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## Campus Briefs

### Employment center to host health fair

The Nurses/Health Career Day will be held Nov. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

More than 40 firms will be represented.

Company recruiters will be present to speak with students interested in pursuing careers in nursing or other health occupations.

For more information, contact the Placement and Student Employment Center at 898-2500.

### Athletics, Chamber offer discounted tickets

MTSU and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to offer tickets at half price - \$7.50 - for Saturday's game against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Businesses from Rutherford and other local counties can purchase tickets in blocks.

In addition to the tickets, the businesses will receive a mention in a one-page newspaper ad and have their name displayed on the stadium's marquee during the game. Businesses that buy 50 or more tickets will also be recognized during a half-time ceremony.

"It's a great way for businesses to entertain employees or clients," said Bill Lansden, associate athletic director for fund-raising and marketing, in a press release Friday.

### Photographs exhibited until December

A collection of Stu Levey's photographs will be displayed in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center through Dec. 5.

"Grid Portraits and Landscapes" is the title of Levey's exhibit. The collection is composed of 50 16-inch by 20-inch and 20-inch by 24-inch black-and-white prints.

Each portrait is composed of several individual images combined into one image.

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery hours for viewing the exhibit will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and 6 to 9:45 p.m. Sundays. For more information, contact Tom Jimison, professor of electronic media communication and gallery director, at 898-2085.

### MTSU to help schools improve education

Instructors from the department of history will soon partner with K-12 educators from six area counties to improve their teaching of history.

The partnerships are made possible through a \$936,452 Teaching American History grant provided by the Department of Education. The grant money will pay for history-teaching training to high school teachers as well as a series of summer workshops and seminars to be held at MTSU. ♦

## President briefed on national security

By Amanda Maynard  
News Editor

MTSU President Sidney McPhee was one of 14 college presidents and senior administrators who attended a National Department of Defense military orientation conference last week.

The goal of the conference was to expose university executives throughout the United States to the military and give them a better understanding of what they do, according to McPhee.

Upon arriving in Washington, D.C., participants visited the Pentagon and toured the highly classified Plank Room, where the president of

the United States and the Joint Chiefs of Staff meet to discuss war strategies.

The group went on to see the press briefing area, where Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld delivers many of his news and press conferences.

"There's a whole series of areas within the Pentagon that we spent most of the first day there," McPhee said.

McPhee met and was briefed by the assistant secretary for Homeland Security regarding issues dealing with terrorism and how the defense department is working with the Department for Homeland Security that President Bush proposed to Congress, McPhee said.

He also met with Assistant Secretary for Defense Ralph Wilcock, who represented Rumsfeld.

After spending some time at Andrews Air Force base in Maryland, conference attendees traveled by military plane to Virginia to meet with several generals at forts that transport military equipment for soldiers stationed around the world.

University leaders devoted much of their time to touring the Marine base at Camp Lajeune and the Warfighting Center. Officials got to experience life on the submarine U.S.S. San Francisco and ship



U.S.S. Oscar Austin.

Members were allowed to visit with soldiers, generals and senior army and military officials who provided access to various facilities on the individual bases.

"A number of them (soldiers) indicated to me that they enjoyed their time of duty but when their time was up they were planning to do other things outside the military," McPhee said.

While touring the bases, participants were treated to a demonstration of a Marine amphibious landing using heli-

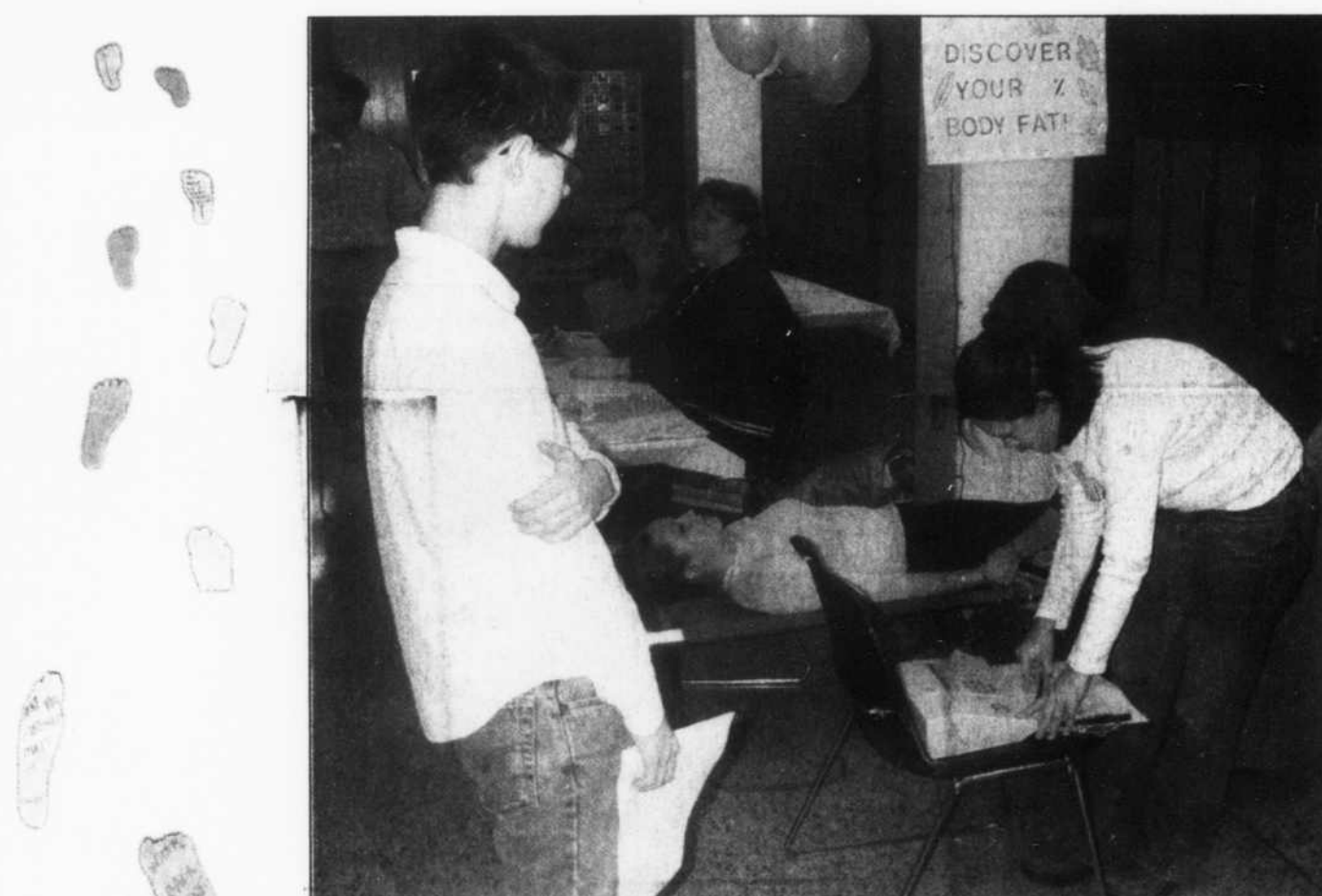
copters, gunboats and F-18s.

"They demonstrated ... if they were to take over a particular country, how they would go about doing that with the joint forces," McPhee said.

The conference also provided participants an update on the war on terror and how the military is responding. University officials were taught how to improve military by providing support, research and personnel.

The conference that ran Oct. 7-10 allowed university officials to have a better understanding of the military and bring that understanding back to their respective universities to share with students and faculty. ♦

## Health Fair held in KUC



Photos by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer  
The School of Nursing sponsored a health fair yesterday in the Keathley University Center. Attendees had the chance to participate in games and health screenings.

## WTO focus of honors lecture

By Michael Haynes  
Staff Reporter

Jackie Eller spoke Monday concerning the World Trade Organization and its value as part of the Honors Lecture Series.

The WTO is a non-government organization, headquartered in Geneva that has 144 member nations.

The organization is charged with setting standards and guidelines for lowering trade barriers that in turn promote free trade and a higher standard of living. It also addresses issues such as intellectual property rights and services.

The WTO does not exist without critics, Eller told students. Pundits charge that the WTO undermines a sovereign nation, degrades the environment and is a strong arm for multinational corporations.

Although the WTO exists to represent all signatory nations equally, the wealthier nations have more equality.

"How can equality exist within inequality?" Eller asked.

Wealthier nations have more resources to place its representatives in Geneva to influence the rule-makers. Developing nations do not have the resources to staff an office in Geneva to ensure that its interests are represented.

Because all nations are bound to abide by WTO policies, the nation-state may be unable to set policies that are in its citizens' best interest. Theoretically, if a nation were to set a policy designed to protect an industry or set a social standard, then it could be challenged at the WTO.

Eller also discussed problems with globalization. One is that globalization "has not created convergence," Eller said.

Another problem is that a country like the United States has more economic power relative to other nations, and as a result it can't be challenged. She cited that the United States advocates free trade but at the same time heavily subsidizes its cotton farmers. The result is that U.S. cotton is sold on the world market below world price. This gives smaller countries unequal access to the market, Eller said. ♦

## Activist encourages responsible behavior

By Jenni Strasbaugh  
Contributor

A national AIDS activist warned MTSU students Thursday that sex may be all fun and games until someone realizes they have HIV.

"The best thing I have going for me is that I'm trying to die with a little dignity," said Rae Lewis Thornton, who was diagnosed with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, when she was 23-years-old. She is now 40 and has had the disease for almost 17 years.

Dignity has been hard for her to keep, she said. She has had to deal with non-stop diar-

rhea in public. She has had no energy to eat or bathe herself. The pain pills have also stopped working for her.

"If I went to the kitchen and poured a bowl of cereal, I had to take a nap before I could eat the cereal," she said.

Thornton explained that she was not someone who slept with a lot of men.

"Nobody wants to take responsibility," Thornton said. "You are going to use a condom tonight because I am going to scare the hell out of your ass. Yet I know I can't save your life."

"You always have a choice," she said. "He will only be what you let him be, ladies."

That choice could result in the transmission of HIV, which affects between 800,000 and 900,000 adults and children in the United States alone, according to the University of California in San Francisco.

According to Thornton, if a woman has sex with a man who is HIV positive, she has a one-in-two chance of contracting the disease. However, if a man has sex with a woman who is HIV positive, his chances of getting the disease are one-in-six. This would explain the increasing percentage of women that the University of California reports are getting the disease.

When Thornton finally was

diagnosed with full-blown AIDS, she said, "My whole world began to crumble." She went from a size 10 to a size six in one month. She began taking up to 23 pills a day and had periods that lasted from 10 to 21 days.

"I became clinically depressed. The secret was killing me faster than the disease," she said. She was finally able to tell her loved ones about the disease after she had it for seven years.

Thornton encouraged everyone to get tested for HIV. There are 12 testing stations in Nashville. The Web site AIDS.org has links to determine who is at risk for HIV. ♦

## Noted speakers to come to campus, debate pot

Staff Reports

The editor in chief of *High Times* magazine and a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will square off in "The Great Debate" Oct. 29.

Tucker Theatre will host the evening program, which has already appeared at dozens of universities and colleges across the country. MTSU Student Programming is sponsoring the moderated debate.

Steve Hager is has worked for numerous newspapers and magazines and has written two books and a film script. He was hired by

*High Times* magazine 12 years ago and was promoted to editor in chief soon after.

Hager claims marijuana users are a legitimate minority group whose basic rights of freedom of religion and pursuit of happiness have been denied.

Robert Stutman started working in the law enforcement field in Washington, D.C., in 1965. While on the federal payroll, he aided in the initiation of drug traffic officer training programs in 45 countries. During his time in charge of the New England DEA offices, he headed a workforce of more than 1,000 employees and oversaw 5,000 investi-

gations amounting to more than 15,000 arrests.

Stutman believes that marijuana is a gateway drug that leads to heroin and crack addiction.

The event is open to the public.

Tickets cost \$3 for MTSU students with valid I.D. and \$5 for all other attendees. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Student Programming Office in the Keathley University Center, Room 308. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the debate begins are 7 p.m. ♦



## CRIME LOG

Monday, Oct. 7 – 8:57 a.m.

Harassing phone calls  
McHenry Hall

Harassing phone calls were reported by a resident student.

Monday, Oct. 7 – 3:43 p.m.

Harassing phone calls  
Reynolds Hall

Harassing phone calls were reported by a resident student.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 – 5:29 p.m.

Harassment

Wiser-Patten Science Hall

A female was reported to be threatening another female. No further information at this time.

Thursday, Oct. 10 – 3:55 p.m.

Simple assault  
Bell Street Lot

There were threats of violence made in an incident of road rage.

Thursday, Oct. 10 – 4:16 p.m.

Harassing phone call  
Corlew Hall

A report was made of a male subject leaving a harassing phone call.

Thursday, Oct. 10 – 10:22 p.m.

Stolen property

Student Recreation Center

A subject reported a wallet stolen from the Recreation Center.

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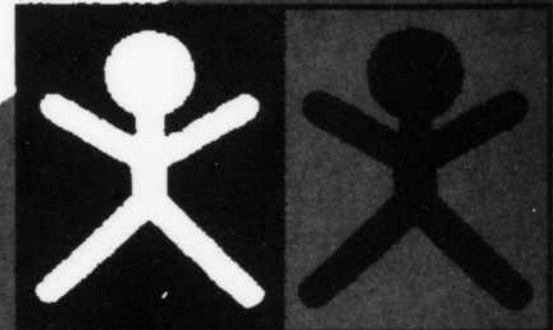


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## From the Editorial Board Fall Break follies fresh on our minds

After two months of trudging to campus, toiling over exams, long, tedious assignments and, in our case, draining all mental juices from our craniums to produce a newspaper, the moment of redemption is upon us.

Most of the *Sidelines* Editorial Board plan to run far, far away from Murfreesboro in search of less zealous community spirit and more food prepared by someone other than Aramark.

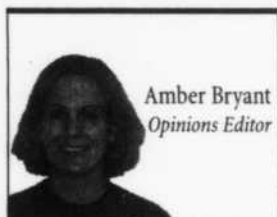
Because we know you've been wondering, here are some of our plans for Fall Break:

1. Going home to pick up fresh high school meat by bragging about our newspaper skills. The kids nowadays dig newspapers.
2. Hanging out with our parents, who want to be with us just as much as we want to be with them.
3. Sleeping until 4 p.m. every day and never feeling a shred of guilt.
4. Avoiding sniper fire, especially when in the Washington, D.C., area.
5. Fighting terrorism by not smoking marijuana.

Here are some things we won't be doing over Fall Break:

1. Opening our books, no matter how much they call to us in the night.
2. Attending church because, well, we don't feel like it.
3. Thinking about the paper and the copy schedule for next week. Right.
4. Going to Canada, because it's cold and just plain sucks.
5. Donating any time, money or effort to charity.
6. Looking at each others' friggin' faces, day in and day out until we're ready to explode.
7. Stealing projectors from the Business and Aerospace building. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor State lottery beneficial to education, taxpayers



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

The days of driving to Kentucky just to buy a Powerball ticket might be over sooner than expected. According to *The Tennessean*, more than 60 percent of pollgoers like the idea of adopting a state lottery.

However, they're opposing the determined Gambling Free Tennessee Alliance, who claim that a lottery would put a strain on state budgets and taxpayers, and provide little or no support for lower education.

Just because a lottery wouldn't necessarily propel one area of education forward doesn't mean we should toss the idea aside. Higher education, which is much more expensive, and arguably very important, certainly stands to benefit. In Georgia, for example, students graduating from state high schools with a 3.0 grade point average in the college preparatory track can attend state public and private universities – for free, thanks to the HOPE grant. This not only encourages high school students to work harder,

it also places less financial strain on parents, lowering the likelihood of borrowing government money that could be used for – you guessed it – funding lower education.

GFTA's opposing arguments are too full of holes to be convincing. Their Web site quotes two Duke University researchers as calling state lotteries "the most regressive tax we know of," meaning it would cost the poor more than the rich. Assuming that only poor people gamble is a clumsy form of class profiling and utterly false. True, a lottery functions much like a tax in its helping of community functions, but I and everyone else in his or her right mind would much rather have an optional tax than a forced one. If you don't want one, don't buy one.

The GFTA also claims that lower class citizens may not have the money to gamble and may be more susceptible to gambling addictions, but financial and intellectual irresponsibility are personal issues and shouldn't be considered when making decisions for the community.

For the good of all Tennesseans, GFTA should quit milking the morality cow and support a state lottery. ♦

## Conference one-sided, unfair



Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant  
News Editor

The African and African Descendants World Conference Against Racism in Barbados concluded recently, with no major developments in race relations.

In fact, it's safe to say that it may have set things back a few years.

President of the sponsoring organization, the Congress Against Racism (which is also in Barbados), Reverend Aaron "Buddy" Larrier is demanding that area white-owned businesses foot the bill for the conference – a \$200,000 claim.

Nevermind that the

white owners weren't allowed to attend the conference. That fact is irrelevant to Larrier. The message he's trying to stress is that whites have an obligation to help out blacks because, without blacks, whites would have no customers.

"The white-owned businesses in Barbados need the support of black people. They depend on us for their businesses and I'm saying this conference (was) to help the black people of Barbados out of their ignorance and poverty and if white people don't see it fit to contribute toward that, then I will be asking black people to look very carefully at how they spend their money with white people," Larrier said in an interview with WBBS 90.7 FM, in Barbados last week.

This man is nothing

more than a con artist, trying to mask his thievery by projecting blame on local white businesses.

Larrier's claiming that his organization is entitled to money others have earned for no reason other than the fact that they want it. His are the words of a dangerous revolutionary.

"If the government of Barbados has been in power for all these years and has not been able to deal with the issue of racism, then we, who are introducing new ways, should be given full support by the government of Barbados and by white people here in Barbados," he continued.

History has taught us that this is how extremists get their way. After convincing the public that the moderate government is ineffective, those on the

fringe make the case that their way is superior. Think of the French Revolution. When the lives of the poorer citizens hadn't improved after a couple of years under the moderate, democratic government, the Reign of Terror began as the solution to create a "fairer" system.

Larrier is the moral equivalent of a terrorist, making ridiculous claims and insisting upon outrageous demands. He is interested only in destruction – he's going to cost businesses money, either by extortion or boycott.

Fortunately, Larrier is also a fool for believing that the customer is greater than the business. Without the productive effects of businesses, there would be no products to buy, and Larrier's "essential" part of the equation – black customers – will be left to fend

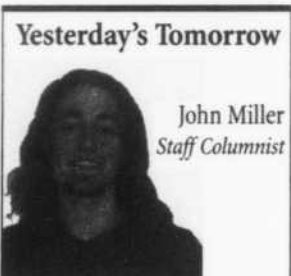
for themselves. Not that they couldn't, but it's more efficient to buy goods than to have to make them.

If Larrier wants white businesses to help with the cost of the conference, he should've invited the owners to the conference. Having only one group present and proclaiming it to be a discussion is akin to defending a dissertation to a brick wall.

A biracial conference could've produced results, or an open and honest dialogue at the very least. The closed meeting with only one viewpoint present has led to resentment and open hostility – the very things the conference was meant to prevent. ♦

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## Professional dating lessons



John Miller  
Staff Columnist

As I was driving down the road earlier this summer, my younger brother started to talk about school and meeting girls.

He talked about his past experiences and how he has never been in love. Then, out of the blue, he looks at me and asks, "What do women want?"

I couldn't help but laugh out loud, "I have no idea, but if you ever figure it out, would you mind letting the rest of us know?" For a moment, I reflected on my dating experiences. I was searching for some piece of advice that would satisfy my brother's question.

In the end, the only thing that I could tell him was that women are an irrational enigma.

This comment only seemed to perplex my brother more, so I tried to explain it to him, just as I'm going to try to explain to you.

Besides the obvious physical characteristics, what separates men and women? For me, guys are easy enough to understand.

Ninety percent of us really only think about three things during our college years: food, sex and alcohol (Oh yeah, and *SportsCenter*).

When we do something, there's usually a logical reason.

Why did I call my parents? I needed money.

Why did I miss class today? I drank too much last night.

Why didn't I go out with Becky tonight? Because I called her by her twin sister's name last night.

I never said any of these were good reasons, but

they do make sense.

Women, on the other hand, I've never really come to understand.

For example, every guy has been out on a date with a girl and asked what she wants to do that night.

The answer is almost always, "I don't know; whatever do you want to do."

Then, of course, you suggest something to do, and 100 other alternatives to which the response will be "no."

I find it's a lot easier and saves time to ask what they don't want to do instead.

Furthermore, if you were to ask a woman what qualities she seeks in a significant other, she'll give a whole slew of responses. Physical aspects aside, you're usually left with something to the effect of intelligent, treats me well, romantic, nice, funny, etc.

If this is true, why do so many girls end up dating jerks?

You've all heard the story: Melissa and her boyfriend break up, and all of a sudden he's a jerk. Now, I have no problem believing that Melissa's now ex-boyfriend is a jerk. But he was probably a jerk long before they started dating.

So, what is it about jerks that attracts girls to them instead of nice guys?

If I were to venture a guess, I'd have to say it's because they're cocky.

That is to say, they're confident in themselves, and that's truly the quality to which women are really attracted.

There it is, boys and girls, the secret to dating. Women are really attracted to cocky jerks, and guys only have a one track mind.

Either that or my many years of dating have, in the end, really taught me nothing. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Religious education prevents dispute

To the Editor:

I'm writing not only in reply to Wendy Caldwell's column ("Pushing religion too forward," Oct. 7), but also to suggest that *Sidelines* add a religion perspective column.

If Sunday papers can add it, then perhaps *Sidelines* should. They should allow the exchange of ideas to not only include political and practical perspectives but also religious perspectives.

Better understanding religious ideas paves a way to peaceful coexistence. Instead of battles fought by blood, the battlefield would be fought with paper and ink. It's time that people recognize that religion plays a higher hand in the minds of the people, rather than ignoring it and interpreting people's action into some political agenda.

I own several copies of free literature from several religions other than my own. I have yet to receive a free copy of the Quran, but there aren't many Muslims in this country. Even when I do ask the Muslims I meet if the Quran supports "loving your neighbor," they can't/don't answer with a resounding "yes." I guess that's why they aren't successful in this country. Hating your enemy comes naturally, and we wonder why there is no peace in the Middle East.

Caldwell's idea of stealing isn't really applicable to leaving Bibles around. The clear intention of the person handing out their religious literature or leaving it in the open is making it up for grabs even by the mean-spirited person who dumps it in the trash.

Either way, the Gideon feels that either it attests to the truthfulness found in scripture or that someone in reading it might benefit.

Regardless, his sincerity to act out his beliefs rather than shut them up should be commendable.

Stephen Brace

### Dry campus rules absurd for of-age students

To the Editor:

In Scott Davis' letter to the editor, he said that the majority of kids that attend MTSU are less than 21 years old ("Wrong to advocate drinking," Oct. 9). He's right. I'd say all the kids that attend MTSU are under 21.

But there are a large number of adults who attend the university. I'm 22, live on campus and am denied my right to consume alcohol, even though I'm of legal age. MTSU also has a very large percentage of non-standard students. People are returning to school for their degrees later in life. There was a guy in my dorm a couple years ago who was in his 50s.

Saying that MTSU would be advocating underage drinking by just allowing alcohol on campus is like saying Tennessee advocates drinking just by allowing alcohol in the state. We can't forget the laws we have in place, lest we do what has been done here and strip people of their rights given to them by God and regulated by the law.

Why say you can drink at 21 if you actually can't? Yes, people who do buy alcohol for underage people need to be brought to the law, but it seems like this is a problem regardless of whether alcohol is allowed on campus or not. Davis mentioned it himself in his letter. Why then, does the school need to be dry? Why not allow those who are allowed, and do so justly and legally, to drink? It seems that DUIs could be avoided if people could drink on campus. It's cheaper and safer.

It would also serve to keep people on campus and stop MTSU from being such a suitcase school. If they catch someone drinking while underage, then they could do as they normally would, but the rest of us shouldn't be punished because of kids who aren't allowed to drink.

David Young  
Senior

**Sidelines will return Oct. 23.  
Enjoy the vacation.**

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# Home dwellers VS campus dwellers

## Suitcase college students isolated from activities



Illustration by Lucas Antoniak | Staff Illustrator

By Stephanie Hughes  
Staff Writer

If you still live at home with your parents or commute to school, then you're in good company.

A *USA Today* poll showed that more than 50 percent of college students still live at home.

But, how does this affect the college experience, both academically and socially? Well, that depends on the student.

Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, said he believes that the student ultimately decides how successful he or she is going to be, regardless of living situations.

"For students that live on campus, it just becomes easier to get involved," Glenn says. "For students that live off campus, they must make more of an effort to get involved. However, the stu-

dent has to want to get involved first."

Glenn points out that students must take advantage of the opportunities available to them and be motivated to get involved.

"We have 260 different organizations doing 260 different things," he explains. "Students that live off campus have to break the inertia and come back to participate in the organizations that interest them."

However, students that live on or near campus do not necessarily join every club, sport or organization available.

"It's easier to get to a faculty member, go to the library, and take advantage of the resources offered when you live on campus," he says. "But, students can easily become disengaged from campus even if they live on campus."

Whether campus dwellers or home dwellers, most students know how hard it can be to get involved in activities

when they have a million other priorities.

"When I talk to students, their stories are consistent with research," he says. "When you're taking 15 hours of classes, working 20 hours a week, and have studying to do, you're not coming back to campus."

It's probably true that campus is the last place students want to see after a long day. However, participating in activities outside of class, whether academic or not, can have its advantages.

"Alexander Astin, a researcher on this subject, did research over a long period of time on student life," Glenn says. "He found that students who get involved in activities, such as the school newspaper, religious organizations, sports and others are four times more likely to persist to graduation and be successful afterward. Notice that he didn't say anything about a GPA."

Research also shows, though, that students who live at home or away from campus have a lower GPA than those who live on campus.

"It's harder to stay connected," he says. "It's not impossible, just harder."

Karen Curtis, a 22-year-old psychology major, lives about 10 minutes from campus with her parents.

However, she seems to be more focused on academics than activities.

"As far as academics, I feel like I am under a lot more pressure from my family," Curtis says. "But it doesn't affect my social life or anything else. I don't really feel like I have to get involved in anything."

Glenn recognizes the pressures of maintaining a decent GPA and trying to stay involved in campus activities.

"It can be a struggle," Glenn says. But it's the discipline that makes you successful." ◆

## Refined Style

### Students share fall collection of Ellen Tracy

By Phoenix Taylor  
Staff Writer

Camel suede skirts, tissue taffeta blouses, winter cashmere coats and teal crepe pants create a refined fall collection by New York design director Linda Allard of Ellen Tracy this season.

The fashionable line premiered its 2002 fall and resort collection in Dillard's at the Mall of Green Hills in Nashville Thursday. Allard celebrated her 40th anniversary with the design firm, and she continues to penchant designing classic pieces for women.

Students from the MTSU fashion promotion class aided the Ellen Tracy staff by arranging garments for the show. For some, this show provided an inside glimpse at a real fashion presentation without being in New York.

"I am definitely putting this on my resume," said junior Kelly Allen, fashion design major. "Even though I am not in New York, I can see how cut-throat this industry can be. But this is great experience."

Not only did the show preview the design looks of the label, but it was also a charity fund-raiser to commence the new facilities of Curry Ingram Academy. CIA, built by her brother, David P. Allard, of Allard Architect, was formerly known as Westminster. CIA is dedicated to helping youth in grades K-12 with learning differences.

Despite rainy weather conditions, the store was packed for the charitable event. As the show opened, the first model stepped out in quartz silk shantung, buttoned-up shirt and matching slacks. The model strolled in a pair of leather, pointed-toe, tan stiletto boots.

An alabaster double-faced wool jacket, ivory poplin silk blouse, mahogany stretched velvet turtleneck, and a red lamb-skin leather skirt were included among the 60 pieces shown in the collection.

On the runway, Allard worked with a color palette mixed with warm hues from nature. Color schemes best described as browns, soft pinks, toned-down lime greens and cool ivory shades completed opulent looks. The grades of fabrics, tailoring and cuts exemplified luxury at its best.

"I love the clothing's quality," said Suzanne Parker Ellen, a Tracy customer. "I have worn the label for 20 years. It's classic and wonderful." ◆

## Reeling in success

### Former student making short films in California

By Shane Gallo  
Staff Writer

Success sure is sweet. The only thing more exciting than doing what you love is succeeding at what you love.

Just ask former MTSU student Zac Adams.

Adams, 25, has been making short films for 10 years now. After graduating from Watkins Film School in Nashville, Adams moved from Middle Tennessee to Los Angeles in order to do what he loves: filmmaking.

"If you're from the South, you stick out like a sore thumb in L.A.," Adams said. "People want you to talk because they hardly ever hear a Southern accent."

Adams relocated to Los Angeles in August of 2001. Of course, moving to a huge city



like Los Angeles, with a population of around 4 million, from Middle Tennessee would be an interesting change for just about anyone.

"You see celebrities out in L.A. about as often as you see mini-vans in Williamson County," he said. "I was star-

struck the first month, but then you get over it. They're only people, too."

He landed an internship at a small movie producing company. There he learned not only how Hollywood films are produced and marketed, but also made several contacts. Adams' filmmaking, however, began before the relocation to Los Angeles.

Before moving, *True Love*, a dark comedy about a 16-year-old boy in search of love, was one of Adams' first endeavors. After the film played at several festivals across the country, it won the Friday Night Shorts Film Festival in Hollywood.

"Everything I write is very silly," he said. "Not sure what that says about my intelligence or credibility, but that's what I love to make."

Adams' alma mater, Franklin



High School, even got a taste of his ability to make a film back in his earlier days. *Beowulf*, the classic high school senior reading, was made into *Reprise of Grendel*, Grendel being the ancient Nordic antagonist in the story.

The film ended up winning

the Tusculum Film Festival in Greenville, Tenn. "It was after that that we got some confidence to pursue more projects."

His next project includes writing, producing, and directing a comedy feature titled *Munchies*.

"By the title, you can obviously tell what it's about," he said. "It's pretty silly and stupid, but it should be a lot of fun to make."

"Our goal with *Munchies* is to select a few cities that our short films have had success in screening, like Nashville, New York City, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. The tough part is getting asses in the seats."

Adams plans to shoot *Munchies* in Middle Tennessee beginning this February. He will return this November to begin working on the film.

"I'll save almost \$40,000 in



production costs if I shoot in Tennessee rather than in L.A.," Adams said.

"Plus, there's a lot of great talent and crew in the middle Tennessee area."

He is also working on *The*

See Director, 5



# Dear Annie

## Still Waiting

Dear Annie,

I wrote you a couple of weeks ago about my boyfriend needing to take a break and me waiting by the phone because he told me that he'd call me and that he just needed some time. There is now more to the story. He still hasn't called. His best friend wrote me and told me that he's seeing this girl he was seeing before me. He cheated on her with me and he told me that he broke up with her for me. Could he really be back with her? Now instead of waiting for the phone to ring, I'm thinking that it will never ring and that it's over. I confess, I wasn't able to turn off my phone. I feel so betrayed. You told me not to call him, but shouldn't I call him and see if it's true or to tell him off or something? I just want to know if it's over or if there is hope for us. Do you think it's OK to call him now? We have such a history and I thought we were friends. What do I do now? — Still Out on a Limb

Dear Still Out on a Limb,

I'm sorry there hasn't been a happy ending to this story. I wish I could offer words of encouragement.

I know that you've written me because you really want me to say, "Call this guy." A large part of me wants to give you permission. However, I feel that the relationship is over.

I'm not entirely convinced that he's cheating on you. Here's why — we don't know the motives of his best friend. Why would his best friend tell on him? Do you think he has an ulterior motive? Maybe his best friend likes you. Guys don't usually rat on each other.

Reality check — do you want to pine away for a guy who might be cheating on you and hasn't called you in more than a month during a difficult time in your life? Plus you didn't mention before that he cheated on his girlfriend with you. I am a firm believer in the idea that if he cheated on someone to be with you, he'll cheat on you to be with someone else.

Yes, you have history with this guy. Realize that history is what your relationship has become.

It's time to move on. The sooner you realize that the relationship is over, the sooner you can start living your life again. Hopefully in time things will get easier. Not today and probably not tomorrow, but in time you will move on. You still need to move on.

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## Director: MTSU alum not fan of 'artsy-fartsy movies'

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*Bombers*, a 1950s-based film written and directed by friend and fellow filmmaker, Ken Costanza.

As for Adams' own taste in movies, he would rather be amused than enthralled, so it's no wonder his choice flick is *Braveheart*.

"I'm not a big fan of artsy-fartsy movies," he explained. "I like to be entertained, just like anyone else."

Living in a city that seems to be under the world's microscope, Adams has discov-

ered more than how to make movies. After finding a way through all the hype that Hollywood makes for itself, he learned a good lesson about the real world, even when it comes to the City of Angels.

"So many people bullshit in this town," he said. "If you can get a film made, even if it's only a short one, you're ahead of the game."

"The streets aren't really paved in gold like so many people think."

Recently Adams returned home to Tennessee for a visit with friends and fami-

ly. "I'd rather live in Tennessee and visit Los Angeles about five or six weeks out of the year," he said.

"It's weird because 90 percent of people that are from L.A. can't even tell you where Tennessee is on a map, and these are people that have four-year degrees from UCLA and USC."

"If it's outside of L.A., they don't know and they don't care!"

For more information on Adams' projects, go to [www.cwsley.com](http://www.cwsley.com).

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## North Texas, Denver finish with wins over MT soccer team

By Amy Jones  
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raider soccer team (6-8-1, 2-3) finished a two-game Sun Belt Conference road trip Sunday with a 6-0 loss to the University of North Texas (9-4, 3-2) in Denton. MT began the trip Friday with a 6-0 SBC loss to the University of Denver.

Only two players on the Mean Green soccer team racked up the points for UNT during the match up. Marilyn Marin and Melinda Pina netted three goals each, four of which were scored during the second half.

Pina scored the first goal of the match during the 9th minute of play and Misty Cordon picked up the assist on the play.

Marlin struck during the 43rd minute of the match giving the Mean Green a 2-0 advantage going into halftime. Cordon contributed to the play again and picked up another assist on

"We went right after them and got a quick goal ... It became a domino effect after that."

—John Hedlund,  
North Texas head coach

the play.

"Marilyn and Melinda both played outstanding today," North Texas head coach John Hedlund said. "We had a 2-0 lead at the half and we had to redeem ourselves after Friday night."

UNT struck again quickly with two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. Pina picked up both goals, while Marlin and Lindsey Bibb picked up the assists. The score put the Mean Green up 4-0.

"We went right after them and got a quick goal to start the second half and it became a

domino effect after that," Hedlund added.

Marin wrapped up the game with two goals during the 63rd and 66th minutes of play. Her first goal was unassisted and Bibb picked up the assist for the final goal of the game.

The Blue Raiders took 16 shots during the game with two Mean Green goalies making 11 saves on the game. MT's Christina Mascaro pushed four unsuccessful shots toward the net in the game, while Emily Carter and Lindsey Bopp shot three times. UNT shot 17 times with six passing by MT goalie Emily Shrum.

MT will begin a two game home series with Western Kentucky University and Austin Peay State University rolling into town on Friday and Sunday. The Blue Raiders have one more away game set on the schedule with a trip to Georgia State University in Atlanta. ♦

## MT to face Western Ky. Friday

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Writer

After a brutal road trip that saw the Lady Raiders get outscored 11-0, the MT's women's soccer team returns home Friday for a key conference match with Western Kentucky University.

The Lady Hilltoppers are 8-4 overall, and 3-1 in conference play. Their lone conference loss came at the hands of first place Denver.

Middle Tennessee has played well at home with a 3-1-1 mark. They have given up only four goals within the friendly confines of Murfreesboro, including two shutouts posted by junior goalkeeper Emily Shrum.

Home will be a welcome sight for the Lady Raiders who have had their struggles on the road all year. MT has been shut out seven of the 10 games played on the road, scoring only 15 goals, the majority of which came in a 9-1 rout of Stetson on

September 29.

The Lady Toppers likewise struggled away from home early in the season but have rallied since conference play began to take two of three on the road thus far.

WKU comes into the game ranked fourth in the SBC in scoring (2.17) and fifth in goals allowed (1.83). The Blue Raiders are ranked sixth in both categories (1.53 and 2.20).

The key for the Lady Raiders will be to get the ball to Danielle LaDuke and Sarah Miguez.

The two have combined for 10 goals and five assists on the season. Both have been instrumental and have chipped in game winning goals in conference games.

WKU features a balanced attack and has gotten game winning goals from three different players in their last three victories, all over conference foes.

Kickoff is at 5:30 Friday at Blue Raider Soccer Field. ♦

## Middle Tennessee returns home Saturday



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

No. 24 Reshard Lee runs through Vanderbilt's defense during Saturday's game. Lee ran for 144 yards during the competition.

By David Hunter  
Staff Reporter

After getting its first victory of the season last week, the Middle Tennessee football team will be going for its first Sun Belt Conference win as it hosts the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Saturday.

Last Saturday, the Blue Raiders defeated Vanderbilt University 21-20 for their first victory of the season. ULL and MT will both be coming into this match 1-5.

"I'm very proud of our football team," head coach Andy McCollum said. "We've gone through our struggles and gone through adversity and a very tough schedule to open the season with, and to come back and go against a well-coached Vanderbilt team and win says a lot about this program."

The victory marked the return of running back Dwone Hicks, who missed the past two games because of injury.

Hicks only had 42 yards rushing in the game. However, Hicks scored the final touchdown from 2 yards out that tied the score 20-20 with 52 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Brian Kelly kicked the extra point to make the final score 21-20.

The other prominent players picking up rushing yards are running backs ReShard Lee and quarterback Andrico Hines.

For the third consecutive week, Lee had more than 100 yards rushing. Last week against Vanderbilt he carried the ball for 144 yards. Lee's average for the past three games is 120.3 yards per game and 7.2 yards a carry.

Hines ran for two more touchdowns last week, and had 31 yards total rushing. Hines is second on the team in rushing with 294 yards on the ground.

The biggest improvement for the Blue Raiders has been the defense. In the past two games, the MT defense held Arkansas State University and



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

MT player Andrico Hines, far right, currently has the second-highest rushing yards for MT.

Vanderbilt to an average of 83-yards passing and 19 total points.

"The coaches expect us to play with a high intensity level," said defensive lineman Jerry Vanderpool. "We play with our heart. We have had some players really step up in the past weeks. We just stepped up as a defensive unit as a whole."

One of the defensive players that have stepped up is Brandon Lynch. Lynch picked up his first career interception late in the Vanderbilt game, and returned it 37 yards to the Vandy 3-yard line to seal the team's first victory.

"The weight is still on our shoulders because that wasn't our last game," Lynch said. "We are going to take it one game at a time and see what happens. I hope that it will create the domino effect for us. You practice winning every day. That is what

we have done the past couple of weeks."

Lynch has had 13 tackles and three tackles for loss in the past two games.

The MT defense held ASU to 288 total offensive yards two weeks ago and 287 last week against Vanderbilt. These are the lowest yards allowed this season.

This week, the MT defense will face one of best quarterbacks in the Sun Belt in John Van Cleave. In the 31-28 loss to New Mexico State University last Saturday, Van Cleave was 22-30 passing for 228 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's the same guy that played against us last year, but he's better," McCollum said. "He does a lot of good things, so it will put a lot of pressure on us."

See Lafayette, 7

## Lady Raider tennis set to play Vandy tournament

By Erich Heinlein  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raider tennis team has a land of opportunity to improve its national ranking when it travels to Vanderbilt University this weekend.

According to Lady Raider head coach Randy Holden, other teams that will be there include Duke University, University of Tennessee, Clemson and Georgia Tech along with a host of other schools.

The Lady Raiders have had success in the past against Vanderbilt.

"This is going to be a major factor," Holden said. "Ninety-nine percent of the players who are going to be there we have played against before. Although we have one player out with a broken bone right now (Jennifer Klaschka), we are still a pretty strong team. It has given some of the other kids an opportunity to step up and get some experience."

According to Holden, Klaschka will be out for the remainder of the fall and is expected to return next spring.

Last weekend, Carlen Venter won the top flight A singles championships.

One player in particular who has a shot at shooting up the ranks is Manon Kruse.

As of this past year, Kruse is currently ranked 31st in the nation in singles, while she and Stacey Varnell are ranked 10th in doubles.

According to Holden, the rankings for the upcoming tennis season have not yet been released.

"All of the players that Kruse is playing in her flight is nationally ranked, so this will definitely help her ranking if she wins," Holden said.

Past wins for Kruse have included wins against Vanderbilt's Sarah Fiske, who was ranked No. 17 in the country at the time.

As a doubles team, Kruse and Varnell beat the top-ranked doubles pair at Vanderbilt.

Although Holden has not seen the match ups yet, he still expects some degree of success.

"I haven't had even seen the draw yet, I just turned my line-up in today," Holden said. "I expect that Manon along with the rest of the team is going to do well. We have had a good fall, thus far."

Despite success during the fall, the Lady Raiders have had

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## Vanderbilt: king of the Sun Belt?

Sports commentary

Erich Heinlein  
Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt, a school strong in academics, shows promise and the possibility of a winning season.

Today, the Sun Belt conference will be inviting three new football programs to join its conference in order to meet Division I-A standards by 2005.

Although I could not verify whether or not Vanderbilt's participation is an actual possibility, it would make logical sense. Some projections I've heard as new possible Sun Belt teams are Murray State University, Troy State University, Western Kentucky University and Florida International University.

Vanderbilt would fit in the Sun Belt conference perfectly. Why? They, like Middle Tennessee, seem to have a terrible time playing in the Southeastern Conference. Since 1995, the Commodores are 5-46 versus the Southeastern Conference.

The Blue Raiders' win on Saturday was the first time this season in which a team from the SBC beat an SEC team in nine attempts. Please note that the team beaten is 5-46 versus SEC teams in the past seven years.

For the past three years, the Blue Raiders are 2-5 against SEC teams. They have lost to Mississippi State University, University of Florida, Louisiana State University, University of Kentucky, University of Alabama, and University of Tennessee. Then they beat the Commodores twice. This is more proof the Commodores belong in the SBC.

Things are not about to change at the beginning of the year next year for MT, as they start off the year with an Atlantic Coast Conference school and two schools from the SEC. Not only would this be a good move to get the Commodores out of the SEC, it may even improve their program.

Without having to play schools like Tennessee every year, you would see a rivalry with MT, possibly the University of North Texas and a handful of other schools from the Sun Belt.

In an interview with MT's Boots Donnelly, he even predicted that this might happen.

"Conferences like the SEC eventually have to start losing," Donnelly said. "Hopefully, one day the Sun Belt Conference will be one of the elite conferences in the country."

Let's face it: Until Vanderbilt either loosens its rules or joins another conference, their reputation will be that of the academic kings of the SEC. ♦

## 2002 Sun Belt Conference football overview

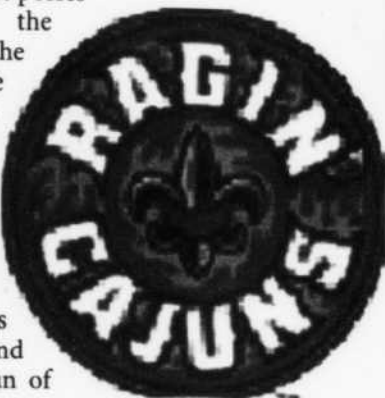


### 2002 Sun Belt Conference Football Standings

	W-L	Pct.	Streak
Arkansas State	4-4	.500	L1
New Mexico State	3-3	.500	W2
UL Monroe	1-5	.167	W1
North Texas	1-5	.167	L4
UL Lafayette	1-5	.167	L2
Middle Tennessee	1-5	.167	W1
Idaho	1-6	.143	L3

### New Mexico State Aggies

Lamar Hill's 30-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter was the first reception of his career. Last week, a former member of the Aggie basketball team that is playing his first season of football since he was in high school, blocked a UTEP field goal. The Aggies scored on the first possession of the game for the fifth time in six games. Buck Pierce's 41-yard touchdown run was his second longest run of his career.



### Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns

Jon Van Cleave completed his 22 passes at New Mexico State to seven different receivers. Van Cleave threw for 228 against the Aggies. It

marked the ninth highest total of his career and the 11th 200 plus yard passing performance for the junior quarterback.

Fred Stamps had all four touchdown receptions prior to George getting into the end zone. Stamps has caught at least one pass in all 26 games of his collegiate career. He missed games versus North Texas and Jacksonville State during his freshman season (2000). ♦

## Lafayette: Second SBC game for Middle Tennessee

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Van Cleave has passed for 1,028 yards and four touchdowns this season. He has also thrown 10 interceptions, but six were in a game against Texas A&M earlier this season.

"All conference games are a must win," Vanderpool said. "We have are not going to blink once. We have to win. We have to win our conference games. That is what we play football for, to win the conference. Conference games are a whole different level."

The last time MT faced ULL at home was one for the history books in 2000. MT was behind 24-7 in the second half. The Blue Raiders came back to take a 31-24 lead with two minutes left. However, the Ragin' Cajuns tied the score 31-31 to send the game into overtime. In the second overtime, Brian Kelly hit a 21-yard field goal to give MT the 41-38 victory.

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## Tennis: Team plans to move up in rankings

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some injury problems. Along with Klaschka's broken bone, Kruse was out with a similar injury as well.

Kruse may be facing some opponents she lost to as well.

Last year she and Varnell lost to Julie Deroo and Kelly McCain of Duke.

She beat eighth-ranked Kathy Boyanavich and Jennifer Redman of South Carolina, before bowing out to Caroline Bayorga and Jennifer Redman of South Carolina.

The tournament will be the next to last tournament before the fall season is concluded.

The Lady Raiders will close out the fall season when they travel to the ITA regional Oct. 24-26. ♦



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Emily Vest congratulates her opponent after a match.



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that was a creative  
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→ (TRANSLATION:)

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