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Bonnaroo goes green

Rock The Earth, Clean Vibes join together to create a more eco-friendly festival

By DUSTIN EVANS

Assistant News Editor

Rock the Earth and Clean Vibes, two environmental activist groups, worked together with management, musicians, festival-goers and other organizations to reduce the carbon footprint of Bonnaroo 2009.

Elyce Turner, the tour coordinator for Rock the Earth, said she was told that music festivals are the second largest creators of waste on the planet. However, she said she feels that Bonnaroo puts a strong effort in reducing

a carbon footprint.

"Music festivals as a whole are pretty environmentally taxing," Turner said. "But, I see that Bonnaroo does make a lot of effort to curtail the waste that is produced."

Turner said that the music festival has instituted numerous programs, such as encouraging the reuse of water bottles with filtered water, bringing Clean Vibes to pick up litter and waste and setting up trash areas to separate recycling and compost from landfill garbage.

"I have been to Bonnaroo the past two years, [and] they are doing more than they have done in the past," said Taylor Burnham, a festival attendee from Atlanta.

"It is the first year that I have seen a trash can for composting, and people inside with 'Trash Talker' shirts that tell people where their cans need to go."

Burnham also said that he appreciated Planetroo, an area of the festival where attendees can visit between performances to learn about living a sustainable life from organizations like Rock the Earth.

He said that there is even a competition for the campers with the most recycling collected. The winner of the competition won two tickets to next year's festivities.

"I talked to a girl earlier who was trying to get people to come to a Robert Kennedy Jr. talk about environmental protection," said Maureen Conlin, a festival attendee from Philadelphia. "I think that this crowd is really into taking care of the environment as a whole."

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University rushes to find new Greek Life director

By ALEX MOORMAN
News Editor

After two years, MTSU hopes to fill the position of Greek Life director in a few short weeks.

The interview process concluded last Friday and the position should be offered to a candidate within two weeks, said Gene Fitch, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life.

"The position was posted for two weeks and it took a week to review the applicants," Fitch said. "Then we narrowed them down to five candidates."

The possible candidates include: Byron Lightsey, the current Greek Life coordinator, Katie Francisco-Riddle, Tim Burger, Kristal Statlore and Angela King.

Fitch said the university's intent is to find a Greek Life director who is capable of handling MTSU's Greek Life system coupled with bringing someone who will bring a fresh perspective to the Greek community.

"The ideal candidate will be able to articulate a clear vision for MTSU Greek Affairs and possess the skills to move the fraternity and sorority community for-

ward," said Danny Kelley, dean of Student Life.

Fitch said that his main goal in finding a Greek Life director is stability because of the seemingly unsuccessful past two years.

Gentry McCreary, the former Greek Life director, left in July 2007. Since then, two national searches have been performed in an effort to fill his shoes. Carrie Youell, previous Greek Life coordinator and Interim Greek Life director left in 2008.

"I have asked myself why we can't seem to keep a Greek Life director, and I have asked myself that every time we go through a search," Fitch said. "I don't have an answer for why this position can't stay filled."

Fitch said after the two national searches to fill the position, the university hopes to find someone immediately who wants the position and is qualified.

"We've offered the position in the past and it's been turned down," Fitch said. "We have narrowed the candidates down in this last search and we hope to have a decision in the next two weeks," Fitch said.

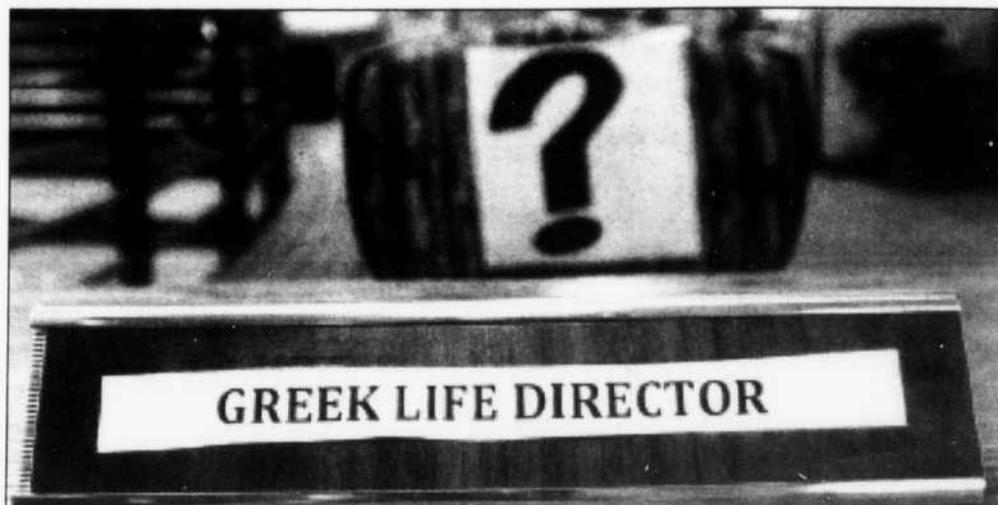


Photo Illustration by Erin O'Leary, photography editor

Last week MTSU began searching for a new Greek Life director. Administrators expect to have a decision made in the next two weeks, in an effort to have the position filled by Fall 2009.

Fitch said the search was hurried along in an attempt to have the position filled by Fall 2009.

"We hope to have a decision made within two weeks, which will include reference checks, background checks and equity and compliance approval," Fitch said. "We really expedited things in order to get someone here as soon as we could."

"Ideally we'd like to have them in that position about a month before classes start back."



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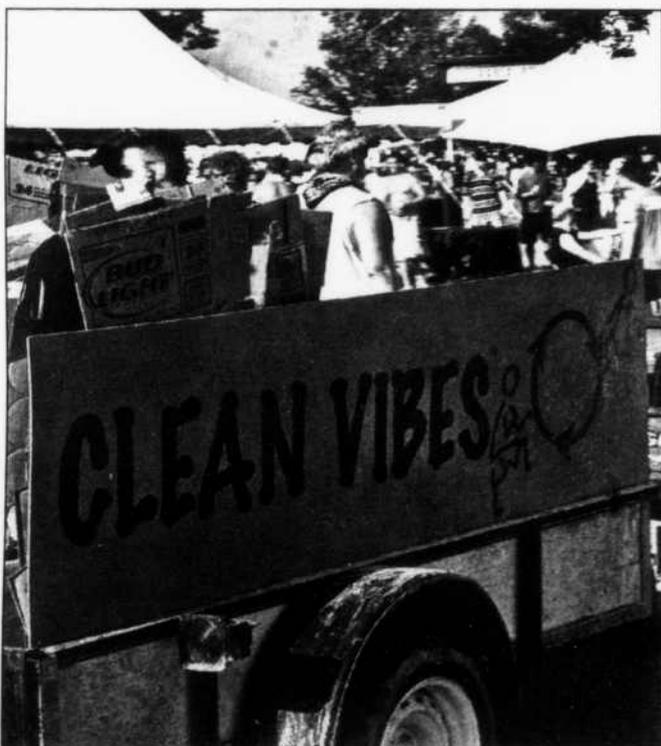


Photo by Jay Bailey, staff photographer

Clean Vibes accepts volunteers every year to attend concerts such as Bonnaroo to help clean up the environment.

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Turner said that Rock the Earth works off a two-armed system. One half of the organization works at festivals and concerts, like herself; while the other half of the organization handles legal and technical battles hands-on. She said their aim is to provide assistance to communities with ecological issues, while informing the rest of the world about the ongoing crisis.

"We partner with members of the music community such as Dave Matthews, Michael Franti, Gov't Mule, and The Alman Brothers [who] bring to us issues around the country where the land is being threatened to unsustainable use," Turner said. "Music fans are really passionate people, so we want to get them fired up about all of these issues that are very near and dear to the hearts of the musi-

cians that they are fans of."

Turner said that by providing education and outreach at festivals and events, they are able to sign up members and accept donations. Of all of the donations and membership dues that Rock the Earth collect, 85 percent of the donations go to the resolution of environmental issues.

Lauren Williams, a festival attendee from New York City, said she feels the festival definitely adds to the problem.

"They spent a lot of energy being green, but if the event didn't exist it would be a lot better for the environment overall," Williams said. "I guess it is better than doing nothing."

However, Turner said that people need to stay around to see Clean Vibes in action.

"Yes, the ground [gets] littered, but Green Vibes will come in with a line of people and they do a sweep of the field, [and] they are sorting as

they sweep," Turner said.

Dylan Burnett, an MTSU student in the recording industry management program, said that while attending Bonnaroo 2009, he felt positive about the use of green programs and bringing in local businesses as vendors.

"The environmental effects are wonderful because they don't have to bring in external resources," Burnett said. "I think it is an experience that everybody should enjoy."

Turner said that the atmosphere of music festivals allows Rock the Earth to reach a larger number of people, especially festivals like Bonnaroo, who bring in eco-conscious people.

"Bonnaroo makes a lot of effort to be as green as possible, and so I think the environmental groups benefit from that," Turner said. "I think they are on the right track, [and] that each year, they get better and better at reducing the carbon-footprint that this festival makes."

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIN O'LEARY

CURRENT EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by the MTSU Admissions Office

June 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Keathley University Center, Room 322

The Meat Puppets

June 17, 8 p.m.

Admission: \$15

Location: Exit/In

Acoustic Night with Jim Elrod and the Sinners

June 19, 8 p.m.

Admission: Free

Location: The Boro Bar and Grill

The Neverending Story Midnight Movies at the Belcourt

June 19-20, 12 a.m.

Admission: Adults-\$8.50; Students, Seniors and
Military-\$6.25

CRIME BRIEFS

June 7, 11:53 p.m.

Traffic

East Main St.

Anna Soria was issued citations for failing to obey a traffic control device and driving without a license.

June 9, 10:56 p.m.

Vandalism

Cope Administration Building

MTSU property was vandalized. The damages are estimated under \$500.

June 10, 9:16 p.m.

Theft

Recreation Center

A bicycle was stolen from the Rec Center.

June 12, 1:27 a.m.

Traffic

Sir Pizza -1902 E. Main St.

Jessica Sanders was arrested for her third violation of driving on a suspended license.

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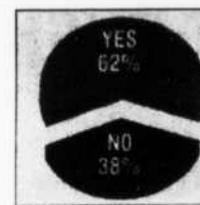
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What happens in Vegas, st

By ANDREW SWANSON
Staff Writer

Phil, Stu and Alan have a problem. It isn't the angry 5-foot-naked Asian man in their trunk. Nor is it that they were drugged, and possibly raped, the night before. No, their problem is that sometime during a night of debauchery and excess, they lost their best

friend Doug...and stole a tiger.

That is the plot of Todd Phillip's ("Old School," "Road Trip") newest comedy "The Hangover." Staring Bradley Cooper (Phil), Ed Helms (Stu) and Zach Galifianakis (Alan), "The Hangover" takes you through Las Vegas as three friends try to recap their night and find their friend Doug (Justin Bartha).

Like most comedies, this movie is

character driven and the three stars are hilarious. Cooper plays a great egotistical jerk, Helms is the perfect balance to Cooper and Galifianakis is just out of his mind.

In fact, Galifianakis is probably the best part of the whole movie. There are a bunch of scenes where it just seems like the script says "Zach talks here." You can tell he is improving many of his lines by watching the other actors. There are points in the film where they are trying really hard not to laugh at what he is saying.

You can't write off Cooper and Helms, though. Both of them are fantastic in their roles. We've seen Cooper play the jerk before and he does it well in this film. However-

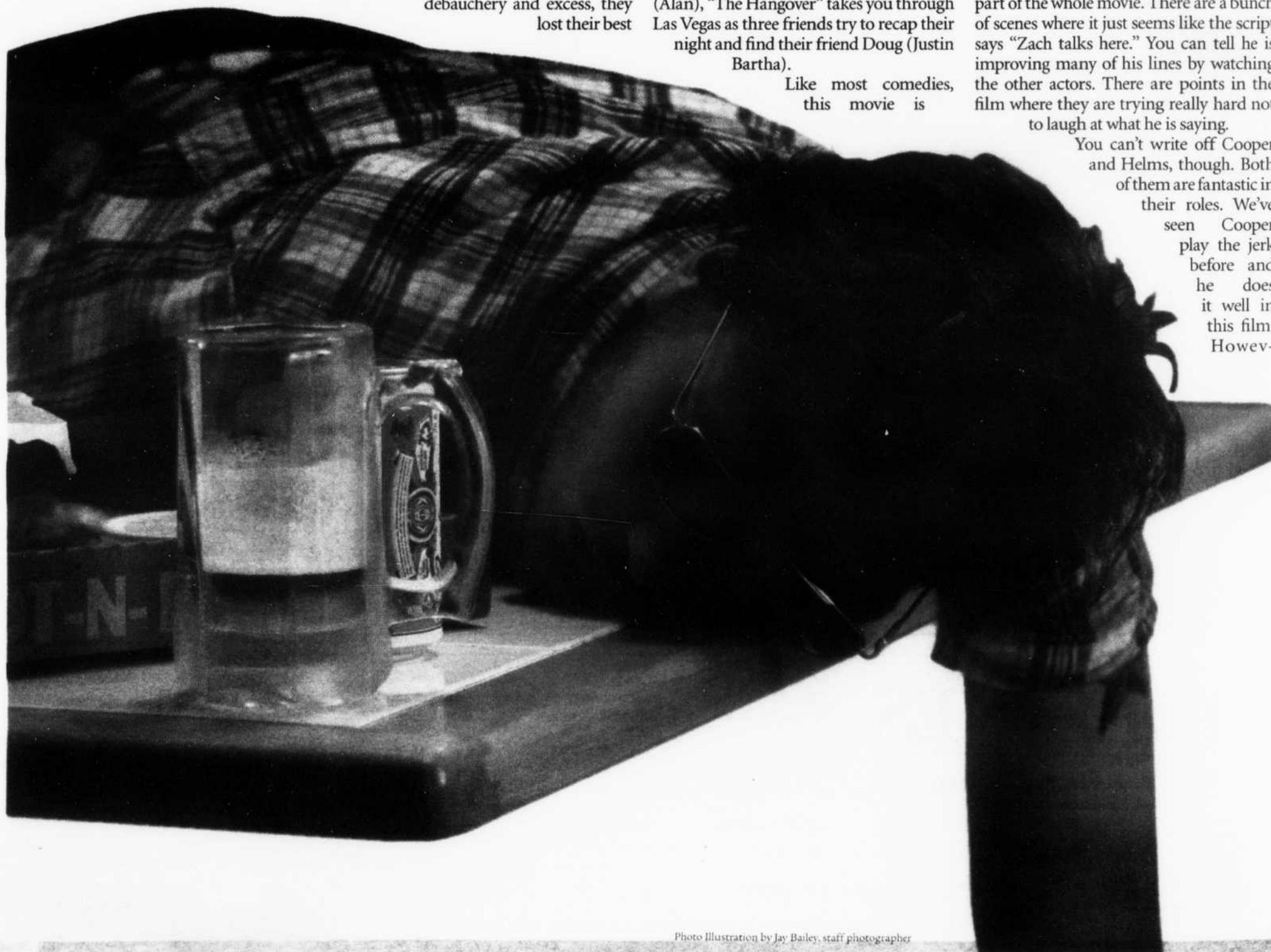


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'The Hangover'

Days in Vegas

er, he isn't a complete [expletive], because he does care about his friends, and in the end he even realizes how much he loves his wife and kid.

The supporting characters are also great. Ken Jeong as Mr. Chow is out-of-control funny. Watching him run around naked and straddle Cooper's face while beating him with a crowbar is great. Plus, anytime Mike Tyson speaks you can't help but laugh, though you wouldn't want to laugh in his face for fear that he might break your jaw.

Visually, the movie has some high points outside of the standard comedy zone. The trashed hotel villa is fantastic. An over-

flowing bathtub with an inflatable sex doll and dolphin floating in it, a smoldering chair, a mountain of beer bottles and even a chicken is roaming around. When it comes to the mess, Cooper sums it up perfectly when he says "it just means we had a great time last night."

The editing is also enjoyable. For the most part, Debra Neil-Fisher edits this movie like any other comedy. There are not fancy form cuts or fades, just standard cuts between scenes that keeps the film moving at a solid pace.

Although, there are two points in the movie where normal cuts are not used: the short montage of them arriving in Las Ve-

gas, which really ends up being a bunch of shots of casinos, and the scene on the roof where the guys take their first drink of the night. This scene marks the last time the audience will see them until they wake up.

Instead of using a fade to black setting, the director bridges the time between night and day by filming Las Vegas from night to day.

"The Hangover" is a great summer comedy for anyone who has partied a little too hard. At some point in time, everyone has woken up, looked at the toilet that somehow managed to end up in the living room and said "What the [expletive] did I do last night?"

The Brew Review



Las Vegas will never be the same after three guys invade the city to find their friend Doug. In the process, they steal a tiger, are drugged and possibly raped, and end up with an angry 5-foot-naked Asian in their trunk.

4/5 Brews

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cops can't catch texters

The June 3 article, "One less distraction for drivers," certainly hit home for me, as I'm sure it did to others. Though my stance on the upcoming law is less than favorable than that of the writer.

While I can certainly see his points on texting being a distraction, the truth is that the law will not be able to enforce this with any solid evidence. When a driver speeds, police can catch that by radar. When they drive intoxicated, police can positively identify this as well. But texting?

If you're one of the thousands with an iPhone or some other smartphone, you use it not only to text, but to surf the Web, to dial a call, jot a note and to control music just like an iPod. So how can a cop determine what one would be doing on this device when they can't even see it?

And even if you're not one with an iPhone, I would safely assume more than half the people driving use an iPod in their car. If you were texting in your lap and got pulled over, what would stop you from dropping the phone in a cup holder and picking up your iPod? Can a police officer have any justification for citing you on texting when he has no proof?

Going beyond the mistaken source of distraction, not everyone becomes a reckless driver by texting. For anyone who has buttons on their phone and regularly texts, being able to do so without even looking is fairly easy. You could send entire messages without looking at the phone even once!

Mr. Harper may have his entitlement to road rage when he sees some ditz texting while driving with her knees. Though as for me, as long as she keeps her car in her lane and in her control, I'm not concerned with what she does on her phone. Nor should the Tennessee General Assembly or Gov. Phil Bredesen.

I can't wait to see police try to enforce this one.

Ryan Green

Senior Mass Communications

SGA needs gender identity

For far too long, the Student Government Association has been paying lip service to the idea of having a diverse student government - at least this is the portrait they attempt to paint.

Currently, a bill is up for discussion in the SGA that could change this negative perception. The bill would amend the nondiscrimination policy in the SGA constitution to add "gender identity and expression." The proposed bill needs to be passed twice with a two-third's majority vote.

If passed, the bill would show compassion toward SGA constituents and the willingness of the SGA to embrace diversity. Getting such a bill passed by the senate for students to vote on will help the SGA begin to rebuild credibility and tolerance in the eyes of the student body.

A few people may find this bill to add gender identity and expression "slightly redundant" because the current nondis-



Guest Columnist

Brandon Thomas

crimination policy protects gender and sexual orientation. But this thought process is not only insulting to me, but to all those that consider themselves transgendered. Any other thought process marginalizes who they are.

The legislation comes down to the differences between sex and gender. The term sex refers to physical characteristics like hormones and chromosomes. Gender refers to how we identify our-

selves. Sex is male, female or intersex, but gender is the composite of who we feel we are inside and within our social culture.

Sexual orientation, as included in the current nondiscrimination policy, simply refers to whom we are attracted to sexually. This is why gender identity and expression cannot fit neatly into gender and sexual orientation. It leaves a gray area for discrimination against gender identity students.

The addition of gender identity and expression would be symbolic not only for the LGBT community, but for the entire student body as well. The current nondiscrimination policy is symbolic, but it's a form of symbolism we need to actively evolve.

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John Kroes

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FIU hopes for winning season

By ZAC DEFRANCESCA
Contributing Writer

Last Year's Record: 5-7

The 2008 season began tough for the Golden Panthers as they took on three straight BCS opponents. Once they hit conference play, however, they quickly turned things around. A 2-0 start in conference let teams know that they were no longer a pushover. Things leveled out for Florida International University, but as the season ended they were a close loss to Louisiana-Monroe and a heartbreaking loss to Florida Atlantic away from being bowl eligible.

Toughest Opponent in 2009: Sept. 12 at University of Alabama

Last year FIU took on BCS powers to start their season and test its players. This year will be no different. The Golden Panthers open its season against preseason Top 10 team Alabama. If Alabama loses to Virginia Tech in week one they could come out against FIU looking to prove something. That would be the worst case scenario for the Golden Panthers as they wouldn't want to be tackling dummies and risk injuries so early in the season.

Key Game in 2009: Oct. 17 vs. Troy University

After playing two of the lesser teams in the Sun Belt to open conference play, FIU hosts Troy to open its home conference schedule. With the coaching staff's goals of a bowl game in 2009, FIU knows it must go through Troy. Winning this game and potentially starting 3-0 in the conference would be a huge step towards accomplishing those goals.

Key Players: WR T.Y. Hilton and QB Paul McCall

Hilton was fourth in the nation last year in all purpose yards as a freshman and accounted for touchdowns in the four different ways, including a touchdown pass. In his second season, he must avoid a sophomore slump, and offensive coordinator Bill Legg has to find more ways to get the ball in Hilton's hands. Part of the responsibility will fall on Senior Paul McCall. McCall won the starting job last year during the season and this season needs to play with confidence. A strong receiving corps will have to carry the offensive load and potentially the team if FIU wants a bowl game appearance.

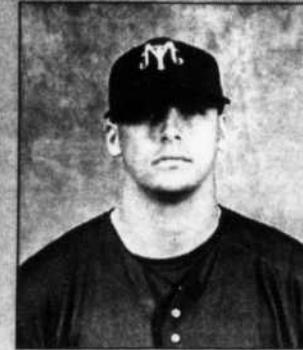
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Nambawa, Gbagbeke place in top three at NCAA meet

MT sends four athletes to NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., Cox, Morgan eliminated in preliminaries

By STEPHEN CURLEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Two Blue Raiders earned All-American honors at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships that wrapped up Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

Sophomore Stanley Gbagbeke finished as national runner-up in the long jump after a career best distance of 26-3 (8.00m). Florida State's Ngonidzashe Makusha finished first with a jump of 26-7.25 (8.11m).

The Nigerian beat out his next closest competitor, Nicholas Gordan of Nebraska, by just one one-thousandth of a meter (or a quarter of an inch).

His jump Friday of 25-6.75 (7.79m) landed him in the finals the next day.

Junior Sarah Nambawa finished third overall in the women's triple jump Saturday after a leap of 45-3 (13.79m). Yasmine Regis of Texas A&M and overall winner Kim Williams of Florida State finished ahead of her.

The award is the Kampala, Uganda native's first Outdoor All-American honor, and the first Middle Tennessee woman to earn an Outdoor All-American recognition since Dionne Rose in 1994.

Gbagbeke's performance gave the Blue Raiders men's team six points for the team competition, tying them for 32nd overall with Northern Arizona, Georgia Tech and Iowa State.

Nambawa's efforts gave the women's team eight points to tie them for 43rd with Houston, Hampton and Stanford.

Despite the low overall ranks, the Middle Tennessee men and women finished ahead of every other Sun Belt Conference school represented at the competition. The Texas A&M men and women both took first place.

Junior Brittany Cox also participated

Friday, competing in the shot put in her first NCAA Championship appearance.

Senior Carl Morgan participated in the triple jump to finish a year that saw him reach his career high in that event.

The competition signaled the end of the season for the track and field teams, with select athletes competing in various events over the summer, including

the International Athletics Federations World Championships in August in Berlin.

The women's and men's track teams cap a season that saw 10 NCAA regional marks, along with 24 personal bests in various events and two school records broken.

Junior Zamzam Sangau broke the school record in the 3,000m as she lapped Sharon Smith's record, which has stood since 1989, by over 13 seconds at the Vanderbilt Invitational. The Kampala, Uganda native was also on the relay team with sophomore Marla Bailey and senior Ashley Comstock that broke a school record held since 1991 by nearly 12 seconds.

Coach Dean Hayes finishes his 43rd year with MTSU, adding to an already great career as runner-up spot in the Sun Belt Conference for the men's team, a third place conference finish for the women and a significant contribution to another Bubas Cup win for the Blue Raider athletic department.

His resume includes 29 Ohio Valley Conference championships, 14 Sun Belt Conference championships, 18 NCAA Top 25 finishes and 44 athletes winning 84 All-American awards. He has also had great success on an international level, coaching multiple teams sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee or USA Track and Field.



Photos by Bradley Lambert, MT Media Relations

Junior Sarah Nambawa (left) and Sophomore Stanley Gbagbeke (right) came home with medals at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.



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Murfreesboro, Tenn. loses bid for high school football championships



Check it out in next week's issue

"Sidelines" continues its' Sun Belt Summer Football Preview with the University of Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns