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Mentor program aims to help future teachers

By Jennifer Hayes
Staff Writer

Before early childhood education majors can graduate, they must complete the Renaissance Project, a five-year federal grant program MTSU offers that helps students prepare for the classroom.

MTSU is one of 11 universities that offers this program nationwide and is the only institution that offers it in the state of Tennessee.

The project allows students to visit two local schools in a semester to teach and observe children.

The goal of this program is to help students develop effective teaching methods through research and modeling.

Tammie Brown, assistant professor in the educational leadership program, works with MTSU students on the Renaissance Project, and sees this program as a very helpful one.

"Students rate their teaching abilities on their student's accomplishments," Brown said.

"It helps future teachers see where students need improvement and how to provide a science kit

them."

In addition to going to local schools, students also find a mentor to help evaluate their teaching methods and see how they benefited the students they've taught.

Last year, a science mentoring area of study was added to the Renaissance Project. A student who is interested in teaching science can now find a mentor that is familiar with their specific area of interest.

Mentors help in the specific area of study, and in the field of science, mentors may do something like providing a science kit

and identifying the uses and functions of different equipment.

Paul Lee, a professor of physics, finds the mentoring process to be a very enjoyable and memorable one.

"I thought my job was simple — support future professionals as they prepare for their career," Lee said.

"I visited their schools before and during their teaching experience. I helped them with lesson ideas, checked out the facts and supplied them with materials."

See Education, 2



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Student teacher Kendra Seimle helps the kindergarteners at Cason Lane Academy work on an art project Friday.

Get on the bus

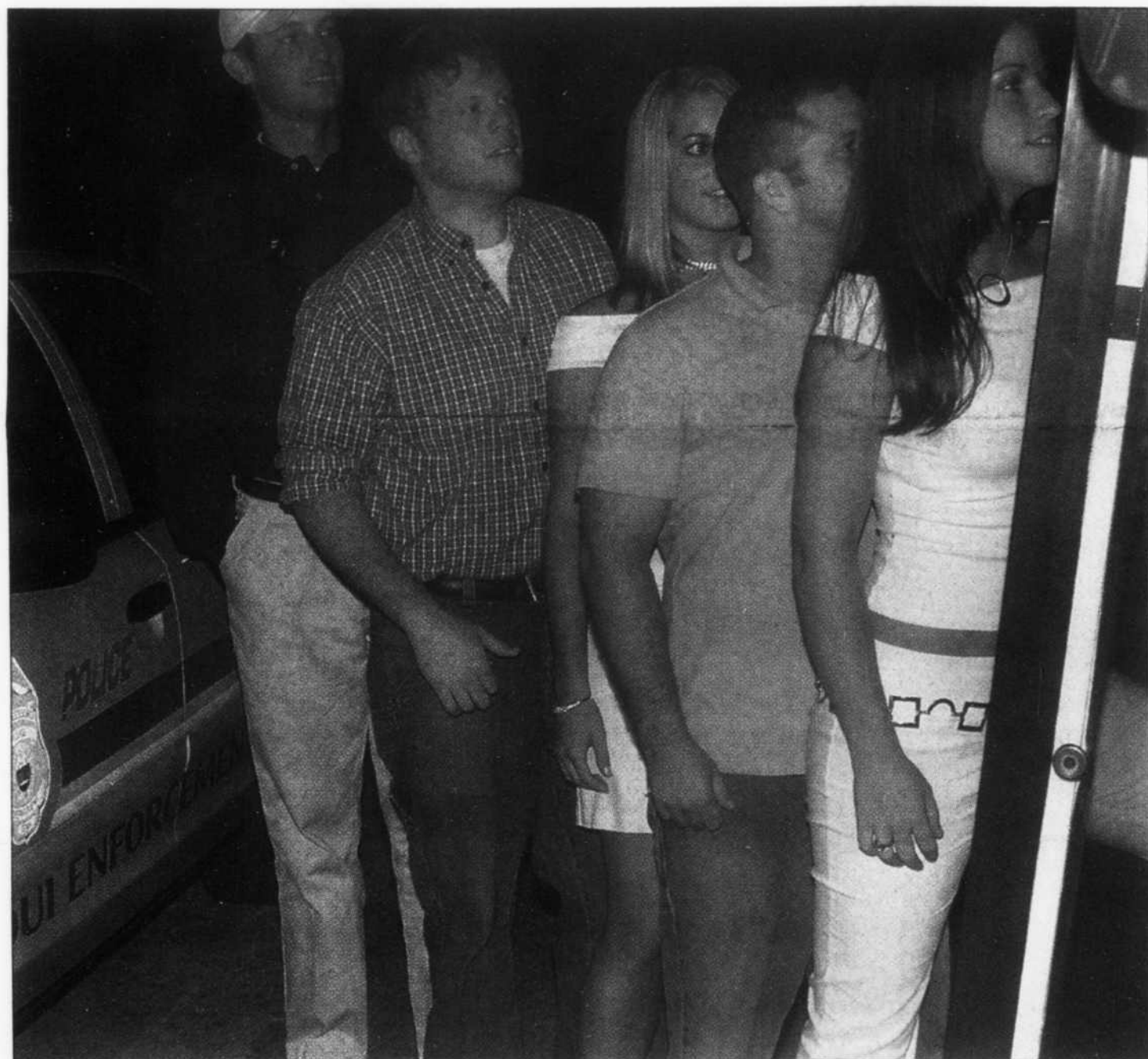


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A group of MTSU students make use of the University Trolley Friday night. The trolley costs \$5 for one night pass or \$25 for a semester-long pass. Several bars in town are offering discounts for customers using the trolley.

Trolley transports inebriated

Bus picks up students
at bars and drops them
on campus for a fee

By Deanna Bauer
Staff writer

A new trolley system in Murfreesboro hopes to cut down on drunk driving by shuttling students to and from local bars on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The University Trolley, a private company with no ties to the university, was co-founded by Eric Lynch, president of University Trolley, Inc., and Ben Boerner, MTSU political science major.

The University Trolley is a driving under the influence prevention shuttle, Lynch said.

"Our primary design is to keep people from drinking and driving," he said.

The state of Tennessee lowered the blood alcohol concentration limit from 0.10 to 0.08 percent July 1, possibly making a person legally intoxicated after having fewer drinks, Lynch said.

According to Lynch, the business has received encouragement from the community, including the Murfreesboro Police Department.

During the DUI seminars MPD officers give, they voluntarily encourage students to take the University Trolley instead of getting behind the wheel after a night of drinking.

"We've got amazing support from the Murfreesboro Police Department," Lynch said.

The University Trolley uses 32-seat shuttle buses purchased from the Nashville International Airport and redesigned with the company logo.

Driving the trolleys are a commercial driving instructor, who's been in the business 22 years, and a 19-year commercial driving veteran, Lynch said.

"There's always a door person on board the bus to assist anyway we can and to make sure everything stays stable," Lynch said.

Passes can be purchased for \$25 per semester at the University Trolley booth in the Keathley University Center or on the trolley. Nightly passes can be bought for \$5.

Specials have been negotiated between local bars and restaurants and the University Trolley so that people with passes receive discounts.

The Inferno Bar on Main Street waives the cover charge on Wednesday until 10 p.m., half-off until 11 p.m. and \$1 off after

that for trolley riders.

Stampede Dance Hall & Saloon on Thompson Lane offers free appetizers on Wednesday nights for anyone who takes the trolley, Lynch said.

The trolley service starts at 7 p.m. and begins at University Courtyard Apartments, Lynch said. The final loop starts at 2 a.m. and ends at 2:30 a.m. at the last residential stop, Sterling University Gables Apartments.

The trolley doesn't go to the dorms on campus, it only skirts the outskirts, Lynch explained, stopping at Greek Row and at the corner of Bell Street and Tennessee Boulevard.

Trolley stops are advertised in *Sidelines* and available on fliers in the KUC. Students can call the University Trolley to find when the next trolley will be at a certain location.

The trolley system has been running a 30-minute circuit since Aug. 18.

However, purchasing delays caused the system to get off to a slow start, Lynch said.

Finding two buses that are accessible to customers with disabilities and contain wheelchair lifts postponed the project for a short period, Lynch said.

See Trolley, 2

Habitat continues building houses



Photo by Jamie Loran | Chief Photographer

Wilma Smith helps paint a bathroom wall in her future home on Thursday. She planned to move in on Friday.

Students encouraged to participate

By Meagan Kirby
Staff writer

Habitat for Humanity held its second annual Building on Faith Week last week, Sept. 20-27.

"We use this week to form a better partnership with local churches, because we are a Christian housing ministry," said Beth Smith, executive director of Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity. "We get the churches involved by having them raise funds for a particular house."

This year, Building on Faith Week started Sept. 20 with a pancake breakfast at Keys United Methodist Church. It concluded with a free cookout at the new home Habitat built in a week.

The main focus of Habitat for Humanity is to build houses for lower income, first-time homeowners.

"However, before the families are able to own their own home, they have to complete 400 hours of home ownership classes and work on not only their own homes, but others as well," Smith explained.

"The new owners will have to make their monthly mort-

gage payments themselves. They will have to take care of the home and everything that comes with owning a home," she said.

Habitat for Humanity encourages them to be good neighbors and to stay involved with the organization.

One of the ways that Habitat for Humanity improves the community is by building houses in run-down areas of the city that need to be revitalized.

Their current project will be the 44th home that RCHFH has completed since its beginning and the organization hopes to reach the 100 mark by 2010.

The RCHFH began in 1991 by a group of older men that did all the fundraising and building themselves.

From 1991 until Feb. 2002, RCHFH was a completely voluntary program. Smith said she would like to see MTSU students participate in the program.

"We have had several groups come out and work in the past. They provided meals for the workers or actually did some construction work."

— Beth Smith
Executive director
Rutherford County
Habitat for Humanity

the past," Smith said. "They provided meals for the workers actually did some construction work."

RCHFH used to have affiliates on campus, but it was disbanded. Smith would like to find students interested in putting it back together and them fund raising and building houses.

Those interested can contact Beth Smith at 890-5877. ♦

Golden Lion



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Christy Stonecipher, Amanda Newman, Alpha Delta Pi president, and Whitney Fisher polish their Golden Lion Award in the Alpha Delta Pi chapter room. The MTSU chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was awarded the Golden Lion by their sorority's national chapter. It was awarded at their 152nd Grand Convention in July in Austin, Texas. It is the highest award given by the sorority's national chapter.

Education: Program to aid new teachers

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"In one case, I went to the school and assisted them with part of a lesson," Lee said.

Another aspect of mentoring is being able to advise future teachers on exactly how to

instruct their students. If the teachers know a way to teach the material that will benefit students performances on state required tests like the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program, then it will be beneficial to the children.

After completing their teaching experience, students are required to put together a portfolio to finish their work on the project. The folder is used for assessment and planning purposes, as well as a reflection on their experience. ♦

Trolley:

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"Because of the number of disabled students at the university, we felt like we really needed to cater to every student," he said.

Still, the University Trolley is available to the public, as well as students.

"We try to give the safest ride possible and a quality service," Lynch said. "We want to make it fun."

For route information, call the University Trolley at (615) 243-3729. ♦

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Of the two reports, the Federal Trade Commission's was most in favor of the alcohol industry's changing practices.

In order to limit youth exposure, the alcohol industry has agreed on a 70 percent threshold of adult access in order to run such an advertisement, meaning that they will only choose to run such ads in periodicals or during air time in which less than 30 percent of its

The other report presented to Congress comes from the National Academy of Sciences.

George A Hacker, director of the Alcohol Policies Project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington, said, in reference to the Super Bowl, that "even though the underage audience is a small proportion, it's still the largest audience of kids for any show

One such proposal includes increased taxes on alcohol or

At this point, O'Hara said he finds the good news to be that "everyone recognizes the need for change, and the industry is taking steps." ♦

Official says health care in U.S. a 'perfect storm'

Dr. Samuel Selinger, medical

As a result, medical productivity is up 25 percent while charity health care costs are down by 45 percent from 1996-2000. ♦

Victor DeNoble speaks at the Tennessee Youth Tobacco Summit yesterday at the James Union Building. He is a former research scientist for the tobacco industry, and he has lectured at programs like this for more than ten years. The Tennessee Youth Tobacco Summit tries to teach communities how to prevent youth smoking.

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From the Editorial Board

Long-awaited trolley service boon to 'Boro community

We feel compelled to congratulate Eric Lynch and MTSU student Ben Boerner for their initiative in establishing University Trolley, Inc. A job well done, fellows.

There was a need for this service in our community, and these two capitalized on it.

The trolley service begins its run each night at 7 p.m. at University Courtyard Apartments and continues throughout the Murfreesboro region, stopping at both bars and other apartment complexes, as well as making two campus stops.

Sidelines staff and readers have clamored for a car service (or drunk bus, etc.) several times in the last few years. There's a reason these calls to action have been continually made – the idea makes a lot of sense.

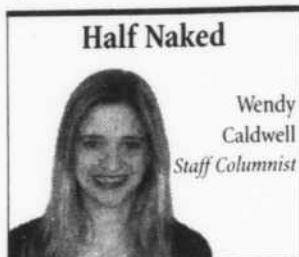
Take a (sober) drive around Murfreesboro some weekend. Virtually every establishment that is marketed to college students serves alcohol, and almost all of them have happy hour (read: cheap drunk) specials. Once you're done with a tour of the 'Boro's business establishments, walk around some of the apartment complexes designed for college students for approximately five minutes.

We promise you that your brief jaunts will be all the convincing anyone will need that someone needs to be looking out for all those students, not to mention everyone else who is driving at the same time.

DUIs are an extremely expensive proposition. It costs thousands of dollars in court and counsel fees, not to mention offenders lose their driver's license for one year and must spend 48 hours in jail.

Intoxicated persons on the road are a danger to themselves and to everyone else who shares the road with them. By following the lead of other schools around the nation, Lynch and Boerner have contributed a great public service to the campus community and the city of Murfreesboro. ♦

Book burning antithetical to education



Half Naked

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

A town in Texas recently began contemplating banning several books from school reading lists.

It seems that Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* is "pornographic" in nature. I have read this book, and let me assure you, it is not pornographic.

I don't even understand how words can be pornographic. A little racy, yeah. Smutty, definitely. Pornographic, no. That requires pictures or at least a drawing.

When I was in high school, we had a similar

situation.

Some of the parents wanted to ban *Brave New World*, *Catch-22* and *Fahrenheit 451* from reading lists in the school district.

This occurred during my freshman year. Luckily, by my senior year, someone realized how asinine this was, and the books were never banned. In fact, I read *Brave New World* in my AP Senior English class.

When a school district decides to ban – or even contemplates banning – a book, they are failing to do their job.

Their primary focus should always be the education of students within the district, and banning books only limits learning.

The concern in Texas was that the book would cause sexual thoughts.

OK, just to clarify, these kids are in high school. They are generally between the ages of 14 and 18. These adults are worried that a book is going to cause "inappropriate sexual arousal of young teens," one concerned parent told *The Monitor*.

Of course. This makes perfect sense. When I was in high school, everyone was getting sexually aroused by books.

No one even paid attention to the cheerleader in the tight shirt and short skirt. They had their noses in *Brave New World*, drooling on the pages.

The big irony is the proposed banning of *Fahrenheit 451*.

For those who have not read this book, here's the basic setting: a society in which no books are allowed. Hence, the book is

appropriately entitled *Fahrenheit 451* because that is the temperature at which book paper burns.

Naturally, we have to ban all books about book banning. Someone might read them and realize how asinine it is to ban books.

I've always been a big fan of reading, and I've always felt it necessary to do whatever it takes to get people to read.

It's the same principle with the Harry Potter series. Children are voluntarily reading a book that is nearly 900 pages long, and parents want to stop it because they think it promotes witchcraft.

Yes, Satan told J.K. Rowling to write books about a little wizard boy in an attempt to take the souls of the young and pure-hearted.

And Aldous Huxley

wrote *Brave New World* to arouse young teens. He, in fact, paid no attention to any of the other themes of the book.

He didn't even mean for *Brave New World* to have a theme – he just wanted some 16-year-old English student to get turned on by reading it.

I strongly encourage everyone to read the books mentioned in this column and any other books that local school systems want to ban.

Censorship is ideal for people in positions of power who try to find security in refusing to educate the masses. And it starts in the schools. ♦

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Listening a requirement in a free speech society

By Jesse Hicks
The Pitt News

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH – On Labor Day, 2002, President Bush made an appearance on Neville Island, outside Pittsburgh. Retired steelworker Bill Neel, 65, was there to voice his opinion, holding a sign that read, "The Bush family must surely love the poor. They have made so many of us."

He planned to show this sign, no larger than a folded newspaper, as the presidential motorcade passed. Instead, he was asked to move to a specially designated "free-speech zone" reserved for protesters. When he refused, he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

District Justice Shirley Rowe Trkula later threw out the case, reminding those present that "This is America." But Neel's case wasn't unique.

On September 24, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit in federal court, claiming the Secret Service and local law enforcement had forced protesters into similar, ironically named "free-speech zones" at presidential appearances around the country. Meanwhile, Bush supporters were allowed to remain with the general crowd.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, in an editorial published just after Neel's arrest, compared him to abortion clinic protesters, defending his right to free speech while denying him any "right to get in the face of those they are protesting against."

The *Post-Gazette* forgets that Neel was trying to convey his message to an elected official, one who answers to the people, unlike an abortion doctor.

Neel wouldn't be anywhere close to Bush's face, but the *Post-Gazette* edito-

rial duly invokes the spectre of Sept. 11, 2001, in claiming that the need for presidential security justifies creating such pockets of free speech.

Are they really claiming that someone clever enough to smuggle a weapon past the Secret Service and get close to the President wouldn't be smart enough to sport a pro-Bush sign?

Maybe more disturbing than a media outlet's support of such free speech limitations – I mean, we've pretty much gotten used to the media trumpeting the party line, haven't we? – is what Bush's apparent aversion to dissent says about politics in this country.

We talk about free speech, but then forget how to listen. Bush probably doesn't want to hear about how his policies are, in the eyes of many, hurting average Americans. Does that mean he shouldn't have to hear? No, because he has a responsibility to know all the facts.

If you could easily characterize political discussion in America these days, it would be two angry faces yelling past each other.

I once saw a gun-control advocate and a gun owner "debate" with each other for more than an hour. They were at the shooting range and had forgotten to take their ear protection out. Not that it really mattered, because neither knew how to actually listen to the other.

Somewhat, even with our hundreds of media outlets, it's only gotten easier to remain uninformed. Mostly, this is because human beings naturally seek out those with whom they agree.

So for the right-wing neo-conservatives, there's Fox News and Ann Coulter. For the slightly less conservative, there's CNN. These people will all

tell you what you already believe to be true, smiling beatifically while reaffirming all your prejudices.

And on the left, there's Michael Moore and Al Franken. Moore is the sloppier of the two, while Franken is actually funny. Neither of them, though, could be considered voices of reason; Franken has specifically positioned himself as the leftist answer to Coulter and Bill O'Reilly.

Not that there doesn't need to be an answer to those two, but do two opposite poles catering to the true believers of either extreme really add up to an informed discussion?

When O'Reilly disagrees with someone, he tells him or her to shut up. This isn't C-Span, after all, and his shouting matches make for great television.

Viewers write in all the time, congratulating Bill on really sticking it to those eggheads who try to talk.

The recent California recall debate wasn't much better, with every candidate trying for pressure points that would silence the other contenders.

Yes, it's all very entertaining; maybe that's all we want from our leaders.

But at some point, when we've reached that magical, enforced consensus by silencing all our critics, maybe we'll wonder how we got to this point, and why.

There's something sad and disturbing about people willing to live in a bubble of their own ideas. That bubble is actually a vacuum, a place where thought and debate are impossible.

In the end, while we may be guaranteed the right to free speech, to be good citizens we're also saddled with its corollary responsibility: the responsibility to listen. ♦

WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines'
occasional
watch for
mutton-heads.



Everyone has heard it before – even those with whom we disagree have the right to freedom of speech. Note to militant atheists: This includes Christians.

This isn't about what you may think – there's no way the Commandment monument should be left in the Alabama courthouse. Our topic today is something far more ridiculous, and should be more upsetting than that other fiasco.

The state of Washington was accepting donations for inscribed bricks to help build a playground in a state park. For \$100, members of the public could purchase a commemorative brick, inscribed with a message of their choice, and have it placed in the playground.

According to a press release from the American Center for Law and Justice, 511 bricks were sold, including one with the line "God Loves All Children." That's apparently where the religious line was drawn.

"Thank you, Jesus, Daria & Evan Buchanan," was rejected by the program board as an appropriate inscription. Allegedly, in a letter to the Buchanans, the project coordinator gave this explanation:

"Because the ... playground is located on public land, our intent and unwritten policy for all ... bricks sold was to engrave only non-religious requests in order to uphold the separation

of church and state as dictated by our state constitution."

Poppycock, we say. The state obviously can't care that much about excluding religious sentiments, or else the God brick would have been excluded.

"But 'God' is non-denominational," the speech-suppressors might say. We direct them to the name of the park – Saint Edward State Park. Yeah, that's the most secular name for a park we've ever heard. Good luck defending this suit.

The ACLU's press release lists the suit's demands, which aren't much, just for the court to declare the state's "actions unconstitutional, grant an injunction preventing the state from continuing its discriminatory actions, and permit the commemorative brick with the message containing the word, Jesus, to be placed in the playground."

Given how ridiculous as the state's actions are, Washington's lucky that all the Buchanans want. The state should limit the negative publicity over what should have been a happy children's day, and let the brick in. In this case, it's not just "What would Jesus do?" but "What should everyone do?" ♦

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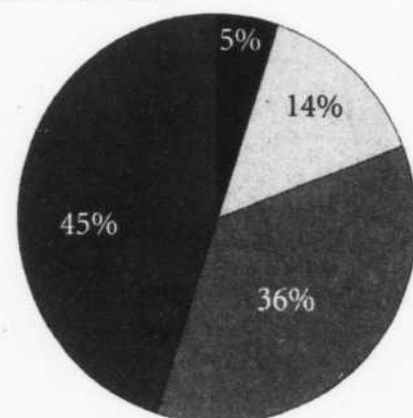
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Last week we asked readers, "Did you find the Career Fair to be useful?" Here's what readers said:



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Our columnists are
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Snoring isn't just annoying, it could be a health problem

Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist



Everyone that lives in a dorm prays about two things before they move in. One is that their roommate doesn't snore, and the other is that they don't snore because that would be so embarrassing.

I can imagine someone going to the housing office requesting a room change because their roommates' snoring is keeping them up.

Did you know there could be a bigger problem than just a stuffy nose behind that snore? If you tell your roommate or your roommate tells you that snoring is a problem, you may want to thank him or her and get checked out for other medical conditions.

The issue of sleep apnea is raised on the 20/20 Web site. The article states that snoring is the first and biggest sign of this disorder.

So if your roommate snores

and then he/she stops for a minute, don't think it's God's gift to you because it could be a sign of something major – they might be having an apnea incident. In other words, they briefly stopped breathing.

Some long-term negative effects of sleep apnea, if left untreated, are stroke, high blood pressure, heart failure and rhythmic disturbances of the heartbeat. So this is serious.

There are many treatment options for sleep apnea, and just think how much happier and healthier treatment would make you and the person who has to listen to you.

Also, a study published in *Natural Health* in Aug. 2003 found that people who have headaches everyday are more than twice as likely to snore at night.

I don't understand how that could be unless they also have sleep apnea, where a lack of oxygen could cause the pain.

If your roommate says you keep them up with your snoring and you have pounding headaches, you may have a problem.

If you are a snorer and you don't want to run to your doc-

tor right away, you may want to find some tricks to help your bedtime nose. In a 1989 issue of *Medical SelfCare*, they wrote about common sense treatments that can be used today, like having snorers sleep on their side, not their backs. Another remedy is using pillows to elevate the snorer's head.

Of course, they also wrote that if the snorer had a healthier lifestyle they probably would not have this problem anyway, but if you are like me, you don't want to hear everything you are doing wrong to your body.

Snoring has always been a laughing or shameful topic that we often only discuss when we are having a good time, but snoring can be a serious topic too.

And if your roommate doesn't believe you when you say he or she snores, you've got pre-rogative to use a tape recorder. ♦

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Textbook writers: Freaky subculture

By Emily Kaufman
The Pitt News

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH – There are a lot of people living in this world. A whole lot. All different types of people. Most are similar enough to each other and make up some sort of "normal" demographic.

But I am not here to argue about whether or not such a thing as "normal" exists. What I do know is that there are plenty of groups of people who are somehow abnormal. Call them subcultures, if you will. They aren't necessarily any better or worse than any other group of people, merely different, flying under the radar of the public eye.

There are people who like dressing in giant furry costumes, people who get together to smoke mysterious substances and people who are really, really into piercings.

And then there are the people who write textbooks.

Textbook writers have got to be, unequivocally, the flat-out oddest people on the planet. Not all of them, of course. Some are perfectly functional human beings, I'm sure. But others are not. They can't be. Not with the sort of stuff they've been sneaking into my books.

I first noticed something was amiss while reading my high school environmental science text. A certain man by the name of G. Tyler Miller penned my particular book, which I believe

was his eighth or ninth edition of the text.

Miller's books contained useful information like, "In fact, without water, the earth would have no oceans." As if this information wasn't mind-expanding enough, he offered review topics such as, "Congratulations. You have just been put in charge of the world. List the five most important features of your urban policy" and "Imagine that you are an igneous rock. Act as a reporter and send in a written report on what you experience as you move through various parts of the rock cycle."

What kind of person would write that? A sane one? One with social skills? I doubt it.

And now, doing my homework like a good student, I find that Miller is not alone. The editors of my linguistics textbook chose to include an exercise to "Find Out More About English Vowels," which is a legitimate thing, since linguistics is all about letters and sounds and whatnot.

They recommended finding a friend to repeat a sound over and over while you back away from said friend until you can no longer hear his or her voice – again, nothing wrong with this suggestion.

What makes me wonder about the sanity of this group of people is the advice they placed, in parentheses, in the middle of the paragraph: "Don't do this exercise on a first date."

Now, if there is just one person in the entire world who was seriously considering asking out that cutie they keep seeing in the elevators by suggesting the two of them find out more about English vowels, I will eat my words. Seriously.

If just one person was going to do this, but then, upon seeing the editors' romantic advice, changed their mind and decided to settle on the more traditional, "Hey, d'you wanna go get a cup of coffee sometime?" then I will chew and swallow a copy of this column.

I have never met an editor/author of textbooks, which leads me to wonder: Do they all live together, in a commune somewhere, where they can be as flat-out weird as they want? Maybe not, but they should have some sort of secret handshake with which to identify each other as sharers of uncommon sensibilities.

Or there are, perhaps, yearly conventions where they meet up to discuss the possibilities of being placed in charge of the world while trapped in the form of an igneous rock.

Or online dating services so as to avoid the unsightly embarrassment of being turned down for a second date after taking someone out for a little vowel recognition.

All I know for sure is that freaks, goths, ravers and all the other subcultures had better make room: The textbook writers are here to stay. ♦

Letter to the Editor

Coseo's viewpoint doesn't pay respect to history

To the editor:

Jeremy Coseo is an idiot. I realized this soon after trudging through the ignorant trash he seems to deem worthy of print ("A Special Message for A Lost Generation"). Perhaps when he researches his next article he will "dig [his] heels in, grit [his] teeth" and do accurate research.

The American past, which Coseo claims to be familiar with, in which "almost 100 percent of [America] had faith in a god" did not exist. If he had researched accurately, then he would know this.

What of the age of enlightenment in America? An age in which science and logic took precedence over religion. Perhaps Coseo has forgotten this?

He also claims that today's youth is out of control because of prevalent drug use and a focus on free will. What he doesn't realize is that drug use was at its highest (in the 90th percentile for the American population) during the 19th and early 20th century. Promiscuous sex was also prevalent in the past – much more prevalent than it is now.

Remember, prostitution was legal nationwide. If you doubt these facts, please consult a history book, a historian, the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti, or Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*.

Coseo, please refer to some source next time you write because otherwise people may begin to think you are taking this rubbish you are writing seriously, or that you are just plain stupid.

Joseph R. Yount
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Faith, fortitude isn't as easy as opening the Bible

To the editor:

Jeremy Coseo presents a poor argument in his "special message." He proposes a shift in priority, arguing against the "wants of the individual" and suggesting that our generation concentrate on "what is good for society." However, he succinctly dismisses the advancement of social causes as "trite and meaningless." How are we to get anywhere if our struggles are summarily dismissed?

Coseo laments "we no longer have grander ideas in mind." I assume he speaks on behalf of himself. He suggests acquiring moral purpose and seems to recommend faith in God as a means to this end.

I heartily agree that moral purpose is of utmost importance. However, I feel that faith in humanity and a dedication to examining the morality of the world we are inheriting is a more fitting solution. Faith in a god is not helpful when faith in ourselves, and our moral aptitude, is what we need most.

As for fortitude, it can be a virtue until the "two-bit murderers" have it. Does Coseo consider these killers only two-thirds lost? Purpose, faith and fortitude in our generation are not as simple as Coseo makes them sound. Some of our generation does have moral purpose.

Faith in that purpose is often a matter of justification and thus its morality can be philosophically complex. I have faith that ours is a progressive society and I am confident that we will carry this country into a prosperous and laudable future. I hope Coseo will one day have enough confidence in his peers to share this faith.

John Ingle
Freshman
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Happy trails

Equestrian program gets a kick out of new additions

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

Roll down your car windows and drive out a ways on Murfreesboro's winding Thompson Lane. As neighborhoods blow by on either side of the black top, suddenly they stop and crisp white fencing begins.

Beyond the fencing is the home of MTSU's new horse science facilities. The facilities, along with three new faculty members and new course offerings, are part of recent additions to the university's equestrian program.

The 154-acre lot includes horse stalls, breeding labs, the Tennessee Miller Coliseum, offices and classrooms. It has already been the host for multiple regional and national events.

It's also recognized as the best horse facility in the nation and has attracted many out of state students to MTSU.

"I think the factors are that the facilities have gotten us a lot of notice," Ann Brzezki, an instructor in the program, says. "The [equestrian] team competes nationally in riding, gets into the horse press and the news travels by word of mouth."

The upscale facilities have been made possible by a private donation of more than \$20 million from the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller. A grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture also contributed.

The Millers, among the first Walking Horse Owners Association members, willed their money to MTSU specifically for a new horse facility, according to John Whittaker, director of the program.

In the spring of 2003, the horse science program was moved from its location at MTSU's livestock center to a home of its own.

There are more than 125 horse science students at MTSU, more than half of which are from out of state. According to Brzezki, the program gets most of its publicity by its successful reputation.

The program boasts two world championship horse judging teams and the current national high point rider — 2003 graduate Sarah Elder.

"We have as many out of state as in [state] students, like the RIM and business programs," Whittaker says. "We've gained a national reputation."

In addition to the new facilities, three new faculty members have been hired for the program. One of them will provide full-time veterinarian services, while the two other will be teaching

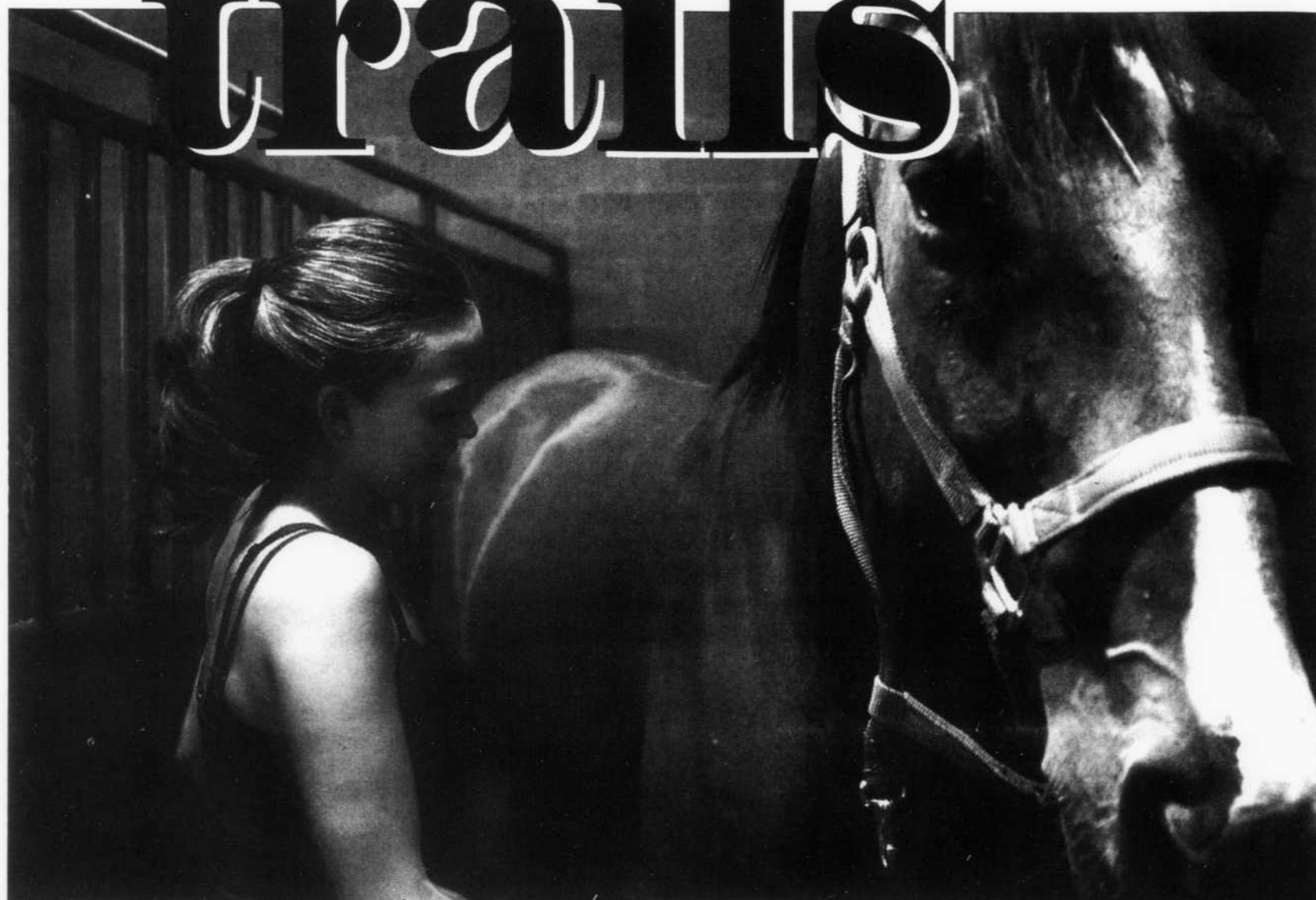


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Sophomore horse science major Betsy Burns prepares a university-owned horse, Broadway, for a judging contest.

equestrian nutrition and reproduction physiology courses.

"I feel like they'll take the program to a whole new level," Whittaker says.

While the equestrian program at MTSU is more than 30 years old, Brzezki says that she feels this a prime time for horse science majors.

"A lot of factors have all come together at one time," she says.

She reports that the quality of the students is at a high. The judging and equestrian teams are growing and the students are more serious. The new faculty allows for a greater variety of courses to be offered.

"It's like a lot of things; it's an overnight success 30 years later," Brzezki says. "It's a great time to be a horse science major."

That goes beyond the college world. Brzezki says that the job market is wide open for students

in equestrian studies. Careers in horse nutrition, reproduction and veterinarian studies are just a few places that horse science students can go.

"[Equestrian studies] work a lot like career builders," Brzezki says. "The horse industry is huge, broad."

"The horse press is huge," she adds. "We have graphic art and horse science minors that do great stuff for a horse magazine. People don't think about how big it really is. We breed more Tennessee Walking Horses than anywhere else in the state."

For Kathryn Duncan, a communication disorders major and a horse science minor, her love for horses closely relates to her interests in child therapy.

This summer Duncan, who is deaf in her left ear, worked with Horse Play, a camp in Tullahoma, Tenn., that teaches children with var-

ious handicaps how to ride horses.

"Horse Play got me interested in having a communication-disorder major," she says. "Horses really helped me in my life, and I would like to bring that into my practice."

Duncan says that her experience with the horse science program at MTSU has helped give her the vision for doing something unique with her equestrian passions.

"My ability to teach others has really improved," she says, "And Dr. Whittaker just kind of opened the doors for me. He told me about other areas than just riding and training."

To get more details on MTSU's horse science program and also for a listing of horse events to be held at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum, go to the program's Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~tmc/ or call 904-8481. ♦

Educational Outlook through Disabled Student Services

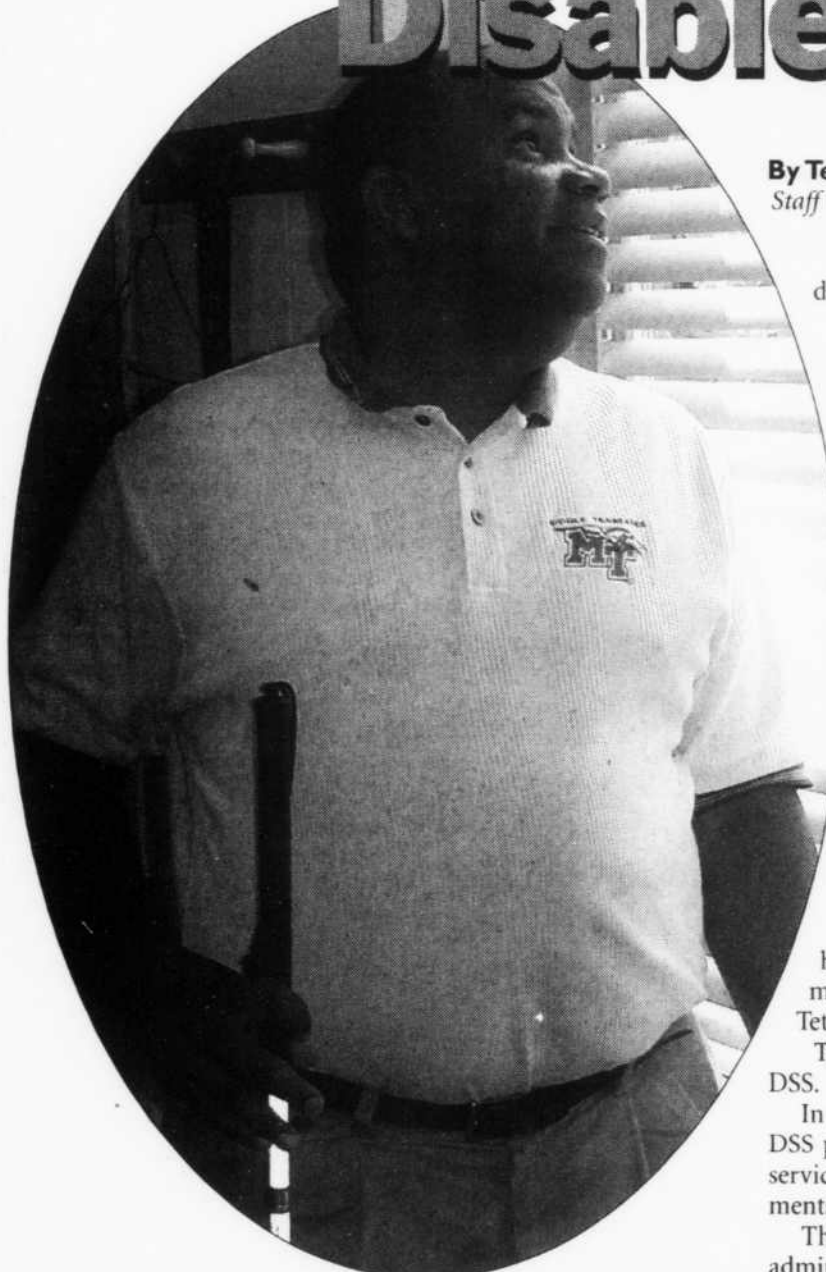


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Though Disabled Student Services director John Harris is blind, he enjoys looking out the window in order to feel the warmth of the sun on his face.

By Tekendrea Fayne
Staff Writer

"Our goal here is to give everybody the same opportunities," director of Disabled Student Services, John Harris, says.

The DSS handbook says that "Middle Tennessee State University is committed to meeting the needs of qualified students with disabilities by providing equal access to educational opportunities, programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate."

The center accomplishes this goal by serving as an advocate and liaison.

DSS is currently working with about 900 students and provides a variety of different support services to meet each individual's need.

Larry Tetreault is a native of Nashville, Tenn. and has been a student at MTSU on and off since 1993. He's a senior business major who hopes to one day go into real estate.

About 15 years ago, Tetreault had a spinal aneurysm that paralyzed him from the neck down. Thanks to rehabilitation, Tetreault later developed usage of his upper torso, his left arm and hand and his neck.

"I always worked," Tetreault says. "I just love to be around people."

Getting retrained is important to Tetreault. The DSS assists him in this endeavor by providing note takers and test accommodations. Note takers are student aids who sit in class with Tetreault and take down notes for him.

Tetreault also utilizes the tutoring services available through DSS.

In addition to note-taker services and testing accommodations, DSS provides referral to appropriate on or off-campus resources, services or agencies, reader services, interpreter services, arrangements for auxiliary aids and accessible on-campus transportation.

The only problem to hinder accommodations or services administered by DSS is if the student fails to make their request in a timely manner.

With the huge population of disabled students on campus, the challenges of each student are widespread. More than 50 percent of the students registered with DSS have learning disabilities.

Learning disabilities include challenges like dyslexia or medical

conditions like cerebral palsy that affect the motor skills — balance, walking, writing, etc.

"I am not able to write and listen at the same time," graduate student Marcia Mullins says. "It's my coordination."

Marcia is diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The disease affects her hearing, vision and motor skills. DSS provides note takers and auxiliary equipment.

Mullins is a proud student representative of the DSS center. She graduated from MTSU in 1999 with a degree in recreational therapy and is currently working on her second degree in industrial organization psychology.

Some of the students face the challenge of being visually or hearing impaired. With every challenge faced, there are services provided to make the student more comfortable.

The most critical center that works in conjunction with the DSS is the Adaptive Technology Center, located on the first floor next to the reserves desk at the James E. Walker library.

The ATC provides training support programs for students, faculty and staff with disabilities, and the faculty and staff who work with disabled students.

These applications include ZoomText, a magnification software that put things in their best vision perspective for those who are visually impaired, JAWS, a screen reading software program that reads aloud whatever is on the computer screen and Dragon Dictate/Naturally Speaking, speech recognition software.

The ATC also has an alternative data program that specializes in Braille, large print, books on tape and E-text.

In addition to these services, ATC offers short-term adaptive technology loans and provides assistive technology systems analyst services for program accessibility through Internet and information technology.

Graduate Amy Burks is the coordinator for the facility.

"She works really hard," Tetreault says of Burks. "She is so knowledgeable."

Burks is strongly committed to helping disabled students receive the same advancements in technology as any other students at MTSU.

"I would like for our students to be able to go to any computer — like any other [student who is not physically challenged]," Burks says. ♦

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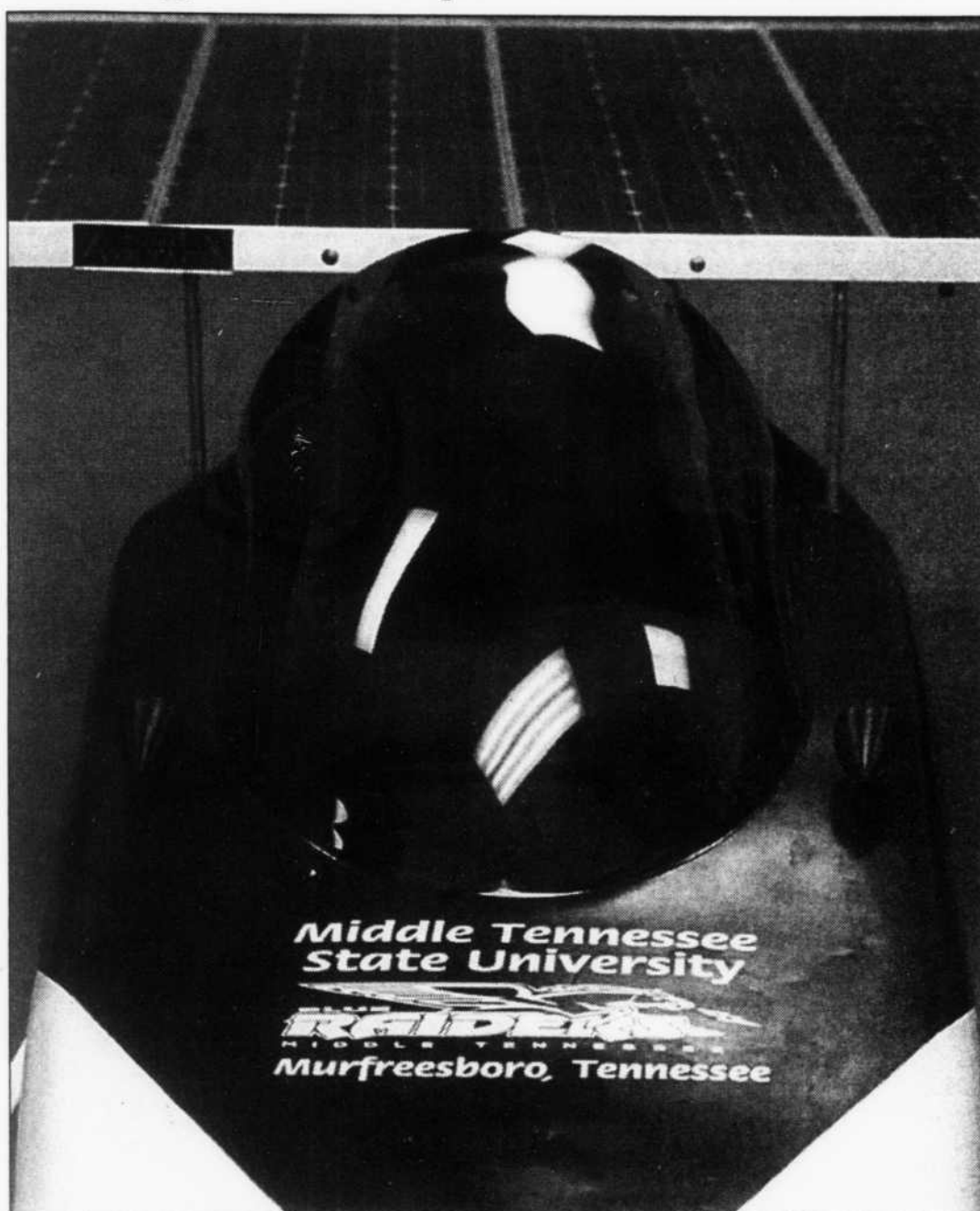


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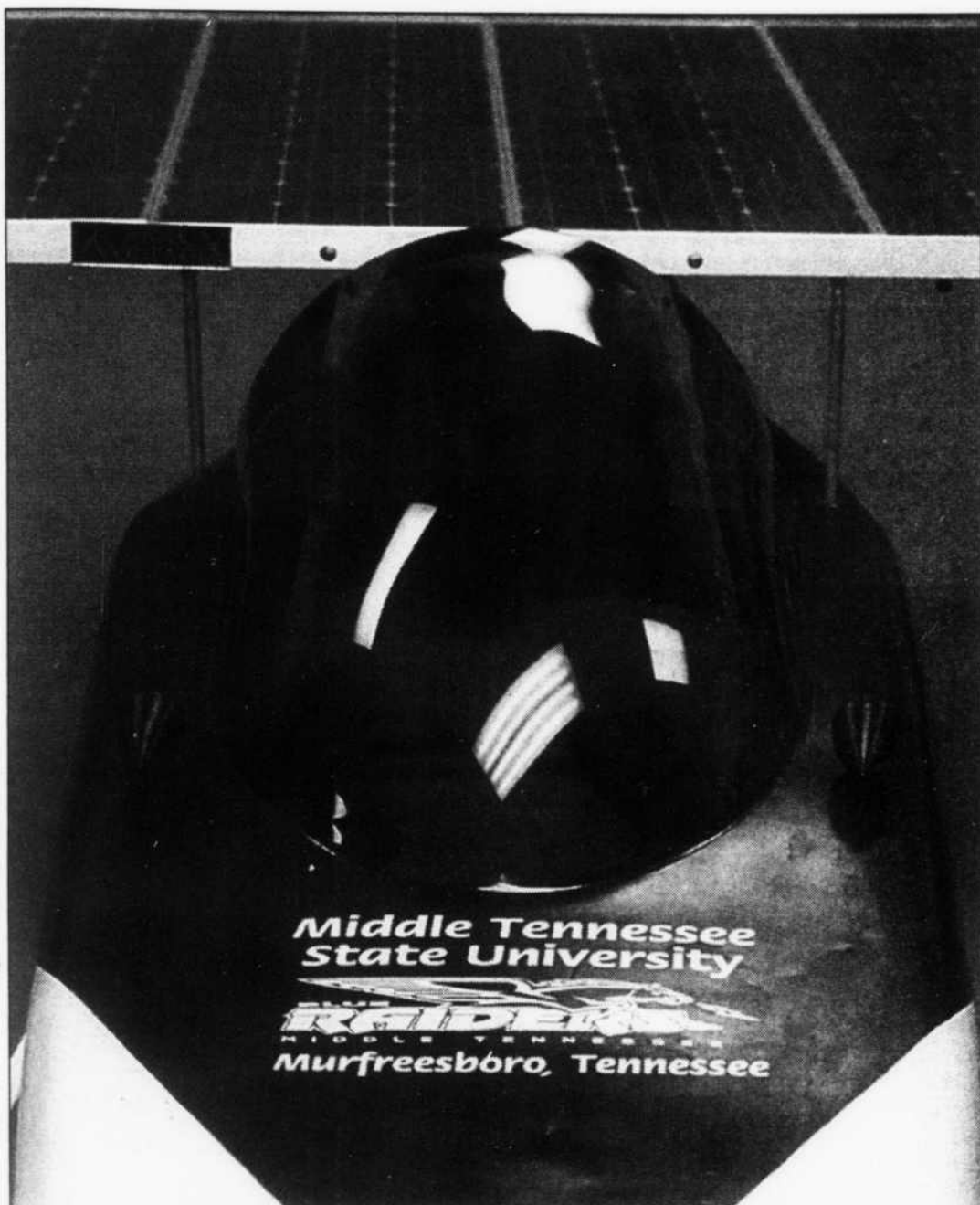


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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Ballers lose two SBC matches

By Brad Jameson
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team dropped two conference matches Friday and Sunday against the University of North Texas and Western Kentucky University.

MT lost its first Sun Belt Conference match of the season Friday with a 3-1 shortfall (30-24, 27-30, 30-22, 32-30) to North Texas in Denton, Texas.

"We came into this match focused," North Texas coach Cassie Headrick said on www.unt.edu. "Our goal is to get to the conference tournament, so every match is important and this team knows that."

During the first game with the score tied 15-15, North Texas went on a 5-0 run and didn't slow down.

The Lady Raiders' only win came in game two, when MT broke a 26-26 tie by scoring three of the last four points. North Texas jumped to an eight-point victory in the third game.

In the final match, the Mean Green overcame a 30-29 deficit by winning three points in a row, thus taking the game and the victory.

Lady Raiders' outside hitter KeKe Deckard recorded a double-doubt for

the match scoring 23 kills and 15 digs. Karisse Baker finished second on the team in kills with 10.

The number 13 seemed to be the lucky number for North Texas, as the Mean Green finished with 67 kills, 62 assists, and 82 digs, all 13 more than the Lady Raiders could produce.

North Texas also had three players finish with double-doubles and recorded four players with double-digit kills.

Corina Marginas finished the match with 16 digs and a team-high 19 kills. Jill Ruskowski had 12 kills and 14 digs, and Kristin Sheppard posted a match-high 50 assists and 17 digs.

The Mean Green are now 4-1 at home this season, improving to 10-8 overall and 1-0 in SBC play.

Sunday the Lady Raiders lost to defending SBC champion Western Kentucky 3-0 (30-19, 30-28, 30-25) in Bowling Green, Ky.

The Lady Toppers' victory pushed their home winning streak to 29 straight matches and their SBC winning streak to 24.

Deckard once again led the Lady Raiders in kills, finishing with 12.

Talayna Akrie and Goldie Bilyeu each finished with 17 assists, and Kimberly Moeller had 16 digs.

Western Kentucky led 21-7 early in the first game and held off a late MT charge to seal the 30-19 victory.

The teams were tied at 28 in game two, but two consecutive points by the Lady Toppers put Western Kentucky up two games to none.

With the Lady Raiders trailing just 15-14 in the third game, Western Kentucky went on a 12-7 run to take the match 30-25 and seal their victory. The win was Western Kentucky's eighth sweep victory of the season.

Sophomores Crystal Towler and Jessie Wagner led the Lady Toppers in kills, finishing with 14 and 12, respectively.

Senior Tracy May had 15 digs, followed by junior Amanda Cecil with 12. Western Kentucky finished with 9 total team blocks, outnumbering the Lady Raiders' five blocks.

The win moves Western Kentucky to 13-4 for the season and 2-0 in the SBC.

MT drops to 7-10 for the season and is so far winless in the SBC, dropping to 0-2.

The Lady Raiders' travel to Little Rock, Ark. to take on the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Oct. 3 in another SBC match-up. ♦

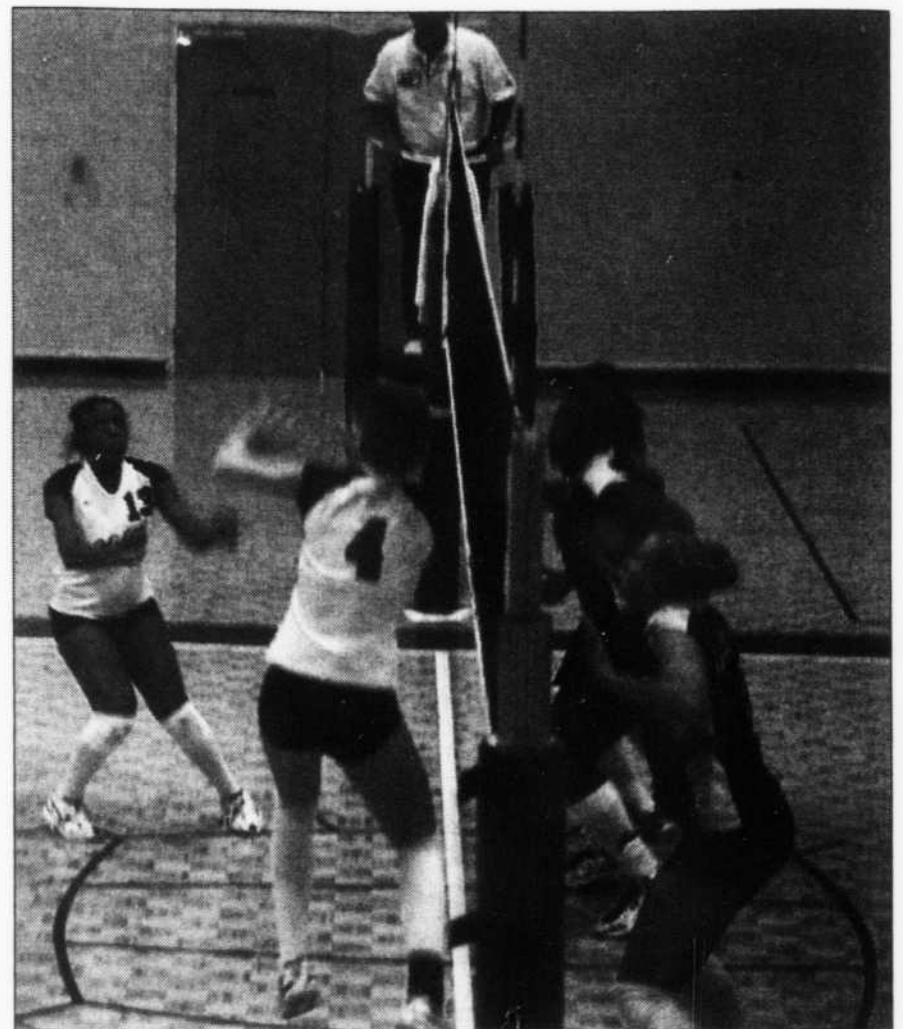


Photo by Rich Kersmarki | Staff Photographer
Freshman Megan Sumrell (4) sets the ball for Karisse Baker (13) during a match against Western Illinois Sept. 20.

Blue Raiders travel to Mississippi

Team takes two nonconference losses on road

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team traveled to Mississippi this weekend to take on Ole Miss and Mississippi State Friday and Sunday.



Perrault

Blue Raider goalkeeper Danielle Perrault appeared up to the challenge early in the 3-0 loss to the Miss, stopping several shots in the first ten minutes.

Perrault finished the game with 11 saves, but the Blue Raiders were out shot 25-8.

Despite these numbers, the game was close throughout the first ten minutes.

However, in the 12th minute of the game, Leigh Barrow fed Karen Hall for her first of two goals for the evening, her third of the season.

The Blue Raiders had several opportunities to score throughout the match, one of those coming in the 23rd minute of play.

After an offensive push, forward Christina Mascaro's shot sailed high and right.

Hall scored again for the Lady Rebels later in the first half, increasing the Ole Miss lead to 2-0.

The teams traded shots two minutes later, when a Perrault save followed an Emily Carter shot that was stopped by Lady Rebel goalkeeper Brittany Gillespie.

Blue Raider Claire Ward had another scoring opportunity in the 40th minute, but her direct kick sailed wide.

The Lady Rebels almost scored again, as Perrault had to come away with a last second save.

After another Perrault save in the first 10 minutes, the teams fell into a defensive battle for the ball during the next 30 minutes.

This defensive struggle came to an end in minute 73, as Hillary Beckman scored the final goal for the Lady Rebels.

The Blue Raiders traveled to Mississippi State for their second team of the weekend.

The Lady Bulldogs came into the game with an impressive run of victories at home, having shut out their three other opponents at the Mississippi State soccer stadium.

In the end, the visiting Blue Raiders dropped a heartbreaking, 1-0.

The lone goal of the match came on a header from Betty Ann Casey with just over two minutes remaining.

Perrault once again kept the Blue Raiders in the game, coming away with six saves. The visitors were out shot 19-8.

The home team attacked Perrault early in the match, but she made a save just over a minute into the contest.

The teams then traded possession throughout the first half, as Perrault made two more saves.

The Blue Raiders' best chance for a score in the first half from a shot from Jenny Cox.

Cox broke free and fired a shot that was stopped by Lady Bulldog goalkeeper Luisa Marzotta, who came into the match with a goals against average of less than one.

Perrault and Marzotta continued trading saves in the second half.

The best chance for a Blue Raider score came in

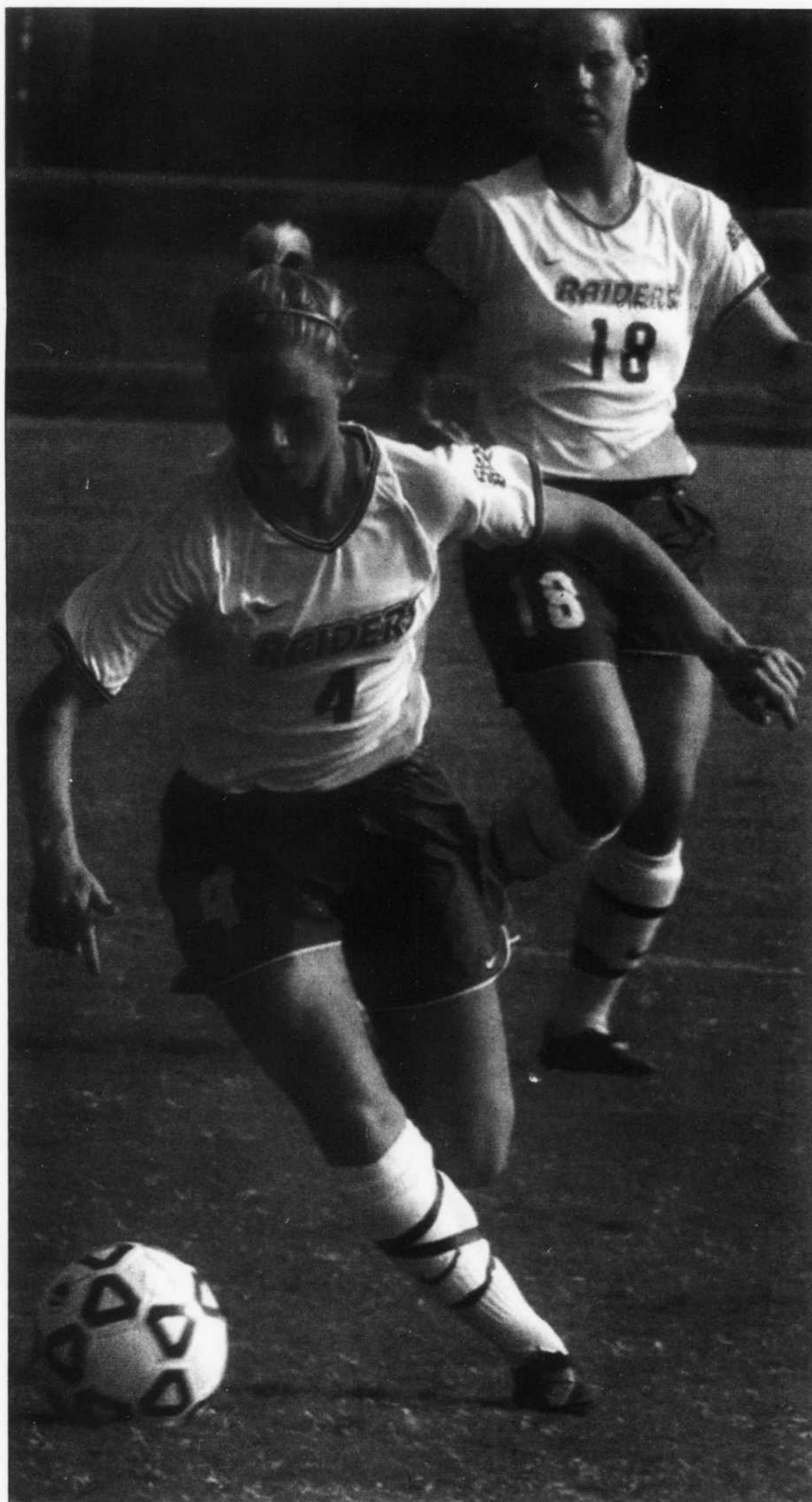


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer
Senior Christina Mascaro (4) runs the ball as junior Jessica Northcutt attempts to assist during a game against Birmingham Southern Sept. 21 at Blue Raider Field.

the 66th minute, when a shot from Danielle LaDuke sailed high over Marzotta and the goal.

The Lady Bulldog goal came after Marzotta cleared the ball after a foul into the box, then Casey headed it home for the lead.

The loss dropped the Blue Raiders to 4-5 on the

year.

The team will begin Sun Belt Conference play this week, when they host Florida International Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. at Blue Raider field. ♦

Problems not rooted in apparel

Are you serious?



Jonathan Long
Staff Columnist

The "throwback" is the latest in fashion trends for sports fans.

Throwbacks are sports apparel that have been worn in the past and discontinued until now.

Converse has benefited supremely from this trend with the Converse All-Star, Chuck Taylor and the Converse Weapon selling out in a lot of athletic stores. Now, Converse is in a bit of controversy with its newest version of the classic Weapon, the "Loaded Weapon."

"It's problematic when you look at the level of violence in the black community. To try and capitalize on misery and fratricide is reprehensible," Leonard Moore, a professor of history and director of African-American studies at Louisiana State University, told the Associated Press.

Once again, an overly educated, self-proclaimed youth expert is going overboard, showing his true ignorance. How absurd is it that the name of a shoe is going to aid the increase of violence in any culture.

That is part of the problem in America, the underestimation of the intelligence and common sense of youth, so much that there are real issues being overlooked.

If you are going to comment on a subject, do your research. The Weapon was released in 1981. There have been no reported shootings or acts of violence related to the Weapon in the 22 years of its existence.

So now that the word "loaded" is being added to the title, the streets aren't safe anymore?

I guess when the shoe debuts, Footlockers across the world will sell matching bullet-proof vests along with buy-one-get-one-half-priced AK-47s.

Converse can even get America's favorite thug, 50 Cent, to wear them in his next video. Better yet, they could request the services of Glenn Plummer, better known as "OG Killa Bobby Johnson," from the movie *South Central*. Johnson dressed in all black yelling, "Deuce cuz," with a pair of Loaded Weapons on. Can't you see the commercial now?

Growing up, I remember when these same critics would display their disgust with Nike for the cost of Air Jordans and blame them when a kid was

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McNair, Titans improve to 3-1

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nobody beats the Pittsburgh Steelers more consistently than the Tennessee Titans. Nobody plays better against the Steelers than Steve McNair.

McNair, again nearly mistake-free and opportunistic against the team he dominates like no other, threw three touchdown passes following Steelers mistakes.

Tennessee beat Pittsburgh for the third time in less than a year, 30-13 Sunday.

The Steelers led 10-0 before the Titans had a first down, but three costly mistakes by quarterback Tommy Maddox were turned into Titans scores.

Backup linebacker Rocky Boiman enjoyed a career day, returning a Maddox interception 59 yards for a touchdown and sacking Maddox for a safety that started Tennessee's comeback.

McNair, who has eight touchdown passes and only one interception this season, threw touchdown passes of 10 yards to Drew Bennett, one to Erron McKinney and 29 to Justin McCareins. The Titans (3-1) beat the Steelers (2-2) for the 10th time in 12 games, including their 34-31 overtime play-offs victory in January.

McNair, 15 of 16 for 161 yards, is 10-3 against the Steelers, throwing 19 touchdown passes and only four interceptions.

Coach Jeff Fisher is 11-6 against them, easily the best record of any opposing AFC coach against the Steelers' Bill Cowher.

The Titans also won four of five in Pittsburgh.

In a game of contrasts, the Steelers dominated the first half while the Titans controlled the second half. The one constant was Maddox's penchant for committing a key mistake at the worst time.

With the Steelers driving in the final minute of the first half, cornerback Samari Rolle jumped in front of Plaxico Burress for an interception he returned to the Steelers' one yard line. McNair hit McKinney for the score two plays later, and the Titans had a 16-13 lead they never lost.

After safety Tank Williams' partial block of Jeff Reed's failed 30-yard field goal attempt led to McCareins' touchdown catch, Williams came out of the secondary to hit Maddox just as he was throwing. Maddox's off-balance throw was intercepted by Boiman, whose touchdown return made it 30-13 early in the fourth.

Maddox (31-of-47, 315 yards) is 0-3 against the Titans, starting with the 31-23 loss at Tennessee Nov. 27 when he was temporarily paralyzed by a Keith Bulluck hit.

The Titans had run only three plays from scrimmage when the Steelers took their 10-

0 lead on Amos Zereoue's 5-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. The Steelers earlier turned a 16-play drive into Reed's 26-yard field goal.

After Craig Hentrich's punt backed the Steelers up to their 5, Boiman, replacing the injured Peter Sirmon, broke through to sack Maddox along the goal line for a safety.

Fisher successfully challenged the original ruling that Maddox had leaned across the goal line with the ball before being tackled.

On the first play following the free kick, McNair found Bennett behind cornerback Chad Scott for 42 yards to the Steelers' 13, then hit Bennett with cornerback Dewayne Washington in coverage to cut the Steelers' lead to 10-9.

Boiman stepped in after Sirmon injured his back on the Titans' opening drive. Until Sunday, Boiman had only a half-sack and no interceptions in his two-season career. ♦

Clothing: Trends not to blame

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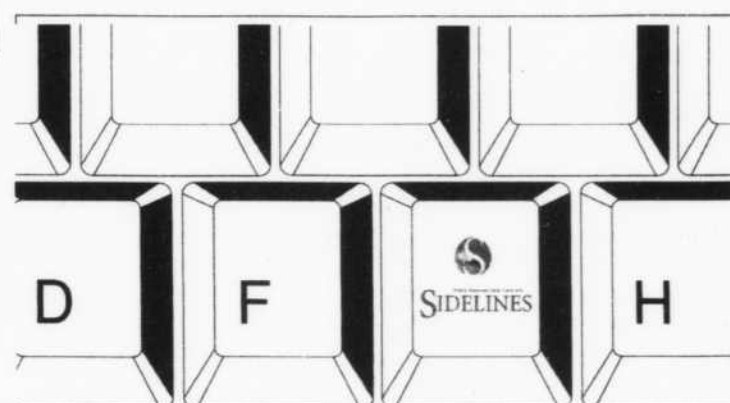
robbed for a pair. No one ever questions Toyota about the price of a Lexus, especially when car jacking was being heavily committed in the early-to mid-1990s.

I applaud the youth of America for not being as ignorant as these critics assume them to be.

The Loaded Weapon is a bas-

ketball shoe, nothing more, nothing less. This is a tennis shoe, not a re-release of *Gang Banging in Little Rock*. It is not going to spark an occurrence of random shoot-outs. There is a saying that when you assume you make an ass out of you and me.

Well, Moore is making one out of himself and hopefully not too many will follow him. ♦



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Furman proves successful for Lady Raiders

By Amy Jones-Foster
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team traveled to Greenville, S.C., this weekend to participate in the Furman Invitational.

Players from Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Furman University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of North

Carolina joined MT in the three flight tourney.

"This is an extremely good tournament," head coach Randy Holden said. "The level of competition is high with 90 percent of the teams ranked in the top 25."

After one day of competition, junior Jennifer Klaschka was the only Lady Raider to come out victorious in single play Friday round one of the tourney.

Klaschka defeated Clemson's

Daniela Alvarez 6-1 and 6-4 to advance to the second round of the tourney.

Senior Manon Kruse lost to UNC member Caitlin Collins 2-6, 6-3 and 6-1 while Lady Raiders Carien Venter, Laura McNamara, Emily Vest and Ana Marie Cibils also lost in the first round. Kruse is currently ranked No. 37 in singles by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Doubles partners Kruse and Vandy's Ashley Schellhas and Aleke Tsoubanos. The duo bounced back in the second round with a win over Mary Neill Hagood and Jacquelyn Eckert.

Saturday Klaschka defeated Penn State's Maria Hussain 7-5 and 6-3 to further herself to the final round of competition Sunday. Klaschka finished the tourney Sunday with a flight-champion win over Vanderbilt's Ashley Schellhas.

Kruse also took a win on the final day of competition with a win over Danielle Wiggins of South Carolina 6-3 and 6-1. Lady Raider new-comer Ana Marie Cibils beat the University of Iowa's Hilde Jansma.

Jacqui Williams rounded out the MT list winning her flight Sunday with a match victory over Ashlea Bowen, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

Audra Falk of Vanderbilt defeated fellow teammate Kelly Schmandt 6-3, 6-1 to win the flight one singles title.

"I am excited to finally see these ladies compete after a few really good weeks of practice," MacDonald said to www.vucommodes.com. "They have been working very hard to prepare for the season. We have a great group of young players, and this is good experience for them. We are looking to get a few matches under our belts, and I think that will make all our practice seem more relevant."

The Lady Raiders will jump back into action Friday when they travel to the University of Kentucky. ♦

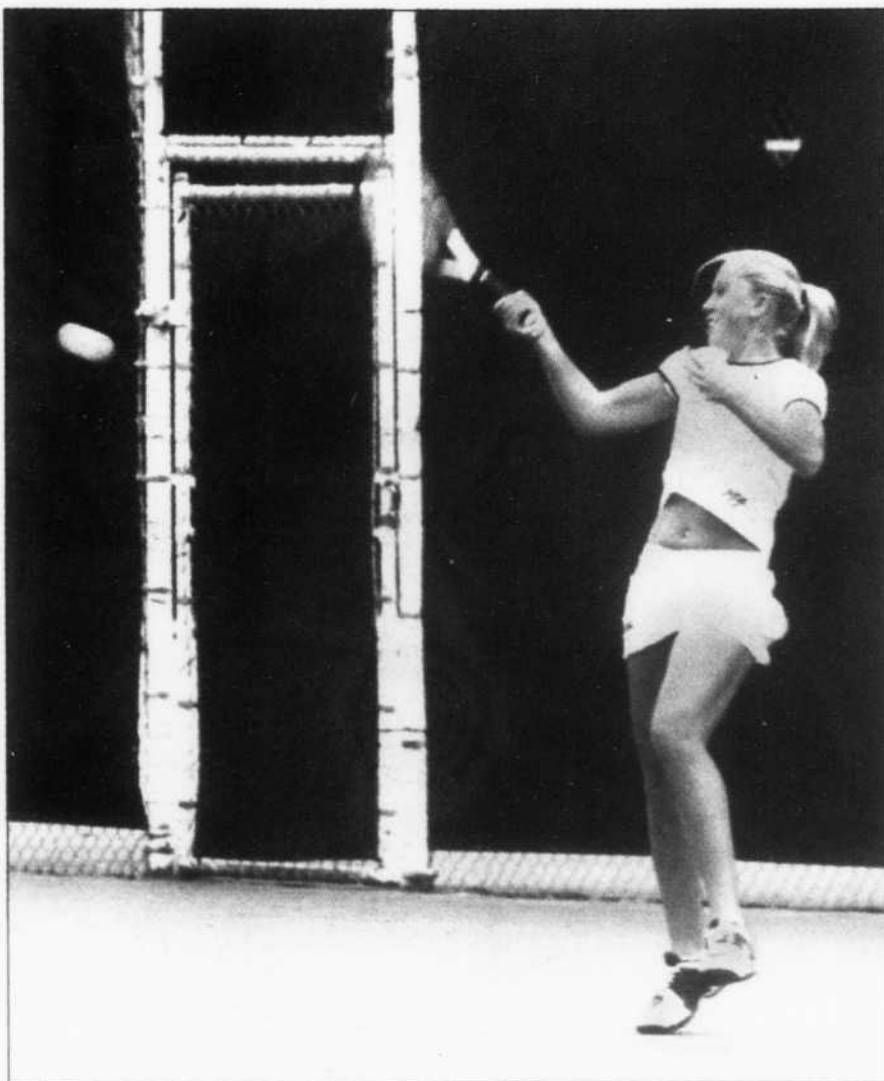


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Junior Jennifer Klaschka hits the ball during the Pro-Am Sept. 6.

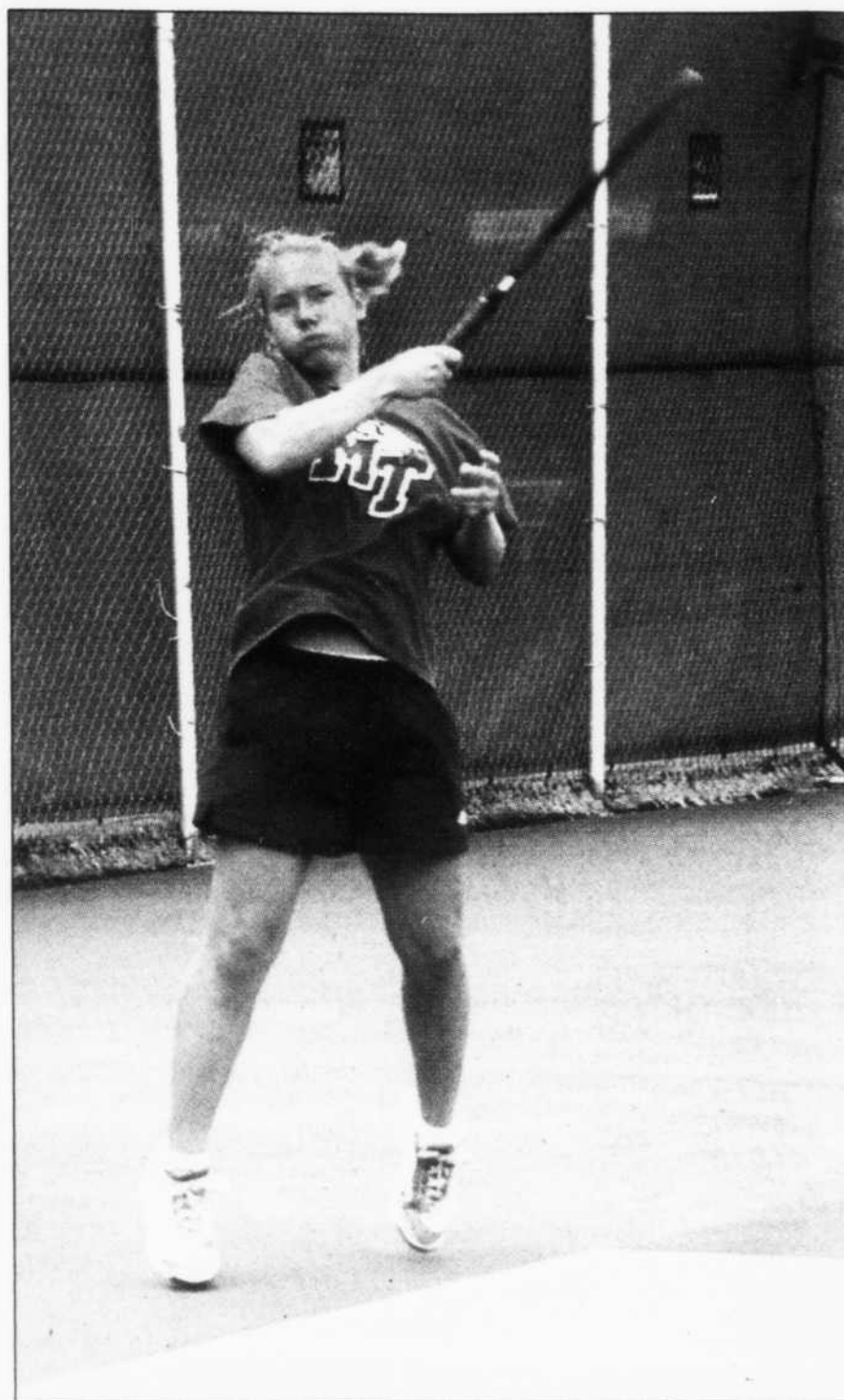


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