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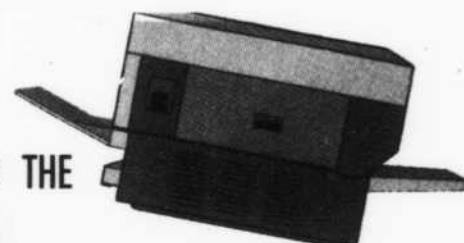


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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Sorority sponsoring blood drive today

The women of Alpha Delta Pi will sponsor a blood drive in Keathley University Center, Room 322, today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

To be eligible to give blood, you must feel well, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated blood in the past 56 days and have not received notification from the Red Cross Blood Services requesting that you not give. Donors must provide acceptable identification, such as a driver's license or a Red Cross blood donor card.

### Ceremony to honor outstanding students

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences will honor exceptional students within the college during an awards ceremony April 29. The ceremony will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 3 p.m.

### Health fair targets campus minorities

Representatives from the National Bone Marrow Donor Program will be among the guests at the Minority Mini-Health Fair April 27 in Keathley University Center, Room 322. Chiropractors will be available for spinal screenings, and a selection of literature on diabetes, cancer awareness and more will be available.

The fair, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., is sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs office. For more information, call 898-2987.

### Tourney to benefit speech clinic

Delta Zeta will be sponsor its annual Turtle Tug event tomorrow from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the intramural fields.

Turtle Tug is a tug-of-war tournament played over a tub of gelatin. Teams can enter in the male, female or co-ed divisions. Each team can consist of 10 people or less.

All money raised will benefit the MTSU Speech and Hearing Clinic. For more information, contact Jennifer Badowski at 425-8196.

### Sorority to hold annual cheer camp

On Saturday, Alpha Delta Pi will host its second-annual children's cheerleading camp to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The camp will take place at All American Cheer and Tumbling. Ages 4-12 are welcome, and all campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the camp ends at 2 p.m.

Alpha Delta Pi has adopted the Ronald McDonald House as its philanthropy, and all money raised from the cheer camp will go to RMCH.

For more information, e-mail [smp2w@mtsu.edu](mailto:smp2w@mtsu.edu).

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## McPhee court date set for early 2005

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

The trial date for the civil suit brought against President Sidney McPhee by his former assistant, Tammie Allen, is scheduled for Feb. 7-11, 2005.

Besides the president, Allen is suing the Tennessee Board of Regents, Chancellor Charles Manning of the TBR, MTSU and the state of Tennessee for

damages incurred by the defendants' actions or inactions.

According to the lawsuit filed Feb. 13, Allen suffered "severe emotional distress, mental anguish, indignation, wounded pride, shame and despair," as a result



McPhee

of the TBR's "incomplete and biased investigation" into her sexual harassment complaint against McPhee.

She is also suing for past and future medical expenses.

Sumner County Chancellor Tom E. Gray will be hearing the trial in February.

McPhee, in a 12-page response filed by his attorney Barbara Moss April 16, denied all of Allen's allegations against

him.

One of Allen's complaints against the defendants was that she was subjected to adverse employment action, including reductions in her job responsibilities.

In a statement of undisputed material facts, the defendants stated that Allen did not "identify any supervisory conduct by Dr. McPhee that resulted in a tangible job detriment such as

discharge, demotion, denial of a promotion or an undesirable reassignment with significantly different responsibilities."

Allen is currently working in the Office of Development and University Relations.

Gray would not answer any questions about the pending trial, and Allen's attorney, Steven Sager, did not respond to a request for an interview. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Former Vice President Al Gore urges community members Monday to take an active role in improving and defending the environment. Gore's Seigenthaler lecture kicked off Earthweek, held this week on campus.

## Gore says world community must stop abusing Earth

By Will Fanguy  
Staff Writer

Former Vice President Al Gore pushed Monday for urgent action by citizens concerned about the ailing status of the environment.

Gore's lecture, titled "Civic Engagement, The Environment and the Responsibility of the Media," was sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, kicked off Earthweek on campus.

Gore addressed the issues surrounding the pollution of the planet, the damage being done to the ozone surrounding Earth and what the world community can do to reverse the harmful trends he said will cause problems in the future.

People used to think that "the Earth is

so big, and we're so small, we can't possibly have an impact," Gore said. "While that used to be so, it no longer is."

Gore explained that the atmosphere helps to warm and insulate Earth. He showed a graph of carbon dioxide levels within the atmosphere during the past 100 years, and noted a steady increase in the levels. He said the increase helps explain why global warming is occurring, and why it continues to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Gore then showed pictures of glaciers that have melted as a result of global warming. He said the melting glaciers are evidence into the human race's devastating habits, and the government's lack of legislation to prevent it.

"Glaciers don't give a damn about politics," he said.

Gore said humans' current pattern of activity has produced carbon dioxide levels at twice the all-time high, and that the 10 hottest years on record have occurred during the past 13 years.

"We are engaged in a reckless global experiment to see how much damage we can do," he said emphatically.

A drastic change in weather patterns has caused irreversible damage in the world's population, economy, and environment, he said. He cited examples: A heat wave that struck Europe last year killed 15,000 people; the American West is in its sixth consecutive year of a drought; and the cost of damages and losses due to weather have skyrocketed.

Gore said damage to the polar ice

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## Squads rank 8th, 15th in nation

By Meagan Kirby  
Staff Writer

Two MTSU cheerleading squads finished ahead of more than 150 other teams at a recent national competition.

The co-ed cheerleading team finished eighth, while the all-girls team came in 15th place.

The squads recently traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla., to compete in the National Cheerleaders Association Chick-Fil-A Collegiate National Championship.

Altogether there were 183 teams at the competition. It was MTSU's second time at the competition.

Team director Jonathan Pursely said he is pleased with both teams' performances.

"It was a very exciting competition," Pursely said. "To make finals at this competition was our No. 1 goal after cheering at events here at MTSU. I could not have been prouder of the teams. It was awesome to see them perform how they did."

Greg Shannon and Tammy Poole were the team captains for the co-ed teams, and Jennifer Baxter was the captain for the all-girls team.

Both teams have been practicing about three to five times a week since January, and cheering at different events on campus.

Shannon said he felt that MTSU's teams had not had a chance to prove themselves before, and this year they did that by not only getting into finals, but into the top 10.

"I feel the team did an excellent job," Shannon said. "We went in as the underdogs at NCA and showed for the first time what MTSU could do. Everyone worked hard and it paid off."

The teams are done with competitions for this season, but tryouts for next year's squad will be held April 30-May 2.

Anyone interested can contact Pursely at 898-8907. ♦

## Alpha Chi Omega takes top honors at All-Sing

Staff Reports

More than 1,600 items and \$2,000 were donated for charity during All-Sing, held Thursday night in Murphy Center.

Seven sororities and fraternities participated in the event, which benefited the Rutherford County Domestic Violence Shelter.

Alpha Tau Omega took first place in the male category, singing a capella versions of classic rock songs.

Alpha Chi Omega won first-place honors in the female category for their Wizard of Oz-inspired performance.

The sorority also was named overall winner as a result of a combination of their performance score and points for items donated. Members of the group



donated more than 600 items to charity. Delta Zeta took home second-place

honors in the female category for their performance of Disney-themed songs.

The women of Delta Zeta performed Disney-themed selections Thursday night during All-Sing, an annual event held to benefit the Rutherford County Domestic Violence Shelter. Several campus groups participated in the event.

Each participating organization was asked to bring non-perishable items to donate to the shelter.

In addition to the winning organizations, participants included Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Tau Omicron is the annual sponsor of All-Sing. ♦



## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Awards luncheon at noon Saturday

The President's Celebration of Excellence luncheon will be held Saturday at noon in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Eighteen awards will be presented to 20 people from across the university. Alumni, faculty, students, athletes and benefactors will be among those recognized at the event. Reservations are required, and the deadline to sign up was Monday. Call 898-5002 for more information.

### Urban challenge open to 200 teams

The Verizon Wireless Urban Challenge On Campus will kick off on MTSU's campus at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The challenge pits 200 teams together for 90 minutes. Each team must decipher a series of clues to lead them to checkpoints throughout the campus. The first team that correctly photographs itself at the most checkpoints within 90 minutes wins \$500. Verizon will provide camera phones for the event.

Registration for the event begins at 1:30 p.m. on the day of the race. The competition is free and open to the first 200 teams of students who register with a valid student ID. Both teammates must be currently enrolled at MTSU. For more information, visit [www.urbanchallenge.com/oncampus](http://www.urbanchallenge.com/oncampus).

### Conference's focus will be life's myths

The Mythic Journeys Conference, a three-day event bringing more than 100 artists, authors and scholars together, will address the issue of myths in contemporary life. The event will be held June 3-6 in Atlanta, Ga., at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel.

For more information, brochures are available in the English department office in Peck Hall, Room 302, or visit the Web site at [www.mythicjourneys.org](http://www.mythicjourneys.org).

### Habitat interest meeting scheduled

A short informational meeting will be held tomorrow at 5 p.m. for anyone interested in participating in Habitat for Humanity. The meeting will be held in Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 104. A few representatives from the Rutherford County Habitat Chapter will be present to discuss information about volunteer opportunities over the summer and other Habitat-related issues. Refreshments will be available. Those attend who would like to receive more information, e-mail [tap2m@mtsu.edu](mailto:tap2m@mtsu.edu).

### Nashville official to talk terrorism

Richard Byrd, director of the Nashville mayor's office of emergency and management, will present a lecture and discussion Friday from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S118.

Byrd will address homeland security in metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County. The event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the department of political science. For more information, contact Sekou Franklin at 904-8232.

### Lecture's focus to be bioterrorism

Thomas May, from Medical College of Wisconsin, will present a lecture titled "The War on Bioterrorism" April 30 as part of the philosophy department's Applied Philosophy Lyceum. The lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 304. ♦

## Gore: Former vice president says current trends could create catastrophe

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caps could drastically alter the Earth's climate. He said the trapping of solar heat due to greenhouse gases will not only cause ice to melt directly from the heat, but that it also causes ocean water to heat up, causing expansion and putting pressure on the ice caps, which in turn

makes them melt faster.

He recounted a recent report by the Environmental Protection Agency, in which the government told the EPA to remove a statement about global warming and its effect on the world. Gore said this was comparable to tobacco companies paying off scientists to research tobacco products and prove falsely that

cigarettes are not harmful.

Gore said companies such as ExxonMobil are trying to silence arguments that global warming is a problem. He said

they insist – erroneously – that the world is such a big place, it can handle anything man throws at it.

"If we continue, this trend

will create the worst catastrophe known to our species," he said. ♦

Matthew Adair contributed to this story.

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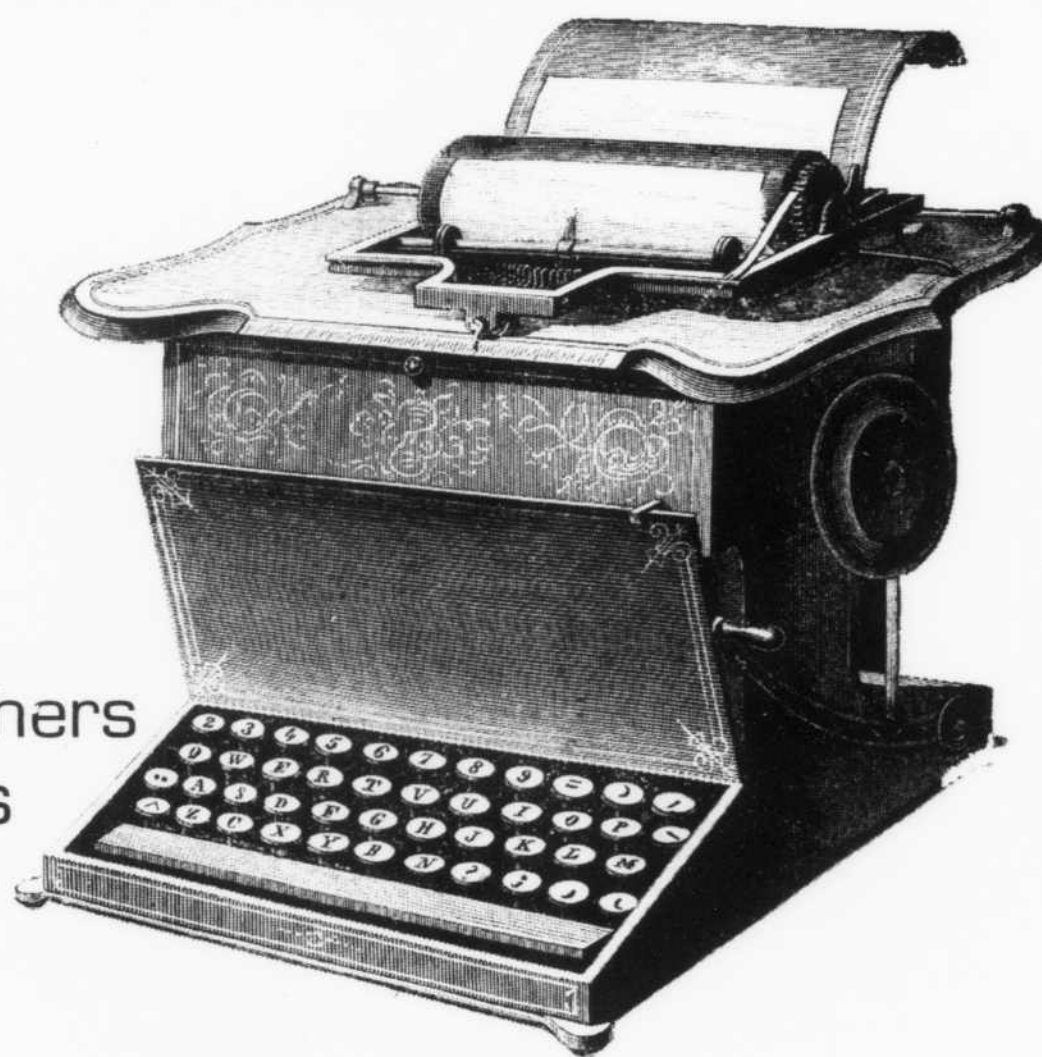
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## Incumbents dominate municipal elections

By Jason Cox  
State and Local News Editor

Incumbents virtually ran the table in Murfreesboro's city council and city school board elections yesterday.

The big winner in the city council race was Ron Washington, who received 21.8 percent of the vote with a total of 2,928.

"Everything turned out excellent," Washington said, citing the involvement of several MTSU Greek organizations in the election.

"It was you students that came out and helped us at the polls today," he said. "They

made it more fun - energetic young people willing to participate. It's always a good thing to see.

"We worked on that, we had some young men working behind the scenes, and we are trying to get them interested in public service because I don't see a lot of young African-American males in particular, but we are working to bring some guys around, see if they want to participate."



Washington

Washington said he planned to focus on a salary plan for city employees and broaden the revenue base to avoid

Vice-Mayor Chris Bratcher and Toby Gilley also won reelection, receiving 18.4 percent and 19.6 percent, respectively.

Gilley said that he plans to "continue to work on the Gateway project, (and) we've got several road projects that need to be completed, make sure that the city employee's pay plan is implemented, and we start on the budget next month."

In the city school board race, two MTSU faculty members - incumbent Lon Nuell and new-



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer  
**Roger Hailey and Toby Gilley celebrate Gilley's reelection to the Murfreesboro City Council. Gilley has served since 2000 and is an MTSU graduate.**

"It's an honor to serve," Nuell said. "It's always an honor to be recognized by the public and have an opportunity to serve."

Nuell said he wanted to work more on programs for at-risk children at an early age.

"We want to make sure they

comer Patrick McCarthy - won their races. McCarthy got 19 percent of the vote, while Nuell raked in 17.2 percent.

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## Electioneering



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

**Adaryll White, Robert Smith and Terry Williams stand in front of Reeves Rogers Elementary School to try to help their candidates by doing some last-minute campaigning to those coming to vote in last night's election.**

## Woman runs cars off road

By David Paulson  
Staff Writer

A woman with a warrant for trafficking methamphetamine in Kentucky was arrested Thursday morning after reportedly running five vehicles off the road and falling asleep at a stop light at Samsonite and South Church Street.

Police stopped Tina Marlin, 31, on Church Street. A background check revealed the Kentucky warrant and a revoked driver's license. She was arrested and transported to the Sheriff's Department. According to reports, Marlin told police that she had "snorted lots of cocaine" the previous evening.

A Murfreesboro woman led police on a foot chase across several busy streets, including Old Fort Parkway, after she was detained by an officer for forging a prescription Sunday night.

Lisa West, 23, was attempting to pick up the prescription at a Walgreen's store at Old Fort Parkway and Cason Lane. Police arrived on the scene after being called by the store. Police reported that West was uncooperative and did not have any

See Crime, 4

## Bill would lower workers' benefits

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Gov. Phil Bredesen's plan to make the state workers' compensation system less costly to businesses would reduce benefits for injured workers, something he says is necessary to ensure they still have workplaces.

"It's about trying to make sure that we remain competitive in our state and that we do not lose jobs to surrounding states because our workers' comp costs are out of line," the governor told reporters Tuesday as his bill was being presented to lawmakers.

Labor Commissioner Jim Neeley told the Senate Commerce Committee the 13-point plan will reduce insurance premiums over time and that there will be other cost savings.

Bredesen said businesses will save an estimated \$30 million to \$35 million annually, but his

staff said they're not yet comfortable with the numbers they've been crunching.

The most controversial aspect of the legislation is a reduction of the "multiplier," which determines how much money a worker who returns to the job at the same or greater pay level receives in workers' comp benefits.

Currently, a judge is allowed to increase a doctor's determination of impairment by up to 2.5 times. Bredesen's bill would reduce that to 1.5 times, which the governor says would bring Tennessee more in line with neighboring states.

The bill does increase benefits for higher-paid workers who now can make no more than 100 percent of the state's weekly wage (\$618) while recovering from on-the-job injuries. The bill would raise that cap to 105 percent in fiscal 2005 and 110 percent in subsequent years. ♦

## College Democrats active in elections

By Nona Kempton  
Staff Writer

Tennessee College Democrats plan to take an active role in election campaigns at the national, state and local levels this year, according to student leaders.

"College Democrats are going to be involved in every Democratic race on Tennessee ballots this November," said Joe Rayzor, president of the Tennessee Federation of College Democrats and a student at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. "We will be doing every type of volunteer work that you can possibly imagine."

MTSU College Democrats president-elect, sophomore Christy Holden, also serves as the secretary for the TFDC. According to Rayzor, the TFDC was instrumental in expanding the College Democrats organizations to almost 20 campuses at private and public colleges across the state. The individual chapters, Rayzor said, would be active in

local, state and federal races, including the presidential campaign.

Holden said that the local chapter has been busy this month conducting a door-to-door campaign for Democratic candidates for the Murfreesboro city council.

Rayzor said that College Democrat chapters across the state would be manning phone banks, conducting voter registration and helping students obtain absentee ballots if needed.

Currently, he said that several chapters, including MTSU, are manning phone banks to drum up support for the Tennessee Democratic Party Jackson Day fund-raiser, to be held May 1 at the Hermitage in Nashville.

Ticket price for the event, which includes a reception and dinner hosted by Gov. Phil Bredesen, is \$500 per person for both the reception and dinner or \$125 per person for dinner only.

"All chapters will be active in

fund-raising and campaigning this fall," Rayzor said. "We will be working across the state, phone banking and doing whatever is necessary."

Holden, who will be working as a page at the Democratic National Convention this July in Boston, said that the MTSU chapter is trying to raise money to send representatives to the national College Democrats convention, which is also being held in Boston at the same time as the national convention.

"We have never had a[n] MTSU student go to the national [College Democrats] convention," Holden said, "and we want to raise money to send as many people as possible."

She said that the local chapter has many fund-raising events scheduled, including a bake sale this Thursday in front of the Keathley University Center.

Holden said that after the national convention, MTSU College Democrats plan to actively campaign for John Kerry and local Democrats and

to help register voters.

"We want to get young people registered and involved," Holden said.

Rayzor said that many of the TFDC members attended a conference in Nashville last November to receive campaign training and learn effective political communication.

Campaign staffers representing Bredesen and other Tennessee Democrats, as well as national campaign workers for John Kerry and John Edwards, facilitated the conference, Rayzor said.

"College students see the issues this state is facing," Rayzor said in an issued statement. "We're taking those issues to the polls this November to continue moving forward with the Bredesen agenda so that partisan roadblocks can be eliminated."

The MTSU College Democrats meet every Thursday at 5 p.m. on the second floor of Peck Hall. ♦

## More than 5,000 anticipated at second Gay Day Dollywood

By Melissa Bowman  
Asst. State and Local Editor

The second annual Gay Day Dollywood is approaching, and participation is expected to more than double from last year's numbers, according to the event's executive director Ryan Salyer.

The event is May 22 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and admission to the park is \$42.50.

"At the event [last year] we had a total of 1,300 people," he said. "We didn't have any problem with Dollywood that day."

Salyer added that the event, which is not affiliated with or sponsored by the park, really raised Dollywood's attendance, so it was beneficial to the park. This year's numbers are expected to reach 5,000.

"Our primary goals are to enhance awareness, foster understanding through education and encourage a sense of unity and celebration both within and outside of the GLBT [gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered] community," Salyer said.

The event began last year as the end of the East Tennessee Pride Festival in Knoxville. This year, though, the event

is independent.

"Last year, Gay Day Dollywood was affiliated with East Tennessee Pride," he said, "and when East Tennessee Pride died last year because of financial [problems] ... it became its own organization."

Salyer is optimistic about the event's impact on Tennessee's gay community.

"People had tried to have pride here for the last two years," he said. "They just haven't gone over well, so I guess we are trying to ... see what we can do to put on pride up here."

"I just felt like we needed to have more GLBT participation," Salyer con-

tinued. "They have [events] in Kentucky and Ohio; we should have something here in Tennessee."

The event is not limited to Tennesseans, however. Salyer said there are groups coming from Kentucky, Texas, Florida and New York.

Participants are asked to wear red shirts to the park that day for greater visibility.

"One of the reasons red was chosen as the color to wear was because everyone in the GLBT community are being urged to run out in force at the theme park," Salyer said. "The idea is just to have fun, to stand up and be counted."

Events will be planned throughout the day.

Salyer hopes the event will grow in the future.

"We are still entirely a word-of-mouth event," he said. "We have a few sponsors, and next year we plan to do more public advertising ... [and] to add other events during the weekend."

He also hopes to have T-shirts printed for next year's event.

Anyone wanting to participate in this year's event should visit [www.gay-daydw.com](http://www.gay-daydw.com) for more information. ♦



# Safety Department cited for failure to perform checks

By Matt Gouras  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – The state Department of Safety has done a poor job tracking school bus safety checks, updating driver records and making sure driver's licenses examiners are qualified, auditors said Tuesday.

The audit of the Safety Department found a number of deficiencies – including problems with handgun checks that could result in people receiving a permit without proper training.

State law requires the agency to check school buses every year, with more than 8,000 in the state eligible for inspection. But without a good system in place, companies running school buses might get away with such tricks as rolling back odometers, auditors with the Comptroller of the Treasury's office said.

The agency has already taken steps in a number of areas to address the deficiencies, including improved computer systems, Department of Safety spokeswoman Beth Denton said.

In some cases the agency doesn't have enough people to meet the various time constraints required by the state, she said, such as processing titles in 30 days and handgun permits in 90 days.

"A lot of it depends on funding and the available personnel resources," Denton said. "We will certainly do everything we can to improve. We are maximizing our resources as much as we can internally."

The agency runs a number of departments, including the

Tennessee Highway Patrol, licensing and the law enforcement academy.

Some audit findings dealt with poor customer service, such as a noting that the agency doesn't ensure handgun permits are issued within 90 days as required by state law. The auditors also said the agency doesn't verify good service at driver's license stations, or make sure staff time is allocated during busy times.

Other findings included problems with keeping track of violations by commercial drivers, major backlogs in processing vehicle titles, or posting accidents to driver records.

In the case of commercial driving records, auditors blamed the courts, which took anywhere from six days to 439 days to submit the information.

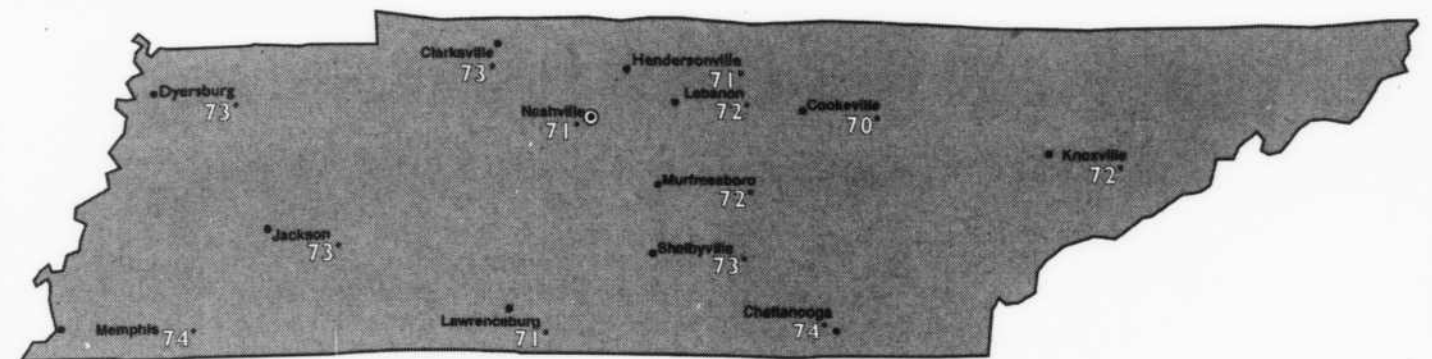
The agency, which is supposed to verify that people applying for a handgun permit have indeed received training required by law, doesn't verify classes have been taken, the audit showed.

"Failure to verify that each individual applying for a handgun carry permit has successfully completed a course with an approved handgun safety school may potentially result in individuals falsely claiming to have successfully completed an approved handgun safety course through a fake certificate," auditors wrote.

Another problem was found in the Highway Patrol, which needs to do a better job of allocating patrol officers, the audit stated. Simply relying on the judgment of senior officers to set patrol schedules isn't effective, it showed. ♦

## Tennessee Weather – Wednesday's Highs

From the Associated Press



### Thursday



### Friday



### Saturday



### Sunday



### Monday



## Powerball begins in Tennessee at \$90 million

By Colin Fly  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – After the first day of sales, Tennessee Lottery officials are feeling lucky about their timing for joining the multistate Powerball game.

Powerball tickets went on sale in Tennessee for the first time Monday, and by 5 p.m. CDT about \$500,000 in ticket sales had been recorded, said lottery CEO and president Rebecca Paul.

The estimated jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing was expected to climb to at least \$90 million.

"People wanted the opportunity to participate in a national event and win big dollars. This week somebody has a chance to win \$90 million," said state Sen. Steve Cohen, who led the effort to change the state constitution to allow the lottery.

"Nobody's got a real good chance because earlier this

morning I bought the winning ticket," he said.

Cohen, a Memphis Democrat, bought five tickets earlier in the day and one at an opening ceremony Monday. He picked numbers to correspond with the stars of the Memphis Grizzlies, who are in the NBA playoffs this week.

Tennessee joins 25 other states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands in the nation's largest multistate lottery game. The highest jackpot ever for the game was \$314.9 million.

"I played (Powerball) in Michigan when I bought tickets," said Chris Marsh, who was pumping gas at a Nashville convenience store. "The jackpot then was way up there, like \$200 million."

Marsh, who said he's spent as much as \$15 at a time playing Tennessee Lottery scratchoff games, said he would play again if jackpots were around \$100 million and may play other

games more now that the state offers Powerball.

"I used to play a lot when the lottery first came here, mainly on Fridays because it was payday," he said.

Mark Young, a Florida native who lives in Nashville, said he didn't like the first games introduced by the Tennessee Lottery, but would be more inclined to play Powerball when the jackpots get large.

"Here the games rolled out very slowly and started with the stupid scratchoff games," he said. "In Florida, they had a great jackpot. It doubled nearly every week."

Tennessee offers 19 scratchoff games and one ping-pong-ball-style drawing. While those have been successful, the top prizes range from \$500 to \$1 million.

For a \$1 Powerball ticket, players choose five numbers from 1 to 53, plus a sixth number from 1 to 42.

The minimum jackpot is \$10

million, which grows each week until there is a winner. Overall odds of hitting the jackpot are one in more than 120 million.

Numbers are drawn on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Tennessee Lottery CEO Rebecca Paul said nearly \$64 million had been raised toward the \$88 million goal for the first year of the lottery scholarship program with three months to go in the fiscal year. The money will pay for an estimated 65,000 students who expected to attend Tennessee colleges and universities this fall on the scholarship.

Powerball is expected to generate another \$100 million a year – \$30 million for the scholarship program.

The state's Powerball slogan is "Just Imagine," and that's something people could easily do with \$90 million.

"I'm not hung up on homes and cars," Young said. "I'd just travel – a lot." ♦

## Election: Phillips wins big in schools

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have every opportunity to succeed," he said.

He also said meeting the city's growth needs was going to be a large goal for the board during the next four years.

Also earning spots on the school board were Susan Andrews and Nancy Phillips. Phillips was the big winner, earning nearly a quarter of the total vote. Andrews was right behind with just under 24 percent.

"I'm excited. I'm truly, truly grateful for all the people who voted for me," Phillips said.

She stressed the importance of young people, college stu-

dents and recent college graduates getting involved in the electoral process by voting and working on campaigns.

"I recommend everyone get involved," she said.

Other candidates for the city council were Henry Huddleston (14.2 percent), Carroll Uselton (13.8 percent), Tim Davis (7.8 percent) and Hugh Jones (4.4 percent).

Also running for the school board was Michael Sager, who got about 15 percent of the vote.

For full election results, visit [www.rutherfordcounty.org](http://www.rutherfordcounty.org). All results are uncertified until they are approved by the election commission. ♦

## Crime: Store manager chases theft suspects

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made, West fled on foot across Cason Lane and Old Fort Parkway and was eventually caught at the BP gas station on John Rice Boulevard.

West was charged with prescription fraud, evading arrest and reckless endangerment.

Two people were arrested for the theft of several DVDs from Hollywood Video on Northfield Boulevard after the

store's manager followed the suspects' vehicle and contacted authorities. Manager Jeff Bokesch chased the suspects' green Dodge truck in his own vehicle, and police were able to stop the suspects on Lytle Street.

John Jones, 39, and Susan Holt, 35, were arrested and charged with theft. Bokesch told police that both were responsible for the thefts. ♦

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## From the Editorial Board Dollywood takes step in allowing Gay Day

The second annual Gay Day at Dollywood theme park is scheduled to take place May 22 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Although the Pigeon Forge, Tenn., located theme park does not endorse or support the event, simply allowing the event to be held is a big step in the right direction for gay rights.

Even though some public officials, like Rutherford County Commissioner Mike Sparks, assert that Tennessee and its residents are adamantly against even the smallest step toward progress in equality for homosexuals, it's nice to see that someone is willing to open their gates to the gay community.

As you may recall, Sparks pushed the commission to pass a resolution encouraging state legislators to define marriage as being between a man and a woman, instead of broadening to definition to include same-sex couples.

We can deduce that because of his stance on the issue, Sparks won't be taking a road trip this May 22, nor will he be donning the red attire requested by organizers in support of the event.

Other theme parks have hosted successful Gay Day events, the most prominent being Walt Disney World.

And just as most of those celebrations have been met with criticism, we can be sure Dollywood will as well.

While not everyone can afford the trek to Orlando, Fla., we do hope that Tennesseans are willing to travel a few hours to Dollywood in their brightest red to support the event.

Dollywood has done a great deal in the struggle for gay rights by allowing the event to take place on their premises.

By showing that Tennessee is not afraid to extend open arms to its gay citizens and host such events, we're showing that we're more open-minded than many who only believe in a stereotype.

This is one small step for gay rights and one giant leap for a small North Eastern town in Tennessee and the state as a whole.

Keep it up Miss Parton; you're on a roll. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor Multistate Powerball comes to Tennessee

On Monday, dreams of wanting to get rich quick came true as Tennessee residents could buy Powerball tickets in state for the first time.

With a jackpot of \$90 million, eager Tennesseans purchased their chance to win big. Nevermind the odds of actually winning are less than minuscule. When money is involved, rationality generally goes out the window.

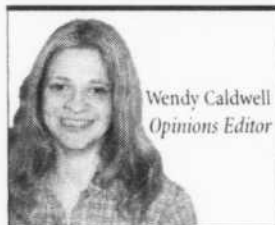
However, with the perpetual budget crisis our state seems to constantly be in, it's probably a good thing that so many people are willing to drop a couple bucks at the Mapco to get a ticket or two or eight.

The six-number ticket is a guaranteed comfy lifestyle, if you're lucky enough to get all six numbers right and in the correct order.

Powerball is great, but I'd rather save my money and take my chances on something a little more likely.

I'm waiting for casinos to make their way into our state.

It's been my experience – albeit brief – that in order to win big one must bet big.



Wendy Caldwell  
Opinions Editor

Spending a few dollars on lottery tickets doesn't really involve much risk. What's the point in gambling if there's not much gambling involved?

At least I've got a better chance of getting blackjack at a casino than of winning the \$90 million Powerball. And if all else fails, at a casino I can usually build up enough to at least break even, but that's not as likely with the lottery.

If playing Powerball satisfies most residents' gambling needs, then we've come a long way.

However, now that Tennessee has shown that gambling is not such a sinful endeavor after all, maybe legislators will be willing to go a step further and start planning on building a few casinos in various cities in the state.

In the meantime, I guess we'll have to settle for dropping those few bucks and hoping to walk away with \$90 million. ♦

## Iraq marks return to imperialism

A lot of people have been looking at similarities between the U.S. invasion of Iraq and the U.S. invasion of Vietnam. These two acts of imperialism do have several parallels, but I haven't heard anyone discuss the most significant similarity.

The parallels that some have been discussing are important. The most common of these is the deaths of U.S. soldiers. This issue is raised so often because it's the only thing a lot of Americans care about. More than 700 U.S. troops have been killed in the Iraq war so far. We were in Vietnam for six years before even 500 U.S. soldiers died. It seems Iraq is shaping up to be worse than Vietnam for the U.S. military.

Another parallel is the massive killing of civilians. This isn't discussed very often, because most Americans don't care about the people of other countries, especially if those people aren't white. In both Iraq and Vietnam, the number of dead U.S. soldiers pales in comparison to the number of dead civilians of the country we invaded.

Then there's the issue of never



Human, All Too Human

Eric Blevins  
Staff Columnist

knowing how many civilians the U.S. military killed. We don't count their dead because we don't care about them and because it makes us look bad. Estimates of dead Iraqi civilians so far range between 8,000 and 11,000. Estimates of dead Vietnamese from the Vietnam war run into the millions.

Of course in both cases, the U.S. government vastly overstated the threat of some evil force. In Vietnam, it was Communism. In Iraq, it was terrorism. Neither of these countries has ever posed any real threat to the safety of the United States.

The most significant similarity between Iraq and Vietnam, however, is that the United States is once again engaging in open acts of

imperialism. This stopped after Vietnam because there was so much public opposition to the war when it had been going on for years.

After that happened, the U.S. government just started bypassing public opinion. There have been many acts of imperialism and regime change since we invaded South Vietnam and installed a puppet government to fight North Vietnam, but the public has been out of the loop for the most part. Many such actions happened in Central American countries in the 1980s and 1990s. The U.S. government and military were always as secretive as possible about these wars.

This was a significant change, because before Vietnam, the U.S. government could pretty much do whatever it wanted, and public support was automatic. Vietnam opened the eyes of many people, and the government has not been as open about its imperialism since.

This probably has resulted in a much lower civilian death rate in countries we attack. Because the

government doesn't want to draw public attention to their military actions, they cannot allow massive military buildups.

What they usually try to do is get others to do their dirty work. By hiring mercenaries, such as the radical Islamic fundamentalists in Afghanistan in the 1970s and 1980s, and training other militaries, such as the Indonesian military that invaded East Timor, they don't draw as much attention to themselves.

Unfortunately, Sept. 11, 2001, made the government think it could return to open imperialism, and this is what's going on in Afghanistan and Iraq right now. There was much public opposition, but the government has ultimately been successful. The consequences of such a change in policy are obvious: an increase in unjust killing of civilians and unnecessary sacrificing of soldiers. ♦

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## Until we meet again

Albert Einstein was once asked near the end of his life if he had any words of advice to impart. He simply replied, "Life is short; you should enjoy it."

As this semester is coming to a close, and we're all running around frantically trying to finish those last assignments before the summer break, be sure that you don't let it stress you out and ruin your life.

School is important, and receiving good grades has its merits as well, but it's not everything in life.

Also, this is a sort of farewell to all of you out there that have continued to read my column over the past couple of years. I'm afraid I won't be back in the fall.

Never fear, there haven't been any plots or schemes to get rid of your humble columnist here. I'm only going to partake in some of Einstein's advice myself.

I was recently presented with the opportunity to stalk big-game through the Alaskan tundra with my father this fall, and it's a chance I'm not going to miss. I think I debated whether or not to miss the upcoming semester for about two minutes. It may mean that I'll graduate



Cosmo's Corner

Jeremy Coseo  
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later, but I'll live.

When I return, MTSU will still be here, and I can continue my passage through the university system. But, I also will have furthered my life knowledge.

This is something you hardly get at all in a classroom; sometimes it can teach you more than you'll ever learn in any class.

During my two years here, I've met a lot of people who could benefit from some of life's varied and more difficult lessons. Sometimes I feel that colleges produce a lot of smart dumb people: people who have a lot of class time but no real grasp or experience of the real world.

But I don't want to go off in a tirade; I'd like to keep this one short and sweet.

Too often in our lives we lose focus on what's really important: things like spending time with

family and friends or getting into and really enjoying and experiencing life. We get caught up in school or work, and pretty soon, that's what we become.

School is important, and we need to work and be productive, but when these things start to run our lives, are we really living anymore?

You'll make it through the semester; whether you get the grade you want depends on a lot of different circumstances. If you're willing, you'll always be able to work and make money.

The saddest thing you can have in life is regrets. If there are things you want to do but don't fit into your schedule, guess what? Life doesn't follow schedules.

Have goals, and work hard to achieve them. Spend as much time as you can with the ones you love, because you never know when they'll be gone. Don't be afraid of taking a chance. Fight for what you believe in, and don't let your life pass you by. ♦

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## MT's budget cuts more than its share of state's burden

Dear Reps. Donna Rowland, John Hood, and Kent Coleman; Sens. Larry Trail and Bill Ketron; and Gov. Phil Bredesen:

I am writing to you in two capacities: 1) as a concerned citizen and 2) as an employee of MTSU.

My concern is this: A document, distributed to the MTSU Faculty Senate on March 8, 2004, showing the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Comparison of Fiscal Year 2004-05 THEC Recommendations to the Governor's FY 2004-05 Budget, clearly shows that among all the four-year TBR institutions, MTSU will receive the lowest percentage of funding of the THEC formula.

According to the chart, if the formula were fully funded, MTSU would receive \$111,159,300. However, according to the governor's 04-05 budget, MTSU will receive only \$80,426,100, or 72.4 percent of the THEC FY 2004-05 formula calculation.

This percentage is 1.5 percent less than the next lowest TBR four-year institution, the University of Memphis at 73.9 percent, and is a full 13.2 percent less than Tennessee State University's percentage of the formula funded, which is a whopping 85.6 percent.

The average for the four-year TBR schools is 75.9 percent funding – or 3.5 percent more than what MTSU will receive. Translated into dollars, that 3.5 percent funding would raise MTSU's 04-05 budget to \$84,369,908, or an increase of \$3.9 million.

Why is MTSU – the fastest-growing and largest public undergraduate institution in the state – receive only 72.4 percent of what THEC says we ought to receive when the other TBR institutions will receive 74.3 percent (Austin Peay State University), 76.3 percent (East Tennessee State University), 85.6 percent (TSU), 75.9 percent (Tennessee Technological University) and 73.9 percent (Memphis)? In other words, what has

MTSU done or not done to merit this shabby treatment by the state government?

Moreover, the chart shows that even among all the TBR institutions – both two-year and four-year institutions – only two schools will receive a lower percentage of funding than MTSU. That is, of all the TBR institutions in the state, MTSU is third from the bottom in terms of percentage funded of the THEC formula. Again, why?

When one takes the University of Tennessee schools into account, we see that MTSU once again gets short-changed.

The lowest percentage funded for a UT school is 74.7 percent (UT-Martin), which is still 2.3 percent more than the percentage funded for MTSU.

Even the technology centers receive an average 72.8 percent funding (0.4 percent more than MTSU) of the formula.

Why does MTSU – the largest undergraduate institution in the state with some of the toughest admissions standards among the public universities – receive the lowest percentage funded of the THEC funding formula compared to all the other four-year (and nearly all the two-year) institutions in the state? This is grossly unfair.

With the exception of Gov. Bredesen, each of you is a representative or senator from an area highly impacted by MTSU and with many constituents who work at or attend MTSU.

I am appealing upon you to remedy this situation, to defend MTSU's interests in the public arena and to use your influence to make sure that MTSU receives a more equitable portion of state funding.

Respectfully yours,  
Ted Sherman  
Professor  
English Department

This message does not reflect the opinions, ideas, or views of MTSU, the Department of English at MTSU or any person other than the writer. ♦

## Letter to the Editor

### Faculty Senate: Let students CLEP out of classes

To the editor:

So the elitist Faculty Senate wishes to change CLEP testing. That is all it is: elitism.

I graduated in 2002 with a 3.493 grade point average, and I'm currently in the masters program for public administration at Tennessee State University.

I took the biology CLEP test after studying the prep book for six months. I never studied longer than one hour for any other test. I made a 55 and barely passed. In comparison, I made an 1100 on the GRE. That particular CLEP test is very hard.

I now have a son with an F in biology who has returned to school after a few years out. That F occurred during a period of extreme personal stress around the campus for the students and alumni?

Why doesn't the Faculty Senate concern themselves with quality of life issues around the campus for the students and alumni?

I bet that the majority could not pass a CLEP test on a subject they already have made an A in for showing up.

Stay out of Academic affairs, and leave them for the people in charge to decide. I doubt there's a wave of people passing that way.

I say again, most of those trying to pass to get rid of a bad grade have to study for that test harder than any other they've ever taken. Is that not good enough for the elite Senate?

Stick to your honors college course, and leave the little guy who has to work for a way to get through college alone.

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## Student interns with governor

By DeAnna Withrow  
Staff Writer

It pays to have a good interview, even if you don't get the job. Danecia Jones, a public relations major, learned just how true this can be when she received a call from Gov. Phil Bredesen's office.

"I never applied for the internship," Jones says. So when her roommate told her that someone had called from the governor's office, she was just hoping she wasn't in trouble with the state.

As it turned out, a PR firm she had recently interviewed with, McNeely Pigott & Fox, was impressed with her resume. They had already filled the internship position she was applying for so they passed her resume on to the governor's Deputy Press Secretary, Rachael Lassiter.

Jones was asked to come in for an interview, and ultimately to sign on as an intern.

Because she's working for the deputy press secretary and director of communications for the state of Tennessee, Jones says she doesn't care if it is non-paid.

"It's worth it, just to have it on my resume, but it's also been good experience," she says.

"They really work you," Jones adds. "I've written media advisories, helped to facilitate press conferences and I've even helped plan a large-scale event for the First Lady."

Jones is calling this internship a success — and she should know. This is the fourth internship she's had.

"I've also interned with two radio stations and a record label," she says.

Each of which, Jones says, has helped her in their own way.

"One radio station I only worked at for a month," she says. "I just couldn't take it. I was doing nothing. I don't even include it on my resume."

The difference between those internships and the one at the governor's office is that, at the radio stations and record label, she learned mostly by observing.

"I've done a lot of grunt work," Jones says.

"The first thing I asked when I interviewed with the governor's office," she says, "was 'Will there be opportunities for me to write, will there be opportunities for me to participate in pitch calls and will I be involved in creating materials for the office?'"

Jones recommends finding out what you will be doing up front.

"If you're going to be answering the phones and staring at the walls, I don't think it's worth your time," she says.

Her experiences have definitely helped in preparing her for finding a real job. She says she's learned to pay attention to the small things.

"One company I recently interviewed with, I couldn't find much information on beforehand," she says. "Then once I got there, even though it looked OK, it just didn't feel right."

Despite how rewarding her internship with the governor has been, Jones says she's also learned that she probably won't make her career in politics.

"It's really fast paced and they work 14 hours a day sometimes," Jones explains.

In planning the State of the State Address, Jones says

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# Scoring the big internship

does not mean  
you have to be a slave to the  
or fetch your boss'




By DeAnna Withrow  
Staff Writer

Finding the right internship can sometimes be as hard as knowing what to do with it once you've got it.

How do you find the right internship?

The first things you have to work out is what field you want to work in, does it matter if the internship is paid or non-paid and will it be for academic credit, Karen Austin, director of the Career Center, advises.

There are many paid internships out there, but you've got to be ahead of the game to make sure you get one.

Paid internships are more competitive and it helps to be aware of what is out there and what will be coming in the future.

One way to do that, Austin suggests, is to register with the Career Center. Registered students who are candidates for an internship are notified by e-mail immediately. The center can tell interested students what an internship is about and how to apply.

If a student is not registered with the Career Center, internships are posted throughout the office and on their Web site, but there won't be the advantage of being the first to hear about it.

Non-paid internships are becoming more and more popular, Austin says.

"There are good, legitimate, experiential learning opportunities that are unpaid," she points out. "I would encourage students not to be turned off just because an internship doesn't pay — especially if the organization is non-profit."

Companies offering non-paid internships are generally more flexible with hours as well,

she says. They know you will probably have to be working somewhere else and are less demanding of your time.

Some students may want to consider setting up their own internship if there is a company they know they want to work for.

"Many students don't think about that, but it's certainly an option," Austin says.

Austin also suggests that avoiding the wrong kind of internships can be as simple as trusting your gut.

"You don't have to be a sociology major to feel the tension in the air as you walk into an office," she says. "Sometimes it's a good sign if you sense that the people that work there like being there."

Does it matter if you do the internship during the summer, fall or spring?

The summer is often better just because there are so many more internships available, Austin says.

It can also be better because, for many companies, the summer tends to be a slower season. Companies often save projects for the summer which interns can help with, and they may also have more opportunities to spend quality time with interns.

For most internships, Austin says there's no way to be certain that you will learn more or less, depending on what time of year to do it.

"With the exception of accounting, which is a horse of a different color when it comes to seasons," she says.

How should you prepare for an internship interview?

Students should first know that internship interviews are

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Photo provided by Danecia Jones

Danecia Jones shares her public relations skills with Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's office as an intern. Jones' impeccable interviewing skills landed her a coveted position that she hadn't applied for initially.

## Local band capitalizes on 'Homegrown' image

### Music group influenced by upbringing on farm

By Brittany Gearheart  
Staff Writer

Throughout the humble hills of Tennessee, music resonates to young musicians and they can only convey to others what it is they have always known — beauty and a tune.

There is a community in Summertown, Tenn., that glows in shadows of nature and basks in the sunlight of peace, good, brotherhood and a little band known as T.H.B. — The Homegrown Band.

For many that have never heard of them, I'm sure the question that comes to mind is "What is happen' homegrown style?"

On the Farm, six guys were raised and influenced by each other creating a natural harmony and a funky back beat that tells us these kids started playing at an early age.

Lenny Cramer, vocals and guitar, and Glenn Rohrbach, vocals and bass, started jamming together at age eight. Not only did their age help in the growth of the musical talent

that is still being developed, living on the Farm allowed them to play at their own will for as long as they saw fit.

Other members of the band include: Mike Cramer — the brother of Lenny Cramer — on drums, Ryan Clark, vocals and trombone, Louey Kachinsky, vocals and trumpet and Mattias Santana, percussion.

The band has performed at a few of the local bars in Murfreesboro, and they put on quite a show.

Not many bands bring a horn section that has a James Brown appeal.

Though I wouldn't say all of their music pertains to a specific genre, they know how to get down and dirty with limited resources and variety of dance-your-ass-off tunes.

Looking at their iconic influences of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Parliament Funkadelic, the Toasters and Fishbone, there isn't a question on where their stage show antics are derived from.

On their album, *T.H.B. Live* (one of many that they avidly



Photo provided by The Homegrown Band

Up and coming The Homegrown Band is from the small town of Summertown, Tenn.

hand out at their performances) the song "Kickin' It Naturally," written by Glenn, provides listeners with a touch of the home-grown simplicity.

However, this band proves that simplicity itself does not

exclude the ability to have a good time and keep it real.

The Homegrown Band will be performing at the upcoming Unity Festival on the Farm April 16-18.

To find out more informa-

tion on the festival visit [www.unityworx.com](http://www.unityworx.com).

For more info on the band visit their Web site at [www.homegrown@minister.com](http://www.homegrown@minister.com) or you can reach them at (931) 964-4143. ♦



## Internship: Career Center assists with the hunt

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different from job interviews, Austin says.

"At a job interview, they are buying the package that is you," she says. "They want to know what skills you bring to their company and how you are going to contribute."

That's still true in an interview for an internship, she explains, but employers know that the reason you're there as a student is because you're looking for experiential learning. They know that you're planning to get something from them as well.

During an internship interview, students should communicate any skills they already possess, and also the skills they want to learn while they're there, Austin says.

She recommends having a checklist of skills that you intend to acquire by the end of the internship.

Discuss the list with the employer during the interview, as well as what opportunities will be provided for you to acquire those skills.

What makes a successful internship?

"You shouldn't be the lackey," Austin suggests. "It's known that an intern is going to do some grunt work, but you shouldn't be at the copying machine the whole time."

It's OK to make copies of a presentation if you were involved in the planning stages and were apart of putting it

together, she says.

"Students need to be responsible," Austin advises. "They shouldn't just assume that these generous people are going to take them under their wing and teach them."

She reiterates how important it is to go over a list of goals with the employer during the interview.

"An internship is successful if you can go through your list and see that you are meeting your goals," she says.

Another way to determine success is to look for moments in which you were able to apply things you learned in class.

It may also be a success, she says, if there are moments when you learn that those things don't apply.

"The important thing is that you've learned when to or not to apply theories you may have been taught in class," she says.

In some cases, there may actually be a tangible product that you helped create, such as proposals, presentations, brochures, etc.

"These are always good to have in a portfolio," she says. "Then, not only can you say you had an internship, but you also have something to show for it."

What should you do if you're not satisfied with the way an internship is going?

"Always be professional and try not to burn any bridges," Austin adds. "Not just because it's the right thing, but because, if this is the industry you might want to work in one day, people

in industries talk with each other."

People you see at one company may show up at another company you may someday try to work for, she says.

If you're in an internship for academic credit, you should talk with the professor that's overseeing your credit.

Austin advises that after a month to six weeks, if things aren't turning out like they were planned during the interview, you should consider possibly withdrawing or your professor may be willing to contact the company and discuss the issues directly.

How does the Career Center help you find internships?

In addition to helping students find internships, the Career Center can also help with writing cover letters, resumes, plans for approach and much more.

The Career Center cannot give credit for internships.

That must be arranged through the academic department.

"We can, however, offer guidance to students going through the credit process," says Austin.

"There are many professors who are familiar with particular internships already," she says. "The Career Center has established relationships with many such professors, and they can often refer students to those professors. This sometimes helps the credit process run more smoothly, she says. ♦

## Danecia: Good interview skills pay off

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there was a lot of weekend work. She can put the hours in now, but it's not something she wants to do one day when she has a family.

As for getting to see the governor, Jones says it's common for him to walk through – and if she looks busy, he may come over to see what she's doing.

"He has a really funny sense of humor," she says.

Overall, Jones says her internship with the governor has been rewarding and she highly recommends it to anyone who is interested.

"I've told quite a few people about it," she says, "especially people in the communications department."

"Internships with the governor are well advertised in departments like political science, but you don't usually hear about them in other depart-

ments, like mass communications," she says.

In addition to helping her get her current position as an intern, McNeely, Pigott, & Fox is also helping Jones find a full-time position by giving her advice and helping her to make contacts with people at other firms.

They didn't give her a job, but the interview was well worth what they have given her, Jones says. ♦

## Dear Emily



Dear Emily,  
I have a big problem and I'd appreciate any help you can give me.

My roommate and I don't get along anymore. We used to be best friends and now we can't stand each other! It seems like we're always arguing with each other and I feel so frustrated with her.

She eats my food, borrows my stuff and doesn't pick up her messes. She doesn't pay me her half of the rent on time, so I always have to hound her for it and

then I feel like the bad guy.

She's a sloth and always leaves her dishes instead of washing them, so I end up having to do them. I pay all the bills and do all the cleaning and she never even seems to appreciate it.

This is driving me nuts! Should I tell her I want to move out? HELP!

Thanks,  
Taken Advantage Of

Dear Taken Advantage Of,

I know how stressful of a roommate situation can be. I've seen several friendships fall apart after living together.

There's a reason they say not to move in with your best friend: once you see your friend all the time, you eventually see their other sides, and their bad moods, and their annoying quirks.

But it's not a hopeless situation as long as there can be change.

First, you have to stop letting yourself be taken advantage of. It sounds like you're doing all the work – stop. Don't make yourself a victim.

Does your roommate know how you feel about all this? If not, you should tell her. She probably doesn't know how much it all bothers you, and she can't know if you don't tell her.

In a non-confrontational way, let her know that you appreciate her friendship and you

want to make things work, but that you are having problems with some of the responsibilities of being roommates.

One thing you will need to do is to stop babying your roommate. If you always wash her dishes and clean her messes for her, why would she want to start cleaning it up herself? She knows if she leaves it long enough, you'll take care of it. In the words of my psychology professor, you're reinforcing negative behavior.

About borrowing your stuff is it that she borrows it without asking? Is it really important to you? I agree that she should have enough respect to ask permission to borrow something. But then again, maybe she doesn't know it really bothers you that much.

Another thing: how did you get stuck with the responsibility of paying all the bills? My guess is that you took it on yourself. Next time, ask her if she'd mind paying.

Break the habit of you always paying. Someone has to get it done and if you don't do all the work, she'll have to pick up the slack.

Now for the deeper problem of not liking each other anymore.

There's a reason you started out as best friends. Make a list of the things you like about each other, and try to dwell on the positive qualities. Everyone has irritating habits or quirks. Trust me, there are also things that annoy her about you.

Friendship is an eye-opener. You learn more than you ever thought you'd want to know about each other, and if you're true friends, you love each other despite your individual flaws.

Try to have some quality hangout time with each other.

Do something you would have done before you moved in together. Break away from the monotony of your apartment and go to your favorite restaurant or club. Be goofy together and just try to enjoy each other's company.

But know when to allow each other some space to have their own life. Respect each other's privacy and don't try to do everything together.

Keep separate hobbies or activities for the times when you need to get away from the constant togetherness and cultivate your own interests. ♦

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## North Texas green with envy after MT wins

By Matthew Adair  
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee hit the right notes against North Texas over the weekend, winning three of four games in their second Sun Belt Conference series of the season.

At first, however, the Lady Raiders seemed to be going sour.

North Texas took an early lead in Game 1 when Mean Green center fielder Kelei Walker ran for home on a fly ball by Heather Bostic, her first of two sacrifice flies in that game.

The Mean Green's offense seemed to be on a roll. MT was only able to score two runs, both coming in the third inning on unearned runs by Muriel Ledbetter and Katie Tompkins. North Texas also added two runs in that inning, however, as well as four more in the fourth to clinch the game 7-2.

The Lady Raiders began to regroup in Game 2, starting with a solo home run in the top of the sixth by Angie Huebner, breaking a scoreless game and putting MT up 1-0. Tompkins followed up by firing the

ball into centerfield for a double, coming in to score on singles by Ledbetter and Brittany Herald.

MT pitcher Crystal Bobo denied North Texas any hope of a last-minute rally in the seventh, popping out Susan Waters and Brittany Chapman and evading Monica Garcia's swings to seal up the shutout for the Lady Raiders 2-0.

Game 2 marked Bobo's second save for the season. Freshman pitcher Ashley Frizzell earned the win in that game, playing 5 1/3 innings to earn her first career shutout.

Sunday's doubleheader showed the Lady Raiders at their offensive finest, firing off 27 runs to sweep the final two games of the series, including a grand slam by Tompkins in the fourth inning of Game 3.

MT scored 12 runs in that inning, forcing the game to be called in the fifth due to the run rule. Melissa Weiland also earned two homers in that game, improving her total to four home runs for the season.

North Texas jumped to an early lead in that game, as Katy Maxey and Stephanie Cranmer scored for the Mean Green off of

a single by Mandy Hacker.

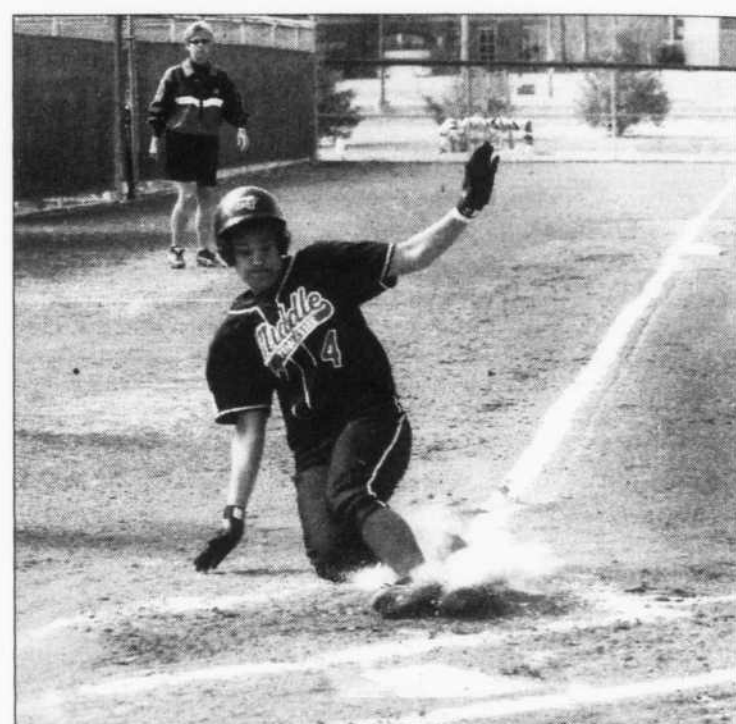
Herald, however, held North Texas scoreless for the remainder of the game, playing all five innings and striking out three to earn the win in game three. Herald's record for the season improved to 3-1.

MT narrowly missed winning a second shutout against the Mean Green in the final game of the series. Waters launched a homerun over the center field wall off of a pitch by Bobo, earning North Texas its only run of the game.

Offensively, the Lady Raiders seemed almost unstoppable. Courtney Mitchell earned her 10th home run of the season as she brought Tompkins and herself over the plate to score MT an early 2-0 lead. Mitchell's blast broke the team record on most home runs in a season.

The Lady Raiders cemented their lead, scoring five runs on three hits. Herald doubled to bring home Mitchell and Tompkins, while Michelle Wilkes came in on a single by Huebner. Davis wrapped up the scoring

See Tompkins, 10



File Photo

MT catcher Leah Grothaus safely scores in the Lady Raiders' two-game sweep of Cumberland Feb. 29.

## Blue Raiders hold on this time

### MT evens conference record with win

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee rescued itself from falling on its face with a 6-4 victory over Arkansas State Sunday.

After two previous ninth inning meltdowns by the Middle Tennessee bullpen it would have been easy for Blue Raider fans to get nervous late in Sunday's game against Arkansas State.

The Indians (18-19, 3-9 Sun Belt Conference) touched Blue Raider relievers for a grand slam in the top of the ninth Friday and a three-run blast in the ninth before the MT (23-13, 6-6) comeback win Saturday.

Eric Blevins helped restore MT's defense, as the junior came on in relief of starter B.J. Church to go four innings, giving up just two hits and striking out four to earn the win as the Blue Raiders beat the Indians 6-4 to earn the series victory.

Church pitched five strong innings in earning the no-decision, but after giving up a lead-off double to ASU shortstop Mike Sirriani in the top of the sixth, Blue Raider head coach Steve Peterson lifted Church in favor of Blevins with MT clinging to a 4-3 lead.

Church managed to get third baseman Chris Rich to ground out to third, but Blue Raider third baseman Brett Carroll's throw was low to first,

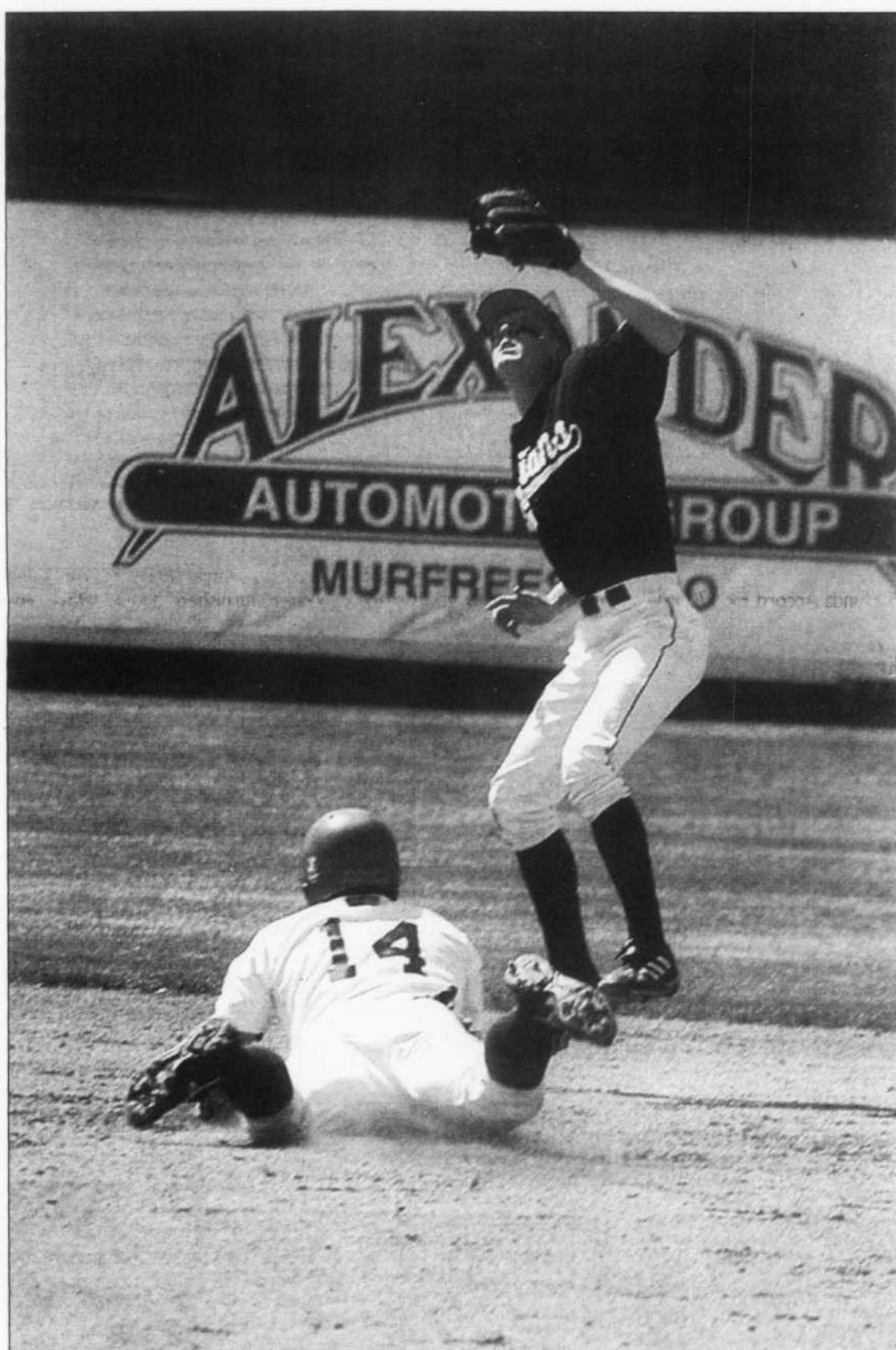


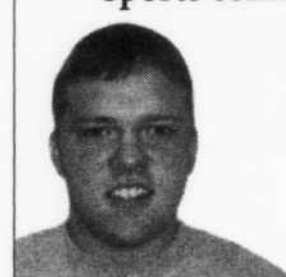
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MT catcher Michael McKenry slides into second in the Blue Raiders' 6-4 win Sunday.

See ASU, 10

## Credit Brown for Grizzlies' success

### Sports commentary



Jon Leffew  
Staff Columnist

Hubert Jude Brown is a magician.

No, he doesn't have a cape, doesn't float in the air and doesn't do birthday parties. But this season, Brown pulled off a feat that makes David Copperfield's work look trivial.

In just his second year at the helm as head coach for the Memphis Grizzlies, Hubie, as he is better known, has led his team to the Western Conference playoffs, silencing critics and turning heads along the way.

Brown, who is a leading candidate for the NBA's Coach of the Year award, led his team to a 50-32 record during the regular season, good enough for a No. 6 seed in the playoffs. Even more impressive than the team's record and Brown's resurgence as

coach is the way that this 70-year-old man has meshed with his young players.

Despite the fact that Brown is decades older than his youngest players, his insertion at the helm has been a smooth transition. Early on, he installed his unorthodox coaching style (no player averaged more than Pau Gasol's 31.5 minutes per game in the regular season) that ultimately led to fresh legs during late game situations, a group of happy players and several key victories.

Perhaps Brown's most amazing feat has been the way he has handled point guard Jason Williams.

Williams, who was nicknamed White Chocolate during his rookie year with the Kings, was seen as a player with a lot of flash and very little leadership abilities and maturity.

However, Brown has done what no other coach in the NBA could or wanted to do. Brown somehow managed to find a happy medium between the good things Williams can do (nearly a 4:1 assist to turnover ratio) and the creativity that has made him one of the NBA's most popular young players.

In addition to Williams, several other players have found their niches in Memphis, Tenn., including Bonzi Wells,

who spent three years in Portland but never got past the "Jail-Blazer" nickname bestowed upon the franchise. In his time with the Grizzlies since Brown and general manager Jerry West acquired him, Wells has contributed key minutes, established good rapport with fans and teammates and even dropped 16 points in the franchise's first playoff game against the San Antonio Spurs.

Brown's group of players has no real superstar, though Gasol led the team during the regular season in several categories (7.7 rebounds per game, 1.69 blocks per game, 17.7 points per game).

Along with Gasol, James Posey (13.7 points per game), Wells (12.3), Mike Miller (11.1) and Williams (10.9) have all averaged double figures in points this season, while 11 players average more than 10 minutes per game.

Even with the Grizzlies' franchise-best season, the Spurs are favored in their opening round series and have won the first two games easily in San Antonio, Texas, 98-74 in Game 1 and 87-70 Monday night.

As most critics have discovered this season, however, it's way too early to count out this group of talented young players and their wonder-working coach. ♦

## Baseball squad faces Austin Peay tonight at home

By Jonathan Hutton  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball squad ends their six-game homestand tonight against former Ohio Valley Conference rival Austin Peay.

The Blue Raiders (23-13, 6-6 Sun Belt Conference) will look to head to South Alabama this weekend with some momentum on their side.

APSU (22-11, 9-3 OVC) has the best record in their conference and has some key players whom the Blue Raiders will have to watch.

Third baseman Jared Walker, who has started every game for the Governors, bats .372 with a .577 slugging percentage and leads the team with 29 runs batted in.

APSU senior pitcher Jeff Mault (7-2) earned OVC Pitcher of the Week honors in his play against Southeast Missouri State this past weekend. Mault earned the Game 1 win of the doubleheader Saturday and then worked relief in Game 2 the same day, holding SEMO to one run after they had scored six runs beforehand.

In the teams' last meeting April 7, MT won the game 7-6 by scoring two runs in the top of the ninth to take the lead. MT senior baseman Eric McNamee was once again a key factor for the Blue Raiders, having two RBI's in the game.

McNamee, the leadoff hitter for MT, still leads the team in batting average, batting .386 with a .506 SLG. Shane Kemp

leads the Blue Raider lineup with nine homeruns and 31 RBI's. First baseman Derek Phillips has come on strong as of late, batting .360, and third baseman Brett Carroll has seemed to always find a key hit for MT, leading the team in slugging percentage at .578.

Pitching has been solid for the Blue Raiders. John Williams, Chris Mobley and Steve Kline can all give quality performances any given trip to the mound.

Williams (4-3), who has started in all of his appearances this season, leads the team with a 2.93 earned run average, allowing 18 earned runs on the year.

Mobley (5-3), who has also started in all of his appearances and has the most wins of any pitcher on the Blue Raider roster, leads MT with 75 strikeouts on the year and is right behind Williams with a 3.05 ERA.

Kline (2-2) has pitched 38 innings for MT this year, allowing 17 earned runs and a 4.03 ERA.

On the year, MT pitching has struck out 352 opposing batters and has a combined 3.66 ERA.

With a solid performance from the mound and timely hitting from the Blue Raider offense, MT can add one to the win column as they hit the road for a five-game road swing.

The first pitch against APSU is scheduled for today at 7 p.m. at Reese Smith Field. ♦

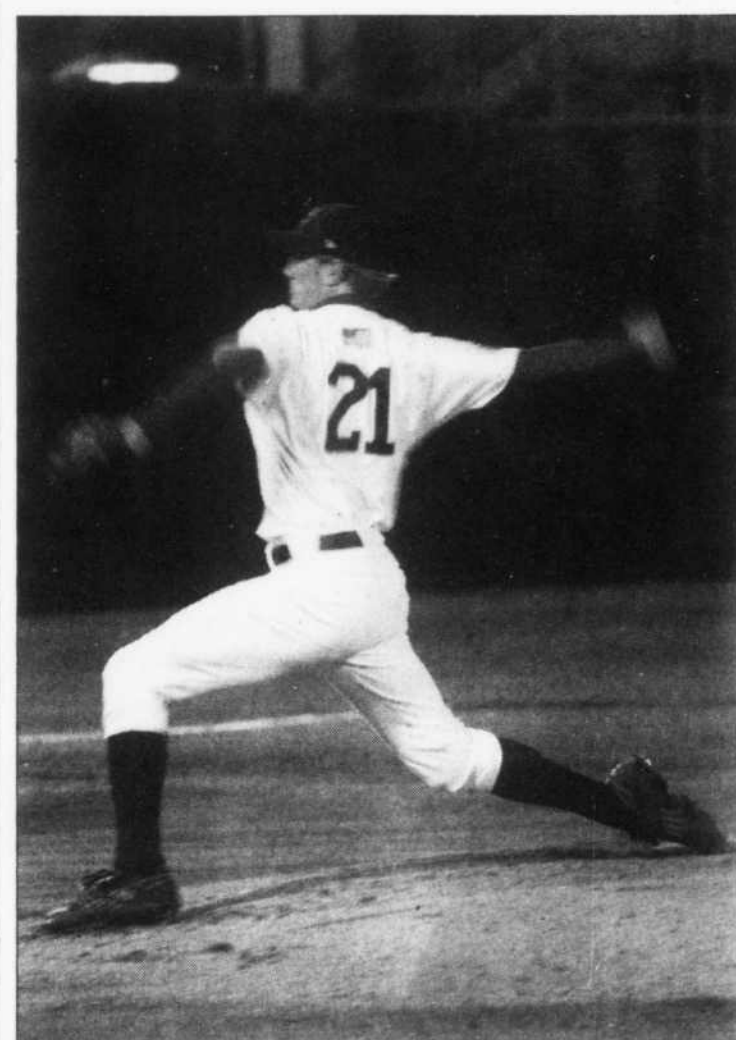


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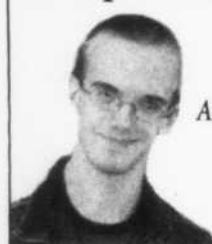
Jeff Kasser delivers in the Blue Raiders' 3-0 victory over Tennessee Tech March 30. Kasser picked up the win.



# Preds lose to Wings in playoffs but win at home with fans

## Sports commentary

Matthew Adair  
Assistant Sports Editor



They shoot ... they score?  
Well, almost.

The Nashville Predators proved this year that it's never too late to keep a promise, slipping their way into the NHL playoffs only to lose 4-2 to Detroit in the first round of post-season play.

Regardless of the 2-0 loss to the Red Wings in Game 6 Saturday, Nashville proved that if its team can produce, they will come. Fans filled every last seat of the Gaylord Entertainment Center in all of the Preds' home playoff games, with the final game blowing away all previous attendance records with a crowd of 17,239 people trying to fit into an over-capacity GEC.

"I'm very proud of what we've done," Predators captain Greg Johnson told www.nashvillepredators.com after the game. "We started the year with the lowest payroll in the league, and we totally redid our defense."

"Hats off to the players in this room and to the organization. This was a good accomplishment for us," Johnson added.

It all comes down to the fact that Nashville did this year what they should have been doing for the past half-decade: playing aggressively. The Predators broke previous team records in season wins (38), home wins (22), goals (216), power-play goals (72) and short-handed goals (14), proving that when they put forth the effort, Nashville can run with the rest of the league.

One need not look further than Nashville's mind-blowing 9-4 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins March 4, slapping six power play goals into the net, a feat last accomplished a decade ago by the New York Rangers, or Nashville's 7-3 defeat of San Jose, in which Steve Sullivan set a franchise record with three goals in a single power play, or Thomas Vokoun surpassing Mike Dunham's record for all-time wins in the net (82).

That's not to mention Nashville's two 2004 All-Star Game players, Vokoun and Kimmo Timonen, a first for Nashville hockey.

Oh yeah, and there's that playoff thing.

However, Nashville's newly earned rock 'em, sock 'em talent might prove to be a moot point when next season comes around.

Or, rather, if next season comes around.

For those who aren't aware, the NHL and its Players' Association are currently wrestling over drafting a new collective bargaining agreement for the players of the league's 30 teams. If a new agreement isn't reached before midnight Sept. 15, then the league will most likely shut down.

Part of the problem lies with players' salaries. The NHL pays a grand total of almost 75 percent of its profits out to players, more than any of the other major athletic leagues.

In a survey conducted by ESPN.com, a total of nine out of 15 teams that responded said that they stood a better chance of just breaking even fiscally if a work stoppage happens.

Nashville has remained fairly fit and trim money-wise compared to the rest of the league. The average NHL team payroll for this season stands at \$44 million dollars, while Nashville only spent \$23.2 million this season - down from \$25.2 million the previous year.



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**Players for Nashville and Detroit shake hands after the Red Wings eliminated the Predators 2-0 in Game 6 Saturday. Nashville closed its season with a record of 40-31-11-4 and its first playoff appearance.**

So money won't be a problem for the Preds, in all likelihood. With the attendance record the GEC scored this season, the team knows it can earn money. Fan loyalty, however, might be another matter.

The city came through the flood gates to cheer the Predators on as they kicked off their first playoff run. The Predators themselves partied when they heard that Vancouver's defeat of Edmonton let them slip their way into the eighth and final playoff berth. Everyone had a great time, and all was

right with the world.

Nashville's fans have been fickle in the past though, with all but the most die-hard fans turning their back on the team when they failed to make the playoffs in five years or less, despite promising the fans otherwise. A work stoppage due to the standoff between the league and the Players' Association could cause the team to fade from most people's minds.

However, ESPN writer Terry Frei seems convinced in his column at ESPN.com that Nashville's headlong

dive into the postseason may have been one of the many ingredients needed to push both sides of the CBA issue to a resolution.

Ray Ratto insists that Nashville's defeat of St. Louis was the make-or-break point for the team, and they made it.

I'm going to agree with them. Strike or no, Nashville knows now it has a team it can believe in. We'll come back swinging next season, whenever it comes. Just you wait. ♦

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# Smith leads squad to new heights

By Mark Emery  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team recently completed one of its most successful seasons in school history, which included a Sun Belt Conference Tournament Championship and a win over North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Raiders finished the 2003-04 season with a 24-8 record and received 22 votes in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

Looking back, MT head coach Stephany Smith is obviously pleased with the strides the program made, but she's ready for further progress.

"I can't help but be very proud of the players who have worked so hard to accomplish the things they did this season and I'm excited about that," Smith said. "At the same time, we're not settling, and we're not content. We just want to keep pushing parameters wider and wider and try to accomplish more."

The team will be losing one of their co-captains in Keisha McClinic, who was the SBC Defensive Player of the Year. She finished fourth in the NCAA with 112 steals and owns the single-season record at Middle Tennessee.

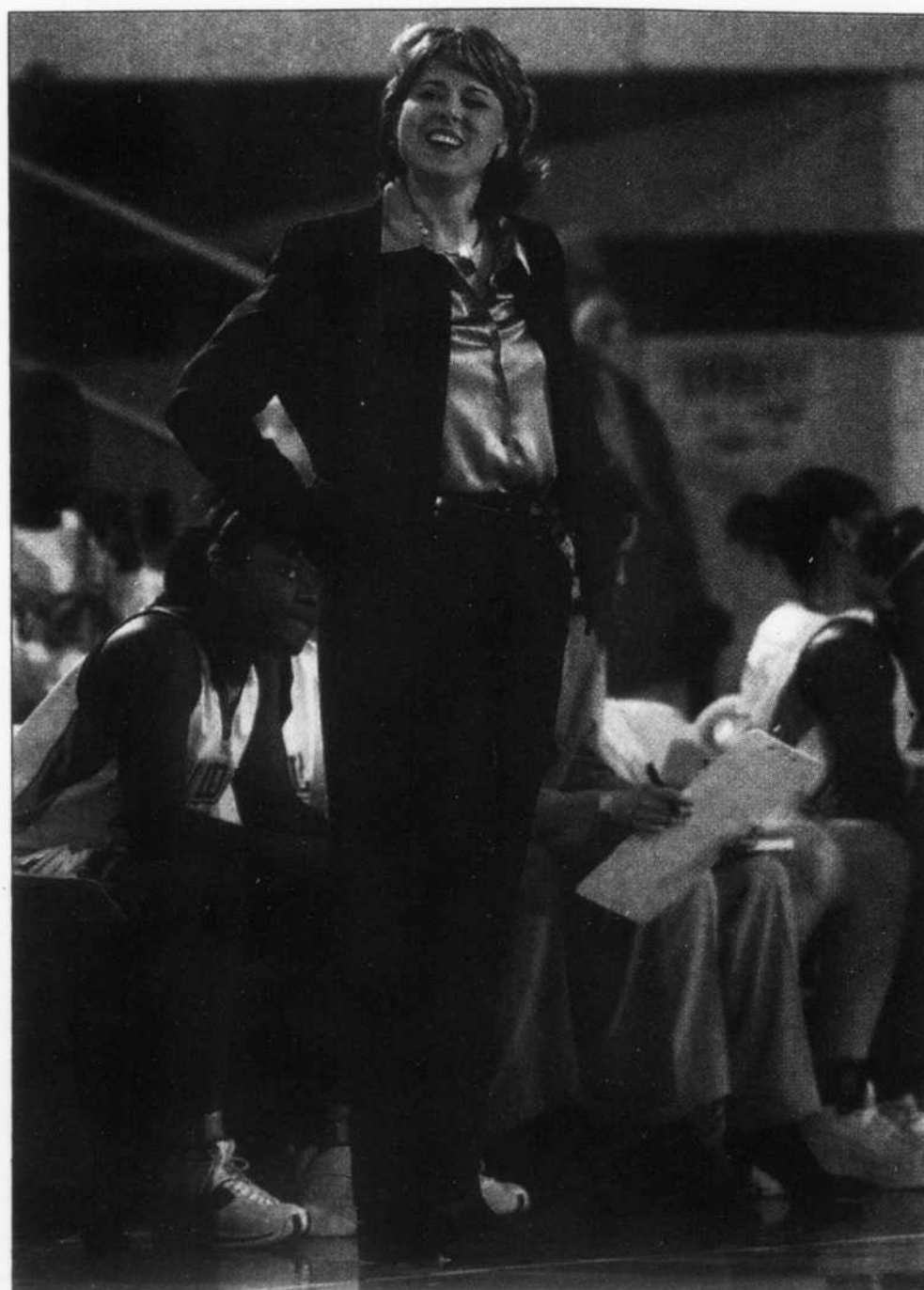
"She provided such great leadership and really improved individually as a player," Smith said. "For the first time, she really gave up her whole self to this team, and through her actions, it turned around and was the best season she ever had personally."

The team will also lose seniors Jennifer Justice and Yamil Cordero, but SBC Tournament MVP Patrice Holmes and freshman Krystle Horton, who was selected First Team All-Conference and SBC All-Tournament, will lead the Lady Raiders next season.

"We had a lot of people who stepped up and did various things," Smith said. "The impact of Krystle Horton right out of the gate, the progress of Chrissy Givens throughout the season especially in the month of February, the fact that Tia Stovall finally got things going back in the same direction she did as a freshman in the month of February, and Patrice Holmes obviously provides us with so much leadership on the floor."

Of all the Lady Raiders' victories during the season, their last two were easily their biggest. MT's 70-57 victory over Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Ky., gave the Lady Raiders their first SBC Tournament title and clinched the program's first NCAA Tournament berth since 1998.

The Lady Raiders then upset North



MT head coach Stephany Smith looks on from the sidelines with members of the team during the Lady Raiders' 70-47 win over ASU Feb. 19.

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Carolina 67-62 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, becoming only the third No. 12 seed in NCAA women's basketball history to beat a No. 4 seed. The No. 12 Tar Heels were the highest-ranked opponent that the Lady Raiders had ever defeated.

"It was very exciting," Smith said. "It was a great accomplishment and I think the emotion of our players after that game when the horn went off tells you how important that victory was and how exciting that was for our program and for our team. The North Carolina game was big, but we had other business at hand after that

game, so we had no reason to celebrate."

MT lost 59-46 to host Notre Dame in the second round, but the Lady Raiders certainly have a lot to look forward to going into next season. According to Smith the team has quite a few good recruits coming to MT, including two from Alabama: Class 1A Miss Basketball winner Starr Orr and Latoya Barclay, the Class 6A Tournament MVP.

With their top scorers returning and highly touted recruits coming in, the program's greatest seasons may still lie ahead. Even so, the 2003-2004 Lady Raiders will certainly have a place in MT history for years to come. ♦

## ASU: MT defense saves team

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giving the Indians runners at first and third on the error.

"That kind of stuff [the error] happens," Blevins said. "But they [the defense] came out the next inning and made a couple of great plays."

Sirriani scored on Monte Douglas' fielder's choice, but Blevins settled down to retire the next two batters to effectively end the Indians' offensive work for the day.

"It would have been good to see us make that play," Peterson said. "Church would've gotten the win and Blevins a great save, but that was one of our problems this weekend. Defensively, we didn't support our pitchers."

The Blue Raiders regained the lead when, with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Nate Jaggers singled home Chuck Akers, who doubled earlier in the inning. It was the second time in as many days that Jaggers put the Blue Raiders up for good. Jaggers drew a game-winning walk Saturday.

"I had been hitting line drives to the outfield all day,"

Jaggers said. "I knew how the outfield was playing me, so I just tried to stay on top of the ball and get one through the infield."

"Jaggers is slowly coming around," Peterson said. "He's hitting the ball all over the park, and when he starts spreading it around and hitting it back up the middle, then he's going to start hitting it out, so it's been good to see him come around."

Shane Kemp added an insurance run for MT in the bottom of the eighth when he followed up Derek Phillips' double with one of his own to score pinch runner Wayne Kendrick.

For Middle Tennessee, Church earned the win to improve to 4-1 on the season, while Karnie Vertz, who gave the Indians their longest outing by a starting pitcher in 14 games, took the loss to fall to 2-4.

The Blue Raiders continue Sun Belt Conference play Friday when they travel to Mobile, Ala., to take on the University of South Alabama for a three-game series. Game time Friday is 7 p.m. ♦

## Tompkins: 2nd home run

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by Huebner. Davis wrapped up the scoring spree for MT with a double that scored Leah Grothaus and Huebner.

Frizzell relieved Bobo after the MT junior took a ball to the face in the final inning. Bobo played 6 2/3 innings out that game and earned the win, allowing one run and striking out five.

MT will return home on Thursday to face Birmingham Southern, their first home contest since the March 4 doubleheader with Lipscomb. First pitch for that match is set at 2 p.m. at Lady Raider Field. ♦

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