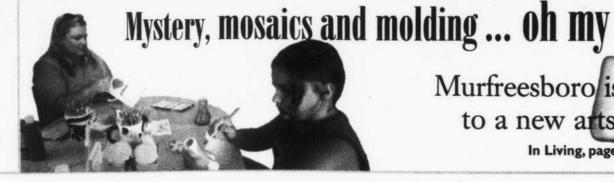
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Campus Briefs

Mind Mapping develops students' skills in class

Older Wiser Learners and Pinnacle are sponsoring two Mind Mapping workshops to be held on campus Aug. 28. Each workshop lasts 2 1/2 hours and is located in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Each workshop focuses on the Mind Mapping technique to improve students' skills such as note taking, organization. Workshops are held from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a spot in one of the workshops, call Carol Ann Baily at 898-

Camp provides outlet for girls in rock 'n' roll

MTSU's first Southern Girls Rock 'n' Roll Camp will take place July 28 through Aug. 2. The camp, sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center and Women for Women, will focus on teaching guitar, bass, keyboards and vocals to girls ages 12 to 18. Workshops and discussions during the camp will include such topics as production and music journalism. Tuition for the camp is

For more information, contact the Women's Center at 898-2193.

Students can finish files

Re-enrolling or new students had to have their applications for admission for the fall 2003 semester by July 1, but they will have additional time to complete their files. Students who submitted applications by the 1st can continue to submit the additional files needed, such as transcripts from previous schools attended. Applications need to be completed by Aug. 18, the first day of class.

Applications for undergraduate admission can be filed online www.mtsu.edu or can be obtained at the admissions office in the Cope Administration Building. Call 898-2111 for questions about admissions.

Fraternity, sorority recruitment forms due

Fall recruitment for the Interfraternity Council will begin Aug. 25 and the Panhellenic Council will begin Aug. 15.

Recruitment will give prospective members the opportunity to learn more about each fraternity and sorority and their different activities and programs. Applications for the Panhellenic Council will be Aug. Interfraternity Council applications will be due Aug. 21 in the Keathley University Center room

For more information about the Interfraternity Council, please contact Michael Ceccarelli at 631-2162. For more information about the Panhellenic Council, please contact Kim Godwin at 898-5812. ◆

Despite tuition hikes students stay in state

Sticker shock weighs heavily on freshmen

By Shana Hammaker Staff Writer

According to Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning, the recently approved tuition hikes will have no effect on enrollment rates at TBR schools.

In fact, the possibility that the hikes might motivate aspiring Tennessee college students to shop for colleges out of state was not discussed during the meetings on the tuition hikes.

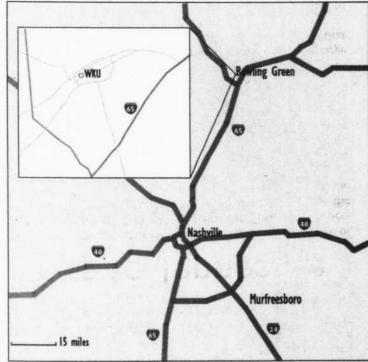
TBR schools are not pricing themselves out of the market, Manning said. Tennessee's schools are a part

of the Southern Regional Education Board, extends north to Maryland, south to Florida and west to

Manning explained that TBR See Cost, 2

schools have been priced at 5 percent above their peer schools in other SREB states in the past. That was until the 14 percent rate hike, which would put the cost of an education at TBR colleges at 19 percent above their peer schools.

Manning asserted it's too early to do a comparison of tuition rates. He explained that many other SREB schools are in the process of negotiating tuition hikes of their own.



Business fee hike



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer Students William Beavin and Tori Pope nap and work in the lobby of the Business and Aerospace Building.

Business college adds fee

By Patrick Chinnery Editor in chief

Beginning this fall, most business students must pay up to \$360, or 93 percent, more in fees than other students, due to a new \$20 per credit hour fee.

The fee was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents during its June session at the request of five TBR universities: MTSU, East Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, Austin Peay State University

and Tennessee State University. The 16 percent MTSU tuition and other fees hike was also approved at this meeting.

Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost, said the TBR approved this fee solely because of the accreditation requirements that the college of

business faced. 'We've been given to understand from the TBR that this is sort of a onetime fee approval," Gebert said.

"It's only because of the specific requirements and the specific hiring conditions that [the fee] was passed."

Jennings A. Jones College of Business Dean E. James Burton plans to make immediate use of the money, including replacing faculty who were released when the university cut its budget last

"We will add back nine full-time faculty positions based on the fee, and we will add another nine faculty positions, assuming we can find the faculty mem-

bers," Burton said. Without the fee, Burton said, the business college would have been able to hire back only two instructors with money received from the tuition

Burton is also considering using collected fees to reopen the career advising center in the Business and Aerospace Building, remodel a student lounge in the BAS and provide more support for

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Higher learning

Colleges across nation see rise in tuition costs

By Melissa Coker Staff Reporter

Tennessee students who are preparing for tuition increases in the fall are not alone, as universities across the nation are increasing tuition costs.

While the average cost of tuition has risen 16.8 percent for public 4-year colleges nationwide from 1997-2002, the average in many single states has more than doubled that amount.

Reuben Kyle, MTSU professor of economics and finance, said rising tuition costs are definitely a nationwide trend, rising more rapidly than the rate of inflation.

"In part, at least in public institutions, the public has been shifting the burden from taxpayers to students," Kyle said.

Kansas University students will have to foot a 20.7 percent increase in tuition for next fall, an additional \$303 per semester.

Due to a 15 percent tuition hike at the University of South Carolina, tuition revenue will exceed state appropriations for the first time at this university.

Students at Minnesota's public universities, technical colleges and community colleges have had two years of doubledigit tuition increases and expect a third next year.

All these school systems were forced to raise tuition as a result of state budget cuts.

Tennessee joined the ranks with a five-year tuition increase of 41.2 percent according to the Southern Regional Education

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July brings lowered blood alcohol limits to Fennessee



Tennessee lowered the blood alcohol concentration limit to 0.08 percent just before the Fourth of July weekend.

By Marie Brown Staff Writer

Tennessee has joined nearly 30 other states in efforts to save lives by lowering blood alcohol concentration limits from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent starting July 1.

Doug Winborn, professor of health, physical education, recreation and safety, said the main reason Tennessee lowered the BAC is because "alcohol is killing our children."

He points to Tennessee Department of Health statistics for 2000 that showed alcohol was a factor in 42 percent of all

"As [driving under the influ-

ence] laws become more stringent, the number of crashes with injury and fatality is going down," he said.

TDH statistics show that between 1998 and 2000, the number of crashes with injury and fatalities has decreased nearly two percent per year.

Many people are unaware of how many drinks it takes to reach a 0.08 BAC because many elements affect a person's BAC.

Individual variables such as alcohol tolerance, the type of alcohol consumed, body weight and metabolism all play a role in determining how much alcohol may be consumed before reaching the limit.

Variable factors also play a

role in measuring the degree of impairment. How greatly a person is impaired depends on the complexity of skills he or she must perform.

Driving requires skills such as eye-hand coordination, reflexes, judgment, alertness and concentration, according to Driver Tennessee the Handbook.

Sobering-up tactics such as drinking coffee or eating large amounts of food aren't that effective, Winborn said.

Eating can cause alcohol to absorb in the blood at a slower

"Coffee or caffeine is not an

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Cost: Kentucky offers some Tennesseeans in-state tuition

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"I'm anticipating that they're raising their own rates. It's too early to say for sure, but when the dust settles, I think we'll remain at our position of five percent higher," Manning said.

The only real worry Manning expressed about the tuition increase is the matter of what he described as sticker shock, which occurs when prospective college students become discouraged by the cost of tuition.

Manning remained unwavering in his position that higher education is accessible to

"I am certain that anyone that wants to go to school, whatever their means, can do so," Manning said.

Manning expressed concern about Tennessee residents moving out of state for higher education. What he sees as the motivation to do so, however, is not the price difference, but the quality.

"I care about [Tennesseans going to college out of state] a lot, and perceive that as a measure of quality.'

Even if Tennessee students aren't leaving the state to escape the rising cost of tuition within the TBR system, they are being actively courted.

Beginning in 1998, Western Kentucky Fact Book.

Kentucky University instituted a strategic plan for growth and scholarship entitled "Challenging the Spirit".

Among the goals of the plan was to increase student enrollment by 1,000 students over a five-year period. Beyond all expectations, enrollment increased by 950 students in the first three years.

A crucial aspect of the recruitment campaign was the Tuition Incentive Program, which lowers tuition for individuals in certain counties in Tennessee and other states to 25 percent above the cost of instate tuition.

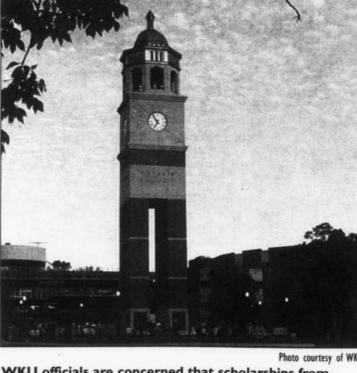
Nineteen Tennessee counties qualify as TIP counties, including Davidson and Rutherford.

Individuals in Macon, Robertson and Sumner counties can attend WKU at the instate tuition rate.

The discounted tuition rate made available to Tennessee students through TIP brought the cost of an education at WKU down to roughly the same level as that offered at

With a level playing field financially, many Tennessee students have set their sights on

That was the expressed goal of TIP, and it has been working, according to the Western



WKU officials are concerned that scholarships from Tennessee lotteries will affect enrollment numbers.

In 2001 there were 1,357 Tennesseans attending WKU, the largest group outside of Kentucky residents.

However, with Western's recent 10.4 percent tuition hike, the financial incentive for Tennessee students to earn their degrees in Kentucky seems to have disappeared.

Beginning in the fall semester of 2003, the cost for TIP students at WKU for a year will be \$4,466. In-state tuition at MTSU will be \$4,010, and at Tennessee State University it will be \$3,818.

What effect the increased

tuition cost at Western may have on the rate of Tennesseans going north for their degrees in unknown.

Officials at WKU have expressed concern about the possible effect of forthcoming lottery scholarships on the number of Tennesseans attending school there.

plans to end or amend the TIP

It is not known if WKU

in light of its tuition increase, as Luther Hughes, vice president for enrollment management at WKU, was unavailable for com-

Business: Fee doesn't apply to general education courses

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the BAS and provide more support for College of Business student organizations.

The fee applies to courses included by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in the computation of business credit hours toward an undergraduate degree, as well as all graduate-level courses.

According to the business office's Web site, a students taking 12 hours of upper division business classes will pay an extra \$240 in fees, or 61 percent, more than non-business students.

Students enrolled in 15 hours must pay \$300 (77 percent) more, and students taking a full load must pay \$360 (93 percent) above the regular fee

The fee doesn't apply to 1000- and 2000- level statistics and economic courses that are general education requirements.

The fee was necessary to maintain classroom and curriculum standards required for accreditation by the AACSB, according to Burton.

These standards include student-faculty ratios, number of classes taught by full-time faculty, appropriate technology utilized within the school and an up-to-date curriculum.

The college, however, is not up for reaccreditation for some

"We weren't in danger of losing accreditation immediately because we had been reaffirmed [two or three years ago] and wouldn't be looked at again for a number of years," Burton said.

"It wasn't like somebody was going to come tomorrow and say, 'You don't have the fee, you're not going to be reaffirmed, your accreditation is

The fee was necessary now, Burton said, because it's better for the college to maintain standards than try to catch up when it becomes time for reaccredida-

Students with majors in other colleges on campus shouldn't have to worry about new fees anytime soon.

"It is highly unlikely that fees for each individual program would be approved within the next year or so," Gebert said. "The board in conversation

has [told] us very clearly that they would not look on favor on additional fees from other programs at this point."

Currently, the only other students that face credit hour fees are School of Music students, who must pay \$150 for private lessons, nursing students, who must pay a \$25 per upper-division course testing fee and concrete industry students, who must enroll in two courses that charge \$115 fees. ◆

Nation: States cut law enforcement, health care, education

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Board, which keeps track of educational information about Tennessee and 16 of its Southern neighbors.

Since 1997, tuition in Alabama has risen 36 percent, in North Carolina by 25.9 percent, in Kentucky by 21.2 percent, in South Carolina by 10.8 percent and in Georgia by

The only state in SREB's coverage whose

costs were higher than Tennessee's was portation and law enforcement. Arkansas, at 43.6 percent.

The average amount for Tennessee state schools was \$3,200, tying Arkansas.

Kyle said tuition in Tennessee is rising relatively faster than the average of such states as Alabama and Georgia.

In response to certain hot buttons, states have had to either cut school expenditures or spend more money on programs such as high school education, health care, trans-

Enrollment is still increasing at MTSU, and it has gone up more than any other four-year institution in the state.

"People are willing to pay the cost if the reward is big enough," Kyle said.

"I expect tuition to continue the increase in the coming years but not at the same rate that it is for this year and recent previous ones. Really, I don't see how it could." •

Alcohol: DUI convictions carry fees, jail time penalties

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antidote for the influence of alcohol," Winborn said.

All coffee does is make a person a wide-awake drunk, said Matt Foster, detective of Public

Foster said the department did not see a rise in DUI arrests over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Most of the DUI arrests Public Safety makes involve people whose BAC is way above the legal amount.

He said the difference between 0.10 percent BAC and 0.08 percent may be only one or two drinks.

It is important for students under the age of 21 to realize it

is illegal for them to show any BAC, Foster said.

The BAC limit is 0.02 percent for individuals under 21.

The penalties listed in the Tennessee Driver Handbook for underage drivers with a BAC greater than 0.02 are loss of license for a year, a \$250 fine and public service.

The penalties for subsequent DUI convictions are 48 hours in jail for a first conviction, 45 days in fall for a second conviction and 120 jail days plus a felony for a third conviction.

Other consequences for DUI convictions include fines and loss of driving privileges.

Upon the second DUI conviction, a driver will have to pay \$600 and will lose his or her license for two years. The third conviction comes with a \$1,100 fine and loss of license for up to

10 years. A third conviction could also result in the vehicle being seized and forfeited.

On campus, any alcohol possession is prohibited. Foster said students caught with alcohol on campus will be referred to the Dean of Judicial Affairs.

The Tennessee Driver attempt to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage will lose

driving privileges for one year. The law also applies to any alcohol related conviction,

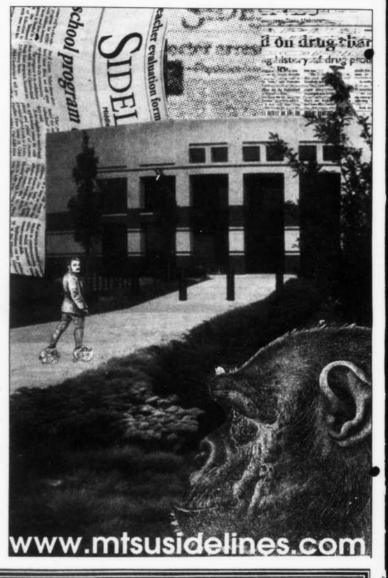
whether or not the underage person is driving a vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also keeps records on other alcohol related accidents such as pedestrian accidents.

For the year 2001, their studies reported that alcohol was involved for either the driver or for the pedestrian in 47 percent of the traffic accidents that killed pedestrians.

Of the pedestrians involved, Handbook shows that persons 33 percent were intoxicated under age 21 who purchase, with BAC levels of 0.08 or high-

> In 2001, pedestrians ages 16 to 20 had 297 fatalities, and those ages 21 to 24 had 274 fatalities. •





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From the Editorial Board

Business school fee penalizes students

MTSU students just can't seem to catch a financial break. Just as the dust settles following the announcement of a tuition hike and an increase in fees, the powers ruling the Jennings A. Jones College of Business have implemented a new \$20 per credit hour

This fee was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents at the request of five of its universities' business schools. At MTSU, the money is said to be going toward replacing lost faculty, hiring nine new faculty members and improving technology and advising.

The timing of this fee increase is upsetting. Students across campus have already endured an increase of 16 percent above what they paid in tuition and fees last year. With this new fee, a student taking 15 hours of business classes must choke on an increase of almost 34 percent more than he or she paid last year.

'There's no good time for a fee increase," dean of the business college E. James Burton said in a press release issued July 8 regarding the new charge.

We certainly agree fee increases are never convenient. Finding a good time for one is an exercise in futility. But the college should have exercised some discretion and initiated the fee increase at a less bad

In his interview with Sidelines, Burton acknowledged his school was in no immediate danger of losing its accreditation, and wouldn't be re-evaluated for several more years. It seems obvious to us that the school could have stood to wait another year, when tuition might not go up as much, to collect its fees.

Of course, this timing may have been exactly what the school wanted. As one business student put it to us, "When were they going to tell us? Most people are just going to look at their bill, and think the increase is all from tuition going up."

While initiating the fee now is fiscally responsible for the school, other factors, such as students' ability to pay and how well students remember the school when it comes time for alumni giving, should have been given more consideration. Slipping in shady new fees when students aren't looking for them could ultimately cost the school more than it bargained for. •

From the Asst. News Editor

'Student' comes before 'athlete'



Ohio State officials are planning to investigate whether or not running back Maurice Clarett received special treatment in one of his courses.

Clarett was given oral exams while the other students in the course took harder, written exams. Clarett's professor, Paulette Pierce, claimed that Clarett told her he had a reading disability.

It seems that yet another university has fallen into the great abyss and cannot find its way out.

Contrary to what many seem to believe, student athletes should be treated as students who happen to be athletes in their spare time, not vice versa.

If Clarett did have a disability, he would have been allowed oral exams given by the disability office upon evaluation. However, this route was not taken.

Though student-athletes have busy schedules, it isn't like the rest of students are sitting around watching grass

College is a busy time,

and students should learn how to deal with that. College involves not only classroom lessons, but also life lessons.

Many college students work. In fact, some have multiple jobs. Some have children or sick loved ones to care for, and some have financial problems.

Actually, many have financial problems.

Yet, these students aren't offered easier exams, and, to my knowledge, there are no "My Mom Has Cancer" scholarships.

However, many of these students are doing just fine. They're treated like other students, and are performing as such.

Sure, they may not have long practices and have to miss class because of away games, but a 3 a.m. feeding when class starts in five hours is, I'm sure, no

In order to have a fair education system, all students must be treated equally - including student athletes, who should first focus on being good students before becoming good athletes. •

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Wit and Wonder

Louisiana abortion rights activists recently challenged the state's system for the creation of specialty license plates over a design bearing the words "Choose Life," and won last week in a monumental victory for pro-choice activists.

U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled that the state's creation of these license plates was unconstitutional because, while they offered a portrayal of one side of the debate, no license plate representing the opposing view was offered.

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"If the state built a convention hall for speech and then only allowed people to speak with whom they agreed with their message, the state's actions would be in contravention of the First Amendment," Duval wrote in his decision.

"There is no significant difference in the case before the court."

Motorists who purchased the plate with this design will be allowed to keep them, despite the court's ruling. Attorney General Richard Ieyoub said the state plans to

The state argued that dealing with hot issues,

the law on issuing specialty both sides should be reprelicense plate designs was a right of the state and did not fall under free speech protections.

Court decision defends Americanism

However, Duval ruled that such plates were expression and multiple ideologies must be represented in this case.

"It really recognizes what I hope will be clear to the Louisiana Legislature, that they can't set up this system by which they decide which people get to express their views on license plates," Simon Heller, an attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights, said.

Duval's decision was incredibly just and fair. When issuing license plates sented. Had the plates only represented the pro-choice side of the abortion debate, pro-life activists would have acted in the same manner, swarming into courtrooms and demanding a plate with a stork and infant with "give life" plastered across the metal surface.

Something like a simple license plate may seem trivial, but it represents a greater issue.

If a mere sheet of metal bearing an identifying number could display only one side of a long-standing debate, what would come

Starting small prevents major infringements on free speech rights later,

thus protecting our right to representation and expression of our beliefs and ideas.

Whether you're prochoice or pro-life, it should be apparent that everyone enjoys the same freedoms of speech, even if their opinions disgust you.

This court's decision is one of the most American acts I've seen transpire as of late.

Duval's decision is Americanism at its best an idea that everyone is represented, all views are protected, and we are free.

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Government fails in policing departmental credit cards

Thoughts While Driving



The United States Department of Agriculture just got audited.

Well, not the entire department, of course. The government would never truly audit itself. Three hundred government credit card holders were audited at random for uses over a six-month period, and some of the charges crack

It's important to keep in mind that the purpose of these particular credit cards is to cover travel expenses while on government business. But can you believe some employees used the cards for other reasons?

According www.cnn.com, the audit claims that the cards were routinely used, whether employees were traveling or not, at places like Wal-Mart, Kmart and Target. They were even used for making car payments.

Furthermore, examination of 25 employees who used their cards the most for cash advances at ATMs, 12 of these employees "never traveled for official government purposes" and their card usage amounted to almost \$196,000.

That's nothing. At least those folks were actual

As employees. December, 1,549 former employees still had active

cards in their possession.

What about punishment? What about reprimands? What about kicking ass and taking names? Oh, that.

Apparently the auditors found no policy in place regarding misuse of these government credit cards. Some letters of reprimand were sent, some travel was restricted, some credit limits lowered, yadayadayada. Full policies should be in effect by February.

So, what are some of the other purchased items that may be banned in the future? Tuition to bartending school, Ozzy Osbourne tickets, lingerie and tattoos, as well as items from the Gap, Cigarettes for Less and liquor stores.

Just off the top of my head, I can justify these expenses.

For instance, bartending school could be justified for the employee who entertains a lot of clients and can't make a martini worth a damn. Ozzy tickets: well, we all know that sometimes business meetings take place outside of the office. Golf courses, restaurants and strip clubs are a few common places, so why not an Ozzy con-

Lingerie? Hmm, more difficult, but gifts in the right places can do wonders in business. Tattoos? What a way to seal a deal. It could be a great bonding experience:

of Forever."

As for the Gap, cigarettes and liquor? If you want to look cool for that casual client meeting, then you have to go to the Gap. Everyone knows smoking looks cool, so you need cigarettes. And, of course, you need a little liquor to celebrate the closing of a business deal.

Tie them all together with the aforementioned bartending lessons, and the USDA is on its way to being the coolest department in the U.S. government. Amen, God bless America and all that jazz.

It makes me happy to see our government in action. First, someone has the bright idea to give government employees credit cards for travel use - even employees who don't travel. Second, there are few rules governing the use of these cards and apparently none governing their mis-

Third, the good old government audit system kicks in and a few of the undoubtedly many ridiculous uses of these cards are brought to light. Finally, when it's

arguably too late, rules will be drafted to govern the use of government credit That about sums it up.

It feels good not to complain.

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

Nothing heals a broken heart quicker than thousands of dollars in punitive damages.

Just ask the North Carolina husband who won a \$500,000 punitive judgment against his wife's college sweetheart for having an affair with his wife.

It's not likely that the judgment will be overturned any time soon; the North Carolina court of appeals upheld the amount in June.

Sure, the sweetheart shouldn't have been diddling a married woman, but a court of law is hardly the place to settle the dispute. That's what back alleys and Wal-Mart parking lots are for. Let's also not forget that the wife consented to the affair. It takes two to have sex, after all.

This is the sort of story that makes you shake your head and think, "Wow, lawsuits are getting even more ridiculous.

However, the worst part is these kinds of laws have been on the books since 1864, and still exist in seven states. Two of those seven border Tennessee, by the way: aforementioned North Carolina and Mississippi.

The cotton-picking land to our south upheld a similar common law tort in 2001.

In a 7-1 decision, the

high court deemed that the alienation of affection tort was essential in properly valuing marriage. In Mississippi, they have a strong moral values system. Just ask the state's black citizens. The lone voice of rea-

son in the 7-1 decision was Justice Chuck McRae, who correctly opined that the "judicial system cannot be called upon to make one spouse love one anoth-

No kidding. If anything is one's property, its his or her feelings. Yes, "I'll death do us part" is included in the marriage ceremony. But, people's affections can wane over time. It's not anyone's necessarily

The only thing certain is that taxpayers shouldn't be responsible for paying to get a lovesick dumpee a large settlement. Courts are there to punish criminals, but not thieves of the heart. •

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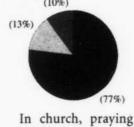
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Where were you when the fifth installment of the Harry Potter series hit shelves?"

Camping outside the bookstore, local nursing bloodshot eyes and pneumonia (13%; 6 votes)



for all the souls that will be lost due to that infernal book (10%; 5 votes)

Living my life like a normal human being, of course (77%; 37 votes)

Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Was the College of Business justified in creating its additional \$20-per-credit-hour fee?"

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Mystery, mosaics and molding oh my!



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(Above) Kalie Antonutti, left, paints crafts with her aunt, Lisa Victory, at the Artistic Cafe. (Below) Katie Stevens leads a group of children beginning a paper mache project.

Murfreesboro is home to a new arts café

By Melissa Coker Staff Reporter

here can one tinker with tiles, mold clay creations and mull over a mystery all in the same place?

At Artistic Café, located right here in Murfreesboro.

Having opened its doors in March of this year, Artistic Café not only offers wholesome family fun, but also has unique experiences for all ages.

Patrons have a variety of choices that range from usual art activities, like painting tiles, pottery, bead-making and tie-dye, to the unusual such as various theme nights, including a Murder Mystery night where participants arrive in character.

"We are the only place like this in Murfreesboro," says Susan Bradley, one of the café's three owners who works part-time at the café and is also an attorney.

Bradley developed the café idea for her arts-and-crafts-loving daughter after scouring the area only to find no place where the youngster's creative interests could be encouraged. She decided she would try to open that place herself. And Artistic Café was

To that end, this unique business offers a very family-oriented and especially kid-friendly environment. So far, groups from local churches, schools and even Girl Scouts have shared in the adventure.

"I don't want to just be another business," Bradley says.

"I want to give something back to my community.'

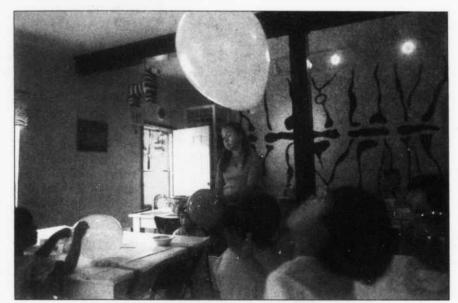
Many workshops are designed just for kids. Some bracelets being sold have a percentage of their profits donated to Project Save-A-Child. Bradley says the bracelets are meant to be worn until Tabitha Tudors, the young Nashvillian who recently disappeared while on her way to the school bus stop, is found. She also hopes it will remind children to be aware and

The cafe's homey atmosphere makes the back room a perfect place for birthday parties, wedding showers, graduation parties or any other group wanting to spend some relaxing time

Any group planning to spend \$150 or more (on pottery, beads, studio time or other materials) can reserve the entire back area, which holds up to 60 people, for free. Additionally, renters may bring their own food or drink refreshments.

Customers can take classes if they want to learn more about painting or related subjects. And, as popularized by such TV shows as Blind Date, clay crafts make a great date idea, particularly for the college student.

On Aug. 1, the café is sponsoring College Night. Students wearing their team colors get two-for-one studio



Getting there

Artistic Cafe is located at 3150 Memorial Boulevard, and is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 849-1991 for more information.

time. On July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20th, two college students can enter the 3,000 square-foot café for the price of one student. Greek letters are available to add to pottery bowls or as beads.

Those planning to get married may want to keep this idea in mind: Artistic Café has an alternative to the traditional register book that the wedding guests sign. This alternative is a wedding platter. Brides buy the platter along with a special pen for guests to use when signing. The platter is then put in the oven and the signatures are bonded to it.

"My niece, who is in her 20s, loves to come to our theme nights," Bradley

To take part in any of the theme nights, it's best to call ahead. Also, so that scripts can be sent, reservations should be made in advance for the adult workshop, Murder Mystery Game. Dates and times of those events are available by calling the café.

Walk-in crafts are available as well. Artistic Café is located at 3150 Memorial Blvd. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5

For more information, please call 849-1991 or e-mail artscafe@aol.com. ◆

Students jazzed up about interning at WMOT

'Our success is a

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through the years."

Laura Dunn

Director of development

By Julia Reynolds Staff Writer

"I'm having a great time working here," advertising major Brittney Stacey

Stacey is an intern at WMOT, the National Public Radio station located on

the campus of MTSU. The station broadcasts a traditional jazz music format 24 hours a day on 89.5 FM.

Stacey's duties at the station include local producing news stories and reading news copy on the air. "This is the best

internship I can imagine because of the wide variety of jobs I do here," Stacey says.

In addition to

her work in the news department, Stacey also spends part of her week helping promote the station, which relies on fundraising for a large part of its operating budget. To do this, she writes press releases, visits business supporters on sales calls and makes public appearances to represent the station.

The station's mission is to provide

programming and outreach to the community and to include MTSU students in the operation of the station as part of the College of Mass Communication's educational opportunities.

Laura Dunn, director of development at WMOT, described the station's partnership with MTSU students as a "won-

derful union." "Our success is a reflection of the caliber of MTSU students who have worked with us through the years," Dunn says.

"They adhere to the same standards as the professional

She backs up her claims by citing the station's two nominations as "Jazz Station of the Year" and the award winning news depart-

The WMOT news department submits locally-produced stories to the Associated Press news wire, including many stories written by students.

Once students are on staff, they're assigned substantial jobs critical to the operation of the station.

"We don't assign busy work to stu-



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

Greg Lee Hunt, WMOT program director, mans the control panel while serving as on-air talent. WMOT broadcasts 24 hours a day.

dent staffers," Dunn says. "We treat them as professionals."

Students may apply to internship positions at the station in areas of development, technology, news or on-air staff.

Permanent staff members at the station interview student candidates, a process that includes screening a resume tape called an "air check" for those applying for on-air positions. Students accepted at the station are given introductory training and then hired.

"We try to pay a little more than minimum wage," Dunn says of the station's \$6.50 an hour student wage.

All students working at the station are required to perform a variety of tasks.

"We want them to garner as much experience as possible. You never know how one position might lead to another in radio," Dunn says.

Carlos Johnson, now a producer for WSMV-TV channel 4 in Nashville, echoed Dunn's sentiment. Johnson interned at WMOT from 1987 to 1990.

"Although I made the leap into TV while still working in radio, my WMOT experience helped lay the foundation that I needed to thrive and prosper in my current job," Johnson says.

Other WMOT alumni are equally positive about the benefits of their

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Frugal Stu

Money saving tips for cash-strapped college students

Shell Station 1207 Greenland Dr. (615) 896-0121

Students/employees receive half off the premium car wash. Seven bucks down to \$3.50 is cheaper than the cheapest one.

Submitted by Nicole Grant.

Artistic Café 3150 Memorial Boulevard 849-1991

On college nights, students receive two-for-one admission to the hands-on arts and crafts studio. Upcoming dates are July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20. Call for additional scheduling.

> **Express Lube** 1639 N. W. Broad St. (this location only) 890-4566

Students receive a free car wash or \$3 off of a full service oil change on most vehicles.

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Students receive a 10 percent discount off of regular priced menu items.

Dating on a shoestring

Oriental Dinner

budget

Plan an exquisite dinner for your special date. Buy chopsticks, your favorite oriental food - frozen or carry-out, green tea, one vard of Oriental-patterned fabric and four to eight sheets of large construction paper.

Borrow some throw pillows, a card table, a child's tea set and several flashlights.

Check out some Oriental-style music from the library.

Make Japanese lanterns: 1) Fold construction paper lengthwise.

2) Cut slits 1 inch apart and 4 inches long starting at the folded edge and cutting through the double layer towards the horizontal loose edges. Do not cut all the way to the edges.

3) Unfold the paper and roll it into a cylinder. 4) Tape the side edges

together to maintain the cylinder shape. Lay the card table, with

legs still folded under, on the floor. Spread Oriental fabric on top as a tablecloth. Use throw pillows as seat cushions.

Arrange flashlights around the table. Flashlights should be standing on end so the light shines to the ceiling. Put the newly created Japanese lantern casings over the flashlights.

Make certain the lighted part of the flashlight does not touch the construction

Serve dinner Japanese style with tiny cups for your green tea, lanterns lit and background music softly filling the air.

Remember, no silverware allowed; chopsticks only!

Mix it up



Photo by Steve Lowry

Thousands of music lovers gather for an Uptown Mix concert in Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville businesses sponsor concert series

By Melissa Coker Staff Reporter

Are you 21 years old or older? Then the

Uptown Mix was made just for you.

Uptown Mix is a 12-week, Wednesday night convergence of bands on downtown Nashville's 20th and Division streets.

The concert series is the brainchild of Jay Pennington, managing partner of The Bound'ry.

According to Tracy Ray Minton, the Bound'ry's marketing director, Pennington started the concerts as a means to promote growth in the neighborhood and camaraderie in the community. Now, six years later, crowd attendance has soared into the thousands.

"The experience [of Uptown Mix] is very exciting. Attendees get to hang out with 6,000 to 8,000 of their neighbors," Minton says.

This year's performers make quite the mix indeed, with talents such as Shawn Colvin, Soul Asylum, Ben Folds, The Flaming Lips and The Mavericks performing there.

Tonight's line-up names Todd Rundgren, Indigenous and Daniel Tashian.

Tashian is the founder of 12@12, a Monday night rock night held at 12th & Porter in Nashville. He has produced albums in addition to collaborating with artists such as Patty Griffin and Farmer Not So John. Currently in the works is a new solo album, Sweetie.

Two of Rundgren's many albums include

One Long Year and the cover compilation With a

Indigenous ignited the national music scene in 1998 with their debut compact disc *Things We Do*, which sparked several hits. They joined the Honor the Earth tour in 2000 with Bonnie Raitt and the Indigo Girls. With their heightened blues-rock beat, they've opened for Bob Dylan and Dave Matthews.

Considering the caliber of bands on tap for Uptown Mix, the cost and amenities are very inviting. Those in attendance receive free valet parking, the opportunity to purchase fair-style food and pay only \$5 for admission.

Many of the midtown restaurants on Division and Broadway Streets offer discounted concert admission to customers who dine in their establishments.

It's "the place to be," according to nashville.citysearch.com, "if you like good music, good looking twenty-somethings and outdoor parties."

Admission is taken at the gates, which open every Wednesday at 6 and close around 11, when the event ends. All shows are rain or shine and are located at 20th and Division, positioned across from The Bound'ry and South Street restaurants.

Sponsors of this year's events include Miller Lite, Mercedes Benz and Dr. Pepper.

See www.uptownmix.com or call 321-3043 for more information on artists or shows. The 2003 Mix shakes things up until Sept. 17. ◆

Uptown Mix tentative schedule

July 16

Todd RundgrenIndigenousDaniel Tashian

July 23
• Ben Folds

Fleming and JohnTBA

July 30
• Blind Boys of Alabama

• TBA • TBA

Aug. 6
• The Flaming Lips
• The Eels
• TBA

Aug. 13
• Soul Asylum

• Soul Asylum • TBA • TBA

Aug. 20
• North Mississippi
Allstars

• TBA • TBA

Aug. 27
• Shawn Colvin

• TBA • TBA

Sept. 3

• TBA

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Sept. 10

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• TBA
Sept. 17

• The Mavericks
• Dirty Dozen Brass
Band

The Subdudes



thoto provided by 360 Media

Black Eyed Peas will be performing tomorrow night Nashville's Dancin' in the District.

Dancin' in the District to run through August

Staff Reports

Dancin' in the District, held at The Coliseum in downtown Nashville, continues through Aug. 21.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$3 and are available at the gate.

July 17 Mieka Pauley, Count Bass D, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Black Eyed July 24 Kill Hannah, Michael Tolcher, Lillix, Maroon 5, Everclear.

July 31 Maktub, Antigone Rising, Franky Perez, Nickel

Aug. 7 Blue Epic, The Clarks, Tonic, Hootie & The Blowfish.

Aug. 14 Here Come The Mummies, Jump, Little Children, George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic.

Aug. 21 Matt Morris, Marc Broussard, Last Train Home, Indigo Girls. ◆

WMOT: Interns on air

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internships.

Bob Jacobs, an MTSU alumnus, interned at WMOT from 1979-1982. He currently serves as director of the Media Services Division at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

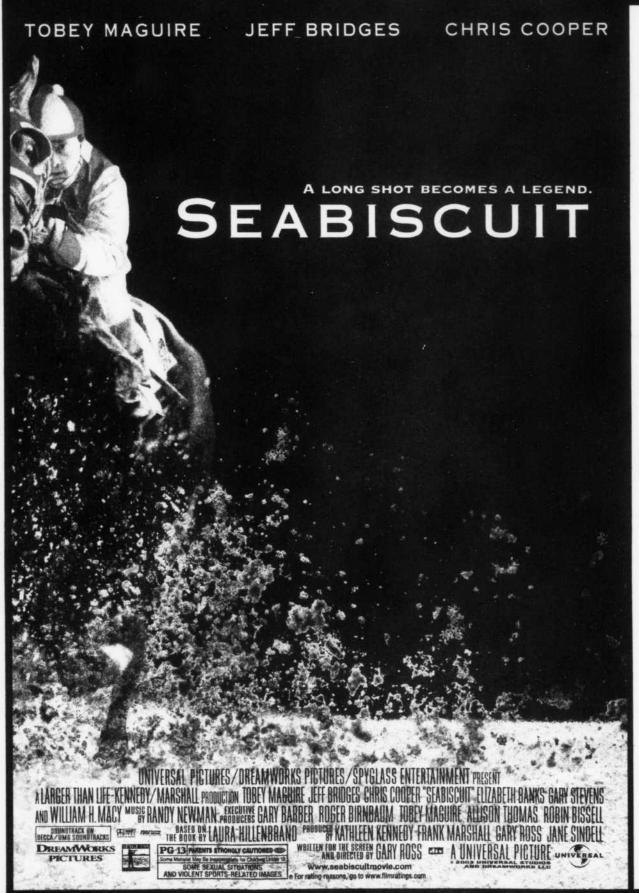
"WMOT literally opened doors for me that could not have been opened any other way. It allowed me real handson training and on-air experience," Jacobs says.

"John High, John Egly and the rest of the talented staff had patience for the inexperienced, but they set the bar high when it came to student development. Without that kind of guidance and responsibility, WMOT would have been just another radio lab. I doubt I would have the career success I have today without WMOT."

Streaming audio of the station's radio broadcast will be available on the station's Web site later this summer.

To learn more about WMOT you can view their Web site at www.wmot.org. ◆

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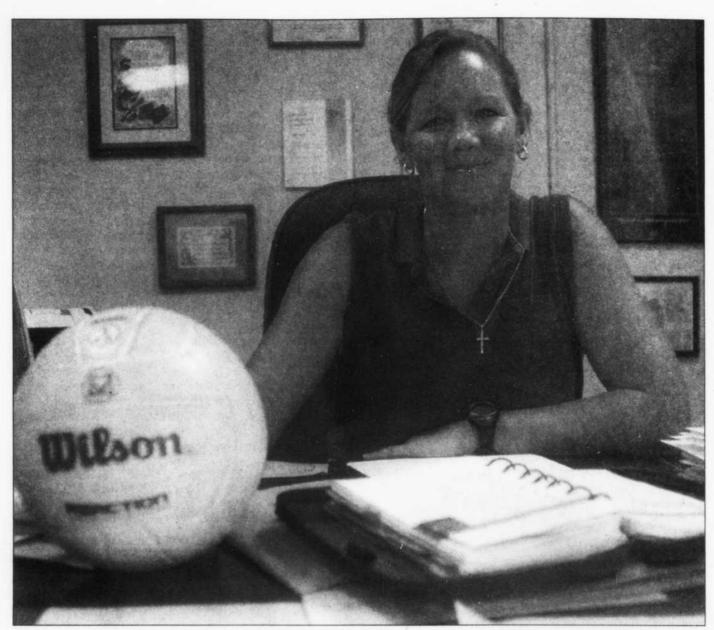
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IN THEATERS FRIDAY, July 25th

SPORTS

Kissee set for Fall



By David Lawrence

Staff Writer

Many coaches come and go through the sports department at Middle Tennessee, but one thing remains the same: the leadership of the Lady Raiders' volleyball team.

Lisa Kissee has been coaching for MT for seven years and began her coaching career as head coach at the University of North Dakota in 1986. Taking over as head coach, Kissee made the then struggling team into contenders in a threeyear time span.

In 1995, Kissee headed down to Tennessee. During her first season, the Lady Raiders won 32 games, a school record. That season, MT lost seven matches and went on to win an Ohio Valley Conference title.

During her tenure, Kissee has produced six Academic All-Americans, three All-Americans, 23 All-Conference players, 15 All-Region performers and one

Ohio Valley Conference Player of the

Kissee's college volleyball career was also impressive while attending Central Missouri State University. At CMSU, she was named MVP by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association and All-American by the Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association in 1982.

During her career at CMSU, the Jennies produced a record of 163-43-3 and took home two MIAA conference

"She knows the game better than anyone. She's one of the best coaches I've ever had," outside hitter Dara McLean

"When I showed up on the first day, she told me. 'I'll teach you how to play volleyball," former Lady Raider Lindsay Pritchard said.

'The rigorous training for the team, while difficult, really helped everyone in

See Kissee, 7



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer (Top) MT volleyball coach Lisa Kissee spends time recruiting.

Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer Dara McLean serves against an opponent last fall.

Baylor standout still missing

Coach and team return to practice despite player's absence By Stephen Hawkins

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) - As police continue their search for missing Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy, the team's coach said it's time for his program to get back to

Coach Dave Bliss and his

staff have kept a low profile since the mystery surrounding Dennehy began last month. They plan to resume recruiting

weekend, and an on-campus basketball camp for 12to 18-yearolds began Friday. "We feel

we have to move for-Dennehy

ward," Bliss said Thursday in his first extensive interview with newspaper reporters since reading a statement June 28, three days after the school announced that Dennehy was missing. "We feel that we've tried to do everything in the appropriate manner."

Dennehy was last seen in mid-June. His sport utility vehicle was later found abandoned without its license plates in Virginia Beach, Va. Police still consider him a missing person, but they are also investigating the case as a possible homicide.

Some of Dennehy's friends said he told them he and former teammate Carlton Dotson were being threatened and that the pair obtained guns, and Dennehy's family claims the 6foot-10-inch, 230-pound forward told coaches he feared for his life.

Bliss reiterated that he and his staff were not aware of any

"We had conversations with Patrick during that period, and at no time did he mention even the slightest involvement with a threat," Bliss said.

He said police have told him they weren't considering any current players as suspects.

An unidentified informant told Delaware authorities Dotson told a cousin he shot

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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones Sports Editor

Blue Raiders get third ESPN regional game bid

Middle Tennessee picked up its third ESPN Regional football telecast when the Blue Raiders' game against Troy State on Nov. 8 was selected by the network and

the Sun Conference. Kickoff at Floyd Stadium is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Blue Raiders will also play on ESPN Regional against North Texas at home and on the road in the regular season finale versus

Mitchell •

Arkansas State. This marks the second year in a row the Blue Raiders have received three ESPN Regional games.

MT is 2-1 on ESPN Regional with wins over the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the University of Louisiana-Monroe last

Cortney Mitchell wins NCAA softball doubles title

Cortney Mitchell has won the NCAA Division I Softball Doubles title for the 2003 season, as she recorded 27 doubles.

Mitchell, the former Ezell-Harding High School standout, will receive a plaque honoring her achievement on the softball field.

Her 27 doubles ties her for third all-time in the NCAA record book for doubles in a season, and her .500 doubles per game average ranks her fourth.

In the MT record books, Mitchell's 27 doubles crushes the record for doubles in a season. She breezes by former Lady Raider

Jennifer Martinez who had 20 in 2001. This is the first time a Lady Raider softball player has won a national statistical title.



The MT ticket office began selling tickets to students for the Blue Raiders' game at Georgia July 9.

The ticket office has reserved 750 tickets for students, and they will be sold until the allotment is gone. Any unsold tickets will be returned to Georgia prior to the game. Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased only at the Floyd Stadium box

office near gate 1A just off Faulkinberry Drive. There is no limit to the number of tickets that students may purchase,

but each student must present an MTSU ID in order to buy tickets. Students with questions about tickets should call the MT Ticket

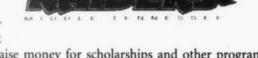


Office at 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.

The 11th annual Raider Roundup will be held Saturday, Aug. 16. The event, chaired

again this year by Liz Rhea, will begin at 6 p.m. in the stadium tower at Floyd Stadium.

The Raider Roundup is put



on each year to raise money for scholarships and other program As in the past, there have been a number of quality auction items

donated by area businesses to assist in the success of the event. This year, the auction will be highlighted by a change of venue.

In recent years, the event has been held at the Middle Tennessee Foundation House but will move to the stadium tower at Floyd Stadium this year. Making this year's event possible is a volunteer group consisting

of 22 individuals. The volunteers are: Rhea, Judy Myatt (co-chair), Beth Binkley, Brenda Wunder, Ed DeBoer, Ginger Corley, Sharon Thomas, Chuck Shaw, Hanna and Don Witherspoon, Diane Gower, Cindy Flippin, Susan Quesenberry, Anita Pirtle, Rita Ash, Linda Watson, Lisa Halliburton, Lillian Rucci, Linda Tackett, Julia Sullivan, Carol Donnelly and Bunny Wolf.

The festivities will also include an open bar, music and food provided by Outback Steakhouse.

The cost per person is \$50.

Guests may dress in casual attire. For more information, please call the BRAA office at 898-2210. ◆

Indy League set to race Saturday at Nashville Superspeedway

By David Hunter Senior Staff Reporter

The second half of the Indy Racing League's IndyCar Series will begin this Saturday with the running of the Firestone Indy 200 at Nashville

Superspeedway The fast cars and stars of the IRL will make a third appearance to the 1.33-mile oval speedway for the ninth race of 16 in the 2003 season. This race is the third and final night race of this season. However, most of the front runners this season will be taking their first-ever competitive laps on the track. The track is known for being the only one with a concrete surface in the

series. One of those drivers, IRL points leader Tony Kanaan, took his first laps on the track in an open test last week. Kanaan, who transferred from the rival open-wheel series, CART, was the fastest during the test with a top speed

"The test was my first time there,

and the series is so competitive, so the whole Team 7-Eleven will need to work hard when we get back to Nashville to give us a fast car for qualifying and the race. Scoring points for the championship is very important, but the main thing is winning races," Kanaan said to indyracing.com.

Kanaan has 279 points with a win and three poles on the season in the No. 11 team 7-Eleven Andretti Green Honda

Only 31 points behind Kanaan in the standings is Scott Dixon. Like Kanaan, Dixon also switched series and will make his first trip to Nashville in IRL racing.

Dixon has the most wins on the season with three, including the last night race at Richmond on June 28. Dixon led every lap in the rain-shorted race in the No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Toyota.

"We just finished two days of testing in Nashville, and we're happy with the progress that we made. The track is the only concrete surfaced track that we race on, and it was good to get the track



time to prepare. We had two main goals at the beginning of the season. One was to win Indy, and the other was to win the championship. We fell short at Indy, but we're in reach of the championship. We're second in points behind Tony (Kanaan), and focus now is to win the championship. The team has given me cars that can win races at every track that we have beer to," Dixon said to www.indyracing.com.

The rest of the top five in points include Marlboro Team Penske Toyota teammates, Helio Castroneves, 2003 Indy 500 Champ, Gil de Ferran and Brack in the No. 15 Kenny Pioneer/Miller Lite Team Rahal

Last season, de Ferran finished second and Castroneves finished ninth in the Firestone Indy 200, while Brack was running in CART last season.

Other drivers to watch out for include two-time defending IRL champion, Sam Hornish Jr. and winner of the last IRL race in Kansas two weeks ago, Bryan Herta. Herta has been a sub for the injured Dario Franchitti in the Andretti Archipelago/Motorola Honda.

Hornish Jr. has been in a disadvantage this season with his under-powered Chevrolet compared to the Hondas and Toyotas. However, Hornish Jr. has used his talent to drive to five top 10 finishes this season. In the previous two races at Nashville, Hornish has recorded two top 10 fin-

"I like going to race at Nashville. We've had some success there with a sixth and a third the last two years think both times we had a car that was capable of winning but had a problem each time. They definitely have one of the coolest trophies of any of the tracks we run at. That Gibson guitar is great. I'd love to have one of those hanging on my wall as trophy," Sam Hornish Ir., the driver of the No. 4 Pennzoil Panther Chevrolet, said to indyracing.com.

The two previous winners in Nashville include Buddy Lazier and last year's winner, Alex Barron. Lazier currently holds the No. 91 position. Barron currently does not have a ride, and will not get a chance to defend his race win.

The Firestone Indy 200 will televised this Saturday night with a 30minute pre-race show at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN2. The green flag drops at 7 p.m. on the same network.

Kissee: Volleyball coach prepares for fall

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the long run.

"It wasn't a walk in the park," Pritchard said.

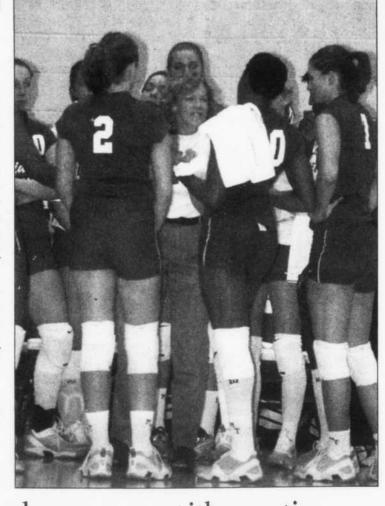
"You may not have liked like it while doing sprints, but afterwards you'd feel good about yourself."

Each season is the same for the team in the way Kissee coaches. Her personal philosophy on coaching stresses is that in order to be the best, you have to face opponents at a higher level. This, in her opinion, is an excellent strategy for developing the potential of the players and helping them stay at the peak of their abilities.

Kissee's squad's first practice is fast approaching on Aug. 6 and they will compete in their first 2003 official season game against the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 29. •

Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

LIsa Kissee prepares the Lady Raiders before a home match last season.



Dennehy: Baylor goes on with practice

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Dennehy in the head as the two argued while shooting guns near Waco, according to court documents.

No charges have been filed against Dotson or anyone else, but police have called Dotson, who left the team after last season and was expected to transfer to another school, a "person of interest" in the case.

Bliss said he had no reason to be concerned about Dennehy before he failed to attend a class June 16. Even then, he said, the taken "a long weekend."

It wasn't until Dennehy missed class again the following day that coaches started trying to track him down, Bliss said.

"We did things as quickly as we could," Bliss said. "But Pat ... was a person who had a lot of friends that he would visit, and we might not always have knowledge of the people that he might be with."

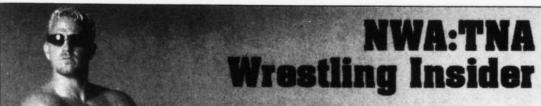
While Bliss has been off the recruiting trail, he has been in contact with prospective players. He said those who were

staff figured Dennehy may have interested in the school a month ago had not changed their

"We continue to hope for the best," he said. "You don't choose how

things happen to you, but you do have a choice how you respond to them."

'That's where the gentle balance is of having compassion for the one side that's going through the prospect of a loss and still trying to heal a program and work day to day toward progressing and just doing our job," Bliss said.◆



By David Lawrence Staff Columnist

The short version of the last edition of NWA: TNA is as follows: All the titles were defended, with all the champs retain-

The longer version, sadly, makes less sense. Jeff Jarrett was left looking almost as bad as the Black Knight from Monty Python after being beaten by none other than Joe Legend and the returning Vince Russo.

Russo, in an attempt to do some serious physical harm to the former World champ, employed a two-fold battle plan. The first part consisted of dressing up like the evil country music singer Jarrett played in the early 1990's in the WWF and then attacking Jarrett with a baseball bat while screaming all of Jarrett's old WCW catchphrases.

Unfortunately, the bat proved to be made of less than sturdy material, as witnessed by the fact that it kept bending every time it made contact. Yes, I just saw a grown man in tight pants and a blond wig beat another man senseless with a Wiffle bat.

On the plus side, the feud between James Mitchell and Raven seems to be heating up nicely. Shane Douglas, despite moving like a reanimated corpse, managed to beat Julio Dinero after using some oldfashioned heel tricks to win. Alexis took a pretty bad fireball this week, which set her hair on fire. Thankfully, she managed to put herself out in time.

I'm not sure if I'm conformable with Raven being a turned into a full fledged face, but Mitchell at least can make a good argument as to why he's after Raven, citing the both the on air encounters and the supposed backstage problems.

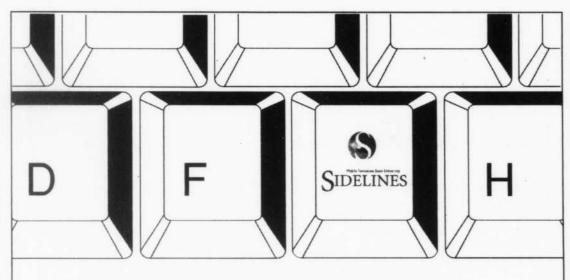
Both tactics should appeal to both the old school fans and the more Internet savvy ones at the same time, although there is always the chance of something going wrong and the angle being jettisoned.

Shark Boy made another inring appearance only to lose to Don Harris. Sadly, New Jack wasn't there to staple gun beer cans to Harris' head. The only bright spot in this dull, dull thing was when Shark Boy's mask was pulled off to revel something I've been suspecting for a long time. Shark Boy doesn't have a face underneath his mask, he just has on another mask. I knew it.

On a downbeat note, Eric Watts had to cancel his appearance this week due a bad staph infection. His planned match went instead to Jerry Lynn and Kid Kash. Kash won after the Abyss and Justin Credible helped. It was not a bad match, although I am shocked to admit that I actually miss seeing Watts. His "showtime" character has grown on me, and I am curious to see what he does with it.

D-Lo Brown finally ushered in his "surprise" enforcer in his match against AJ Styles, and it's a cage? Never saw that one coming, and apparently never did Russo, who had to be locked in. This ended in the typical Russo fashion; i.e. there had to be a run-in every five minutes, including a nice couple of spots by a newly-turned Trinity. Styles pinned Brown to retain the title and then tossed Brown into the cage. The match was a decent effort by almost everyone, although I could have done without the image of Russo humping the cage.

If you want to see it live, then go to the Nashville fairgrounds. Admission is \$15 for ringside and \$10 for general seating. It can be ordered it for \$9.95 on Pay-per-view.

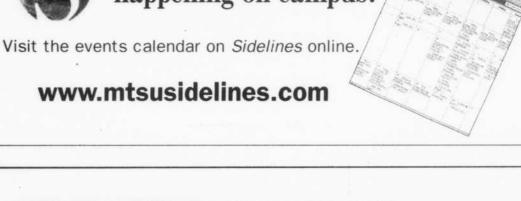


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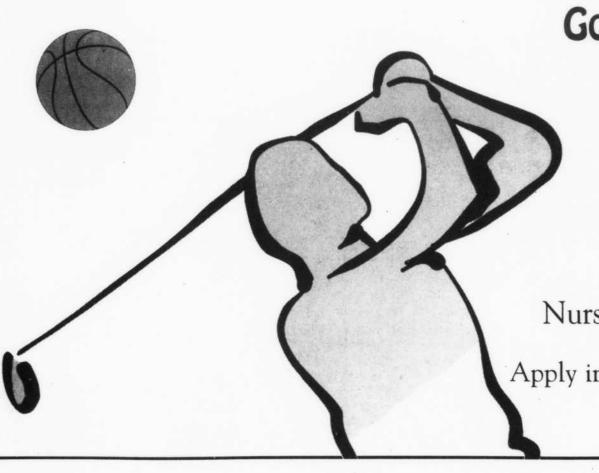
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