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## Gunfire rings near campus



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor

Murfreesboro police officers survey a quarantined section of the Campus Crossings South parking lot for bullet casings following a Tuesday night shooting that sent one victim to Vanderbilt Hospital.

## Two MTSU football players questioned

By ROZALIND RUTH  
Community News Editor

Gunfire injured one person, and police detained three individuals, following an incident at Campus Crossings South late Tuesday night.

Melvin White, 22, of Murfreesboro, was transported to Vanderbilt Med-

ical Center by LifeFlight helicopter from Middle Tennessee Medical Center after suffering multiple gunshot wounds.

Maj. Clyde Adkinson of the Murfreesboro Police Department said that the alleged shooter has been interviewed and has a valid permit to carry.

Adkinson said that two MTSU football players were among some of the many people questioned in the investigation.

Adkinson said the players, who were visiting the apartments on personal business, are not considered suspects at this time, but their identities are

being withheld because of the ongoing investigation.

The shooting took place outside of the 300 building near the main entrance to the apartment complex.

Kyle Evans, public information officer for the Murfreesboro Police Department, said

the three people held for questioning have been released, as reported by the Daily News Journal yesterday morning.

Evans said White was transported by private vehicle to MTMC before police responded at 11:58 p.m.

Adkinson said the in-

cident is still under investigation and police are looking for more witnesses.

Anyone with information regarding this crime should contact the Crime Investigation Unit of the Murfreesboro Police Department at 893-2717.

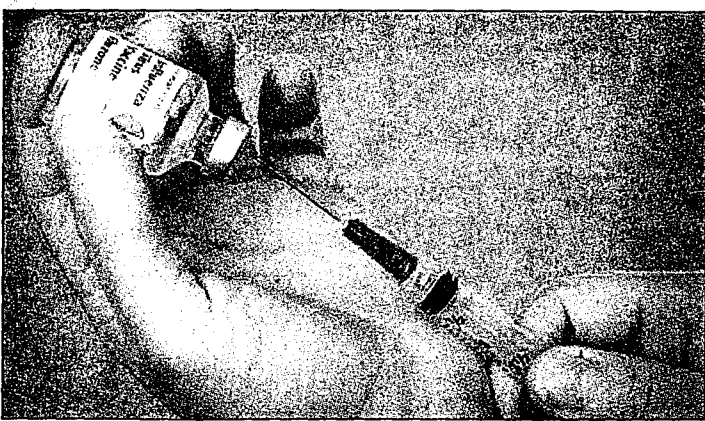


Photo courtesy of Morgue File

Flu vaccinations have been readily available on campus, aiding in the decline of the H1N1 virus among students, faculty and staff.

## H1N1 declines at MTSU

By LESLIE HICKS  
Contributing Writer

The number of students diagnosed with the H1N1 virus has declined since the 2009 fall semester, according to officials with MTSU's Health Services.

Twenty-five cases of H1N1 have been confirmed from January through March 16 this year, which is half the number of cases that were confirmed in the fall.

"The vaccinations have been very effective," said Dr. Eric Clark, university physician for Student Health Services and government liaison for H1N1 cases.

Last fall, 701 students were diagnosed with the flu, while only 83 flu-like cases have been diagnosed so far this semester. Student health services officials said they encounter between one to three cases of illness a week.

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## Memorial concert Saturday

Fraternity to honor fallen member, raise suicide awareness

By NATHAN GOODWIN  
Contributing Writer

The MTSU chapter of Alpha Tau Omega National Fraternity is sponsoring a memorial concert on Saturday in honor of a member who died last semester, in collaboration with the Palatial Concert series.

The free concert will take place on the front lawn of the Health, Wellness and Recreation Center from 3:30-7 p.m. The fraternity will be onsite supporting To Write Love On Her Arms, a charity chosen in honor of fraternity brother Brandon Johnson, who committed suicide Sept. 9, 2009.

"It means so much to be able to pay tribute," said Edgard Izaguirre, public relations officer and philanthropic chair of ATO. "Brandon was a beloved brother and a great guy."

To Write Love on Her

Arms is a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and survivors of someone who committed suicide, according to the organization's Web site.

Local bands Deep Machine, Magic Veteran and Electric Teeth will be performing during the concert. MTSU Production Services will be providing the stage and sound for each band.

Ryan Hug, senior mass communication major, of MTSU's Concert Committee was organizing the Palatial Concert series when ATO wanted to get involved with the event.

"ATO approached us about doing a show, and we told them that we could collaborate on this event," Hug said.

Izaguirre said Johnson's

family was appreciative of the concert.

"His family is so thrilled that we are doing this for him," Izaguirre said. "Brandon's mother wrote on our ATO Old Gold Week wall and expressed her gratitude. 'We all teared up to say the least.'"

The bands performing at the event said they enjoyed being part of the event because they support the cause.

"I'm really glad we're playing this show," said Taylor Lowrance, the singer and guitarist of Electric Teeth, "Not only do we get to play our music to a lot of people, but we also get to support a good cause."

MTSU Student Programming received permission from the school to allow AMP energy drinks to be onsite to provide refreshments.



BRANDON JOHNSON

ATO fraternity members said they hope there will be a large turnout for the event, and its members urged people to come out and support the cause.

"We want to help spread the word about mental health," Izaguirre said. "One in four young adults suffer from depression, yet many don't talk about it because they feel it's a taboo - we want to break those boundaries."

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### THURSDAY FORECAST

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# Students get literarily 'bound'

## MTSU artists create and bind books for special collection

By MATTHEW HAMMITT  
Staff Writer

Books created and bound by MTSU students are on display for the public in the "Bound by Books" exhibit going on now through April 1 in the James E. Walker Library.

Students employed a variety of materials in the creation of the books, including string, linen, graphite, ribbon, rice paper, cardstock, acetate, canvas, lithograph and other materials.

A panel of judges consisting of Alan Boehm, director of special collections, and Susan Hanson, library specialist, selected student-created books as part of the exhibit for inclusion in the collection.

All entries were created by students from the beginners' book arts courses from the 2009 fall semester.

This is the second year the exhibit has been displayed in the library.

"Special collections came last year and offered to do a yearly exhibit of the student-made books in the library," said Janet Higgins, art professor. "They bring a different set of eyes, information and knowledge about book collecting and the history of book arts and make selections on books to be displayed based on that knowledge."

Higgins has taught book arts courses at the university for 20 years. The art department offers a beginners section and

an advanced section.

"The advanced course builds on the materials and technique of the first course," Higgins said. "We move into the third dimension in Book Arts II, which involves pop-up books and carousel books."

However, Higgins said the focus of the course is on content as well as form.

"Some of the students have writing practices or have friends who are writers of songwriters, but a lot of them aren't used to bringing their written voice forward," Higgins said.

Although most of the books on display in the special collections room are kept in glass cases for protection, select books will be made available for students to explore more thoroughly in the reading room.

The library is planning to hold a closing ceremony for the exhibit on April 1, from 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the special collections area, where the judges will award a first-, second- and third-place prize to the contributing artists.

Higgins said the event is open to the public free of charge and food will be available for attendees.

A presentation by Brad Vetter, designer and printer at Hatch Show Print, a Nashville-based letterpress print shop, is scheduled to precede the ceremony in Room 426 of the library.

Hatch Show Print is a division of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

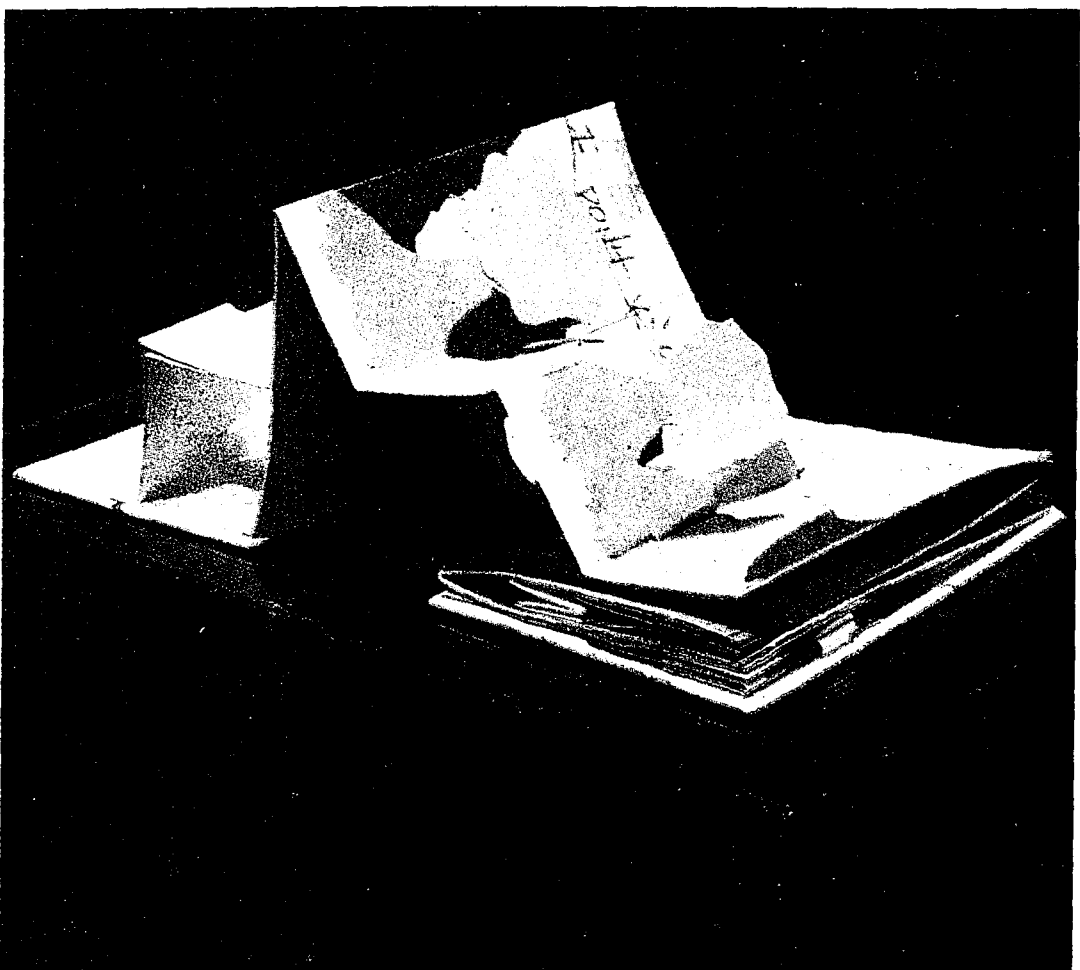


Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer  
A personalized book handcrafted by Jenna Puckett, senior continuing education and distance learning major, called "Tour" combines maps and cardstock to form a unique experience.

# Former student arrested in Texas

## Jesse Knapp apprehended after fleeing Middle Tennessee law enforcement

STAFF REPORT

A former MTSU student accused of killing his brother and stabbing his mother was arrested in San Antonio, Texas, on Friday.

Authorities captured Jesse Knapp, 23, at a San Antonio movie theater the day after he allegedly stabbed his 20-year-old brother, Joshua Bridges, to death and wounded his 44-year-old mother, Dian

Bridges, outside of the family's home in Franklin March 18.

Knapp will be extradited back to Williamson County, where he faces charges of criminal homicide, attempted criminal homicide and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, according to officials with the Franklin City Police Department.

MTSU Police sent out a crime alert to

students last Thursday, informing them Knapp was wanted in connection with the stabbings, and he had fled the scene after the attacks occurred.

According to the alert, MTSU students were warned of Knapp's flight because the university was unaware if he had returned to the Murfreesboro area or campus since his withdrawal from the university in February.

As of Wednesday, no other alert has been sent out by the MTSU office of Public Safety to notify students Knapp was taken into custody last week.

MTSU Police Chief Buddy Peaster said the alert system is for emergency situations only, and is not intended to report news items.

He said that MTSU Police had also not received any information from the Franklin City Police Department regarding the arrest.

### March Deals

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**2.00**  
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**\$6.00**  
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**\$4.99**  
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**Australian Outback Dinner**

Tues. March 2 PREMIUM Dinner @ McCallie

**Mocktails**

**WELCOME BACK FONDUE**

Lunch @ JUB

**MARCH BIRTHDAY**

Wed. March 17 Lunch & Dinner, McCallie & JUB

**March Madness**

Thur. March 18 Lunch @ JUB

**MILKSHAKE MONDAY**

Monday March 22 Lunch @ McCallie

**Maximum Mexican**

Thur. March 25 PREMIUM Dinner @ JUB

**Movie Night**

Monday March 29

**CLIPCAKE CREATION**

Wed. March 31 Lunch @ McCallie



# Obama signs health care bill into law

STAFF REPORT

President Barack Obama signed into law the historic \$938 billion overhaul of the nation's health care system, promising nearly 31 million previously uninsured Americans health care.

Within the year, the legislation includes provisions stating that parents will be allowed to keep their children covered on their insurance policies until they are 26 years old, begin to close the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" coverage gap for seniors and stop insurance companies from denying coverage to underage recipients based on pre-existing conditions.

"With all the punditry, all of the lobbying,allofthegame-playingthat passes for governing in Washington, it's been easy at times to doubt our ability to do such a big thing," Obama said. "But today, we are affirming that essential truth – that we are not a nation that scales back its aspirations."

Most of the changes enforced in the legislation will not take effect until 2014; however, a report from the nonpartisan Congressional



Photo courtesy of WhiteHouse.gov, photo by Pete Souza  
President Barack Obama signs the new health care reform bill, as governmental officials and diplomats await the historic moment. This health care bill has been under scrutiny for the last year.

Budget Office estimated that \$143 billion would be reduced from the federal deficit over a decade.

"Now that this legislation is passed, you don't have to take my word for it – you'll be able to see it in your own lives," Obama said.

In addition to rules and regulations for health insurance companies, including an exchange for citizens and legal U.S. residents

to search for the best coverage in their state, the legislation will also require every U.S. citizen and legal resident to acquire health insurance by 2014 – or pay a fine that starts at \$95 or 1 percent of individual income, whichever is higher.

The fine will rise to \$695 or 2.5 percent of income in 2016, however, fines will not exceed \$2,085 for families.

Exemptions of the requirement are Native Americans, those under 30 years of age, those with religious practices that differ with modern medicine and citizens who would have to pay more than 8 percent of their income for the least expensive plan available.

Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum filed a federal lawsuit within 7 minutes of the signing, along with 13 other state attorneys general, claiming the federal government cannot mandate that Americans must purchase health insurance and is unconstitutional.

"This bipartisan effort by attorneys general around the country should put the federal government on notice that we will not tolerate the constitutional rights of our citizens and the sovereignty of our states to be trampled on," McCollum said.

Virginia filed a separate lawsuit against the law, making it 14 states to rise against the overhaul. All of the state attorneys general filing suits are Republicans, with the exception of James D. "Buddy" Caldwell, D-Louisiana.

"This law represents an unprec-

edented encroachment on the liberty of the American people, and I will pursue this litigation to the highest court if necessary," McCollum said.

Tennessee senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker followed all of the House Republicans, including Tennessee representatives Phil Roe, John Duncan, Zack Wamp and Marsha Blackburn, in voting "nay."

Bart Gordon, Jim Cooper and Steve Cohen, all Tennessee House Democrats, voted "aye," while two Tennessee Democrats, Lincoln Davis and John Tanner voted "nay."

The U.S. Senate is slated to commence debate on a series of changes that would affect the overhaul. The "fix-it" legislation is set to increase subsidies to make insurance policies more affordable, while eliminating deals that were made in special states.

For answers to the questions surrounding health care, or for more information regarding the Presidents proposal, please visit: [whitehouse.gov/healthreform](http://whitehouse.gov/healthreform)

## H1N1 FROM PAGE 1

The first case of H1N1 on campus was confirmed by student health services last June, but the number of cases got worse later in the year.

Dr. Pat Spangler, director of student health services said September and October were the roughest months for illness at student health services.

"I don't see a rise in cases being an issue with students having travelled over spring break," Spangler said. "The rise in temperature should cause the number of cases to decrease."

Clark said H1N1 is not considered to be a seasonal virus.

Spangler said with the virus hitting during a non-seasonal time, it caused the number of flu cases to rise.

**“There is a good chance, based on the cycles of the flu, that it will be back next fall and win-**

**DR. PAT SPANGLER**  
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

"There is a good chance, based on the cycles of the flu, that it will be back next fall and winter," Spangler said.

Student health services began administering vac-

cinations for both illnesses at a large rate last November. This played a role in the smaller number of cases seen at the clinic this semester.

Vaccinations for both the

encouraged to get the vaccination for both the seasonal flu and the H1N1. Among students between the ages of 18 and 24, the symptoms could last anywhere from 3 to 5 days.

Student health services offer the H1N1 vaccination free to all students.

The seasonal vaccination is also offered at a cost that ranges from \$10 to \$20. Appointments can be made by visiting the student health services Web site, [mtsu.edu/healthservices](http://mtsu.edu/healthservices), or by calling 615-898-2988.

Student health services is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## CRIME BRIEFS

The MTSU Department of Public Safety's online crime log has not updated since March 15; this is in direct violation of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990.

The Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to record and disclose any information about campus criminal activity at their respective institutions.

The law was named to honor a 19-year-old freshman at Lehigh University who was raped and murdered in

her dormitory in 1986.

The United States Department of Education maintains and upholds compliance of the act; violations can result in fines of \$27,500 for each violation or suspended activity within federal student financial aid programs.

Information regarding campus crimes will be updated on [mtsusidelines.com](http://mtsusidelines.com) as soon as the records are filed.

Comments and concerns regarding the Clery Act or MTSU's crime log should be directed to the Department of Public Safety at 898-2424.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Off-Campus Housing Fair

March 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Keathley University Center Knoll

**Women's Studies Research Series: "Daring Girls, Sensitive Boys, and Everything in Between: Teaching Gender Construction in Children's Literature"—Dr. Jenny Marchant**  
March 25, 3 until 4p.m.  
James Union Building, Room 100

### 3rd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner

March 26, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Wright Music Building, Joseph T. Smith Instrument Rehearsal Hall

Admission: \$7 for a single ticket, \$12 for double tickets

### Stones River Futbol Club Spring Shootout 2010

March 26 through 28

Location: Smyrna Rotary Park

### Movie: Rickshaw Boy

March 28, 6 p.m.

Location: John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103

### Movie: Sherlock Holmes

March 29 through April 2  
7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday-  
Thursday; 7 p.m. Friday

Location: KUC Theatre

Admission: \$2

### Mass Comm Town Hall: Conversation with the Dean

March 29, 2:15 p.m.

John Bragg Mass Communication, Room 241

### Nashville Rollergirls Vs. Ohio Roller Girls

April 3, 5 p.m.

Location: Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Admission: \$6.01 and \$7.01

### Movie: Eat Drink Man Woman

April 4, 6 p.m.

Location: Mass Comm., Room 103

### TXMD Spring 2010 Fashion Show

April 9, 7 p.m.

Location: James Union Building

Admission: \$10, VIP seating \$15

### Movie: Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress

April 11, 6 p.m.

Location: John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103

Free Popcorn

### 10th Annual Student Film Festival

April 12 through 16

Location: Keathley University Center

Theatre

Submissions due by April 2.

### Harlem Globetrotters "Magical Memories" World Tour

April 18, 2 p.m.

Location: Nashville Municipal Auditorium

Admission: \$14

### Movie: Getting Home

April 18, 6 p.m.

Location: John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103

### The Clothesline Project

April 19 through 20

Location: multiple locations on campus

Contact: June Anderson Women's Center

### Silent Disco

April 20

Location: The Quad outside of James E. Walker Library

### Roller Derby: Music City All Stars and Brawl Stars Vs. the Ohio Rollergirls

April 3, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tennessee State Fair Grounds

### Events Policy

Sidelines welcomes current campus and community events submitted by all readers. Please e-mail events to [snews@mtsu.edu](mailto:snews@mtsu.edu) or [scampus@mtsu.edu](mailto:scampus@mtsu.edu), and include the name, date, time and location of the event, as well as your name and a phone number for verification. We reserve the right to refuse events at our discretion as our space is limited.

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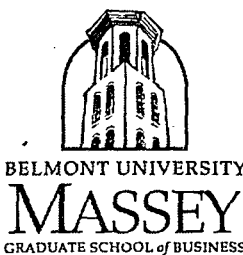


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# Visitor highlights affects of troops in Iraq

## Retired Navy Commander informs students of troops' impact on Middle East

By TYLER MARTIN  
Contributing Writer

A retired Navy Commander, who visited MTSU on March 16, challenged American families that dream of bringing their sons and daughters home to the dinner table to also consider the stability of the Middle East.

Norman Denny, retired Navy Commander and naval intelligence officer, spoke about the dilemmas of the Iraqi Kurds as well as the stabilizing role American troops have played in Iraq.

Denny has more than 30 years of experience in the Middle East and has recently spent time working in Northern Iraq.

"The Kurds stood with us in the campaign against the Baathists," Denny said. "They helped write the Constitution, and they have been the great moderator in Iraq."

Denny said the Kurdish people are waiting for their third "stab in the back" from the Western nations.

He said they are watching for other interests, in a corrupt Iraq, to trump their own. Denny said Iraqi Kurds are waiting for the Americans to leave them high and dry and never look back.

Denny said the Kurdish region in northern Iraq could be described as the most peace-

ful part of the country. He said the Kurds are trying to create a peaceful society.

"They have a mall that is comparable to any in the Nashville area, in fact they have just about everything except a golf course," Denny said.

Denny said the Kurdish culture has been mired with violence throughout recent history.

Denny showed the attendees some insight into the thoughts of the Iraqi people through his time spent in the Middle East.

Denny said that the people of Iraq are dealing with some of the same issues that the American colonies dealt with. They are struggling over the place of militias for

**"We have had 230 years to hammer out the ins and outs [of the American Constitution]. They have only had six."**

**NORMAN DENNY**  
RETIRED NAVY COMMANDER

defense of territory, trying to balance the fulcrum of state's rights versus federal power and grappling with the government's role in business and industry.

"We have had 230 years to ham-

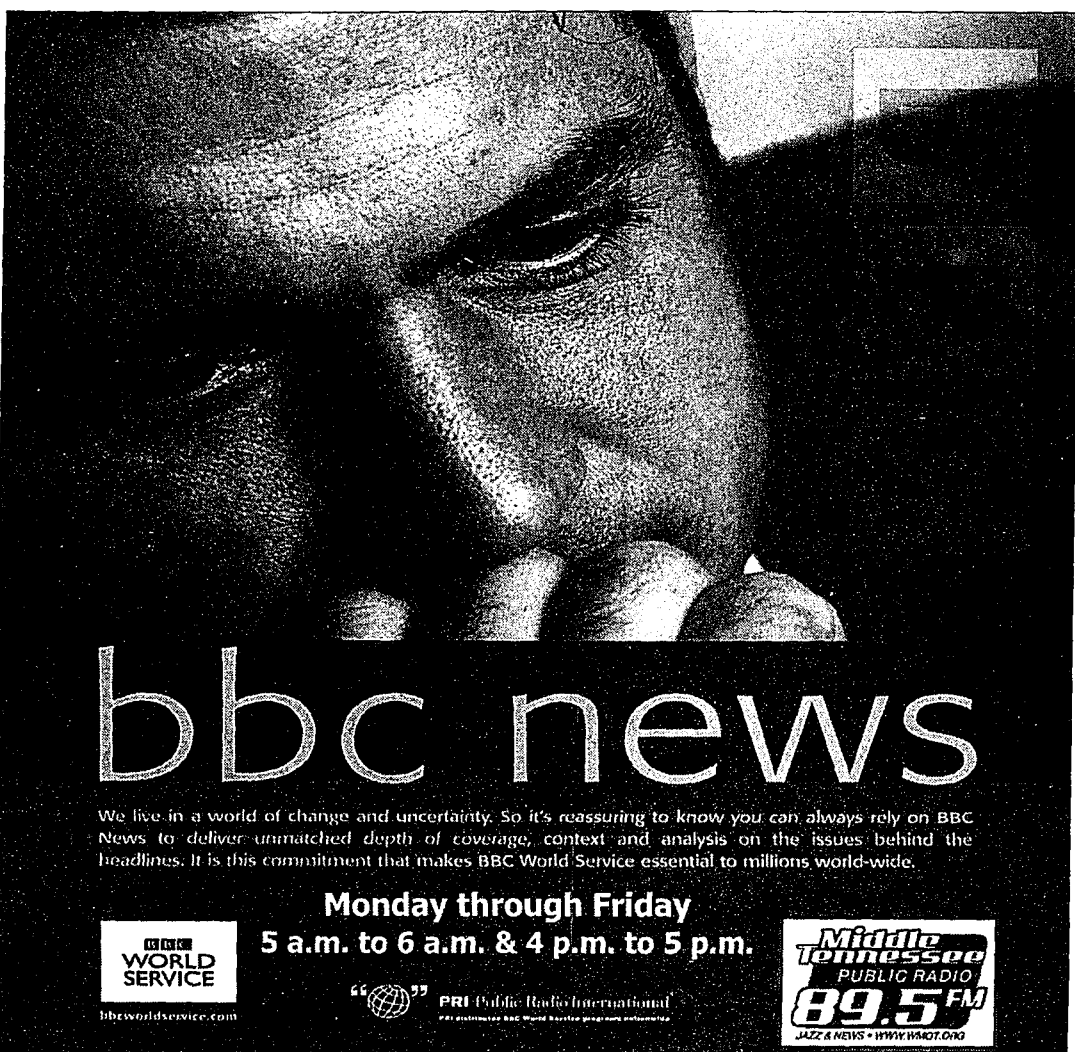
mer out the ins and outs [of the American Constitution]," Denny said. "They have only had six."

Denny said the Iraqi Kurds have remained in the voting block in Iraq.

He said that they are a disciplined group that wants to take part in the formation of a new political atmosphere in Iraq.

"I liked the issues he covered," said Randi Selinsky, a Murfreesboro citizen who came to see this free and open to the public forum. "It was a real eye opener regarding all of the people who would be affected by an American troop withdraw."

The department of political science sponsored the forum.



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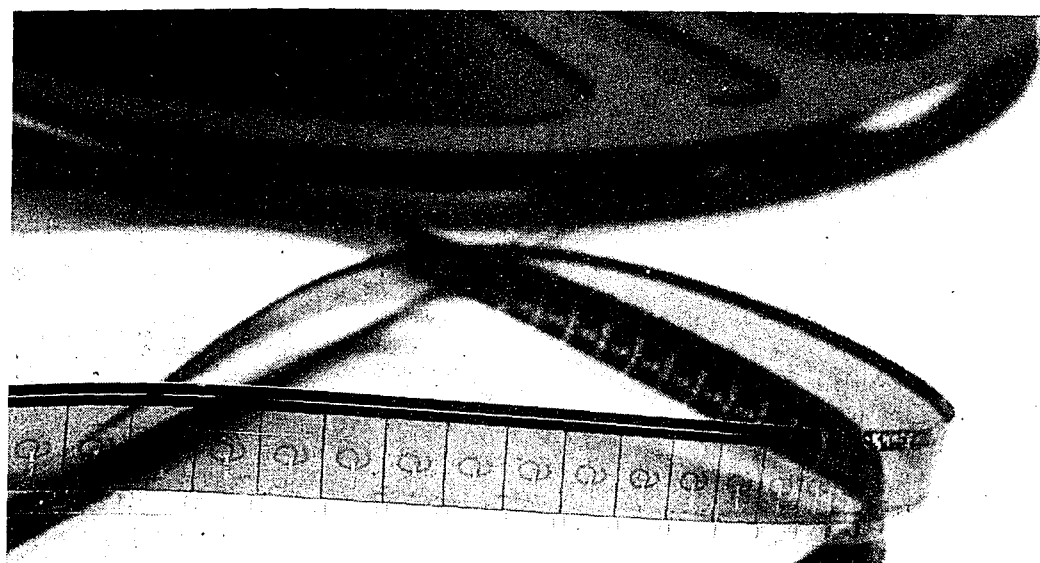


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The 10th annual Student Film Festival is looking for submissions through Student Programming. The deadline for entering the competition is April 2.

## 'Reel' students showcase talent

By HALANDAS WHITE  
Contributing Writer

The 10th Annual Student Film Festival is allowing students to showcase their work April 12-16 at the Keathly University Center Theatre free of charge and open to the general public.

"We receive a lot of different types of submissions, including music videos, short films, science fiction movies, the list could go on and on," said Sarah Evans, senior education and behavioral sciences major, the Films Committee chairperson.

Members of the Student Programming Films Committee will be judging this year's film festival based on prior criteria and guidelines.

According to the Student Programming Council Web page, works submitted will be judged based on the acting, directing, editing, ef-

fects, script quality, story development, and overall style.

Once the films have been submitted, they will be reviewed by the Films Committee for content and shown during the nights of the film festival.

The awards ceremony will take place on the last night of the festival, where the winner will be announced and have their film rescreened to the audience.

"Promoting the film festival used up most of the effort for this event," Evans said, adding that posters, Facebook, the Student Programming Web home page, and WMTS 88.3 were integral in promoting this year's film festival.

This year, the Student Film Festival will team up with the Nashville Film Festival, which is scheduled to take place April 15-22 at the Green Hills Regal Cinema.

"They are providing this year's prizes in exchange

for promotion," Evans said. "Everyone attending will get a voucher, which they can redeem for a ticket to the Nashville Film Festival."

Three different students have the opportunity to win prizes. The first place prize winner will receive a \$500 gift card to B & H Photo & Video Supply Company. To accompany the gift card will be a patron level pass to the Nashville Film Festival.

Audience and participant feedback has been on the rise over recent years.

"The biggest impact has been shown through the filmmakers," Evans said of the film festivals' feedback.

"Great turnout, great movies, and films are what are being expected of this year, as with years prior," said Greg Feiling, coordinator of student programming. "It's always been a great event that we've done."

Submissions from MTSU students are due on April 2.



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## Follow California's lead: Fight global warming

State's implementation of emissions monitoring towers only the beginning; larger-scale efforts needed

California is preparing to implement a statewide environmental program, which will involve placing towers throughout the state that will detect global-warming emissions, according to a New York Times Feb. 2 article.

This is the first time that these emissions monitoring towers will be used anywhere in the world.

The towers will be used to pinpoint large quantities of methane and to find specific sources of greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Times article.

While this program could be effective in pinpointing the locations of greenhouse gases, one state's implementation of it isn't enough on a global scale.

Why is it that the future of our entire planet is left to either small efforts or large U.S. state efforts?

Other countries have also taken steps to lower emissions



**Genna Ferguson**  
**Think about it**

rates, but the U.S. is trailing far behind.

The United Kingdom has pledged to lower its emissions by one-third by 2020, according to the U.K.'s Observer in 2009.

Families in the U.K. were given loans in order to become more energy efficient. The loans are repaid when families are more fuel-efficient and use more clean energy in their homes, according to the Observer.

There are many people who have stepped forward and

criticized the statistics of global warming, saying that scientists exaggerate the real effects and damage done to the planet. Current photos of glaciers, however, show the changes to planet.

The Swiss Alps has one of the most noticeable glacier melts. In the mid-1800s, the Rhone glacier went up to the edge of the tiny town of Gletsch, Switzerland.

The glacier is now hard to see and sits about 1,500 feet higher than it used to, according to [worldviewofglobalwarming.org](http://worldviewofglobalwarming.org).

The Grinnell glacier, located in Glacier National Park, has melted to the point that it is almost out of the line of sight. Photographs taken in 1911 – and again in 2000 – show the drastic changes to the area.

The National Park Service estimates that most of the 30 glaciers in the northern Rocky Mountains will be gone by the

middle of the century.

If all the states in the U.S. would begin using these emissions towers, it would become more clear where the highest concentrations of greenhouse gases are located. This would put pressure on particular areas and hopefully cause legislation to be passed in order to decrease gas emissions.

The U.S. has just as much responsibility as other nations to make changes. The atmosphere is thinning all around the globe, not just over the U.K.

Whether you believe in global warming or not, there is no denying that the Earth is changing at a rapid pace.

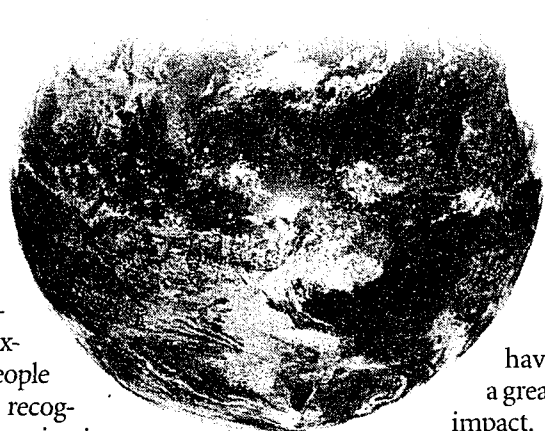
According to an article published in Time magazine in 2006, The Upsala Glacier, located in Argentina, is melting at the rate of 180 feet per year. Alaska's glaciers are melting twice as fast as scientists previously thought they were, according to the Science journal

in 2002.

Some people use their denial of global warming to justify their lack of participation in the global effort. Where exactly do the people who refuse to recognize global warming intend to live when the planet is no longer inhabitable?

I suggest the U.S. step up and address emissions rates on a national level. Placing more emissions testing towers around the country would help pinpoint the biggest causes of greenhouse gases and would allow people to change their habits.

Even if placing towers all over the country is not immediately practical, using the U.K.'s loan system to reward families for cutting back on energy would



have a great impact. Global

warming needs to be addressed by all nations and certainly by all states in the U.S., especially considering that our output of greenhouse gases is just as damaging, if not more so, than the nations that are taking steps to help reduce the amount of harm they cause on the planet.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Continue excluding spending restrictions on SGA elections

I'm writing in response to a recently published article ("Spending caps needed on SGA campaigns," *Sidelines*, March 22, 2010). I am ardently opposed to any spending cap in SGA elections because spending caps prevent lesser known, non-establishment candidates from getting their message out to the student body, which is something we need.

The fact is that the SGA is already too much of a "popularity contest"; we don't need to make it more so.

Thus, as an at-large senator-elect, I will oppose any bill to amend the Electoral Act that would establish any form of spending caps on SGA elections.

Increasing the number of days for campaigning, however, is a different issue – one that I am willing to support.

It seems the best solution would be to amend Article 4 of the Electoral Act to increase the number of days before an election – perhaps to 30 days – while moving back the dates of election, thus allowing for a longer period of time for candidates to campaign.

—Christopher Burks, senior business major

## A QUICK WORD

### From the opinions editor

To be received metaphorically or literally if applicable: I try to look past the fact that you are black and I am white. I do not let the racism of generations reflected in the belittling slurs spoken by my older relatives affect me.

But you make it so hard when you cannot overlook the fact that I am white and you are black.

You make it so hard when you identify me as "white boy" and act degrading toward me based on the fact that I am white.

If you expect to be judged based on your mind and not your body, that is how you should judge as well.

There are still those who will lower you to nothing more than a "black person." Do not let the ignorance of this dying breed of good-ole folks become your ignorance.

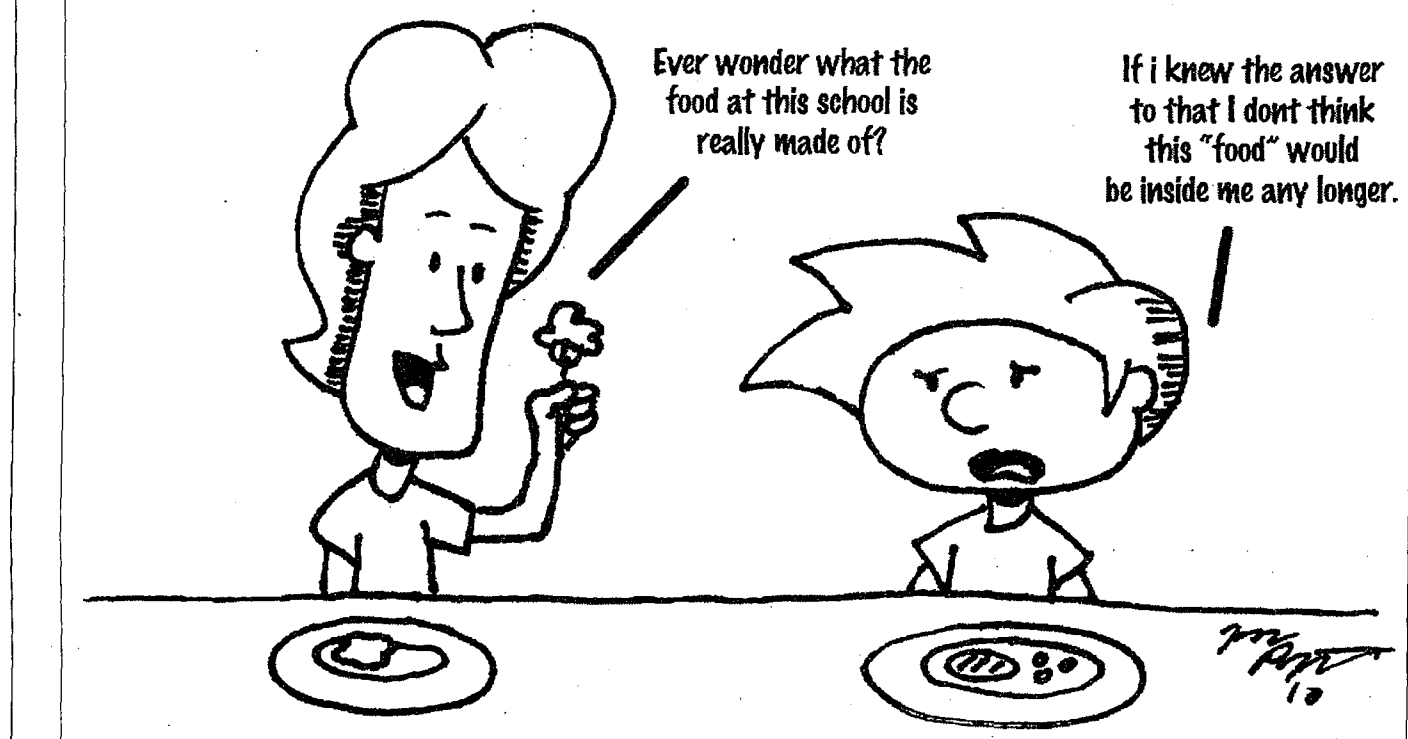
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"Seattle Spew"

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## Health care reform now law, meaning it's time to move on

Perhaps you've heard about the new health care bill that recently passed through Congress and was signed by President Barack Obama Tuesday.

Of course you've heard about it – every news outlet is talking about it. Some of your friends have probably posted a Facebook status about it or even blogged to explain their views.

Health care never fails to raise a heated debate in politically diverse groups. Almost everyone has an opinion on the way health care should be administered in America, and if they don't, they are probably living under a rock.

Americans have definitely reacted strongly to this little bill.

A man named Jay Martin sent a Tweet to the president saying he should be assassinated. This is obviously an extreme case of the negative reactions toward the new reforms.

On the other side of the



**Pearl Howell**  
**Pearl before swine**

spectrum, Vice President Joe Biden whispered an encouraging – and possibly inappropriate – statement to Obama as he surrendered the podium to the president, leading to much public ridicule.

The statement: "This is a big [explicit] deal," he said to the president of the approved health care legislation.

Between these two very public and reactionary statements, there lies the American opinion. Some Americans don't even care, or they don't feel educated enough to care.

Most, however, have a very strong opinion.

This seems somewhat ridiculous. Since there is nothing to act on anymore, would they please stop complaining?

Certainly there will be court cases and alterations to current reforms, but they will be slow and painful processes.

Congress could take back the decision, but that too would take a great deal of time and effort.

If this issue matters so much to the average American, where were the calls, the e-mails and the letters flooding to the desks of state and national legislators? Certainly some wrote or called, but they could not possibly have all acted.

Where were the fundraisers, protests, marches and anti- or pro-health reform parties?

Once again, Americans have proven themselves to be

all about the complaint after the deed is done, but barely a peep, and certainly nothing to catch the media eye, while it is happening. Is there really any point in discussing it after the fact?

There is a time and a place for discussion, and for health care reform, that time has passed – so shut up and move on. If people really care, they already voiced their opinion, and therefore have nothing else to contribute.

The next time friends talk about health care, ask what they did to bring their feeling before their local or national legislature. If they gape or ask what you mean, you'll see what American representatives have to go on.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Bounty Hunter aims, misfires

By LAURA AIKEN  
Assistant Features Editor

The anticipated romantic comedy “The Bounty Hunter” involves loads of hunting, but ultimately leaves audience members feeling slighted, without any bounty or reward.

There’s the hunky, washboard-abbed Milo, a bounty hunter who is a former policeman and formerly married to a tight-skirted Nicole, a swanky news reporter.

They are pitted against one another in romantic combat when Milo has to bring his ex-wife to jail for skipping her court appearance for a traffic violation.

However, the only misdemeanor is the film itself.

Gerard Butler plays the crass bounty hunter who has obviously never seen a razor before in his life, and Jennifer Aniston embodies a news reporter who lets curtains of hair hang in her face, masking one of the former sitcom star’s best assets.

Immersed in some mediocre car chases, they take a quick ride through Atlantic City. All the while with these illustrious movie stars projecting vapid bickering and banter – neither of which is slightly sharp or remotely humorous.

A flat tire has more life than this insipid contrivance.

When Milo attempts to apprehend Nicole, orderly coincidences begin to surface, which are nauseatingly convenient.

Tattoo-parlor goons and gambling brokers pursue the pair because Milo has an unpaid gambling debt, and Nicole has top-secret information regarding an alleged NYPD suicide. Standard stuff.

The down-on-their-luck twosome begins to rekindle their blast from the past, while the hunter and his former wife are now the hunted. While witnessing the unromantic entanglements between Butler and Aniston, the audience suddenly becomes the prey.

Director Andy Tenant, also director of “Hitch,” has a long list of romantic com-

edies under his belt, and it’s doubtful this one will sit on top.

Comprised of cheesy quips and B-movie dialogue, Sarah Thorp’s nonsensical screenplay definitely did not deliver, dangling movie lovers from a tapering comedic thread.

Whatever happened to the intriguing battle-of-the-sexes scenarios?

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt charmed audiences with boisterous spark in their roughhouse scenes and combatant behavior in “Mr. and Mrs. Smith.”

In stark contrast, “The Bounty Hunter” leaves something to be desired, like chemistry between the lead actor and actress. Plus, observe how Jolie and Pitt’s careers are panning out – maybe Aniston and Butler, rumored to be dating in real life, should take notes. Also, if a real-life couple is unable to fake a pseudo-romance on screen, than maybe they should abstain from future romantic comedies together.

Ultimately, this movie is just an extended version of the trailer. In the beginning, Milo is embittered, dropping Aniston’s toothbrush in the toilet – while the audience drops like flies – and Nicole is vengeful, handcuffing Milo to the bed and using a Taser on him to make her grand escape. But all is fair in love and war, and the lackluster duo reconnects at the end, proving assumptions about the film to be true.

Peter Greene, the antagonist in the film, simply oozes with malevolence, identical to his role in “The Mask,” which would be an ideal character in a film that has a palatable plot filled with intrigue and conspiracy. What’s more, “The Bounty Hunter” incorporates cheap thrills and produces barely audible snickers from the audience. This film hushes even the loudest of crickets.

Instead of succumbing to this rapid flick, falling short in both the comedy and romance genres, watch “Dog, the Bounty Hunter” on A&E – same concept with an unparalleled reward. Plus, it’s time well spent.

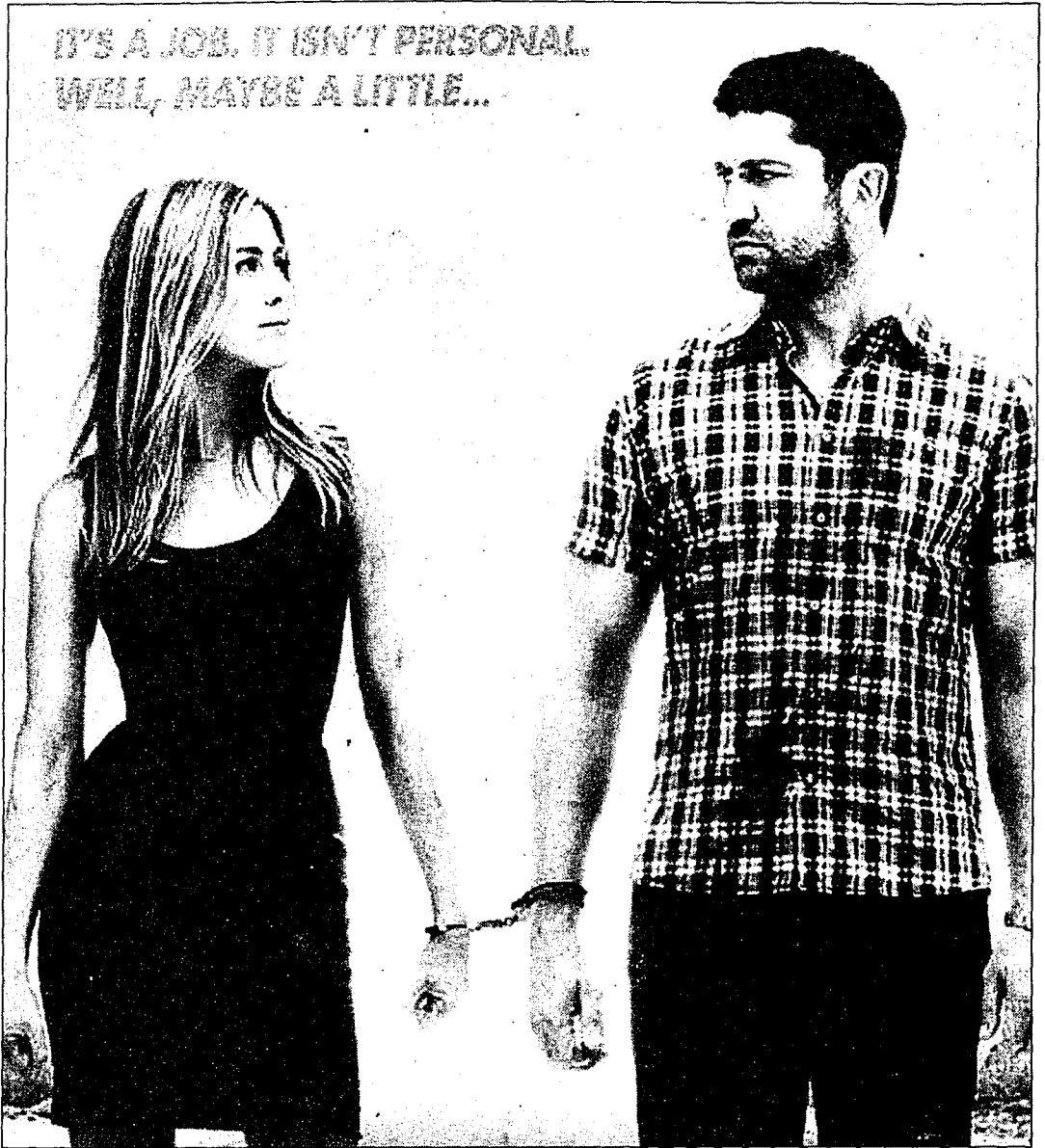


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## Cheers to Newsom

Joanna Newsom’s new album, ‘Have One On Me,’ makes for wonderful third addition

By MATTHEW HAMMIT  
Staff Writer

Up to the point at which Joanna Newsom released her grandiose third album, “Have One On Me,” her songs had been whimsical, occasionally heart-rending character sketches and quasi-fairy tales.

Newsom functions as a narrator or an entertained observer; any personal elements in her lyrics are enshrouded in dense wordplay and a powerful sense of narrative detachment.

But recently, more direct and confessional musical statements have been welling up inside her, waiting for her to gain the necessary confidence to reveal them.

“Have One On Me” is the moment at which untold years of pain and passion come rushing forth, and this time it is plain as day.

The sheer number of songs on the record exemplifies the amount of material that she acquired over the years: 18 songs that last more than two hours and that average 7 and a half minutes each in length.

The album’s title itself seems to be a tongue-in-cheek reference to its own lengthy ambition.

Lyricaly, the album seems heavily influenced by the end of Newsom’s romantic involvement with songwriter Bill Callahan.

Their split inspired Callahan to write one of the best breakup albums released in recent memory – 2009’s “Sometimes I Wish We Were an Eagle” — and has now provided Newsom with a muse to accomplish the same.

Her voice is solemn and her words lamenting from the record’s outset. In the opening song “Easy,” Newsom pines for a relationship she can never have.

“But one can’t carry the weight or change the fate of two,” she sings. “I’ve been waiting for a break, how long’s it gonna take – let me love you.”

Elsewhere on the album, her words take



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on a more direct tone. On “Go Long,” Newsom sets aside her lovelorn misery to dissect the reasons behind her lovers’ unapproachable nature.

But Newsom isn’t malicious or damning toward her distant partner. She lets the scope of her heartache speak for itself.

If the lyrics of the album are melancholy in nature, then the attending arrangements are appropriately bleak and spare.

Most sections of songs consist of only voice accompanying a harp or piano. Instrumental flourishes and orchestral movements that seemed showy and overly precious at times on her previous album “Ys” feel like natural evolutions of the songs on this album.

Newsom, who produced this album on her own, demonstrates a restraint in arrangement that serves the intimate atmosphere crafted by her lyrics.

In reality, the modifications to her singing voice were motivated as much by necessity (Newsom developed nodules on her vocal cords in the spring of 2009, which have limited her vocal range) as they were a desire to evolve artistically.

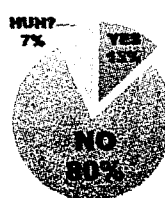
However, what Newsom’s voice sacrifices in quirkiness it adequately compensates for in beauty.



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# Student gives back on break

## Visit to Guatemalan orphanage provides new lease on life

By KATY COIL  
Staff writer

While most people think of Spring Break as a time to let loose and party on exotic beaches, there are some students who use this weeklong break as a way to give back to the community and do charitable works.

Mary Kirby, sophomore special education major, spent her Spring Break with her church group from Northeast Church in Hendersonville, Tenn. The group went to the Casa para Niños Aleluya orphanage located at the foot of the San Bartolomé Milpas Altas mountain range in Guatemala.

"The compound isn't at all what you would imagine a typical orphanage to be," Mary says. "Everyone worked together to keep the area nice and clean — they are a huge family."

The orphanage is raising about 400 orphaned Guatemalan children, many of whom have been physically and sexually abused. The organization was founded by Mike and Dottie Clark and relies solely on volunteer contributions to keep the orphanage running.

The compound at Casa Para Niños included dormitories, schools and other resources and aims to provide education for all of the children through college. Mary says she was immediately amazed by how the facilities were run and how pleasant the orphanage is.

"God has blessed it so much," Mary expresses. "They have an amazing system and everyone is faithful in



Photo courtesy of Mary Kirby  
MTSU sophomore, Mary Kirby, spends Spring Break with orphans in Guatemala, giving back to the world community.

their job."

The organization also has regular non-denominational worship services, which visiting groups get to participate in. Mary was amazed at the children's humbleness.

"I loved seeing the children and young adults worship God, unashamed," Mary says. "This praise is coming from children and young adults who have been abused, neglected and raped."

According to Mary, the humility of the children at the orphanage and those who work there was accentuated by the lack of modern convenienc-

es. She found the children there to be much different than those who live in the relative comfort of the U.S.

"They don't have the so-called luxuries we have," Mary explains. "I think their lives are better without them; They have TV, computers [and] MP3 players but they are not defined by them — They share."

One of the hardest parts of working at the orphanage for Mary was the gravity of the abuse many of the children had endured before coming there.

"The stories made my stomach hurt," she says. "It made me

sick to think of a little girl's own father raping her — I heard so many stories that would blow your mind."

Even though she has returned to the U.S., Mary brings back with her the story of these children and feelings of guilt about how many in the U.S. ignore situations, like the ones faced by the orphans in Guatemala, as they continue to happen all over the world.

"I brought back anguish, an overwhelming anguish," Mary says. "I am saddened at how selfish we are. I think about how thankful those kids

are and some have been stripped of something they will never have back; their innocence."

Mary hopes to help educate others about the situation in Guatemala and of abused children all over the world. She believes child sponsorship is one way to help underprivileged and exploited children all over the globe.

"The percent of children raped in Guatemala is astounding," she says. "Not just in there, but all over the globe."

Even though her stay was only a week long, Mary has brought back unforgettable lessons from Guatemala and the orphanage.

"I have a new perspective on the condition of the heart," she explains. "I anguish over the way people treat one another, and I now enjoy doing without even more."

Mary believes that her mission at Casa Para Niños is far from over. She intends to continue her involvement with the charity as a new purpose in life.

"I plan to go back by myself," she says. "I want to love on those kids all day with no distractions."

Mary feels it is important for other students to experience things outside their comfort zone in order to grow as people. She also believes those who take time out to volunteer will have life changing experiences, just like the one she had in Guatemala.

"It doesn't compare to the beach," Mary says. "You can't put a price tag on life change — be it in your life or the lives of others."



Photo by Meagan McCann, staff photographer

Rutherford County homes were left in ruins after the ferocious cyclones tore through the area, leaving many residents without a home or a prayer.

## Funnel's aftermath lingers

By CATHERINA DAVIDSON  
Contributing Writer

Two people died, dozens injured and more than 250 houses were destroyed in the tornado that hit Murfreesboro April 10, 2009.

Some of the people involved are still trying to put the pieces back together more than ten months later. Others have moved, but will never forget what happened to them.

"Where I used to live is now just an empty lot, a mini barn and a Camaro," says Kim Lane, as she relived that tragic day almost a year ago.

Kim had just stopped into Walmart for some quick last minute Easter shopping when her life was changed forever.

Her son, William, had called to tell her that the skies that were just moments ago blue and filled with fluffy clouds, were now gray and that she needed to go home, her youngest daughter Carolyn was at home alone.

She went up to the self-checkout line, thinking it would be faster, and right as she was about to grab her last bag, the manager locked the front door. A tornado was coming, and it was too dangerous to let anyone outside.

Hearing that, his mother was not going to be able to make it home, William Lane grabbed his keys and he and his girlfriend raced over to his house to make sure his little sister was safe, she had no knowledge of the tornado that was on its way.

He ran in the door, and sent his girlfriend and his sister, Carolyn, to the bathroom with things to protect themselves and by the time he closed the bathroom door — about seven minutes after he entered the house — the tornado arrived.

"Carolyn, who was 14 at the time, had

no idea anything was going on," Kim says. "She was sitting in the living room watching TV."

The living room wall was ripped off the house.

"Had William not come in, Carolyn would have still been sitting on that sofa," she says.

The doors of Walmart opened after about 20 minutes.

Kim had already finished checking out and immediately headed home to check on her family. She talked to her daughter, who said the house had been hit.

Kim assumed Carolyn was talking about William's girlfriend's house, since that was where William was.

Kim's husband, Rick, who had just been deployed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma and about to go to Iraq with the National Guard in a few weeks, called her and told her the tornado hit their house.

Kim drove up to her house and saw something she could never have imagined — the Camaro her husband and son just finished working on was flipped over on the front porch, the chimney had fallen through the roof and onto her daughters bed and the walls on both ends of her house were completely gone.

The only room in the house that wasn't damaged by the tornado was the bathroom her children were in.

"When I got there, I broke down," Kim says as her eyes fill with tears. "It was more that I thought I was going to see — and to think that your kids were actually in there, it was really tough."

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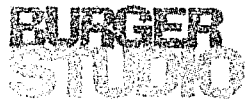












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