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## '8:59' takes top honors at student film festival

By Carrie Hargett  
Staff Writer

Last week's fifth-annual Student Film Festival showcased 11 amateur films, and four came away with honors at the awards night Thursday.

The first place winner in the festival, *8:59*, was directed by freshmen Zach Gunter and David Poag.

Gunter and Poag, who live in the same dorm, became friends about three months ago, when they decided to enter a movie in the film festival. Their whole budget was \$28.

Their film is a dramatic story about

a college student named Thomas Bentley. He experiences hallucinations due to the stress caused by a car accident.

Bentley goes through obstacles trying to discover why he keeps slipping in and out of reality. In the end, he wakes up from a dream to discover he was in the hospital due to injuries from the accident.

The second place winner was *Dark and Stormy Nights* submitted by senior Whitney Tyler and sophomore Jacob Warren and directed by Mike Barbieri and junior Will Warren.

"This film was originally a play that

### STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS

First place: *8:59*  
Second place: *Dark and Stormy Nights*  
Third place: Jan and Michael: *A Silent Film*  
Fourth place: *The Beast From the East (to the Rescue)*

my brother, Will Warren, wrote," Jacob Warren said.

This short film is a comedy about an escaped prisoner who dresses up like a

girl. He knocks on the door of a house that is hosting a slumber party, and the mother invites him in, not realizing he is a man.

The teenage girls at the party also never realize that the girl at their party is actually a man. The four bond by telling scary stories and having pillow fights.

The third place winner was called *Jan and Michael: A Silent Film*, and was directed by freshman Laurel Randolph.

"I think I spent \$2 on this movie or whatever a can of Alphabet Spaghetti-Os costs," Randolph said.

Jan and Michael are two college stu-

dents who have recently broken up. However, they see each other's name everywhere they go from in their food to on their television.

In the end, they are reunited because they miss each other and are meant to be together.

The fourth place winner was *The Beast From the East (to the Rescue)* directed by freshman Herschel Vandyke.

This medieval war flick is completely made of LEGOs.

The MTSU Films Committee

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## Library offers research help

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

As the end of the semester approaches, some students find themselves smothered beneath a pile of projects and papers whose due dates are rapidly approaching.

Librarians at the James E. Walker Library have come together to offer a program - Research Coach - to help alleviate the stress that comes with researching.

Rhonda Armstrong, a library user services coordinator, said the program, which was adopted last spring, is offered a couple of times each semester to help students become better acquainted with the research functions of the library.

"We felt students couldn't always meet their needs with a few minutes at the reference desk," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said students can sign up for a 30-minute private appointment with a librarian,

RESEARCH COACH  
Call 904-8530 to sign up.

### Songs for Solidarity



Photos by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

(Top left) Ron Bombardi, philosophy department chair, performs with Fishtail Willie Thursday night during the Solidarity benefit, also featuring Dr. Gonzalo Velcro Stars. (Above) Jack Purcell, a philosophy professor, plays guitar along with Bombardi in Fishtail Willie. (Left) Fishtail Willie and the other bands performed to raise money for the campus group, Middle Tennessee Solidarity - a group devoted to furthering causes of socialism, democracy, feminism and anti-racism.



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer  
Saeed Forouhand grades papers in his office. Beginning this semester, professors will have to submit their students' final grades via PipelineMT.

## Grade process moving online

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

Beginning this grading term, all professors will be required to submit students' grades online - eliminating the paper process, which has already lost popularity among faculty.

Teresa Thomas, interim records director, said about 75 percent of the faculty already use the online grade submission process, and that even those who don't use it regularly know how but might not be using it because of extenuating circumstances.

"I think they all probably have used it and are comfortable with it," she said.

Some areas with lower online participation include departments with courses that have special grading criteria, she said. For example, some professors teaching freshman English have traditionally utilized the paper grade-submission procedure to submit grades of 'N,' which is a letter grade that necessitates a repetition of the course to obtain the credit required for graduation.

Thomas said the online process has been streamlined to accommodate all professors and all courses.

She said the online conversion will help eliminate several problems, including the delay the paper process caused, as well as the cost of paper and toner needed to print out all the forms.

The machine used to read the paper forms, which are bubble sheets, is sometimes unreliable, Thomas said, because of the volume of pages it has to decode. She said that there are

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## Earthweek kicks off today with Gore lecture

By Tim Poland  
Staff Writer

Earthweek 2004 will begin today with a lecture from former Vice President Al Gore and an environmental symposium at the end of the week.

In addition to helping organize the week's events, Students for Environmental Action have been working to propose a referendum that would increase student fees to pay for a cleaner energy system at MTSU.

"If your university is notable

for diversity, programming like the Recording Industry and Aerospace, and is environmentally responsible, people are going to want to come here," said Anna Fitzgerald, president of SEA. "We are putting a bunch of carbon dioxide in the air. You as a student are saying, 'I am paying for clean energy.'"

The MTSU energy system uses Murfreesboro Electric's coal-fired power plants, which release carbon dioxide into the air. However, MTSU does have a steam plant on campus.

On Monday, or Alternative Transportation Day, to start off Earthweek, Crest Honda will bring a Honda Hybrid car on the Keathley University Center Knoll and stay for several hours to promote the environmentally friendly car.

Engineering students will also be showing off their solar vehicle and other students will be offering free bike repair. At 6 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Gore will

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### EARTHWEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday**  
• Honda Hybrid car on display on KUC Knoll.  
• Engineering students will show their solar vehicle and other students will offer free bike repairs.  
• Al Gore lecture on environment and civil involvement in BAS State Farm Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
• Nick Algee will be on the Knoll distributing information about how students can make their school a cleaner one.  
• SEA interest meeting in KUC, Room 313, 6 p.m.  
• People for a Better

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## Mock trial team places 15th in National tourney

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

MTSU's Mock Trial team took on the fictional case of the death of a hockey player and placed 15th in a national tournament on April 2-4.

The Gold Flight National Championship Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, brought together 64 mock trial teams from all over the nation. The season began in September with more than 550 teams nationwide.

All the teams worked on the same case, *State of Midlands v. Michael W.*

Harmon. The fake case debated the possibility of an accidental death of a player after a fight on the ice.

"We work on the same case the entire season," said sophomore political science major Jonathan Brooks. "The interesting thing about it is when you go up against different schools in different tournaments and you see how their theories on the case [are] different than your theories on the case."

MTSU has two teams, but only one went on to the gold national level. That team also won first place in the Silver Flight National Championship

Tournament in Richmond, Ky.

John Vile, political science department chair and the coach of the mock trial teams, said that the team has performed better in the past, but they still did a commendable job.

"I think that the most important accomplishment in some ways this year is an individual accomplishment," Vile said.

Brooks, who is in his first year on the team, received a perfect score as a witness on the plaintiff side.

"He was the only person at the entire tournament to get a perfect 20," Vile said.

"He's designated as an All-American, but he literally was at the top of the All-Americans for witness roles."

"This is my first year, so it was nice to see what happens in national tournament," Brooks said. "It taught me the things that we did right and the things we did wrong so we can be prepared for future years."

Currently the mock trial season is over, but Vile is looking for interested students to replace graduating students.

"For anyone planning to go into the

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## Grades: Online process will save time; students can view grades as soon as they're posted

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more than 4,412 course sections alone this semester. Most of the courses include more than 20 students, and some have hundreds.

With the online system, professors can enter their grades at their leisure.

"They can submit it anywhere in the world," Thomas said. She said the grades are available immediately to be viewed by students via PipelineMT.

Before online grade submission was available, the records office printed out rosters of all courses, divided them up and contacted individual departments to come pick them up. Professors were required to record their students' grades on bubble sheets and individually turn the sheets in at Cope Administration Building, where records officials would ensure that appropriate grades were given (for example, that a student was not given a 'W' if he or she had not formally withdrawn

from the course). The Information Technology division scanned the sheets overnight, and the results were then made available to students. The volume of courses and students to grade often delayed the process by days.

Thomas said that the faculty's version of PipelineMT has been programmed only to approve acceptable grades for each student, eliminating the need for a records official to look over the grades and ensure accuracy. For example, the pro-

gram will alert a professor who tries to give a plus/minus grade in a general education course, she said, where plus/minus grades don't apply.

She said ITD and the records office have worked to ensure that the program offers consistent and accurate service for all courses, professors and their students.

"We actually have reviewed and added some more (features) and have got it - we think - perfected," Thomas said.

Paper forms will still be used

for one function, however. If a professor enters a grade incorrectly or decides to change a grade based on a student's appeal, he or she must submit a grade change request via a paper form to the records office. Thomas said this allows the records office to notify the student - who may have already seen his or her grade online - that the grade will be changed. It also allows for a paper receipt of the change to be filed, in case there are further concerns.

Thomas said that professors

who feel that they need help learning to use the online process can come by the records office, in Cope, Room 102. There are two computers set up in the office, and records officials will walk instructors through the procedure.

She also said she has approached department chairs and offered to attend their departmental meetings to do a presentation explaining the online conversion to any instructors who may want to know more. ♦

## Schedule: Events planned for week to focus on environment, civic action

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Tomorrow will be on the Knoll collecting recyclables (Wednesday also)

### Wednesday

• Environmental symposium, BAS Suntrust Room, 5-7 p.m.

### Thursday

• Live WMTS 88.3-FM broadcast on the Knoll with SEA and College Democrats.  
• Colleen Moore, author of *Silent Scourge: Children, Pollution and Why Scientists Disagree*, will speak on topics from her book, BAS State

Farm Room, 7 p.m.

### Saturday

Meet in Davis Science Building parking lot to go on a daylong hike to Savage Gulf, 8 a.m. Carpooling available.

## Earthweek: Curbside recycling pick-up, live WMTS broadcast, lectures planned

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present a lecture titled "Civic Engagement and the Environment." The lecture will be in the State Farm Room.

On Tuesday, Nick Algee, a campus coordinator for the Southern Alliance for Energy, will be at the KUC Knoll handing out information and talking to students about how they can make their school a cleaner one.

At 6 p.m. in KUC, Room 313 there will be a meeting for interested students to join SEA.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the People for a Better Tomorrow, a curbside recycling service in Murfreesboro, will also be on the Knoll collecting

recyclables from students and giving information about their inexpensive recycling service.

From 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday at the BAS SunTrust Room will be the SEA's Environmental Symposium.

Several speakers will come to present information on environmental matters. One of the speakers, Melissa Shelby, an MTSU student, will be presenting on Kenaf paper, a type of paper that does not use toxic chlorine in its bleaching process.

Thursday will be highlighted by a live WMTS 88.3-FM broadcast on the Knoll with SEA and College Democrats.

Later in the evening at 7 p.m.

in the BAS State Farm Room, Colleen Moore, author of *Silent Scourge: Children, Pollution and Why Scientists Disagree*, will be speaking on topics from her book.

Friday will be a recovery day from all the events taking place and an opportunity for students to sit and talk outside the KUC to environmental activist MTSU students.

The rest will be needed because students will be meeting on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in the Davis Science Building parking lot to go on a daylong hike to Savage Gulf. Carpooling will be available. ♦

## Critiquing coverage



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Barbie Zelizer, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, speaks Thursday about media coverage - especially photography - during war.

## Festival: Top winner received camera

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sponsors the student film festival each year. This is the fifth year the festival has been held on campus.

The first place film's creators received a \$500 video camera. The second place winners received a \$200 gift certificate to Amazon.com, and the third place winners took home a \$100 certificate to Amazon.com. ♦

## Trial: Team to have open slots this fall

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legal field, Mock Trial can give you an idea of the preparation you need," Brooks said. "It starts you on a path of thinking in terms of the law."

Vile also pointed out that students who are interested in public speaking or public service would benefit from Mock Trial.

"It's public speaking, composure, thinking on your feet, as well as familiarity with the legal system," Vile said. ♦

Lindsey Turner contributed to this story.

## Research: Program free

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who will provide guidance to students needing help brainstorming for research topics, selecting and citing resources, and more. The librarians also help students create bibliographies and obtain a better understanding of the research process in general.

Armstrong said students can inquire about research for any topic that is related to their coursework. She said help is available for both undergraduate and graduate students.

"The people that have [used the program] have been really happy," Armstrong said.

She said students can sign up for an additional 30-minute session if they feel the need.

Research Coach will be offered throughout this week, and Armstrong said it's likely that it will be the final time for the spring semester.

The program was offered last

week, as well as earlier in the semester.

Students wanting to take advantage of the Research Coach program can call 904-8530 to schedule a session. Students meet for their appointment in Walker Library, Room 114D (in the Reference area).

Times available are Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Students are reminded to bring their assignment and any related materials to the session.

The program, which is free for students, is sponsored by the MTSU Athletic Department and Phillips Bookstore. ♦

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**Research Coach**

Research Coach will be April 12, 2004 - April 23, 2004

The hours will be from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Fridays.

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# STATE AND LOCAL

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## Commission says marriage is man, woman

By Jason Cox  
State and Local News Editor

The Rutherford County Commission unanimously voted to recommend that marriage should be constitutionally defined as a union between one man and one woman at the commission's meeting Thursday evening.

"I just think it sends a message to our state representatives and our state senators about how we feel as a county commission, as a body," said Mike Sparks, who sponsored the resolution.

He said he did not see such an amendment ultimately passing in Tennessee, but "I can

guarantee you that this issue is not going to go away."

Commissioner John Rodgers, who represents parts of Murfreesboro, said he still has reservations about whether the commission should be addressing such a matter — or was even charged with the right or duty to recommend anything to the state legislature.

However, he said that in the end, he voted his conscience by voting for the resolution, which has no binding effect other than to serve as a recommendation to state legislators.

However, Rodgers did say he had lingering concerns that some commissioners were attempting to use the commis-

sion as "a bully pulpit" to enforce subjective moral issues. Rodgers abstained from voting on the resolution when it came before the Steering Committee earlier this month before voting to affirm it Thursday.

Sparks said a constituent brought the resolution forth, and that given the percentage of people in the area who support an amendment to the state constitution banning same-sex marriage, he felt an obligation to bring the resolution forth to the full commission.

"Overwhelmingly, I can tell you, there's 80 percent of the people out there that are in support of our stance the other night," Sparks said. "So anytime

you can get 8 out of 10 people to agree on something, you must be on the right track.

"On this issue, the people have already spoken ... I feel that we have an obligation to speak out."

Sparks reiterated that he does not believe gays and lesbians should be discriminated against in the workplace or in housing, adding, "I think we should love those that we disagree with."

He said that equating the same-sex marriage movement to the civil rights movement of the 1960s is inaccurate.

"I don't believe in discriminating against anyone," Sparks said. "And Martin Luther King,

in my opinion, he gave his life, ok, for equal rights. And he's one of my heroes.

"He gave his life for a cause that he believed in. He was a godly man that stood for principles, and for those groups to equate this cause to Martin Luther King and the black civil rights cause is ridiculous, in my opinion."

He said he had moral as well as fiscal reasons that same-sex unions should be permanently banned under the constitution.

"We're already having budget constraints. If you look out across the state, we're already having budget problems," he said. "And then to put an additional burden on the taxpayers —

I couldn't ever be in support of something like that."

He said that same-sex unions are going to cause businesses in Great Britain more than \$125 million, and that the government of the United Kingdom would be forced to pay out nearly \$240 million.

Sparks also said that businesses whose owners have a moral quarrel with same-sex marriages shouldn't be forced to provide benefits to "so-called spouses."

"That's going to conflict with my moral values," he said. "What about that burden? That's something else that's going to be negatively affected also." ♦

## Auto burglary in 'Boro

By David Paulson  
Staff Writer

Murfreesboro Police arrested Stephen Nelson, 22, and Carl Green, 27, and charged them with auto burglary on Old Fort Parkway Friday night. Police found stolen stereo equipment and tools in the mens' vehicle.

At approximately 2:45 a.m., police observed Nelson walking around the parking lot next to Top Ends Motors. According to reports, Nelson "took off running" after seeing the police car and not responding to requests for him to stop. Dispatch was notified of the incident and given his description. Several police officers arrived to search the area. Nelson was found in the bed of a nearby dump truck.

Nelson told police that Carl Green was sitting in a white truck nearby. Police located Green and both men were transported to the Police Department for questioning.

Nelson admitted that he had entered an unlocked Nissan vehicle parked at Top Ends and attempted to remove the vehicle's stereo equipment. He told police he "had a change of mind" and decided that stealing the stereo was not worth the effort. He was putting his tools away in his vehicle when Green tapped on his window to tell him the police were coming.

Police found a JVC compact disc receiver and a matching amplifier in Nelson's truck. The vehicle also contained a floor jack and a toolbox.

Both men were charged with auto burglary. Nelson was also charged with possession of burglary tools and evading arrest. They are set to appear in court June 8. ♦

## Art show

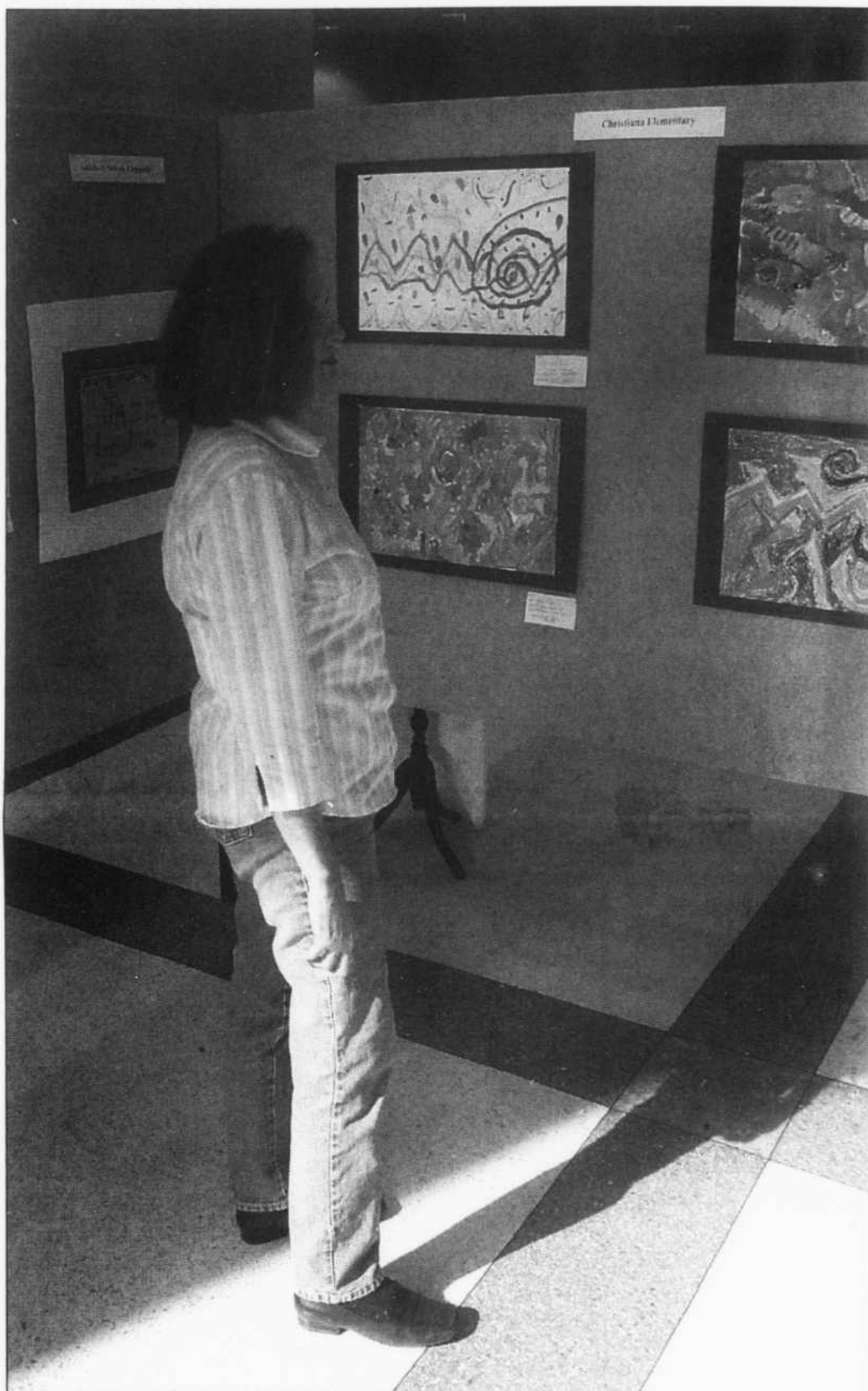


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Sheila Lilly takes a look at some of the artwork at the City Hall Art Committee's show for fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the City Hall Rotunda.

## Prosecutors seek new execution date for Workman

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — State prosecutors asked the Tennessee Supreme Court on Friday to set a new execution date for convicted cop killer Philip Workman.

The request came a day after Gov. Phil Bredesen declined to extend a reprieve for Workman.

The death row inmate had been scheduled to die by lethal injection in September, but Bredesen stopped it because of questions surrounding a former medical examiner's clemency

hearing testimony.

Defense lawyers contend former Shelby County medical examiner O.C. Smith gave inaccurate testimony when he said Workman's .45-caliber handgun fired the bullet that killed a Memphis policeman in 1981. Workman, who was caught by police while robbing a restaurant, contends the officer was killed by a bullet fired by another officer.

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## City, county elections Tuesday

### Staff Reports

City council and city school board seats are up for grabs tomorrow as Murfreesboro holds its city elections.

Candidates for the city council are current Vice Mayor Chris Bratcher, Tim Davis, Toby Gilley, Henry Huddleston, Hugh Jones, Carroll Velson and Ron Washington. Voters will have the opportunity to vote for three of these candidates, or they may select up to three people as write-in candidates.

Candidates for city school board are Susan Andrews, Patrick McCarthy, Lon R. Nuell, Nancy Phillips and Michael W. Sager. Voters can select four candidates. Voters also have the option of nominating write-in candidates.

Voting will be conducted at the listed polling sites from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. tomorrow, April 20. ♦

### POLLING PLACES BY PRECINCT

- 13-1: Bellwood School  
435 Sanbyrn Drive
- 13-2: Cason Lane Academy  
1330 Cason Ln.
- 14-1: Northfield Elem. School  
550 W. Northfield Blvd.
- 14-2: Siegel Elem. School  
135 W. Thompson Ln.
- 15-1: Murfreesboro Sportscom  
2310 Memorial Blvd.
- 16-1: Central Middle School  
701 E. Main St.
- 16-2: Mitchell Neilson Elem.  
711 W. Clark Blvd.
- 17-1: Reeves Rogers Drive  
1807 Greenland Drive
- 18-1: Patterson Park Comm. Center  
521 Mercury Blvd.
- 18-2,3: Wilderness Station  
301 Volunteer Rd.
- 19-1: Mitchell Neilson Primary  
1303 Jones Blvd.
- 19-2: Siegel Middle School  
355 W. Thompson Ln.
- 21-1: Hobgood School  
307 S. Baird Ln.

## Blackman baseball coach suspended after complaints

By B.J. Chaplin  
Staff Writer

Blackman High baseball Coach Doug Greene has been suspended for the remainder of the season after complaints from parents, school officials said.

The complaints stem from an altercation between Blackman Blaze Coach Greene and some of the players in the dugout during an April game, according to Rutherford County Schools Spokesperson Jim Mahanes.

Mahanes said that because the allegations were brought during spring break (April 5-9), immediately responding to them was difficult.

Furthermore, Blackman High Principal Gary Nixon was out of town, Mahanes said.

"As soon as they returned from break," Mahanes said, "Rutherford County Schools Superintendent Larry Gill then

responded to the complaint."

Nixon and Gill were unable to be contacted.

"What the superintendent does was he immediately suspended [Greene] until an investigation was launched," Mahanes said.

The results of the investigation were to suspend him immediately, he added.

Greene's status as a coach next season is "kind of up in the air, too," Mahanes said.

"As for the 04-05 season, any future coach assignments will be made after an assessment of Mr. Greene's actions to correct the issue of concern," Mahanes said.

According to *The Daily News Journal*, Blackman parents said Greene became physical with a couple of the players after an April 2 game.

Parents said he later apologized and agreed to abide by the players' request that he not coach the April 3 games, the

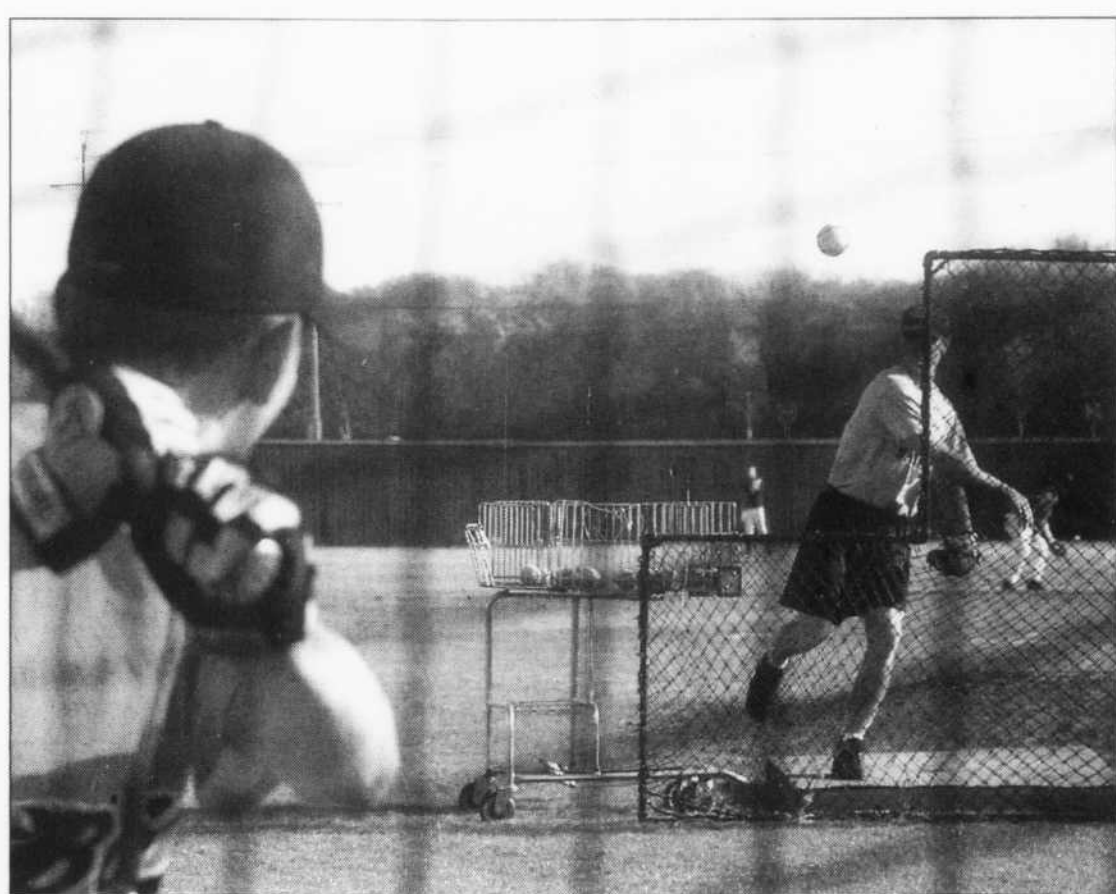


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

New Blackman head coach Buford Brewer throws a pitch during batting practice.

DNJ reported.

Assistant Coach Buford "Mudcat" Brewer has taken over as coach in Greene's absence.

Greene has been coaching at Blackman High, which is located at 3956 Blue Dr., since 2001.

He was the head coach at Coffee County High from 1994-99 and an assistant coach at Cheatham County High (1993) and at Brentwood High (1992).

He attended MTSU from 1990-1991 and played baseball at

Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., from 1988-89.

The District 7AAA Game is scheduled to play an away game against Wilson Central High Tuesday at 6:30. ♦

## Library databases online

### Staff Reports

The Linebaugh Library System is hosting an information "free-for-all," with community members being allowed free access to information databases.

To celebrate National Library Week, the Murfreesboro Public Library of Murfreesboro and the Smyrna Public Library will be part of Thomson Gale's national "free-for-all" program, allowing access to databases on history and literature as well as information on the legal system, businesses, health and Spanish-language documents.

Databases include the Tennessee Electronic Library, the Gale Biography Resource Center, LitFinder, Facts On File On-Line, Ancestry Plus and Peterson's Testing and Education Reference Center.

The databases may be accessed at one of these locations or online at [www.linebaugh.org](http://www.linebaugh.org) with a library membership card. ♦



# Amputee golf champ swinging easy at MTSU

By Colin Fly  
Associated Press Writer

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Kenny Green had just won his second national golf championship and knew he was about to be delayed at the airport.

The 21-year-old from Middle Tennessee State knew his prosthetic left leg was going to set off the metal detectors.

Running late for his flight, Green simply detached his leg, put it through the X-ray machine and hopped through the metal detector. The airport screeners stared, but it didn't bother Green.

Green, who had his left foot and ankle amputated as an infant because of a prenatal condition, has built confidence by winning the National Amputee Golf Association championship back-to-back.

He also earned a walk-on spot on MTSU's golf team in spring 2002, even though it wasn't easy winning over coach Johnny Moore.

"His game wasn't very impressive at first," Moore said. "Over the summer, he seemed to get better simply because of his work ethic."

His teammate Charlie Gibson said Green was on the course trying to get better every day.

"In golf, that's something you have to do," Gibson said. "It's not like other sports; you have to be at it all the time."

Green's hard work led to a golf scholarship in fall 2002, and he continues to inspire his teammates.

"They don't consider Kenny as having a handicap, and he really doesn't have one as far as we're concerned," Moore said.

MTSU's men will play in the Sun Belt conference championship starting Monday in Niceville, Fla.

Green said he struggles on tournament days where he has to walk eight or nine miles to play 36 holes.

"It's a little bit tougher for me, and I have to really psyche myself up for that," Green said.

Green's persistence helped him to two top 20 finishes in 2004. He's shaved five strokes off his average.

He won his most recent amputee championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., which hosted the 1991 U.S. Open and the 2002 PGA Championship.

"It's great getting there and teeing off at the amputee tournaments," he said. "Everyone is laid back and really friendly."

Competitors in amputee golf tournaments often tease each other based on their disabilities, Green said, sometimes using language that would offend the politically correct. Since Green has only one amputation, he's known as a "normie with a limp."

This year's amputee national championship is in Boulder City, Nev., in October.

Despite the jokes, Green has become more serious about advocating for those with disabilities.

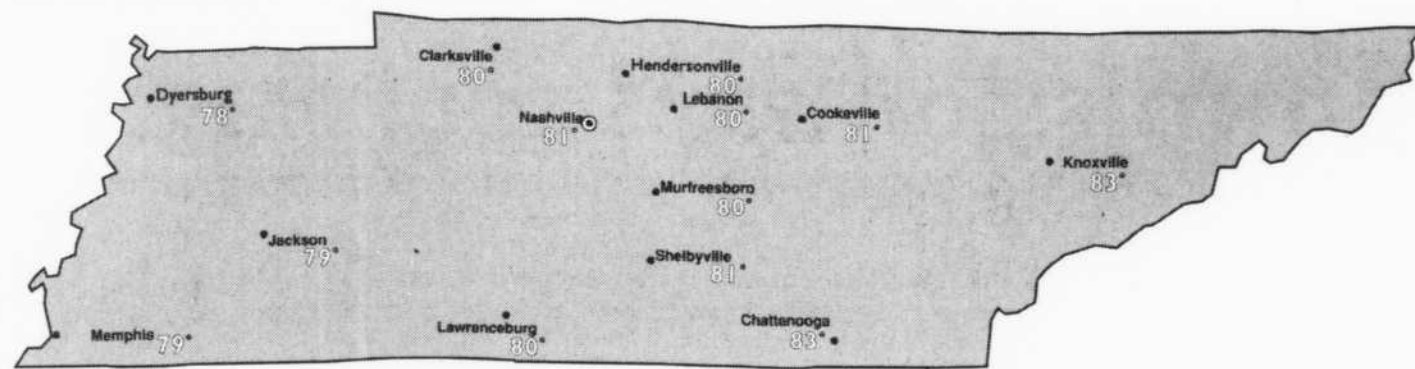
Three years ago, Green wrote a friend of the court brief to the Supreme Court in Casey Martin's case against the PGA Tour to win use of a cart because of his disability.

Green at the time argued that using carts would compromise the integrity of the game. But since then, he's changed his mind.

"After being involved in amputee golf, in situations where they really need a cart they should have it. It was all part of the growing up process. Just because I can do it, not everyone else can," he said. ♦

## Tennessee Weather – Monday's Highs

From the Associated Press



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
77° ▲ 58° ▼	78° ▲ 56° ▼	79° ▲ 56° ▼	78° ▲ 56° ▼	69° ▲ 48° ▼

## Execution: Defense wants new trial

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On Thursday, state medical examiner Dr. Bruce Levy said in a report to Bredezen that "to a reasonable degree of medical certainty ... Lt. Ronald Oliver was killed by a single gunshot wound to the chest fired by Philip Workman."

Attorney General Paul Summers said in the request that "though the reprieve from execution was issued in September 2003 in the interest of justice, it is in that same

interest, with the reprieve having now expired, that the state of Tennessee respectfully moves that a new date be set for the execution of Workman's sentence."

Workman's attorney could not be reached immediately for comment Friday.

Defense lawyers are asking the federal courts to order a new trial for Workman. They argue that an autopsy X-ray was not shown to his trial jury and that a prosecution witness lied about seeing the shooting. ♦

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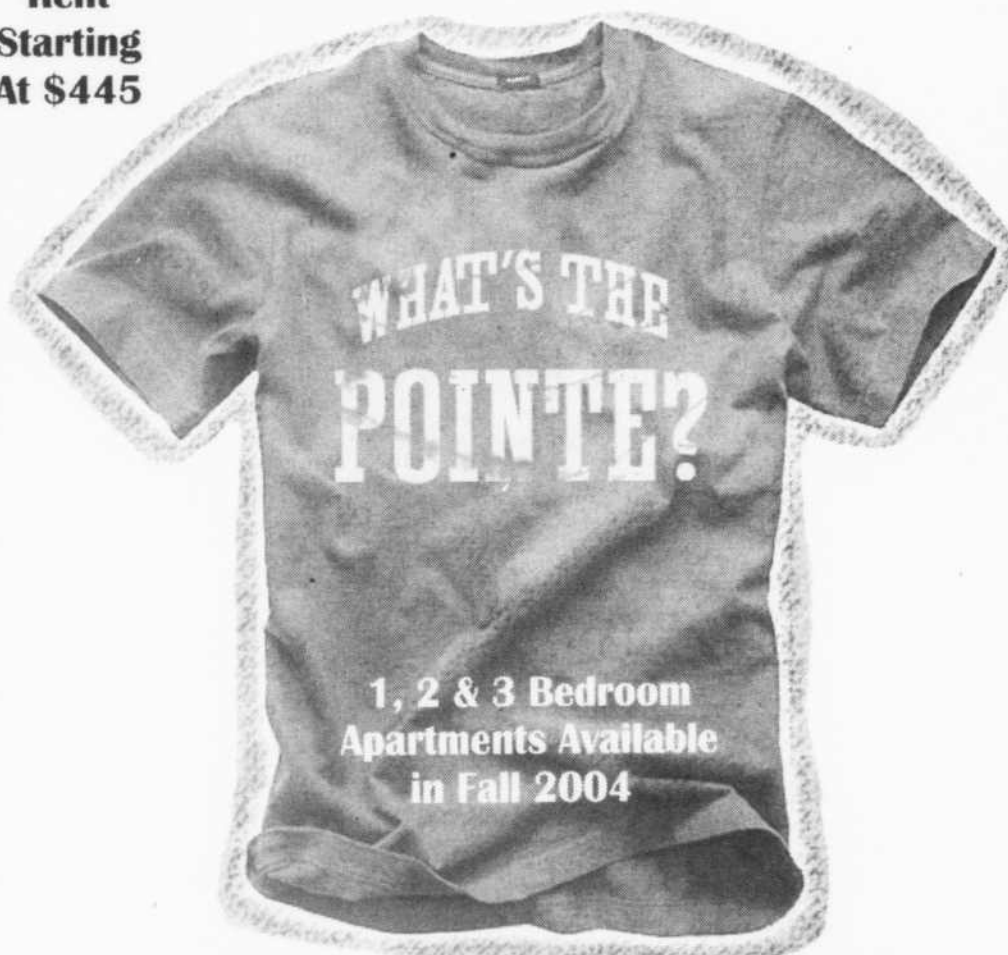
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# OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Monday, April 19, 2004

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From the Editorial Board

## Support Blue Raiders at Tuesday's ballgame

The Middle Tennessee baseball team is hoping to set a new attendance record at Tuesday's contest against in-state rival Vanderbilt University.

Blue Raider fans proved their true blue spirit in February by breaking the attendance record at Murphy Center at the Western Kentucky University men's game.

Now, MT fans have a chance to break two attendance records in the same year.

The current attendance record for an MT baseball game was set in 2001 with 2,733 spectators, and Tuesday's game has a few incentives for the fans who turn out to support the team.

However, the chance of winning two free Southwest Airline tickets anywhere in the continental United States or of being one of the first 500 fans and receiving a free T-shirt shouldn't be the only driving force behind student turnout.

If we were willing to drop everything and pack Murphy Center after a cold day accompanied by snow, surely we can get at least 2,734 people to put on their best MTSU gear and get to Reese Smith Field to support our baseball team on a warm spring day with an expected high of 77.

A record-breaking crowd turned out in February to support MT athletics. Let's get another record-breaking group of screaming fans to cheer on the baseball team.

First pitch is set for 7 p.m., but fans are encouraged to arrive early for seating purposes, not to mention the free T-shirts.

If we want MTSU to compete with other state universities, we must commit to competing on all levels.

We're already the largest undergraduate university in Tennessee. Let's have the largest attendance at our athletic events as well.

If other universities with smaller populations can get fans to games, so can we.

We encourage all MT students and city residents to support the team by attending Tuesday's game against Vandy. ♦

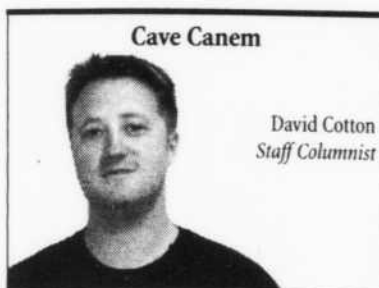
## Iraq, Vietnam have similarities, differences

Specialist Tom Davis from Tennessee was 25 years old when a remote-controlled roadside bomb destroyed the Army truck he was in. Davis was shot and killed as he returned fire from outside the burning vehicle. This occurred west of Saigon in 1961, long before the United States retreated from Vietnam in 1975.

A recent remark from Sen. Edward Kennedy calling the current situation in Iraq "President George W. Bush's Vietnam" created an uproar among Republicans and made the question of the week for the chat news circuit, "Is Iraq like Vietnam?"

Commentators have been reluctant to agree that the comparison is valid. Usually this reluctance is due either to political considerations or the hesitance to say such an awful thing. To win wars, Americans need to be optimistic, yet optimists have a tendency toward denial.

The main argument against the Vietnam analogy is that casualties are fewer, but compared to earlier years of the Vietnam War, they're actually greater. In both wars, the casualties increased as conflict continued. Quagmires don't occur overnight, as we see with the story of Specialist Davis.



Recent events in Fallujah have added to the Vietnam analogy because it's reminiscent of the surprise Tet Offensive launched by Communist forces during the Vietnamese New Year in 1968. In a military comparison, there are differences, but what's similar is the disunity between the politicians' rhetoric here and what is actually occurring there.

Before Tet, the rhetoric concerning events in Vietnam sounded very similar to what we've been hearing for more than a year: "Progress is being made, things are getting better, and we're loved by the locals. Trust us, and please stop asking so many questions."

Then Tet, and now Fallujah, showed all that rhetoric to be no more than wishful thinking. The ones who like us won't fight for us, but the ones who don't like us are willing to fight against us.

The similarities between our

wars in Iraq and Vietnam reach far into the past.

Both regions are part of the post-colonial world and suffer the same problems many of these regions do, including porous, or even unrecognized, borders. Both had a long history of American "advisers" involved in local civil wars that eventually led to a greater military commitment. Both wars were primarily an American endeavor with only a small token amount of international support and little real help from locals. Both had vague strategic goals if any and were completely without any planned exit strategies. Both profited a select handful of American corporations.

There are differences between the conflicts, though. There is currently no draft. Vietnam had more troops cycle through it than we currently have total in the armed forces. Despite inadequate forces, as long as this administration can get away with it, there will be no draft.

Even Vietnam would've been far less unpopular if there were no draft. There are always brave citizens willing to support a war as long as they're not personally involved.

The other great difference may

seem trivial, but it isn't. A deployment to Iraq isn't even as enjoyable as a deployment to Vietnam. For every veteran who had to face the horrors of jungle warfare, there are at least a dozen who can tell you of good times: beer drinking, beach barbecues and of trips to Saigon.

Not so in Iraq. No leaving the base for sightseeing in the "cradle of civilization." It's too dangerous because Iraqis seem to view their proclaimed liberators as conquerors. No beer drinking out of respect for our Iraqi friends, the liberated and/or conquered. Iraq isn't a deployment conducive to good morale, especially when the Bush administration makes promises of yearlong limits on deployments, only to break them.

Just like their forefathers in Vietnam, U.S. servicemen and women patrol for the sake of the patrol. If they're fired upon, they return fire. Their only real tactical objective is simple survival.

Kennedy was wrong in one aspect, though. Iraq isn't Bush's Vietnam. He only put us there. It now belongs to all of us. ♦

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## America right, France bribed

In late January, United Press International reported, "documents from Saddam Hussein's oil ministry reveal he used oil to bribe top French officials into opposing the imminent U.S.-led invasion of Iraq."

Oh, my gosh. Monsieur Chirac, most loyal advisors, those lovable Frenchmen who always took the "moral high ground" to oppose those "imperialist Americans," weren't really "laboring for peace" after all? Gasp! You mean they were secretly stuffing their pockets with francs from Mr. Saddam Claus himself?

Oui, Oui.

Can you believe CNN, NBC, CBS and NPR didn't think this development to be newsworthy? This shock connection didn't shock conservatives.

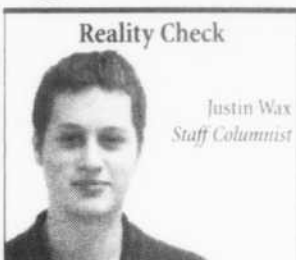
France's anti-Iraqi freedom position smelled stinky to many Americans. As author Kenneth Timmerman put it in a March 22 interview with the *National Review*, it makes you wonder why France would ditch 200 years of friendship with America to side with a dictator who murdered 300,000 of his own people.

Lucrative oil deals and bribery were chosen over freedom and international resolve to enforce U.N. resolutions.

Oh, and let's not forget Chirac's alleged nuclear deal with Saddam in the 1970s.

According to Timmerman, Chirac "arranged to sell Saddam a nuclear-research reactor, which Saddam himself called a nuclear-bomb plant."

If Israel hadn't launched a courageous air strike on the nuclear "reactor" in the early 1980s,



Jerusalem might not exist. Merci, Monsieur Chirac! Viva France! Oh yes, Jacque and Saddam have been chums for years.

It's no secret that Saddam hates Israel and America. His resume included being a state sponsor of terrorism, offering logistical support to al Qaeda, attempting to assassinate a U.S. president and building a nuclear plant so he could blackmail the civilized world.

But liberals still believed Saddam posed no imminent threat to Americans, and I suppose that Slobodan Milosevic was an immediate threat since Bill Clinton launched a pre-emptive attack before gaining the United Nations' blessing.

If you're going to gripe about the U.S. military's freeing 24 million people, why don't you be consistent and whine about Clinton's decision to drop bombs in the Balkans?

In response to the criticism about the civilian casualties in Iraq, some people just aren't grounded in reality. War is a terrible thing, but sometimes it's necessary.

Remember that, prior to the Normandy invasion, Allied bombers intentionally targeted French citizens in and around Pas de Calais.

Why? To fool the Germans into thinking they were going to land there instead of Normandy, and it worked. American generals

knew it would inevitably save American lives. And let's be honest, folks — this was the second time we had to save France in 30 years.

However, in America, millions of Democrats, displaying an extraordinary show of support for French human rights, flooded the streets to protest Franklin Roosevelt's policy of targeting civilians.

Actually, they didn't. Another reality check: Diplomacy doesn't always work, especially when France is playing *Let's Make a Deal* with a despotic madman.

Why don't liberals thank Bush for his successful diplomacy in Libya? That dictator was so freaked out by Saddam's fate that he revealed his entire WMD program, including his stocks of mustard gas hidden at a turkey farm.

Remember what "diplomacy" cost us in the months before World War II?

The rape of Austria and Czechoslovakia served as the down payment for that diplomatic success, if you dare call it that. Freedom is never free, but peace in our time costs us a fortune.

Bush's strength and resolve to protect and further freedom ousted a brutal international terrorist.

The price of Iraqi freedom and American safety is being paid in blood, but remember the words of Thomas Jefferson: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." ♦

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

It's always nice when you don't have to travel far to find your schmuck. This week, the city council of nearby Franklin, Tenn., can take our honors.

It would seem the aldermen there have lost their inner child.

They want to stop bubbles from floating down Main Street and passed an anti-bubble machine ordinance with a 5-2 vote Tuesday night.

For six years, Bathos soap store owner Paul Barrett has run a bubble machine that floats soapy spheres down Main Street. But some town residents see only terror reflected by the objects of contention.

"As far as whether [the bubbles] should be banned or not, it really comes down to a safety issue," Main Street frequenter Simon Hartland told *The Tennessean*. "If one child were to chase a bubble and get hit by a car, that would be one child too many."

That's right. It wasn't the parents' fault for not holding the hand of their child. Or teaching the child not to run into streets. Or not watching their child. Or walking with their child on the bubble side of the street when they know their child is prone to do silly things like running after



soap. Glass store owner Christina Amezcua said the bubbles were a nuisance to customers and shop owners.

But what annoyance can really come from a bubble?

You pop it and — poof! — it's gone. One could also step on it. And it's not like the bubble machine is a weapon of mass destruction — a direct hit won't cause typhoid, tuberculosis or the plague.

It even might make one smell a little nicer.

Barrett said the bubbles have caused no harm and posed no threat to the lives of Franklin's youngsters.

Seems pretty intuitive to us, but since when has common sense dictated governance? ♦

Original story at [http://tennessean.com/williamson/archives/04/04/49883138.shtml?Element\\_ID=49883138](http://tennessean.com/williamson/archives/04/04/49883138.shtml?Element_ID=49883138).

## Everyone embodies own 'American way'

It's the American way. One of my friends always responds with this statement when I ask why he does the things he does.

One day I asked him his definition of the American way. Needless to say, he couldn't give me a definition.

Therefore, I'm going to give you my definition.

The American way is hard work and imagination. Everyone has a different path to follow — that's what keeps America growing and running.

Imagination made America colorful and helped build strong physical foundations while bringing abstract concepts into reality.

Hard work is equally important. Everything we have in America came with a price. Good or bad. America has been made from blood, sweat and tears. We should remember the lost and the survivors. To these people we owe thanks, and some we owe apolo-



gies.

Because of them, we should be motivated to work hard for our dreams. If we work hard together, we will one day have the answer to heal the world and each other.

In the end my friend was right: There is no definition of the American way because our paths are different. What is your American way? I'm just learning mine as are most of you.

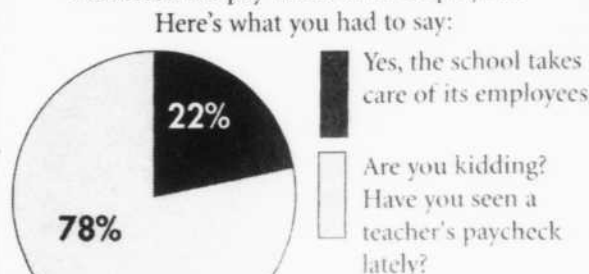
America has become strong, powerful and beautiful because of people like you and me. Let's learn from our history to make a better future. It's the American way. ♦

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## Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "Has the state adequately addressed the pay needs of its employees?" Here's what you had to say:



37 people voted in this poll.

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## Women's Center valuable asset to university

### Organization sponsors events that raise awareness

By Maryam Kassaei  
Staff writer

Novelist Alice Walker once said "no person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow."

If you agree, then you can consider MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center a dear friend.

Speaking out and protecting human rights is a primary goal of the JAWC.

"In the past year, the JAWC has coordinated or participated in planning events on domestic violence prevention, women's reproductive health, hate crimes, eating disorders and body image, women in sports and sexual assault awareness and prevention," Susan Trentham, director of JAWC, says.

JAWC, which was founded in 1977 as the first university women's center in the state of Tennessee, was created to provide support for the increasing number of women entering higher education.

To achieve this mission, JAWC now coordinates many services and programs, such as free legal clinics, various scholarships, financial health services, supplying health information brochures, breast cancer self-check packets, weekly table talks and the Career or Professional Development Brown Bag Series.

It has now become a major site of information and human service on campus, as well as in the city of Murfreesboro.

"We, as the only women's center in this city, cannot be blind to the fact that the community off of this campus is affected by domestic violence, rapes and assaults as much as, if not more than, students on this campus," Charisse Wooding,

coordinator for the volunteer program at JAWC, says.

Wooding is a senior in the college of business who has actively participated in JAWC for nearly four years.

"We must take action now," she says.

Although women's issues were the JAWC's original concerns, nowadays it isn't dedicated to women only.

"Both women and men can utilize the Women Center's services and participate in our campus programming," Trentham says. "We currently have one male staff member, as well as many students who volunteer and help the Women's Center," she explains.

Despite their participation, there are several programs that benefit men as well as women.

The monthly Career or Professional Development Brown Bag Series, legal clinic workshops, gender and diversity issues and Sexual Assault Awareness week are some of several programs that are directly related to students' lives, regardless of their sex.

"We want to be direct with them because they need to be informed and could be an advocate in the fight against these wrongs," Wooding says.

One of the major contributions of JAWC in offering information is holding a free legal clinic once a month.

Under this program, MTSU faculty, staff and students can seek legal advice without any charge. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC.

The issue of safety, especially on the campus level, is a big concern for MTSU students.

JAWC acknowledges this concern by coordinating or participating in the planning of events headed toward risk reduction, prevention and



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defending strategies.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which was last week, is one of the most important programs that JAWC holds regarding the issue of cautiousness and safety.

Various programs are performed during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, such as the Clothesline Project, Design -A-Shirt, risk reduction strategies, Take Back the Night and Journey of Hope 5K Fun, Run, Walk.

A co-sponsor of the 2004 awareness week was the Rape Recovery and Prevention Center. "This center provides various supports to anyone in crisis or in need for advice through a 24-hour crisis line that began at the beginning of April."

The Rape Recovery and Prevention Center can be reached by 494-9262. ♦



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**The June Anderson Women's Center has been at MTSU since 1977. It became the first Women's Center in the state of Tennessee and currently participates in planning and sponsoring events that raise awareness about human rights.**

**JAWC director Susan Trentham speaks at Take Back the Night, an event sponsored by the organization during Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Other events included the (above) and Journey of Hope 5K Fun, Run, Walk.**

## Student protects lives, shares swimming abilities

By Adam Parker  
Staff Writer

Since 1999, Justin Tarrents has looked out for his fellow swimmers at MTSU and has no drownings to speak of.

When you swim in either of MTSU's two swimming pools — one located inside the recreation center, the other just outside of it — he is your peace of mind.

He is your lifeguard.

Without him, kids (and adults) are more prone to drowning; MTSU could get sued, and then students would have to go somewhere else for good, aquatic fun.

Tarrents has kept his job for five years — longer than many college students hold a job. He is still not tired of being a lifeguard.

"It's a lot more interesting than working at a restaurant," Tarrents says.

Every now and then Tarrents has to jump in the pool and perform a save. ("Save" being lifeguard language for rescuing a swimmer.)

"A lot of my personal saves come from picking little kids out of the water," Tarrents says.

He takes the kids back to the shallow end or hands them over to their parents if necessary.

As important as Tarrents is in the case of an emergency, there have been relatively few of these moments.

In fact, during Tarrents's five years of life guarding, he can only recall two major saves (neither of which occurred during his shift).

One of these saves involved



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

**Justin Tarrents has been lifeguarding at MTSU for five years while teaching swim lessons during his free time.**

an elderly lady who had a heart murmur, went into cardiac arrest and was subsequently picked up by an ambulance. Another dramatic save involved rescuing a college-aged male who blacked out in the pool and then slipped under the surface of the water.

But there is more to Tarrents' job than just life guarding.

In fact, while Tarrents was a senior at Riverdale High School and a member of the swimteam, he began working at the pool as a swimming instructor. He still teaches youngsters how to swim from time to time. He says it's the most fulfilling part of his work.

One day, Tarrents saw a couple of kids swimming. For their age, they were really good at it. Then the kids' mother

approached him. She reminded him that these kids first learned to swim under his instruction three or four years ago.

In fact, her kids enjoyed him so much that they stuck with the activity and wanted more. Now they swim competitively.

"At first they didn't know how to swim at all," Tarrents recalls. "It's interesting to see them go from nothing to competitive swimming."

Tarrents also takes time to help disabled people swim, most of whom are paraplegic.

"For some it's like a lesson in rehabilitation," Tarrents says. "For others it's freedom because they don't have gravity working on them so they float, which is almost like walking." ♦

## Tips to living on a college budget

By Emmy Eisner  
Contributor

Feeling stressed about money? If you are having a hard time budgeting your funds, you are not alone.

"I'm horrible at budgeting," junior English major George Murdoch says. "I don't start budgeting my money until I am really low, then I'm real good because I have to [be]."

Budgeting is a hard thing to learn for everyone, even for those not in college. A good way to budget money is putting your money in envelopes.

First, make a list of your average spending on items and activities weekly.

Then label separate envelopes for those items and activities, and put your budgeted money in them.

An aspect that comes with budgeting is deciding what items are needs and wants. Needs include books, food, gas, paying bills and rent.

Wants include compact discs, movies, going out and shopping.

Be careful to think about purchases — make sure it fits into your budget and that it's a must have.

Food can be a challenge to your budget, but there are some ways to save money on food.

Cooking in college can be a hassle, so it makes it a lot easier to eat out. But that can start to add up.

Cutting back on eating out can help you with your budget. If you do go out to eat, take full advantage of your student ID

card.

Some restaurants will take at least 10 percent off. If you do cook, make large portions and save the rest for leftovers.

If you have a meal plan at school, take full advantage of that, because it's already paid for.

If you don't have a meal plan, eating on campus can get expensive.

"I don't eat on campus, because it gets too expensive, so I pack my own meals, along with snacks, such as carrots, pretzels and granola bars," Lauren Mondelli, a junior exercise science major, says. "I will only buy food on campus if I'm starving."

At the grocery store, buying food in bulk and staying with the generic brands will save you money.

"I save money buying as many generic brands as I can at the grocery store. It saves money, and you don't really lose quality," Elizabeth Marienthal, a senior recording industry major, says.

One of the best ways to save money on food is using coupons from the newspaper.

"I usually save around three dollars using coupons, depending what I get," sophomore business major Sara Carlson says.

Coupons can be found in the Sunday newspaper. Though many college students don't get a newspaper, they can purchase them anywhere.

On Sundays, *The Tennessean* is on sale at Wal-Mart.

"I get my coupons out of *The Tennessean* on Sundays after purchasing it at Wal-Mart

for \$1.49 ..." Carlson claims.

Another factor that can be hard on a college budget is books. College students know how depressing it can be spending all that money on books.

Students also know how much money you can lose when selling those books back.

Often books become permanent belongings when the bookstore tells you they no longer but the book back.

Try to buy books from other students, and sell your books to other students.

All school books do not have to be bought at the school bookstore.

Look for your books on either Half.com or Amazon.com.

You will have to wait to get your books, but you can save money.

If your professor doesn't say the book is mandatory, go to the library and use the books on reserve.

Having a life and enjoying activities is part of the college experience.

Take advantage of seeing movies at the Keathley University Center for \$2.

Going to support your school athletics is free and exciting.

Pay close attention to activities that are going on at campus, because more than likely, they will be free.

If you enjoy drinking, find all the different days and drink specials that bars offer during the week.

Consider some of these tips, and these could take away some of the stress of budgeting for college. ♦



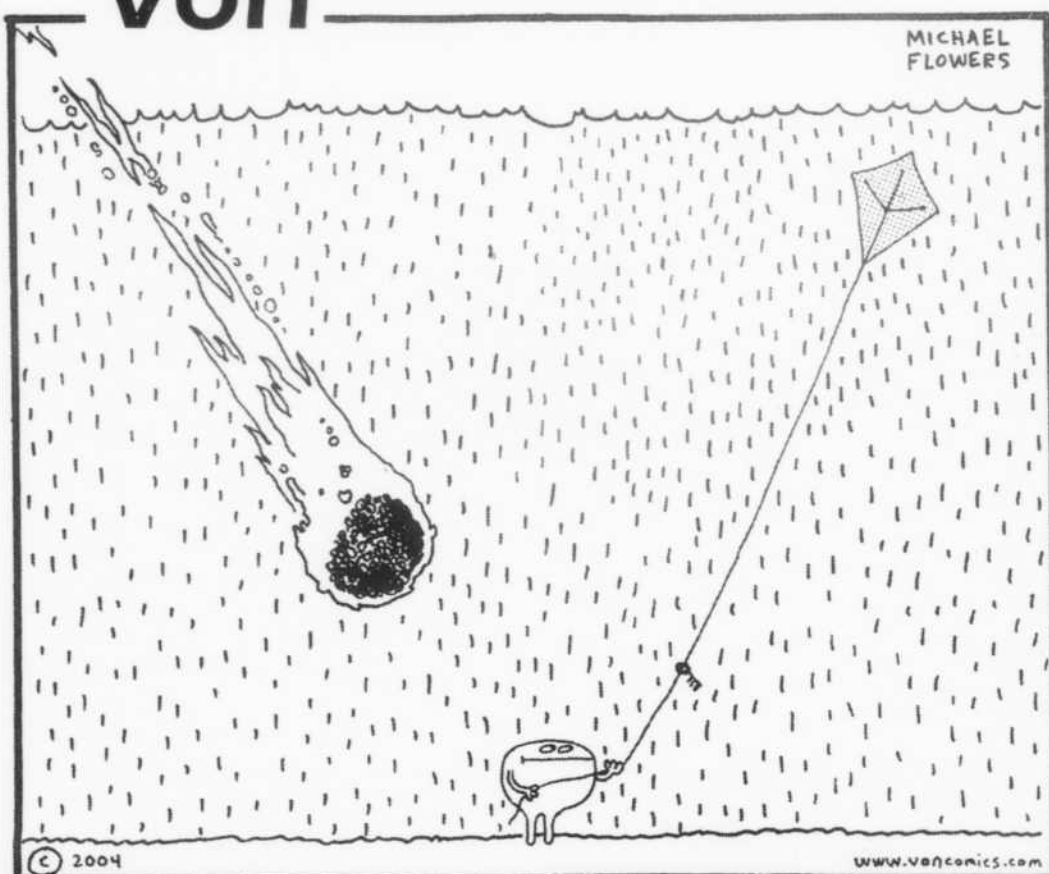
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Friday, April 23

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 Through April 24  
 Tennessee Livestock Center, 7:30 p.m.  
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Chamber Winds Concert

Wright Music Building  
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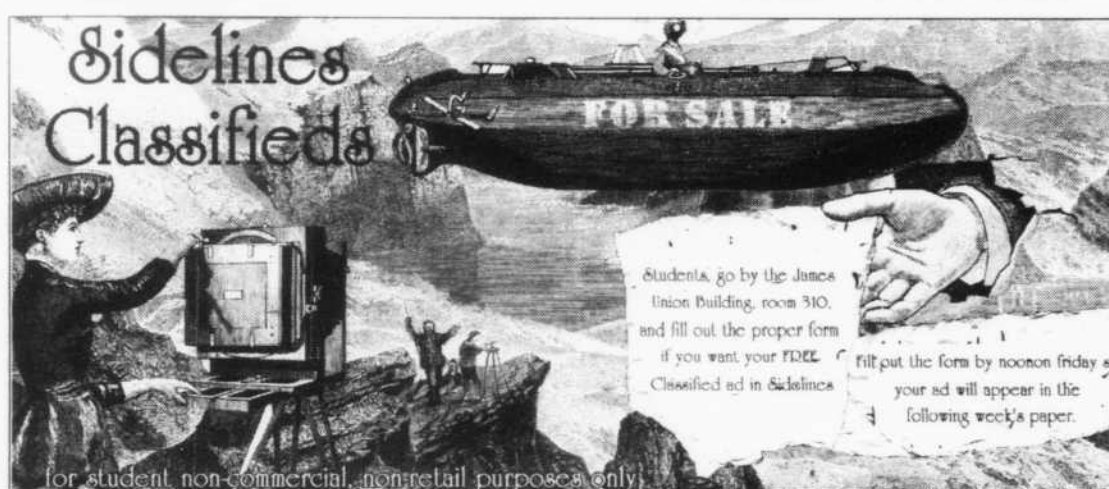
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WalkAmerica  
 Floyd Stadium, 12 p.m.  
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Sylvia, a production by Alpha Psi Omega  
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 Free tickets in KUC 303

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## MT Baseball

Next Game Tuesday  
"Pack the Park" Night  
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# SPORTS

Monday, April 19, 2004

## MT Softball

Next Game Thursday  
Doubleheader  
vs. Birmingham Southern  
First pitch at 5:00 p.m.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Blue Raiders take two of three over ASU

By Jonathan Hutton  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team split the first two games of a three-game homestand this weekend. Both teams produced big offensive numbers in the first two games.

Friday evening was a struggle for the Blue Raiders (22-13, 5-6 Sun Belt Conference), who played catchup against Arkansas State (18-18, 3-8 SBC) for most of the game.

The Blue Raiders tied the game at 1 in the second inning and at 2 in the sixth but never claimed the lead. The visiting ASU Indians built a two-run lead again in the seventh behind Brad Burkhead's second home run of the game. MT battled back in the eighth inning, knotting the game at 4 going into the top of the ninth.

MT has struggled to close games at times this season, and Friday night was another disappointing ending for Blue Raiders fans. ASU scored five runs off three hits in the top of the ninth, taking the lead 9-4 on Chris Rich's grand slam, which sealed the game for the Indians.

With the win, relief pitcher Ryan Hamilton improved to 6-3, striking out nine batters in seven innings of work. The loss went to MT pitcher Chris Mobley (5-3), despite having a career-high 13 strikeouts.

Saturday's matinee matchup between ASU had a better ending for the Blue Raiders, who fought back constantly within the game to eventually claim another conference win. It was a back-and-forth game all day, with the Blue Raiders taking the lead in the bottom of the eighth when Brett Carroll tripled to right field, scoring Nate Jagers to take a 7-5 lead.

ASU did not give up, despite being down two runs with only three outs remaining. Mike Siranni, with help from the wind blowing toward right field, hit a three-run homer to give the Indians an 8-7 advantage heading to the bottom of the ninth. It was the Blue Raiders' turn to play comeback.

MT batters faced off in the ninth against Rich, the hero of Friday's game. Rich had trouble finding the plate, however, and walked three batters, including the game-winning run. The Blue Raiders left the park

with a 9-8 win.

MT defeated ASU 6-4 Sunday to win the series. A full review of Sunday's game will appear in Wednesday's issue.

Next up for the Blue Raiders is tomorrow's game against Vanderbilt at 7 p.m. ♦

### Special Baseball Notice

Two free airline tickets will be given to a Middle Tennessee student, and the first 500 people to enter the stadium will receive a free T-shirt during "Pack the Park" night Tuesday against Vanderbilt.

The Blue Raiders will attempt to break the single-game attendance mark of 2,733, set during the 2001 season.

One lucky student will win two free round trip airplane tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies in the continental United States, compliments of Dan Wright of Billboard Consultants. All students in attendance will be given a ticket at the gate, and the winner will be decided based on ticket numbers sometime during the game.

Comcast is sponsoring "Pack the Park" night and the T-shirt giveaway.

The Blue Raiders and Commodores play at 7 p.m. Fans are encouraged to arrive early for the game to reserve a general admission seat. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

MT catcher Michael McKenry slides into home in the Blue Raiders 6-4 victory over Arkansas State Sunday.

## Men's track team wins at Vanderbilt

By David Hunter  
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee track team left the Vanderbilt Invitational with a win and a runner-up finish in the team standings.

This weekend, the men's track team, led by the performance of Mardy Scales, finished in the top spot with 167 points in the final team standings. Louisville was in second place with 137 points, and Western Kentucky was in third with 92 points.

Scales raced to a victory and a new MT record in the 100-meter event with a time of 10.18 seconds. Scales held the previous record with two other runners at a time of 10.24.

Scales got his second victory of the event in the 200-meter at 20.37. The two times are NCAA Regional marks.

Scales was also a member of the second-place 400-meter relay team.

In the men's long jump, MT's Clyde Gibson won the event with an NCAA Regional mark of 24-02.25. J.J. Sturm finished in the runner-up spot with a jump of 24-0.25, and Sean Waller finished fourth with a jump of 23-05.5.

In the men's shot put, Blue Raider Willie Parker finished in the top spot with a throw of 50-06.0. James Thomas was third with a throw of 48-00.5.

Blue Raider Linnie Yarbrough was the winner of the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 13.71.

MT's Zack Wood completed the 3000-meter steeplechase in third place with a personal record time of 9:45.04.

The Lady Raiders finished up the event in second place with 128 points. The host Lady Commodores won the women's team title with 209.5 points.

Rosemary Okafor did the hat trick with wins in the 400- and 200-meter events. Okafor won the 200 in a time of 23.71 and the 400 in a time of 53.39. Okafor was also a part of the winning women's 400-meter relay team.

Lady Raider Kishara George sprinted and jumped to a win in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 59.36. MT's KeKe Deckard was the winner in the long jump with 18-08.0.

Rolanda Howard and Karina Francis completed the event in sixth and 11th places, respectively.

MT's Laetitia Florimond took the win in the women's shot put

with 44-08.7. Meaghan Byrd and Kelley Enoch finished in third and fifth places, respectively.

The MT track team will compete in both the Murray State Invitational and the Penn Relays next weekend. ♦



Scales



Okafor

## Scrimmage kicks off season



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

MT kicker Paul Wheeler practices field goal attempts in the Blue Raiders' 2004 Blue and White spring scrimmage Saturday. For the full story, see page 9.

## MT begins homestand with win over Lipscomb



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

MT pitcher Eric Blevins delivers in a 6-4 victory over Lipscomb Wednesday. Blevins pitched 2 1/3 innings and picked up his third win.

By Michael Bailey  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee overcame early defensive and pitching lapses on a chilly night at Reese Smith Field to defeat visiting Lipscomb University 6-4 on Wednesday.

With the win, the Blue Raiders (21-12) completed a season sweep of the Bisons. MT won 10-7 in Nashville March 9.

Lipscomb jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings on three hits, two errors, two walks and a hit batsman. MT, on the other hand, was held scoreless until designated hitter Nate Jagers grounded into a fielder's choice, allowing sophomore Marcus Taylor to cross home and reduce the deficit to 3-1.

MT tied the contest in the fourth when the Blue Raiders compiled three consecutive hits before Lipscomb starter Zach Duncan recorded an out, including senior Derek Phillips' two-run double down the first base line.

"Phillips' hit was huge," MT head coach Steve Peterson said. "It got us back in the ballgame. To get on a big roll, we need those middle of the order guys to step up like that."

The game remained tied 3-3 until the Blue Raiders added some insurance runs in the seventh. Taylor led off with a triple to left field, and left fielder Chase Eakes followed by lining a single between the shortstop and third baseman, scoring

Taylor.

Junior college transfer Eric McNamee extended the rally by dropping a hit into shallow center field. A sacrifice bunt by Jagers moved both runners into scoring position, and sophomore Jeff Beachum drove them home on a chopper through the drawn-in infield to give MT a 6-3 advantage.

In their subsequent at-bat, Lipscomb sent the tying run to the plate after eventual game winner Eric Blevins (3-1) beamed two Bison batters. Peterson called upon lefty Steve Kline from the bullpen, and Kline, after walking Lipscomb's Nick Cleckler on a full count, retired the next two hitters on a groundout and a strikeout, respectively.

Kline, who began the year as a starter, earned his third save in his fourth relief appearance on the year and lowered his earned run average as a reliever to 0.93.

"I feel like I am a relief pitcher," said Kline, an Oakland High School alumnus. "I can come in and throw hard without having to hold back. Whatever role I'm in, I will give 100 percent to contribute to the team."

The win against Lipscomb was the Blue Raiders second in a row, and the first of a six-game homestand that includes a Sun Belt Conference series against Arkansas State and a promotional night against Vanderbilt Tuesday, when the team will try to set an all-time attendance record. ♦

## Rookies NBA's hope for image

By Michael Bailey  
Staff Columnist

Since Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James were selected within the first three picks of last year's NBA draft, much hoopla has surrounded the youngsters' every move. Not surprisingly, the two, who have been compared in every quantifiable method imaginable, are the frontrunners for the league's Rookie of the Year award.

League commentators are so smitten with the two prodigies that they inevitably gush over both players while attempting to choose one over the other.

The supposed experts may be justifiable in their giddiness. The league has endured recent image problems due to several players' sketchy off-court activities and a reputation that its increasingly younger players are attempting to initiate a second Baby Boom.

Optimistically, these two "kids" can resurrect the league's tarnished image and usher in another golden era of professional basketball like the 1980s.

In the '80s the league was carried from the turn of the decade by two young guns, Earvin 'Magic' Johnson and Larry Bird. From 1980 to 1990, they combined to win eight NBA titles, six MVP awards and five Finals MVP awards.

For James and Anthony, their first battle for hardware is over the Rookie of the Year award.

Anthony had an admirable year, worthy of winning the trophy in almost any other year, but he entered the league the same year the NBA rolled out the red carpet for King James. LeBron entered the league set up on a pedestal with nowhere to go but down. Instead of succumbing to the pressure, he managed to post season averages of 20 points per game, five rebounds per game and five assists per game, a feat only Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan were able to accomplish.

Some people claim that Anthony is more deserving because the Denver Nuggets are in the playoffs. Although winning is the ultimate goal – at least, that's what the league tells us – one needs to consider James' Cavaliers only missed the playoffs by one game, albeit in the weaker Eastern Conference. Furthermore, basketball is a team game, and it seems Anthony had more help from his teammates than James.

According to most news reports, James will indeed take the honor Tuesday. One can only hope that 'Melo remains in the West and LeBron in the East so they too can engage in a Magic-Bird-type Finals rivalry over the next few years. ♦



# Davis reflects, discusses future plans

By David Hunter  
Senior Staff Writer

Last month, Middle Tennessee men's basketball head coach Kermit Davis decided to stay at MTSU after being considered for the head coaching position at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Currently, Davis is searching for new players for the Blue Raiders squad to put the young but experienced team in a competitive position in the Sun Belt Conference.

After the completion of the season, Davis was contacted by USM after previous coach James Green resigned from the university. Davis met with USM officials, but he decided to stay at MT with the contract running through the 2008-09 season.

For the Mississippi native, there were many reasons why he decided to stay.

"I think probably the biggest reason was the loyalty to our players, and then the loyalty to Coach Donnelly and Dr. [Sidney] McPhee and the commitment that they have made to myself and my family, our assistant coaches, and in our program," Davis said.

Davis' family also played a major role in his decision.

"My family loves it," Davis said. "My wife, Betty and our two girls love Murfreesboro. They're great in school. They feel real comfortable here, and I feel good about the progress we've made."

Former Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy took the job and will be making a return to coaching after a one-year hiatus. Eustachy and Davis were

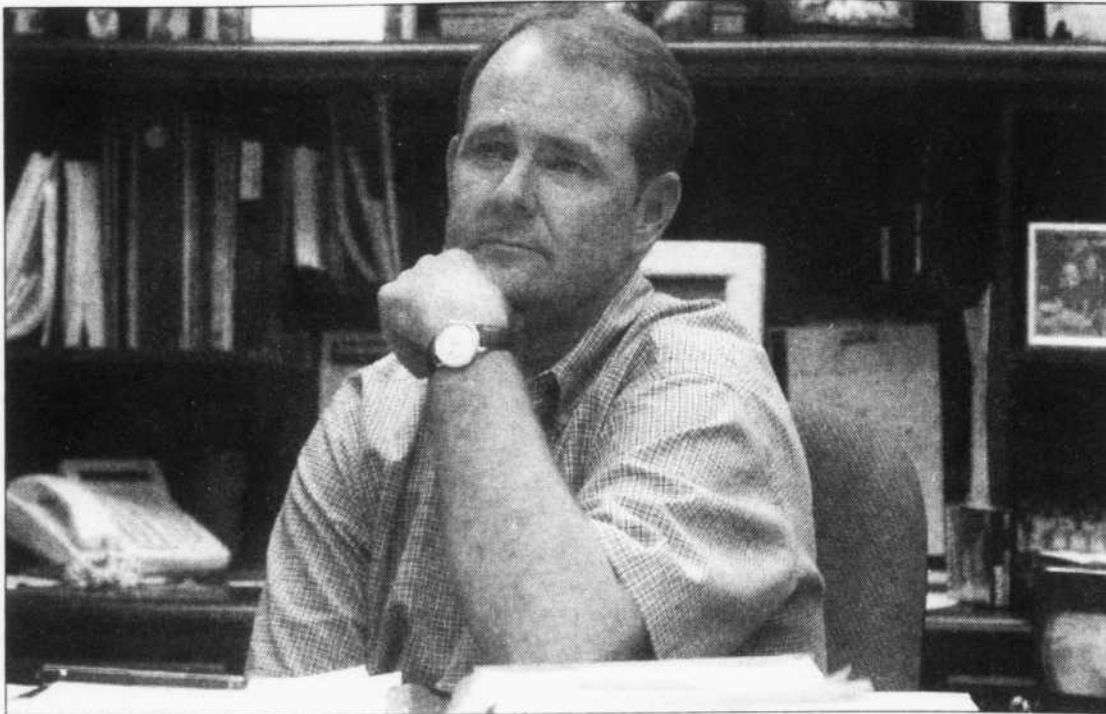


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MT men's basketball coach Kermit Davis has compiled a 33-26 record in two seasons.

assistant head coaches at Utah State from 1994-96. In 1995, the duo led Utah State to the Big West title.

Right now, the Blue Raiders are busy looking for replacements for the four seniors that finished their careers: Tommy Gunn, Keith Connor, Marcus Robinson and Steven Jackson. Gunn finished his career No. 3 on the all-time Blue Raider scoring list with 1,528 points and was selected to the All-SBC First Team twice.

However, MT will have four starters returning: Kyle Young, Michael Cuffee, Bryan Smithson and Mike Dean.

MT has already found two players in University of Georgia transfer Steve Thomas, who sat out this season, and Indian River (Fla.) Junior College play-

er Tim Blue.

Blue, a 6-foot-9-inch forward sophomore with unusually good range for his size, signed with the Blue Raiders last Wednesday. Thomas will be able to play after the end of the Fall 2004 semester.

Davis is currently looking for some more perimeter players. Besides Young and Cuffee, the team also has Darrio Scott, Alex Weekes and Keith Christmas coming back to control the paint.

"Tim Blue is going to be a very good front-line guy for us," Davis said. "We think we've got depth there, but we need to add some perimeter players, so it's crucial that we add a couple guys that can play and be effective for us and have chance to come in and play really good

minutes."

During his two seasons here, the attendance has had a growth of 66 percent. However, Davis would like to see more students come on a consistent basis.

"Students make the arenas fun, and they make it fun for the just the average fan to come," he said.

Regardless of how many fans come to Murphy Center next season, one thing is certain: Davis will be there.

"We want to try to see it through and see our program keep developing," Davis said. "I think [with] just the positives here, and what we had done, and how comfortable we feel here [that] in the end, it was an easy choice." ♦

# Offense scores five touchdowns in scrimmage

By Colby Sledge  
Sports Editor

The annual Blue-White spring football scrimmage Saturday gave Middle Tennessee head coach Andy McCollum plenty to smile about.

"I really believe we made some strides this spring and we finished up on a positive note in this scrimmage because I was able to see guys making plays and showing improvement on both sides," McCollum told MT Media Relations. "The offense has come along, but I'm also very pleased with the defense. We have guys flying around, swarming to the football and making plays."

The team's defense, which gave up more than 425 yards of total offense a game, was a major concern coming into the spring. Saturday the defense had plenty of highlights, including seven sacks and an interception returned for a touchdown by Danny Tolbert.

"This defense has really come alive during the spring," senior linebacker Alvin Fite told MT Media Relations. "We have guys who have stepped up and want to make a difference."

On the offensive side of the

ball, three quarterbacks saw action during the scrimmage. Clint Marks received the majority of the snaps, completing 16 of 22 passes for 222 yards and a touchdown. Josh Harris went 8 for 12 for 154 yards and two touchdowns, while San Hunt was 8 for 11 for 116 yards.

Whoever is named the starting quarterback will be throwing a majority of his passes to All-American candidate Kerry Wright, who set MT single-season records last season with 1,280 receiving yards and nine touchdowns. Wright had nine catches for 174 yards and two touchdowns Saturday.

"We threw the ball around well today and was able to get a lot of different people involved," Wright told MT Media Relations.

Perhaps the only disappointment of the day for fans was the absence of former MT standout and current Tennessee Titan Tyrone Calico. Calico was originally scheduled to appear to sign autographs, but a prior commitment in Nashville kept him from arriving.

The scrimmage marks the end of the spring practice season for the Blue Raiders. The team will begin practice in earnest again in early August. ♦

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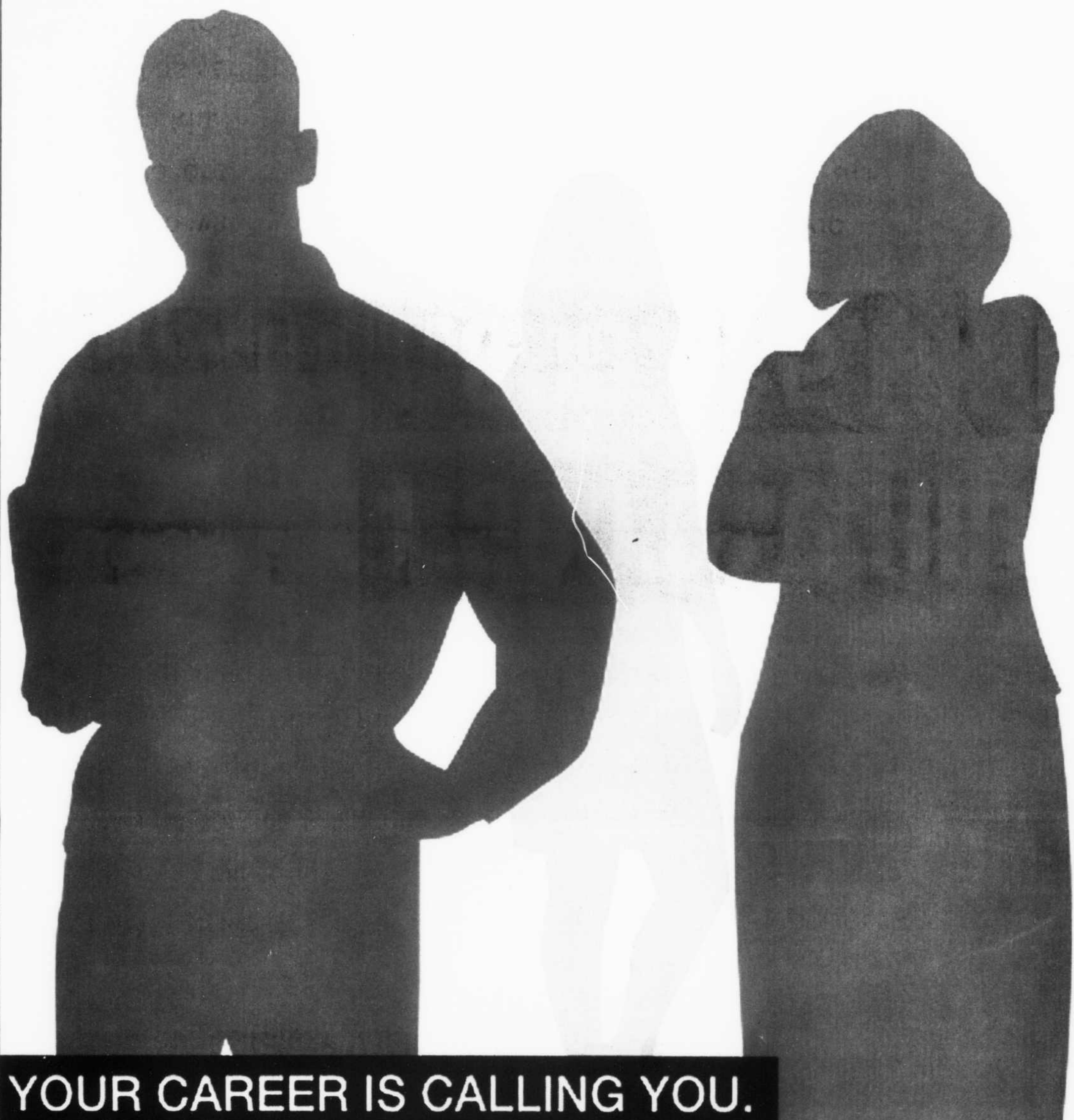
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