

SIDELINES

MTTV enjoys increased funding

Wesley R. Bush
Staff Reporter

Usually if a group was asked if they were satisfied with their amount of funding from the university, the answer would definitely be no. But that's the case this semester for MTTV Channel 10, the student-run television station.

An increase in funding, due to the larger student activity fee, has enabled the small organization to improve their quality of equipment and programming.

"This is really going to help the station in many ways," said Matthew Pessoni, production manager of MTTV. "We're going to be able to get a lot of equipment that we've been needing and replace some of the things that are no longer working."

At the beginning of this fiscal school year, the television station first requested \$11,500 in funding, but only was allocated \$7,700 for equipment such as an editing system, video cameras, and microphones.

After re-applying, the station was awarded an additional \$8,550 of \$11,400 that they requested. Now this money is being used for two-way radios, floor monitors, track lighting, and several other necessary components.

"We feel that this is a worthy and important organization," said Gene

Fitch, Associate Dean of Student Life. "It's very fortunate that we are able to meet the needs of more organizations this semester."

Each semester, campus organizations can apply to the Student Activity Fee Committee for funding.

The applications include a list of everything that is needed and how much money is requested.

The committee reviews the applications and decides how much funding is given to each group based on their estimated needs. If there is money left over after this process, the organizations can then re-apply for additional aid if their budgets have not been met.

The previous activity fee — a meek \$5 per student — rarely yielded enough money for these re-applications.

Last Spring, students voted in favor of raising the activity fee from \$5 to \$20, which made the higher allocation of funds possible.

WMTS was also able to receive much of the financing that they requested and did not apply a second time for funding.

"We were in desperate need for funds," said Andrew Seward, station manager of WMTS. "This money helped us get equipment that we could not operate without."

The next application review will be in the Spring semester. ■



Photos by Zack Millican

In a small studio in the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center, RATV students work on the set of Eye Witness News, the student-produced newscast on MTTV Channel 10. Recently, MTTV was allocated additional funding because of the increase in the student activity fee.

Up 'til Dawn expected to be successful

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Hard work and dedication will soon be rewarding for many students during the 12-hour fundraising event, Up 'til Dawn, which will take place Nov. 19-20 at the Campus Recreation Center.

The event is expected to bring approximately 450 attendees to the recreation center this weekend to participate in the numerous activities.

"We are elated with the excitement and commitment of the MTSU students who are working so hard for a great cause," Kealie Frazier, director of Up 'til Dawn, said. "I feel all those involved with Up 'til Dawn will be very satisfied with their contributions to the event."

Benefiting and sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, the all-night event will allow both individual and team participants who have collected money for the hospital to engage in various activities throughout the evening, including music, dancing, variety acts, games and the opportunity to meet with patients and their families.

Up 'til Dawn is a program designed as a college campus-orientated fundraiser, with a goal to unite students by working together on teams while raising funds for the hospital.

MTSU is only the second university in the nation to host the event, with the University of Memphis being the inaugural host.

An executive panel and committee comprised of over 50 students have been planning this event since January, according to Frazier.

"After months of planning, the event is finally coming together," Frazier said.

"We have a vision of the event but with this being the first year, we are very excited to see how it will all come together."

Executives and committee members are hoping to provide the hospital with over \$30,000 in funds collected by the 40 teams and several individuals registered to participate.

According to Frazier, teams of four to eight people have been registering since the beginning of the semester and collecting money for the event upon each team's registration.

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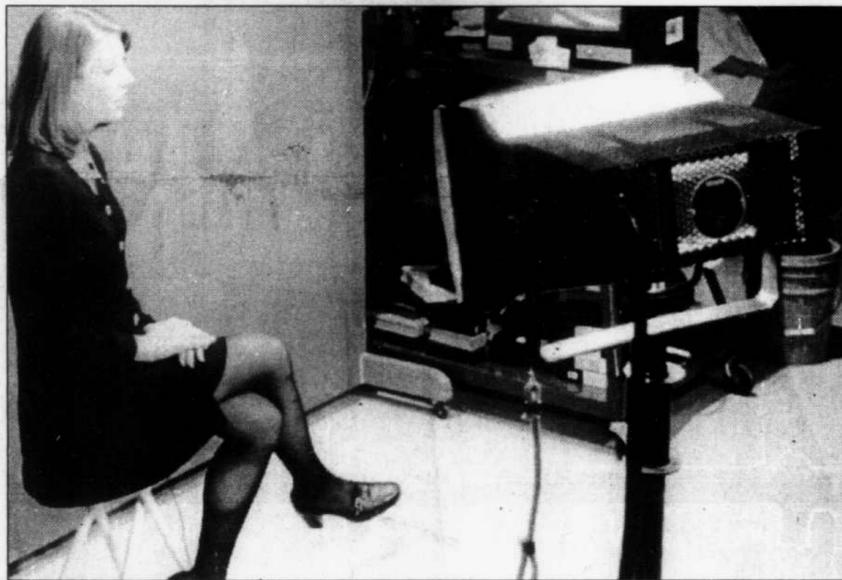
- Kealie Frazier, director

"Many teams have reached their goals of at least \$750 and everyone is very excited," said Maggie Prugh, Student Organizations coordinator and Up 'til Dawn advisor. "We are expecting Up 'til Dawn to be a huge success."

Participants are required to attend one meeting before the event takes place, according to Prugh.

The dates for the meetings are today at 5 p.m. in Keathley University Center Room 324, and Tuesday at either 3, 4 or 5 p.m. in KUC 322.

Donations for Up 'til Dawn are due today and can be turned in to Prugh or other executive members in KUC 306. ■



Debate team benefits from experience of competitions

Mary Anna Brown
Staff Reporter

MTSU's debate team has recently competed against some of the top schools in the nation and has secured the novice award at Northern Illinois University and the University of Alabama.

Currently, the debate team has nine active members.

This year, the debate for nationwide competition is concerning economic sanctions in Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Syria and North Korea.

"When the year is over, you find that you really know a lot about the topic of your debate," political science major Natalie Woodward said. "The key to a good debate is to know the issue inside and out."

Topics in the past have included environmental matters and the national voting process.

Schools the debate team has competed against in the past include Pepperdine University, Wake Forest University, Vanderbilt University and the University of South Carolina.

Funding for the debate team is provided by the University and pays for entry fees, supplies, meals, transportation and lodging when the team travels.

"There are a lot of advantages to travelling across the country for competition," debate director Michael Krueger said. "You not only meet lots of different people and see lots of different campuses, but you also are able to discover the culture of each area."

"Last year, when we went to California, we took a trip to Hollywood and Rodeo Drive."

Debate team students feel that their experiences with the debate team have been beneficial in more than one way.

"One of the benefits of travelling is that you get to see campuses and schools all over the United States," said Drew Butler, a mass communication graduate. "This is especially helpful if you are going to graduate school or law school. You also make important contacts and meet professors at these schools that may help you out in the future."

The debate team also provides students with valuable skills supplemental to their education.

"I've learned more than just the fundamentals of debate," said Bryan Gaston, speech communication/political science major. "It has also helped me in writing term papers."

The debate team has been established at MTSU since 1911, the year the school opened, therefore making it the oldest organization on campus.

MTSU hosts a tournament every fall and just received a bid to host the national tournament in 2001.

MTSU also hosts high school debate seminars and debate camps for college students in the summer.

Scholarships are awarded every semester, and there are workstudy funds available for students willing to do debate-related research.

"You can describe the debate team to someone and try to tell them what debating is about," Butler said. "However, there is no describing the actual experience of enjoying a debate in person."

If you are interested in joining the debate team, please call Michael Krueger at 898-5607. ■

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On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

Nov. 15-16
The Golden Key National Honor Society is holding a chapter meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Voorhies Industrial Studies Building. Contact Jenny Crouch for questions or directions at 898-2815.

Nov. 20
The Center for Energy Efficiency is hosting a Solar Vehicles Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Voorhies Industrial Studies Building, Room 169. The cost is \$15, or \$10 for two or more people, and is open to everyone. Attendees must pre-register by Nov. 17. For more information contact Linda Hardyman at 904-8096 or 898-2119.

ONGOING
Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food, and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscsm.org

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to

attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

Lambda Association invites everyone on campus to attend meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact the president, Tony Gowell, at 867-3658 for any questions or concerns, or visit the web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings are held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings are held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

Project HELP is expanding its program to include typically developing one to three year old children. Parents interested in enrolling their child may get an application and additional information by calling Debbie Estes at 898-2837 or the Project HELP office at 898-2458.



World News

Turkish-American ties ride high for Clinton visit

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — President Clinton left Washington on Sunday for a state visit in Turkey that is expected to further cement relations. He also will participate in a European summit in Istanbul, Turkey's biggest city, then visit Greece, Italy, Bulgaria and Kosovo before returning home Nov. 23. In Turkey, Clinton is expected to visit an area where U.S. Marines set up tents to house people left homeless after a massive August earthquake devastated western Turkey. It is not clear if he will also survey the nearby area hit by Friday's quake. Clinton's trip was to have begun with a three-day visit to Greece, but that stop was rescheduled because of security concerns in Athens. Greece now will be wedged between Turkey and Italy, and Clinton's stay there will be cut to about a day.

Delays at border alarm humanitarian workers

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Humanitarian agencies struggling to bring emergency aid to Kosovo expressed alarm Sunday about a bottleneck in efforts to deliver supplies to the beleaguered province before the onset of winter. New rules imposed by Macedonian authorities at the key border crossing at Blace have stalled virtually all aid coming into the provincial capital, Pristina, even though aid agencies have been stepping up efforts to bring in clothes, food and relief supplies to the war-ravaged region before poor weather blocks their distribution. The problems began over a week ago when Macedonian authorities leveled an additional tax of \$105 per truck leaving at the crossing.

Ukrainians vote in presidential runoff

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainians voted on a gray autumn Sunday in runoff presidential elections that pitted an unpopular pro-reform incumbent against a career communist who wants to revive the Soviet system. Turnout at polling stations across the country was brisk in a trend that was expected to favor President Leonid Kuchma over his challenger, Communist Party chief Petro Symonenko. For many voters, the election was a painful choice between a pro-Western reformer, who has failed to save the economy or end widespread corruption, and a communist, who reminded many of Soviet-era repression. The choice has polarized Ukraine, a nation of 50 million people. Kuchma, 61, focused his campaign on reminders of Soviet-era repression and privation. He stressed the summary arrests, hunger and other horrors of the communist past, presenting himself as the guarantor of Ukrainian independence and democracy.



National News

Flight 990 cockpit voice recorder sent to Washington

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Investigators are hoping that in the next few days the cockpit voice recorder recovered from EgyptAir Flight 990 will help tell investigators why the jet crashed, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday. "We're certainly hopeful that within the next two or three days that we'll be able to answer a lot of the puzzling questions that the information on the flight data recorder has raised in our minds," Jim Hall said on NBC's "Meet the Press." The recorder, recovered at 10:12 p.m. EST Saturday from the midst of the wreckage deep in the Atlantic, arrived Sunday at the NTSB laboratory in Washington, where experts hope to answer questions about the Oct. 31 crash.

Form to sign up more children for health insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite court orders, only one-third of the nearly 4 million noncustodial parents actually put their children on their employers' health insurance plans. Federal officials now are taking steps to simplify the process in hopes of increasing compliance. The Department of Health and Human Services was proposing regulations Monday that would give states one simple form to send to employers after a court orders a parent to enroll a child in the parent's health insurance plan. Also, the Department of Labor was directing the health plans it oversees to enroll these children when these forms are used. HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said she is frustrated that private insurance often is available for children but is not used.

Medicare spending dropped slightly, figures show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare spending dropped slightly in fiscal year 1999, the first decline ever in the federal program that pays health care bills for 39 million Americans, government figures show. New statistics from the Treasury Department show that Medicare expenditures fell 1 percent to \$212 billion in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, from \$213.6 billion in the prior year. Experts attributed the drop to cuts mandated by Congress, more careful billing practices by health care providers and a crackdown on fraud. But they said that Medicare spending is unlikely to continue falling because the elderly population is growing. Treasury Department figures show that payments from the federal hospital insurance fund, the biggest Medicare outlay that covers inpatient hospital bills, fell 4 percent from \$135 billion in fiscal year 1998 to \$129 billion this year.



State News

It's make-or-break time for Sundquist's tax plan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It's make-or-break time for Gov. Don Sundquist's income tax plan. Legislators return Monday after a long weekend for their third, and likely final, week of a special session on taxes. The fact they're coming back to Nashville is something of a victory for Sundquist. It appeared the General Assembly, frustrated by lack of movement on the tax discussion, would adjourn last Wednesday, but Sundquist and Sen. Bob Roelcke convinced legislative leaders to give them more time to try to find votes. Roelcke, the sponsor of Sundquist's plan and one of the Legislature's best deal-makers, said he's open to compromise. Legislators also have begun talking about imposing a sales tax on a variety of professional services that are not covered now.

Mortician lawmakers change cremation law

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two state lawmakers who are also morticians quietly pushed through changes in state law that critics say will make funeral home directors more money. The new law requires a 24-hour waiting period before a body can be cremated and allows relatives to revoke the written wishes of a loved one who had asked to be cremated. That will give funeral home directors the time and authority to convince people to choose the more expensive traditional funeral with embalming, casket and burial, said Pat Harris, a member of the Memorial Society of Middle Tennessee, a watchdog agency for the industry. It also gives funeral home operators the opportunity to impose additional charges, Harris said.

JonBenet's parents give interview to local TV station

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The parents of JonBenet Ramsey resent Colorado's governor and others saying they acted suspiciously after their 6-year-old daughter was brutally murdered in 1996, they said during a local television interview to begin airing Monday. A grand jury last month ended its 13-month investigation of the case without an indictment, but Colorado authorities have said John and Patsy Ramsey remain under suspicion. The Ramseys hadn't spoken publicly in more than a year but agreed to an interview with the local television station to promote their book about JonBenet, tentatively titled "The Death of Innocence." It is due out in March from Nashville-based Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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Dealing with Grief and Surviving College
Thurs., Nov. 18 2:30 - 3:30
Dr. Jean Hastings of Alive Hospice personnel will conduct a workshop for students who are dealing with grief due to loss of a parent, sibling, or special significant person in their lives. Often the crush of work at the end of the semester and the holiday season come in on people dealing with grief. This session could help.

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PROMOTIONS

New web site offers crime risk statistics

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

A recently established web site provides college students the opportunity to examine crime patterns within their community.

APBnews.com provides internet surfers with a myriad of crime information. Detailed crime risk maps and statistics of the nations 1,497 four-year college communities may be of particular interest to students with safety concerns.

"There is a crime risk map for each college," said Michael Ravnitzky, director of legal administration for APBnews.com. "You can see where the risk is high and where the risk is low."

According to the website, MTSU ranks 560 out of 1,497 college communities with

the most dangerous college being the Atlanta University Center. The web site gives MTSU a risk factor of 6 which translates into students having a "moderate" risk of encountering crime.

College faculty around the nation are questioning the results of the study. Professors and campus officials claim that the statistics used in the study are unfounded and poorly documented. Others complain that the analysis lacks credibility because the private study lacks the scrutiny experienced by public agencies.

"The problem is that no one knows what the data contains or what it represents." Robert Friedman of the Georgia State criminology department said in an interview conducted by APBnews.com.

In response, APBnews.com claims that their research is based upon a uniform

national measure for neighborhood crime risk. According to the website, the crime maps are based upon a statistical prediction of the relative future risk of crime using the relationship between socioeconomic data from the present and crime patterns of the past.

The most dangerous campus in Tennessee, according to the website, is the University of Memphis with a ranking of 80th and a risk factor of 9.

The site named the University of Tennessee at Martin as the safest campus, with a ranking of 1267th and a risk factor of 3. The only other Tennessee campus that achieved a safer rating than MTSU was Austin-Peay.

APBnews.com also offers live police scanner downloads from major cities, breaking crime news stories across the web, opinion polls, and a safety tip section complete with archives. ■

Crime Log

compiled by
Shane Newsome

Assault

When: Saturday, Nov. 6
Where: Scarlett Commons
What: Five individuals reported that they were being harassed by a roommate.

Where: Boutwell Dramatic Arts
What: Stolen wallet

When: Sunday, Nov. 7
Where: Beasley Hall
What: A bicycle was stolen.

When: Sunday, Nov. 7
Where: Scarlett Commons
What: A license plate decal was stolen.

DUI

When: Tuesday, Nov. 2
Where: Loop Drive at MTSU Direct
What: A Volkswagen was seen driving the wrong way and was stopped. DUI charges were filed against the driver.

Traffic

When: Monday, Nov. 1
Where: Mass Communication parking lot
What: A woman returned to the lot to find that the back bumper of her car had been ripped off.

Theft

When: Monday, Nov. 1
Where: Beasley Hall
What: A vending machine was vandalized.

Trespass

When: Monday, Nov. 1
Where: Cumming Hall
What: A man had been sleeping on a couch in the lobby for several days. A warning was issued.

When: Thursday, Nov. 4
Where: Student Recreation Center
What: A license plate was stolen from a vehicle.

When: Saturday, Nov. 6

Vandalism

When: Saturday, Nov. 6
Where: Judd/Sims Parking Lot
What: A shaving cream can was thrown at a vehicle.

Theatre to present 'Cuckoo's Nest' play in Tucker this week

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

The MTSU Theatre hopes for entertainment — by reason of insanity — for its audience during the production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" that begins showing this week.

The play, based on the novel by Ken Kesey and adapted for the stage by Dale Wasserman, is set in a psychological ward and is intended to change attitudes toward the mentally ill.

"Mental illness is not a myth. It is as real as cancer and much more common," said Deborah Anderson, director and a speech and theatre professor, who describes the work as a powerful, anti-psychiatry play.

The play is set in the 1960s and involves a realistic set. Richard Hansen, assistant professor of speech and theatre and director of publicity, said he thinks the setting aids in portraying the issues of resisting and questioning the authority that were prominent in that era.

"Teachers should incorporate this play into their curriculum. It can be used for the discussion and essay topics," said Hansen. "This play is a worthwhile experience as a statement of our culture."

"It has merit as a work of our time." The principal characters are Randle P. McMurphy, played by Craig Murphy who is a singer with the local band Boo Boo Bunny; Nurse Ratched, played by Anna Gorich; and Chief Bromden, played by Ryan Reed.

A cast of over 20 actors was selected from an audition that brought out close to 60 hopefuls. MTSU student John Mensel composed original music for the production, a rare treat Hansen said.

The play will run Nov. 15-20 at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre.

The performance is free to all MTSU students with a valid ID, \$2.50 for university staff and all other tickets are \$5.

For ticket information contact the speech and theatre department at 898-2640, or to avoid long lines, call the Murphy Center ticket office at 898-2103 to reserve tickets. ■

Lecture focuses on environmental issues

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

The environment isn't a major concern of most African Americans, according to Sandra Johnson of the Biology department, who will discuss the issue in next segment of the African American lecture series.

In her lecture, Johnson will speak on specific environmental issues and the role that African Americans play in environmental activism.

Johnson stated that although she can't generalize and though she can only speak on what she's observed, she hasn't seen a lot of African Americans involved in environmental activism in her experiences.

"My personal experience is that many African Americans are not involved in these issues," she said, "but I'm only speaking from

my personal experience."

Johnson will go on to tell the story of Cancer Alley, which was a cancer-causing toxic waste dump in an African American community.

"I will talk about Cancer Alley and some environment groups I've learned about," she said.

Johnson said that anyone who wants to get involved can start by researching the problem and contacting some of the groups that fight for a clean, healthy environment.

"There are groups all around," she said. She added that you can create a group to address a problem you believe in and create more awareness.

Johnson added that she feels it's important to educate African Americans on the presence of these problems.

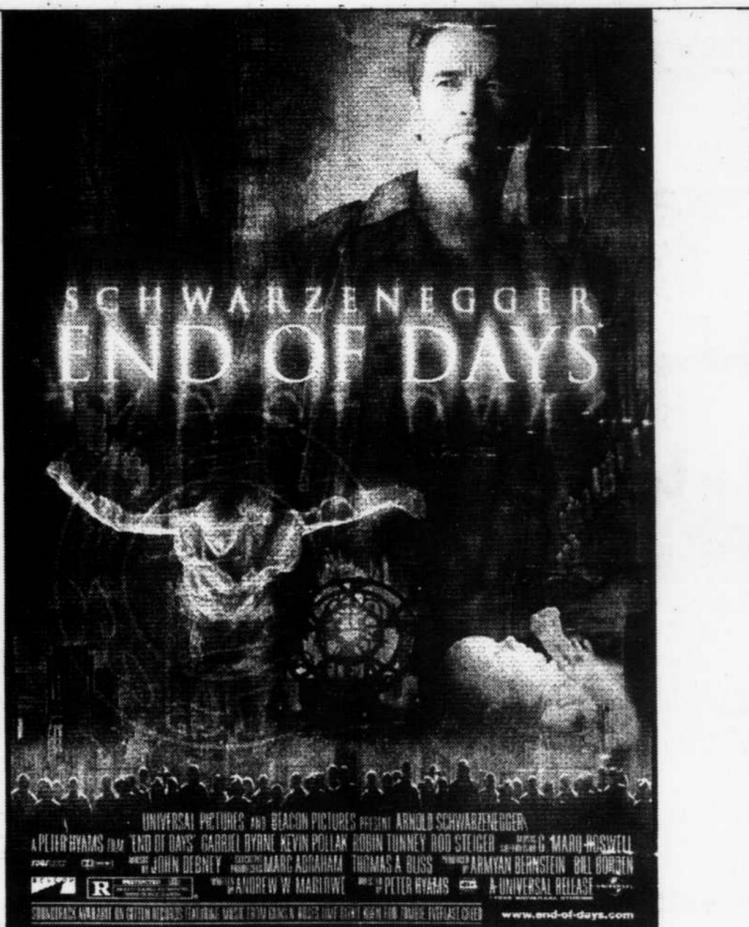
Johnson, who is a plant ecologist, received her undergraduate degree from the

University of Pennsylvania, her master's from Columbia University and her doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

The lecture will be held Tuesday in Peck Hall 109A from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ■



Johnson



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Fashion show brings practical experience

Class produces EXOTICA show

Staff Reports

The MTSU Fashion Promotion class will hold a fashion show, "EXOTICA" Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building.

"It is an excellent hands-on learning experience for the student," said Nancy Kelley, assistant professor of textiles, merchandising and design and coordinator of the show. "Students develop a realistic understanding of planned promotional campaigns."

"EXOTICA" is produced by students as part of course requirements for the human sciences textiles, merchandising and design curriculum.

Students are responsible for all aspects of the show, including staging, lighting, wardrobe, modeling, publicity, program design, merchandise coordination, choreography and music.

"It is an excellent hands-on learning experience for the student," said Nancy

Kelley, assistant professor of textiles, merchandising and design and coordinator of the show. "Students develop a realistic understanding of planned promotional campaigns."

The show will feature the latest trends in men's and women's clothing and accessories, including merchandise provided by local retailers such as Anastasia's Attic, The Buttercup, Gadzook's, Journeys, Lane Bryant and Rave, Kelley said.

More than \$500 in door prizes, donated by local merchants, will be given away after the show.

Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Murfreesboro, which offers specialized care to patients of all ages who have limited life expectancies.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 in the human sciences department's main office or at the door.

There are currently 123 students enrolled in MTSU's textiles, merchandising and design program, the only such curriculum that offers a bachelor's degree in Tennessee's public universities.

For more information about the program or the fashion show, call Kelley at 898-5689 or 898-2884. ■

Classes resume in Decatur, but compromise still elusive

Janan Hanna
Chicago Tribune

DECATUR, Ill. — Efforts by the state's top school official to resolve the

controversy over the expulsions of six public school students failed Wednesday, even as Rev. Jesse Jackson backed away from his insistence that the students be immediately reinstated.

By the day's end, the two sides still had not agreed on how to punish the African-American students for fighting during a September football game.

The local school board, which earlier in the week agreed to reduce the original two-year expulsions to one year, apparently refused to meet additional demands made by Jackson on behalf of the students, their parents and community leaders.

Earlier in the day Jackson had said he might agree to compromise if the students could attend alternative schools for a short time and gradually be allowed to return to their regular schools, especially if they could graduate on time with their classmates.

"We didn't get as far as I had hoped," said state school Supt. Glenn "Max" McGee, who spent the day shuttling between Jackson and school officials. "We're moving quickly to provide the young men with alternative educational placement."

McGee, who said he met with Decatur School Board President Jackie Goetter during the day, said school board members declined to meet with him again in the evening.

"It is the board that stands in defiance now," Jackson said during an impromptu news conference.

"They have chosen not to meet (with McGee)."

The superintendent returned to Springfield on Wednesday night, saying would be happy to return if the board wanted to talk. Jackson, who had planned to fly to Washington D.C., decided to stay in town.

The city's three high schools held classes on Wednesday for the first time this week, but fewer than half of the student body showed up at Eisenhower High School, scene of the brawl that prompted the expulsions.

More than 60 police officers surrounded the school and its parking lot, as a precaution against rumors of violence by white supremacists in response to Jackson's protests, said Decatur School Supt. Kenneth Arndt.

There were no incidents of violence, Arndt said.

But some of the students who attended classes said it was not business as usual: Students were locked inside their classrooms during each 50-minute period; they were allowed to use the washroom only between classes; and extra monitors were stationed in the hallways.

Jackson arrived at Eisenhower shortly before classes began Wednesday, but he backed away from a pledge to escort the expelled students into school even if it meant getting arrested.

He said he hoped McGee could bring the parties closer, and said he would avoid acts of civil disobedience that might undermine those efforts.

But by evening, Jackson appeared less optimistic, and school board officials were not commenting.

Jackson said he had spoken to Gov. George Ryan during the day, seeking input.

He also placed a call to Atty. General Jim Ryan, asking him to contact local prosecutors about their decision earlier this week to charge nine students in connection with the

fight. Wednesday evening, Jackson reiterated his demand that the school board abandon what he called "boilerplate" discipline and instead assess each student individually.

"The idea of a base-line punishment is not the same as individual due process," Jackson said.

He complained throughout the day that school officials had demonized and stereotyped the students as a group of criminals with poor attendance records. While he conceded that some of the students have had brushes with the criminal justice system, and have poor attendance records, others are good students involved in school activities, Jackson said.

Jackson noted that two students are senior athletes who were on track to graduate in June.

"We're moving quickly to provide the young men with alternative educational placement."

Supt. Glen "Max" McGee

Jackson said he agreed with state and local school board officials that the schools had to reopen, and that the expelled students should receive alternative education services as soon as possible.

At the core of the controversy is the school's discipline policy, which gives officials broad latitude in determining the appropriate punishment for student infractions.

Like many school districts throughout the nation, Decatur has a zero-tolerance policy toward violence. Goetter, the board president, has said that the board would re-evaluate its discipline policies early next year.

Jackson charged that detentions, suspensions and expulsions are handed out disproportionately to blacks in the Decatur schools.

Last year, five of six students expelled were black, as well as 1,000 of 1,700 suspended students were black, Jackson said.

He said zero-tolerance policies should be tempered with common sense.

"There's no excuse for us to suspend intelligent judgment," Jackson said.

The incidents that prompted zero-tolerance policies involved guns, pipe bombs and murders, not a fistfight without bloodshed, Jackson said.

Jackson argued that the students have been subjected to a smear campaign, Jackson said.

He said that a fistfight less serious than those that occur during a hockey game had been characterized by the board and law enforcement officials as "mob action" and "gang activity."

"It's unfair, irrational and retaliatory," said Jackson, who is planning a rally for Sunday in Decatur.

Jackson and an entourage from his Operation Rainbow/PUSH coalition arrived at Eisenhower shortly before classes were to begin Wednesday and were met by parents, students and residents, most of whom appeared to support his efforts. ■

Two men dead after shooting in Miami mall

Ray Lynch and Diego Bunuel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AVENTURA, Fla. — Police say two men who died of gunshot wounds outside a coffee shop at the upscale Aventura Mall near Miami Thursday morning may have been the result of a murder-suicide.

Aventura Police Lt. Skip Washa said two men were confirmed dead — one described as age 30 to 40, the other as a man in his 50s.

Washa said investigators have two theories at this time — murder or a murder-suicide.

He said police were leaning heavily toward the latter.

He said a pistol was found near the bodies. Both dead men were dressed in business attire.

Washa said the two men were shot near or in the Starbucks Coffee Co. shop on the

second level of the mall.

The shootings were reported at about 9:40 a.m., shortly after several stores at the mall opened. Mall workers said they heard six shots fired.

Police initially reported they were looking for an older man with white hair and wearing a green or gray shirt and dark pants. They searched stores and parking areas at the mall as a precaution.

The palm-fringed, pastel-colored mall nestled along Biscayne Boulevard features department stores such as Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor, Burdines, J.C. Penney and many smaller stores and a movie complex.

The mall was expecting a big shopping day because of the Veterans Day observance and the opening of the "Pokemon" movie.

Police, many armed with shotguns, spent the morning evacuating the mall parking lots of workers and shoppers. ■

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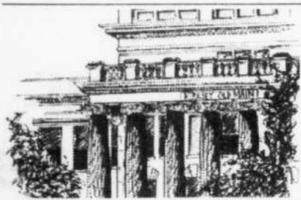
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

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Editorial

Better safe than sorry: rape can happen here

It could happen to you. Although it sounds a bit dramatic, it's the truth. But how many female students actually take their safety on campus seriously?

According to an informal poll of female Sidelines staffers, the answer is, "We don't."

When it comes to walking alone at night, or going places by ourselves, we justify our lack of caution with adamant answers that resound with determination and defensiveness.

"We're smart, strong women," we say. "We can take care of ourselves."

There's also the argument against amending our schedules to accommodate for caution. Why wait for someone to walk with you? Why take someone with you when you want to be on your own time? It doesn't seem fair to plan our lives around the possibility there may be sick people out there, waiting for the opportunity to take advantage of us.

Well, as the old saying goes, "Life isn't fair." Statistics show that date rapes and other kinds of sexual assault actually DO happen. What's worse for female students is the fact that college campuses are just a breeding ground for this type of violence.

What makes the reality of these situations hit home is when students such as Sara (see article on page 6) come forward and shed light on the kinds of dangers that lurk right here at our own alma mater.

Sara is not a composite character. Her story is not a fable designed to teach readers a lesson. Her story is true. It happened right here at MTSU. She's no different than the rest of the female students on this campus. She's not a special case. In fact, she could be your roommate, your best friend, your girlfriend, your sister or ... you.

She's shared her experience in hopes that the rest of the women on campus would learn a lesson she had to learn the hard way.

Sure, we're all "big girls" and can take care of ourselves. But perhaps the best way we can show our strength is by taking those precautions we often overlook or ignore. Better safe than sorry, after all.

—Lesli Bales
Editor

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Government cashes in on HOV lanes

Most MTSU students break the law every day. I admit, I do it too. We get in our cars and press the gas pedal, and away we fly.

At least we aren't as pathetic as the state government. They'll jump through rings of fire to get money from Uncle Sam, forgetting fundamental ideas and logic to fill their greedy pockets.

My adventure began when I went to court last week. Yes, I broke the law for the third time in three years. Here's the catch. I wasn't speeding. On a sunny Friday afternoon in September, I was traveling the legal speed limit.

I didn't have a clue why I got pulled over and angrily cursed the highway patrolman under my breath. I was busted in the HOV lane.

I had no clue what HOV even stood for before the ticket (High Occupancy Vehicle), but a \$124 ticket makes you wonder why the state paints those little diamonds on the road.

Maybe they signify a bicycle lane like Murfreesboro?

Everyone I chatted with said they'd throw the ticket out. Yeah, right. Now I have something to do over the holidays. I get to go to the "Alive at 25" program. It's a real slap in the face because I still was not speeding.

Gruesome car wrecks that occurred because of high speed and lack of seat belts are not going to keep my Grand Am out of the HOV lane.

I did some research on HOV lanes after one of my professors said that the only reason states put in HOV lanes is to receive federal money.

Here's what I found -- HOV lanes don't work. In New Jersey, I-287's HOV lanes failed on all accounts.

The lanes carried 1,000 less drivers per hour when the lanes were in effect, and the number of legal drivers ranged on a high end of 452 to a low end of 32

drivers per hour.

The ad campaign for New Jersey was "Seven million people. One road. You do the math."

They must teach flawed math in New Jersey. Most lawbreakers darted out of the HOV lanes when they saw a patrol car on the side of the road. Out of 700 motorists in the HOV lane per hour, there was an average of anywhere from 16 to 52 percent of drivers illegally in the HOV lanes.

This caused the I-287 HOV program in New Jersey to shut down.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration focused in on I-66. This stretch, the Capital Beltway, is a 64 mile loop around Washington, D.C.

The NTSA survey consisted of 52 people and sought answers on a variety of traffic issues. They found that the majority of participants believed HOV lanes were a waste of the taxpayers' money and failed to relieve traffic congestion.

They also remarked that it was illogical for the HOV lanes to be empty when traffic was at a standstill.

"How long will it take before the government realizes that it is not working, that the theory does not fit the practice?" one participant asked.

I'll answer that question. When the federal government stops playing the childish games with the state government.

Or, when state government realizes enough is enough and enacts smarter traffic plans and ignores Uncle Sam's money making scheme.

That's the view from the bumper-to-bumper crowd. If you're going to be in the "Alive at 25" program starting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 21, you can e-mail me at MTSUViews@email.com.

If not, you can e-mail me positive arguments for HOV lanes or anything else on your mind. ■

Respect parking for handicapped

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

MTSU has provided excellent access for handicapped students who attend school here. However, some of the people parking on campus need to be educated about the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a handicapped student, I see flagrant disregard of our needs all over campus.

The areas between the handicapped spaces that are marked with black stripes are not extra parking spaces. They provide a place for a wheelchair student to get out of their car or van with their wheelchair. This means even handicapped students should never park on the black stripes.

In addition, handicapped students who are not in wheelchairs need to avoid parking in the spaces marked van-accessible. Wheelchair students frequently have to get out of their vans on the left side.

However, the people most likely to violate the ADA are people employed by MTSU or its affiliates who are there on school business.

For example, when I entered the John Bragg Mass Communications building Friday, I noticed an ARAMARK delivery truck parked on the handicapped ramp at the end of the building. I know it was there for several hours, and I am certain it had been there most of the day. I assume it delivered the food and furniture for the Siegenthaler Conference luncheon.

During the entire time it was parked there, no wheelchair student could have entered the Mass Comm building.

While the length of time involved is not usually quite this long, I have often seen not only ARAMARK vehicles but also the Coke truck, maintenance golf carts and even campus police cars blocking handicapped access to various campus facilities.

Ignoring the ADA is not only rude; it is illegal. ■

Blue seats can be for students too

Adrienne Trammel
Special to Sidelines

I am one of the few students who is a loyal fan of MTSU's football team. I've been to every home game, and because of our meager amount of season ticket holders, I've had the pleasure of sitting in the "blue section" on the 50-yard line behind the team.

We played U.T.-Martin Nov. 6. I headed to my usual spot in the "blue section," only this time I was barraged by the "seat police," whose only mission is to keep students and those without season tickets out of the "blue section."

I followed the seat policeman's orders and went to the student section, but I only stayed until half-time. Since the score was 41-0 in MTSU's favor, half of the fans left. I decided to return to the "blue section" since it was such a blowout.

I saw no problem with returning, but once again I was approached by the seat police, who told me to move. I refused, so they threatened to call security. I still refused to move. I happily sat in my "blue seat" until the end of the game, of which the final score was 70-14. I doubted more season ticket holders would have come to claim their seats at half-time.

Being a full-time MTSU student whose tuition played a part in building that stadium, obviously I was very upset. I could not fathom why I should leave those seats if they weren't going to sell out. Also, why would I want to go to the student section when it's on the other side of the field behind the opposing team's bench?

I consider myself to be a reasonable person. Therefore, I wouldn't have a problem sitting in the student section if our football games were selling out. But they're not. The only time I've seen the football stadium full was at a high school game played there.

I will continue to sit in the "blue section" until all of MTSU's games start to sell out or until they replace the "blue section" with leather recliners that massage, for which I will gladly pay. ■



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From the Mailbox



Students should support all forms of art on campus

Dear Editor,
I hope I am not alone in the disappointment I am feeling about the increasing lack of interest in the arts on this campus in particular and in society in general.

Let me explain. Recently, as part of a class project, I surveyed a varied group of students about their attendance at MTSU theatre productions.

I was shocked to learn that of the students surveyed, more than 50 percent had never been to an MTSU theatre production. And I am talking about a selection of students that mainly included those who have attended MTSU for over a year. Some students even claimed to never have heard of Tucker Theatre — a revelation I wish greatly to be fiction.

What makes these findings so unbelievable is that MTSU is generally considered to be a liberal arts university with one of its major draws being the recording industry program — a discipline dedicated to a performance art.

One would think that the people of this campus would have an above-average interest in the artistic ventures of their fellow students.

There is hope, however. View this as a call to action.

We are residing in a center of the artistic universe, and we should take advantage of that. It is never too late to start supporting the arts; why not start that support right here on campus?

Amanda Hendricks

Crime log racist?

Dear Editors:
Under the heading "Disorderly Conduct" in your crime log dated Monday, Nov. 8, you mentioned that "two BLACK males were engaged in an argument" in the Smith Hall lobby on Oct. 15.

Two questions: 1) Was this information simply compiled from the MTSU police records?
2) If not, then why wasn't race mentioned as descriptors under the headings "Arrest," "Trespass Warning" and "Assistance"?

Under those headings, gender was the only descriptor. It is important for journalists to be fair and consistent.

Kevin Simmonds
Music department

Editors note: The information compiled in the crime log comes directly from the MTSU police records.

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FEATURES

It could happen to you... A student shares her personal story of rape at MTSU

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

Imagine waking up in a strange place, stripped of your clothing and lying in somebody's vomit on a bathroom floor.

Your mind is clouded with shadows and traces of images from the night before. Your body aches, although you can't recall being hurt.

Also consider regaining your consciousness one morning and lying next to someone you thought cared about you. However, for some reason, you now fear this person.

Slowly the memories return, and you come to a startling realization.

You've been raped, and you feel guilty and used.

Rapists attack both strangers and people close to them, but there are ways to reduce your chances of becoming the next victim.

MTSU Public Safety lists two sex offenses and one forcible rape reported in 1998. Eight cases of sexual abuse or rape were reported to the June Anderson Women's Center in the Spring of 1999.

"This semester is going about the same," said Mary Glantz, a counselor at the June Anderson Women's Center.

Victims of rape sometimes wait

one to 10 years to talk about it, Glantz said. The effects of rape can be too much to handle right away. "I just felt empty," said Sara*, an MTSU student and victim of rape.

Sara said she was drugged and raped at a party at MTSU last semester. She attended the party with a friend, took a drink from a stranger and found herself the next morning naked and alone on a bathroom floor.

"This guy walked over to me and said, 'Can I get you something from the keg?'" Sara said. "If everybody's drinking out of a keg, you think, 'Hey, it's OK. It'll be safe.'"

Sara didn't see the man get her drink, and he was gone five or 10 minutes. She went to look for him and found him surrounded by several other males.

She drank about three-fourths of the beer the man gave her.

"I remember feeling bad. I had a headache, and I went to sit down on the couch," Sara said. "I don't remember what happened after that. I laid my head back against the seat and everything started to spin."

"When someone gets a drink that contains a [sedative] drug, they become dizzy, disoriented and nauseous fairly quickly," Glantz said.

The man who gave her the beer attempted to take her home but

eventually left. A second man sat down next to her and began talking with her. Sara thinks the two men possibly planned the situation and that the second man raped her. She saw the men talking in a group before he gave her the beer, and it had seemed strange to her that the second man approached her after the first man left.

"Were they in on it together, were they doing this to everybody or did this guy just take advantage of the fact that I was incoherent?" Sara said.

Sara remembers bits and pieces of the remainder of the night. She ended up in a bedroom and thinks she must have been pulled because she was covered in bruises and her neck was sore.

"I woke up in a bathroom floating in someone's vomit. Maybe it was mine; I don't know," Sara said.

Sara didn't immediately realize she had been raped.

Glantz said that the victim probably won't remember what happened to her for a couple of days.

"The only way I can describe it is when you wake up and you're not awake and you're not asleep," Sara said. "It's that medium [state] when you know things are going on around you, but you couldn't really care less."

Sara didn't show up for work that morning. A concerned friend contacted her mother. Sara's mother called the police, who showed up at the house looking for her.

"[Because] they didn't have any right to search the house, the guys said I wasn't there," Sara said.

Still unsure of exactly what had happened, Sara went home and slept all day.

"They [the occupants of the house] called my house two days after that to tell me that nothing happened and that I just passed out in the bathroom," Sara said. "They didn't give me a reason why I didn't have any clothes on or why I had bruises and was hurt."

By the time many victims think about pressing charges, the drug has already left the body and physical evidence is much harder to find, Glantz said.

Sara chose not to press charges. Sara wishes only to warn others about the dangerous situations to avoid.

"If you live in a neighborhood and you have children and a child molester moves in and you know he's a child molester, aren't you going to tell other people to be careful? It's your responsibility," Sara said.

Since the rape, Sara has taken

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Where to find help

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- June Anderson Women's Center - 898-2193
- Domestic Violence Center - 896-2032
- (offers free support groups and individual counseling)
- Nashville Rape and Sexual Abuse Center - 259-9055
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Reducing the risk of substance-related rape

- *Do not leave beverages unattended
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- *At parties, do not accept open container drinks from anyone
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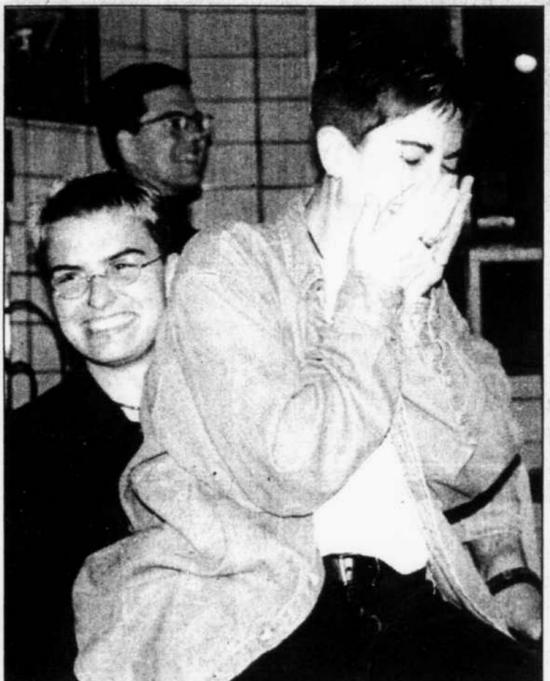
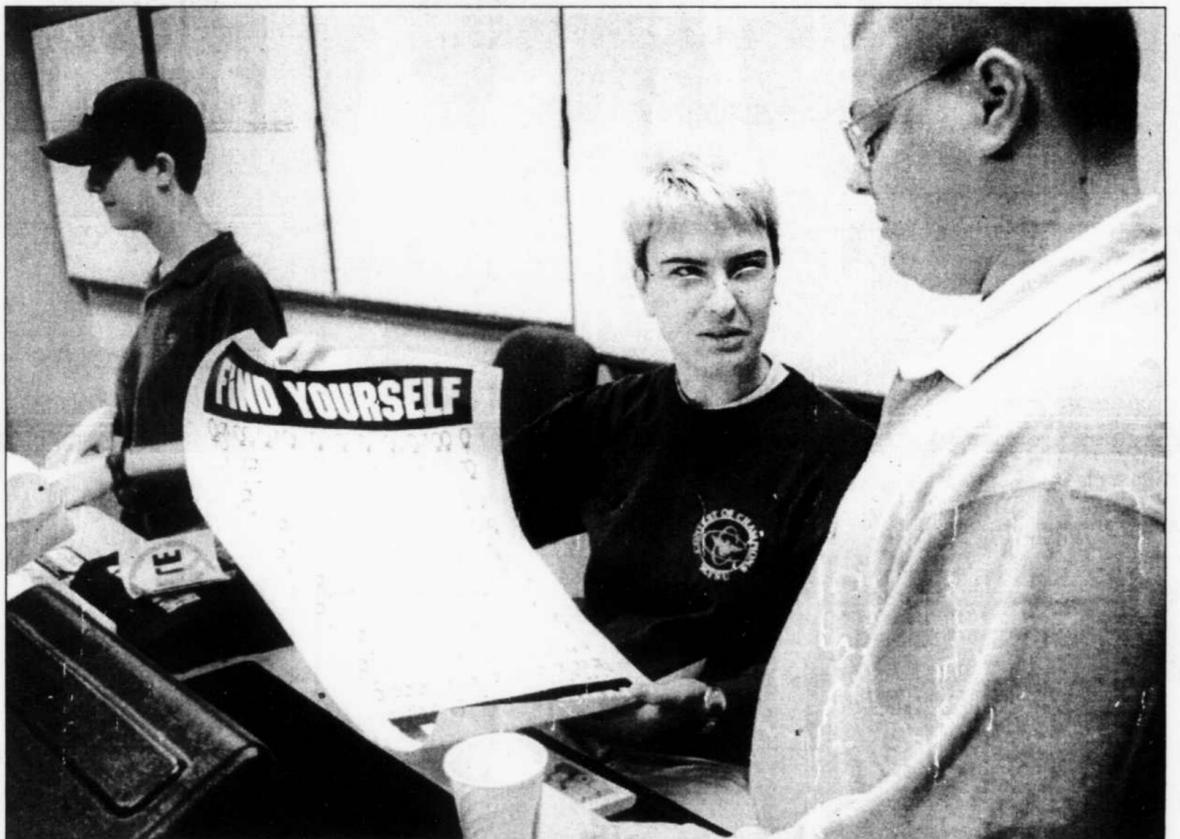
Open and Proud

Zack Millican
Photo Essay

The Lambda Association, MTSU's organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight supportive students, hosted its annual Lambda Pride Week last week.

(Right) Patricia Davis, a junior majoring in psychology and criminal justice, shows Lambda President Tony Gowell, a junior special education major, a poster about coming out. Gowell became openly gay at 16. He says he has never told his mother about his sexuality, even though she has asked since he was 13.

(Below) Boys' Night Out was Thursday at The Connection, a Nashville gay club. Lambda President Tony Gowell, middle, poses outside the club with drag queens Regine Phillips, left, and Stephanie Wells.



(Far Left) Lesbian couple Patricia Davis and Aimee Leverette share a joke at the Red Rose Cafe Wednesday. It was the couple's one-month anniversary.

(Left) Pat Finn, left, and nine-year-old daughter, Krissy Sullivan, hug while attending a dinner with Lambda members. Finn says she is the first openly gay woman to win a child-custody case in Tennessee.

(Above) A female couple watches a movie at the group's Tuesday meeting. The movie, "Living with Pride: Ruth C. Ellis @ 100," focuses on a 100-year-old lesbian. Directed by Yvonne Webon, "Living with Pride" won the audience award for Best Documentary at the 1999 International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival in San Francisco.

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steps to get past the event, though it's taken some time.

"For the past couple of months, I've tried to tell myself that it was my fault because I was over there or [because] I knew better than to take a beer from this guy."

"People tend to blame themselves," said Judy Nance, a counselor at the Domestic Violence Program in Murfreesboro.

Nance advises people to "really know the person you're with before you're alone with them."

Sara now realizes that the incident was not her fault, and she's moving on.

"I want women to know that if they have been through this, that it's all right to tell."

Unfortunately, Sara learned a little too late how dangerous it can be to trust a stranger.

"We all know not to take a beer from just anybody, but when it comes down to it, there's this cute [guy] leaning on you and smelling good," Sara said. "You think, 'Like he's really going to hurt me.'"

Sometimes rape is accompanied by the use of drugs and alcohol, which can impair the awareness of the victim and prevent her from remembering the incident.

Rapists may use drugs to sedate their victims, such as gamma hydroxy butyrate and most commonly, rohypnol.

GHB is usually found in a clear liquid form but can also appear as a white powder. GHB is also known as liquid ecstasy, water, everclear, salty water and easy lay, suggesting an intended use.

Side effects of GHB include intoxication, increased energy, a desire to socialize, mild disinhibition, enhanced sexual

experience, loss of coordination due to loss of muscle tone, possible nausea and difficulty concentrating.

Bad reactions to GHB include nausea, headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, amnesia, vomiting, loss of muscle control, respiratory problems, loss of consciousness, being conscious but unable to move and death. Combining GHB with other drugs or alcohol can increase the risk of bad effects.

Rohypnol, commonly known as "roofies," can also be referred to as "the date rape drug," roachies, "the forget pill" and la rocha.

Rohypnol sedates, causes amnesia, relaxes muscles and slows responses. Rohypnol is a colorless, odorless drug which can appear in a liquid or powder form.

Sedation occurs 20-30 minutes after consumption and can last six to eight hours. The drug is stronger when combined with other drugs or alcohol.

Those who believe they have been drugged should contact a medical professional immediately. Rohypnol can be detected in urine up to 72 hours after ingestion.

Nance advises those who plan to drink to make sure someone they trust can watch them and take them home.

"You are the one who gets your own drink," Nance advises.

If you attend a party, make sure to keep an eye on your drink at all times.

"I've been in several clubs, and I've seen women lay their glasses down and walk off," Sara said. "Don't drink from [anyone] who gives you drinks because a lot of times at parties they'll dish out [liquid into] cups and leave them there. They could be putting stuff

Are you a victim of dating violence?

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in everything; you just don't know."

Nance also advises friends and family members of rape victims to be supportive and sensitive.

"Don't get angry at the person who did this to them; it's usually the worst thing you can do for the victim," Nance said.

The victim will become reluctant to talk because they will feel more guilty.

Sara urges everyone to always

go out in groups of trusted friends and to stay together.

"You have to watch out for each other because there are people out there who want to take advantage of you," Sara said.

"I wish somebody had told me," Sara said. "I wish that I had the opportunity to hear a story like this."

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Raiders blow last chance Lose to last I-A opponent of season, 39-14

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

After 11 weeks of blood, sweat and tears, a win against a I-A opponent will not come this season for the Raiders, after they fell to the University of Central Florida, 39-14, in front of more than 10,000 people at Floyd Stadium.

Although the scoreboard was severely lopsided for the Golden Knights, the game was much closer than it indicated. The Raiders fought hard throughout the game and even led the Knights for almost 20 minutes, but the dam broke at the 10:58 mark of the second quarter as the Knights scored the first of six touchdowns.

"Our kids fought their tails off just like they do every game, sometimes we just got out ran," head coach Andy McCollum said. "The defense played well early and gave us a chance, but we didn't finish the job on offense."

UCF quarterback Vic Penn stole the show for the entire game as he rushed for 122 yards on 11 carries, while passing for 208 on 20 completions. He accounted for three of the Knight's six touchdowns. Charles Lee led the Knights with 100 yards receiving, while tailback Omari Howard rushed for 85 yards on nine carries.

"We struggled early but we were able to put up 30-something points and I don't know how many yards," Penn said. "We made good adjustments. That's the first time I have ever rushed for one hundred yards. With all the great quarterbacks that played here, it's a great accomplishment."

The Raiders bright spot on offense was Wes Counts again this week, as he threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns. He was also sacked two times and threw two interceptions.

The downfall for the Raider offense was the running game. The Raiders managed only 48 yards on 27 carries, an average of 1.8 per carry. Wes Counts led the team with 13 rushes for 24 yards.

Hansford Johnson caught his 40th pass of the season, which gives the Raiders three receivers with more than 40 catches in a season for the first time in school history.

"We wanted to try and run the ball, but they were physical up front," McCollum said. "They were a lot more physical than us. That's where we have to get."

The future looked bright for the Raiders early on when UCF took the ball on their first possession and ran into a resuscitated MTSU defense. On the first play of the game, Penn completed a pass to Lee who was thrown for a three-

yard loss. During the next play, Charlie Walker batted a pass almost right of Penn's hand. On third and 13 from the 20, Penn hit Tavirus Davis, but Mario Kelso was there to add another crushing hit to the highlight reel. The punt ensued, and the Raiders took over at their own 40.

The first possession was methodical for about four plays, and Counts completed three of four, none of which gained more than seven yards. After two running plays, Counts hit Calico, who danced and rumbled 44 yards into the endzone for the first Raider touchdown. Unfortunately, MTSU would not get back to the endzone until the fourth quarter.

On the next possession for UCF, the Raider's Kendall Solomon sacked Penn, forcing the Knights to punt. MTSU began their drive and converted a third and seven at the Raider 45. Xavier Hatnot made the catch and gained nine yards. A penalty on MTSU nullified the play and gave the Raiders a third-and-12. They punted one play later.

MTSU caught another break on the very next possession, as linebacker Charlie Walker came up with an interception which he took back to the UCF 46.

"I saw nothing but field. I was trying to get to the blue," Walker said.

MTSU was not able to capitalize as they ran three plays and punted. Central Florida would not miss their opportunity and converted a 22-yard field goal, cutting the Raider lead to four.

"If we would have stepped up and made a few more plays, it would have been a totally different ball game," defensive back Delvin Pikes said.

Wes Counts and the Raiders marched the ball down the field to the UCF 19, but a holding penalty killed the drive and forced Keegan Ray to kick a 42-yard field goal, which he missed. That would have given MTSU the lead by a touchdown.

Again, the Knights took advantage of the Raider's lack of execution and scored a touchdown vaulting them into the lead, 10-7. Penn connected with Tyson Hinshaw on consecutive plays for 25 yards and the score.

After a punt by Ray, UCF rumbled down the field and scored their second touchdown. The drive took only seven plays for 48, yards capped off by a Penn to Kenny Clark touchdown pass.

The teams traded punts before the Knights once again flexed their muscles and scored on seven plays. Penn ran five yards for the touchdown. The half would come to a close shortly thereafter. The Raiders trailed 24-7 at the



intermission. Penn had already rushed for 71 yards on five carries at that point.

The Raiders drove methodically down the field 54 yards before a trick play by the Raiders worked almost to perfection. Wes Counts turned to his left and threw the ball 20 yards in a lateral to Hansford Johnson who proceeded to throw a forward pass to a wide open Wes Counts, who made the catch and ran 20 yards to the UCF eight. Counts took the draw play and ran up the middle for five yards; however, on the next play, MTSU was flagged for illegal participation backing the ball up five yards, practically nullifying the Counts run.

Two plays later, the Raiders were forced into a field goal situation. It would have been a 27-yard attempt that could have cut the lead to two possessions. MTSU, however, faked the field goal, and holder David Youell rolled to his left and could not find an open receiver. He was then sacked, killing the scoring chance.

"We felt like going into the game we had [the fake field goal]," McCollum said. "We missed a field goal earlier, so let's see if we can do it."

After a UCF punt, Counts was intercepted by Elliot Shorter for the first time of the game. The Knights took advantage with a 22-yard field goal, moving the lead to 27-7.

"When it was my turn to get in the game, I just had to go out and do what I can do," Shorter said. "Week in, week out we see all kinds

of different formations, and coach prepares us well and the results prove themselves."

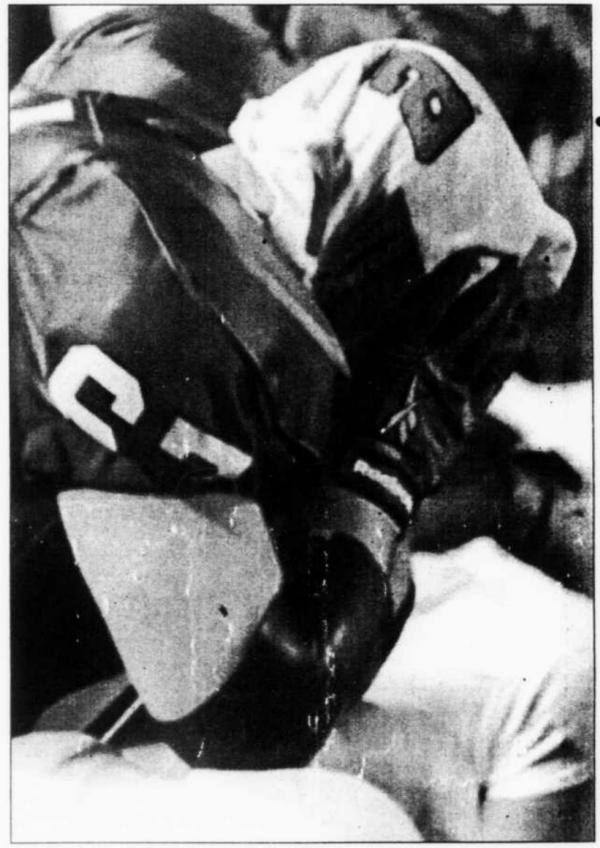
Counts, on the next possession, was intercepted again by the same Shorter that had ripped him off the first time. The Knights fumbled three plays later, and the Raiders capitalized on the turnover.

Four plays later, the Raiders lined up in a formation that featured six receivers and three linemen. One of the offensive linemen lined on the left side as a receiver in front of two other normal receivers, one of whom was Newson. Counts rolled to his left, pursued by a UCF linebacker. The receiver/lineman laid a devastating block on the linebacker, and Counts completed a pass to Newson who ran 48 yards for the last MTSU score of the game. The Raiders trailed 27-14.

UCF scored on their next possession, making the score 33-14 and all but killing the Raiders' hopes. On the next MTSU possession, they were forced to punt, but it was blocked into the endzone by Ricot Thomas where Thad Ward of UCF recovered it for the touchdown, finalizing the score at 39-14. MTSU did manage to get the ball to the UCF 28 once more but failed to score.

"I'm excited for the guys," UCF head coach Mike Kruczek said. "It was good to see them execute for the entire 60 minutes."

In the losing effort, McCollum gave credit where it was due, "We just got beat by a good football team."



Photos by Robin Wallace
(Top) UCF quarterback Vic Penn breaks loss down the sidelines, rushing for some of his 122 yards on the ground. He also passed for 208 yards. (Bottom) Barry Hall is devastated after Saturday's loss to UCF.

Volleyball team falls to Eastern Illinois in straight sets

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

In front of the largest home crowd of the season, the volleyball team lost to Eastern Illinois in an all too familiar three game sweep (15-2, 15-9, 15-10) on Saturday.

"We played really, really weak. Defense was weak, and blocking was weak — our serving was in and out," commented head coach Lisa Kissee. "They [Eastern Illinois] just played a lot better than us — we didn't step it up at all as a team."

Although these weaknesses were apparent, faint glimmerings of an extremely talented team shined throughout all the games.

In the first game, the Raiders were disjointed with few impressive return volleys; as if in a daze, they let the Panthers score on them without making counter plays.

The second game brought a series of exciting volleys that held the Panthers at bay for a while before the game point was scored.

Exasperation and determination filled the third game. Even amidst their shining moments, the Raiders were left being overshadowed by the

Panthers solid blocks and precise kills.

"This game was really, really important, and I don't think we were prepared for it. I did what I could do, I guess," said senior Kelly Smith.

With 12 kills and one ace, Smith led the team for the last time this weekend, while freshman Erin Hillstrom played hard resulting in seven kills and one ace.

Volleyball team ends season with a loss

The volleyball team ended the season Sunday at the Murphy Center with a 3-1 (15-8, 6-15, 15-12, 15-7) loss to Southeast Missouri.

With a win, the Lady Raiders would have qualified for the OVC Tournament.

The Lady Raiders end the season with a 7-11 OVC record and a 13-17 overall record.

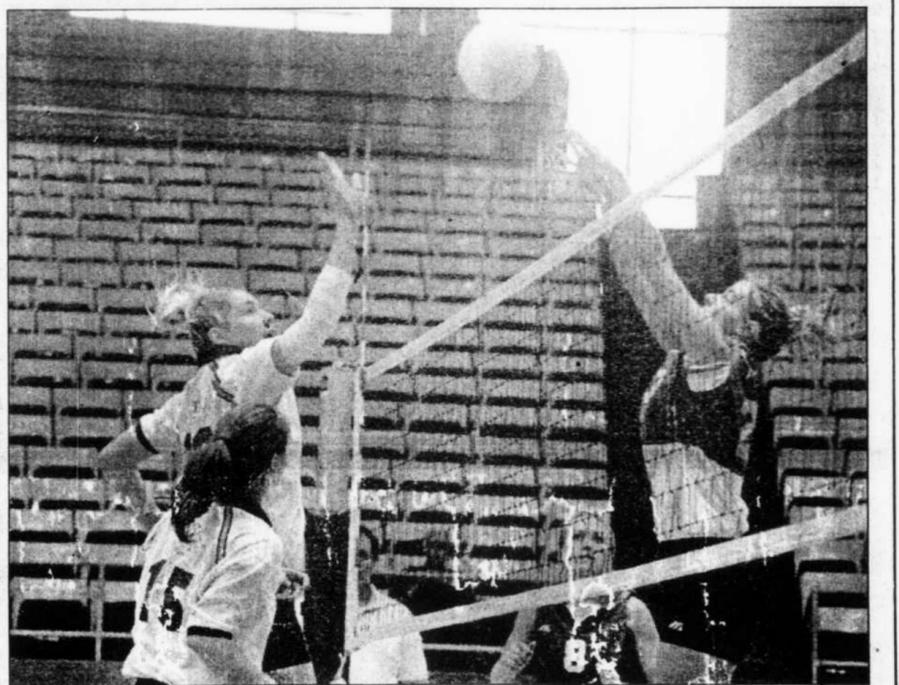


Photo by Robin Wallace
Kelly Smith makes move to defend the net while Kelly Quinn lies in wait.

Redemption: Lennox Lewis wins unanimous decision

Ed Schuyler Jr.
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Lennox Lewis didn't dominate Evander Holyfield the way he did in their first fight. This time, though, he got a unanimous decision that made him the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

"I won the fight," Holyfield shouted shortly after the final bell. But the three judges clearly favored Lewis.

The 34-year-old Lewis wasn't nearly as impressive as he was in the first fight, but he was still too big for Holyfield, who will turn 37 next Friday.

The first half of the fight was rather dull. Holyfield opened the second half by having a big round in the seventh, the best three minutes of the match.

Lewis, however, didn't let Holyfield take control.

The British fans in the crowd roared when the decision was announced and broke into song. There were also a lot of boos.

Judge Chuck Giampa scored it 116-112, Bill Graham had 117-111, and Jerry Roth 115-113 for Lewis, who added the WBA and IBF titles to the WBC belt he already held.

The AP scored it 116-113 for Lewis.

"It was little tougher than the first fight," Lewis said.

Most observers felt Lewis easily won the first match March 13 in Madison Square Garden, but it was scored a majority draw, which led to a grand jury investigation and several hearings.

In March, Lewis landed 348 punches to 134 for Holyfield, according to a CompuBox punch analysis.

On Saturday night, before an estimated 17,000 fans at the Thomas & Mack Center, Lewis was credited with landing 195 punches to 137 for Holyfield.

"Because I won the first time, I'm more confident and I'll take more chances," Lewis said before the fight.

"I won the fight," Holyfield shouted shortly after the final bell. But the three judges clearly favored Lewis.

But he didn't. "We're both champions and we've got to take it to each other," Holyfield had said.

But many rounds packed little action.

The 6-foot-5 Lewis scored with several jabs but his best punch was a right uppercut. The 6-2 1/2 Holyfield was able to get inside several times, but Lewis managed to tie him up most of the time.

In the seventh round, the 242-pound Lewis landed several rights and lefts to the head early. At 1:07 of the round, Holyfield hurt Lewis with a thunderous left hook to the head. Lewis backed off and Holyfield bounced to the attack. He hurt Lewis with a right to the head and then hurt him with a left-right. They exchanged punches in the final 30 seconds.

Holyfield was unable to take control, however, and Lewis seemed to have the best of the eighth and ninth rounds with jabs and uppercuts.

The action tailed off in the last three rounds of the fight.

"Decisions are decisions," Holyfield said. "Everyone is disappointed, but life is life. I was

just fighting. The judges make the decisions."

"I couldn't let my fans down," said the new, undisputed champion from Britain. "I couldn't let myself down because this was my dream."

Lewis became the first heavyweight to hold all three titles since Riddick Bowe took them from Holyfield on a 12-round decision in Las Vegas on Nov. 13, 1992. Holyfield had won the undisputed title by knocking out James "Buster" Douglas in the third round on Oct. 25, 1990.

Before the fight, Lewis had predicted it would be Holyfield's last hurrah.

It remains to be seen whether Holyfield, one of boxing's true warriors, will quit after his fourth defeat against 36 victories and a draw. He has scored 25 knockouts.

Lewis is 35-1-1 with 27 knockouts.

The purse for each fighter was \$15 million for their pay-per-view rematch. ■

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The Hookup: wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell
Sports
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Smackdown began with D-Generation X talking about Monday's Raw is War. The DX members said they did not kidnap Stephanie; they did it to get Vince and Shane McMahon and Test away from the ring. Instead, they had a "Penn State skank," who was getting busy with Mr. Ass, according to Triple H.

Next, Triple H talked about Survivor Series, saying he would win because he is "that damn good."

Immediately following Triple H's statements about Survivor Series, Vince McMahon addressed Triple H, saying he would have his fun at Survivor

Series. He then said that DX would have to fight Shane McMahon, Test, The Rock and Kane on Smackdown, and Stone Cold Steve Austin was to be the enforcer.

Triple H responded by asking Vince to ponder two things the next time he sees Stephanie smiling: Is she smiling because she's laughing at Test in the sack? Or is she laughing because she's thinking about what DX could do to her in the sack?

Edge faced Hardcore Holly in the first match. The match went back and forth until Edge appeared to have the match won when he landed a super-plex. It seemed as though he had Holly pinned, but Holly got his shoulder up and Edge did not. As a result, Holly won the match.

After the match Vince, Pat Patterson and Gerry Brisco met Arnold Schwarzenegger. All three exchanged pleasantries, and Schwarzenegger congratulated Vince on his success.

Following a commercial break, the Dudley Boyz fought D'Lo

Brown and the Godfather. D'Lo and the Godfather appeared to have the match won twice. D'Lo had a Dudley pinned, but the referee was distracted by the hos. The second time Buh Buh Ray derailed the ho train.

As a result, the Dudley Boyz were able to land a Dudley Death Drop and win the match.



The Godfather's former friend, Val Venis, took on the British Bulldog in the next match. As a result of outside interference by Steve Blackman, Mark Henry and Gangrel, the match resulted in a disqualification. Blackman, Henry and Gangrel will face the British Bulldog and the Mean

Street Posse at Survivor Series.

After a commercial break, footage was shown of the Big Show's father's funeral. While the Big Show was paying respects to his father, the Big Boss Man drove up in a police car and started insulting the Big Show and his father over a loud speaker.

The Big Show went after the Big Boss Man, but the Big Boss Man got away and tied the casket of the Big Show's father to the back of the car. He drove away with the casket tied to his car.

The Boss Man took on Faarooq for the Hardcore Championship after the footage of the funeral was shown. Faarooq dominated the match, but he lost because Prince Albert interfered and sprayed Faarooq with mace. The Big Boss Man retained the Hardcore Title.

Another champion, Chyna, appeared on Smackdown. She said that Y2J would receive an equal opportunity ass-kicking at Survivor Series.

Y2J responded to her comments with a sneak attack.

As she laid on the ground bleeding, he dumped tampons on her.

Y2J then spoke to the crowd, saying Chyna is just a PR tool. He then said that he is trying to bring credibility to the WWF. In closing, he said he will end Chyna's career unless she gives him the International Title.

In the next match, Grandmaster Sexy defeated Matt Hardy. Hardy dominated the match, but when his brother Jeff interfered, Grandmaster Sexy threw him into Matt. As a result, Grandmaster Sexy got the pinfall.

Next, WWF Chairman Vince McMahon announced that Arnold Schwarzenegger was in the house. McMahon presented Schwarzenegger with an honorary championship belt, which drove the crowd nuts.

Schwarzenegger thanked the fans; they responded by chanting Arnold. Schwarzenegger then told McMahon that he's built an empire.

The Puppies returned in the Tori-Ivory match. Nobody won the match because all of the

women wrestlers in the WWF interfered.

And now, for the main event, DX battled Shane McMahon, Test, Kane and The Rock in the main event. DX seemed to have everything under control; only The Rock was left because Test didn't answer the bell.

Just as The Rock seemed to be finished, Test made his way to the ring. Test and The Rock battled back. The Rock pinned the Road Dogg after a "Rock Bottom," and Mr. Ass got disqualified when the referee caught him hitting Test with a chair.

Schwarzenegger helped Test and The Rock by handing Stone Cold a chair. Stone Cold hit Triple H with it, Test pinned Triple H and the match was over.

Triple H tried to punch Schwarzenegger, but he missed and received a slap to the face as a result. Triple H went down and received many vicious blows to the face from the movie star as a result.

Schwarzenegger then joined Stone Cold in the ring for a beer.

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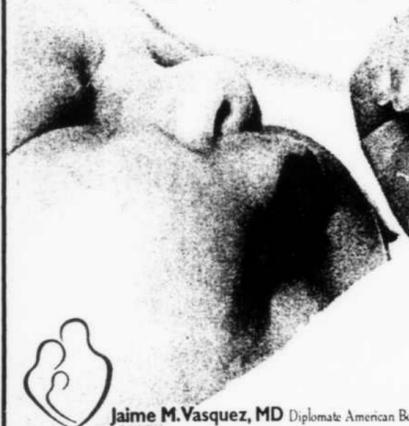
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Local Band NIGHT

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Give the *gift of life*. Become an *egg donor*.



Most couples yearn to experience the joy of parenthood. Unfortunately, there are many women whose only hope for pregnancy is through in vitro fertilization (IVF) with donated eggs. That's why we are reaching out to you—to help couples become families.

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CENTER for REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH at 615.321.8899



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The Student Publications Committee is now taking applications for



SIDELINES Spring 2000 Editor

Deadline Extended
4:00 pm
Nov. 29, 1999

Qualified candidates should:

- Be an MTSU student registered for coursework at the time of application.
- Have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application.
- Have worked on staff at least two semesters. Comparable media experience applies.
- Provide three letters of recommendation, a current transcript and no more than five examples of their work, professionally submitted.

Editors receive a full tuition scholarship and a salary during their tenure. Applications may be picked up from the secretary in Room 306 JUB and must be returned there, 8am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri.

The Stults Memorial Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the

Douglas E. Stults Memorial Scholarship

\$1200

Application Deadline:
4 p.m., Nov. 29, 1999

To Qualify A Candidate Must:

- have a minimum 2.7 cumulative grade point average (must be exact or better)
- be at least a second-year undergraduate student with a minimum of 24 credit hours
- have some media experience (on or off campus work applies, in any print or broadcast medium)

To Apply:

- submit an application
- a 1,000-2,000 word essay on "Is millennial thinking meaningful?"
- submit a copy of your transcript
- submit three to five samples of your work, six copies of each (short tapes of broadcasts are accepted. Clips must be professionally presented.)

Applications available in Room 306 JUB or in MC 266. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed at a date to be announced. You will be notified if you are to be interviewed.