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a conversion to electric trams
on campus?

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when professional wrestling's influence
reaches out to other sports?



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Campus Briefs

Ride For Life offering transportation

Up 'Til Dawn begins its fund-raising efforts with Ride For Life this month. Golf carts will be available Jan. 27, 28 and 29 at large parking areas, such as the Murphy Center lot, to transport students for free, although donations are encouraged. For more information on Up 'Til Dawn activities, visit their Web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~uptl> dawn.

Academic Support Center hosting opening

MTSU's Academic Support Center will be hosting an official opening gathering on Jan. 28 from 1-3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 102.

The center helps to achieve one of the university's academic master plan's major goals, a student-oriented environment with a focus on academic advising and retaining and serving the students.

No formal program will be held, but light refreshments will be served with a walk-through tour of the facility.

For further information, contact associate vice president for Academic Support Services Debra Sells at 898-5342 or Carla Hatfield at 898-2339.

MTSU Martial Arts Club wants students

The MTSU Martial Arts Club invites all students, faculty, staff and alumni to join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center's Aerobic Room from 8:30-11:30 p.m. for activities in martial arts training.

The club trains in multiple styles, including boxing and self-defense. All experience levels are welcome.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac.

Lecture on textbook errors tomorrow

David J. Wilson, senior research fellow with the Nashville environment engineering firm Brown and Caldwell, will host a talk titled "Errors in Middle and High School Science Texts - A Problem in Quality Control" at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The lecture will be in the Davis Science Building, Room 100.

This comes as part of the weekly MTSU chemistry seminar series.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Study Abroad Fair coming later in month

Study Abroad and the International Programs and Services Office will be holding their annual Study Abroad Fair on the second floor of the Keathley University Center on Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Multiple tables will be set up with program representatives to provide those interested with information on available opportunities. ♦

Her eye is on the gospel



Photo courtesy Arlene Gottfried

Photographer Arlene Gottfried intensely documented The Eternal Light Community Singers for her monograph.

Artist captures passion of gospel

By Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

A composed Arlene Gottfried lifted her alto voice in gospel song to "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" after projecting slides of her photographic journey involving a gospel group Monday night in the Learning Resources Center.

Gottfried, a freelance photojournalist, documented Selwyn Rawls and The Eternal Light Community Singers from New York's Lower East Side for months before she felt called to sing herself.

Room 221 of the LRC, sometimes used as a lecture room for photographers to discuss their works shown in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery, became a makeshift stage for Gottfried to further show the energy and power

she felt from the gospel singers.

The first time she saw the group was on their own makeshift stage in an abandoned gas station in New York.

"They were so powerful," said Gottfried, who never had much of a spiritual background. "Their energy just pulled me to the front. The group was just one huge voice with lots of power and passion."

Gottfried asked Rawls, the leader of the choir, for permission to photograph, but she got caught up in other projects. It wasn't until a year later when a friend took her to a gospel concert by the same group that she pursued a photographic project of the lives of the various singers and the group as a whole.

See Gottfried, 2



Photo courtesy Arlene Gottfried

This is one of the images found in *The Eternal Light*, a book about gospel music.

Morality, culture relationship topic of lecture

By Kristin Hall
Staff Writer

Clarence Johnson, a philosophy professor, tackled the tricky topic of whether morality is relative to a culture during his opening lecture for the spring Honors Lecture Series.

"The question I want to address is, 'Do cultural differences necessarily imply differences in normative outlooks, that is, moral outlooks?'" Johnson said.

Johnson's speech kicked off the new series on cultures and customs that will run Mondays at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

Speakers will lecture on the impact of culture on many issues, from the commercialization of culture to the cultural influences of the Holocaust.

The debate about cultural morality has been included in volumes as old as Plato's *Republic* and continues to be a subject for dissension among

sociologists, cultural anthropologists and philosophers.

In his lecture on Monday afternoon, Johnson argued against the sociological theory of cultural relativism, which asserts that cultures are too complex to be evaluated according to the broad characteristics of developed cultures.

Johnson explained that cultural relativists "contend that one cannot evaluate the practices of another culture without imposing his or her own moral

outlook on that culture."

According to Johnson, this theory considers the evaluation of another culture's practices as a type of cultural imperialism since the evaluator's standard of normalcy is rooted in his or her own culture.

"The ideas of normalcy and abnormalcy are culturally based. So if we say, 'X is normal,' by that we mean, 'X is good,'" Johnson said. "But good and

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Spring Honors Lecture Series

Jan. 27 Kevin Donovan - English

"Cultures, Customs and Politics Identity in 20th Century Irish Literature"

Feb. 3 Richard Hannah - Economics and Finance

"The Commercialization of Culture"

Feb. 10 Jo Edwards - Adams Chair of Excellence in Health Care Services

Peggy O'Hara Murdock - HPERS

"HIV/AIDS: South African Culture and Customs"

Feb. 17 Charles Wolfe - English

"Traditional Music and the Sense of Place"

Feb. 24 Shelley Thomas - Foreign Language

"An American in Paris"

March 3 Larry Gentry - English

"The Counterculture"

March 17 Sonja Hedgepeth - Foreign Language

"The Commemoration of Loss: Cultural Influences of the Holocaust"

March 24 Nuria Novella - Foreign Language

"The Rain in Spain Stays Mainly in the Plain"

March 31 Tom Strawman - English

"The Primacy of Place in Recent Native American Writing"

April 7 Alan Boehm - Walker Library

"Commerce and Culture in the 18th Century London Book Trade"

April 14 Edward Kick - Sociology

"World Culture, Organizational Culture and Worker Commitment"

Summer program to aid students

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

MTSU will break for three weeks from its CUSTOMS schedule to host a group of minority students from inner city Nashville in the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs organization, which allows high school students to experience various colleges, departments and subjects offered at MTSU.

"Our goal is to boost our students basic skills in math and reading at MTSU, as well as, offer classes in aerospace and mass communications," said GEAR UP Associate Director Tracy Mintz. Math and reading classes are being taught by local Rutherford County high school teachers with masters degrees. However, no Rutherford County schools are participating in the program.

The GEAR UP project is a discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter into and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides five-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools, according to the program Web site.

Students will also get to experience all aspects of the college experience. Some departments that are participating in the program are Military Science and Campus Recreation. People from these departments and others, will be on hand to talk to the students about all of the different experiences they will have in college.

Coordinators for the program are also working with Academic Affairs, the Scheduling Center and Phillips Bookstore in order to make the college experience as close to the real thing as possible.

GEAR UP grants serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the group through high school. GEAR UP funds are also used to provide college scholarships to low-income students. The partnerships supplement existing reform efforts, offer services that promote academic preparation and the understanding of necessary costs to attend college, provide professional development and continuously build capacity so that projects can be sustained beyond the term of the grant, as noted on the program Web site.

Low-income students also receive scholarships in order to attend college.

In 2000, Vanderbilt was awarded a Partnership Grant valued at \$319,294, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga received a grant valued at \$227,731, and UT Knoxville received \$427,200 in grant money to establish these programs at their universities, according to these schools' Web sites.

"Vanderbilt University is the primary grant recipient with Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University being in partnership

See GEAR UP, 2

CRIME LOG

Monday, Jan. 6 – 08:50 a.m.

Theft of motor vehicle

Keathley University Center

Aramark reported that its golf cart was stolen over winter break.

Monday, Jan. 6 – 10:28 p.m.

Simple possession

Scarlett Commons

Public Safety assisted housing officials with possible marijuana present.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 01:15 a.m.

Threatening phone call

Wood Hall

Student received a phone call of a threatening nature.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 09:39 a.m.

Report of fire

Womack Laundry Room

Report of smoke turned out to be lint from dryer or some other non-fire entity.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 6:47 p.m.

Criminal trespass

Recreation Center

Individual refused to show school ID. Person was attempting to use father's identification.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 10:19 p.m.

Theft

Beasley Hall

Report of stolen money.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – 11:21 p.m.

Fire call - false

Cummings Hall

Students on the seventh floor of Cummings Hall set off two fire extinguishers, causing smoke detectors to activate.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 12:40 a.m.

Fight

Gym Floor in Murphy Center

There was a dance being held in Murphy Center when a fight broke out.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – 12:40 a.m.

Arrest - disorderly conduct

Greenland Drive Parking Lot B

David Richmond, Memphis, was arrested for disorderly conduct. The arrest was in relation to the aforementioned fight in Murphy Center.

Thursday, Jan. 9 – 10:01 a.m.

Harassing phone call

Smith Hall

Subject received a harassing phone call from an unknown caller. ♦

MTSU gets \$15,000 check from State Farm



Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

State Farm Insurance company representatives (left to right) Eschol Curl, Ray Thomas and Dan Brooks present Jim Burton, (far right) dean of the College of Business, a check to establish an endowment fund for a new professorship.

Gottfried: Images shown in gallery

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At a weekend festival in Brooklyn, Gottfried photographed Monet, the 2-year-old daughter of soprano Monique Fleming. By Monday evening, Monet was hit by Fleming's boyfriend and never regained consciousness. The photographs of Monet before and after her death are among those shown in the gallery.

"Monet's life impacted mine," Gottfried said. "Her mother Monique asked me if I would come to Tuesday night rehearsal to bring the last photographs taken of her daughter. I went to that rehearsal and stayed for five years."

Gottfried's photographs, shot on slide film with a 35-mm camera, show how intensely the choir praised God and how closely the choir members shared their lives and devotion to singing. Her images portray

members at all-night shut-ins at the church, celebrating birthdays, traveling to the Carolinas, Michigan and Florida and, of course, worship services.

As a result of her involvement with photographing the group and with the push of several singers, Gottfried now sings in two gospel groups.

"My gift [of singing] was nurtured through them," she said.

Spontaneity seems to find Gottfried and is the basis for how she chose photography as a profession.

"How I got into photography was unplanned," Gottfried said. "I didn't want to go to college but my parents wanted me to study something in art. So I decided to take one night class in photography to satisfy college."

In the classroom held in a factory past the Brooklyn Bridge on the Manhattan side, a

student photographed Gottfried in a fur coat.

At a later party the student showed Gottfried the negative projected in the enlarger.

"That's when I realized there was something to photography other than the snapshots you take on vacations," Gottfried said.

Although Gottfried photographed for *Life* magazine and the Sunday *New York Times Magazine*, she said she likes the essence of snapshots.

"I like the straightforward approach," she said. She used this approach to photographing Ismael, a schizophrenic friend she documented for 18 years. She met Ismael, who calls himself Midnight, at the Nuyorican Poet's Café in New York through a mutual friend.

The compilation of photographs of Ismael, called "Midnight," is shown in the gallery as well.

"The photographs of Midnight are clearly intimate portraits," she said.

The images shown in the gallery portray a man struggling with schizophrenic behavior and multiple personalities. She photographed his metamorphosis from a young, attractive New Yorker to an older, disheveled homeless man.

"That's what the disease does to you," Gottfried said of his schizophrenia.

"The man she photographed looks different in every picture," gallery curator Tom Jimison said. "I think it's a really strong show."

Powerhouse Books will release *Midnight*, a monograph of Gottfried's images of Ismael, in April.

"The Eternal Light" and "Midnight" will be shown until Feb. 27 in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery of the LRC. ♦

Lecture: Death considered universal

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bad are moral terms."

"What the cultural relativist has done is collapse the practice into the normative outlook and that is wrong," Johnson said.

After closing his argument against cultural relativism, Johnson reasoned in support of the theory of ethical universalism.

This theory claims that basic ethical standards are universally correct and are applicable to all societies and all people. These standards are not necessarily religious, but include such cultural taboos such as murder, incest and rape.

To illustrate ethical universalism, Johnson referred to the culture of the ancient Greeks, who ritually cremated their dead, and the culture of a Native American tribe, whose men

ingested portions of their father's body after death.

Although each culture had its own custom for death, both were showing reverence for the dead, a convention that is generally universal to all societies.

"It is the practices that differ, but not the moral rationale behind the practices," Johnson said.

"Are we, therefore, normatively different from any of these societies because we have rationally different cultural practices?" Johnson asked.

Johnson concluded that every society is inherently bonded to each other through these basic universal morals.

The next lecture is "Cultures, Customs and the Politics of Identity in 20th Century Irish Literature" by English professor Kevin Donovan. ♦

GEAR UP: Schools eager to improve

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with Vanderbilt University," Mintz said.

The institution runs for three weeks in June, starting June 9; the students, sophomores from Pearl-Cohn High School, will be bused here daily.

"The students will get to learn about the Aerospace program here as well as the College of Mass Communications. They will also become more knowledgeable in reading and math," said associate aerospace professor and flight instructor Gail Zlotky.

In 1999, the program had

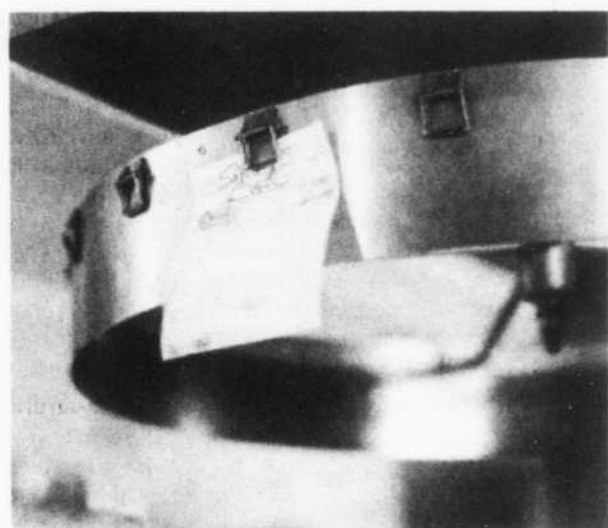
\$120 million in funding and was granted 164 partnerships in 21 states. Since then, the program jumped to \$285 million funding with 45 partnerships in six states.

There have been many success stories with the GEAR UP program. In New York, eighth grade students at Westbury Middle School showed a gain of 20 percent on the Spring New York State English/Language

Arts Assessment, the highest gain of any other middle school in Nassau County.

The students improved from 32 percent in 2001 to 52 percent in spring 2002.

"One of my personal goals for this program is that we get more funding to extend the program to Rutherford, Benton, Cannon and surrounding counties since the need is here as well as in Nashville," Mintz added. ♦



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From the Editorial Board Binge drinking bill waste of tax dollars

Monday's edition of *Sidelines* reported on new legislation in the U.S. Congress that would put \$50 million toward assisting states in building coalitions to reduce binge drinking and illegal drug use.

While it's a gesture of good will, and the number of students who die alcohol-related deaths is unnerving, we're not sure that this \$50 million would go to much good use.

It's not that we don't have enough faith in the student body for everyone to stop binge drinking ... OK, so maybe it partially is. After all, college has been known for generations as a time to experiment chemically, philosophically and sexually. Lots of people begin to figure out who they are in college, or at least figure out how many Natural Lights they can knock back before they spew in the backseat.

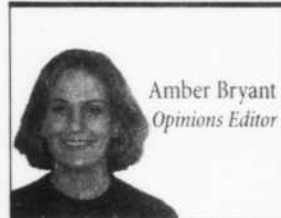
Popular culture also paints college as a time to party. Witness *National Lampoon's Van Wilder*, *American Pie 2* and, of course, *Animal House*. All of these movies portray college as a wild party scene, regardless of how accurate the depiction is. For those a few years away from college, this plants a pretty vivid idea of college life in their minds and this idea is hard to shake.

A more disturbing notion is the idea of 'community cooperation.' Ideas such as keg registration, a ban on open containers and the end of happy hour have been thrown about. Open containers are already banned in cars and, while perhaps not technically illegal off campus, they will get you harassed by the cops (but then again, what won't?).

As for the demise of happy hour, this severely infringes upon the right of bar owners to profitably run a business. Happy hour gets people in the door; otherwise you wouldn't see a happy hour in every bar you visit.

In short, don't waste tax dollars telling college kids not to drink. Just provide a safe atmosphere, prosecute those dumb enough to drive impaired and hope for the best. It's really all you can do. ♦

From the Opinions Editor If Barbie should call, tell her I'm not home



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Just when we thought Barbie couldn't be more of a thorn in the side of enlightened feminism, she's become an official telemarketer to prepubescent girls.

According to Reuters.com, UVOX Networks and Mattel, the doll's maker, introduced the Barbie Call Time Program on Monday. For \$1.99 per call, parents can arrange for Barbie to telephone their child and deliver pre-recorded or personalized encouragement and advice "by inviting them into Barbie's world." Christina De Rose, Mattel's vice president of girls interactive group, claimed, "Barbie plays such a large role in the lives of girls that a call from her to personally wish them a 'Happy Birthday' or 'Good Luck' on an upcoming spelling test will be fun, unexpected and inspiring to them."

Interestingly enough, she left out "grossly deluding."

For more than 50 years, that blasted busy piece of plastic has aided in fostering unhealthy

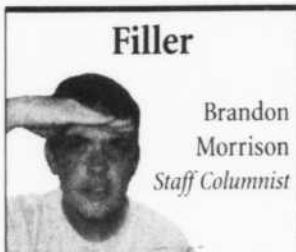
expectations of the female body in the minds of young women. Girls see the doll and assume that she's the pinnacle example of what a beautiful, successful woman looks like. In reality, prosperous and attractive women (I'm thinking Jeanette Winterson or Arianna Huffington, not Jennifer Lopez) come complete with fatty globules of cellulite, small breasts and the occasional bout with acne. In "Barbie's world," such flaws are likely to get one deported.

As if the damage their product inflicts isn't enough, the Barbie Call Time program is little more than Mattel's crafty method to market their product to young girls outside of traditional commercials. Their efforts might be creative, but they certainly aren't ethical. Manipulating young children's imaginations to sell dolls is disgusting, no matter how you do it.

Parents, don't rely on a doll that represents an impossible ideal to encourage your child. Teach her to paint, dance, read or, heck, whittle. Do anything but pawn her off on a greedy corporation's unattainable icon.

If Mattel must sell blonde baloney, please — leave it on the shelf. ♦

Give old man what he deserves



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

Hungry lines of people spread across the street in front of the makeshift food store.

As famished sad faces walked through, not knowing if they had enough food stamps to feed themselves for the rest of the week, they made their way to the source of food for the day.

At the front of the line, one young man serving bread stood out from the rest.

His tan uniform, dirty from diligent work, had a

few small patches on one of the pockets. Above the front right pocket, red letters spelled out "Boy Scouts of America."

Erling "Bub" Olsen, 84, spent his time in Depression-era America helping to feed people in need. Part of the reason Olsen worked the lines was so he could earn the highest award the Boy Scouts can offer, the Eagle Scout award.

Fast forward 70 years later. Olsen left scouting before completing the requirements for Eagle Scout because of the death of a close friend. After experiencing a recent brush with death himself, he looked back at his life and considered his successes and failures.

One of Olsen's friends

asked him if "there was anything in life [Olsen wanted] that [he] didn't get."

"Yeah, my Eagle Scout. I earned it, and I never got it," Olsen said.

Olsen wants to go in front of a board of review to try to get his Eagle Scout award.

Getting Eagle is tough. Very few Boy Scouts who start in the program ever make it.

One of the reasons why it's so tough to earn Eagle is because the Boy Scouts of America puts an age cap on when you can earn the award. Once a Scout is 18, he cannot participate as a Scout anymore.

If the BSA only goes by the age requirement, then Olsen is about three-quarters of a century too late to

do anything about his Eagle. However, Olsen only requires a board of review to finish out his requirements.

The only thing that happens in a board of review is that a panel of Scout leaders asks how scouting has affected the Eagle applicant's life. You tie a few knots, explain how to do a little first aid, shake everybody's hand and it's over. The entire process is meant to gauge what kind of a person the applicant is. The board of review is, by far, the easiest part of earning an Eagle award.

Olsen did everything else for his award before he turned 18. If he had been working on his whittling badge when he was 40, then it would be a different

story. However, the man did all but the easiest part of the requirements.

The BSA has gotten some shoddy press over the past few years because of some thoughtless decisions they've made. This situation with Olsen gives the organization the opportunity to earn some brownie points with the general public and show that they can make a decision with more than just a rulebook.

Come on guys, let the old man have his shiny piece of metal and ribbon. What's the worst he could do with it? ♦

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Reality really does bite



A Single Voice

Heidi Ward
Staff Columnist

Does anyone else remember when *The Real World* was a new and novel idea, groundbreaking television?

I do. Who could've guessed that our culture would become so obsessed with watching average, real people in wacky situations and some not so average people in their versions of reality (i.e., *The Anna Nicole Smith Show* or *The Osbournes*). It's like something out of a sci-fi story, but the future is now.

I hope that this trend is on its way out — and soon. I've lost my morbid curiosity about people eating gross things, people stuck on islands, people living with strangers, people dating washed-up famous people and all the others.

I don't need to see people airing their flaws and imperfections for all to see. I don't want to see people looking for a husband or wife or trying to save their marriage.

It's a lot like Jerry Springer and other talk shows in which people

can gain a small amount of notoriety. All they have to do is give up a little bit of dignity and tell the world how dysfunctional they are.

Many reality TV shows focus more on seeing if someone can accomplish something, but the audience is still watching out of some disturbing desire to see them fail. The participants are usually still participating with some overinflated concept of the fame or success it will bring them.

And for a short time, many of them do become very famous. Think about when the first season of *Survivor* aired and people were constantly talking about who did what and then who won. Similarly, there are the contestants from *American Idol*. They're well-known and talked about — for now. But who even cares about what's-his-name who won *Survivor* anymore? That's over and done, and it's on to the next reality show.

Yes, I understand the draw of it. I would deal with cameras in my face if I might win a million dollars. Also, what aspiring musician wouldn't audition for a record contract, even knowing that they'll never be respected as true musicians? It's the proverbial

"foot in the door."

But I, for one, don't care anymore, and frankly, they're starting to scare me.

That's what reality shows do. They make me lose faith in humanity, not only because someone came up with the show, but also the way many of them show people acting toward each other. It just bothers me on some level.

Seeing women battling against each other to get a date with a guy they don't even know, or married couples trying to reconcile their problems on camera makes me somewhat queasy.

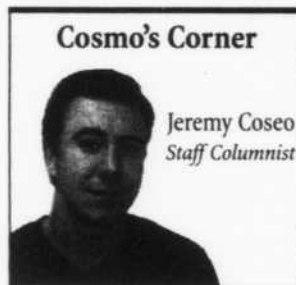
The more commonplace these shows become, the more shocking the next one has to be, and part of me wonders when people will say enough is enough.

Maybe the opposite will happen. Maybe it really will be like a sci-fi story and eventually there will be nothing but reality TV. We'll all have cameras in our homes and we can all tune in to whomever's life that we want.

Me, I think I'll just cut back on the reality TV and get back to reality.

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World to Bond: save us from Rael



Cosmo's Corner

Jeremy Coseo
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Where is 007 when you really need him?

Q, you'd better page him and get him back into action as soon as possible.

While he's away sipping vodka martinis and chasing some lewdly named skirt, the world has once again found itself in the crosshairs of some mad scientist intent on world domination.

While he's successfully dealt with the likes of SPECTRE and dubious henchmen like Oddjob and Jaws, he may have just come up against the most ominous evil entity to date. The nefarious precarious Rael, head of the Clonaid organization, is the new madman of our day.

Just when you thought Bond had rid the world of this sort of character, another one rears his ugly head. This guy makes Doctor Kananga and Max Zorin, some of Bond's other unsightly arch-villains, look like Calvin Klein models.

Appearance aside, this evil doer has accomplished something that all those before him could not. He has the capability to amass an army of clones to carry out his dastardly schemes.

It troubles me greatly to report this, but it's true. The cloning capability is real. It's no longer a fear we thought we'd never have to face.

This information came about through a reliable source in the Clonaid organization and M16 investigators have confirmed it. Rael, the mild-mannered head of a fringe religious group (the façade that he wanted us to believe) is actually no different than all the monomaniacal madmen we've seen before. Once again, we've been duped into complacency by someone

we suspected of malfeasance but thought of as harmless.

Now we desperately need the services of Her Majesty's most trusted agent once again. Even though we have known this information for a couple of days, there has apparently been some difficulty reaching Mr. Bond.

He's been on vacation in the British Virgin Islands since his last assignment and is notorious for being unreachable during his little excursions.

However, this is a matter of the utmost importance. You see, no one is certain of Rael's current whereabouts or the location of his secret cloning laboratory. All recent attempts at locating Rael and his base of operations have failed.

The longer this dilemma goes unchecked, the closer we are to an invasion by evil clones whose numbers are limitless.

No matter all the evil schemes we have seen hatched before, it's impossible to weigh them against this one.

I don't even like to think what's to become of us at the mercy of this Rael. I can only imagine that it's a horror beyond all our worst nightmares.

Help us, James.

If you sit this one out, I'll personally see that you are removed from service. You won't even be able to get a job as a mall security guard. I don't care how good-looking your next notch on the bedpost is.

This is the battle of a lifetime.

It's going to take the efforts of us and all our allies to defeat this most unprecedented enemy of all mankind.

I only hope that the problem is dealt with quickly, and we destroy this madman and all his technology.

I wouldn't even trust myself with that kind of power. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

Laziness, trickery schmuck-worthy

To the Editor:

I was confused after reading "What a Schmuck!!" (one of the more interesting columns) in *Sidelines* today (Jan. 13). Shouldn't the schmuck be the guy trying to get something for nothing, a guy who spent God knows how many days buying newspapers, cutting coupons and contributing absolutely nothing to the world? Think about how much time and energy this guy, and everyone involved, will have wasted by the time this whole fiasco is resolved, just so he can get a free car.

It would be different if the dealership promised that they would give away a free SUV to each person who brought in a full briefcase and then denied it. That would be false advertising and should be punished.

Clearly this was a simple advertising mistake and to expect the dealership to pay up is ridiculous. For this smarty pants to expect a \$42,000 SUV for wasting countless hours of everyone's time isn't just unreasonable, it's just plain mean.

I wonder if *Sidelines* made a similar advertising mistake, if you would "give up and find a fight worth fighting?"

Robert Rogers
Marketing

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True blue: MTSU survivor

Mandie Thacker relates the wows, woes of college life, learning

By Kristin Hall
Staff Writer

After freshman Mandie Thacker completed her first college semester in the fall, she was pleased to find that college life is much better than she expected.

"Everyone told me not to take doctors' classes, but I took Dr. [Richard] Campbell's Understanding Mass Media class, and it was not scary at all," Thacker says.

"And community bathrooms are not as bad as I thought, either."

Many freshmen, like Thacker, are starting their second semester at MTSU and are coming back better prepared for college due to lessons learned in the fall.

These life lessons are not just acquired in the classroom, but also in the dorms with roommates, in the cafeteria with friends and in the library with classmates.

The transition from high school to college can be difficult, and many freshmen drop out during their first semester.

Thacker came to MTSU with two of her best friends from Seymour High School, and they got placed in a Reynolds Hall dorm room together.

"One thing I've learned is not to live with your best friend," Thacker warns.

One of her roommates dropped out last semester, but Thacker persevered and felt the dorm experience helped her mature.

"As an only child," she says, "I've never really had to share a room. I think it was good to have to share [the dorm]."

"We all think we've grown up really fast since high school," she says.

Dealing with homesickness can be hard for some freshmen, especially if family and friends live far away.

"I don't miss high school, but I miss my friends," Thacker admits.

One major lesson she learned during her first semester is not to let little things bother her. She's dealt with roommates constantly on the phone and boyfriends calling at 5 a.m.

"I've learned to pick and choose my

battles," Thacker says.

Thacker took honors classes in high school and was relieved with the amount of freedom she had when deciding her commitment to college.

"In high school, the teachers could make you complete your assignments and work really hard," Thacker says.

"There's more choice in college," Thacker says. "Everything is not so structured as everyone scared me into believing."

After feeling lost in huge classrooms with too many other students last semester, Thacker sought out smaller spring classes because she felt she could learn better in that environment.

When she came to MTSU, Thacker decided to relax about her grades and not stress out over competing with other students.

"I don't want to look back and wonder about things I missed out on," she says.

Thacker won't be missing out on much as a Student Government Association freshman senator and an Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister.

Often, freshmen who become involved in campus organizations and clubs have an easier time adjusting to and staying in college.

"I would not have done so much stuff if I had not lived on campus," Thacker says.

She admits, however, that living on campus has its drawbacks.

Reynolds Hall wasn't her first pick because she felt her dorm was too far away from the rest of campus.

"We feel shunned from campus over here," she jokes.

Living on campus has its advantages, too.

"Parking is the worst thing ever, so I'm glad I live on campus," Thacker boasts.

Thacker also avoided a typical freshman ritual by living near the James Union Building.

"Having a Subway so close helped us not gain the freshman 15," Thacker says. ♦

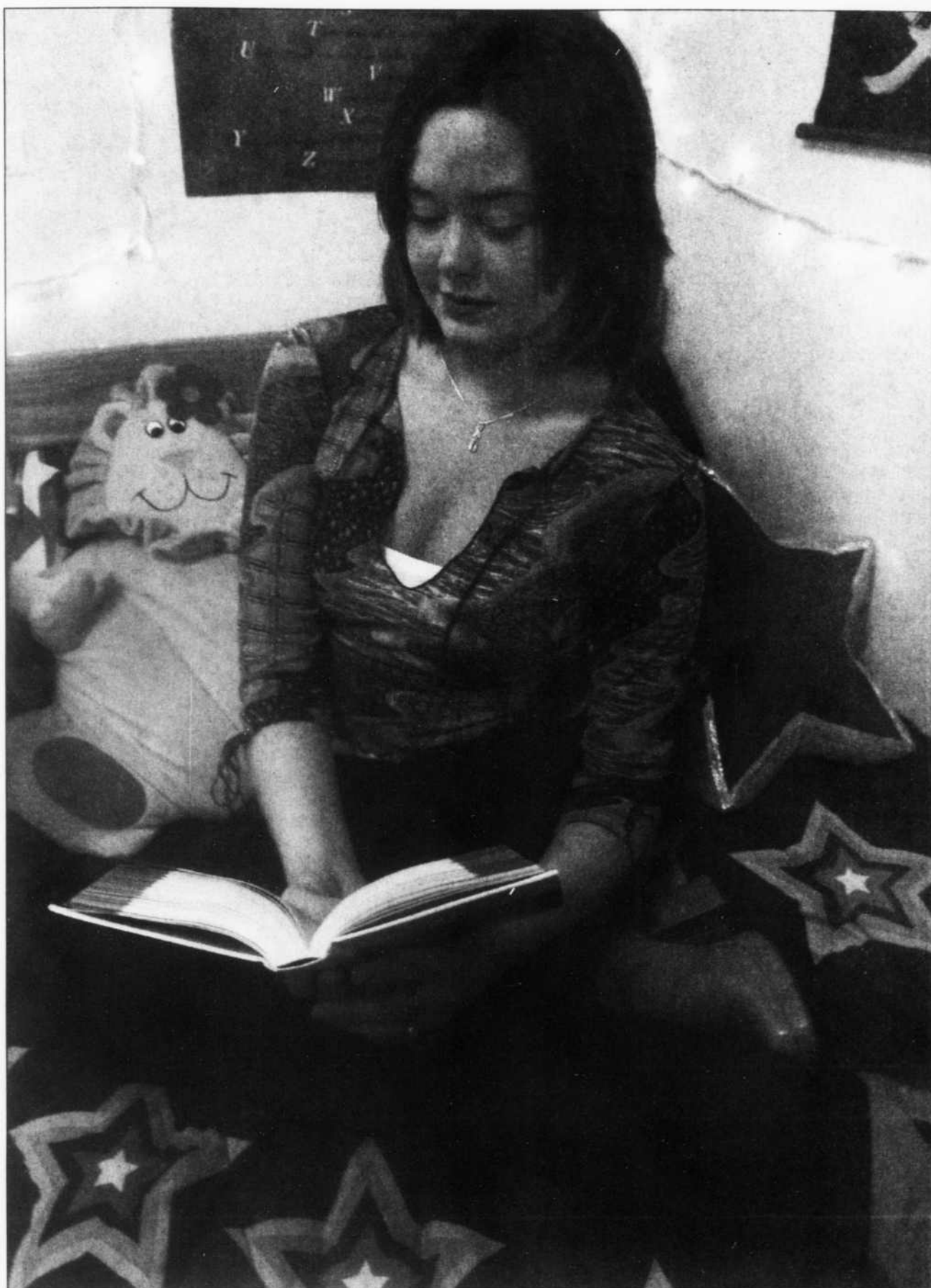


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Freshman Mandie Thacker gets off to a good start for the spring semester by hitting the books hard. Thacker stays busy as an SGA senator and Alpha Delta Pi sorority sister.

Singing back to school blues

Students, professors give advice on getting back into swing of semester

By Alicia Pickett
Staff Writer

Stress thickens the air at MTSU as open minds and open doors spring into action.

From intense prayer sessions to tough love strategies, both students and professors have different methods of dealing with pressure and getting back into the groove of potentially stressful situations after nearly a month of rest and relaxation.

"I spend time alone and pray to collect my thoughts and get things in perspective," outdoor recreation major Blake Burchfield says in regard to his semester's anti-stress routine.

With books to buy, majors to change and theories to ponder, college bombards the average student if there is not an available outlet.

"The mind goes numb. It makes it hard to get back into the swing of things," Burchfield says.

For some, spiritual commitment becomes the stronghold that keeps a person together through thick and thin.

"I depend on God. He just gives me a peace that you can't find anywhere else," sophomore Caroline Bailes says.

Getting back into the routine of college life can be too much at times. Some steadfast students drown their sorrows in sweat as both calories and temporary worries peel away.

"I've always thought that exercise was a good way to relieve stress," pre-pharmacy major Starla Gordon says as Phillips Bookstore bustles with hurried students purchasing necessary texts for upcoming classes.

From peaceful isolation to a rigorous workout, stressed-out MTSU students find ways to cope with everyday tension that strengthens the mind and spirit.

However, the few who do not suffer from bouts of semester anxiety have their own philoso-

"The mind goes numb. It makes it hard to get back into the swing of things."

— Blake Burchfield
Outdoor Recreation major

phies for the rest of us.

"I don't have stress at the beginning. My stress happens at the last of class," recording industry professor John Fishell says.

With his calm mindset intact, Fishell is sure to survive the semester. By creating stress for his students at the start of the new year, Fishell states that it "serves as a wake-up call."

For some students, a passive stance to the strains of life becomes necessary to cope with college.

Sophomore physics student Wesley Adams believes that some students can handle stressful scenarios better than other students.

The "can-do" attitude toward life is visible throughout the college scene, not only in the lives of determined students, but also in MTSU's dedicated professionals as well.

"I find that getting back into the routine is less stressful because it's expected of me," Jeremy Stahl, assistant professor of history, says.

"At the beginning of each semester, it's a good idea for students to have an understanding of all the work required over the course of the semester," Stahl says.

From history to business, MTSU becomes a breeding ground of helpful hints to aid in the fight against anxiety-stricken young adults as they once again enter the halls of education.

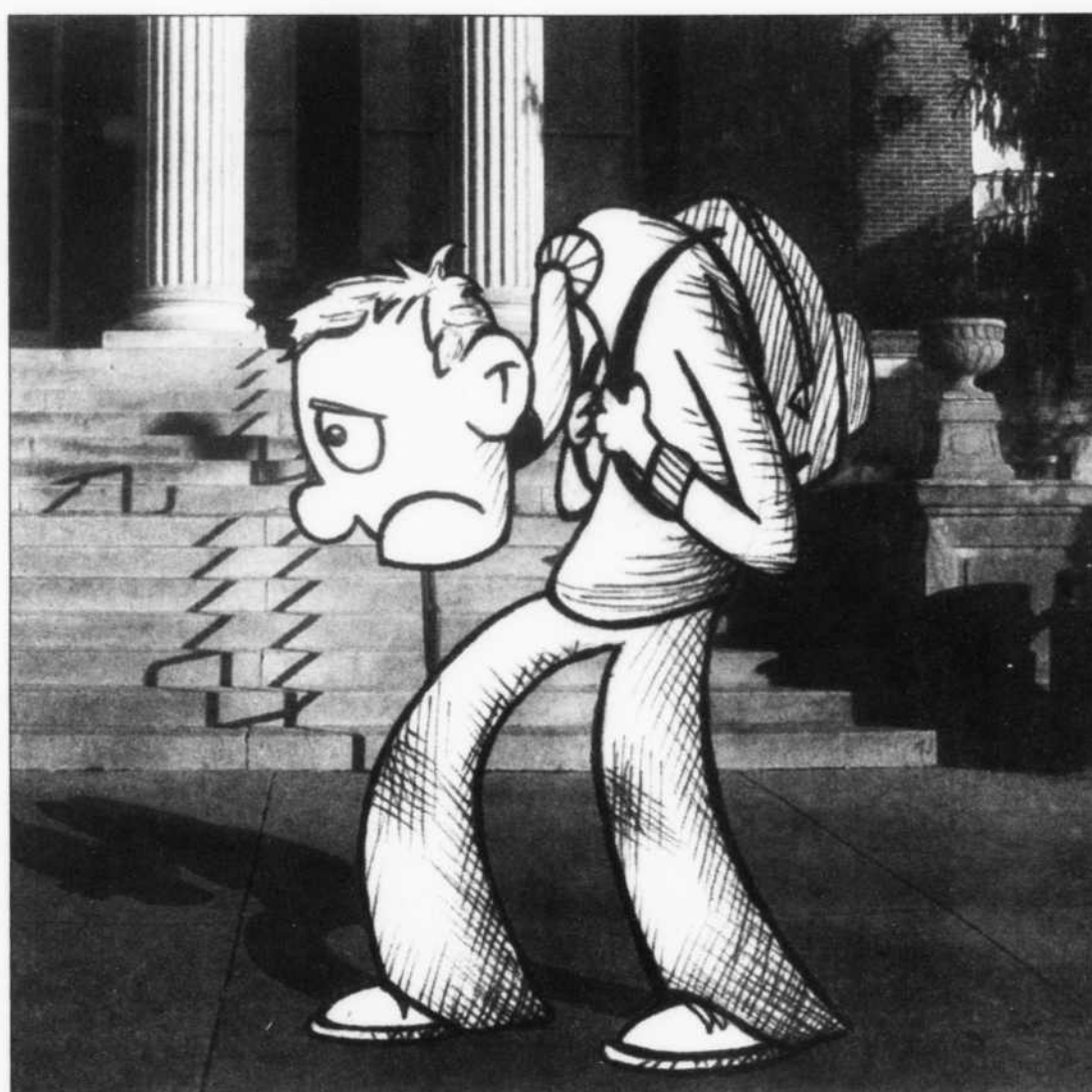


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Professors and students give practical suggestions to help you resume "normal" life.

Neither students nor faculty are immune to life's pressures. Therefore, words of wisdom in coping with stress are useful for both teacher and student.

"I try to establish a schedule for the first week because things change," says Kenneth Tillery, associate professor of Management and Marketing.

No matter how students relieve the stress of school, work and life in general, it's important to remember that stressing out does not accomplish anything or bring you closer to your goal.

Take time for yourself and do things you enjoy. The semester will go more smoothly if you take it one day at a time. ♦

Dear Annie

Roughed-up boyfriend seeks advice, closure



Dear Annie,

I wrote you last semester about my then-girlfriend hacking into my e-mail account. Well, this past December, I told her I wanted no part of the relationship anymore and called it quits. She, on the other hand, did not realize what the phrase "broken up" meant and kept calling me and e-mailing me, and basically was obsessed with me.

Well, being the softy that I am, I decided to give her a THIRD chance. The next day I ran into an old female friend who I hadn't seen in a very long time. She had been through some hard times, but I wanted to rekindle the friendship. One evening, while I was hanging out with my friend, my ex called my cell phone 74 times.

I left my phone at home by mistake, and she left four voice mails that went from "Where are you?" to "I bet you are messing around with every girl in Murfreesboro." After this psychotic stunt, I told her the relationship was over.

On Wednesday, I was walking to my car, and she was there returning some stuff to me (she has keys to my car), and we got into a big fight. I got into my car as she came over to me and I said, "Get away from me." Then she opened the door and went to hit me, but I caught her fist and threw it back toward her.

She then reached with the other hand and grabbed a hunk of my lower jaw and cut my face. Do you have any suggestions as to what I should do? This is not affecting my relationship with my new friend, but I know it hurts her. Any words of advice would be comforting.

— Trying to Go On

Dear Trying to Go On,

As you've noticed, I had to cut your question quite a bit to fit it into my column's given space. I tried to summarize your problem as accurately as possible. Also, I've learned your ex-girlfriend has a story of her own. Her side will appear in next week's column.

Right now, we are going to focus on you. Being a "softy" when there are obvious problems isn't a good idea. You had red flags waving furiously last semester when she was hacking into your e-mail account. Now everything has blown up. This has caused both of you to act irrationally.

First, stop all communication. End the relationship, and make it clear that you don't want to be with her anymore. If she still doesn't understand, say, "Do not call, do not write and do not talk to my friends." If she does call or write, do not respond. This is the only way both of your lives can return to normal.

You need to get the key to your car back. Tell her to mail the key to you. A word of advice to all: never give keys to vehicles or houses unless you're married. I've heard too many horror stories.

The most disturbing problem you brought up is the act of physical violence. If you're concerned about further acts of violence, talk to the police and file a report. Physical violence is a serious matter and should be taken seriously. No one has the right to lay hands on another unless they feel their life is being threatened.

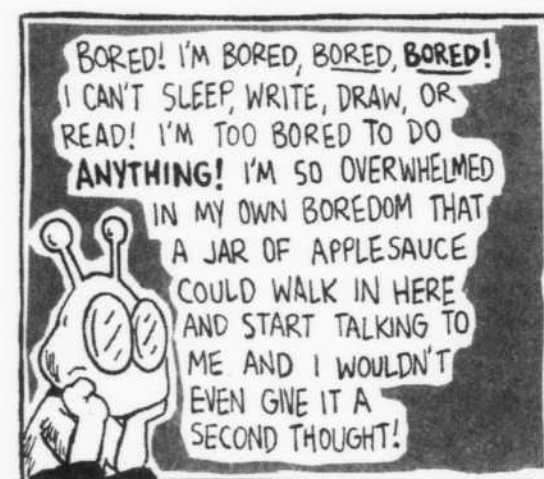
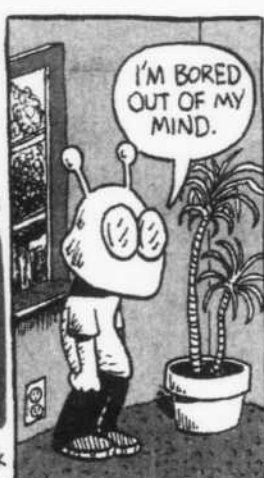
If you want to "go on" with your life — make it clear that the relationship is over. No fourth chance!

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com.

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Wednesday, January 15, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.



Lady Raider guard Patrice Holmes goes up for a shot during a recent game.

File Photo

Holmes named Sun Belt Conference player of the week

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Middle Tennessee sophomore Patrice Holmes has been named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week.

"Patrice is a phenomenal player, and it has been hard on her learning the point guard position," head coach Stephany Smith said. "She would have better numbers as an off guard, but because of her ball handling skills and her ability to score points in transition, we need her at the point."

Holmes, a 5-foot-9-inch guard from Bishopville, S.C., averaged

21.7 points, 6.3 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 4.0 steals in three games last week for the Lady Raiders, including two Sun Belt Conference games. She had a career-high 28 points against Austin State, following up with 23 points and 14 points against Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock respectively. Holmes shot 54.5 percent from the field for the week and 10 of 11 from the charity stripe.

"As an individual player, I have tried to be a better leader on the court," Holmes said. "I am trying to step up and lead the team by example." ◆

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—Stephany Smith,
Women's basketball coach

Mike Dean transfers to Middle Tennessee

"He had a very prolific high school career when he signed with Georgia."

—Kermit Davis,
Men's basketball coach

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Blue Raider head coach Kermit Davis announced that shooting guard Mike Dean (6-foot-2, 170) has transferred from the University of Georgia to Middle Tennessee and will become eligible for the Blue Raiders following final exams next December.

Dean, who will have junior eligibility status after sitting out the required one year, hails from Rome, Ga., and attended Coosa High School. During his two seasons at Coosa, Dean led his team to the AA Final Four in 2000 and the Elite Eight in 2001. During his senior campaign, Dean averaged 31.3 points, 8.2 rebounds and 31.3 assists per game. Following his senior year, *Sporting News* rated him the No. 18 shooting guard in the nation.

Dean saw limited action during his two seasons at Georgia. He played in 23 games during his freshman campaign, averaging 1.8 points per game. His season-high of nine points came against Arkansas. He also played in six games this season before deciding to transfer at the semester break, scoring an average of 2.8 points in these contests.

"We felt like we needed a more mature guard to go with our high school players next season," Davis said. "We feel really good about our high school players we signed early, and we think that Mike will be a good, mature influence on them."

"He had a very prolific high school career and was highly rated when he signed with Georgia. I have talked to Coach [Jim] Harrick, and he told me that they didn't want to lose him, he was just behind two All-American guards in Ezra Williams and Jarvis Hayes and the minutes just weren't going to be there for him."

"We're very excited to have him here practicing with us and getting prepared for next season," Davis continued.

Dean joins guards Ben Britt, Bryan Smithson and Montrell Crittendon, along with forwards Kenyona Swader, Keith Christmas and Alex Weekes as members of the 2003-04 recruiting class.

Guard Darrio Scott, a transfer from George Washington University, will also gain his eligibility next season. ◆

Whatcha gonna do...

...when professional wrestling's influence reaches out to other sports?

By David Hunter
and David Lawrence
Senior Staff Reporter
and Staff Writer

WWE Raw celebrated its 10th anniversary as one of the longest running shows on television yesterday. During its 10 years, the company has changed the way sports are presented, shifting the focus on entertainment.

On Jan. 11, 1993, a new era in sports entertainment was created with the first broadcast of the then WWF Monday Night Raw. In the past 10 years, the show has gone through many changes, including new names for the show and the company. The show achieved higher ratings competition with another wrestling company, the WCW.

At one time, it was so popular that NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue wanted the WWE to move the Monday night program to another night because it was hurting the Monday Night Football ratings.

The entertainment value of sports has become more and more important in recent years, and wrestling has led the way with many different influences in the professional world.

"No matter how much our superstars give the fans, [the wrestlers] always strive to give more," Vince McMahon, chair of WWE said to www.wwe.com.

For example, professional baseball players come out to their own theme music thanks to professional wrestling's influence. Yankees player Mariano Rivera arrives on the field to the tune of Metallica's "Enter Sandman."

Another example is that some of the wrestlers' music is played during a break in the action at sporting events. Even during games at the Murphy Center, a fan might catch a piece of music that was played during a Raw broadcast.

"We look for songs that fit in with the action of the game," said Chip Walters, the Marketing and Promotions Director.

Walters is in charge of the music selection at the men's and women's basketball games in the Murphy Center.

Another indication of wrestling's rise in popularity is professional athletes and movie stars coming to events. Sometimes they even play a part in the show. In 1998, boxer Mike Tyson had a so-called confrontation with wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin. The event was replayed on every sports show the next day. Tyson was a special guest referee at that year's Wrestlemania.

Even on the athlete's playing field, some of the players are now sporting the moves that their favorite wrestlers are performing. Philadelphia Eagles defensive player Hugh Douglas has been known to perform a move similar to Booker T's "Five-Time" after making a play on defense. Douglas gets down on one knee

Illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Illustrator

See Wrestling, 8

Sports Briefs

From Associated Press Reports

Serena Williams title bid shaky after tiebreaker in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams' bid for her fourth straight Grand Slam title is barely alive.

Williams survived a second-set tiebreaker and finally prevailed 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 over 56th-ranked Emilie Loit in the first round of the Australian Open.

Earlier, Kim Clijsters surged into the second round with a victory over Samantha Reeves, No. 10 Chanda Rubin overcame Hungarian Melinda Czink, Mary Pierce beat Austria's Patricia Wartusch, and American Amy Frazier needed only 43 minutes to oust Spain's Conchita Martinez Granados.

Conflict of interest deemed accidental by committee investigating Lloyd Ward

DENVER (AP) — Lloyd Ward will remain head of the U.S. Olympic Committee despite trying to steer Pan Am Games business to a company with ties to his brother.

The 23-member USOC executive committee reprimanded Ward, saying he "created the appearance of a conflict of interest."

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Sabres second NHL team in a week to request bankruptcy protection

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Sabres filed for bankruptcy protection, becoming the second NHL team in a week to seek relief from creditors.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the Chapter 11 filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Buffalo is a step toward resolving the financial problems that put the Sabres under the league's control in June.

Bettman acknowledged that while bankruptcy would cleanse the Sabres of their debt and allow a new owner to renegotiate any existing concession and arena labor agreements, it also opens the possibility of the team's being sold to an outside bidder who could move it elsewhere.

The Ottawa Senators filed for bankruptcy protection Thursday with a debt load of more than \$160 million.

Thrashers call conference amid speculation they will hire Colorado's Hartley

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Thrashers called a news conference for Tuesday amid speculation they will hire Bob Hartley as their coach. Hartley was fired less than a month ago by the Colorado Avalanche.

Jaguars owner Weaver refuses to forfeit draft picks to hire new coach

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver refused to give up draft picks to hire a coach, a stance that could prevent the team from considering hiring Steve Mariucci away from the San Francisco 49ers.

Kennison signs six-year deal with Kansas City Chiefs for undisclosed amount

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wide receiver Eddie Kennison signed a six-year deal with the Kansas City Chiefs. The team did not disclose the terms of the contract.

13-year-old Hawaiian girl looks to dominate PGA, fails to make Sony Open

AIEA, Hawaii (AP) — Michelle Wie believes female golfers not only belong on the PGA Tour but will one day dominate the sport.

The 13-year-old player from Honolulu is trying her best to prove it.

Wie shot a 1-over par 73 but failed to make the cut in the qualifier for the Sony Open. Wie was the youngest and only female in the field of 96 players trying to make the four remaining slots for the event.

Carter works out with Raptors despite strained knee and doctors' wishes

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter isn't practicing with the Toronto Raptors regardless of what the team says.

The All-Star, who missed 17 straight games with a strained right knee, worked out with the team twice last week and was hoping to return for Friday's game against New Jersey.

Carter said doctors told him

they're not ready yet to clear him.

Heavyweight Tyson, wife granted divorce; fighter to pay \$6.5 million

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Mike Tyson and his second wife were granted a divorce, and the former heavyweight champion agreed to pay her \$6.5 million from future earnings.

Tapia sent home from hospital two days after collapsing at home

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Boxer Johnny Tapia was sent home from the hospital, two days after collapsing unconscious at home with what was described as a head injury.

Brit McBride scores over former teammate in English Premier debut

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Brian McBride needed just 10 minutes to score in his English Premier League debut, and he did it by putting the ball past U.S. World Cup teammate

Kasey Keller.

Hall of Fame jockey heeds doctor's advice, retires with 6,384 wins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye has ridden his final race. Delahoussaye, who ranks 11th on thoroughbred racing's all-time list with 6,384 victories, said he's heeding his doctor's advice to retire. ♦



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165 Roommates

Roommate needed for 2 bedroom/1 bath duplex in Nashville, Green Hills Area. Great Neighborhood. \$325/month plus util. Call Andrew at (615) 292-5979 or email at acarr74@yahoo.com. Best: Moved in Jan. 18. Possible: Move in beginning of Feb. Spacious room with private bath, laundry and kitchen privileges. Grad student preferred. \$350. 867-6994. Looking for 2 female roommates for a nice 3 bed/2 bath house near campus. \$360 a month per person, all util., cable and internet included. Call Ashley at 474-0002. Female housemate. \$300/month. Includes utilities. Credit Check & Ref. required. Call 890-9484 for interview. Roommate needed for 3 bedroom apt. at SUH. Available at the end of fall semester. \$420/month includes washer/dryer, all bills (including cable.) I will pay you \$100 on

move-in. Call 898-3588 or email jwh2q@mtsu.edu. Roommate wanted: \$100 deposit, \$385 includes all utilities, washer & dryer, fully furnished. Call 615-907-3962 or 931-278-0043. Roommate needed to take over lease beginning Feb. 1st. Located on Eaton St., within walking distance of campus. Live with 2 girls and 3 cats in a 3 bdrm with storage space. Rent is \$250; water and electricity included. Call 494-1360 or 419-1740 for more information. Roommate Needed. Female or Gay-male to share 2 bedroom 11/2 bath apartment 5 mins from campus. Liberal Arts major preferred. Smokers preferred. Must be clean, courteous, openminded and like cats. Rent \$225/month and half utilities. Please call 217-9470 for an interview & more details!! Ask for Jenny or leave a message.

170 Subleasing

Female needed to take over lease @ Univ. Courtyard. Private bed/bath. \$365 a month, reg. \$385! 5 minutes from campus. Call Leigh (615) 482-3090. Looking for a sublesser. \$280 per month plus utilities. Available now through May 1. No Deposit. Call 481-6005 for more info-

mation. Female wanted to sub-lease 1 bedroom in 4 bed/2 bath apt. one mile from campus. Fully furnished. \$325 a month/Utilities included. call Amber at 615-758-3333 or 615-430-7333.

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2003 Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball Overview

2003 Sun Belt Women's Overall Records

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	Stk.
Middle Tennessee	9	6	.600	W2
Western Kentucky	7	7	.500	W2
Florida International	10	5	.666	W2
Arkansas State	5	10	.333	L2
Arkansas-Little Rock	3	10	.231	L5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	Stk.
New Mexico State	8	6	.571	W3
New Orleans	5	8	.385	W1
North Texas	6	7	.462	L1
Denver	7	9	.438	W1
South Alabama	9	6	.600	L1
Louisiana-Lafayette	3	10	.231	L5

Arkansas State Lady Indians

ASU went 1-2 last week defeating Belmont 63-62 in OT on Jan. 6 while losing to MTSU 80-63

on Jan. 9 and WKU 84-77 on Jan. 11.

Casey Lowman had a career-high 19 points in a Lady Indians OT win against Belmont while tying a career-high with eight assists. Lowman has scored in double figures in 10 games this season.

Catrice Webster earned a starting role for the first time against Northern Iowa on Dec. 13 and has started every game following the UNI game.

Since becoming a starter, Webster has averaged 11.0 points, shooting 48-percent from the field, and 5.8 rebounds per game. For the year, she 9.7 points and 4.7 rebounds per contest.

Florida International Golden Panthers

FIU returned to its winning ways on Thursday with an

impressive 74-55 victory at Denver. Dace Cinite posted her third career double-double with 27 points and 14 rebounds.

Ivelina Vrancheva fell just short of a double-double with 10 points and nine assists while

Mandy Shafer turned in a 16-point effort. FIU took better care of the ball, tying a season-low with 16 turnovers.

Prior to Thursday, FIU had four-straight games with 20 or more turnovers. It was the 13th time in 15 games that FIU has outrebounded its opponent, pulling down 43 rebounds compared to 32 for DU.

New Mexico State Aggies

New Mexico State's 76-48 victory over New Orleans posted the Aggies best conference start since 1996-97 with a 2-0 record.

Junior guard/forward Orphee Cherizard scored a season and career high 14 points vs. the Privateers. Senior Mari Sanchez had not scored in double figures since the New Mexico game. She had a total of 14 points vs.

New Orleans. She also had only made a total of four 3-point field goals in her last three games and she was 4 of 5 from behind the arc against the Privateers. New Mexico State won a nail-biter Saturday, Jan. 11, when they defeated South Alabama in overtime 63-60.

This marked the first overtime the Aggies had played on the season. New Mexico State had not beaten South Alabama since Feb. 10, 2001.

North Texas Lady Eagles

North Texas was held to just 42 points against the Denver Privateers, the lowest offensive output for the Lady Eagles since Dec. 1, 1996. The Lady Eagles also had a season-high 29 turnovers in the loss to the Privateers. Junior forward Kim Blanton continues to be a force coming off the bench as she scored 15 points and pulled down four rebounds against Denver. Blanton has now scored in double figures for North Texas in nine of the 13 games for the Lady Eagles.

Vilma Grismanauskaite recorded four blocked shots against Denver, giving her 66 on her career, which ties her for fourth all-time in blocked shots at North Texas. ♦

Wrestling: Pros influenced by high entertainment value

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and stares at his open hand, symbolizing the five times that Booker T. has won WCW Championships.

Professional bowler Pete Weber is known for trash talking to his competitors and also doing an "RVD" Impression, from wrestler Rob Van Dam

after knocking down pins.

Not only are sports being affected by over-the-top antics, but programs about sports are feeling the change as well. Fox Sports Net's *The Best Damn Sports Show Period* exemplifies the culmination of the gradual movement of pushing informative programming to more entertaining programming. ♦

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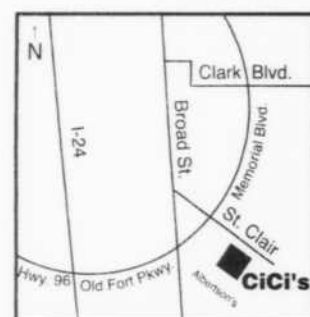
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