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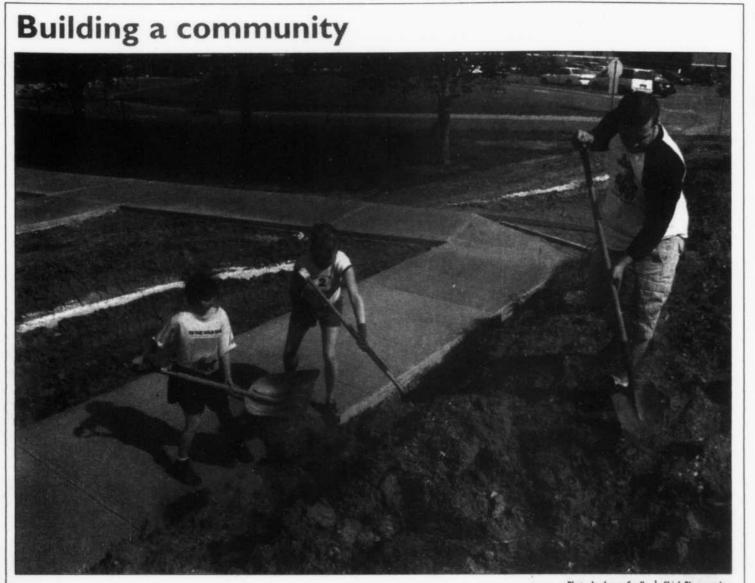
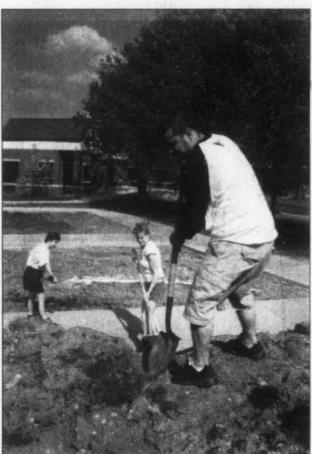


Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer Sophomore Daniel Onkst, right, and graduate students Sara Moser, left, and Stephanie Dunn, middle, shovel around newly constructed sidewalks at the Community Care Center, which will soon house a flower garden.

Community benefits from class

Students send progress reports are in charge of different things, such as fund-raising, grants, planting supplies, volunteers and marketing and advertising. I have been involved in getting the community involved."



Write-in votes eliminated from elections

Officers cite unqualified candidates **By Juanita Thouin** Staff Writer

Writing in "Mickey Mouse" or "George Washington" for Government Student Association senator or the Homecoming court will not be an option this fall.

An electoral amendment act that eliminates write-in votes in all SGA sponsored elections recently passed the senate.

According to Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner elect, write-in votes aren't always just silly. Often they pose real problems for the election commission.

One of those problems arises when someone writes in their friend's name as a joke, and the friend has no desire to serve in the capacity being voted on. Rogers said it is possible to get elected as a senator with just one write-in vote.

"It's kind of a sticky situation sometimes," Rogers said.

SGA President-elect

the Senate with people who don't want to do it," Butler said. Butler also said write-in votes took too much time to tally.

"It was eliminated basically because of time," Butler said. "It's useless. Write-ins have to be checked and hand counted. Last election took three hours to count."

Another dilemma surfaces when a voter writes in a candidate with a common name such as Bob Smith.

"We might have several Bob Smiths on campus," Rogers explained. "Then we have to try and figure out which one was voted for."

Added to this problem is the fact that some write-in winners might not be qualified to fill the position to which they were elected.

To serve in both the Senate and in the Homecoming court, a student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours and possess a 2.0 grade point average.

Currently, those wishing to run for SGA or Homecoming must turn in a profile sheet, answer three short questions and provide a photo to the election commission. The candidates have two weeks to plete these requirements. Rogers said the SGA office has a digital camera to help

to Al Gore

By Stephanie Hill Staff Reporter

Family Centered The Community Building Class, taught in part by Al Gore, is giving back to the Murfreesboro community after a few semesters.

This weekend, the class will plant a garden at the Community Care of Rutherford County, a longterm care facility located in Murfreesboro.

Shelly Selchow, a graduate student in the process of earning her master's degree in human science, is one of the 15 students involved in the on-going project and is excited about seeing all of the class's hard work pay off as they tackle the project over the weekend.

"At the beginning of the semester, after deciding what project we would be doing, we did a lot of brainstorming, trying to decide what it was exactly that we were wanting to do," Selchow said. "We have about four committees that See Garden, 2

Catherine Stogner from human sciences and Carole Carroll from the sociology department are the professors involved in the project.

The Family Centered Community Building class is a service learning class whose main goal is to provide a need to the commu-

"The students apply the material they learned in the classroom in a real world environment," Selchow said. "One of the class objectives is to focus on the importance of family in the community and vice versa. So often these days we barely even know our neighbors, much less people who live on the next street over. We are learning how to build stronger communities, supportive of one another's families."

"Former Vice President and occasional professor Al Gore is very excited about the project," Selchow added.

The class gives Gore monthly

Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer The goal of the community building class is to provide a need or assistance to the community.

Suicide found common among teenagers, elderly

Advocate advises avoiding drugs, alcohol **By Alex Roach** Contributor

Suicide may not be prevalent in everyone's life, but Deborah Tyson thinks the issue needs recognition.

Tyson, the director of the Community Assistance Program at the Parthenon Pavilion Psychiatric Hospital in Nashville, talked to students Tuesday on the statistics and signs that may lead to suicide.

"Not all suicides require a history with depression," Tyson said.

The most effective way to prevent suicide is to learn to recognize the symptoms and know how to react to them.

Tyson also handed out some useful tips to battle test anxiety for students who might feel overwhelmed during finals week.

Some of them included being prepared, studying in advance and not cramming. She urged students to avoid any use of drugs or

alcohol so that their minds are clear and focused.

Tyson also suggested pacing yourself and focusing on what you know first. Take short breaks and relax your body.

Also stay in the present moment. Don't drift off to the warm sands too soon. Odds are they will still be there when it's all said and done.

Among the range of people who attempt suicide, young adult males have the highest completion rate.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers 15 to 24 years old and the sixth leading cause of death for children five to 14 years old.

Suicides not only affect young people; the elderly are affected as much if not more than their younger counter parts.

Older people have the highest completion rate of all the age groups listed in the range. Their desires usually stem from being widowed or the feeling they can no longer be useful to society.

Some of the causes that may lead to suicide are stress, confusion, self doubt, pressure to succeed and financial uncertainty.

There are certain symptoms to look for if you or someone you know might be contemplating suicide. A persons sleeping and eating habits may change. Also a symptom is withdrawing from friends and family but not just due to the momentary need to cram for finals.

Another sign might be marked personality change, difficulty concentrating or neglect of schoolwork quality. Most of the time, however, the person attempting suicide will try and tell someone before actually attempting suicide in some way or fashion, Tyson said.

"If the victim says they want to commit suicide, always take them seriously," Tyson said.

The victim of these notions will alert someone because they don't really want to die but can't seem to find any other way to cope, she said.

Seventy-five percent of all suicides give some sort of warning.

Michelle Butler agreed with Rogers, saying write-ins allowed students who were not seriously committed to the SGA to become a senator.

> "We don't want to be filling See SGA, 2

Critic to discuss body in art, philosophy

By Audie Sheridan Staff Writer

Famed art critic and philosopher Arthur Danto will come to campus Friday to present a lecture titled "The Body in Philosophy and Art" as part of the 12th annual Philosophy Lyceum.

Danto has taught philosophy at Columbia University since 1951.

Professor Mary Magada-Ward's doggedness is the primary reason Danto decided to visit our campus.

"I called him once a year for six years, and bragged that we're the most fun to visit," Magada-Ward said. "The last time I tried, I asked, 'Do you want to come to the most bizarre state in the union?' and he said yes.'

As a philosopher, Danto is a distinguished contributor to the field of aesthetics. According to Magada-Ward, "He is one of the best living philosophers."

He has published numerous books on the subject, including The Transfiguration of the Commonplace, a book Magada-Ward uses in her class on aesthetics.

"[The book] is the most perfectly realized philosophical monograph that I know of," Magada-Ward said. "Whenever I teach aesthetics, that book is by far the favorite, both for art students and philosophy students."

Danto is not content with writing only for academics, however. He began writing art criticism for The Nation.

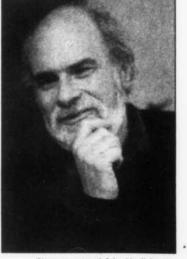


Photo courtesy of Columbia University **Philosopher Arthur Danto** will lecture on art and the body tomorrow.

"It's kind of unusual for professors to become journalists, at least in this country," Danto said. "In Europe, it is a lot more common for philosophers to write for the general public."

His lecture grows out of his prior work on art and the theory of action.

"I am a fairly systematic thinker, and I keep evolving my ideas. So, the lecture shows where they have evolved to since those books were published," Danto said.

"I'll be talking about the differences in the way the human body has been represented in philosophy and in art in modern times, beginning more or less in the 17th century but coming down to the present,"

See Danto, 2

SGA: Time restrictions set for fall Garden: New volunteers needed

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getting photos. facilitate Therefore, she doesn't believe the requirements and specified time frame are too far reaching.

Adam Skelton, treasurer for Sigma Nu, an organization that has in the past made nominations for homecoming court, agrees with Rogers.

"Two weeks is plenty of time," Skelton said.

He was quick to point out, however, that the two weeks was only long enough if nominations could be made before the

packets are distributed.

Rogers said there are no stipulations as to when nominations must occur.

In fact, for the coming fall semester, she encourages organizations to undertake that process either now or sometime during the summer.

The reason for her concerns is that Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 11 this year.

Because Homecoming and SGA senatorial elections always take place at the same time, and since the electoral laws specify that candidates for both elec-

tions must be publicized at least 28 days prior to the election, applications for not only the Homecoming court but also SGA senators must be in the SGA office just two weeks after school starts.

To help ensure things flow smoothly in the fall, Rogers visited various student association councils to let them know of the tight time restrictions for fall's elections and the elimination of write-in votes.

"I want them to have adequate time to get their candidates in," Rogers said. ♦

Crime Stoppers bulletins

Friday, April 4, 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

A person or persons unlawfully entered Corlew Hall, Room 416, and took some money. The room was entered and approximately \$140 in cash was stolen.

Sunday, March 30, 12:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m.

A person or persons egged a car parked next to Smith Hall in the Judd/Sims Hall parking lot. The car was a 2001 White PT Cruiser with Tennessee license plates.

Friday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 25

Womack Lane apartment L-10 was unlawfully entered and approximately \$56 worth of property was stolen, including two plants and an iron.

Sometime between 8 p.m. on March 28 and 1:45 p.m. on April 1 someone tried to break into Family Student Housing apartment C-15. Damage was done to the front screen door, and two window screens were bent.

Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.

A person took a Dell Inspiron 3 laptop from a file room in the Center for Dyslexia. The serial number for the laptop is #VZ4FP.

Saturday, March 22, 2 a.m.-2:15 a.m.

A person or persons defaced a bulletin board and door with graffiti on the sixth floor of Cummings Hall.

Friday, March 21, 12:20 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

A person took a paycheck from a locker in the Aramark women's locker room of the Keathley University Center Grill. The \$250 check was stolen from Mary Sishman.

Friday, March 14 through Monday, March 17

A person broke a window in the upper corner of the Clement Hall day room.

owned by MTSU or a felony committed within Rutherford County, please call Crime Stoppers at 893-\$1,000.

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keeps him updates and informed about the progress being made. In turn, Gore gives the stu-

dents his suggestions for getting the word out to the community and generating interest in the project.

Community Care of Rutherford County formed a partnership with MTSU and approached the class about the project.

The directors of the CCRC have in place a concept titled Eden Alternative, the goals of which are to fight the common nursing home issues of loneliness, depression and helplessness.

"The home allows pets such as dogs, cats, fish and birds making it a more peaceful and environment," comfortable Selchow said.

"By building the garden we are taking their concept of Eden Alternative to a different level. The garden will accommodate the disabled seniors, providing them with wider sidewalks, and seniors with arthritis or a bad back can reach the plants to weed or water them."

The project was welcomed with open arms in the Murfreesboro community.

The co-op has been assisting us with our budget so that we can build the most beautiful garden possible and are also holding a wish list for us so that people can stop by and purchase items to bring or have delivered to the garden," Selchow said.

Ole South Properties, which supplies the dirt for the project and Horse Creek Insurance have been the largest contributors.

Other companies include Artisan Granite and Marble, Rogers Nursery, Williams Nursery, Stones River Garden Club and the 4-H Club.

CCRC has also donated time and materials to the project.

Individuals also purchased engraved bricks to be placed in the garden by giving a minimum donation of \$35.

The university supports the project. Students in concrete management, led by Heather Brown, poured concrete for the

sidewalks, birdbaths, benches and retaining wall.

Other individuals and departments bought bricks and gave donations.

Larry Sizemore from MTSU Greenhouse donated time and expertise as well as some plants, and Tom Tozer from News and Public Affairs did some publicity for the project.

Students are encouraged to become involved by coming to the Community Care of Rutherford County between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The home is located at 901 Country Farm Road off Highway 231 near Shelbyville. Lunch will be provided for workers.

"We need people to help make this garden a reality; nothing except the sidewalks will be done until this weekend. We are asking anyone to participate, young or old," Selchow said.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick may contact Selchow at sls2g@mtsu.edu or 904-8436.

Danto: Lecture appeals to masses

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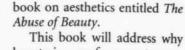
Danto said of his coming lecture. "And I'll try to explain why art and philosophy view the body in such different, really in such opposite ways."

The lecture promises to appeal to people with interests in both philosophy and art, although Danto did say it would

"I think [attendees] will get a sense of what it is like to think broadly about fundamental issues in the way we picture ourselves in the world," Danto said.

Being a New Yorker, Danto is also aware that art students may have a special interest in his lecture, since, according to Danto "New Yorkers are always objects of intense curiosity among artists who will sooner or later make their way to New York."

While Danto's work is by no means limited to the study of

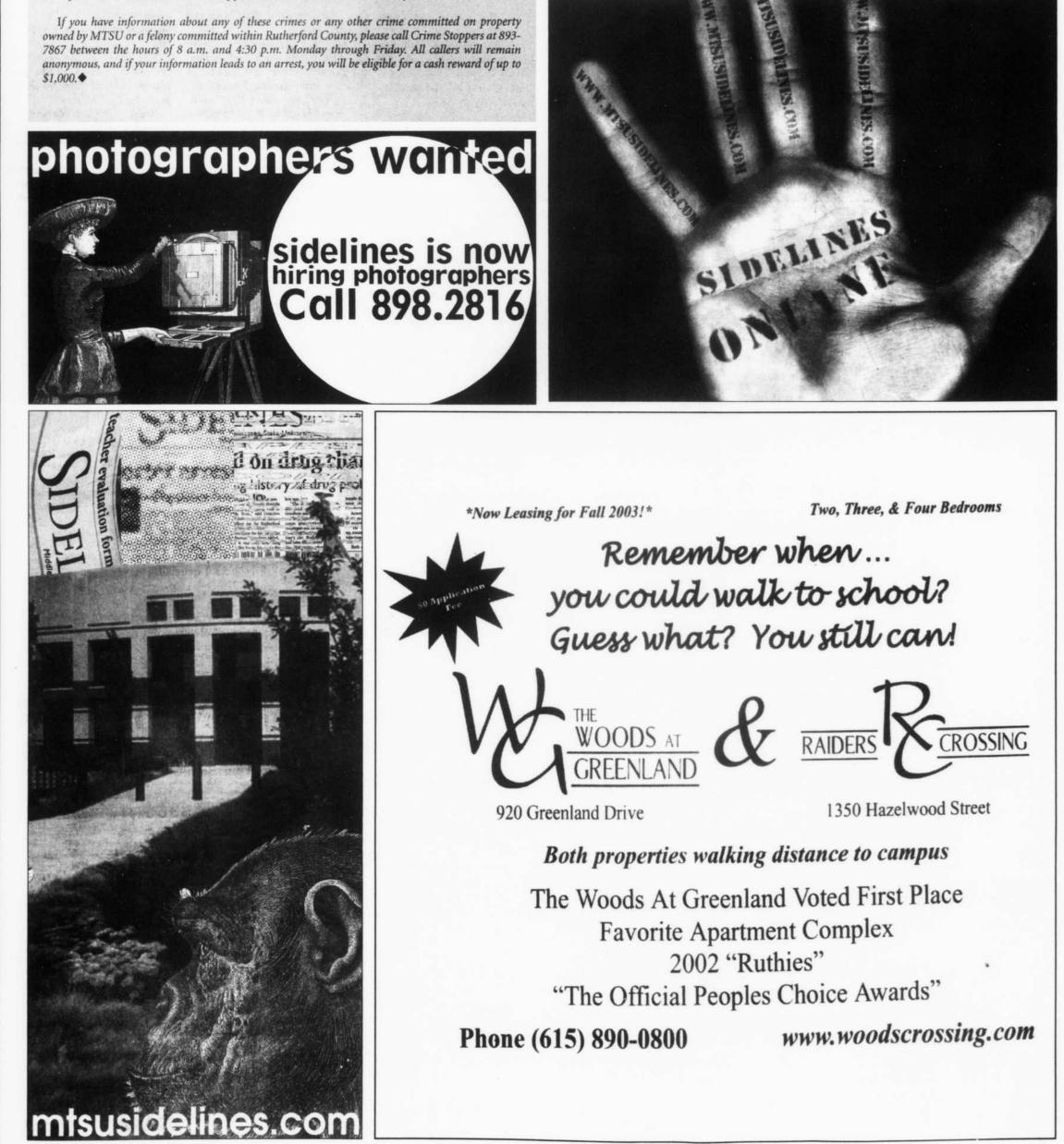


art, he did just finish another

beauty is gone from contemporary art and what can be done about it.

The lecture will take place tomorrow at 3:45 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 304

A reception will follow at a location to be announced during the lecture's introduction.



be a philosophical lecture.



WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Callie Elizabeth Butler - Assistant News Editor

Baghdad lights up with restored power

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -Some Baghdad residents celebrated yesterday as electricity returned to their districts after a three-week outage; others dug through graves discovered at a notorious prison, seeking traces of missing relatives who might have been executed and buried there.

In the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, yesterday was the climax of an emotional pilgrimage that has drawn an estimated one million Shiite Muslims.

With Saddam Hussein's regime toppled, it was the first time since the 1970s that Iraq's Shiite majority could participate freely in the march to the cities' shrines.

Thousands of the pilgrims took part in an anti-American demonstration Wednesday. Among the banners were some that read, "No to America, no to Israel, yes to Islam.'

A grim legacy of the regime was being dug out of shallow graves on the grounds of Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, where several bodies have been found buried face down, hands bound behind their backs and with gunshot wounds to the head.

"At least now we know they are dead, thanks be to God," said Saad al-Niami, an army colonel. "Our families can get rest now."

U.S., North Korea, China meet for new talks

BEIJING (AP) - U.S. negotiators met with North Korean and Chinese representatives in Beijing on Wednesday for talks that Washington hopes will end the North Korea's alleged effort to build nuclear weapons.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly would not answer reporters' questions after a first day of talks, saying only, "No words today, thank you.'

A U.S. Embassy official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the meeting had begun as scheduled, but she had no details on what was dis-

way meeting by the governments since they negotiated the 1953 armistice that halted fighting in the Korean War, in which China fought on North Korea's side.

Beijing schools ordered to be closed for two weeks

BEIJING (AP) - China ordered all public schools in its capital closed Wednesday, leaving almost two million students to study at home following a major jump in the number of reported Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome cases in the city.

The closure begins Thursday and lasts for two weeks through what would have been the May Day school holiday, said an official of the Beijing Municipal Education Commission.

The official, who would give her name only as Miss Cui, said tests for primary, junior high and high school students were postponed indefinitely.

Cui wouldn't give a reason, but Beijing newspapers cited a government notice that said it was meant to prevent the spread of SARS, which has killed at least 28 people in the Chinese capital. The closure will effect about 1.7 million students.

On Tuesday, Hong Kong reopened most secondary schools three weeks after they were closed to help contain the ailment.

France, Russia push for U.N. return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Security Council members who opposed the war in Iraq including France, Russia and Germany are insisting that U.N. inspectors be allowed to join a weapons hunt now being conducted exclusively by the United States.

The Bush administration, which went to war after failing to convince those countries that Iraq needed to be forcefully disarmed of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, says it will search for them on its own.

The French, German and Russian ambassadors suggested

French Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere proposed several months of suspended sanctions, a step short of lifting sanctions, which President Bush is seeking.

In the meantime, the French diplomat said the council could look for ways to combine the work of U.N. and U.S. inspectors "so that the Iraqi disarmament could be internationally verified."

"Then sanctions could be lifted when a legitimate Iraqi government is in place," he told The Associated Press.

Verdict released on missile performance

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - At this stage in the 1991 Gulf War, the Patriot missile was a celebrated war hero credited with countless kills of Iraqi rockets. Only later was it learned that Patriots downed Scuds no more than four times in 47 firings.

This time, the Patriots have blasted more than 10 missiles but are being branded one of the biggest letdowns of the war. The problem: The missile

system also shot down two allied jet fighters.

"Obviously the biggest technological disappointment is the Patriot," said John Pike, a defense analyst with GlobalSecurity.org. "Those are the only two airplanes that Patriots have ever shot down. The big glitch was the Patriot friendly fire."

The U.S. military, the Patriot's manufacturer and analysts say it is too early to tell how effective the Patriots were.

But the system showed lethal flaws, despite a \$3 billion upgrade of older Patriots since 1991.

Supreme Court looks at corporate free speech

WASHINGTON (AP) When antiglobalization activists accused Nike Inc. of producing its goods in overseas sweatshops, the athletic shoe maker fought back with a publicity campaign. Conditions were humane and pay was good at its

considered by the Supreme Court yesterday.

Nike's critics say the company's defense amounted to false advertising.

The company, the world's largest manufacturer of athletic shoes, contends it must be free to explain itself to customers, potential customers or anyone else.

The case offers the high court another opportunity to define how the concept of free speech applies in the business world.

Historically, advertising or promotional material gets less protection than the contents of a newspaper or the words of a corporate critic like Marc Kasky.

The San Francisco activist sued Nike five years ago, but his case has never gone to trial.

The California Supreme Court ruled that the suit can be heard, and Nike appealed to the Supreme Court.

The case arises from a campaign by Beaverton, Ore.-based Nike to defend wages and conditions at Asian plants, run by subcontractors, where workers make tennis shoes and athletic wear with the distinctive Nike swoosh logo.

Shiite pilgrims worship at holy shrine in Karbala

KARBALA, Iraq (AP) -Swaying and chanting, some bleeding from self-inflicted wounds of ritual mourning, an estimated one million Shiite Muslims marched to this city's holy shrine Tuesday, celebrating their freedom from years of repression by Saddam Hussein's regime.

The large turnout for the pilgrimage, which ends today, highlighted the power and potential of Iraq's majority Shiite community.

Despite bitter internal differences the Shiites, who represent 60 percent of Iraq's 24 million people, were able to pull off the event on short notice and thus far without violence.

It showed how once again, upheaval in a Middle East country has brought followers of the Shiite branch of Islam to the forefront. It happened in 1979 when Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini founded a Shiite theocracy in neighboring Iran, and three years later when Israel invaded Lebanon, drove out Yasser Arafat and ended up facing the Shiite fighters of Hezbollah.

Obasanjo wins re-election but with much opposition

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) -Olusegun Obasanjo won an overwhelming victory in Nigeria's presidential election, officials announced Tuesday, as opposition groups protested the balloting as rigged and threatened mass demonstrations.

Obasanjo won 62 percent of the more than 42 million votes cast in the weekend polling, election commission chairman Abel Guobadia said late Tuesday night.

His leading rival, former junta leader Muhammadu Buhari, was far back with 32 percent. More than 2.5 million votes were declared invalid.

The vote, marred by sporadic violence, was considered an important test of stability and democracy in Africa's most populous nation.

International monitors have expressed concern about fraud, including ballot-box stuffing and bribery.

France proposes stop of sanctions against Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -After staunchly opposing the U.S.-led war against Saddam Hussein, France made a surprise proposal Tuesday to meet the United States halfway by calling for the immediate suspension of crippling economic sanctions on Iraq.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte stuck by President Bush's demand that because of "the dramatically changed circumstances within Iraq," sanctions should be lifted entirely not just suspended.

"We now need to work with France and other countries to see how best that can be achieved and how quickly," Negroponte said.

Santorum says gay acts



under fire from gay-rights groups and Democrats, says he has "no problem with homosexuality - I have a problem with homosexual acts." In a wide-ranging interview

ranked Republican who is

with The Associated Press two weeks ago, Santorum, R-Pa., said he believes homosexual acts are a threat to the American family.

He drew criticism from gays and Democrats after parts of the interview - during which he compared homosexuality to bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery - were published Monday.

"I have no problem with homosexuality - I have a problem with homosexual acts, as I would with acts of other, what I would consider to be, acts outside of traditional heterosexual relationships," Santorum said during a taped interview.

Cash-strapped schools turn to busing fees

BOSTON (AP) - Lawmakers and school officials have a stark message for parents who think their taxes already pay for school bus transportation: no more free rides.

Cash-strapped public schools trying to hang on to their teachers are increasingly turning to busing fees to raise money.

The move has angered parents and raised concerns that children may be forced to use more dangerous means - like walking - to get to school. About one-third of all school districts in Massachusetts already charge middle- and high-school students for bus-

For example, the town of Barnstable raises \$350,000 per year by charging \$200 per child in grades 7 and higher.

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade are entitled to free rides if they live at least two miles from school. But that may change as Massachusetts lawmakers warn communities and schools they will lose millions in state aid because of a \$3 billion budget deficit. ◆

cussed or how long it lasted. The talks are to be held through Friday.

The talks are the first three-

Tuesday that compromising on disarmament may get Washington something it wants even more.

overseas factories, Nike contended.

What happened next led to a protracted court fight being

threaten American families

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rick Santorum, the Senate's third-

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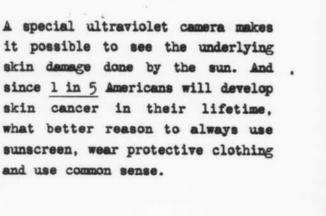
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From the Editorial Board **Eliminating write-ins** won't solve problems

After hours spent counting silly, fake write-in candidates on the spring election ballots, the Student Government Association has opted to eliminate the write-in option altogether in future elections.

Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner-elect, said that write-in candidates often pose problems for the SGA. There are times, she said, when a write-in candidate will have the same name as others on campus, and the SGA must discern who the real candidate is.

Another complaint is that write-in candidates receiving very few votes (think less than 10) can win an election in which there were no other candidates. These reasons, of course, are compounded by the fact that many people write in joke names that have no impact on the election at all. One senator told Sidelines that, during an election involving Willie Nelson III, Waylon Jennings got several votes. (You jokesters out there think you're clever, eh?) The senator also mentioned that Mickey Mouse also got votes. But as frustrating as counting joke ballots may be, the write-in ballot is an important part of democracy.

Though there will be immaturity to contend with, voters deserve the freedom to elect whoever they want to, and the write-in slot is the only true way for that to happen. It's the students' loss that they don't use the chance to vote in someone who matters.

In Powell v. McCormick (1969), the Supreme Court ruled that the House of Representatives was without power to exclude from its membership any person who was elected and met the requirements for office.

The same principle should apply to the SGA. If a qualified student wants to conduct a grassroots campaign and is elected by write-in votes, he or she is a legitimate candidate. Eliminating the write-in option will prevent this from ever happening.

Perhaps the larger issue in need of examination is that students receiving three or four write-in votes can even get elected at all.

On a campus of more than 20,000 students, the inability to secure a few qualified candidates from each college for each election is a testament to the SGA apathy saturating our student body.

Work must be done to improve students' understanding and perception of the SGA before people will pause to think before jokingly voting for Waylon or Mickey. Eliminating the write-in option won't prompt students to think. .



Leave whiners, find motivation



It's the end of the semester, and finals are upon us. It's crunch time.

The good thing about this stress-filled season is the bond that emerges between students. Strangers in a class may soon become close friends by virtue of the common need to study, share notes or just listen to each other whine.

This is the time of year when whining is the most intense.

We talk about how difficult our classes are, how grueling the finals will be, how sleep depraved we are, how much caffeine we've all had, etc. Listen to any one student long enough, and you'll be convinced that he's the noble martyr

he thinks he is.

Wit and Wonder

The People for the

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N.Y., \$15,000 in the

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Staff Columnist

telling our stories and, in the process, building a strange and unique sense of camaraderie.

> These exchanges usually contain self-centered but sympathetic stories in which most sentences begin with "I" and every other sentence ends in a negative superlative, usually directed against the faculty.

These stories overlap as friends interrupt each other with, "If you think that's bad. ... " and then proceed to tell their egocentric, pity-party narrative.

I'm all for sympathy. We all need a lot of it. We all need to be ready to give it. Some students seem to

want more than sympathy, though.

Some seem to think they're entitled to a free ride in college.

The fact that they have to work for their grades just doesn't compute with these folks.

It's like these people demand that college be a We're all working hard, semester-long version of

summer camp.

Having a conversation with these whiners for entitlement is hysterical. They sit and complain about their 12 hours of remedial courses their parents are paying for and how, even though they have no extra-curricular activities and no part-time jobs, they still can't find the time to study.

Their rants usually end with some self-justifying, rhetorical question, such as, "I mean, like, duh! Do these professors think my life revolves around their class? It's like they want me to study on the weekends or something. And I'm just like, what-everrrr!"

Remarkably, the whiners seem to have all the time in the world to stage their mini-protests against teachers who take up homework and have attendance policies.

And it's amazing how serious these students are. They literally think it's unfair to have to work for their grade. It's like they graduated from high

school and were hoping tions of entitlement is liscollege was going to be a repeat of kindergarten.

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with reasons as to why the

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sometimes you find out a class, heck, it's not their that your life isn't so bad. Discovering that truth can be a real kick in the pants It's not hard to predict where these people will to quit whining and work end up if they keep this

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harder. It has been for me. The difference between the pity-party community and the whiners for entitlement is that the whiners tend to want to drag everyone else down.

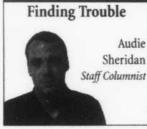
They want everyone to accommodate them. The pity-party community has plenty of whining, for sure, but in the end it's an encouragement to press on and do the work.

So, leave the whiners wallowing in their wishes of entitlement. Find the friends who will push you toward the finish line. •

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I've found that the cure for whining and expecta-

Recording industry death will give rise to creativity



The music industry as we know it is dying.

It's just too bad that industry execs won't let the poor thing go with form and grace. Instead, they keep pumping the same kind of false life into the obsolete music labels as hospitals do to the terminally ill.

Madonna, Metallica and Eminem are artists with enough clout that they actually make money on

their album sales. Most artists hardly make a dime on their compact discs. The real money for artists comes from live performances and radio play. Why is this? Because the record labels take all they can from CD sales.

They have million dollar salaries to pay, lawsuits against students to fund

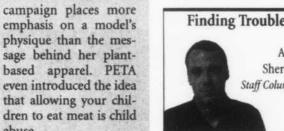
more than drivel?

Perhaps if the music industry goes ahead and dies, the real talent out there could come to the surface.

So, Madonna, I have to ask you your own question - what the @#&! do you think you are doing? When your talent evaporated in the early 1990s, you should have disappeared and made room for real artists.

Artists should be able to make money from their creativity, but for some

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local schools in exchange for changing the town's official name to Veggieburg.

PETA spokesman Joe Haptas stated in a letter faxed to Hamburg Supervisor Patrick Hoak that the town's name represented imagery of "ground-up dead cows"

and furthered the consumption of animalbased products. According to Hoak,

who quickly dismissed the proposal, the Buffalo suburb's name is historically sacred and is the point of origin for what became an American tradition: the hamburger. The town's name and its reference to the everpopular beef in a bun are sources of pride in the area, a feeling free veggie patties just won't

alter. "With all due respect, I think it's a delicacy in our community," Hoak said about hamburgers. "We're proud of our name and proud of our heritage."

This isn't the first time PETA has used this idea. In 1996, it asked the town of Fishkill, located in the Hudson

Valley area, to change its name to Fishsave. Obviously, with all the vegetarian propaganda swirling about, activist organizations must be original in order to express the message that meat-free is the way to be, but PETA's ideas move beyond original to drastic. And the innova-

tors behind this organization's ideas really don't seem to look beyond the impact they want to have on animals.

PETA's campaigns against the March of Dimes dismiss the fact that this organization does a great service to mothers and infants. PETA's "Lettuce Ladies"

should engage in grassroots activism, introduce vegetable-based meat alternatives or educate on the health benefits of a meatless diet.

However, this latest

campaign is likely one of

the most ridiculous of

all. Instead of devoting

its energies to merely

changing a name, PETA

name-changing

While PETA's intentions are admirable once you get below its overly evasive advertising tactics - the problem lies in the fact that it lacks respect for differing points of view and fails to reach a mainstream audience with its messages that demand immediate, not gradual, change. Its messages often don't even appeal to vegetarians.

In terms of Hamburg and Fishkill, it should be understood that meat, from beef to fish, is a part of U.S. history, is served at the majority of American tables and is the basis for the fast food industry. While PETA does consumers a service by providing education - although some of its information is often exaggerated or skewed it fails to recognize and respect the fact that what you put in your mouth is a personal choice.

This organization should offer information and education, showing people the alternative of a diet that doesn't involve the slaughter of species that moo and cluck. Pushing a narrow agenda with imagery that even a consumer with nothing more than an elementary education could see through isn't effective. Neither is trying to rename a town by offering an incentive that clearly works against the culture of the community. Try again, PETA. ♦

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Huge centers of creative control, like the record labels, cannot help but eventually die. They rein in creativity until everything looks and sounds the same and bores everyone.

Meanwhile, the real talent waits in the wings, happily tooling along making music, movies or whatever all while broke. These people do it because it's fun. Most of them will never see a dime for their art, and they know it. They don't care.

Sure, a national audience would be nice, but since the airwaves are choked with bland wimp rock and cookie-cutter country "hits," most of the real talent remains economically impoverished. Older artists like Madonna, on the other hand, are now only in it for the money. You see,

and huge bureaucratic (hence non-functional) offices to run.

This means we pay \$15 to \$25 for CDs that only cost a buck or two to produce.

Imagine a world where record labels didn't exist.

Artists could come together over the Internet, market their own music and keep some of the money from their creative enterprise. Imagine that a real free market in the music industry.

Taking advantage of the Internet, artists could build their own Web sites and sell complete downloads of their albums for a few dollars or perhaps ship a fully packaged CD for

\$10. Then, we all could have more of the music we like rather than the crap on the

radio now. When four companies control 84 percent of the U.S. music market, how can you expect anything

reason, people actually swallowed the idea that increased record company control is the only way to do this.

It's the record labels that steal from artists - the college students labels are suing just want to hear music.

File sharing will not go away. In fact, it will get more sophisticated and decentralized until the record labels have no choice but to die.

Maybe some creativity could solve the record companies' problem, but then, they're not known for that, are they?

And so the record labels, with their antiquated, 50-year-old business model, will die.

They won't be missed. •

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- Letter to the Editor 'God bless' makes America great

To the Editor:

This is a response to yesterday's letter to the editor by Sherita Jackson, in which she extrapolated the latent fascism of the American public from a sign that read "God Bless America." Unless the managers of the Bank of Murfreesboro are David Duke and Hitler's clone, I'm pretty sure that Jackson has put a lot more thought into their sign than they have.

'God Bless America" is, more than anything, a patriotic statement. It is a prayer as much as "America the Beautiful" is a hymn ("God shed his grace on thee") or a dollar bill is a Bible ("In God we trust").

But let's put that aside and say that those three little words are a religious declaration. Therefore, what we have here is Jackson condemning an oft-said statement of faith, yet in the name of religious tolerance. I would laugh if it weren't so ridiculous.

Let's say that David and Adolph II did put that sign up there, meaning exactly how Jackson interpreted it. Well, you know what? I would feel worse knowing that they weren't allowed to put that sign up, and you know why?

Because this is the United States of America, where we have both freedom of speech and freedom of religion, which means you can say any damn thing you want, no matter what you mean, who agrees and who takes offense.

At least that's the idea; it's unfortunate that it doesn't always work out that way. Jackson has the right, some might say the responsibility, to voice her opinions, but it's also my right to tell her to lighten the hell up.

Will Fancher

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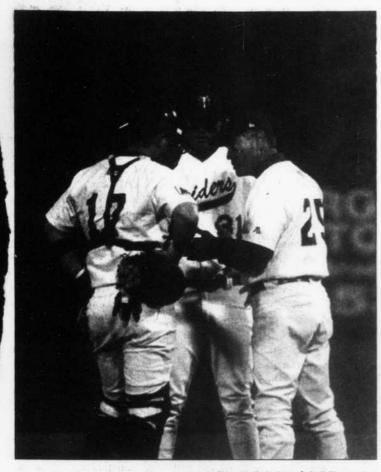


Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer Derek Phillips and B.J. Church talk to a Blue Raider official during the Belmont game Tuesday.

Track team splits up to three cities over weekend

By Jerry Wilkinson Staff Writer

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The Blue Raiders will have a busy weekend as they travel to Murray State on Saturday to compete in the Murray State Racers' Twilight Meet, Penn Relays in Philadelphia and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

D.J. Spann, Mardy Scales, Omar Ali and Brad Orr will compete in the 4x100-meter relay at the Penn Relays on Friday. The group set an NCAA regional mark at the Vanderbilt Invitational, winning the event with a time of 40.11 seconds. Victor Okorie, Fred Williams, Tim Hicks and Sean Waller will compete in the 4x400-meter relay. The women's relay team will consist of Kim Freeman, Kerry Barrow, Kishara George and Rosemary Okafor and will compete in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400-meter relays. The MT women's relay teams won at the Vanderbilt Invitational, Alabama Relays and Sea Ray Relays this season. MT will also send a men's and women's relay team to compete in the Drake Relays in Des Moines tomorrow and Saturday. On Saturday, many MT track members will travel up the road to Murray, Ky., to compete in the Murray State Racers Twilight Meet. The Blue Raiders will compete in a wide variety of events ranging from the 100meter dash to the shot put. Wesley Dupar-Scott, Jack Lawhorn, J.J. Sturm and Garland Martin will compete in the 100-meter dash. Dupar-Scott won the 100-meter at the Yellowjacket Invitational with a time of 10.64 seconds, and Lawhorn won the 100-meter at the Vanderbilt Invitational with 12.14 seconds. Dupar-Scott and Martin will also compete in the 400-meter. Dupar Scott set an NCAA regional mark with a time of 47.31 seconds at the Alabama Relays. Josh Carroll, Levi Sybert, Edwin Koech and Anthony McCrary will participate in the 800-meter. Sybert, Wood and Carroll won the 800-meter at the Vanderbilt Classic and Koech won the event at the Boston-Moon Classic. Randy McKeever will compete in the high jump. McKeever won at the Boston-Moon Classic with a height of 5-feet-10-inches. Rob Jordan jumped a season best and set an NCAA regional mark at the Vanderbilt Invitational (24-11). He will compete in the long jump on Saturday. Willie Parker will compete in the hammer throw, discus and the shot put. He has brought home a win in all three categories this season,

MT baseball team shuts out Belmont, 5-0

By Josh Beasley Assistant Sports Editor

After two and a half innings of scoreless baseball, the Blue Raiders got things rolling in the bottom of the third, scoring five runs off five hits, including two home runs, to give starter B.J. Church the support he needed to pick up his second win on the season, blanking Belmont 5-0 Tuesday night.

"It makes it really easy catching when B.J. [Church] was throwing strikes like he was," said MT catcher Derek Phillips. "His fastball was great today, and he hit his spots. It got a little hectic in the ninth, but I knew he'd pull it out. It feels great to catch a shutout."

For the Blue Raiders in the third, shortstop Jeff Beachum drove a one-out hanging deuce to left field. Beachum swiped second before Chuck Akers lined an RBI double down the line, scoring Beachum from second. With Akers in scoring

position, Nate Jaggers smoked an RBI single to left, allowing Akers to come around from second to plate the second run of the inning.

With only one out in the inning, the Blue Raiders continued the

damage. With Jaggers lurking at first, Brett Carroll belted a towering two-run into concourse of Jaggers

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Stadium, giving the Blue Raiders a 4-0 lead. Chad Cooper went down on strikes but the inning was still very much alive. After a visit to the mound from Belmont head coach Dave Jarvis, Bruins starter Alex Renes lofted a 2-2 fastball to MT slugger Josh Archer, who deposited the pitch over the left field wall

for the final run of the inning and a 5-0 lead after three complete innings.

Church (2-1) had a stellar performance on the heel, with a career-high 11 strikeouts and his longest outing of the season. Church went the distance, and recorded the Blue Raiders first shutout and third complete game of the season. At one point, the freshman right-hander retired 14 straight Bruin hitters and allowed just two hits in eight innings before Belmont strung together three straight singles in the ninth.

"Everything was working for me tonight," Church said.

"I could throw the fastball where I wanted, and they couldn't hit it. I was able to saw them off inside every time. I threw it where I wanted and it worked. In order to have success in the future, that's what I'm going to have to do."

After the five-run explosion in the third inning, Renes and reliever John Webster retired

the final 16 Blue Raider hitters to end the contest. Renes (3-3) was tagged with the loss, allowing five runs on six hits with three Ks in five innings of work.

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Carroll's two-run shot to left gave the third baseman 10 on the season

n d a Archer's line drive blast, just clearing the left field wall, gave the slugger a team-high 11 heading into the weekend



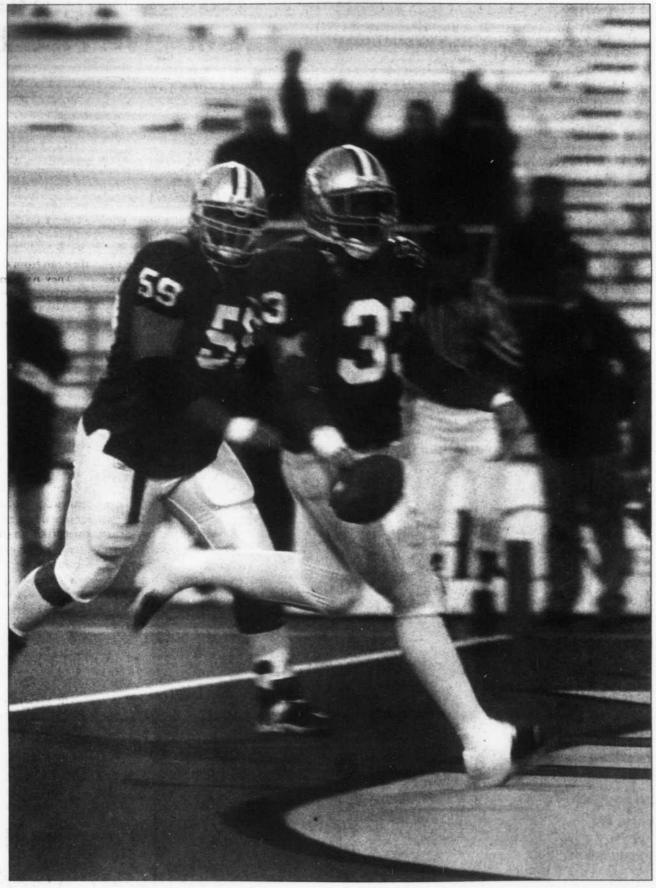
Carroll

series with Western Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders dip back into SBC play with a threegame series this weekend against Western Kentucky before returning to Reese Smith Field next weekend to play host SBC cellar-dwellers to

University of New Orleans.

Blue Raiders prepare for NFL draft



By David Hunter Senior Staff Reporter

Three of the most record-setting Middle Tennessee football players in history - Dwone Hicks, Tyrone Calico and ReShard Lee - will be showcased this weekend as they look to continue their football careers to the next level

with the NFL draft. Dwone Hicks, who ran a 4.59 40yard dash, had a slow start to last season because of a knee injury and missed two games. However, Hicks picked up where he left off and was still able to run for more than 1,000 yards for the third straight season. Hicks was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference second team. Hicks holds the school record of 53 touchdowns. He is also in the top 10 in many other Blue Raider records.

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According to www.cbssportsline.com, Hicks "has a stout frame with good vision and the speed to break tackles, has the acceleration to create separation, showing a short burst through the holes." He also "has just marginal explosion when accelerating around the corner, has reliable hands, but looks stiff trying to adjust to the catch and lets too many passes absorb into his body."

The Sporting News magazine has Hicks being picked in the fifth round.

Wide receiver Tyrone Calico was known as a leader for MT that performed with his actions, not words. Last season, Calico was named to the All-SBC first team by leading the Blue Raiders with 45 catches and 606 yards and four touchdowns. Calico was a four-year starter and caught 194 catches, gaining 2,636 yards with 12 touchdowns.

Calico is second behind Kendall Newsom (1998-2001) in career receptions and yards in MT history. Newsom, who had 238 catches for 3,074 yards during his four-year career, was picked in the seventh round by the Jacksonville Jaguars at last year's draft.

However, Newsom was cut in training camp, and is not on an NFL team at this time.

According to www.CBSSportsline.com, some of Calico's strong points include "well-proportioned

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Dwone Hicks (33) is one of three Blue Raiders eligible for the NFL draft this weekend.

Men's and women's golf teams start off slow in SBC tourney

By Randall Thomason Staff Writer

Both of Middle Tennessee's golf teams slumped in the first two rounds of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament at Bluewater Bay Resort in Niceville, Fla., on Monday and Tuesday.

MT's women's squad buried themselves in a deep hole after opening with a poor first round score of 335. Tuesday's second round total of 316 gave the Lady Raiders a two-round score of 651, placing them in seventh place out of 10.

The usual frontrunner for

MT, Tamara Munsch, had a first round disaster, posting a score of 88. She improved her performance in round two by 10 strokes, firing a 78 on Tuesday to move up to a tie for 31st heading into the final round of play yesterday.

Kandace Burnett paced MT over the first two days. The senior from Monahans, Texas stood in a tie for 19th after shooting consistent scores of 81 and 79 to total 160.

Kristin Lynch struggled to an opening 85 but rebounded on Tuesday with a 77 to place her in a tie for 24th at 162.

Grace Holmes was at 168,

tied for 33rd, after carding a second-round 87 to go along with her opening round of 81.

Amanda Harter bounced back nicely from a first round 92 to shoot 82 on Tuesday, boosting her into a tie for 42nd entering the final round of play on Wednesday.

New Mexico State held a commanding lead through two rounds with a team total of 593, 28 strokes clear of second place Arkansas-Little Rock. NMSU's Alena Sharp held the individual lead through Tuesday's action with a 1-under-par total of 143.

On the men's side, the Blue Raiders stood in eighth place

through two rounds of play at the par 72 Bluewater Bay layout.

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MT carded a team total of 306 in the first round on Monday and improved that number to 305 in Tuesday's second round. The two-day total of 611 placed the Blue Raiders 45 shots behind North Texas. Senior Patrick Williams led the way for MT in the opening rounds, shooting scores of 78 and 74 to place him in a tie for 24th. Not far behind was sophomore Carter Henderson, who stood in a tie for 28th, one stroke behind Williams, after rounds of 77 and 76.

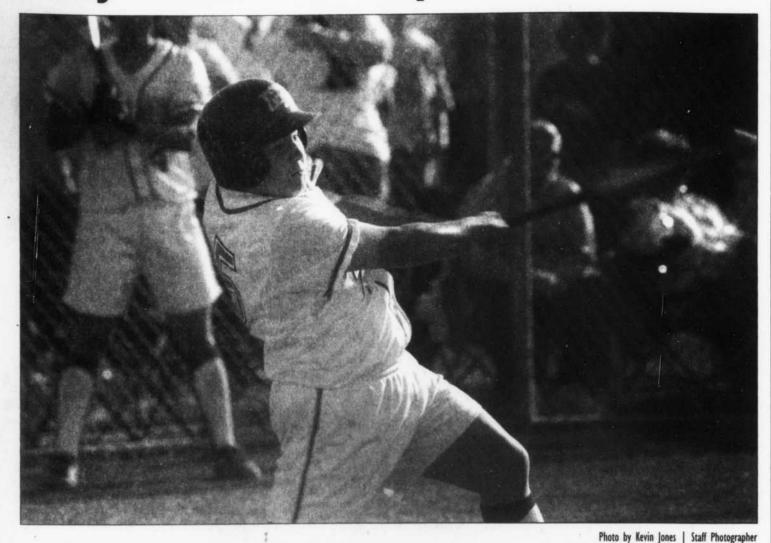
Charlie Gibson and Josh

Nelms were in a tie for 31st after Tuesday's play. Gibson posted consecutive rounds of 77 to reach a 154 total, while Nelms tallied the same figure by shooting 76 and 78.

North Texas boasted the top two individual performances of the first two rounds. Brad Besler led the event entering the final round yesterday at 7-under-par 137.

Two strokes back at 5-underpar was his teammate Zach Atkinson. The final round was scheduled for yesterday at Bluewater Bay, marking the end of the season for both the MT men and women. ♦

Lady Raiders sweep doubleheader



Dani DeCamino went 2 for 3 with four RBIs during Tuesday's game against Tennessee State University.

By Osby Martin

Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders (27-16) notched a doubleheader sweep of Tennessee State at Lady Raider Field. The wins ran MT's all-time record against the Lady Tigers to 34-0.

Middle Tennessee also saw another important streak continue in their 5-0 win in the first game of the twin bill.

Hurler Stayc Preator tossed seven innings of scoreless ball to extend her streak of scoreless innings to 33. Preator didn't allow a TSU base runner until Misty Adfield singled in the top of the fifth. The Lady Tigers would add another base runner when Kristy Kittel reached on a fielder's choice.

The Lady Raiders got their offense back on track in the bot-

tom of the fifth. Erica Buhl and Kip Phillips scored back-toback singles with one out, and Cortney Mitchell delivered the big blow with a two-run single to right. The Lady Raiders would go on to add three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Valerie Swanson reached second following a two-out hit and a TSU error. Katie Tompkins, who entered as a pinch runner for Swanson, went to third on a single from 'Buhl. Tompkins plated the third run of the frame when Buhl intentionally was tagged out in a run-down between first and second to allow the run to score.

Preator, who improved her record to 18-6 with the victory, struck out nine without allowing a walk in the game. Starter Alana Thomas, (3-7), took the

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something

loss for the Lady Tigers.

Offensively, Buhl led the way in game one with a 3 for 3 performance out of the leadoff spot. Cortney Mitchell, who was I for 3, led the team with two RBIs.

Game two was a milestone for another reason. Freshman Jennifer Dorais made her first career start and hurled a no-hitter as the Lady Raiders took their opponent to task with an 8-0 rout that ended in five innings due to the run rule.

MT got their offense going with some miscues by the Lady Tiger defense. When the dust settled, MT had plated seven runs, due in large part to six Lady Tiger errors.

The big MT blow in the stanza came off the bat of Dani DeCamino, who doubled into right center with the bases

loaded, driving in three of the team's runs in the inning.

DeCamino ended the game as the offensive star for the Lady Raiders, going 2 for 3 with four RBIs. Megan Chirinka also had a big game with a 2 for 3 outing, including an RBI double. Leah Grothause and Tompkins also knocked in runs for the Lady Raiders in the game.

Dorais' win gives her a record of 1-0 on the year. Justine Jontz, who was a victim of the poor TSU defense, took the loss to drop to 2-6, despite allowing only one earned run.

The Lady Raiders will return to action this weekend in Las Cruces, N.M., in a key Sun Belt series with New Mexico State. The team will play a pair of doubleheaders, with the games on both Saturday and Sunday slated to begin at 11 a.m. •

Draft: Ceremonies to begin Saturday at 11 a.m.

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with a rare-sized frame, very long arms, solid chest and shoulders and good definition in his legs and calves."

Some of the weak points mentioned by www.CBSSportsline.com include, "good agility, but he appears a little stiff in his hips."

SI.com has Calico being picked in the first round by the AFC champions the Oakland Raiders with the 31st selection.

Tyrone Calico has the chance to be the highest drafted kid to ever come out of here," said Middle Tennessee head football coach Andy McCollum.

The highest a former MT player has been selected was in the third round, twice, with quarterback Jonathan Quinn in 1998 by the Jacksonville Jaguars and linebacker Mike Caldwell in 1993 by the Cleveland Browns.

MT running back ReShard Lee decided to leave school after his junior year after playing only two seasons. However, teamed with Hicks, they became one of the best running back duos in the country. Lee showed last season that he could do it all-run, pass and return kicks and was named to the All-SBC second-team. Lee finished second on the team in rushing with 642 yards and six touchdowns.

According to Cbssportsline.com, some of his positives include being a "dangerous open field runner with a muscular upper body and strong legs."

On the other side, some of his negatives are he remains "untested as a pass catcher, and tends to let the ball absorb into his body rather than extend."

"It's great for our program to have three, and there may be a couple more kids to get opportunities, too, but to have three guys drafted, if that works out, then that's what we want to do as far as recruting, as far as bringing guys in here with that type of potential. That everybody across America sees Middle Tennessee, and that what we will continue doing is get those types of caliber players, and that type of character part of our program," McCollum said.

The NFL draft takes place this weekend with coverage on ESPN beginning on Saturday at 11 a.m. •

Track: Sun Belt finals to be held next weekend in Texas

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winning at the Vanderbilt Invitational and Boston-Moon Classic. Linnie Yarbrough will compete in the 100 and 400meter hurdles. Yarbrough set a regional mark in the 100-meter hurdles (14.18) as well as winning at the Vanderbilt Invitational in the 400-meter hurdles.

Jerkita McClorin, Ayana Riviere, Keke Deckard and Rolanda Howard will compete in the long jump event. Howard and Riviere set personal bests at the Boston-Moon Classic. Howard and Deckard will also compete in the triple jump, and

Alabama.

Jennifer Howard will compete in the pole vault. She has taken home a victory in both the Alabama Relays and the Yellowjacket Invitational. Brown, McClorin, Byrd and Riviere will compete in the javelin and shot put.

Byrd set a personal best at Mississippi State the Invitational in the shot put with a mark of 43 feet, 6 inches. Brown and Riviere will compete in the long jump. Brown set a personal best at the Boston-Moon Classic with a mark of 5, feet, 6 inches.

The Blue Raiders will travel to Denton, Texas on May 9 to

,winning at Vanderbilt and Belt Championships. •

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Olympic bribery case back against Salt Lake officials

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A federal appeals court reinstated a bribery case against two men accused of using \$1 million in enticements sway to International Olympic Committee delegates into awarding Salt Lake City the 2002 Winter Games.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver overturned a federal judge in Utah who threw out the case in a series of rulings and opinions in 2001. The three-judge appeals panel unanimously reinstated all 15 felony charges against the two men, clearing the way for a trial.

The Justice Department "has an undeniable interest in denouncing corruption in the selection process for the host city of the Olympic Games," the 56-page ruling said.

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Tom Welch, 58, who was president of the city's bid and organizing committees, and Dave Johnson, 44, who was senior vice president, were accused of lavishing \$1 million in cash, gifts and favors to Olympic delegates.

Cuba to request host duties for 2012 summer Olympics

bid for the 2012 Olympics, a decision that will place Havana as the long-shot candidate in a strong field that already features New York and Madrid, Spain.

Committee president Jose Ramon Fernandez said this month the formal request to hold the 2012 Summer Games in Havana will be submitted in May.

Fernandez said at the time that Cuba was capable of guaranteeing the success of the Olympics, and they would be "organized so that the athletes rather than the sponsors are given priority."

Former Canadian sprinter denied return of medal

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Carl Lewis dismissed a demand by the manager of former Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson to give back his 1988 Olympic gold medal in the 100-meters, saying it was unrealistic.

Johnson's manager and attorney, Morris Chrobotek, told the Sydney Morning Herald last week that he plans legal action in response to documents purporting to show that Lewis and other U.S. athletes were allowed to compete at the 1988 Seoul Olympics after failing drug tests.

Lewis was declared the win-HAVANA (AP) - Cuba will ner in the 100 meters when Johnson was stripped of his gold medal and world record after testing positive for a banned steroid. Lewis also won the long jump and finished his career with nine Olympic golds.

WNBA players put final touches on agreement

NEW YORK (AP) - Lawyers for the WNBA and its players' union met to put the finishing touches on a new collective bargaining agreement.

The two sides reached an agreement in principle last Friday, the union said, beating a deadline imposed by NBA commissioner David Stern for the women's league to play a seventh season.

Since then, the sides have exchanged documents and worked on contract language.

O'Neal returns to game after attending funeral

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Shaquille O'Neal returned from his grandfather's funeral in time to play for the Los Angeles Lakers in their 119-91 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Wearing a black pinstriped suit, the all-star center arrived at the Target Center with his teammates about 90 minutes before Game 2 of the NBA Western Conference series.

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Knicks forward undergoes surgery to fix kneecap

NEW YORK (AP) - Antonio McDyess had surgery on the broken left kneecap that sidelined him for all of his first season with the New York Knicks. The 6-foot-9-inch forward

had a bone graft at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The Knicks obtained

McDyess in a draft-day trade with the Denver Nuggets after he missed all but 10 games of the 2001-02 season with a different left knee injury.

Rangers fan goes to court after tossing cell phone

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - A man pleaded innocent to misdemeanor charges of battery and assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly beaning Texas Rangers right fielder Carl Everett with a cell phone.

Juan Carlos Serrano, 24, of Union City, Calif., did not appear at his arraignment in Alameda County Court. His lawyer, Andrew Dosa, entered the plea on Serrano's behalf.

Mets right fielder breaks hand after wild pitch

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NEW YORK (AP) - New York Mets right fielder Jeromy Burnitz will miss four-to-six

weeks after breaking a bone in his left hand when he was hit by a pitch from Billy Wagner.

David Cone left the New York Mets' 6-2 loss to Houston with a sore left hip that has been bothering him for years. Cone said he has been diagnosed with chronic bursitis in his hip, but X-rays have shown no damage. He expects to have an MRI on Wednesday.

Pitcher breaks record by pegging three in one inning

CHICAGO (AP) - San Diego Padres right-hander Brian Lawrence tied a major league record by hitting three batters in one inning.

With Alex Gonzalez on first and no outs in the fourth, Lawrence hit Sammy Sosa on the backside. It was a scary sight, coming just two days after Sosa was beaned in the head by a fastball in Pittsburgh.

Dodgers relief pitcher arrested for drunk driving

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) pitcher Dodgers relief Guillermo Mota was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, the California Highway Patrol said.

Mota declined to discuss the arrest in Cincinnati, where the Dodgers are playing the Reds.

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Contender for Illinois coach drops out of running

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Tom Crean signed a new contract to remain coach at Marquette, ending speculation that he was a leading contender to take the Illinois job.

Crean, who led Marquette to its first Final Four appearance in 26 years, said that he'd signed a new deal. Terms were not disclosed.

The 37-year-old coach was among the first names mentioned for the Illinois position when Bill Self was introduced as the new Kansas coach on Monday.

Bulldog football players suspended for possession

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) - Five University of Georgia football players were suspended for two games after they were charged with misdemeanor drug possession.

A basketball player was also charged with drug possession.

Football players Tim Jennings, Bryan McClendon, DeMario Minter, Mario Raley and Randall Swoopes and basketball player Wayne Arnold all freshmen - were booked and later released from the Clarke County jail. ♦

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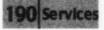
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Florida International	7	5	.583	L2	29	14	.674	L2	5-5	
Arkansas State	8	6	.571	L2	18	20	.474	L2	3-7	
Louisiana-Lafavette	8	7	.533	W2	17	25	.405	W2	6-4	
Western Kentucky	5	6	.455	W1	20	15	.571	L2	5-5	
Middle Tennessee	6	9	.400	L2	19	21	.475	L2	6-4	
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Arkansas State Indians

Arkansas State went 1-3 last week, losing a single game to Southeast Missouri State and dropping two of three to New Mexico State over the weekend. In the NMSU series, the Indians pounded out 40 hits, including a season-high 20 hits in the series finale.

ASU hit .320 last week in four games while averaging 8.3 runs per game. Josh Allison hit .643 (9 for 14) last week with eight runs and four RBIs while stealing three

bases. Allison slugged 1.643 with four home runs and two doubles while sporting an on-base percentage of .706. The sophomore went 5-for-5 against NMSU on April 20 with one home run and three runs.

Allison had two home runs against SEMO on April 15, going 2-for-3. On the season, Allison has upped his batting average to .275 while having 17 runs and 15 RBIs. He leads the Tribe with a .613 slugging average.

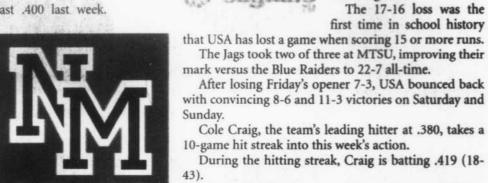
Four other Indians hit at least .400 last week.

Monte Douglas hit .500, while Neal Chambers and Brad Hayes batted .462 and .421, respectively. Blake Denischuk hit .400.

New Mexico State Aggies

For the third consecutive home series, NMSU lost on Friday but bounced back to win on Saturday and Sunday to take a league series.

The series victory over ASU marked the first time in school history that the Aggies have



During the hitting streak, Craig is batting .419 (18-43). Craig is the fourth Jaguar to post a double-digit hitting streak this season.

The others are Josh Touchstone (19), Ryan Mulhern (13) and Brett Parker.

end the game.

The Jags took two of three at MTSU, improving their

After losing Friday's opener 7-3, USA bounced back

Cole Craig, the team's leading hitter at .380, takes a

The 17-16 loss was the

first time in school history

Saturday's 14-5 victory over ASU marked the team's 17th come-from-behind win of the year. The Aggies trailed ASU 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning. NMSU will have a busy week, traveling to arch rival New Mexico on Tuesday and then flying to the East Coast to take on Florida International. The sea-ASU came into last weekend's series with the second best team ERA in the Sun Belt, but the Aggie offense responded by batting .409 and scoring South Alabama had a .500 week with a series road win at Middle Tennessee and a gutwrenching 17-16 loss at No. 21 Alabama Wednesday. The Jags trailed the Crimson Tide 17-10 going into the ninth and battled to USA came up short after leaving the bases loaded to

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