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Salary increase takes on new importance

Equity plan will gauge pay at other universities

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

Pay raises and technology access fee distribution are on the agenda for the Tennessee Board of Regents' quarterly meeting tomorrow and Friday.

Mary Morgan, director of communications for TBR, said that salary increases, already an important topic, will take on greater significance due to appropriations from the state legislature.

"It's the first operating increase we've had in four years," Morgan said.

The amount of money a school received from the legislature was dependent largely upon the growth of the institution since the last time funding for higher education was increased. MTSU, having had the largest growth, received the largest appropriation - approximately \$4.8 million out of the nearly \$11 million total slated for TBR's four-year universities.

"It varies from school to school," Morgan said, adding that "some schools are in better shape than others" in terms of meeting TBR's funding formula.

The raises include a 2 percent across the board pay raise for all TBR employees, as mandated by the state legislature. In addition, several TBR schools have proposed an equity plan, which compares salaries of professors at that institution to those in similar positions at

peer schools in the southeast. At MTSU, the plan calls for a 3 percent raise for faculty and 2 percent for other university staff. MTSU's proposed plan is effective beginning January of 2003.

The four-year universities that are not using the equity plan are Tennessee State University, which is instead offering an additional 1 percent across-the-board raise, and the University of Memphis, which is using a merit system to determine pay raises.

East Tennessee State University is also offering a one-time .06 percent bonus based on

merit.

The board will also consider applications for technology access fee funds. MTSU's Instructional Technology Committee met in the spring to make recommendations to President Sidney McPhee.

Those approved by McPhee total approximately \$4.2 million.

This figure includes \$800,000 for recurring costs in open labs and databases, \$600,000 for master classrooms and \$900,000 in discipline specific equipment, according to information posted on the

Academic Affairs Web site.

Also pertaining to MTSU is a proposed name change for MTSU's School of Music, amending it to the Robert McLean School of Music.

"[A name change] is one of the things that board approval is required to do," Morgan said, although she said that opposition to the change is highly unlikely.

Other items on the agenda include the establishment of several Technical Certificates at Dyersburg State Community College and curriculum modification at TSU. ♦

Cuba to host student visit

Staff Reports

The department of foreign language and literature is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Cuba over the summer session of 2003.

The goal of the trip is to introduce students to Cuba's ever-growing society and culture. Students will get the chance to interact with Cubans and get a first-hand look at their way of life.

Trip activities will be planned mostly in and near the capital city of Havana. Students will visit local schools, clinics, markets, studios and museums.

Students may also explore Havana by bicycle or peidcab and participate in volunteer work in an organic garden. They will also be treated to a free baseball game in the Estadio Latinoamericano.

Students can soak up Havana's abundant entertainment with traditional music, dance demonstrations and discussions with speakers on the Cuban system. Students will also get the opportunity to interact in the evening social life with members of an independent youth group during the trip.

Students will be allowed to sightsee in Havana independently at some point during the visit.

Ric Morris, assistant professor of Spanish, will lead the summer trip. Morris has been to Cuba twice.

"The island nation is a living experiment that has yielded very interesting results at all levels of society, and mostly free of U.S. influence," Morris said in a press release.

Travel to Cuba has been banned for more than 40 years

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Bush friends, foes speak their minds



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Karim Balderan of Saudia Arabia (upper left) brought his daughter, Safa, to Tuesday's peace rally in downtown Nashville. "We each try to support President [George W.] Bush and his plan," Balderan said. "We wish he could change something. All Iraqis everywhere want to see Saddam out. President Bush (upper right) stands among children at East Literature Magnet School while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Rebecca Obedala (lower left), whose father is a Palestinian refugee, shows her dislike of Bush's policies in the Middle East. Many Iraqi natives (lower right) support Bush's proposal to force a regime change in Iraq. Bush's itinerary included arriving and leaving from Nashville International Airport, a fund-raising luncheon for Senate candidate Lamar Alexander at the Nashville Convention Center and a speech at the school. Several MTSU students were present for the events.

Student Government Association positions open

By Michael Haynes
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association's upcoming Senate elections will be held Oct. 14-16 for a number of student positions.

"There are two graduate seats and seven freshman seats that need to be filled," said Willie Nelson III, SGA election commissioner. In order to run

for office, students may first go to the SGA office in Room 208A of the Keathley University Center and pick up an application. The application details the qualifications and rules for campaigning.

In order to run for SGA office, students must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be a full-time student.

"New freshmen will not have to meet the GPA requirement

because they are straight out of high school," Nelson said.

"If students would like to be involved at the university, this is a perfect opportunity," Nelson said. He said he believes that students are not familiar with what SGA has accomplished for them in recent years.

"Because of SGA, we've extended the Recreation Center hours until midnight, organized the road rallies, changed to

"We're here to let students know of the resources available at MTSU."

— Willie Nelson III
SGA election commissioner

printing policies in the business lab and we are currently working on the library hours, the plus/minus grading system and

the attendance policies," Nelson added.

Nelson welcomes, and encourages student involve-

ment. "We're here to let students know of the resources available at MTSU," he said.

If interested in running for office, visit the SGA office and file an application for candidacy. The application must be submitted by Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in order to be eligible to run.

For more information, contact the SGA office at 898-2464. ♦

Sexual frankness encouraged

By Jenni Strasbaugh
Contributor

Lamenting the lack of communication concerning copulation, a protestant minister recently led the first discussion in a three-part series concerning religious attitudes toward sex.

'Sex and the City' is the title of a series sponsored by the Greater Nashville Universalist Church in Bellevue and taught by Rev. Dan Rosemergy, pastor of the Brookmeade Congregational Church.

The topic of discussion at the Sept. 11 talk was "Human Sexuality and the Church." Rosemergy told the congregation about the way the church generally deals with sex and sexuality. "Sex is dirty. Save it for the one you love."

Another view is "sex ... don't do it." In traditional churches, sex has only been viewed as a way to reproduce, and that is all. "Go forth and be fruitful," is what they teach, not taking into consideration the broader vision of sexuality that understands that everyone has sexual needs.

Recently, the Roman Catholic Church has been under intense scrutiny from the media. Many of their priests are being charged with molesting

young children.

"I think it is extremely important for the church to speak up," Rosemergy said.

He said he believes that all faiths should stand behind the Roman Catholic Church in this time of crisis, which he believes is partially fueled by the media.

He also pointed out that at the time of these accusations, there were more than 115,000 active clergymen in the church. There were 1,500 to 2,000 alleged instances of sexual abuse.

That is only between one and two percent of the total active clergymen at the time.

"I really object to how many of my friends and colleagues are being scrutinized by this media frenzy," Rosemergy said.

"The problem is even worse in the Protestant Church. Just wait 'til the media gets done with the Roman Catholic Church."

The problem of human sexuality and the church comes down to the fact that it is basically not talked about at all.

"It was this whole skipped topic," said Carolyn Hutsell, of Franklin. "It was like talking about life on Mars."

The only way sex was mentioned in her church was to tell the children to avoid dancing

and not to swim with the opposite sex.

Rosemergy shared his own experience of growing up. He grew up in a small northern town and the first time he heard about sex was when his cousin Roger pulled him off the ball field.

"Did you know that our parents copulate like the dog?" Roger asked him. Rosemergy was stunned by this and sought out books to help him better understand sex.

"I found a book that said masturbation causes acne and if you do it too frequently, it will make you go crazy," he said.

In an attempt to understand human sexuality, there must be an understanding of where everyone has come from.

"I think the first thing is to realize that we've been damaged by our background."

Rosemergy himself left the institutional church for some time because he was so closed off by their teachings.

"It's either on the sin list, or it's not," he said.

The church will never be able to accept different views of sexuality than the traditional view.

"I don't see the church accepting homosexuals," commented one audience member who has been a part of the

Roman Catholic Church for 70 years.

Rosemergy said he does not believe this should be an issue in the church.

"Sexual orientation is not a criteria for ordination," he said.

He said he also does not believe that this is the reason why the Catholic church is dealing with the child abuse allegations.

"There is no relationship between pedophilia and homosexuality and celibacy," he said. "Many of the problems come out of the church's dealings with sexuality."

Rosemergy encouraged the congregation to reclaim the vision and read the book of Song of Solomon, which is a very erotic love letter in the Bible.

Only after understanding sexuality can the church stand up and recover from its recent crisis, he said, adding that affirmations are very important in this process.

"It changes you at levels you can't even imagine," he said, noting that love and justice are what the church needs to use when making decisions.

The series continued last night with the topic, "Spirituality and Sexuality." ♦

Chemistry class causes brief panic

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

The Murfreesboro Fire Department received a false alarm Friday when someone smelled smoke in the Wiser-Patton Science Building and called in a fire.

After receiving the call, the fire department rushed to the MTSU campus to take to put out what they thought was a serious inferno. A cluster of fire trucks and police cars assembled on the lawn outside the WPS.

Students who had been attending their 9 a.m. classes were told to evacuate the building when a team of firemen came into the hallways fully equipped to handle the emergency.

After inspection, the fire department came to the conclusion that there was no fire and someone had been mistaken.

According to the fire marshal, a woman on the third floor had smelled smoke and called the police.

"No alarm was set off, but someone smelled smoke," said John Goad, captain of the Murfreesboro Fire

Department.

The firemen discovered the smell had come from the classroom of Preston MacDougall, professor of chemistry.

"There was no fire," MacDougall said. "It was a demonstration."

MacDougall explained that he had been doing a routine demonstration involving sucrose and the smell of burning marshmallows was very typical in those types of experiments.

According to MacDougall, no one had notified his class that students were being asked to leave the building.

"We were very surprised to learn that the building was evacuated due to that," MacDougall said.

Most of the 9 a.m. classes were dismissed until the firemen had the chance to inspect the building. When the inspection was complete, students were told to return to class.

None of the officials on the premises were concerned with the situation.

"I'd say it was just a smoke scare," Goad said. ♦

Curious squirrel loses life to power station

By Chris Sanders
The Crimson White (U. Alabama)

(U-WIRE) - There were no power outages or canceled classes this time, just another fried squirrel.

The bushy-tailed creature wreaked havoc on the University of Alabama's Campus Drive power substation Monday morning, marking the fourth time this year that a Capstone squirrel has crossed paths with electricity.

The rodent infiltrated a capacitor, causing about \$30,000 in damage and raising the voltage of the power entering some campus buildings.

Tuscaloosa firefighters and University of Alabama Department of Public Safety officers responded to the scene at about 9:30 a.m. Monday after receiving a call about smoke coming from a capacitor, UADPS Lt. Beth Turner said.

Ten minutes later, the fire was under control. Shortly thereafter, investigators found their crispy culprit. The police report lists the fire as a "damaged property incident."

"Of course it's not an offense, since it's by a squirrel," Turner said.

Workers will be able to salvage part of the capacitor. The squirrel, however, was a complete loss.

Alabama Power spokeswoman Pam Collins said workers found no damage to company-owned lines, meaning the harm was done to a university-owned portion of the distribution system.

The voltage increase resulting from the most recent episode in the UA squirrel saga was not enough to affect power to buildings, said Phillip Trull, assistant manager of electrical maintenance.

Collins said Alabama Power has placed animal guards on all the substations where it has faced problems with animal-induced blackouts, but creatures often sneak through anyway.

She said she did not know whether the university's north substation has an animal guard.

Trull said round, rubber plates have been placed by the south substation in an effort to fend off squirrels.

But no such measure is in place at the north substation, he said, and it likely will stay that way.

The configuration of the Campus Drive substation and the university's plans to replace it within two years - make attempts to squirrel-proof it impractical, he said.

"It's hard to keep them out of it," Trull said. "You know how squirrels are. They can get just about anywhere."

According to the Web site www.squirrels.org, squirrels often gnaw on tree branches to clean their teeth.

Sometimes they can't tell the difference between branches and power lines, and the confusion can end disastrously for them.

Whether Tuscaloosa squirrels are more ravenous or more suicidal than their counterparts elsewhere is unclear. But Collins argued that the university's furry friends simply suffer from a case of bad luck.

"I don't think there's anything to indicate they're any different from any other squirrels," she said. ♦

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but because the trip is part of a credit-earning curriculum, it will be fully licensed by the United States Department of Treasury, which is responsible for allowing tourists into Cuba.

The trip is open for students involved in all majors. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity. For in-state students the trip is \$2,200, \$2,300 for out-of-state students and \$2,400 for faculty, staff and guests.

The cost includes round-trip airfare, lodging, transportation, admission fees, meals, licenses, health insurance and a book on Cuban culture.

The deadline to sign up for the trip is Sept. 27. For more information, contact Morris at 898-5902 or via e-mail at rmorris@mtsu.edu. ♦

Crime Stoppers offers rewards

Staff Reports

Computer highjacked

A computer was stolen from room S137G in the Business and Aerospace Building between 6 p.m. Aug. 23 and 8 a.m. Aug. 28. The computer's serial number is 95Y85 and its MTSU ID number is 63400.

Fraternity loses armor

A suit of armor was taken from the Kappa Alpha house between 3:30 a.m. and 4:15 a.m. Aug. 25. The armor is approximately 4 feet tall, lightweight and silver.

Horse tools taken

A person or persons forcibly broke into a tool chest in the Miller Horse Coliseum stealing nearly \$2,000 worth of tools. The theft was committed sometime between 2:30 p.m. Aug. 26 and 6 a.m. Aug. 27. Tools taken were a DeWalt Hammer Drill, a Hilty Hammer Drill and a set of 4" ridged pipe cutters.

Clothing disappears

Clothing has been taken from the coach's room in the football stadium. The latest theft occurred sometime between 11 p.m. Aug. 27 and 7 a.m. Aug. 28. Two T-shirts and two pairs of blue shorts were taken. In the past months, cash and various other items of clothing have been stolen from the room.

Shorts stolen

Three pairs of MTSU basketball shorts were taken from Murphy Center laundry room. The shorts are blue with the MTSU logo on the right leg and each pair has a player's number on it. They were taken between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Aug. 29.

If you have any information about these crimes or any other crime committed at MTSU, please call Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All callers will remain anonymous and if your information leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. ♦

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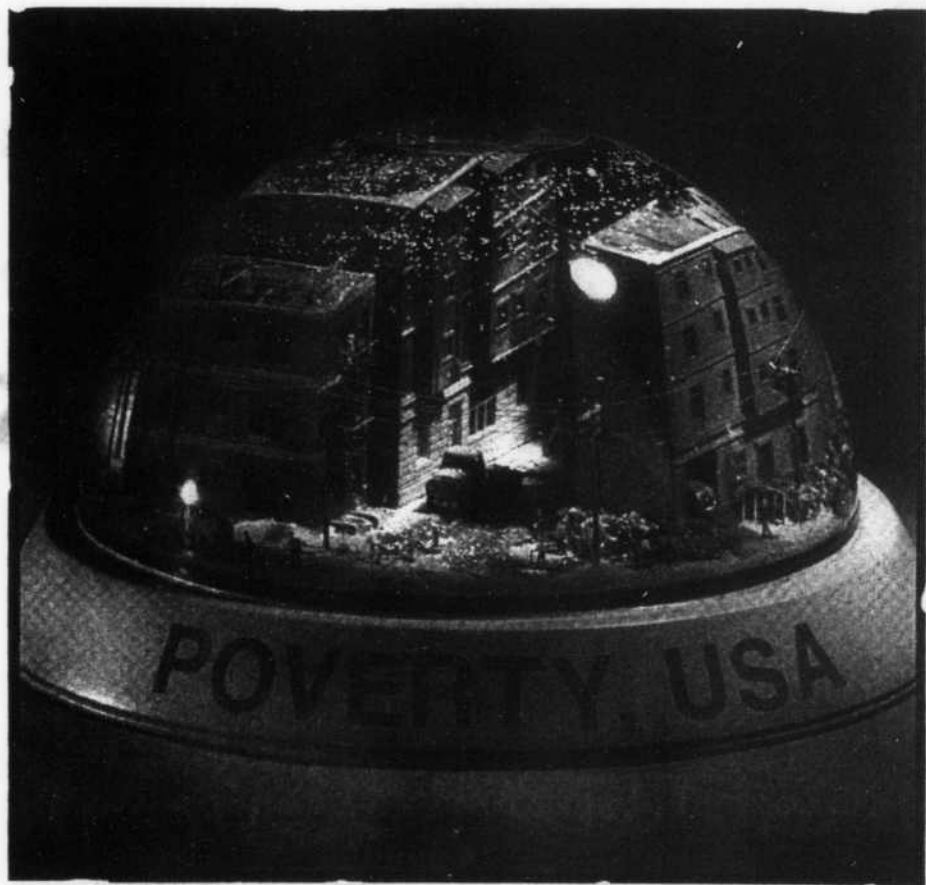
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U.S. and Russia differ over next step; U.N. inspectors huddle with Iraqis

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — As U.N. weapons inspectors moved ahead with plans to return to Iraq, the United States and Russia clashed on Tuesday over whether to take Baghdad at its word or impose a new ultimatum. "We have seen this game before," said a skeptical Colin Powell.

The secretary of state reaffirmed Washington's call for a tough anti-Iraq resolution by the U.N. Security Council, despite Iraq's sudden about-face on inspections.

But Russia's foreign minister said he saw no immediate need for new U.N. demands if the inspectors are quickly dispatched. He was backed up by Arab leaders, Moscow's traditional allies. The "logic of war" may now be replaced by "the logic of peace," said one.

The 15-member Security Council majority decided, despite a U.S. request for more time, to quickly schedule a meeting, possibly Wednesday, with chief weapons inspector Hans Blix to discuss renewed inspections. The Americans, supported by Britain and Colombia, wanted first to prepare a new resolution, diplomats said.

North Korea admits abducting Japanese, says some still alive

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — In an astonishing concession, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il admitted Tuesday that North Korean spies abducted about a dozen Japanese decades ago and said at least four were still alive.

The turnaround — after years of angry denials — opened the door for the two estranged neighbors to reopen talks to establish diplomatic ties, and could signal a change in North Korea's often hostile approach to relations with the outside world.

But the news was shattering for those who learned their sons and daughters were lost to them forever.

Kim made the revelation during a landmark summit with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi at which he

promised North Korea would continue to freeze missile-test firings and asked Tokyo to relay to the United States a willingness for dialogue, including accepting inspections of suspected nuclear weapons programs.

For his part, Koizumi expressed remorse over the suffering his nation caused the Korean people before and during World War II and promised to discuss economic aid in the normalization talks, set to start next month.

Police say Israelis may have planted bomb at Palestinian school

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Israeli police and Palestinian officials in the West Bank said they believe extremist Jewish settlers planted two bombs in a Palestinian school yard Tuesday. One device exploded, injuring five children.

Yehoshua Mor-Yosef, spokesman for the Jewish Settlers' Council, said the bombing was an "immoral and illegal act."

Israeli military officials said the explosion occurred near a water cooler in the courtyard of the Ziff junction secondary school south of Hebron. The second bomb was found and safely detonated. The Israeli military controls the junction, a remote region populated mainly by Bedouins.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' office, meanwhile, said the government had rejected a Palestinian cease-fire proposal during a meeting at United Nations headquarters in New York.

McBride wins Democratic nomination for governor in state of Florida

MIAMI (AP) — Janet Reno conceded the Democratic nomination for governor to Bill McBride on Tuesday — a full week after Florida's bungled primary — after final vote counts showed him narrowly defeating the former attorney general.

The final but still unofficial count had the Tampa lawyer and political newcomer winning by about 4,800 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast. McBride will face Republican Gov. Jeb Bush in November.

Reno conceded Tuesday afternoon. She said she told McBride "he was going to be a great governor."

"I want to do everything that I possibly can to see that he gets elected," she said.

McBride had claimed victory Thursday, two days after one of the closest elections in Florida history. Reno gained a net total of 3,400 votes in final counts released Tuesday by Miami-Dade, Broward and other counties — not enough to erase the 8,196-vote margin McBride held after last week's preliminary tally.

Tyco releases details of millions in unauthorized payments, forgiven loans

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Tyco International Ltd. on Tuesday disclosed tens of millions in unauthorized payments to dozens of employees under the company's indicted former chief executive.

The conglomerate also alleged that the former leader, Dennis Kozlowski, tried to thwart an investigation of the payments and induced former general counsel Mark Belnick to go along for the ride with a hefty, secret compensation package.

The filing Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission followed a four-month internal investigation and was the first time Tyco outlined details of a loan forgiveness program.

Eleven executives are named as among the 51 Tyco employees who — at Kozlowski's direction and without board approval — received \$56 million in bonuses that effectively canceled out loans they had taken from the company's relocation program.

The forgiveness program included not only relocation loans, but extra money to reim-

burse employees for the tax consequences of the loans.

Another \$50 million was paid to Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz, both of whom were indicted last week on charges of looting the company.

Iraqi deputy prime minister accuses U.S. of pursuing Iraq's oil

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In Iraq's first public comments since agreeing to allow the unconditional return of U.N. weapons inspectors, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz questioned whether that retreat would end the crisis.

"The issue does not end with Iraq's acceptance of the return of the inspectors," Aziz said at the opening of a "solidarity conference" in Baghdad attended by lawmakers and other delegates from around the world.

Iraqi officials, citing comments from top members of President Bush's administration, had speculated in the past that the United States would attack even if they allowed U.N. inspectors back to determine whether Iraq was stockpiling nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and the missiles to deliver them.

"The aim of the American policies is the oil in the Gulf," Aziz added in his brief remarks.

In a letter addressed Monday to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Iraq agreed to allow the unconditional return of U.N. inspectors, "to remove any doubts that Iraq still possesses weapons of mass destruction."

Two bin Laden lieutenants have stepped up to plot new attacks, U.S. says

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. counterterrorism officials have identified two key lieutenants of Osama bin Laden — including an

alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks — as the most active plotters of several al-Qaida attacks during the past year.

While many top al-Qaida leaders went into hiding after Sept. 11, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri have taken the lead in arranging new attacks with cells in the field, U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mohammed, a Sept. 11 organizer who has risen to be one of bin Laden's top planners, and al-Nashiri, al-Qaida's Persian Gulf operations chief, are among roughly two dozen key lieutenants being sought by the CIA, FBI and military in a worldwide manhunt.

While last week's capture of Ramzi Binalshibh in Pakistan may shed light on both the Sept. 11 attacks and ongoing al-Qaida plots, U.S. officials say he was not a leader but an aide to Mohammed.

Officials hope that by tracking down the leaders they can disrupt terrorist plots and the multiple cells under their command.

Gene helps restore muscle devastated by muscular dystrophy in lab mice

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crippling effects of muscular dystrophy were partially corrected in laboratory mice by the insertion of a new gene that restored to the muscles a protein lacking in victims of the fatal disease.

Researchers at the University of Washington, Seattle, fused a gene that makes a muscle chemical with a modified virus and injected the combination into the hind leg muscles of mice that have a disorder that mimics Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Within a month, the test mice had a 40 percent improvement in muscle action com-

pared to muscular dystrophy mice that received no injection, said Christiana DelloRusso, lead author of the study that appears in this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"We measured the force produced before and after the muscle is stretched and it was much better with the mice that were injected compared to the ones that weren't," DelloRusso said Monday.

Administration urges Congress to act before U.N., decries Iraqi tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration pressed Congress to take the lead in authorizing force against Iraq Wednesday after the U.S. campaign for a tough new U.N. resolution was undercut by Saddam Hussein's offer on inspections.

As the White House talked tough, United Nations weapons inspectors began planning their return to Baghdad.

"It serves no U.S. or U.N. purpose to give Saddam Hussein excuses for further delay," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asserted.

Iraq's announcement that it would accept the return of international weapons inspectors nearly four years after they left divided the Security Council.

The United States and Britain pursued a resolution to force Iraq to disarm. But Russia and France were opposed, as were Arab nations.

Rumsfeld, in testimony to the House Armed Services Committee, and President Bush, in a White House meeting with top congressional leaders, dismissed the Iraqi leader's 11th-hour overture as a stalling tactic.

"He's not going to fool anybody," Bush said. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Anti-war emotion can't be sugarcoated

The public's emotions in time of war and controversy are not elegant or pretty.

Yesterday, Sidelines ran a photo on the front page of an MTSU graduate and her protest sign at the Nashville Convention Center during a short visit by President George W. Bush.

The sign within the photo contained a seven-letter word that some people took offense to – a word that would be bleeped on most daytime (and nighttime) television and radio shows.

Sidelines made a conscious decision to publish the photo, anticipating the backlash that always occurs when controversial content is printed.

As we expected, the language police were out in full force, accusing us of having no taste and bad judgment.

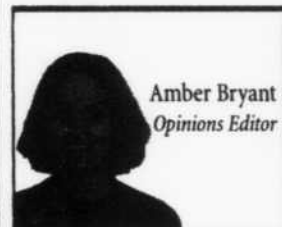
The editorial staff decided that, based on several factors, that particular photo expressed the sentiments of the anti-war protesters better than any of the other photos we took of the protest.

War and the possibility of war are not pleasant thoughts – or realities. When 300 people come together to express discontent to the president of the United States, it is serious, controversial business. Why would we sugarcoat it or pretend that those signs and sentiments weren't there and don't exist nation- and even worldwide?

Also, our reader demographic is that of the college-aged adult. We expect our readers to be intelligent, informed and capable of understanding the significance of said controversial content. We hope readers who might ordinarily be offended by colorful language can take it for its significance and understand the circumstances surrounding it.

After all, we don't plaster four-letter words all over our publication unless it's serious business. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Grotesque sculpture shouldn't be a pain



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

New Yorkers are terribly upset about a startling sculpture displayed in Rockefeller Center.

Displayed right in front of the ice skating rink, Eric Fischl's "Tumbling Woman" portrays the contorted body of a female victim of the World Trade Center attacks, just as she hits the pavement after leaping out of the building.

A Rockefeller Center security guard said he felt as if he were being dragged against his will back to the terrible day when he actually watched human beings fall from the sky.

While artists are supposed to create pieces meant to evoke strong emotional responses, Fischl leaned a little too far over the railing with this one, possibly sinking his career. At least in New York.

The sculpture is certainly a powerful artistic expression, but the timing and placement is less than tactful. Only a week ago, New Yorkers had to relive the painful anniversary on a much larger scale than the rest



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of us.

It's too soon to expect them to crave aesthetic release via twisted sculpture.

If film producers had released *Titanic* in 1913, one year after the famous ocean liner met the bottom of the Atlantic, they would've seen the fury of the masses.

The same should be expected from, well, anyone right now. Honestly, it's a little, um, harsh for even the most disturbed taste.

However, I could argue with myself that anyone who watches television nowadays knows you can still witness the equally horrifying images via media assault. The difference is, most of us expect the news to be depressing. People turn to art for emotional enlightenment and unsurpassed beauty, not to open still-healing wounds.

Fischl should quietly pull his work and sit on it until New York has had time to sufficiently heal. In 50 years or so, maybe it won't be such a smack in the face. ♦

Jesus, claw hammers and parking

Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

There's been a lot of debate about religion in the paper lately. You kids sure get your panties in a bunch about some Jesus. I haven't seen this much debate in the old *Sidelines* in a while. Mostly, you junkies just whine about parking, taxes and attendance policies. It's good to see you guys are focused on something slightly less petty.

Jesus does provide some answers to some of those petty problems you guys worry about so much. Jesus never had a parking problem. Nowhere in the

Bible does Christ say, "I had to park my camel all the way across town at the public bath; sorry I'm late." Why? Because he was better than you, and he walked everywhere.

Take note that I am also better than you and also walk to campus. You could learn a few things from Jesus and me.

Jesus never griped about attendance policies either. Of course, he, being the son of God and also God at the same time, probably claimed omnipresence.

"What do you mean I wasn't in class yesterday, rabbi? I'm everywhere."

He also knew everything, being omniscient and all, so he didn't really need to go to class. Well, you kids aren't omniscient or omnipresent, so get yo self to class.

You kids are all about some tax reform. It just so happens this is the most controversial issue of them all. A lot of theologians and biblical scholars debate this one. Some say Jesus was all about some taxes. "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, blah, blah, blah..."

Others, myself included, believe Jesus refused to pay taxes to the Romans. In fact, that's why the Romans arrested him. Romans didn't take tax evasion lightly. They would nail your bum to a cross in a heartbeat.

Speaking of nailing bums to crosses, lets talk about friendship for a moment.

Were some Romans to come and nail my ass to a cross, I would expect my friends, if I had any, to get my ass down.

That's what friends are for.

There were a dozen apostles or something, and not a one was like, "Hey, let's go get Jesus off that cross. He looks frightfully uncomfortable with those nails through his hands."

What does it take to grab a claw hammer, pull a few nails out and get a brother off a cross?

All they needed was a simple claw hammer, and they could have been heroes.

For God's sake, people, Jesus was a carpenter. They could have stopped by his house and borrowed a hammer.

I know borrowing a man's tools is a big deal, because no one ever returns them, but I don't think Jesus would have minded.

Don't you think Jesus

was like, "Psst, Peter, there's a hammer in my workshop. It's sitting on that chair I was fixing."

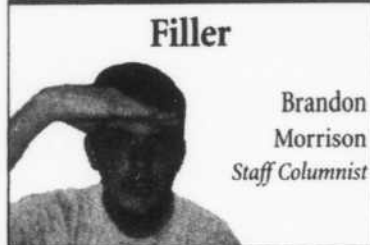
The apostles really screwed that one up. That's what Jesus meant when he said, "Forgive them Father; they know not what they do."

The King James version makes it hard to understand. In modern English that means, "Those apostles better get up here and get me down. They don't know what the hell they're doing."

They're lucky he forgave them all. If you leave my ass up on a cross to die, I'm gonna have some words for you in the next life. ♦

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Stop that reading, go watch a movie



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

A professor on campus once told me, "Movies are the new literature."

I agree. Not many people read books anymore. There was a time when the intelligent read books. Nowadays, the intelligent with lots of spare time read books, but the rest of us watch movies.

Movies can provide the intellectual fodder that people can discuss, minus the extra hours that good books usually require to read.

Both good literature and movies can teach you something about yourself. Both should be able to change your perspective on life. Movies and books can hold commentary on the world around us.

One of my favorite movies is *Pleasantville*. For the uninitiated, *Pleasantville* is a movie about two siblings who get stuck in a '50s family sitcom. The two main characters, David (Tobey Maguire) and Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon), try to adjust to their new lifestyle in *Pleasantville*.

In the movie, David and his buddies quiz each other on their knowledge about the fictional TV show, *Pleasantville*. David knows practically everything about it.

The movie reveals exactly what TV-show fanatics look like from the outside. I remember in high school when I would talk about the deep, social implications of the previous night's *Simpsons* with my friends. The only reason David's deep fanaticism is funny is because practically anyone can relate to being obsessed with a TV show, movie or musician.

Good literature and movies need to have a message in order to be effective. *Pleasantville* revolves around change. The movie tries to prove that change is inevitable

and should be embraced. In the movie, the TV characters can't recognize change or know what to do with it.

In the scene that best sums up the TV character's reaction to change, the mayor of the town goes to David's house to talk to George, David's TV father (William H. Macy), about how the town should react to the change.

"Now, I'm sure that you've noticed the same things we all have," the mayor said to George. "Certain changes in the town. You know what I mean by changes?"

"Changes..." George nodded, even though he looked completely baffled.

"Yeah, changes," the mayor stupidly smiles back.

The message about change is drilled into the viewer's head throughout the movie. In the end, everybody learns how to deal with their changed lives.

The best movies make allusions to other movies or books. *Pleasantville* has a great reference to the temptation to Adam and Eve from the Bible. It's constantly referring to great books such as *Huckleberry Finn* and *Moby Dick* and the entire movie is a great satire of family sitcoms like *Leave it to Beaver*.

Watching a movie should never replace a good book.

Books are capable of dealing with much deeper issues than any movie ever could. Movies are too limited by their time frame to really dig into any particular idea without sacrificing the plot or its characters.

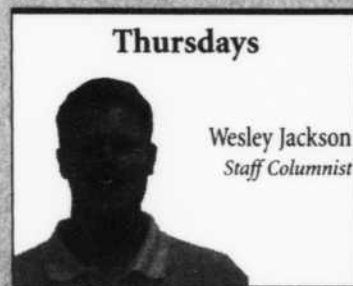
But for those of us that are stretched for time, a good movie can be just as thought provoking as any book. I recommend that you put down the paper and go grab yourself something to kick back and watch for an hour or two.

Don't worry. I promise I won't tell. ♦

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Social dance steps



Thursdays

Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

A hushed audience in a candlelit room welcomes the couple.

Wrapped in one another's arms, the pair glides across the dance floor. Their bodies move as one in an effortless flow of harmonious patterns, of tensions and releases, holds and twirls, stealing the very breath away from their audience.

Beautiful. Absolutely beautiful.

OK, maybe this isn't exactly what my physical education social dance class looks like. But we're getting there. At least, most of us.

I think some of the girls are still looking at me thinking, "Wow, he needs help." But I'm determined to persevere.

One day I'll rise above those cheesy Michael Jackson moonwalk tricks I tried as a kid.

It may be the end of the semester before I stop looking like M.C. Hammer doing the waltz, but I'll get it and be able to sweep those now suffering girls off their feet.

Thankfully, these social dance classes are held within the very bowels of Murphy Center, hidden from the eyes of the world. After months of practice within the depths of primordial dancing ooze, we'll emerge as the new kings and queens of the dance floors at MTSU.

Our instructors, Paco Ramos and Angela Armstrong (gods of the dance floor themselves), have taught us all some valuable principles.

The first lesson – you're going to sweat when you dance. Sweating is not always good. I normally don't make a habit of wearing anti-perspirant, but for this class I'm breaking out the heavy artillery. I'm going to clog every sweat-manufacturing pore on my body. I guess some women love the sweaty wet T-shirt contest guys. Most of the females I know treat sweaty guys the same way they do the dead frogs soaked in formaldehyde for their biology lab. When in doubt, I clog the pores.

The second lesson is that breath mints and cologne are

crucial. I keep myself well supplied with a tin of Altoids and a mini bottle of cologne. True, it is possible to overwhelm a woman with the sensual aromas of Ralph Lauren or Tommy to the point of offense.

But better safe than sorry. I can't remember the last time a girl told me, "Wow, I just love that natural scent on you. It kind of has that fresh just-got-out-of-bed-with-the-morning-breath smell to it. How sexy."

The third lesson I've learned from our brilliant dance instructors is that dancing is about dancing. It sure as heck isn't about marching in formation (my first mistake), and it's definitely not about standing frozen stiff in the middle of the dance floor, looking down to contemplate the intricate grooves of the hardwood paneling you're standing on (my second mistake).

I have to loosen up and go with the flow. Dance is a lot more fun this way, and (hopefully) the girl doesn't feel like she's stuck with a mannequin for a partner.

The end result of all this anxiety, hard work and awkwardness is (we hope) to produce striking dancers. Gone are the days of merely swaying to the beat while we hang on our partners in a prolonged hug because we don't know how to do anything else.

As Paco says, we'll become expert dancers in this class, impressing others and ourselves. All the rest of you who never took a social dance class will be jealous when you see us dance students at a club, tearing it up on the floor.

We'll be having fun. The rest of you will just have to sit in the smoke and shadows crying in your beer because you thought social dance class was too stupid to take as a HPER credit.

I've found social dancing one more way to take pleasure in life. Both men and women work together to make that beautiful flow of harmonious rhythms, tensions and releases, holds and twirls.

In this, the pair of dancers not only enjoy one another more, but they simultaneously steal the breath and envy of their audience. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Defense's role critical to Middle Tennessee's dominance over Kentucky

By Kentral Moore
Staff Writer

Both Middle Tennessee and the University of Kentucky have underrated defenses, but they are quickly gaining the respect they deserve.

The Blue Raider defense is proving that they are not out there to simply preserve wins while the offense puts up big numbers.

Excluding the first quarter, the Blue Raiders have outscored their opponents, the University of Alabama and No. 4 ranked University of Tennessee, 37-29.

"Yeah, they improved," said University of Kentucky head coach Guy Morriss. "They looked pretty impressive to me against Alabama. But they got better. No doubt."

The Blue Raider defense only surrendered 17 points at Neyland Stadium against Tennessee.

Junior defensive back Tony Sutton, junior free safety Will Martin and junior linebacker Randy Arnold all set personal highs in tackles two weeks ago against the Volunteers.

After establishing a new tackle mark against Alabama with nine, Arnold collected 10 tackles versus Tennessee. Martin attained double figures for the first time with 11 tackles.

Sutton, who collected seven stops, shared team defensive MVP honors with Muhammad Rashada, who intercepted UT widely publicized quarterback Casey Clausen's pass in the end zone to prevent a touchdown.

Junior free safety Michael Woods is among the 67 players named to the preliminary list for the annual Butkus Award. The award is given each year to the

nation's top linebacker. Woods currently owns the longest consecutive games started streak for MT with 13.

MT linebacker Kareem Bland will enter the UK game with four career touchdowns. His scores have come on two interceptions, a fumbled punt and a fumble recovery. The senior also owns two blocked kicks. His big play ability will come in handy against Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders are 14-0 under head coach Andy McCollum when leading at the half and are 15-0 when leading a game entering the fourth

quarter.

Kentucky's defense only yielded 51 points over three games while their offense put up 126 points against the

University of Louisville, the University of Texas-El Paso and the University of Indiana.

Despite the loss of last year's starting ends, Chris Demaree and Southeastern Conference sack leader Dennis Johnson, the Wildcats appear to have a good pair of replacements.

Senior defensive end Otis Grigsby has three years of experience and has totaled 7.5 quarterback sacks during his career.

At the other end will be sophomore Vincent Burns, who is now eligible after transferring from Division I-AA school Northern Arizona University.

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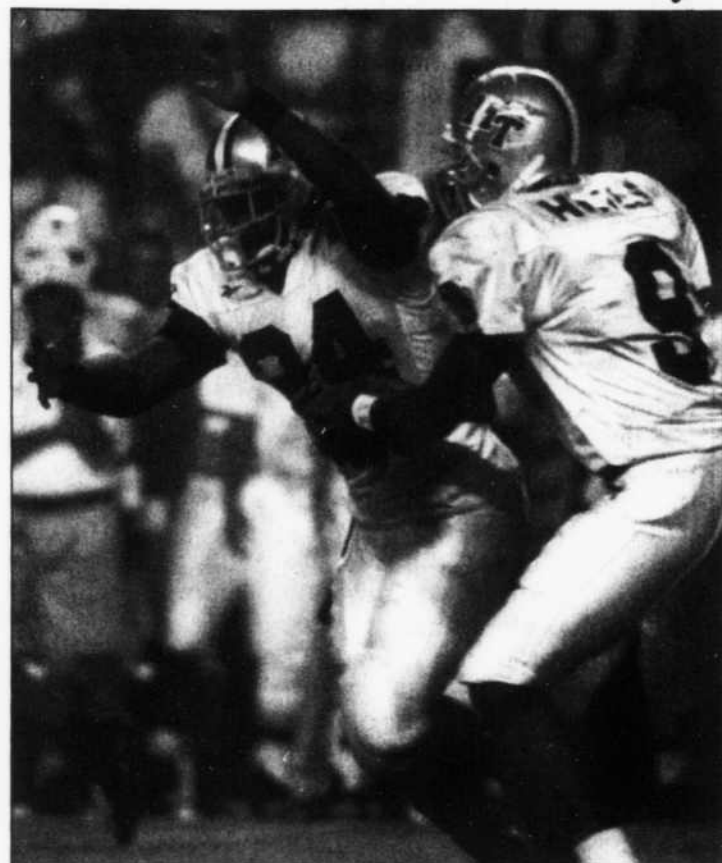


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Reshard Lee takes the hand-off from Andrico Hines.

Club gets all cultures

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

Soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world and Middle Tennessee's men's club soccer team is representative of that fact.

"We have as many of international players as we ever had before," Dobay said.

The different cultures have translated into bonds of friendship within the team.

"It carries over off the field when they do things together," Dobay said.

Most people might think that communication between the players and coach is hard at times. However, that is not the most difficult part of coaching international players. The hardest part is creating a coherent style of play from so many different cultures.

"Most of the players started at a younger age, so it's a bigger challenge to teach them a different style," Dobay said. "It has worked out well."

The soccer team is one of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association.

Unlike the women's soccer team, the men's team is not part of the NCAA,



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

David Garcia tries to keep the soccer ball away from Matt Richmond.

but does play in competitions all over the country. The team is part of the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League, which includes members from the Southeastern Conference and the Ohio Valley Conference.

In the SCSL, MT is in the northern division with the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University,

Murray State University and Tennessee Tech University. Their season is six games long during the fall.

At the end of the season they compete in the SCSL Championships and the NIRSA championships. During the spring and summer, the team enters into non-conference games or tournaments across the country.

This past weekend MT opened the season with a 3-0 loss to UTK. Besides the UTK game, MT played three pre-season games to prepare for the season.

"We are still putting ourselves together and getting better," said head coach Jeff Dobay.

Last season, the team had a record of 3-2-1 in the fall regular season. In the SCSL championships in Tupelo, Miss., the team finished with a 0-2-1 record. In their appearance at the NIRSA championships at Tuscaloosa, Ala., the club completed the tournament with a 1-3-0 record.

The club also participated in off-season tournaments like the 9th annual Elvis Memorial Soccer Tournament in Tupelo, Miss., last month.

Any soccer players are eligible to join. The club uses many different ways to get new players to join the club.

"We go out during Customs, and we have a table at Customs to advertise the club," Dobay said.

The soccer club has current players spreading the message about the MT men's soccer by word of mouth. The interested players are invited to come to one of their practice sessions.

"We mix them in with the group," Dobay said.

The players are then given a chance to see if they want to become a member of the club.

One of the objectives of this team is to improve the soccer skills of players. It is also an opportunity for players to compete at the college level.

Some of the team goals include finishing first in their conference of the SCSL. Another is to become a part of

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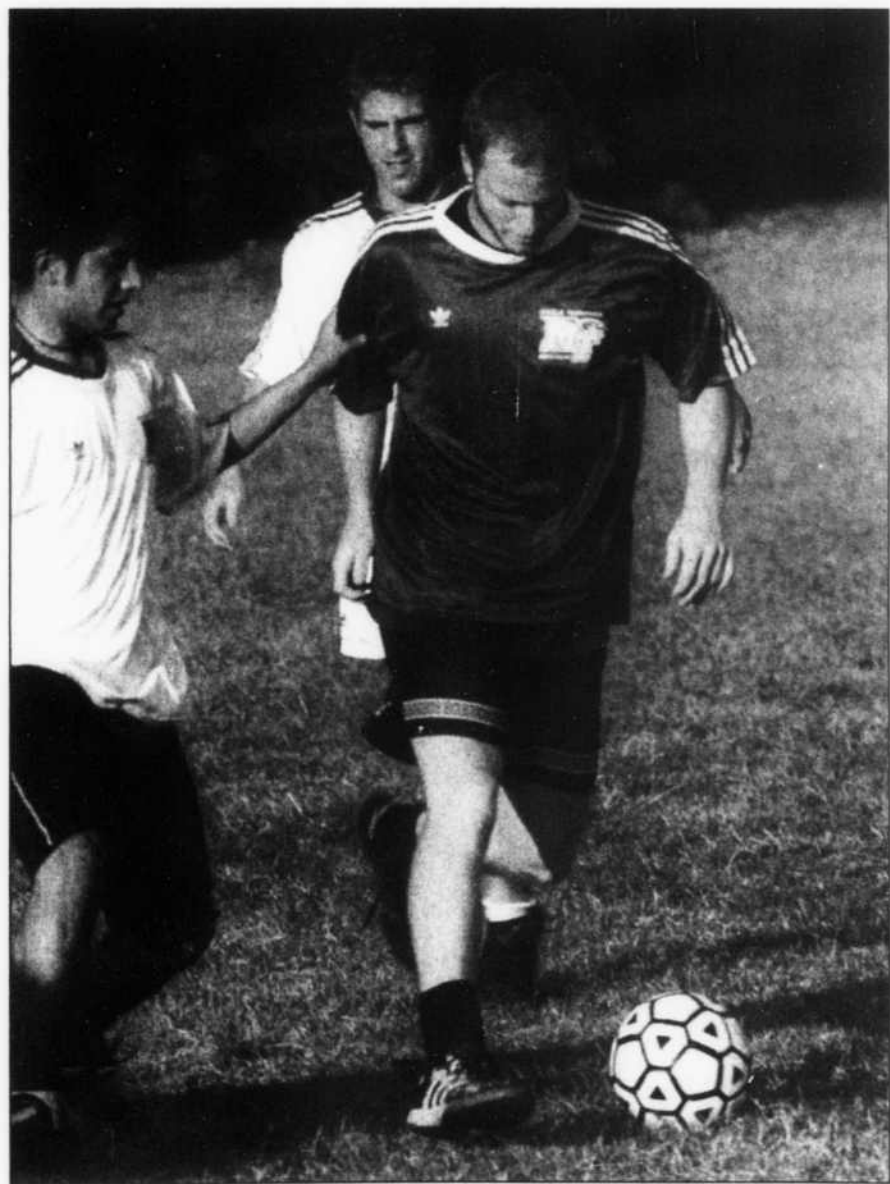


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Daniel Imana tries to contain fellow teammate Brett Craig while another player watches on in case he must pick him up.

Golf teams have successful weekend

By Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Writer

With their early progress in the fall 2002 season, the Blue and Lady Raider golf teams have had successful runs.

Middle Tennessee recently returned from Hattiesburg, Miss., after opening their fall 2002 season in the Cellular One Golf Classic at the Canebrake Golf Club.

After two rounds of golf Sept. 9, the Blue Raiders were tied for eighth place with a 590 (300-290). During the first day of competition, senior Patrick Williams was very impressive. Williams was tied for 14th overall on Monday, with a two-round total of 144 and shooting a 69 during the second round.

Charlie Gibson was four over par on the day shooting a 146, which put him in a tie for 22nd place.

Sept. 10 was the last day of competition.

MT improved on the final day; the Blue Raiders shot a 289 to remain in eighth place out of 17 teams.

"We played a lot better today," said head coach Johnny Moore. "It could have been a lot better round, but we stumbled a little down the stretch. For the first tournament of the year, however, I was pretty pleased with what I saw out there this week."

The Blue Raiders had a three-round total of 879 (300-290-289) at the Canebrake Golf Club course.

Individually, members of the team also had strong play during the final day. Williams was one over par shooting a 73 and finishing with an aggregate of 216. He also attained his ranking of 14th overall.

Charlie Gibson tied for 18th with a 218, Carter Henderson shot a 223 to tie for 38th, and Blake Bivens tied for 57th with 228 and in his first competition as a Blue Raider, Josh Nelms tied for 61st with a 229.

The MT women's golf team left the Memphis Intercollegiate Tournament fulfilling head coach Rachel Moore's team goal of earning top five finishes for every tournament.

"We played by far our best tournament of our entire existence," Moore said. "Our lowest round last year was 309 and we shot 300 and 304 at this tournament, so we've really come a long way and improved our stroke averages as far as team by a great deal."

In the final round on Tuesday, the University of Memphis women's golf team had a comfortable lead over the entire field of teams with a two round score of 589. The University of New Orleans was

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Moosemen hit the road



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

James Lax pitches a ball to a teammate at practice. The Moosemen compete in Kentucky this weekend.

Sports Briefs

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Ewing retires without ring

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing retired from the NBA, ending the 17-year career of one of the league's greatest centers but leaving him short of his repeated promise to win a championship.

Ewing, an 11-time All-Star who was chosen as one of the 50 best players in league history, spent 15 years with the New York Knicks, averaging 22.8 points and 10.4 rebounds. He was traded to Seattle before the 2000 season and then signed as a free agent with Orlando.

The 40-year-old center finishes his NBA career with 24,815 points and 11,606 rebounds.

Iverson cleared of charges

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson was cleared of the remaining two misdemeanor charges against him, five days after prosecutors said they wanted to dismiss the case.

The NBA All-Star was charged in July with barging into an apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife. All but two of the charges were dismissed in July after Iverson's two accusers couldn't agree on whether he had displayed a weapon.

Cleaves fails Cav's physical

CLEVELAND (AP) — A week after trading for Mateen Cleaves, the Cleveland Cavaliers sent the point guard back to Sacramento after he failed his physical.

Still hoping to shore up their backcourt, the Cavs traded a future second-round draft pick to the Phoenix Suns for guard Milt Palacio.

Pierce stabbing trial begins

BOSTON (AP) — The trial of three men accused of stabbing Boston Celtics star Paul Pierce opened with lawyers contending the suspects were wrongly identified in the nightclub fight two years ago.

Pierce was stabbed nearly a dozen times, leaving him with a collapsed lung.

Woman qualifies for PGA

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Suzy Whaley became the first woman to qualify for a PGA Tour event, earning an exemption to next year's Greater Hartford Open by winning a PGA Section Championship.

Whaley, also the first woman to win a Section Championship, shot a 1-under-par 71 to finish at 5-under 211 after shooting

68-72-71 at the Ellington Ridge Country Club to win the Connecticut Section title.

Police try to locate Dele

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — Investigators wearing masks searched the boat of former NBA player Bison Dele after authorities on this South Pacific island opened a murder investigation into his disappearance.

Olympic profits dispersed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Winter Olympics made \$100 million, and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee is meeting to decide on how to spend the profits.

The Utah Athletic Foundation stands to become the biggest beneficiary of the Olympic profits. The foundation was guaranteed at least \$40 million from the games to run the Kearns speedskating oval and the Utah Olympic Park.

Cabrera to break record

TOKYO (AP) — Former Arizona Diamondback Alex Cabrera hit his 52nd homer for the Seibu Lions, leaving him just three shy of tying the Japanese single-season record.

San Fran voice to retire

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lou Simmons, the 79-year-old with the deep bass voice who has called baseball games in the San Francisco Bay area for the past four decades, is telling the game goodbye after the season.

NFL's Unitas remembered

BALTIMORE (AP) — With the wail of bagpipes filling the cathedral and his coffin covered in white lilies and roses, Johnny Unitas was remembered as "the greatest," a quarterback who made the impossible possible.

Before more than 2,000 relatives, fans and friends, the Hall of Famer was honored as a leader who forever changed the NFL and made everyone around him better.

Unitas died Wednesday of a heart attack at 69.

Anderson to replace Brien

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Viking reached terms with Gary Anderson two days after kicker Doug Brien missed two extra points and a field goal in an overtime loss to Buffalo.

Brien will remain with the Vikings to handle kickoffs and long field goals.

Anderson, 43, is the NFL's oldest active player, in his 21st season, and is the league's leading scorer with 2,133 career points.

NCAA rejects Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The NCAA rejected Alabama's request that it ease sanctions against the football program.

Alabama sought restoration of six scholarships and its bowl eligibility but the appeals committee upheld all the penalties imposed after the program was cited for illegal recruiting by boosters and other infractions.

Mathis told to see shrink

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Clint Mathis' on-field behavior has become so worrisome that coach Octavio Zambrano has told the forward to see a psychologist.

Mathis and Zambrano discussed the situation after the U.S. national team forward was ejected in the MetroStars' 2-1 loss to DC United.

Drake advances at Bell

QUEBEC (AP) — Toronto's Maureen Drake advanced to the Bell Challenge second round with a 6-4, 7-5 win over No. 4

seed Anne Kremer of Luxembourg.

Kentucky still under ban

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — An NCAA infractions appeals committee upheld a one-year post-season ban placed on Kentucky's football program.

The ban was one of several sanctions levied against the school in January after internal and NCAA investigations unearthed dozens of recruiting violations.

Kentucky's next game is against Middle Tennessee State University in Lexington, Ky.

Triple-A leaves Red Wings

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Ending the longest Triple-A affiliation in baseball, the Rochester Red Wings ended 42 years with the Baltimore Orioles and signed a two-year agreement to become the top farm team of the Minnesota Twins.

Thompson to miss season

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Brewers center fielder Ryan Thompson tore a tendon in his right hamstring and will miss the rest of the season. ♦

UL-Monroe's coach calls it quits before SBC opener

By Colleen Cox
Contributor

University of Louisiana-Monroe head coach Bobby Keasler resigned yesterday, just three days before his team's first Sun Belt game.

"This is not a spur of the moment decision on my part," Keasler told the media at a press conference yesterday. "It was a decision that my wife and I made. There was no pressure from anyone at the university."

ULM started off the season 0-3 after finishing just 2-9 last season.

"This decision has affected me and my family for quite a while, all the way back to last year," Keasler said. "I have discussed it with Linda and my kids, and they are all in agreement that this is what I need to do and those are the people that are most important to me."

"For 30 years we have been very fortunate to have a lot of

success in our lives in athletics. The last three years have not been very successful. I'm disappointed about that and I wish I could change that but I can't. Maybe me stepping down will bring new life to the football program, I hope so."

Assistant head coach Mike Collins will take over the reigns for ULM against Arkansas Little-Rock Saturday. Collins has served as an assistant at ULM for four years and also played there during his collegiate career.

His first game will definitely be a challenge as SBC action kicks off, but Athletics Director Bruce Hanks has full confidence in his new coach's ability.

"Coach Keasler had a great deal of confidence in Mike Collins and so do I," Hanks said. "He certainly has a challenge ahead of him, in light of this change at this time of the season. But if there's one thing that Mike Collins has shown me, it is

his ability to handle a challenge."

ASU hasn't started the season much better than ULM has, getting off to a 1-3 start. The Indians lost 63-7 to Virginia Tech in the first week then lost to San Jose State 33-14 in week two. ASU pulled out a 21-19 win against Tulsa in week three before losing to Illinois last week.

Some bright signs for ASU are that it did not allow a sack or commit a turnover against Illinois. The Indians attack mostly through the air but also can gain yards on the ground. Quarterback Elliot James has thrown for 526 yards this season on 40-for-82 passing. He has thrown just two interceptions.

ASU's leading receiver, Mike Cox, has caught 17 passes for 313 yards and one touchdown. The ground attack is led by running back Antonio Warren. He has rushed 53 times for 232 yards and has scored two touch-

downs.

The two teams have played in both the Sun Belt Conference and the Southland Conference. ASU leads the series 12-11. However, ULM won last season 16-7. This matchup could determine who the last two teams are in the SBC.

ULM's offense hasn't gotten off to a great start with either the run or the pass. Running back Bryant Jacobs has just 161 yards on 48 carries.

Quarterback Steven Jyles has completed only 12 of his 41 passes for 294 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receiver Mack Vincent has caught 16 passes for 279 yards.

Louisiana-Monroe hasn't scored more than 17 points in any game this season. Collins has been a defensive coordinator and is more of a defensive specialist. That doesn't bode well for an offense that can't put points on the board. ♦

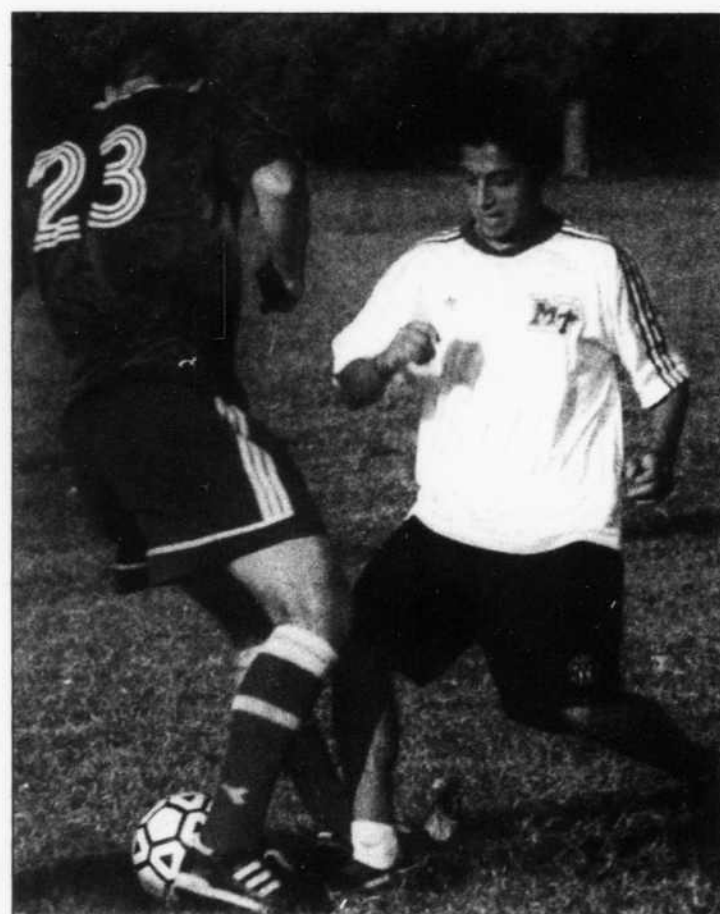


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Daniel Imana tries to take possession from Dan Hubel.

Soccer: Club team takes part in various tournaments

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the final four at the SCSL championship tournament. The final goal of the team is to go to the quarterfinals at the NIRSA national tournament.

Currently, the club is conducting their practices and games at Hobgood School. However, a combination rugby and soccer game field is being built near the Recreation Center on campus.

The next game for the soccer club will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. against Georgia Southern University. MT will also play TTU, MSU and Vanderbilt, and close the season at the University of Southern Mississippi.

This year's SCSL Championship Tournament will be held Nov. 1-3. The 2002 NIRSA national championship will take place in Bakersfield, Calif., Nov. 20-23. ♦

Lansden hired to increase funding among MT sports

By Kentral Moore
Staff Writer

MT Athletic Director Boots Donnelly recently hired Bill Lansden as marketing and fund-raising director in response to the threatened decrease in funding proposed by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission last spring.

THEC made a proposal to take away the funding for athletics, but in August they decided not to go ahead with that proposal. Instead, THEC said that, by the year 2007, all the schools under the Tennessee Board of Regents must be self-sufficient.

These schools include MT, Austin Peay State University and the University of Memphis. The new plan will not affect the University of Tennessee system, which is governed by a different board.

"What MT must do is generate more revenue between now and 2007," Lansden said.

One way MT is trying to generate more revenue is through the Blue Raider Athletic Association, a group of people who donate money to Blue Raider Athletics.

There are up to 1,000 members and Lansden knows that they must increase the membership and the amount of money donated.

Last year BRAA raised \$540,000 and their goal is to get to \$1 million this year. The money goes toward scholarships for student athletes.

In order for BRAA to attain their desired fund-raising amount, Lansden said he feels the group must create a sales-

man mentality.

"For instance, at certain universities such as Alabama, Kentucky and Vanderbilt, their donors know you have to join at a certain level if you want to buy football tickets," he said.

The priority seating that this would entail is currently not available at MT, but Lansden is working to change that.

MT must continue to win and be successful, and create an atmosphere where people know that in order to get good seats they have to buy season tickets, Lansden said. One way in which to do this is by drawing in larger crowds.

Last year the Blue Raiders

averaged approximately 17,000 fans. This year MT is expecting more than 20,000. MTSU is also expecting the student participation to increase dramatically.

"Around 2,700 MT students attended each home game last year," Lansden said. "I expect 3,500 to 4,000 this year."

Lansden said he feels that students are important to the success of MT football because if they have a good time when they graduate, many of them as alumni will be more inclined to purchase season tickets. ♦

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Football: McCollum looking for first win

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Burns played for Northern Arizona as a freshman and was a high-intensity performer last year in practice.

The defensive tackle positions loom as a plus for the Wildcat defense, with four experienced returnees. Dewayne Robertson was a star coming into his own as a freshman, then he tried to play with a series of injuries last season. He returned to full speed during spring practice and was a

dominant force.

"I think the thing that's helped Dewayne is the fact that Jeremy has been playing really well," Morris said. "Jeremy saw more double-teams from Indiana than he did in the previous two games. That freed up Dewayne a little bit for some one-on-one situations and he spent a lot of time in Indiana's backfield."

"He had good pressure up the field and was disrupting plays from time to time," Morris continued. "His overall produc-

tion was better because he didn't have two people blocking him all night long."

"We know that we know that we can't afford to do that," said Kentucky corner back Leonard Burrell said about looking past MT and forward to the the University of Florida game. "We'll be ready to play against them and that's the only thing we can focus on right now."

Kick off for the game will be at UK at 1:30 p.m. ♦



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MT's offensive coordinator Steve Campbell (left) talks to one of his players.

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Dwone Hicks (above) will be expected to put up big numbers if MT is to defeat their second Southeastern Conference foe. Last year, Vanderbilt fell to MT for the first one.

Golf: Women's team reaches head coach's tournament goal

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in second with a score of 614 and MT was in third shooting a 615.

"My goal for the girls was to finish in second place," Moore said. "New Orleans was one stroke ahead of us, and they had beat us pretty much all last season, and the girls were really wanting to beat the New Orleans team."

Despite the rain, the women's team still had a burning desire to play.

"They were like, 'They better not call this tournament off, because we want to play,'" Moore said. "They were dead set on getting second, so we just went in there and took advantage of the situation."

Three of the Lady Raiders finished in the top 15.

Tamara Munsch shot one-

under-par in the first round and finished seventh with a 225, Kristin Lynch finished in eighth place with a 226 and Amanda Harter was tied for 11th with a 230.

The final team score was Memphis 297-292-307-896, MT 300-315-304-919 and New Orleans 315-299-308-922.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls played," Moore said. "They really got out there

and were set on playing well, and they were focused and dedicated to getting the job done on that last day."

Their next tournament is the Louisville Invitational in Louisville, Ky., Monday and Tuesday.

The Blue Raiders will return to the greens Monday and Tuesday for the University Louisiana-Monroe/Fred Marx Intercollegiate in Monroe, La. ♦

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Sun Belt Conference Overview – Football

2002 Sun Belt Conference Football Standings

	W-L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp	H	A	N	Streak
North Texas	1-2	.333	30	60	1-0	0-2	0-0	L1
Arkansas State	1-3	.250	49	174	1-0	0-2	0-1	L1
New Mexico State	0-2	.000	37	68	0-0	0-2	0-0	L3
Middle Tennessee	0-2	.000	37	65	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2
Idaho	0-3	.000	56	145	0-0	0-3	0-0	L5
UL Lafayette	0-3	.000	35	102	0-1	0-2	0-0	L6
UL Monroe	0-3	.000	22	123	0-1	0-2	0-0	L4

North Texas Mean Green

Wide receiver George Marshall has now caught at least one pass in 14 consecutive games. Jonas Buckles intercepted his second pass of the season and the eighth of his career.

Don McGee intercepted his first pass of the season and the eighth of his career. Freshman QB Andrew Smith completed more passes in the first half (7) than he had completed in the previous two games combined (5).

North Texas allowed its first sack of the season when Smith was dropped for a seven-yard loss in the second quarter. Marshall has now attempted two passes in his career and completed both. It was also Galbreth's longest reception of his career and covered more yards than he had received during the entire 2001 season.

The 3-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter was Andrew Smith's first career touchdown pass and George Marshall's first of the season. It was also the first passing touchdown of the season for North Texas.

North Texas converted more third downs (4) in the first half than it did in either of its previous two games. George Marshall's six receptions is a career high.

The 47-yard rush by Alabama's Ray Hudson was the longest

allowed by the Mean Green this season.

Arkansas State Indians

James Hickenbotham needs just 25 yards receiving to reach 1,000 yards for his career. The Indians did

not allow a sack against Illinois, the first time this season, and also did not commit a turnover. Mike Cox and James Hickenbotham are each averaging over 17 yards per carry. No other receiving duo in school history has combined to do that for an entire season.

The Indian defense has registered at least one sack in every game played this season. The 63-yards rushing by Danny Smith

against Illinois marks his ASU career-high. Illinois had 600 yards of total offense against the Indians, more than the previous two opponents combined and the most since Louisiana

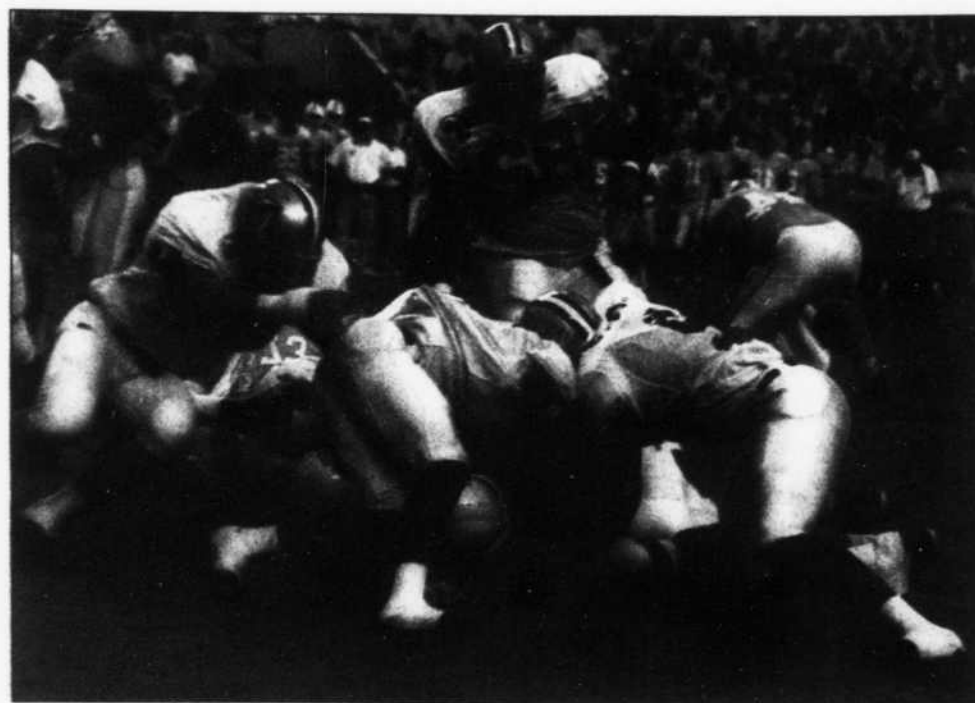


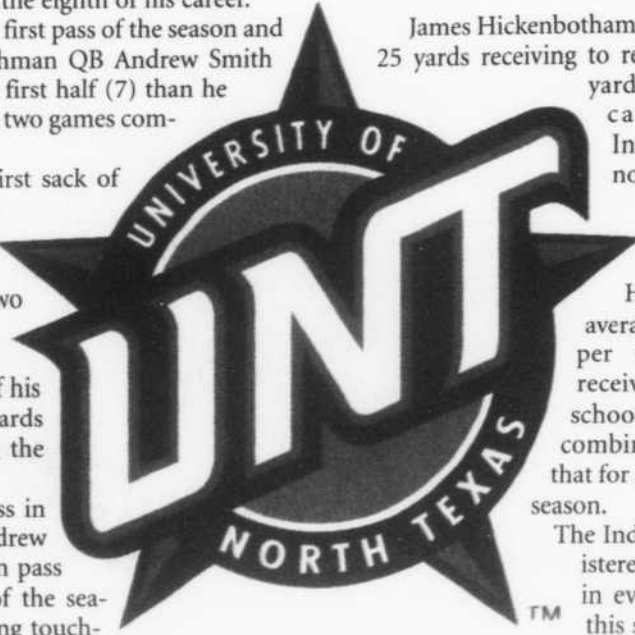
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Middle Tennessee takes on another Southeastern Conference team this week.

Tech ran up 730 against the Indians in 1998. ASU has registered over 300 yards of total offense in each of the last three games. In contrast, ASU had six such games last season, but did not manage to string together three consecutive games with over 300 yards of offense. The Indians are being outscored 80-14 in the first and fourth quarters so far this season.

In order to get tickets to next Saturday's game against Southeast Missouri, arrive at either Gate III or IV with your Student ID. Every MT student gets

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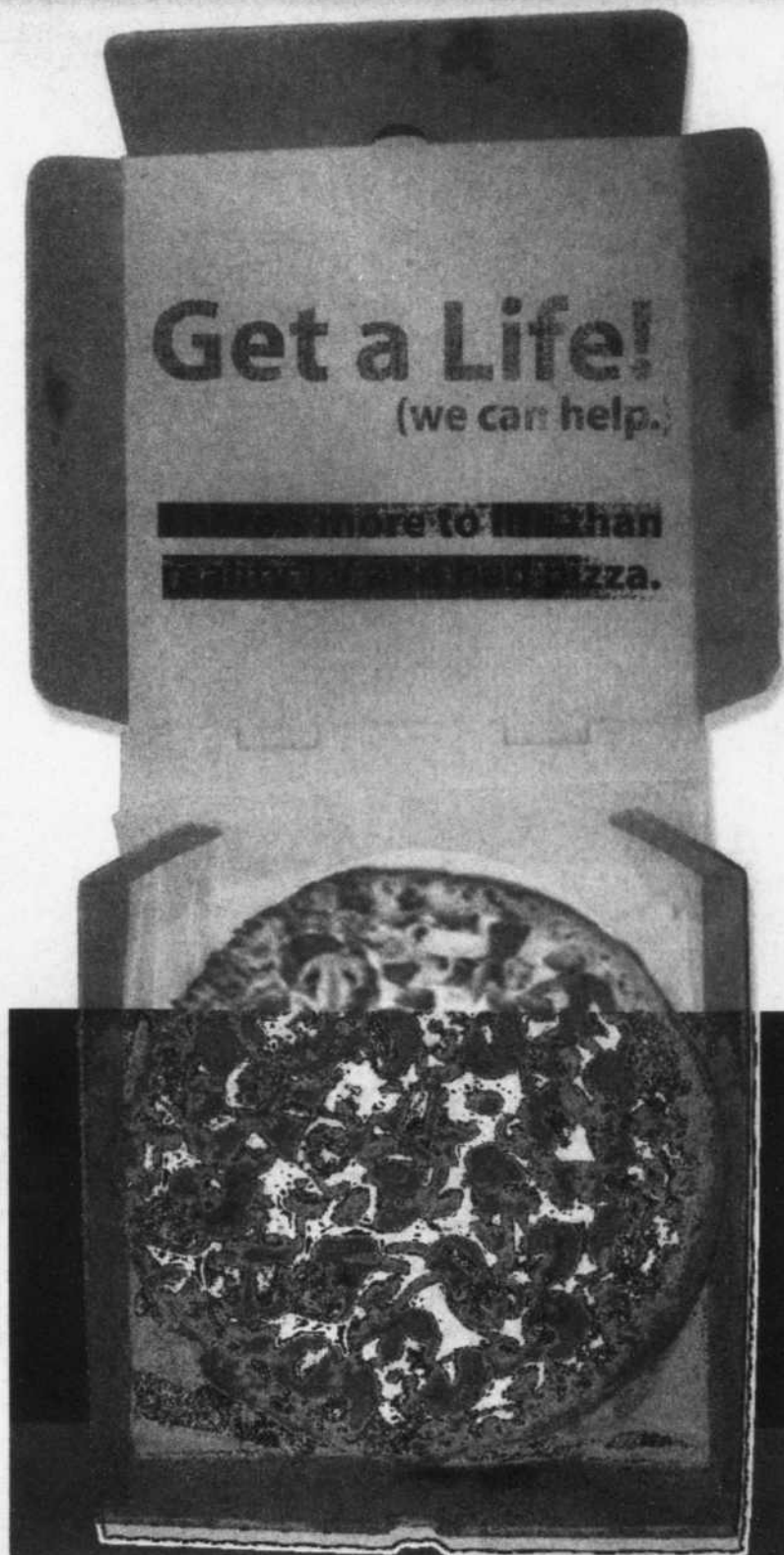
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