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## Campus Briefs

### Free kidney screening

The National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee will conduct a free health screening for people at increased risk for kidney disease May 4 at the McFadden Community Center, 211 Bridge Ave., in Murfreesboro. The screening will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The screening is part of the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Early Evaluation Program, a program designed to help identify and educate individuals at increased risk of kidney disease.

Screening participants will have their weight and blood pressure checked. Medical professionals will collect blood and urine samples from those individuals who require further testing.

To register for free screening or for information on upcoming screenings, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 383-3887 or toll free at 1-800-380-3887.

### JUB parking lot closed

On Monday, contractors started repair on the roof of the James Union Building. The parking area at the north end of the JUB will be blocked off until the end of June because of this construction.

The handicap parking spaces will be relocated along Old Main Circle in front of the JUB.

For more information on the closing, contact Jay Wallace at 898-2967.

### WalkAmerica revving up

On April 28, the MTSU students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends can participate in WalkAmerica, a March of Dimes related event.

WalkAmerica will begin at MTSU's Floyd Stadium at 2 p.m. and end at the Rutherford County Courthouse. Registration and pre-walk events will begin at 1 p.m.

Martha Harris, assistant professor in the school of nursing, is directing the university efforts in WalkAmerica.

She is now searching for walkers.

For more information, contact Harris at 898-2437.

### MT to host minority talks

MTSU will be hosting a Minority Development Conference Saturday at 8 a.m. in the South Building of the Business and Aerospace Building.

There will be various workshops addressing issues such as time management, careers and resumes, scholarships, fitness and money management.

Keynote speaker and author James Amps III will deliver "Challenges of Success" at 12:30 p.m. and a cookout on the Knoll in front of the Keathley University Center will follow.

For more information on the conference, contact Anthony Martin at 898-4134.

## Signing Days promote teacher increase

By Callie Butler  
Staff Writer

MTSU's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America sponsored a letter-writing campaign, "PRSSA Signing Days," aimed at acquiring funding for new professors throughout the College of Mass Communication.

The campaign is directed toward members of the state legislature in hopes of demonstrating the college's need for increased faculty.

"All we're trying to do is show our college and show our legislature that MTSU students are aware of these issues, care

about them and are willing to work to solve these problems," Joey Fortner, president of PRSSA, said.

Members of the chapter have had a table set up in the Bragg Mass Communication building since Monday, with information for students about state funding and allowing them to sign a document expressing their concern about the college's lack of sufficient faculty.

Monday, Tennessee Rep. John Hood (D-Murfreesboro) met with students to address their concerns surrounding the state's funding of higher education.

"We wanted the four legisla-

tors representing Rutherford County to be inside a school they are supporting and provide the students an opportunity to address their issues and concerns directly to their representatives," Fortner said.

President Sidney McPhee also was present and saluted the students' activism and talked about his goals for the future.

"My priority is to make sure that we offer classes and address those related issues of the students," McPhee said. "We, the administration, are concerned—we do care—that we address student issues in relation to

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Freshman Andraea LaVant, a member of PRSSA, sits beside the petition letter asking for student support.

## Gore pushes for civic journalism

By Lindsey Turner  
Managing Editor

In his second lecture at a Tennessee university in two days, Al Gore pushed yesterday for a shift to "civic journalism," which encourages reporters to become personally involved in socially influential stories.

Gore told the future journalists in the packed Business and Aerospace Building State Farm Lecture Hall not to be afraid to use their own values and get involved in stories that have an impact on society, community and family.

Gore said communities and families are complex and often difficult for journalists to cover because they are hard to define and span across recognizable boundaries such as race and class.

"We are used to seeing things in categories," he said. "That's how our civilization works now."

An effective way to cover communities is through civic journalism, he said, which encourages the reporter to become involved with the story. Civic journalism also acknowledges that each story tells the experience of individuals with real lives.

Gore said the news media can be "episodic," treating each story as if its implications don't extend beyond itself. Civic journalism, he said, asks what each story means in the context of a community and requires that the reporter and readers hold themselves accountable for becoming engaged in and bettering society.

Journalists should draw connections between stories and be a part of the whole, he said, and ask how to make the whole better. He said civic journalism, in effect, treats the reporter and the reader as citizens, not just mere consumers and that it also holds those in power accountable for community issues.

Gore recalled the career of Nashville Tennessean Chairman Emeritus John Seigenthaler and said Seigenthaler became known for his "advocacy journalism," which was controversial in its



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Former Vice President and current MTSU professor Al Gore stressed last night the need for journalists to establish their own value systems.

day because traditional, hard-core journalists who valued objectivity overall objected to its level of personal involvement on the part of reporters.

Gore said civic journalism is controversial as well, but that the nature of the occupation is already beginning a shift in its direction.

"The role of journalism has been changing a little bit for other reasons

anyway," he said.

Gore cited the onslaught of new technology as the major reason for the changing face of news. No longer do people look forward with anticipation to the evening news, he said, thanks to 24-hour news TV channels and the Internet. The marketplace has shifted, and in

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## Linguistics minor waits for approval

By Magdeline McGee  
Contributor

Students communicate all day, and now they have an opportunity to minor in it.

Efforts are being made to create a linguistics minor for this coming fall.

"Simply put: It is the study of language," said assistant professor Richard Morris, who would serve as the new minor's adviser.

Linguistics is the study of everything from grammar, pronunciation, phonetics to syntax and encompasses a variety of departments.

There will not be new classes added for the linguistics minor. There are currently enough classes offered in the departments of philosophy, psychology, foreign language, English and others to comprise the minor.

Students who decide on this minor will have the option of studying German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese or Russian.

The idea was unanimously passed in early March by the University Curriculum Committee.

The minor still needs approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Although the minor will require no extra funds, Morris said he is concerned that the board will reject all new ideas because of the budget crisis.

Morris had the idea to start a linguistics minor a few years ago but did not start to have serious interest in it until last fall, when he discussed his idea with assistant professor Aleka

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## Seniors advised to plan ahead before graduation

By Stephanie Hughes  
Contributor

Students graduating in May or December have several things they need to do before graduation.

Many students come to the end of their academic careers only to find out they cannot graduate yet because of unfinished business.

However, there are some mistakes that can be easily avoided, according to Fay Wilson, secretary of the Records Office.

"Two of the most common mistakes students make is not filing an upper-division form and an intent to graduate form on time," Wilson said.

Upper-division forms should be filed when students have earned a minimum of 60 hours. Students can obtain an upper-division form from their adviser.

"Students should file an intent to graduate form at least a semester before they graduate," Wilson advised.

The form is available in the Records Office, Room 102 of

the Cope Administration Building. The form cannot be filed, however, until an upper-division form has been processed.

According to Wilson, students delay graduation because they fail to file these two forms on time.

"We have students who don't even turn in their intent to graduate form until the month of graduation. This is a big 'no-no,'" Wilson said.

According to a notice sent out to students graduating in May from Director of Records

Sherian Huddleston, there are a few more things that students must take care of before graduating.

Huddleston said graduating seniors are required to take certain tests to measure how much they have learned. Some departments have specific tests that students must take in order to graduate. Other tests that all graduating seniors must take are the Academic Profile and the Major Field Test.

Another important detail that is overlooked is registering with the Career Center before

graduation, Huddleston said.

Students can learn how to write a resume or search for a job within their field of study at the center, located in the Keathley University Center, Room 328, and in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S123. It's Web site is [www.mtsu.edu/~career](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career).

Another minor detail that can delay graduation is any debt owed to the university, such as an unpaid parking ticket. These can be taken care of at the Business Office in Cope by 4 p.m. May 10. ♦



## Workers arrested in airport roundup

By John Soloman  
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested 94 workers at two Washington-area airports yesterday on charges of fraudulently obtaining airport security badges.

The arrests at Washington Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan National Airport are part of an ongoing investigation to ensure that people who have access to secure areas of our airports are worthy of the trust granted to them by the public, Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

"There will be zero tolerance of security breaches at our nation's airports," he said.

Three of the 94 workers arrested yesterday were wanted on state charges, Ashcroft said. All 94 are accused of "widespread fraud" in obtaining the security badges, which allow individuals to enter secure areas where airplanes are loaded.

He described the investigation as a "painstaking and labor-intensive effort." He said all agencies examined employment records of more than 20,000 airport employees during the investigation.

Charges against the 94 workers include falsifying Social Security applications and violating immigration laws. Ashcroft said the charges carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison, fines of up to \$250,000 and deportation.

"What this investigation uncovered should be a wakeup call for every airport in America," Ashcroft said.

He noted that the investigation began late last year when U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty formed a task force to "investigate the

integrity of the security clearance process at Dulles and Reagan National airports." The hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11 had taken off from Dulles.

McNulty said there was no evidence that any of those arrested yesterday were connected to the Sept. 11 attacks or any other terrorist activity.

In a separate sweep, law enforcement officials said arrests also had been made at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

Similar arrests have occurred in recent weeks in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. In all, about 400 workers have been arrested or indicted since Sept. 11, including those yesterday, officials said.

The investigation, called Operation Tarmac, spread to 11 airports before yesterday's arrests.

Most of the workers arrested had security badges allowing them to get onto planes, ramps, runways and cargo areas, law enforcement officials said.

Most were employed by private companies, such as those that clean the airplanes or operate airport restaurants.

While law enforcement officials said none of those arrested have been linked to terrorism, some aviation experts said the workers were in position to help smuggle bombs or weapons aboard aircraft.

U.S. authorities believe that the Sept. 11 hijackers carried knives and box cutters past security checkpoints and there was no evidence that the weapons were put on board by rogue employees, a law enforcement official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. ♦

## PRSSA: McPhee, Hood show for signing

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resources."

McPhee also noted that 10 new full-time faculty positions were created last year through the departments, and it is his hope that resources and funds to hire more full-time professors will become available.

Currently, the College of Mass Communication holds approximately 3,000 students with a full-time staff of 57 professors. This creates a student to professor ratio of 53-to-1.

"Lack of faculty has the potential to result in a lack of educational opportunities and

resources for the students," Janice Tanedo, the secretary of MTSU's PRSSA said.

Another disadvantage to a small faculty is a limited availability of classes required for graduation of students within the college. This can cause graduation delays.

The PRSSA is a national organization founded in 1968 with chapters throughout the United States.

One of its aims is to instill both a professional outlook and attitude, as well as encourage the principles and ideals of the profession.

"This campaign is helping

our members build relationships with MTSU faculty and staff, as well as state legislators, while working to improve the entire college," Fortner said.

"PRSSA Signing Days" will be set up through this afternoon with PRSSA members available to answer questions about the campaign.

"I'm sitting in a state school, a school on the rise, with so many problems," Fortner said. "I feel like it is my responsibility as a student and as a senior, as well as the responsibility of all the students within this college, to combat this issue." ♦

## Minor: New minor made of existing classes

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Blackwell.

Morris said there is an ongoing response by both graduate and undergraduate students. He said he applied the idea "if you offer it, they will come."

The minor can serve students who are interested in any kind of occupation, not just a speech therapist or translator.

Blackwell, who will be teaching "Introduction to Linguistics," said many companies are looking for students

who study linguistics.

"Students with a linguistics minor develop skills such as recognizing patterns that are valuable in the workplace," Blackwell said.

Morris explained the languages offered within the linguistics minor are helpful to learn because the workplace has a high demand for them but very little supply. Burley Grimes, an anthropology and French major in Blackwell's

"Descriptive Linguistics" class, said a linguistics minor could

benefit students because it reaches into all sorts of areas.

"Students who pursue this minor would receive a more well-rounded education by leaning about these other disciplines and learning one way that their own discipline is connected to so many others," Grimes said.

"Language is the only thing we do instinctively besides procreation," Morris said.

For more information contact Richard Morris at 898-5902 or rmmorris@mtsu.edu. ♦

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## Gore: Last lecture of spring

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order for some news media outlets to stay in business, he said, they have changed their content to blend news and entertainment.

Some news outlets, however, choose to go the other route and dig deeper into news stories to provide more comprehensive, in-depth coverage. Civic journalism falls into this category, he said.

Though controversial, Gore said he doesn't think a civic journalism trend will threaten traditional journalism, which emphasizes objective storytelling over involvement. He also said civic journalism isn't right or appropriate for all news outlets, and that it doesn't encourage partisan reporting

any more than the current structure for journalism does.

"This isn't for everybody but I think it's a pretty good approach," he said.

Gore's lecture wasn't without the occasional humorous reference to his 2000 presidential-race loss, however, and how he has been spending his time since.

"It's been an interesting year," he said. "They let other cars drive on the road with me now."

He said his post as an MTSU visiting professor has been a rewarding experience.

Abbreviated VP, "It's a way of hanging on," he said.

Gore's lecture was sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies and MTSU. ♦

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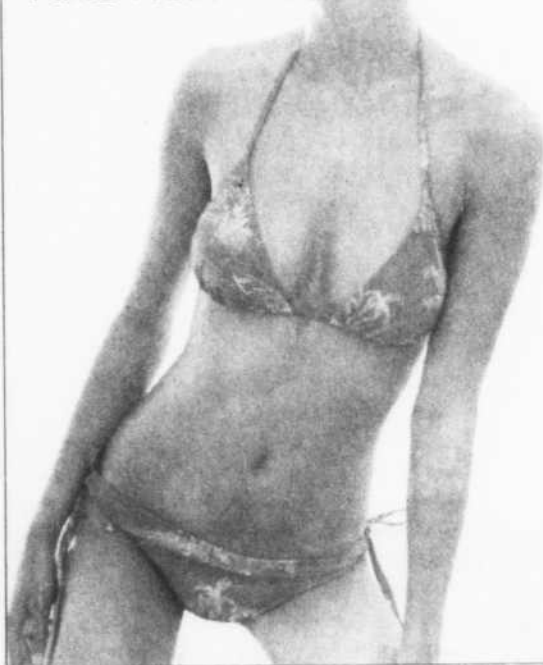


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## Editorial

### Sexual harassment not to be taken lightly

Sexual harassment, as with any type of discrimination, is a serious matter, no matter how you slice it, and it's something not to be taken lightly.

No matter who makes the complaints or who they're brought against, sexual harassment is a crime that should always merit investigation. Multiple complaints filed recently against an MTSU fraternity have brought the issue into the limelight, especially since the complaints were filed right on the tail of MTSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Unfortunately, sexual harassment seems to be taken lightly by quite a few people. *Sidelines'* coverage of the complaints has been criticized by some who say they don't think such complaints merit a story.

We beg to differ. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination, which is an issue that deserves investigation and, thus, news coverage.

In any sexual harassment case, there are always people who use the age-old adage "boys will be boys" to make excuses for such unacceptable behavior. We have heard this excuse from many readers – even from women. Ignoring any complaint of sexual harassment would allow the offensive behavior to continue uncontested, which is unacceptable and irresponsible.

Some people have complained that, in Monday's story regarding complaints filed against a fraternity two weeks ago, we didn't seek out both sides of the story. This type of allegation follows any controversial story, and the people who allege this usually are the same people who refused to speak with us when we requested comment.

Both the fraternity in question and the sorority mentioned in the story declined comment, and the university was reluctant to tell us much of anything until Channel 4 got wind of the story. So it's not that we didn't seek out alternate perspectives, it's just that no one was willing to give them to us at all.

It's similar to the case of gender discrimination complaints filed against the director of News and Public Affairs, except that he actually voiced his side of the story to *Sidelines*. The director of the university's Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action office, however, has been much less cooperative and has not returned messages for almost two weeks, much less divulged helpful information on the case. EO/AA, by way of their dodging reporters about gender discrimination inquiries, seems as if they are taking the complaints lightly and brushing them under the table.

We hope any investigation regarding the sexual harassment complaints will be conducted fully and that everyone involved will begin to realize the importance of their side of the story has to finding the truth. ♦

## Both activism, capitalism bring about change

By Richard Buchholz  
The Reveille

(U-WIRE) – Student activism is often ignored by mainstream university students, whose inclinations run more toward pursuing an education, having fun and finding a suitable marriage partner (although not necessarily in that order). But activists on campus, with their serious eyes focused on issues of social concern, perform a useful consciousness-raising activity, even if their campaigns tend to be quixotic.

Every so often though, one activist emerges from the thicket of windmill-tilters by doing something so practical that even confirmed mainstreamers like myself cannot help but doff their hats in profound admiration. *The Wall Street Journal* recently reported the case of a 21-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology student named Sanjay Basu who is literally bringing new life to the dying by the simple act of working the phone in his dormitory room.

Basu and some of his associates noticed a situation both infuriating and heartbreaking: millions of AIDS sufferers in the developing world cannot afford the drugs – some costing as much as \$10 a pill – that have revolutionized the treatment of AIDS in the United States and Europe. And yet in this country, tens of thousands of doses of the precious medicines are destroyed every year because of laws that stipulate that only the patient for whom a drug is prescribed may take it. If the patient dies, or switches medications, the law demands that the drugs be discarded. The same goes for medicines past the expiration date.

That's where Basu comes in. He spends a good portion of his free time telephoning pharmacists around the country and asking them to donate unused AIDS medications to his cause. In almost every case,

the pharmacists refuse, since they know that this could land them in trouble with the authorities.

But Basu has found a few brave pharmacists – 26 in all, scattered throughout 18 states – who are willing to defy the law and send him drugs that would otherwise be bound for the incinerator. As a result, some AIDS patients in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, are now receiving the medications they need to prolong their lives.

Naturally, the pharmaceutical companies that developed the drugs have come under harsh criticism for the high costs of the life-saving medications. The drug companies make a tempting target for the anti-corporate stance that permeates the student activist mentality. But this one fact might be worth keeping in mind: it was the free-wheeling world of American capitalism that made the development of most of these medicines possible in the first place.

I wish – although I know this is only a pipe dream – that the people who warn darkly and melodramatically about "greedy" corporations would keep in mind that innovation flourishes only when the possibility of rich financial rewards provides the incentive for plowing hundreds of millions of dollars into research and development. No government program has ever come close to delivering as much relief for human suffering as the pharmacopoeia the American drug industry has placed at our disposal.

You may be thinking I sound like a paid shill for Pfizer and Merck and the like. Or that I've been dissolving some potent prescription drugs into my iced tea. But no, it's just that I find people like Basu and companies like Bristol-Myers Squibb equally deserving of admiration.

If this is a contradiction, it's one I can live with. ♦

## Letter to the Editor

### MT greeks misunderstood

To the Editor:

Just to let you and everyone else at *Sidelines* [know], [the "SAE faces complaints of sexual harassment"] article bashes SAEs to hell. If you go down Greek Row and a female passes in front of any house, she will be "sexually harassed." I am personally offended how the editors just got bad opinions of SAEs to publish.

I am not in a sorority, just a student at MTSU, but I happen to know almost every single SAE and all of them are TRUE GENTLEMEN. Not once have I ever went into their house and been "harassed" or mistreated. There are a few bad apples in every bunch, including sororities, but I will say, once again, how you only printed the bad things about SAE.

When Channel 4 news came out and interviewed people on the softball field, there were girls who said how much they loved SAE and it was just dumb allegations. That wasn't said on the news, nor printed in your newspaper.

By the way, the shirts that were printed that said "Make your MOTHER proud, sleep with an E" were made about four years ago. Get your facts straight. If you want to print something good about SAEs, print this.

Ashley Jo Snyder

**Give the office something to laugh about. Send us a letter to the editor via e-mail: [slopinio@mtsu.edu](mailto:slopinio@mtsu.edu).**

## So many girls, and I still can't get a date

By Mike Bromberg  
The Daily Cardinal

(U-WIRE) – Ah, spring. Dreary afternoons huddled around a space heater give way to sun-soaked Frisbee excursions, and cumbersome North Face parkas give way to revealing tank tops.

The warming weather carries with it an increase in passion, making spring into a sort of mating season.

Throughout my life, I imagined college would be a huge, drunken orgy. Although my expanding beer gut validates the drunken part of my hypothesis, the closest I've had to a night of steamy transgression was the time I ate a bowl of angel-hair pasta while watching Jerry Springer interview sexy-dressing grandmas.

I admit that I'm not a math major. In fact, I've been known to have serious difficulty using my fingers to count the number of minutes remaining in a power lecture.

According to the calculations I

was able to perform through the thick layer of dust that has developed on my TI-83, there should be somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000 women on campus at the University of Wisconsin, none of whom are willing to talk to me.

With such large numbers, the fact that the entire female portion of the student body seems to be oblivious to my existence must signify some sort of major deficiency on my part.

It is not physically possible that all 20,000 were in my English lecture that day I had a boogie the size of a Mack truck and was forced to undertake emergency excavation procedures.

Even if the entire female population of Madison were by some magical coincidence present in the lecture hall that fateful day, it is unlikely that they would have witnessed the inappropriate behavior, especially because I was sure to use the stealthy, under-the-desk nose-picking technique.

Because it is improbable that my nasal indiscretion is at the root

of my romantic deficiency, it is quite possible that the self-image I create through this newspaper column every week also contributes to the problem.

Apparently, certain people out there consider it a turnoff that I publicly discuss extricating blockages from my nostrils and my "expanding beer gut."

In order to counteract the negative backlash of my own mockery, let me enforce that I have the tendency to exaggerate my shortcomings for a comic effect. In fact, my staff photo is only a decoy to maintain my anonymity and allow readers to focus on my writing. I actually look like a muscular cross between James Dean and that guy from O-Town.

Although one attempt at portraying myself in a positive light will do little to offset months of self-directed insults, my image does not constitute the whole problem.

I feel like our generation's vague norms for romantic interaction also contribute to my lack of

intimate involvement.

Gone are the days where formal courtship rituals dictated that men should serenade the object of their affection from below her window. In today's world, it seems that the only option for developing a romantic relationship involves meeting a sweaty girl in a crowded basement and hoping she is drunk enough to obscenely thrust her pelvis at you but sober enough to refrain from vomiting on your sweater.

I'm not suggesting that we regress to courting rituals of the past, but it would be a nicer system than today's questionable drunken pelvic thrust method of developing relationships.

Perhaps more reasonable norms would allow me the chance to meet that special somebody. Who knows, maybe she's reading this paper right now.

I hope she doesn't expect me to serenade her. More importantly, I hope she didn't get too disgusted when I admitted to picking my nose. ♦

## Still waiting for those Wise Men to finally show up

By Beau Elliot  
The Daily Iowan

(U-WIRE) – Remember the good old days when Bill the Thrill was still president, nobody knew how to spell Afghanistan, let alone what it might be, and King George was still a pretender to the throne?

Neither do I.

Sort of.

I do recall that, when he was campaigning, Dubya had a tendency to approach language and thought as if he were wrestling steers. ("OK, here comes a verb. Grab that sucker and throw it to the ground.")

For instance: "I think if you know what you believe, it makes it a lot easier to answer questions. I can't answer your question leaps to mind" (Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Oct. 4, 2000).

"As does it is clear our nation is reliant upon big foreign oil. More and more of our imports come from overseas" (Beaverton, Ore., Sept. 25, 2000).

"Well, I think if you say you're going to do something and don't do it, that's trustworthiness" (CNN online chat, Aug. 30, 2000).

There were so many hundreds more, each hilarious in its insipidity, and their cumulative effect was to lead people to wonder about his acumen. All jingle-jangle of spurs and no giddyup, as they might say in Dubya's country.

Or, a few Stetsons shy of a posse.

No worries, his handlers said back then. The Boy King will be surrounded by all these Wise Men from his daddy's administration, and they'll take care of the thinking.

Right. And so here we sit, like Mary and

Joseph in the stable, waiting for the damn Wise Men to show up.

Conservatives used to complain that watching policy being made in the Clinton administration was like listening to a jazz combo – everything seemed improvised. Maybe so. But watching policy being made in the King George/Stealth President administration is like seeing a garage band get together for the first time: Nobody can decide on a song.

Hell, in this administration, nobody can decide on a key. Oh, they did all right with the war in Afghanistan, I suppose as long as you don't mind all those dead civilians littering the landscape. And oops, they're really, really sorry about those Canadians.

That's the problem with smart bombs – they're never any smarter than your president.

The biggest problem in Afghanistan is that the one thing that the country needs most, outside of money – nation-building – is the one thing King George and his cohorts hate the most. King George, Stealth President Cheney, et al., would rather save the spotted owl than engage in nation-building.

The other big worry in Afghanistan is that the United States will dust off its flak jacket, look around, and say, "Our work here is finished, and pull out." The Wise Men say that won't happen, but you have to remember: These are a lot of the same Wise Men who, when the Soviet Army bugged out, dropped Afghanistan like a rotting orange peel.

Then there's Israel and the Palestinians. Over 15 months of the intifada, this administration dithered around so much and sent so many conflicting signals that it's no wonder

Ariel Sharon thought he had the green light to start World War III if necessary to smash Yasser Arafat.

It's also no wonder that when King George demanded that Israel halt the invasion of the West Bank and pull back, Sharon treated the notion with utter contempt.

And it's no wonder that Colin Powell's trip to the Mideast was an abject failure, such a flop that, at the end, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak snubbed him, refusing to meet him when Powell went to Cairo.

It's quite of trick of genius policy-making when you can earn the disdain of the Israelis, the Palestinians and the moderate Arabs at the same time.

And then there was the Venezuelan coup a little over a week ago, which left the United States looking like Bozo the Clown was in charge.

Every single member of the Organization of American States condemned the coup. Well, that is to say, every OAS member except one: the United States. The United States started to get all pally with the coup leader and then looked ludicrous when he was deposed the next day.

Of course, you have to remember that Dubya also got all warm and fuzzy after Gen. Pervez Musharraf took over Pakistan in a coup.

He probably feels a sense of brotherhood with guys who haven't been elected.

Oh, I know; King George and the Stealth President are the only leaders we've got, so we just have to live with them.

I can't help but wonder, though – when are the damn Wise Men going to show up? ♦

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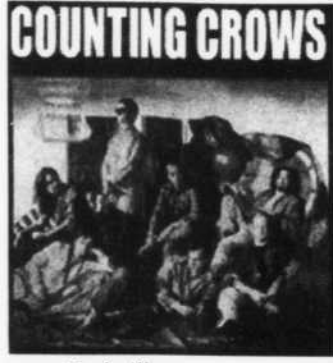
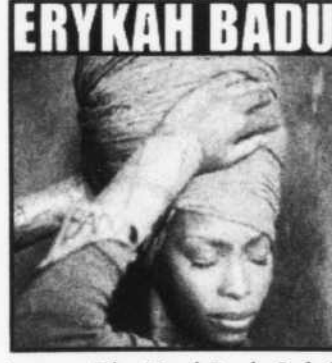
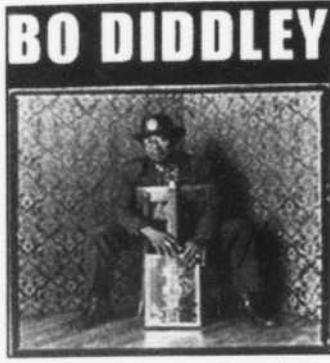
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## ROCK

## ON THE RIVERFRONT



### River Stages music festival set for May 3-5 rain or shine

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Staff Writer

It's early May and the temperature is perfect — warm and breezy, but not too humid — just right for a weekend of fun, music and dancing on the riverfront. T-shirt vendors will line the sidewalk; teen-agers dressed in shorts and tank tops will stroll aimlessly by; a couple may lounge on a beach towel on the river shore. All will watch as a breakthrough band prepares to take the stage. This scene is typical at Nashville River Stages.

Each May, the festival offers an abundance of eclectic performances. This year will be no different. May 3-5 the fifth annual River Stages will launch this year's season of great shows on the riverfront — including the popular Dancin' in the District series which is set to start in late May.

One exciting addition to this

year's line-up is a stage expansion — the first in the five-year run of the festival. A sixth stage is being added to the program.

The new addition comes after a successful 60,000-plus attendance over the past two years. Last year, the festival was sold out completely on the second day. Of course, Bob Dylan performed, drawing most of the crowd.

River Stages proudly coins itself a festival with diverse music choices. Each year, bands from a wide array of genres participate in the three-day riverfront gathering.

This year, there's even more music and more great bands.

If you thought having Dylan and the Black Crowes on the same stage last year was exciting, this year's line-up will look even more fantastic.

A few of the headlining bands include Erykah Badu, No Doubt, Counting Crows,

Incubus, Jethro Tull and Ani DiFranco.

Also headlining at this year's show is renowned artist Bo Diddley. He began his musical career in the late 1950s, but his sound has crossed generations. His music has influenced the likes of Buddy Holly and the Rolling Stones. Diddley's authentic blues and R&B style both soothes and entertains audiences.

In contrast, 2001 breakout artist Hoobastank is set to perform. Their music, though almost impossible to describe, seems laced with a dash of funk, rock, pop and ska. Their style is young and fresh, and reasonably so, since the band formed in 1994. But their personality is schizophrenic to say the least, so this show should be exciting.

Among lesser-known upcoming artists this year, Pete Yorn, The Sidecars, the John Butler Trio and 30 Seconds to Mars will grace the stage.

And don't forget the locals.

Local bands are always major participants and crowd pleasers at this event. Though they gen-

erally play on the smaller side stages, there's always a great fan base and, of course, a great performance.

Ali Harnell, vice president of SFX Nashville, the company that books River Stages as well as venues like AmSouth Amphitheater all across the country, has a lot to do with the band selection for the festival. He points out that many bands use a unique outlet such as River Stages to keep their name in the forefront of fans.

"You can tell by the caliber of talent that we have this year that these festivals have stepped up," Harnell says. "The artists know it's a great way to come in, play in front of a bunch of people at a fun event and keep themselves out there."

Even if the music strikes a bad chord, there is plenty of entertainment on the riverfront. Assorted vendors sell everything from jumbo pretzels to tie-dyed shirts, silver pendants, back massages and press-on tattoos.

And don't overlook the sundry spots on Second

Avenue. The Hard Rock Cafe is right across the street from the riverfront, along with Havana Lounge, Buffalo's, the Wildhorse Saloon and several other bars and tourist stops.

Though the history of River Stages is not documented, many Nashville natives recall the controversial events prior to the festival's existence.

Keep in mind a few things, when attending this year's event. River Stages is an outdoor event. It is a rain or shine event. Watch the weather forecast in case you'll need an umbrella or sunscreen or a light jacket.

River Stages combines several stages spanning the riverfront and the Capitol building parking lot. You'll need the wristband you receive the first day to enter each contained area. In addition, several items are not permissible: bags, backpacks, pets, bicycles, photographic equipment and recording devices.

The main entrance gate, on the riverfront, is located at First Avenue and Broadway in down-

town Nashville.

No matter what your age or musical preference, there's bound to be a performance of interest to you at River Stages. After all, what better way is there to spend a nice afternoon in Music City? ♦

**River Stages Basic Info**

River Stages show times are:

- \* May 3, 4:30-11 p.m.
- \* May 4, noon-11 p.m.
- \* May 5, 1-8 p.m.

Single-day passes are available for \$25. Three-day passes are \$45.

Tickets to River Stages are available through Ticketmaster outlets by phone at (615) 255-9600, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or at [www.bestbuynashvillerverstages.com](http://www.bestbuynashvillerverstages.com).

For a full listing of performing artists and up-to-date information on the festival, log onto [www.nashvillerverstages.com](http://www.nashvillerverstages.com). ♦

## Stylish fashions bloom in spring

### Capris, shorts, flip-flops top fashion list for warm weather



Stripped capris sport up this yellow colored T-shirt.

By Jennifer Cathey  
Staff Writer

As the thermometer rises, people inevitably start wearing less clothing.

Somewhere between mid-March and early April, right before Spring Break, the heavy sweaters of winter slowly start being put on hangers and placed in the back of the closet.

The heavy corduroy pants are folded and placed in a drawer. Winter boots are put on the bottom of the shoe rack.

Then, as the thermometer reaches 70 degrees, the first tank top sighting is inevitable. Flip-flops become more than just what dorm residents wear in the shower.

Suddenly, everyone is worried about showing off their pasty-white winter legs.

Yes indeed, spring is here. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and students are starting to wear the bright colors and light clothes of spring.

But, what's going to be in style this spring?

It's a safe bet that the old stand-bys — short shorts and funky colored flip-flops — are going to be stylish.

Capri pants, in all their mid-

calf length glory, are a pretty sure bet for spring as well.

But, which do MTSU students prefer, shorts or Capri pants?

Dressed for her aerobics class, student Shelley Taylor talked about her preferences.

"I like them both. Right now, I'd probably wear capris," Taylor says. "I might blind people if I wear shorts."

Capri pants this season are becoming more diverse than ever, with Hawaiian print, plaid and almost day-glow colors.

Kellie Plummer, however, has a slight beef with everyone's favorite mid-calf length clothing item.

"Capris don't look good on me," she says, adding that she does tend to prefer shorts.

Flip-flops, generally the favorite shoe of college students, tend to fare better among the public.

Taylor finds flip-flops to be more convenient.

"You can pull the flip-flops off easier," she said. "It's cooler."

Plummer, however, has a different motivation for wearing flip-flops.

"I hate wearing shoes, period," she says, adding that flip-flops are about as close to barefooted as one can get.

Flip-flops come in all sorts



Capris are worn by all ages, adding a unique style to each occasion.

of funky colors and with all kinds of embellishments. In stores now, it's easy to find a pair of neon yellow flip-flops with a big pink flower settled between the toes.

Some of them have sequins, beads or even faux fur decorations.

Plummer, a self-confessed flip-flop lover with many, many pairs, has a few of the more outrageous styles in her collection.

"I have a green pair," Plummer says. "They're bright green. I have ones that have large heels."

Some spring fashion ideas are a miss with students, though.

Taylor said she feels that sometimes, the shorter, lighter styles of spring tend to be too short.

About some of the spring skirts, Taylor says decisively: "They're too short."

Plummer, however, has a more general rule about showing too much skin, and says the biggest spring fashion blunder is "people that don't cover stuff that needs to be covered."

As the thermometer pushes from 70 to 80 and spring turns into summer, flip-flops, capri pants and shorts are a sure bet for a stylish spring wardrobe.

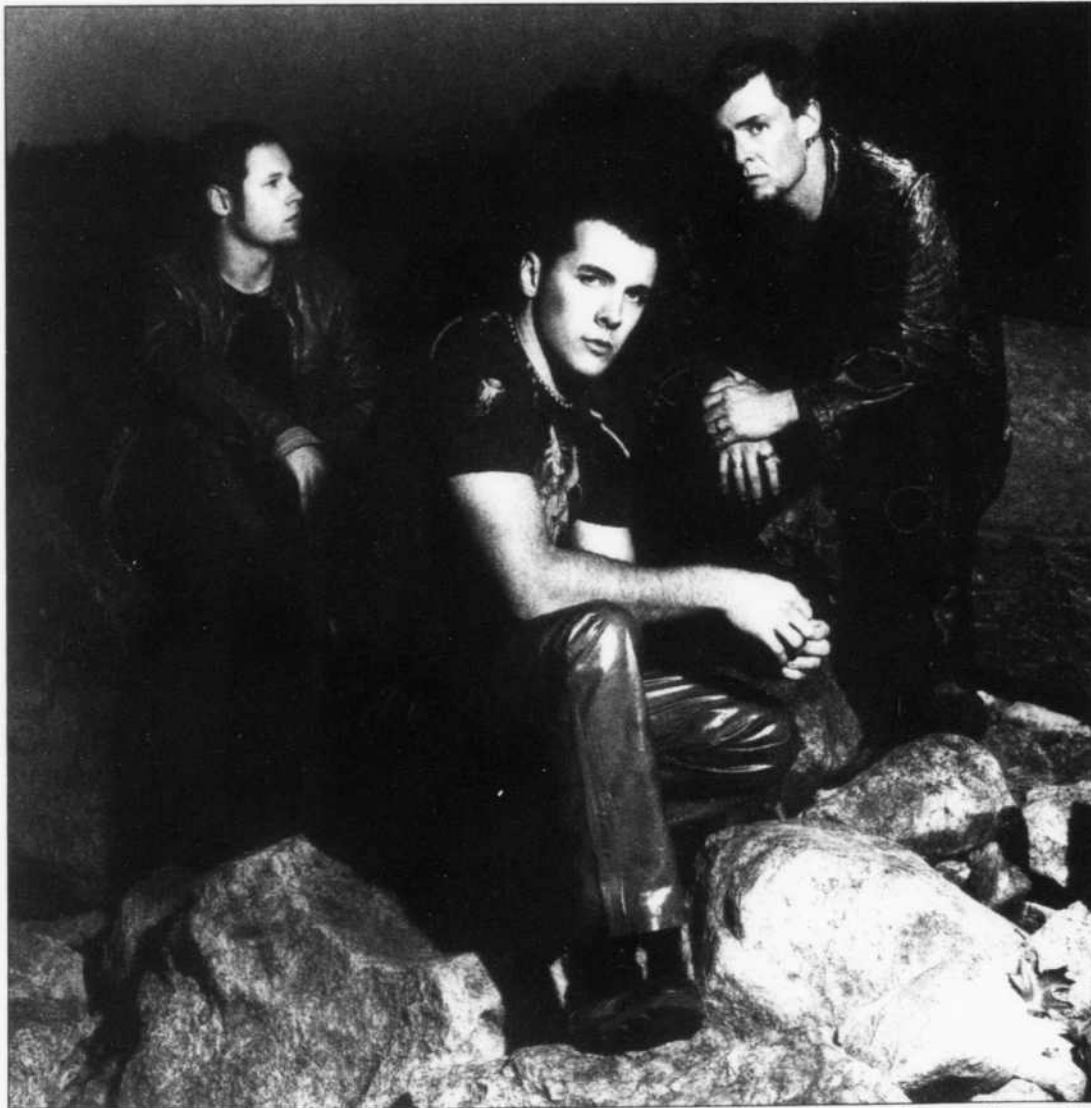
Put away your sweaters, and bring out the shorts! Spring is here. ♦



Stylish capris come in all sorts of bright colors.

### CD Review

## Course of Nature's caught in the sun



Course of Nature rocks the industry with a new CD full of heavy guitar riffs, hook-laden melodies on top of the vocals of lead singer Mark Wilkerson.

By Eric Allen  
Staff Writer

Alabama-based Course of Nature makes their major label debut with *Superkala*, which includes the radio hit, "Caught in the Sun."

OK, first of all, you need to get the Creed comparison out of your mind so that you can give this 10-track collection a fair chance.

While in the same heavy rock genre, this band has more to offer than just another mediocre run of the mill recording.

The songs included here are strong, and each one stands on its own with thought-provoking lyrics.

The band co-produced the album with Matt Martone (3 Doors Down, Breaking Point) and is an exciting mixture of heavy guitar riffs and hook-laden melodies.

Singer Mark Wilkerson has the chops to deliver the material with great passion and ease.

Guitarist John Mildrum and drummer Rickey Shelton work well together, and their rhythm section gives each track a fleshed out full throttle rock sound.

While every track here is strong, highlights include "Wall of Shame," "Better Part of Me" and the aforementioned "Caught in the Sun."

The majority of the material is up-tempo, hard-edged rock

but is balanced perfectly with the occasional ballad.

The string arrangement on the above mentioned single adds a welcomed texture next to the passionate lyrics, which are driven home with the sing-along chorus.

From start to finish, this is a solid piece of work worthy of being added to anyone's summer play list and to be proudly blasted out of every car window during drive time.

Course of Nature deserve to be part of today's musical landscape and added to any rock fan's cd collection.

I also recommend checking out the band's Web site — [www.courseofnature.com](http://www.courseofnature.com). ♦



# 'Sweetest Thing' celebrates friendship



Photo provided  
Christina Applegate, Cameron Diaz and Selma Blair star in *The Sweetest Thing*.

By Courtney Hall  
Staff Writer

They know all of our most embarrassing moments, were there for all of our sad ones and will remain for all the happy ones to come.

They are our best friends. Though *The Sweetest Thing* headlines as "a romantic comedy without the sugar," it serves

as a celebration of friendship.

So, go see it with your best friend.

Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate and Selma Blair star in this outrageous comedy about love and the friends who get us through it.

This comedy has it all, the same slap-stick humor found in *There's Something About Mary*—we've all seen the "foil bird hits the windshield" preview—and appearances by Parker Posey and Jonathan Schaech, Applegate's husband.

Diaz shines as Christina Walters, a 28-year-old woman looking for Mr. Right, but always ending up with, as she calls him, Mr. Right Now. Christina's best friend, since the second grade, is Courtney Rockliffe, played beautifully by Applegate. She is Christina's inner voice, forcing her to do things she needs to do but is scared to do.

The third in this dynamic trio is Blair. She gives life to Jane

Burns, a young woman, friend to both Christina and Courtney, who can't keep herself out of "sticky" situations.

These three women know how to attract men—keeping them is another story.

At one point, Jane says she's tired of games, to which Christina says, "This is not about playing games. It's about self-preservation."

So it goes well until Christina meets Peter, played by Thomas Jane. Her life is turned upside down from the moment she meets him. The fun begins.

Now it's time for Christina's friends to step in and make sure that, as Christina's world is turned upside down, it takes commitment-phobic Christina with it.

Let's face it though, this is a chick flick. It tells a story, using raw honesty, about women and the friends to whom they tell everything, the friends who always have a shoulder to cry on. *The Sweetest Thing* reminds

us what friends are for. Men, don't be swayed. It shows all three women in their panties.

The chemistry that these actors had to pull this film off was phenomenal. It was quite clear through all of the physical contact scenes—foot in face and head in lap—they felt very at ease with each other.

The comedic timing of Applegate and Diaz can not go without recognition and due praise. Timing is everything in this movie, and with their witty repertoire, these two actresses know how to set the pace.

Holding her own with Diaz and Applegate, Blair shows a comedic side that has not had a chance to shine in her earlier films, and it is great. When it came to risqué scenes, Blair seemed to get all of them, proving she has moved from teen angst to the big time.

You'll leave the theater giddy and willing to do anything—as long as your best friend comes along for the ride. ♦

## 2 movies offer unique plots

By Zachary Hansen  
Staff Writer

### 'Kandahar'

Like Jafar Panahi's film from last year, *The Circle*, Mohsen Makhmalbaf's latest, *Kandahar*, is an interesting, informative and beautiful piece.

The film follows a rescue mission of sorts by a woman named Nafas.

Many years ago, she and her father escaped Afghanistan and fled to Canada. Unfortunately, Nafas' sister had to be left behind. It is the present time, and Nafas has received a letter from her sister, who plans to commit suicide during the last eclipse of the 20th century so that she will no longer have to deal with the horrible situation of her home country. This causes Nafas, now a college student and journalist, to race to Kandahar to save her sister as the eclipse is now only four days away.

Like *The Circle*, *Kandahar* allows us to see the way citizens, and women in particular, are treated in Middle Eastern cul-

ture. While I found *The Circle* to be a much more effective film, *Kandahar* is interesting in that it gives us a different point of view. While the earlier film followed several women through a day in their country of persecution, this one follows one character who has been subjected to both Arabic and American cultures. Things she encounters during her journey are shocking, yet she can understand them easier than other Americans ever could.

Even with the ability to speak English and her U.N. flag, Nafas must still go undercover in a burqa as the fourth wife of a guide. She is led on the way by many others, as each guide decides the trip is too dangerous. Many odd happenings occur, including a group of land mine victims chasing after parachuted prosthetic legs. A boy is expelled from school for not reciting the Koran properly, and upon a visit to a doctor, Nafas must speak to the physician through a boy, since it is not proper for her to speak directly to the doctor. To be examined,

Nafas must stand behind a sheet, with only a small hole for her eye. An important and powerful film, *Kandahar* is highly recommended.

### 'Human Nature'

Here is the latest film from the brilliant mind behind *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufmann. As with the earlier film, he wrote the screenplay for this new one.

Michel Gondry, director of music videos by Bjork and Massive Attack, has taken over the director's chair from Spike Jonze. While not nearly as dark or original as Malkovich, *Human Nature* is still more imaginative than most films out there, and it's constantly hilarious as well.

The story is obviously among the stranger ones I've seen. Patricia Arquette plays Lila, a girl with a genetic disorder that covers her body in hair. To avoid the troubles she experiences, Lila flees to the woods and begins a life as a nature writer. She leaves one day to become the wife of a 35-year-old virgin and scientist named

Nathan, played by Tim Robbins.

On a hike in the woods one day, they find Puff, whose father thought he was an ape. Puff adapted this personality and began a life as a chimpanzee in the forest. Lila and Nathan take Puff back to the lab to try and reform him into an upstanding member of society. Rhys Ifans as Puff gives the best performance in the film.

The best moments in the film occur during these training sessions, as Puff is taught to appreciate classical music while smoking a pipe and practicing proper table manners (essentially a carbon copy of Nathan).

Problems start to arise when Nathan begins a relationship with his "French" assistant. Lila and Puff band together to get revenge on Nathan, who seems to be getting in touch with his animal instincts.

At this point, the film becomes less funny and slows down quite a bit. Regardless, it is still worth seeing and contains more laughs than any of the countless mainstream "gross-out" movies. ♦

## What's going on in the 'Boro

Compiled by Justin Ward  
Staff Writer

### Wednesday, April 24

Ladies Night at Bongo Johnny's; ladies free before 11 p.m. \$7 admission.

Verbena Court Strut Band at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 25

College Night at Bongo Johnny's at 10 p.m. \$3 with college ID.

Baby Stout and Spider Virus at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

Bolted Down at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 26

Driving Miss Crazy and Adam Johnson at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Masters of the Hemisphere and Trackstar at the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro at 10 p.m.

Fiesta Fridays at Bongo Johnny's at 10 p.m.

The Gold Room at The Boro Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 27

Split and Hemingway at Wall Street at 10 p.m.

Polemic and The Juan Prophet Organization at 10 p.m. at Sebastian's and Diana's Brew Pub.

Dixie Dirt and Imaginary Baseball League at the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro at 9:30 p.m.

Something Wicked with Never More and 4Forty at Bongo Johnny's at 9:30 p.m.

Five Foot Andy at Faces Restaurant and Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

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Call from  
the  
Press Box



Colleen Cox

Sports Editor

## Final words offered on athletics for my tenure

For my last "Call from the Press Box," I am going to use a different format in talking about several different things and offering some advice for the Athletics Department.

**Baseball:** It appears the loss of Dewon Brazelton affected the baseball team more than they expected. The Blue Raiders have struggled all season with pitching and trying to find the proper rotation.

Last week, MT lost star pitcher John Williams after he punched a water cooler in frustration. This has proved to be a frustrating season for the Blue Raiders, who will have to find pitching in order to turn around their season and head toward another Sun Belt championship.

**Basketball:** The men's basketball team made huge improvements this season over the 2001 season. Now, they have a new head coach and a new focus. While I still question the coach we hired, I believe the team might be on the right track. On things for sure, Athletics Director Boots Donnelly got the type of coach he wanted.

**Football:** With the tough schedule ahead and four Southeastern Conference games on tap for 2002, the football team has a real shot at a bowl game if they can pull off some big wins.

Just remember not to overlook the University of North Texas in 2002. A win over the Mean Green should guarantee the Blue Raiders a bowl bid in at least the New Orleans Bowl.

**Softball:** The softball team has forced the sports department to look at the possibility of a *Sidelines* jinx. In our first "Sports Wrap," we ran a profile on Stayc Preator, who went 18-9 last season and pitched the first perfect game in school history. Preator has struggled with a 6-10 record this season. The team also has struggled after a 41-win season last year. They are 20-26 this season. We're sorry for the possible jinx.

**Tennis:** The men's tennis team is another case for the jinx. After starting the season 12-0, I wrote about them in this column. After that column, the Blue Raiders dropped 6-of-8 matches and finished the season 16-7 and second in the Sun Belt Championships.

I would apologize to the tennis team as well were it not for their refusing to talk to a *Sidelines* reporter after losing at the University of Miami. You can't complain you don't get covered and then refuse to talk to the media when you lose.

**Track:** Perhaps the best teams at this university are the men's and women's track teams. Their coach is one of the best in the country and has been very willing to talk to the *Sidelines* track reporter. This team deserves support and the major coverage I believe we have given them.

Well, I didn't leave as much room as I would have liked for my advice, so I'll offer just a few tips.

First, don't be gutless. It is our job to call teams, coaches and the Athletics Department on things they mess up on. It also is our job to report when they do things well. You have to find a balance.

Finally, don't be a cheerleader or a public relations person.

An adviser at the New Orleans media conference put it best, "It is not our job to put fans in the seats, but to get people to read our section." ♦

## Baseball team falls to South Alabama at Stank

By Kevin Rose  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team scored runs on Sunday but could not keep South Alabama from scoring.

The Blue Raiders (21-19, 3-9) fell 14-6 to home-standing South Alabama (28-11, 9-1) in the series finale Sunday at Stank Field.

Things looked positive for the Blue Raiders early, when Josh Archer belted a 3-run home run for an early 3-0 lead in the first.

The Jaguars responded, like they did the entire series, for 3 first-inning runs of their own. The 3 runs came via RBI singles from Ryan Mulhern and Jansen Rayborn and a home run by Kevin Sytko.

The Blue Raiders went ahead in the third. Again it was Archer doing the damage with an RBI single. However, the lead was short-lived as Travis Horschel gave up 2 runs in the third for a 5-4 South Alabama advantage.

Horschel did not make it past the third inning in working 2 innings, allowing 5 hits and 5 runs.

A 2-run home run by Marshall Nisbett in the top of the fifth gave the Blue Raiders

the lead at 6-5, but it was the last time they led.

South Alabama used the long ball to pull away. A 4-run fifth inning was highlighted by a 3-run homer by Brett Parker and a 3-run sixth was highlighted by a solo homer from Jason Gross and Mulhern. Two runs in the eighth made for the final of 14-6.

The Blue Raiders pounded out 11 hits off two Jaguar hurlers. MT was led by 3 hits from Archer and 4 RBIs. Jason Howarth and Nisbett added 2 hits apiece.

Jaguar starter Mel Spivey lasted only 2 2/3 innings, but reliever Caleb Crosby pitched the final 6 1/3 innings for the win. He allowed 2 runs on 4 hits.

The Jaguar offense was led by Mulhern, who had 4 hits and 3 RBIs. Parker and Gross also added 3 RBIs apiece for USA.

MT reliever Danny Borne was one of five Blue Raider pitchers on the day. He took the loss, going 1 1/3 innings and giving up 5 runs on 4 hits.

The sweep by South Alabama marks the first time the Blue Raiders have been swept in Sun Belt play.

MT plays Belmont today in Nashville at 6 p.m. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer  
Josh Archer awaits the ball to tag the runner who slides safely back into first base.

## Softball team wins one of last three games

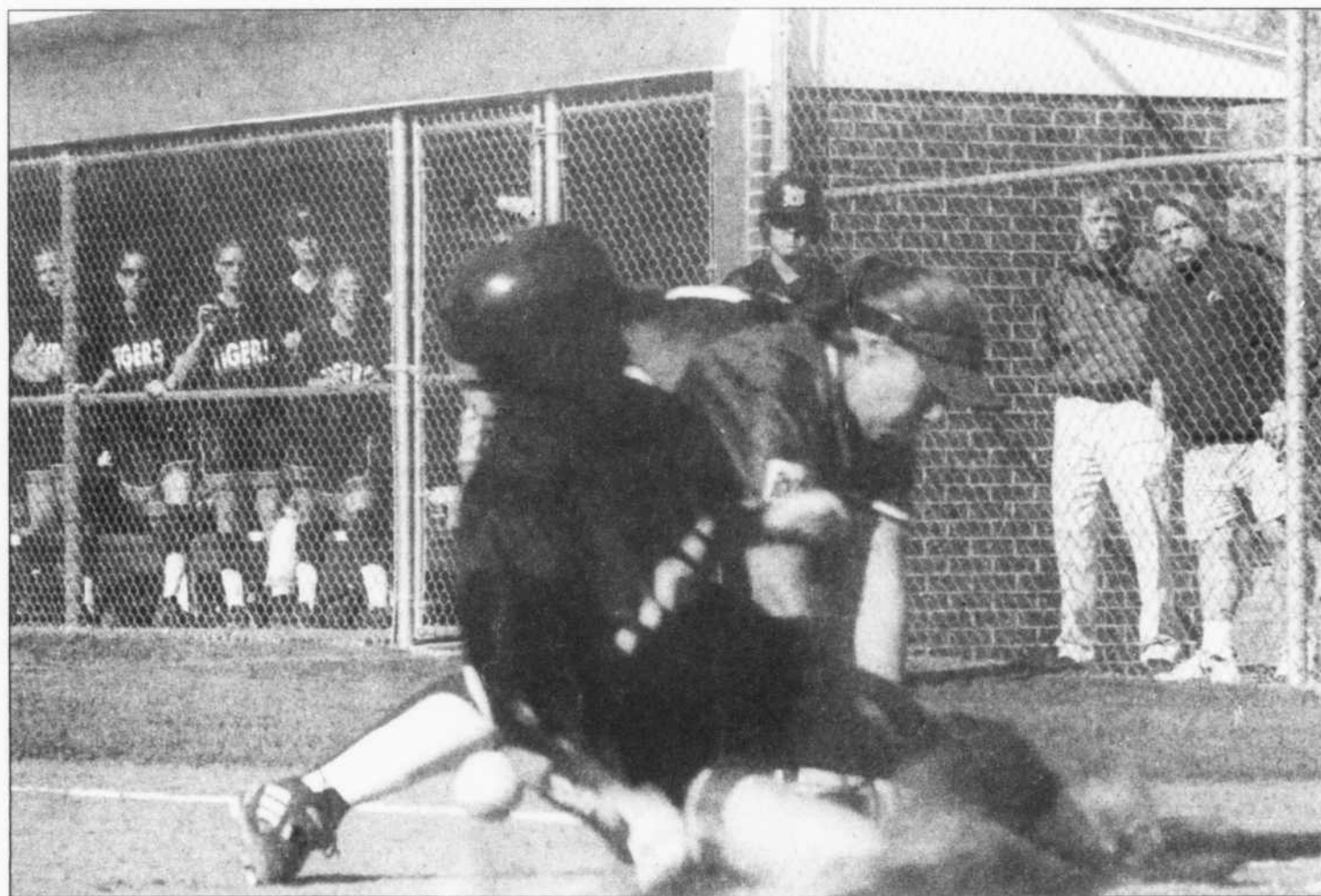


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer  
Jennifer Martinez attempts to block the home plate and collides with the runner as the ball bounces away.

### Lady Raiders split Sun Belt doubleheader with Western

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee softball team (20-26) won the first game 6-0 and lost the second game 7-2 in the final games of a four-game series with Western Kentucky University Sunday.

Jennifer Martinez (13-10) pitched a complete game shutout in Sunday's first game. She struck out 7 batters and allowed just 3 hits in the victory.

The Lady-Raiders jumped on the board with 4 runs in the third inning. Leah Grothouse started the inning with a single of her own. Steffi Silva followed with a single. Heib loaded the bases with the third consecutive single. Lisa Sherman walked to score the first run of the inning. Martinez knocked in another run with a single. Brockman hit the fifth single of the inning to score the final 2 runs of the inning.

MT added 2 runs in the sixth to round out the scoring for the game. Grothouse doubled. With two outs, Heib walked. Sherman followed with a single to load the bases. Lindsay Azevedo hit a 2-RBI single.

Brockman ended the game 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Grothouse went 2-for-4 with 2 runs scored.

In the second game, the Lady Raiders had 6 hits but left 6 runners on base in falling to the Hilltoppers. WKU started its scoring in the first inning. Riley Garcia reached on a bunt single. Melissa Gomes got to first on a fielder's choice. Sara Alanis doubled, putting runners on

second and third. With two outs, Kristalyn Smith singled to score 2 runs.

MT responded with a run of its own in the second. Brockman singled and advanced to second on a groundout. Phillips singled and Brockman scored on an error by the third baseman.

The Hilltoppers added 2 runs to their lead in the third. Melissa Gomes singled to start the inning. Jessie Richardson tripled, scoring Gomes. Smith reached on a fielder's choice, allowing Richardson to score

See **Softball**, 8

### Auburn beats Raiders in eight innings

By Amanda Maynard  
Assistant News Editor

The Lady Raider softball team fell to Auburn University 10-4 in eight innings Monday at Lady Raider field.

By the top of the eighth inning, the Lady Raiders had tied the game 4-4. But a grand slam from Auburn's first baseman Kasey Angulo, the first of her career, gave Auburn the lead. Auburn scored 6 more runs in the eighth inning to beat the Lady Raiders.

Auburn took the lead in the third inning with 3 runs. Middle Tennessee responded with a three-run inning of their own. An RBI single from Jennifer Martinez sent Kristina Heib home. A 2-RBI home run from right fielder Laura Brockman brought in runs two and three. This was only the fourth home run for Brockman this season and the 21st of her career.

The fourth and fifth innings showed no progress from either team. Martinez took aim in the fifth inning with 3 consecutive strikeouts for Auburn.

The Lady Raiders broke the tie in the bottom of the sixth inning with an RBI single from first baseman Ashlie Way that drove home left fielder Erica Buhl.

Auburn tied the game again in the seventh inning after an RBI single from Kelly Sutton sent Jennifer Hammock in for the score.

The bottom of the seventh inning was uneventful for the

See **Auburn**, 8

## Blue Raider Notebook



By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

liven the arms of the pitching staff.

### Bright Spot

The Blue Raiders were swept under the rug in Alabama, but there was something for MT fans to smile about — a first baseman.

Josh Archer went 2-for-3 in the first game with two RBIs. Archer scored one of the two runs in the second game of the series, courtesy of catcher Troy Harp, and then had a perfect hitting

night in the third game with a 3-for-3 showing at the plate with 2 runs and 4 RBIs. It was just a shame that Archer's brilliant series was accompanied by three losses.

### Bad News First

The Blue Raiders are having a miserable time in Sun Belt play. MT is 3-9 within the conference and 3-11 through the month of April. A once promising record is looking to dip below the .500 mark.

### Now the Good News

MT is looking down the schedule at a 10-game home stretch. The Blue Raiders are 12-7 in the 'Boro, with five of those losses coming during the miserable month of April. The home stay will feature nine conference games, the first of those coming against UL-Lafayette. The opportunity to climb out of the ditch is presenting itself to the Blue Raiders.

It's time to strap on the spikes and make a climb. ♦



## Softball: Preator takes the loss for Middle

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Richardson to score the second run of the inning.

MT scored a run in the fourth to cut the lead to two. Brockman started the inning with a single. After Erica Buhl lined out, Brockman stole second. Phillips reached on an error by the second baseman, allowing Brockman to score.

WKU scored 3 runs in the fifth to secure the 7-2 victory. Richardson singled. Smith walked, putting runners at first and second. Shelly Floyd doubled, scoring 2. Brandy Hawkins singled to move Floyd to third. After a line out, Floyd scored on an error by the third baseman.

Stacy Preator (6-10) took the loss, pitching 3 1/3 innings, allowing 7 hits and 4 earned

runs. Amanda Kendall took over in relief and went 2 2/3 innings, giving up 3 hits and 2 earned runs.

Brockman went 2-for-3 with 2 runs scored.

The Lady Raiders host a doubleheader with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga tomorrow at Lady Raider Field. The first game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. ♦

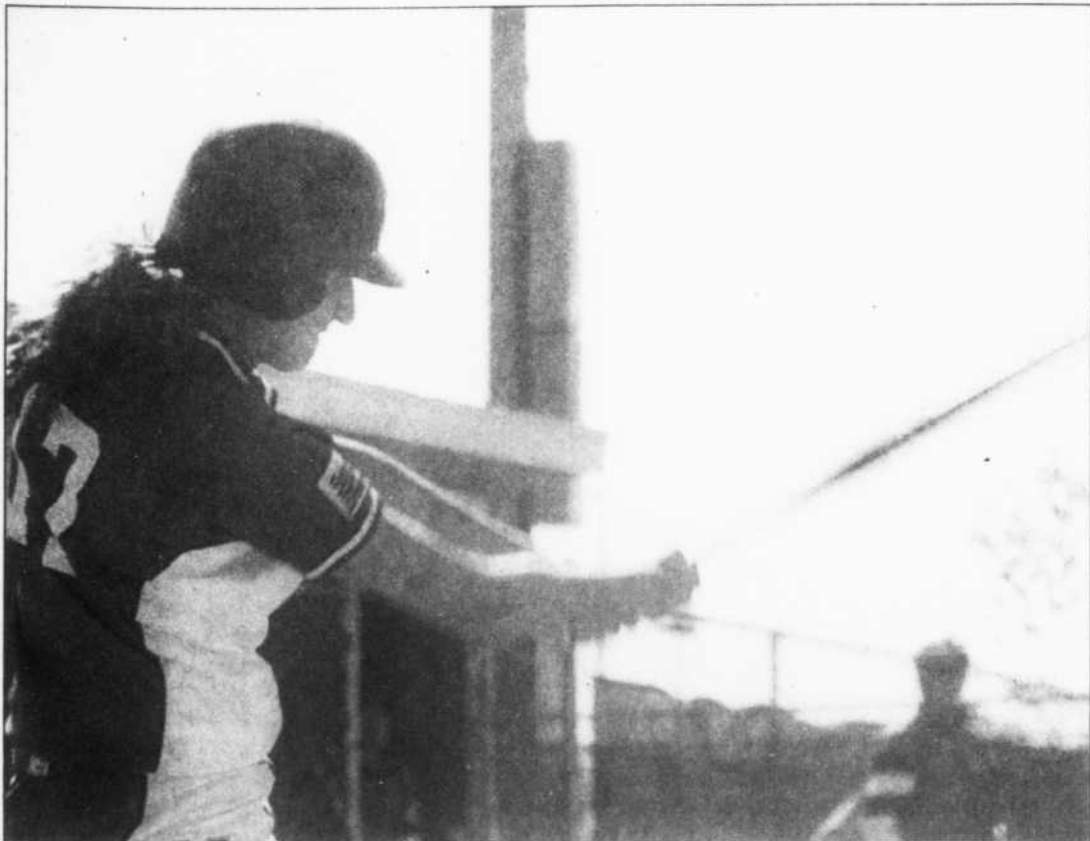


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Laura Brockman makes contact with the softball and follows through with her swing.

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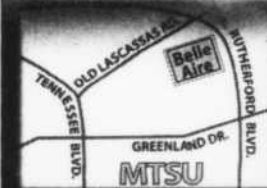
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## Auburn: Tigers win by six

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Lady Raiders, and Auburn took advantage of that in the top of the eighth inning, tallying up 7 more runs with a home run from Kasey Angulo that brought in 4 more runs after Martha Phillips' RBI that sent home Robin Thornburg.

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Second baseman Lisa Sherman dives for the ball, which gets by her into the outfield. The Lady Raiders gave up seven runs in the eighth inning to lose a game against Auburn University. MT plays two games against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga tomorrow.



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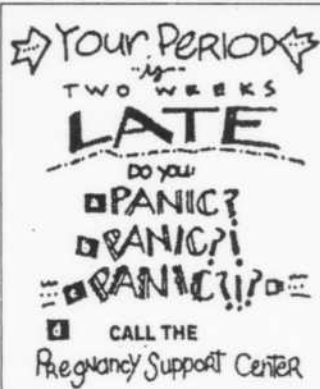
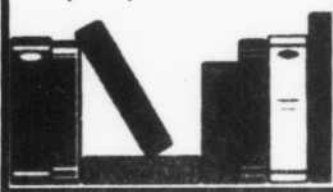
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