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## Students plug-in, tune out

### Internet use produces mixed feelings among faculty, staff

By JORDAN BRIEN  
Staff Writer

Students' chronic use of technology will more than likely increase with time, but many MTSU faculty and staff see more pros from technology's effects on students than cons.

According to research data from Pew Internet & American Life Project, 70 percent of adults from ages 18-29 in 2000 used the Internet on a daily basis. That percentage jumped to 95 percent in 2010 and established this age group as the most active Internet users, leaving teens ages 12-17 in second place with 93 percent active Internet users.

This increase in Internet usage has been reflected in student life and performance, according to some MTSU faculty.

"Students don't seem to spend as much time to research," said Sandra Poirier, an associate professor of human sciences in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Larry Burriss, a journalism professor in the College of Mass



Photo by Becca Andrews, assistant news editor  
Students study in the James E. Walker Library on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 with the assistance of technology provided by the university, and they aren't alone. According to research data from the Pew Internet & American Life Project, 70 percent of adults ages 18-29 use the Internet on a daily basis.

Communication, said while it is easier for students to gather information, it is also easier to gather false information.

As far as face-to-face interac-

tion goes, Poirier said students still work in groups at times, but instead of meeting in person, many students do entire group projects through social

networking websites like Facebook or through e-mail. Poirier called this idea "cocooning."

Jackie Eller, chair of the sociology and anthropology department,

said she worries that this lack of face-to-face interaction will prevent students from learning to work together and could be responsible for what she sees as a declining sense of civility among students.

"Technology, especially the Internet, increase people's reach but without seeing the effect of their speech," Eller said. "People are acting quicker and responding quicker."

Jason Reineke, an assistant professor of journalism in the College of Mass Communication, said he has recently noticed the trend of "one line e-mails." Some e-mails he receives from students have neither a greeting nor a name at the end. He said the e-mail only asks a question like, "What's my grade?" and that students generally expect a response immediately.

"The psychological effects of having massive amounts of information at one's fingertips all the time has shifted people's expectations of what's reasonable at a moments notice," Reineke said.

Poirier said she has seen some positive effects from the increase in social technology. A lesson plan in the 1970s that took more than a day to prepare now can be done in less than two hours, thanks to all the information available online.

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## Reduced cost necessary for Science Building

STAFF REPORT

The administration announced Friday it is open to the possibility of reducing the overall cost of constructing a new Science Building to less than \$100 million, according to an MTSU press release.

The announcement comes on the heels of statements made Wednesday by Republican state Sens. Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy during a luncheon hosted by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

The two legislators discussed the ongoing stalemate between officials from the Tennessee General Assembly and Tennessee Board of Regents, which has been waiting for the legislature's approval to fund a new Science Building

for more than 10 years.

Original cost estimates hovered at more than \$126 million, and due in large part to statewide budget shortfalls, a proposal to fund the project failed to go up for a vote in May.

Ketron and Tracy have since continued to express support for the project. However, both have expressed concerns about the cost, and Ketron told luncheon attendees nonessential items need to be eliminated from construction plans in order to secure state funding, according to reports from The Daily News Journal.

"We need a simple building for classroom space and laboratories," Ketron said, as reported in the DNJ.

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Congested interstates, like the one above, will be closely monitored by the Tennessee Highway Patrol during the Thanksgiving holidays, in an effort to prevent casualties this holiday weekend.

## Speaker challenges 'Obamacare'

By TODD BARNES  
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama's quest to expand government, increase government spending, raise taxes and implement "Obamacare" will increase problems for the United States economy, Deroy Murdock said in a speech Friday.

Deroy Murdock, a syndicated columnist for the Scripps Howard News Service, concluded MTSU's "Entrepreneurship Week" with his speech, "Obama vs. Free Enterprise."

"The Obama administration is leading the U.S. down the wrong path, such as increasing taxes, health care reform, the cap-and-trade proposal, federal spending, and a general reduction in America's economic freedom," Murdock said.

"In many ways, these folks are inflicting huge damage on America's free enterprise system, and they're attempting

to play more," Murdock said.

Murdock said he believes "Obamacare" is a bill that should be repealed in order to add a boost to the economy. He showed the schematic for the health care reform plan, adding it looked like a confusing "circuit board."

"I think that appealing "Obamacare" would be absolutely a huge shot for our economy," Murdock said. "I think it's an enormous dead-weight-loss against this economy and putting it out of business would be a good step towards getting this economy good again."

"Obamacare" will decelerate the production of new medical innovations, such as prosthetics, pacemakers and other life-enhancing inventions because a "pacemaker tax" will be imposed on these businesses, Murdock said.

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## State Troopers 'CARE' this holiday weekend

STAFF REPORT

State troopers are amping up safety procedures for this year's Thanksgiving holiday with frequent checkpoints and the "C.A.R.E. Across Tennessee" campaign, according to a Tennessee Highway Patrol press release.

From Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. to Nov. 28 at midnight, state troopers will be monitoring holiday travel conditions in order to prevent as many accidents

as possible.

"Our C.A.R.E. campaign and holiday enforcement is a chance for motorists to stand in solidarity with us," said Col. Tracy Trott of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, "by turning on their headlights to send a strong message that if you are not wearing a seat belt, or driving aggressively or drunk and displaying a total disregard for the law and human life, [your behavior] will not be tolerated."

One way that citizens can show their support for safe driving habits is by participating in the Combined Accident Reduction Enforcement campaign, referred to as C.A.R.E. Drivers should travel with their headlights on to indicate their commitment for safe driving, seat belt usage and traffic law compliance, according to the press release.

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### MONDAY FORECAST

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40% CHANCE OF RAIN  
HIGH 72, LOW 57

# Theatre plans national tour

## Fundraising dinner to support troupe's trip to New York

STAFF REPORT

A fundraising dinner is being held Dec. 4 to raise money to finance the Dance Theatre's participation in a national event at the Hunter College in New York City in April, according to an MTSU press release.

The theatre troupe has prepared for the event, entitled "Sharing in Legacy: The Nikolais Centennial," by learning a special repertory, participating in master classes, and attending a lecture series about Alwin Nikolais, a pioneer in modern American dance.

"The performance in this venue will allow MTSU to perform alongside some of the foremost dance companies and universities in the nation and to be reviewed by some of the foremost dance critics, scholars and historians," said Kim Neal Nofsinger, a speech and theatre professor and director of the dance troupe.

The MTSU Dance Theatre is an award-winning, nationally recognized troupe, according to the press release. The department intends to incorporate a performance of "Pond," one of Nikolais's classic works, into its national tour and its Fall Dance Concert.

The fundraiser is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Tom Jackson Building. The deadline to make reservations is Nov. 24, and tickets are \$35.

In addition to the dinner, a lecture will be delivered by Maura Keefe, a visiting dance scholar. At 7:30 p.m., guests are invited to attend the Fall Dance Concert in Tucker Theatre for the troupe's final performance of the show.

Four performances of the Fall Dance Concert are scheduled from Dec. 2 through Dec. 4 at the Tucker Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for MTSU faculty and staff, and \$5 for K-12 students, according to the press release.

Tickets are available in advance and can be purchased by calling 615-494-8810 or by visiting the Tucker Theatre lobby box office from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be available at the door before performances.

# Christmas classic gets jazzy

STAFF REPORT

A special jazz performance of Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" has been planned by the MTSU jazz faculty, according to the press release.

"The Jazz Nutcracker" will be held on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Hinton Hall of the Wright Music Building as part of the 2010-11 MTSU Jazz Artist Series. The original composition was created for ballet in 1891.

"Performed in the Christmas season, this ballet score has become one of Tchaikovsky's most popular pieces," said James Simmons, an associate professor of jazz studies and jazz trumpet.

Performing alongside Simmons will be jazz faculty members Don Aliquo on saxophone, Jim Ferguson on bass, and Derrek Phillips on drums. In addition, three jazz artists from Nashville plan to

play with the group, including Matt Davich on alto saxophone and clarinet, Roy Agee on trombone, and Jim Williamson on trumpet.

"Jazz masters Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn transformed this familiar piece into a nine-movement work for jazz orchestra, and it was recorded and released in 1960 by Columbia Records to critical acclaim," Simmons said.

Austin Bealmear, host of the syndicated radio show "Jazz on the Side," will serve as guest commentator during the performance to discuss the history of the jazz composition of "The Nutcracker Suite."

"It will be fun for the audience to hear how familiar melodies such as 'Dance of the Sugar Plum Fiary' and 'Waltz of the Flowers' were transformed to fit into the unique Ellington sound," Simmons said.

Tickets for the general public are \$15, and admission is free for MTSU faculty, staff and students with proper ID.



Photo courtesy of morguefile.com. Holiday travelers are being warned about heavy traffic and delays over Thanksgiving, and the Tennessee Department of Safety is reminding travelers to buckle their seat belts during their drive.

# Officers crack down on seat belt violations

TRAFFIC FROM PAGE 1

"In addition to the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend enforcement, our state troopers are covering a large portion of the interstate to ensure motorists are obeying the law and wearing seat belts, especially," said Dave Mitchell, commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Safety. "We want to increase our visibility and remind everyone to start the holidays off on the right foot and buckle up on every trip."

Troopers will also be stationed to every 10-mile stretch of road on the east- and westbound lanes of travel on Interstate 40.

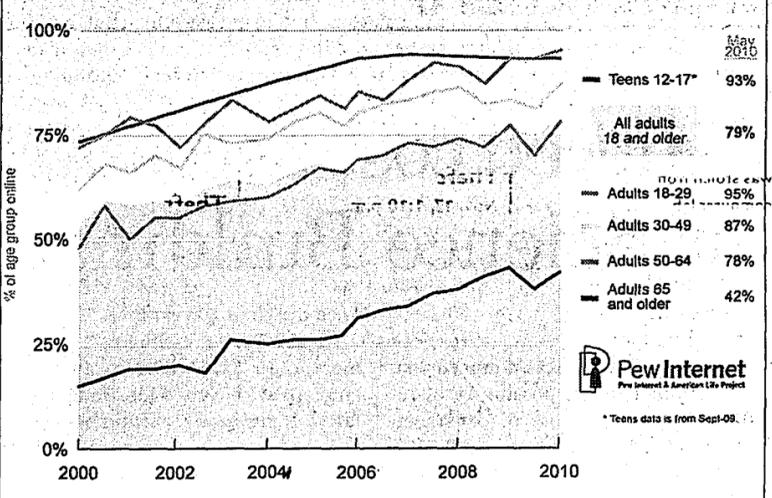
Last year, 10 people were killed in eight fatal crashes over a 102-

hour period during the Thanksgiving weekend, according to the press release. Officials are asking that everyone buckle up and use safe driving habits.

More than 56 percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2009 Tennessee motor accidents were not wearing seat belts. However, safety belt usage has climbed to 87 percent this year, according to the press release. The press release also states that according to research, it is nine times safer to wear a safety belt every time you get into a car.

"All it takes is a couple of seconds to buckle your seat belt," said Kendell Poole, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Office. "If people would take this one simple and easy step before they got in a vehicle, Tennessee fatalities could be reduced significantly."

## Change in internet use by age, 2000-2010



Graphic courtesy of Pew Research Center

# Technology can facilitate student-teacher relationships

TECHNOLOGY FROM PAGE 1

Kenneth Blake, an associate professor of journalism in the College of Mass Communication, said he does not worry about technology being a distraction during class.

"Laptops in classes can now augment class discussion," Blake said.

Having a laptop in class allows students to look up things online they did not know or understand about a lecture and to add to the lecture any additional information they find online, Blake said.

A change in teacher-student relations has occurred, as students and professors are now able to be "friends" on Facebook. Blake said he has 20-30 friends on his Facebook who are for-

percent out of the 895 technology experts and stakeholders participating in the fourth "Future of the Internet" survey reported that the Internet had improved social relations and will

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KENNETH BLAKE  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM

mer students and that he has a Facebook badge on his website.

Pew Internet & American Life Project experts Janna Anderson and Lee Rainie said a majority vote of 85

continue to do so through 2020. Only 14 percent of the experts disagreed with the statement and said they felt the Internet had mostly been a negative force on their social world.

# Administration to lower initial cost

SCIENCE FROM PAGE 1

University officials support preliminary discussions by lawmakers to secure funding for the \$126 million proposed science building by reducing the state's share of the project to less than \$100 million, according to the press release.

President Sidney A. McPhee said he was "grateful for the work by

legislators, state officials and others to advance the science building," which has been on the state's priority list for higher-education building projects since 1998 and designated as the No. 1 priority for the last three years.

McPhee said he would work with state lawmakers to find ways to reduce the state's portion of the cost so that the project can move forward.

the university would secure the balance needed to finish the building through other options apart from state funding, McPhee said.

While the \$126 million project has been scaled back considerably during the planning process, McPhee said, the university will look for additional ways to reduce costs while preserving the building's functionality and educational mission.

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**DEADLINE:**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 24**



Photo by Erica Springer, contributing photographer

Deroy Murdock (Above), a syndicated columnist for the Scripps Howard News Service, speaks to students Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, about the new health care legislation and how "Obamacare" could cause further economic problems. Murdock's lecture, titled "Obama vs. Free Enterprise," concluded MTSU's "Global Entrepreneurship Week."

# Campus sexual assault reported

STAFF REPORT

An MTSU female student reported Wednesday that two male MTSU students whom she knows sexually assaulted her Nov. 15, while she was on campus.

The victim said the assault took place in Building 3 of Scarlett Commons Apartments. She did not receive any extensive or violent physical injuries, according to an MTSU alert that was sent out via e-mail Wednesday.

The victim received a medical follow-up at Middle Tennessee Medical Center, following the incident.

"Sexual assaults, including date or acquaintance rape, are a very serious concern of the Office of Public Safety," according to the campus police website.

Roughly one in five women who attend college will become the victim of a rape or an attempted rape by the time she graduates, according to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

As part of the university's efforts to prevent sexual assaults, the Office of Public Safety offers a Rape Aggression Defense course for all female students.

RAD classes are held each semester on Thursdays for female students who wish to take classes, which are offered on campus in the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center.

Counseling services are also offered locally for victims of sexual assault or rape through Sexual Assault Services, located on 826 Memorial Blvd., in Murfreesboro.

MTSU police are still investigating this case and have advised that students should use caution when visiting friends or acquaintances on campus. Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime, should contact the Office of Public Safety at 615-898-2424.

# Lecture tackles new health care bill

## HEALTH FROM PAGE 1

"What does this do for innovation of new medical devices?" Murdock asked. "Nothing good at all. I don't think it's going to accelerate the pace of medical innovations of medical devices. It's going to decelerate it."

Murdock said the U.S. corporate tax, a tax employers incur to operate businesses in the U.S., is at 35 percent. This is the highest percentage amongst the countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development,

an official international organization that ranks countries economically. This impedes businesses from establishing a location, which reduces jobs in the U.S. because other countries have lower tax rates for corporate businesses, Murdock said.

"I don't think team Obama has any plan to cut this tax, even though it hammers our competitiveness around the world," Murdock said.

Quantitative easing, printing currency "out of thin air," is not the way to improve the economy, and it will decrease the value of the dollar while increasing the rate of infla-

tion, Murdock said. The U.S. Treasury printed \$1.7 trillion during the beginning of the 2008 recession and printed \$600 billion again this year in hopes to improve the economy.

"I don't think the way to get the economy up and running again is just to print money," Murdock said.

Murdock said the U.S. is on a list of losers when it comes to high rankings from the Heritage Foundation, an official organization ranking 180 countries in terms of economic freedom. He added that the U.S. is a mostly free economy because of excess government spending, quantitative easing, lack

of financial freedom, and breached property rights.

"If freedom were an Olympic sport, we would not even get the bronze," Murdock said.

Murdock gave this advice to the Obama administration: In order to improve the economy, taxes must be lowered, especially the corporate tax, which would help job creation, appeal "Obamacare," and stop quantitative easing and government spending.

"So, when it comes to spending our money, my simple advice to the Obama administration is this: 'Don't do something, just stand there,'" Murdock said.

## CRIME BRIEFS

**Theft**  
Nov. 16, 9:01 a.m.  
Business and Aerospace Building  
A victim reported a jump drive was stolen from the computer lab.

**Theft**  
Nov. 16, 10:53 a.m.  
Corlew Hall  
A victim reported that his wallet was stolen.

**Theft**  
Nov. 16, 1:22 p.m.  
Business and Aerospace Building  
A victim reported money was stolen out of her purse.

**Traffic**  
Nov. 16, 9:03 p.m.  
Alumni Drive  
KaDeadra M. McNealy, 20, was issued a state citation for driving without a license and not having proof of financial responsibility.

**Theft**  
Nov. 17, 10:28 a.m.

Cummings Hall  
A victim reported that his bicycle was stolen from the rack outside of the building.

**Theft**  
Nov. 17, 1:10 p.m.  
Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center  
A victim reported that items were stolen from an unsecured locker inside of the recreation center.

**Theft**  
Nov. 17, 2:12 p.m.  
Corlew Hall  
A victim reported an iPod was stolen from a dorm room.

**Disorderly Conduct**  
Nov. 17, 4:17 p.m.  
Business and Aerospace Building  
A complainant reported someone was setting off stink bombs inside of the building on multiple occasions.

**Theft**

**Theft**  
Nov. 17, 11:14 p.m.  
Greenland Drive parking lot  
A victim reported that his parking permit was stolen.

**Theft**  
Nov. 18, 10:13 a.m.  
Corlew Hall  
A victim reported that several items were stolen from his room.

**Traffic**  
Nov. 18, 11:38 a.m.  
Greenland Drive parking lot  
A victim reported her vehicle was hit while parked in the lot.

**Vandalism**  
Nov. 18, 3:12 p.m.  
Bell Street  
A complainant reported several street signs had been vandalized.

**Vandalism**  
Nov. 18, 4:11 p.m.  
Bell Street parking lot  
A victim reported his car had been vandalized while parked in the lot.

## CRIME STOPPERS

**Theft**  
A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who stole a black 500-gigabyte Western Digital portable hard drive, a silver 500-gigabyte Seagate Go Agent hard drive and 10 digital videotapes from Room 115 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building sometime between 4 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 12.

**Theft**  
A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who stole a 20-inch Westinghouse LCD flat-screen television from Room 161 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building sometime between 3 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 8 a.m. on Oct. 11.

**Theft**  
A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who burglarized Room

**Burglary**  
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202 of Corlew Hall sometime between 9 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 2 a.m. on Oct. 25. A white iBook laptop computer with the serial number W80297L9F5W was reportedly stolen.

**Assault**  
A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person who has inappropriately touched female students on campus. The suspect is described as a white male who is in his 20s, approximately 6 feet tall, has dark brown or black hair, and has a slender of medium build.

**Burglary**  
A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who unlawfully entered and stole an 8-gigabyte iPod from a maroon 1987 Pontiac coupe parked in the Greenland Drive Parking Lot sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Oct. 25.

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Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the MTSU Office of Public Safety at 615-898-2424. All callers will remain anonymous.

# LOCAL EVENTS

## On Campus

**Performing Arts:**  
MTSU Jazz Ensemble  
Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Wright Music Building  
Hinton Hall  
FREE

**Laura Ross Woodwind Student Chamber Recital**  
Nov. 22, 8 p.m.  
Saunders Fine Arts Room 117  
FREE

**Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra**  
Nov. 23, 7 p.m.  
Wright Music Building  
Hinton Hall  
FREE

**Sarah Bailey Senior Percussion Recital**  
Nov. 29, 6 p.m.  
Wright Music Building  
Hinton Hall  
FREE

**Student Life:**  
FREE

Planes, Trains and Automobiles  
Nov. 22, 7 p.m.  
Keathley University Center Theater  
Tickets: \$2

**Video Game Night**  
Nov. 28, 5 p.m.  
Keathley University Center 2nd Floor Lounge  
FREE

**MT Idol Tryouts**  
Nov. 30, 4 p.m.  
Keathley University Center Theater  
FREE

**Salt**  
Nov. 30, 7 p.m.  
Keathley University Center Theater  
Tickets: \$2

**Battle of the DJ's**  
Dec. 1, 8 p.m.  
James Union Building  
Tennessee Room  
FREE

## Off Campus

**Concerts:**  
Mile 8 and Friends Thanksgiving Bash  
Nov. 25, 8 p.m.  
3rd & Lindsley  
Tickets: \$10

**Joe Bonamassa**  
Nov. 26, 8 p.m.  
James K. Polk Theater  
Tickets: \$51

**Michael W. Smith**  
Nov. 26, 7 p.m.  
Brentwood Baptist Church  
Tickets: \$40-\$60

**A Day to Remember with Underoath and The Word Alive**  
Nov. 27, 7 p.m.  
Rockettown  
Tickets: \$26

**Ben Folds**  
Nov. 27, 8 p.m.  
James K. Polk Theater  
Tickets: \$50

**Allstar Weekend with**

Stephen Jerzack, The Scene Aesthetic and Action Item  
Nov. 30, 7 p.m.  
Rockettown  
Tickets: \$15

**Performing Arts:**  
Pistons and Pipes Concert  
Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro  
FREE

**Events Policy**  
Sidelines welcomes current campus and community events submitted by all readers. Please e-mail events to scampus@mts.edu or slnews@mts.edu, and include the name, date, time and location of the event, as well as your name and a phone number for verification. We reserve the right to refuse events at our discretion as our space is limited.

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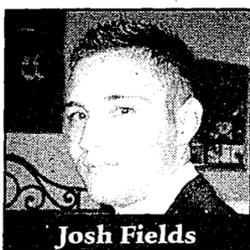
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# OPINIONS

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## Where should free speech end?

The Federal Drug Administration recently released new proposed cigarette labels that feature cancer patients, coffins and corpses – this all with the words “cigarettes can kill you” in big letters under each illustration, as if the picture wasn’t enough.



**Josh Fields**

### Partly Professional

While I don’t condone smoking, nor do I smoke, I find it utterly ridiculous that the FDA is requiring a private entity to put a warning label on anything at all. If we were to allow a government agency to put a warning on a Hustler magazine saying, “Reading this magazine may cull your moral judgment” people would be outraged about a violation of the freedom of speech.

Yet, on many products, this exercise of government coercion is very common and widely accepted. Both the magazine and the cigarettes are interstate commercial products, so the excuse that interstate commerce somehow allows the government to put a warning label on something is not a very strong argument.

If you continue the argument that cigarettes, while a personal choice, are inherently dangerous, I can make the same argument about the book “Mein Kampf.” Ideas are often more dangerous than tangible goods, but that doesn’t mean that I want the government putting a ribbon warning with picture of the holocaust on Hitler’s manifesto.

I can fully understand the FDA having a role making sure our food and water supplies are safe, but is it necessary for it to protect us from ourselves by violating the freedom of press of a cigarette maker?

If the court system behaved as it should, then it would eventually be in a company’s best interest to put a warning label on the package without coercion. In short, there is a role for the state. However, when the state stops acting as a judicial arbitrator and starts becoming a parent, then there is an inherent conflict of interest.

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**Aimee Schmittendorf**

The Transportation Security Administration says, “Your safety is our priority.”

However, the TSA “is not a flier-centered system. It’s a terrorist-centered system and the travelers get caught in it,” said Paul Light, a professor of public service at New York University, who has managed to follow the ins and outs of this organization from its genesis.

Americans want the Post-9/11 assurance that we can travel safely in the air. But given the choice, most will support anyone that poses an alternative other than these current regulations. Making travelers desperate is quickly stirring public irritation and making TSA the enemy.

U.S. Travel Association received almost 1,000 calls and e-mails from consumers about the new policy in the last week, said Geoff Freeman, executive vice president of the U.S. Travel Association.

“You have to constantly refine and measure whether what we’re doing is the only way to assure the American people’s safety,” President Barack Obama said. “And you also have to think through, are there ways of doing it that are less intrusive.”

Still, the screeners come across as authoritarian, giving travelling Americans little information to prepare

## TSA ain’t going my way this holiday



themselves for the process of boarding a plane or why they have to deal with the ever-changing policies of the TSA. The TSA reminds these questioning Americans that its process is to protect the traveler and guard against the idea that a terrorist would find a way around security tactics. In effect, Americans are being treated like terrorists.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano seemed to be caught lying about the health risks associated with X-ray machines,

which include endangering and giving American travelers more chances of acquiring skin cancer.

The basic risk of X-ray exposure isn’t the only worry. X-ray damage does not hit all passengers equally. Five percent of the population is especially sensitive to radiation. These people have gene mutations that make them less able to repair X-ray damage to their DNA.

Two examples are the BRCA-1 and BRCA-2 mutations associated with breast and ovarian cancer, but

scientists believe more defects could be unknown. There’s also no quick and easy test to find out whether or not you’re one of the ones more susceptible.

Furthermore, researchers from the University of California at San Francisco report older passengers are more susceptible to mutagenic effects of X-rays, and “the risk of radiation emission to children and adolescents does not appear to have been fully evaluated.”

A large amount of traveling Americans have to be embarrassed in front of an airport full of people while they remove their prosthetic limbs or colostomy bags, get sexually harassed, or watch their 3-year-old daughter get molested in front of them. That’s the startling reality. It’s either go through it or no going to Grandma’s house for Thanksgiving.

I would much rather have a full body scan of my overweight body, privates and belongings than to detonate midflight, but I can’t blame anyone else for not finding comedy or comfort from the disingenuous physical contact.

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## Solidarity needed to fight on-campus discrimination

In recent news, News Channel 5 reported about a student at Belmont University, Robbie Maris, who tried to establish a LGBT organization on campus. This organization is called Bridge Builders and can be found on Facebook.

Belmont decided to deny these students their right to congregate on campus. Yes, this campus is a private institution, but it’s safe to say that public dollars are being pumped into Belmont via student tuition. Why must Belmont be able to discriminate while it receives public funding?

It’s issues like these that make me proud to be a Blue Raider. Queer individuals on campus do not generally deal with overt discrimination by administrators. On the contrary, administrators are glad to include queer issues not only in the curriculum but also into the general welfare of campus.

MTSU will be having a three-hour credited class on transsexual issues and will be getting a safe space starting next semester for queer students on campus. We are fortunate, but our work isn’t done. Not very long ago, the Student Government Association lacked gender identity and sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policies. Not very long ago, Lambda, the queer-straight alliance was just an idea in the heads of queer individuals too afraid to take that next step in social justice and equality.

MTSU still lacks an openly queer-straight Greek organization on campus; our work isn’t done.

We must stand in solidarity with the



**Brandon Thomas**

### Fight for Equality

students at Belmont. These students shouldn’t have to choose between their faith in God and idea of leaving a campus because of a few administrators. This issue turns many queer individuals away from religion because they feel a sense of discrimination and alienation from those patriarchs in power that give religion a bad name.

These students need our help. They need our prayer. They need our solidarity.

Maris has already started a petition that to date has about 600 signatures, and it’s expected to grow. General support from students is present. It’s just that administrators are lacking the audacity to see things in a 21st century perspective.

As a place of higher education, it’s a shame to see the tides turn toward discrimination and not discussion. This issue continues to rage on MTSU campus and aware students need to support those students fighting for their First Amendment rights.

As the great Martin Luther King Jr. said in a letter when jailed in Birmingham, Ala., “An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

As we support the students at Belmont University in their quest to have a legitimate student organization, we must also realize that here at MTSU our work isn’t done.

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# SPORTS

## MT basketball splits three-game hoops showcase

By ALEX HUBBARD  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee basketball team traveled to Auburn University to participate in the Global Sports Hoops Showcase this past weekend. The Blue Raiders played three games in three days against Campbell, Samford and Auburn. The weekend concluded a stretch of four games in five days as MT also played on Wednesday in a loss to UAB. The Blue Raiders opened the showcase with a turbulent 97-90 loss to Campbell before rebounding with a 68-55 victory over Samford and then falling to Auburn in a tightly-contested 68-66 tilt.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor James Washington (15) drives against Tennessee Temple in Murphy Center on Nov. 12, 2010.

MT jumped out early on Campbell with a dominating offensive performance that looked nothing like the scrambled exhibition on display against UAB less than 48 hours earlier. The Blue Raiders made their first six attempts from 3-point range, doubling their total for the previous game in less than one half and taking a 27-11 lead.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor Jason Jones (22) shoots a three against Tennessee Temple on Nov. 12, 2010, in the Murphy Center on campus.

The magic wouldn't last, however, as MT finished the half by missing five straight 3-pointers and getting outscored 35-12 to enter halftime down seven. Campbell continued to exploit MT's defense in the second half, knocking down 17 of 22 shots from the field. For the game, Campbell shot 64 percent, while the Blue Raiders, despite a better second-half mark of 16 of 32 from the field, finished the game shooting just under 46 percent.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor Trevor Ortley (32) makes a layup against Tennessee Temple in the Murphy Center on Nov. 12, 2010.

James Washington led MT in scoring with twenty points, converting 10 of 13 from the free-throw line. Jason Jones and Kerry Hammonds had 12 points each, and James Gallman had 11. The Blue Raiders revealed a type of defensive resolve seldom seen in the young season against Samford. Offensively, MT's shooting difficulties were still evident, as they shot just 39 percent for the game, but MT only allowed Samford to shoot just 38 percent for the game.

Samford made just five shots from the field in the first half as the Blue Raiders outscored them 31-16. MT then survived a late second-half charge by making 16

free throws to help put the game out of reach.

Despite poor shooting for both teams, the Blue Raiders still dominated the Bulldogs in almost every offensive category, outscoring Samford 28-12 in the paint, 22-15 off turnovers and 12-2 on second-chance points. Washington once again led, this time with 12 points. Jones had 11, while Trevor Ortley rounded out the double-figure scoring with 10.

The Blue Raiders concluded the showcase with a Sunday evening tip in front of loud, Auburn-supporting crowd. J.T. Sulton single-handedly powered MT's offense in the early going, scoring 11 of the team's first 13 points and making each of his first three 3-point attempts. Meanwhile, Auburn's offense was nowhere to be found, as the Tigers hit just four of their first 17 shots allowing MT to build a 32-15 lead.

In a scene reminiscent of two nights before, the scales tipped toward the opponent. Auburn used the remaining seven minutes of the first half to rattle off 12 straight points and pull within five. A bucket by Washington broke the Raiders' scoreless streak, but Auburn completed a 16-2 run to end the half down only three, 34-31. The Tigers began the second half much as they ended the first. Auburn led by as many as eleven

as MT did not make a field goal until the 13:45 mark. Just as it seemed the Raiders were down and out, Washington hit a 3-pointer to spark a rally that would see Auburn's 52-41 lead disappear.

Washington would make two more 3-pointers down the stretch, one brought MT within one with five minutes to go, and the other insured that the Raiders would have

a one-possession game as they were down 68-65 with 24 seconds left. Auburn's botched in-bounds pass sent the ball back to MT, but despite multiple looks, the Raiders could only manage a single free throw as Auburn held for a 68-66 win. Washington led the team in scoring for the third straight game with 25, while Sulton finished with 17.

MT looks to rebound on Wednesday when they host Evansville at the Murphy Center at 7 p.m. Students get in free with a valid student ID.



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer Members of the Blue Raider volleyball team pose with their newly won Sun Belt Conference title trophy Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

## Volleyball wins SBC title

By WILL TRUSLER  
Sports Editor

Izabela Kozon spoke of several goals she had before this year's volleyball season started. Among those were learning to "dance like a black girl" and more appropriately, winning the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

The Warsaw, Poland, native accomplished both goals Saturday night as she joined her teammates in Alumni Memorial Gym dancing to "Party Like a Rockstar" and "2 Step" and celebrated their Sun Belt Tournament Championship victory over rival Western Kentucky. The tournament title gave MT a sweep of the conference championships as they earned the regular season title last week by beating WKU 3-0 at their home gym in Bowling Green, Ky.

Kozon, who was named Sun Belt Player of the Year prior to the tournament in the conference awards banquet, was named tournament MVP as well following the championship game in which she led the Blue Raiders to a 3-1 [25-21, 25-21, 23-25, 25-21] win and crushed all WKU's hopes of getting revenge.

The senior blasted a match-high 18 kills, five of which came in the pivotal game four. Her all-around game was on full display as she also tallied 12 digs, three block assists and two assists.

"My senior year couldn't be any-

more perfect up to this point," Kozon said. "Last night I was the happiest person in the world, and I just have to say thank you to my teammates and coaches who made it happen."

Throughout three tournament games, Kozon accumulated 45 kills, 25 digs, five block assists and a service ace.

Joining Kozon on the All-Tournament team were juniors Stacy Oladinni and Maria Szivos.

Oladinni was a force around the net as she garnered a match-high seven block assists and hit a blistering .500 for 10 kills. She was consistently efficient throughout the tournament hitting .538 and .429 in the two prior matches, respectively.

Szivos, meanwhile, struggled somewhat offensively against WKU but made up for it by playing solid everywhere else on the court. She collected five digs and a career-high tying five block assists. The transfer from the University of New Orleans also played a big role in getting MT into the championship game.

In the semifinals match against North Texas, Szivos recorded a team-best 12 kills at a rate of .500, two service aces, three block assists and nine digs.

Junior Lindsay Cheatham joined Oladinni in the middle and played a tough match on both sides of the ball to give MT the victory. Cheatham tallied 12 kills and four block assists in the championship.

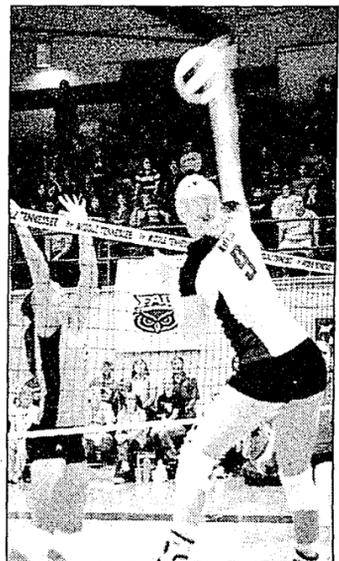


Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer Izabela Kozon (9) spikes against Western Kentucky during the last SBC match Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in the Alumni Memorial Gym on campus.

"Our middles were great tonight, combining for 22 kills," said Sun Belt Coach of the Year and MT Head Coach Matt Peck. "Lindsay Cheatham was outstanding. She really won that match for us and she was unstoppable in crunch time."

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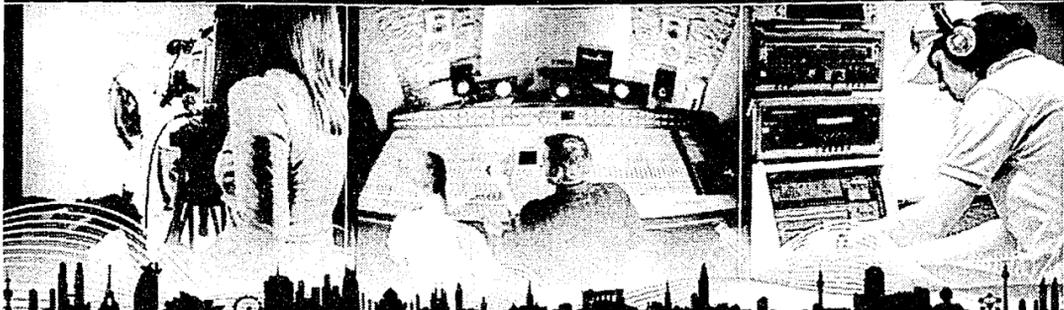
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## Unrefined. Uncut. Unpolished.

By JESSICA HARRIS  
Staff Writer

There comes a time in many men's lives when they must look in the mirror one morning and ask "to shave or not to shave?"

No Shave November is a cultural phenomenon, an unconventional tradition among males; and a popular event among the collegiate community. It is a time when males put down their razors and cream and let things grow.

Elijah Longwell, a freshman recording industry major, says he's been participating in the annual facial hair feat since he can remember. Longwell says he first heard about the phenomenon when he was in high school.

"It's a tradition and a guy thing," Longwell explains. "Only guys really do it [as an] outward expression of manliness, an expression of being a guy."

Sam Felton, a senior ma-

joring in mechanical engineering at University of Tennessee in Knoxville, says he's participating in this annual event as well.

"No Shave November isn't new to me," Felton declares. "I don't groom my beard, I just grow it until it looks ridiculous."

Felton says there are several benefits to participating in the rugged route.

"It's just a good reason not to shave," Felton laughs. "[I'm] busy with school, and I just lose track of hygiene."

He says he has more time in the day not having to shave and there is no added stress. He is able to focus more on school without having to worry about his facial hair.

He's relieved that other guys are doing it too.

"It's a fad you know," Felton adds.

No Shave November is definitely a guy thing, and Felton feels that women may

be less inclined to participate because it would "lessen their appearance," whereas guys it is socially acceptable to have a beard. Longwell explains that there is such a thing as "man law" among those who are participating in the event.

Julian Stoner, a senior majoring in computer engineering technology, can attest to that fact.

"There are a few rules — some say to shave clean on Oct. 31 or Nov. 1," Stoner recites. "No blade shall touch my face, no trimming, just let it grow."

Stoner says it gives men an excuse to be lazy. Plus, it is a good way to see what you look like with a mustache.

"It's fun," Stoner adds. "[You] can turn it into a competition to see who can grow the manliest beard."

Stoner encourages every guy to participate.

"[It's] a wonderful life choice — do it at least once," he muses.

Santa Claus, Abraham Lincoln, Rick Ross and Zach Galifianakis have more in common than you think. With the cold weather ahead, it seems like a good idea for some.

Jesse Watson, an electronic media student, equates his

beard to a "face blanket," providing warmth and shelter from the cold fronts that tend to arise in November.

"It's nice, warm, and it covers your face," Watson describes, sporting a red-short boxed beard.

The last time he shaved was earlier this summer in July.

Wynton St. Claire, a junior majoring in advertising, normally wears a goatee but hasn't shaved in three weeks.

"I would love to have a full, long, big-old manly grizzly beard — my aspiration to have a long wispy, silky beard, a Fu Manchu," St. Claire describes.

No Shave November has a Facebook page with comments from 25,629 people.

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Landin King (Right) directs PRSSA members as they screen-print T-shirts on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in Room 150 of the Mass Communication Building for an upcoming fundraising event.

## Public relations majors start student-run firm

By ANSLEY OWENS  
Contributing Writer

If you are a public relations student and having difficulty finding an internship, practicum or real professional experience, there is a new option approaching that will accommodate your needs.

The Middle Tennessee Public Relations Student Society of America chapter is working to create a student-run public relations firm — Praxis — to service school organizations and businesses in the local community.

The greatest exposure a graduate can bring to an interview is experience and proof of his or her intellectual capacity. It is extremely important to have your writing published by a publication or company if you are a journalism student specializing in public relations.

"I think we can have it all organized and open for business at the beginning of January," says future firm director Jolina St. Pierre, a senior majoring in public relations.

The idea for the student-run firm surfaced last semester. PRSSA President Paul Bernardini and Marcie Hinton, the former PRSSA adviser, thoroughly discussed ideas for the firm.

Once Praxis is organized and running, its staff will get hands-on experience by creating and servicing clients with everything from event planning to music promotion to blogs and other social media prominent in today's business world.

"They will have the ability to build a portfolio and experience they might not

have otherwise," St. Pierre noted.

These opportunities will be the product of hard work and the support of not only the PRSSA chapter at MTSU, but also the backing of key institutional heads and leaders such as Roy Moore, dean of the College of Mass Communication. These individuals will make it possible for the firm to obtain funds needed to start and promote services initially.

The school funding is very important because Praxis' primary services are probation, until the firm has become established, self-thriving and accredited.

Running the firm will be similar to the projects in the public relations communication classes at MTSU.

"You pick a client and do something with them," says Sharon Fitzgerald, a public relations professor.

Time will be needed to build a respectable reputation in the local community. Initially, offering services free of charge will not only build the firm's reputation but also contribute to local businesses that are small or lacking the funds to hire a public relations firm already established in the area.

In preparing this firm for the future, PRSSA hopes to create a business that will thrive and be self-supportive. Goals and objectives for this firm during the current semester include creating a name, logo, website, firm policies, a position and task flow-chart and a fully staffed workforce.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Harry Potter enchants moviegoers

### First part of series delivers more substance for fans

By LAURA AIKEN  
Features Editor

By George, they've done it.

It has been 12 years since "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" hit the bookshelves in the U.S. It is a tale that has transformed the entertainment industry and the literary landscape. Selling more than 400 million copies worldwide, the narrative arc of "The Boy Who Lived" is coming to a rapid end, and admirers are clinging onto it like glue.

With the opening of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," legions of enthusiastic fans and readers of all ages have flocked to witness this century's most recognizable trio as they prepare for the imminent battle against the Dark Lord and his minions in the most foreboding and suspenseful interpretation of J.K. Rowling's prose to date, producing screams, sobs and elated laughter among moviegoers during sold-out midnight showings Friday.

As an ominous bank of dark clouds billows past and composer Alexandre Desplat's terrifying trumpets herald the discombobulated Warner Bros. logo. The choir hits ethereal notes foreshadowing the moments in the series when the spectacled boy's wand, rooted with a phoenix tail feather core, connects to its brother, owned by He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named.

Warner Bros. finally got it right. Because of the evil doing of Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) there's no Hogwarts this year. No more teachers and no more books that bite, shriek, or produce detestable substances—at least, not for the Chosen One and his loyal followers. To the disappointment of many, there are no Quidditch matches where Harry's, starring Daniel Radcliffe, acumen for the sport tends to leave the slimy Slytherins in utter disarray, a satisfying feat shown in previous Potter sequels.

Not more having to use the invisibility cloak to traipse on forbidden ground. They won't need it where they're going.

After Hermione (Emma Watson) obliterates herself from her parents' memories, the race for the Horcruxes begins, and off to the countryside they go.

In a tumultuous world where anyone is up for grabs, Harry, Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione are propelled into a series of grown-up wizard events, testing their knowledge of potions, transfiguration and, more importantly, defense against the dark arts.

Screenwriter Steve Kloves has conjured up a clever rhythm among the three main characters, as well as the grisly lieutenants who have infiltrated the ministry of magic, a nonmuggle, wizard-based government. Kloves inserts humor, puncturing traumatic moments when the audience is on the edge of its seat. Not even Polyjuice Potion can disguise Kloves' affinity for intricate scene orchestration.

As the camaraderie is hunted, the invigorating narrative twists have the three heroes "disapparating" and reappearing at breakneck speed, encountering close shaves with Voldemort's puppets.

"The Boy Who Lived" remains audacious, but he's not the sharpest tool in the shed, and Ron, tired of being second rate to the "Harry Potter show," isn't either. Several times it seems their dour fate is sealed, but it is Hermione who compensates for their lack of logical knowhow and rescues them from the ever-present dark forces.

Ron's jealousy of Harry's martyrlike composition surfaces, leaving Hermione and Harry alone to hunt and destroy the remnants of Voldemort's spliced soul, until Ron reappears with Godric Gryffindor's sword, the missing ingredient in their plot to destroy a horcrux.

He has his moment of redemption, and as the dynamic between Ron and Hermione's relationship heightens, so does the comedic relief.

Discovering a bizarre emblem in a book

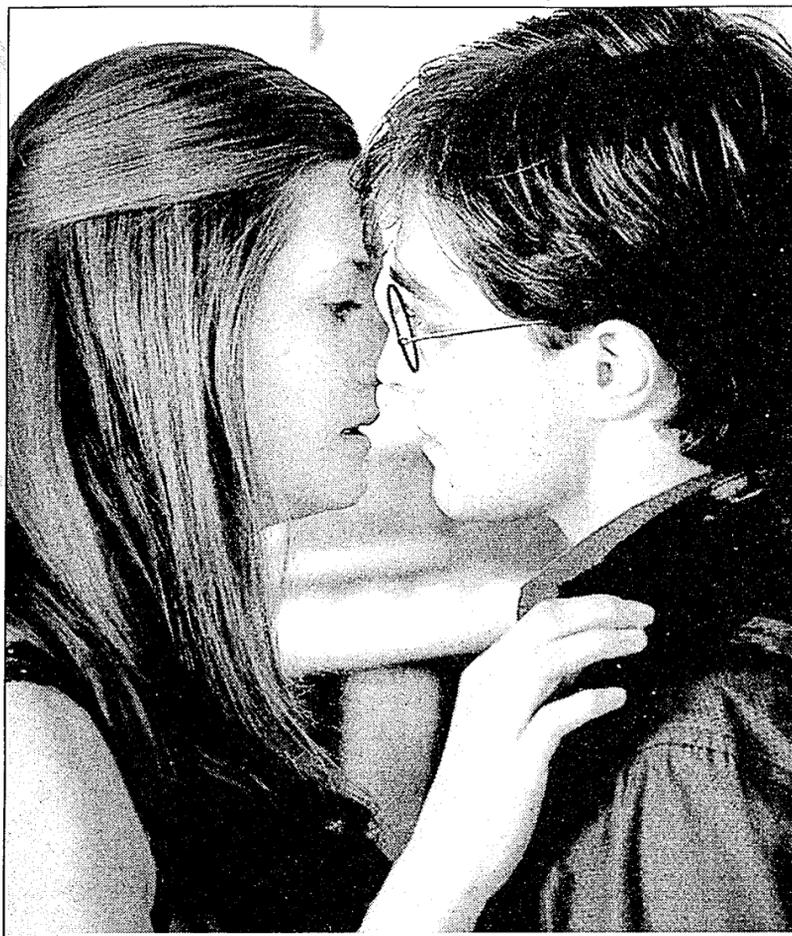


Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures  
Harry Potter (Right) and Ginny Weasley (Left) steal a kiss during "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," the first part of the last Harry Potter film, which was released Friday, Nov. 20, 2010.

Dumbledore bequeathed to her, Hermione gives the companionship an excuse to pay a visit to Xenophilius Lovegood (Rhys Ifans), a loopy and eccentric journalist who wears the triangular emblem around his neck. Lovegood shares with them the parable of the Deathly Hallows. Driven by force, he doesn't prove to be a trustworthy ally, and Harry, Ron and Hermione come face-to-face with Bellatrix LeStrange (Helena Bonham Carter), a bloodthirsty servant of the Dark Lord.

In this disquieting scene, Dobby the house elf reaffirms his alliance to Harry, produc-

ing more than just a sniffle from those in the audience.

Directed by David Yates, who also directed the fifth and sixth installments in the series, this precursor in "the war to end all wars," upholds the expectations of even the most disenchanting pop-culture fanatics, bewitching them with magic J.K. Rowling's storytelling.

While the last film is still on its way, set to premier in July, Part 1 has confirmed the wish of Potter fans everywhere: to surpass the six that have come before it, and by George, they've done it.

## Mix up Thanksgiving with smokin' hot twist



**Aimeé Schmittendorf**  
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For generations before us, people have been roasting turkeys and chickens for hours. But, wouldn't it be great to go one step better? Smoked chicken is more flavorful and tender than one roasted in the oven. There must be at least a thousand ways to prepare a chicken, but this method makes all my friends come to the yard.

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To become a dining destination, one needs a smoker, a meat thermometer, good hardwood chips, like hickory



Photo by Aimeé Schmittendorf, opinions editor  
Aimeé Schmittendorf (Not pictured) uses a Weber Gold grill (Above) to prepare a smoked chicken Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in Nashville, Tenn.

or applewood, raw charcoal and patience or a few games of UNO Attack.

For the smoker, you can use a kettle-style grill if you are familiar with low temperature cooking. Low and slow is the name of the game, and 250 degrees to 350 degrees is a good temperature range for your smoker.

### MARINATE ON IT

Marinate the chicken for at least an hour, and for best results, marinate the bird overnight. Pepper the bird. This is assuming you haven't purchased a frozen bird. You can only marinate a thawed chicken. The acids from the marinade tenderize the meat.

I recommend against using skinless poultry because the meat may become too dry. If using cut-up chicken, cover with the skin on, or cover skinless poultry very lightly with aluminum foil while cooking, but even so, foil can't impart the same kind of flavor that skin can.

### BRINE ALL THE TIME

Put the chicken in a stock-

pot. Pour in cold water, one quart at a time until the item is completely covered. Lift out the bird and stir in 3 tablespoons of sea salt or kosher salt for every quart of water you have added. Return the chicken to the brine. Set the container of chicken and brine in the refrigerator. Brine for 1 1/2 hours per pound, but be sure to do this for a minimum of 3 hours, regardless of weight. Brining with the salt reduces moisture loss during cooking.

Dry the chicken and rub some freshly ground black pepper inside. Also, add some whole cloves of garlic and a few lemon wedges to the cavity.

### MISE EN PLACE

The Weber Gold has accessories. There are wings on the grill that fold up and two crescent-shaped charcoal baskets slide down and hold smoldering charcoals. I prefer lump charcoal.

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### ACROSS

- 1- San Francisco's \_\_\_ Hill; 4- Euripides tragedy; 9- Savory jelly; 14- Summer drink; 15- Not quite right; 16- Cathedral; 17- Asset easily made liquid; 19- Acclaim; 20- Baffled; 21- Tall and thin; 23- Grounded fleet; 24- Place; 27- Problem with L.A.; 30- Controversial; 32- Where it's at; 33- Duck; 37- Artery that feeds the trunk; 39- Restless (music); 40- Entrust; 42- Swiss city on the Rhine; 43- Wooden panel; 44- Holiday start; 45- Stingy; 48- San \_\_\_, Italy; 50- Thorny flowers; 51- Like some orders; 55- Ezio Pinza, for one; 57- Smooth transition; 58- Quench; 60- Trembling; 64- Eagle's home; 65- Wading bird; 66- Fastener; 67- Jabbed; 68- Large wave caused by tidal flow; 69- That, in Tijuana;

### DOWN

- 1- Grannies; 2- "Awake and Sing!" playwright; 3- Animal; 4- Baby's cry; 5- Comedian Philips; 6- Cacophony; 7- Compass pt.; 8- Institution for mentally ill; 9- Mideast gulf; 10- Uses a straw; 11- Like nylon, chemically; 12- \_\_\_ little teapot...; 13- Portable bed; 18- Hi- \_\_\_ monitor; 22- \_\_\_ see it...; 24- Trent of the Senate; 25- Bread spread; 26- Brown-capped boletus mushroom; 28- Money paid; 29- Give; 30- Sacred song; 31- Prudent; 33- Cavalry sword; 34- \_\_\_ at the office; 35- Debar; 36- Hot time in Paris; 38- CIA forerunner; 40- Attention; 41- Lubricates; 43- Basketball Hall of Famer Unseld; 46- Apr. addressee; 47- Assuage; 49- Jack of "The Great Dictator"; 51- A Kennedy; 52- Godly love; 53- Crescents; 54- Release; 56- Bird feed; 57- Co-secant's reciprocal; 58- Dupe; 59- "Seinfeld" uncle; 61- Actor Stephen; 62- Unit of energy; 63- \_\_\_ favor;



November 18 Solution

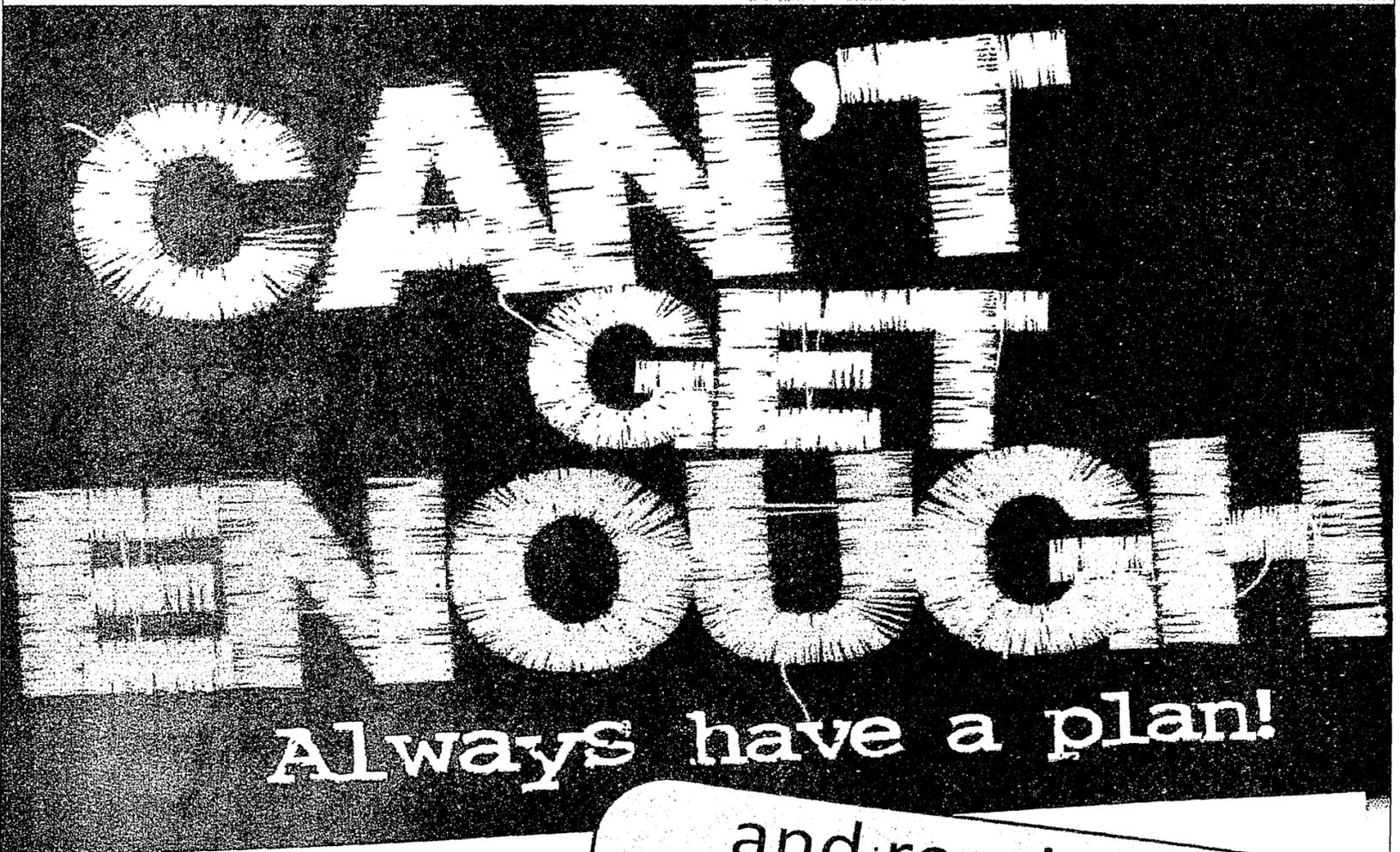


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