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### Campus Briefs

#### Discovery Institute begins activities

MTSU's Summer Discovery Institute will be taking place on campus this week. The program, titled "In Flight," is designed to provide black teenagers attending college with experience in the aerospace industry. Activities for the week include a trip to the Marshall Flight Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., and a rocket launch project.

For more information, contact Paul Craig, aerospace chair, at 898-2788.

#### Fall 2003 admissions deadline set for July 1

The deadline for new and re-enrolling student applications for the fall 2003 semester is July 1.

Mailed applications should be postmarked on or by July 1. Hand-delivered and online applications should be received by 4:30 p.m. on July 1. These applications should be sent to the admissions office, located in Room 208 of the Cope Administration Building.

Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list and will be able to apply for another semester.

MTSU began using earlier application deadlines in the fall 2002 semester due to an increase in enrollment.

For more information, contact the admissions office at 898-2111.

#### Volunteer Girls State on campus this week

MTSU is hosting the American Legion Auxiliary's 57th session of Volunteer Girls State throughout the week.

More than 500 young women from Tennessee high schools will be participating in the program, which is designed to create strong leaders and citizens. To support this year's theme, "Citizenship in Action," delegates will donate items to Tennessee's Veterans Affairs hospitals.

For more information, contact VGS media coordinator Kathy Hendrickson at 898-4110.

#### Seven straight weeks of Customs beginning

MTSU's orientation program for new students, Customs, begins a seven-week run on June 9. Freshmen participate in one of nine two-day sessions and transfer students in one of three one-day sessions. The program is optional for new students and their families. This summer, about 4,500 students are estimated to attend.

For more information, contact the Customs office at 898-5533.

#### Horse show to be held in new facility

The Tennessee Miller Coliseum will host the Division II 4-H horse show. The show will be held from June 5 to June 7.

For more information, contact the facility at 494-8961.

## Robbery suspects remain at large

### MTSU Public Safety releases composites of two suspects

By Mealand Ragland  
Staff Writer

MTSU Public Safety released composites of the two men responsible for the April 28 robbery of a student in a Cummings Hall dorm room.

According to Lt. Darrell

Collins, no new leads have been reported.

"We secured the videotapes as soon as we got to the building, only to find out they cut themselves off at about 2:30 in the afternoon," he said.

According to the victim, two black men in their 20s

forced their way into his dorm room. One suspect was armed with two handguns, and the other had a pistol.

After gaining entry, the victim was bound to a chair using duct tape. At that time, the suspects proceeded to steal the victim's personal property, including his computer and the keys to his 2002 black Honda Civic. The lieutenant claims there are no similarities to this robbery and the ones that took place

earlier in the spring semester.

For now, Collins and his staff are trying to solve the case and have been re-interviewing students who were in the building at the time.

"No one in this office wants to solve it as much as I do," Collins said.

Collins said the department has also been in contact with Nashville and Murfreesboro police, using

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Photos courtesy of MTSU Public Safety  
Police have released sketches of suspects from the April 28 robbery of a student in Cummings Hall.

## Record class graduates

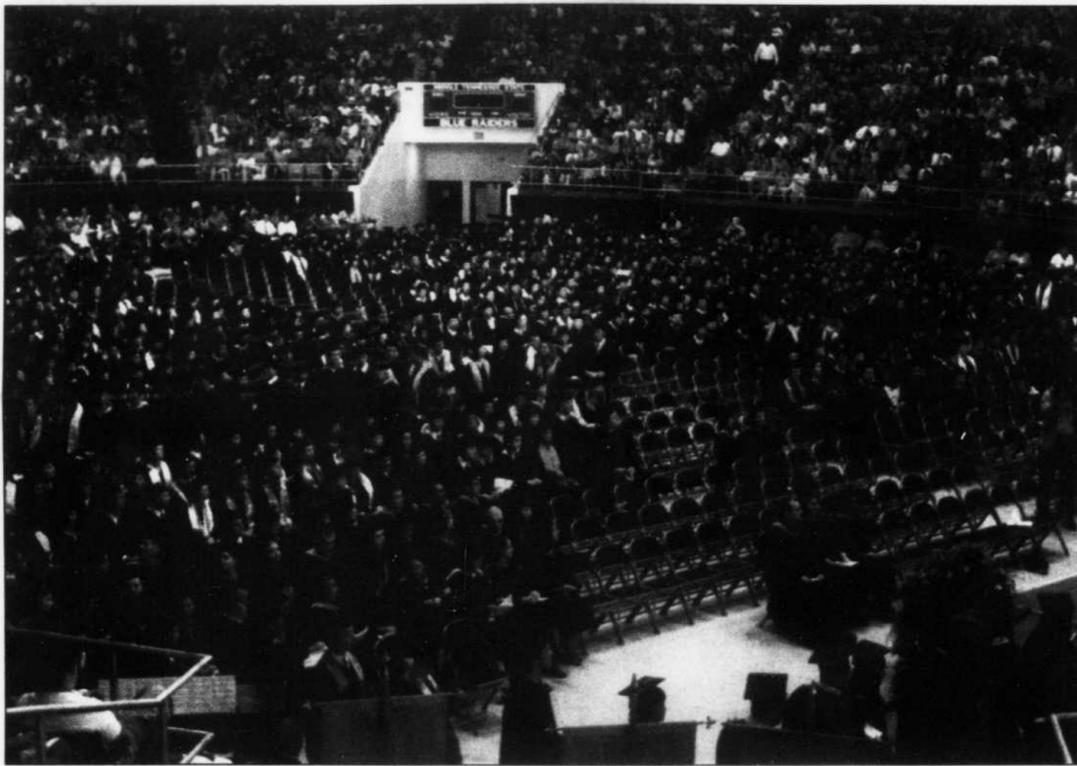


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At MTSU's May 10 spring commencement ceremony held in the Murphy Center, a record class of more than 1,550 degree candidates graduated from the university. Approximately 1,300 undergraduates and 250 graduates received degrees. During the ceremony, Beverly Renee Lewis received MTSU's first doctor of philosophy degree. Lewis, an instructor in the speech and theatre department, received her doctorate in English.

## MTSU adopts academic plan

By Tiffani Fahit  
Staff Writer

With the growth of the MTSU campus and the increase in student population, the Academic Master Plan has been revised to adopt to these changes.

"[The Academic Master Plan] is a road map that provides direction for the university where we want to be in the next five to 10 years," said President Sidney McPhee.

For students, the plan emphasizes changes in undergraduate programs, masters programs and doctoral programs that will rival those of other universities and will reflect a sense of academic prestige at MTSU.

Specifically, there are plans to convert the doctor of arts degrees to doctor of philosophy programs. These changes will improve the value of these programs to students and graduates.

The Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission are reviewing approval for other degree programs.

These include master of arts in political science, master of fine arts in recording arts and technology, master of arts in foreign languages and literatures, master of science in nursing and master of science in physical education, recreation and health.

New programs in biotechnology and computer and electronic applications are also underway.

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## King-Meadows selected as Fulbright Fellow

By Julia Reynolds  
Staff Writer



King-Meadows

Tyson King-Meadows, MTSU assistant professor of political science, received the Fulbright Fellowship Award to teach and do research at the University of Ghana in Legon, Ghana.

King-Meadows is the second member of the MTSU political science department to win the prestigious award.

King-Meadows will leave MTSU after the summer 2003 semester to begin work in Ghana, where he plans to teach classes in American politics and conduct research for a book about Ghanaian democracy.

King-Meadows has a long-standing interest in Ghana, which only recently adopted a democratic system of govern-

ment.

He visited the tiny west-African nation in 2001, just one year after democracy was instituted with the peaceful removal of military dictator Jerry Rawlings.

The working title of King-Meadows' book is *Political Sankofa: A Study of the Ghanaian Electorate*. "Sankofa" is a traditional Ghanaian concept that means attaining wisdom by learning from the past.

King-Meadows came to MTSU in 1999, winning the job of assistant professor over a field of approximately 40 other applicants.

"I wanted to come to MTSU because I was impressed by Dr. John Vile's vision of improving diversity not only in the student body, but in the faculty and curriculum, as well," King-Meadows said.

Toward this goal of improving diversity, King-Meadows established the African-American Politics course as a permanent addition to the MTSU political science

department catalog.

During his time at MTSU, King-Meadows also taught Afro-American Studies Since 1865, Afro-American Studies Before 1865 and Introduction to American Government.

King-Meadows also serves as the campus representative for the Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Professional Program.

This program provides opportunities for black students interested in careers in law and medicine to take classes on campus after their freshman and sophomore years and to attend special off-campus classes after their junior and senior years.

"He's done a stellar job, and we hate to see him leave. A number of students have taken the time to write me notes praising his classes," Vile said, adding that this is especially unusual given the rigorous

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## New iTunes offer music downloads for cheap prices

By Melissa Smith  
Staff Writer

Apple's iTunes offer students "the tools to do the right thing," said Lucas Leverett, Apple campus representative and MTSU student, but doing the right thing is not always a high priority.

The innovative iTunes, released late April, offer users a legal, inexpensive alternative to downloadable music collections.

Once inside this online

music store, individuals download songs at 99 cents each to enjoy with their iPods, burn unlimited CDs, and play on up to three computers. Apple seeks to "keep it fair to the artist, the record company, and the customer," Leverett said.

"It came as no surprise to me that they would come out with a program such as this," said Jason Polhemus, MTSU recording industry student.

Many recording industry

students liked the concept of Apple's music revolution but believed it did not go far enough.

"As cheap as it is, it cannot compete with free," Polhemus said.

Andrew Good, MTSU recording industry major, echoed the same tune.

"Paying a dollar for a song that sounds a little bit better than a free MP3 isn't worth it in my mind."

Industry professionals and

experts, on the other hand, like what Apple has offered. Paul Fischer, MTSU recording industry professor, reacted "pretty favorably."

"It makes perfect sense," said Geoff Hull, recording industry professor.

Loren Mulraine, recording industry assistant professor, agreed.

"This could potentially be the most lucrative move that Apple computer has ever made," Mulraine said.

Apple's approach has not

changed the minds of Internet users who have access to free programs.

"Apple music is a step in the right direction; a response to fundamental changes in the market conditions that the major record companies are just beginning to acknowledge," Fischer said. "It is not a solution to the problem of illegal downloads."

"Most of those who are active downloaders indicated

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## Crime: Students and faculty vital to investigation's success

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their resources.

"We're trying to figure out how something like this happened," Collins said.

According to Collins, related incidents occurred at East Tennessee State University and in Fort Campbell, Ky. The only similarities in those cases included two black males and duct tape. When MTSU police received the arrest photos, there was no likeness to the individuals arrested in the Fort Campbell incident and those responsible for the Cummings robbery.

A light-skinned black male, about 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall and weighing about 170 pounds. He was reported to be

wearing sunglasses, a baseball cap and a basketball jersey at the time of the incident.

The second suspect, a dark-skinned black male, was described as having the same height and weight characteristics. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing blue jeans, a gray T-shirt and sunglasses.

The victim's car, bearing Georgia license plate number 466 ADL, has not been found. Collins said that he remains in contact with the victim and his family on a daily basis but has been unable to get any new information that will help the case.

With fewer students on campus in the summer, the department will continue to "afford the same security" as before. Unable to make any promises to

the campus community, the lieutenant said that the cooperation of the students and faculty is vital.

"The main thing is getting people to step up and respond. If something doesn't seem right, let us know immediately, and don't wait two, three [or] four days before you say something," Collins said.

Collins said several parents have called and expressed their concerns to the department.

"If they want to know about the robbery, we'll tell them what we know," he said.

The department also advises parents to remind their children of basic safety tips, such as using peepholes and practicing caution when opening the door to strangers.

Students have expressed

their opinions by posting comments to the *Sidelines* Web site.

"This is exactly why those people who are licensed by the state of Tennessee to carry a concealed weapon should be able to carry anywhere, even on campus," Forrest Mitchell, senior, wrote May 5.

At press time, the Office of Housing and Residential Life was unable to be reached for comment concerning changes in dorm visitation policies.

Anyone with any information pertaining to a campus crime is encouraged to call Public Safety at 898-2424 or Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP.

Rewards for information leading to an arrest could be up to \$1,000. ♦

## Plan: Faculty to receive increased funding; more graduate assistant jobs open

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Along with all of these program changes, the revised Academic Master Plan mentions new academic scholarships that will be available in an effort to recruit students.

There will also be more graduate assistant positions, along with more money for the existing ones as a way to maintain and recruit students who want full-time graduate study.

Adding more distance-learning programs is a priority because of the increased interest in the section.

Students will see a few physical changes around campus as well, with plans for a major campus housing renovation, the construction of a state-of-the-art student center and new advising center.

For the faculty, the plan promises to increase resources to support extramural grant funding, which will give faculty a chance to enhance programs through better research and service.

Within the next five years, the plan estimates that the grant funding will reach \$10 million per annum.

To hire and retain high quality faculty, the university plans on providing competitive salaries for those faculty who are teaching and are involved in research and creative activity.

As a whole, the university will see many changes, such as the renovation of existing campus space, such as Jones

Hall, Peck Hall and Kirksey Old Main.

The plan calls for MTSU to work at leveraging resources by making partnerships with business, industry and non-profit organizations.

These partnerships could benefit students and give them a chance for hands-on learning and the use of problem solving tactics in the workplace.

Students can also look forward to service learning through partnerships achieving not only academic involvement, but also a sense of community involvement.

"Details about a possible partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority will be released shortly," McPhee said.

Other partnerships in the works are with the Adventure Science Museum in Nashville, and the expansion of the existing partnership MTSU holds with Federal Express.

McPhee and the 30-member Academic Plan committee focused the future of MTSU on three aspects: achieving and maintaining academic quality, establishing partnerships and developing student-centered learning.

"This is a plan we didn't start from scratch," McPhee said.

The development of this revised plan will attempt to accommodate the growing community of Murfreesboro and to further the capabilities of the university. ♦

## Fellow: King-Meadows to teach at University of Maryland

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standards of King-Meadows' classes.

"I want them [students] to be politically engaged. I want them to go out and be senators and congressmen and to use what they've learned to make America better," King-Meadows said.

After his work in Ghana is complete, King-Meadows will be taking a teaching position at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

When asked about his long-term goals,

King-Meadows lists working in either the Department of Justice to improve voter registration or as an ambassador to an African country such as Ghana.

The Fulbright Scholar Program was created by Congress in 1946 to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges.

U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, who sponsored the legislation, saw it as a step toward building an alternative to armed conflict.

The fellowship program places educators and students from the United States with

universities abroad for fellowships ranging from two weeks to one year.

Each year the Fulbright Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad to 140 countries each.

Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

For more information, visit the Fulbright Scholar Program online at [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org). ♦

## Download: Free downloads still popular among students

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that this development unlikely to change their behaviors," Fischer said.

"Anyone can download Kazaa and download whatever they want for nothing, and

that's going to be hard to compete with," Polhemus said.

"Apple does not have the catalog for every major yet, nor do they have the catalogs for a lot of independents."

Opening up to a new population of PC users and offering a

larger selection of artists may increase Apple's success.

"I don't have an Apple, so I'll have to wait for the PC version. I'd love to be able to download individual cuts cheaply, easily and legitimately," Hull said.

Currently, Apple's online

music store is only available in the United States for Mac users; however, Apple has announced it will come out with a Windows version later this year.

For more information, visit Apple's iTunes store at [www.apple.com/music/store](http://www.apple.com/music/store). ♦

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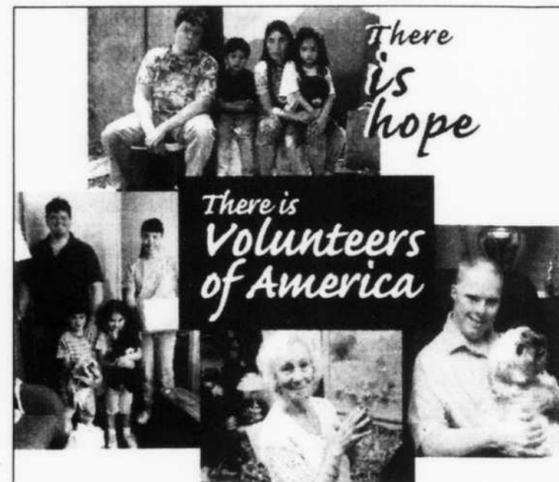
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board

## FCC decision ends fair competition

In a monumental decision by the Federal Communications Commission on Monday, the safeguards against media monopolies were struck down. The 3-2 vote fell along party lines, with the majority votes from the agency's Republican commissioners.

The vote ended the ban on joint ownership of a newspaper and a broadcast station in the same city. Furthermore, the FCC approved boosting the ownership cap on television to 45 percent of the national audience from the current level of 35 percent. The fact that both Fox and CBS each already reach about 40 percent of the national market through special FCC-appointed waivers shows how ineffective the agency is as a watch guard for monopolies.

Supporters of the revisions, such as FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell and Newscorp Chairman Rupert Murdoch, stated that they considered the rules outdated. According to a June 3 *Washington Post* article, Powell called the former rules made between 1941 and 1975 "the graying rules of a bygone black-and-white era."

By allowing media conglomerates to expand their audience, it will become more profitable to produce cheap, generalized media that will placate a larger market rather than focus on the particular characteristics of a local community. Television, print media and radio will be flooded with copycat stories.

In addition to this, independent media outlets will find it more difficult, if not impossible, to compete with national companies. Open and fair competition is necessary to ensure that the public receives accurate and quality information.

The most unsurprising element of this story is that, while the FCC has been discussing these changes for many months prior to the vote Monday, national media has virtually ignored the issue and its implications up to the last minute.

If the fact that many Americans remain unaware of Monday's vote doesn't illustrate the severity of these changes, the wake-up call may come when we realize that we are rapidly descending into an Orwellian future. A powerful minority controls the most important commodity of a democratic society: information. ◆

From the Opinions Editor

## Child credit fiasco proof of Bush's real priorities



Jason Cox  
Opinions Editor

In case you actually thought that President Bush's tax cuts would help everyone - from the owner of the penthouse to the doorman at the warehouse - think again.

Bush often touted increased child tax credits as a wide-reaching part of his tax plan. The proposal called for the credit to be raised from \$600 per child to \$1,000. This made it through the congressional machine, which shaved off a good part of the package, but many who need it most won't see this credit because Senate Republicans, trying to cut \$3.5 billion, decided to exclude some of the families most in need.

As signed, families making between \$10,500 and approximately \$27,000 don't receive the extra \$400 per child.

If this sounds like a small group, consider this: It excludes one in every six children under 17 years old.

So, why did the presi-

dent, who cares so much about the children of this nation (remember "No Child Left Behind?"), decide this abomination wasn't worth opposing?

"But poor people don't pay taxes," the economist or libertarian might argue. Hogwash. This is why the lowest income brackets will see virtually nil of the other tax breaks lavished upon the wealthy.

Four hundred dollars might not seem like all that much until you consider that a recent estimate put the cost of raising a child from birth to age 18 at more than \$150,000 - a lot of money for anyone and a unfathomable sum for many.

Fortunately, *The New York Times* reported Monday that several bills with bipartisan sponsorship have been introduced that include credits for these families. At least Congress sees the importance and relevance of this "oversight."

And El Presidente? He says that, while he didn't know the change had occurred, he isn't going to work against the exclusion if it means losing any other cuts.

No child left behind, huh? ◆

## A lottery? Form a committee

Thoughts While Driving



Gary Morrison  
Staff Columnist

I think having a state-run lottery in Tennessee sucks. I'm against it 100 percent. But, the people of Tennessee have apparently spoken and a state-run lottery we shall have.

The state of Tennessee needs more money, especially for schools. As a student, I should support this issue, right? So, rather than explicate the inherent problems of a lottery and make myself appear regressive in relation to the betterment of the state of Tennessee, I'll instead offer my suggestions for making the lottery as profitable as possible.

First of all, let me say that I'm glad Tennessee has rid itself of that nasty state constitutional note disallowing lotteries. But, we

must now be careful lest other organizations try to compete for citizen's gambling money. We must repress charitable bingo, quell every raffle and, by all means, not allow the Great Rubber Duck Race in Knoxville to start up again. The lottery amendment needs to make sure the state has the monopoly on gambling to increase profits. A committee should be formed to control this.

Next, I think we need as many ticket vendors and retailers as possible. You see, as soon as a lottery ticket is sold, that money automatically belongs to the state. We must get every gas station, corner tavern and grocery store on board with this because they will soon be the trustees of the state's money.

While I'm thinking about it, why don't we sell lottery tickets at schools? I mean, the money will end up there anyway, right? Let kids contribute to their

own future. Mom and Dad could give a couple extra bucks with the lunch money to play the lottery. Oh, yeah, the age limit thing. Why not drop that altogether? How difficult is it to scratch off a lottery ticket or pick-6 numbers? You don't need to be 18 years old to do that. Besides, kids have lots of money. Instead of CDs or Pokemon cards, they can buy lottery tickets. Buying lottery tickets would be like an investment in their own future. Yes, tickets should be sold at all schools, from elementary to college, both public and private. A committee should be formed to control this.

I have heard of recommendations for limits on advertisement spending to keep the costs of running the lottery low and maximize profits. I say no way. We must advertise. Television, radio, direct mail, e-mail spam and billboards all should be utilized to the fullest extent. If

the public doesn't know about it, then they can't play.

If they can't play, then they can't pay ... err, win. A committee should be formed to control this.

Next, we must have many different lottery games. Dozens of scratch-offs, pick-3's, pick-4's, Powerball and anything else we can think of. After all, the more games there are, the better the chance of appealing to someone who has even a dollar in his or her pocket. A committee should be formed to control this.

Wait, here's a sobering thought: Even in a best-case scenario, a lottery will not claim all the money people are willing to gamble. Perhaps we could maximize the potential money for education if we opened other markets. One market is horse racing. Tennessee used to be prime horse-racing country until anti-gambling legislation pushed that market to Kentucky. In

fact, one of the arguments that brought the lottery to Tennessee was that Tennesseans were spending their money out of state. A committee should be formed to control this.

Finally, Tennessee should look to Las Vegas casinos for inspiration. Everyone knows the odds are in favor of the house. Be the house, Tennessee. Keep food cheap and people strung out on hope and pretty soon we should have enough money so that every student can get a good education and perhaps a job on one of the lottery committees.

And, to those of you who voted in favor of the lottery: I don't want to hear any complaining about this lottery now that it's here.

Remember, you were the committee formed to control it. ◆

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## New York City smoking ban serves many versus the few

Wit and Wonder



Callie Elizabeth Butler  
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On April 1, a smoking ban was enacted in New York City. Mimicking bans in areas of California, public areas within the city now forbid smoking. Bars, various restaurants, company areas, indoor recreation areas and other such places fall under the ban. However, a few exemptions exist, including personal cars, registered cigar bars and some casinos.

A grace period was put in place through May 1. The act, however, will sweep the entire state in July, making these new policies effective throughout New York. The ban calls for a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

With the no smoking rules firmly in place for a month in New York City, other cities are beginning to consider the idea. Other states are examining the idea as well as cities abroad. This makes New York's ban on smoking a pertinent issue for Tennesseans.

Will this new legislation sweep the country, trick-

ling down even to Tennessee?

The ban is a sound choice. This new legislation isn't removing the right of a citizen to smoke. It simply limits the places where the activity can be conducted. And, because cigarette smoke has been shown to have negative effects on the smoker as well as surrounding persons, limiting that harm is a just decision.

While all people should have full command over their bodies, this should not come at the cost of others. Restricting smoking to private spheres is a good idea because it allows only the smoker to bear the consequences of their decision. These new regulations obviously cause inconvenience, but the price seems small in comparison to the benefits.

Supporters believe that this measure will lessen the numbers of new smokers, but this is unlikely. In fact, it seems plausible that it could increase these numbers. When teenagers begin smoking, it's often an act of rebellion.

As smoking becomes a banned evil, it becomes more attractive, more rebellious.

Young teens aren't permitted in bars anyway and aren't likely to smoke in

restaurants for fear of being caught or because they are accompanied by parents. How does this legislation really affect anyone except the regular bar hoper and the company car driver, neither of which are teens?

Another problem is that many bars and restaurants house ventilation systems to filter out smoke and should, according to critics of the bill, allow them exemption. The new law carries no such exemption, which makes the investment an utter waste. This will also surely result in a loss of revenue for establishments that typically house smokers - such as bowling alleys, bars and some restaurants - causing financial difficulties and perhaps even closings.

A better idea would have been to allow businesses to gauge the needs of their patrons and choose whether to become nonsmoking establishments, which would create a variety of choices for smokers and nonsmokers. Customer polling is one idea. Then, the needs of all could be established, not necessarily just one side. ◆

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



For years, a war has raged between the "politically correct" left and the "jerk" right. In the 1990s, the left gained the upper hand. Words once thought of as harmlessly descriptive, such as "fat," "short" and "Canadian," began to be frowned upon, in the name of protecting people's feelings.

According to a professor at New York University, in an interview with Reuters, even textbook companies are getting into the act. We're not talking about finally including information about Columbus' rape of the American Indian or the actual treatment of slaves. No, we're discussing the absurdities.

Dianne Ravitch, an education official during the first Bush's presidency and an advisor to Clinton, has recently published a book detailing the lengths companies go to prevent people from being offended. We'll come right out and say it - these corporations are go-tarded. We hope that didn't offend any go-tards out there.

Take, for example, the title of Ernest Hemingway's book, *The Old Man and the Sea*. Under the voluntarily enforced guidelines, the book should be renamed when mentioned in textbooks because every word except "the" and "and" can be construed as offensive.

Ravitch said that "old" is ageist, "man" is obviously sexist and the "sea" might offend those students who live in land-locked states and thus can't picture a large

body of water.

Uh oh, better hide those globes. Better yet, let's put Pangaea on a map and say that the world is flat. No child left behind, right?

"The Old Man" is an extreme example, but there are other, seemingly more innocent problems that go largely unnoticed. Also on the banned list are "yacht" and "polo" (too elitist), "blind" and "birth defect" (insensitive) and God.

That's right - it's time to bury your children's heads in the sand. There's no such thing as the sea, and no yachts ever float on top. Next thing you know, the existence of barons of capitalism like Morgan, Rockefeller and Getty will be completely denied. We wouldn't want any child to hear of billionaires, would we?

Furthermore, like it or lump it, the idea of God has shaped human history. To forbid that discussion in textbooks isn't only ignorant but irrational. The concept of God can be taught without supporting religion; it's all in the context.

So, all you education majors and parents to be: Keep a vigilant eye on what's in your children's books. It's your mission to fill in the gaps that the noble-cause textbooks leave open. ◆

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## Dancin' the night away

Nashville rock festival returns for 11th season



By Julia Reynolds  
Staff Writer

Thursday nights will rock all summer long as the Dancin' in the District concert series returns to Nashville for its 11th straight season.

The series almost ended permanently last year when Nashville city officials announced that, for the first time, a rental fee would be imposed on the concert promoters for the use of Riverfront Park.

"That was it. I thought we would have to cancel the series," said Marcy Cardwell, president of Mad Booking, the company that organizes the festival.

"We are very happy that Dancin' in the District can remain downtown."

— Don MacLachlan  
Titans executive vice president

Previously, the concerts were funded entirely through sponsorship and operated on a tight budget.

A few days after the city's ruling, Cardwell received a surprising call from Tennessee Titans owner Bud

Adams.

Adams offered use of the Coliseum field location — free of charge — in the spirit of supporting the popular downtown event.

So, this year the concerts will be held at the Nashville Coliseum field, across the river from last year's location at Nashville River Stages.

"We are very happy that Dancin' in the District can remain downtown. It is a great summer event that leads right into the football season," Titans executive vice president Don MacLachlan told the *Nashville City Paper*.

The new site can accommodate more visitors, features a larger stage and is convenient to the cheaper Coliseum parking (\$5).

The District events are open to all ages, with children five years old and under admitted free. Concert admission is just \$3.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 1-800-594-TIXX, going online to [www.musictoday.com](http://www.musictoday.com) or visiting participating Borders bookstores in the

Metro Nashville area.

Books of 12 tickets for \$25 are also available.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts at 6 p.m. Each show will feature at least four bands.

The first band takes the stage at 6 p.m., the second band at 7 p.m., the third band at 8 p.m. and the headliner from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m.

Dancin' in the District is a rain or shine event, so the show will go on regardless of weather.

Spectators aren't allowed to bring coolers into the venue. The only items permitted are blankets, chairs, a disposable camera, an umbrella and one unopened bottle of water.

Concession stands will be open, however, with beer (\$5) and food available.

The June 12 show features a full house of alternative rock bands, led by original jam-band Blues Traveler.

According to a recent press release,

the band, which includes front man and harmonica player John Popper, is working on a new album due out later this summer.

Accompanying Blues Traveler are Southern rockers Drive-By Truckers, who are touring to support two albums, the re-released *Southern Rock Opera* and their latest CD, *Decoration Day*.

Alternative country-rock band Cross Canadian Ragweed and blues-rock group New Blues Revival, both known for their electrifying live shows, round out the line-up, along with new rock-pop band Shurman.

Dancin' in the District takes place every Thursday from May 22 through August 21 with the exception of June 5 and 26; there will be no shows on those dates.

The show line-up is constantly evolving. Updated information can be found by logging on to [www.dancininthedistrict.com](http://www.dancininthedistrict.com). ♦



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(Left) The District crowd rocks on at one of last year's concerts. (Above) John Popper of Blues Traveler will appear at Dancin' in the District on June 12.

### Dancin' in the District schedule

**Thursday, June 5**  
NO SHOW

**Thursday, June 12**  
Blues Traveler, Drive-By Truckers, Shurman, Cross Canadian Ragweed, New Blood Revival

**Thursday, June 19**  
2003 NHL Draft Top Prospects Preview, Default, Merle, mnrth, The Taste

**Thursday, June 26**  
NO SHOW

**Thursday, July 3**  
Violent Femmes, Pete Schmidt, Stroller

**Thursday, July 10**  
Better Than Ezra, Cowboy Mouth, Ingram Hill, Daniel McLendon

**Thursday, July 17**  
Special Guest, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Mieka Pauley

**Thursday, July 24**  
Everclear, Maroon 5, Billy Talent, Kill Hannah

**Thursday, July 31**  
Nickel Creek, Franky Perez, Antigone Rising, Maktub

**Thursday, August 7**  
Hootie & The Blowfish, Tonic, The Clarks, Blue Epic

**Thursday, August 14**  
George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic, Jump Little Children, The Mummies

**Thursday, August 21**  
Indigo Girls, Marc Broussard, Matt Morris

## Gone Country: Nashville gears up for 32nd annual Fan Fair festival

By Melissa Coker  
Staff Reporter

It may not offer a lot of wide-open spaces — the number of participants averages 130,000 — but each year Fan Fair goes fly high on the music that permeates the city and makes the crowd feel at home.

According to the event Web site, Fan Fair was fostered in 1972 to relieve some of the congestion during the annual Country Music DJ Convention in Nashville.

Because of the large number of artists attending, many fans flocked to Nashville, hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars.

The Country Music Association and the Grand Ole Opry thought that if a festival were created with the focus on the fans at a different time during the year, it would be a rousing success.

This first event was held April 12-15, 1972, at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium and drew approximately 5,000 people. The audience doubled the following year and moved to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

The festivities have since grown to include not just concerts and autograph signings but charity softball games, after hours events and more.

Tom Hutchison, MTSU associate professor and coordinator of the recording industry department's music business program, has attended Fan Fair for six years as a research consultant. This year, he will attend with students who are conducting surveys of attendees' opinions on the event, as well as other entertainment habits they have.

Hutchison claims that, in recent years, Fan Fair has "changed dramatically," because of its 2001



Photo courtesy of Country Music Association

LeeAnn Womack sings at Fan Fair 2002.

location change from the fairgrounds.

"The main change has been the move to downtown," Hutchison said.

"I find that about 50 percent of the attendees are there for their first time. Despite the opposition to the move downtown at first, the fans are accepting it."

Although attendees indeed may find themselves drowning in a sea of cowboy hats, the four-day festival isn't all boots and spurs.

Performers range from mainstream radio artists — Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney and Lonestar — to those who are old hat to the industry — Alabama, Sawyer Brown, Brooks & Dunn and Travis Tritt — to others who serve to stomp out the stereotypes of the genre — Eric Heatherly, Sherrie' Austin, Trick Pony and Anthony Smith. This eclectic display is pulled off superbly while still remaining true to country music's original roots.

Fan Fair definitely fires up fun to be had by music fans of all types. And, they attend for different reasons.

"Many people who attend have collections of autographs and photographs," Hutchison observed.

"They even bring their guitars for artists to sign."

Gina Marie Garera, a junior recording industry major, attended the event consecutively in the years 1998-2000. She plans to attend this year.

"My favorite part of the event has been the concerts, although I've done it all," Garera said. "If students like country music and good concerts, then they would love Fan Fair."

Garera admits the prices are a little steep for the average college student's budget. But she believes it's still a great way to see many artists at the same time.

Here's a sweet sample of the star-studded schedule for two days of the action. Bear in mind this is not a complete list of events.

### Friday, June 6

\* Ronnie McDowell, Rodney Atkins, Anthony Smith, Marty Raybon, John Berry, T. Graham Brown, Brian McComas, Sixwire, Hal Ketchum, Emerson Drive, Steve Holy, Craig Morgan, Bering Strait, Eric Heatherly, Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney, Diamond Rio, Sara Evans, Lonestar, Martina McBride, Alan Jackson and Brooks & Dunn.

### Saturday, June 7

\* Travis Tritt, Rushlow, Billy Yates, Kellie Coffey, Andy Griggs, Aaron Lines, Pinmonkey, Michelle Wright, Little Big Town, Daron Norwood, Chalee Tennison, David Frizzell, Trent Summar & The New Row Mob, Hayseed Dixie, Cledus T. Judd, Billy Gilman, Tammy Cochran, Brad Martin, Buddy Jewell (Winner of *Nashville Star*), Patty Loveless, Marty Stuart and Montgomery Gentry.

\* 11 p.m.: NBC Daytime After-Hours Party

General admission ticket: \$20 advance. For tickets, call (615) 902-8200 or Wildhorse Saloon box office. Separate ticket required.

"The person I was most nervous to meet ever was Reba McEntire," Garera said.

There are ways for the savvy country music addict to attend Fan Fair on a tight budget. One of those money-saving options is to purchase single-day passes.

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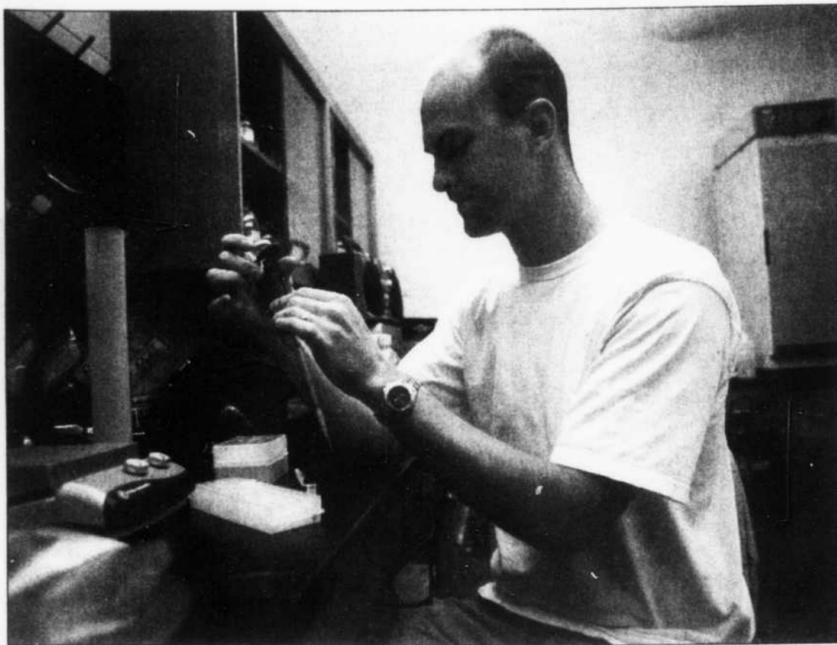


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Eric Freundt is the first MTSU graduate to attend the doctoral program at Oxford.

## MTSU graduate to study at Oxford University

By Julia Reynolds  
Staff Writer

Eric Freundt became interested in science as a student at Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn. He cites high school science teacher Kenneth Johnson as a major influence.

"Dr. Johnson taught science as I had never been taught science before; he introduced us to 'big ideas' and made me think about science outside the classroom," Freundt said.

Freundt's thinking outside of the classroom has culminated in a historic first for MTSU. He is the first MTSU graduate to be accepted by the doctoral program at Oxford University — one of only six Americans selected for admission to the prestigious British institution's program this year.

Freundt completed a distinguished academic career at MTSU this May when he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

During his time at MTSU, Freundt won the President's Award, was awarded the Maria de los Reyes Microbiology Scholarship and the Elliott Dawson/BioVentures Biotechnology Scholarship and served as editor for the university's scientific journal, *Scientia*.

While a student at MTSU, he also received national media and academic attention for his role in research, proving a link between ticks and the occurrence of viral meningitis in humans.

Freundt worked with Steven Wright, MTSU professor of biology, on a research project investigating the role of ticks in the transmission of viral meningitis. Viral meningitis, also called aseptic meningitis, is less dangerous than the better known bacterial meningitis, but can still make patients very ill.

When four patients in

Smyrna, Tenn., developed symptoms of viral meningitis in 1999, their physician called Wright to ask if ticks could spread the disease. All four patients had reported moving a feeding tick about 10 days before developing meningitis.

The research's questioning four years and resulting in the confirmation that a specific breed of tick, the Lone Star tick, is a carrier of a previously unknown human enterovirus which causes aseptic meningitis.

Freundt's primary contribution to the project was an 18-month effort to confirm the presence of a virus in spinal fluid from two of the meningitis patients.

There is no long term animal research at MTSU, complicating Freundt's task. Instead of using mice to test for the disease, he had to grow cultures from the spinal fluid samples in order to perform tedious genetic sampling to search for the virus.

Wright speaks highly of Freundt's work on the project.

"He is gifted in the lab. He is patient, meticulous, and dedicated. I think Eric could make a world-class researcher," Wright said.

Wright pointed out that he isn't the only one impressed with Freundt's potential. Several universities, including the University of Wisconsin and Vanderbilt University, wanted him to enroll their doctoral programs.

Interestingly, one of the doctoral program interviewers challenged Freundt's alma mater.

"What is MTSU known for, anyway?" the unnamed interviewer said.

Freundt spoke at length in defense of MTSU and eventually chose not to attend the interviewer's program despite the

offer of a significant stipend.

Freundt's destiny could have taken a very different route.

While in high school, Freundt originally intended to go to medical school. A summer internship at Jackson-Madison County Hospital changed his mind, however, when he discovered how the demanding hours of medical residents kept them from their families.

Upon completion from Franklin High, Freundt delayed college for a year to serve on a mission for his church in the Ukraine.

"I did everything from helping the medical teams, to talking with local English classes, to installing toilets in an orphanage," Freundt said.

Both Freundt and his family agree that his time as a missionary contributed to his success at MTSU.

"I think that year of life experience helped him focus on college," said Freundt's mother, Joy.

Freundt talked about the role of his faith in regards to his scientific achievements.

"God has blessed me, and I think He does things for a reason. I'm thankful for my success," he said.

When describing the appeal of microbiology, the newly graduated Freundt talked about the war-like relationship between pathogens and immune systems.

"I like the idea of beating them with our minds as well as our bodies," he said.

Freundt will soon be serving on the front lines of this war with disease.

His research at Oxford, beginning in October, will deal with AIDS immunology.

His mentor, Wright, says of Freundt: "He's the best public relations MTSU could hope for." ♦

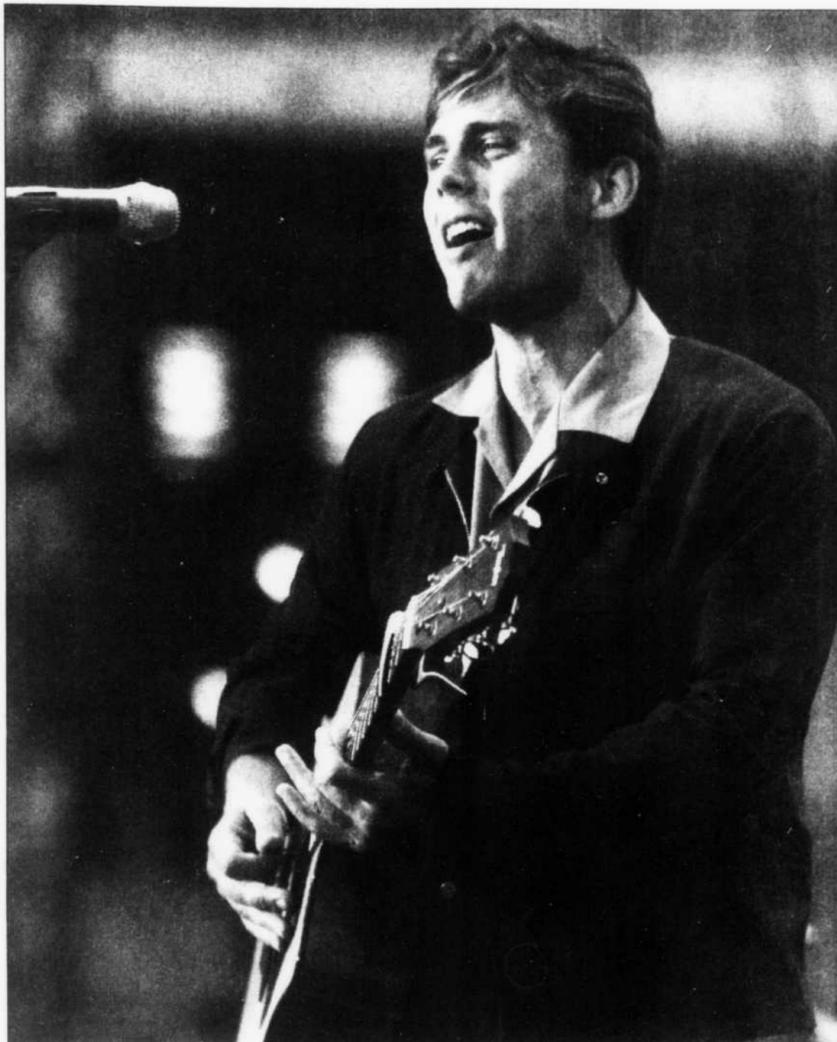


Photo courtesy of Country Music Association

Brad Martin, who performed at Fan Fair 2002, will appear again this year.

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Purchasing a four-day all-event pass from Fan Fair will average \$125-\$145 each, depending on seating.

However, single-day passes for the nightly Coliseum shows are available for \$25, plus applicable Ticketmaster fees. Also, students might find discount tickets at online sites such as

eBay.

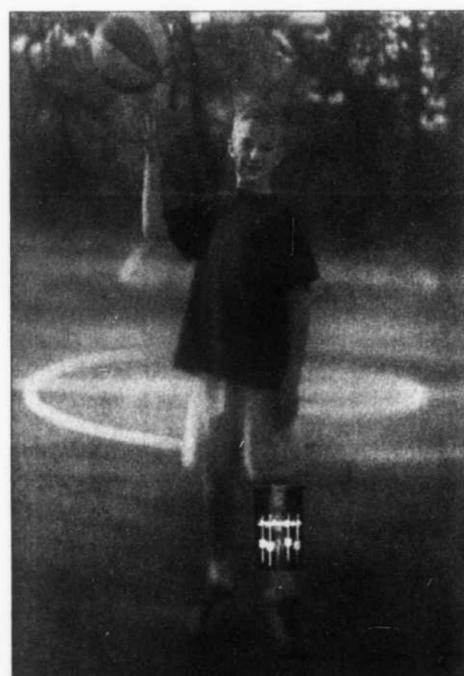
Another way to experience Fan Fair without breaking the bank is to attend an individual artist's fan club party. This often-overlooked option can cost as little as \$20 per person. Check each artist's Web site for details.

Fifty percent of the net proceeds from Fan Fair go to charities supported by the artists and the other 50 percent goes into a special fund which the Country Music Association uses to advance the music's growth.

Garera encourages everyone

to attend Fan Fair at least once. "Don't knock it 'til you've tried it!"

Further information regarding all Fan Fair happenings including related events such as the NBC Daytime Party and Chely Wright's Reading, Writing and Rhythm benefit, Marty Stuart's Late-Night Jam at the Ryman, the celebrity softball game, celebrity breakfasts, autograph signings and more can be found at [fanfair.com](http://fanfair.com), [countrystars.com](http://countrystars.com) and [nashville.about.com/cs/fanfairevents](http://nashville.about.com/cs/fanfairevents). ♦



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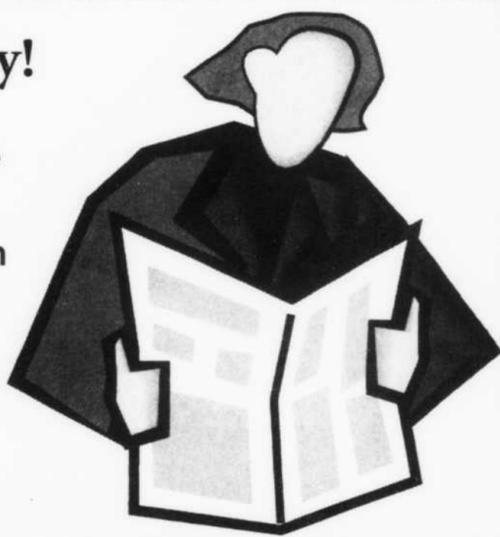
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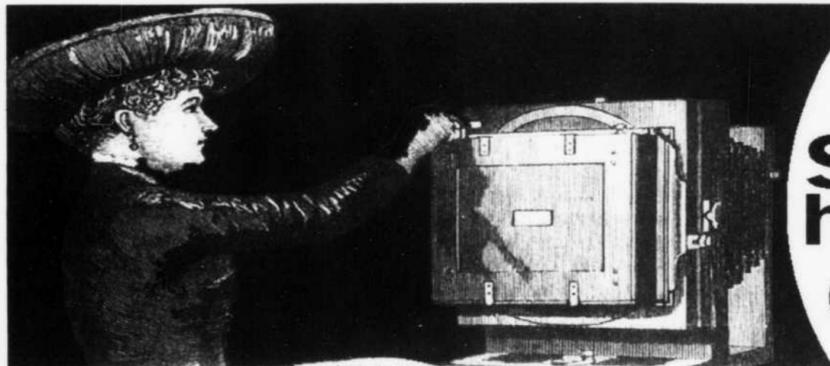
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## Blue Raiders end season at NCAA tourney

### MT falls out of tourney bracket after 13-7 loss to Missouri

By David Hunter  
Senior Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee baseball team ended its season last weekend with two losses in the NCAA Baseball Tournament Regional at Dudy Noble Field in the Starkville, Miss.

After winning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, in which the Blue Raiders earned the automatic bid into the NCAA Baseball Tournament, MT traveled to the campus of Mississippi State University to open tournament play in a four-team double elimination for-

mat. This appearance was the Blue Raiders' 11th trip to the NCAA tournaments and third in the past four years.

Friday night, MT began the tournament losing to host and top seed Mississippi State 10-4 in front of a crowd of 10,284. That amount is the sixth largest crowd to see an NCAA tournament game at MSU.

The scoring started early for the Bulldogs in the first inning as MSU got four runs off MT

starting pitcher Steve Kline. MSU's Matthew Maniscalco opened the game with a single. Then Maniscalco went on a double to the outfield by Steve Gendron. Matthew Brinson added another double to score Gendron.

Brad Corley hit a single to right field to put runners on first and third. Brinson scored on a fielder's choice by Craig Tatum, and Thomas Berkery added an RBI single to left field to end the scoring by the Bulldogs with a 4-0 lead.

"Whenever you go out there with a four-run lead, it's there, and you just try to go out there and throw strikes," MSU

pitcher Paul Maholm said to Mississippi State's media relations.

After a scoreless inning from the Raiders, an MT error extended the Bulldogs' lead to 5-0 in the following inning when Gendron came home on a throw back to the pitcher after giving up a walk to Brinson.

MT scored its first run of the game in the fifth with a bad throw by MSU that got past the first baseman to score Troy Harp from second base. The MSU lead was 5-1.

However, the Bulldogs added five more runs in the bottom of the fifth to extend the lead to 10-1.

MT answered the back with three runs in the top of the seventh as Harp opened the inning



File Photo

The Blue Raider baseball team huddles at a recent home game at Reese Smith Field.

with a walk, then moved to third on a double by Shane Kemp. Chuck Akers grounded out

to first base, but Harp scored and Kemp missed being tagged

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## Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones  
Sports Editor

### Cooper taken in MLB 11th Round

MT senior Chad Cooper was taken with the first pick in the 11th round by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Tuesday in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Cooper, who was the leading hitter for the Blue Raiders in 2003 and tied for the team lead in hits, will join former Blue Raider hurler Dewon Brazelton in the D-Ray organization.

Cooper was a First-Team All-Sun Belt selection this season after batting .374 with 14 doubles, seven home runs, 35 RBIs and 52 runs scored. The Picture Rocks, Pa., native also stole 19 bases and struck out only 22 times in almost 200 at-bats.



Cooper

### Deadline set to renew football tickets

The deadline for renewing Middle Tennessee football season tickets is rapidly approaching.

Last season's season ticket holders have until June 11 to renew their tickets. If that deadline isn't met, the seats will go back into the pool of seats that will be sold to new ticket holders.

Each season ticket holder should have received a renewal form from the ticket office over the past few weeks. Any ticket holder who didn't get a notice in the mail should call the ticket office as soon as possible to reserve his or her seats.

Tickets for the upcoming football season begin at only \$90 for sideline seats.

Any fans wishing to contact the Middle Tennessee ticket office regarding renewals or new ticket purchases should call (615) 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.



### Jordan, Okorie stand out at Regional

Middle Tennessee senior Rob Jordan finished seventh in the long jump and sophomore Victor Okorie set a Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium record and a school record in the intermediate hurdles during the first day of competition at the Mideast Regional in Columbus, Ohio, last Friday.

Jordan, in his final season as a Blue Raider, took seventh in the long jump with a mark of 25-0.75. Okorie set a stadium record and a Middle Tennessee mark in the 400-meter hurdle preliminaries Friday night, running 50.01 to claim the fastest prelim time in the event.

### Three Blue Raiders named All-Conference

Middle Tennessee senior Chad Cooper and sophomore Brett Carroll were both named First Team, while sophomore Josh Archer made Second Team All-Sun Belt.

Cooper made the first team as a utility player after leading the Blue Raiders with a .378 overall average, .403 in conference play. Cooper has played shortstop, left field and right field this season, as well as serving as a designated hitter.

Carroll is near the team lead in home runs, RBIs, total bases, extra-base hits and slugging percentage and is one of only two players to start every game this season for MT.

Archer was the only repeat all-conference performer for the Blue Raiders after earning First Team honors in 2002 as a utility player. Archer is also near the team lead in home runs, RBIs, total bases, extra-base hits and slugging percentage with Carroll and has raised his batting average to .320, 140 points in the past seven weeks after starting very slowly this season. ♦



Carroll

## Klemetz says farewell

### Blue Raiders' No. 1 seed finishes senior season at NCAA quarterfinals

By Amy Jones  
Sports Editor

After a 6-2, 6-4 loss to third-ranked Amer Delic of Illinois in the NCAA Quarterfinals, Middle Tennessee senior standout Daniel Klemetz ended his career as a Blue Raider on May 23.

A Swedish native, Klemetz made his third straight NCAA tournament appearance and defeated No. 13 Ryan Newport of Texas A&M and No. 61 Alejandro Tererina of Tulsa during the first and second rounds of the tournament. He held an overall 1-2 NCAA appearance record from the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

"Dan really started slowly, probably a little nervous," Blue Raider head coach Dale Short said.

"The first set was pretty ugly, and Delic never really gave Dan a chance to get back in the match."

Klemetz finished the season ranked at No. 17 in the nation and received his second All-America honor after an impressive performance during the second round of the tourney.

A 2003 Verizon Academic All-District IV Second Team honor was also added to Klemetz's list of honors. Klemetz currently carries a 3.70 grade point average with a major of business finance.

To be nominated for the award one must carry a 3.20 GPA or higher and be a starter or an important reserve. Teams are composed of student-athletes from Division I schools from Kentucky, Alabama, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff Photographer

Daniel Klemetz prepares to serve against an opponent.

Also while at Middle Tennessee, Klemetz took second place on the career combined wins list with his second round win, moving him past current assistant men's tennis coach David McNamara.

Klemetz came to the Blue

Raider roster from De La Gardie-skolan in Lidkoping, Sweden. While in high school, he was ranked No. 8 in Sweden in the singles division and reached finals in doubles play at the Swedish Championships for the 18-

and-under division in 1998. "It ends a brilliant career for Dan," Short added.

"He will be sorely missed both on and off the court at Middle Tennessee."

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## Coach raises money for charity through golf

### McCollum co-hosts tourney to help Boys and Girls Club

By Josh Beasley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee football head coach Andy McCollum linked up with Ole South Properties last Wednesday and Thursday for the Fourth Annual Ole South Properties/McCollum Golf

Invitational held at Indian Hills Golf Club.

Nearly 350 charitable golfers joined the field and took their cuts to help raise money and benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Murfreesboro. The event continues to grow rapidly in its four years of existence, raising as much as \$120,000 for the

Boys and Girls Club.

"This tournament really shows what Andy [McCollum] has done for the area," said former PGA Tour member Bob Wolcott.

"He's a prince of a guy with a huge heart that likes to pour out to the community."

"It's great to see all these people still coming out for this tournament," said Joe Morgan, purchasing manager of Ole South.

"We get 40-plus teams each

day. That makes this one of the biggest tournaments in the state."

The two-day tournament followed a four-person scramble format and McCollum, along with his team of strikers which included Bill Huddleston, Whit Turnbow



McCollum

and MT women's golf coach Rachael Moore, walked away with top honors Wednesday after slating a combined 17-under-par.

McCollum has been lending his name and time to the event for the past three years, which has resulted in a great fit for the charity, McCollum and Ole South Properties.

"I think the Boys and Girls Club is a great organization," McCollum said. "John Floyd has put together a great event, and I

am honored to be a part of it. These kids are our future, and it's important that we invest in their time and their energy."

The event began four years ago when John Floyd, owner of Ole South Properties, approached McCollum about joining him and helping to raise money for The Boys and Girls Club. The tournament has continued to grow rapidly in its four years of existence, raising

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## Klemetz: College career ends at tourney

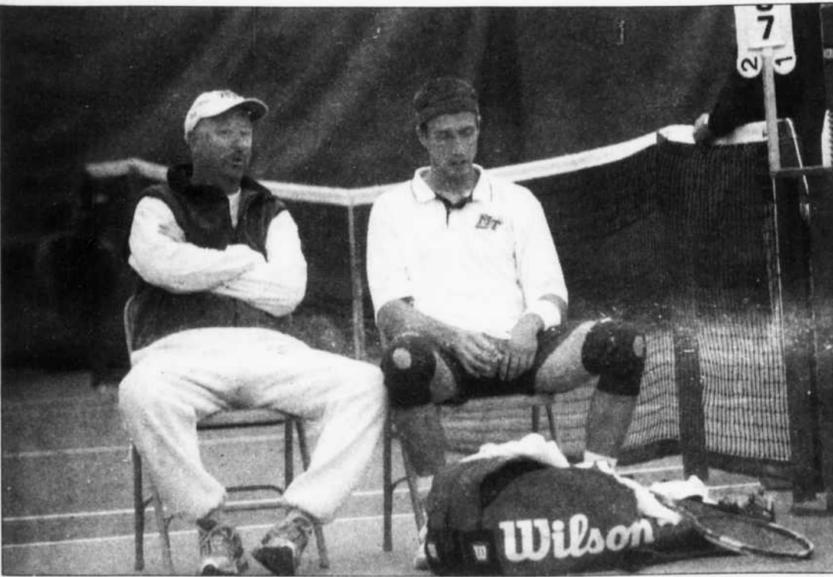


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MT tennis head coach Dale Short discusses a play with Daniel Klemetz.

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Klemetz finished his senior season with a record of 26-13 and an overall .667 percentage.

He beat opponents this spring such as Chad Harris of Vanderbilt. Harris, who sat as the No. 1 seed, helped lead the Commodores to a recent team Southeastern Conference Championship. ♦

"It ends a brilliant career for Dan. He will be sorely missed both on and off the court at Middle Tennessee."

— Dale Short  
MT tennis coach

## Golf: McCollum raises thousands of dollars for Boys and Girls Club of Mufreesboro

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as much as \$120,000 and becoming one of the largest tournaments in the state.

"We're hoping for about \$105,000 to \$110,000 this year," said Joe Morgan, purchasing manager of Ole South.

"With the way the economy is, a lot of people have cut back their budget[s] on what they give to charities."

On day two of the invitational, McCollum and his new team of aces which included Wolcott, former MTSU baseball skipper

Jack Stanford and John Sells carded a combined round of 15-under-par and walked away with first place in the top flight.

"He's [McCollum] a competitor," Wolcott said.

"He wants to have fun, but in the same time, he wants a team that will win, not go out there and lay down."

McCollum also won the closest-to-the-hole competition on No. 7, along with Tony Vanatta on No. 5 and Walt Kissinger on No. 13.

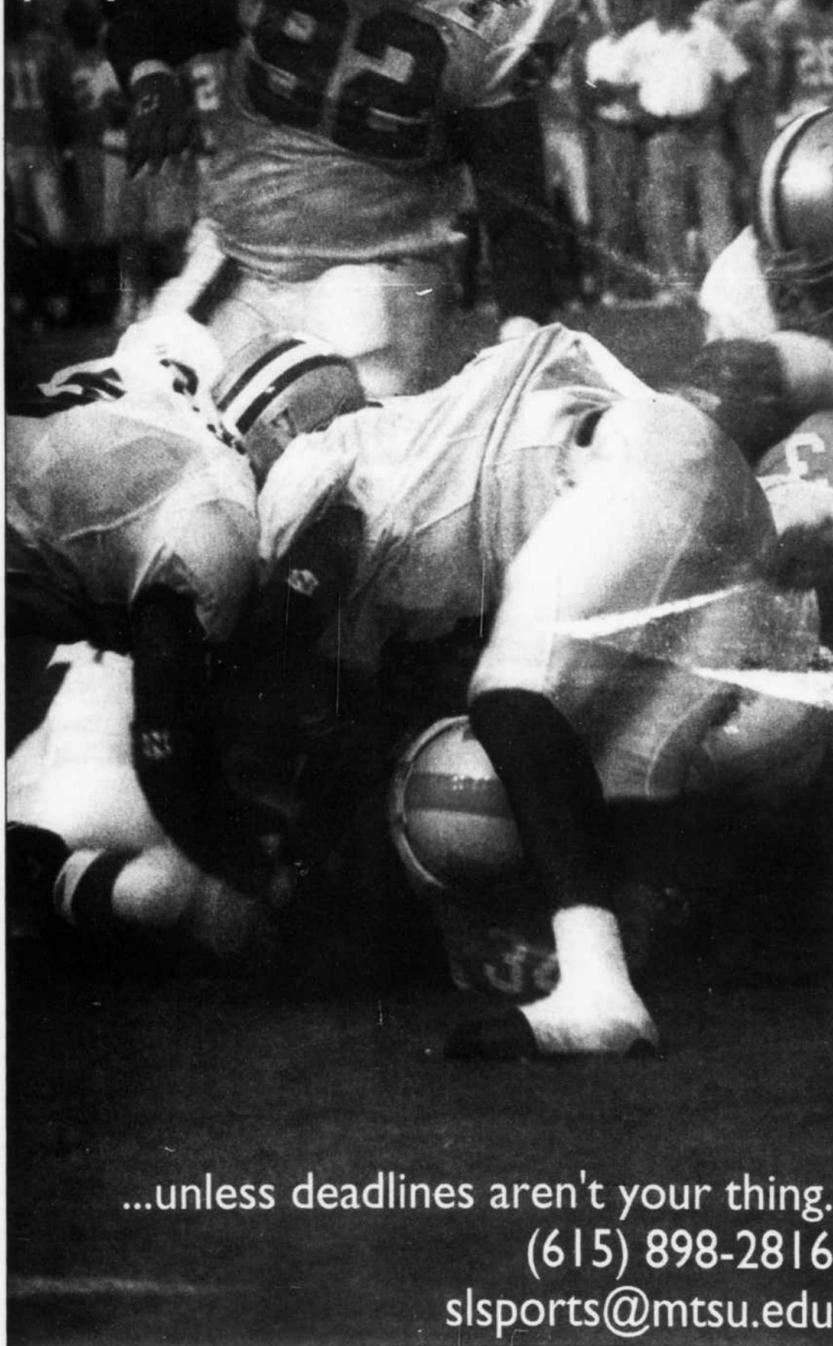
Rhonda Warren walked away with longest drive for the

women while Wolcott outdrove the rest of the men for the honor.

The following also won their respective flights: Second Flight-Blake, Johnson and Slayton (-11); Third Flight-Steve Steele, Rob Francis, Kent Coleman and Dale Corbett (-11).

In addition to McCollum's part in the golf tournament, he also hosts a camp over the summer for the group, another way to give back to the community and show his support. ♦

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By David Lawrence  
Staff Columnist

As the great Bob Dylan once said, "The times they are a changing," and the present look on NWA: TNA reflects that statement perfectly.

The month of May has seen many changes in TNA, notably in World Heavyweight championship. Jeff Jarrett's attitude. His feud with Raven and with Sports Entertainment Xtreme left the champ broken both mentally and physically.

Things took a strange turn when, on the May 28 show, Raven accused Jarrett of using his relation to TNA promoter Jerry Jarrett to keep the World title to himself, which prompted the Nashville crowd to chant "Triple J." Jarrett became a full-blown heel during the last show while the crowd cheered Raven.

It was an odd moment to be sure, but it paled in comparison to the most unexpected return of the month when, during the match between Raven and Glen Gilberti, Vince Russo reappeared and helped Gilberti make the pin after nailing Raven with a baseball bat. This match was to determine the rights to face Jarrett in a title match.

In foreign news, Jeff Jarrett fought current World Wrestling All-Stars heavyweight champi-

on Sting in a title unification match at the WWA pay-per-view called *The Reckoning* in New Zealand. Jarrett won after Rick Steiner interfered on his behalf.

In the X-division, things have been heating up with the new champ Chris Sabin, who joined S.E.X. on the May 14 show, has been strangely downplayed in the division after joining the group. The main attraction so far has been the feud between former head Kid Kash and his valet Trinity, which appeared to have come to a close on May 28.

The match itself was a mostly one-sided affair, with Kash manhandling Trinity around the ring before screaming about how he would kill her. Nice to see the class and dignity of pro wrestling is slowly returning.

On the Tag Team side, the biggest news so far has been the breakup of America's Most Wanted, James Storm and Chris Harris. Harris joined S.E.X., while Storm didn't. An extremely risky move on Jarrett and Russo's part, as A.M.W. are Russo's most over team in TNA.

It should be noted that both Harris and Storm were against the split, and whether or not it holds is anyone's guess. The other hot team at the moment is the unlikely duo of D-Lo Brown

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and A.J. Styles, who also broke up. Unlike Storm and Harris, there was no animosity between the two, but they each said they have plans to seek the World Heavyweight title on their own.

The stable of Extreme Championship Wrestling alumni has also been busy, with Justin Credible re-igniting his feud with Jerry Lynn and New Jack teaming up with Shark Boy. Things have gotten a bit muddled with the Sandman, who seemed to not be confused as to whether or not he's on Raven's side.

Be sure to watch for former TNA members David Flair and Tenacious Z on WWE broadcasts. Flair has been sited working dark matches of *Monday Night Raw*, whereas Z is going by his real name of Zach Gowen and getting his prosthetic leg ripped off by Roddy Piper and being forced to be the sidekick to Mr. Shush. We're not supposed to know he's really Hulk Hogan.

If you want to see the show live, then go up to the Nashville fairgrounds. General admission is \$10 and ringside is \$15, but if you don't want to drive, then just order the show on In Demand cable or Direct TV. The shows cost \$10 and it airs live every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. ♦

## Baseball: Raiders end season at double elimination tournament in Starkville

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out while sliding into second base. Chad Cooper added an RBI single, and Josh Archer hit a double off the wall in center field to score Cooper. That was the final run in the 10-4 loss.

Bulldogs starter Paul Maholm picked up the win (9-2), with six strikeouts and two walks while giving up four runs.

"Offensively, I have to give all the credit to [Paul] Maholm. He pitched a great game, moved the ball around, hit his spots and didn't try to get into a throwing contest and overthrow," MT head coach Steve Peterson said to MSU media relations.

Kline dropped to 7-4 by allowing eight hits and five runs in only two-plus innings of work, his shortest outing of the season. Kline walked two and had two strikeouts.

The following morning the Blue Raiders 2003 season concluded with a 13-7 loss to Missouri.

MT allowed three runs in the opening inning with MU's Jayce Tingler getting on base with a bunt to start the game. Ian Kinsler hit a double to right and scored Tingler and Ryan Rallo. Zane Taylor hit an RBI single off MT starting pitcher John Williams to push the Tigers' lead to 3-0.

The Tigers extended the lead to 9-0 in the third

inning, which included a two-run single by Tingler.

MT got its first run of the game off the bat of Brett Carroll with a two-run shot over the left field wall in the fifth to cut the lead to 9-2.

MU increased the lead to 12-2 with three more runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning, which included a single by Kinsler that brought home Tingler.

In the following inning, Jeff Beachum, Akers and Cooper hit together and brought home a run.

MT added four more runs in the eighth, including a double by Cooper that scored Beachum. Akers scored on a ground out by Nate Jagers. Then Carroll hit his second home run of the contest and 19th of the year over the left field wall to make the score 12-7.

"You have to give Missouri's pitcher [Danny Hill] credit. I was proud we stayed in there and got some swings," Peterson said to MU media relations. "It was good to see that we came back and made a run at it. It was too little, too late."

Missouri ended the scoring with a run in the bottom of the eighth by a triple hit by Bo Davis that scored Tyler Williams.

MT's Carroll had a big day at the plate by going 3-for-4 with two home runs, a double and four RBIs. Carroll is now tied for second in the MT

record books for most home runs in a season with 19. He is tied with former Raiders Mike Messerly (1988) and Doug Barner (1996).

Danny Hill (5-2) picked up the win for the Tigers, while John Williams (3-5) got the loss for the Blue Raiders.

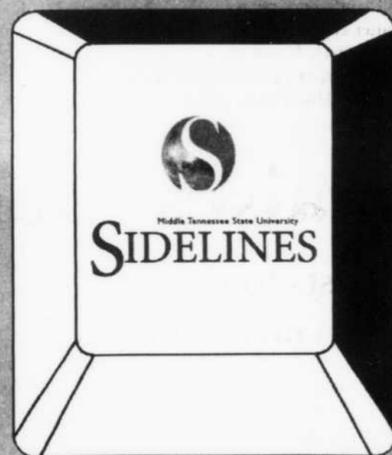
"There will probably be a team out of region who goes to Omaha. There is no shame in us losing the first two games. There is no shame in getting beat by Mississippi State and Missouri," Peterson said to the MSU media relations.

"We're just disappointed that we didn't come in and play at the caliber we felt like we could play to compete with these teams. When you get to this level, somebody's going to lose. Great teams are going to lose."

MT finished the season with a 33-27 record and 2003 Sun Belt Conference Championship title. It was also the final game for seniors Cooper, Kines, Jerry Knox and Jarrett England.

Northeast Carolina beat Mississippi State 8-6 in 11 innings on Sunday to advance to the Starkville Regional. UNC will face South Carolina in the Super Regionals, a best two-out of three series, this weekend for a chance to go to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., that begins June 13. ♦

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