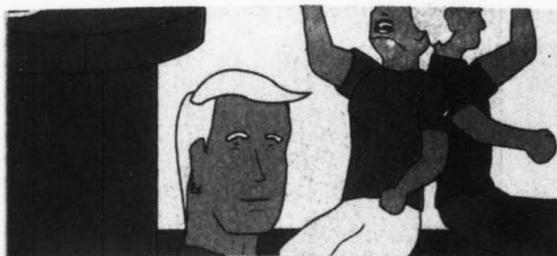




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## RIM Records



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Brian Holland, top-left, president of the student record label, RIM Records, oversees the entire operation.

## Record label up and running

By Meagan Kirby  
Staff Writer

MTSU's new record label, RIM records, has selected a Student Executive Board for the 2003-2004 year.

The students on this board will run the record label with help from other students under them.

The president of the label is Brian Holland. Holland is a senior Recording Industry major and entrepreneurship minor. The president's job will be to oversee business and to keep everyone on track

with their individual jobs.

"I am very excited about this job but I am also overwhelmed," Holland said. "It takes a lot of work. This record label is a great thing, giving everyone involved good experience and exposure. I am honored that I was chosen for this job."

Under Holland are President Elect Kristen Crego and six vice presidents, each controlling a different aspect of the label.

Patrick McCarty is the vice

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## Board accepting submissions

Staff Reports

RIM Records will accept submissions from artists and bands until tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

Bands and artists from all genres of music can bring press kits to the College of Mass Communication office.

All submissions will be accepted and reviewed, and the Student Executive Board will be selecting bands and artists to participate in a

showcase at the end of the spring semester.

One or two of the bands will be selected to record an album over the summer that will be released this fall.

Press kits should include as much of the following as possible:

- Compact discs with 3-5 songs
- Biography
- Picture of the band
- Press clippings
- Contact information ♦

## Academic standards raised for fall

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

Students wanting to apply to attend MTSU this fall will have to meet stricter admissions standards to be enrolled at the university.

"We chose to put these new requirements into effect for the fall semester instead of tradition," said Lynn Palmer, director of admissions. "Usually when a university chooses to change its admission policy, the new policy goes into effect the following spring or fall term."

Previous admissions standards included:

- Completion of the 14 required high school courses
- A minimum ACT score of 20 or a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

New standards include:

- A 22 composite ACT (1020 SAT) or a 3.0 GPA
- Or a combination of both a 19 on the ACT and a 2.7 GPA
- Completion of the required high school courses.

"This is a three tier process," Palmer said. "This is what we are focusing on stressing to the incoming students—that you have to have met one of these tiers for guaranteed admissions to the university."

The new requirements are not affecting transfer students or currently enrolled students, but just incoming freshmen.

"There is a discussion to increase the minimum number of hours from nine to a greater number that students have to earn before they can enroll at

See Standards, 2

## Festival to show student films

Staff Reports

More than 10 films created by students will be showcased next week during the fifth Annual Student Film Festival.

"There's a lot of filmmakers on campus here and it's to give them an opportunity to showcase the movies they make in front of their peers," said Greg Feiling, who works in the Student Programming office.

"It's a little tougher to get into bigger film festivals," Feiling said.

The festival kicks off

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Monday in the Keathley Monday Center Theater. Films will be shown throughout the week, and a panel of judges will judge the films and present awards at the end of the week.

The top filmmaker will receive a \$500 video camera; the second-place entry will receive a \$200 gift certificate to

See Films, 2

## Two moonbuggy teams take honors in competition

### MTSU finishes ahead of other Tennessee teams

By Meagan Kirby  
Staff Writer

MTSU engineering students, using theories learned in the classroom, created two winning moonbuggies for a competition this weekend.

Two teams of MTSU students traveled to Huntsville, Ala., to compete in the 11th Annual NASA-sponsored Great Moonbuggy Race, held at the Marshall Space Center.

The two teams consisted of 16 students with Dean Sandefur

and John Winker as team leaders. Their faculty adviser is Saeed Foroudastan, an associate professor in engineering, technology and industrial studies.

"The teams worked very hard on this and did a super job," Foroudastan said. "They showed the true value of teamwork and everyone in the department is very proud of them."

MTSU competed with 31 other Tennessee universities and colleges in the race, and each school was allowed to have two



Photo provided by Saeed Foroudastan

Jon Poston and Lean Grothouse race Moon Raider 1 as MTSU supporters look on during the Huntsville competition over the weekend.

"Moon Raider 1" finished in fourth place and "Moon Raider 2" finished next in line in fifth place. Only the top three winners received prizes.

The buggies beat all the other teams from Tennessee, including teams from Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee.

The teams took MTSU's old buggy from last year and made

some improvements.

"We took about a month and redesigned the old buggy so it would have a shorter assembly time," Sandefur said.

As part of the contest rules, the team must carry the unassembled buggy to the starting line and construct the buggy before attempting the course. The amount of time it takes a team to assemble the buggy is included in the overall score.

The team started building the new buggy in September.

"We did not really have set teams; everyone just helped out where they were needed," Sandefur said. "It was a great experience all around." ♦

## Local movie needs college students to fill five major slots

### Shelbyville shoot will start in May; Allison Janney to play major role

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

Students who have been bitten by the acting bug now have the opportunity to be featured in a major film being shot in Shelbyville, Tenn.

Kim Petrosky Casting is holding a casting call for MTSU students to read

for five roles in the upcoming film, *Our Very Own*.

"It's a film set in the 1970s, set in Shelbyville," Petrosky said. "The writer/director (Camaron Watson) was born and grew up there."

This comedy/drama surrounds a young boy and his friends from Shelbyville who seek to find a ticket to fame and a way out of their sleepy town.

Some of the roles Petrosky is look-

ing to fill require a subtle Southern accent.

"I'm also looking for people who can sing a bit," Petrosky said. "It's not like I need real singers, but there is a scene in the film where they are in a talent show."

Petrosky recommends students bring a photograph to the casting call from noon to 3 p.m. in the Keathley University Center outside the Grill Wednesday.

Students without experience in theater or acting shouldn't be afraid to try out, Petrosky said.

"A lot of the time with this sort of stuff finding an unknown would be great," Petrosky said. "It's real people

casting."

Because the plot is dated, Petrosky said she is looking for people with appropriate hairstyles to match the 1970s atmosphere.

"I pick out people visually," Petrosky said. "I go through and pick out who looks visually interesting to me. It's not a matter of attractive or classically beautiful."

She is also looking for paid extras for the movie, which will be filmed in May.

Allison Janney, from the TV show *The West Wing*, has already been cast for a major role in the movie.

MTSU is the first location for a casting call for this movie, and Petrosky

will be casting all over the Southeast for this film.

"You're just casting a wide net out there to see what happens," Petrosky explained about her technique for finding talent.

The choice to make MTSU a location for a casting call was an obvious one for Petrosky, since she wants to find locals to fill the parts and this was the right age group.

"This is all about being in the right place at the right time," Petrosky said.

Bob McLean, a graduate of MTSU after whom the School of Music is named, is the executive producer of this film. ♦



Janney

### FIFTH-ANNUAL STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Monday, April 12

• 'Sunrise/Sunset'

Directed by Ryan Hamblin

• 'Unstoppable: The Movie'

Directed by Craig Watkins

• 8:59

Directed by Zach Gunter and David Poag

• 'Evil Will Prevail'

Directed by Kevin Doyle and Matt Hammitt

Tuesday, April 13

• 'Nervous Winter Mergers'

Directed by Michael M. Taylor

• 'Jan and Michael: A Silent Film'

Directed by Laurel Randolph

• 'The Beast From the East (to the Rescue)'

Directed by Herschel Van Dyke

• 'I Want Candi'

Directed by Sarah Silverdecker

Wednesday, April 14

• 'Beowulf'

Directed by Hassen Mueller

• 'A Northern Lights Reality'

Directed by Jason Burks and Charles Robinson

• 'Dark and Stormy Nights'

Directed by Whitney Tyler and Jacob Warren

Film showings are at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the KUC Theater

## Standards: Applications up despite stricter policies

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MTSU," Palmer said. "However, there is just discussion of the issue. Nothing has been decided yet."

Palmer also predicts a big influx of transfer students to MTSU next fall because of the lottery.

"We are starting to see that more students are choosing to go to a two-year community college for their basic courses and then transfer to a four-year institution after their general education requirements are out of the way," Palmer said. She said she believes this will only increase after the lottery has been in play for a few years, enabling more high school graduates to afford a college education.

If a prospective student does not meet the guaranteed standards, then he or she will be

sent a Student Personal Statement form, which, once returned, will be reviewed by the Admissions Review Board.

Students will then have to remove all high school deficiencies within the first 64 hours of enrollment, maintain good academic standing, receive services from the University's Academic Support Center and enroll in University 1010, according to the admissions homepage at [www.mtsu.edu/~admssn](http://www.mtsu.edu/~admssn).

Students who miss the final admissions deadline, which is July 1, will then be put on waiting list status.

"If more courses become available after all returning students and freshmen register," Palmer said, "then we will contact the students about enrolling."

The waiting list has been used in the past.

The Admissions and

Standards Committee began the process of changing admissions standards several months ago.

"The committee, which is composed of faculty, made the recommendation to change the academic requirements," Palmer said. "The admissions office provided them with data, such as ACT and GPA information, and the recommendation was sent off to President [Sidney] McPhee and the Tennessee Board of Regents, who have the final say."

The new academic standards are not universal to every TBR institution.

"Each TBR university has its own entry requirements, they have to be approved by TBR," Palmer said.

MTSU's honors program has not changed its admissions requirements for the upcoming school year.

The requirements to be an

honors student include completion of the 14 required high school credits, an ACT composite score of 26 or higher with at least a 3.0 high school GPA, or an ACT score of a 22 or higher with a high school grade point average of a 3.5 or higher. Students who meet these criteria do not have to participate in the honors program, but can if they choose.

"We have noticed this year, since changing the admissions criteria, that the application number is up, which is a unique increase," Palmer said.

"We contribute some of that to the new lottery and some because of our increased standards. One of the reasons the lottery was formed was to keep more students in Tennessee schools, which is accounting for an increase in our application number." ♦

## Label: Students charged with looking for talent, promoting

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president of artist and repertoire.

McCarty is a senior music business/recording industry major. His job is to go through submissions and pick the best bands for the record.

"I am basically a scout looking for the best talent in Murfreesboro," McCarty said. "I love this job. I have some great people working under me. It is really fun but it can also be really hard, but so far the fun has outweighed the hard stuff."

Under McCarty is the vice president-elect of A&R, Janard Cross, five directors and two

assistants.

The vice president of marketing is Kelly Biggs. Biggs is a music business/recording industry major and business administration minor. Biggs will decide on marketing schemes to use for the label, and finding a target market. Biggs plans on using some new techniques to do her job.

"I think it is a great experience and a great asset for the students before they join the real world," she said.

Under Biggs is Angela Knoll, the vice president-elect of marketing, three directors and one public relations person.

The vice president of pro-

duction is Ryann Schnieder. Schnieder is a recording industry/productions and technology major.

Schnieder's job will be to ensure that production goes smoothly and the label puts out quality products.

"I am so excited about this," Schnieder said. "It is an incredible experience and a great opportunity to start up a label."

Schnieder has four directors under her and the vice president-elect of production, John Fantasia.

The vice president of booking is Dustin Boyd, a senior recording industry major. Boyd is charged with finding a venue

for the showcases that will be held later in the year, and making things work functionally during the showcase.

"I think this is a really cool thing," Boyd said. "It is a great opportunity for everyone involved, including the students of MTSU."

Right now Boyd does not have anyone working under him. Those interested in pursuing the vice president-elect position can call Boyd at 898-5286.

The vice president of business and legal affairs is Natasha Bradford, and the vice president of promotions is Micah Jones. Both were unavailable for comment at press time. ♦

## Films: Free, open to public

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Amazon.com; and the third-place film will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Amazon.com.

The films are free and open to the public. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. each night, Monday through Wednesday. Awards night is

Thursday, with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the announcement of the winners at 7 p.m. The top four films will be screened following the awards presentations. For more information on the festival, contact the Student Programming office at 898-2551. ♦

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## Victim's parents suing Rutherford County

### Sheriff's Department mistook 19-year-old for crime suspect

By B.J. Chaplin  
Staff Writer

The parents of a 19-year-old killed by a police car last year are suing Rutherford County and three sheriff's deputies in excess of \$10 million.

Bountyner and Naly Ontha, the parents of the deceased Phouthasen Tommy Ontha, filed the lawsuit in Tennessee's

Middle District Court March 17, one day shy of the one year anniversary of Tommy's death.

The lawsuit names as defendants Rutherford County, Sheriff Truman L. Jones Jr., Deputy Richard M. Emslie and his partner, Deputy Randy M. Morrow.

Jones, Emslie and Morrow could not be reached for comment.

According to the lawsuit, on March 18 of last year deputies Morrow and Emslie set up surveillance in the parking lot of Greenland Drive Apartments while "attempting to locate a subject named Tony Kanjanabout."

The deputies, while waiting in an unmarked maroon 1994 Ford Crown Victoria, observed Ontha driving a white 1992 Honda Acura, the lawsuit explains.

After Morrow and Emslie "discriminately accused that he was 'Tony Kanjanabout,'" the lawsuit said, the deputies began

to follow Ontha.

Ontha then left the parking lot in the Acura and subsequently followed "with no reasonable suspicion that [he] had committed or was about to commit any criminal act," the lawsuit claims.

According to the lawsuit,



Jones

after Ontha circled the apartment complex and re-entered it, he attempted to back out of the parking lot area and onto Greenland Drive.

The deputies followed him as he was backing out, the lawsuit explains, and the vehicle "came to a stop on the side of the road with the vehicle partially in the road."

Ontha then exited the vehicle, according to the lawsuit.

Emslie and Morrow then pulled out of the parking lot "at a reckless, dangerous and grossly negligent speed, and, while driving on the wrong side of the

road, intentionally drove their unmarked car directly toward the victim, Tommy Ontha," according to the lawsuit.

Emslie, who was driving the car, "failed to stop the vehicle, which struck Ontha and pinned his body against a nearby telephone pole," the lawsuit explains.

"In doing so," the lawsuit purports, "Emslie and Morrow intentionally deprived Tommy Ontha of his [c]onstitutional rights to due process and to be free from unreasonable seizures

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### Dig it



Frank Massey and Kirk Bugg work yesterday in front of the Animal Clinic on Memorial Boulevard to break up five feet of concrete to free a pole that is two feet too close to power lines.

Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

## City officials to be elected this month

### Officials include school board, city council

By Simon Lynn  
Staff Writer

Murfreesboro city elections will be held April 20. On the ballot are candidates for city council and school board.

The city council, the legislative body of the city, consists of the mayor, vice mayor and five publicly elected officials. Council responsibilities include the levying of taxes, appropriation of city funds, defining of duties for city employees and the determination of those employees' salaries.

Ordinances enacted by the city council form the city code. Additionally, the city council appoints the city manager, city attorney, city treasurer, city recorder and city judge.

Seven candidates are running for city council. Candidates available for comment were asked about previous experience and personal motivations for running.

"I like being involved and I like helping people," said Toby Gilley, who is up for re-election. "I think the role that I bring to the council is bringing people together to find solutions."

Candidate Tracy cites his experience in Murfreesboro law enforcement as a qualification. He said that problems with the current council are a prime motivator.

"We have a council that doesn't run things," he said. "They allow the city manager to run things and they don't exercise their control."

Jones cites overspending, high taxes, city growth and catering to special interests as factors the current council faces.

The city board of education consists of seven members publicly elected to four-year terms. The school board directs and maintains the city school system and appoints the Director of Schools.

School board candidate Nancy Phillips, an MTSU alumna, says she is up for re-election because she cares about our schools and how we educate our children.

"Being an active advocate for education is very important. This gives me a chance to give back," she said.

Lon Nuell, a school board member for two terms and current MTSU art professor, is also up for re-election.

"Public service has always been of vital importance to me," Nuell said. "My own personal interest and bias is in the education of children and adults, so this is the best way to serve."

New candidate Michael Sager brings something different to the table. Sager said his financial experience will be helpful.

"I currently handle multiple multi-million dollar accounts which, I think, would actually more than qualify me for looking at the budget and forecast-

ing for future growth and building of new schools," he said.

Sager also has public service experience with the volunteer fire department, Rutherford County Rescue Squad, Murfreesboro Rotary Club and as a diplomat for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

County elections will be held later this year. On Aug. 5, Murfreesboro residents will have the chance to vote for members of the state Senate and House of Representatives, County School Board and Road Board.

Also to be elected are the Assessor of Property and Highway Superintendent.

The state Senate is made up of 33 members, one for each district, and currently contains 18 Democrats and 15 Republicans. Each member serves four years, and there is no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.

Currently up for re-election to the state Senate is Larry Trail (D). He is opposed by Republican candidate Jim Tracy, a small business owner, teacher, coach and Bedford County School Board member said he loves to serve.

"I want to help people," he said. "I want to have access to people ... at ballgames. I want people to be able to talk to me and tell me about the issues. The bottom line for me is to try to make a difference and serve the people and make government representative of the people."

Larry Trail, currently working in the Senate, could not be reached at press time.

The Tennessee House of Representatives, the lower house of the bicameral legislature, is currently composed of 54 Democrats and 45 Republicans. Each member represents one of 99 House districts. Members also serve four-year terms with a limit on the number of terms.

Running as the Republican candidate for the Tennessee House of Representatives 49th District is Oscar Gardner.

Having never run for political office, Gardner believes he can offer a voice that will be helpful to the voters in the district.

"I've always been interested in politics. I've always been a voter and been involved with a few campaigns," Gardner said. "It's time I got off the bench and started playing a little bit. It's time for me to get in the game and try to make a difference and make the state a little bit better than the way we found it."

Gardner opposes current Rep. Kent Coleman. Coleman was not available at press time.

Three other Rutherford County candidates for the Tennessee House of Representatives run unopposed including Donna Rowland (R) in the 34th District, John Hood (D) in the 48th District and Curt Cobb (D) in the 62nd District. ♦

See page 4 for a complete list of candidates.

## Growing county may face new taxes

By Nona Kempton  
Staff Writer

Rapid population growth has left Rutherford County officials looking for new sources of tax revenues to meet the increased demand for services, and an MTSU report is being used to examine alternatives, a task force member said.

According to a study released by the Business and Economic Resource Center of MTSU in December, the population of the county has grown by more than 23 percent since 1996. The study, which explores options for increasing county revenue, was paid for by the County Commission.

The housing growth in the county is due in large part to the low interest rates of the last few years, according to the report. The increase in population has left many government agencies straining to meet the need for services, especially in education and public safety.

Last month, Rutherford County Sheriff Truman Jones threatened to sue the county if his department did not get a

budget increase in the coming year. Jones told WTVF Channel 5 News that his department could not properly protect the growing population of the county without more money.

Last week, the county school board approved a three-year, \$88 million plan to build four new schools and expand at least three other existing schools to deal with overcrowding.

The board is hoping to get additional funds from the state to raise starting salaries to attract teachers to the area, superintendent Harry Gill said.

"The county asked us to look at alternatives to raise new revenue," said associate professor David Penn, an author of the report. "The growth in the county has resulted in competing needs for spending and the county is relying on property taxes and other sources of income to meet those needs."

The Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce organized a 13-member citizens' task force last year to explore various ways to generate more money. The task force reports to the steering committee of the coun-

ty commission. They have been examining some of the options proposed in the MTSU report.

"Thus far, the tax [options] we have looked at won't raise a lot of money," task force chairperson Rebecca Clymer said, "and most will require a change in state laws, which will affect how quickly they could be implemented."

"The bulk of the county's budget goes to schools, and we are such a young community, the need for schools has been outpaced by the growth. There has been a growth in the property tax base [from new housing], but the revenue has not kept up with the need for schools."

The MTSU report has suggested a local gasoline tax, a realty transfer and mortgage tax, and increasing business and property taxes as alternative methods of raising revenue.

"We are probably looking at an increase in property tax," Clymer said, "and other sources like hotel and motel taxes. A local gasoline tax would require a piece of legislation to change the state law. We have invited

our state legislators [from Rutherford County] to be our guests at our committee meetings and we will be seeking their advice."

Currently the county relies on local sales tax, property and business taxes and other miscellaneous taxes for more than half the annual income. The local sales tax is at the maximum rate allowed by law now. The 9.75 percent sales tax in Rutherford County is one of the highest in the country, the report said.

Penn said that the report did not make any recommendations and was intended only to suggest alternatives to raise revenue to meet spending needs. He said the report was designed to look at a variety of ways to raise tax money.

"We were offering more diversity in revenue sources," Penn said, "which is better than relying on only a few sources for income."

The Budget Committee of the County Commission will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the Rutherford County courthouse. ♦

# Robbery, struggle in motel room

By David Paulson  
Staff Writer

● A Murfreesboro resident was injured during a robbery at Murfreesboro Motel on Broad Street Friday night. Michael Miller, 35, was in room with his wife, Lisa Miller, when the suspect came to the door. The suspect pulled out a knife and told Michael, "Give me your money."

The suspect then attempted to put the knife to Michael's throat. Miller pushed the suspect away from him. During a brief struggle, Michael was cut on his left wrist by the suspect's knife.

Motel residents Deborah Jones and William Botts reported to police that the suspect ran into Bott's room, saying, "Hide me. The police are gonna be looking for me."

An unknown person then entered Bott's room and asked the suspect, "What did you cut

him with?"

The suspect then quickly fled the scene. He is known to be described as "Calvin" and is described as a black male, about 5-foot-10-inches to 6-foot tall, with a medium build and short black hair. He was wearing black jeans and a black jacket. According to witnesses, the suspect visits the motel frequently.

● A TV and VCR were stolen at gunpoint from a home on January Street Saturday morning. The victim received a knock on her door shortly before 2 a.m. The two suspects forced their way into the residence. One of the suspects was identified as the victim's ex-boyfriend. The first suspect told the victim not to move while the other pointed a black handgun at her. The suspects took a 20-inch Samsung flat screen television and a 9-inch TV/VCR unit. They fled on foot. ♦

# Lawsuit: Family seeking other damages

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and excessive force by law enforcement officers as well as certain rights under Tennessee state law ...

"Additionally, policy failures perpetuated by Rutherford County and Jones fostered an environment allowing Emslie and Morrow the latitude to intentionally deprive Tommy Ontha of the aforementioned rights guaranteed to him under the United States Constitution and the [s]tate of Tennessee."

As a result of the injuries,

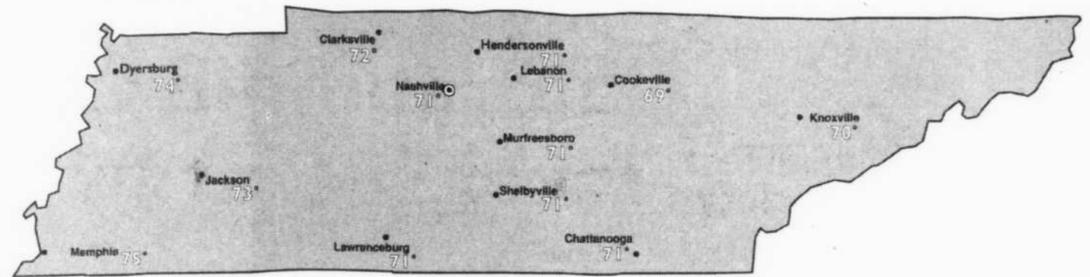
which included a severed liver, Ontha died about three hours later.

In addition to the \$10 million being sought, punitive damages "in favor of Plaintiffs Bountynier and Naly Ontha" are being sought, the amount of which is "to be determined by a jury."

Also being sought are funeral and "other administrative expenses," attorney fees, "costs of this action" (to be taxed to the defendants) and "such other and further relief as this [c]ourt deems just and equitable." ♦

## Tennessee Weather – Thursday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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From the Editorial Board

## Recognize that arts influence our society

It's nice to see the university giving the arts some much-deserved recognition on campus.

The fifth annual Student Film Festival takes place next week in the Keathley University Center Theater. The showcased films are student-produced and will be shown Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Awards will be presented Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., after which the top four films will be shown again.

It's important for a university to acknowledge the influence that the arts have on our society, and we commend the festival's sponsors for allowing students the opportunity to showcase their hard work and talents.

We urge students on campus to attend the film festival next week. The event is free and is an excellent opportunity for students to come together to see what other students have to offer.

Another big step the arts have taken on campus occurred with the university's new record label.

The label has a Student Executive Board and will feature student artists. Other students will also take part in the label, working with various aspects of the label, such as technical and business aspects, under the Student Executive Board.

Allowing student musicians a way to publish their music so that others may enjoy it is a tremendous step for a university to take, and it's encouraging to see an institution take those steps to see that its students have a way of producing their music.

In addition to this, the label also plans to hold showcases, another way for artists to get some exposure while allowing them to do what they love.

By providing opportunities such as the record label and the Student Film Festival, the university is offering students valuable experience in their fields as well as exposure.

While it's pertinent that students focus on their studies, it's equally important that students with creative outlets be recognized for their talents and allowed to showcase their abilities for the enjoyment of others.

Students interested in these fields now have a chance to see just what those interests can produce when the opportunity presents itself.

Allowing students to showcase their talents – whether they are filmmaking talents, musical talents or artistic talents of another variety – sends the message that the arts are an integral part of this university and will always be accepted and celebrated. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

## Attention instructors: Keep comments to self

When dealing with the educational system, or any system in which some have power over others, it's important that those in said positions of power keep inappropriate comments to themselves.

It should be common sense, but this ideology apparently hasn't spread as far south as Florida just yet.

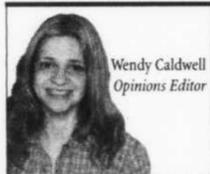
Last year, Citrus High School teacher/coach Robert Goddard got into a bit of trouble for making inappropriate comments to students.

Sometime around the middle of February, Goddard got into a bit of trouble for making inappropriate comments to students. He had so readily put himself in when two students accused him of inappropriate comments yet again.

The students said that Goddard complimented them on their eyes – a comment that in itself can easily be construed as inappropriate when it comes from an authority figure.

However, Goddard wasn't satisfied with just digging the hole. This winner had to start filling it up, too.

Realizing his eye comment might not



Wendy Caldwell  
Opinions Editor

have been the best thing to say, Goddard, according to the students, replied with a witty, "I'm not trying to get laid or anything."

I'm not implying that physical attraction is unnatural, taboo or at all times inappropriate.

However, it's always a good idea to exercise some restraint.

When authority figures say something, they think it might be taken the wrong way, odds are it probably already has been.

Instead of trying to throw in an ill-worded disclaimer, take an extra second or two to actually think about what you say before you start spouting off whatever pops into your mind.

It's never a bad idea to put as much thought into spoken word as we do into written word.

Then again, I'm just a writer. I'm not trying to get laid or anything. ♦

## 'Sex and the City' series finale inconsistent with show's theme

With the release of the new book *Kiss and Tell* and the ending of the HBO's *Sex and the City*, audiences have been left with a powerful message: A happy ending always includes a man.

The show, hailed as the program that celebrated the single woman, ended with a message that told its watchers that while being single may be fun, you should settle down to quench your desire for true happiness.

Sure, the show had Charlotte, the marriage-hungry maiden searching hopelessly for the man who would marry her, but the other three characters, Carrie, Samantha and Miranda, were, at least for the most part, examples of career-driven single women carving fruitful lives for themselves with the occasional fling, one-night stand or even multi-month relationship here and there.

Yet, in the last season, Miranda married, Samantha found a long-term boyfriend – something no one saw coming – and Carrie reunited with the love of her life, who incidentally was also the greatest heartbreak



Wit and Wonder

Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Staff Columnist

of her life.

So, a television show that once celebrated the single lady now ends with two characters marrying, one moving from promiscuity to monogamy and the show's lead character forgiving the man who had hurt her time and time again.

The message: To be happy, you should settle down, marry if you can, be completely monogamous and always give that special guy a second, third, fourth, fifth chance regardless of how much he hurts you.

Viewers across the nation related to *Sex and the City* not because of these characters' \$400 shoes or enormous New York apartments but through the celebration of independence and happiness found within women themselves

instead of from men. But the series' conclusion didn't celebrate these elements that attracted millions of viewers. Instead, those closing episodes celebrated a dependence on men for emotional happiness and stability.

This sends the message that women need the opposite gender in order to be happy. These messages pressure many women into early, ill-advised marriages and don't encompass the wide range of women in our society, many of whom are not romantically linked to men.

Even in a society where women are earning 71 cents for each dollar that men earn, women still have the mobility and resources to survive without dependence on men. Heterosexual marriage and relationships are wonderful unions, but this bond is not essential for happiness or mobility. Unmarried women, as well as lesbian and bisexual women, have fruitful, happy lives without the involvement of men.

*Sex and the City* was hailed as a revolutionary series, and in some ways it was. It introduced a fresh,

open look at sex and sexuality. It showed a positive image of female friendships. However, its ending relied on an old, outdated idea that no woman is complete without her man.

While *Sex and the City* was a humorous, innovative series in some respects, it didn't live up to its acclaim as a show that celebrated the independent woman. Instead, the show ended with a moral lesson to women urging them to have their "fun times" and then settle down with a special man to call their own.

This is a problematic message, an archaic rhetoric that should have no basis in modern innovative programming. In 2004, women can taste delicious happiness – even if she cooks for one, has sex with as many people as she wants or doesn't fool with men at all. ♦

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## Illegal drug use, abuse not victimless crime

If I had a stance on why illegal substances should remain that way or be legalized, I would've written about it sooner.

While there are many who may choose to use or abuse illegal substances in private, that doesn't always make that choice a victimless crime.

For example, I refer to as Beth. Beth married a man I will call Dan.

After Beth and Dan got married, they encountered a problem. Dan began using illegal substances.

With Dan's state of mind being altered, he began to abuse his wife. After a few years of abuse and Dan claiming that he was going to quit using drugs, the couple divorced, and Dan didn't change his habits.

If going through a divorce over substance abuse weren't enough, Beth and Dan have chil-



Sandi's Logic

Sandi Van Orden  
Staff Columnist

dren together.

Dan used these substances in front of his young children. Drugs kept Dan from being a suitable person to watch his children, but also putting the children at risk of getting into something that has a potential of being lethal.

It was Dan's choice to use these substances, but there were victims.

His former wife was the victim of an abusive husband who wouldn't seek help for his substance abuse.

His young children are now growing up without the presence of their

father. When they understand what was truly going on, they'll be left with the knowledge that their dad didn't want help for his addiction.

They'll be left wondering why their father was more interested in being high than in keeping the family together.

We make choices everyday, and those choices affect someone in our lives. It may not have as large of an impact as the previous situation or abortion, but it does have an impact.

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't be able to make decisions about what is best for our lives. It just means that we all need to realize that we are accountable for the choices we make. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Profiling violation of freedoms

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Jeremy Coseo's article, "Racial profiling can have benefits" (April 7). Coseo's column makes what seems to be a good point: While racial profiling may upset most people, it's an effective way to deter terrorism. However, upon closer inspection, there is one simple reason why this isn't the route to go: freedom.

While I'm sure Coseo would argue that racial profiling is, in a roundabout way, helping to protect our freedom, it's quite the opposite. I'm white, middle class and male. My freedom isn't being encroached on. Even when Timothy McVeigh blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City, Theodore Kaczynski was found to be the Unabomber or even when Jeffery Dahmer and countless other mass murderers were never, I've never felt persecuted by authorities.

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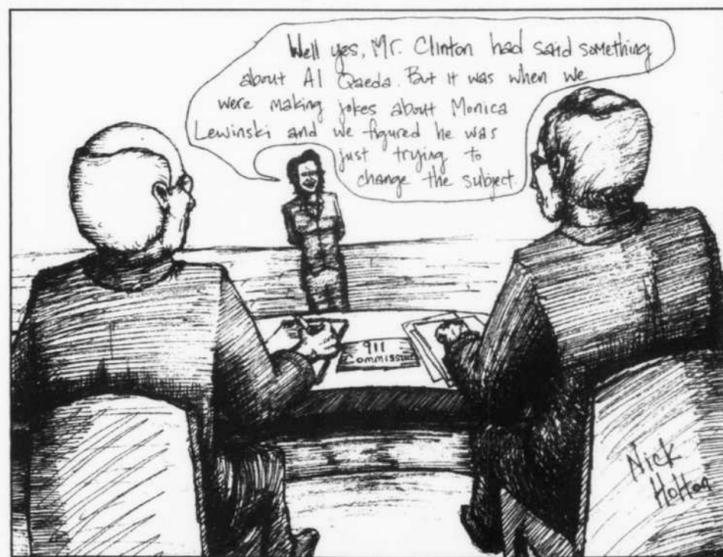
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## Kruse moves up in intercollegiate rankings

By Colby Sledge  
Sports Editor

Manon Kruse was named the Sun Belt Player of the Week for the second week in a row and the fourth time this season yesterday.

Kruse also moved up to No. 39 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings, her highest ranking since her 2003 pre-season ranking of No. 31. Kruse is 16-2 in singles play this season heading into the Sun Belt Tournament April 23-25.

Kruse and doubles partner Carien Venter also moved up to No. 7 in the ITA doubles rankings this week, the highest doubles ranking in MT history.

In their first year playing together, Kruse and Venter have compiled a 17-1 record, including 16 straight victories. The duo's last defeat came at the hands of Kentucky's Sarah

Foster and Abika Kalsarieva Jan. 24. In the ITA team rankings, the Lady Raiders dropped from No. 59 to No. 64 after dropping Friday's match to South Alabama 4-3.

MT's Jennifer Klaschka is also ranked in singles play at No. 108.



Kruse

On the men's side, freshman Andreas Siljestrom was also named Sun Belt Player of the Week after winning both of his singles matches last weekend to clinch two Blue Raider wins.

Siljestrom defeated Louisiana-Lafayette's Robin Ley in three sets Friday to give MT a 4-3 win over the No. 54 Ragin' Cajuns. The Swede

then fought off two match points against Old Dominion's Zolton Csanadi and won in three sets to give MT a 4-2 victory.

Siljestrom is 9-8 this season in singles play, including a 5-0 record at No. 2.

In the ITA doubles rankings, Brandon Allan and Kai Schledorn fell from No. 28 to No. 49. The duo has lost four of their last five matches, including an 8-6 loss Sunday to No. 6 Ivan van der Merwe and Nathaniel Grover of ODU.

As a team, the Blue Raiders jumped from No. 74 to No. 58, the team's highest ranking since being ranked No. 57 during the week of March 9.

The men's team takes on Tulane Saturday and Alabama-Birmingham Sunday at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. Both matches begin at noon. ♦

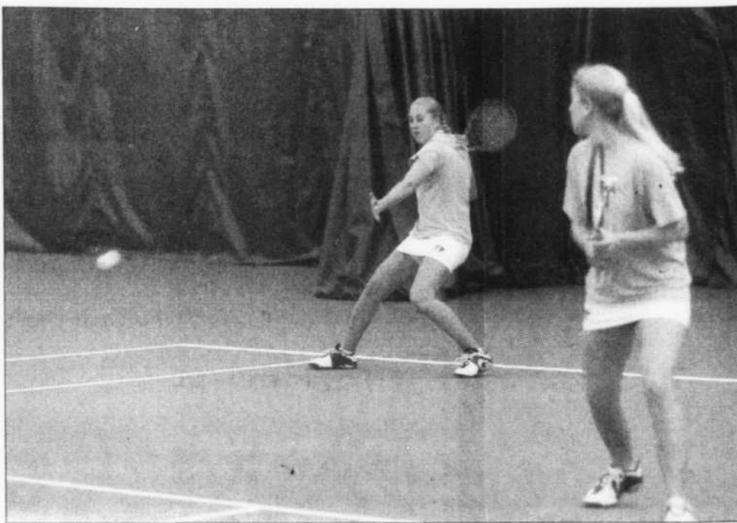


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Lady Raiders Jennifer Klaschka and Laura McNamara are 14-4 in doubles.

## Lady Panthers caged in doubleheader

### Softball squad sweeps Birmingham Southern

By Matthew Adair  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders wrapped up their second consecutive doubleheader sweep Tuesday with two wins against the Birmingham Southern Panthers.

Middle Tennessee shut out the Panthers in the first game as Crystal Bobo pitched her fifth shutout of the season. Bobo pitched the entirety of game one, her ninth full-game stint on the mound so far, allowing one hit in Birmingham's 20 opportunities at bat.

Cortney Mitchell provided the offensive power for MT, launching the Lady Raiders into a 1-0 start with a home run over the center field wall, her first of two that evening.

In the third inning, Michelle Wilkes stole second base on an error by Panthers shortstop Katherine Katz. Mitchell hit a double with two outs and brought Wilkes home on an unearned run.

The Lady Raiders went on to seal game one with a strong sixth inning. Muriel Ledbetter doubled and came home on Mitchell's second double. Mitchell then scored on a single by Leah Grothouse. Bobo's arm prevailed in the final inning as MT ended the first half of the doubleheader 4-0.

Both teams remained scoreless through the first four

innings of game two until MT managed to get Wilkes on base, allowing Ledbetter to send her home on a double after Wilkes stole second. Mitchell and Brittany Herald followed with home runs to put the Lady Raiders up 4-0 in the inning.

Mitchell currently leads the Lady Raiders in home runs, scoring seven this season on 96 at-bats, one ahead of Angie Huebner's six home runs. Herald's home run was her first this season.

MT closed the fifth with a single by Grothouse, who came home from second base on a double to center field by Huebner, the Lady Raiders' final run of the night.

The Panthers scored their only point in the doubleheader in the final inning of game two with an RBI by Shannon Cantrell scoring Dawn Treadwell.

Bobo pitched the first four innings of game two, allowing one hit and striking out two before being relieved in the fifth by Trish White, who earned her third save of the season. Bobo is now 8-8 on the season as the team prepares for conference play.

The Lady Raiders will begin play within the Sun Belt Conference on the road against Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Ky., April 9-10. First pitch of that series is scheduled for 3 p.m. ♦



Photo by Julie Madewell | Staff Photographer

MT pitcher Crystal Bobo winds up against Lipscomb University March 4. MT won 9-0.

## Blue Raiders go on road for Sun Belt action



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

MT sophomore BJ Church delivers a pitch against Louisiana-Lafayette. MT won the Sun Belt matchup 9-6.

By Jonathan Hutton  
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team will travel to Miami, Fla., this weekend for a Sun Belt Conference game against Florida International (20-17, 5-1 Sun Belt Conference). The series will be key for MT as the team tries to finish conference play strongly with a month until the SBC Tournament.

FIU won the series last season by taking two of three from the Blue Raiders in Murfreesboro, including a 12-0 victory in the teams' most recent meeting.

This year, FIU is second in the SBC behind New Orleans, and MT heads into the game tied for sixth with Western Kentucky. FIU just finished a series at WKU, winning two of three, including a 17-8 victory April 3.

As always, Blue Raider pitching will be key for a series victory this weekend.

"If we get good solid pitching and back them up with solid defense and avoid crucial errors, we'll be in good position to win the games," MT head coach Steve Peterson said.

Peterson will put his best pitchers on the mound this weekend as junior Chris Mobley and senior John

Williams are scheduled to start Friday and Saturday. The two have combined for a 2.15 earned run average and an 8-3 record this season.

Sophomore B.J. Church is scheduled to start Sunday after coming off a 10-strikeout performance against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

MT pitchers will try to contain FIU outfielder Yahmed Yema, who leads his team with seven home runs and is batting .369 with a .667 slugging percentage. Yema is currently on an eight-game hitting streak.

Another key player to the Panthers' success is senior infielder P.J. Lehman, who leads the team in batting average with .370 and in runs batted in with 24.

The Blue Raiders (17-11, 2-4 SBC) will look to build off a 9-6 victory Sunday over ULL, MT's first conference home win. The Blue Raiders scored eight runs in the first inning and held on to avoid the sweep.

Junior Eric McNamee has led the Blue Raiders offensively with a .411 batting average and .527 SLG while starting all 28 games this season. Senior outfielder Shane Kemp leads the Blue Raiders with eight home runs on the year.

Friday's first pitch against FIU is scheduled for 6 p.m.; Saturday's game is at noon; Sunday's game begins at 11 a.m. All games can be heard on the Blue Raider Radio Network. ♦

## Huskies pull off third straight

Sports commentary



Jori Rice  
Staff Columnist

In 1995 on a Sunday afternoon Geno Auriemma's Connecticut Lady Huskies made history by winning their first National Championship against Pat Head Summitt's Tennessee Lady Vols.

After that day, women's basketball hasn't been the same. The media took more interest in women's basketball then ever before.

A year after the championship, there was finally a women's professional basketball league. UConn has since made more history, winning three NCAA championships after defeating UT last night 70-61.

Geno now has more confidence than ever before. I remember the time Geno won his first NCAA Championship, and ESPN interviewed him right after the game. "Beating Tennessee felt better then winning the NCAA championship," Geno said.

That's why whenever UConn has a chance to beat UT, they take full advantage and play the Lady Vols harder then any other team.

UConn and UT have had a Rivalry for nine years. When Rebecca Lobo from UConn won her first and only NCAA Championship, we saw the beginning of an intense rivalry.

Since then, UT has lost to UConn every time in the final Championship game. However, Summitt still holds six NCAA Championships, and Geno has won five.

The motivation for the Lady Huskies last night was senior Diana Taurasi. She scored 17 points and helped others get involved in the game. Interestingly, Taurasi averages 14 points per game, but averages 22 points per contest against UT. UT wanted to slow Taurasi down, but they couldn't. UConn out-rebounded the Lady Vols, and UT's offense struggled throughout the game. "Offense sells tickets,

See Rivalry, 7

SUN BELT CONFERENCE	Conference		Overall	
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses
New Orleans	3	0	14	14
Florida International	5	1	20	17
New Mexico State	4	2	24	9
Louisiana-Lafayette	4	2	18	9
South Alabama	2	1	12	17
Middle Tennessee	2	4	17	11
Western Kentucky	2	4	16	17
Arkansas State	1	5	16	14
Arkansas-Little Rock	1	5	8	16

## Rivalry: UT falls to UConn

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defense wins games and rebounds win championships," is one of Summit's oft-quoted mantras.

If that's true, then it was obvious UT wasn't going to win this championship, as the Lady Vols had just one offensive rebound with 5:38 to go in the first half.

However, the Lady Vols weren't going to go down quietly. Shania Zolman led UT with 19 points and made some major shots in bringing UT back from being down 30-17 at one point to 30-24 at the half.

UConn looked like they were going to blow out the Lady Vols until Zolman stepped in. UT struggled throughout the game and never took back the lead.

Skyra Fly, UT's All-American, added a good game for the Lady Vols to win this championship game, but this didn't fall in for Tennessee.

I wanted UT to kick UConn's butts. The Lady Vols and Summit are legends in women's basketball.

Summitt has a winning percentage of .843 and is a Hall of Fame coach, yet history was on

UConn's side, even though the Lady Vols were a No. 1 seed.

Summitt has had better teams. I remember the days of Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings and Semeka Randall when UT was undefeated and unstoppable in 1998.

In fact, Taurasi couldn't beat Holdsclaw's record of 479 points in the NCAA Tournament; she was behind with 428.

UConn and Geno may have made history, but Summitt will live on in women's basketball as a legend for years to come. ♦

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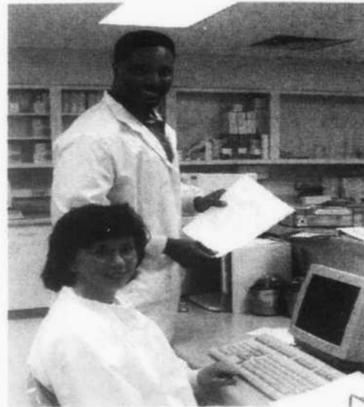
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# MT Sports Briefs

News from around Middle Tennessee  
Compiled by Colby Sledge  
Sports Editor

## BRAA kicks off membership drive

The Blue Raider Athletic Association began its 2004 membership drive Monday. The drive will run through May 13.

"This is the most important event we have in the BRAA," BRAA head Bill Lansford told MT Media Relations. "The revenue we generate from the campaign goes specifically to help pay for the scholarships of our more than 250 student-athletes."

The BRAA's 2004 goal is at least 400 new members, which would put the membership total at more than 2,000, the largest in the Sun Belt Conference.

"After the record-setting campaign of last year, we have our sights set on breaking that mark in 2004," Roy Mewbourne, coordinator of athletic development, told MT Media Relations. "With the leadership of chairman Tim Tackett and the rest of our volunteers, we feel good about this year's drive."

Last year's drive produced 493 new members and raised more than \$125,000, making it the most successful BRAA drive in school history.

Inquiries about the BRAA or membership requests should be directed to the BRAA office at 615-898-2210.

## Softball hosts UT April 27

The Middle Tennessee softball team will play the Lady Vols in a make-up doubleheader at Lady Raider Field April 27 at 5 p.m.

The doubleheader was originally scheduled for March 2 in Knoxville, but rain forced the teams to cancel the games. The switch in locations means the Lady Raiders will travel to UT next season.

## Soccer team remains undefeated

The Blue Raiders continued their stellar spring season with wins over Valparaiso and Cincinnati Saturday at Western Kentucky.

Rebecca Rodriguez, who led the team in goals scored last season, scored twice in the victory over Valparaiso. Rising senior Danielle LaDuke scored the third goal. LaDuke also had a hat trick and Rachel Holmes had all four assists in the win over Cincinnati.

MT improved to 7-0-1 this spring with the wins.

The Blue Raiders will host the Middle Tennessee College/Club Classic April 17, with matches scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. ♦

# McGill leads lady golfer to sixth place in tourney

By Colby Sledge  
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider golf team finished sixth Tuesday at the 11th Annual Lady Eagle Invitational at Shadow Ridge Golf Club in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Freshman Maggie McGill led all Middle Tennessee players in the final round with a three-over 75. McGill finished the tournament tied for 12th, two shots behind teammate Tamara Munsch-Akers, who started the day three shots off the lead but fell into a tie for seventh with a final-round 83.

MT was in fifth after two rounds, but host school Southern Miss shot a team score of 306 to move from sixth to third. The Lady Raiders shot a

314 Tuesday.

"We hoped to move up and maybe get to second or third," MT head coach Rachael Moore told MT Media Relations. "But we just didn't make enough putts during the round. We can take a lot of positives from the tournament and build on those as we head into the conference tournament."

Other Lady Raiders at the tournament included Kristin Lynch, who shot a final-round 80 to finish tied for 21st at 237. Freshman Jenny Kim finished one shot behind (81-79-78=238) to tie for 28th, and Kemmerlee Pennington finished in 56th with a 256.

College of Charleston ran away with the team tournament with a three-round score of 910,

14 strokes better than runner-up Campbell University. Southern Miss shot a 928, Georgia State finished fourth at 929, and Birmingham Southern rounded out the top five with a score of 932.

In the individual tournament, Southern Miss' Mia Davidsson and College of Charleston's Gretchen Zoeller each finished with a three-round score of 224 to tie for the top spot. Georgia State's Erica Wein finished third with a 226.

The Lady Raiders now have two weeks to prepare for the Sun Belt Championships at the Bluewater Bay Golf and Country Club in Niceville, Fla., April 19-21. ♦

# Defeated Lady Vols return home

By Elizabeth A. Davis  
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee coach Pat Summitt and the Lady Vols were welcomed home Wednesday by about 300 fans who gathered for a celebration complete with indoor fireworks, streamers and proclamations from the mayor and governor.

Similar rallies have been held after winning a national championship - not coming in second. But the university felt this team deserved it.

This season's Lady Vols were considered less talented than previous editions, but they made it to the NCAA final in New Orleans after a run of heart-pounding wins. Tennessee lost to Connecticut 70-61 Tuesday night.

"You have been an inspiration to us," Summitt said in addressing the fans. "At times, you know we needed inspiration."

Knox County proclaimed Wednesday as "University of Tennessee Lady Vols Basketball Day," and Gov. Phil Bredesen declared it "Lady Vols Day." Representatives of U.S. Sens. Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander and the sister of U.S. Rep. Jimmy Duncan spoke at the rally in Thompson-Boling Arena, and thanked the team for this season's accomplishments.

"Thanks for the memories. Thanks for the heart attacks!" said women's athletic director Joan Cronan, who presented

Summitt with a basketball signed with a basketball UCLA coach John Wooden.

Leadership from three seniors, particularly Tasha Butts, helped Tennessee pull out several close victories.

"Obviously we wanted to win (the national championship). A lot of people didn't expect us to be there. We fought to the end and that's all we can ask for," Butts said.

Some consider this season Summitt's best coaching job. She was named the Naismith and Southeastern Conference coach of the year.

And she has helped ensure the Lady Vols make another run next season with a top recruiting class. Summitt, who has won six NCAA titles, also returns point guard Loree Moore, who missed half the season with a torn knee ligament.

"We look forward to another year," Summitt said. "The most important thing now is what this team did."

The Lady Vols finished 31-4 with a difficult schedule that included a win at then-No. 1 Duke and in overtime at Stanford and DePaul. Tennessee won a seventh straight regular-season Southeastern Conference title with a 14-0 record but lost to Georgia in the semifinals of the league tournament.

The Lady Vols were still awarded the overall top seed in the NCAA tournament and started on the road for the first time. Once they got to Norman, Okla., for the Midwest

Regional, things got interesting. Tennessee beat Baylor in the regional semifinal after officials called a foul and put 0.2 seconds back on the clock after time expired. Butts made the free throws for the win.

The Lady Vols beat Stanford in the regional final after Butts scored with 1.7 seconds left, and Stanford's Nicole Powell missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

In the national semifinals, Tennessee faced LSU and needed another miracle finish.

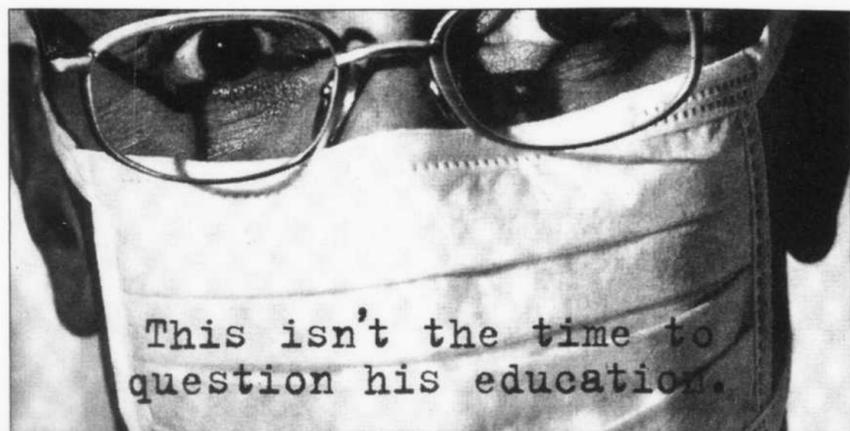
This time Butts played a layup, but LSU point guard Temeka Johnson was triple-teamed on the inbound pass. The ball came loose, and Shyra Ely passed it to LaToya Davis for a wide-open layup with 1.6 seconds left to win the game.

Luck ran out for the Lady Vols against UConn, which became only the second school to win three straight NCAA titles. Summitt's Tennessee team led by Chamique Holdsclaw did it from 1996-98.

Butts and the rest of the current group of seniors will leave school without winning a SEC or national championship during their careers.

"I don't think it takes away from your head up and just know that a lot of teams didn't get here," Butts said.

"But you said are a team the caliber of Tennessee you expect to win championships. Obviously we haven't, but I don't think you can take away from what we have accomplished." ♦



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