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## Football players charged in fight at Oxygen

By Jason Cox  
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Two days after an optimistic spring scrimmage, the Blue Raider football program faces a setback as two players are charged in a fight.

MTSU's career leading receiver Kendall Newson and



Newson



Johnson

backup quarterback Jason Johnson, both 21, were charged

with disorderly conduct for their participation in a fight at Oxygen at 301 W. Main Street in downtown Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro police received a call reporting a fight at 2:11 a.m. Monday at Oxygen, where they found approximately 300 people standing in the street.

The police officer who arrested Newson, Jacoby O'Gwynn, told the Daily News Journal that

he saw Newson strike someone.

Newson, who was also charged with public intoxication, was placed under arrest for refusing to adhere to an officer's order to disperse from fighting.

Newson and Johnson were not injured in the fight, but three people were taken to Middle Tennessee Medical Center for minor injuries and released.

"We won't make any comment or sanction any player until we know the facts ... [but] we will not tolerate any embarrassment of the university," said Interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly.

Donnelly said he had not spoken to either of the players involved and that the matter will be addressed by head coach Andy McCollum, who was out

of town and unavailable for comment.

Newson and Johnson were unavailable for immediate comment, and the university has not released a statement.

Newson is scheduled to answer his two charges May 29, while Johnson's court date is June 4. Both will be heard in Rutherford County General Sessions Court. ♦

## STD testing encouraged



Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

Shandora Dorse, assistant physician at MTSU's Health Services, answers questions about HIV/AIDS during a class lecture Monday afternoon.

By Lindsey Turner  
Assistant News Editor

It is estimated that more than 15 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases will occur this year in the United States alone.

Two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 or younger, with one in four new STD infections occurring in teen-agers. At least one in four Americans will contract an STD at some point in their lives, but less than half of adults ages 18 to 44 have ever been tested for an STD other than HIV/AIDS.

The American Social Health Association, in an effort to raise awareness of the growing STD epidemic, has named April as

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## Chalk of the town

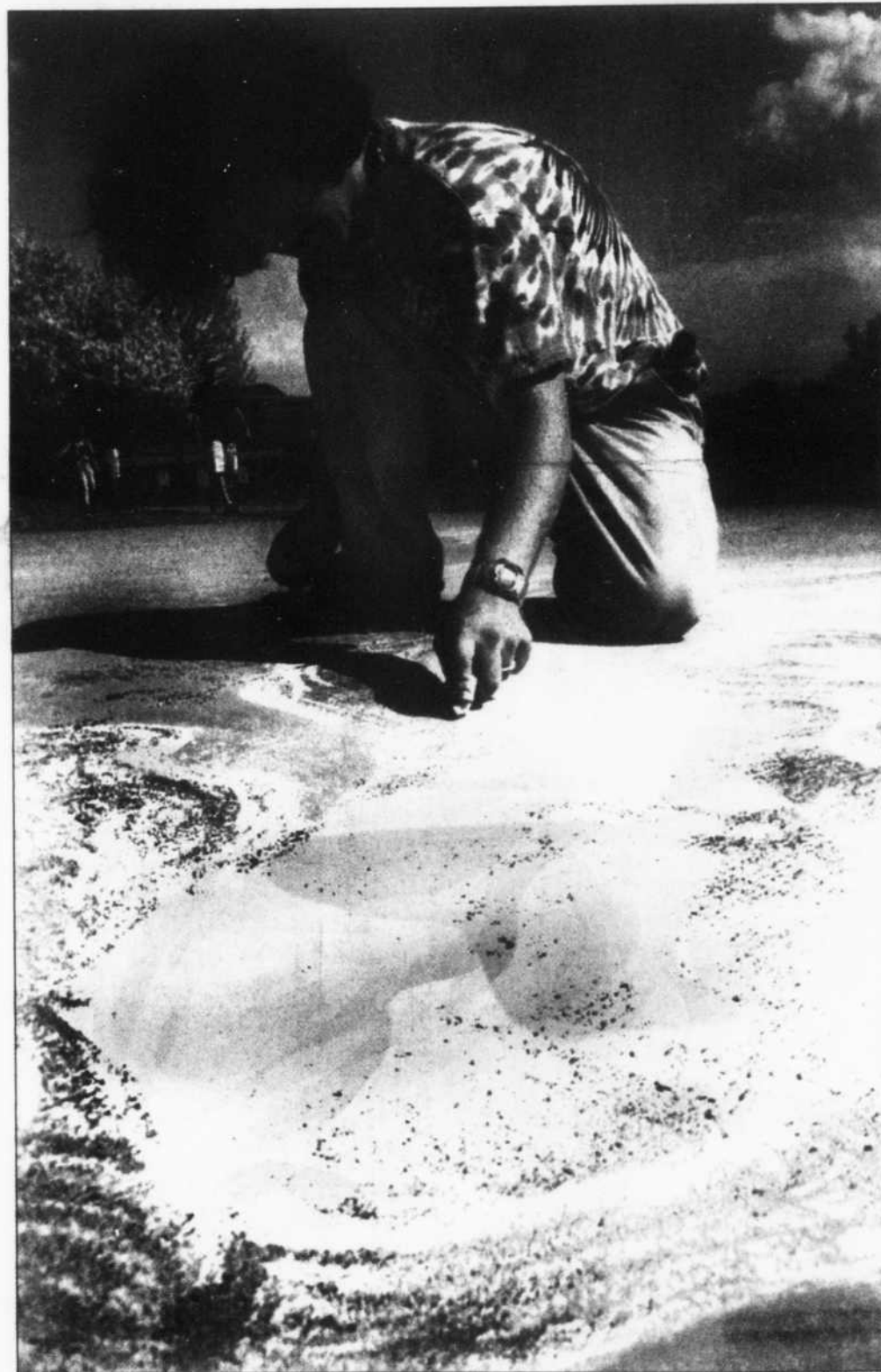


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Ryan Snyder, an art major, draws a powder work of art on the sidewalk in front of the Keathley University Center Monday afternoon. He said it's his first time to do this, but he plans to continue to do his chalk art on the walk.



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

(LEFT to RIGHT) Frank Green, Mike Tolson, David Von Drehle, Sara Rimer and Ken Armstrong participated in the journalist discussion about the death penalty Monday night in the Business and Aerospace Building.

## Journalism forum examines aspects of death penalty

By Charlene Callier  
Staff Writer

Inquiring minds were left wanting more Monday night as nationally prominent experts on the death penalty came together to discuss how the process is carried out across the country.

The John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence at MTSU hosted the gathering that packed the State Farm room of the Business and Aerospace Building.

"Journalists investigate things but they also remind us to think about things," said David Von Drehle, moderator of the event and author of *Among the Lowest of the Dead: Inside Death Row*. Von Drehle writes about the death penalty for the *Washington Post*.

The guest panelists included Ken Armstrong from the *Chicago Tribune*, Mike Tolson of

the *Houston Chronicle*, Sara Rimer from *The New York Times* and Frank Green of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. All of these journalists have covered the death penalty for their respective newspapers.

Each reporter shared experiences encountered while covering stories on the death penalty.

Tolson, from Texas, was asked why Texas conducts more executions than any other state in the country and has so many prisoners on death row.

"In Texas, we are a fairly simple race, not blessed with great minds, but we like simple laws that are easily constructed," Tolson said.

Tolson said people have to understand the underlying truth of capital punishment. He stressed it is a state issue, not a national issue.

"It differs from region to

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## Publications director to lead national college media group

By Lindsey Turner  
Assistant News Editor

The members of College Media Advisers Inc. have chosen MTSU's Jenny Tenpenny Crouch as their next president.

Crouch, director of MTSU Student Publications since 1989, is looking forward to her term as president of the national organization.

In one of CMA's closest election races ever, Crouch - a member of CMA since 1990 - won with 53 percent of the vote over John Ryan from Easter

Illinois University.

"Jenny has an impressive history with-in CMA serving as a committee chair and Vice president for member services," said Chris Carroll, CMA's current president and media adviser at Vanderbilt University. "Her willingness to assume these responsibilities and perform the associated duties reliably,



Crouch

expertly and professionally have helped make College Media Advisers successful."

In addition to those two positions, Crouch has served as chair of the finance committee, newspaper committee chair and associate chair among other positions.

"I'm excited, but a bit apprehensive because it's a major challenge," Crouch said. "It's a great honor to be elected by your peers."

As president, Crouch hopes

See CMA, 2A

## CLEP testing enters technology age

By Angelica Journagin  
Staff Writer

This July MTSU students will be throwing out their No. 2 pencils as CLEP tests become digital.

The College Level Examination Program, CLEP, is a way for students to gain credits without actually having to attend a class. It is administered by the University Counseling and Testing Center and provided by the Educational Testing Service Network, who also make the ACT and SAT.

The Graduate Record Examinations are already completely computer based, and this summer the Educational

Testing Service will switch from the past scan sheet and bubble method for their CLEP exams too.

While many students had never considered taking a CLEP test before, they are very open to the idea of testing via computer. Sophomore finance major James Nelson was one of the many students who said he would CLEP out of a class over the computer.

"It's just seems easier and more convenient," Nelson said. "That's why I didn't take one before. It was too much trouble."

The new system will feature a tutorial before each exam, calculators on screen for math-

related problems, headphones for language tests, and the student will still be able to return to past questions so they can change their answers.

One of the greatest benefits for students is that the score report now will be printed up and given to them before they actually leave the testing center. In the past, it's taken three to six weeks for students to receive test scores.

"I really like the idea of knowing your test scores before you leave" said Karen Goforth, a sophomore majoring in political science. "You won't have time to second guess yourself. I

See CLEP, 2A



# CAMPUS BRIEFS

By Lindsey Turner - Assistant News Editor

## Symposium to feature undergraduate research

The Sixth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium is scheduled for tomorrow night at the MTSU Alumni Center from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The symposium will feature undergraduates from the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematical sciences, computer science and the School of Nursing who wish to present posters with information regarding their research. There will be 22 presentations, some of which are collaborative efforts between MTSU students and those from other campuses, including Kansas State University and Columbia Academy. Three monetary prizes will be awarded to the best presenters. The presenter of the top-ranking poster will be awarded a scholarship to attend a national trade meeting where he or she will present the winning poster. The symposium is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. ♦

## Presidential search committee to decide on interviewees

The next meeting of the Middle Tennessee State University Presidential Search Advisory Committee is scheduled for Friday at noon in the Alumni Center. During the meeting, the committee will further narrow the list of candidates down to three or five. Each candidate will then be interviewed by the committee. The meeting is open to the public. ♦

## Prison movie extras needed

Students interested in being a paid extra in DreamWorks Pictures "The Castle" can visit the lobby of Keathley University Center April

18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The film features Robert Redford, James Gandolfini and Mark Ruffalo and is directed by Rod Lurie (The Contender). "The Castle" chronicles a three-star general (Redford) who is wrongly court-martialed and sentenced to serve time in a maximum security prison. There, he uses his leadership skills to lead a revolt against the corrupt warden (Gandolfini). The movie is being filmed at the old Tennessee State Prison in Nashville through mid-June. No experience is necessary. ♦

## Free music festival to feature Our Lady Peace on the Knoll

April 17 is College Television Network's Music Binge, an all-day festival on the Knoll in front of Keathley University Center. The activities include an assortment of games, contests and giveaways. Promotional opportunities and free stuff will be available from various vendors. Our Lady Peace and The Sheila Divin will perform at 8 p.m. All activities, including the concert, are free and open to the public. Sponsors include MTSU Special Events, CTN, Best Buy, Biore, Clairol and Farmclub.com. For more information, call 898-2551. ♦

## Couple survives Holocaust, lives to tell the tale

Eric and Eva Rosenfeld, Jewish refugees, will discuss their escape from the Holocaust April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 121. In 1937, Eva and her parents fled to Italy where she was eventually interned by fascists for four years. After fleeing to the United States, she was interned again for the rest of World War II. Eric was part of the last children's transport from Nazi Germany in 1941. The couple met in Rochester, New York, after the war. The event is sponsored by MTSU's Holocaust Studies

Committee, MTSU Special Events and the Tennessee Holocaust Studies Commission. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jimmie Cain at 898-5960. ♦

## Conflict resolution workshop stresses peaceful communities

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service is offering a one-day workshop on conflict resolution April 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro. Donald Cleveland, an educator and conflict resolution/mediation consultant, will discuss "Conflict Resolution: Creating a Peaceful Community." The discussion will include his advice on becoming more aware of conflict management and resolution and the importance of learning the skills involved in effective conflict resolution and anger management. Geared toward business, community and religious leaders as well as educators, social workers and counselors, the workshop requires pre-registration and a \$129 fee. Six CEU credit hours will be awarded to those who complete workshop requirements. To register, contact Valerie Avent at 898-5651. ♦

## State officials gather to discuss lottery and tax reform options

MTSU College Democrats is holding a tax reform/lottery forum at 7 p.m. April 26 in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building. Panelists will include State Senator Larry Trail and State Representatives Mae Beavers, John Hood and Donna Rowland. The congressmembers will discuss the issue and take questions from the audience. The discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, call 423-1897 or e-mail mtsudem@yahoo.com. ♦

## CMA: Induction in October

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to build CMA's financial resources, improve campus media visibility and improve CMA publications and conferences.

"Jenny has clearly distinguished herself from the nearly 750 professionals at 550 schools nationally who are members of CMA," Carroll said. "Her election to CMA's top post is a tribute to her commitment to advancing the quality of student media in the nation's college and university campuses."

Crouch received her bachelor's degree in mass communi-

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Jenny Crouch  
Student Publications Director

cations from MTSU and is currently completing her master's degree in sociology. Her induction ceremony will be held October 27 during the National College Media Convention in New Orleans. ♦

## CLEP: Scores known earlier

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still remember all of the pressure I felt while waiting for my ACT scores."

Many of the tests offered fulfill general education requirements, but there are a few upper division courses. Students are given the opportunity to gain

up to 66 credit hours by examination. The total cost is \$61 and the test on average lasts two hours. These tests are given once a month.

Students can register or learn information about CLEP exams at the Counseling and Testing Office in the Keathley University Center, Room 329. ♦

## STD: Some tests offered by MTSU health services

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National STD Awareness month. This year's theme is "Know for Sure."

All month, the ASHA will be running public service announcements stressing the importance of getting tested for STDs. They also will be distributing information and advice to doctors, educators, parents and students nationwide.

Shandora Dorse, a physician's assistant with MTSU's Health Services, agrees that students should be tested and aware of their status concerning STDs since the average college student falls into the "risk" category simply because of his

or her age.

"A quarter of a million people are - right now - infected with HIV and don't know it," Dorse said during a lecture to a health class Monday afternoon. The virus spreads, in part, because people are simply unaware that they are spreading it, she explained.

"I do believe we have our share of HIV right here (at MTSU)," Dorse said.

Although Health Services does not offer HIV testing, they do offer free and confidential tests for gonorrhea, chlamydia and trichomoniasis - three STDs that seem to be escalating in prominence across college campuses.

Chlamydia is a bacterial dis-

ease that infects 3 million Americans annually. Because chlamydia often lacks symptoms, it is sometimes referred to as the "silent epidemic."

Gonorrhea is a bacterial disease that infects 650,000 Americans annually. Its symptoms are relatively more prominent than chlamydia's.

Trichomoniasis is a parasitic disease contracted by 5 million Americans each year, and often has symptoms in women but not in men.

All three can exist with little or no symptoms, which is why most people don't even consider being tested for them. But if any are left untreated, men might suffer pain and swelling in the genital area, prostate and

bladder complications, and possible infertility. Women might suffer pelvic inflammatory disease, which can lead to infertility, tubal pregnancy, severe pain and increased risk of HIV infection.

The American Social Health Association, founded in 1914, is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to stopping STDs and their harmful consequences to individuals, families and communities. For more information, visit the ASHA on the Web at [www.ashastd.org](http://www.ashastd.org) or [www.iwannaknow.org](http://www.iwannaknow.org), or contact Health Services at 898-2988. ♦

## Bill to prevent baby deaths on move

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Legislation allowing panicked mothers of unwanted newborn babies to abandon them at safe places without fear of prosecution is on the move.

The House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, which was considering seven

bills, approved legislation Tuesday sponsored by chairman Mark Maddox, D-Dresden. Lawmakers say they're trying to prevent mothers from leaving infants to die or deliberately killing them.

The bill would provide immunity to a mother who leaves an unharmed infant at a hospital within 72 hours of

birth. Maddox plans to amend the bill to allow clinics and birthing centers to accept abandoned babies as well.

But the bill won't provide the women with the anonymity they're granted in some states.

It will grant confidentiality, but requires hospital workers to ask the woman about her medical history and her identi-

ty. The woman does not have to respond.

Tennessee lawmakers were concerned it would be unconstitutional if the state didn't try to get information about the birth parents.

Under the bill, the woman would have 30 days to change

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# POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

By Jeremy Davis - Political Columnist

## Bush trims EPA and boosts education in budget

President Bush released the details of his \$1.96 trillion budget for 2002 Monday that includes cuts in the Environmental Protection Agency, Agriculture Department and Transportation Department.

The EPA budget was cut by \$2.3 billion to \$26.4 billion, which means there will be a decrease in clean air, clean water and pollution prevention programs. The smaller budget would also prevent the United States from joining the Kyoto Treaty that is aimed at reducing global warming.

Bush also trimmed a program installed by President Clinton to put 100,000 new police officers on the street. Bush cut the program by \$227 million saying the program has already passed its goals and recruited over 115,000 new police officers.

Bush did increase the amount of funding that goes to child care programs by \$350 million, and \$21 million more was given to the Food and Drug Administration for food safety programs.

The Education Department is receiving an 11.5 percent raise in funding, and the Defense Department is getting a raise of 4.8 percent. Bush also increased spending in the Department of Housing and Urban Development by 6.7 percent.

Democrats on Capitol Hill expressed concern over the cuts they claim would hurt some people in order to give a tax break to the wealthy. ♦

## Continued standoff damages China-U.S. relations

President Bush said Monday that serious damage to relations between the United States and China could result if the crew of the downed spy plane is not returned soon.

Damage in the relationship is already evident in cancellations of congressional visits to China planned for this month.

White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said there is a possibility that the United States could withdraw its support of China's bid to enter the World Trade Organization if the standoff continues.

Entrance to the WTO is required for permanent normal trade status to be issued to China. The pressure to deny the new trade status of China is beginning to heat up in Congress.

Congress seems to be squarely behind President Bush in his denial of any apology or acceptance of guilt by the

United States in the accident over the South China Sea.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin said the statements made by the United States are unacceptable and the Chinese people will accept nothing less than a full apology.

Jiang is in South America on a tour of Latin American countries this week.

The Bush administration did express regret of the loss of the Chinese pilot who died in the accident. Bush sent a letter of sympathy to the widow of the dead pilot.

On day nine of the standoff there still doesn't seem to be an easy resolution any time soon. ♦

## Bush names homosexual to head AIDS office

President Bush named Scott Evertz to head the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. This is the highest national policy-oriented office ever held by a member of the gay community.

Evertz is a leading member of the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay and lesbian faction of the Republican Party. He is also a member of the Milwaukee chapter of Common Cause, a leading gay rights organization.

Under Evertz, the office is expected to focus more on the global effects of the AIDS virus. HIV affects more than five million people worldwide every year.

The office created by President Clinton is devoted to slowing the spread of AIDS and finding a cure for the lethal disease.

Earlier in the year there was a rumor that President Bush was going to close the office permanently, but those rumors turned out to be false. ♦

## Economy expected to recover by the end of the year

The White House is now projecting the economy will recover and begin to pick up speed again by the end of the year.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said the economy is simply going through a correction phase. O'Neill said once the inventories are thinned out to balance the sales, nationwide economic growth will resume.

Throughout the market turmoil in the past months, the unemployment rating increased only slightly to 4.3 percent. Growth on the gross domestic product is expected to average around 2.4 percent for 2001. That means there is a projected rise in consumer spending in the later half of the year to balance the slowing of the first few months. ♦

### Commentary

## Solve abortion with compromise

With all the controversy surrounding the great debate over reproductive rights, no one I have ever heard has been willing to compromise their view even slightly to bring the debate to a close.

A simple compromise is not out of the question, as many ardent followers of each side would have you believe. The country is virtually split in half over abortion, but I don't think we have to go one way or the other.

Both sides could be appeased if the legality of abortion was taken out of the hands of the federal government and given to the local county governments. Each county around the country would be required to have a voter referendum to decide whether abortion would be allowed in that county.

The biggest problem with the abortion debate is that it's basically the conservative rural areas versus the liberal cities. If voters were allowed to decide for themselves whether their county would allow abortion, the cities could still have abortion clinics while the rural areas could have the moral satisfaction they desire by banning abortion in their communities.

This would work the same as alcohol. The federal government has guidelines for the sale and use of alcohol, but any county can ban it altogether if they want to. Why can't that work with abortion?

Many proponents of abortion say it's not the government's role to dictate morals to the nation, but the federal government makes moral decisions on behalf of the public all the time. Murder, theft and rape are moral issues that the government has declared illegal. The difference between these crimes and abortion is that a majority of the public would agree that murder, rape and theft are wrong, but there is no clear majority concerning the abortion issue. That is why abortion must be lowered to a level where there can be a clear majority of opinion to guide lawmakers.

We live in a democracy and the public should guide the making of laws that affect them. No community should be forced to permit something a majority of the residents consider immoral, and no community should be forced to ban something the majority of the residents want.

The federal government would have to set down guidelines for which abortion would be permitted. These should include banning partial birth abortion and requiring parental consent of anyone under 18 years old. These and other restrictions have passed Congress a few times only to be vetoed by President Clinton, but they will probably become law under President Bush.

I also believe there should be much more education out there for youth concerning adoption, foster care, safe sex and sexual abstinence. I believe abortion is immoral, but my voice is only one out of 280 million. The problem is that too many people put their own views above those of their neighbor. Let the communities speak for themselves and make their own laws.

The stubborn screaming could be put to rest for a while, and a few lives may be spared in the long run. ♦

# Poll: Bush hasn't persuaded majority on tax cut plan

By Will Lester  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush has not yet persuaded a majority of Americans to support his tax cut plan after months of trying, says an Associated Press poll taken in the days leading up to this year's tax deadline.

Most people are sure of one thing - their own taxes are too high. But they don't agree on what to do about it.

They are evenly split on whether tax cuts should be across the board, as the president would prefer, or directed toward those in the lower- to middle-income range, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

Just under half, 48 percent,

said they support Bush's plan, while 32 percent oppose it. Almost one in five said they don't yet know what they think about it - and both sides in the tax debate will be working hard to win them over in the coming weeks.

Retiree Mary Litty of Laval, Wis., said she supports the president's tax cut plan, but would prefer that the tax cuts be targeted toward those with less money.

"I could use all the help I can get," the Republican said, adding that the wealthy always seem to benefit from tax cuts. "It seems to me they've had theirs in the past. Now it's our turn."

The poll suggests the president still needs to sell the public on his tax cut proposal in several key areas, including the question

of whether it would help the economy.

Bush encouraged people over the weekend to let their legislators know what they think of tax cuts and put pressure on them to pass the \$1.6 trillion tax cut he wants over the next 10 years. The Senate reduced the size of the tax cut by one-quarter when it passed its version last week.

"If we're to pass a substantial tax cut the people must make their voices heard," Bush said in his weekly radio address. Some in the public may not say what he wants to hear, however.

A third in the poll thought Bush's tax cut plan would help the economy, a third thought it would make no difference and almost one in five thought it would make the economy worse.

"I really don't think it's going to do a heck of a lot for the economy," said Rhett Harrelson, a 34-year-old car salesman and political independent from Andalusia, Ala. "The wealthy might buy some more stock, but I don't think it will provide that shot in the arm the economy needs. I just think people don't have any confidence in the economy."

Fewer than one-in-10 expect a lot of money back from the Bush tax cut plan, half expect a little money and a third said they don't expect their taxes to go down at all. Six of 10 of those who thought their taxes would go down support the Bush plan, whether they expect a lot of money back or just a little. Those who expect nothing back oppose it 2-to-1.

The appeal of getting any tax money back was enough to win the support of people like Raymond Ashby, a retired accountant from Hanover, Ind., and an independent.

"I like it," Ashby said of the president's tax cut proposal. "I get some money back, no matter how much it is. I earned it and I can spend it a lot better than they can."

Not surprisingly, support for targeted tax cuts was highest among the poor, and dropped steadily among groups with higher incomes.

More likely to favor the president's plan were men, those with higher incomes or more education and, of course, Republicans, who favor the plan by an 8-to-1 margin, while Democrats oppose it by a 2-to-1 margin. Almost half

of independents favor the Bush plan, while a third oppose it.

"I think it's a bad idea," said Vanessa Wooten, a 39-year-old Democrat from Hollywood, Fla. "I don't think everyone will see the discounts."

Six in 10 Americans think their taxes are too high. Those between the ages of 35 and 64 - in their peak earning years - and those who made more than \$50,000 a year were most likely to have that complaint.

That sentiment, which could leave room for tax cut advocates to build support, was expressed by Ashby. He supports the Bush plan but is skeptical about whether he will get money back.

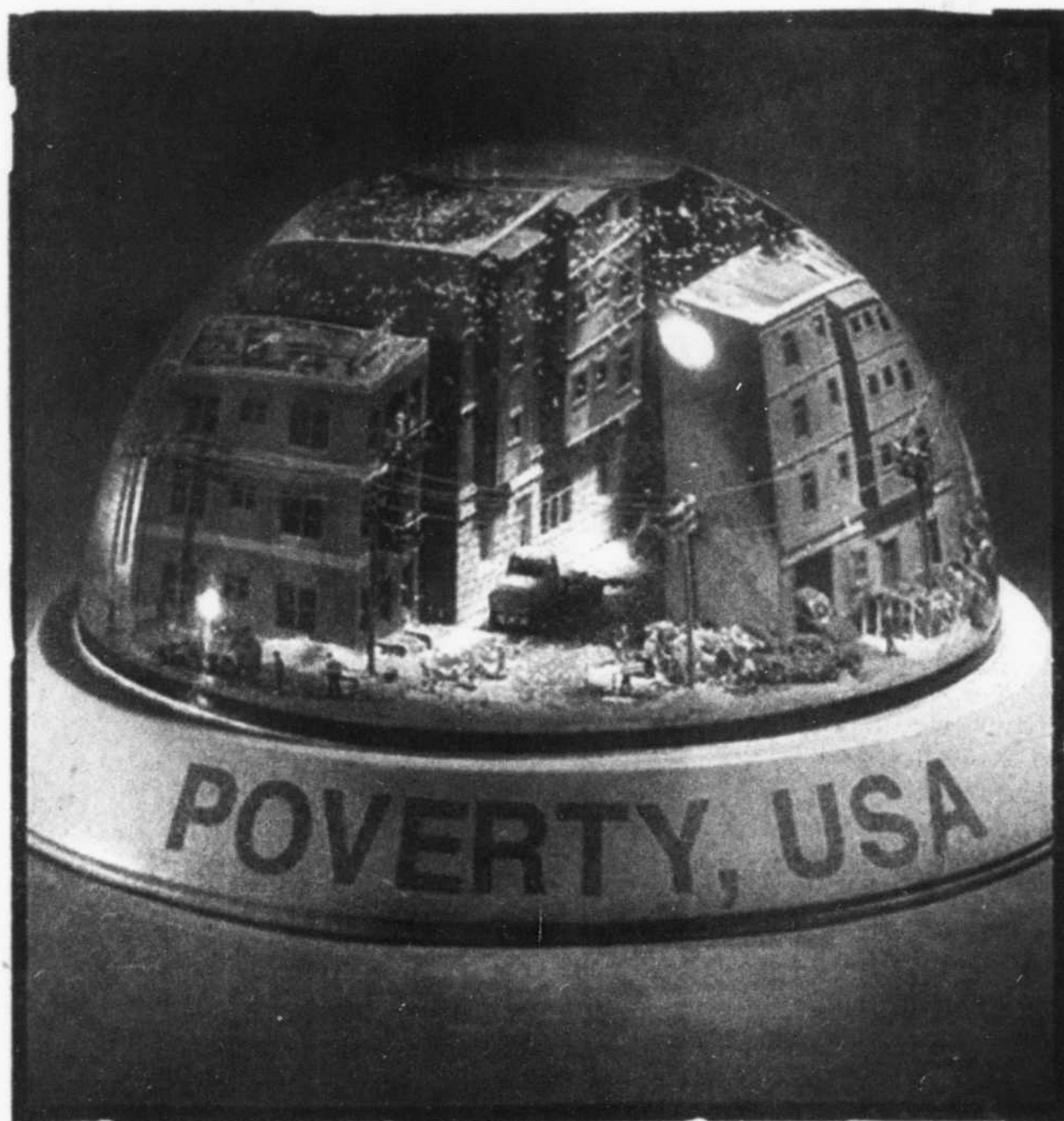
"The small fellow keeps giving," Ashby said, "and the people in control keep taking." ♦

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# CRIME LOG

By Matt Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between April 6, 2001 and April 9, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

## Two students arrested for alcohol-related offenses

April 6, 2:47 a.m. - North Tennessee Boulevard by the Murphy Center - An officer stopped a vehicle for swerving into the oncoming lane of traffic. The driver, identified as Joe K. Davis, showed signs of intoxication and — after not performing field sobriety tests to the officer's satisfaction — was placed under arrest for driving under the influence, first offense. The officer later found an open container in Davis' vehicle so Davis was consequently also charged with violation of the open container law.

The passenger, identified as Matthew M. Lancaster, at first gave the officer false identification and was charged with criminal impersonation. He was also charged with public intoxication and underage consumption of alcohol.

Davis, 22, of 118 S. Graycroft Ave. in Madison, Tenn., had his bond set at \$3,000. Lancaster, 20, of 1910 Westerwald Drive in Murfreesboro, had his bond set at \$3,250. Both subjects are scheduled to appear in court to answer the charges in July. ♦

## Man steals wallet, flees on bike

April 6, 10:25 a.m. - Jones Hall - Officers were dispatched to the Sims Hall parking lot in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, they spoke with the victim who stated that her wallet had just been stolen from a desk inside Jones Hall. The suspect fled southbound away from campus on a bike. Witnesses described him as a black male, 6 feet tall, 240 pounds, with a muscular build. He was wearing a white football jersey with the number 88 on it in blue and was possibly wearing a ball cap. MTSU and Murfreesboro Police officers checked the area for the suspect to no avail. ♦

## Kidnapping turns out to be birthday prank

April 7, 9:00 p.m. - C Street at B Street by BAS Building - A 911 call was placed to MTSU Police stating that several individuals had forced another subject into the trunk of a car. Further investigation led to the development of suspects. When contacted by police, both the suspect and the victim said that the entire incident had been done as a prank for the "victim's" birthday. ♦

## Intoxicated male arrested on outstanding warrant

April 8, 11:57 p.m. - Greenland Drive by the Texaco - While on patrol, officers observed a man stumbling on the sidewalk, later identified as Gary Watts. They made contact with him and, after checking his identification, determined that there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Watts was arrested and charged with public intoxication in addition to the outstanding warrant. Watts, 36, of 315 Falcon Drive in Murfreesboro, was then transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office. ♦

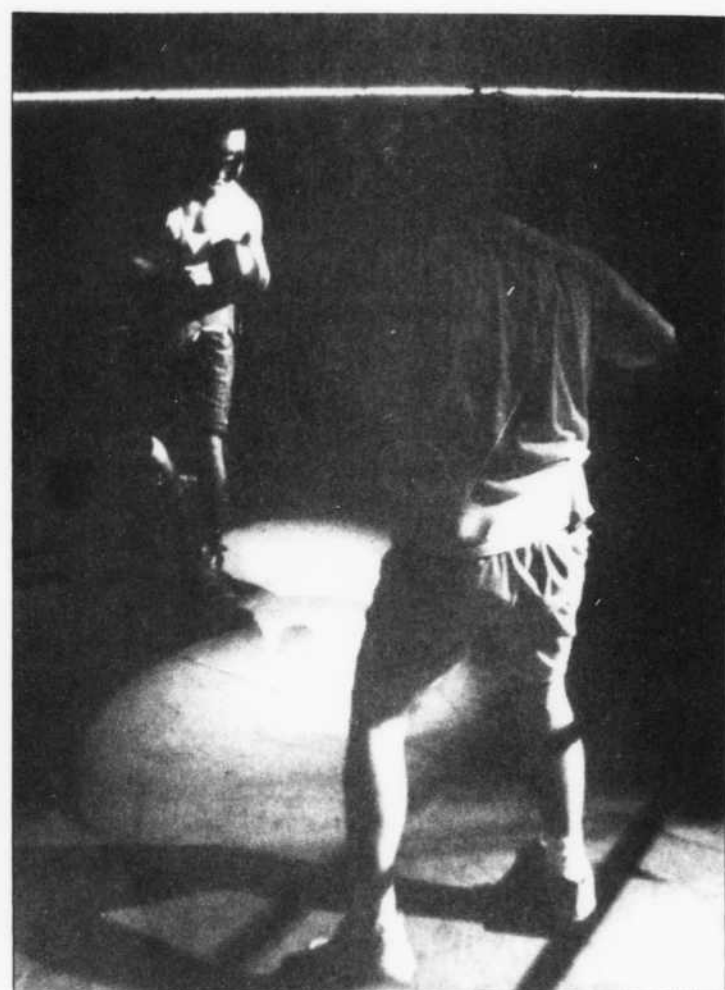
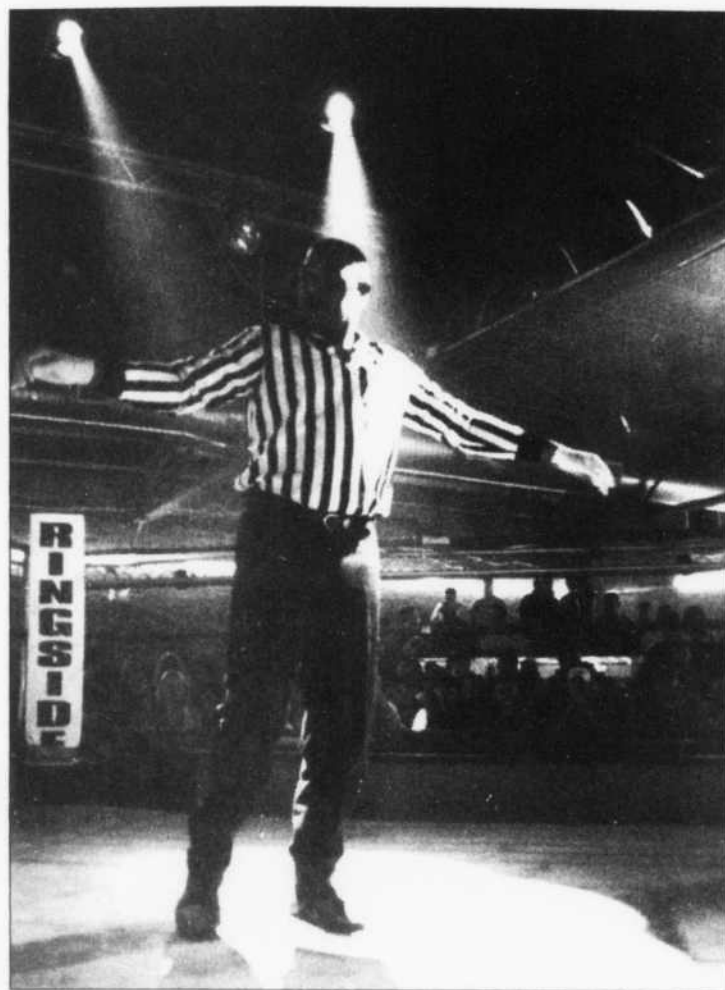


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(LEFT) The referee from the Greek Pike Fights held at Oxygen last Wednesday night prepares for the battles to begin. (RIGHT) Marco Martin and David Martin face off during the fights.

## Federal drug question made mandatory

By Kristoffer A. Garin  
U-Wire

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - In a move that could affect thousands of college applicants, the U.S. Department of Education moved last week to close a loophole that had allowed college applicants to leave blank a question about prior drug convictions.

Applicants must now respond to the question or forfeit federal aid.

More than 50 student governments and national groups — mostly civil liberties and minority organizations — have opposed the move as well as the government's continued practice of basing aid eligibility on drug offenses, but the Harvard University student community seems largely placid over the issue.

"Personally, I was not aware of this," said Undergraduate Council Vice-President Sujean S. Lee '03. "No one has raised the issue at any of our meetings."

Harvard asks a similar question on its financial aid application, but evaluates respondents on a case-by-case basis and does not base its decisions on federal

guidelines, according to Director of Financial Aid Sally C. Donahue.

A Harvard student could therefore continue to receive institutional aid even if federal aid were withdrawn.

"We have [supplemented rescinded federal aid] in certain cases where we have decided that federal guidelines are not the guidelines we should follow," Donahue said. "[But] that's mostly in income-driven situations."

No such situation has arisen in a drug-related case at Harvard, she said.

The Drug-Free Student Loans Act, a provision of the Higher Education Act of 1998, mandates that applicants and students convicted of drug offenses forfeit eligibility for federal financial aid. The provision stipulates that first-time drug offenders are ineligible for one year, second-time offenders for two years and third-time offenders indefinitely.

Students can recover their aid early upon successfully completing a recognized treatment program.

The political issue has been heated at the national level. Rep.

Barney Frank '61 (D-Mass.) has introduced a bill to Congress aimed at repealing the provision, which currently has 29 co-sponsors.

Opposition to the provision also comes from the single-issue Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR). CHEAR includes the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — neither of which have Harvard College chapters — and more than 30 other national groups.

Concerns focus on what critics see as unfair targeting of non-violent offenders as well as the practice's potential for racial discrimination.

"It really is a double whammy, especially on the African-American community," said Chris Evans, campus coordinator for the Drug Reform Coalition, which is a member of CHEAR.

Gary Orfield, a professor of education and social policy at the Graduate School of Education (GSE) and the Kennedy School of Government, is another critic of the law.

"I think it's ill-advised, given

the records of so many young people and older people, particularly the president of the United States himself," Orfield said.

GSE Professor Patricia A. Graham agreed, saying that the policy could be counterproductive.

"It's not a good thing to get [a drug conviction]; on the other hand, it shouldn't affect the rest of your life if you're trying to turn yourself around," Graham said.

According to Donahue, CHEAR has not made its presence felt in Harvard's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

"I have not heard from those groups directly — I do know that nationally this has been a concern," she said.

Last week's decision came after more than 100,000 students left the question blank last year, which the Education Department attributed to confusing wording.

Of the 12,000 reports Harvard's financial aid office has received from the federal government this year, only two had left the question blank, Donahue said. ♦

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## Reporters: Prominent journalists from across country draw large crowd

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region," Tolson said. "You have to look at the culture, religion and other aspects of society."

The journalists agreed one of the problems they encounter while covering death penalty stories is the question whether or not the convict sentenced to death committed the crime.

Although DNA tests have been used to exonerate some convicted unjustly, flaws in the criminal justice system are most likely the reason some innocent people wind up on death row, they said.

Stories about incompetent attorneys and investigators failing to follow up on leads about other suspects were shared as some of the situations that can contribute to the wrong person

being convicted.

The panel discussed how many people on death row are poor people who could not afford a good attorney. Prisoners may be assigned overworked public defenders who may not look at the case until the day of the trial.

Green said when writing stories about the death penalty you have to look hard into the crime, because most are guilty whether you believe it or not.

Armstrong shared how busy journalists can sometimes miss opportunities for big stories.

"I missed one of the biggest cases of my career because I didn't have time to see if the man was innocent," Armstrong said.

Armstrong spoke about the highly publicized Anthony Porter case. Two days before

Anthony Porter was scheduled for execution, students at Illinois State obtained a confession from the real killer.

Rimer said journalists have to be careful not to get side-tracked with the innocence question. Checking whether mistakes occurred in the trial or investigation can be as important, she said.

"It's straight reporting," Green said. "You have to work hard without letting the bias slip through."

The role the media plays in death penalty cases can vary widely from merely reporting about capital crime convictions and sentencing to more involved analyses of the entire system.

The panel mentioned the pending Tennessee death penal-

ty case of Phillip Workman, who awaits an evidentiary hearing after a last-minute stay to his scheduled execution last week.

One of Workman's lawyers, Jefferson Dorsey, who was among the audience Monday, said if it weren't for the media coverage his client would have been executed.

Dorsey said he would like the media to take on a more active role in covering cases on the death penalty.

The panel explained how once a reporter's byline shows up on a death penalty story, that journalist is often bombarded with phone calls and letters asking for stories to be written on individual cases.

"It's just so many," Rimer said. "We can't cover them all."

Tolson added no one could

really name one time that the media has gotten a man released from death row.

Rimer said that one way she feels reporters can help is by looking into the system instead of only at specific case and to make sure you get different perspectives.

Both students and professors who attended the forum were pleased with the level of discussion.

"It was exciting to have some of the nation's top journalists present at MTSU," said Missy Warren, a sophomore majoring in public relations.

"For something that has been discussed so much, it's good to know you can learn more about it," said Gary Wolf, a journalism professor. ♦

## Bill:

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her mind and take the infant home. Otherwise, the infant would be adopted out by the state.

Within 10 days of the abandonment, the state would have to advertise the receipt of an abandoned baby in a local newspaper. A putative father would have 30 days after that to claim the baby.

Lawmakers were told repeatedly that the key to a successful safe haven program is public awareness, but the legislation does not require any state funds be spent for an advertising campaign. ♦

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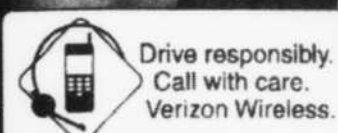
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## From the staff While KUC is being improved, let's fix post office

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The Keathley University Center will undergo renovations this summer to make room for more office space, relocate the Mini-Mart and "centralize" the post office.

We say do *way* more than centralize it. Make the God-forsaken hole in the wall 10 times bigger, then maybe more people can fit back there to sort the mail at a pace comparable to a turtle.

All kidding aside, everyone knows our post office has its problems servicing more than 16,000 students, but things could get better with some effort in renovating the cramped work space.

Maybe with a bigger office, more people could work at the windows so the lines at lunchtime wouldn't be so long. Yes, more positions take more money.

So use some of that \$1.2 million to hire more help. A majority of the complaints students have about their mail could be squashed just by getting more student workers and full-time employees to get more mail out faster.

Also, if the post office was bigger, it actually might be able to carry mailing supplies like every other post office in America does.

We want to go so far as to even suggest that the mailbox isles be widened. That way you *and* your backpack can fit inside without knocking another student over who's checking his or her box.

This idea also benefits the student workers who can barely squeeze in with their carts to stuff the mailboxes when it requires more than one person to do so.

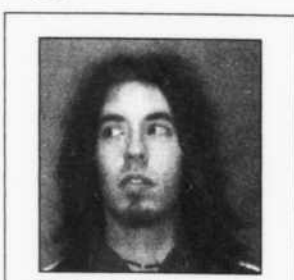
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## MIND MANIFESTATIONS

# Childish government needs to grow up

You've probably heard all about this little tiff that George W. Bush and his cronies are involved in with the Chinese government. Last week, a US Navy surveillance aircraft accidentally collided with a Chinese fighter jet and had to make an emergency landing on Hainan Island in Lingshui, China. Twenty-four US crewmembers are currently being detained on the island while China waits for an apology from our government. I should mention that all of the crewmembers from the US aircraft are alive and well, while the pilot of the Chinese plane is presumed dead.

It seems like this would be an easy situation to rectify. Our aircraft made a mistake, with the cost being a Chinese pilot's life. We were in the wrong, and it seems that in order to



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Staff Columnist

maintain an attitude of diplomacy with not only China but also the rest of the watching world, our government would quickly and sincerely apologize to not only the Chinese government but also their people. After all, we don't want to appear to be the bratty bully, right?

Wrong. The White House has repeatedly refused to issue any apology over the United States' self-admitted accident. Instead, it is demanding the detained crew be

released immediately. Maybe I was raised in a strange manner; but aren't we supposed to apologize if we do something accidental? Isn't that the easiest thing to apologize for? It wasn't our fault, yet it happened. But Bush is trying to turn this into a childish playground battle of who's tougher than whom, and it's making our whole country look foolish and pompous.

Consider this. A Chinese aircraft is flying over US territory and accidentally collides with an Air Force fighter jet, killing the pilot in the process. How do you think our government would react to that? They wouldn't demand an apology. They might just try to start a war with them. After all, China had killed an AMERICAN! There would be a national uproar, and I bet propaganda would

flow out of our government's mouth that vehemently decried China and their people as dangerous communists that must be stopped at all costs.

Well guess what? That's probably what's happening over in China right now. Everyone knows that the United States is the big bully on the block, and it doesn't help that our leaders can't suck it up and apologize for killing one of their people. Who can blame the Chinese for thinking badly of our country after something like this?

Ruan Guoqin, the wife of the missing pilot, wrote a letter to Bush that called him "too cowardly to voice an apology." He deserves more than the label of a coward. He should be named "The Bratty Baby that Couldn't."

I don't blame Chinese President Jiang Zemin for

not backing down to the antics of our government in this situation. He would look like a spineless leader if he simply cowered away and patted Bush on the back with a shrug and an apology for being minorly upset. They must be appalled at the way our government is handling this. All of this posturing is just an attempt by our new president and his staff to establish themselves in the eyes of the American people while in the wake of their already glaring weaknesses as leaders of this country. It's a simple way for Bush to save face.

Let's all hope our leaders learn to grow up real quick and do the sensible thing of apologizing to China over something that was clearly our fault. Our country doesn't need another reason to be resented. ♦

## Compromise but not confrontation

By The MTSU Chinese Students and Scholars Association

The plane collision accident has created a hard time for both the Chinese and the United States and their governments. It has also led to some hard feeling towards each other among many people in both countries. There is a Chinese community at MTSU. We are concerned about the standoff. We appreciate this opportunity to express our opinion.

First, we believe that with compromise between the Chinese and the U.S. governments a satisfactory solution will be worked

out eventually. Chinese people are peaceful and friendly. As the traditional philosophy of Chinese, the fundamental virtue of Confucianism is to "love others." We believe that the collision issue will be resolved soon so that the American crews can return to their home to reunite with their loved ones.

Secondly, we'd like to point out that the Permanent Normal Trading Relationship (PNTR) is a relationship between MANY trading partners. This relationship is not granted or given at the mercy of one party

only. Normalizing the trading relationship between China and the US benefits consumers in both countries on equal terms. Cutting off the normal trading relationship leaves no winner in the end.

Thirdly, every country has its own political and social problems. While we can still see many problems with our system, China is definitely changing for the better. However, we believe the only force that can continue to improve our system is Chinese people themselves.

Fourthly, we'd like to

get a basic fact straight. While people may have their own opinions and interpretations, the current status quo about Taiwan is that Taiwan is NOT recognized as an independent country but part of China by most countries in the world including the United States. As for Taiwan's future, we believe it will be determined by the will of people on both sides of the straight.

Lastly, we hope that all of us will eventually realize (if not now) that the world is becoming a global village where people of different cultural back-

grounds and ideologies have to learn to co-exist peacefully with each other. Disputes or disagreements do exist and compromise, but not confrontation, is the way out. Poking fingers at each other with flaming words and empty threats does not help. It would be more productive if we could discard our bias and approach each other with an open mind. China and the United States have been cooperative on many issues in the past, and we believe both countries can and will be cooperative on many more issues in the future. ♦

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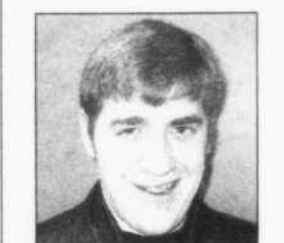
## CANADIAN BACON

# The issues of capital punishment addressed

Nations around the world have dealt with the issue of capital punishment over the last century. Most have decided that state killing is wrong and must be stopped immediately.

Unfortunately for the hundreds of inmates waiting on American death rows, it is an issue that hasn't been put to rest here. Dozens of human beings are executed each year in the United States, and it is all perfectly legal. To quote Mike Tolson of the Houston Chronicle, "States like Texas are clipping through [death row inmates] like gangbusters." Tennessee is eager to catch up, with the killing of Robert Glenn Coe late last year, the Philip Workman case, and several others that will share the spot light later this year.

There are only two developed countries that actively perform capital



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punishment - the United States and China. Legalized killing damages international reputations far more than a spy plane crisis.

Canada abolished the practice in the 1970s, as did the United Kingdom and France. Interestingly, their violent crime rates have dropped tremendously since the respective states stopped carrying out crimes of their own. No informed analyst or social critic makes the argument that the death penalty is an effective

deterrent for violent crime.

The violent crime rates are, year after year, greater per capita in Houston (a hotbed of state executions) than they are in New York City (where no executions take place). In fact, according to Frank Green of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, studies show in the aftermath of an execution there will be more violent crime.

Whether or not the death penalty is morally justified or not, any rational person must admit that there are problems with the court system, when innocent people are routinely convicted of crimes they didn't commit, and are sentenced to die. Since 1990, 95 people have been saved from a sentence of death. That is almost a tenth of the death row population nationwide.

Investigative work done

by the Chicago Tribune and a group of students at Northwestern University led to the exoneration of several inmates. Further fact-finding by the Tribune revealed that of the hundred or so death row residents in Illinois, 33 had been represented by disbarred or suspended lawyers, 35 blacks had been convicted by all-white juries, and 46 convictions were based testimony from jailhouse informants (given in exchange for reduced sentences or other considerations). These findings led the governor of Illinois to issue a moratorium on the death penalty in that state.

Here at home, Gov. Don Sundquist is considering a similar measure, which would ban all executions in the state until a panel reports on the condition of the capital judicial system. This may be

too late for state inmate Philip Workman, who last week came within 36 minutes of being executed before being granted a new trial.

The Workman case is a prime example of the system gone wrong. In 1982, Workman held up a Wendy's restaurant, and engaged police in a gun battle while he was trying to get away. Convicted for killing a police officer and sentenced to die, Workman revoked his confession when ballistic tests showed he may not have fired the bullet that fatally wounded the officer.

Workman's lawyer is asking that the death sentence be changed to life without parole. There is no denying that Workman's actions were reprehensible, but it is illogical and irrational to take a man's life without conclusive evidence. ♦



# Letters to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to [stupubs@mtsu.edu](mailto:stupubs@mtsu.edu). Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content. Letters without the author's full name will NOT be published.

## Crime Log needs to go

To the Editor:

After reading the Monday issue of *Sidelines*, I want to respond to the things I read on Crime Log by both the staff and in a letter to the editor.

I totally disagree with having the Crime Log in the student newspaper. The column is a waste of value space and could be filled with more "valuable" information. There are so many more things that could be reported that would be much more beneficial to each and every student.

World issues, medical discoveries and art are some of the more positive things I would enjoy reading about than what crimes are committed by people on an everyday basis. Let me say this, the "Crime Log" is not really a "log" at all. When reading this section, no one keeps track of what names are matched up with the crime being committed.

Everyone in society and here on campus as well, know that crime is part of life. Crimes are being committed, whether on small or large scales. The degree to which a person commits a crime not make it less wrong by any means, but the crimes that are published in the Crime Log are of minor value to learn about. Most of these foolish crimes are mistakes individually made and I am sure the people who commit them will learn from their mistakes.

It is not up to the newspaper staff or the student body to pass judgement upon them. Also, it is not the responsibility of the *Sidelines* staff to

inform the public of crimes that occur and of those who commit them.

Everyone knows that crime exists. The names are irrelevant and not remembered on a daily basis to make us safer.

Mr. Weatherly writes that Crime "Log" is a deterrent for committing a crime. What a joke. He seems to think that by embarrassing someone they will stop their anti-social behavior and that other people who have not committed crimes will not do so at all.

When a person in this area commits a crime they do not think to themselves, "I better think about what I am doing before I get printed in *Sidelines*". When someone does make a mistake, it is not right to publicly humiliate a person to show him or her they are wrong.

The individuals in the Crime Log face a very hard road to try to make up for the mistake that was made. Most of them will face great shame and punishment that will be hard to recover from. It is not right to embarrass someone further by putting them in the paper for all to see.

When you punish a child, you do not humiliate him in front of others, you take him to the side and talk to him, giving him comfort and knowledge he may not have had before.

Punishment is necessary, but not humiliation and public ridicule. The *Sidelines* staff needs to be more positive and realize that by building a person's character it makes them a better person, and by destroying what little character they have gives them all the more reasons to commit crimes again.

A horrible excuse seemed to prevail when speaking about why the Crime Log is printed in the paper. The "we are just doing our job" excuse is just plain ignorant. The "job" of the newspaper is not the safety of the students or to

punish and embarrass citizens that make mistakes.

The *Sidelines* staff is the most intelligent group of people on campus and I think you guys need to realize what a ridiculous column the crime log really is.

Don't double the punishment one receives and violate his/her rights so you can take up space in the paper that would otherwise go to more valuable efforts. "I am just doing my job" has always been a poor excuse for people in the past that wants to ignore certain truths because they are too lazy to make an effort to change. Just because you have a certain job doesn't exonerate you from wrong, it only covers it up in a deceptively good manner.

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## Focus on rebuilding communities

To the Editor:

I am writing to commend Mr. Shawn Whitsell for his "On the Real" column in *Sidelines* Monday, April 9th. I am an avid reader of *Sidelines* and Mr. Whitsell's editorial is perhaps the most well written opinion piece I have encountered. I believe that it is time for this country to make reparations to the African American community for hundreds of years of unrewarding manual labor. Let's not forget that several of our national monuments were constructed largely by African Americans, including the White House, and yet the democracy that

these edifices represent still has not bore fruit for those who built them.

But I agree with Mr. Whitsell's contention that monetary reparations to individual ancestors may not be the answer to our unsolved problems. Instead, we should focus on rebuilding our African American communities beginning with education. For every one dollar that state governments spend on suburban education, three should be spent on inner city schools, populated largely by African Americans. As a Caucasian American, I too am appalled the gap in the suburban education I enjoyed and the mal-funded schools of the inner city. And let's make no mistake: when the Bush Administration maintains that it is committed to "improving" schools, it is the suburban schools (largely Republican) they are speaking of, not the schools of the inner-city communities who need funding the most.

Again, I would like to compliment Mr. Whitsell on his humble "community-first" outlook on reparations. I would also like to encourage him to stay out of retirement and provide *Sidelines* with a common sense left-wing voice.

Luke J. Schneider  
Junior, Recording Industry

## Dear Annie Life's Too Short

Dear Annie,

I dated a guy last year. He seemed like such a wonderful guy. At the time I felt so lucky to be with him. We were also close friends. I'm even close with his family. He told two of my best friends he was crazy about me. In August, he went back to Dallas to finish his education. He seemed sad that he would have to leave me...he told me how much he would miss me. Well, when he came home for Christmas break he acted distant and he would always talk about this other girl. I flat out asked him about her. He said, "we're just friends, she's like my kid sister, and she's only 17." My guy is 23 years old. Then the other day he sent an email saying he is "so in love" with the girl who is supposed to be like his kid sister. He said everything that happened between us was just an impulse. I know he's lying to himself about the feelings he had for me. This whole thing has really hurt my feelings. What should I do? How should I handle this? Why is he acting so stupid? - Heart-Broken

Dear Heart-Broken,

Obviously this guy is not worth your time. Lying or not...he has made it clear, with insensitive statements, he has moved on. Now is the time for you to distance yourself from this guy. You should also distance yourself from his family. Staying friends and being close with his family will only make it harder to move on. Been there - done that.

I can't explain why he's acting "so stupid." Question - can you really grieve the loss of someone who would treat you so indifferently? This guy moved onto another girl while pretending to still be interested in you. It sounds like he's found someone on his maturity level. Life's too short - don't waste another minute on him.

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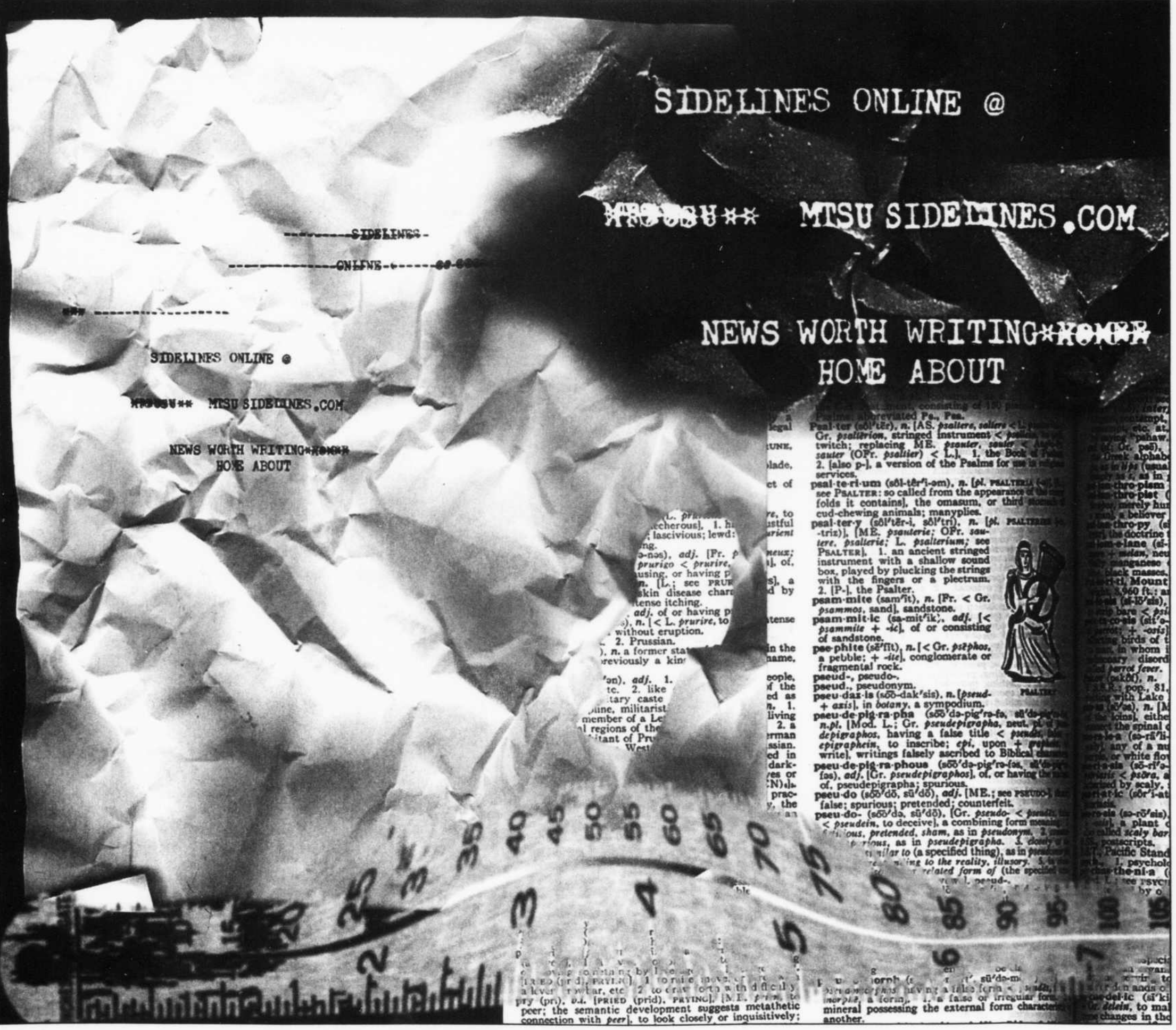


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# FLASH

Wednesday, April 11, 2001

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## THAT'S MY NAME DON'T WEAR IT OUT

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Flash Editor

As a child of the '80s, Pee-Wee Herman was the icon of my Saturday morning escapades. His playhouse was the envy of all child fantasies. With his talking chairs and innovative puppet friends, it seemed that Pee-Wee was the ultimate child hidden in adult's clothing, as well as the perfect television host.

Paul Reubens (he later legally changed his name to Paul Reubens) grew up in Sarasota, Fla., where his parents owned a lamp store. Eleven-year-old Paul joined the local Asolo Theater. For the next six years, he appeared in a variety of plays. He graduated from Sarasota High School in

1970 and consequently attended Boston University for one year.

Reubens then decided to seek gold in Hollywood where he enrolled as an acting major at the California Institute of the Arts.

In the mid-70s Reubens joined the improvisational comedy ensemble The Groundlings. The popular gang included Conan O'Brien, Lisa Kudrow, the late Phil Hartman, Jon Lovitz and Julia Sweeney. Reubens' characters in this comedic society were a charitable husband named Moses Feldman, an Indian chief named Jay Longtoe, and the now fallen Pee-Wee Herman.

The original *Pee Wee Herman Show*, produced by Reubens in 1981, was an adult-oriented version of what would become the popular children's series.

This version of the show features Pee-Wee's playhouse and many of the characters of the later series, but with adult jokes and sexual overtones including "mirror shoes" and others.

Pee Wee's wardrobe consisted of a gray suit, a white short-sleeved shirt complete with a red clip-on bow tie and white loafers. He had short jet-black hair with a defiant clump in front. His lily-white complexion with pink cheeks and red lipstick topped off

## THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF PEE-WEE HERMAN

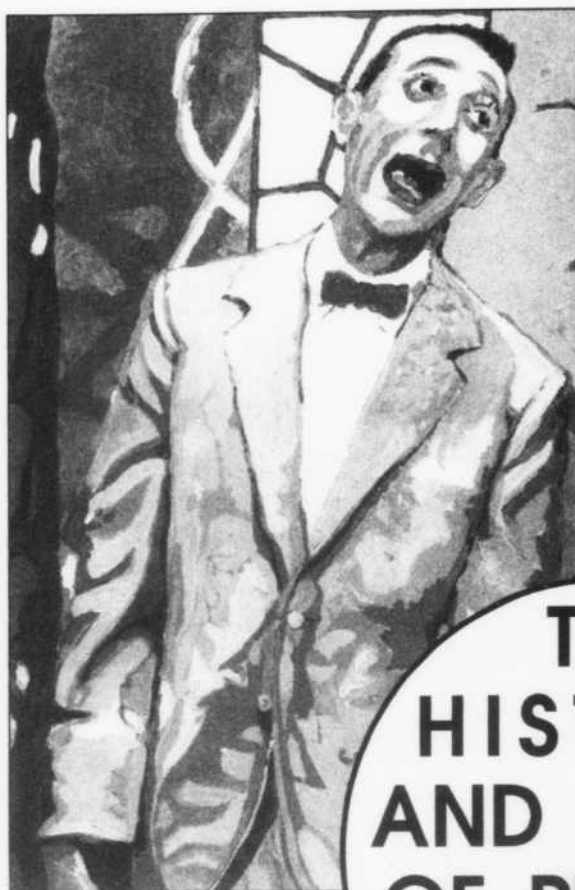
the ensemble.

Reubens drew inspiration for Pee-Wee's geeky behavior from a boy he had attended summer camp with. The boyish voice was derived from a character Reubens played as a child actor.

Reubens frequented *Late Night with David Letterman* and was a favorite at Caroline's in New York. In 1984, he sold out a show at Carnegie Hall. He then started writing a feature-length screenplay for Pee-Wee, that would be directed by friend Tim Burton.

*Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* was released in 1985 to quite opposing critiques. The film followed Pee-Wee as

See Pee-Wee, B2



## LINE UP

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH

MOTION CITY SOUNDTRACK: 8 p.m., Indienet Record Shop \$5.

THE OC SUPERTONES: w/ Switchfoot, Reliant K, & Bob Smiley, 7 p.m., 328 Performance Hall, \$12.

WESLEY WILLIS: w/ Jack, 10 p.m., The Boro Bar & Grill.

JUNK BUDDHA: 9 p.m., The End \$5.

SOUL HAT: w/ Mattie Groves, Exit/In.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH

SECRET COMMONWEALTH: 9 p.m., The End \$5.

GEORGE DUCAS: 8:30 p.m., The Sufier \$5.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH

REDSTONE: 10 p.m., The Boro Bar & Grill.

JACK INGRAM: w/ Pat Haney, 9:30 p.m., Exit/In, \$10.

DEL GIOVANNI CLIQUE & BOO DOGS: The Outer Limit.

JEEP/LANDING/MY EPIPHANY: 9 p.m., The End \$5.

REVOLUTION NASHVILLE FEST: feat. Kill Devil Hills, Rookie of the Year, Christensen, Modern Zero, Not Waving but Drowning, The Lyndsay Diaries, Silent Friction, & The Sincerity Guild, 6 p.m., Indienet Record Shop \$6.

GUSTER: w/ John Mayer, 8 p.m., 328 Performance Hall, \$18 door.

FAIR VERONA w/ Mr. Jimmy, The Juan Prophet Organization, Central Stonerollers and Normalcy, Sebastian's & Diana's Brew Pub, \$5.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

STOMP CLUB 2001: feat. Medicine Mann, Peel, Abraid, Malfunction Crew, & Lowboy, 7 p.m., 328 Performance Hall \$10.

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GRAN TORINO: 9:30 p.m., Exit/In, \$10.

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### MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

UNCLE SAM CD RELEASE SHOW: 9 p.m., Exit/In.

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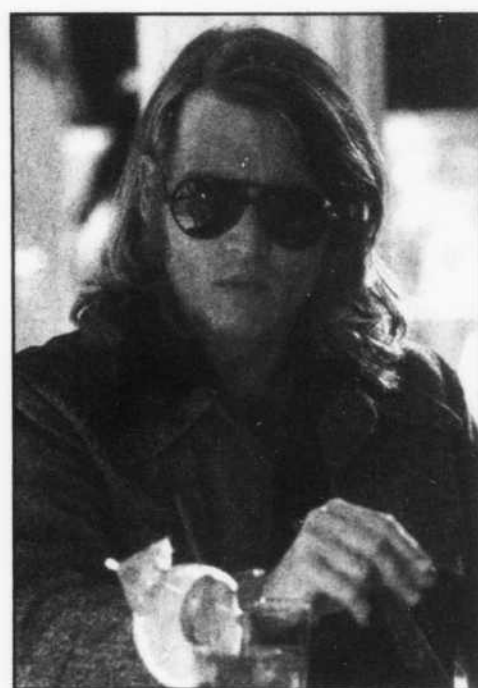
CHAMBER STRINGS: w/ The Waxwings, 10 p.m., The Boro Bar & Grill.

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## DESSERTS THAT WILL MAKE YOU SWEAT

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Flash Editor

Dinner was slightly above average. The movie was mediocre. You and your date are aching to make this night special. There's less than \$20 in your wallet. For some added excitement, as well as a sugar or caffeine buzz, whisk away to one of these sugary joints. Some are harder to locate than others, but all are sure to please.

1) Elliston Place Soda Shop  
2111 Elliston Place, Nashville, TN 37203  
Located near: The Exit/In

Walking into Elliston Place Soda Shop is like taking a backwards stroll into the early 1950s in Nashville. Complete with non-working jukeboxes at each table, the décor is authentic from half a century ago, they just never remodeled. The milkshakes and malts here are extraordinary, as they should be, with a recipe that hasn't changed in over 50 years. How could you go wrong?

2) Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro  
528 West College St., Murfreesboro.  
Located near: The Murfreesboro city square

For anyone who is anyone at MTSU, this is the place to be seen. From the Christmas light furnishings to the magazine racks and computers, Red Rose accommodates the working college student. Generally, a saunter into Red Rose guarantees a show by one of the many local bands. There's lots of room to sit and enjoy the music; and don't forget to grab a cup of their specialty coffee.



3) Steak 'n Shake  
Location: There are over 20 locations in the Nashville area. In Murfreesboro, go to 2091 Old Fort Pkwy. Located Near: Across the street from Wal-Mart

One place that always pleases the after dinner taste buds is Steak and Shake. With its 24 hour service, this '50s-esque diner is sure to agree with any dessert craving. From their hot fruit cobblers with ice cream to their fabulous hand stirred milkshakes, Steak and Shake is never out of a college student's price range. My suggestion: the orange freeze. It tastes like the dreamsicles we had as kids.

4) Krispy Kreme  
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Thompson Ln., Nashville or 1901 Gallatin Pk. N., Goodlettsville.

An outing in and of itself, Krispy Kreme is a true southern tradition. Stop in whenever the "Hot Donuts Now" sign is on and watch the hot balls of lard flow off the conveyor belt and into their sugary bath. Choices abound at Krispy Kreme, but undoubtedly the best choice is a hot, original glazed donut. Be sure to take an extra box for the ride home.

See Desserts, B2



# GET READY FOR THE 'BLOW'

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Flash Editor

*Blow* has a keen way of making audiences feel extraordinarily bad for someone who was a total and utter screw-up, but in a good way of course.

Based on the true story of George Jung, the first man to bring cocaine into America, *Blow* takes every human emotion through wrenching wrecks of havoc.

Johnny Depp plays the infamous Jung and creates an unwarranted and almost loveable character. Throughout the film Depp seems to morph in and out of humanity. He, at first, seems to be untouchable. A hard-core drug dealer in an age where drugs were like candy, Depp could make no faux pas. As his business grows larger, so does his ego.

By far, the greatest scenes of *Blow* come from former child television star, Paul Reubens. Reubens plays bi-sexual hairdresser Derek Foreal, Jung's first business hook-up.

Penelope Cruz leads a decisive part in this film. Though she doesn't enter the plot until mid-way, the waif actress does a



Paul Reubens plays Derek Foreal, the California drug connection for Depp's character.

superb job playing Mirtha, the wife of Depp's character.

Hollywood has a bad habit of giving away too much of a plot through television and movie previews. The producers and directors of *Blow* corrected this error. In none of the previews

do you get an idea of where this plot is going to lead, how Depp ends up in jail or what emotional down-frenzy is going to arise.

I'm going to keep it that way. *Blow* is an incredible movie and the ending is spectacular in both good and bad ways. It

chronicles the existence of a man who erroneously leads his life and how he personally lost and gained the false respect of his peers. ♦

## Deserts: Area sweet shops please any craving

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**5) Rotier's**  
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Located Near: Down the  
Street from Tower Records

You're up for a real treat when you stop into Rotier's. Whether you have one of their incredible old-fashioned hamburgers or a milkshake, you will not leave hungry. Their milkshakes come in a metal cup straight out of the mixer. It will seem like there's way too much to eat, but surely you can manage that one last bite. Rotier's is one of Nashville's oldest and most loved restaurants because of its consistency and quality. Perfect for that after dinner sweet craving.

**6) Fido**  
1812 21st Ave. S., Nashville.  
Located Near: Smack dab in  
the middle of Hillsboro  
Village, across from Belcourt  
theater

Fido definitely attracts the likes of many musicians in the downtown area. For those strolling the streets of Hillsboro Village, Fido is a typical rest stop. With their wide variety of coffees, chai and sodas, Fido pleases even the roughest coffee connoisseur. The eclectic atmosphere and following gives Fido the perfect ambiance for an after date conversation.

**7) Bongo Java**  
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Located Near: Belmont University

Bongo Java entails everything needed for a night out on the town. Stop in for an Italian Soda of a variety of flavors or a cup of that day's coffee. If it's a nice evening, sit outside under the stars and watch while the scene grows with Belmont University crowds and local high-schoolers abounding. Some nights one can even catch a local musical act performing in Bongo After Hours Theater on the second floor.



There are three area Krispy Kreme locations. Watch for the 'Hot Donuts Now' sign and you'll be in for a real treat.

**8) Sam & Zoe's Coffeehouse**  
Get your Chilly Wonka thrill in Berry Hill  
525 Heather Place, Nashville.  
Located Near: 100 Oaks Mall

Sam and Zoe's Coffeehouse is definitely a Nashville treasure. Located near the acclaimed Hollywood 27 movie theater, wait here with a cup of spice tea before or after the movie. Every Saturday night there's live music at Sam and Zoe's, but parking is often a bit tight. It's a wonderful place to meet some Lipscomb University locals and enjoy the view with a cup of iced mocha.

**9) International House of Pancakes**  
4098 Nolensville Pk., Nashville.  
Located Near: What else, Wal-Mart

In Murfreesboro after midnight there are generally two places to go for the weak and hungered: Steak and Shake and IHOP. Known for its butter-oozing pancakes and

varied syrups, IHOP is a nice place to just sit and talk. The selection of coffees is limited to caffeinated and not just hot chocolate. But for the easy to please, IHOP is definitely the way to go.

**10) Bread and Company**  
106 Page Rd, Nashville.  
Located Near: Green Hills Mall

With its gourmet emporium of heavenly breads, desserts and unusual grocery items, Bread and Company can scare even the most welcomed chef. Inside the small but tastefully decorated interior one can enjoy bread from a wide variety, including eight-grain, three-seed, sesame semolina, cherry chocolate and more. They also have select sandwiches and seasonal desserts like cheesecake, tarts and various cakes. Samples of different breads and spreads are witty at tempting the hungry into buying some extra food for later, not that you need the extra tempting. ♦

## Pee-Wee: Will the children's legend live on?

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he searched across the country searching for his stolen bike. *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* cost \$7 million to produce and ended up grossing \$45 million.

In 1986 CBS signed Reubens to act, produce and direct a live-action children's program called *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*. The initial budget per show was a whopping \$325,000, which, back then, was the same price as a prime-time sitcom.

Reubens received complete creative control of the series, with three minor exceptions.

Reubens never appeared as himself. He did interviews in full Pee-Wee costume. He kept this persona up for the series'

entire five-year-run.

The vision of Pee-Wee was broken July 26, 1991. On his summer vacation, Reubens was visiting his parents in Sarasota and stopped off to see the X-rated film, *Nancy Nurse*. Reubens fell victim to a police sting operation and was arrested for sex charges when detectives allegedly saw him fondling his gentiles. He was released on a \$219 bail. Children's show star arrested for indecent exposure. The media went berserk.

CBS dropped *Pee-Wee's Playhouse* and related merchandise was released from store shelves. Pee-Wee's star was removed from Hollywood Boulevard.

The scandal marked the

implicit death of Pee-Wee Herman. Reubens appeared as his favorite character for the last time at 1991's MTV Music Video Awards.

One year after his arrest, Reubens appeared in the 1992 Tim Burton film *Batman Returns* as the Penguin's unloving father. That same year, he portrayed a vampire henchman in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Other acting jobs have included a voiceover for Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. In 1993 he appeared for a short while as Andrew J. Lansing III on the television show *Murphy Brown*.

More recent films for the notorious Pee-Wee have included his role as The Spleen in

1999's *Mystery Men* and the recently-released film *Blow*. Reubens will also star in the new, upcoming ABC game show *You Don't Know Jack* based on the popular board game and in the 2001 forthcoming film *Mayor of Sunset Strip*, directed by George Hickenlooper. The film discusses the history of fame in the world through the eyes of pop star impresario Rodney Bingenheimer.

Reubens also announced last week on *The Late Show with David Letterman* that he is currently working on two new Pee-Wee films. One, he said, will be a children's film and the other a more "rated R" version of Herman. ♦

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## 'Spider' more than a sequel

By Steven Murden  
Staff Writer

Most movie sequels unsuccessfully attempt to recapture both the charisma and box office sales of the original. That's why I'm not going to refer to *Along Came A Spider* as a sequel. It's actually a prequel and follow-up to 1997's *Kiss The Girls* starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. This time around Judd is, unfortunately nowhere to be seen, but Freeman reprises his role as the sleek and stylish psychologist/detective Alex Cross.

Based on the novel by James B. Patterson, *Spider* opens with an overly dramatic disaster that sets the mood for Freeman's melancholy character. He returns to his usually less depressing demeanor only after a kidnapper purposefully involves him with the search for a special little girl.

Why would a kidnapper involve a man who is the best at what he does — profiling criminals — is only the first of many questions asked throughout the film.

Along the way Freeman is paired up with Secret Service agent Jezz Flannigan, played by Monica Potter from *Patch Adams* and *Head Over Heels*. Potter shows both her skills as an actress in this doubly difficult part and proves that she is meant for grander roles than those from her previously mentioned films.



Along Came the Spider is the much-anticipated follow-up to 1997's *Kiss the Girls*.

The suspense of *Spider* continually builds in exciting and unique ways, yet never meets the crescendo audiences are expecting. It's almost as if the writers were unable to complete the thought. He had this great idea for a story with a sinister mastermind that says such evil things as, "I'm living proof that a mind is a terrible thing." But when he got down to the wire, he got slammed with a serious case of writer's block.

So to save his ass he makes use of the new staple of 21st century movies: the plot twist. *Spider* turns in on itself

and never depicts the crime of the century audiences are preparing for. However, that doesn't make this film any less entertaining. In fact, the plot twists are so convincing that viewers are left saying, "Well what the heck are they going to do now?"

Aside from a few stellar leaps and bounds, which are typical of this film genre, *Along Came A Spider* goes fairly grounded as it goes from one nail bitter to the next. The good guys win. The bad guys die. And this flick should leave you fairly satisfied. ♦

## THE CHANGING ATMOSPHERE IN NASHVILLE

By Russell Chamberlain  
Staff Writer

Tuesday nights at The End have become a night for High Society and not the kind that only Bush's tax cut is helping.

High Society is not a band. It's a group of four DJs: B-Plus, Danny C, JAXN and Menace. They have been spinning a mix of Jungle and Drum & Bass styled dance music for about six months now. They tend to have good crowds, especially for a Tuesday in Nashville.

Although, I felt the sets were rather uninspiring. I do enjoy electronic music and other numerous dance styles, but I found the song choices of the DJs to be rather bland.

In a time when DJs like Sasha and Digweed, Paul

Oakenfold and numerous others are gaining international popularity and attention as artists, it seems many of so-called DJ's miss the point of the art.

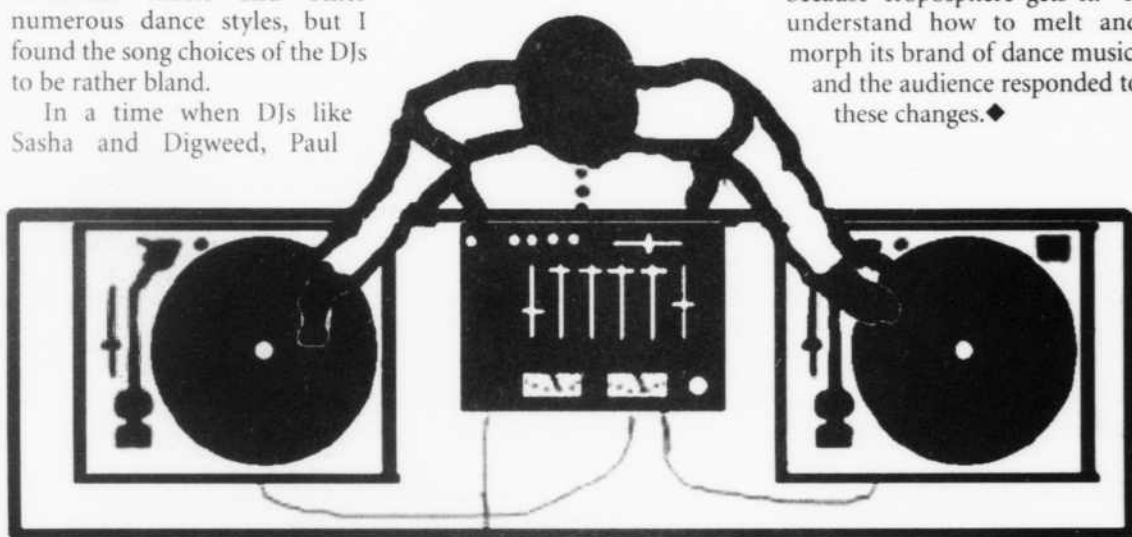
I am glad that Nashville has some DJs who are striving for this level of artistry but High Society falls short. The really good DJs know how to mix music in a very organic way. The songs melt and morph into each other, a listener can never be sure when one song is beginning and another is ending. This was not the case for High Society.

The greatest accomplishment of High Society was booking a band

called Troposphere to play with them.

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When was the last time you spent \$15 on an album you knew nothing about? Probably never. It's often hard to tell by its cover the style of an album and whether it's good or not. Here's a brief review on a few CD's you may have considered.



**Who:** Daft Punk  
**What:** *Discovery*  
**Mimics:** Underworld, Chemical Brothers, Orbital  
**Blurb:** It took four years, but the highly anticipated follow-up to Daft Punk's debut album *Homework* finally arrived in March. Mixing everything from 80's synth to euro-funk, this album is definitely best played for the dance floor. Don't let the poppy single "One More Time" fool you. This album is worth discovering.

- Leslie Carol Boehms

# CD Review Special



**Who:** WWF  
**What:** *WWF the Music: Volume 5*  
**Features:** Entrance themes of WWF superstars Triple H, Lita, Chyna and the singing debut of The Rock.  
**Blurb:** This disc is a great source of music and entertaining for both non-wrestling and wrestling fans alike. Also, it is a great source for workout music. It gives the biggest fan themes they love to hear both live at arena events and on television. The music is an interesting mix of techno, rap and rock that makes you want to dance the second you hear it. Basically, this is a great addition to anyone's music collection.

-Becky Currey

**Who:** Jim White  
**What:** *No Such Place*  
**Mimics:** Lou Reed  
**Blurb:** White grew up in Pensacola, Fla., where he became involved with gospel music. He's only been a professional musician a few years, trying his luck with surfing and modeling first. He's released several spiritual, country-folk albums. *No Such Place* is listed as Americana Rock with sounds of folk, pop, and twang. He's considered a southern gothic singer/songwriter. It's a good album, but in my opinion it's not the best.



-Kristy Adams

**Who:** Nikka Costa  
**What:** *Everybody Got Their Something*  
**Mimics:** Macy Gray, Lauren Hill, compared to Janis Joplin and Debbie Gibson.  
**Blurb:** Costa has been performing since age five. Her father, Don Costa, was an arranger, producer, and composer for singers such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Paul Anka and Barbara Streisand. Because of this, Costa easily got into the singing career. On and off since age five, she has performed and released several albums. *Everybody Got Their Something* is her newest release. She describes it as "sexy, gritty, positive and right in the pocket." It has a funky soulful sound that's fun and dance-oriented.



-Kristy Adams



**Who:** Mellow  
**What:** *Another Mellow Spring*  
**Mimics:** Air, Beck, Pink Floyd, Ween, Beatles.  
**Blurb:** This band's been around since September 1997. It began with a nu-psychedelic sound that several guys created. They decided to get together and create a band, Mellow. They've completed several albums, the newest being *Another Mellow Spring*. This album is comparable to 70's pop and has a jazzy feel. Each song has a different style and sound. It's overall great and I strongly recommend giving it a try.

-Kristy Adams

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DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from opening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

**How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breastfeeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.7
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestin only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestin	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Condom (with spermicide)	2	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	27
Vaginal sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1990;76:558-567

\*With Nonoxonol package insert.

**Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- If you think you might be pregnant.
- If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

Birth control you think about just 4 times a year.

- If you have had cancer of the breast.
- If you have had a stroke.
- If you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs.
- If you have problems with your liver or liver disease.
- If you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients.

**What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

- You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
  - a family history of breast cancer;
  - an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray); fibrocystic breast disease; breast nodules or lumps; or
  - bleeding from your nipples.
- kidney disease;
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods;
- high blood pressure;
- migraine headaches;
- asthma;
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures);
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes;
- a history of depression.

**What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months after their last injection. About half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months after their last injection. About 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 9 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

**What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA. If this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 53% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not receive an egg monthly, the regular comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your normal period will usually in time return to its normal cycle.

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

**5 Allergic Reactions**  
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

**6 Other Risks**  
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). Above these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

**What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

- Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:
  - sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung);
  - sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting (problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke));
  - severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg);
  - unusually heavy vaginal bleeding;
  - severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area;
  - persistent pain, pain, or bleeding at the injection site.

**What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**1 Weight Gain**  
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

**2 Other Side Effects**  
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding; acne or skin reactions; menstrual abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness, or fatigue; decreased sexual desire; ingrown toenails; vaginal discharge or irritation; breast swelling and tenderness; bloating; swelling of the hands or feet; headache, depression, insomnia, and pelvic pain; no hair growth or excessive hair loss; rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in this study, but some of these could be serious. These include: convulsions; jaundice; urinary tract infections; allergic reactions; fainting; paralysis; osteoporosis; lack of return to fertility (desire for pregnancy); pulmonary embolism; breast cancer or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

**Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**1 Missed Periods**  
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception you may skip a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

**2 Laboratory Test Interactions**  
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones, such as DEPO-PROVERA.

**3 Drug Interactions**  
Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

**4 Nursing Mothers**  
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to maximize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait at least 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

**How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks). You get a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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**Who:** Tsar  
**What:** *Tsar*  
**Mimics:** 80's Glam Rock  
**Blurb:** Combine powerful rock riffs with some infectious pop melodies and gargantuan amounts of Brit-inspired style and you've got Tsar. With its first single "Silver Shifter," Tsar is definitely one on the wave to underground stardom. Notorious for its glam rock attitude, the Los Angeles based quintet loves to rock with its make-up on.

- Leslie Carol Boehms

**Who:** Diffuser  
**What:** *Injury Loves Melody*  
**Mimics:** Foo-Fighters, Blink-182

**Blurb:** Typical rock meets pop hybrid of the late '90s. There's not much on the way of innovation with this album. However, for the fans of the Foo genre this disc could be a welcome treat. The songs aren't bad they just aren't original. If you need further proof, catch Diffuser at the Nashville River Stages Festival on Sunday, May 6.

- Leslie Carol Boehms



**Who:** Ani DiFranco  
**What:** *Revelling/Reckoning*  
**Mimics:** Pure Ani

**Blurb:** Ani DiFranco has always been known for her ability to fuse jazz, soul and funk, and then combine them with folk to make one style. Her newest record, properly titled *Revelling/Reckoning*, however, shows how she can separate the two if she wants.

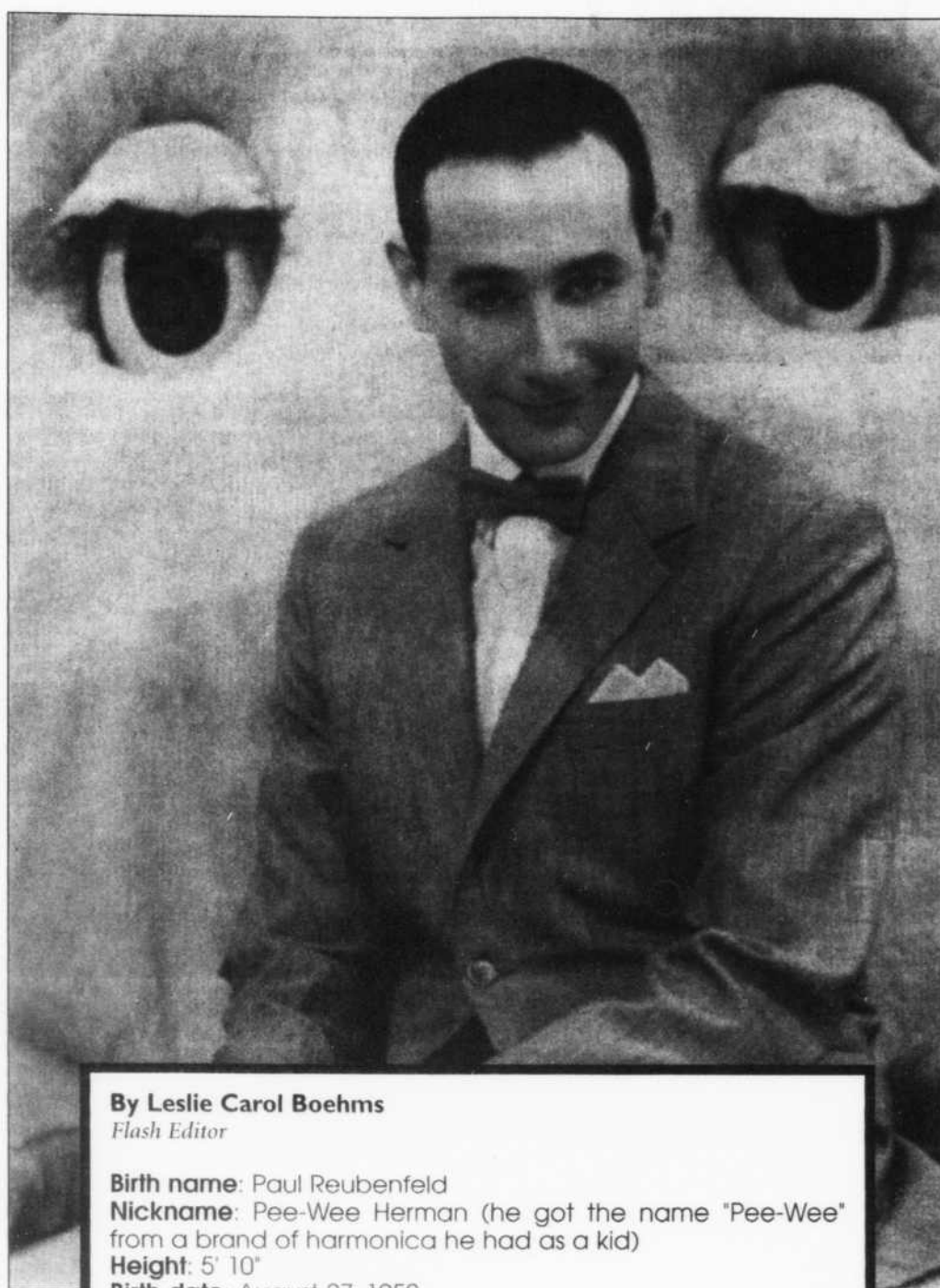
*Revelling* is just that.

DiFranco experiments with jazz and funk to produce a beautiful melody with a groove that is just as easy to get lost in. The other disc, titled *Reckoning*, is a collection of more introspective songs and folk style guitar work — some passionate, some with grit and raw emotion.

One of the most attractive qualities about this record is that it was released on Righteous Babe Records, which is run by artists and offers some of the brightest talent that extends beyond mainstream press and commercial radio.

- Leslie Carol Boehms

# I KNOW YOU ARE BUT WHAT AM I



**By Leslie Carol Boehms**  
 Flash Editor

**Birth name:** Paul Reubenfeld  
**Nickname:** Pee-wee Herman (he got the name "Pee-wee" from a brand of harmonica he had as a kid)  
**Height:** 5' 10"  
**Birth date:** August 27, 1952  
**Birthplace:** Syracuse suburb of Peekskill, New York  
**Hometown:** Sarasota, Florida  
**Education:** California Institute of the Arts, acting major  
**Most notable movies:**  
*Blow* (2001, Derek Foreal)  
*Mystery Men* (1999, The Spleen)  
*Doctor Dolittle* (1998, voice of Raccoon)  
*Buddy* (1997, Professor Spatz)  
*Matilda* (1996, Bob, F.B.I. Agent)  
*Dunston Checks In* (1996, La Farge)  
*The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993, voice of Lock)  
*Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1992, Amilyn)  
*Batman Returns* (1992, Mr. Cobblepot)  
*Meatballs Part II* (1984, Albert)  
*Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams* (1981, Howie Hamburger Dude)  
*Cheech & Chong's Next Movie* (1980, Pee-wee Herman/Desk Clerk)  
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## BASEBALL

Remaining Schedule for 2001

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
April 11	Cumberland University	Lebanon, TN	3:00 p.m.
April 13	*University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock, AR	6:00 p.m.
April 14	*University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock, AR	2:00 p.m.
April 15	*University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock, AR	1:00 p.m.
April 17	University of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	6:00 p.m.
April 18	Belmont University	Greer Stadium/Nashville	6:00 p.m.
April 20	*Louisiana Tech University	Murfreesboro, TN	7:00 p.m.
April 21	*Louisiana Tech University	Murfreesboro, TN	2:00 p.m.
April 22	*Louisiana Tech University	Murfreesboro, TN	1:00 p.m.
April 25	Cumberland University	Murfreesboro, TN	7:00 p.m.
April 27	*New Mexico State University	Murfreesboro, TN	7:00 p.m.
April 28	*New Mexico State University	Murfreesboro, TN	2:00 p.m.
April 29	*New Mexico State University	Murfreesboro, TN	1:00 p.m.
May 4	*Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, KY	6:00 p.m.
May 5	*Western Kentucky University (DH)	Bowling Green, KY	2:00 p.m.
May 8	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN	7:00 p.m.
May 9	University of Tennessee	Murfreesboro, TN	7:00 p.m.
May 11	*University of South Alabama	Murfreesboro, TN	7:00 p.m.
May 12	*University of South Alabama	Murfreesboro, TN	2:00 p.m.
May 13	*University of South Alabama	Murfreesboro, TN	1:00 p.m.
May 15-19	Sun Belt Conference Tournament	Lafayette, LA	TBA

\* Sun Belt Conference Games

## SOFTBALL

Remaining Schedule for 2001

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
April 11	UAB (DH)	Murfreesboro, TN	3:00 p.m.
April 14	Southeast Missouri (DH)	Cape Girardeau, MO	1:00 p.m.
April 17	Austin Peay (DH)	Murfreesboro, TN	3:00 p.m.
April 20	*New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	7:00 p.m.
April 21	*New Mexico State (DH)	Las Cruces, NM	3:00 p.m.
April 22	*New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	1:00 p.m.
April 25	Samford (DH)	Birmingham, AL	4:00 p.m.
April 27	*Florida International (DH)	Murfreesboro, TN	3:00 p.m.
April 28	*Florida International (DH)	Murfreesboro, TN	1:00 p.m.
May 4	*Western Kentucky (DH)	Bowling Green, KY	5:00 p.m.
May 5	*Western Kentucky (DH)	Bowling Green, KY	3:00 p.m.
May 11-13	Sun Belt Conference Tournament	Las Cruces, NM	TBA
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals	TBA	TBA

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# Softball: Looks for next victim

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being 0-for-2, Azevedo had the confidence she could hit.

Since the turnaround in the offense, the Lady Raiders are 14-7. Four of those losses were close games with Louisiana at Lafayette. The Ragin Cajuns went to the College World Series last season.

Leadoff hitter Kip Phillips has been able to get on base. Lisa Sherman successfully moves her over most of the time. Then the three through five hitters really have to come through. Erica Buhl, Martinez, and Azevedo have done that since Rock Hill, and the Lady

Raiders have been successful.

UAB comes into the game having lost four games to eighth-ranked DePaul. UAB has played several ranked opponents this season. Overall they are 19-23. UAB comes from Conference USA where they have posted a 3-5 record.

The Lady Blazers feature a powerful offense. Amber Rouse has a .909 slugging percentage. Cliffanie Engram comes in with a .575 slugging percentage, a .343 batting average, and a team leading 34 RBIs.

UAB has four pitchers, two of whom pitch most of the time. Kerri Foster and Kelli Thompson combine for 186

strikeouts against only 72 free passes. Foster has a 2.37 ERA while Thompson has a 2.52 ERA.

Middle should match-up well with UAB. Both teams feature good pitching and offense. The Lady Raiders might have the better pitching staff with the phenomenal ERA of Martinez, Preator, and Kendall. UAB appears to have an explosive offense, but they will have to be on top of their game against the Lady Raider pitchers.

The game begins at 3 p.m. today at the Lady Raider Field. ♦

## 2001 SUN BELT SOFTBALL

THRU APRIL 8

	SBC GAMES				ALL GAMES				
	W	L	PCT.	STK.	W	L	PCT.	STK.	LS
Louisiana	4	0	1.000	W4	27	6	.818	L1	4-1
Florida International	4	0	1.000	W4	33	13	.717	W6	5-0
New Mexico State	3	1	.750	W3	16	34	.320	W3	3-2
Middle Tennessee	4	4	.500	W4	25	14	.641	W4	4-1
Western Kentucky	1	7	.125	L7	16	22	.421	L4	1-4
Louisiana Tech	0	4	.000	L4	14	15	.483	L4	1-4

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Sidelines is currently accepting applications for summer/fall Advertising Sales Representatives. Must be well organized and demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must work 20 hours M-F 8am-4:30pm. Must have dependable transportation.

Advertising/Marketing majors welcome. Apply in person only at James Union Bldg. Room 306. No phone calls please.

Sidelines is currently accepting applications for Summer/Fall Delivery Staff. Must have a dependable truck of large car. Must work M,W,Th 6-9am. Apply in person only at James Union Bldg. Room 306. No phone calls please.

Professional sitter/ part-time nanny needed to start in August. Keep newborn in my home Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 am-6pm and possibly M,W afternoons. Experience with small babies and references required. Pay negotiable, depending on experience. Nursing, Education or Human Sciences majors encouraged to apply. Interviewing now. Call Suzanne at 217-1062

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Day Camp Counselors Needed. Live in or Near Nashville? Like to Work Outdoors. May 30-Aug 2001. Enjoy working with children in a creative outdoor camping program? Whippoorwill Farm Day Camp has a great job for you with training provided in many areas. We are seeking counselors to teach: Archery, gymnastics, fishing, repelling & climbing, soccer, jewelry & crafts, group singing & music. Certified lifeguards needed also. 7840 Whippoorwill Ln., Fairview, TN 37062. To apply call for a camp staff application. 516-789-9925. Fax resume or letter of interest to 615-799-8244

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Part-Time Job. Sat and Sunday. Heil Beauty Supply. Come in and fill out an application please. Ask for Sherry.

Teacher's Assistant for 3 and 4 year old children. Full Time Grant Funded Position. Available Immediately. \$8.00 per hour with benefits. Teaching/Child Care Training and/or Experience Required. Call or send resume to: Dr. Carol Detmer, Early Childhood Education, Middle Tennessee State University, phone 898-2198, fax 898-5130

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Getting Married/Engaged? I have two beautiful gold rings that are both 10k. One is an engagement ring and other is a wedding band. Asking for \$600. Call Christina @871-9080 to see rings or to buy.

1983 550 Honda Nighthawk. \$1,000 firm. 896-7670. Ask for Ralph

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GT All Terra Mountain Bike \$260. 96 Yamaha Virago 250, black, 6k miles. \$2300w/2 helmets. Must Go, Graduate in May. Call 217-4755

Queen Size Serta, Pillow top, Mattress and box springs w/frame. 8 months old. Rarely used. Paid \$1200, asking \$500 obo. Call 896-3196 or email teresadiener@hotmail.com

Formal Dresses for sale. 2 Royal-Blue-both long-both only worn once-sizes 2 and 5/6. 1 Navy velvet dress-long dress-size small-never worn. 1 Black and White-long dress-size 6 only worn once. 1 Gold short dress-never worn-size 2. Call 896-5922 between the hours of 9AM-9PM Sunday-Friday.

Two Matchbox 20 tickets for Sat. April 14 at 7:00pm in Gaylord Ent. Center. They are in the lower level, section 102, row kk, seats 14 & 15 \$85. Call 904-0094 leave message if I am not there.

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1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex for rent. Large living room, bedroom, and kitchen plus bonus room. Washer/dryer Hook-ups. Close to campus. Lots of windows! \$395 per month. Please call Morgan at 855-0198.Sub-lease immediate-

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Available first weekend in April; male bedroom at University Courtyard Apts. Fully-furnished, private room and bath. Rent covers all utilities, including cable and phone. Only \$395 monthly. As a bonus, sublesor will receive a free computer or free April rent. Call Jeff@867-6846.

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Own bed/bath, no-lease reqd. pool, tennis, pond. beautiful complex, S Tenn Blvd. 2 min. from MTSU, Male or Female/ or 2 friends can take apt. -both rooms available). 506-6662. No smoke/pets/children. 2 bdrm apt w/terrace. \$350/plus utilities

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Female, College Student, no smoking or pets. \$400/mo including all utilities except phone. House in Woodchase subdivision. 907-3295/Abbey

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## The Two Minute Drill

J.P. Plant



Assistant Sports Editor

### Slammin' Tiger

Golfer Tiger Woods has just accomplished a feat thought by many to be impossible. The 25-year-old defeated the game's best at the world's most prestigious golf tournament at the Masters. The win not only signified his second green jacket, but took him to heights never before reached in the history of golf.

The modern Grand Slam of golf is considered by purists to have won all four major golf tournaments, the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open, and the PGA Championship, in one calendar year. Tiger lost last year's Masters expelling the notion of winning a Grand Slam. But since last year's quest for the green jacket, Tiger has won four majors in a row, including this year's Masters.

The summer of 2000 was certainly one for the ages. He began the summer by scorching the field, and history for that matter, and winning the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by an astronomical 15 shots, something even Jack Nicklaus never came close to. One month later at the home of golf, the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews in Scotland, Tiger completed the career Grand Slam, becoming only the fourth player in history to accomplish such a feat. Then Tiger proceeded to shoot a 31 on the back nine at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville to win the PGA Championship in a playoff with Bob May.

These three victories led to the much-debated question during the short offseason, if Tiger wins the Masters will he have won the Grand Slam? Purists say that it must be done in a calendar year. Others say anybody that can place all four trophies on their coffee table should be considered to have won the Grand Slam.

"Is it a Grand Slam? I don't think it makes a difference," Nicklaus told the Associated Press. "What it's called is irrelevant. What he's done is what matters most, and what he's done is unbelievable. I call it the most remarkable feat I have ever seen or heard of in golf."

Are we watching the greatest player ever? Will Tiger break Nicklaus' record of 18 wins in majors? It's too early to say. The Golden Bear still has as many wins in the Masters alone (six) as Tiger has in majors (six). So for now, Jack is still the greatest ever. But what Tiger has already done are things even Jack himself can only dream of.

The severity of dominance Tiger has had in the majors are legendary. And he is only 25. Time and injury are the only obstacles standing in his way from setting the bar in professional golf at unattainable heights. ♦

## Martinez, Azevedo honored

Pitcher of the Week Player of the Week



Martinez



Azevedo

### Staff Reports

Jennifer Martinez and Lindsay Azevedo were named Sun Belt Conference Pitcher and Player of the Week, respectively, for their efforts in a four-game sweep against Louisiana Tech.

Azevedo hit .500 with a slugging percentage of 1.000 in the series. Her biggest day came on Saturday when she went 4-for-6 with two doubles, four RBIs, and a walk-off homerun in game three to give the Lady Raiders a 2-0 win.

The Junior catcher also caught all 28 innings thrown by Martinez and Stayc Preator. The two didn't allow a run the entire series.

"Lindsay had a well-rounded series both hitting and defensively," head coach Karen Green said.

Martinez threw two-straight two hit shutouts retiring 11 straight and 18 of 19 during one stretch in her first game. She took a no-hitter into the fifth in her second start. She struck out 13 hitters with only two walks and limited Tech to a .087 batting average in her two starts.

"This is a big honor and well deserved," said Green. "As two of our top players, they stepped up and played very well this weekend."

Azevedo and Martinez become the first softball players at Middle Tennessee to earn conference honors in the Sun Belt. ♦

# Winning Ways



Junior Steffi Silva makes a hit during the 4-0 sweep against Louisiana Tech.

Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

## Ladies look to extend win streak against UAB

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders try to extend their winning streak in a double-header against the University of Alabama at Birmingham this afternoon.

Middle Tennessee's pitching staff comes in as the best staff in the Sun Belt Conference. Jennifer Martinez and Stayc Preator tossed two shutouts apiece this weekend. The staff earned run average (ERA) improved from an already impressive 1.45 to 1.30 after this weekend's performances.

Martinez was named Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week after her achievements on the mound this weekend.

Martinez and Preator could both see action today. Amanda Kendall who tossed a no-hitter in her last outing might possibly pitch against UAB.

The offense, which struggled early in the season, has come alive in a big way. Lindsay Azevedo was named Sun Belt Conference player of the week for her outstanding offensive production this weekend. Her most crucial hit came in Saturday's first game. In the bottom of the seventh, with the score tied at zero, she blasted a homerun off the scoreboard to give Middle the victory.

In the last game of the four-game sweep against La Tech, the offense was scoring almost every inning. From the top to the bottom of the order everyone was hitting.

Lady Raider coach Karen Green says she believes the turnaround in the offense came in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She says it was just a matter of confidence. She used Azevedo, who before her homerun was 0-for-2 as an example of the increase in confidence. Despite

See Softball, B7

## Blue Raiders to renew old rivalry against Bulldogs



Marshall Nisbitt rounds third.

Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

By R. Colin Fly  
Sports Editor

A day after playing mid-state opponent Belmont, the Blue Raiders travel to Lebanon, Tenn. to face the Cumberland Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs played a double-header yesterday in Cleveland, Tenn. against Lee University. Coming into that game, Cumberland was 30-10, including 20-2 at home.

Outfielder Chris Smith leads Cumberland. The 6-foot-1 lefthanded junior has 54 hits in 121 plate appearances for a .446 batting average. He also leads the team in doubles with 13, total bases with 102 and home runs with 11 as well as carrying a .843 slugging percentage.

Pichi Balet is also batting .400 and leads the Bulldogs in runs batted in with 39.

Five other Bulldogs bat over .300 to boost the team's batting average to .312 on the season.

Cumberland, a perennial National Athletic Intercollegiate

Association power, is 11-2 in the Mid-South Conference and coach Woody Hunt looks for his 21st championship on some level and his seventh trip to the NAIA World Series.

The Bulldogs appeared in five straight NAIA World Series from 1995 to 1999 before missing last season's dance with a 41-19-1 record.

Unfortunately for Cumberland, wins aren't built on reputation.

Middle Tennessee (23-8) is the strongest opponent during Cumberland's 2001 campaign, while the Bulldogs rank in the bottom five for Blue Raider opponents.

The teams have two common opponents. Middle Tennessee took two games from David Lipscomb in March, 21-14 in Nashville and 13-4 at Reese Smith Field. While Cumberland's doubleheader with Lipscomb was postponed.

The Blue Raiders shellacked Trevecca Nazarene 16-0, posting a one-hitter. The Bulldogs defeated the Lions 3-2 in Nashville in their

fourth game of the season.

Middle Tennessee could send any number of pitchers to the hill to start and likely could work in the bullpen early to prepare for the next Sun Belt Conference series this weekend against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

Heading up the pen is senior Kevin Davis and junior Jeremy Armstrong.

Davis is 2-0 with three saves in 11 appearances for MT. He's allowed only three runs in 19 plus innings of work for a 1.37 earned run average. Armstrong has three saves in seven appearances and has not factored into any decision. His ERA is also a microscopic 1.62 in just short of 17 innings.

Senior Josh Renick continues to lead the hitting brigade with a .418 average. He now has 51 hits on the year and leads the team in several statistical categories, including stolen bases and at bats.

The game will start at 3 p.m. ♦


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### WEDNESDAY

#### Baseball

Blue Raiders at Cumberland  
Lebanon, Tenn., 3 p.m.

#### Softball

Lady Raiders vs. UAB (DH)  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders vs. Vanderbilt  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

#### Baseball

Blue Raiders at UALR  
Little Rock, Ark., 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### Baseball

Blue Raiders at UALR  
Little Rock, Ark., 2 p.m.

#### Softball

Lady Raiders at Southeast Missouri (DH)  
Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1 p.m.

#### Outdoor Track

Sea Ray Relays  
Knoxville, Tenn., TBA

### SUNDAY

#### Baseball

Blue Raiders at UALR  
Little Rock, Ark., 1 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders vs. UAB  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

#### Outdoor Track

Sea Ray Relays  
Knoxville, Tenn., TBA

### TUESDAY

#### Baseball

Blue Raiders at Tennessee  
Knoxville, Tenn., 6 p.m.

#### Softball

Lady Raiders vs. Austin Peay (DH)  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 3 p.m.