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Student defines diversity in study

Surprising results lead to cultural reassessment

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

In spring 2002 Joey Pinkney, an MTSU graduate student working on his masters in Experimental Psychology, did a study of diversity on campus. After surveying 315 MTSU students, Pinkney received a better understanding of how people view different cultures. Before conducting the study,

Pinkney took a Research Methods course where students were required to set up an experiment. He chose to focus on cultural diversity, a topic he found interesting. Only in the next semester, in an Independent Research course, was he able to carry out that experiment.

"I didn't really want to define what culture was," Pinkney said. His focus was instead to exam-

ine how students felt about surrounding themselves in a culture different from their own.

Pinkney's survey included demographic questions, including gender, race, age, marital status, academic status, number of siblings and number of children. Then, 10 scaling questions were asked to find out the individual's tolerance of other cultures.

Along with the survey, students were given a consent form and a Cultural Diversity Pledge. The pledge was optional and asked students to recognize diversity in their community

and to tolerate and respect those with different cultures.

"If you signed the pledge," Pinkney said, "my hypothesis was that you would score higher." His theory was correct.

With other research analysis, though, the scores turned out differently than he expected. Caucasian women scored the highest, making them the most culturally accepting. The second highest scores were from Caucasian men. Research prior to survey results showed minorities would score the

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"I love being here and I love being a professor and I wish I had done this 25 years ago."

— Bob Pondillo,
assistant professor of electronic media

Pondillo gets recognition after 30 years

Assistant professor in hall of fame

By Amanda Maynard
News Editor

Assistant professor of electronic media communication and former Channel 10 advisor Bob Pondillo will be reliving his youth when he accepts his induction into the Radio/Television Broadcast Hall of Fame in September.

Pondillo has been a member of the MTSU faculty since 2000 when he accepted the assistant professor position. The transition from radio personality to full-time teacher proved to be a welcome change for the seasoned journalist.

Starting out as a budding ventriloquist at the age of 10, Pondillo got his start in show business on the *Ted Mack and the Original Amateur Hour* comedy show. After breaking into show business, Pondillo started his own radio show at WNIO in Niles, Ohio. Through high school he bounced from station to station doing weather and movie reports while preparing for college.

Pondillo worked for his college radio station while earning degrees in both political science and broadcasting from

Ohio University in Athens. WHIO in Akron was his first broadcasting job after graduating from the university.

Pondillo spent much of his time after college taking radio personality positions all across the country. While taking a break from the action, he created the American Comedy Network in Connecticut. His journey came to a halt only after he was let go from a radio station in Hartford, Connecticut. He chose to return to college after leaving Connecticut and began studying for his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

"It was important that this happened," Pondillo said. "It made me look at my life and reassess."

Pondillo went on to get his Ph.D. at the University of Milwaukee in Madison.

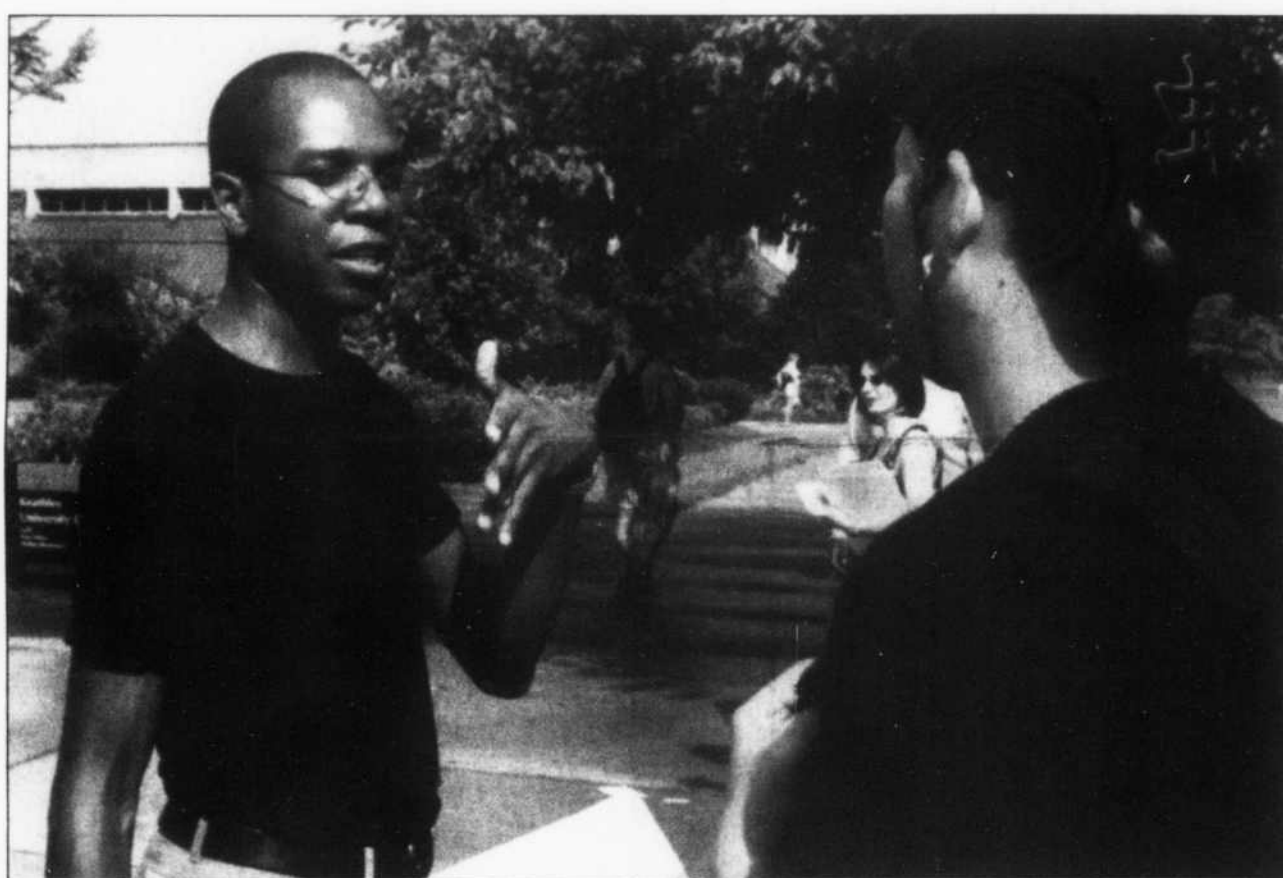
The position of assistant professor opened up in 2000 and Robert Spires, electronic media communication chair, offered Pondillo the position. Pondillo found that he was as natural at teaching as he was at broadcasting the news in Washington, D.C.

"I love it. I love being here and I love being a professor and I wish I had done this 25 years ago," Pondillo said.

Pondillo will be accepted into the Radio/Television Broadcast Hall of Fame in

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Green politics showcased



Photos by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Green party candidate for congress, Jonathan Farley, explains his platform for his 5th district U.S. House seat campaign. Farley is a firm supporter of free public education through college, universal health coverage and slavery reparations. He said he opposes the wars on terrorism and drugs. He is also strongly against international trade organizations such as the World Trade Organization.

Regents meeting agenda now set

By Amanda Maynard
News Editor

Increases in salary and the performance of Chancellor Charles Manning were just two of the issues discussed in the Tennessee Board of Regents meeting yesterday. Chairs from each board within the TBR met yesterday to briefly air topics that will be discussed in greater detail at their September meeting.

"We met to give the chairs time to think over the issues that will be brought up in September," said Mary Morgan, director of communication for the TBR.

One of the biggest issues on the table is raising salary for faculty and staff at TBR institutions. The current proposal will allow for a 2 percent increase across the board of salary for each university. In actuality, the TBR will fund 65 percent of the money needed for a 2 percent raise while the university will

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'Meet Murfreesboro' highlights opportunities

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Tuesday and Wednesday, the Keathley University Center Knoll was the sight of the second annual Meet Murfreesboro. This event, which is fast becoming a staple of tradition in the Week of Welcome events, gave students an opportunity to talk with area businesses about job opportunities as well as advertise their products.

Planning for this event began last September. The event, which is organized by the Student Development Office, took hold after a member of the W.O.W. planning committee visited another university that had a similar event for its students.

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The courtyard was packed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as students got to talk to various merchants at 35 different booths representing the restaurant, cell phone and clothing store sectors along with local banks. This year's vendors included Smoothie King, Cat's Music, Cingular Wireless, The Bride's Storey, Day-Tripper Clothing, Northfield Lodge Apartments and Kingwood Apartments, MTSU Discount.com, Sun Trust Bank and Wings Zone to name a few.

Some booths gave out free brochures and employment applications to the collegiates as well as free samples of their products such as chicken wings

compliments of Dominos and Wing Zone, tanning products from Hot Spot and CDs from Cat's, Turtle's Music and 91.7 FM. Other booths had items for sale such as clothing, purses and cell phone plans. A number of merchants held drawings at the end of each day for money towards clothing or food.

"When we opened our store last September our primary employees came from MTSU and the Meet Murfreesboro event," said Clark Fitzgerald, 24, from Smoothie King. "This event is very beneficial because it ties the students and the community together as one."

While some vendors were

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Photos by Danny Rowland | Staff Photographer

Senior Drew Tyner questions Turtle's Music employee Hank Williams about products offered at Turtle's.

Increased enrollment stresses campus housing

Record numbers create strain on university's dormitory system

By Michael Haynes
Staff Writer

Another record enrollment will push MTSU's on-campus housing accommodations to the limit.

According to Sherian Huddleston, director/interim assistant vice president for

Enrollment Management, the current number of students enrolled is around 21,179. Though this number is not the official count, it represents a 5.5 increase over last fall's census total, she said.

The influx has landed 3,500 students in on-campus housing this year, said Laurie Witherow,

associate dean for Residential Education.

"Housing was full by mid-summer, which is earlier than usual," she said. She said she doesn't foresee new housing construction in the near future to provide more options for students.

There will, however, immediately be a decrease in the number of units available.

"Rutledge Hall was the first building ever built on campus

and it will be given back to the university," Witherow said, adding that the building would be turned in to office space within the next few years in part because it couldn't be renovated to make it comply with standards enacted by the Americans With Disabilities Act. The vacant Abernathy and Ezell halls have also been turned over to the university and will be used as office space.

Reuben Kyle, an economics

professor, has been studying enrollment numbers for several years at MTSU. He uses these numbers in his classes as a teaching tool for regression analysis and forecasting.

"Since 1972 there hasn't been a net increase in on-campus housing," Kyle said. "We were going to have an increase when we opened Scarlett Commons but at the same time they closed

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Tickets available for Road Rally

By Patrick Chinnery
Assistant News Editor

Blue Raider fans rejoice – traveling to see the football team has gotten a little easier.

MTSU's Student Government Association has planned student trips around two away football games this fall. Birmingham, Ala., and Knoxville, Tenn., are the destinations.

Birmingham is the first stop for MT fanatics, and the bus leaves this Friday. SGA Vice President Michele Butler said only a few seats remain open.

Students will be picked up Friday at 4 p.m. from the Tennessee Livestock Arena parking lot. It's a three-hour bus ride to Birmingham, where voyagers will be lodged at the Radisson Inn. The bus leaves the hotel for Legion Field at 9 a.m. for the 12:30 p.m. kickoff, and will leave Birmingham

soon after the game is over.

The Alabama trip carries a price tag of \$50, which includes transportation, hotel room and a ticket to the game. Students are to pay for their own meals.

There will also be a Road Rally for the Sept. 7 MT-University of Tennessee game. Because game time isn't until 7 p.m. EST, no overnight stay is required. The tour liner will leave from the Livestock lot at 10 a.m. CST Saturday, arriving in Knoxville at 4 p.m. EST.

The cost of the Knoxville trip is a value at \$25, while a ticket to the game purchased through the ticket office costs \$38.

The UT trip includes transportation and a ticket to the game only.

Students wishing to fill a spot in either trip should contact Michele Butler immediately at 898-2464, or stop by the SGA office in Keathley University Center, Room 120. ♦

Diversity: Study evaluated

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highest.

Pinkney agrees the results may not be completely accurate. Although he surveyed a representative proportion of MTSU's population, the numbers of some minorities were still fewer than he hoped.

In other areas, minorities on campus are often underrepresented. The Multicultural Affairs Office aids diverse citizens with any problems they may have during their MTSU experience. The department provides support services, cultural programs dealing with areas like note taking and college survival, workshops and role-model activities.

Ralph Metcalf, director of Multicultural Affairs, said they try to "make people feel they belong to the MTSU family."

Metcalf has worked at MTSU since 1989 and feels diversity has improved since then.

"I think we can do better," he adds. Out of more than 700 faculty on campus, less than 100 are African American. Not only does he think there should be more diversity within the faculty, but these employees should also know how to deal with students of different cultures.

Students are encouraged to broaden their views on other cultures. A course called Cultural Diversity, under the

department of social work, focuses on this idea.

Sharon Shaw-McEwen, a social work professor and the director of Culture University Initiative, says the course takes a look at how America has treated different cultures.

She says that coming to college allows students to understand diversity better.

"The more diverse the campus, the greater the benefit for students," she said.

For the 2003 Fall Break, plans have already been made for an International Conference on Cultural Diversity.

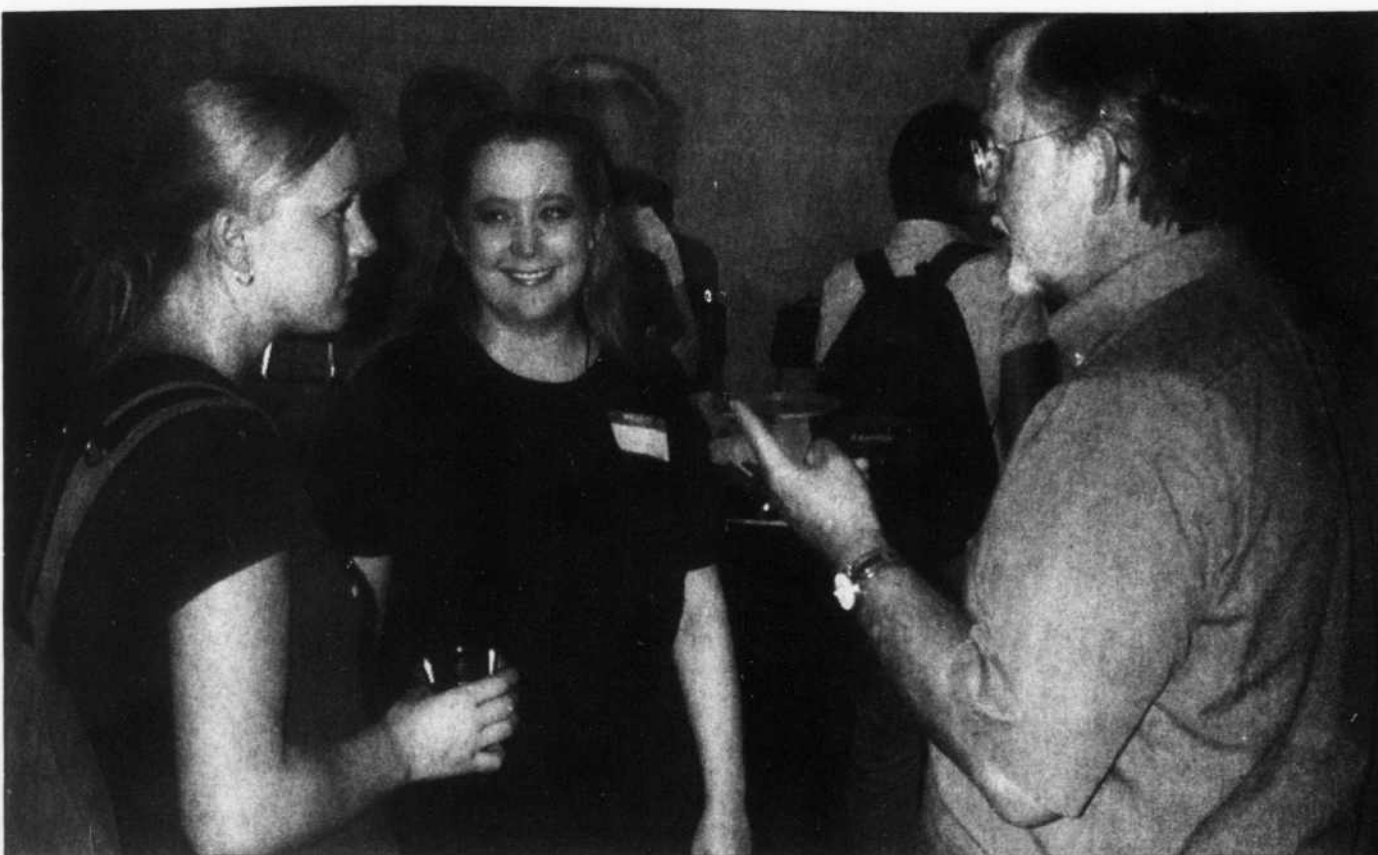
Although a year in the future, Shaw-McEwen hopes students will plan ahead for this educational event.

Pinkney plans to also move ahead, by continuing his diversity study into a thesis.

He wants to extend the survey to other surrounding schools, including Vanderbilt and Tennessee State University. He also plans to conduct research in other multi-cultural areas such as some African countries.

In the future, Pinkney hopes to present his final results and diversity discoveries to conferences dealing with this issue. As of now, he said he hopes those involved with the survey will examine their understanding of cultures and attempt to broaden their perspectives. ♦

Coffee hour serves students



German teaching assistant Steffi von den Berge discusses international student issues yesterday with Interface director Harold Bryer and his daughter Elizabeth Bryer, an instructor of English as a second language.

Coffee social brings worldly students together

Staff Reports

International students were welcomed to the university with coffee and refreshments yesterday evening during the monthly International Student Coffee Hour.

Sponsored by several campus religious organizations and the International Programs and Services Office, the hour allowed international students to mingle with other students – both from America and outside its borders.

Angie Melton, assistant director for IPSO, said the hour is held to help new students feel welcome.

"It's a chance for new, incoming students to meet old ones,"

she said.

The coffee hour was created about eight or nine years ago on several campuses including MTSU by a group, Interface, headed by Harold Bryer. Traditionally, the hour has been held once a month in the fall and spring semesters at MTSU.

Students are encouraged to bring their families to meet other students and their families, to make connections and possibly form friendships.

Sung Hoon, a sophomore recording industry management major from Korea, said he likes MTSU for the most part, but that parking is a hassle because he lives off campus. He plans to be at the university for another three years.

Bryer's group also created two other programs – First Friends and Conversation Partners – that strive to help new international students.

For more information for international students, call IPSO at 898-2238. ♦

TBR: Faculty raises an issue

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have to fund the remaining 35 percent.

Individual schools are allowed to enact up to an additional 4 percent raise for faculty depending on the school's ability to fund the increased percentage. Each school may not go over a 6 percent raise.

Depending on the school's delegation plan, either a performance-based plan or a competition-based plan, each school can disperse the money as they feel necessary.

The TBR will also meet to discuss and evaluate the performance of TBR Chancellor Charles Manning. Each year the chancellor is evaluated and expected to report his future

goal for the TBR.

The evaluation committee met in the summer and gave Manning three weeks to respond with his plans for the coming year. Manning also spoke at Tuesday's meeting to brief board members for September's meeting.

"The chancellor incorporated action items for the next year and what he planned to do for the next year," Morgan said.

Evaluations occur annually for the chancellor to improve or criticize his/her performance. Morgan noted that the evaluations are generally positive but can be controversial at times.

For more information on the TBR meeting, contact the TBR at 366-4400. ♦

Pondillo: Radio first love

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September along with some of his fellow journalists. He was chosen out of nearly 200 radio and television personalities to be inducted to the Hall of Fame Class of 2002. Not only does Pondillo get the honor of being inducted he is being introduced by Dan Oshannon, the executive producer of "Frasier".

Although Pondillo has won profound recognition for his contribution to the radio and television industries, he still does not see himself as successful.

"Who can say if your successful or not?" said Pondillo. "What works best is when you as a person can sit down and say 'Yes I am successful!'"

Pondillo now applies his talents to helping young students in the electronic media department. He also became the advisor for Channel 10 in 2000 but has since stepped down to devote his time to writing.

"I will always love helping students in radio and television," Pondillo said. "Radio and television was my first love and with first loves, you never lose it." ♦

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WORLD BRIEFS

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China sets date for Communist Party to pick new leadership

BEIJING (AP) — China set the date Sunday for its Communist Party national congress, a watershed event expected to position a new generation of leaders for the world's most populous nation as it undergoes wrenching economic and social change.

Sunday's announcement of the long-awaited 16th National Party Congress comes after months of speculation about possible dates and rumors of feuding over succession.

The party congress, now set for Nov. 8., is expected to see the first steps in the passing of power from president and party secretary Jiang Zemin to China's vice president, Hu Jintao.

China's new leadership will face economic uncertainty, social dislocation and the task of mapping out diplomatic

space for China in a world dominated by the United States.

Rumsfeld says allied support against Iraq would be welcome but not vital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is casting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as a menace who cannot be appeased and suggesting that it may not wait for full allied support before launching an attack.

"It's less important to have unanimity than it is making the right decision and doing the right thing, even though at the outset it may seem lonesome," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

After President Bush met at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, with Saudi Arabia's Prince Bandar bin Sultan, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush told the Saudi ambassador he had not yet decided whether to attack.

In a lively exchange with Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Rumsfeld predicted that most U.S. friends and allies would support American U.S. military action against Iraq. So far no allies have voiced firm support. Many have raised great doubts or outright opposition.

Israeli forces hunt for smuggled weapons off Gaza coast

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP (AP) — Israeli forces fired cannons Wednesday at large metal tubes floating in the Mediterranean, trying to intercept a suspected weapons shipment headed for the Gaza Strip.

Late Tuesday, Palestinians fired a mortar shell at a home in a Jewish settlement in Gaza and hit the top floor, the military said. The family in the house was unhurt.

Despite the two incidents, Palestinian forces yesterday

began setting up checkpoints in the Gaza Strip to show they are capable of maintaining order as part of an agreement on Israeli troop withdrawals, Palestinian officials said.

However, Israeli Defense Ministry Binyamin Ben-Eliezer postponed a meeting planned for Wednesday with the Palestinian security chief, Interior Minister Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, to discuss the next stages of the deal, Palestinian officials said.

U.S. officials building cases against Americans suspected of supporting terror groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is building criminal cases against sympathizers on U.S. soil suspected of providing material support to terror groups as diverse as Hamas and al-Qaida, according to documents and U.S. officials.

Agents believe they have

uncovered a broad effort by American citizens, many of them immigrants, to use credit card thefts, illegal cigarette sales, diverted charitable funds and cash smuggled in airline luggage to enrich anti-American and anti-Israeli terror groups with money that originated in the United States, officials said.

Officials said investigations by the FBI, Customs Service, Secret Service, Internal Revenue Service and other agencies are expected to result in several new indictments over the next several months, including one in Detroit as early as this week.

South Korea's parliament rejects presidential nominee

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's parliament rejected President Kim Dae-jung's nominee for prime minister for a second time in a month on Wednesday, embarrassing the

president in his last months in office.

The 151-112 vote against 50-year-old Chang Dae-whan was the latest setback for Kim, whose stature has dwindled because of corruption scandals involving his family and government.

Kim's single five-year term ends in February, and the opposition Grand National Party, which gained a majority at the National Assembly following a landslide victory in parliamentary by-elections in early August, is stepping up attacks ahead of presidential elections in December.

Late last month, the Assembly voted to reject Kim's earlier choice, Chang Sang, who was the nation's first female prime minister nominee, citing ethical questions in her record. It was the first time since 1960 that a nominee for prime minister had been rejected. ♦

Murfreesboro: Merchants show wares

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returning from last year, others came to show off their products and build up a clientele at the same time.

"Cheap Shots is the new place for junk food," said Betina Hester.

"We came to get our name out around campus letting students and faculty know about our low prices on cheesecakes and cookies."

Her booth was very popular as students got to try out samples of cheesecake with flavors such as honey, chocolate and peanut butter chocolate as well as cookies.

Hot Spot Tanning Salon attended last year's event and was back this year to show off their products and let students know about their four locations around town.

"Hot Spot has employed many students from MTSU before and are looking for new customers," said freshman Jill Marchese, an exercise science major.

"We want to let the freshmen know where we are located around the Murfreesboro area."

Another booth was for The Bride's Storey, which had some of its employees modeling some of their bridesmaid dresses.

The business houses the Carriage Lane Inn with a bed and breakfast and reception house located in the heart of Middle Tennessee.



Photo by Danny Rowland | Staff Photographer
Freshman John Chalet and MTSU dance team member Cracy Oaks chatter outside the Turtle's Music stand.

The Stones River Center and the Adult Activity Center focused on a service outlook. Both of these organizations' main goal is working with people who have mental disabilities.

For both new and returning students this event provided a glimpse of business opportunities in the area.

"Meet Murfreesboro gave the

collegiate an opportunity to connect with the city and see what it has to offer by meeting local retailers," said Becca Wilson, coordinator of Student Development said.

"Meet Murfreesboro was a good, fun experience," said Sophomore Kira Campbell, a pharmacy major. ♦

Overflow: Students feel effect of crowding

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a facility near the married student housing (Womack Lane Apartments)."

Kyle said much of the housing burden has been shouldered by the community, in which new apartment complexes spring up on a regular basis.

"The private sector has taken up the slack and there has been an enormous increase in the number of apartments in the area," he said. "Through last spring there was an excess supply (of housing). This means that whatever excess supply there was available, is certainly gone."

Kyle said many parents of first-time freshmen would like

to have dormitory space available.

"Of course, a lot of people, a lot of first-time freshmen, and most especially their parents, want them to live in university housing to provide a more structured environment," he said, "and it won't be available."

Kyle's projections predicted a fall enrollment between 20,258 and 20,905.

"Since 1985, there have only been a few years when enrollment has been 5 percent or more over the previous year," he said. This occurred in the 1980s, the early 1990s, and during the previous two years. According to Kyle's numbers, enrollment was 11,293 students in 1985. When compared to

Huddleston's figure, this represents a 53.3 percent increase in 17 years.

Kyle attributes the increased enrollment to population growth in the area and the first recession in 10 years.

"What happens is that students who had opportunities before don't have those opportunities now," he said. "Other people have lost their jobs and have decided this is a time to come back and rettool."

The university's official census will be taken Sept. 1, the 14th calendar day after the start of the fall semester. Between now and Sunday it is possible that some students will withdraw from the university, Huddleston said. ♦

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Thursday, August 29, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Ticket sales show lack of MT pride

In its three years as a Division 1-A program, the Middle Tennessee football program has come a long way.

It's too bad that they weren't able to take their fans with them.

Even as we write, there are tickets available to the upcoming University of Alabama game. Last Friday, the University had to send several tickets back because the students had yet to buy them.

Few teams in the Sun Belt Conference would have to give back tickets if their team was competing against a team with the history and notoriety of Alabama.

Most SBC teams don't even get a chance to compete at the level MT has achieved. Several SBC teams have trouble convincing Division 1-A teams to play against them.

To top it all off, next week the MT football team plays against the University of Tennessee. Tickets for the game are still available for students, yet they will be sent back tomorrow if they haven't been bought.

Can you even begin to imagine the levels of debauchery that the MT fans will reach if MT beats UT? Several MT fans are going to miss it because they are too apathetic to buy tickets. Regardless if MT wins or loses, the game will go down in history.

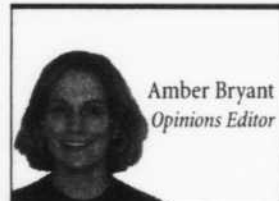
Our fans need to break up the inevitable ocean of orange and white that will be in Neyland Stadium with a lot of blue.

Come on, people, the game will be on pay-per-view. People all over the country will have a chance to see us take on one of the top ranked teams in college football.

We should at least attempt to act like our university has some spirit and deserves to play with the big boys.

Several publications have made cracks about MT playing so many Southeastern Conference teams that we should be a part of them. It's up to the MT football team and fans to prove to them that we're better than that. ♦

From the Opinions Editor New Florida cars should inspire our police force



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Middle Tennessee should follow the example of our neighbors to the south.

Over the next three years, 15 Springfield, Fla., police officers will receive new squad cars adorned with business advertisements resembling those on stock cars. The city will eventually save \$500,000, which they can use to hire more officers or fund improvements in other areas of the community.

If Murfreesboro would allow large corporations to "sponsor" our squad cars, perhaps our officers would feel less pressure to pull over underserving, financially unstable college students to pay their salaries.

Upholding the law is a necessity, but all too often cops use unfair methods to meet their monthly quota, such as giving \$115 tickets to drivers who use the left-hand

turning lane to decongest traffic on a busy, one-lane road under construction at 3 in the afternoon.

It might be a little strange being pulled over by a car resembling that of Jeff Gordon's instead of the menacing piles of metal we've all come to know and love, but the half-million saved would be worth the effort it took not to snicker. Rutherford County could hire more officers to patrol the streets looking for real dangers, such as drunk drivers, or respond to petty crimes without making local residents wait for three hours.

Besides, my life won't be complete until I hear an officer say, "This speeding ticket was brought to you by your friends at Baskin Robbins."

I would gripe that this is a crude example of how justice can be bought, but we all know that's always gone without saying. In this case, the money would supply at least one of our state's necessary divisions with a little more monetary support. ♦

Income tax beneficial to us, too



Wit and Wonder

Callie Elizabeth Butler
Staff Columnist

If you call Tennessee home, be sure that you cast your vote for governor in the November election. The governor-elect will be responsible for restructuring our current statewide economic situation.

Personally, I'll be voting for the candidate who supports an income tax.

Tennesseans for Fair Taxation report that "Tennessee has one of the most inequitable and unfair tax systems in the nation. A family making less than \$22,000 a year pays more than three times the taxes as a portion of their income than a family making ten times that

much."

Do the math.

An income tax is the more logical step to be taken and ultimately benefits college students, such as ourselves, as well as middle- and low-income families.

Within our current system, a millionaire is essentially paying the same taxes on food and goods as a minimum wage worker. With the introduction of an income tax, sales tax would drop dramatically, and the bulk of taxation would be based on income, making each person pay an amount based on his or her earnings.

People of higher incomes would be paying more while lower income individuals would pay less, and taxes on food, clothing, medicine and other such essential goods would remain minimal.

The benefits of such a step for students and

needy families would be phenomenal.

An income tax would not mean more taxes. Such a tax would almost eradicate our current taxation on food. Implementing an income tax would also help promote economic growth. With a current sales tax of 9.75 percent, consumers are venturing into other states for goods and services. A tax based on income would lower sales tax and keep money circulating within the state.

However, there has been an incredible uproar against income tax from people in economic groups that would benefit the most from its implementation. I wonder if such vocal protesters have taken the time to thoroughly evaluate the impact of an income tax before taking a stance on the issue.

"I don't want that darn government takin' no

more of my money!" is not a well-constructed standpoint. Without an income tax, if you're a student, a middle-class parent or working at minimum wage, you're inevitably allowing the government to take more of your money.

I myself have previously worked in a state with an income tax and a 1.1 percent tax on food, clothing and medicine. The amount taken from my weekly paycheck for state income tax was only a fraction of what I was paying per week in sales tax in Tennessee. I benefited greatly when working in a state that had this tax policy.

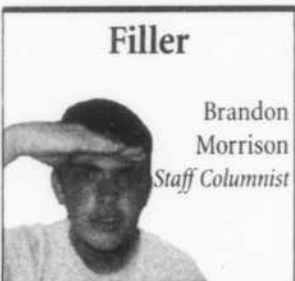
The only people who benefit from Tennessee remaining without an income tax are people of wealth because they will be forced to pay taxes based on earnings, which isn't as financially beneficial to someone of high income.

So, why are people within the groups that would greatly benefit from an income tax cheating themselves by failing to truly educate themselves on the benefits of such an implementation? Why are people taking a stance that ultimately costs them more tax dollars? Perhaps you should ask a single mother you know or your friend working at McDonald's who is emphatically against income tax because the situation continues to boggle me. I can only assume it is due to lack of education and awareness concerning the matter.

The majority of the states have adopted this policy. It's Tennessee's turn. Think about it, and I'll see you at the polls. ♦

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Financial aid not going to those who need it



Filler

Brandon Morrison
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A new study showed that merit scholarships are more likely to go to students who do not need the financial aid.

The study, conducted by Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, analyzed 12 scholarship programs in Georgia, Florida, New Mexico and Michigan. Each program showed an unusual amount of scholarships going to upper-class families who don't need the money for their children to

go to college.

While I'm all for having scholarships for people who earn them, I don't understand why programs give out money to rich families who obviously don't need the extra cash.

I went to high school with a lot of upper-middle class people. It surprised me how many scholarships were given out to my school. Our school has a program at the end of the year called Honors Night.

This program is a ceremony that congratulates all the students who received scholarships for the year. During our school's Honors Night, about \$100,000 worth of scholarships were given out among the 300 seniors that year. While some needed the money, most would

admit they really didn't need any of the extra cash.

I don't receive any scholarships from MTSU, but I'm not bitter about it. I never seriously looked for any extra money because I didn't feel I needed it. To pay my tuition, I work 30-some hours a week at the paper.

Over the summer, I try to work full-time to help with the bills. Whatever else I can't cover I borrow from my parents, but I never borrow so much that I'm a major drain. Not everybody can handle working outside of school to pay for college. Some majors require such a major commitment that working at all outside of class becomes a practical impossibility.

Because the average

annual college tuition in America is more than \$10,000, scholarships have become a necessity for many talented students to attend school. If schools are going to continue to help support students attend, they need to give scholarships to students whose parents haven't bought them a Corvette to drive to school.

However, financial aid shouldn't be given to students who aren't going to work.

It would be better to give a scholarship to a hard-working student who doesn't need it than to a lazy student who would need aid to go to school. At least the hard-working one is putting out an effort and showing that he cares about his education.

College scholarship programs are trying to get the people who need scholarships the aid they depend on.

Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, responded to the report by explaining that, "We've [NCPHP] taken the groups that are already succeeding, and saying we're going to divert our financial help to those folks."

Well spoken, Patrick, but forgive me if I don't quit my job and wait for my scholarship. ♦

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Sex doesn't equal experience



Hell Hath No Fury

Amanda Maynard
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I know that sex and college are almost synonymous with each other. Students seem to think that unbridled sex is a natural part of their college life — that someone owes them the freedom to have multiple sexual partners with no strings attached. For those of you who refrain from this activity, I apologize ahead of time.

This problem seems to lie largely within the freshman population, though I do have an appreciation for them, as I was once one. Don't think that the issue is confined solely to them, either — plenty of other students relish this activity.

Once freshmen are beyond the reign of mommy and daddy, they feel that life is one big keg party and end up naked on some frat boy's couch. I can see the frantic look in their eyes each Friday and Saturday night as they

cruise campus in their micro-minis and Abercrombie jeans, strategically frayed at the end, and the look of panic on their faces as they search wide-eyed for beer and members of the opposite sex.

I want to know why we college students feel that it's necessary to go around like sex-crazed, horny dogs when we have a higher purpose on this campus.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not opposed to having fun and occasionally getting toasted, but there's a fine line between having a good time with friends and walking around in a drunken haze while looking for a sleepover pal. College is meant to be an institution where students go to enlighten themselves and soak up all the information they can to take with them the rest of their lives. I don't think a one-night stand with Joe or Jane College will be anything they want to remember for the rest of their lives.

Freshmen seem to be more susceptible to this first-year lifestyle than other students. They run in, ready to live what soci-

ety says is the "college experience."

The stereotype that college should be one big drunken "boink" session needs to be eliminated as soon as possible, before even more young high school graduates see this as an opportunity to let loose and go buck wild. They should be utilizing this experience to springboard their future.

To those students who are applying themselves in order to be successful and meaningful members of society, I applaud you. For those of you who believe that college is a yearlong prom night, I send you my deepest sympathy. Open your eyes to the brighter side of campus and experience the gift that you have been given. Thank your mama and daddy when you see them and know that you can give them a real hug without feeling guilty about that streaking incident the night before.

Be good to your education — you'll need it when you grow up. ♦

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Letter to the Editor War meant to protect, preserve

To the Editor:

I agree with Kristin Hooper that profiling isn't the answer to defeating terrorism at home (*Sidelines*, Aug. 21). Historically, policies that discriminate against someone based on race or ethnicity create more problems than solutions. Furthermore, racial profiling in the war on terror will alienate key members of the Arab-American community, many of whom can be beneficial in helping America eliminate terrorism.

However, I disagree that "the Cold War, the drug war and, most recently, the war on terrorism, are all examples of the fight to censor the actions of the public and timelessly maintain the status quo." The United States' past involvement in the Cold War and current involvement in the war on terrorism is to preserve and protect civil liberties everywhere. The Cold War was fought to stop the spread of communism. Communist governments consistently oppressed and butchered citizens who didn't agree with the government, thus violating their civil liberties.

Unlike what some professors teach, living under communism is not a utopia, but a nightmare for those who value the basic freedoms Americans enjoy. The war on terrorism is being fought to rid the world of the al-Qaida network. One can see from the Taliban's treatment of women and dissidents in Afghanistan that our war against the Taliban is a just means of preserving individual freedoms around the world.

Ms. Hooper is correct in noting that our government should protect the civil rights of its citizens. Yet, the irony of her column is that two of the wars she decries were fought and are being fought by the United States to rid the world of oppressive governments that grossly violate the civil rights of its citizens.

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MT rugby player one of the best in nation

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

Students at Middle Tennessee who don't keep up with the Moosemen may not realize that there is a superstar in their midst in Cayo Nicolau.

As a youth, Nicolau earned state championship titles in his home state of Sao Paulo, Brazil in jiu-jitsu, tennis and water polo. At the age of 14, he turned his attention to rugby, and the Moosemen of MT are thankful.

Nicolau, 24, is approaching his senior year at MT, and he is a scholarship player for the Moosemen. He was the team's captain last year, and this past June he was named to USA Rugby's Collegiate All-American team for the third straight year.

More importantly, however, Nicolau was also named to the U.S.A. Eagles, America's national team and hope for the 2003 Rugby World Cup finals to be held in Australia next year.

The Eagles team is made up of America's best rugby players who are chosen from those few Americans who play professional rugby overseas or who

excel in the sport as amateur or collegiate players in the United States, according to Eagles management.

"I never thought I could be selected to play on such a fantastic team as the American Eagles," Nicolau said earlier this month in an e-mail message sent from his home in Brazil where he was visiting family during the summer break.

The Eagles are hoping to qualify for the quadrennial World Cup event to be held next year in Australia. They are close to qualifying, with one last match against Uruguay this Saturday in Montevideo. They beat Uruguay in their last meeting on United State's turf earlier this month.

Nicolau was called up to play for the Eagles against Canada's national team during a match in Ontario, Canada, in June and admitted he had a strong case of butterflies throughout the entire game. He was able to tame the nerves, however, once he got into the fray late in the second half.

"It is a rough sport played by gentlemen."

—Cayo Nicolau,
MT rugby player on rugby

"I went on the field in the last few minutes of the game and the only thing on my mind was 'do your thing, and forget about the crowd,'" the 6-foot-2-inch athlete said.

Nicolau, 24, is a native of Sao Paulo who came to MT on scholarship in 1998. MT development coach Robert Keith

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Nicolau

Middle Tennessee, Alabama ready to compete Saturday

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

Fans of the University of Alabama may point out that historically the football team is nationally ranked when they talk about the upcoming game.

However, the Blue Raiders are out to prove to all the naysayers that it is the present that matters Saturday in Birmingham, Ala.

The Blue Raiders have had high expectations all around this year, especially by ESPN Analyst Gene Wojciechowski, who is calling them one of the most underrated teams in the country.

Wojciechowski mentioned the Blue Raiders in the same breath as the University of Oregon, the University of Maryland, Mississippi State University and Auburn University.

The Blue Raiders also received one vote to be in the top 25 in the AP polls and were ranked No. 8 in the ESPN top 10 mid-major poll.

"Andy McCollum has built a Division IA program basically from scratch and done it well," Wojciechowski wrote. "The Blue Raiders have a quality back in Dwone Hicks, an offense that was ranked fifth nationally in the nation last season and an improving defense."

Blue Raider head coach Andy McCollum is glad about the recognition.

"I think it's great for our program, because it brings attention to our school, and gives us respect, because we are still trying to gain respect in our own state," McCollum said.

Although Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione is quick to remind everyone that, before the first game, there really is no way of telling who the best teams truly are.

"When you go into a first game you have concerns about the opponent but first you are probably more concerned about your own football team," Franchione said. "In some respects you going to find out a lot the first game."

The Blue Raider's high expectations are despite the emergence of a new starting quarterback this year.

However, McCollum has high hopes for new Blue Raider quarterback Andrico Hines.

"He's gone through spring (practice) and had a great summer. We have all the confidence in the world in him and he has a lot of ability," McCollum said. "He's a leader. Our kids have a lot of respect for Andrico because of his work ethic and everything he's done to get to this opportunity."

With Hines at the helm, the Blue Raiders still expect to put up the big



File Photo

Middle Tennessee will be dependent on running backs, the defense and the new quarterback to defeat the University of Alabama.

numbers that they did last year.

Last year, the Blue Raiders offense finished fifth in the nation.

"The way our offense is gelling right now, I feel like we'll do the same, (in past years) or even better," said MT wide receiver Tyrone Calico. "The way Alabama plays defense it's hard to execute but we're going to try and do our best. This will be a nice benchmark for the next three weeks. We have to come out and execute and let the chips fall where they may."

Both teams will be coming into the game with highly touted running games. The Blue Raiders feature Doak Walker Award candidate Dwone Hicks, while the Crimson Tide arsenal includes Tantonio Beard along with a series of talented fullbacks, in the opinion of Franchione.

"He's a very explosive running back with great speed," McCollum said about Beard. "He's a physical player. When you put him and Ahmad Galloway together it's two really good running backs. The biggest thing for us is that we have to execute what we do. Great backs are going to get yards and we know that."

"Theo Sanders, Clint Johnson, and Greg McLain, these guys have done a nice job," Franchione said. "Greg McLain is going to be a fine football player. When you go back to the draw-

ing board and you draw one up at full-back you draw up 6-foot-1, 248 pounds and can catch and Greg can do that."

This is not the only area where the Crimson Tide has improved.

"I don't think there is any doubt we're better than we were last year against the University of California-Los Angeles," Franchione said. "We've got some experience in those lineman and in a number of positions."

Hines said he is looking forward to playing big-time football. When asked what it felt like to play against two big time programs for his first two collegiate games, he said that these teams are the type of teams that MT should play against.

"We just have to continue to do the things that we have all always done (offensively), and then we will just have to see where things continue to stand at the end," Hines said.

McCollum agrees.

"In order to play the top teams in America you have to execute," McCollum said. "We will give them a well balanced attack, and just take what they give us."

The offensive line is no exception to this rule.

"Talent-wise we feel like we're bigger, stronger, and faster than we have been but you won't know for sure when you get there and we have to do it against one of the best teams in the country," McCollum said.

However, this will not be the first time MTSU has played against Southeastern Conference universities. Last year, the Blue Raiders beat Vandy

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Former MT football players cut from NFL

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

This past month three former Blue Raider football players had to pack their bags as NFL teams across the country made their first-round cuts.

Two of the players released, wide receiver Kendall Newson of the Jacksonville Jaguars and defensive back Jykine Bradley of the Buffalo Bills, were on last season's football squad. Also released from a team was wide receiver Sulecio Sanford by the Miami Dolphins.

Kelly Holcomb and Jonathan Quinn are two former MT quarterbacks who remain on an NFL team. Holcomb is with the Cleveland Browns and Quinn is a member on the Kansas City Chiefs. Other former members of the MT football squad still on a NFL team include Barry Hall, offensive lineman for the Tennessee Titans, and Mike Caldwell, linebacker for the Chicago Bears.

Newson was the No. 7 round pick of the Jaguars in the 2002 NFL Draft, and in three preseason games caught one pass for six yards. He also played on special teams during the preseason, and was surprised when the Jaguars cut him last Sunday.

"I didn't see it coming," Newson said in a diary that he had been writing for the Jaguars. "When I came in Sunday morning, I was thinking about preparing for the Dallas game Thursday night. But when I was one of the guys they told to meet with coach Tom Coughlin when the rest of the players had started their meetings, I kind of knew right then."

Newson was a member of the MT football team from 1998-2001, and is the all-time leading receiver in Blue Raider history. Last season he caught 65 passes to lead to the team in receptions. Newson was selected to go to the Hula Bowl and was a first team All-Sun Belt Conference member.

With his attitude and hard work he thinks he will have another chance in the NFL.

"It's heartbreaking, but the important thing is what you do after it happens," Newson said. "Some of the greatest players who've played this game have been cut. That just motivates me more. I know I can play in this league."

"Right now, I'm in a waiting period to see what's going to happen," Newson said. "There's still a lot of football to be played. I know I will play again with some team. I might even get called back by Jacksonville when they put together their practice squad."

The other player from last year's team to be cut was defensive back Jykine Bradley of the Buffalo Bills. Bradley signed with the Bills as an undrafted free agent on July 17. He played in one preseason game against the Cincinnati Bengals Aug. 9. He also played in the Hula Bowl last season and was named All-Sun Belt Conference. Bradley was first in interceptions last season and named captain six times. He played for MT from 1999-01.

Sanford was the last Blue Raider to be drafted in the NFL until Newson this year. Sanford was picked in the seventh round by the Chicago Bears in 1999. Sanford placed sixth on the MT all-time career reception list with 81 catches. He signed with Miami March 11 after being let go by the Bears last year. The previous season he hyper-extended his left knee and did not play. In two preseason games, he made one catch for 19 yards for the Dolphins, and was released last Sunday.

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Blue Raider low on preseason coach list

Staff Reports

The Sun Belt Conference announced late Tuesday night the 2002 coaches preseason poll with Middle Tennessee coming in No. 6 out of nine.

Leading the pack in the SBC this season is the University of Denver, the only SBC team to participate in last year's NCAA Women's Soccer National Tournament with an at-large bid. Denver had 79 votes with eight coaches giving them first place votes.

Denver was the SBC tournament champion last year under the leadership of 2001 Sun Belt Coach of the Year Jeff Hooker.

Leading the way will be the play of All-American defender Jamie Norwood. Norwood had nine assists last season and led a defense that only allowed 13 goals last year.

The other leader on the Denver team is senior goalkeeper Erica Izard. Izard had 14 shutouts last season. The Pioneers are ranked No. 7 in the 2002 Soccer Buzz Central Region preseason poll.

With the tournament champion receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA postseason tournament, the Pioneers will face stiff competition from the rest of the SBC teams.

Second in the poll was MT football rival, the University of North Texas with 71 votes, but no first place votes. The Eagles were another SBC team to receive the votes on the 2002 Soccer Buzz Central Region preseason poll. The Lady Eagles were first in their division last year for regular season play and are returning both of their top scorers, Marilyn Marin and Melinda Pina.

Florida International University came in third in the preseason poll with 57 votes, but they had one first place vote. The top players on the Golden Panthers are midfielders Nicola Bell and Janessa Taddei. However, they will be trying to get out of the shadow of FIU former Golden Panthers Michele O'Brian, two-time Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, and Sasja Odenyo, an All-Conference performer.

Coming in fourth is Western Kentucky University who had a .737 winning percent last season to make them the best in the nation for any first year program. All-National player Allison Nellis led the Lady Troopers in goals, assists and match winners last season.

The University of South Alabama came in fifth with 44 votes, but they

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File Photo

Emily Shrum will face stiff competition from fellow Sun Belt Conference goalkeepers and forwards determined to stop her shutouts.

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Brandon Morrison
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Tennis players fight injuries

NEW YORK (AP) — Two wheelchairs were there, if needed, in the corridor leading from the court to the locker room.

Fighting cramps and each other for 4

No. 11 Andy Roddick overcame a blister on his right hand to advance, but 1998 finalist Mark Philippoussis wrenched his long-troubled left knee and retired.

In other action, two-time defending champion Venus Williams and third-seeded Jennifer Capriati both opened with perfect victories: 6-0, 6-0. Williams overpowered Mirjana Lucic to win her 14th straight match.

Capriati beat Bethanie Mattek. Former champions Monica Seles and Martina Hingis also won.

On the men's side, winners included defending champion Lleyton Hewitt, three-time French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten, No. 7 seed Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 9 Carlos Moya, No. 18 Alex Corretja, and No. 19 Xavier Malisse.

Capriati deals with actions

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, seeded No. 3 at the U.S. Open behind sisters Serena and Venus Williams, bristled over remarks about her on-court behavior attributed to their father, Richard.

Told that he said in a magazine article that she should stop cursing on the court and should listen to her father, Capriati became angry.

Union agrees to drug tests

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players said the union agreed to a drug-testing deal, while commissioner Bud Selig planned to join the talks and teams began pushing back flights to prepare for a strike.

The sides met three times, holding two-on-two discussions instead of trading formal proposals among the full negotiating committees.

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, wouldn't say if owners agreed to the testing plan.

The deadline that the baseball union has set for contract deals is August 30th.

Cora recovers from injury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Alex Cora was released from the hospital, a day after being knocked unconscious during a collision at second base.

Cora took early batting practice, but as a precaution he sat out the game against Arizona and will miss Wednesday's game, too.

Bonds nails home runs

DENVER (AP) — Barry Bonds homered three times against the Colorado Rockies, including the third-longest home run hit at Coors Field, at 492 feet.

It was the fourth three-homer game of Bonds' career and gave him 38 homers this year and 605 in his career.

Pro strike affects workers

DENVER (AP) — The biggest losers in a baseball strike won't be the owners, the players or even the sport itself. They'll be people like stadium vendors and concession employees. The work stoppage would mean a

trip straight to the unemployment line.

Two U.S. cities proposed

CHICAGO (AP) — San Francisco and New York beat out Houston and Washington, D.C., when a U.S. Olympic Committee task force chose two finalists to be the American candidate for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

The U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors will pick the 2012 candidate at a Nov. 3 meeting.

Olympics search for crime

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Olympic Committee urged all sports federations to search for possible organized crime activity following score-fixing allegations in figure skating at the Salt Lake City Games.

Racer turns down money

MONTREAL (AP) — Jacques Villeneuve has turned down a three-year, \$50-million deal to race one season in CART before returning to Formula One.

Villeneuve was offered by Player's Forsythe and British American Racing to run one season in the CART series and two others in Formula One, Le Journal de Montreal reported.

Stadium loses insurance

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, has lost its insurance, and heightened terrorism concerns from the Sept. 11 attacks likely will make new coverage expensive.

The stadium's owner and operator, Tampa Sports Authority, received a notice this month stating its insurance policy would not be renewed and has until Oct. 1 to find other insurance for the 65,000-seat stadium.

Players to miss '02 season

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback Cade McNown needs surgery on his left shoulder and will miss the season.

Also, Philadelphia 76ers forward Derrick Coleman is out until at least November because

of chronic knee problems.

Swimmers compete in Pan

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Veteran Jenny Thompson won the women's 50-meter freestyle while fellow American and Olympic champion Tom Malchow won the 200 backstroke at the Pan Pacific championships.

Also, Australia's Ian Thorpe claimed his fourth gold, anchoring the 4x200 freestyle relay team to victory.

Players build needy homes

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Three Arizona football players will help build homes for the needy on Sept. 11 instead of serving suspensions for their run-ins with police this summer.

Coach John Mackovic said wide receiver Bobby Wade and defensive ends Javier Martinez and Andre Torrey will work a construction shift with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit group that constructs homes for underprivileged residents. ♦

Crimson Tide claim to have best running backs in United States

By Magen Hughes
The Crimson White
(U. Alabama)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it" apparently will not be something the Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione will adhere to when it comes to the backfield this season.

Although Alabama returns a slew of starters from a running back unit that racked up 226 yards per game, finishing first in the SEC and ninth nationally in rushing yards last season, Franchione has spent the spring and fall camps tweaking the A-back and the W-back positions to emphasize the rushing components of his team.

The starting tailback job will go to senior Ahmaad Galloway, with junior Santonio Beard projected to see plenty of playing time as well. Galloway led the team in rushing last season, posting 881 yards and six touchdowns. Galloway, who averaged 5.1 yards per carry last season, turned in a remarkable 107-yard performance in this spring's A-

Day game, earning him the Dixie Howell Memorial award for an exceptional game and the top spot on the depth chart.

There is one team that Galloway did not find himself or any fellow Tide running backs on this season, the preseason All-SEC team.

"If you can find me two better [running backs] in the country, bring 'em on," Galloway said. "If you can find me three or four better than [Beard, Galloway, Shaud Williams and Ray Hudson], bring 'em on. We could all split up and rush for 1,500 yards at another school."

The two tailbacks did receive preseason accolades on other lists. Galloway was named by two publications as a second team preseason All-SEC member with Beard being named to the third All-SEC team by another publication. Galloway also finds himself on the Doak Walker Award watch list for the honor of the nation's top running back. The duo combined for over 1,500 yards last season and 159 of the 226 yards per game average that led the SEC in 2001.

Although Beard did have a solid 2001 season, rushing for 640 yards and averaging 8.2 yards per carry, he is not where Franchione needs him to be to start over Galloway.

"Not as well as I would like," Franchione said when commenting on Beard's progress as a blocker. "I don't want to sound negative about Santonio. We just have to continually stay with him, coach him and push him to do the right things [on the field] at all times."

Galloway needs just 452 rushing yards this season to enter Alabama's top 10 all-time rushing leaders list and was the 40th player to reach the 1,000-yard mark with a three-yard touchdown against South Carolina last season. In 2001, he logged three 100-yard plus games; one each against Vanderbilt, Southern Mississippi and Auburn.

Beard is the fastest running back, clocking in at 4.62 seconds in the 40-yard dash, and had two 100-plus yard games last season, including an explosive showing against Auburn rushing for 199 yards on 20 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

The A-back, a hybrid position

that includes the duties of both a tailback and receiver, will allow some of Alabama's quick backs that have the speed, but not quite the size, to contribute this season. The A-back was created with sophomore Ray Hudson and Texas Tech transfer junior Shaud Williams in mind to offer some relief to a thin receiving corps. Williams rushed for 658 yards at Tech, with 230 of those yards coming in a Herculean effort against Colorado.

The W-back will demand a big player ready to block and receive, perfect for 6-foot-3 and 250-pound senior Theo Sanders. While his strength has already been proven for the position by setting four of the five weight room records for tight ends, his receiving experience is limited. Sanders caught just one pass last season against Vanderbilt for 26 yards.

"[The new positions] were created because I like root beer," Franchione joked, referring to the A&W soft drink. "They were created because of the personnel we have and to utilize our players wisely." ♦



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Santonio Beard is the top running back for the University of Alabama this season.

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NFL: Some players still on NFL teams

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Holcomb, who played quarterback at MT from 1991-94, is 27-38 passing for 347 yards with three touchdowns and one interception in three games played for the Browns.

This is Holcomb's second year with the Browns after spending his first five with the Indianapolis Colts.

Holcomb is trying for the back-up position behind starter Tim Couch.

Quinn, who was the signal caller at MT

from 1995-97, is 16 for 25 passing for 118 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in two games played.

This is his first year with the Chiefs after spending the last four years in Jacksonville. He is fighting for third-string quarterback with Joe Germaine, a fourth-year player from Ohio State.

NFL will make further cuts from their teams this Sunday. Teams cannot have more than 53 players on their roster. ♦

Nicolau: Players love fellow Rugby player

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recruited the Brazilian during a summer training camp held in Texas.

"When I saw him, he could hardly speak English," Keith said. The coach persuaded Nicolau to travel from his temporary base in Oklahoma to Memphis, Tenn., to play with the Moosemen during an off-season tournament to see how his talents meshed with the rest of the team.

"They were very nice to me," Nicolau said of his first meeting with the team. "They showed their southern hospitality and took care of me very well."

They still do, according to Nicolau, who has gained enough proficiency in English to achieve a 3.1 GPA in his studies, leading toward a degree in business administration.

"He's the quintessential example of how a scholarship athlete should conduct himself on and off the field," Keith said, citing Nicolau's strong work ethic, well-mannered behavior and upbeat demeanor.

"He's one of my favorite teammates, so modest and humble," said Jeremy Regan, a sophomore who qualified as an alternate for the Mid-South All-Star team last year.

"Cayo was the first team player I met and was the reason I decided to play college rugby," Regan said.

Regan divided his freshman year efforts between football as a Blue Raider and rugby as a Mooseman. This year he's elected to give up the gridiron to dedicate himself solely to rugby.

Nicolau's hard work has paid off in other ways. For the past three years he has been named to the Collegiate All-American Rugby team. Last year the team traveled to Ireland to compete against three universities there. In less than a month, he and the rest of the collegiate All-Stars will be boarding a plane headed for South Africa to play three colleges there.

As a Mooseman, Nicolau has led the team to three Sweet 16 Division 1 contests, and has joined in his team's celebrations as perennial Southern Conference Champions.

The Moosemen enter the 2002-2003 season ranked No. 12 in the nation in Division 1 rugby. This isn't bad for a team that plays at club level, when compared to Berkeley, for instance, whose team has varsity sport status, abundant funding for scholarships and lighted fields dedicated to its program.

MT is likely to see its own program build even further, thanks to the efforts of Nicolau and others like him who volunteer their scant free time each spring to coach the burgeoning Tennessee High School Rugby league.

Regan was one such success story from that league, having played for the Brentwood Brumbies his senior year in high school.

For the second straight year, Nicolau was head coach of the Rutherford County Chiefs, a young team that posted a respectable 3-2-1 record for the season.

Nicolau has one more year playing for the Moosemen.

"It's a mystery," Nicolau said

when asked what he would do after he becomes ineligible for play. He expects to earn his degree in the fall of 2003. When asked if he would continue to play for the Eagles through next year if asked, Nicolau's eyes lit up and he responded with an enthusiastic yes.

The man who is accomplished in so many sports admitted that he chose to focus on rugby instead of going back to tennis, jiu-jitsu or water polo because of the way rugby is played.

"It is a rough sport played by gentlemen," my coach told me," Nicolau said. He explained that it is the camaraderie of the sport that gets to him - especially the friendship after the game.

In rugby, the referee is addressed as "sir" and it is traditional for the hosting team to invite the opponents over for a barbeque and informal get-together after the game. Nicolau knows of no other sport that offers such a warm and friendly tradition.

Ultimately, he wants to bring glory to his home country, Brazil, he said, and he also wants to give back to MT and to his coaches and the United States for selecting him to play for the Eagles.

"That's the least I can do," he said. "Every time I go to practice, I tell myself that."

Perhaps that's one reason Regan considers Nicolau a "true team leader."

Perhaps that's why Keith "can't find the words to describe how good he is."

Perhaps that's why he's soaring with Eagles. ♦

Soccer: Arkansas schools at bottom of list

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starters returning. Goalie Kyla Rogers is in her fourth straight season as starting keeper. Last season Rogers set a personal best with her 16 shutouts.

MT comes in at No. 6 with 40 votes and they are hoping that by returning nine of their top 10 scorers from last year, they will maintain momentum. Head coach Aston Rhoden will be looking to lead scorers, sophomore Danielle LaDuke to lead the way.

In at No. 7 is the University of Louisiana-Lafayette with 27 votes. The Cajun's are almost strictly comprised of sophomores this year and are the youngest team in the SBC. Upperclassmen Sara Vienberg and Ashley Delahoussaye will help to lead the nine freshmen who are anticipated to see significant playing time this season.

In at No. 8 with 19 votes is Arkansas State University, who are only in their third year of the program. The other Arkansas university, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, rounds out the conference with 13 votes. They had several injuries in 2001, but they have 11 freshmen to make up the players lost last season. ♦



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Laura Miguez is the assist leader for MT. She, along with Danielle LaDuke, will be responsible for leading MT to goals in the SBC.

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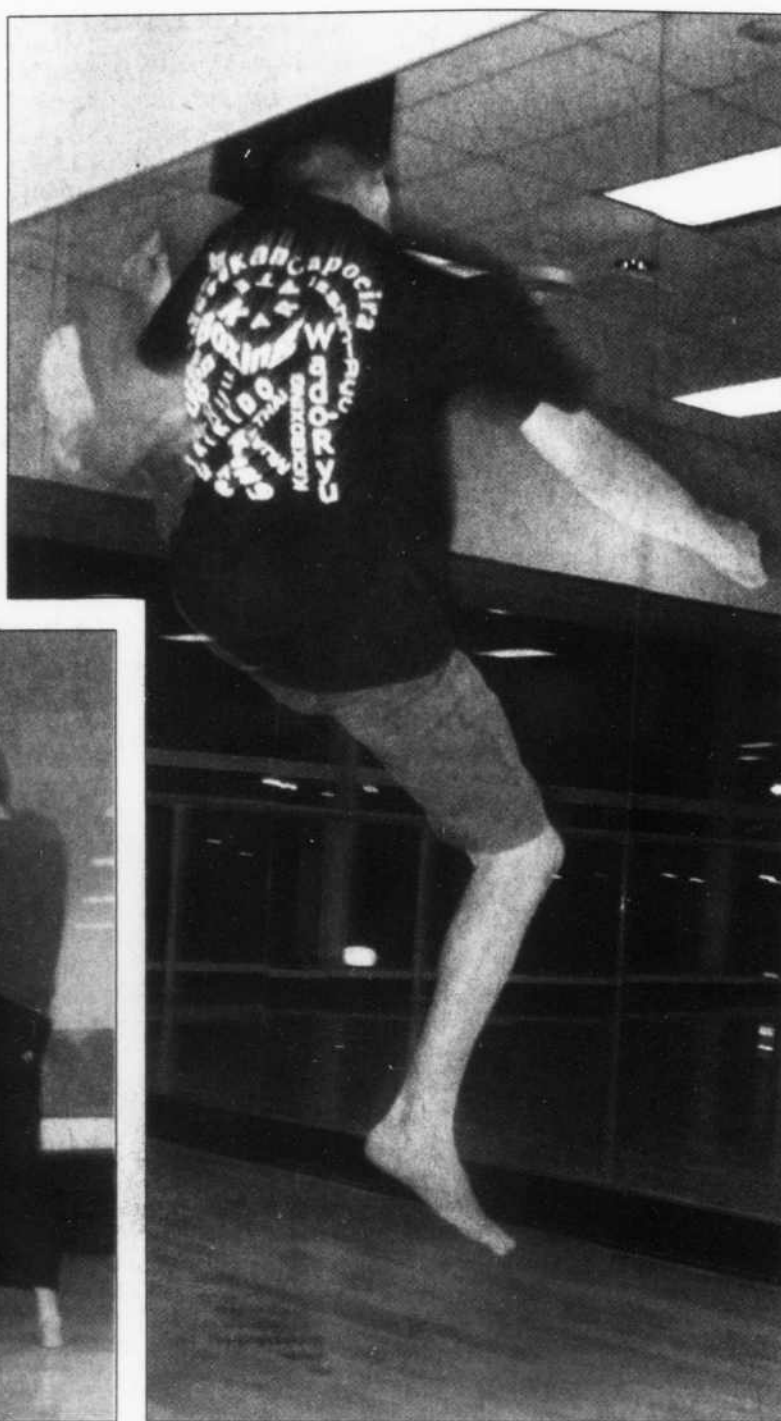
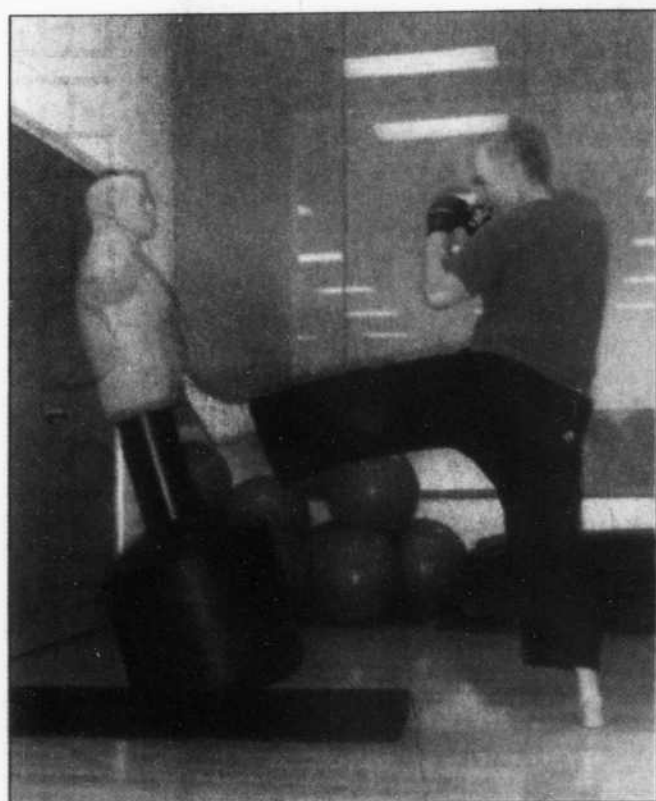
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Martial Arts Club kicks off start of new year

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The MT Martial Arts Club kicked off the new school year with meetings every Tuesday and Thursday in the aerobics room in the Recreation Center. Cofounders Butch Nunley (right) and Bill Colepaugh take part in a meeting.



Alabama: Hicks predicts MT to hang with Alabama

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37-28 and lost to Louisiana State University 30-14, giving up 27 points in the first half.

"We had a few chances last year but didn't perform as well as we wanted to," Hicks said. "To be able to go out and play against a school with a great tradition such as Alabama, that's going to be great for our team and our university."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Blue Raiders appear to agree just as much.

"Most of the people who start have been together a while, so we know each other well and we can feel other and it's good on the field and as a team," said linebacker Randy Arnold. "When you put that on the blue everyday, it means a lot when you walk onto the football field with coach."

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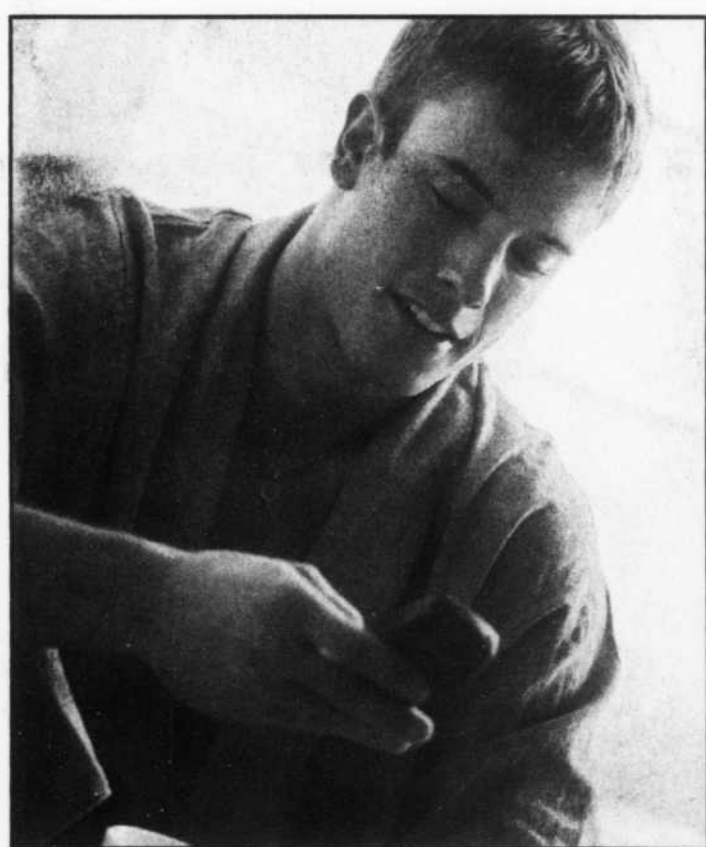
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