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Faculty Senate wants CLEP policy changed

By Meagan Kirby
Staff Writer

Some students have discovered a way to pass classes they have already failed.

Two students taking professor Earl Pearson's chemistry class used CLEP examinations to replace their failing grades in the course.

The College Level Examination Program allows students to take an exam and earn credit hours for a course in lieu of actually attending the course all semester.

"One of my students sent an e-mail to me asking me to

approve of his taking the CLEP exam to replace the grade that he got in my class," Pearson explained. "My first response was no, that is not appropriate, but after I looked up the policy in the catalog, and saw it was approved there, I had no choice but to let him."

The policy reads, "Credit for CLEP or special examinations may be used to repeat an equivalent course for the removal of an F from a student's permanent record. (This includes both MTSU and transfer records.)"

After reading this, Pearson presented the issue to John Divencenzo, a Faculty Senate



member for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, who brought it up at a recent senate

meeting.

"Simply taking an exam that is not indicative of the course

Some students CLEP out of courses that they have already failed, which has some professors worried.

that a student has clearly failed is not right," Divencenzo said.

Pearson said the problem is exacerbated by the word order of the paragraph.

"The way it is stated presents a loophole for students to use," he said.

The Faculty Senate is currently drafting a policy revision proposal to address the matter.

At their meeting Monday, then-president Dan Pfeifer said the senate is trying to revise the policy on CLEP tests so that students can only take a CLEP test for a particular course twice. Currently, students can take a CLEP test for one course an unlimited amount of times.

Also, the senate wants to revise the policy so that students can't replace a grade they already earned with a CLEP test grade, which would be either pass or fail.

Current senate President Larry Burris could not be reached for comment before press time. ♦

Legendary jazz artist to perform Saturday

Saxophonist plays his music internationally

By Jennifer Kirk
Contributor

Jazz artist Benny Golson, will be performing at MTSU's Jazz Festival Saturday.

This legendary jazz musician is also hosting a master class, a distinguished lecture series, at noon.

Golson will perform at the Wright Music Building Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. There will also be six combinations of different jazz artists performing throughout the day.

"This is the fifth year for the Jazz Festival event at MTSU," said Don Alaquo, director of jazz studies and the coordinator of the program.

Alaquo and Dana Landry, a colleague of Alaquo, officially started the Jazz Festival events at MTSU in 1999. This is Alaquo's second year directing the program.

"We think it's the most important thing we do for the students and the community," Alaquo said.

According to Alaquo, Golson is a wonderful person with the spirit of a kid. He is a multitalented and internationally jazz legend that is a composer, an arranger, a lyricist and a great saxophonist.

"He's been around for a while but is still very active in jazz music," Alaquo said.

Golson's pieces have been performed for generations.

He will be performing some of these legendary pieces with the jazz band students.

Traveling all over the United States, Europe, Asia and South America, Golson has been playing the music he loves.

Golson is the only living jazz artist to have written eight standards for jazz repertoire.

These jazz standards have found their way into countless recordings internationally over the years and are still being recorded.

Tickets are on sale for \$12 for the public and free for all MTSU students, faculty, and staff.

For more information on tickets, call 898-2493, or visit www.bennygolson.net. ♦



Golson

METAL TO THE MAX



The Tony Danza Tapdance Extravaganza's lead singer, Jessie Freeland, screams onstage at last week's Music on the Knoll event, which featured hardcore bands. Today, as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, artists from the Nashville Songwriters Association International will perform at 2 p.m. Next Thursday, deejays will take the stage at noon, followed by Tortured Soul at 5 and Lasertag afterward. The following Thursday, The Features and The Bangup will perform. In case of rain, a student programming spokesman said the event would be moved inside Keathley University Center.

Disqualified SGA candidate plans to file suit

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

The Student Judicial Board Tuesday denied the appeal of disqualified Student Government Association presidential candidate Matt Chapman.

Consequently, Chapman has decided to file an injunction with Rutherford County over what he said is a violation of his rights.

"What we're looking at doing is possibly taking this before a judge down at the courthouse, looking into some of our options there," Chapman said.

Chapman's troubles began when the SGA Election Commission found Chapman had violated the Electoral Act by

having his Web site up two days before the start of campaigning.

The judicial board denied his appeal on March 30, after the elections were held. Although Chapman won the most votes (900), he was disqualified by the Election Commission on March 31.

"We wouldn't be fighting for this if 900 students didn't vote for Chapman," said Dennis Clark, Chapman's campaign advisor.

Clark said that Chapman has been speaking with an attorney from Chattanooga as to the specifics of potential legal action against the Election Commission.

"I'm almost certain that a

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New 'Sidelines' editor chosen

By Wendy Caldwell
Opinions Editor

The Sidelines Publications Committee selected State and Local News Editor Jason Cox as editor in chief for the summer and fall 2004 terms.

Managing Editor Amanda Maynard and Campus News Editor Kristin Hall were also contenders for the position.

"All three of the candidates could have made great editors,"

said current Editor in Chief Patrick Chinnery. Chinnery served as editor in chief of Sidelines from Summer 2003 through Spring 2004.

The editor is selected each semester by the publications committee. Voting committee members are Sidelines adviser Wendell Rawls, former School of Journalism Chair Richard Campbell, former Chicago Tribune writer Jack Hurst and Dean of Student Life John David Hays. Interim director of the school of journalism Larry Burris is also a member, but wasn't at the meeting and didn't vote.

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Cox

Free HIV tests available on campus today

Health Services also offering other STD exams

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Health Services will offer free HIV, gonorrhea and chlamydia testing today.

"The state Department of Health has allocated some outreach funding for college campuses and so forth to do these screenings," said Rick Chapman, director of Health Services.

An information table will be set up in the lobby of Keathley University Center

today from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Students aren't required to make an appointment ahead of time, but they are encouraged to visit the table to obtain more information.

The HIV test won't require blood to be drawn, Chapman said. Instead, the physicians will use OraSure, an oral swab test.

"A lot of times the students—especially the guys—don't come in and get tested because of the probe," Chapman said. "But this is a non-invasive test ... so anybody that doesn't like needles or doesn't like the other process for testing, this is a good way to do it."

HIV tests will be available in KUC, Room 318, as well as Health Services.

Gonorrhea and chlamydia testing—done via urine sample—will be conducted in the Health Services building.

Chapman said tests will be sent off to the state lab for processing, which should take about a week.

"This urine test is really an expensive test—70, 80, 90 bucks," Chapman said. "So to get it for free is a good thing."

Physician's assistant Shandora Dorse said getting tested for gonorrhea and chlamydia is important because those who have it often don't know that they do.

"Especially in females, you don't get a whole lot of symptoms with chlamydia, but also sometimes you don't get a lot of symptoms with gonorrhea," Dorse said.

In a few cases, she said, there have been males with gonorrhea and/or chlamydia, but they had no symptoms.

"Usually males will have burning on urination and a discharge," Dorse said.

Chapman said students who are under 18 don't need parental consent for the tests, and results are confidential for all patients.

Dorse said offering on-campus testing for sexually transmitted diseases is important because many students are sexually active.

Dorse said that there is also a connection between alcohol and the occurrence of STDs.

"It's important that [students] know their status," Dorse said. ♦

Sorority benefit raises money for philanthropy

By Adam Parker
Staff Writer

Four local bands played for free last Thursday night, donating their time and rock 'n' roll to a Phi Chi benefit.

After all the smoke and noise had cleared from the show, Phi Chi had raised \$295 for the Breathe Better Foundation.

According to its Web site, the Denver, Co.-based Breathe Better Foundation's goal is "to improve the quality of life of children and adults with asthma and allergies through patient - care, education and community resources."

The opening band, Knife Fight, got everyone in the mood. The three-piece punk/metal band's stage presence was literally in-your-face. In fact, the only member who stayed onstage was their drummer.

The other two played on the dance floor, rubbing shoulders (and sweat) with the audience. Memorable moments include their bassist jumping up on top of the partition between the stage and the bar and their final song. The last song, titled "We are Knife Fight," was at once a soon-to-be-classic

metal anthem as well as an effective slogan for the band, featuring the repeated chorus, "We are Knife Fight!"

Up next was Spiral, a catchy pop-punk band whose members wore Batman shirts for no apparent reason. The band had just enough tricks up its sleeve to separate it from your standard Green Days or Blink 182s.

They actually played guitar solos and their bassist used an effect on his synthesizer, temporarily steering the band off the beaten path of punk.

Then Seven Days Divided jumped onstage, and their lead singer didn't stop jumping. Featuring two guitarists, a drummer, a bassist and a singer, their sound, as loud and discordant as it is, is always anchored around a body-shaking groove, which any starts with one instrument, followed by the rest of the band. And they play musical hot potato with their groove, each musician passing it on to the next without warning.

The final act was Hinder. Raw like punk, heavy like metal, and tight like true musicians, their songs have enough stylistic twists that neither of the above accurately describes the



Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

Hinder perform at The Boro Bar and Grill last Thursday night as part of a Phi Chi benefit for the Breathe Better Foundation.

Other bands performed as well, and the group raised almost \$300.

band. Featuring three clean-cut kids (whose singer looks like a young Jerry Lee Lewis), the band played an intense, show closing-set. Though they appeared to be recklessly beating their instruments, their sound is intricate,

full of tempo changes, clean guitar melodies unpredictably thrown in between heavy sections, and an occasional jazzy or bluesy riff.

However, the show almost didn't happen.

In fact, the original lineup consisted of three bands, only one of which ended up playing: Seven Days Divided. The other two bands, Autumn Mourning and Destroy Destroy Destroy, dropped out - on short notice.

"The show was Thursday and two of the bands had notified me on Tuesday that they couldn't play," said Tina Barwick, who organized the event.

Autumn Mourning cancelled their show due to a sudden lineup change and Destroy Destroy Destroy had already played a free show on the Keathley University Center Knoll earlier that day.

So with just two days to go, members of Autumn Mourning contacted their friends who played in Spiral; Seven Days Divided invited Hinder; and Knife Fight, which was asked many months ago to play this show, arrived at the last minute to help out.

Barwick said she enjoyed the music, enjoyed the fund-raising success and promises to organize similar benefit shows in the future. ♦

Editor: Cox has been on staff since September 2000

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The committee reviews each candidate's application and interviews each candidate. They then make their selection on a point-based system.

"I think the committee made

an excellent choice with Jason," Chinnery said. "I'm expecting great things from *Sidelines* under his leadership."

Cox is a senior journalism major and has been a member of the *Sidelines* staff since Fall 2000. While at *Sidelines*, he has

held various editorial staff positions, serving as managing editor, news editor, assistant news editor, opinions editor, state and local news editor and copy editor.

As editor in chief, Cox plans to enhance *Sidelines'* state and

local news section by including more coverage of local government. In addition, he also plans to expand the practicum program.

"I think we're going to have a great staff and a great year next year," Cox said. ♦

Lawsuit: Chapman says rights violated

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judge will say that this is wrong," Clark said.

The Electoral Act outlines the procedure for disqualifying a candidate in Article XII, Section 1, where it reads, "The Election Commission will act as a trial court."

"I was not present at this meeting to disqualify me so there is no possible way that the

Election Commission could have acted as a trial court," Chapman said in his appeal on Tuesday.

This is a violation of due process, Chapman said, and it denied him a fair hearing.

Last night, SGA inducted runner-up John Stewart as president.

"I'm more interested in trying to get this off-campus and working in a legal system,"

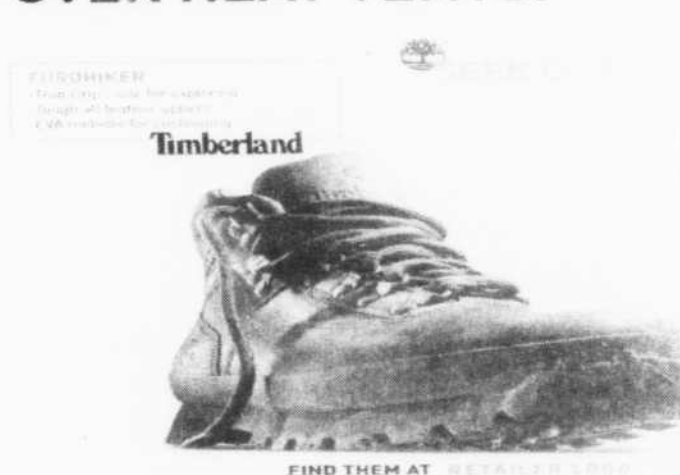
Chapman said.

Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner, declined to comment. ♦

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Hefner to get assistant, cover costs of Super Bowl tickets

By Matt Gouras
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee State University President James Hefner needs help running his school and will pay the institution for a Super Bowl trip he got from a big vendor, the Board of Regents said Wednesday.

The Regents are reacting to two state audits released last week. One said Hefner "exploited his position" to get about \$10,000 worth of giveaways, including Super Bowl tickets, from food services vendor ARAMARK Corp. The other found mismanagement and a multi-million-dollar deficit at TSU's foundation.

"Given the scope of the deficiencies in management ... it is clear that Dr. Hefner must have senior level assistance in getting the university onto the right track," Regents Vice Chairman Stanley Rogers said Wednesday in a statement.

The Regents said they are appointing an executive vice president within six weeks to run day-to-day operations on campus. The change means Hefner will be left to focus solely on fund-raising and external affairs.

The new chief operating officer will report to Hefner but also will talk directly to the Regents and Chancellor Charles Manning. The current vice presidents at TSU will report to

the new executive.

"While Dr. Hefner has done many fine things during his tenure at TSU, there are important management issues that are not being addressed," Rogers said.

The board said Hefner agreed to give \$9,859.72 into a scholarship fund as restitution for taking the Super Bowl tickets and hotel accommodations.

Hefner issued a statement last weekend that spoke at length about his achievements at TSU but said little about the audit.

"I look forward to the time when I can discuss the particulars of this audit in greater detail, for there is much to say," he said in an open letter

released Sunday. "For now, let me just say I deeply regret if anything I have done has cast this office or Tennessee State University in unflattering light."

The Regents said Rogers will make recommendations to them in June about "possible additional actions" regarding Hefner.

Manning told The Associated Press he has not heard anyone mention the possibility of calling for Hefner's resignation but went on to say the door was left open as "recognition that something else might need to be done."

Gov. Phil Bredesen, who also is chairman of the Board of Regents, has said Hefner's actions showed some "lapses" in

judgment — but has not specifically called for any punishment.

On Wednesday, Bredesen compared the problem at TSU's foundation, which at one point was \$2.6 million in the hole, with the problems that forced former UT president John Shumaker to resign.

"There's obviously a management problem when you spend \$2.6 million more than you have, and it's one of the issues I know the Board of Regents is taking up," he said. "There was a substantial piece of the UT problem that had to do with the foundation's involvement there. The foundations have shown up again in TSU."

Bredesen said he's pushing

legislation to impose controls and audits on school foundations across the state.

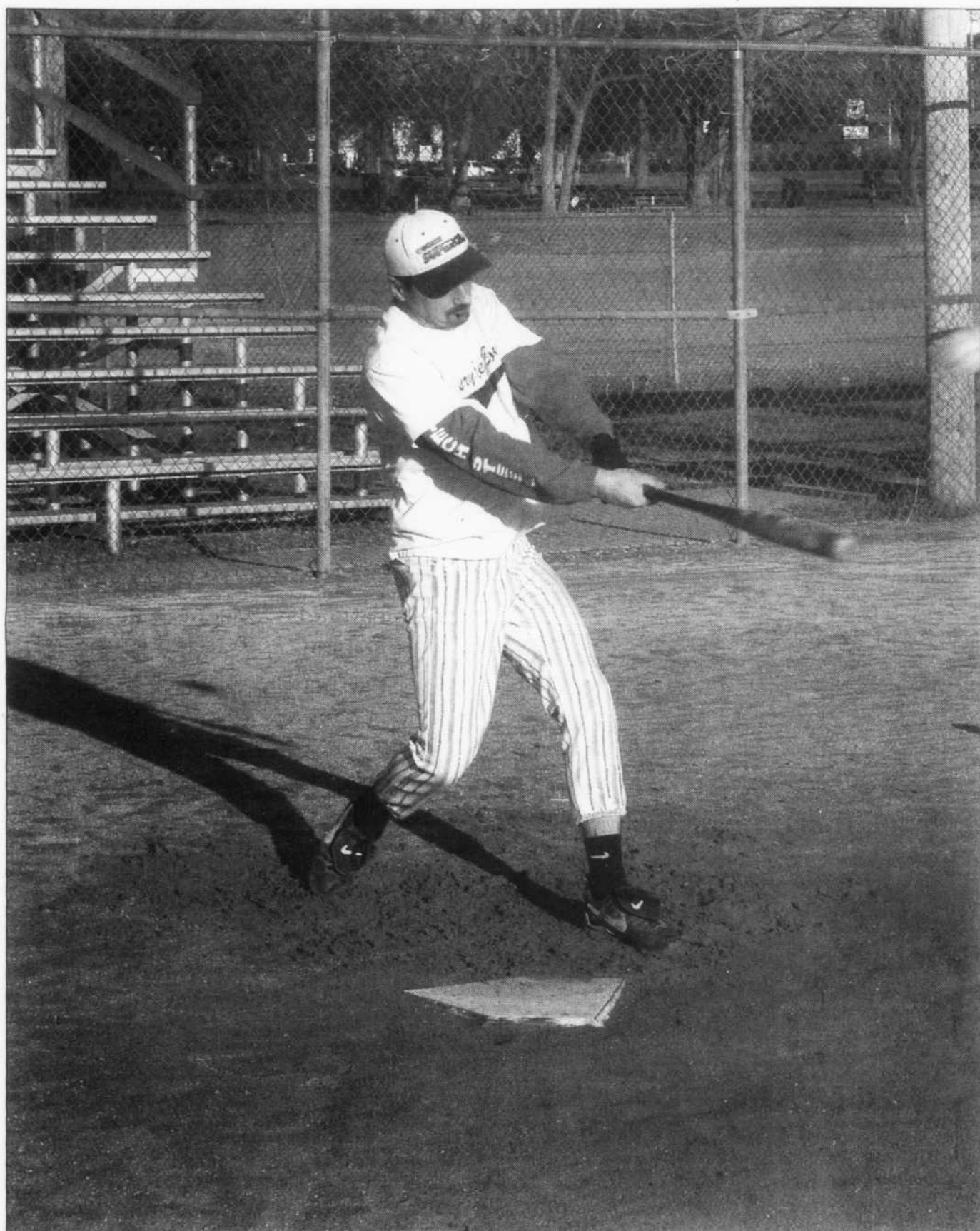
The Regents also are looking into gifts ARAMARK gave other school officials across the state, including Atlanta Braves tickets for East Tennessee State University vice presidents and golf outings for officials at other schools.

"Our concern is that individuals not benefit from vendors," said Bob Adams, the Regents' vice chancellor for business and finance.

Manning said Hefner has been told about the new vice president position.

"He's agreed to that, and from my perspective he's comfortable with that," he said. ♦

Home run



Mark Earls of Murfreesboro, a Mi-Tech softball team member, practices at Old Fort Park yesterday.

Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Sex offenders may pay more for crime

Staff Reports

A bill working its way through the General Assembly would place tighter restrictions on convicted sex offenders and change the registration process.

Titled "Tennessee Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004," the legislation would require non-indigent convicts to pay registration fees, increase the penalties for failure to register from a misdemeanor to a felony charge, and alter the procedure for removal from the Tennessee sex offender database.

The measure is sponsored by local Rep. Kent Coleman (D — Murfreesboro).

In addition, the publicly available database would include the offender's physical address as well as any secondary residences, the name, address and the telephone number of the closest living relative, whether the victims were minors or adults and whether minors live at any of the listed residences. The database would also include if the registrant's employment involved work with minors.

Punishment for failure to register or report in a timely manner would be altered to make the penalty a class E felony, rather than a class A felony. The punishment would actually be reduced for the first offense, with the imprisonment time reduced from no less than 180 days to no less than 90 days. The fine would be \$350 for the first offense.

Second offenses would bring a penalty of at least a \$600 fine and no less than 180 days in jail.



Coleman

Third and subsequent offenses would incur a fine of at least \$1,100 and no less than one year in jail.

Violent offenders are currently required to register for life, but the current list of violent offenses — rape, aggravated sexual battery, rape of a child or criminal attempt — would be expanded to include sexual exploitation of a minor, aggravated kidnapping of a minor by a non-parent, sexual battery by an authority figure, solicitation of a minor and rape by non-forceful means without consent or via fraud.

Offenders will now register with the local sheriff's department, not the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The local law enforcement agency would subsequently inform the TBI of the registration.

Non-violent offenders, who are by law required to be removed from the registry once they have been out of jail and not under any supervision for 10 years, will go through an administration process through the TBI. This would be a change from the current system, in which the offender petitions the local county court for removal from the sex offender registry.

Both the House and Senate versions of the bill are in committee, with no scheduled date for when they might reach the full floor of either chamber.

Co-sponsors of the bill in the House are Kim McMillan, D — Clarksville, David Shepard, D — Dickson, Beverly Marrero, D — Memphis, George Fraley, D — Winchester and Janis Baird Sontany, D — Nashville.

Senate sponsors are Jo Ann Graves, D — Gallatin, Doug Jackson, D — Dickson and Rosalind Kurita, D — Clarksville. ♦

Non-profits may apply to hold annual events

Staff Reports

Tennessee's Division of Charitable Solicitations is now accepting applications to hold charitable events.

The state Senate and House of Representatives approved The Charitable Gaming Implementation Law, allowing charitable organizations to host one gaming event annually for fundraising purposes. Events include raffles, cakewalks and the like, but bingo, pulltabs, punchboards and casino-type games are prohibited.

Organizations can obtain applications from www.state.tn.us/sos/charity.htm or by calling the Division of Charitable Solutions at 741-2555. Applications are due at noon on April 20, and the General Assembly will receive qualifying applications by May 4.

"I want to inform anyone interested in this that the applications are out and that there is a very short window of time to apply for an event in 2005," state Sen. Larry Trail said in an April 8 press release.

The Division of Charitable Solicitations is responsible for the regulation of charitable organizations statewide. It registers professional solicitors, professional fund raising counselors and vending machine operators. It also promotes awareness of charitable activities and encourages charitable giving.

Charitable organizations are defined as "any person or group that appeals to the public for support of its charitable cause," according to the Division's Web site. It continues, "Soliciting may include asking for money or selling items such as sponsorships, advertisements,

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Urban murder mystery in Murfreesboro

The Red Light District labeled "mature" due to violence

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

Using the word "urban" to describe a theatrical production may sound slightly off-center, but then again, that may be just what this production is shooting for.

The Red Light District gets the green light for upcoming performances at Murfreesboro's Playhouse Theatre this week and next. For mature audiences only, it twists the tale of seven lives in a bad inner city neighborhood — coined the red light district.

For the first half of the story, it's a day in the life of the district.

Then a drug dealer and girlfriend abuser enters the picture, and the seven decide that there are some things they just won't put up with. Particularly

unhappy is the area's resident voodoo woman, played by Candy Robins.

"She's a little off her rocker," said Robins of the character. "You could probably compare her to Hannibal Lecter."

When someone is murdered, the mystery begins. Audience members determine who gets pinned for the death before the answer is revealed, and everyone has equal motive.

But take note that it's not the typical interactive dinner theatre setup. There's music and humor to the production too, set in modern-day New Orleans.

Robins adds that the murder scene is very violent, giving the production its mature audience mark. She wrote the mystery with Tracy Levine, and it stretches the boundaries of what some typically think of as theatre.

"Our audience will have a lot of fun guessing who did it," MTSU senior Shawn Whitsell said.

Whitsell portrays Ndeou, a character who is stuck in the streets but also attends college,

"Our audience will have a lot of fun guessing who did it."

— Shawn Whitsell
Cast member

so he is torn between worlds. His stepsister (who is almost always drunk) is also stuck in the red light district, though Ndeou tries his best to keep her out of trouble. Whitsell assures that both Robins' portrayal and the crazy things his stepsister says will keep the crowd not only guessing but laughing too.

For an added boundary-stretching aspect, it's a multicultural mystery — for example, the two stepsiblings are different races.

Using an original music score produced by Yayoda Records of Unionville, Tenn., jazz, blues, and hip-hop music is used throughout and in cer-

tain character monologues. Featured musicians include saxophonist Ernest Newsom, rapper "Big Smo" of Yayoda Records, and award nominated blues artist John Lanier. Shaunda Bradley, Donna Dressler, Jessica D'Amico, Leah Eneas, Wayne Green, Candy Robins and Shawn Whitsell make up the cast.

Visit *The Red Light District* April 16, 17, 21 or 22. The show starts at 7 p.m. each night. The Playhouse Theatre is located at 702 Ewing Blvd. in Murfreesboro. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Call 904-6512 for more information. ♦

Vehicle runs into apartment complex

By David Paulson
Staff Writer

A vehicle struck the side of an apartment complex on Old Salem Highway Tuesday morning. Witnesses saw the driver fleeing the scene around 6:30 a.m.

The vehicle created a hole in the complex's brick exterior and also did damage to the installation and drywall of the building. Resident Donna Manus told police that she heard a loud noise sometime between 6:30 and 7 a.m. but did not see the vehicle.

Another resident reported that she had seen a work truck leave the scene shortly after the incident.

Police estimate the damage caused to the building to be between \$1,000-\$5,000.

An attempted aggravated burglary was reported on Church Street Tuesday night.

The victim told police she was in the back of her house working when she heard two

loud bangs at the front door. The victim looked out the window and saw the suspect. According to police reports, the suspect asked for "Misty Peterson" and then quickly fled on foot towards Hayes Street.

The suspect was described as a black male about 5-foot-4 inches tall with a beard. He was wearing a white hat and white shirt and appeared to be in his thirties.

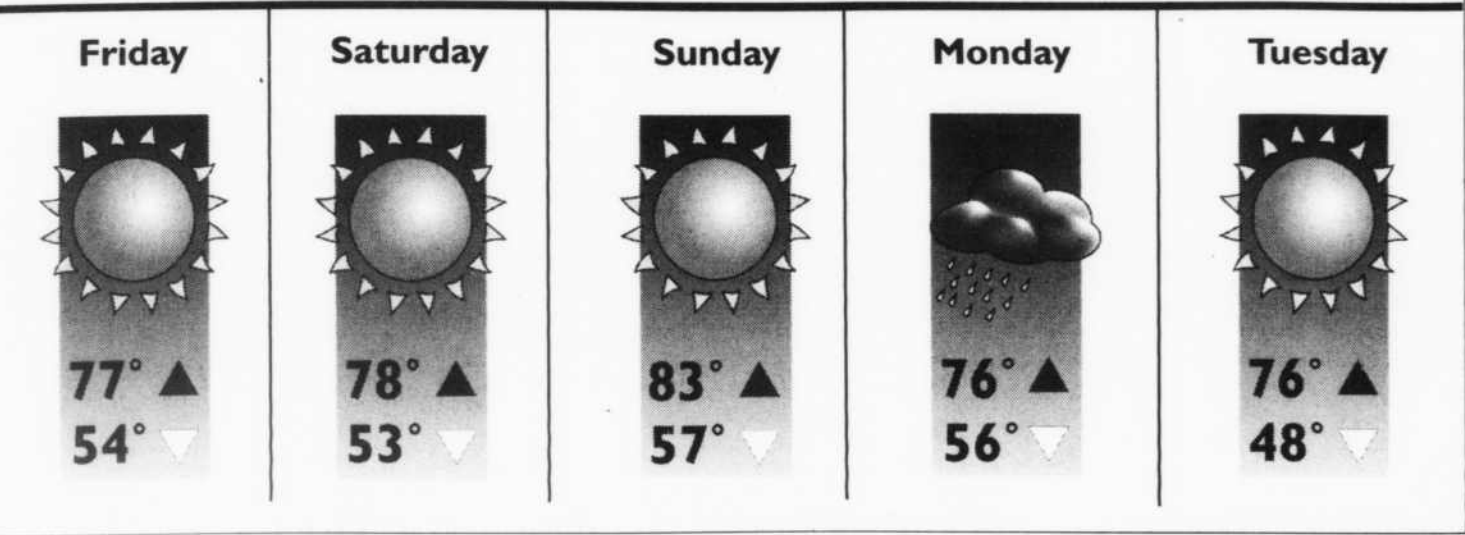
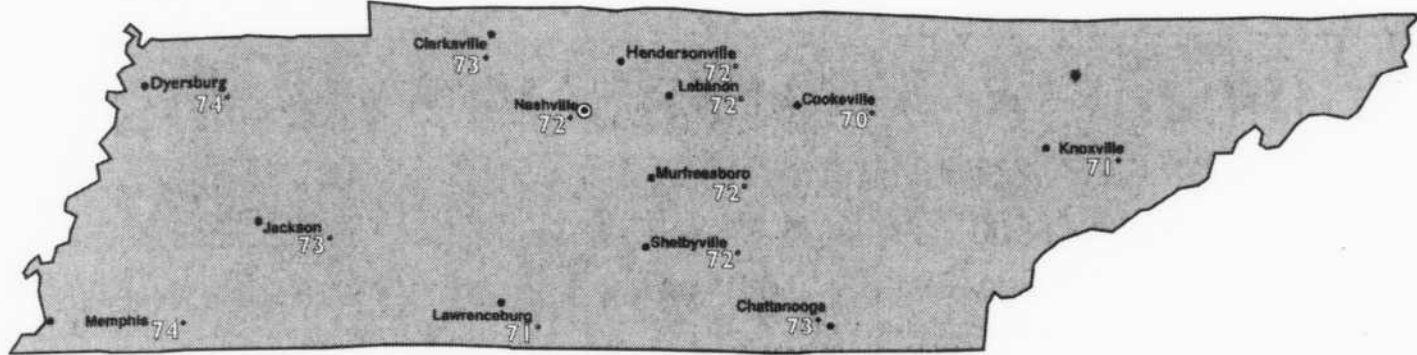
No damage was done to the door and nothing was stolen from the residence. Police noted that the victim had reported a jewelry theft from her home the previous night.

Murfreesboro Police arrested a Lebanon resident and charged him with auto burglary Saturday night in Old Fort Park. Police were investigating a series of burglaries in the area when they identified suspect Michael Ballinger.

Upon questioning, Ballinger admitted to detectives that he had committed the crime. ♦

Tennessee Weather – Thursday's Highs

From the Associated Press



Abortion amendment defeated in House

By Karin Miller
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – A House subcommittee defeated a resolution proposing to amend the Tennessee Constitution to limit abortion rights, but it might not be dead.

After nearly an hour of debate Wednesday in a room packed with vocal supporters and opponents, the five women on the Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee voted against the resolution, while the four men voted for it.

Rep. Mike Turner, a Nashville Democrat who is carrying the Senate resolution in the House, said he may try to pull the resolution out of the subcommittee and have it considered by the full Health and Human Resources Committee next week. That would take agreement at least 11 committee members.

The resolution seeks to insert the following into the state con-

stitution: "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or the funding thereof. The legislature shall have the sole authority to make and shall make such provisions for abortions as it determines reasonably necessary for victims of rape, incest and to save the life of the mother."

The resolution had been approved last month by the Senate, but unless Turner can resurrect it in the House, the issue is dead until the next General Assembly convenes in January.

Even if approved by the House this year, two-thirds majorities would have to approve it during the next two-year session before it could go on the general election ballot in 2006. It would need approval by a number of voters equal to more than half the ballots cast in the governor's race to become part of the constitution.

If the amendment were accepted, abortions would con-

tinue to be allowed by current state law until lawmakers enacted restrictions.

The resolution was proposed by abortion opponents because the state Supreme Court found in 2000 that the Tennessee Constitution offered greater protection of abortion rights than the U.S. Constitution, and justices struck down a law that required a waiting period and other restrictions.

Turner said he is carrying the resolution because he felt the Supreme Court had overstepped its bounds and that the constitution doesn't even mention privacy or abortion.

"We cannot have the judiciary overrule the Legislature," he said. "They took it right out of our hands" and out of the hands of voters. He argued that legislators should "trust in the people to make the right decision."

The women on the committee said that if the amendment was added to the constitution, the Legislature on a "whim"

ably necessary" to allow abortions for rape or incest victims or for women who needed the procedure to save their lives.

Rep. Tre' Hargett, R-Bartlett, said he was marginally comfortable with elected officials and citizens making decisions about abortion restrictions than with judges. "Some people feel we've been subjected to the whims of the judicial branch," he said.

Rep. Janis Sontany, D-Nashville, said abortion is a decision that is not made lightly. "I believe it's every woman's right to make that decision. It shouldn't be mine, and it shouldn't be the government's."

Rep. Sherry Jones, D-Nashville, said she couldn't vote to allow a return to the era of "back alleys and coat hangers."

Gov. Phil Bredesen said the focus should return to TennCare and the budget now.

"The fact that this divisive issue is out of the way a little bit I think will help put the focus back on some of the stuff that I

think is really important – things I was hired as governor to accomplish," he told reporters after a speech to business leaders.

Julie Adams of Nashville, one of several citizens in the hearing audience wearing orange stickers proclaiming them "pro-choice Tennesseans," said she was pleased with the outcome of the vote because "women are feeling our rights eroding right under our feet. We must stop it."

But Stephanna Alberty of Nashville, who wore a yellow button that urged lawmakers to "Let us vote in 2006," was disappointed.

"This is supposed to be a representative government, and they're not letting the people of Tennessee make the decision."

Carrying daughter Ellie, who is nearing her first birthday, Alberty said abortion is "killing a baby."

"Everybody is concerned about the rights of women. But they should be concerned about the rights of the child." ♦

Charity:

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books, food or tickets to a show. The registration process includes completing an application, paying a filing fee, and filing detailed financial information about the organization's fiscal activities.

The site also warns the public to ask for an unknown soliciting organization's State identification number. Also, citizens should not be afraid to ask the organization about its mission and intended use of the donations.

Registered charities in Murfreesboro include the Boys and Girls Club, the St. Clair Street Senior Center, Rutherford Co. Habitat for Humanity and United Way of Rutherford Co. ♦

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Scholarship Average 3.75-4.0
Jennifer Lee Anderson
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Presented by Gaylord Brewer

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Anna Wilson

Art

Art Enrichment: Outstanding Freshman

Presented by Mark Price

Art Enrichment: Outstanding Sophomore

Presented by Mark Price

Art Enrichment: Outstanding Junior

Presented by Mark Price

Charles M. Brandon Scholarship

Presented by Carl Brandon

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Presented by Mark Price

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Virginia Derryberry Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Pat Bradley

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Presented by Bene' Cox

William R. Wolfe Graduate Writing Awards

Presented by Allen Hibbard

N.C. Beasley Award

Presented by Sara Dunne

Foreign Languages and Literatures

Outstanding Student in French Award

Presented by Shelly Thomas

Outstanding Student in German Award

Outstanding Student in Spanish Award

Presented by Theresa McGreen

Geosciences

Eastwing Hammer Award

Presented by Warner Cribb

Bill Kohland Memorial Award

Presented by Warner Cribb

Outstanding Geography Student

Presented by Warner Cribb

Outstanding Geology Student

Presented by Ron Zawislak

History

Tennessee Historical Commission

Outstanding History Major

Presented by Thaddeus Smith

Thelma Jennings Graduate Scholarship

Presented by Thaddeus Smith

Ernest Hooper Undergraduate Scholarship

Presented by Thaddeus Smith

Edward and Eileen Jennings

Undergraduate Scholarship

Presented by Thaddeus Smith

Bart McCash Scholarship

Presented by Thaddeus Smith

Music

Outstanding Achievement in Trumpet

Presented by George Riordan

Rebecca Parker

Jackson Martin

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Outstanding Achievement in Flute Performance

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Vocal Performance

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Orchestral Conducting

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Vocal: General Music Education

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Jazz Studies

Presented by Steve Shearon

Outstanding Achievement in Music Composition

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Music History

Presented by George Riordan

T. Earl Hinton Scholarship in Music Education

Presented by George Riordan

Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies

Presented by George Riordan

Political Science

Norman L. Parks Award

Presented by Robb McDaniel

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Presented by Robb McDaniel

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Presented by Mario Perez-Reilly

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Gloria H. Kimmel Outstanding Student Award

Presented by Margaret Fontanesi-Seime

Dale Robert Seime Scholarship

Presented by Margaret Fontanesi-Seime

Marian Clark Scholarship

Presented by Charles Frost

(Social Work Students)

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Millie Harris

Olivia Hagle

Mary McAdoo

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Ashley Haun

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Presented by Jette Halladay

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Presented by Tod Edwards

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Presented by Greg Simerly

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Presented by Wendy Richards

Exemplary Student Award

Presented by Wendy Richards

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Presented by Wendy Richards

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From the Editorial Board

CLEP policy changes could hurt, not help

Say you signed up for a chemistry class and, by the end of the semester, for whatever reason, you had stopped showing up to class and doing the assignments. You weren't too surprised by the honking F branded onto your transcript.

But you knew all the material well enough to take a College Level Examination Program test and pass it, thereby replacing your failing grade with a passing one. Though you don't get any quality points for the passing grade, which means your GPA won't skyrocket, the F is removed and your semester-long affair with your PlayStation or bed or whatever can effectively be put behind you. And you are a better person for it, having learned that you won't be able to eek your way out of every class with a CLEP test.

The Faculty Senate, in an effort to get students to remember their class-attendance obligations, is pushing to put further limits on CLEP tests.

They want to cap the number of times a student can attempt a CLEP test for a particular course at two, as well as ensure that students who have already earned a grade in a course can't use a CLEP test to replace said grade.

Currently, students can take CLEP tests an unlimited amount of times, and they can replace earned grades with them.

The senate's intentions are no doubt honorable. But the limits may be too constricting.

CLEP tests are offered mostly for general education courses, and general education courses exist to help students achieve a well-rounded, balanced education. If a student can take a CLEP test and pass, then he or she clearly knows the material – unless the tests are extremely easy, which is a whole other issue.

Students who're taking tests to replace grades should have a limited number of attempts. But other students taking the tests without having already earned a grade should have more than two chances to take the test. Because the questions on the test change each time, there's no good way to memorize them. Maybe a limit of four or five tries would be better.

If the CLEP tests are so easy that students who don't know a thing about the subject matter can pass them, then they need to be revamped.

But it's possible that some students who simply had a bad semester might want to replace their grade with CLEP-test grade. Should they be punished, or should they be given a chance to prove that they know the material? ♦

Spaniards want out of Iraq

I've been trying to figure out exactly what's happened in Spain over the past month.

They've booted out Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar in favor of Socialist party representative Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero because the former prime minister supported Bush's efforts in Iraq.

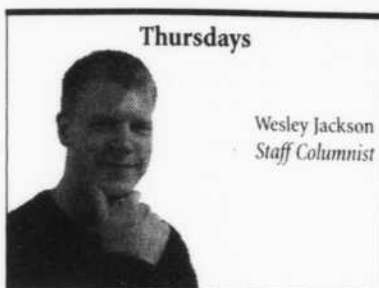
Around 90 percent of the Spanish people thought the whole fighting terrorism thing in Iraq was a bad idea. Apparently so did al Qaeda.

March 11 came, and 200 people lay dead by the end of the day, with more than 1,600 others wounded. Al Qaeda claimed responsibility. At the election polls, the people sent a message to Aznar: "You freaking idiot. None of this would have happened if you'd kept us out of Iraq."

So in comes Socialist Jose "Bambi" (as the Spanish press has been calling him) Zapatero.

One voter said, "Maybe the Socialists will get our troops out of Iraq, and al Qaeda will forget about Spain, so we will be less frightened."

To many Americans, this mindset is staggering. If the bully on the



Thursdays

Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

playground hits you and your friends, you hit back. No questions. That's the game.

But this isn't how Spain is thinking – nor much of Europe for that matter. And what they're thinking is difficult to pinpoint.

One of the options for their mentality might be compared to that of Frank McCourt in his book *Angela's Ashes*. As a boy, Frank grows up in the grinding poverty of 1930s Ireland with an alcoholic father who regularly makes his boys swear that they'll die for their country.

Frank then goes to church and school, where the teachers and priests make him swear he'll be a Christian martyr. And if he can't be a martyr, he might just die anyway

from tuberculosis or the flu because of the poor health conditions at home.

As Frank grows up, he decides he'd much rather live than die for anything. He doesn't care "a fiddler's fart" for Ireland or the church or his family, and he goes to America to live for himself.

Much of Eastern Europe might be said to have something of this mentality. The wars that have racked Croatia and Serbia have encouraged a "Booze not bombs" attitude, similar to that of a pessimistic post-World War I generation with its gaudy, superficial celebration of the here and now – choosing to enjoy some shred of pleasure for the present than sacrifice for the future.

Perhaps this is Spain's motivation for a passive prime minister – anything to secure whatever crumbs of temporary comfort they can because nothing outside themselves is worth living for.

Another explanation might be something as simple as human nature itself. The medieval writers were very aware that people are like

desert roses – they seem to flourish in harsh climates.

This is why in various accounts of Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, these guys actually got excited about battle. They understood that living in luxury and long periods of peace could make people lazy and ill-prepared to defend themselves.

Whether Spain's cowardly appeasement comes from a belief that they've suffered enough and don't care a fiddler's fart for their future or anyone else's or whether they've been lulled into weakness by the luxury of peace and prosperity, they'll snap out of it.

We're in a war – the terrorists, not us, have made that clear. Death will come, and people will fight.

The question is, will we fight in time to successfully defend our respective nations, or will our struggle merely animate the flames of our own annihilation? ♦

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Women still struggle; 'no' always means 'no'

Recently, a flier found on the Vanderbilt University campus caused so much outrage that *The Tennessean* devoted an entire article to discussing it.

The flier allegedly displayed a nude female body being touched by a male with a beer in his hand. Underneath, the caption read, "Always remember: If no really means no, we'd all still be embryos."

While only 50 people showed up to the resulting Vanderbilt protest forum, the comments surrounding the event were fierce. One woman even said she didn't want her daughter going to school there if Vanderbilt has that kind of environment.

Despite decades of fighting, the women's movement still has a long way to go as far as gaining full respect in the eyes of society. The flier at Vanderbilt proves that the long-standing battle against rape is still a joke to at least one young man.

Through the ages women have been the target for possession, abuse or simply someone's bad joke. Let's face it – the majority of women are smaller than men, and in the early days, it was all about the physical power struggle.

But even now, if a woman tries to stop a man from having sex with her, it's often powerless for her to be overpowered. Not in every case – but for the most part.

And while we've vocally



Think About It

Lindsay Palmer
Staff Columnist

pushed for physical respect through the years with rallies like Take Back the Night, it still seems that both men – and oddly, some women – think that certain actions merit sex.

We've heard it before – "She was asking for it."

Or, "If she dresses like that, then what does she expect?"

Or the saddest one, coming from a girl, "Well, I didn't want to make him mad; we were already undressed."

There is never a good reason to push sex if one of the partners doesn't want it. "No" should mean only one thing – no.

It's been drilled into our heads since we were kids. No one in this decade has an excuse. But every year there are stories about guys slipping date rape drugs into drinks at parties.

Or stories about a girl getting sexually assaulted just because she happened to be walking across campus after dark one night.

The worst stories come from girls who didn't say no when they wanted to and ended up pregnant. Or sick. Or broken enough to actually do it again.

Every person, male and

female alike, has the right to be fully respected. We may not all be the same size. We may not all have the same level of physical strength.

But we all have vast potential, amazing souls and an equal capacity for intelligence, which is now what runs this society more than brawn. And while there are plenty of men who fully respect women, there are still others who openly don't.

Feminist rallies aren't received the same way they used to be. They used to worry or infuriate some men – now they irritate some of them.

Some men claim that they're tired of hearing about it – that women are equal now, and that they need to get rid of the chips on their shoulders.

Other men make fliers ridiculing feminism and post them on university walls so that other people whose minds aren't made up about the whole thing can chuckle as they walk away.

Physical respect is not a joke. It's a right. Females should respect themselves first and be respected by members of the opposite sex, not because they're stronger, but because they're equal in every way that counts. ♦

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Regardless of fault, we should fix Iraq

There has been much controversy over the sometimes contradicting testimony of National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and the White House's former anti-terrorism advisor Richard Clarke.

Rice contends that President George W. Bush and his administration did everything in their power to combat terrorism and weren't left with a comprehensive strategy by the Clinton administration. They also claim that Clarke's book release and subsequent testimony are politically motivated.

On the other hand, Clarke argues that the intelligence community and Bush's administration failed to heed the warning signs and to put together the puzzle of the intelligence that possibly could have prevented the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. He even went as far as to apologize to the families of the victims saying, "Your country failed, I failed you."

The one fact that both Clarke and Rice seem to be able to agree on is, "There was no silver bullet" that could have prevented the worst tragedy on American soil since Pearl Harbor.

Unfortunately, the testimony of these two top-ranking officials will probably be viewed along party lines. The Republicans will contend Rice is telling the truth, while the Democrats will side with Clarke.

In his defense, Clarke does make an interesting point about his book release. Apparently, he had given a copy of the book to the White House last year to ensure that all of the information it contained would not be considered classified for national security reasons. That being said, Bush's administration shouldn't act surprised about the release of Clarke's book. In addition, Clarke is a card-carrying Republican who has worked in four different administrations: Reagan, Bush Senior, Clinton and Dubya. This makes it a bit difficult to paint him as biased.

The blame for the intelligence failures falls on both the Clinton and the Bush administrations. There were points when each dropped the ball and missed crucial pieces of intelligence. The gravest mistake though was in transition from one government to the next. Whether the fault lies with the Clinton administration failing to inform Bush's cabinet of the impending threat posed by al Qaeda or the Bush administration trying to distance itself from the policies of Clinton, we may never really know.

However, it seems that the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle. Regardless of who is at fault, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 were tragic and changed the course of this country. We now find ourselves fighting a war on terror on multiple fronts.

This month has proven to be the bloodiest since the war in Iraq began. Although I didn't agree with the misleading reasons (others might say lies) given to justify the war, I think we now have a responsibility to ensure Iraq has a chance at freedom and democracy. If we just abandon the country in ruins, we will see the rise of another fanatical government such as in Afghanistan when we pulled out in the 1980s. This will only breed more terrorists.

We should continue to work in conjunction with other governments, or better yet the United Nations, to guarantee that Iraq is properly rebuilt. The campaign season should not affect the pull-out date. Bush broke Iraq; now he needs to fix it. ♦

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From the Opinions Editor

Tax dollars at work: Feds attacking porn

The U.S. government is spending millions of dollars attacking what they feel is a growing problem.

No, it isn't another "the terrorists are coming" crisis. It's not the war on drugs. It's not even about gay marriage.

So what is the pesky problem that's supposedly "invades our homes persistently through the mail, phone, VCR, cable TV and the Internet," according to John Ashcroft?

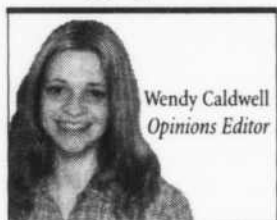
Pornography.

For the first time in 10 years, the government has decided to go balls-out against porn.

This brings to light an interesting question: What is so offensive about sex?

It's one thing if you're holed up in your bedroom, telescope aimed directly into your neighbor's window, watching the unsuspecting couple go at it every night. That's obviously an invasion of privacy, not to mention really creepy.

However, there's nothing wrong with wanting to turn on your television in those post-midnight hours and watch whatever HBO or



Wendy Caldwell
Opinions Editor

Cinemax has to offer. In fact, that option is a lot better than the peeping Tom example.

The government seems to be under the ridiculous notion that taking whatever they deem obscene off of television will somehow take it out of the bedrooms, backseats and shady motels of America.

Instead of blaming our social problems on television, let's focus more on ourselves.

If a television program is going to influence us so greatly as to cause harm to others or ourselves, we've obviously got bigger problems at hand.

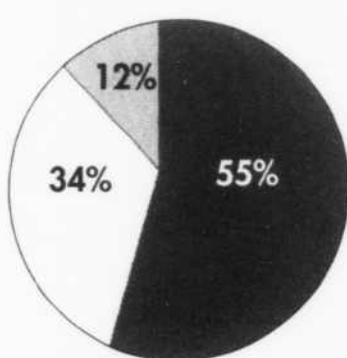
Our government should stop using our tax dollars to combat problems that we don't have and start addressing the real issues.

Attempting to instill our personal morality into our citizens is disastrous. We ought to stop trying. ♦

Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "What do you think about the Tennessee legislature's push to ban civil unions?" Here's what you had to say:

- It's a good thing -- marriage is and should be the dominant social contract for couples.
- It's a bad thing -- same-sex couples are surely feeling the brunt of discrimination.
- It's both good and bad -- full marriage rights are what we really want, but civil unions could be a progressive first step.



Poll results are not scientific.

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Club Listings

Thursday, April 15

Belcourt Theatre: Nashville Chamber Orchestra Acoustic Café Series with Phil Keaggy, Gary Morse, 8 p.m.
Blue Sky Court: Tony Danza Tapdance Extravaganza, Summers End, Falling Down, Adrenaline Theory, 8 p.m., \$5.
Boro Bar & Grill: Solidarity Benefit with Dr. Gonzo, 9:30 p.m., \$5-7.
The End: Riding a Gimmick, Garret & the Unlabeled, 9 p.m., \$5.
The Five Spot: Abstract Blues with The Struggling Company, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge: Brian Waldschlager, Fugitive Glue, 9 p.m., \$5.
★The Muse: Laden, Dead Like Dallas, Minsk, Cat on Form, Skipping Mad, 7 p.m., \$5.
Springwater: Fake Printer, Lazy Magnet, 10 p.m., \$5.
The Sutler: BMI Acoustic Roundup, 8 p.m.
3rd & Lindsley: Jimmy Nalls Benefit with Jack Pearson, Jimmy Hall, Lee Roy Parnell, Matt Chambers, 8 p.m., \$25 donation.
12th & Porter: Whiskey Trippers, Group Therapy, 9 p.m.
Windows on the Cumberland: Delta Nove, Paper Tigers, 10 p.m., \$5.

Friday, April 16

All American Sports Grill: Krosstown Traffic 10 p.m., \$4.
Belcourt Theatre: Nashville Chamber Orchestra Acoustic Series with Russ Barenberg, Bryan Sutton, 8 p.m.
Bluesboro: WRLT Lightning 100 Presents Live at the Bluesboro featuring Gil Gann and Marion James, 6:30 p.m., \$5.
Boro Bar & Grill: Porter Hall TN, The Black Diamond Heavies, 9:30 p.m., \$5.
Exit/In: Sound Tribe Sector 9, 10 p.m., \$12-15.
The Five Spot: Bones Explosion, Victoria, Zeta Five, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge: Lucky Black, Trey Lee, Costar, 9:30 p.m., \$7.
The Muse: The Jaded Set, Chester Boom, Mellow Down Easy, Metropolis, 7 p.m., \$5.
★Red Rose: The Velcro Stars, Not Before Noon, Cutthroat Junction, 9:30 p.m., \$5.
Rocketown: Aerophysics, Anytime in July, Silversmith, Clearly Blind, Gretchen, 8 p.m., \$5.
Ryman Auditorium: Blues Traveler, 8 p.m., \$20 - 23.50.
Springwater: Bells for Aida, Cat on Form, The Falling, The New Anxiety, 10:30 p.m., \$5.
The Sutler: Jonathan Barnes, 9 p.m., \$5.
3rd & Lindsley: The Jack Pearson Band with Jim White, Lori Lee & the Live Bait Band, 7 p.m.
12th & Porter: Fletcher, Terese, 9 p.m.

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Big Fella loves the kids

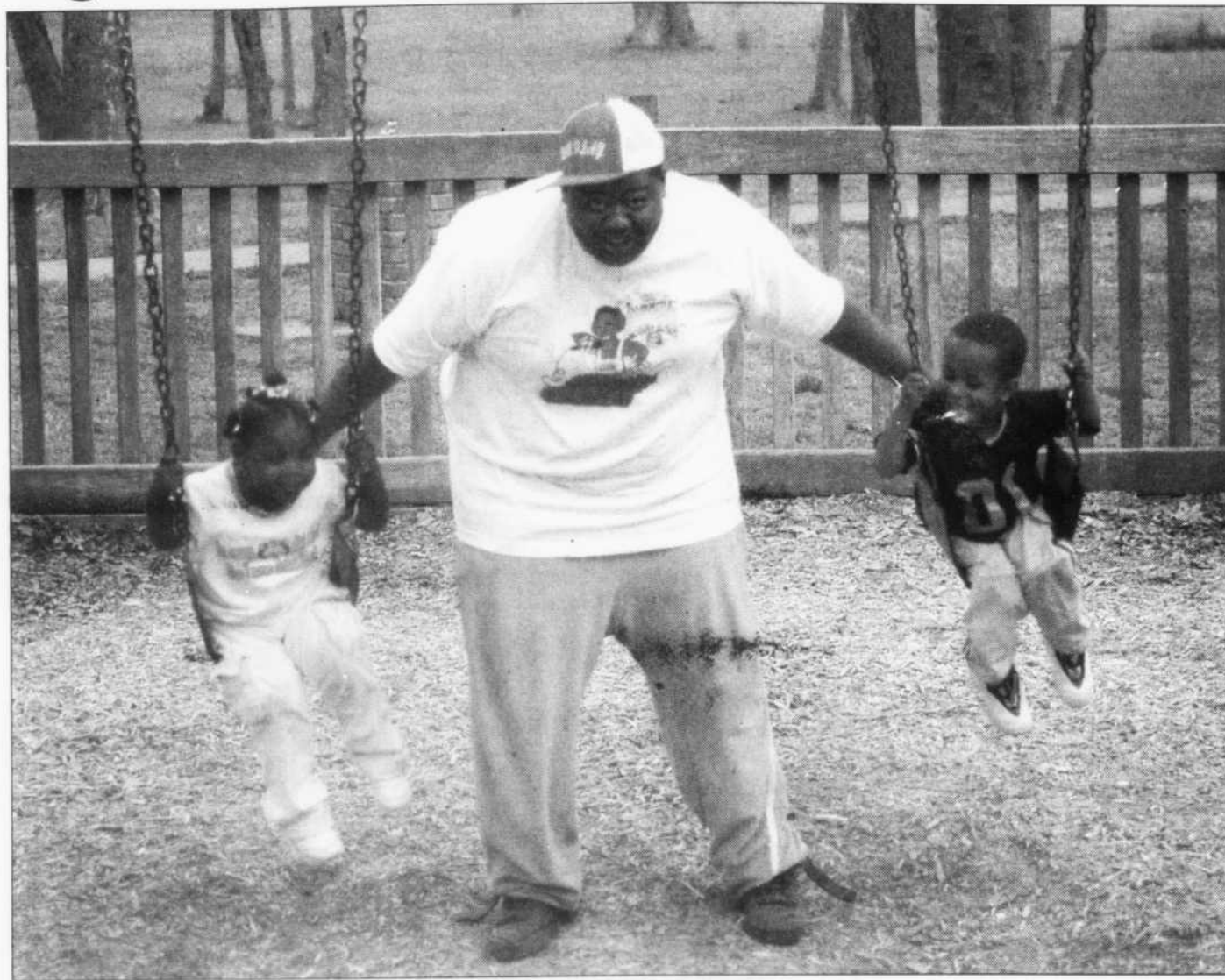


Photo by Seth Holland

As part of his ongoing charity work, hip-hop artist Big Fella makes routine appearances at birthday parties for urban youth. A Nashville youth center collaborated with the rapper for the documentary *Welcome To My Hood*.

'Broke But Still' compassionate

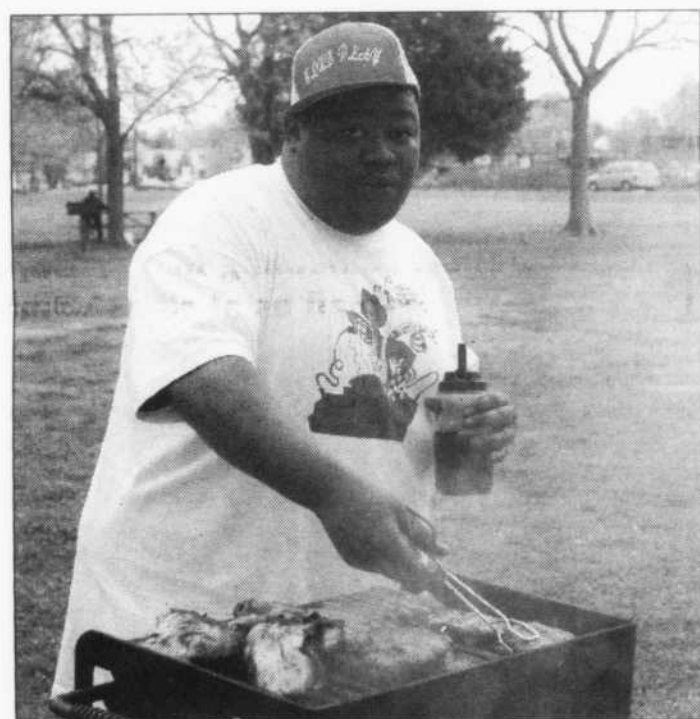


Photo by Seth Holland

Big Fella's cooking series, *Cookin' with Big Fella*, recently attracted the attention of television executives.

By Joe Freisinger

What do a film composer, a vocalist, a drummer, a chef, an author, a television personality and a mayoral candidate have in common? They are all part of the man known as Big Fella.

Big Fella plans to run for mayor in 2006. The future mayor of Murfreesboro has a lot on his plate right now, though.

In addition to a digital versatile disc called *Cookin' with Big Fella*, Big Fella is working on a live album, *STILL Broke But Still Livin'*, which is being released in July.

You can find Big Fella's first compact disc, *Broke But Still Livin'*, in local record stores, alongside his compilation, *Clubplay*.

Recently, Big Fella and his backing band took top honors at Nashville's Grammy chapter.

This would be plenty for most people, but for Big Fella, it is only the beginning.

His book, *Money Don't Make the Man: Story of a Self-Made Millionaire*, is scheduled to come out in time for Christmas.

Meanwhile, Big Fella's cooking show has been a hit

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Mafia hits big time on small screen

By David Lawrence

★★★★ (out of four stars)

All hail the conquering hero! The Home Box Office network's *The Sopranos* has returned, and things are looking grim for everyone's favorite mobster family.

Last season, viewers witnessed the acquittal of Junior Soprano - played by Dominic Chianese - due to shady business practices on his part.

Meanwhile, James Gandolfini's Tony Soprano is having a marital spat with wife, Carmela.

Michael Imperioli's Christopher is now trying to stay drug free, unaware of his fiancée's dealings with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Likewise, the obligatory violence is gaining momentum.

Several key members of the Jersey clan have been hit, which sets the stage for a possible power struggle inside both of Tony's families.

New cast members for this season include noteworthy character actor Steve Buscemi.

Buscemi plays Tony's recently jailed cousin Tony Blundetto, a man who possesses little interest in getting back into the game.

The other major storyline, which has been developing since the pilot episode, is Tony's relationship with his psychiatrist, Jennifer Melfi, played by Lorraine Bracco.

Tony's admission of wanting to take his relationship with the good doctor to the next level seems to be leading up to another season of memorable episodes.

The Sopranos air this Sunday on HBO at 8 p.m.★

Uma Thurman's back to slay in 'Kill Bill Vol. 2'



Photo provided by Miramax

In 'Kill Bill Vol. 2,' Uma Thurman returns as The Bride, a jilted butt-kicker with a taste for bloody massacres.

By Leslie Carol Boehms

I have to admit that I wasn't the biggest fan of Quentin Tarantino's *Kill Bill Vol. 1*. I thought it was decent, but it was also too heavy-handed and too overdone. (I know that was the point, but too much of a good thing can cause film-critic nausea).

In *Kill Bill Vol. 2*, Uma Thurman's character "The Bride" is back and this time she has a full name, a plot twist and three more victims on her list. The film gets off

to a pretty tame, mundane start. It takes the plot a good 45 minutes to get going - something to be expected of a typical film. However, a film that is a continuation should go directly into more sequencing without the prerequisite of a build up.

When the action does set in, it gets good - really good. In *Vol. 2*, Thurman is on the warpath to, well, kill Bill, of course. The two people she must kill first on her list before Bill are Michael

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'Kill Bill Vol. 2'

Starring: Uma Thurman, Michael Madsen, Daryl Hannah

Miramax
Rated R

Rating
Movie: ★★★★★
(out of four stars)

WMTS Playlist

- 1 **Dead Kennedys** *Live at the Deaf Club*
- 2 **Beauty Pill** *The Unsustainable*
- 3 **Modest Mouse** *Good News for the People Who Love Bad News*
- 4 **Zero 7** *When It Falls*
- 5 **Leatherface** *Dog Disco*
- 6 **The Features** *The Beginning EP*
- 7 **Deerhoof** *Milk Man*
- 8 **El Centro** *!Prohibido!*
- 9 **Ben Kweller** *On My Way*
- 10 **Black Eyes** *The Big Come Up*

Compiled by Jozeph Ash, WMTS 88.3 music director. WMTS is MTSU's student run radio station.

WRLT Playlist

- 1 **Ryan Adams** "Burning Photographs"
- 2 **Big Head Todd & The Monsters** "Imaginary Ships"
- 3 **John Eddie** "If You're Here When I Get Back"
- 4 **Melissa Etheridge** "Breathe"
- 5 **Five For Fighting** "100 Years"
- 6 **Indigo Girls** "Perfect World"
- 7 **Jet** "Are You Gonna Be My Girl"
- 8 **Norah Jones** "Sunrise"
- 9 **Maroon 5** "This Love"
- 10 **John Mayer** "Clarity"

Compiled by Keith Coes, WRLT 100.1 music director. WRLT Lightning 100 is Nashville's progressive radio station.

Grimey's Top Sellers

1. **Modest Mouse** *Good News for People Who Love Bad News*
2. **Ben Kweller** *On My Way*
3. **Tortoise** *It's All Around You*
4. **Sufjan Stevens** *Seven Swans*
5. **Iron & Wine** *Our Endless Numbered Days*
6. **Of Montreal** *Satanic Panic in the Attic*
7. **TV on the Radio** *Desperate Youth*
8. **Radiohead** *Com Lag*
9. **The Unicorns** *2014*
10. **The Bens** *The Bens EP*

Compiled by Grimey's Record Shop owner, Doyle Davis. Grimey's is located at 2825 Bransford Avenue in Nashville.

Local rapper finds time for cooking, music, service

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among students. The show routinely features hip-hop celebrities, including Nashville's nationally recognized Young Buck.

Big Fella is currently courting the Food Network, hoping to tailor *Cookin' with Big Fella* for national audiences.

Still, music is a big passion for Big Fella.

Recently, Big Fella composed the score for an educational movie - *Welcome To My Hood* - for a youth center in Nashville. *Hood* was also featured at the acclaimed Sundance Film Festival.

Somehow, Big Fella still manages to find time to do service for the community. Along with scoring movies for troubled youth, Big Fella is in the process of making audio books for children.

He is also planning a party, which will be held at the Keathley University Center knoll April 28. There will be games and free food. Hopefully, Big Fella's celebrity friends will also make an appearance.

For more information on Big Fella, check out his official Web site at www.bigfella.com. ★

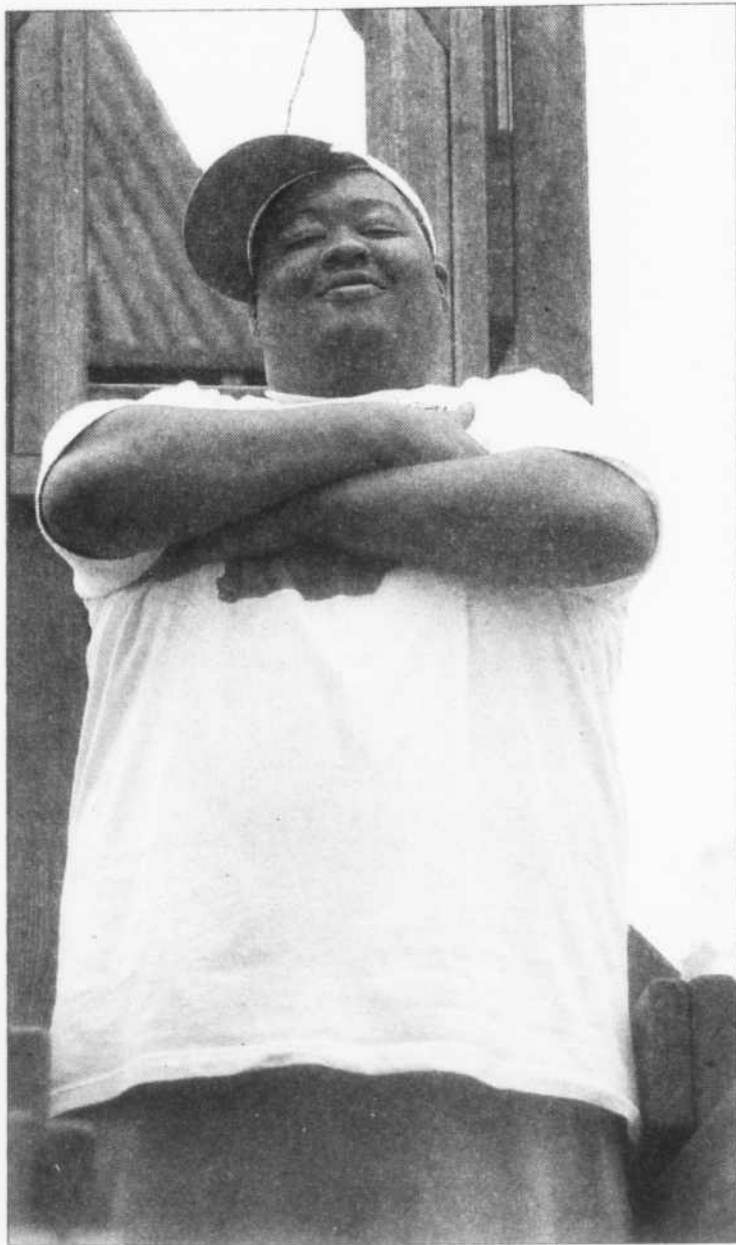


Photo by Seth Holland

Big Fella's recent compilation, *Clubplay*, can be found at several local retailers including Cat's Music and Music Jams.



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Where are you going?

Killing of Bill continues Friday

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Madsen's "Budd" character and Daryl Hannah's "Elle Driver."

Expect a lot of sticky situations for "The Bride" caused by Budd. He turns out to be a wry little character that reminds you of an Elvis impersonator. Elle, on the other hand, is just a bitch with an eye missing.

Trust me, she'll get what's coming to her.

This film takes you back in time and teaches you a lot about "The Bride's" character and how she became a rampaging murderer. You learn of her mas-

tering lessons from Pai Mei, who is played by Chia Hui Liu.

Some of the best and most humorous scenes in the film come from Chia Hui Lui. His Pai Mei character is key in deconstructing Bill's relationship with "The Bride".

One thing Tarantino does amazingly is character development. He doesn't rely on the script to build up the personality of a specific person. David Carradine's "Bill" is one of the most fantastic characters in this film. He is dynamic, crazed and passive all wrapped into one.

Stylistically, *Kill Bill Vol. 2* is different from its prede-

cessor. The first film was shot almost entirely in close ups when it wasn't panning back for an extensive mass murder. In this film, the close-ups return on a lesser level but now, they're juxtaposed with a large amount of blurry shots that contain little to no depth of field. We see a few more split screens at amazing moments and there are some shots that made me cringe.

If you saw and halfway liked *Kill Bill Vol. 1* you were probably already making plans to see *Vol. 2*. But if you're skeptical about this film holding up to the first one, never fear, Tarantino will not disappoint. ★

[Club Listings]

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Wall Street: Matt Warren, Brian Mesko Quartet, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Windows on the Cumberland: Tim Carroll, The Rounders, 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

All American Sports Grill: Krosstown Traffic, 10 p.m., \$4.

Belcourt Theatre: Nashville Chamber Orchestra Acoustic Café with John Jorgenson, Tony, McManus, 8 p.m.

Bluesboro: Butter and Sugar, Al and Heavey Weight, 6:30 p.m., \$5

Boro Bar & Grill: The Rounders, 9:30 p.m., \$5-7.

The End: Septemberland, Sleepers Tavern, 9 p.m., \$5.

Exit/In: The 20th Anniversary of House featuring Jesse Saunders, Chip E, 10 p.m., \$12-15.

Mercy Lounge: Alcohol Stunt Band, Laws Rushing, Bombshell Crush, 9:30 p.m.

The Muse: Mack the Knife, Supre X, The Vervyle Turnstyle, Blood Logic, Back to Back, Face to Face, The Future, 7 p.m., \$10.

Red Rose: Hal & Rachel Newman, John T. Blakenship, FB2, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

★**Rocketown:** Death Cab for Cutie, Ben Kweller, Pedro the Lion, 8 p.m., \$18.

Springwater: Sherry & Friends, 10:30 p.m.

Wall Street: Kid Sonic, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Windows on the Cumberland: John Sutton, 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Boro Bar & Grill: Tennesseans for Choice Fundraiser, 7 p.m.

★**The End:** American Analog Set, Lylas, Sincerity Guild, 9 p.m., \$7.

Exit/In: The Long Winters, The Pernice Brothers, 9 p.m.

The Five Spot: Hag's Vinyl Night, 8 p.m.

Mercy Lounge: Juke Joint Monday with The Custom Imperials, 9 p.m.

The Muse: Fateful Departed, Horizontal Orange, 7 p.m.

Ryman Auditorium: Merle Haggard, 7:30 p.m., \$39.50.

Springwater: The Strugglers, Burd Early, Diana Darby, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

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SPORTS

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Thursday, April 15, 2004

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Blue Raiders take on Indians this weekend



MT second baseman Eric McNamee connects against Dayton March 20. The game was cancelled in the fourth due to rain.

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

Barring more rain, the Middle Tennessee baseball team will begin a three-game weekend series with the Arkansas State Indians Friday night.

The Blue Raiders (20-12, 4-5 Sun Belt Conference) picked up their 20th win last weekend after winning two of three against the Florida International Golden Panthers.

Mother nature has been MT's chief opponent this week, as Tuesday's game with Belmont was cancelled and the remainder of games for the week are in question.

Nonetheless, the team will prepare to raise its conference record back above .500 with an impressive series against the Indians.

ASU (17-16, 2-7 SBC) recently climbed back above .500 with a 10-6 victory at home against Western Kentucky.

The Indian pitching staff has struggled for most of the season, so the team has been forced to rely on several talent-

ed players on offense.

Senior third baseman Brad Hayes leads the team in several offensive categories, including batting average (.402), doubles (16), slugging percentage (.692), total bases (74) and on-base percentage (.452). Unfortunately for the Indians, however, Hayes is currently out with a shoulder injury that has him sidelined indefinitely.

Hayes and two other Indians, right fielder Brad Burkhead and infielder Chris Rich, are tied for the team lead with five home runs. Burkhead, a junior from Memphis, sports a .329 batting average and also leads the Indians in walks with 14. Rich is batting .320 and leads ASU with 31 runs batted in.

Rock, Runyan, a catcher from Little Rock, Ark., is second on the team with a .351 average. Mike Sirianni, another infielder, is batting .321 and leads the team in runs with 29.

The Indian pitching staff is led by three players with at least three wins.

Ryan Hamilton leads the staff with five victories, and also has a 4.72 earned

run average and two saves. Stephen Tharp leads the team with an ERA of 3.49 and 16 appearances. Tharp, a junior from Benton, has surrendered three walks in his 38 innings of work this year.

Blake Ring has established himself as the closer with five saves on the year. Ring has held opponents to a .227 batting average in his 15 appearances this season.

For MT, third baseman Brett Carroll seems to have hit his stride at the right time for the Blue Raiders. Carroll is currently hitting .328 with 22 RBIs and a team-high 13 doubles. His 10th-inning home run in the team's series finale with FIU was his sixth of the season.

"This was a big win for us," MT head coach Steve Peterson told MT Media Relations after Sunday's 5-4 victory. "We struggled with [FIU pitcher Mark] Worrell, but Brett had a good swing, and it was the difference."

Carroll and company begin their three-game homestand at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday's game begins at 2 p.m., and Sunday's contest begins at 1 p.m. ♦

Lady Raiders prepare for full plate

Softball
squad faces
six games
this week

By Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

As of yesterday, the Lady Raiders were scheduled to play Austin Peay today.

Given the delays the two teams have already faced, however, that could change at any moment.

Middle Tennessee and the Lady Gobs originally planned to play a home-and-home series this season, with the first doubleheader in Murfreesboro March 11. However, that meeting was postponed due to the funeral of Pat Travis, the mother of current APSU infielder Jennifer Travis and former player Amanda Travis. Pat Travis had passed away the previous Sunday after battling a lengthy untimed illness.

The teams then rescheduled the games for Tuesday, but the recent floods and flurries again delayed the meeting. Now the teams are finally ready to play in Clarksville today, having cancelled their other scheduled doubleheader, which would have taken place yesterday.

APSU (15-25, 5-8 Ohio Valley Conference) also seems ready to play after Travis' death. The Lady Gobs lost 11 straight contests after delaying the doubleheader with MT, but the team is 7-3 since March 31, including a 3-0 victory over Tennessee State Saturday.

"You can never overlook Austin Peay because our lifetime series record against them is 16-10, so we've got to approach this game as an important doubleheader and as



MT freshman Trish White swings and misses against Cumberland University Feb. 29.

another away game," MT head coach Cindy Connelley said. "Austin Peay appears to have regrouped, and we expect to have a battle on our hands."

Sarah Longmire leads the Lady Gobs offensively with a .314 batting average and 33 hits. Brianna Venable has a team-high six home runs and seven

doubles and is the only player to have started all 40 games for APSU this season.

Starting pitcher Nastasha Anderson has led the Lady Gobs to 11 of their 15 wins this season in 23 appearances. Anderson has struck out 141 while maintaining an earned run average of 1.85 in 124 2/3

innings of work.

After Thursday's games, the Lady Raiders will travel to Denton, Texas, to take on North Texas in doubleheaders Friday and Saturday. The games will make up the second Sun Belt Conference series for both

See Rainout, 9

Sun Belt names four Raiders as Best of the Week

By Matthew Adair
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's athletes made a strong showing in the Sun Belt Conference this past week with a total of four MT players in three sports earning conference recognition as Players of the Week.

MT track stars Mardy Scales and Rosemary Okafor continue to build on what has been a great showing this season, as both athletes qualified for the NCAA Regionals in track and field.

Scales raced ahead of the crowd at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., last weekend, taking the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, qualifying for the NCAA Midwest Regional May 28-29 with a 10.39 in the 100-meter and a 20.80 in the 200-meter.

Scales' time in the 200 meter was also the best time for a collegiate finisher at Sea Ray.

Okafor also earned her qualification for the regionals with a NCAA-Regional mark of 53.07. Okafor helped lead the Lady Raiders' 400-meter relay team to the sixth-best time among college relay teams with a regional mark of 45.66 and qualified individually for four events: the 100-, 200-, 400- and 800-meters.

Okafor's recognition by the SBC marks the second time she has earned the title of Female Track Performer of the Week. It also marks the third time in four weeks where a Lady Raider received the honor, with Kishara George receiving the recognition on April 6.

Senior men's tennis player Kirk Jackson was also named Player of the Week in his sport after earning a trio of singles wins as well as a doubles victory last week.

Two of Jackson's singles victories have come against ranked opponents, defeating 65th-ranked Scott Brown of

Vanderbilt Wednesday despite a narrow Blue Raider loss in that match. Jackson defeated Brown 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles position.

Jackson then went on to defeat Tulane's Dmitriy Koch last Friday 6-3, 6-4, also at No. 2. Most recently he challenged Anton Mavrin of the University of Alabama-Birmingham Sunday, winning the No. 1 match 6-3, 7-5.

Together with doubles partner Trevor Short, Jackson helped defeat Tulane's Goran Vasiljevic and Ted Angelinos 8-3, their third victory in the last four matches. Jackson and Short were named All-Sun Belt during the preseason and climbed as high as 30th in ranking earlier this season.

Rounding out MT's recognized athletes this week is Sun Belt Hitter of the Week Cortney Mitchell. This marks the second time this season that Mitchell has earned the honor, the first on March 29.

Mitchell has proved to be an indispensable member of her team, leading the Lady Raiders in a strong 5-1 week against Western Kentucky and Birmingham Southern.

The MT senior slugger helped take a series win against WKU, earning two home runs and three intentional walks. Mitchell also tied the school record in MT's second doubleheader with her ninth home run of the season. Mitchell also boasts a 16-game hitting streak.

Mitchell joined the Lady Raiders in the 2003 season after playing shortstop for the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks the previous year. She earned the 2003 NCAA Individual Statistic Title for most doubles, taking 27 in her first season with MT, and was also named to the All-Region South First Team, the first Lady Raider softball player to receive that honor. ♦

Men's golf team places 12th at ASU

By Matthew Adair
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's Charlie Gibson and Blake Bivens tied for seventh despite poor weather and a shortened game at the ASU Indian Classic Tuesday, while the Blue Raiders placed 12th of 18 teams in the 36-hole event.

Gibson and Bivens both recorded scores of 73 on their final round and cumulative scores of 145 for the tournament.

"We got great performances from Charlie and Blake, but we struggled throughout the rest of our lineup," MT head coach Johnny Moore told MT Media Relations. "This is not how I wanted to head into the Sun Belt Conference championships. We have a lot of work to do the rest of this week before we head to Florida."

Josh Nelms came in just behind Gibson and Bivens for the Blue Raiders, opening strong on Monday with a 71. Nelms faltered in the second round, however, and scored a 78 on Tuesday to tie for 30th overall.

Chris Webb scored 161 to tie for

84th, while Kenny Green rounded out MT's run in the event with a 162 and 86th overall.

Iowa State won the event with a score of 580, earned in part from the tournament's first hole-in-one, made on a put by Cyclones golfer Paul Huddle on the 17th hole. Jeremy Lyons also contributed to the ISU win by getting a par putt on the third playoff hole to earn his team the title.

Nebraska and Arkansas Little Rock tied for second place with scores of 587, while Southern Miss, Southwest Missouri State and North Texas all tied for fourth with a 588.

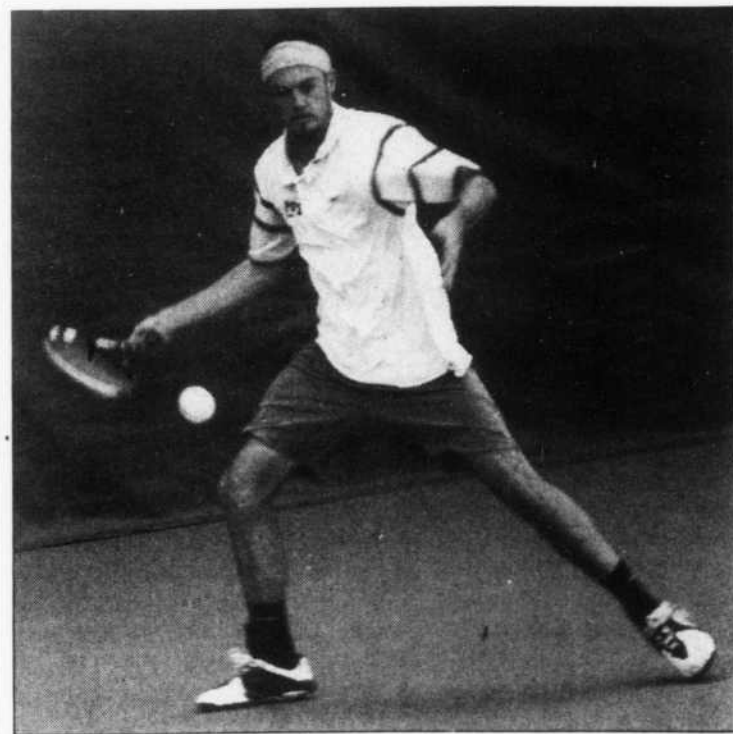
Ironically, ASU did poorly in their own tournament, placing 16th. "We just couldn't find any consistency at all out there," ASU head coach Neil Abel told ASU Media Relations. "We just didn't have a good tournament."

The Blue Raiders will spend the next few days preparing for their trip to Niceville, Fla., for the Sun Belt Conference Championships, which take place Sunday through Tuesday. ♦

Arkansas State University Classic

Overall Tournament Scores

1st	Iowa State	580
2nd	Nebraska	587
	Arkansas-Little Rock	587
4th	Southern Miss	588
	SW Missouri State	588
	North Texas	588
7th	South Florida	590
8th	Oral Roberts	593
9th	Lamar	594
10th	Louisiana-Lafayette	595
11th	Louisiana-Monroe	597
12th	Middle Tennessee	599
13th	Illinois State	600
14th	Missouri	601
15th	Rice	610
16th	Arkansas State	613
17th	Louisiana Tech	620
18th	Northern Iowa	626



MT senior Kirk Jackson, who played against UAB Sunday, was one of four Blue Raider SBC Players of the Week.

Preds putting Red Wings on heels



Photo by John Russell | Predators Team Photographer
Nashville goaltender Tomas Vokoun rejoices while Shane Hnidy looks on after the Preds' 3-0 Game 4 victory.

Sports commentary



David Hunter
Staff Columnist

Heading back to Detroit, the Red Wings are flopping like the sloppy catfish thrown on the ice Sunday.

If the Red Wings aren't careful, they could be going fishing after the first round for the second consecutive season. In last year's playoffs, the Red Wings were the top seed in the Western Conference, but the No. 7 seed Anaheim Mighty Ducks swept them in four games. The Red Wings watched the rest of the playoffs on television, presumably while eating octopus.

Currently the series with the Nashville Predators is tied at two games apiece after Nashville won Game 4 3-0 Tuesday night. Nashville goaltender Tomas Vokoun stopped 41 shots in the victory.

Red Wings forward Darren McCarty wasn't pleased with the loss.

"It pisses you off," McCarty told www.nashvillepredators.com after the game. "To be in a situation up 2-0 and have opportunities to win games and really take hold of the series, but Nashville did what they had to do coming home, so now we go back to the Joe [Louis Arena]."

Steve Sullivan and Scott Walker, welcome to the playoffs. The former Chicago Blackhawk finally scored his first goal of the playoffs when he beat

Detroit goalie Manny Legace on a breakaway in the first period. In Game 1, Sullivan missed on a penalty shot that went over the net.

Scott Walker got his first points of the playoffs with the assist. The goal came on one of three shots Nashville had in the opening period.

Vladimir Orszagh and Greg Johnson also scored for the Predators, who won despite being outshot 41-20.

Tonight's game will be a tough task with the series headed back to Joe Louis Arena. Even though they lost the first two games in Detroit, the Predators didn't seem to be intimidated.

In Game 1, Adam Hall scored 16 seconds into the game to give the Preds a 1-0 lead before the Red Wings scored

three in the final period to win 3-1. In Game 2, the score was tied at 1 when a Mathieu Schneider shot bounced off the boards and the leg of Vokoun into the net with 2:45 left.

At that point, many expected the series to wrap up quickly. Now, Detroit is looking at a best-of-three series, due in part to the failure of its special teams. The Red Wings' power play, fifth in scoring in the NHL in the regular season, has gone 1 for 20 so far in the series.

"They are a veteran team," Johnson told www.nashvillepredators.com. "They aren't going to panic. They're going to raise their level for Game 5."

If they don't, the Detroit Red Wings might be pulling catfish out of the Great Lakes after this series. ♦

Rainout: MT goes on road

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batted in.

Another freshman, Katy Maxey, has taken most of the decisions for the Mean Green, going 10-29 in 48 appearances. For the Lady Raiders (19-13, 3-1), reigning SBC Hitter of the Week Courtney Mitchell is hitting a blistering .477 with 51 hits, 15 doubles, nine home runs and 30 RBIs, all team highs. Freshman Brittany Herald is hitting .380 with 27 RBIs and senior Katie Tompkins is hitting .314.

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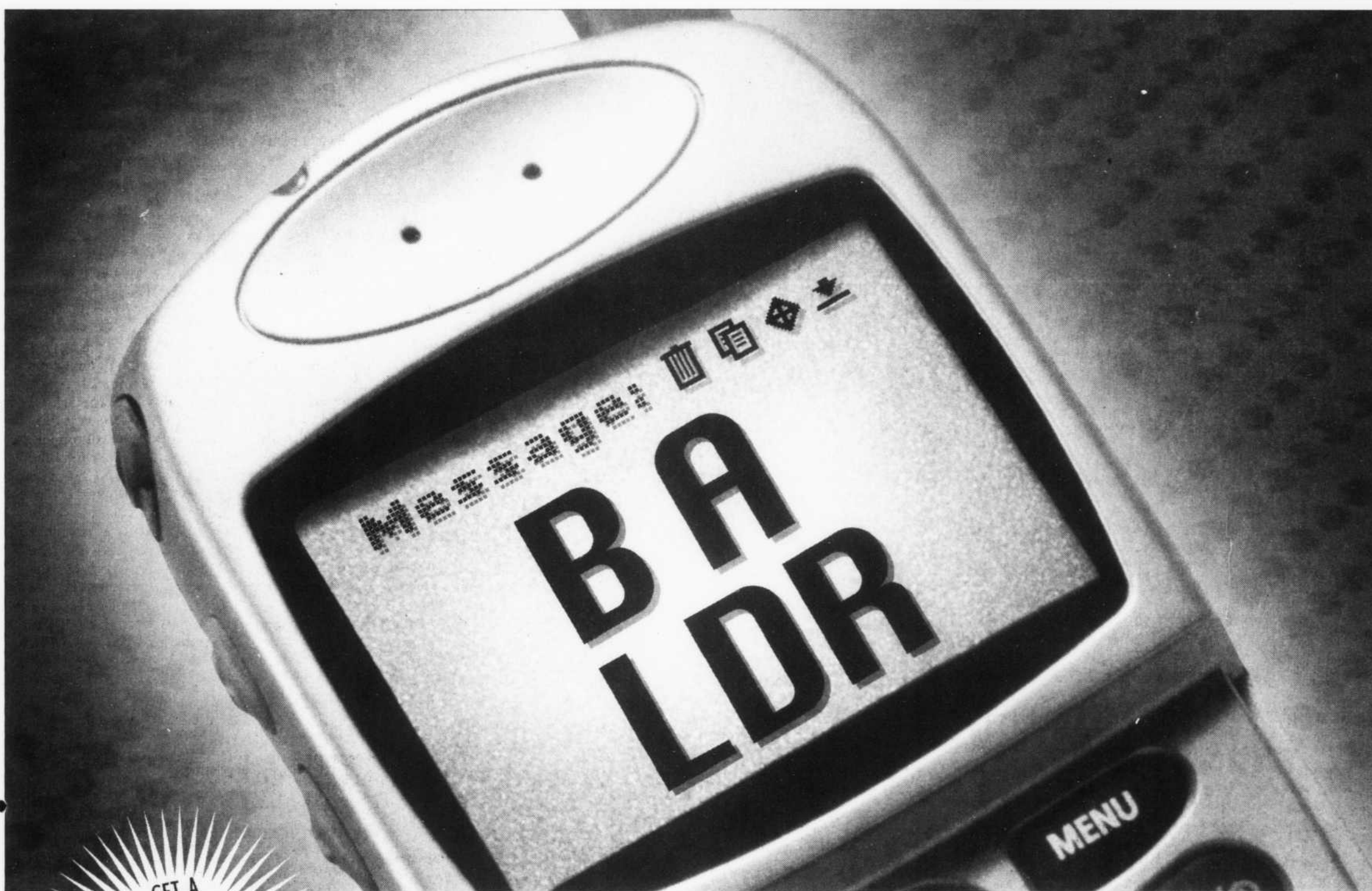
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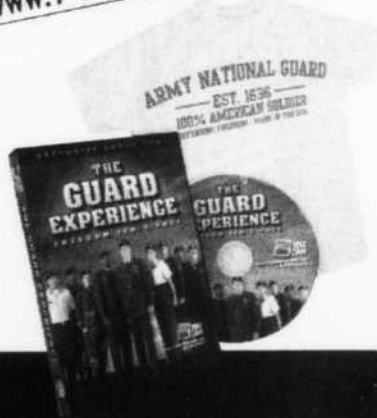
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Sports Briefs

News from around Middle Tennessee



Compiled by Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

Blue-White Scrimmage Saturday

The Blue Raider football squad will hold its annual Blue-White scrimmage at noon Saturday at the Blue Raider practice complex. The event is free and open to the public and will include room for children to play on the opposite practice field. Former Middle Tennessee athlete and current Tennessee Titan wide receiver Tyrone Calico will also be available for autographs at the end of the one-hour event.

Women's Soccer Tournament Saturday

The Blue Raider soccer team will host the Middle Tennessee College/Club Classic Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m., when the Blue Raiders will take on the Under-17 Tennessee Futbol Club. Middle Tennessee will also play the Under-18 Diadora Impact at 1 p.m. and the Bethel Club at 2:30 p.m. All games will take place

on the Blue Raider Soccer Field and will consist of 20-minute halves with a three-minute halftime.

Blue Signs with Blue Raiders

Junior college transfer Tim Blue signed with the MT men's basketball team yesterday on the first day of the NCAA national signing period. Blue, a 6-foot-9-inch, 208-pound sophomore at Indian River (Fla.) Junior College, averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds last season.

"Everybody [at Middle Tennessee] was friendly, and I got along with the players from the beginning," Blue told MT Media Relations. "I feel like I can fit in there, play and have fun. They have a good cast of players, and I'm looking forward to being part of the program at Middle Tennessee."

The NCAA signing period continues through May 19.

Volleyball Signs Three

New MT head volleyball coach Matt Peck brought in the first

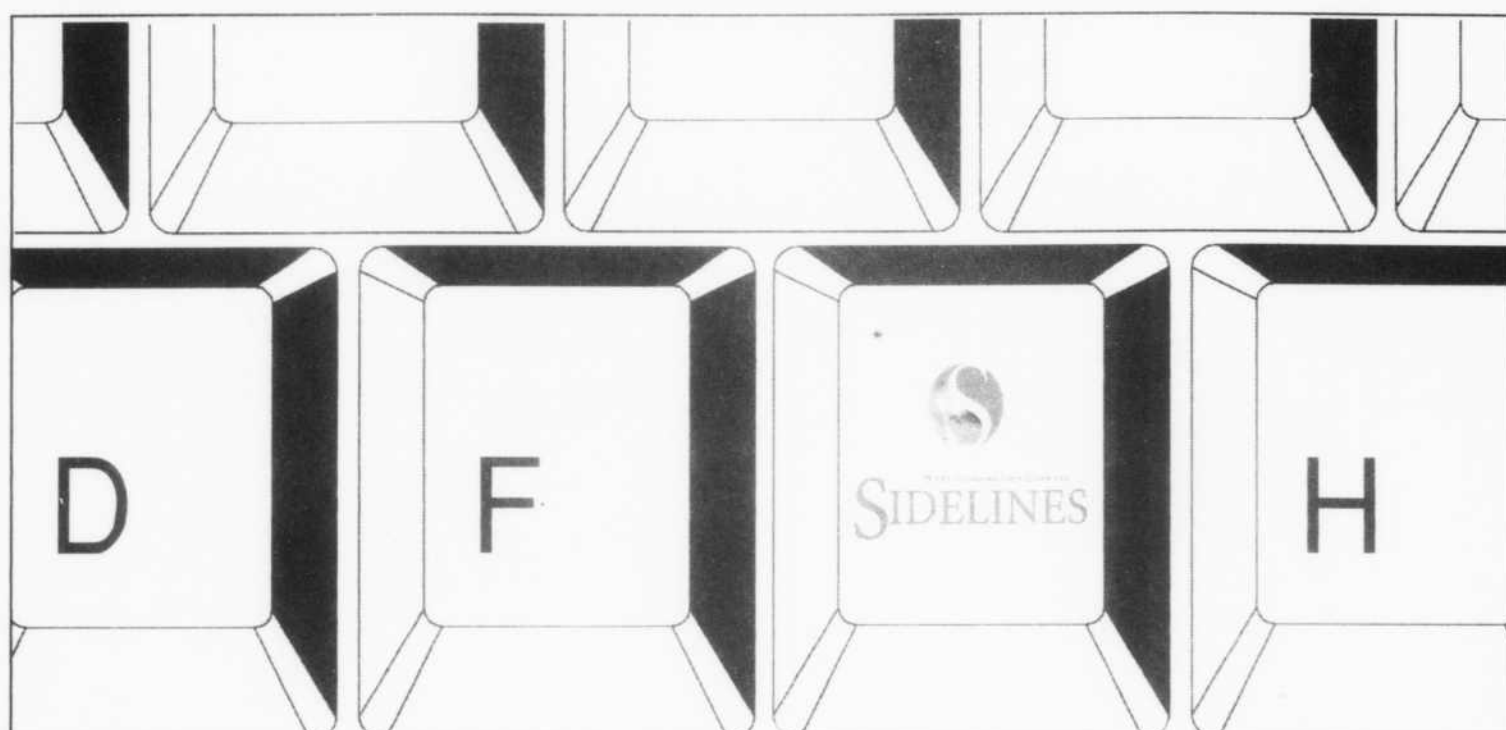
players of the 2004 recruiting class yesterday with three signees.

Local standout Lindsay Sisco headlined Peck's first recruiting class. Sisco, who played at Blackman High School, was the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year as well as the State Tournament MVP in 2003.

"Lindsay was the first player I recruited after arriving here at Middle Tennessee," Peck told MT Media Relations. "She is very quick, has an exceptional arm, is a very good jumper and has great mobility – everything a middle blocker needs to be an outstanding player at a high level."

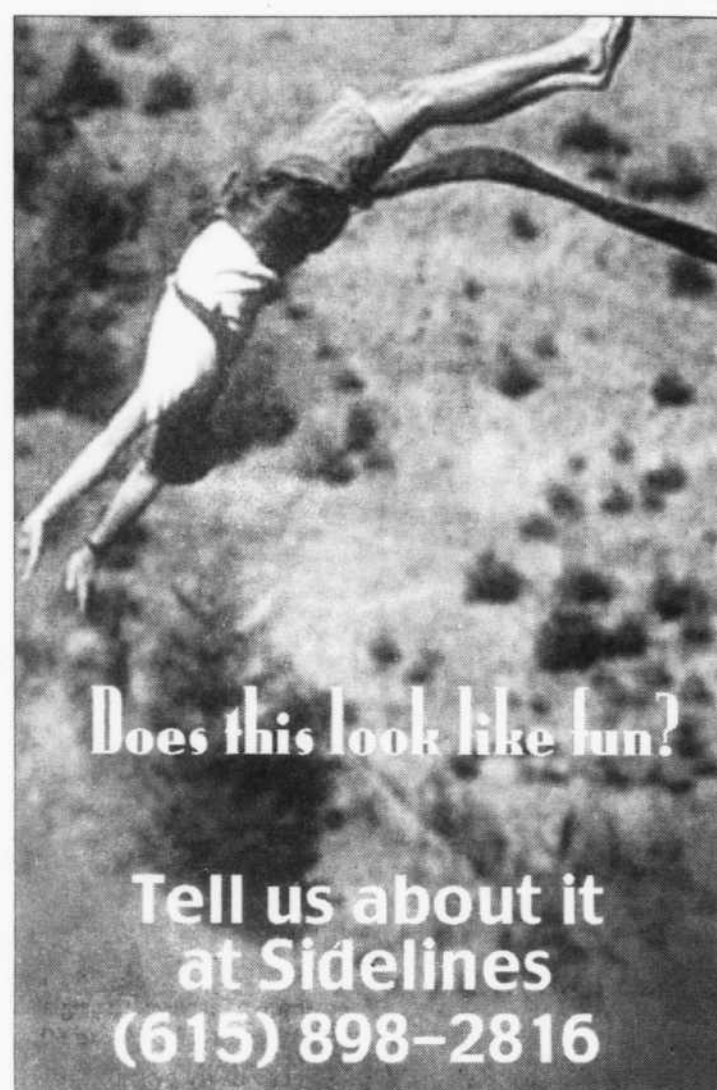
Peck also received scholarship agreements from Quanshell Scott from Bakersfield, Calif., and Kijuan Sherrod, who is transferring from the University of Missouri. Both players are expected to immediately contend for starting positions.

Peck hopes to sign two to three more players by the end of the semester, including one from a yet-unnamed high school player as soon as today. ♦



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Tennessee Titans' 2004 schedule released

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Titans will make two appearances on *Monday Night Football* this season, once at Green Bay and once as a home game against Kansas City. The only other national television appearance for the team will be a Christmas Day home game against Denver. The Titans will not face Baltimore nor New England, their two playoff opponents last season.

Preseason

Date	Opponent	Time
Week 1	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Week 2	at Buffalo	6:00 p.m.
Week 3	at Dallas	7:00 p.m.
Week 4	Green Bay	7:00 p.m.

Regular Season

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 12	at Miami	Noon
Sept. 19	Indianapolis	Noon
Sept. 26	Jacksonville	Noon
Oct. 3	at San Diego	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Green Bay	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Houston	Noon
Oct. 24	at Minnesota	Noon
Oct. 31	Cincinnati	Noon
Nov. 7	Open Date	
Nov. 14	Chicago	Noon
Nov. 21	at Jacksonville	Noon
Nov. 28	at Houston	Noon
Dec. 5	at Indianapolis	Noon
Dec. 13	Kansas City	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Oakland	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 25	Denver	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Detroit	Noon

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Employment

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1 BD/ 1BA at Raiders Crossing. Will pay 1/2 first month's rent. Call 615-542-7951, leave msg.

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Room available at Sterling University Gables. It is a 4 BD apt. that is furnished. Please call 615-504-1475 if interested. Ask for Jennifer.

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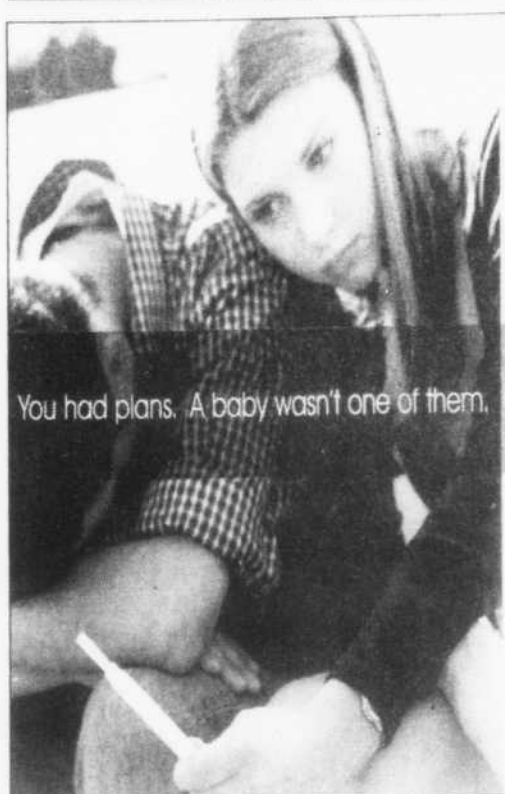
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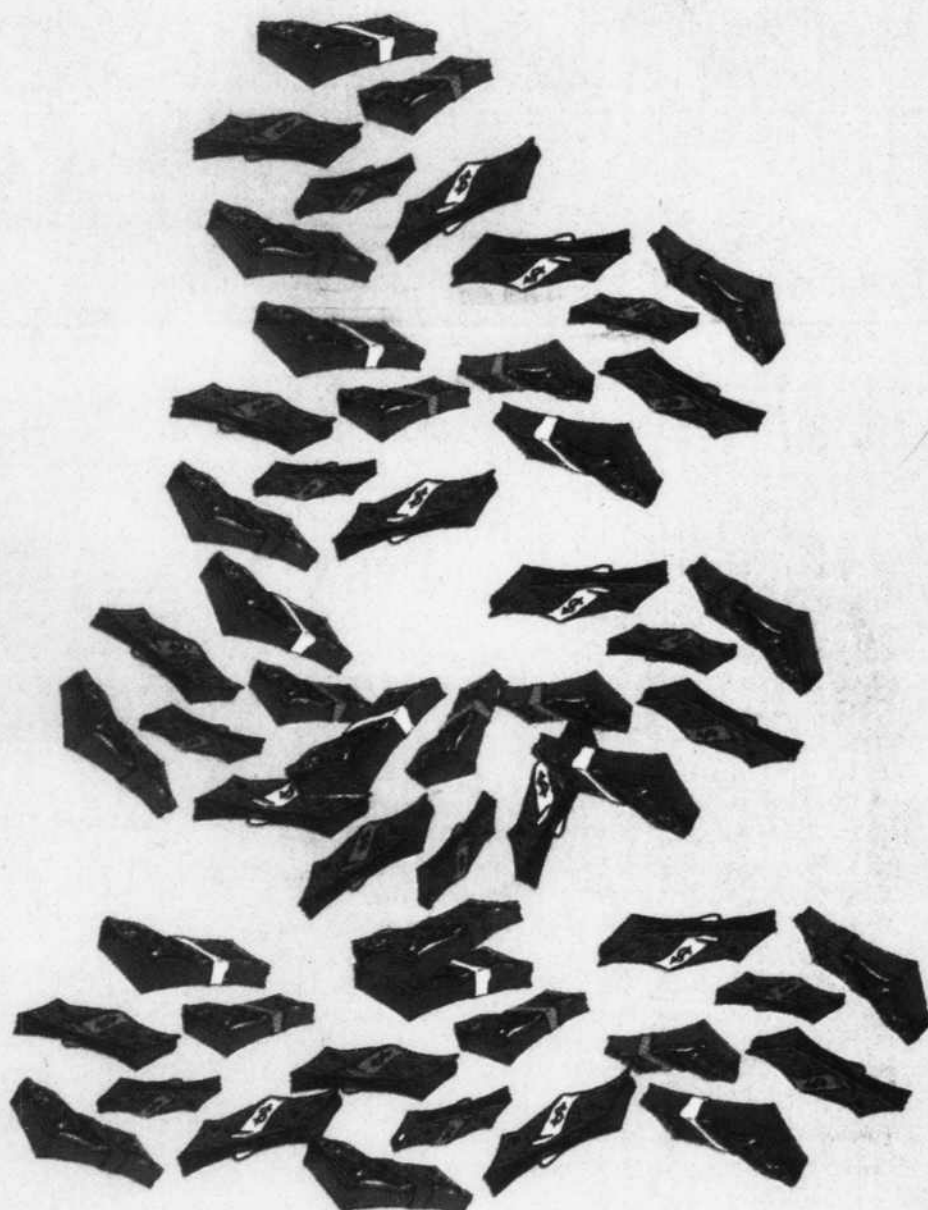


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