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### Campus Briefs

#### Today a day for smokers to quit

Ceylon Wise, producer and host of the Channel 10 talk show MTSYou is challenging all smokers today to "go cold turkey for one day," in a campus-wide no smoking effort.

Wise, a national recording industry major, said his show tries to focus on current issues and events to raise awareness on campus. Smoking, he said, is an extremely important issue to college students because of the health risks and financial loss smoking poses. Wise's show airs on Channel 10 Monday through Friday at 8 p.m.

#### Gallery presents 'Space Between'

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery is presenting "The Space Between," with photos by Jennie O'Conner, through Oct. 31.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

It is located on the first floor of the McWherter Learning Resource Center.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2085.

#### Professor finalist for NEA award

Jan Hayes, an education leadership professor, is one of five finalists for The National Education Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

In being a finalist for the award, Hayes received a Horace Mann-NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, which brings with it \$10,000 and financial help to attend the NEA's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala, which will be held in Washington, D.C., Dec. 6.

Hayes has been a full-time member of the MTSU faculty for 28 years and teaches courses in education methods, women's studies, children's literature and learning theory.

#### Alumna receives recognition

Becky Tribble, a graduate student working on a degree in early childhood, received the Student Graduate Early Childhood Award at the Oct. 5 Southern Early Childhood Conference in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Tribble, a 1985 graduate of MTSU with a bachelor's degree in K-12 physical education, received her master's degree in health, physical education, recreation and safety in 1999.

Tribble is heavily involved in volunteer work and has attended many universities, including the University of Moscow and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where she was a gymnast and member of the track team.

Along with a certificate for her outstanding service, Tribble received a scholarship to help with next semester's tuition.

## Son of Soviet leader shares insights

By Shane Gallo  
Staff Writer

An eyewitness to one of the greatest changes in a half-century of superpower history shared his insights in three campus appearances Monday and Tuesday.

Sergei Khrushchev, a central figure in the Soviet missile and space program — and the son of former Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev — traced the history of the Cold War, the breakup of the Soviet Union, and the emergence of the Russian republic under Vladimir Putin.

At a Monday evening lecture to a packed audience, Khrushchev said the Cold War policies of both superpowers were "irrational" and "based on fear."

He said America's election in 1952 of Dwight Eisenhower, a military man, was a lesson to Soviets that the United States aimed to destroy its Eastern rival every bit as much as Americans learned to fear the Soviet leader who bragged, "We will bury you."

Soviet military might was a bluff, Khrushchev suggested.

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Sergei Khrushchev

#### Brief biography of Sergei Khrushchev

Born the son of the late Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, Sergei resided in the Soviet Union for most of his life.

He received a doctoral degree from the Ukrainian Academy of Science and a Ph.D. from Moscow Technical University. As an engineer, he was responsible for much research and development of cruise missiles for submarines, military and research spacecraft, moon vehicles and the world's largest space booster. He won the Lenin prize, awarded in the former USSR to individuals with work in various fields of science, literature, art and architecture.

Khrushchev came to the United States in September 1991 to edit and translate his father's memoirs into English and became

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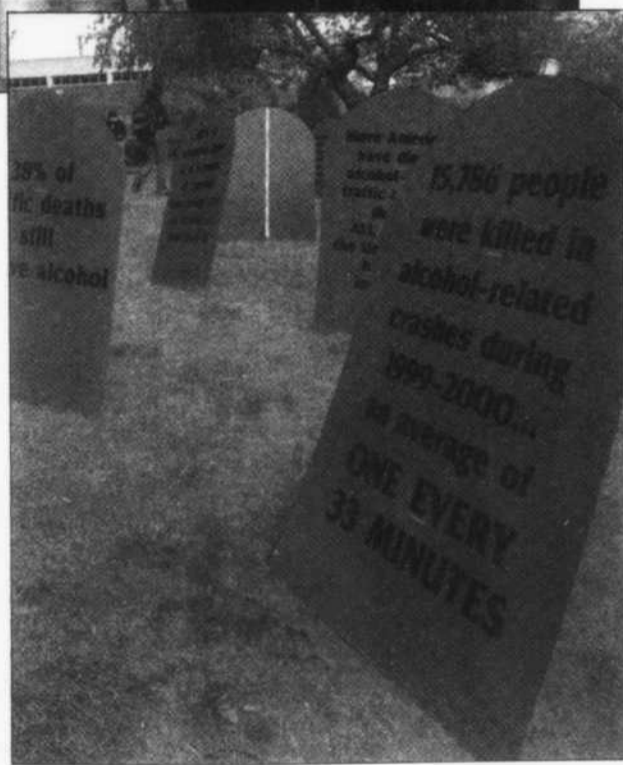
## Gaining consciousness



Photos by Amy Jones | Staff

(Above) Students all over the country have been more aware of alcohol, thanks to National Alcohol Awareness Week. Phi Beta Sigma members Calvin Lockhart and Willie Nelson III serve "mocktails" — non-alcoholic cocktails — to Shana Adams and Vicki Williams at the Recreation Center yesterday afternoon. Other alcohol-awareness-related activities were planned for the week as well, such as displays and memorial walls. Today is "dead" day, set aside to mourn those lost to alcohol-related accidents.

(Right) Makeshift tombstones were placed on the Knoll in front of the Keathley University Center. Each one is inscribed with an alcohol-related death fact. Alcohol quizzes were passed out to some University 1010 students to gauge their awareness of the dangers.



### Professor to address impact of apathy

By Lisa Thomason  
Staff Writer

The 2001 Fall Honors Lecture Series continues Monday with a presentation concerning the indifference exhibited by much of the younger population toward politics and government.

Presenting the lecture, titled "Civic Education: Implications for an Un-Democratic Society," will be Tyson King-Meadows, associate professor of political science and associate director of the African American Studies program.

King-Meadows said his lecture will be a reflection of his "personal and professional assessment of American political apathy" among the younger generations.

"Some youth have abdicated their civic responsibility to participate in our democracy, opting instead to believe in the mythology of denied political efficacy," he said.

King-Meadows will present scenarios he believes could result from a continued political indifference among American citizens, including a government that caters only to specific population segments who are older, more educated and more wealthy.

Were that scenario to materialize into reality, King-Meadows said the U.S. government, which claims to be a democracy, "could be challenged as an oligarchy or aristocracy."

He also will suggest that the myth held by the American youth regarding the government's ineffectiveness results from a lack of civic interest and civic education.

The impact of civic education on political participation is an area that King-Meadows has spent much time researching.

"The more we know [about government], the better our assessment of America's political capability to respond to a multitude of interests and ideas," he said.

"Our failure to answer basic questions about who governs and what they are structurally responsible for leads us down a dark path."

According to King-Meadows, the lack of education and interest in politics and

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## Search for Mass Comm dean might explore new criteria

By Angelica Journagin  
Staff Writer

Which is more important in a dean: academic qualifications or professional know-how?

The College of Mass Communication is wrestling with that question as they resurvey their search for a new dean, postponed last year in anticipation of the hiring of the new university president.

Though no applications have been accepted yet, college faculty and officials are debating the importance of one quality over the other.

Last year's search focused on several academic and personal qualifications for the dean, including the need for the candidate to have "the qualifications for the rank of full professor."

Because the possibility of

hiring a dean who has more professional than academic qualifications is being discussed by the staff, it would mean the candidate would not need to be a tenured professor with years of teaching experience under his or her belt.

One person who is in support of re-evaluating the requirements is Chris Haseleu, chair of the recording industry department.

Haseleu said too much focus was put on academics last year and not enough on the personal and professional qualities desired in a dean.

"We need to look at the academic qualifications, but we also need to look at the management skills, the communication skills, the people skills, and if we don't start looking at that in the

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# CRIME LOG

Compiled by Scott Laming – Staff Writer

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Oct. 1 and Oct. 6. This log was compiled from actual police reports.

Monday, Oct. 1, 1:25 p.m.

At Alpha Gamma Rho house, a report was made to campus police that stated a dishwasher was stolen from the house and replaced with an older model.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 4:49 p.m.

In Greenland Drive Parking Lot B, a student reported that his vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7:34 p.m.

At Peck Hall, a student reported that a cell phone was possibly stolen from her backpack during class.

Friday, Oct. 5, 10:22 p.m.

By the James Union

Building, Lester McCrary, of Murfreesboro, was pulled over by Campus Police for driving under the influence. McCrary also was charged with an open container violation and an implied consent violation.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:44 p.m.

On Faulkinberry Drive by Jones Hall, Eric Lanpher of Indianapolis was charged by police for being publicly intoxicated.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:56 p.m.

On Faulkinberry Drive in front of the Alumni Memorial Gym, Lisa Sherman of Murfreesboro was charged by police for being publicly intoxicated.

To report an emergency, crime or to contact Crimestoppers, dial 2424 from any campus phone or dial 898-2424 from off campus.

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a naturalized American citizen in 1999.

Now recognized worldwide as an important commentator on the politics and society of Russia, Khrushchev has been a senior fellow in the Global Security Program and principal investigator for the Post-Soviet Studies Project at Brown University since 1996.

His current research is focused on contemporary change in the former Soviet Union.

His area of specialty is the history of the Cold War and the turning points in the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union in the Khrushchev, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations. Khrushchev's other areas of interest include Soviet history, international security and computer science.

His father's memoirs, *Nikita Khrushchev: Creation of a Superpower*, were published this spring. In addition, he has authored *Khrushchev on Khrushchev*, *Nikita Khrushchev: Crisis and Missiles*, *The Political Economy of Russian Fragmentation* and *Three Circles of Russian Market Reforms*.

His books are published around the world in 12 languages. ♦

## Lecture:

Professor to warn of 'crisis'

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government could lead to a "crisis in American political culture."

He describes this crisis as an environment with "elites ruling at the request of unmotivated masses who are susceptible to being manipulated, misled and, in some instances, pitted against one another."

King-Meadows will present his lecture Monday from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦



Photo by Andy Alexander | Staff

Vera Boedecker, a ceramics artist, holds a decorative mask she made to sell at the Holiday Festival Saturday. The mirror frame was also designed by Boedecker. Crafts and books were sold at the Holiday Festival to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life team hosted the festival.

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# 11 student organizations challenge U. Texas free speech policies

By Celina Moreno

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — When pro-choice activists set up a counter-demonstration to student group Justice for All's anti-abortion exhibit last spring, they probably didn't think they'd be teaming up with JFA this semester.

Fifteen members of Texas-Austin officials demanded that JFA black out the Web site addresses of off-campus groups, causing members to question if the university may practice content-based censorship.

That's one of the three issues addressed in a proposal endorsed by 11 campus political organizations — including Justice for All and Action for Abortion Rights — who want the University to stop what they call content-based censorship of student organizations.

Calling the University's free-speech policies unconstitutional, the Undergraduate Students Association drafted a proposal which re-evaluates the University's free-speech policies and has since received co-sponsorship from 10 additional organizations.

"This is one issue that students are united on," said Collin Bost, president of Students for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is one of the co-sponsoring organizations. "They're not going to back down from expressing their constitutional right to express themselves and peacefully assemble. And both sides of the political spectrum clearly understand that current rules are unconstitutional and overly restrictive."

But UT President Larry Faulkner said the university does not, to his knowledge, practice content-based censor-

ship. "I am deeply opposed to censorship based on content," Faulkner said.

Bost, however, said while the University won't admit that they censor based on content, those who study free-speech regulations will find otherwise.

"Anybody who studies the rules or has studied the [Justice for All] conflict knows that isn't true," Bost said.

The demand to cover JFA's contact information was made based on a Board of Regents rule which deems impermissible "the oral or written appeal or request to support or join an organization other than a registered student, faculty or staff organization."

JFA, along with the Texas Green Party, College Republicans, University Democrats, Students for the ACLU, Campus Coalition for Peace and Justice, Action for Abortion Rights, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/o de Aztlan, National Lawyer's Guild and Students for Sensible Drug Policy, are 10 student organizations co-sponsoring the proposal.

The proposal, which will be submitted to Faulkner in November, states that the regent's rules should be relaxed so that student organizations can express themselves through supporting off-campus non-profit advocacy groups and charitable organizations.

For instance, on-campus advocacy groups like Voices for Choice and Campaign to End the Death Penalty should be allowed to promote relevant off-campus advocacy organizations, Bost said, adding that a political group like the UT Young Conservatives of Texas should be allowed to promote off-campus conservative orga-

nizations.

"This is an expression by association and essential for the organization's right to advocacy," he said.

In response to Bost's comment, Faulkner said, "that's fair enough."

"I think it's important for the University to be a place for the University community [to express their opinions], but I think we're going to respect the regent's rules on that issue," said Faulkner, who added that he will further comment on the proposal once it's submitted to him.

Several members of the 11 organizations said this prohibition places an undue burden on the expression of religious organizations.

"Many campus religious organizations have ties to off-campus charities and churches," the proposal states. "If this regulation was enforced against them, they would be denied the right to express their religious associations."

The proposal also warns that if the regulation is extended to organizations' Web sites, students would be denied the ability to post links to off-campus organizations that they advocate.

A current policy to determine whether solicitation on organizations' Web sites will be prohibited is currently in development stages within the university's administration, said Cheryl Wood, a senior student affairs administrator.

At the beginning of this year, corporations such as AT&T and Verizon were allowed to promote their products in the "West Mall Marketplace," an exception to the university's solicitation rule that many students said concerned them. They expressed problems that

for-profit organizations could solicit on campus while student organizations could not hand out fliers which advocated a nonprofit organization.

"Both should be able to be there and solicit," Bost said.

Citing what the drafters of the proposal deem another form of content-based censorship, they quote Regent's Rule 4.8 which states that "no component institution shall register any student organization or group whose actions or activities, in the opinion of the president or the appropriate executive vice chancellor, are inimical to the educational purpose and work of the institution."

The proposal said that such a decision is solely up to the president or executive vice chancellor and therefore is a form of censorship.

In reality, however, the determination is made on the campus level by the respective president, said Ed Sharpe, UT system executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In addition, the policy said the university restricts speech it deems "obscene, vulgar or libelous."

"Let's not kid ourselves," Bost said. "The university can outlaw words to silence a message."

Bost said the proposal provides further evidence as it refers to the 1971 Cohen vs. California case in which the Supreme Court ruled that "we cannot indulge the facile assumption that one can forbid particular words without also running a substantial risk in the process." ♦

## Khrushchev: Insights offered

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saying his father routinely exaggerated the number of missiles and warheads the Soviet Union had at that time. Eventually, however, the military of both countries would stockpile enough weapons to destroy the world several times over.

Using anecdotes of his father's meetings with Eisenhower, he noted that any hope toward reconciling the foes came from their personal interaction, not policy negotiations. His father's joking with Eisenhower about his impossible it seemed to satisfy the military's taste for funding, for instance, was met with understanding by the president who would later warn of the dangers of the military-industrial complex.

His father disliked Nixon, he said, but thought Kennedy, like Eisenhower, was someone he could look in the eye and speak honestly with.

The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1963, however, was "the peak in the history of crisis," Khrushchev said, a crucial point in "the rivalry between the East and the West" and between communism and capitalism.

As a missile expert himself, Sergei Khrushchev urged his father to spend more on the military. He said he realized later that his father was right to try to reduce Soviet military spending — a stand that led to his ouster as prime minister. But it was that spending, the son

says now, that led in large part to the breakup of the Soviet Union.

In his Monday luncheon speech, Khrushchev spoke about the former Soviet Union and its post-communist social and economic states.

He focused on Russia's transition from a nationalized to a de-centralized and from centralized economic planning to a market economy. He explained the frustration of the Russian people with the centralized economy, using a "guns and butter" analogy.

In private conversation after his Monday evening lecture, Khrushchev questioned whether the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan would be effective.

He recalled that the mighty Soviet military was not able to make headway against the Afghan rebels in their mountainous homeland during its long war of the 1980s, which, he said, also contributed to the Soviet breakup.

He said he looked for the proof that Osama bin Laden was behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to be made public and noted that while the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan may have harbored bin Laden, "they aren't the guilty ones."

Ultimately, he suggested, the United States would have to address the underlying issues of Palestine and Western domination of the rest of the world. Otherwise, he said, the war against terrorism was likely to be a long one. ♦

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## Dean: Search to begin

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beginning, then we are liable to miss out on that all together," Haseleu said.

Interim Dean of Mass Communication Larry Burriss stressed the importance of having someone who was empathetic to all the areas connected to the dean's office. Burriss is currently undecided on whether he will place himself in the running for dean.

He said because the College of Mass Communication houses three very diverse departments — journalism, electronic media communication and recording industry — it will be unlikely that the university will find someone who is an expert in all three and also has the ability to raise money and perform other activities necessary to the dean's job.

"If you had someone with a lot of professional experience, that person would have to show some understanding at least of the academic process. Or, if you had somebody who was a total academic, they would have to show at least an understanding of the three different professional areas," Burriss said.

Recording industry professor Richard Barnett also pointed out the importance of having a dean who would be willing to learn about all areas of the college. However, on the idea of having a strictly academic dean vs. a strictly pragmatic dean, he took a more pragmatic point of view.

"Let's be realistic. The approval process goes beyond the faculty. Approvals will come from the provost, president, chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents and Tennessee Higher Education Commission. It is not likely that they will support a dean who has skipped being a tenured faculty member and chair of a department. But, who knows ... this is Tennessee," Barnett wrote in an e-mail.

"It really does no one any good to get bogged down in either-or," President Sidney McPhee said. "Before we start eliminating individuals, I think we need to agree on some of the general characteristics and then go out there and see who is there and what they can bring to the table."

Burriss said college officials are scheduled to meet with the vice president Oct. 24 to make some final decisions. ♦

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# Experts say e-terrorism attacks on the way

By Caroline Linton  
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — After the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, we were all left with the question of what might be targeted next.

According to many experts within the security world, the Internet is a probable target of the next terrorist attack.

"It's only a matter of time," said Dennis Treece, director of special operations of Internet Security Systems Inc.

Internet security groups such as Treece's petitioned Congress this week for more funding for this type of security.

Testifying before Congress was Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., who has been active on the issue even before Sept. 11, according to his Web site.

"It's easy to state the problem in general terms: American society has become vastly more dependent on computers and the Internet in recent years, making us more vulnerable to criminal or terrorist attacks on our computer networks," Boehlert said in his statement before Congress.

"For starters, it's clear that we have to devote greater resources—not only money, but also our individual and collective attention—to computer and

especially network security. To put it simply, we need more people to be doing more creative thinking about computer security," Boehlert said in his statement.

Boehlert's concerns about dependency on the Internet are shared by many, including Treece.

"The more dependent a company is on the Internet, the more vulnerable it is to these attacks," he continued.

"This is one area where money can help," Treece said about the hearings before Congress. Treece mentioned that training was essential to keep workers within their corporation, since programs can easily become obsolete after only two years.

"More people is absolutely critical," he added.

Treece also mentioned a number of other things that federal money would help fund, including youth awareness about the problem.

"Are we teaching our kids?" he asked. "Education in our schools is absolutely important."

"Until the tragic events of September 11 intervened, New York Governor [George] Pataki had been planning a national cybercrime-cyberterrorism summit, which was to have

taken place in the financial district next week," Boehlert said.

"Cyberterrorism is not a new thing," said Ashley Parish, head of media relations for ISS.

ISS is also working with the federal government on several different advisory panels to find ways to combat a system error.

"We're on a number of advisory panels — helping them crack the language," Treece said.

Cracking the language is needed to help combat these attacks, especially since servers for any given corporation can be easily shut down after an attack.

"It's relatively easy to shut down servers for a while," said Gene Itkis, a professor of computer science at Boston University. "To shut down a few sites is not that difficult," he added.

According to Itkis, security within the Internet is really very similar to personal security around the world.

"Things in the cyber world are not really that much different," he said.

Those types of attacks are called denial of service attacks and are not uncommon to find on the Internet. However, Treece said these attacks are not usually associated with terrorism.

"We have not yet seen any

terrorist components," he said.

Treece mentioned that drawing the line between terrorism and a hacker is hard to do. He gave a hypothetical of a Palestinian student hacking into an Israeli student's Web site, saying that an isolated incident such as that one couldn't be considered terrorism.

"It is perfectly within their group to pull off these types of attacks. I would find it unusual if they didn't do it eventually," he said.

The threat of a cyber attack has been heightened in recent weeks, after the Sept. 11 attacks. A cyber attack followed the collision of a Chinese fighter jet and an American jet.

"We've seen that this type of attack could happen on global proportions," Treece said.

Treece's company, Internet Security Systems, Inc., is one of many groups that work to prevent attacks by looking for suspicious activity on the Internet. ISS works to find unusual activity on the Internet, such as a slowing down of the system, and then tries to block the attack from continuing.

If a company becomes clogged with simple requests, the server will start to slow down. If transactions are slowed down too much, they become

cannot go through.

This can shut down the entire server for the corporation, if it is dependent upon the Internet for survival.

According to Treece, these types of attacks are easy to pull off. Anyone hoping to shut down a type of system would only have to overload that system to create the system to shut down.

"If the World Wide Web was affected, what it would do is affect all transactions if it was successful," Treece said.

"The Internet is very robust," Treece said. "People resorted to e-mail because phones weren't working."

Treece mentioned that because the Internet is so robust, it will be hard for potential terrorists to hit the entire Web for a long period of time.

"Internet routing is so extensive and robust, it is very hard to take the entire system down," he said.

Treece added that while the threat to the entire World Wide Web is possible, it is not likely.

"I really don't worry too much about the entire Internet coming down," he added. "I do worry about certain companies, though." ♦

## Bush attacks cyberterrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush formed a new panel yesterday to fight cyberterrorism, noting that the nation's information systems are vital to business, government and national defense.

The president's Critical Infrastructure Board will be charged with preventing disruptions of "critical infrastructure," Bush said in an executive order. He noted an array of entities that rely on information networks, including water, telecommunications, financial and transportation systems, health-care and emergency services and manufacturing.

Protecting the networks is vital to protecting "the people, economy, essential human and government services and national security of the United States," Bush said.

A key task of the board will be coordinating with private industry, which runs many of the nation's information networks, the order states.

Cabinet members will constitute most of the board, along with a host of other top presidential aides. There was no firm number for how many people will serve on the panel. ♦

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**What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your birth control protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to, but not the same as, the natural hormone progesterone which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

**How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly and how often you get your shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection. To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period ONLY within the first 3 days after childbirth or first breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, ONLY at the sixth week after childbirth. If a woman uses DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, she is 99% effective, meaning 1 out of 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection will become pregnant in the first year of use. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who get pregnant while using different types of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.2	0.7
Implants (Progestal)	0.2	0.7
Vaginal sterilization	0.1	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.3
Oral contraceptive pill	0.1	1
Combined	0.1	1
Progestin-only	0.1	1
IUD	0.1	1
Progestant	0.1	1
Copper T 380A	0.1	1
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	4	18
Contraceptive cap	6	18
Withdrawal	6	18
Female sterilization	15	21
Spermicide only	15	21
Female condom	15	21
Contraceptive sponge	15	21
Contraceptive foam	15	21
Contraceptive jelly	15	21
Contraceptive film	15	21
Contraceptive patch	15	21
Contraceptive ring	15	21
Contraceptive diaphragm	15	21
Contraceptive cap	15	21
Contraceptive sponge	15	21
Contraceptive foam	15	21
Contraceptive jelly	15	21
Contraceptive film	15	21
Contraceptive patch	15	21
Contraceptive ring	15	21

**Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection may have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and stinging of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have had any of the following conditions:

- If you have had cancer of the breast
- If you have had a stroke
- If you have or have had blood clots (thrombosis) in your leg
- If you have problems with your liver or biliary disease
- If you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients

**What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression

**This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.**

**What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for it to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection. About one-third of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months, about 8% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months, and about 9% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 24 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA will affect how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

**What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

The main effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if it happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually returns to normal. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your period stops is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your uterus. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur, and therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstrual cycle does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually return to its normal cycle.

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, but a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within their first 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly every 3 months (13 weeks) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection may have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and stinging of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

**Other Risks:**

Women who use hormone-based contraception may have an increased risk of blood clots (stroke). Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will implant itself outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

**What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

See your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sudden severe vomiting or diarrhea or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your vision or speech, weakness or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus or bleeding at the injection site

**What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**Weight Gain:**

You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two-thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 3 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

**Other Side Effects:**

In a clinical study of over 1,800 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 2 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

**Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**Missed Periods:**

During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

**Laboratory Test Interactions:**

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA. Some laboratory tests, those used to check for hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA, may be affected by your use of DEPO-PROVERA.

**Drug Interactions:**

Cytosine (ganciclovir) is an antiviral drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA. If the two drugs are given during the same time.

**Nursing Mothers:**

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the benefits from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

**How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given as a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA MUST be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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## Editorial

### Your vote could make a difference

College students are notorious procrastinators.

With homework, extracurricular activities, work, classes and, for each of us, children vying for our attention at all times, it's easy to push aside less important things ... say like ... voting in Student Government Association referendums.

Well, what luck! Because fall break will be a refreshing breath of air, we can all come back Monday and vote on two very important referendums.

We nagged and nagged last year about voting in the presidential election, and a good portion of the students did. We commend you.

And, while this ballot is arguably not as important as a presidential one, it is important to the entire student body and those to come.

The results of the election could directly affect one longstanding university policy and another that is under some serious threat.

Just think - with our combined votes, we could eradicate those stuffy old rules that mandate we be in class, smiling every single morning in order to pass. Or, we could decide to keep those rules in place.

Imagine absolving that evil, nit-picking plus-minus grading. Or, perhaps we should keep the good, student-friendly system in place for all the hardworking students roaming this campus.

The point is, the decision is up to the students this time. A major complaint of both *Sidelines* and the rest of the student body is that it seems as if students are invisible in the decision-making process of this university. Now's our chance to practice what we preach and start influencing university policy.

However, it must be acknowledged (reluctantly, we might add) that the referendum is not the final word on both issues. The voting results will be sent to the administration for consideration - something we hope does not mean a glance, a sigh and a paper was thrown into the garbage.

But which results would an administrator more closely consider: the opinions of five voters or the opinions of 5,000?

So, no matter what your policy persuasion, come back from fall break with a clear head and log on to WebMT at [www.mtsu.edu](http://www.mtsu.edu) to vote on the two referendums.

The future of MTSU academic policy could depend on your mouse click. ♦

## Joe kills bin Laden; nation rejoices

### Bathroom Stall Graffiti

Nick Fowler  
Staff Columnist



Joe's Dream Journal, Night 127:

Rod Serling woke me from my sleep by blowing smoke from his overpriced cigarette into my face. He knows I hate the smell of cigarettes, especially his tres chic imported cigarettes.

Serling is the creator of *The Twilight Zone* and my own personal celebrity spirit guide. Perhaps you'll recall from your world religions class that some Native American cultures believe in animal spirit guides. In the religion of popular culture, we have celebrity spirit guides.

Someday I'll tell you how to get in touch with the celebrity inside you.

"Stop blowing smoke in my face. Why are you here?"

"Do you know where I can score a sack of weed?" I asked Serling while ashing his cigarette on my floor. He knows I hate that. We once got into a fight because he ashed his cigarette on my mother's rug.

"I'm not a drug dealer, Rod. Really, why are you here?"

"It's this war. I know it's been troubling you. So, you and I are going to Afghanistan to pay Mr. Osama a visit. I've been talking to the president, and he thinks its time you take care of this situation."

"I fancy myself a bit of a pacifist. At the very least, I don't think I could kill another man."

"You'll think of something. Just take care of the

situation and take a book. It's a long flight," Serling said. I grabbed a copy of *War and Peace* and hopped on Serling's back. We flew straight to Afghanistan. Serling can fly, as can most celebrity spirit guides.

We arrived at a dimly lit cave in northern Afghanistan. Inside I could see a man, who I assumed was Osama bin Laden. I tried to look casual. I noticed a man who looked oddly American sitting behind a desk typing.

"Who's that?" I asked Serling.

"That is Tom Clancy. He is bin Laden's chief strategist." It figures.

I looked bin Laden in the eye. He glared back. I spoke no Arabic, but I knew he would understand what I was about to say.

"I betcha I can shoot more heroin than you." I find it best to appeal to the archvillain's hubris.

Bin Laden shot me a curious look. I guess I was wrong.

"He doesn't understand. I'll translate," Serling said. So he did.

Bin Laden snapped his fingers, and Clancy retrieved a brief case. He opened it. It was filled with 20 syringes, presumably filled with heroin.

Perhaps the reader is not familiar with Afghanistan heroin customs. I will explain. The Afghan people pride themselves in their opium production and their consumption.

According to tradition, bin Laden and I would shoot heroin until one of us overdosed.

It's admittedly a crude custom, but if one had a proper constitution, one could shoot a lot of heroin for free by traveling around Afghanistan and challenging locals.

So it began.

First one shot and then the other. Then we came to the seventh shot. It's often called seventh heaven, after the popular WB television show of the same name, which, incidentally, is only entertaining after shooting heroin.

Of course on the seventh shot of heroin, bin Laden's heart seized, and he died. Did you expect something else? That's a lot of heroin.

I survived, of course. Little did bin Laden know, I was born a crack baby, and I use heroin to maintain my slim figure. It's heroin chic, you know.

Serling looked at me and lit a cigarette. "Those things will kill you," I said to Rod.

"So will that," Serling said and pulled a needle out of my arm.

We shared a good laugh about that one. ♦

## Locating the heart of rock and roll

### For Argument's Sake

Jason Cox  
Asst. News Editor



In 1983, Huey Lewis, on his band's *Sports* album, declares that, based on the evidence he collected, the heart of rock and roll is in Cleveland.

Certainly, Cleveland has its share of perks with multiple professional sports teams, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and an excellent orchestra.

I wonder, however, is Cleveland worthy of the title of "The Heart of Rock and Roll?" I ventured to discover this on a road trip I took with three friends this summer to the great city.

Mind you, this was not an academic journey; we were traveling there to see Radiohead, one of the great modern rock bands, in concert.

On a journey to discover the heart of rock and roll, one must not forget one's past. Keeping this in mind, we went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, an impressive structure that is made magnificent with Lake Erie as a backdrop.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at once reflects both the spirit of rock music and the corporate sterility that has pervaded the business. Little rock music is heard in the lobby of the building, where admission is \$15 (no student discount is given) and you must check your cameras at the door, ala a modern rock show.

The museum itself,

however, has an incredible display of clothing, instruments, lyric and music sheets, record contracts and other memorabilia that will make even the casual music fan stop and stare.

However interesting as it may be, a museum cannot capture the essence of rock music. I got it that night, in nearby Cuyahoga Falls, where the Radiohead concert took place.

I did not see the actual town of Cuyahoga Falls, if such a town exists. Instead, I saw a music amphitheater called the Blossom Music Center out in the middle of nowhere. The only road to the venue was a sleepy two-lane highway unfit to handle nearly 20,000 people at one time.

Because we had fortunately planned ahead and left early for the concert,

traffic was manageable, but not for those who strayed. I heard later that a horrible jam prevented many from seeing the first part of the show.

The setting, at first, seemed like any other concert: overpriced T-shirts and beer, various commercial businesses clamoring for your money and the like.

However, when the show began, I can only describe it as a trance. It seemed at times that 20,000 people were standing, gawking and silent, listening to the music. Those who testify that the spirit of rock and roll is dead should have been in Cuyahoga Falls that night.

The city of Cleveland as a whole seems to have a spring in its step. My brief time in the downtown area showed a diverse area

with world-class foods and entertainment.

Cleveland, at one point, was the anus of Ohio, with horrible smog, drab architecture and a lake so polluted that it once caught fire. This is the Cleveland about which Lewis wrote: a roughneck, industrial town that liked to rock out to old time rock music.

Although Cleveland has cleaned up quite a bit and made itself into a world-class city, I say that the general spirit of rock music exists, at least in Cuyahoga Falls.

Huey was right. No matter whether the old boy is healthy or barely breathing, the heart of rock and roll is, indeed, still in Cleveland, or to be more accurate, in a suburb of Cleveland.

It's good enough for me. ♦

## Anthrax scare reflects a mother's paranoia

### Phil's Real Deal

Philip Denton  
Staff Columnist



I expected my visit home to be a relaxing time for me. I thought it would be the same routine as any other homely visit. It turned out to be anything but normal.

My mother has always been a little on the paranoid side. You could thumb her on the hand and she would protest that

in doing so you broke a bone. She's always been protective of her little boy, who, sadly to say, is me.

I live on a farm in the small town of Hohenwald, Tenn. Animals have always been a big part of our lives. Our farm consists of horses and cows.

My father is a busy man who is found mostly on the road. I have a sister who goes to college, and I, of course, attend college also. This leaves my mother handling all the animal-care responsibilities.

*Dateline* is my mother's favorite television show. She has been keeping up with the news coverage of

the terrorists along with the rest of the nation.

The latest talk in the news is cases of anthrax popping up here and there. Of course, after watching this on the news, my mom began to feel sick the following day. She immediately diagnosed herself with the death-wrenching disease.

As I was talking to her on the Internet about school, she finally broke the terrible news to me. Our cows were spreading anthrax to her, and she was going to die. Mom has a record of some crazy ideas, but this one completely took the cake. I found

myself unable to contain my laughter. The only thing that could possibly be done about this was to convince her that she was OK. It turned out she had been feeling sick for more than a week and a half. If it was anthrax, she would have been dead and gone within this time.

My father tried joking with her that maybe the terrorist planted anthrax in our cows to start the spread of it to wipe out the world. Of course, the terrorists knew the world would not expect the disease to begin its deadly path in Hohenwald, Tenn. Even after our attempts

to assure her that she was in good health, she still was convinced. In fact, it was not until after she completely got over her allergies that she accepted the fact she was not dying.

As you can see, she lives a very abnormal life. From stories of near death experiences as this to broken bones that just turned out to be bruises, there's always something to be paranoid about.

She is a terrorist target and has caught every disease that is in the book. She is the only woman I'll ever call mom, and I wouldn't want it any other way. ♦

## Letters to the Editor

### Revenue projections fall short Athletes deserve recognition

To the Editor:

I know many of us were shocked over last year's tuition hike. I must warn you that if we do not act now it will be much worse next year. Tennessee is collecting less money than it did at the same time last year. If you feel the current tax structure is fine, let this be evidence that it is not.

It looks like the legislature will be called in to a special session soon, so we must prepare now. Keep in mind that the budget passed with the expectation that revenue would grow at a 2.94 percent rate. With the legislature having wasted all the money it has received from the tobacco settlement as well as part of the Rainy Day Fund, there is no wiggle room.

When the legislature meets, those who do not care about us or Tennessee will be calling out against tax reform. We the state House has come out behind tax reform. I urge everyone to contact their state senator and say you want tax reform and a long-term solution to Tennessee's budget problems.

Abbie Hayden

To the Editor:

There should really be declared an official day of recognition or something for student athletes.

It's pretty humbling when I think that while I'm sitting around watching television or wasting time instead of doing homework, there's a student athlete somewhere doing one of four things - attending class, studying, sleeping or practicing. They work hard, and for a lot of them, especially the football team (GO BLUE!), it's going really well.

They're fighting every Saturday for the rest of us to have soccer rights, and right now we have some huge ones (5-1). The ladies soccer team, which goes way too unnoticed on campus, is 6-6 right now, and the volleyball team is 6-14 after playing some really tough teams. The first Lady Raiders golf team has finished 11th or better in every tournament they've entered this year. So if you know a student athlete, have a class with a student athlete or if you just see someone on campus that you recognize, tell them to keep up the good work. It can't be easy! Buy some blue apparel and get to a game!

Brant Shepherd

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## Small shop satisfies craving for unique items

Stonekeepers offers variety of goods, classes

By Megan Goodchild  
Staff Writer

You probably drive past it everyday: the small, red-brick house beside New York Cafe on Greenland Drive. What you may not realize is that inside this obscure house-turned-shop resides Murfreesboro's best-kept secret: Stonekeepers.

The store, for which owner Ramona Adams does not advertise, is the only place in Murfreesboro that can satisfy all your metaphysical cravings. It is a unique source for books, herbs, stones, crystals, candles and other items not commonly found in this area.

Stonekeepers, which originally opened in 1996 on Castle Street under the name Ramona's Rock Room, has been located at 1403-B Greenland Drive since March of 1998. Ramona and her husband Stan started out selling cut stones and jewelry that they hand-crafted themselves.

"Gradually, the store began selling a wider variety of items. People kept coming in and asking for different stuff," Ramona remembered.

"The inside of the store still resembles that of a home, and the atmosphere is very family-oriented. My husband says people don't come in to buy stuff," Ramona laughed. "They come in to talk to me, and they buy stuff to humor me."

The main room in the store holds the stones, crystals and other merchandise for sale. In the back of the store is a workroom filled with cut and uncut stones.

"We don't play back here as much as we used to," Ramona said.

In between the workroom and the office is a small room where she stores 120 different types of herbs, which she measures out according to the customer's needs.

"Some people buy herbs for potpourri, some use it for spells."

— Ramona Adams, owner of Stonekeepers

"Some people buy herbs for potpourri, some use it for spells," Ramona explained. "Some people look for ones to get high, but I don't carry those."

"A kid came by the other day asking for some herbs," she laughed. "He started naming off all these poisonous, hallucinogenic herbs."

She doesn't carry those, either.

Stonekeepers offers a variety of classes as well, though their dates and times depend on Ramona's schedule. In the past, they have held classes covering Wicca, incense, jewelry and drum-making, to name a few.

She teaches all of the classes herself, except for one. "We have a guy who comes down from New York for the drum-making class," Ramona said.

The store began hosting a belly-dancing class, but it has now been postponed while she looks for a larger space for it to be held.

"There were too many bellies and not enough room!" she said jokingly.

Many of the customers who shop at Stonekeepers have heard of the store by word of mouth. Ramona does not advertise the shop, one reason being she doesn't want to attract people to come down and steal stuff.

Just recently, a customer stole her digital camera from



Photos provided  
(Top) Stonekeepers is conveniently located near campus on Greenland Drive.

(Right) Stonekeepers offers customers a wide variety of eclectic items to choose from.



the office.

"They didn't steal the charger, so they can't use it," she said.

Ramona's daughter Carrie, an MTSU student, has a business proposition for the thief.

"Tell them we'll sell them the charger for \$500," she said.

Stonekeepers also offers tarot readings by appointment, both during the week and on weekends. Ramona, who has just taken a full-time job as a computer programmer for a company in Nashville, does not do the readings herself. "I can do them, I just choose not to," she said.

Stonekeepers' customers include locals as well as MTSU students and range in age and occupation.

"A lot of people that come in claim to be psychic," Ramona said of her customers.

Many people recognize the shop as a place to buy items that cannot be found in other stores around town.

"I go to Stonekeepers because Ramona is very helpful," said Shawna Deslatte, a licensed massage therapist specializing in LaStone Therapy.

"If she doesn't have the stone I need, she'll get it for me. It's the only store in town where I can get crystals and rocks for healing purposes."

Over the years, Ramona has seen what began as an outlet for her and her husband's craft evolve into much more.

"The store is definitely not what I intended it to be," she mused. "Though I'm not really sure what I intended it to be. It is an extended hobby that got out of hand." ♦

## ★ INSIDE THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT ★



By Luke Burke

### O.J. Simpson faces court for road rage

O.J. Simpson is on trial again, this time for road rage. But Simpson's past is haunting him once again as his history as a murder defendant is figuring in the proceedings in a traffic dispute in Miami.

### Spears gets star struck by Madonna

What happens when a star gets star struck? Well, Britney Spears can answer that question for you. Spears said she regrets acting doozy around Madonna. She also said normally she's very cool when she meets people, but she was star-struck when she met Madonna. She didn't know whether to give her a hug or not. Calling herself "a goob," Spears said Madonna must think she's a total dork. The only wish she has is that maybe she could possibly take back that moment and do it over.



### Thornton gets 'creeped out'

Billy Bob Thornton's character in *Bandits* shares some of Thornton's real-life phobias. Thornton says he gets "creeped out" and can't breathe when he's around antiques furniture, especially from England or France. He's also deathly afraid of clowns. But then again, he said, "most people are." Thornton's movie *Bandits* opened last Friday.



### Houston back on charts with anthem

Whitney Houston's famous rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" was re-released last month by her label. Houston says she's proud to have a share in trying to rally the nation around the flag with the help of her music.

Houston says the royalties from the single will go to help the families of police and firefighters hurt or killed in the World Trade Center attack. The single has outsold all singles at retail this past week and has now been certified as platinum.



Houston has recently been in the lime light after making a frail appearance at Michael Jackson's opening concert in Madison Square garden last month, later prompting rumors of her death. Houston continues to deny drug use and said she was hurt that amidst all the problems our nation is going through at this time, a rumor about her death would surface. ♦





## Movie Review:

## Don't pay full price to see 'Bandits'

By Kori Rumore

*The Maneater (U. Missouri)*

America's sleeper bank robbers are on the loose in director Barry Levinson's *Bandits*.

Joe Blake (Bruce Willis) is the brains of the operation, and neurotic Terry Lee Collins (Billy Bob Thornton) is his pathetic sidekick.

The two bad guys break out of an Oregon state penitentiary in a great scene that pairs the men's actions with the Led Zeppelin song "Gallow's Pole." They proceed to rob tiny banks by showing up at bank managers' homes and spending the night before quietly escorting them to work and robbing their banks the next morning. This is how the duo earns the Sleepover Bandits nickname. They want to steal enough cash to move to Mexico and start a resort.

The movie's best part is the costume design. Hiding out from the law can be difficult when you're two escaped convicts, but Blake and Collins do it in style. In one scene, they raid a man's closet and walk

out dressed to a T in plaid sweaters.

After each bank robbery, the duo breaks apart for two weeks so each can get some down time.

During a chance encounter, Collins is hit by Kate Wheeler's (Cate Blanchett) Mercedes. Wheeler is desperate to get away from her deadbeat husband and is looking to make some excitement of her own. Despite Collins' objections, she becomes an accomplice to the robberies.

The plot takes a wrong turn when Blake falls for Wheeler just as Collins falls for her. Both men become more focused on their love lives than robbery strategies, and they get caught.

As Wheeler's husband goes on television to plea for her safe return, she decides she's enough woman to be with both Collins and Blake. This movie is fun to follow until all the relationship junk starts to take away from the robbery scenes.

*Bandits* premiered second in the box office but is still worth catching in a matinee. ♦

## 'Misery' cast delivers strong performance

By Nathalie Mornu  
Staff Writer

To celebrate making it through the wretchedness of mid-term exams, put a little misery in your life. Go see the Murfreesboro Little Theatre's production of *Misery*. Based on Stephen King's novel of the same name, the play finishes its two-week run at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts this weekend.

The play tells the story of Paul Sheldon (Wayman Price), a successful author of romance novels, who is held captive by his most fervent and undoubtedly craziest fan. Annie Wilkes (Sandy Berg) finds the unconscious Paul in the wreckage of his car after an accident in a remote part of Colorado. The former nurse takes him back to her home, splints his shattered legs and liberally administers pain killers. It doesn't take long to recognize her favorite author.

In his bag, she finds and reads Paul's newly finished manuscript for a book that

has nothing in common with the string of historical romances Annie loves so much. Not only does Annie not approve of the manuscript, she's furious that Paul has killed off Misery Chastain, the heroine of all his romance stories, at the end of his most recent novel. The title character's death spells the end of the series. Sheldon has tired of writing the romances, but Annie needs more, and she intends to get it.

She doesn't find it difficult to coerce Paul to write another *Misery* novel with a clever beginning that resurrects the heroine. Paul can't walk, he has no idea where he is, the phone doesn't work and Annie has turned him into a junkie for pain pills. Whenever he refuses her demands, Annie finds a way to humiliate him, or she simply leaves him for days without medication or food.

So, Paul writes one chapter each day for Annie and reads it aloud to her every night. But much like Scheherazade in

1001 *Arabian Nights*, Paul

realizes that once he finishes the novel for this audience of one, Annie will kill him. And so the day comes.

The play comes with plenty of dark humor, and Price and Berg have great comedic timing. Berg plays Annie as annoyingly whiny when she was in a good mood; her moody, angry Annie was frighteningly convincing. Price performed well as the helpless author Paul. His panic at one point was so strong it seemed he'd rupture a vein in his neck while screaming.

I loved the set of Annie's house, with its dry wall mostly removed so the audience could see through the wall frames into other rooms behind Paul's guestroom. I attribute the few problems of stuffed lines and sound effect cues coming in late to seeing the preview performance—everything altogether went smoothly, so I'm positive that will have been quickly ironed out.

However, in a small venue such as that of the Center for

the Arts, audiences easily perceive the false illusions of theater. A dead rat which Annie pulled out of her pocket, and which should have caused revulsion in the audience, caused chuckles instead because it was so obviously a plush toy. As for Annie's surgery on Paul's leg, the effect was ridiculous because it had no realism.

Perhaps a better and more chilling solution would have been to avoid showing her ineffective hacking by cutting immediately to black as soon as Annie raised the ax, and hearing a blood curdling scream from Paul.

These details aside, audiences who go see the play won't feel miserably about spending their admission.

*Misery*, directed by Shane Lowery, plays October 18-20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students.

The Center for the Arts is located at 110 West College St. Call 904-2787 for reservations or more information. ♦

## Book explores a white male's experience growing up in a black neighborhood

By Sonya Larson

*The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)*

What does it really mean to be white in America? Yale professor and author Dalton Conley has spent nearly his entire life studying this very question.

If there was ever someone most suited to study whiteness in America, it is Conley. Raised in the projects of Manhattan's Lower East Side during the '70s and '80s, Conley lived as one of few white children in a predominantly black and Puerto Rican neighborhood.

His new book, *Honky*, is a memoir detailing his own coming-of-age in a world where he was the unlikely minority.

"I felt my own childhood was a natural experiment," Conley said in an interview with *The Daily Cardinal*. "If you take away all the obvious things about race and class, such as where they live or the money they make, you find out what being white and middle class really means."

Conley's anecdotes in *Honky* are no different than most American boys—he deals with

bullies, makes new friends, goes to school and develops an uncanny obsession with video games. But all these stories swirl with underlying racial issues that slowly eat away at his youthful naivety.

The first story, for example, tells of how his longings for a baby sister once led him to swipe an African American baby from its carriage. His colorblind view of the child is both precious and dangerous.

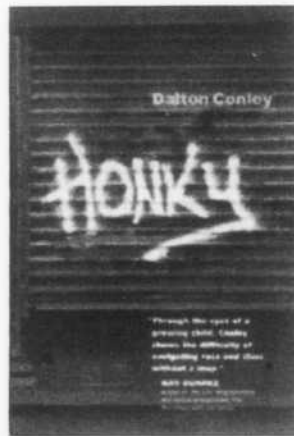
"I was told, 'What are you doing? She's a black girl. She can't be your sister,'" Conley said.

With each new episode, Conley slowly unveils these unspoken racial boundaries all around him.

Gliding into first grade, Conley was placed in an entirely African American classroom, where he soon realized that he was the only student not hit by the teacher when he misbehaved.

Already, his different treatment had begun. He was a white drop on a black canvas, yet Conley guiltily found his own skin color gave him special privileges he could not have expected.

But Conley's life lessons were not limited to race alone. Despite growing up poor, Conley's parents maintained what he calls the "cultural capi-



tal" of middle class.

During his teen years, Conley became friends with a well-off Latino teen named Raphael. One day when left home alone, the boys' game with matches erupted into a devastating fire in Raphael's apartment.

Once the smoke cleared, the authorities surprisingly did not seek criminal charges for the boys; instead, they left the families to deal with their sons. Conley knows that his dodge of the whip was due to his inher-

ent social status.

"Poor minorities get no such allowances," Conley observes in the book. "But we were lucky for Raphael's family represented the right class and I the right race."

This incident reflects a recurring theme in the book—the bent discipline and wavering power struggles between economic and racial groups.

This, Conley reasons, is something that will always be an issue in the United States.

"The typical white family owns eight times the net wealth of one black family," Conley said. "[White people] don't want to give up the power they already have. Why should they?"

In the future, whites will no longer be the majority, but they will likely still maintain the power, the privilege, and the wealth."

As a kid, Conley bounded through life's hallmarks without much conscious thought of his position. But today Conley reflects upon his youth with careful respect and fresh social wisdom. His focus in his own teachings and in the book is "to make the familiar strange, not the strange familiar."

"One of the privileges of being white is that your race matters to you, but you don't have to think about it," Conley said. "Minorities, however, think about it in everything that they do."

Conley tells his vivid stories with lively crispness and sweet, nostalgic humor. Intertwined with his youthful prose are moments of clear reflection that of a man who has seen his entire canvas.

Although Conley absorbed his knowledge from real-life experiences, he is confident that readers everywhere can still share in his unique perspective.

"I would really like college students to read my book," Conley said. "They are not yet cynical and closed off to new ideas. Primarily, white college students would gain a lot from reading this."

"We have academic research to tell us social statistics, but this kind of narrative helps show how race matters in America."

*Honky* is published by Vintage Books. ♦

## Entertainment Briefs

## Nashville opera to opens season

Nashville Opera opens its season Oct. 18 and 20 with Puccini's *Turandot* at TPAC's Andrew Jackson Hall.

With a cast of 120 (not including the 74 member Nashville Symphony) and scenery and costumes by world-renowned designer Allen Charles Klein, *Turandot* will be the largest production that Nashville Opera has ever presented in its 21-year existence.

The Thursday show will begin at 7 p.m. and the Saturday show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$12 to \$55, are available at Ticketmaster at 255-Arts (2787) or online at nashvilleopera.org. A limited number of pay-what-you-can tickets (\$5 suggested minimum) are available by calling Nashville Opera at 832-5242 ext. 209. Student Rush tickets, when available, will be sold for \$5 each at the TPAC box office 45 minutes before curtain (current student ID or report card required, one ticket per ID).

## Center for the Arts to present 'Misery'

The Murfreesboro Little Theater will continue its run of Stephen King's *Misery* October 18-20 at the Rutherford County Center for the Arts.

*Misery* is a tale of a wounded male author held hostage and tortured by a crazed female fan. The play stars Wayman Price and Sandy Berg and is directed by Shane Lowery.

All shows will begin at 8 p.m. Regular ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students and children.

## Belmont to host pop/rock talent showcase Saturday

The Curb School of Music Business of Belmont University will present its annual Pop/Rock Showcase Saturday at 7 p.m. The student-produced event will be held on Belmont's campus and will feature the school's best pop and rock artists. For more information, contact Pat Hamilton at 460-5504.



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J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

## Fox's playoff coverage lacks punch

In today's hi-tech world, the marketing of professional sports has become an immediate priority. Baseball is immediately at the top of the list of sports that need help in selling its game. Or is it?

The first of the playoffs ended Monday with two thrilling decisive game fives in the American League, with the Saint Louis Cardinals and the Arizona Diamondbacks in the National League ending their best-of-five series Sunday with a game-ending single in the bottom of the ninth inning by Arizona.

ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons said that this first week of the playoffs have been the most exciting since the wild card format was implemented in the mid-90s. I agree. Therefore, baseball may not need assistance with selling America's past time. I think the better question is whom baseball is selling the game to.

There is no question that television contracts are vital for the survival of the game in its present form. In the past, the playoffs have taken center stage in a network's prime time programming. Not so this year.

The FOX television network bought the rights to every playoff game this season, something new in the wild card era. Therefore many of the games have been shown on the FOX-Family cable channel, a traditional non-sports channel. This fact, however, doesn't bother me all that much. Now in the League Championship Series, all games will be televised on FOX.

When FOX bought the rights to the playoffs, it bought exclusive control of when the games would be played (in terms of time of day).

Game one of the National League Championship Series last night featured two future hall-of-famers in Greg Maddux and Randy Johnson - a match-up made for prime time one would think. Instead FOX showed "all new episodes" of *That 70s Show*, *Undeclared* and *The Love Cruise* while game one of the NLCS threw its first pitch at 3:20 p.m. CST.

I happen to enjoy day baseball in October. But the anticipation of day baseball didn't factor in the programming decision. FOX would rather keep its own programming with the advertisements that go with it than show a classic pitcher's duel and give baseball the prime-time audience it deserves.

Gammons points out that it is not FOX's fault, it is the commissioner's office that is to blame. I echo his sentiment when he said, "they (the commissioner's office) have sold the game of baseball down the river." ♦

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# MT looks to regroup at Ole Miss.

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team will take a sabbatical from the Sun Belt Conference to challenge the Ole Miss Rebels this Saturday in Oxford, Miss.

The two teams are coming into the game under different circumstances. Ole Miss enters their home domain with a come-from-behind win against Alabama in Southeastern Conference play, while MT looks for redemption after losing their first conference game to North Texas.

"This is where we have to come back and see if we can put a complete game together with offense, defense and special teams," MT head coach Andy McCollum said.

The MT squad will need every aspect of their football team ready for the trip to Oxford. SEC action is always intense, and the Rebels are one of the conferences best representatives.

"They are very explosive and have outstanding players," safety Michael Woods said. "Their quarterback will be the best one we have faced this year and he rarely makes mistakes."

The Ole Miss offense, led by quarterback Eli Manning, will prove to be a colossal challenge for an MT defensive squad that hasn't had a sack since Sept. 29 against Louisiana-Lafayette and who has been known to be generous in regards to opposing teams' passing games.

"We need to find a way to get pressure on the quarterback, and not many people have gotten pressure on Manning," McCollum said. "We need to help our secondary by getting pressure on the quarterback with our linebackers and defensive front."

The Blue Raiders can't afford to rely on their offense alone this weekend. The Rebels have a stingy defense that shut down SEC rival Alabama in the fourth quarter last Saturday.

"They have a lot of speed defensively and they force you to make plays against them," McCollum said. "They are number one in the nation in pass defense."

The Rebels number one pass defense will be banging heads with a Blue Raider passing attack that is one of the best in the nation. MT may have to lean on the passing game even more this weekend with the

decimation of injuries at the running back position.

Running back Don Calloway is out with an ankle injury and All-American candidate Dwone Hicks is questionable for the game due to a hamstring injury. MT is also missing one of their men in the trenches with a knee injury to offensive lineman Jon Barry.

"It is going to be a challenge, but that's one of the reasons you come to Middle Tennessee," McCollum said. "You face challenges and have opportunities."

The opportunity to take down an SEC power will prevent itself this weekend, and the Blue Raiders may want to consider introducing running back Reshard Lee to the Ole Miss defense to keep their number one passing defense occupied.

"We have to put helmet and cover everyone up," offensive lineman Glen Elarbee said. "We always want to run the ball, and the old adage still applies, the pass is set up by the run."

"We've beaten an SEC team this season and have to play the best we can in order to make it happen again."

Game time is 1 p.m. ♦

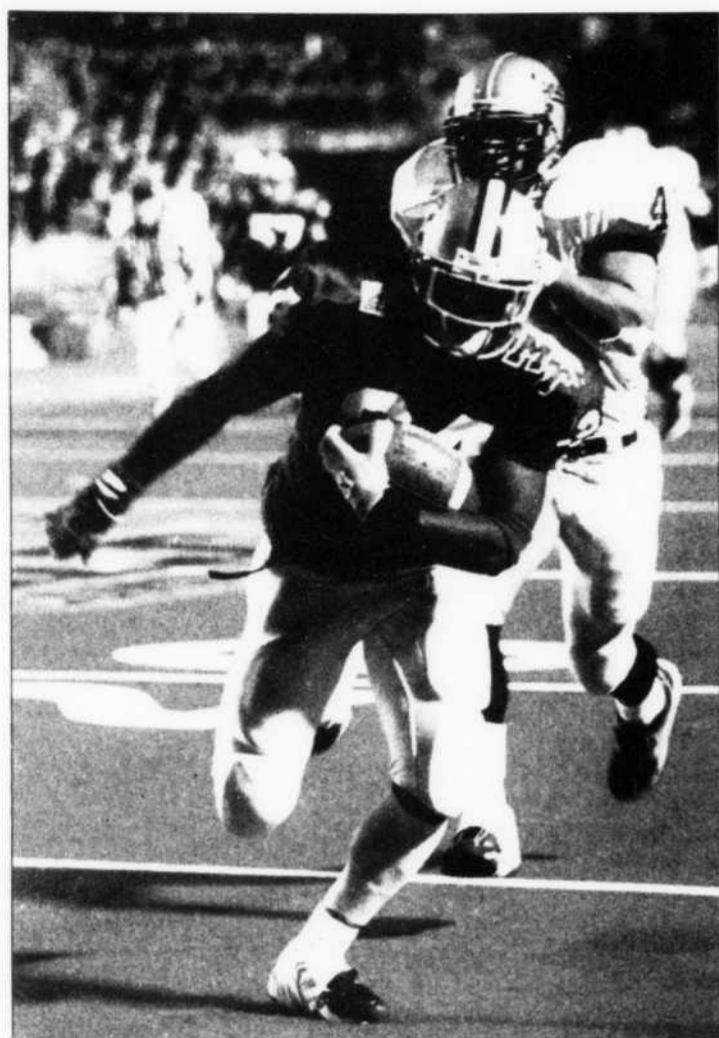


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Reshard Lee should get several carries against Ole Miss.

# Soccer gets assist from LaDuke

## LaDuke is honored for scoring streak

By Steven Finley  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee soccer star Danielle LaDuke was recently named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week.

The 5-7 goal-scoring freshman from Liverpool, NY captured the award after she strung together three consecutive hat tricks in victories against Lipscomb, Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State.

In those games, LaDuke scored three goals in each match and also had an assist in the match against UALR.

LaDuke added a new element to the Blue Raiders' offensive attack with her ability to score at any moment from anywhere on the field.

She has tallied 12 goals in 10 games and should easily shatter Hailee Walsh's MT single season record of 13 goals in a season. Walsh's career record of 21 goals is also in jeopardy of falling to the freshman sensation.

LaDuke ranked second in the Sun Belt in goals and points per game and fourth in shots per contest at the time of the award.

LaDuke will try to work her magic as the Blue Raiders attempt to get back on track for their first Sun Belt Conference title.

Don't be surprised if Blue Raiders travel only as far as the LaDuke's scoring foot takes them. If this holds true, the sky is the limit for a team on the rise.

LaDuke and the Lady Raiders will be back in action Friday against Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Megan McGregor kicks the ball to assist a teammate.

## Blue Raiders make comeback but still fall short in overtime match-up with Sun Belt Conference foe North Texas

By Steven Finley  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team rallied from a three-goal deficit late in their Sunday match with North Texas, only to fall to the Lady Eagles 4-3 in overtime.

MT came into the contest trying to regain their footing following a tough 1-0 loss to Denver two days prior.

NT arrived in Murfreesboro confident after beating Western Kentucky to take hold of sole possession of the top spot in the Sun Belt Conference.

On paper the game appeared to be an obvious shootout. It featured the Sun Belt's two most prolific scorers in NT's Marilyn Marin and MT's Danielle LaDuke. Right from the start it was clear that this prediction would hold true.

Both squads played aggressive and physical throughout, evident from their combined 28 fouls and the three yellow cards that were issued.

MT attacked early on the offensive end giving MT goalkeeper Emily Shrum her share of busy work during the half. The outburst led to the Lady Eagles getting an early lead thanks to Melinda Pina's header off of an indirect kick in the 25th minute.

Pina, a driving force in the victory, assisted Keri Kuwamura's goal off her head in the 43rd minute to take a 2-0 lead.

The lead carried over to the second half and NT seemingly put the nail in the coffin when the Sun Belt's leading scorer put the Blue Raiders in a deep 3-0

hole. Marin scored unassisted a break away in which she beat Shrum one-on-one.

With less than 22 minutes remaining in the match, things seemed bleak for the Blue Raiders. Quit, however, isn't a word that figures prominently in their vocabulary.

MT caught fire offensively scoring three goals in the final 20 minutes to force overtime. They continued to force shots at NT goalkeeper Monica Housden with 13 second-half shots and created one scoring chance after another.

The Blue Raiders' first goal came when Lindsey Bopp floated a shot over Housden's right side in the 70th minute. The goal cut the score to 3-1 and jump-started the MT scoring barrage.

Nine minutes later Lisa Langrish sliced the deficit down to one goal when she scored her fourth goal of the season on an untouched direct kick.

Finally, in the 79th minute LaDuke knotted the score up at 3-3 when she gunned one past Housden's outstretched arms from 18 yards out.

The score remained the same throughout regulation and forced the two teams to play extra minutes to determine the victor.

The Blue Raiders wasted no time trying to end the match almost scoring immediately in overtime when Housden made a close save on a shot by Emily Carter just 1:30 into overtime. MT was confident that after coming back from trailing 3-0 that it was their destiny to win.

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## Blue Raider Notebook

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

**Southeastern Conference action**  
awaits the Middle Tennessee football program this weekend when they face a red-hot Ole Miss squad.  
The Blue Raiders no longer have the aspirations of finishing the season undefeated but have the opportunity to exert their revenge against a highly touted conference and its representative the Ole Miss Rebels.  
**Blue Collar Workers:**  
The offensive line is going

to have their work cut out for them this Saturday. The Ole Miss Rebels are at home and come into the game riding high after defeating Alabama 27-24. The Rebel defense stopped the Tide by holding them scoreless in the fourth quarter. Not exactly what the Blue Raider offense wants to hear after their worst offensive performance of the year. Uncharacteristic line play saw quarterback Wes Counts sacked four times with the running game averaging less than 4 yards a carry.  
**Big D:**  
The defense will be facing their most difficult task of

season. The Blue Raider squad will have to reenact a page from the David vs. Goliath chapter when they go against the Rebel offense and Eli Manning. The match-up doesn't sound favorable for the Blue Raiders who have had their problems dealing with the pass this season. But the Big D kept North Texas from scoring a touchdown in the second half, and allowed them only 117 yards passing in the game. The secondary, led by corner Jykie Bradley and safety Michael Woods, will need help from a defensive line that hasn't sacked an opposing quarterback since

Sept. 29 against Louisiana-Lafayette.  
**All-American Watch:**  
Wide receiver Kendall Newson gave the Blue Raider offense a pulse last Saturday against the Mean Green with two touchdown receptions. Newson extended his streak to 38 straight games with a reception when he caught 7-passes for 73 yards at NT. Dwone Hicks left the game in the first quarter with an aggravated hamstring. His presence was missed in the 24-21 loss.  
**Blue Raider notebook** appears every Wednesday during football season.

## Lady Raiders lose conference match

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team dropped their fifth out of six matches losing to New Mexico State at Pan American Center in straight sets 28-30, 22-30, 24-30.

The Lady Raiders played well and head coach Lisa Kisee made some adjustments in the starting lineup putting in both setters, Kelly Quinn and Goldie Bilyeu in order to give Quinn some defensive time.  
Offensively, Bilyeu had 36

assists and two service aces. The only other Lady Raider shining in the loss was Shakeitha Deckard with 15 kills.

Stevi Adams led New Mexico State with 11 kills and 30 attacks.

MT's record drops to 6-13 and 2-5 in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Lady Raiders play three home games in five days starting with South Alabama at Murphy Center on Friday at 7 p.m. ♦



## Soccer: MT loses game in overtime to NT

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That hope was shattered just seconds later when Marin won the match on a breakaway goal nearly identical to LaDuke's game tying shot.

The tough defeat dropped the Blue Raiders to .500 overall

on the season and 2-3 thus far in Sun Belt Conference play.

They will host Appalachian State today and travel to Western Kentucky Friday. Both games are Kentucky Friday. Both games are Kentucky Friday. Both games are Kentucky Friday.

With this victory, NT seems

primed to capture the Sun Belt's regular season title for the first time. Such an accomplishment would give the Lady Eagles a full head of steam as they arrive at the Sun Belt tournament held Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Miami, Fla. ♦

## MT doubles team wins

By Dale Martin  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee hosted the women's Fall Invitational last weekend.

Weekend from around the southeast participated in this annual tournament. Rainy weather forced the tournament to be played indoors. The Lady Raiders had players advancing in every bracket.

In singles action, Verna Preiss defeated Sophia DeSmet of Jacksonville State 6-2, 6-4 after a first round bye but was eliminated by Lupita Hernandez from Tennessee Tech 6-3, 6-2.

Monica Gonzalez-Gordo put out Stacy Varnell 6-1, 6-4. Varnell also received a first round bye.

Tanya Buchhelm made her run by defeating Bethany Everett from Chattanooga in a hard fought 7-5, 7-5 victory and by beating Sumitra Roa of Memphis 6-2, 6-4. Buchhelm later lost to Natascha Immele of the University of Alabama-Birmingham 1-6, 7-6, 11-9. Immele would later win the bracket.

In other singles action, Emily Vest easily defeated Donna Altenburger of Austin Peay 6-1, 6-0. Rebecca Manta Mitchell would later defeat Vest 6-4, 6-1.

Michaela Gridling lost a hard, well-played match against Elaine Fagan of Mississippi State 6-1, 1-6, 10-8. Melissa Roach of Boise State also eliminated Carlen Venter in the first round of play.

In doubles play, an MT team won their bracket. Vest and Buchhelm teamed up to win

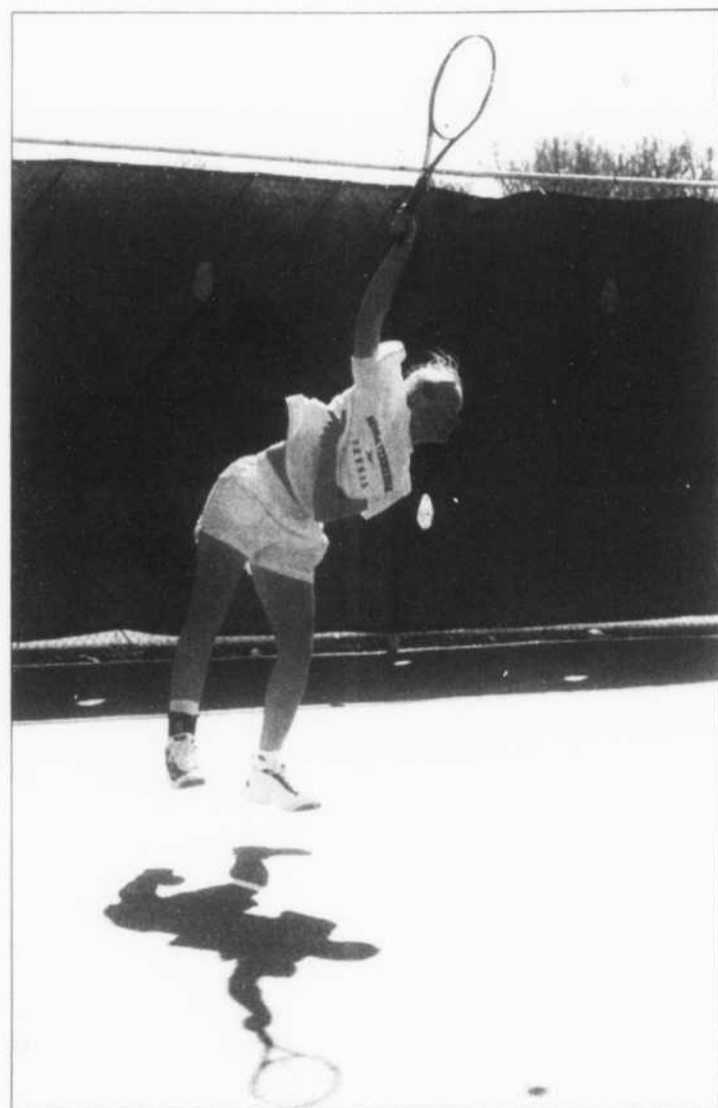
their bracket starting with an 8-2 victory over Jessie Mills and Jenica Proctor of Austin Peay.

The duo advanced on to eliminate San Martin and Klehna of Louisville 8-3, putting them in the finals. Vest and Buchhelm defeated Femke deBoer and Sjouke Liem of

UAB in a retired match 3-1.

Also in doubles, Judy Liwanpo and Zarinah Brown eliminated Venter and Vernell in a close first round match 8-6.

Gridling and Preiss also lost in the first round to Vanessa Gomez and Rac Gorman of JSU 8-4. ♦



The Lady Raiders hosted the Fall Invitational Oct. 12-14.

## Blue Raider alumnus gets cut

By R. Colin Fly  
Senior Staff Writer

Former Blue Raider Marty Carter was released yesterday by the Atlanta Falcons following an 11-year NFL career.

Carter, who annually ranked among the league's leading tacklers at safety, was cut just two days after the Falcons' secondary made key errors in an overtime loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

The Falcons have dropped to last in the NFL in total defense this season, and it was clear from remarks from coach Dan Reeves that it would be time for a change.

Gerald McBurrow, a seven-year veteran, will replace the former starter. The team also elevated rookie safety Corey Hall from the practice squad.

Carter told the ESPN that he always said nothing in the business of the NFL would surprise him, but his release caught him off guard.

"I actually didn't see it coming," Carter said. "I know the defense wasn't playing all that well, but it's almost like I was singled out. There have been breakdowns by a lot of guys, not just me."

Carter, who plays more like a small linebacker, could not keep up with faster players in the league, according to Len Pasquarelli, a columnist for ESPN.com.

"Apparently the coordinators, under first-year coordinator Don Blackmon, felt Carter was responsible for too many 'busted' assignments, including some against the 49ers. In truth, the Atlanta secondary has not

played well all year."

Carter, 31, came to Atlanta as an unrestricted free agent in 1999. Tampa Bay originally drafted him in the eighth round in 1991.

In 157 appearances and 152 starts, Carter had 1,302 tackles, 12 interceptions and 66 passes deflected. He never had more than three interceptions in a season.

The Falcons won't save any money this season by releasing Carter. Since he is a vested veteran, he is guaranteed his full base salary of \$1.8 million and still counts \$2.62 million against the Atlanta salary cap. He was scheduled to earn a base salary of \$1.9 million in 2002 and \$5.3 million, which includes a \$1.5 million roster bonus, in 2003. ♦

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