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Student places second at guitar competition

MTSU guitar student Salome Sandoval won second prize in the Boston Classical Guitar Society Competition held Nov. 7-8, at Northeastern University in Boston.

Competitors in this competition included conservatory students from throughout the United States, particularly from Boston, New York and Cincinnati, Ohio.

This is the third competition prize that Salome has won this year. In February, she won first prize at the Beethoven Club Guitar Competition in Memphis, and in October, first prize in the Southern Arts Guitar Competition at Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg.

Writing Center to hold benefit show

The Boro Bar and Grill and the University Writing Center is hosting a benefit rock show featuring Simon Brawl and Z28 on Nov. 18 at 9 p.m.

Also playing is Nashville's The Lipstick Killers. The UWC is a place where students are encouraged to come in order to get help with their writing.

Located on the third floor of Peck Hall, the UWC is a free, one-on-one tutoring service in an informal environment, staffed by 10 graduate students from the English department.

The UWC is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information about the University Writing Center, call 904-8237.

Japanese students to hold meeting

The Japanese Students and Friends Association is hosting an organizational meeting Friday in the Keathley University Center, Room 313, at 5 p.m.

The group will have a guest speaker discussing teaching English in Japan and free forum discussion.

Those interested in Japanese language, culture, travels, international economics, exchange programs, manga and anime are encouraged to attend.

Health services offering flu vaccinations

Flu shots will be given to MTSU faculty, staff, students and their families from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18-20 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 109.

Flu shots will be \$12 cash or check.

Appointments can be made by calling or e-mailing Linda Lawrence (lawrence@mtsu.edu) at 615-898-5950. ♦

Faculty, staff shushed by administrators

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

At least one university official has instructed her staff not to discuss the sexual harassment complaint filed Oct. 6 against university President Sidney McPhee.

Allegations of similar instructions have come from at least one other department.

Executive Vice President and Provost Kaylene Gebert confirmed that she instructed her staff not to discuss the ongoing investigation by the Tennessee

Board of Regents into the complaint.

"We are bound by TBR policy, which tells us we must be protective of privacy of those involved," Gebert said.

"And any comments about the situation come from the Board of Regents because they are the ones in charge of the investigation."

This comes on the eve of the decision by Chancellor Tom Gray of Gallatin whether to allow the Tennessee Board of Regents to release the details of the complaint.

The complaint was retracted Oct. 14, and two days later, Chancellor Robert Corlew III of Rutherford County issued a restraining order to stop the TBR from releasing the details.

Gray will hear the case of *Jane Doe v. TBR* today at 1 p.m. at the Rutherford County Courthouse on the square. The hearing is open to the public.

"The Faculty Senate is not directly addressing this issue because there is an ongoing investigation," said Dan Pfeifer, president of Faculty Senate and associate professor in the

recording industry program. "There is nothing official that the senate has done in this regard."

Another university staff group isn't sure they should discuss about the complaint.

"We haven't had any meetings," Georganne Ross, president of the Association of Faculty and Administrative Women. "I don't really know if this is an issue for us."

A university official under Robert Glenn, vice president for student affairs, said that he told his staff not to discuss the com-

plaint against McPhee.

The alleged instruction came at a meeting on Oct. 23.

However, Gene Fitch, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of student life, denied ever hearing Glenn instruct his faculty to keep silent.

Gebert said that she did not tell Glenn or any other university administrator to give such an instruction, "but they all know TBR policy, which is what governs how we are to respond." ♦

Drinking studied at colleges



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

A recent study by Harvard University showed college campuses with a diverse student body decreases the amount of binge drinking among students.

Diversity decreases binges

Problem drinking rates higher for white males

By Nona Kempton
Staff Writer

Diversity on American college campuses decreases the amount of binge drinking by high-risk students, according to a Harvard University study published this month.

Results of the study indicate that the binge drinking rates for white, male and underage students were significantly lower in schools that had more minority, female and older students. Students who do not binge drink in high school are less likely to start binge drink-

ing at colleges with more minorities and older students, the study said.

The research, conducted by Henry Wechsler and Meichun Kuo of the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study, was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and reported in the November issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. The study used data from surveys from 114 colleges from 1993, 1997, 1999 and 2001.

"African American, Asian, female and older students have lower rates of binge drinking than do white, male and younger students," according to the study.

See Drinking, 2

Mexican activists talk free trade

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Three Mexican activists will stop on campus as a part of their speaking tour to discuss issues of free trade in Central and South America.

The Tennessee Economic Renewal Network organized this speaking tour in response to the Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting in Miami Nov. 20.

Middle Tennessee Solidarity sponsors the three activists' visit to campus today at 6 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 304.

"[TERN] sponsor trips down for American workers to go down and see what conditions are like in Mexican factories," said Michael Principe, Solidarity faculty advisor.

Josefina Hernandez Ponce is leader of the Independent Union of Mex Mode Company Workers in Puebla, Mexico.

Ponce and other employees built an independent democratic union in an area of Mexico where factory owners can be hostile to unions.

Huberto Juárez Nuñez is a

noted Mexican economist and analyst of collective bargaining in the Mexican auto industry.

Nuñez teaches economics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Puebla and has published two books on the garment and textile industry. He is also the economic advisor to the union of Volkswagen workers in Mexico.

Lourdes Lujan is an organizer with the Environmental Health Coalition, which has protested environmental pollution caused by factories in Mexico.

"An argument you will sometimes hear [about free trade] is that people in Mexico will profit from these jobs," Principe said. "What these activists are going to say is that the effects of North American Free Trade Agreement are pretty bad on Mexico."

Principe encouraged all students interested in the issues of free trade to come out and hear what these activists have to say.

"I hope that there is some discussion, maybe have some thought about positions they have previously held," Principe said. ♦

Status of health care in America examined

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of sociology and anthropology Foster Amey discussed the problems with the American health care system during Monday's Honors Lecture.

The preamble to the constitution of the World Health Organization describes good health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease," Amey said.

"The World Health Organization is saying that being in good health goes beyond being without disease," Amey explained.

Amey said that economic, social, psychological and environmental factors were among the most important to good health.

Being unhealthy can hurt a person's employment, income and productivity. Social factors include interaction with others and community life. Personal worries and low self-esteem can adversely affect psychological health.

Environmental factors refer to public health as a whole. One example Amey gave was the breakout of SARS over the summer. Public health is immensely important, Amey said.

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Market place of ideas questioned in lecture

By Liz Karlson
Staff Writer

Seigenthaler Lecturer John Durham Peters from the University of Iowa lectured students on "The Rise and Fall of the Marketplace of Ideas," on Monday.

"One of the things about this notion about the market place of ideas, is that everyone seems to use it ... journalists use it, lawyers use it, the Supreme Court uses it ... it's one of those words that everyone seems to agree upon," Peters said.

Peters claims there are a few main ideas that the public has about the free marketplace, such as that it is often compared between communication and economics. He explained the main metaphor of the marketplace suggests that both communication and economics work best when they are without restriction, and both have a place to be discussed, like a public forum.

Peter explained that even though this theory has been highly accepted, that the overall result, the best idea winning through competition, may not always be

true. "Another aspect of the marketplace is the idea of a happy ending," Peters said. "A lot of people think under a market place of ideas, the truth will win out in the end ... Although I appreciate optimism, I like to be realistic, and the world doesn't run on ideas."

Although the words "marketplace of ideas" has been claimed to have been traced back to the 1600s and 1700s with John Stuart Mill and John Milton, the phrase wasn't actually used until the 1930s

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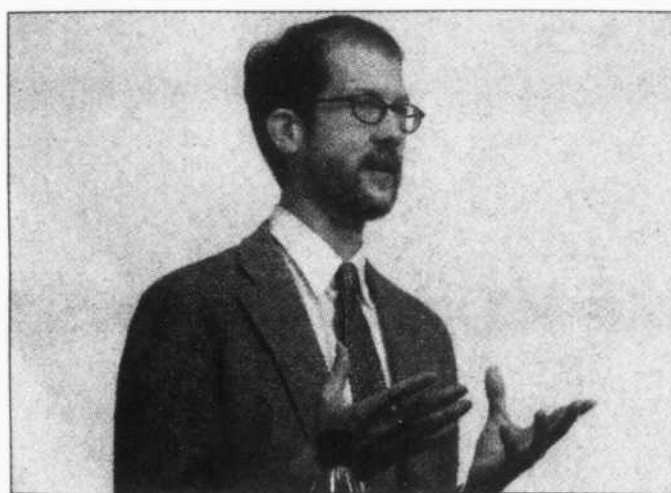


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John Durham Peters lectures about the marketplace of ideas at the Seigenthaler lecture on Monday.

Drinking: Minorities have positive effect on white males, study says

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According to Dennis Snow of the institutional research department at MTSU is 54 percent female, 46 percent male, 17 percent minority, and three percent are over the age of 25. Having more minorities and women on campus seems to have a positive effect on young, white male students, who as a sub-group of the student population engages most frequently in binge drinking, the study results indicated.

The researchers define binge or heavy episodic drinking as the consumption of at least 5 drinks in a row for men and 4 drinks in a row for women.

Kim Godwin, MTSU director of Greek Life, said she does

not like the term binge drinking, which she described as vague.

"Is that in an hour, over the course of an evening, over 12 hours?" Godwin asked. "I don't think we should label people as 'binge drinkers' if we don't have a clear definition of what that is. I have a real issue with the terminology."

Sarah Sudak, director of Residence Life at MTSU, said she thought the findings did not really have relevance to MTSU since alcohol is not permitted on campus.

"You need to decide what are your priorities," Sudak said. "In terms of, are you going to make housing assignments to reduce binge drinking or are you going to make housing assignments

based on academic programs or date of application."

Sudak said MTSU is focused on the academic mission in regards to housing assignments. MTSU has 21 residence halls and apartment complexes. Some housing assignments in Cummings Hall and Scarlett Commons are based on declared majors, such as aerospace or recording industry management.

"We believe by clustering students with a similar major that will have an impact on drinking since you are academically focused on your major," Sudak said.

She questioned whether implementing a policy in housing assignments of older students in an attempt to mentor

younger students about drinking would be practical.

"Tell me what older student is going to want to move into a high-rise with a community bathroom to be a lower-drinking role model for white male students," Sudak said.

Godwin said, based on her personal experiences on college campuses, that she agrees that interaction with people of diverse backgrounds could reduce drinking.

"If there are more women on campus and a more diverse population on campus, and a broader range of activities occurring," Godwin said, "then there are more opportunities to have fun other than going out to a bar."

A member of a campus

sorority, who preferred to remain anonymous, said while there is no alcohol at the mixers between the fraternities and sororities, she knows there are students who drink.

"People are going to drink, it's a personal decision," she said. "But most of the guys do try to be respectful around the women."

Godwin said that the fraternities and sororities actively recruit minority members, and that all the organizations engage in education about alcohol responsibility each year. She said she does think that it would benefit younger students to interact more with older students on campus.

"Having relationships with people who have been through

some of these issues, who have learned the life lessons can really be helpful," Godwin said.

Tyler Smith, a junior who does not drink, said he doesn't believe most students are intent on getting drunk at every social occasion.

"It's just more of a fun thing to do," Smith said. "Just going out with friends, drinking isn't a necessity, it's just an activity."

Dr. Pat Spangler of MTSU Health Services said that he does occasionally see medical problems associated with heavy drinking.

"It's not very often, but we do see alcohol-related injuries," Spangler said. "Broken bones and cuts mostly. Some people tend to lose their judgment and do some stupid things." ♦

Lecture: Health insurance difficult to get for disadvantaged

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Governments have to find ways to fix the problem and keep the populace from panicking if there is an outbreak, she explained.

Amey then described five health care systems.

Private services are a form of extreme capitalism in which money is paid in full when services are rendered and everything is privately owned.

Public good refers to an extreme social form of health care in which all fees for any medical service would be paid

for through taxes.

The single payer system is being used in Canada and some European countries. In this system, everyone has at least minimum coverage paid for by taxes and doctors are reimbursed for their services.

Third party fee-for-service refers to private, public and employer based insurance.

Managed care, the last form discussed, refers to services like Medicare in which a third party intervenes and decides whether or not an operation will be performed and paid for. Amey believed this is where the prob-

lem lie in the U.S. health care system.

"The pocketbook is what is high on the minds of most people," he said. "Perhaps the cost element that weighs most heavily on people's minds is prescription drugs."

The research necessary to make effective drugs takes years, and the process to get the drugs approved for medical use only adds to the time span. Amey said that this was why the drug companies had such high prices on many popular drugs, to make profits as fast as possible before something better comes

out.

"The HMOs and the drug companies are not interested in preventative health," he said.

He noted that many states were recognizing that crossing the border into Canada would be a cheaper alternative to buying drugs in the America.

When it came to the uninsured, Amey was quick to point out that those who are uninsured are not to blame for not having insurance, because they don't have jobs.

"That is not the case," Amey said.

Sixty percent of the unin-

sured have full-time jobs, but the businesses may find insurance too expensive to offer their employees.

Social position, including gender, race and class, also create disadvantages for many seeking insurance.

"Personally, I think we could practice a kind of social insurance which would form minimum increases in taxes," Amey said. ♦

Seigenthaler: Glamour, splash can win over truth, says lecturer

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and didn't come into real use until two decades later, Peters said.

Not only was the word developed much later, but the very men who historians say came up with these ideas, have a totally different view on the freedom of ideas when studied more closely, he said.

Even though Mill and Milton supposedly came up with the beginnings of the idea for a "free marketplace of ideas," Peters said both were scared of the outcome.

Peters claimed Milton never thought this concept would guarantee truth or freedom, and that Mill thought this idea produced glamour, public relations, splash and not necessarily

truth. Peters said the so-called creators actually had less faith in the system, and that the competition could be won by smooth talkers and loudmouths, not necessarily the best idea.

In conclusion, Peters said that the metaphor for the marketplace of ideas is too simple.

"We live in a tragic world and its not about voices, its

about power," Peters said.

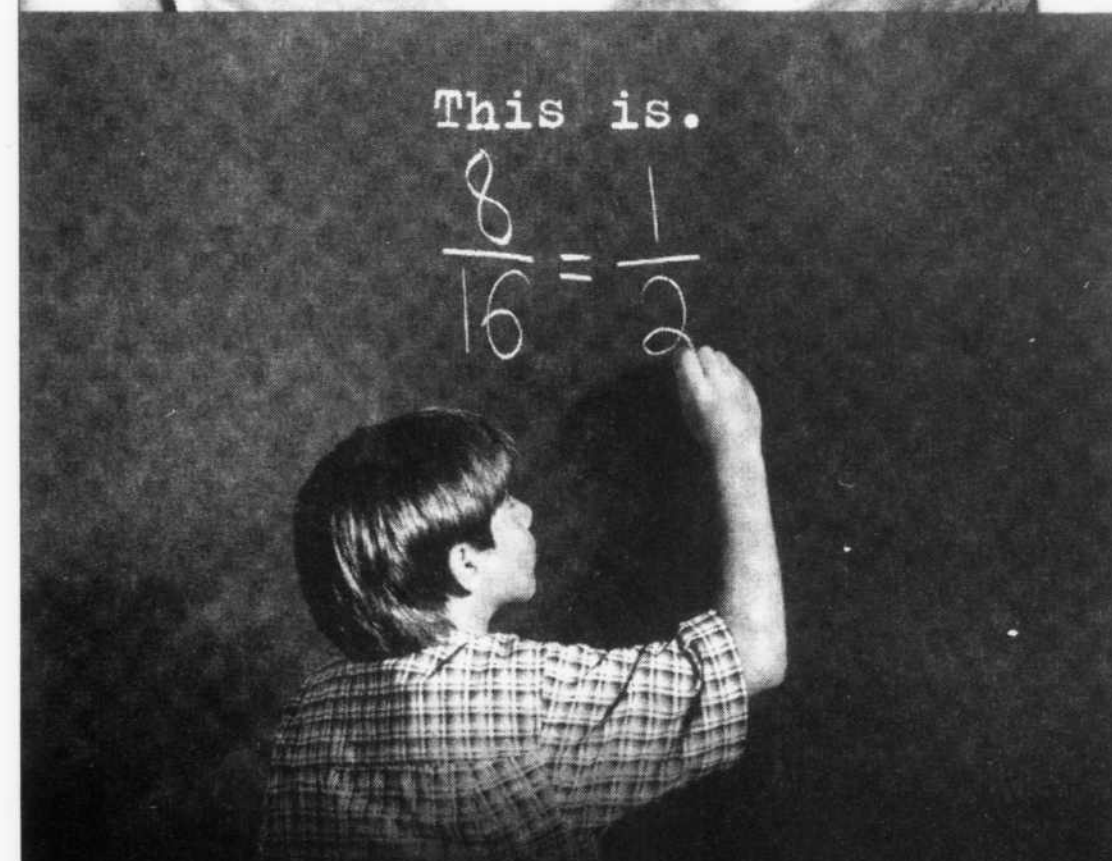
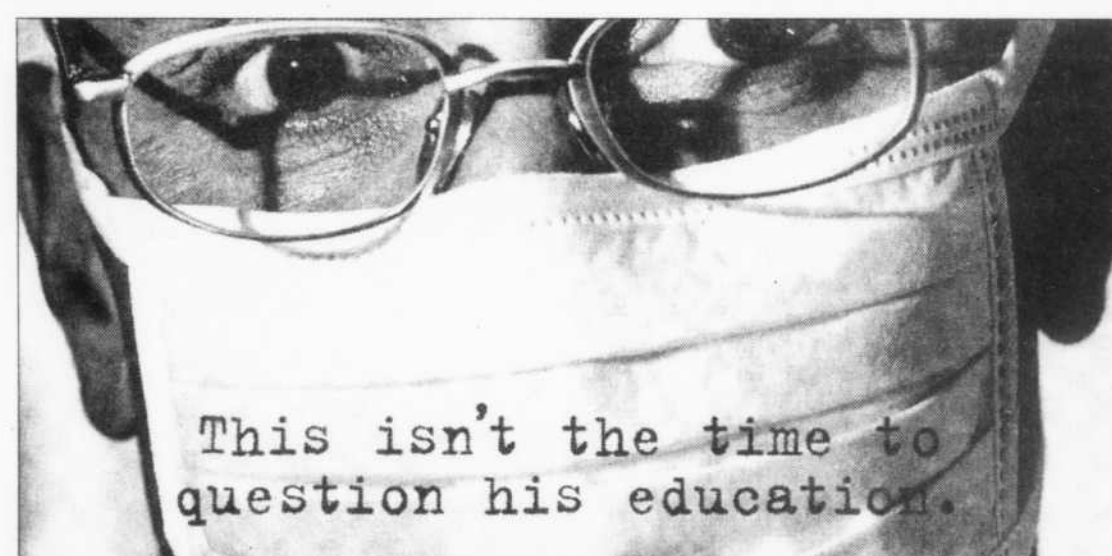
MTSU students had overall positive responses to the lecture. Freshman Andy Scott was interested by Peters' lecture.

"I thought his views were interesting," Scott said. "It's nice to know that not everyone is a liberal. I like how he talks about bringing back morality and righteousness, and I am a firm believer in that."

Senior Brien Lutes also said the lecture was compelling.

"It was very interesting how he showed the metaphor of the free market place of ideas is very much on the decline," Lutes said.

"New ideas, perhaps like the World Wide Web and the network of ideas may be the new direction it's going to take." ♦



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FCC to regulate cell phone numbers

By Natalie J. Mikhail
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — As many people in the United States give up their home phones to use only their cell phones, the Federal Communications Commission is working to give users the ability to transfer their home numbers to their wireless phones.

Beginning Nov. 24, cell phone carriers must allow consumers to take their cell phone numbers with them if they switch carriers. On Monday, the FCC also approved requiring local phone companies to allow customers to switch their home or business numbers to wireless

phones by Nov. 24.

The only limitation is that the wired phone the consumer wants to switch must be in the wireless carrier's local calling area, as is typically true with the big phone service providers. This means that the user cannot take the number to a cell provider across the country.

However, many local phone companies have resisted the move.

Three of the four regional Bells, including SBC, BellSouth and Qwest, have said they should only have to transfer numbers if their customer's phone and the new wireless provider's call routes are in the same local area, significantly

limiting the number of consumers eligible.

These Bell companies say they do not have an equal chance to attract wireless customers to switch numbers to traditional phones because mobile company local calling areas are much larger than theirs.

SBC Senior Vice President James Smith has said they are anxious to understand how the FCC has resolved some very complex implementation, compliance and state regulatory issues in a way that is fair to customers, the providers and all parties involved.

"In preparation for the change, SBC Communications

Inc. encourages customers to thoroughly research their decision before deciding to switch or to 'cut the cord' altogether," Smith said in a statement Monday. "For customers who want reliability, convenience, security and access to essential emergency service, we encourage customers to keep both their wireless and wireline services."

According to research firms, about 5.8 million people have cut off wired home phone service to rely only on their cell phones.

University of Wisconsin junior Lauren Arnold says she ditched her apartment phone to use only her cell phone because

it offered a better deal. She adds that the ability to switch the number would be easier.

"It simplifies life," Arnold said. "It's a huge problem to tell everyone you know that you have a new number."

Arnold says she has about 400 people's phone numbers and that contacting every one of them to let them know of a new number is "ridiculous."

Most of the FCC's five commissioners say they are leaning toward the proposal, which is the last unresolved piece of a broad plan to let consumers shop for better phone deals without having to get a new number if they decide to switch providers.

Initially, FCC staff recommended limiting the regulation of home-to-cell number transfers to cases where the number and wireless equipment are in the same local calling area. A separate proceeding, which could take up to a year to complete, would have resolved the Bells' cell-to-home issue.

However, many FCC officials now admit that there is little demand to switch numbers from wireless back to regular phones.

They say the billing issue can be resolved while number transfers from traditional to wireless phones begin. ♦

Visa requirements restrict international-student enrollment

By Virginia Zignego
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — International-student enrollment at U.S. colleges and universities increased by less than one percent for the 2002-03 school year, which is attributed to stricter student visa rules enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Institute of International Education said in its annual report that international enrollment increased by 0.6 percent last year. In the two previous academic years, foreign enrollment had increased by 6.4 percent.

In a separate survey, the IIE

said 46 percent of the surveyed U.S. colleges reported a decrease in foreign enrollment in the current year.

Although the University of Wisconsin admitted more freshmen this year than any past year, foreign enrollment declined by one percent.

In the 2002-03 school year, there were 3,614 international students at UW; 3,580 students from 105 countries were enrolled for the fall semester.

The IIE attributes the low enrollment increase rate to tightened visa procedures, which may deter students from trying to attend college in the United States or prevent students from entering the coun-

try.

These new procedures require U.S. State Department officials to conduct personal interviews with international students and faculty and staff before they can acquire travel documents to enter the country.

UW has taken a number of steps to aid its foreign students in entering the country.

In July, a task force was created to address the issue and attempt to ease logistical issues for foreign students.

The task force is led by Virginia Shapiro, associate vice chancellor for teaching and learning.

"Our strong, vibrant interna-

tional community helps make UW-Madison a great university," Shapiro said in a press release.

Laura Patrick, treasurer of UW's Malaysian Student's Association, pointed out that these visa restrictions can greatly affect a student.

"A lot of students live in fear with the thought of not being able to enter the U.S. again once they leave the country," Patrick said. "Because of this, many [students], especially the males, are forced to stay here in the U.S. until our graduation to avoid such circumstances."

Since the stricter visa restrictions requiring personal interviews with State Department officials were put in place in

July, some believe next year's enrollment impact will truly show the figures on colleges and universities.

"The problems a potential international student would have getting into the country probably isn't a great incentive to study here," Robert Ray, UW assistant dean and academic and student affairs administrator, said. "But the telling year will be next year."

Patrick concurs that the difficulties in entering the country are not appealing to international students.

"Those who are willing to take the risk [of re-entering the country] have to go through tedious inspections at their

respective entry points, and to be honest, it is rather discouraging to think of the fact that the federal agents actually see you as a potential terrorist," Patrick said.

Shapiro also said in the press release that it is important for the entire Madison community to understand the issues facing the international community.

"Most of the time, it is the locals who find it hard to become integrated with the international students. A lot of the local students who attend UW have never interacted with people who are different (from them) and therefore choose not to," Patrick said. ♦

Electronic media marketed to children

By Nick Zombolas
Daily Illini

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — It is not unusual to walk down the hallway of a residence hall at the University of Illinois and see one or more students pounding away on a video game controller or flipping through TV channels.

However, children are now turning to video games and television at a very young age. This is the result of a boom in electronic media for children between the ages of zero and six.

It is easy to become involved in a video game or television because the game or program can stimulate a pleasure center in the brain, according to *Psychology Guide*, published by the Houghton Mifflin Company.

"Infants are able to process some of what they see [on TV] and find it interesting," psychology professor Renee Baillargeon said. "Babies are able to reason with simple events they see on TV."

Many video games are geared toward smaller children. These include movies such as *The Lion King*, *Shrek*, *Harry Potter* and *Toy Story*.

Sony Computer Entertainment America, Inc. has many children's games available for their game consoles Playstation and Playstation 2. One game being released this month is *NEOPETS: The Darkest Faerie*. This game, created by Sony, Neopets.com and other supporting companies, is based on a popular Web site where many children can adopt and raise an online-cartoon pet.

According to a recent press release by Sony, the company has decided to release the game

because "Neopets.com is the fastest growing youth community in the world." By having a video game based on the same Web site, many children might spend some of their time raising a cartoon pet on their gaming system.

Many electronic and interactive games are also available for infants and toddlers. These games, often hand-held, can help a young child learn the alphabet, counting, reading, writing, math and even geography. Popular games include the Leap Frog Library by Leap Frog and an Active Learning Pad by Active Pad.

Another company that makes electronic games for children is Electronic Arts, which is an electronics company known for their sports and other kinds of video games. Electronic Arts is the creator of the *Harry Potter* video game and also the series of *The Sims* games for personal computer. This game gives children and older crowds the chance to create a family and help them perform their daily tasks.

There are also games available for infants and toddlers that are played on a computer. As a result, toddlers and infants are learning how to use computers at a young age. Seventy percent of children ages four to six have used a computer and slightly under half of those children use a computer every day, according to an Oct. 28 study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

The foundation, headed by president and CEO Drew Altman, is an organization that conducts research to find information on health care in the United States. According to a recent study conducted by Altman and the foundation, children ages zero to six

spend about 58 minutes a day using screen media, like television, and only 39 minutes a day reading or being read to. Sixty-eight percent of children under two years of age use screen media every day, according to the study.

People might wonder if this exposure to TV is at all beneficial to a small child. University psychology professor Karl Rosengren does not believe there are any benefits.

Of the surveyed parents of children ages zero to six, 43 percent of parents believe television helps a child's learning and 27 percent believe it hurts a child's learning, according to the Kaiser study.

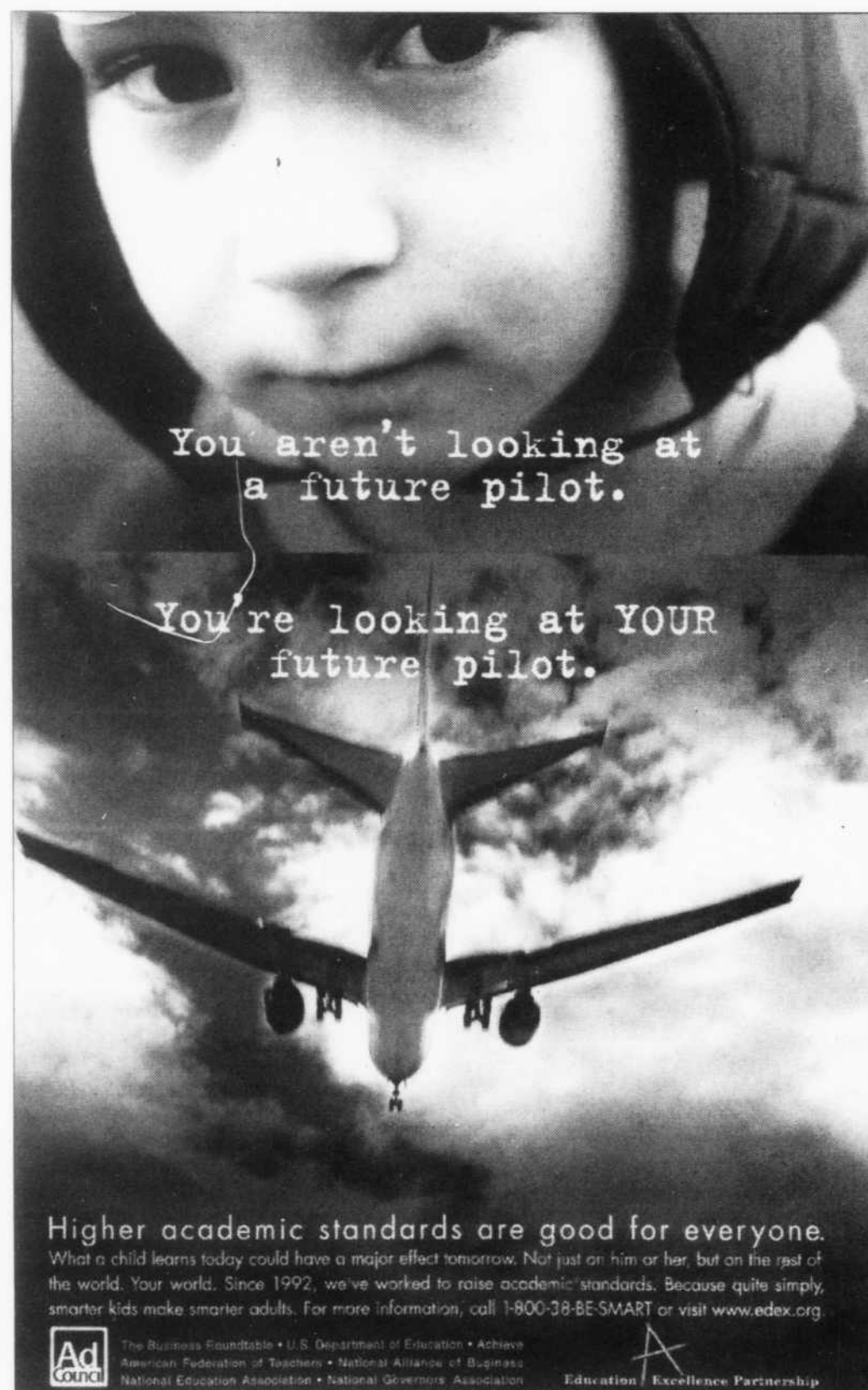
In addition, 30 percent of children ages zero to three have a TV in their bedroom and 43 percent of children ages four to six have one in their bedroom.

"I as a parent would never have a TV in a child's bedroom," Rosengren said.

Kaiser's study also showed 56 percent to 77 percent of children between ages two and six watch television every day; however, only 24 percent to 36 percent of children in that age range know how to read.

"We don't have TVs and things like that for the kids at the Child Development Lab," Brent McBride, director of the Child Development Lab, said.

The Kaiser study also showed that, in addition to watching Arthur the aardvark or cartoons on TV, videos and DVDs are becoming more popular for younger children. Thirty percent of children ages zero to six have 20 to 49 videos/DVDs at home while only 24 percent of those children have 20-49 books at home. ♦



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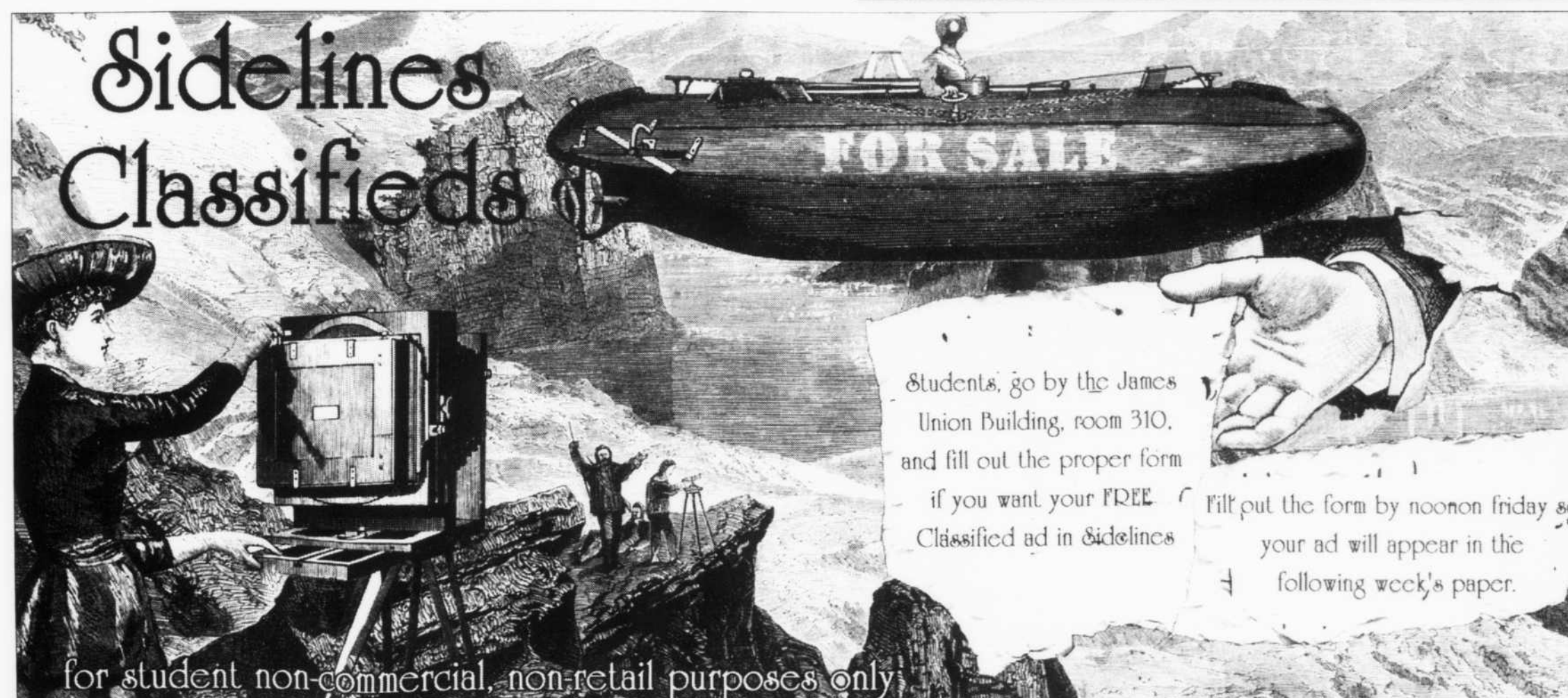
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Don't silence the staff

Above all else, a university should be a place where open discussion of important topics and events can occur.

But it seems someone wants to stifle the exchange when it's about sexual harassment allegations against MTSU President Sidney McPhee.

Sidelines has confirmed that Executive Vice President and Provost Kaylene Gebert told her staff that they were not to speak of the investigation. In addition, another university official under Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Glenn said that Glenn gave his staff a similar directive in an emergency meeting held shortly after *Sidelines* published a story confirming an assistant to McPhee filed the complaint.

However, our source in the office requested to go unnamed due to job security fears.

Placing a gag order on people directly involved in legal wrangling is one thing; instructing entire groups of staff to keep their mouths shut on the president's alleged misdeeds is another – and is an egregious violation of the spirit of the university.

Conversations taking place in the corridors of the Cope Administration Building, the Keathley University Center, on the telephone or anywhere else between staff members is no business of the provost or any university staff member.

Being an MTSU employee does not revoke one's right to discuss the situation. If anything, the concept that a university is a place of free, unfettered discussion should encourage staff members to talk.

In addition, ordering silence on such a sensitive and important topic can create an atmosphere of tolerance for incidents such as the allegations against McPhee. If a person is told that he or she should not speak of the allegations against McPhee, what kind of precedent does that set should this person feel they need to file a complaint against another person of authority?

University officials are playing a dangerous game by trying to silence employees. There is a dangerous precedent being set. Those of us who believe in freedom of speech and the idea that all persons (even those at the top of the administrative food chain) are accountable for their actions won't stand for it. ♦

Pay attention: Unplug yourself from 'The Meatrix'

Ramblings of a Madwoman



Shana Hammaker
Staff Columnist

Have you heard of the Meatrix? Do you know what the Meatrix is?

As explained in the short animation of the same name, the Meatrix is the lies we tell ourselves about where our meat and dairy products come from.

The Meatrix, an adorable, yet nauseating short film taking the online world by storm, stars Leo, a lovable pig who thinks he lives on a pleasant *Charlotte's Web*-style family farm until he meets a mysterious cow named Moopheus.

Moopheus gives him a choice: Eat the blue pill and continue to live in the fantasy world, or eat the red pill and learn the truth about the Meatrix. Leo chooses the red pill, and his life is changed forever.

Once unplugged from

the Meatrix, Leo sees the ghastly truth. His comfortable family farm is nothing more than an industrial nightmare, a densely-packed factory farm. Row upon row of sickly pigs squeal for freedom from their cages, which are so small, they have no room to turn around. Moopheus explains that this horrible reality is what the Meatrix – the lies we hear and tell ourselves – hides.

Most of the meat we buy in the grocery stores is "produced" in factory farms. Many of the animals that wind up on our dinner plates have never seen the sun, never touched the ground and have been fed a steady diet of antibiotics and hormones that we then take into our bodies.

Most Americans – myself included – buy our meat and dairy products from our neighborhood grocery stores (or Wal-Mart, Kroger or some other chain).

The meat is pre-cut, the milk pasteurized. It never really enters our heads that

these products, these commodities, were once living, breathing creatures. We don't give much thought to how the conditions in which they were "grown" affects our health or the health of our communities.

We don't see or think about these things because we're plugged into the Meatrix.

I was forcibly unplugged several years ago when I lived in Ohio. My local newspaper, *The Toledo Blade*, did a week-long expose on the business practices of a chicken farming company that had recently moved to Ohio from Germany.

The farm was about 100 miles from my house, so I had never heard of it. Apparently, the company had been banned from the European Union because of the impact their business practices had on the community in which they had previously farmed, – practices that were already beginning to anger their Ohio community.

The company ran their

farm on the model of a factory. The commodity the company sold was eggs, so the chickens didn't need to have room to move around. They squeezed as many chickens as they possibly could into tiny cages in what were essentially warehouses. Unfortunately for the community, however, this phenomenal concentration of chickens also meant a phenomenal concentration of chicken poop, as well as a phenomenal increase in bugs.

It seemed the company could not match the pace of their waste removal with the speed of the chickens' waste production. There were huge deposits of chicken waste on their land, which attracted flies, beetles and other bugs that, according to community members, were overwhelming the city.

Ironically, I read the expose while eating an egg breakfast at a local eatery.

I thought, surely my scrambled eggs did not come from that chicken

hell. The article was careful to point out, however, that many national egg distributors bought eggs from this company, and that it is the egg distributor whose name is on the egg cartons, not the egg producer, so there would be no way to know if your eggs came from this or any other factory farm.

Such is the nature of the Meatrix.

There is information out there on factory farms, and there are alternative options, but the information can be hard to find, and organic dairy and meat products can be prohibitively expensive for most people, especially students.

However, we all need to be unplugged from the fantasy that is the Meatrix. Don't be afraid. Unplug yourself.

Take the red pill and see what the real world looks like. ♦

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Dems get free pass on race

Common Sense



Randall Thomason
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Adolf Hitler once claimed that the masses are more likely to believe a big lie than a small lie.

His theory was proven correct as he successfully convinced many Germans that their problems were the fault of Jews.

There is a big lie being told today in America, and it's time that the lie stops. That lie is the Democrats' claim that they are the party of racial equality, and that Republicans are mere descendants of past lynch mobs.

It's a lie fostered by the media and the Republican Party's unwillingness to hold Democrats accountable for their words and actions.

Exhibit A is current Democratic presidential nominee Howard Dean. He stirred the pot of controversy last week by claiming that he "wanted to be the candidate for guys with Confederate flags on their pickup trucks."

However, that controversy has quickly fizzled.

Let's imagine that Dean's comment had been made by President George W. Bush while out on the campaign trail; he would have been barbecued. Sen. Trent Lott-style by Democrats and the media for his heartless and cruel attempt to resurrect such a symbol of racism and intolerance.

Aside from a few angry remarks from other Democrats seeking the presidency, there has been no uproar over Dean's comments, and if Dean had already secured the nomination, those who did voice disapproval would have kept silent as well.

I don't think there was any malice behind Dean's comment, but I also don't think there was malice behind Lott's earlier com-

ments at Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday bash.

There is a double standard in society, and it is fueled by the perception that the Democrats are above reproach when the subject is race.

Exhibit B is history. What percentage of Americans do you think could correctly say that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 wouldn't have passed through Congress without Republican votes?

In fact, a larger percentage of Republicans voted for that act than did Democrats.

One of the most notable members of the Senate who voted no on the 1964 legislation was Al Gore, Sr.

Don't you think if George W. Bush's father had voted against that legislation, most Americans would know about it?

That's all we would have heard about in the 2000 election. Democrats would have labeled the entire Bush family as racially intolerant and backwards.

But, because it was Al Gore's dad who voted against it, not a peep was made.

Exhibit C is the current fiasco going on in the Senate as Democrats continue to invoke a filibuster to block Bush's judicial nominees.

The current nominee being attacked by Democrats is Janice Rogers Brown.

She has been appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and Democrats are throwing out the all-too-common vernacular, labeling her as a "right-wing extremist" and "out of the mainstream."

I guess that means Brown's support of individual property rights, her opposition to partial birth abortion and her desire to uphold the Constitution are out of the mainstream.

Brown was the first black woman to sit on the California Supreme Court. Normally, Democrats would hail her as a hero

who broke down.

So, why do the Democrats in Congress not praise and laud her?

Simple – she is a conservative, and Democrats hate black conservatives.

Democrats know that if they ever lost their vast support from blacks, they would cease to exist as a party, so the last thing they need is a conservative black person succeeding at a high level.

They want blacks to think that they can't survive without Democrat support for affirmative action, welfare and astronomical taxes on the wealthy.

This page of the Democrat playbook is old; we saw it in 1991 as they heaped criticism unjustly on Clarence Thomas and we saw it again earlier this year as they successfully blocked another Bush appointee, Miguel Estrada.

Just imagine the uproar Democrats would be causing if Republicans blocked a Democrat-appointed minority judge.

Cries of racism would reverberate throughout the nation as Democrats would line up to heap criticism on Republican leaders.

The double standard in this country has never been clearer.

Republicans have largely backed down from opportunities to point out the truth about Democrats and racism, and the elite media certainly would never do such a thing.

It's time the American people became informed about this far-reaching subject.

I don't pretend to believe that all Republicans have always supported racial equality, but it is an outright lie that Democrats are the party that have always supported equal rights for all – in opposition to the evil, racist Republicans. ♦

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The slow autumn blues

And So It Goes



Sarah Crotzer
Staff Columnist

Do you have far-away friends whom you keep meaning to write, but somehow months and months go by without you ever having done it?

That happens with me all the time. It's funny, but I'm more likely to com-

municate with a friend in New York, if they can talk by phone or instant messaging, than one who lives just a few hours away in my state.

The way the scenario usually plays itself out, I will have finally arranged to sit down and write someone a long letter, when – poof – they've sent me one instead. Usually involving messages of doom or despair, such as, "I'm not sure I can handle the outside world anymore," or "I have the artistic capability of very small rock," or "My rhino ate my homework." Then I have to sit and think out how best to respond. The cycle starts all over again.

If I can make myself sit down and do it, autumn is an excellent time for writing letters, as well as many other leisurely indoor activities. Decorating the living space is always fun. Ditto the thick novel and the mug of hot chocolate. Movie marathons also never go amiss, with good reason. It's too cold outside to even take a leisurely walk, but it's too warm to really start worrying about snow and sleet and putting up the holiday decorations. More than anything, it's a slow, transitional period.

Maybe that's why everyone starts to dislike their classes by this point. Even the fun subjects start to go a little stale after 10 or 12 weeks. Students and instructors alike start to drag their feet a little more, linger a little longer in the hallway, and smoke that extra cigarette.

It's not like there's any rush to get anywhere. Of course, this placid scene will eventually be ambushed by finals week, but isn't that how it's supposed to work?

This is also the time of year when people get sick (possibly from dragging and lingering and smoking that extra cigarette). Suddenly, friends are finding new and fascinating ways to stay close but maintain a five-foot perimeter. Others revel in it, proudly proclaiming their "fifth cold of this season" like a badge of honor. There's at least one guy still wearing shorts and a baseball cap.

Somehow, though, everybody muddles through. Finals do come, in time, and hardly anyone is ever quite prepared, but they rise up and do their best ... or not. Either way, it's something to worry about, something to break the endless monotony of autumn blues. Finals remind us that we're still alive and kicking.

Speaking of alive and kicking, I just got an e-mail from an old friend. She says she hates her classes, hates her professor, hates her employer and can't wait for the semester to end. That sounds pretty bad. I'd better hunker down and write her back.

On second thought, you know, it can wait. I have stuff to do. I haven't counted the pieces of lint in my carpet lately, or looked for that pencil I lost five years ago. Maybe I should make some toast ... but then I'd need some bread.

No, my friend is simply going to have to wait. Surely she won't mind if I write her back in, say, February. ♦

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ABCs of bad criticisms



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

As a columnist, arguing comes naturally. I'm expected to have an opinion about anything and everything week after week. I'll write something, and sometimes the column will get lots of hate mail. Other times I'll wonder if I was the only person who read it.

When I do get letters, they're always great for various reasons. Some are well-thought, well written, effective responses to the column.

Then again, some are not. The less offensive responses only have numerous spelling and grammar problems. These aren't so bad. Not everybody spell checks e-mails, especially those going to columnists of small-town college papers.

Every now and then, a letter comes in that boggles the mind. Logic flies out the window, sentences run incomplete and words are gathered in a jumbled mess that makes little to no sense. These letters are great because they remind me of how I usually write columns: off the cuff and completely uninformed. Actually, I write columns half-informed.

Responses to columns tend to use the same tired-but-true ways to argue that, taken at face value, aren't so horrible. However, these misguided criticisms don't work because they are poor ways to express an opinion.

One horrible way to argue is to tell the other person what they believe, but change their opinion to one that's easier to argue against.

It's really easy to convince people that they believe something by repeating what they say back to them in a skewed way. "Well, I think that women are equal to men in every way."

"So, what you're saying is that you think that women are so equal that they should enslave mankind in some weird, sexual way for no apparent reason."

Maybe it isn't always that obvious (and horribly weird), but many times people talk circles around people just by convincing them that they believe something they don't.

A comparably sinister arguing method is responding with a similar, but fundamentally flawed point.

"I think abortion is wrong."

"Abortion is OK because those horrible pro-lifers are punks who blow up clinics, including doctors and women."

Notice that the response isn't actually against abortion, but against dumb things that some pro-lifers do. It's really easy to overlook such gaps in logic because the complaint is still about a related point, pro-life proponents.

Another great way to argue poorly is to demonize the opposition.

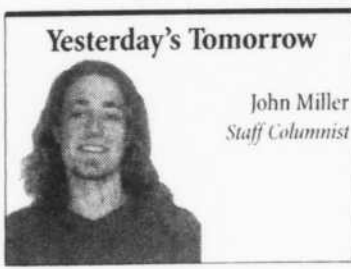
"I think people have the right to be homosexual."

"Only Satan, Osama Bin Laden and George W. Bush could believe that, you dirty socialist."

Any opinion held by a sane person, no matter how completely inaccurate and unfactual it is, holds some validity. If people can convince themselves of something dumb like that communism works, even despite the overwhelming historical evidence that it doesn't, it doesn't mean that they're horrible people that torment the dead during their free time. ♦

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Reproductive freedom essential



Yesterday's Tomorrow

John Miller
Staff Columnist

With the partial birth abortion bill being signed into law this month, we will undoubtedly begin to see an avalanche of controversy the likes of which we haven't seen since the Supreme Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* some 30 years ago.

When I think of abortion, this case always seems to come to mind. *Roe v. Wade* was the culmination of years of struggle by women (and some men as well) from all walks of life for the legal power for women to be able to choose what they do with their bodies.

However, even though most of us recognize what a landmark case this was in setting a legal precedent, especially on privacy issues and the right to choose, do we as a generation 30 years removed from this decision really comprehend its ramifications on our freedoms as a society, particularly for women? Many people seem to be

under the impression that if the Supreme Court were just able to reverse *Roe v. Wade* and make abortion illegal, then abortions would cease altogether. However, this simply is not the case.

Abortion in some form or another has always been present in this society and all societies since the beginning of time.

By passing a law against abortion, it will not prevent the act from taking place. Although it may deter some women from choosing to have an abortion, others will still choose to have an abortion if they believe this to be the best option available to them at that point in their lives.

Furthermore, making abortion illegal will greatly multiply the risks involved in having an abortion.

Instead of a licensed doctor performing the operation, it may be a doctor who performs it illegally, a friend or even the pregnant person herself.

In the years preceding the legalization of abortion, many more women were permanently harmed or died from the complications of the operation than today.

In countries where abortion is still illegal, the death rate of

women undergoing an abortion is higher than countries such as the United States.

For the first time in almost 30 years, the government has passed a law replacing limits on abortion. The Republican Party and the right to life organizations applauded this act. Many see this as a first step in reversing *Roe v. Wade*. The scary thing is, they may be right.

A woman's right to choose what she does with her body and her pregnancy is contingent on that 30-year-old court decision. Just because the Supreme Court rules a certain way on an issue today doesn't mean the decision is forever final. The Supreme Court can and has reversed previous decisions they believed not to be congruent with the times or the will of the people.

This is why it is so important for people to vote.

When people choose a candidate, they are choosing someone to represent their values and interest in government.

If you find yourself unhappy with the present attempt to restrict reproductive freedom, then find a candidate in the next election who will vote against such acts in the future.

This may be more important in the coming election than it has been in the past. More likely than not, in the next decade one, if not several, justices could be appointed to the Supreme Court.

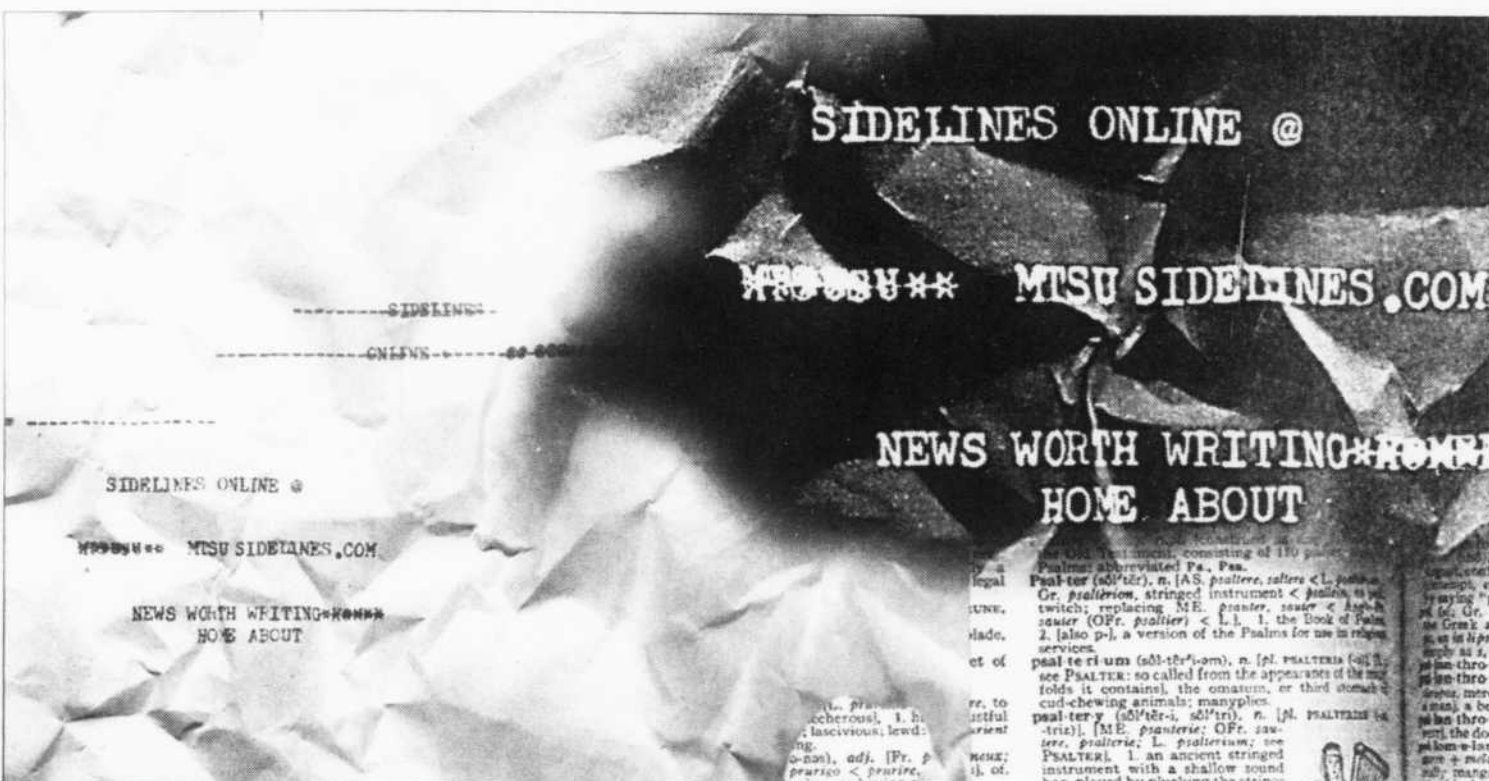
Since the president nominates judges to the Supreme Court with Senate approval, the next president(s) have the potential to be very influential in this country long after their term in office has ended.

I choose not to debate whether abortion is "morally" wrong or right, although admittedly this column does have a slant to it.

No matter on what side of the fence you stand, people should take responsibility for their actions and take steps to ensure they will not have a child until they are ready.

At the same time, I realize abortion will continue to exist with or without being legitimized by the state. It is in the best interest of society for it to remain legal and safe. ♦

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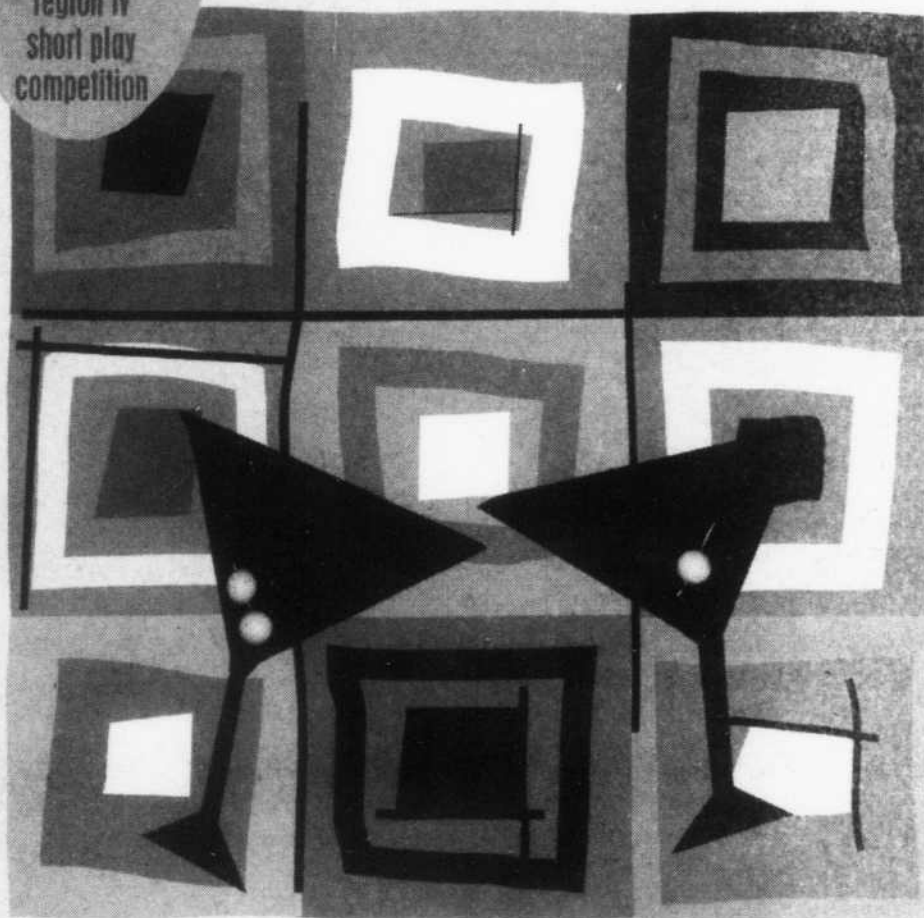
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Mock Trial

creates winners

By Maryam Kassaei
Staff Writer

"All are winners in mock trial," Richard Calkins, president of the American Mock Trial Association, says.

Spending long hours of hard work on a one-hour, pass/fail course, repeating that course four times and having the most joyful times of your life might not seem consistent, but according to past participants in MTSU's mock trial course, it is.

Since 1989, MTSU's mock trial program has sent teams to national tournaments. For eleven years, one or more of these teams have ranked in the national top 10.

Winning one tournament after another, students in the program have gained a variety of experiences such as social, leadership and judicial skills.

"I don't find an equal action where you find as much excitement," John Vile, chair of the political science department, says.

Vile also serves as invitational tournament director of AMTA.

One major aspect of mock trial is making participants realize their abilities and interests.

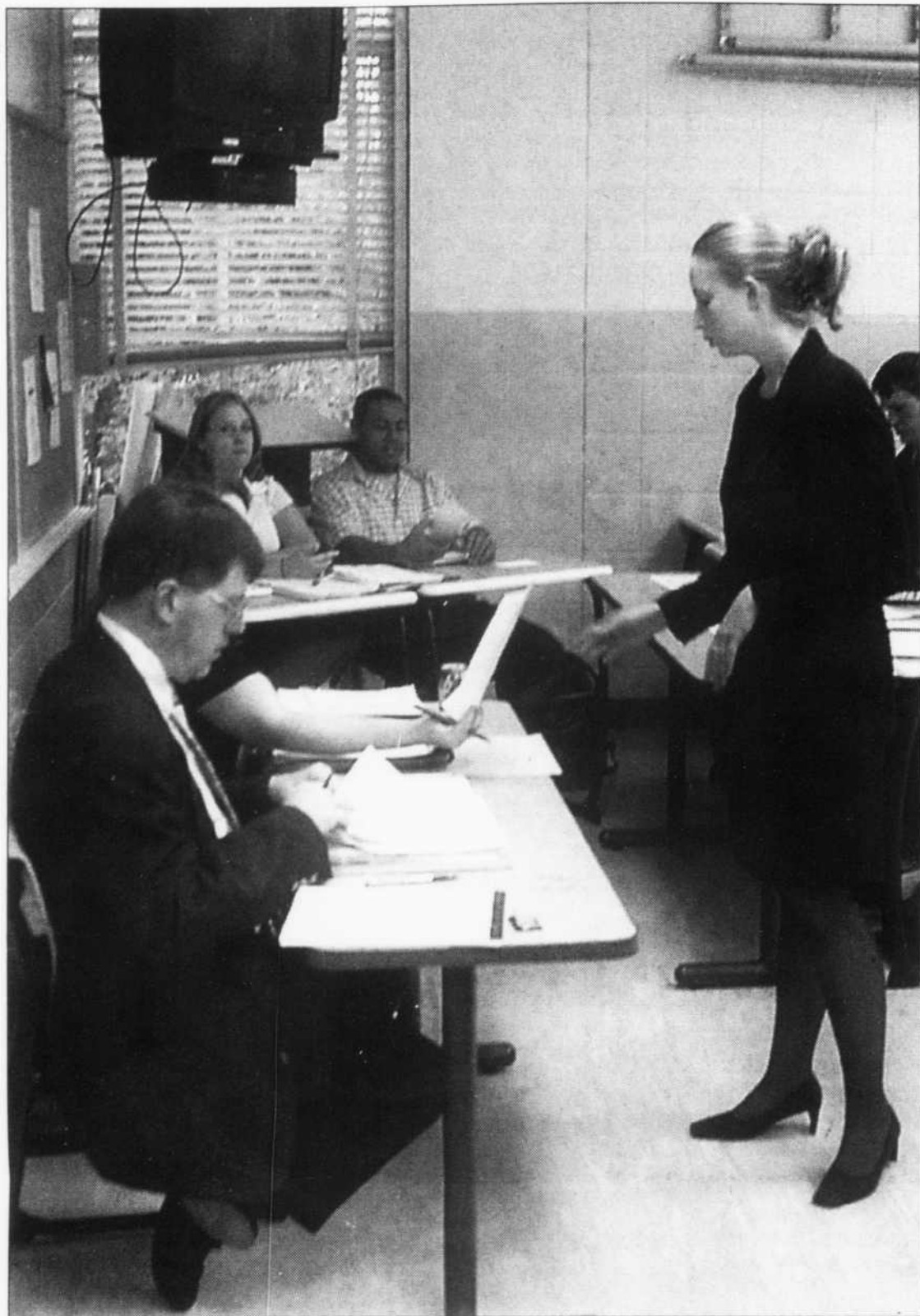
Virginia Vile, John's daughter and a second-year student at the College of William and Mary School of Law, participated in mock trial at MTSU and made it to national tournaments. She considers mock trial the activity "that has influenced her life the most."

"Before mock trial, I wanted to do piano and geology. But now, because of mock trial, I am at law school and on my way to becoming a trial lawyer," Vile says.

Another personal effect this trial has on students is giving them self-confidence.

"For the first two years [of participating in trial], I would get sick before every round because I was so nervous," Erin Bumbalough, a law student and former member of MTSU's mock trial team, says.

"I always felt that I was not good enough to compete with the other mockers. But after several tournaments and hours of practice, I became more confident in my abilities, and this confidence radiates in every part of my life. Mock trial helped me to be comfortable speaking under pressure, and I have been able to use those skills to speak clearly, confidently and



Senior Lisa Collins presents a list of special rules to the Mock Trial judges at the beginning of practice. An invitational competition takes place on Friday and Saturday.

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on the spot," Bumbalough says.

Bumbalough is now being asked by organizations like Street Law to join them as their public speaker.

Dawn Ann Johnson, a former student at MTSU, was also afraid to speak in public.

"I was terrified to speak in front of a group of people," Johnson says. "I would get sick to my stomach, and stammer and stumble over my words. Mock trial helped me develop poise and self confidence, as well as successful speaking methods for overcoming my

fear."

Johnson currently coaches mock trial at Vanderbilt University.

Beside the confidence that students get in public speaking, mock trial also helps them in other aspects of social life. Finding good friends with similar interests is the major point some graduates mention.

"My best friends were part of the team, and we learned to rely on each other in our personal lives as well as when we were working with the team," Virginia says.

Johnson mentions a funny factor about mockers.

"One thing about mock trial people - they always talk mock trial," Johnson says. "It kind of made it hard to have normal conversations, since we were always discussing objections or testimony or witness details and arguing about the judges' decisions."

She remembers a night at Chili's, when they all tried to avoid even referring to mock trial. It didn't last more than fifteen minutes.

Former mock trial members

say one of the academic advantages of being in the program is preparation for law school.

"Even though I left the team behind, I still use the things that I learned," Virginia says. "I made the law school's trial team, and I'm now in a board position on the team. I have also translated the skills into appellate advocacy and am currently trying out for the moot court team."

Last semester, she won second place in the first-year moot court tournament.

Most participants in mock trial go into the best law schools. However, participating in mock trial doesn't necessarily guarantee one's admission in a top law school.

"I'm not exactly sure what effect mock trial had on the admission process. I do know it supposedly makes applicants more attractive to admissions officers," Johnson says.

"The trial team was not the main thing that got me into law school (they really look at your GPA and your LSAT score), but it was helpful," Virginia says.

"Participating in mock trial helped me to get a scholarship into law school," Bumbalough says. "I am sure that this was not the only factor, but the school has taken it into consideration because, they have offered me a position on the moot court team next year."

All MTSU graduates who have participated in mock trial have great memories of their experiences.

"I must stress that participating in mock trial was the greatest experience of my undergrad career. It benefited me far more than participating in student government or in participating in the intercollegiate state legislature," Bumbalough says.

Johnson also asserts that participating in mock trial has been one of the best experiences of her undergraduate education.

Although most participants in mock trial want to attend law school, it is not necessary to be a pre-law student to benefit from effects of mock trial.

"I don't regret any of my time with the team. In fact, I would recommend the team to anyone who has any interest in public speaking, the law and/or acting," Virginia says.

Bumbalough echoes those sentiments.

"I recommend that everyone should do it, because if you put the work into it the rewards are amazing," Bumbalough says. ♦



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Dating on a shoestring budget

An Evening of Wild West Fun

Grab your cowgirl or cowboy and mosey over to the Tennessee Miller Coliseum located in Murfreesboro on Thompson Lane for some Wild West fun.

The National Longhorn Championship Rodeo is taking place Nov. 13-15. Thursday evening is discount night. Tickets run as low as \$10 per person and the event starts at 7:30 p.m.

You can watch bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, cowgirl barrel racing, calf roping, steer wrestling and the heart-stopping bull riding.

If you have some additional cash, show up between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to wander through the booths featuring western style jewelry and art. Then grab a chuck wagon dinner for \$9 per person.

Ticket prices and show times are different on Friday and Saturday. Friday is family night and children and senior citizens are admitted for half price. For additional information call 876-1016.

A Dinner Theater Fable

How often do you get to treat your date to an artsy play and dinner for free?

Alpha Psi Omega, the theater fraternity, is presenting a dinner theater that includes a performance of the short play, *A Fable*.

The event takes place Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in The Tennessee Room at the James Union Building.

Seats are limited. Pick up your free ticket at Keathley University Center, Room 308.

A Fairy Tale Date

You've always dreamed that prince charming would come and sweep you off your feet.

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This musical fairy tale tells the story of a prince who learns the secret of true happiness.

The play takes place Nov. 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.

For information call 904-2787.

Student Orientation Assistants

offer friendly faces to the newest Blue Raiders

By Trey Porter
Staff Writer

There is an elite group of students on campus that are very influential and knowledgeable, they unite under three letters - S.O.A.

SOA stands for student orientation assistant.

The average SOA knows everything there is to know about MTSU. They are historians when it comes to the university's past, and they are helping to shape the present.

The freshman orientation program at MTSU is known as Customs. SOAs are the students who make up the Customs program staff. They are teachers, troubleshooters, tour guides and friendly faces to the newest of Blue Raiders.

"The SOA position is very valuable to the Customs orientation program and the university as a whole. They are often one of the first impressions the new students have of the university," director of student development Gina Poff said.

There are some pretty sturdy requirements to be an SOA. One must attend training once a week during the spring semester. There is an SOA retreat in February that is mandatory. SOAs have to work 10 hours a week in May and June preparing for Customs to start. There is a three-day training session in May after exams end. One must set up and clean up all Customs sessions and attend Welcome Week at MTSU.

"The student that is chosen to be an SOA must be focused on making the new students and their family members feel comfortable and at home at MTSU. The

goal is to make their transition to MTSU as smooth as possible," Poff said.

Though the SOA position does take up a lot of time, it is hard to find an SOA that is not positive about his or her experiences.

"It was crazy the amount of hours I put in, but it was

worth it. Every second was awesome," SOA Chastity Wilson said.

According to Poff and former SOA student coordinator Kristi Crafton, the SOA is really the primary source of information for incoming freshman while they are here for orientation. They also stress that for the most part, the success of the Customs program rest squarely on the shoulders of the SOAs.

"My SOA was beautiful. She really helped me a lot with my schedule, too," sophomore concrete major Eric Thompson said.

"The SOA position is like a role model, really. I tried to model myself after my SOA, he was the coolest," sophomore entrepreneurship major Bryan Berry said.

It is critical to make certain that all the questions are answered and the concerns of incoming freshman are addressed, say the former SOAs. They note that while the new-student transition period is difficult, the SOAs are trained to make it as easy as possible.

"I would encourage current students that have the desire to share their experiences with new students and to assist new students in making a positive transition, to apply to be an SOA," Poff said.

"It's a great way to give back to MTSU, and give new students a passion," Crafton said.

The deadline to apply for a spring 2004 SOA position has been extended to Nov. 14. Applications can be picked up at Keathley University Center, Room 326, or online at www.mtsu.edu/~customs/staff.htm.

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Thinking outside the "box"

MTSU professor wins international jazz competition

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

Jamey Simmons' office is small, but not little. A piano fits in the room and is adorned with sheet music. Some of the pages appear ready to topple off the side, while others are held firm by the weight of a trumpet.

A few jazz posters hang on the wall, and a collection of compact discs fill shelves off to the side. The music of Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and other masters make their home there.

"From the most traditional to the most outrageous, if it's good music, it's good music," MTSU music professor and jazz trumpet player Simmons says with a grin, referring to his collection.

Simmons, who is in his second year of teaching jazz at MTSU, recently won first place and \$1,800 in prize money with his original composition "Lock Box" at this year's Brussels Jazz Orchestra International Composition Contest.

Simmons came to MTSU after graduating with his master of music degree in jazz and contemporary media at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

"I love teaching," Simmons says about his experience teaching high school and now college music programs.

Beyond his education, he has an impressive resume of performance experience, including tours with such names as the Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, as well as artists like Buddy DeFranco, Dave Weckl and the Temptations.

He twice received the "Best Arranger" award from *Downbeat* magazine and at this point is the best selling writer and arranger for Increase Music Publishers of St. Paul, Minn.

Included in his works are "A Peace of the Sea,"

"Blues Down Under" and "Hoe Down."

Simmons said that he found the Brussels competition on an Internet search and decided to submit a melody that he had worked on two years before, but never completed. He finished the piece this spring and sent it in.

He competed against five other composers, including Andrew Rathbun also from the United States, Martin Reiter of Austria, Veli Kujala of Finland and Carlos Azevedo of Portugal.

"At first I thought Kujala had won, because they announced the winner in Dutch," Simmons says. "I was thinking, 'Oh, that's really neat.' And then they motioned to me and it was like, 'Oh, okay, I won!'"

The 33-year-old Wisconsin native laughs and shrugs about the award, reflecting a life-long love for jazz, awards or no awards.

"'Lock Box' is fun and feels good," he says. "Jazz is all about rhythm. Sometimes a piece can be daring and complicated, but that can't be perceived by the ear. The funk tune undertone in 'Lock Box' makes it more accessible, and that gives it that feel."

Simmons says he is not philosophical about his work, and doesn't enjoy looking too deep into expression. He prefers to concentrate more on the fun side of jazz.

"I guess I'm not there yet, philosophically speaking," Simmons says with a laugh. "I got the name 'Lock Box' from an old *Saturday Night Live* show. They had an impression of Al Gore and he was saying, 'Lock box,' and that just stuck in my head."

He says his favorite part of the composition is the developing melody, and then the ending, which features saxophones.

The piece was performed last week by the Middle Tennessee Jazz Orchestra as part of McLean School of Music 2003-2004 Jazz Artist



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Jamey Simmons recently won a cash prize of \$1,800 for his composition "Lock Box."

Concert Series.

"Lock Box" was part of the opening act for Blue Note trumpet artist Tim Hagans, and was well received by a large crowd.

The music possesses a sound reminiscent of big band swing combined with the fluidity of Ellington's sophisticated jazz.

But like Simmons says, it's all fun with music. For a schedule of the 2003-2004 Jazz Artist Concert Series, visit <http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/> or call 904-8362. ♦

AIDS Quilt raises awareness

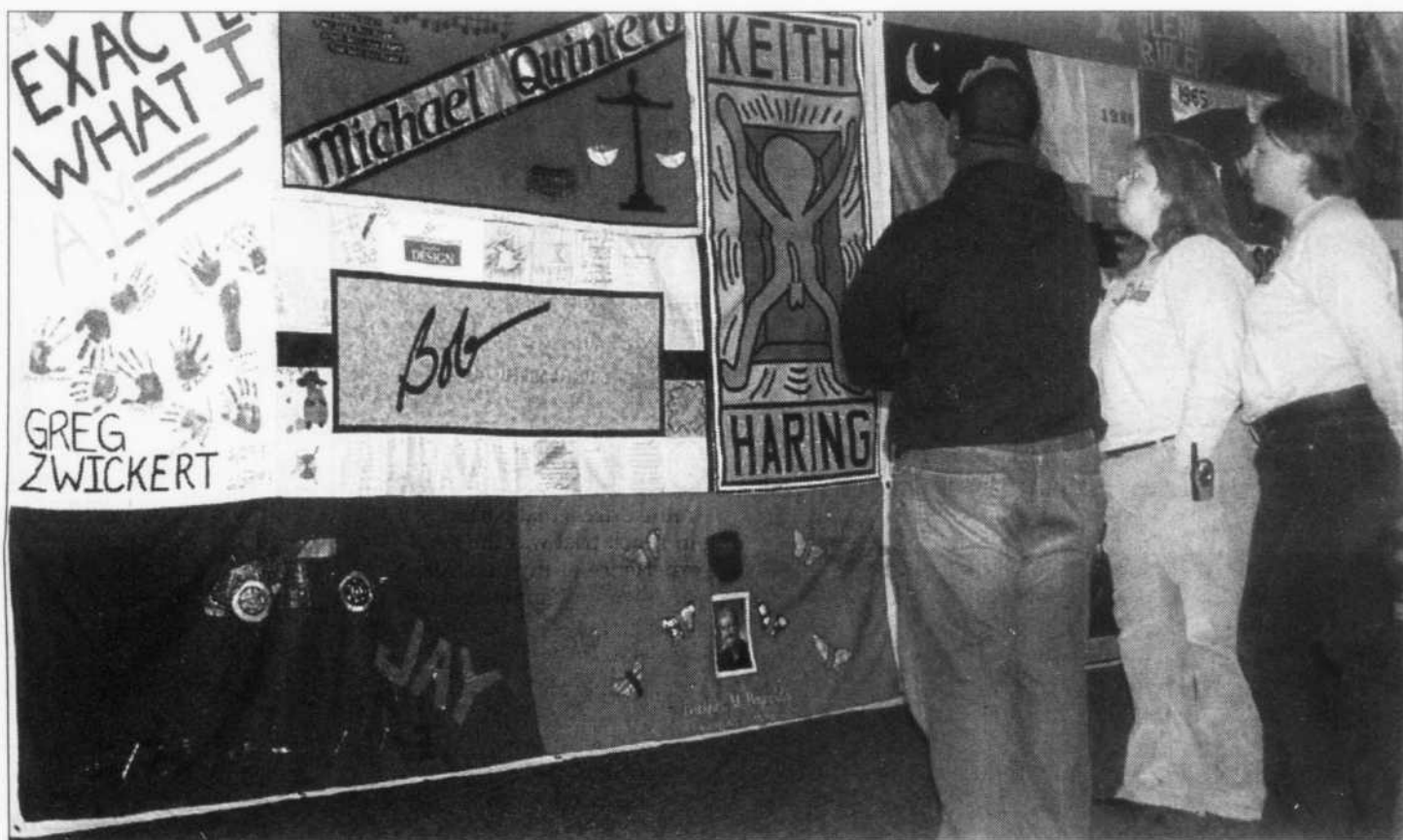
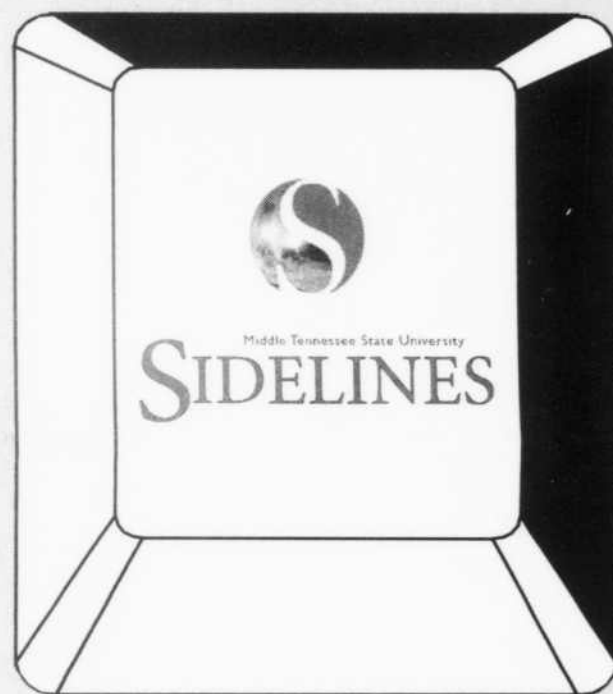


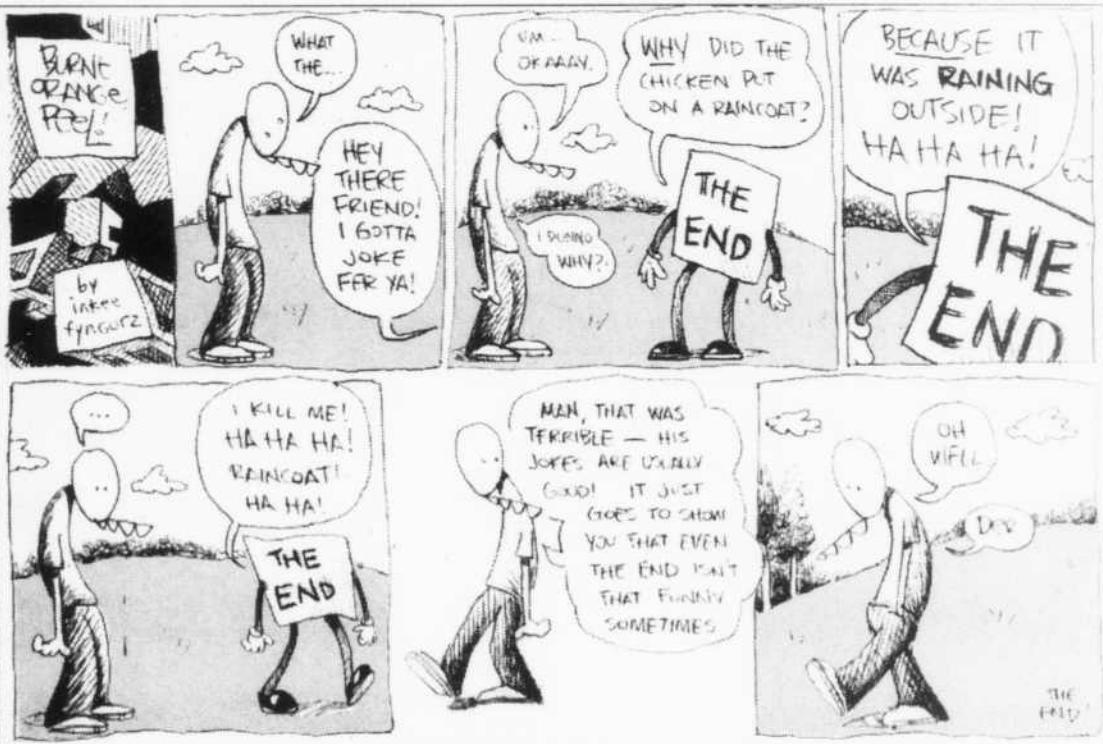
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Panels of the AIDS Quilt were on display last week. Ashley Elizabeth Graham, director of the AIDS Quilt event, says every minute 3.8 college-age people are diagnosed with the HIV virus.

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North Texas to clinch Sun Belt Conference

By Chris Glasser
Staff Columnist

Could it be North Texas was looking too far ahead to New Orleans? That may have been the case Saturday, when they narrowly surpassed last place Louisiana-Monroe 28-26.

Cedric Cobbs rushed 35 times for 107 yards and a touchdown and also threw a touchdown pass, while quarterback Scott Hall was very efficient, completing 11 of 17 passes for 205 yards and two touchdowns. However, the win didn't come as easy as most expected.

Behind the arm of Steven Jyles, who threw for 230 yards and two touchdowns, ULM (1-9, 1-4 SBC) kept pace with the Mean Green, and Jason Schule's 19-yard touchdown run cut the lead to two halfway through the fourth quarter. With less than a minute to play, the Mean Green defense clamped down and knocked down Jyles' pass on fourth down to seal the victory.

"We came into a hornets' nest tonight," North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey said. "Monroe played well, and we've got a beat up football team. I'm very proud of the players for hanging in there and playing well enough to win. That's all that matters."

With the win, the Mean Green (7-3, 5-0 SBC) extended their conference winning streak to a record 16 games, and with a win next week, will clinch their third straight SBC championship and a berth to the New Orleans Bowl.

In other SBC action:

New Mexico State 26, Utah State 21

Behind the arm and legs of quarterback Buck Pierce, NMSU

pulled off the upset and ruined any chance of USU winning the SBC championship.

Pierce threw for 208 yards and rushed for two touchdowns and freshman Tony Joseph rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown.

David Fiebia's 6-yard touchdown run with 4:30 left in the game cut NMSU's lead to five, but USU wasn't able to stop the NMSU running game, as the Aggies picked up consecutive first downs to run out the clock.

Utah State (3-7, 3-2 SBC) dropped to 0-6 on the road this year despite another big game from quarterback Travis Cox. The leading passer in the SBC, Cox threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns, but Pierce was just as good, throwing only five incompletions.

Arkansas State 24, Idaho 23

Running back Chris Easley rushed for 168 yards and quarterback Elliot Jacobs threw two touchdowns as the Indians denied a two-point conversion attempt late in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

With the score tied at 17 in the fourth, Jacobs connected with Mike Cox for a 6-yard touchdown to give the Indians (5-5, 3-1 SBC) a 24-17 lead.

However, Vandals quarterback Brian Lindgren marched the Idaho offense down the field and Jason Cobbs' 1-yard touchdown run with 4:37 remaining seemed to tie the game, but instead of going for the extra point, the Vandals (1-9, 1-4 SBC) opted to go for the lead, and Lindgren's pass fell incomplete.

Louisiana-Lafayette 43, Florida International 10

Antwain Spann returned a blocked field goal 45 yards for a touchdown, and four different Cajuns rushed for touchdowns, as



Sun Belt Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
North Texas	5	0	7	3
Arkansas State	3	2	5	5
Utah State	3	2	3	7
Middle Tenn. St.	3	2	3	7
La Lafayette	3	3	3	8
New Mexico State	2	4	3	7
Louisiana Monroe	1	4	1	9
Idaho	1	4	1	9

the Ragin Cajuns took care of Division I-AA Florida International.

On the last play of the first half, Derace James blocked Adam Moss' 53-yard field goal attempt, and Spann picked it up and scored to give the Cajuns a 36-7 lead going into halftime.

Lafayette (3-8, 2-2 SBC) rushed for 236 yards and got two touchdown runs from Josh Harrison and touchdown runs from Chester Johnson, Jerry Babb and Dwight Lindon. ♦

Strength, conditioning keys to success

Coach Robb Rogers gets players ready on, off season

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

The man responsible for keeping athletes in top physical form is Robb Rogers.

Rogers, the strength coach for Middle Tennessee football, has been busy this fall in keeping athletes physically fit and strong.

"I work with the athletes in the areas of strength, conditioning, flexibility, those kinds of things," Rogers said.

While most of the athletic programs at Middle Tennessee are still working towards receiving national attention, their strength coach already has it.

Rogers was recently named a Master Strength Coach, one of 36 in the world.

"It was a great honor to be recognized like that," Rogers commented. "Most importantly, it was voted upon by my peers, so when questions about the field in which I work arise, I can answer them."

Answering questions and solving problems in the field of strength training is nothing new to Rogers, who works as a motivational speaker in his spare time.

He began his collegiate days at Southwest Missouri State in the early 1980s with aspirations of becoming a football coach. However, his desire to be a head coach changed to a desire to be a strength coach after an offer to help the women's basketball team with strength training turned into a full time job.



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Strength and Conditioning coach Robb Rogers assists a Blue Raider during workouts.

BCS: Too soon to predict national title contenders

By Chris Glasser
Staff Columnist

About the only team the Bowl Championship Series committee can thank these days is Oklahoma, which seems to be the only lock in the BCS. Besides OU, it's a toss-up.

Two weeks ago, the BCS committee couldn't have asked for a better situation.

They had two teams, Oklahoma and Miami, ranked No. 1 and No. 2 and were the only undefeated teams from the major conferences. Then everything went down the tubes.

It started with Miami losing to Virginia Tech. Southern California moved into the No. 2 spot in the BCS while the Hurricanes dropped to No. 4, one spot behind Florida State, a team with the same amount of losses as Miami, but with a team that Miami beat last month. This brought a lot of complaints from the Hurricanes side, who thought they were the better team.

FSU, Miami and Virginia Tech, who was ranked No. 6 in the BCS, sealed their fate by losing last weekend. Miami got upended at home by Tennessee, the Seminoles were upset by the Tigers of Clemson and Virginia Tech cost themselves a chance at the Big East title when they lost to Pittsburgh.

Oklahoma (10-0) and USC (8-1) remain atop the BCS standings. USC seems to be the only team capable of slowing the Sooners, and with two games remaining versus Arizona and UCLA, it seems as if the Trojans will get that chance at the Sugar Bowl. However, there is still the possi-

bility that another team may sneak in.

Ohio State (9-1) is ranked a close third behind USC and it is still possible that the Buckeyes can overtake the Trojans if Ohio State wins, but their road is a lot tougher because their two remaining opponents are Purdue and Michigan, and whoever emerges from that pile-up will probably be the Big Ten champion.

LSU (8-1) seems to be the pick from the Southeastern Conference, but they still need to beat Mississippi and then the SEC championship against Tennessee, Florida or Georgia.

The surprise team out of all of this is Texas Christian University. The Horned Frogs (9-0) are undefeated and ranked No. 6 in the BCS meaning they would probably earn an at-large birth to a BCS bowl game if they can win their remaining games against Cincinnati, Southern Miss and SMU.

Not only is the BCS playing a role in determining who plays in the BCS bowl games, but it also may determine who plays in the SEC title game. If Tennessee, Georgia and Florida all win out, there will be a three-way tie for first in the East Division. The SEC decided that instead of its athletic directors voting who represents the East, they would let the team with the best BCS ranking represent them. Currently, Tennessee is No. 7, Georgia is No. 9 and Florida is No. 14.

The one complaint about the BCS has come from the Rose Bowl Committee. The tradition for about 100 years has been that the Pac 10 and Big

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BCS Standings



Week 8

Rank	Team	Poll Avg.	Record	BCS Points
1	Oklahoma	1	10-0	1.68
2	USC	2	8-1	6.27
3	Ohio State	4	9-1	7.73
4	LSU	3	8-1	13.17
5	Texas	6.5	8-2	17.05
6	TCU	9.5	9-0	17.65
7	Tennessee	11	7-2	18.32
8	Michigan	5	8-2	19.29
9	Georgia	6.5	7-2	20.27
10	Washington St.	8	8-2	20.49
11	Purdue	10.5	8-2	24.64
12	Miami (Fla.)	14	7-2	27.93
13	Florida State	12	8-2	28.95
14	Florida	16.5	7-3	32.10
15	Virginia Tech	12	7-2	34.13
16	Miami (Ohio)	23.5	8-1	35.36
17	Nebraska	16.5	8-2	36.35
18	Mississippi	18	8-2	37.00
19	Pittsburgh	16	7-2	38.32
20	Iowa	20	7-3	45.40
21	Northern Illinois	21.25	9-1	47.19
22	Minnesota	18	9-2	47.52
23	Bowling Green	25.5	7-2	48.37
24	Michigan State	21.75	7-3	51.63
25	Oklahoma State	27.25	7-3	54.29

BCS could decide champion of SEC East division

By Chris Glasser
Staff Columnist

With three weeks left in the college football season, things can't get crazier in the Southeastern Conference.

In the eastern division, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia are in a three-way tie for first. If things stay this way, the team selected to represent the East in the SEC title game will be determined using the Bowl Championship Series, the center of all college football controversy.

The West isn't as complicated as it is surprising. At the beginning of the year, Auburn was the easy pick to win the SEC and challenge for the national title. After last week's loss to Mississippi in the closing seconds, however, the Tigers are guaranteed not to win the West division.

Mississippi, meanwhile, is the only team in the SEC without a loss in SEC play.

Everyone knew about Eli Manning, but nobody thought their defense could hold up its end of the bargain. However, they've made the plays when they needed them and now only need to win out to claim the West.

Here's a look at this weekend's SEC matchups.

Mississippi State (2-7, 1-4 SEC) at No. 13 Tennessee (7-2, 3-2 SEC)

After Tennessee's big win over Miami last week, the Volunteers jumped ahead of Georgia in the BCS standings. That leaves Tennessee controlling its own destiny. If they win out, they will most likely stay in front of Georgia and Florida and gain a berth to the SEC Championship.

However, just because this seems like an easy game on paper means nothing. Two weeks ago, Tennessee went into the fourth quarter leading just 9-6 against lowly Duke before scoring two touchdowns to break it

open, and last week against Miami, the Vols' offense gained only 170 total yards.

Then again, they are playing Mississippi State at Neyland Stadium. The Bulldogs are 0-4 on the road this season, with losses at Tulane, Houston, Auburn and Kentucky. MSU also ranks last in the SEC in total defense giving up an average of 468 yards and 36.6 points per game.

Prediction: Add UT to the Bulldogs' list of road losses, but once again for UT fans, it won't be all pretty: Tennessee 31, Mississippi State 17

Auburn (6-4, 4-2 SEC) at No. 6 Georgia (7-2, 4-2 SEC)

Auburn took itself out of the SEC West race when wide receiver Ben Obomanu dropped a game-winning touchdown pass with less than a minute remaining to give

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MT linebacker Brandon Lynch gets in a pushing match with a Georgia defender. MT lost to the Bulldogs 29-10 on Sept. 6 in Athens, Ga, MT's second loss of the season.

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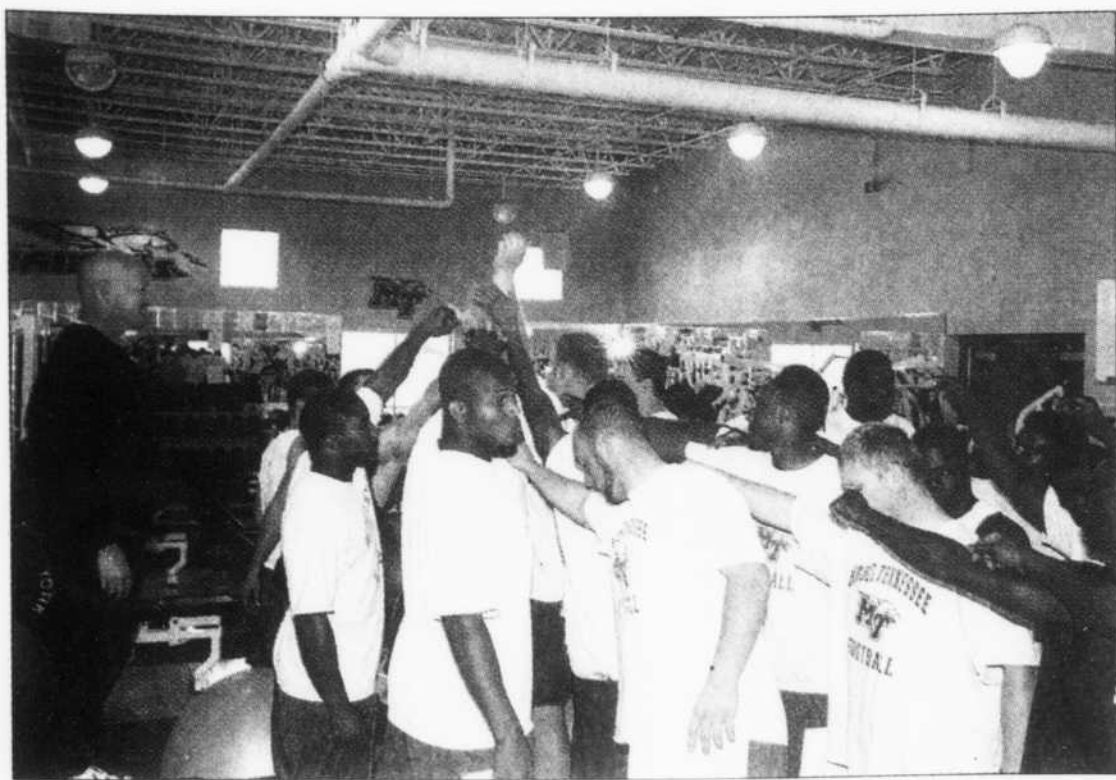


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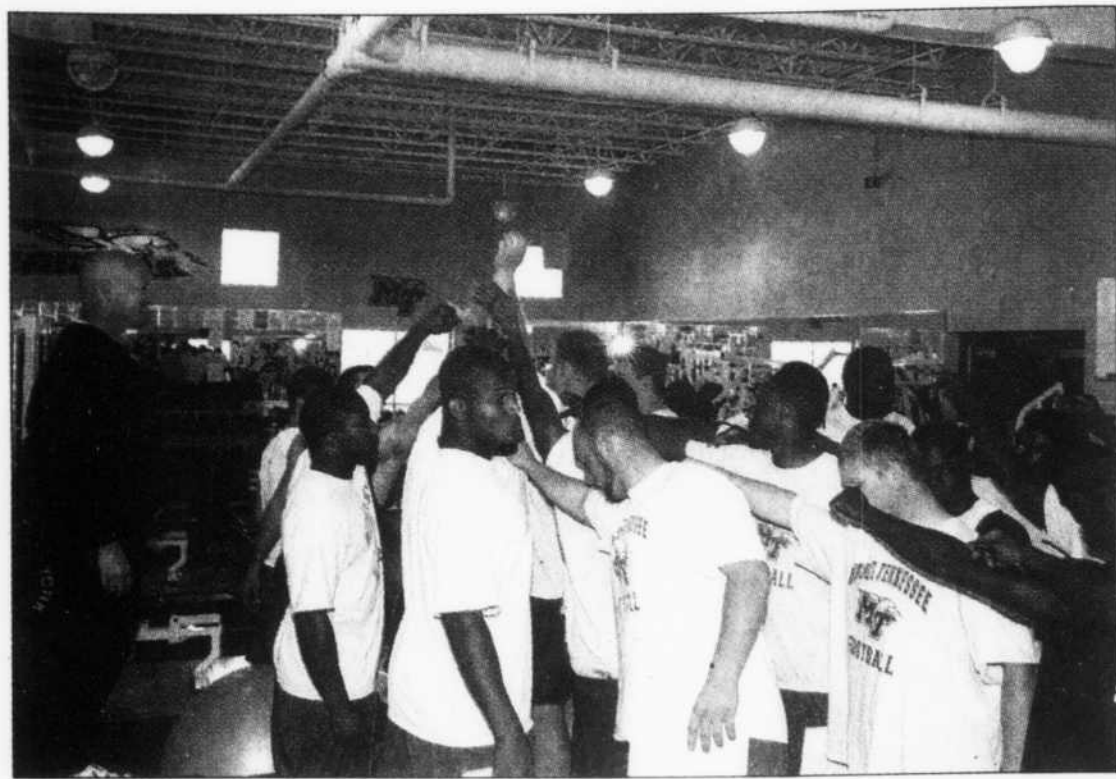


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