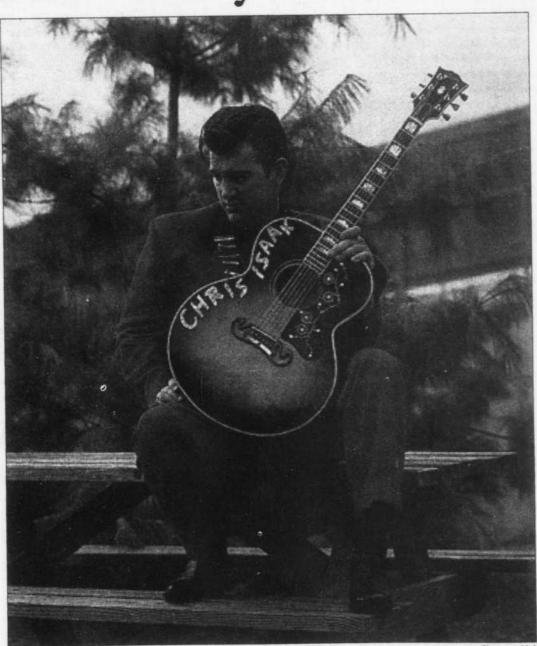
to watch television, but she listens to the radio and reads a lot of books. As for now, she relaxes,

drives around the neighborhood with her great-granddaughter and cleans the house.

Financially, she is taken care of her by her and her husband's Social Security checks.

"It's a blessing," she said, "I don't have to ask for nothing." •

Chris Isaak returns after four-year hiatus



Chris Isaak's new CD, Always Got Tonight, focuses on love and heartache. This is his first release with new producer John Shanks after a four-year rest from the industry.

By Eric Allen Staff Writer

Chris Isaak's Always Got Tonight is his first recording after a four-year absence.

Tonight is Isaak's eighth release and his first with producer John Shanks, and the change is easily noticeable. The opening track, "One Day," kicks off the new set like an uncorked bottle of champagne. The time off and a new producer have helped make this collection his strongest work to

Isaak wrote every song himself with the exception of a cowriter credit on one of the

album's highlights, "Cool Love." Other key tracks include the first single, "Let Me Down Easy," "American Boy" and the closing song, "Nothing To Say."

The overall tone throughout is love and heartache, but pain has never sounded so good as it does in these beauti-. fully crafted melodies. The material is both slow and upbeat, which keeps the listener from getting bored.

As always, Isaak's voice is the star here, although his lyrics run a close second for top billing in this well written

and executed performance. This is easily Isaak's most consistent of all of his recordings, and it's hard to imagine what lies next. There is not much room for improvement. In fact, I find it a little disappointing to go backward and revisit his catalog after being spoiled with the giant leap forward made here.

For the many fans of "Wicked Games," his most haunting ballad to date, I suggest giving Always Got Tonight a listen.

If you have ever considered purchasing a Chris Isaak CD, this is the one I give my personal recommendation. I don't think anyone will regret taking the time to give this album a number of spins.

Two movies to check out on the big screen

By Zach Hansen Staff Writer

'The Business of Strangers' The Business of Strangers tries to take the formula of the classic In the Company of Men and adapt it to focus on females in the modern corporate world. But despite strong performances from the leads, it fails to deliver on the scathing results of In the Company of Men.

The film deals with a small number of characters and follows their exploits throughout one night of scheming and drinking and plays almost like a stage drama.

Julie, played by Stockard Channing, is the head of a company who is pitching a new idea to a committee. However, it ultimately fails because her assistant Paula (Julia Stiles) shows up late, and the presentation is without visuals because of her mishap. In one of many scathing scenes, Julie heartlessly insults and fires Paula in front of the colleagues. What Julie didn't expect, though, was that Paula would be just as hardened

Despite the failed sales pitch. Julie is promoted to head of the company, leaving her old position unfilled. She learns that Paula is the leading candidate for her job. The new promotion gives Julie new hope, and upon seeing Paula reject a man at the hotel bar, she gains a new respect for her and the two begin to bond. One key similarity is a shared hatred for a male co-worker, Nick. The two begin a hideous plot to get revenge on him and, it seems, on men in general.

The premise sounds like a good one, but in the end, it just isn't fulfilling enough. What made In the Company of Men so effective was the fact that the actions of those characters were mostly unwarranted. They did evil things to women "because they could," and their tricks were unfathomable in the amount of pain they caused. Paula and Julie both seem to have good reasons for what they do to Nick, so it made me sympathize with them and justify what they did. Also, what they



Photo provided

Julie (Stockard Channing) is the head of the company that is pitching a new idea in Business of Strangers.

a spur of the moment, childish prank than a thought-out,

Both Channing and Stiles are excellent in the movie, especially Stiles, Originally, I didn't think I would be able to accept her as a powerful member of the business world, especially after seeing her in many teen movies. But she overcomes her age to give a convincing performance. However, the themes of power and control get to be a little too obvious, and the story is not nearly as effective as it should have been. There is much to be admired in The Business of Strangers, but it is just not individual enough to be special.

'The Endurance'

Proving once again that truth is stranger (and more entertaining) than fiction. The Endurance is the best documen tary film of the year.

The film chronicles the two year expedition by Ernest Shackleton and 27 other men of Antarctica. The frozen continent had already been discovered, and he had already attempted the trip twice, so many were unsure of his rea-

eventually do to Nick is more of sons for embarking on this deadly trip. The advertisements he posted to hire people to go with him included disclaimers, noting the bitter cold, complete darkness and doubtful return. Yet he collected a fine group of men who undertook this difficult task.

Named after Shackleton's family motto, "by endurance we conquer," The Endurance departed in 1914 on a 1,500mile journey across the sea and the continent of Antarctica, Just 100 miles short of their destination, the ship ran into heavy ice and, despite days of hacking away, was eventually frozen in place and subsequently collapsed into the ocean. This led to extensive periods of being stranded, valiant rescue attempts and despair. Just when things couldn't get any worse, they do; and it's all entirely

Besides being an amazing story of discovery and bravery, the film is remarkable to look at. Some parts of the movie were filmed during the modern day, others are photographs of the expedition with voice-overs of journal entries. But the most

See Movie, 5

What's going on in the 'Boro

Wednesday, March 13

• A Special evening with Don Schlitz 9 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe – \$1. Ryan Michaels, Chip Davis, Bobby Fuller and Dawn Martin in the round at 6:30 p.m.

 Duncan May at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

 Can Kickers at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

Matt Warren at Wall Street at
 9:30 p.m.

*Ladies Night at Bongo Johnny's – ladies free before 11

 Karaoke 7:30-close at the Cantina Restaurant, and Nightclub in the D. Room.
 Thursday, March 14

• Tim Nortonn, George Ducas, Rory Lee and Dean Miller in the round at 9 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe – \$7. Balding Eagles in the round featuring Al McCree, Shannon Williford, Danny Dill and Pat Patrick at 6:30 p.m.

• Schfvilkus at Sebastian's at 10

 Mark Kraus at The Boro Bar and Grill at 4 p.m. Pile of Face at 9:30 p.m.

 Ocelots at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

 Ol Mossy Face and Snowglobe at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

• Trucker at Wall Street at 9:30

• College Night at Bongo Johnny's – \$3 with college ID.

Guest Bartenders for Charity
 6-8 p.m. at the Cantina
 Restaurant and Nightclub. Cliff
 and the Cliffnotes from 8 to midnight.

Friday, March 16

• Kennedyrose in the round featuring Pam Rose, Mary Ann Kennedy, Tom Kimmel and John Jorgeson at 9:30 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe – \$10. The Bald & the Beautiful featuring Jerry VanDiver, Tim Buppert, Julie Burton and Angela Hurt at 6:30 p.m.

• Davenports at Sebastian's at 10 p.m.

 Laura Swingle and Guests at The Boro Bar and Grill at 4 p.m.
 Big Jim Slade and Ejecta at 9:30 p.m.

• Earl at the Red Rose Cafe at 10 p.m.

 The Nationals and Erik Anderson at Wall Street at 9:30
p.m.

 p.m.
 Fiesta Fridays at Bongo Johnny's at 9 p.m.

 Fat Friday's at Plaza Garibaldi (free by 10:30).

 Johny 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.

Saturaday, March 16

 Kevin Welch and Kieran Kane at 9:30 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe – \$10. David White, Steven Dale Jones, Don Sampson and Mark Slaughterin in the round at 6:30 p.m.

 Lower Unit, SubMethos and Fliptop at Bongo Johnny's at 9 p.m.

 Natti Love Joys/Doug Hough at Wall Street at 9:30 p.m.

 Feable Weiner and the Orange Juice Kids at Sebastian's at 10 p.m.

 Roland Gresham Jazz at The Boro Bar and Grill at 8 p.m.

Kahil's Ego (St. Patty's Eve Party) at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

 When I was a Teenager at the Red Rose Cafa at 10 p.m.

*Johny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction at the Cantina Restaurant and Nightclub at 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

 The Willies at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebird Cafe.

 St. Patrick's Day Party at Wall Street with Common Ground and M. Reaves at 9:30 p.m.

 St. Patrick's Day at The Boro Bar and Grill with The Secret Commonwealth and Kim's Fable at 9:30 p.m.

• Phat Sunday's at Bongo Johnny's at 9 p.m.

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

Monday, March 18

• Gerry O'Beirn and Maura
O'Connell at 9:30 p.m. at the
Bluebird Cafe – \$8.

The Money Suzuki, The Datsuns and The Good Gospel Truth at the Red Rose Cafe at 9:30 p.m.

Movie: Films hit box office

Continued from I

fascinating part is the actual footage from the trip. Film nearly 100 years old shows men pulling sleds packed with snow, playing with the dogs and put ting on plays and conducting haircutting tournaments.

But child-like playfulness makes their accomplishments even more extraordinary.

What makes the film even more admirable is its balance of entertainment and education. It plays like the greatest of mystery films, constantly leaving the audience wondering what will happen next and if the men will make it home alive. But it also contains a plethora of information. It would be perfect for the classroom and achieves the rare task of teaching while never becoming boring.

The Endurance is highly recommended as it is beautiful and interesting, while remaining highly original as far as documentaries go.

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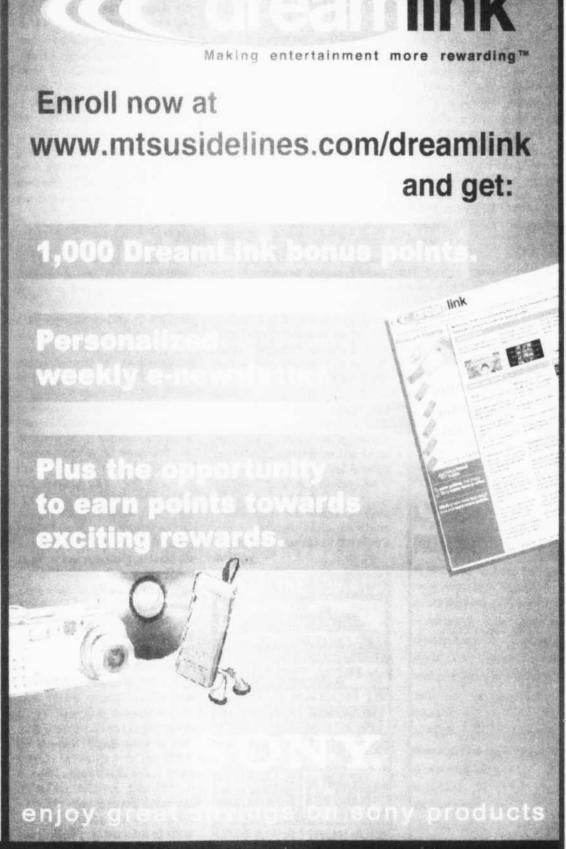
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Young actress hits TPAC's stage this month in 'Mamma Mia'

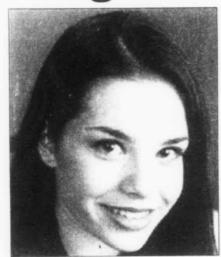


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Kristie Marsden portrays Sophie in Mamma Mia at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

By Mike Barbieri Staff Writer

In case you haven't heard, Mamma Mia is the musical based on the greatest hits of the Swedish disco phenomenon ABBA.

It has been called "irresistible" by The New York Post, "high-energy" by Time and "fabulous, funny and endlessly clever" by The Washington Post. Now on its second U.S. tour, Mamma Mia is coming to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Jackson Hall March 13-24.

For this occasion, I was able to chat with Kristie Marsden, the actress playing the "quirky, mischievous" protagonist, Sophie. We conducted our interview via telephone, as she was in her hotel room in Providence, R.I. To career began.

begin, I asked her to tell me a little bit about herself.

"I'm 20 years old," she said. I stopped her. I had reviewed her bio, which was quite impressive, including film, television and theater credits. Here is an actress, who has starred in The Music Man, shown up in television programs and is playing the lead in ABBA's musical, and she's only 20.

I had to ask her if she even knew who ABBA was. Don't let her age fool you. She's articulate, professional and wise in the ways of show business. However, she does possess a certain charisma and a delightful Canadian

Marsden is a native of Vancouver, B.C., known to many as "Hollywood North." This is where her performance

Initially a dancer, she took lessons in singing and acting and became a triple threat bound for the stage and screen. Her advice to those trying to "make it" is "dedicate yourself to your craft." She urges performers to get out there and see what others are doing because it's always a learning experience.

"Even if it's bad," she said, "because then you can see what doesn't work." She also advises that you audition and make yourself seen. That's how she unexpectedly got the lead in The Music

When Mamma Mia went searching for its sixth cast, it branched out from New York, sending casting crews to major U.S. and Canadian cities. Marsden auditioned in Vancouver and hit pay dirt.

She now has a contract signed until www.ficketmaster.com.

March of 2003. Marsden said she feels that fate had a hand in casting her in a show of this magnitude.

While she depends on her talent, charm and fate to get cast, she relies on Starbucks to keep her going.

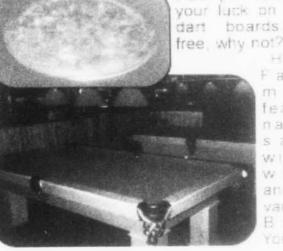
If you don't happen to run into her at a coffee house and you'd like to check out a new musical that's getting great reviews, you can find Marsden at TPAC in mid-March.

Mamma Mia will be at TPAC March 13-17 at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday with a 2 p.m. matinee Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. It will play March 19-24 at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and at 7:30 Sunday night. For tickets to the show, contact ticketmaster at 255-ARTS or at

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SPORTS



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Media Blitz



R. Colin Fly Contributor

Committee should have given 'Zags better seed

The NCAA tournament brackets were announced Sunday and with it, all the drama and rhetoric temporarily ended.

The selection committee constantly cries that they love the Mid-major conference teams, despite the fact that the committee is made up entirely of power conference members.

Lee Fowler, former MT athletics director and chairman of the men's selection committee, has said repeatedly all factors would be looked at. For reference, Fowler's Wolfpack of North Carolina State made the

League did not. NC State certainly deserved to be in. Boston College (19-10), a team that has consistently underachieved all season, did not. And what about Gonzaga (29-3)?

The nation's sixth-ranked team in the Associated Press Poll got snubbed, with the "bracketeers" giving the Bulldogs a No. 6 seed, the equivalent of the 21st- to 24thbest team in the nation.

John Feinstein, coincidentally author of A Season on the Brink that has been hyped as a movie the past eight months on ESPN, cried foul at the 'Zags low rating.

On National Public Radio, Feinstein called the committee's actions disgraceful, along with giving Cincinnati the No. 1 regional seed over Oklahoma, which beat the hottest team in the nation (Kansas) Sunday

But, back to the 'Zags. They've been to three consecutive Sweet 16s and narrowly lost to Connecticut in the regional finals in 1999. The Huskies went on to win the National Championship, albeit at Duke's expense (where were the referees that day?).

Not into recent history? How about this season.

The 'Zags have played one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the nation and have lost just once since the Great Alaskan Shootout, vou know, the tournament that mathematically eliminated Tennessee in November. 9

That one loss was to Pepperdine, which got a No. 10 seed in the tournament. They beat the Waves twice, most recently in the conference tournament to avenge the loss.

That was Gonzaga's last game in the West Coast Conference championship. And, it was a barn burner.

Dan Dickau, a possible firstteam All-American, was having a horrendous game, shooting just 1-for-5 in the first half and scoring just 2 points.

The Waves, coached by former NBA Sonics coach Mike Westphal, had built a strong seven-point lead with about 15 minutes remaining.

That's when Dickau took the game over.

In a little more than six minutes, Dickau dropped 21 points, and the 'Zags went from minus 7 to plus 11.

Dickau finished the second half with 27 points and the Bulldogs went on to their 29th win, 96-90.

Gonzaga has played Cinderella so many times that the committee is running out of glass slippers.

This year, everyone knows the 'Zags will have to be reckoned with. Why didn't the committee see it that way?

Men's NCAA Tournament action begins Saturday with the round of 64.

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Lady Raiders place 2nd

By Colleen Cox Sports Editor

The Lady Raider softball team finished second in the silver bracket at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla., Sunday.

Tennessee beat Southeastern Louisiana 2-0 Sunday morning to advance to the finals of the silver bracket. Jennifer Martinez (9-2) pitched a complete game shutout, giv-

advancing Sherman to third.

scored on a wild pitch. Azevedo two-run homer. went 3-for-3 in the game.

MT lost in the finals 6-0 to Auburn, Kristin Keyes (8-3) threw a complete game shutout, giving up just 2 hits.

Auburn struck first in the second inning, putting 1 run on the board.

Paige Jones started the inning drawing a walk. After a sacrifice bunt, pinch runner Kari Williams stole third and scored on a throwing error by the catcher. The Tigers scored another

run in the sixth. Ashley Moore

singled and advanced to second

on a sacrifice bunt. Moore went

to third on another wild pitch. moved to second on a wild. Rasey Angulo doubled to score Auburn added 4 more runs in the seventh to take the silver reached base on an error. Kelly

Danielle DeCamino and Silva collected the only Lady Raider hits against Auburn.

Martinez took the loss, pitching 4 innings and giving up I run on 1 hit.

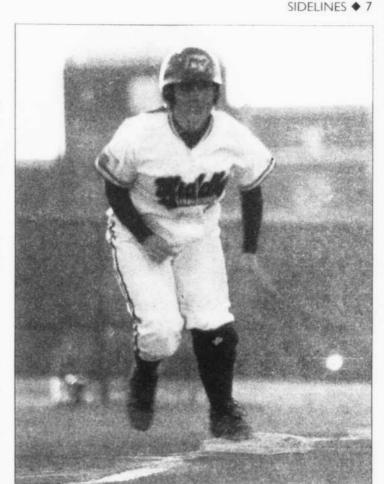
Stayc Preator pitched 3 innings, giving up 5 hits and 5

Martinez was named to the All-Tournament team. She had a 3-2 record with a 0.79 ERA in 26.2 innings pitched. She struck out 31 batters and tossed 3 complete games, including 2 shutouts.

Martinez hit .278 in 18 at bats. She scored 2 runs and had 5 hits to go along with 2 RBIs.

Ten players were named to the All-Tournament team. Martinez was the only player from the silver bracket to make the team.

MT hosted a doubleheader with Western Illinois in just the second home game of the year



Lindsey Azevedo makes a break from third base.

Baseball team drops game 11-6 at Tech

By Kevin Rose

11-6 win over the Blue Raiders. comes a day after the Blue Raiders committed 6 errors at

up 8 runs, 5 carned on 15 hits in committed 6 errors that allowed taking the loss. Larson dropped to 1-1 on the season.

> The big start spoiled a chance for the two-game series sweep over the Golden Eagles.

Brett Carroll makes a catch at shortstop as the Tennessee Tech

Lipscomb series:

runner tries to advance to third base.

By Shane Marquardt

Staff Writer

and 4 runs scored.

The Road Ahead:

Take a Look at the Numbers:

The Blue Raiders mounted a

mnings by scoring 3 runs in the on sol the fourth and 2 in the title. The I run fourth was sisbert lume run. The home

Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team oplit a two game stint with:

It appeared both teams found their bats on the road, MT took

one out of Lipscomb with an 18-7 shelladeing. But the Biscom-

returned the favor in Murfreesboro when they out scored the lilling

Lipscomb to improve their record to 7.3. They will trade hits with

Baseball Notebook

two Tennessee rivals in the upcoming week.

Despite splitting the series, Marshall Nisbett found plenty of success in the two

The contest that was to be held Saturday against Tennessee Tech was rained out, so

the series reconvened in Murfreesboro. Now the Blue Raiders road show begins. MT will

-travel to the home of the King, Elvis Presley, to tangle with Memphis in a two-game-

Coach Steve Peterson has got plenty of numbers to carry with him. He collected his

600th win against Eastern Michigan and has 447 wins with the MT baseball team. Those

numbers put him in first place for all-time wins in Blue Raider history. But Peterson had

already taken that record last year. Since then Peterson has been padding his stats. •

games against Lipscomb. Nisbett went 7-for-12 at the plate during the series with 6 RBIs-

Raiders 18-15. It marked the first home loss of the season for the Blue Raiders

series. The series began yesterday, with the second game following today.



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Marshall Nisbett waits for the chance to break from first.

Raider hitters. David Jackson this week for a two-game series run in the ninth but only lasted 4 2/3 innings, allowing 5 carned runs on 7

MI right fielder Nisbett recorded the last 3 outs by striking out 2. Nisbett was seeing his first action on the mound for

against the University of Memphis, with the second game starting today at 3 p.m. The game can be heard on WMTS (88.3).

will be on WATTS (88, 4). .

MT is playing in Memphis

Over the weekend, the Blue Raiders play Southwest Missouri State in a three-game series at Reese Smith Field Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Start times are 3 p.m., 2 p.m.

Intramural Basketball All-Tournament team

The following is a list of intramural basketball players who were named to the All-Tournament team.

Women's All-Tournament team

Sheri Robbins

- MT Soccer Emily Carter

- MT Soccer Heather Smith

- Chi Omega Hayden Avery

- Chi Omega

MVP - Kiki Deckard

- MT Soccer







Men's All-Tournament team

Keith Dollar - Omega Psi Phi Chris Houch - Omega Psi Phi Larue Burgess - Omega Psi Phi Terry Riley - Last Run MVP Chris Terry - Last Run

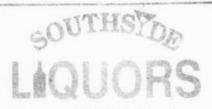
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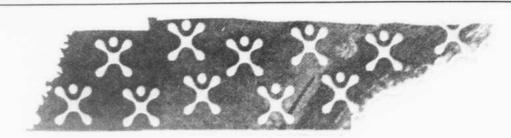




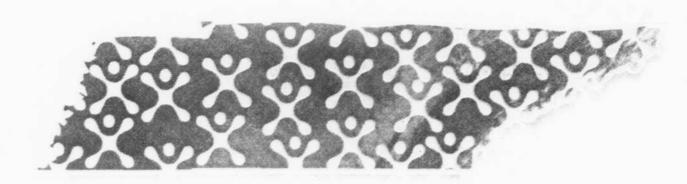
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