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Lightning destroys prof's home

By Steven Webb
Staff Writer

Lightning started a fire that destroyed the home of Marcie Hinton and claimed the life of her cat, Linus, Friday, May 26. Hinton, an assistant professor of journalism at MTSU, said she was on vacation in Kentucky when the fire occurred at her Forrest Oaks condominium on East Northfield Drive. Her neighbor's daughter called and informed her around 3:30 a.m. A lightning bolt struck the quick disconnect on the central air-conditioning unit, causing the interior walls to catch fire and spread through the structure.

The lightning may have struck in a second location, but without a full lightning strike analysis, authorities cannot be certain, said Murfreesboro Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas. The fire damaged the majority of Hinton's condo, leaving it uninhabitable, along with one of the neighboring units, Murfreesboro Building and Code Department Inspector Monty Kapavik said. Her kitchen was the area hit worst, with extensive damage to the cabinets, stove, window, door, and refrigerator, not to mention the entire structure of the house. The upstairs had severe smoke

damage, and the electrical system also took a serious hit. All debris must be removed and sanitized within 120 days, which is standard, Kapavik said. It will probably take around two to three months to completely restore the condo, Peas said. The condo will have to be gutted and restored, including all of the drywall, which will have to be completely replaced. In the meantime, she is staying in a small efficiency apartment, Hinton said. Hinton had partial fire insurance that has helped cover some of the damage, and she was able to save four or five fam-

ily antiques. Among them are a butcher block, which she plans to cut down to discard of the burned spots, and an antique bed, which she will also restore. Hinton said, not textiles, upholstery, books, or magazines withstood the fire. She describes it as a "lifetime of stuff gone." Even though she lost her condo, Hinton is very positive about her situation. "All my needs have been met," Hinton said. "The MTSU community has really been fantastic. Everyone has come to the rescue. "Everything is going to be okay," she said.

Budget change effects tuition increase

By Bryan Magdal
Staff Writer

Last-minute modifications to the state budget may change how funds will be allocated and spent to hold down tuition increases at state colleges and universities. An amendment to the state budget, introduced by the House after Gov. Phil Bredesen signed the senate's budget version, would redirect some funds originally intended to reduce tuition increases into a program designed to attract filmmakers to Tennessee. The remaining funds would be made available to the schools by increasing their operating budgets, said John Hood, state representative from Murfreesboro. "The bright spot is that the amendment would actually cut the tuition increases in half, from 4.3 percent to four percent, instead of the eight to 10 percent increase originally estimated," Hood said. Hood also said that with more money allocated to the schools' operating budgets "on the front end," universities would need less new money later to offset tuition increases. That view was shared by MTSU Vice President John Cothern. "The legislature felt that the new operating budget we'll be getting will do a better job holding the increases down," Cothern said. "The one we had in the past didn't have these funds." Although there will be some tuition increases in the fall, he said, "34 million dollars would go to formula schools, and we are a formula school. We would get 4.3 percent of this new money."

MTSU Alumnus gives book signing



Photo by Adam Casto | Photo Editor

MTSU Alumnus Angela Grett signed copies of her book, "My Mother's Bipolar, So What Am I?" at Hastings Bookstore on Memorial Boulevard. She said she hopes her book will help others in difficult emotional situations. Grett plans to start a support group that will reinforce her book's message.

By Wesley Murchison
Assistant News Editor

Childhood can often be a difficult time, but what is a child to do if he or she has a parent who suffers from manic depression? How is a child supposed to handle the wild mood swings and impaired judgment? It isn't easy, according to Angela Grett, MTSU alumna and author of "My Mother's Bipolar, So What Am I?" Last Saturday, Grett sat down with Sidelines at her first book signing to talk about her childhood with a manic depressive mother, the discovery that she wasn't alone and the writing of her book, which she hopes will help others. Grett has the demeanor and air of a professional, which is unsurprising considering her 20-year career in the corporate

world, first as an accountant and then as an executive. Now she is the founder and operator of her own business consultant firm, Ascynd. The idea for the book was an accident, Grett said. Talking with a friend and learning that someone else had gone through the same experiences made Grett feel less alone. "We talked for five hours into the night, sharing stories and childhood memories about our mothers," Grett said. "For both of us it felt like this huge burden had been lifted because we weren't alone." The writing experience that came out of that conversation is what Grett hoped to capture in her new book. She decided to include other children of bipolar parents, doing interviews and telling their stories along with hers.

"I actually go through and interview 14 people," Grett said. "I am amazed at the number of people that go through this and started seeing the common threads that we all experienced." Grett started doing research on bipolar disorder, learning what it is and how it affects those who have it. Not only did this provide the necessary guidance for her book, it also helped her repair the damage in her relationship with her mother. "For a while I couldn't have a relationship with my mother; it was very limited," Grett added. "I was able to make the distinction between her character and the disorder. I had to do that to forgive her." Grett's mother, Wanaa Cade, was diagnosed in the late '80s. Her story with bipolar disorder is one of misdiagnosis and failed treatments. During that time

period, when people didn't know much about bipolar disorder, the only treatment was lithium, which made Cade physically ill. This added to her belief that she was misdiagnosed and couldn't be "crazy." Grett tried to use her book to tackle the misconception about being "crazy," believing that she could dispel the social stigma and personal disgrace that comes with it. "It is just like diabetes; [with] someone diabetic, their pancreas isn't generating insulin when it should. [A bipolar] brain isn't generating the chemicals at the right levels," Grett said. The book is broken down into three parts. The first part, about Angela's family, is a collection of stories that shine light on her family history. The second part includes two contrasting and specific stories. The third part

deals with several topics, like, "What is bipolar? What does it look like? What are the treatments and what do we expect in the future?" At first, Grett was intimidated by the writing of the book, so much so she had assistance from ghostwriter Yvonne Perry. Now, having gone through the process, she feels more confident and has become a ghostwriter herself. With the completion of the book and the beginning of its promotion, Angela has already started on new projects. In the next couple of months, she plans to get started on a support group that will follow the book's message of talk therapy and coping mechanisms. She has a website, www.childrenofbipolar.com, and she is preparing to write her next book about her personal experience with depression.

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Abortion images lead to protests



Photo by Sarah B. Gilliam

Seven months pregnant, Sarah Cozort (right), silently protests the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform by writing, "my body, my choice" on her stomach.

By Sarah B. Gilliam
Editor

MTSU's Pro-Life Collegians invited members of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform to set up graphic abortion photographs on campus the last week of school.

The group set up the exhibit in front of the Keathley University Center and displayed posters, which stated abortion was paramount to religious and racial genocide.

"We are not working with legislation, we are trying to get people to think," said Pro-Life Collegians president Porsche Kristina.

Kristina, a freshman political science major, said her group asked the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform to come to campus because the other pro-life group on campus did not support the graphic images. She said the photos show how abortion is related to other forms of genocide.

"If you look at pictures of the wanted baby versus pictures of a bloody fetus, there are so many options for unwanted babies," Kristina said.

About a dozen protesters

including Sarah Cozort, a senior theater and philosophy major, gathered in an area near the exhibit.

"I wanted to take my shirt off because I thought it got the point across without yelling and saying what I wanted to say with as few words as possible," Cozort said, belly exposed, with the words, "my body, my choice" written on it.

Cozort, then seven months pregnant, said she was initially offended that the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform compared abortion to the genocide of Holocaust victims and other minority groups.

Cozort said 186 women die every day because of unsafe abortions and most deaths occur in countries where abortion is illegal or restricted.

Senior photography major Sarah Wade watched the protesters from the Photography Building located near the KUC.

"I am pro-choice, but I honestly don't think the students on campus know what they are protesting," she said.

Fellow photography student

Christy Hughes, mother of two, who watched the protest with Wade said, "Ninety-eight percent of these people have been fed what they have been taught by their parents."

The Office of Student Affairs approved the event. Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs, said the university is supposed to be a marketplace of ideas, even though everyone does not always agree on the message or how it is conveyed.

Though the event was not announced, Fitch said there is not any university rule that states if the event is controversial, the student body must be informed.

"During a 'Support our Troops' rally people were respectful even though we didn't notify every individual that the event was on the way," he said. "Should we contact those groups we believe the message would affect? That would not realistically work."

C. Fletcher Armstrong, the southeast director for the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, organized the event.

"We are here to show who the unborn child is and what abortion does," he said.

Armstrong said MTSU was the sixteenth campus the center has visited.

"College students are at the age when most abortions occur and people in college are open to a lot of debate," he said. "We are out here to educate people and pro-life activities don't work, so we must create discomfort."

The exhibit was on campus Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25.

Fun horse show held at MTSU

By Wesley Murchison
Assistant News Editor

The All Breed Fun Show gives amateur horse enthusiasts a chance to shine, said Carla Lawson of Russellville, Kentucky, last Saturday at the MTSU Livestock Center.

"I have seen some riders that have come in that probably won't go to a national championship that should, because they're a champion at heart," Lawson said.

The event, sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Arabian Horse Association, is intended to give horse owners of varying age, skill and experience the opportunity to compete at an affordable price and with few of the restrictions one would expect at the more professional competitions.

This was the sixth annual Fun Show, bringing horse lovers from across Tennessee and neighboring states to come, see other people's horses and how they might compare. It was open to all horses, with no restriction on breeds or registration status. Owners came to compete in an array of events, including horse shows, open trail, cross poles and liberty class, when a horse is let loose and is judged on its grace, trot and how easily it is caught by its owner.

"It also gives us a chance to see what the other breeds are doing and how they look," said Lawson,

who is both managing the show this year and president of MTAHA. "We are a group of people that love and want to keep the Arabian horse as the treasure it is."

What makes the All Breed Fun Show more appealing to owners and riders is its affordability. Added together, most traditional competitions can cost up to \$1,000, Lawson said. "There was a time when I was at a week long show and I was out of pocket \$3,000 and I was only able to participate in about five classes," she added.

This year the turnout was light because of the district 4-11 show being held over at the Miller Coliseum. Some of the children decided to participate there instead, Lawson said.

The light turnout didn't deter the competitive spirit, however. After arguing with one rider, show judge Danny Thompson joked that the riders here were worse than at registered shows.

Along with sponsoring shows and events, MTAHA's primary goal is to preserve the Arabian breed. According to Lawson, most common breeds today come from the Arabian breed.

"We know in our hearts that all horses come from the Arabian," Lawson said. "Their characteristics are flagging tail, the little muzzle on the front, and dishy head. They seem to carry themselves with a little bit of attitude and they are extremely smart."

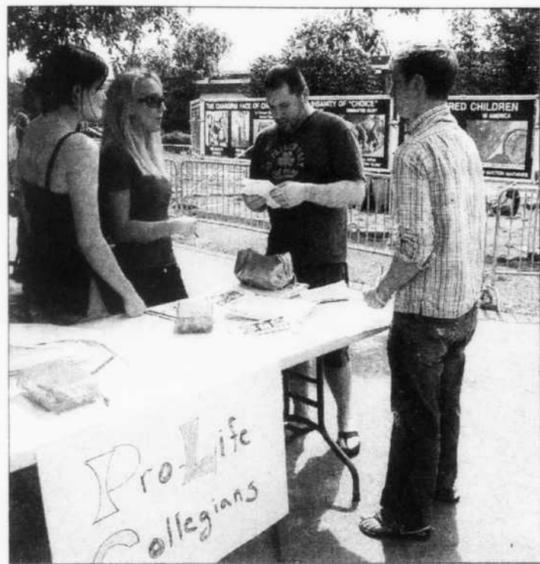


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Pro-Life Collegians President Porsche Kristina (center) hands out informational pamphlets to students about alternatives to abortion.

CRIME BRIEFS

May 27—2:45pm
Tennessee Livestock Center
A false fire alarm was pulled.

May 27—8:29pm
Greenland Dr.
Michael D. Palmer, 28, was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

May 29—4:00pm
East Main St.
Lloyd Neal Pistole, 54, was issued a citation for registration violation.

May 29—4:26pm
Rutherford Blvd.
Joseph D. Fox Jr., 29, was issued a citation for failure to obey traffic control device.

May 30—9:08am
Kappa Sigma House, Greek Row
An Exit sign was taken from the second floor hallway.

May 30—3:33pm
John E. Williams, 21, was issued a citation for registration violation.

May 30—5:25pm
Keathley University Center
A wallet was reported lost.

May 30—9:28pm
Rutherford Blvd.
Khanthaly Phanphaya was issued a citation for failure to obey a traffic control device.

May 31—1:35pm
Baird Ln.
Francesco Castellani, 22, was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license and for driving with a broken tail light.

May 31—2:30pm
Greek Row
Call Box 21 on the South side was vandalized.

May 31—2:45pm
Scarlet Commons, Building 3
An attempted break-in and vandalism of a door were reported.

June 2—10:54 p.m.
Womack Ln.
A woman had abandoned a 9-year-old child at the Womack Apartment building H14. A subject called the MTSU Campus Police and informed them of the abandoned child. Family Housing was notified and they were en route.

June 4—9:24 p.m.
Rutherford Blvd.
A possible drunk driver was called in to the MTSU police. A citations was issued for underage consumption and traffic light violation. The subjects mother picked him up and his vehicle was left in the Rutherford Gravel Lot.

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OPINIONS

Bush's immigration address lacks direction

By Ian Skotte

Third Moderate from the Sun

What's it going to be then, eh?

With millions marching on the streets to keep lawmakers from branding them felons, President Bush gave in and unveiled his plans on immigration reform in front of the nation a couple of weeks ago.

No one is arguing that immigration is not a problem and that measures should not be taken in dealing with a growing problem. However, the means by which President Bush will go in furthering his ideals in keeping illegal aliens out of this country could be a gateway for worse things to come.

Immigration is not only a problem in the United States, but also a problem surrounding those like the United Kingdom, France and Germany. One of President Bush's ideas is to have worker programs for immigrants to work and pay taxes while they are here in the country. Germany tried something similar to this, but did not give those immigrants a chance at becoming German citizens.

President Bush said he opposes

amnesty for those immigrants who've already entered into the country illegally. In an overview of his Comprehensive Immigration Reform, President Bush said amnesty, "would be unfair to those who are here lawfully, would compromise the rule of law, and would invite further waves of illegal immigration."

The Bush Administration has also proposed to issue so-called "tamper-proof" worker identification cards which will, they argue, leave employers no excuse for violating the law. This feature raises the question, "Are our millions of employers qualified for making the determination whether documents are legal or not?"

That is another story for another day.

Yet, the problem is not what the U.S. should, but rather, what Mexico should do.

Mexico's President Fox could work to try and make his country's wages compete with the ones his fellow citizens enter into the United States for. These millions of illegal immigrants are merely trying to better their own lives and, more importantly, the quality of life for their families.

Why not have conversations about how the government of Mexico can work to take care of its citizens rather than their neighbors to the north? It's a reasonable question.

Instead of working together with our two countries, some lawmakers propose only building fences and putting soldiers on our borders. Is our military not spread out enough? The brave men and women in the military can only do so much. They should not be in the position of denying hard working people who are willing to do the jobs that most Americans are not.

Then again, should it really surprise us that we have a guy as president who loves to play dress-up (on warships, like a cowboy and now riding dune buggies on the border) in order get his poll numbers out of the gutter? Well, now he's even annoying Republican members of Congress.

Sounds like there's trouble in paradise.

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Unbuckling the Beltway

At his trial, former Bush administration official David Safavian testified that he believed the \$3,100 check he wrote to Jack Abramoff covered all of his own costs for the four day long golfing trip to Scotland. Safavian traveled via private jet to St. Andrew's on the trip. Safavian's lawyer plans to call the founder of Hotwire.com to testify on whether that price qualified as a discounted vacation package, in their professional opinion. "Usually, a company takes a loss when they can't get seats filled on flights. In this case, if Abramoff was taking a loss in his business, we're going to call an IRS agent to verify what kinds of business trip deductions qualify as capital losses," Barbara Van Gelder, the defense lawyer, said. "All of these actions can be explained reasonably beyond a doubt," she said.

Home-schooling associations are upset after Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo criticized President Bush's plans to send National Guard troops to the border. "If these troops are going there without the authority to use lethal force, then the President might as well send stay-at-home moms to the border so that they can slap an illegal immigrant on the wrist and tell them, 'If you illegally cross this border one more time, I'm going to call su madre.'"

New Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito has been seen around the nation's capitol with a new friend, UN Ambassador John Bolton. When asked why they are hanging out together, Alito replied, "Ever since we both started our new jobs, we've been kicking major butt," so the President's base says.

White House Press Secretary Tony Snow upset the Washington press corps recently. Stealing a scene from "The Waterboy," Snow's aides jet up a banner before a briefing that read, "CNN Sucks. Fox News is better."

Opinions Editor's note: This section takes the news and exaggerates it, or makes it up completely. Outside of this section, you're free to think for yourself.

Opinions editor: Summer can be swell

By Tim Hill

Opinions Editor

It seems like just yesterday when I was bitter about academically dreading the spring semester ended. But, that is all behind me now, and I'm ready for another summer of "Spreading truth to minors and everyone else," to quote my ex-radio show co-host Jon Wolvin.

This summer, the opinions page is getting a proper dosage of moderation. Like the entire Congress before them, most of our spring writers are fundamentally opposed to working more than 96 days a year.

A new friend from my Maymester class joins our ranks. Ian's views on President Bush's immigration address is

designed to help readers understand that not all illegal immigrants are waiting to allegedly be hired as hitmen by disgruntled wives in Franklin.

A philosophy is also coming our way, if things pan out. Stereotypes aside, it should be nice to hear views from someone who likes to think about everything.

You will notice that several popular items from the spring semester have returned.

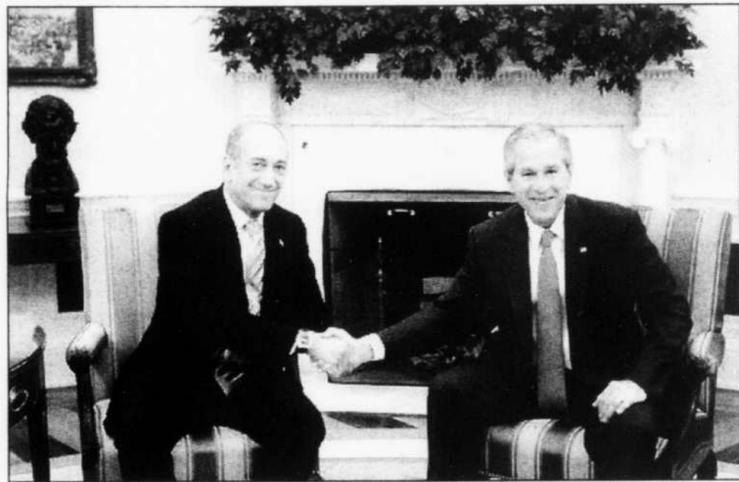
"Unbuckling the Beltway," which is my resume'-building attempt at the marvels of political gag-writing, is here for your enjoyment. "Where's the crime?" will make a conditional showing, depending on how many Republicans get themselves indicted for non-crimes

this summer.

I'd like to start a new feature called "This Professor Likes Young Toys." This would be a forum for students to chime in about professors who have done things worthy of denial of tenure, such as refusing to round up your 69.6% average to a D, which would have allowed you to graduate on-time with your friends who are five years younger than you.

All in all, we hope to add to our motto from Raffi's song, "May there always be sunshine and may summer be swell."

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White House photo by Eric Draper

"Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Bush shake hands after agreeing that the only way to handle Iran's problems is to 'unleash Israel.'" (This was not a real quote)

Finding middle ground possible on gay marriage

By Jeremy Wyatt

Mr. Middle

Religion and the State, as a rule, have been separated for good reason by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The authors of the constitution wanted to maintain the free practice of their religion in opposition to the will of a state-sponsored version of that same religion.

The principle of that decision still stands today. But its foundation might crack. The question is whether or not the government has the right to interpret the Bible, in this case the phrase describing marriage as between a man and a woman. Advocates of a gay marriage

ban argue for a strict reading of a particular part of the Bible that the government should respect.

The United States has for over 200 years allowed individuals to interpret their religion as they see fit. If not, it is possible that a law fining citizens for not resting on the Sabbath could be feasible. This is another area the Bible doesn't leave any gray.

Since the Christian religion is divided and then subdivided into many different sects, approving a constitutional amendment banning marriage would set a legal precedent that would provide these sects with a battleground for their separate interpretations of

the Bible. Any ruling would require the court to respect an establishment of religion.

So how can religious bodies protect their interpretation of faith?

In the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Hazelwood vs. Kuhlmeier*, the Court ruled that the principal of *Hazelwood* was final arbiter on content for the school newspaper, *Spectrum*, for the reason of protecting the mission of the school. This did not restrict the student's freedom of speech because they were allowed to print their controversial story in the local newspaper, where their statements were not seen as part of the school's viewpoint.

The Judiciary could apply

Government should embody all religions with the power to control their association with couples married within their organization

Jeremy Wyatt
senior mass communications major

this theory to religious organization. Government should embody all religions with the power to control their association with couples married within their organization. If the organization disagrees with a union, they would have the right to annul it, but only if it is made within their organization.

For example, if a Baptist association disagrees with the union based upon their interpretation, it cannot exist within that Baptist organization. The couple's only recourse is to find an organization that interprets the Bible to allow their union. If they cannot find an organization that supports their interpretation of religion, they would have to establish their

own religious organization.

Since they would interpret the Bible differently than everybody else, if the previous statement turned out to be true, it only makes sense for them to do this.

Religious organizations should use this model to protect their viewpoints on the Bible, not a constitutional ban. Only this way can the Constitution 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'

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FEATURES

swimsuit shopping in the 'Boro

By **Jessy Yancey**
Staff Writer

Now that classes and school-work are a vague memory, it's time to relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. But that means it's also time for a crucial mission that college girls across the country both love and loathe: finding the perfect bathing suit.

In juniors' swimwear sections across Murfreesboro, various gripes can be overheard. "Why don't they have this

size?" "Ninety-eight dollars!" "Where are the bottoms to this?" "There is no way I could ever wear this."

"There is no way I would ever wear that!" It's definitely not an easy task to find something attractive, flattering and affordable.

Textiles, merchandising and design professor Theresa Robinson has some advice to make the search for the perfect suit a little less painful. "Essentially, selecting the cor-

rect swimsuit should be based on the wearer's body type," Robinson says. These body types include pear-shaped, round, bigger on top, slim and hourglass.

Many women fall into the first category, including Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Clarkson and one local shopper in Target's swim shop.

"I can't ever find any bottoms that look good," says recent recording industry graduate Jessica Lomax. "And I wear a smaller size on top than I do

on bottom."

Because this problem of differing top and bottom sizes affects women of all shapes and sizes, Robinson emphasizes the importance of finding stores that sell them separately. This way, one can find many different styles in the same look.

"If one top isn't flattering to the body, there is likely another design, in the same colors, etc., that will match the bottoms

that you prefer," Robinson says. Robinson recommends Target, whose

If you're tight on cash, you might want to check out Old Navy or even Wal-Mart. Both have cute designs for \$10 apiece, though their selections of mix-and-match separates aren't as extensive as the pricier stores. Also, their quality is often not as good as a more expensive brand.

When in doubt, turn to the Internet. Sometimes it is a hassle to not be able to try on such an investment, but many Web sites make returns easy — The Gap even has the option of buying a swimsuit online and returning it to a store.

magazines recommend boy-short bottoms or skirts for pear-shaped women, but L'HJ suggests bottoms that are cut

high, in order to make your legs look longer. They also advocate anything that brings attention to your top — light or bright colors or patterns, with a plain solid color on bottom.

If you're trying to minimize your stomach, many stores offer one-pieces specializing in this. L'HJ supports dark strapless tankinis with a subtle tone-on-tone pattern, or a "shirred tank" with camouflaging groupings across the front or to one side. A suit with details down the sides also takes the emphasis off your belly.

For the slim or athletic figure with virtually no curves, similar to Sarah Jessica Parker or Mischa Barton, L'HJ says your body will look fuller with a tankini on top or boy shorts on bottom. Similarly, belted bottoms can give a more shapely appearance to your middle.

For those who are curvy on top like Tyra Banks or with an hourglass shape like Jessica Simpson, stores that sell the tops by bra size are a must. Suits with underwires or built-in bras will help support you while also flattering your figure. Athletic tops with racer backs are also recommended by L'HJ, and so are deep v-necks, if you are comfortable with showing off your body.

Bathing suit shopping may seem like a nightmare at first, but it's necessary in order to enjoy a Tennessee summer — and it can be easy, if you know what to look for. Just figure out your body type and find a suit that fits your style and budget.

FIVE BODY TYPES

Pear-shaped, Top-heavy, Slim, Round, Hourglass

Smaller on top, larger hips and thighs



Best suit for you:
Bright block color on top, dark solids on bottom, boy shorts or high-cut bottoms.

Narrow shoulders & hips, bigger in the middle



Best suit for you:
One piece or tankini, high-cut bottoms, suit with details on one or both sides.

Larger on top, smaller on bottom



Best suit for you:
Built-in bras for chest support, no low-cut tops, tankinis or athletic-style.

Hourglass, curvy.



Best suit for you:
Deep v-necks, halter tops, side-tie bottoms, underwires or built-in bras.

Small frame, no curves



Best suit for you:
Two-pieces, boy shorts or tiesides, triangle or bandeau tops, solid or small pattern on top.



Web site lists 11 pages of swimsuits, all separates, which can be categorized by style, color and design, as well as by brand and price. These mix-and-match options make it easier to find the suit that fits both your figure and your fashion taste.

"Other companies have similar concepts, yet their pricing may not be as affordable for the college student on a budget," Robinson says.

Target does appear to have one of the cheapest variety of swimsuits in town, the majority costing between \$14 and \$18. Their clearance section is somewhat picked-through, but shoppers can still find most matching tops and bottoms for \$12 apiece or less. However, the various styles shown on their Web site seem to be missing from the racks at the Murfreesboro store on Old Fort Parkway.

"I've found a top that works," Lomax says, holding up a black triangle top with pink and blue swirls. Unfortunately, she can find every style of black bottoms except the kind she wants: boy shorts.

While you may get lucky on the Target clearance rack or find a sale at Kohl's or Goody's, most places in Murfreesboro will set you back \$30 to \$50 for only half a bikini.

Additionally, many sites aim specifically to help the shopper find the perfect suit for their size.

"It's much easier to shop for bathing suits online because you don't have to try to dig through the stacks in the store to find the right size, style and color," says junior education major Jessica Doyle, who purchased her suit at LandsEnd.com two weeks ago.

"I know they make quality suits that last for years," she adds. "They have many options so you can pretty much have your suit custom-made."

Doyle points out that her top was more expensive (around \$50), but she was able to match it with a pair of bottoms from Target that were more affordable on a college student's budget.

"In the end it pays off," she says. "You can search and order by style, bra size, underwire/non-underwire and length."

Robinson suggests another Web site, LadiesHomeJournal.com, to shed light on which type of suit is best for your body. Numerous fashion

Students swap fun in the sun for class

Summer semesters offer more chances to get ahead or catch up for graduation

By **Rangbar Merani**
Staff Writer

Whether it's to catch up or to get ahead, some students are using some of their summer break to take off a little pressure from the fall and spring semesters by taking classes.

With everyone else falling into summer's grasp, laying out at the pool, driving to the beach, sipping margaritas, students in class are trying to focus on school instead of the fun surrounding them.

"It's kind of hard to focus on class during the summer," admits junior philosophy major Adel Hemyari. "I'm taking summer classes to get ahead, but all my friends hanging out make it a little harder to go to class."

Summer classes have become more popular, not only on our campus, but across the nation as well. A survey of 450 campuses in 2003 by the North American Association of Summer Sessions found that enrollment growth over four years averaged 4 percent among private colleges and 9 percent at public campuses.

"This is my second year taking summer classes," Hemyari explains. "It's actually starting to feel more like a third semester to me." Senior business management major Greg

Vanbeusekom isn't new to the summer semester thing.

"You're there for three hours a day, everyday, so it's kind of stressful," he says. "I'm starting to buy a lot more energy drinks!"

Some students believe that summer classes may be a little more stressful, but they also agree that it's a nice thing to finish a class so quickly.

"It's a little easier being in class for just three or four weeks and you're done," Vanbeusekom says.

"The best part about summer classes is that they're over in only a few weeks," Hemyari says. "Then I get the rest of the summer to chill." English professor Bill Connelly is a big fan of the summer semester.

"My experience with summer classes has always been very positive," he says. "I think most students who take summer classes are students who are ambitious, serious, dedicated students who take summer classes either to stay on track or trying to get ahead."

"The big difference for students is obviously the intensity of the class, the pace of the class," Connelly explains. "I encourage students not to take too many hours during the summer, or they'll get burned out."

Senior English major Ryan Smith is also attending sum-

mer session this year.

"For me, it's just trying to get ahead," he says. "I'm just trying to lighten the load for what I have to take in the fall and spring before I graduate."

"The advantage of summer session is that you get a lot of information and you get it done really quickly," Smith says.

For some students, summer is a hard thing to give up just for a few credit hours.

"One piece of advice I would give to students is to come to class prepared psychologically and physically as well," Connelly explains.

"Why pay the money for class if you're not going to commit yourself?"

"You really have to take it seriously because it's such a short amount of time," Smith says. "If you get behind, you don't have time to catch up like in a long semester."

Although they do take up part of summer break, some students feel summer classes are still a good thing to consider. The summer session is a great way to get ahead, to catch up or just to get those last few credits they might need to graduate.

"It's tough giving up summer break to be in class, but it's worth it. I still think the school should give us extra credits for doing it," Hemyari says with a laugh.



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Graduate student of administrative supervision Beth McGhee (above) and Mai Fujimura (below), sophomore fashion merchandising major, study in the library after summer session classes.

SPORTS

Men's tennis bows out at NCAAs, Siljestrom/Born make history

By Casey Brown
Sports Editor

If there was any doubt that Middle Tennessee has arrived among the elite of college tennis, those questions have been emphatically answered.

The Blue Raiders advanced to the NCAA team tournament for the second consecutive season, falling to No. 34 Tulsa in a tight 4-2 decision in the Baylor Regional on May 13.

A few weeks later, the doubles team of Andreas Siljestrom and Marco Born advanced to the national semifinals of the NCAA individual tournament. Siljestrom also qualified for the singles draw, losing in the first round to 47th-ranked Callum Beale of Texas.

The team appearance marked the eighth time in 12 seasons MT has made the tournament under head coach Dale Short. Unfortunately for the Blue Raiders, the team failed to advance past the first round yet again.

Last year MT's season ended with a 4-3 loss to Auburn in the first round of the Oxford Regional.

"We knew going in that the two teams were evenly matched," Short told MT Media Relations. "I felt they [Tulsa] had a little edge. They won their conference tournament while we lost in ours."

MT initially appeared to be on the right track as doubles victories at Nos. 1 and 2 gave the Blue Raiders the doubles point and an early 1-0 advantage.

MT's Brandon Allan and Kai Schledorn fell behind 6-5 to the Golden Hurricanes' Ross Cunningham and Andy Connelly at No. 2 before rallying for an 8-6 victory.

Tulsa answered when Federico Soriano and Will Gray came away with an 8-5 win over Greg Pollack

and Morgan Richard at No. 3.

MT claimed the first point of the match when sixth-ranked Andreas Siljestrom and Marco Born held off 59th-ranked Arnau Brugues and Aleksander Charpantidis 8-6 at No. 1.

Singles would prove to be a different story, however, as the Golden Hurricanes won four of the first five completed matches to eliminate the Blue Raiders.

Gray leveled the match at 1-all with a swift 6-2, 6-3 defeat of Allan at No. 4. The Golden Hurricanes took a 2-1 advantage when 48th-ranked Siljestrom forced a second-set tiebreak but succumbed to No. 7 Brugues 6-1, 7-6 (3) at No. 1.

Born squared the match at two with a hard-fought three setter at No. 2 over 62nd-ranked Soriano, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

That was the last win the Blue Raiders could muster, however, as Tulsa sealed the victory with wins at Nos. 5 and 6 singles in matches marred by controversial calls.

Cunningham was a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 winner over Richard at No. 5, while Diego Camacho outlasted Rishan Kuruppu 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 for the deciding point.

"We lost matches at five and six where there was a bit of controversy on both courts, but those things are going to happen," Short told MT Media Relations.

Schledorn led No. 115 Ricardo Soriano 6-4, 5-7, 6-5 when play was halted.

The No. 31 Blue Raiders concluded the 2006 season with a record of 16-8.

The action was not over for Siljestrom and Born, however, as the duo blazed through the draw at the NCAA doubles tournament at Stanford.

The tandem, dubbed the "Twin Towers" because of their matching



File Photo

Andreas Siljestrom (pictured) and partner Marco Born advanced to the semifinal of the NCAA Tournament, falling to Pepperdine's second-seeded Andre Begemann and Scott Doerner. Siljestrom and Born finished the season ranked fifth nationally in doubles.

6-foot-9 frames, began the tournament with a 6-4, 6-2 defeat of Clemson's 21st-ranked Jermaine Jenkins and Clement Reix.

In the second round Siljestrom and Born were 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 win-

ners over 19th-ranked Ryler DeHeart and Pramod Dabir of Illinois.

In another three-set showdown and regular season rematch, the duo defeated San Diego's 13th-

ranked Markus Dickhardt and Benedikt Stronk 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

The winning streak ended there, however, as No. 2 seeds Andre Begemann and Scott Doerner of

Pepperdine defeated the Blue Raiders 6-3, 7-6 (7).

The duo advanced farther than any MT doubles team in history, and both players received All-American honors.

Troy ends Blue Raider run in SBC tournament final

By Russell Luna
Staff Writer

After what seemed to be a disappointing season for the Middle Tennessee baseball team, the Blue Raiders rebounded to advance to their fourth consecutive Sun Belt Tournament championship.

The Raiders finished their season by being swept by the Sun Belt regular season champion Troy Trojans.

However, coach Steve Peterson's team is not used to losing, at least not in the conference tournament.

Middle Tennessee defeated South Alabama in the first round in a 5-3 10-inning affair to advance to play conference foe Louisiana-Lafayette, who also swept Middle Tennessee during the regular season.

A 5-2 win propelled the Blue Raiders over the Ragin' Cajuns in the first game. In the semifinals, Middle Tennessee fought back in a seesaw affair to win 14-7 over the Cajuns advancing to their fourth conference tournament championship.

However, Troy scored six early runs in the final before Middle Tennessee could make a viable comeback, narrowing the game to 6-5 in the bottom of the seventh. The eventual champions tacked on another three runs to win the game 10-6 and advance to the NCAA Regionals.

A trio of Blue Raiders were awarded all-tournament honors. Seniors Jeff Beachum, Todd Martin and Josh Horn all were honored after the tournament.

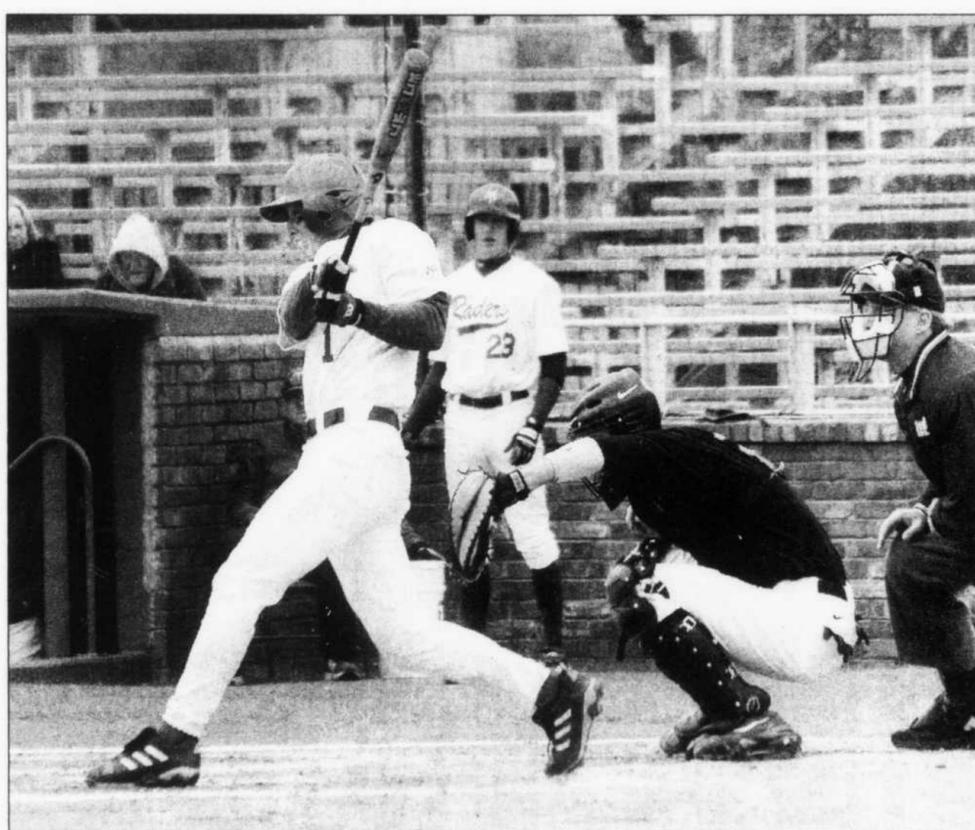
Martin went 8-for-14 (.571), collecting two hits in each contest, with two doubles, three RBIs and four runs scored. Horn nailed seven hits in 16 at-bats finishing with a .438 batting average. Beachum ended his career with eight hits in 18 at-bats (.444) with two doubles, a home run, four RBIs and eight runs scored.

Michael McKenry was named a third team Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger All-American for the 2006 season. McKenry finished the season with a .390 batting average, racking up 13 doubles and 13 home runs, as well as 68 runs batted in off of 82 hits.

The Blue Raiders finished the season with a 30-25 record overall (10-13 SBC). The next step for several Blue Raiders includes the post-college fate of all eight seniors, with Jeff Beachum most likely to be drafted within the first couple of days.

Both Troy and South Alabama won their first two games in the NCAA Regionals, but eventually fell to Alabama and Tulane, respectively.

Middle Tennessee will take a break before preparing to come back this fall to get ready for the 2006-2007 season. Currently, coach Peterson and his assistants are hosting summer baseball camps that begin June 11th. Anyone interested in attending the camp should call associate head coach Jim McGuire at 615-898-2961 or visit GoBlueRaiders.com.



File Photo

Senior Jeff Beachum makes contact at the plate. Beachum is expected to be chosen early in the major league baseball draft.

Softball falls to Troy in tourney, looks to next season

By Casey Brown
Sports Editor

A frustrating season came to a close for Middle Tennessee softball on May 12 when the Blue Raiders lost to Troy 3-0 in the loser's bracket of the Sun Belt Conference tournament at Florida International.

A walk-off home run by the Trojans' Jessica Lyle in the seventh inning broke a scoreless tie and abruptly ended MT's season.

The loss was the second in as many days to Troy as the Blue Raiders lost 4-1 on May 11, meeting first-round defeat for the second consecutive season. MT entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed out of six teams, while the Trojans were seeded fifth.

With the early exit MT finished with a record of 19-42-1, and 6-9 in SBC conference play. The Trojans improved to 30-39.

The losing record for the Blue Raiders is indicative of the numerous obstacles the team faced throughout the season. MT was hit with a vengeance by the injury bug, as the team was forced to play with only ten or eleven players during several games.

Most notably, the squad lost the services of starting pitchers Laura Moore and Sam Floyd in the thick of MT's Sun Belt slate. Both were able to return for the conclusion of the season and combined for two-thirds of the team's conference victories.

The nomadic status of the Blue Raiders was also a concern, as the team moved from facility

to facility while a new stadium was being constructed. The team was forced to play its home games at the Murfreesboro Starplex before returning home on April 18.

MT christened the new field with a sweep of old rival Tennessee Tech. Coach Leigh Podlesny's squad did not lose a series in their new home until a late-season sweep by No. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette.

A schedule featuring seven Top 25 opponents including No. 5 Stanford and No. 9 Michigan, arguably the hardest in team history, was another cause for frustration.

MT did not conclude the season without some positives, however. The team garnered fourth in the SBC after being picked to finish last. The Blue Raiders also earned several indi-

vidual honors after being shutout in preseason balloting.

The team welcomed the addition of junior transfer Shelby Stiner, whose leadoff batting and strong play at shortstop earned the Arizona native a First Team All-Sun Belt Conference selection and the SBC Newcomer of the Year award.

Third baseman Melissa Weiland led the Sun Belt with a .412 batting average. Weiland and Illinois State transfer Katie Mielke both garnered Second Team All-SBC honors.

All three players will return next season, as will redshirt junior Muriel Ledbetter, who was named to the ESPN The Magazine District IV Academic All-America first team.

Yarbrough and Reid lead tracksters in NCAA Regional, Hayes named SBC coach of the year

By Clarence Plank
Staff Writer

MT track standouts Linnie Yarbrough and Orlando Reid qualified for the NCAA Championships after a strong showing in the NCAA Mideast Regional. Yarbrough finished the 110-meter hurdles in second place at 13.67. Yarbrough set a new school record by two seconds, eclipsing the record he previously shared with Miguel Williams.

Reid finished third in the 100-meter dash with 10.28 and also placed third in the 200. A relay team of Samuel Adade, VanTonio Fraley, Reid and Daryl Terrell finished third in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 39.94. Both Yarbrough and

Reid advance to the NCAA Championships.

A second relay team consisting of Terrell, Sean Waller, Jermaine Barton and Fraley missed out on an NCAA bid finishing in sixth place in the 4x400 relay.

On the women's side the team of TraMayne Gillyard, Shanna-Kay Campbell, Antranette Stringer and Veronia Patterson competed in the women's 4x400 relay and finished 10th with a time of 3:41.44.

The NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships will take place June 7-10 in Sacramento, Calif.

MT track coach Dean Hayes was named Sun Belt Coach of the Year and MT runner Pete Senatus was honored

with Freshman of the Year. This was the 26th time that Hayes has received the honor in his 41 years of coaching. Senatus earned his award after leading the squad to its first outdoor title since 2001.

The SBC Championships were also held during the break, with the men's track and field team winning its first outdoor title since 2001 and giving Hayes his 42nd conference championship in his 41 years as Middle Tennessee head coach.

Reid competed in the 100 and 200 and participated in the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Yarbrough won the 110 hurdles for his third conference championship and teammate Senatus won the intermediate hurdles.

James Thomas finished second with a

record 180-10 in the hammer throw. Teammates Nick Diel and Willie Parker finished sixth and seventh, respectively. Diel set a personal-best with 162-8, as well did Parker with 162-5.

Parker finished fourth in the javelin and JJ Sturm finished second in the triple jump, while JaKeith Hairston finished eighth in the triple jump.

Tony Carufe finished seventh in the 1500. The team of Adade, Reid, Terrell and Fraley won the 4x100 relay.

Waller finished second in the 400 and Barton and Tavaris Leak finished sixth and eighth, respectively. Jonathan Guillou finished second in the steeplechase and third in the 5000.

For the women, Candice Robertson

finished second in the women's 100 hurdles and Campbell finished second in the women's 400. Ieca Epps finished third in the high hurdles. Patterson and Stringer finished third and seventh in the event, respectively.

Marjorie Gombert finished third in the women's 800. Tiffany Owens finished seventh in the women's 100 and Patterson finished sixth in the women's 400. Meaghan Byrd finished fourth in the hammer throw, and Stephanie Tamgho finished third and Sierra Douglas fourth in the triple jump.

Morocco shocks U.S. with 1-0 decision at Coliseum

By Casey Brown
Sports Editor

Mohamed Madihi scored a goal in the last minute of regulation as Morocco stunned the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team 1-0 at the Coliseum in Nashville May 23.

With less than a minute to play, forward Bouchaib El Moubarki stole the ball from U.S. defender Steve Cherundolo and found Madihi in the center of the field, who slipped the ball into the top corner of the net past U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller.

"They caught us at the end of the game with a mistake and got a goal," U.S. head coach Bruce Arena said. "I think our opponents played a better game than us tonight."

The U.S. appeared somewhat fatigued in front of an announced crowd of 26,141 fans in Nashville. Arena and his players conceded that overtraining might have been a factor in the outcome.

"We were a little leg-weary," Arena said. "Our team

looked a little tired and I thought our passing was poor tonight."

"We had a hard week," midfielder Claudio Reyna said. "A lot of people are coming off the European season and still finding their legs."

Though the team's performance was not characteristically solid, the U.S. won the statistical battle in nearly every category.

Morocco was held to just one shot in the first 45 minutes and only four overall. The U.S. attempted 14 shots and controlled possession for most of the contest. The Moroccan squad dictated the pace and flow of play, however, which proved to be the difference.

"They had a definite game plan and the objective was to keep the U.S. team off the scoreboard and they certainly accomplished that," Arena said. "They shortened the game with fouling, delaying and all fair and within the rules of the game. They did a very solid job."

Though the loss was disappointing, Arena's squad seemed to be more concerned with June 12, when the

team begins World Cup play against the Czech Republic.

"It's better that it happened now and not in three weeks," Reyna said. "We know we can play better, and hopefully that's the kind of reaction we'll get from this."

"The big game is on the 12th," forward Josh Wolff said. "You always want to win games, but we'll take a look at the film and get it together."

Forward Landon Donovan, arguably the team's best-known player, seemed a bit more concerned about the loss, despite sharing the calm attitude of his teammates.

"It's a nice wakeup call," Donovan said. "Losing sucks. We're competitive people, that's our job."

The largely pro-U.S. crowd, which broke a state record for largest attendance at a soccer match, was energetic early but started to wane in volume as the match progressed, and appeared deflated when Morocco seized the lead.

Though Nashville is not known as a soccer hotbed,

the lower bowl of the stadium was completely filled, and attendance surpassed the expectations of promoters. The strong turnout has fueled speculation that the city may be chosen to host a World Cup qualifying match in the future.

Morocco had a significant, and vocal, minority in the stands. Decorated in various combinations of red and green and draped in the flags of their nation, the Moroccan contingent could easily be heard amidst U.S. support, and the two sections erupted following Madihi's goal.

The U.S. is now winless against Morocco in three attempts. The team lost 3-1 in Casablanca in 1992 and 2-1 in Marrakesh in 1999.

Arena's squad had not lost a match on American soil since a 2-1 loss to England on May 28, 2005. The U.S. is now 4-2-2 in 2006.

Attention will now shift to Germany, where the U.S. will kick off play in Group E against Italy, Ghana and the Czech Republic.

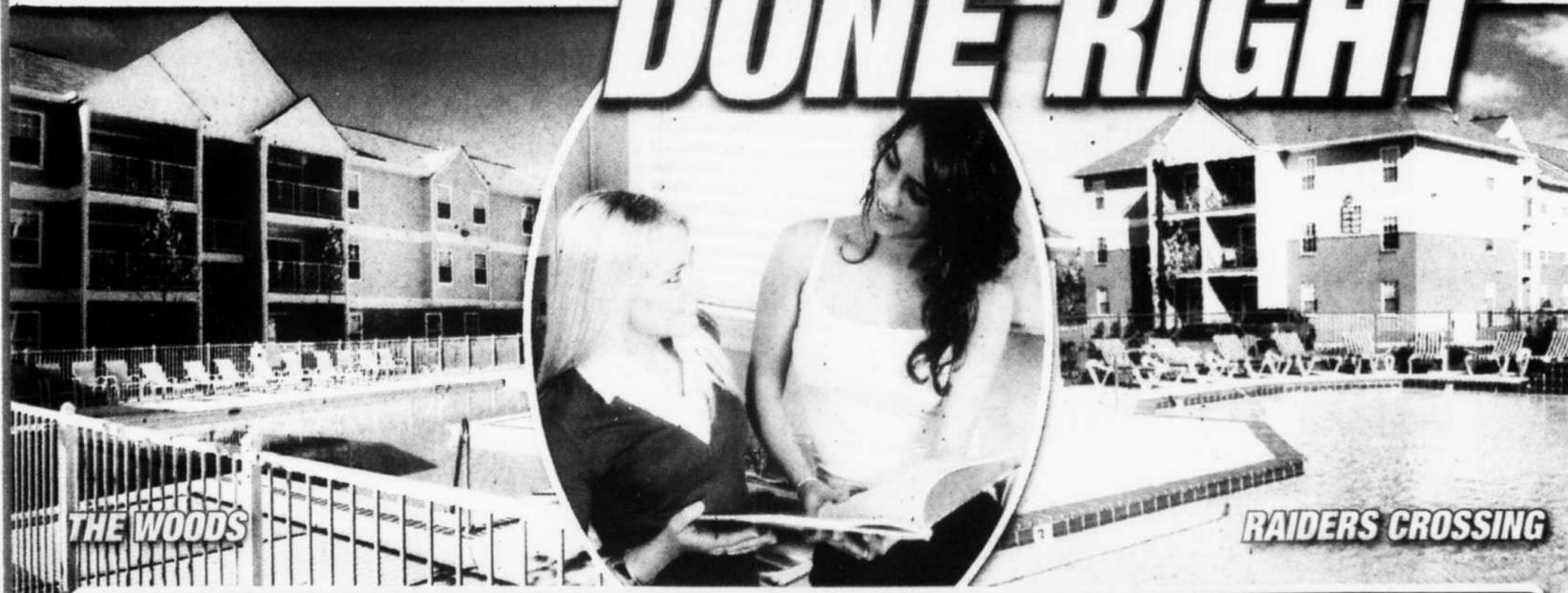
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