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Campus Briefs

Business reaccredited

The Jennings A. Jones College of Business has received reaccreditation by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for its undergraduate and master's business degree programs. To achieve accreditation, the business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of standards relating to curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources, and intellectual climate. MTSU's undergraduate business program was first accredited in 1977, the graduate program in 1983.

Jolley named director



Terry Jolley, assistant professor of music and associate director of bands, has been named as the new director of the Governor's School for the Arts. Jolley has served as the arts school's music production coordinator and as assistant to the director. The school is held each summer at MTSU and will begin June 17 this year.

Pre-K program opens

The newly implemented preschool program will open its doors for enrollment this month at the start of the university's second summer session. The free program is overseen by the early childhood education program at MTSU and is open to preschool children of MTSU students, but the children must meet certain guidelines. For more information or to get an application, call Dawn Spry at 898-5688 or Carol Detmer at 898-2198.

Camps for children

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service is offering a variety of Children's camps throughout the summer. There are many camp choices ranging from Hockey and art to computers and science. For more information or to register for any of the camps, call 898-2462 or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/learn.

Student photos on display

The student photography exhibit is on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery of the McWhorter Learning Resources Center through June 25. The exhibit is free and features the best work of MTSU student photographers. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday from 8-11:30 a.m. and Sunday from 6-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-2085.

Farm power on exhibit

When Omri Rawlins retired after 33 years of teaching, he left behind his toys - replicas of real tractors and other farm power that span almost 150 years. The educational display by his office shows the evolution of farm power from the 1800's to the present.

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Sidney McPhee — currently executive vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents — has been named the 10th president of MTSU.

"My priority will be on working together as a team to achieve common goals of the university such as strengthening partnerships with the community, business, industry and the public school system," McPhee said after accepting the appointment.

McPhee, 45, has served as executive vice chancellor of



McPhee

and, prior to that, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs and strategic planning. He was confirmed by TBR last Wednesday. Before joining the TBR staff in 1998, McPhee spent five years at the University of Memphis, first as vice

TBR — the governing body of MTSU — since April 2000. He was interim chancellor from January-April 2000, and prior to that, he was vice

provost for Academic Affairs, then as senior vice provost. Prior to that, he was at the University of Louisville and at Oklahoma State University.

The MTSU presidency has been vacant since the departure of former President James E. Walker, who left the university to become president of the multi-campus Southern Illinois University.

Walker had served as president of MTSU since 1992 and is credited by many for raising MTSU from mediocrity to the largest school in the TBR system and second largest in the state.

R. Eugene Smith has served

as interim president since Walker's departure. A graduate of MTSU, Smith was the former vice president for Business and Finance at the University of Memphis until his appointment at MTSU. Once McPhee takes the helm, Smith said he plans to retire to his home in Collierville in suburban Memphis.

"Hopefully, maybe I can still help out the university and the University of Memphis," Smith said.

He said he will miss the MTSU community "absolutely" and "unequivocally."

McPhee will begin getting started in July, but won't fully

take over until classes start in August, university officials said. His salary has been set at \$180,000, and he will also have the use of the president's home on campus.

McPhee was chosen from among five finalists including: Richard Davenport, provost and senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Central Michigan University; Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at MTSU; Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration at MTSU; and David Wilson, associate provost at Auburn University. ♦

The dark side of nature

MTSU worker
loses father, home
in deadly tornado

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Last week a tornado ripped through Auburntown, Tenn., and through the life of Felecity Vaughter, an employee of MTSU.

She lost her father, her home and nearly lost her unborn child. Now, she's fighting to keep her mobility.

Vaughter went through back surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center yesterday, and as of press time, was still listed in critical condition.

Since the injuries occurred, Vaughter has been suffering from partial paralysis, and the purpose of the surgery was to see if the paralysis was the result of temporary swelling or if it was permanent, co-workers said.

Regardless of the outcome of the back surgery, Vaughter still has other injuries to deal with.

"She's got a long way to go," said Nancy Weatherly, a data processor clerk in Parking and Transportation Services who worked along side Vaughter.

Vaughter is 12 weeks pregnant, and doctors originally thought she had lost the baby when they couldn't find a heartbeat. It was later determined that the baby was alive, and the heartbeat had been missed because of Vaughter's swelling.

Vaughter's liver was also damaged, but Weatherly said the doctors have stopped the bleeding and are hoping that it will heal normally. One of her lungs has also collapsed and a chest tube has been inserted as a temporary solution.

The tornado struck Auburntown Friday and completely destroyed Vaughter's home and the home of her parents, who lived directly across the street. Vaughter's father,



Photos by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

(Above) This what remains of the home of Felecity Vaughter in Auburntown. Now a pile of rubble is pushed to the side of the yard. (Below) This driveway leads to the home of Vaughter's in-laws.

64-year-old Bradley Jackson, was killed in the storm. His funeral was held Sunday.

After the onslaught, Vaughter was found under debris and was taken to VUMC in critical condition. Her mother, Wanda Bradley, was taken to Middle Tennessee Medical Center and released the same day.

Several of Vaughter's co-workers from MTSU went to the scene to help salvage what they could.

"The devastation was heartbreaking," Cherrie Lefevers, a custodial supervisor in Parking and Transportation Services, said in a letter to Sidelines. "No walls, furniture or appliances were spared."

"We boxed dishes that were not broken from the dishwasher that was found by emergency workers on top of Felecity (Vaughter)," she said.

An account has been set up with AmSouth Bank and Union Planter Bank for donations for the families. For more information on how to donate, contact Parking Services at 898-2850. For anyone who wants to donate something other than money to the tornado victims please contact Faye Morris at 563-2026. ♦

Cancer Society
holds campus
relay for lifeBy Charlene Callier
News Editor

On June 9 the American Cancer Society will sponsor the Relay for Life from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on MTSU's Intramural Fields.

The relay is to recognize survivors and victims of cancer.

Local businesses and organizations participate in the relay by forming teams to compete on the day of the event.

The Enrollment Management Team will participate in this year's event in recognition of Cliff Gillespie, the former associate vice-president for Enrollment Management who retired due to cancer.

Whitney Simpson, a former MTSU employee from the Admissions Office, currently works for the American Cancer Society as the income development manager.

She handed her position as team captain down to Donna Victory, who is the athletic certification officer and the team captain of Cliff's All-stars for the year 2001.

Victory said Simpson had a case of skin cancer and the fact that her former boss Gillespie retired due to the illness inspired her to participate in the event.

"Gillespie was another person that I knew with cancer," said Victory. "So we did it for him."

Cliff's All-stars held two bake sales and a yard sale to help raise the relay's fundraising goal of \$140,000.

Each team was asked to try to raise \$1,500.

On the day of the competi-

See Relay, 2

MT police hold yard sale to benefit Angel Tree Foundation

Charlene Callier
News Editor

It's summertime and the only thing on most people minds is a nice dip in the pool to cool off or a shaded spot to relax.

The Angel Tree Program is buzzing on the minds of MTSU's police officers although it's months away in December.

The MTSU Police Department held a yard sale on June 2 to raise money for the Angel Tree Program, which

provides toys to children in need on Christmas.

"We have to start early for the Angel Tree Program," said Lieutenant Darrell Collins.

The yard sale allowed people from the community to set up tables for a fee of \$15, with all proceeds going to the Angel Tree Program.

The department sold coffee, pastries, hot dogs and cold drinks at a concession booth to help with the fundraiser.

All of the items sold were

See Yard Sale, 2



Photo by Charlene Callier | Staff Photographer

MTSU's Police Department yard sale will benefit the Angel Tree Program in December. Lt. Darrell Collins (center white shirt) assists customers during the sale.

Yard Sale: Officers give their time

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donated from various organizations.

During the month of December a tree is set up in the KUC with the names of children in need of Christmas gifts on paper ornaments. Staff and students at MTSU can pick children's names and buy them gifts.

If there are names left on the tree, the MTSU police officers will purchase gifts for those children.

The officers volunteer from around 4 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help out with the yard sale.

"It's an excellent way to spend off duty time," Officer Steven Hamilton said.

"It's my third year participating and people seem to appreciate it," Officer Toni Harris said. "It's a great way to give back to the community." ♦

Relay: Group raising cancer research funds

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tion the teams are allowed to have on-site fundraisers to help raise money for the event.

"I've heard about it before, but I never knew of a team to be involved with," said Layne Draper, a sophomore majoring in Early Childhood Education. "Working on campus in this office gave me the opportunity to participate."

The theme for the Relay 2001 is "Knocking Cancer Out of the Park."

Incentives will be awarded to individuals raising the amount of \$100 or more. Team awards will honor teams for accomplishments such as

raising the most money, having the most team spirit and decorating the best campsite.

"We're doing it because it's for a good cause," Victory said. "We're not really worried about the points."

A Luminaria Ceremony will take place at 9:30 p.m. The Luminaria bags decorating the track can be purchased in honor of or in memory of someone with cancer.

All the proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of patient services, advocacy, education and research.

For more information about the event, contact Donna Victory at 898-5704. ♦

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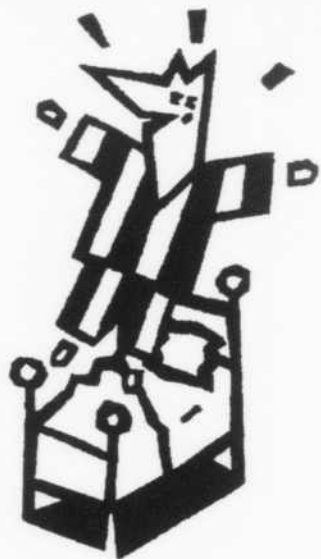
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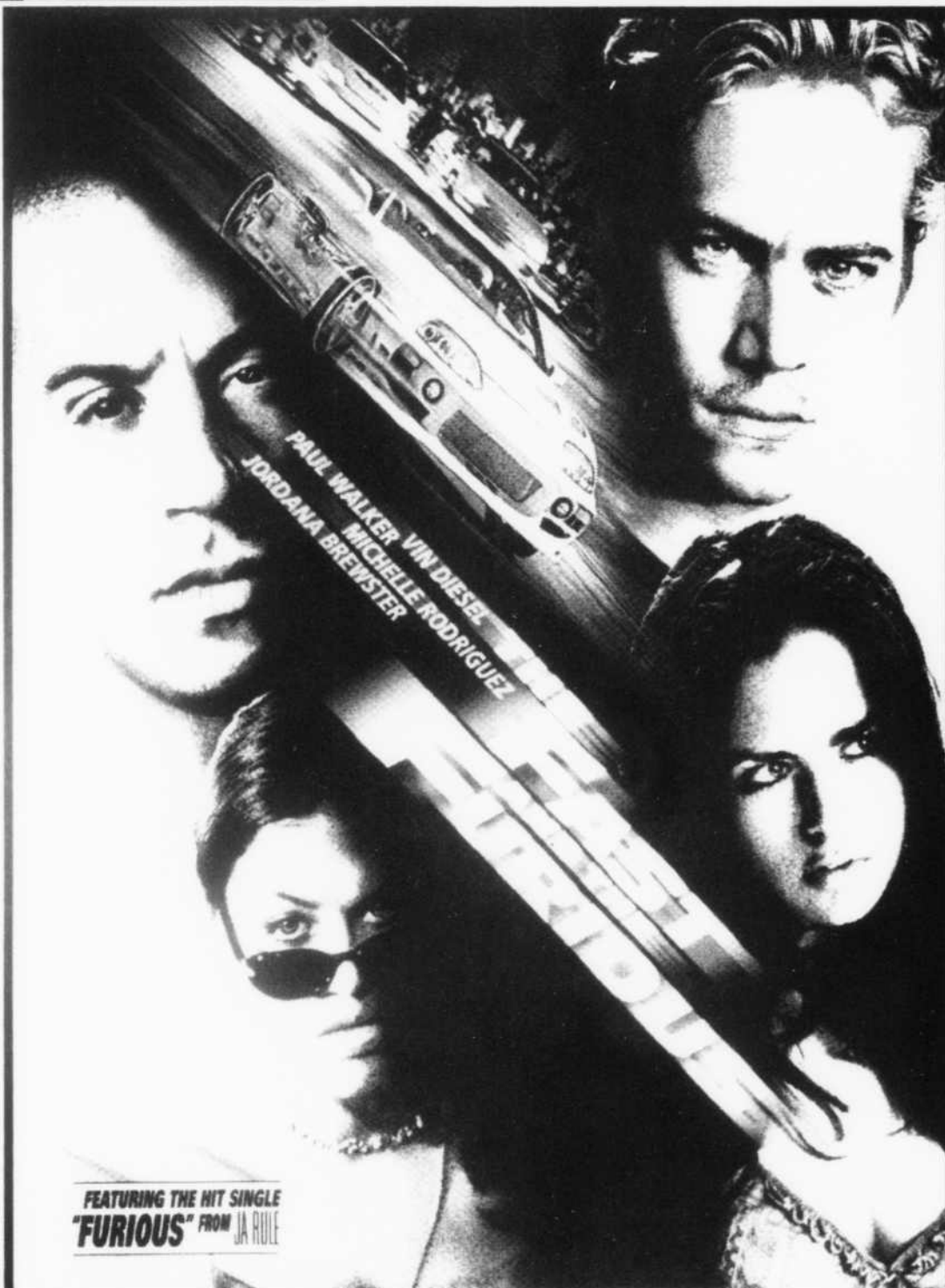
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From the staff

Dwone, you're the man; our hats off to you

Some of us hear about Dwone Brazelton's \$3 million deal and think, "What a lucky guy. I wish I had that kind of money."

But another way to look at it is that we are the lucky ones for having the privilege of watching such a great athlete represent our school on that pitching mound every week.

Dwone made his season with the Blue Raiders a memorable and record-breaking year. He broke two of our former records and came in at least in the top three in all the others.

But Dwone's success is more than just as a baseball pitcher. Not only is he a great athlete, but he appears to be an honest, humble person as well.

Surely he's had thoughts about how great he is, but the sign of true greatness is when you know you're the man, but you don't act like you are.

There's been numerous times when he's taken time out of his busy life to sign an autograph for a young fan.

He's a family-man. He's loves his mother and has been on the record talking about how he hated having to miss family events such the annual Easter egg hunt at his home in Tullahoma.

It's unfortunate that he wasn't drafted right out of high school, but some things happen for a reason. He didn't get drafted right away, and by not, he became our celebrity - someone we all feel proud of.

It's just nice when your school gets in the headlines for good reasons instead of bad ones such as scandals and crime. Dwone did that for us. He didn't just do it for the bigwigs and bureaucrats, he did it for us lowly students too.

Our hats are off to you. Congratulations and good luck. We love you man. ♦

Jeffords is a modern patriot

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

Today, dear readers, a great change is taking place on Capitol Hill.

Today a longtime Democratic Senator will gavel the Senate into session and recognize Tom Daschle, the Democratic Senator from South

Dakota, as the Senate Majority Leader.

An evenly divided Senate has allowed the Republicans to set the agenda for the proceedings, to chair all of the committees and generally run the floor the way they please. Today, the Democrats take on this task for the first time since 1995.

Many of you probably already know that Sen. James Jeffords, a Republican senator from Vermont, has left the Grand Old Party and is becoming an independent.

For those deficient in math, that makes the balance in the Senate 50-49, in favor of the Democrats.

I consider James Jeffords to be a modern patriot. This may not come as a surprise to those who have read my column for some time. However, Jeffords' courage is to be admired regardless of which party he is spurning.

Jeffords has gradually been alienated from the Republican Party because of his moderate views on issues such as abortion. GOP leaders have often

ostracized him, and President Bush has seemingly ignored Jeffords on policy matters.

Along with the increasingly conservative nature of the Republican Party, a policy of pushing their agenda through the system by means of threats, vengeance and domination, rather than the idea of "compassionate conservatism," has come about — a minority of the country voted into the White House.

Jeffords simply had enough of being an ineffective senator and decid-

ed to go it alone.

To do this despite the ramifications involved and the threats made (including rumors that President Bush would cut programs that help dairy farmers in Vermont and other northeastern states) requires all the courage of a Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln.

Meanwhile, the Republicans, with their combination policy of meanness and jackassery, are proving that if you live by the sword, you die by it as well. ♦

Housing damage policy defies logic

Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery
Staff Columnist

Thursday, May 8, is a day that will live in infamy. Well, perhaps the battle wasn't on Pearl Harbor proportions, but it was big enough to send me into convulsions, which only the refreshing goodness of a 20 ounce Dr. Pepper could quench.

After finishing Ed Kimbrell's tougher-than-nails final, I sauntered over

to Schardt Hall to check out. Having scrubbed my room with bleach, and making sure no extra socks were lying around, I went down to the front lobby and handed in my key. My RA checks the room. I get the OK and I turn to leave.

Then it began. "Oh, Patrick, you know about the charges, right?" I did not. It was revealed to me that because of the actions of a few dumbasses on my floor, everyone would have to pay \$6.44.

I'll be quite frank with you. It is the dollar amount charged that has me so upset. Not because I can't afford it (although that could have bought me

dinner that night), but because it won't buy the university anything.

I believe the only reason the university fines housing residents is to piss us off.

Some of the individual charges were ridiculous. One day, the floor was charged 14 cents because the fire escape was too dirty. 14 cents!! What on earth can the university do with that? Maybe that's how they're planning on paying for chalk.

Other charges included two "dirty bathroom" charges (52 cents and 48 cents), and \$3.44 for a couple of broken door windows. I have no problems with being charged for the

windows. On that note, I pray for the soul of the person(s) who broke them, because if they're too cowardly to fess up to that asinine action, then who knows what other illegal crimes they'll not take responsibility for. But I digress.

The bathroom charges, however, were as ridiculous as the fire escape charges. A dirty bathroom? Come on, surely they could have come up with a better way to swindle 31 students out of a dollar.

As I was checking out, another resident also wanted to challenge the notion of charges. He questioned his RA, "Why are we being charged? I

didn't do any of this stuff." The sage RA replied, "Because this way, you'll keep an eye out and tell us when you see someone breaking the rules."

Paying 14 cents is hardly like facing down the Inquisition. In fact, I'd rather pay the dime and pennies than be a tool for the university and sell out my friends and peers. Does the university honestly believe that a few cents will encourage snitching?

For an institution that deals daily with tens of thousands of young adults, this damage charge policy demonstrates that they know precious little about the psyche of their students. ♦

Puritanical government is not dead

Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner
Staff Columnist

We live in a country where there are still laws that try desperately to govern the moral decisions made by individuals.

Some states have laws that ban fornication between unmarried persons. Some states have laws that make anal or oral sex criminal offenses. And all states have some sort of policy that makes consumption of drugs

(except tobacco and alcohol) strictly illegal.

The older I get, the more fed up I become with dumb laws. I've noticed that the majority of dumb laws were formed in attempt to get people to do "the right thing" for themselves - which is not the purpose of government. This kind of action by the government is a total throwback to the days of the Puritans, who wanted a more fundamental Christian, moral society. So they legally frowned upon tons of stuff their religion frowned upon.

But this isn't how a free society should function. The laws of the Bible were never intended for the state, because the

Bible is addressed to the church community - not to secular society.

Enter church and state separation. One would think that, when the nation was freed from the clutches of organized Christianity, people would have been able to make their own decisions regarding their own bodies and lives with no interference from the government. But one would be wrong.

Amazingly, some states still wrestle with tons of Puritanical laws that impose on the civil liberties of individuals within society. A perfect example of this is same-sex marriage.

Nowhere in the United States can a gay couple be

legally recognized as married and receive the countless benefits that heterosexual couples receive. Only four states (soon to be five) have adopted pro-same-sex legislation, but the Defense of Marriage Act, passed in 1996 and signed by the most moral person in modern society - William J. Clinton - allows states to nullify same-sex unions that were performed in another state. The DOMA was a crushing blow to the quest for gay marriage equality and was done in the name of morality.

My biggest question is simply: Why? Why do the religious zealots of America want to pick on those with whom they

disagree by using laws? Who is it going to hurt if a gay couple receives the same legal recognition as a straight couple? Where are the victims?

Murder is an act of immorality and violence that should be illegal, but same-sex marriage is a completely different moral issue. Those who have no qualms with the morality of it should not have their freedom restricted by anyone who feels same-sex marriage is an abomination of their religion. This is the same reason why church and state were supposedly separated so long ago.

Those who do not hold fundamental Christian beliefs should not be bound to them by law. ♦

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India.Arie bares her Acoustic Soul



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By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

With the release of her debut album *Acoustic Soul* on Motown Records, India.Arie has launched herself into the same artistic stratosphere as Erykah Badu, Jill Scott and the beloved Lauryn Hill.

Equipped with her weapon of choice -- an acoustic guitar -- the Atlanta-based artist seems to be on a mission to spread a positive message through her individual artistic expression without compromising who she is. These sentiments are expressed particularly on her first single, "Video."

In the song's actual video, the bohemian and fully dressed India.Arie is lined up beside typical run-of-the-mill video girls in skimpy clothes at a video audi-

tion. Clearly she doesn't fit in.

Judging by the look on her face, she feels out of place as she sings, "I'm not the average girl in the video / my worth is not determined by the price of my clothes no matter what I wear I will always be / the India.Arie."

"Video" is an infectious tune with "love yourself" lyrics. The song and the accompanying video gives audiences a glimpse of what could be a promising young artist. But just because an artist appears promising in the beginning doesn't mean they can hold it down for a whole album.

Failing to fall into the category of albums that have only one good song, *Acoustic Soul* speaks volumes about a woman who is in touch with herself, her God and her guitar.

The album opens with

India.Arie singing the praises of artists she admires, such as John Coltrane, Marvin Gaye and Donny Hathaway. To the listener it's almost as if she's summoning these great musicians. You can feel their spirit throughout the album.

The amazingly soulful "Brown Skin" is an ode to chocolate-skinned artists whose "skin has been kissed by the sun." She sings, "Brown skin -- you know I love your brown skin / I can't tell when yours begins / I can't tell when mine ends."

The heart-baring "Ready for

Love" is another outstanding track, as well as the uptempo "Simple" and the soul-touching "Beautiful," in which she sings about going to a place where she is "nothing and everything."

India.Arie ends the album the same way she begins it, by paying homage to her ancestors: Grandma Louise, Aunt Joann and Uncle Joe, as well as all her unknown ancestors while strumming her partner -- the guitar.

Although the album officially ends after the outro, there is a bonus track that must be heard.

Appropriately titled "Wonderful," the song is dedicated to her favorite artist, Stevie Wonder, who she refers to as "another Shakespeare of your time." Mostly comprised of lyrics based on song titles by the legendary genius, the track sounds

like something Stevie would compose himself.

She sings, "You inspire me / The way you make me feel inside is amazing / your honesty of artistry is engaging / You are everything I hope to be / You have touched my soul / I want you to know / You are my hero / you've got so much soul / to put it plain and simple / you are wonderful."

The climax of the song has India.Arie wailing "Stevie beautiful / Stevie powerful / Stevie spiritual / Stevie Wonderful / Stevie Wonderful."

After she sings her heart out to her mentor and labelmate, Stevie, the album ends. *Acoustic Soul* is 16 tracks of heart and soul. There are no corny skits, and the only guest appearances are made by soul harmonies, conscious lyrics and the famous acoustic guitar. ◆



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Filmmakers celebrate independent's dayz

By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

The 32nd annual Nashville Independent Film Festival will kickoff today at Regal Green Hills Cinemas.

The NIFF is a yearly event that gives film and video makers the opportunity to compete in various categories of filmmaking such as documentary, animation, experimental, short subject, television pilot, feature length and young filmmaker (designed specifically for high school-aged or younger students).

Rounding off the competition will be screenings, film premieres, seminars, special presentations and panel discussions. There also will be guest appearances by nationally recognized film and video makers.

Receiving more than 1,000 entries each year, the NIFF awards the top 150 films with over \$10,000 in cash prizes.

The most prestigious of these awards is the Regal Cinemas/Nashville Independent Film Festival Dreammaker Award. The winner of this award will be entitled to a one-week theatrical run in Los Angeles County at a Regal Cinemas Theatre,

qualifying the film for Academy Award consideration.

Speakers will include animation scientist Wayne Wotten (*A Bug's Life*, *A Toy Story 2*), talent recruiting director Jay Francis (*The Simpsons*, *X-Men*) and special effects technician Tom Bertino (*The Mummy*, *Jurassic Park*). Jason Bugsby, animation director for the Renaissance Center, will moderate the panel.

According to NIFF's executive director, Brian Gordon, the festival has had a positive impact on the Nashville community.



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"It has tapped the city's interest in non-mainstream films and hopefully gotten more people interested," Gordon said. "It has helped deepen the

filmgoing experience in terms of having the filmmakers there to answer questions and provide background information on the films."

In order to appeal to a wide variety of people, Cine Latino (Latin Cinema) has been added to this year's agenda.

"The purpose of Cine Latino is to reflect the growing Hispanic community in the Nashville area and the accompanying interest

citywide," Gordon said. "There is both a new audience and a new radio/televi-

sion major at MTSU and an aspiring filmmaker, said he has plans to attend the festival.

"I just want to check out some stuff you don't normally see," Jackson said. "It's a chance to see young raw talent. I just really want to see some good and original storytelling."

Jackson, who worked on a film short titled *Scoops* while attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, said that he may enter some of his stuff in 2002 or 2003.

According to Jenny Tagg, the publicist for the event, the festival has grown tremendously in the last couple of years, and she said she looks forward to watching that growth continue.

She said she strongly encourages aspiring filmmakers like Jackson and anyone else who appreciates independent films to come out and show support.

The festival will run through June 10. Ticket prices will vary depending on the event. Student discounts are available. For ticket prices and other information, log on to www.nashville-filmfestival.org, or call 742-1199. ◆

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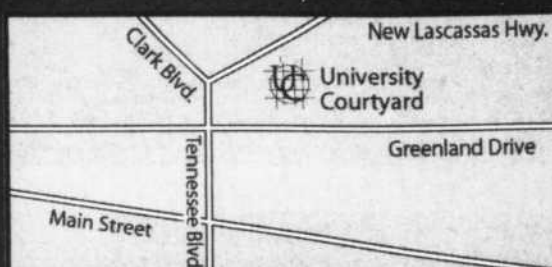
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From Blue Raider to Devil Ray

Brazelton third pick overall by Tampa Bay

By J.P. Plant
Sports Editor

The inevitable has come true. Middle Tennessee's favorite son, Devon Brazelton was selected third by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the first round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft Tuesday.

The junior from Tullahoma was humble in his press conference held at Tullahoma High School among local media, friends, family and around 50 children and youth who view Brazelton as a role model.

Brazelton began the press conference by thanking everyone for coming and for supporting him throughout his baseball career.

"This city (Tullahoma) has treated me well," Brazelton said of his hometown. "When I would look up into the stands on Friday nights, nearly half of them were from Tullahoma."

Brazelton credits his mat-



Photo by R. Colin Fly | Staff

Brazelton answers questions at his press conference held at Tullahoma High School yesterday.

uration from an undrafted high school player to a first rounder to Middle Tennessee head baseball coach Steve Peterson and his coaching staff.

"They mentally prepared me to be a man," Brazelton says. "They've been my father away from home."

While rumors spoke of Brazelton possibly going as

the first overall pick to the Minnesota Twins, Brazelton says the Devil Rays told him "your own guy" as the third pick.

The Philadelphia Phillies with the fourth pick and the Texas Rangers at No. 5 were also seriously looking at Brazelton. But Tampa was his first choice because it offers him the fastest route to the big leagues.

Brazelton said the organization will place him at either the Class A Charleston club in South Carolina or the Class A Bakersville club in

California for a couple of starts. Then he will move to the double-A club in Orlando, Fla. Devon says anything can happen from there.

"I'm sure I'll get beat up," Brazelton said about being thrown into the mix early. But he welcomes it, saying, "I'd rather get thrown into the fire."

Brazelton expects to be called up in September, which is not too farfetched considering the state at

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Fab five

The top five selections for the June amateur draft are as follows:

1. Minnesota Twins
Joe Mauer, C, Cretin-Derham Hall HS, St. Paul, Minn.

The Twins selected hometown slugger Mauer for his strong arm and his switch-hitting abilities. They hope to be able to buy him away from his collegiate scholarship to play quarterback at Florida State.

2. Chicago Cubs
Mark Prior, RHP, Southern California

Prior has the intellect, polish and overall stuff to step right into a major-league rotation according to many scouts. His numbers as a Trojan are amazing, 14-1, 1.50 earned run average in 132 innings. He has a huge price tag, but the Cubs will pay.

3. Tampa Bay Devil Rays
Devon Brazelton, RHP, Middle Tennessee State

Brazelton has as much physical talent as Prior but isn't quite as polished. Brazelton won't arrive as quickly as Prior, but has a terrific ceiling and gives the D-Rays system an instant boost.

4. Philadelphia Phillies
Gavin Floyd, RHP, Mt. St. Joseph HS, Severna Park, Md.

Gavin Floyd was the first prep pitcher selected this year. The 2001 draft is very strong in high school pitching, and Floyd could be the best in the bunch. He comes in at a consistent 93 mph, has a great curve and good mechanics that promise durability.

5. Texas Rangers
Mark Teixeira, 3B, Georgia Tech

The consensus best hitter in the draft, Teixeira falls to fifth overall due to his injury-plagued college season and his perceived bonus demands.



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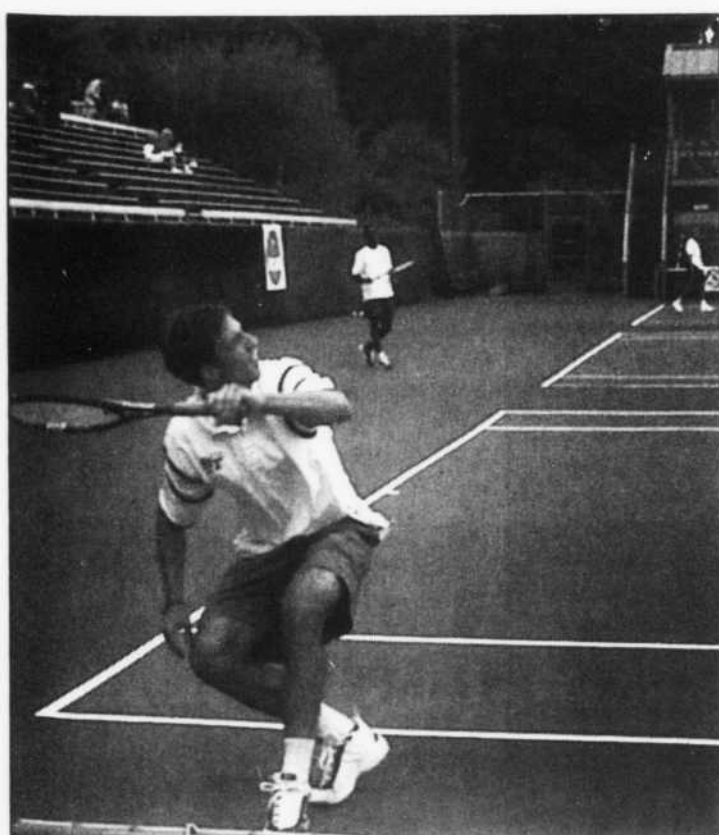


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Klemetz hits a forehand falling out of bounds in his second round loss in the NCAA tournament held in Athens.

Klemetz bows out in second round of NCAA

By Rebecca Pickering
Staff Writer

ATHENS, Ga. - Rising junior Daniel Klemetz closed his second season with the MTSU Blue Raider's tennis team by placing among the top collegiate players in the country at the NCAA men's singles championship May 24-25.

In first round action, Klemetz won straight sets over University of California's John Paul Fruttero. With a 6-2, 7-5 victory, Klemetz advanced to the second round with 31 other players.

Klemetz faced No. 7 seed

Guillaume Legat of South Carolina in the second round Friday afternoon. Legat pulled out two straight sets 6-1, 6-2, knocking Klemetz out of the race for a national title.

Legat continued winning with straight sets through the quarterfinals. He was defeated in the semifinals by Matias Boeker of Georgia.

Klemetz was the first Middle Tennessee player to advance to the NCAA singles championship since 1998 when David McNamara advanced to the second round.

Klemetz closed his season with a record of 25-12. ♦

Track star earns third All-American honor

MT Media Relations

EUGENE, Ore. - For the third time in his career, Middle Tennessee track and field standout Godfrey Herring earned All-American honors in the 400-meter after finishing fifth at the NCAA Championships at the University of Oregon.

Herring, who qualified for the finals with the third best time at the championships, ran a 45.81 marking the third straight time that he has finished in the top nine in the nation in the 400-meter.

Under the direction of head coach Dean Hayes, Middle Tennessee track and field athletes have now garnered 62 All-American honors over the past 30 years.

Herring, the only Blue Raider in school history to earn All-American in the 400-meter, gives Middle Tennessee its third straight year with at least one All-American in the outdoor season.

Jasper Demps, who competed in the semifinals of the 110-meter hurdles, was unable to earn his second straight All-American accolade after failing to qualify for the finals, finishing seventh in his heat.

With Herring's fifth place finish, Middle Tennessee ranked 38th nationally as a team. ♦



Herring

St. John announces transfer



Photo Provided

Tamara Munsch tees off in Texas.

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Middle Tennessee head women's golf coach Kim St. John announced today that Tamara Munsch is transferring from Texas Tech to become a member of the 2001 Lady Raider golf team. Munsch, who will be a sophomore for the Lady Raiders, was the Red Raiders' No. 3 player as a freshman in 2000-2001.

"I am elated to have a player of Tamara's ability joining our program," St. John said. "She will give us immediate experience and will be one of our top players."

As a freshman for the Red Raiders, Munsch competed in eight of the 11 tournaments and had an 81.0 average. Her top finish was a tie for 22nd at the Alltel Huskers Invitational, while her low round was a 73.

Prior to arriving in Lubbock, Munsch was a National High School All-American, six-time 5A state champion and a three-time all-state selection. The Hays, Kan., native, who won 17 of 26 high school tournaments, also owns the low 18 hole state record while playing for Hays High School.

Munsch joins signees Amanda Harter (Hixson, Tenn.), Nicole Biles (League City, Texas), Kandace Burnett (Monahan, Texas), Kristin Lynch (Tullahoma, Tenn.), Becky Newell (Louisville, Ky.) and Kemmerlee Pennington (Crossville, Tenn.) to form St. John's first Lady Raider team.

The women's program, which will compete in the Sun Belt Conference, will begin competition next fall. ♦

Brazelton: Could play in 'Show' by Sept.

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which the Devil Rays are presently in. A 5.79 earned run average is lower than only the Texas Rangers in all of baseball, and the 359 runs given up takes the label as worst in the majors.

After two months of play, the Devil Rays are already 17.5 games out in the American League East and post the lowest winning percentage in the majors at .268 with its 15-41 record.

Despite rumors of money

problems in the front office, Brazelton isn't worried about his contract negotiations.

"They're not going to have any problem signing me," Brazelton said with a confident smile. "They've (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) got money."

Brazelton is reported by ESPN analyst Peter Gammons to sign at least a \$3 million contract.

When answering one of the last questions of the afternoon, Brazelton reaffirmed his commitment and determination. Dewon mentioned

two experiences in which doubt and criticism were aimed at him. He proved he belonged by setting records at Middle Tennessee as well as the lowest ERA in the history of the U.S. National Baseball Team.

"I was more than happy to prove them wrong," Brazelton said.

And this was the message Dewon left the crowded room with at the end of the day -- one of commitment, determination and courage. ♦

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MT football picked to win Sun Belt conference

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The first preseason college football publication arrived in the mail today, and Middle Tennessee appears to be the early favorite in the Sun Belt Conference. *Preview Sports College Football* predicted the Blue Raiders to finish first in the league with a perfect 6-0 record and an overall mark of 8-3.

Behind Middle Tennessee,

Preview had New Mexico State second, Idaho third, North Texas fourth, Arkansas State fifth, Louisiana-Monroe sixth and Louisiana-Lafayette seventh.



Two of the five "don't miss" games are Middle Tennessee vs. Idaho and Middle Tennessee vs. New Mexico State. Both contests are scheduled to be played at Floyd Stadium.

Individually, seven Blue Raiders - more than any other team - were selected to the preseason all-conference team. They are Dwone Hicks, Kendall Newson, Brandon Westbrook, Brian Kelly, Tanaka Scott,

Anthony Hood and Joe McClendon. Hicks was also voted the Offensive Player of the Year.

The Blue Raiders will begin the 2001 season August 30 at Vanderbilt. Middle Tennessee will open its Sun Belt Conference campaign Sept. 22 at Louisiana-Monroe in what will be the first-ever SBC head-to-head matchup. ♦

Preview Sports College Football picks

1. Middle Tennessee
2. New Mexico State
3. Idaho
4. North Texas
5. Arkansas State
6. UL at Monroe
7. UL at Lafayette



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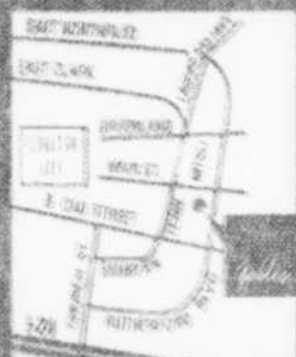
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