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Most students think pirating software OK

By Jonathan Hicks
Staff Writer

The Business Software Alliance recently released a study about software piracy in higher education which stated that more than 40 percent of educators say it's "OK" to share or swap software to cut costs.

Of students, 75 percent think pirating software is "OK."

In the midst of Recording Industry Association of America litigation against music downloaders, the survey stated that downloading music is a gateway to downloading software.

The study further stated that

only 24 percent of students believe that software piracy is wrong.

"Technology advances much faster than social norms and our values and our moral systems and our laws," said Robert Hood, assistant professor of philosophy. "I think that technology has outpaced all these kinds of social infrastructures."

From the survey results, the BSA emphasized that professors and administrators aren't communicating with their students about downloading software.

"Students aren't being told. 'Downloading unlicensed or illegal files is a mistake,'" said Robert Holleyman, president

and chief executive officer of BSA, in a press release.

Holleyman said that while there are positive advancements in file-sharing technology, educators have a responsibility to inform students.

"Education is ever more important to changing these behaviors," Holleyman said. "With [peer-to-peer] use on the rise, student and educator attitudes toward illegal downloading and file-swapping, if ignored, have the potential to become a gateway for increased software piracy on thousands of college campuses."

According to the survey, only 28 percent of students were

aware of their institution's software use policy.

MTSU's Computer and Network Acceptable Use policy states, "MTSU utilizes a wide variety of software, with an equally wide range of license and copyright provisions. Users are responsible for informing themselves of, and complying with, the license and copyright provisions of the software that they use."

"No software copy is to be made by any user without a prior, good faith determination that such copying is in fact permissible," the policy states. "All

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A recent study by the Business Software Alliance showed that students think piracy is acceptable while their professors recognize it as unethical.

Making a difference



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Roy, a homeless man in Murfreesboro, founded a camp for area homeless. The camp is named Camp Forgiven. Roy has been collecting donations for the shelter for seven months.

Homeless man founds camp

By Liz Karlson
Staff Writer

Somewhere near Stones River Mall, in a secluded area, more than 20 homeless people have found shelter in tents thanks to a resourceful man named Roy.

"I have heard the faith of a mustard seed will move mountains, and I have found that to be true many times," Roy said. "My camp is just an extension of that."

Seven months ago, Roy collected tents, sleeping bags and other camping

gear through donations or trade when he decided to set up a camp for the homeless called Camp Forgiven. His goal was to provide shelter for men, women and children of any age who have nowhere else to go.

Roy, a homeless man originally from Texas, not only provides shelter, but also assists the campers in getting work as part of his plan.

He advertises to homeowners, business owners and churches using flyers or word of mouth. Lawn service, painting and pet care are only a few of the services

Roy and his camp members provide.

Josh Chestnut, path case manager of the Murfreesboro Guidance Center, has worked with many homeless over the last few years and understands the hardships.

"I definitely think that homelessness is a problem," Chestnut said. "Roy has created a concrete strategy for how people can help. One problem with his strategy is that it depends on people helping each other, and sometimes that can be a

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Governor names MTSU student to advisory council

Anthropology major appointed until 2008

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Junior Anthropology major Pat Cummings was recently named to Gov. Phil Bredesen's Archaeological Advisory Council, which advises state archaeologists on matters relating to American Indian archaeological sites.

Cummings is an anthropology major with minors in Native American studies and archeology. He is originally from Berea, Ky.

"I have known about this council for quite a few years," he said. "I have had a few mentors who I have worked with in the past who have served on the board. Three weeks ago I was notified by the governor's office that I had received appointment."

Cummings' appointment will last until 2008. Over the summer he was asked to submit a resume to the governor's office. The selection was mainly based on experience and other qualifications.

He is one of three American Indian members on the board.

He has a two-fold role on the board. He is an advisor to state archaeologists and the commissioners of environment and conservation of Tennessee on the proper reverence of the

removal of American Indian artifacts from sites.

He is also representing the interests of the American Indian people of the state.

Cummings is allowed to be present, by law, on American Indian burial grounds.

Cummings has been actively involved in the American Indian community for some time. He has been involved in The Alliance for Native American Indian Rights of Tennessee since 1996 and has served as its president since 1998.

"This is a non-profit organization that works solely to preserve Native American sacred sites," he explained.

Working with the American Indian tribes of Tennessee is Cummings' passion.

"I am very honored that I can apply my experience through my involvement in sacred site preservation and to be considered worthy to represent the Native Americans in the state of Tennessee," he said.

"I do this out of a deep seeded religious belief and I have sworn myself to uphold this responsibility," he continued. "I am also very proud that Gov. Bredesen's office thinks enough of my abilities to appoint me to this position. I also love that the Native Americans have instilled their confidence in my abilities."

Cummings wants to continue working with American Indians once he graduates. He hopes to turn this opportunity into a career. ♦

Speakers examine Nazi violence against women at Holocaust conference

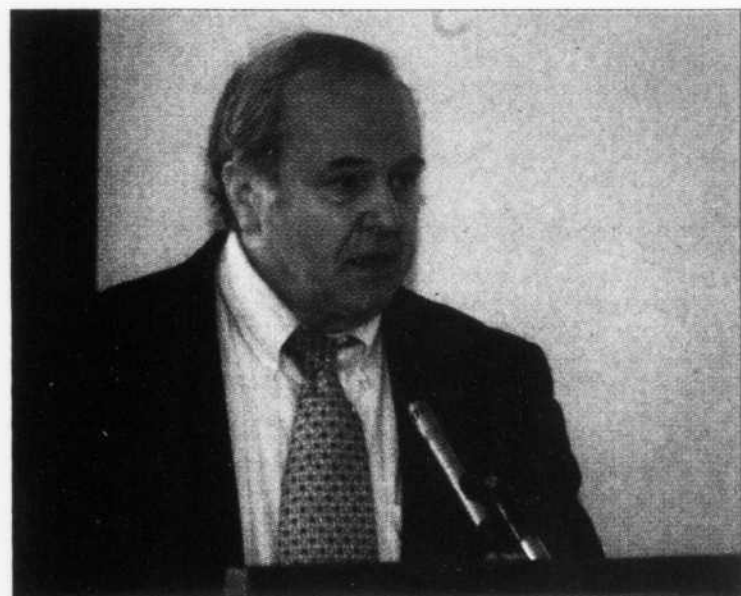


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Johnpeter Horst Grill from Mississippi State discussed the Nazi secret police and methods used to make them hate Jews at the Holocaust conference on Saturday.

By Nona Kempton
Staff Writer

Brutality and inhumanity at the hands of the Nazis was a common experience for victims of the Holocaust, and the treatment of women was particularly violent, author Andrea Dworkin said in her keynote address for the sixth MTSU Holocaust Studies conference.

Dworkin spoke Thursday evening at the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business and Aerospace Building.

Her message about the attitudes of dominance and violence toward women went beyond the experiences of the prisoners of Nazi concentration camps. She said that in male-dominated societies, women have always been viewed as weaker and less worthy as human beings.

"The value of a man's life, when not compromised by stigma, defines what it is to be human," Dworkin said. "To have a place in society, the right to self-determina-

tion, a man is the measure of humanity."

Dworkin is the author of 13 books, including *Scapegoat: the Jews, Israel and Women's Liberation* and *Hearbreak: the Political Memoir of a Militant Feminist*. She has been an activist against pornography and has co-authored city ordinances that define pornography as a civil rights violation.

Dworkin said that homophobia is part of gender hatred since men view women as less, so men who engage in sexual behavior like women are to be hated and ridiculed.

"Political correctness means the language of hate has been challenged," she said. She encouraged Americans to be committed to the recognition of hate speech and hate crimes and oppose xenophobia and segregation.

"This is a country of slaves and immigrants," Dworkin said.

The conference is held every other year and the keynote address was co-sponsored by MTSU's Indian studies program and

the National Women's History Month.

Sherry Etemadi, a junior MTSU in pre-med at Vanderbilt, came to MTSU to hear Dworkin speak.

"She is right on about how men dominate women, and that's especially true in other cultures," Etemadi said. Etemadi is an immigrant from Iran who has lived in the U.S. for eight years.

The conference featured historians and scholars from across the country. The event began on Thursday and ended Saturday. Sonja Hedgepeth, an MTSU foreign language professor, chaired the conference.

Anna Rosmus, an author who as a teenager discovered links to the Nazis in her hometown in Bavaria, told the conference audience about other atrocities committed against women, including forced late-term abortions.

"Women were brought in from Poland, Russia and the Ukraine to work while the

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Homeless: Organizers accepting donations

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be a hard thing to depend on."

Under this plan, Roy's homeless workers require a fee from their employers. However, they promise to donate a percentage of their earnings to a local charity and request for the employer to match that percentage.

"What I am doing here is going to be cookie-cutter across the country," Roy said. "We are going to show these folks how to fix this problem with relatively little expense, with a program that will be self-sufficient and

will depend on donations."

Another of Roy's aspirations is to have similar camps around the country, and to create a homeless newspaper, which would post jobs, editorials and news articles.

"A big portion of it will be speaking about poverty rights, how the law is protecting the homeless, how the law is taking the rights of the poorest people and how different charities turn themselves into businesses," Roy said.

Chestnut and Roy both have concerns about what charities

really donate to the needy. Most food banks require proof of an address before a person can receive food and charitable clothing stores such as Good Will charge money for clothes or supplies that homeless people may have to struggle to attain.

"You have to be conscious of who you give your money and donations to," Chestnut said. "You need to make sure they are going to the people you want, and that the things are what they need."

Local charities that both

Chestnut and Roy agree provide the most accessible resources to the homeless are Greenhouse Ministries, The Hope Center, Outreach Thrift and West Main Mission, which are all located in Murfreesboro.

Roy will accept tools, camping equipment, food or hygiene items. For more information about donations contact Roy at 869-9192. To find out other ways to help the local homeless, contact Josh Chestnut at 898-0771. ♦

Piracy: Only 32 percent pay for software most of time

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users must respect the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data."

Although the survey stated that 23 percent of college and university students have downloaded software, with only 32

percent paying for it all or most of the time, professors on campus doubt whether the problem is as bad on the MTSU campus.

"I know in some places a whole lot of it is going on but it just seems like around here there isn't as much," said Mack Thweatt, computer science professor. "I don't hear much buzz

among the students about it going on."

Many critics claim that the current dilemma with downloading indicates a problem with antiquated business models, not morals or ethics.

"Copyrighting in a digital age needs to be reexamined," Flood said. "The whole purpose

of copyrighting is to protect peoples property interests and also at the same time to encourage innovation. And the current changes in copyright laws do more to discourage innovation." ♦

Holocaust: Committee helped Jewish artists escape

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German farmers left for the front," Rosmus explained.

Many of these women would become pregnant by married men in the area, and the fetuses were often aborted against the mother's will by the seventh month of the pregnancy.

"The screams could be heard in the streets," Rosmus said, "and many of the women were not aware of what was going to happen to them until they heard the screams."

Severin Hochberg, a senior researcher and historian for the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., spoke about the immigration policy in the United States in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

He said that sponsors like Jewish Labor Committee and the Emergency Rescue

Committee aided many Jewish scholars, professors and artists in their escape from the Nazis.

"These groups were funded by Jews but only Anglos were on the boards," Hochberg said. These boards included journalists Varian Fry and Edward R. Murrow.

Hochberg said that board members reviewed the work of these intellectuals and artists and decided if these immigrants were worthy of help in escaping the Nazis.

"They would say, 'Bring us your folder of art, and if we think it's good we can save your life,'" Hochberg said.

He said that many American Jews were not in favor of a mass immigration of Jews from Europe, fearing that it would increase anti-Semitism in the United States.

Johnpeter Horst Grill, a pro-

fessor from Mississippi State University, described how the Nazi Secret Police engaged in an intense campaign to educate and indoctrinate young officers on hatred of Jews.

"Jews must not be seen as human," Grill said the officers were told by their superiors. "They are not carriers of thoughts like us."

He said that to teach the Secret Police members to hate the Jews enough to commit mass murder, they were rewarded for their cruelty and punished for any kindness shown to Jews. One officer's career ended when he accepted cake and coffee from a Jewish man.

"They were kicked out of the [Secret Police] if they did not have 'the correct attitude' toward Jews," Grill said.

"I always love this conference," said Melinda Lickiss, a

former MTSU adjunct professor who is currently working on her doctorate at the University of Kentucky. "The papers presented are always informative."

The conference concluded with the film *The Nasty Girl*, a documentary based on Rosmus' work to uncover the truth about the role her hometown played in World War II.

Rochelle Sidel, executive director of Remember the Women Institute, a not-for-profit group based in New York dedicated to including women in history, flew in from Israel for the conference.

"The conference always has such a high level of speakers," Sidel said, "and Professor Hedgepeth does a wonderful job of organizing it." ♦

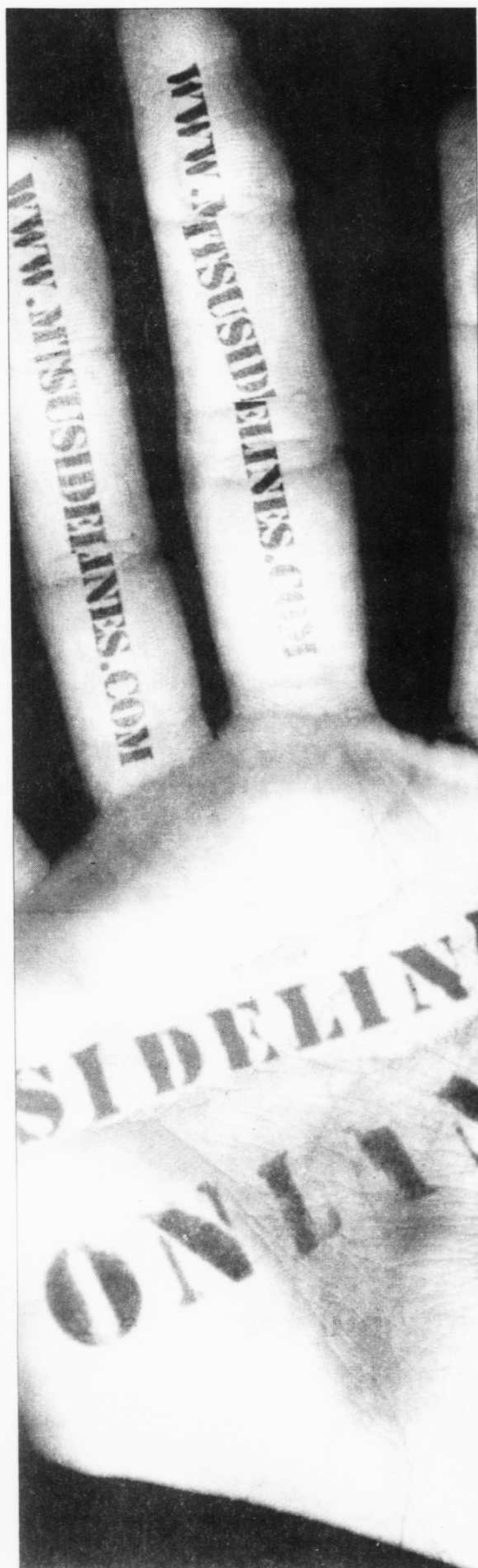
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Foreign accents create obstacles for job-seekers

By Yissel Ramirez
The Daily Universe

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — Many believed California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's foreign roots and Austrian accent would stop him from being elected as California's governor. But his diverse upbringing and intense drive proved critics otherwise — however, many immigrants face similar criticism.

Foreign accents are a continued obstacle for immigrants looking for employment and desiring to climb the latter of success.

Each country has its own linguistic sound. Accent-free speaking is hardly a reality. Studies show people with foreign accents are discriminated against for not speaking crystal-clear English.

More than two years ago, a study by Blendstrup & Associates and international professionals found that people's accents get in the way of being hired.

"I believe some foreign accents inhibit hiring," said Karen Kwan, program coordinator for Ethnic Student Affairs at the University of Utah. "British and other European, Australian and others are usually not discriminated against."

Five individuals who were employed in the Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area were taped during a session of answering questions about their job. The individuals were Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Argentine, French and German.

The study showed that individuals who could not be understood clearly were less likely to be hired.

Employers said they worried that the people's accents would interfere with customers but

said they would hire them for internal work.

"More disturbingly, employers ... told me they actually would not hire any of the people on the tape for more than low and mid-level jobs," stated the Blendstrup & Associates report. "And, if the accents were eventually not reduced to the point of being more understandable, the employees would probably not be promoted."

Employers listening to the tapes were not aware that the five individuals they had listened to already had prestigious, high-paying jobs as engineers, doctors and business consultants.

According to a report by Derwing, Rossiter, & Munro, "a significant body of research shows that speakers with foreign accents may be viewed as less intelligent, less competent and even less attractive than native English speakers."

Unfortunate stereotyping of foreign speakers is a serious problem that is exacerbated by the fraudulent claims from business people who claim they can eliminate foreign accents with expensive Compact Discs and learning programs, stated a study from Derwing, Rossiter & Munro.

"When employers discriminate because of accents, it's usually because of ignorance," said Jacqueline Deaton, Brigham Young University Spanish professor. "People can tell I have an accent by just saying 'hi,' but I've never been denied a job or felt discriminated because of my accent."

Kwan encourages employers to learn more about different cultures and languages. She said having a diverse work staff can only help to enhance business capabilities. ♦

New bill may affect foreign policy classes

By Jolene Hull
Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — A resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives could change the way college curriculum is taught in an effort to heighten students' participation in homeland security.

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the International Studies in Higher Education Act. According to the resolution, H.R. 3077, the legislation authorizes international and foreign language studies programs under Title VI of the Higher Education Act.

Title VI of the Higher Education Act provides support for a critically important group of programs at colleges and universities that work to advance knowledge of world regions, encourage the study of foreign languages and train Americans to have international expertise and understanding to fulfill pressing national security needs.

The International Studies in Higher Education Act would update the programs under Title VI to reflect national security needs in the post-Sept. 11, 2001 era, as well as the current international climate.

H.R. 3077, which was authored by Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., was bipartisan support in September.

Dan Ashlock, associate professor of mathematics, said H.R. 3077 will directly affect foreign language and international studies departments at Iowa State if it is initiated as a law. He said proposals similar to H.R. 3077 have failed in the past.

"This has been tried twice before," Ashlock said. "It was tried during the McCarthy era in the '50s and before with President John Adams when he passed the Alien and Sedition Acts."

Ashlock said one rationale for H.R. 3077 is the lack of Arabic-speaking Americans available to be translators and spies.

If the law is passed as a bill, one way for universities to reject the mandate is to refuse

federal funding, Ashlock said. If that were the case, a university would have to look for funding from the central administration, and possibly raise tuition, he said.

Steffen Schmidt, university professor of political science, said the bill stems from the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"The H.R. 3077 comes on the heels of the World Trade Center attacks, so now there's this question of whether we should be teaching students how to become part of homeland security," Schmidt said. "The effort is to make professors teach more what the government considers to be positive values to make them more patriotic."

He said the federal government would have professors build in curriculum that would allow students to understand how to be proud of and defend the United States, Schmidt said.

The federal government may see a college course in U.S. foreign policy, where policy is examined and possibly scrutinized, as a threat to homeland security, Schmidt said.

"There is an anti-global criticism of American foreign policy that potentially leads to spreading Anti-Americanism," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said academic institution support for H.R. 3077 will depend on whether the institution agrees with how the federal government is asking it to spend the money.

"If [administration, faculty and staff] like and agree with those federal mandates — like teaching about something that matches our own personal values, like diversity — we have no problem with initiating those," Schmidt said. "However, if [the government] tells us how to do something with the money that we consider to be an interference of our freedoms and essentially an interference with our rights as intellectuals, we don't like it or want that."

Ashlock said the next step in the process is for the bill to go before the Senate. It's not certain at this time when that will occur, he said. ♦

Lab investigating your brain on drugs

By Louisa Ogle
The Oracle

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Most know the general consequences of drug use. But a lab on the University of South Florida campus is conducting research to uncover the specific effects certain drugs can have on adolescents and young adults.

Dr. Cheryl Kirstein has received grants from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that fund research in the cognitive and neurological science area of the psychology department.

With a team of five graduate students, six undergraduate volunteers and two technicians, Kirstein, the director of the cognitive and neurological science area, is making headway using animals to learn about how drug use affects the brains of adolescent users.

"There hasn't been any studies to see the effects of drug use in teens and people in their

20s," Kirstein said. "During this time the brain is still developing, [and] drug use may help develop disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and even depression."

Kirstein said the lab's research focuses mainly on the effects of cocaine, alcohol and nicotine, but that they also do a little research on marijuana.

The lab conducts two types of studies. They do neurochemical research studies, which studies what drug chemicals do to the brain.

They also conduct behavioral studies to see how the animals react after drug use.

Kim Badanich, a USF graduate student, has been working in the lab for four years.

She said that the research Kirstein spoke about is their next step.

Badanich said, they are looking at adolescent drug use and addiction.

Badanich said she just finished a study for her master's that used adolescent and adult rats.

She separated them into groups — one with a stable envi-

ronment that was given saline, and the other cocaine.

She said studies showed that adolescent rats preferred the cocaine environment.

"Basically it showed that 14- and 15-year olds should not begin using cocaine," Badanich said. "Not that they should at any age."

Badanich said studies show that people who begin using drugs as an adolescent are 90 percent more likely to develop an addiction than people who begin using them as an adult.

Their research points toward a reason for this.

"We've found that adolescents are more attracted to the drugs that adults are adverse to and that the younger ones prefer higher levels," Kirstein said.

This may be because, as Kirstein and Badanich have both found in their research, adolescents release higher levels of dopamine after drug use than adults.

Kirstein said the release of dopamine produces a similar feeling to that of falling in love.

Kirstein also said a similar effect occurs after eating choco-

late, but on a smaller scale.

Studies done by the lab also suggest that a cue for a drug may release dopamine before the drug is even ingested.

Kirstein explained that these cues are things a user may associate with the drug, such as seeing the person who they buy it from or even seeing a joint.

Badanich said another graduate student just completed a study using alcohol cues and they found an increased response in dopamine levels as a result.

Badanich is most interested in research on how cues affect drug abuse.

Kirstein said she wants to discover what differences in the brain make someone develop an addiction.

She also hopes to conduct more research on the long-term effects of drugs and the effects of adolescent use.

Kirstein said the lab is being considered for another grant because of the research they conduct on adolescents since few studies have been conducted in that area. ♦

Penn State to offer Napster to students

By Emily Rotberg
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Pennsylvania State University does not want its students to get arrested.

That is one of the motivations behind Penn State's recently announced plans to provide the music-downloading service Napster to its students, 18,000 of which will get this service at the start of the spring semester.

Penn State sees such a policy as contributing to a greater campaign against illegal music downloading.

"Music piracy has found a breeding ground on college and university campuses due to the high speed computer networks that we all operate," said Penn State spokesperson Tyson Kendig.

Penn State President Graham Spanier, also co-chair of the Joint Committee of Higher Education and Entertainment, has made illegal music downloading a university priority and initiated what many higher education and music industry professionals see as a model for other universities.

"I don't think there's any question that this is a first step," said Napster spokesperson Seth Oster. "The deal with Penn State represents a major stride forward in the battle against music piracy."

Penn State's initiative also publicizes a long-anticipated alternative to peer-to-peer networks.

The newly revamped and completely legal version of Napster, which debuted Oct. 29, promises to offer users the

perks of music from the Internet without the pains of copyright infringement.

The basic service, available for free download, allows users to access Napster's database and download any of its more than half a million songs for \$0.99 apiece.

Penn State has contracted to provide the premium service, which Oster calls "a step above basic Napster," to its students. The monthly access fee — to be covered by Penn State — includes full-length streaming music, access to Billboard music charts dating back to 1955, over 40 radio stations and music articles in addition to the basic features.

Downloading individual songs, however, will not be covered by Penn State.

Still, "the student pays nothing unless they want to own a song," Oster said.

Oster's appraisal is the same point that has garnered complaints from students, many of whom prefer the free access of copyright-infringing peer-to-peer networks to pay-as-you-download alternatives such as Napster.

"The subscription is free, but you have to pay for any song you download," said Penn State sophomore Heather Baruch. "I'm not going to even use it — I'll just use Kazaa."

But free downloads have a price.

"Because of the instant gratification of the Internet, this generation has the mindset that everything should be free," Kendig said. "To infringe on copyright law and steal songs over the Internet is akin to shoplifting."

Just as stores prevent

shoplifting with security cameras, the Recording Industry Association of America now monitors illegal downloading practices in what RIAA representative Jonathan Lamy called an "educational campaign" to target the largest file distributors.

Lamy said the campaign has resulted in a total of 341 lawsuits against distributors in the period from September to mid-October.

RIAA watchdogs find distributors the same way that students search for songs.

Recently, the RIAA search led to the subpoena of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for information about an on-campus student who allegedly made available for download songs by RIAA artists.

As yet, UNC has not responded to the subpoena because they claim that it was improperly filed.

Although students throughout the country know about the RIAA campaign, many say they are not concerned about the possibility of litigation for downloading files because, according to their understandings of peer-to-peer networks, as long as they do not allow uploads, they are safe.

"I'm not currently sharing files, so I feel like the odds that I'll actually get in trouble are very slim," said Penn State sophomore Jane Everett. "It's worth it to not have to pay."

Lamy acknowledges that, to date, there has not been litigation against users who do not allow uploads.

Chris Cramer, Duke's information technology security officer, said the lack of litigation

stems from the difficulty in discerning who are the big downloaders.

"Right now we are focused on the distributors," Lamy said. "The idea is that if you create enough inconvenience and deterrence for using the peer-to-peer networks, then fans will just migrate to one of the great legal services instead."

Inconvenience may not be as effective as fear, suggests Everett.

"I don't see why people will pay if they feel like they are not in danger. If people aren't afraid of [litigation], they're not going to bother," she said.

A new proposal at Penn State may prohibit students from operating peer-to-peer programs from dorm room computers unless they have a specific academic purpose, said Kendig. "We will continue enforcing legal use of the computer networks," he said, adding that as yet there are no plans to block the popular peer-to-peer software Kazaa.

Penn State sophomore Alexis Kaplan sees her school's measures as limiting.

"It's my computer, why is it their business what I do? I pay an Internet fee, so now I'm paying to not be able to do what I want online," she said.

Still, Oster remains confident that students will use Napster's charge service for its "far superior" nature to other downloading avenues.

"Peer-to-peer networks are simply utilities where you search for a song, find it, download it, and then hope against hope that you haven't infected your computer with a virus and that you actually got the whole song," Oster said. ♦

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From the Editorial Board

Think of less fortunate in season of thanksgiving

In this time of Thanksgiving, we should all take time out of writing our Christmas lists and remember those who do not enjoy the comforts we are used to.

Murfreesboro is quickly becoming an urbanized city and with the benefits come the problems, which include homelessness.

A homeless man named Roy, who Murfreesboro natives know well, created a homeless camp near the Stones River Mall to provide shelter for those in need.

Camp Forgiveness will also give the homeless a chance to earn money during the holiday season. Roy set up jobs like lawn service, painting and pet care through participating employers.

All the camping equipment was donated, but the need is still there. He needs tools, food or hygiene items for the people that are staying at the camp.

Community involvement is the best way to combat homelessness. Local employers should hire the homeless because it is a service to the community and is an act of compassion. We are responsible for this city and its inhabitants and if we ignore the problem, it will only get worse.

An important part of giving to the needy is making sure the money is going to the right place. Josh Chestnut from the Murfreesboro Guidance Center and Roy both encourage people to be conscious of where your money is going.

They suggest charities like Greenhouse Ministries, The Hope Center, Outreach Thrift and West Main Mission.

Do your part this holiday season and make someone's life just a little nicer by participating in the many charity options available in Murfreesboro.

Eat, drink and be merry, but don't be a Scrooge – the holiday season is as much about giving as receiving. ♦

Tip for holiday shopping: Stay home Friday

Half Naked



Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

It's Thanksgiving week, and for many of us, that means two things: a big meal and football, then a day of fighting off hordes of people in shopping centers.

Thanksgiving used to serve as a time to get together with family, eat too much, then fall asleep on the couch watching the Dallas Cowboys, all under the guise of being thankful and reminiscent of that day so many years ago when the Pilgrims first landed in America and, after many hardships, had a big meal with the people they would later force west

to Oklahoma.

Ah, memories. Now, we still enjoy the meal and football, but Thanksgiving has become just a reminder of the big winter holiday: Christmas.

This week is really just building up to Friday, the busiest shopping day of the year. It's the one day I refuse to go Christmas shopping.

I assume the masses of people come for two reasons. The first reason is the holiday sales that stores have in order to attract an ungodly amount of people through their doors.

The second is that, once Thanksgiving passes, the next holiday is Christmas. People start realizing they only have about a month to get all of their shopping done, and since most people are off work the Friday after Thanksgiving, it's the perfect time to get some

shopping done.

I haven't done much Christmas shopping yet, but what I have done, I've done online. It's the perfect way to shop. I don't have to get dressed – I don't even have to get out of bed. I can sit in my bed at my computer and buy presents without having to deal with crowds of people, long lines, screaming babies and sales assistants who come up to you every five seconds to see if you need any help.

But for those who insist on braving malls and other retail outlets, here are a few tips that are sure to make your shopping day successful.

Tip number one: Don't even try to find a parking space remotely close to the mall, Wal-Mart or wherever it is you're going. It's not going to happen. You will waste far more time taking

the MTSU approach of waiting until someone comes outside, following them to their car and then realizing they've just come to drop off some packages because they can't carry anymore. It's better to just suck it up and park far away.

Tip number two: There are going to be long lines. Deal with it. At least once during the day, the person ahead of you in line is going to take a really long time asking a really asinine question. There's no escaping it. Just hope that it happens early in the day, when you're not stressed out and agitated yet.

Tip number three: You won't get it all done in one day, so get that notion out of your head. You may get a lot done, but there's just not enough time, especially with all the traffic – both automobile traffic and the

congestion of people inside the stores. Set a realistic goal, and then realize you probably won't even get that done.

Finally, tip number four: Start early. If you don't begin until around noon, it's already going to be packed. It's best to get a head start. Granted, many people will have the same plan, but as the day goes on, even more people will go shopping. If you're already there, it will help with the whole parking issue, and the lines won't be as long early in the day.

Happy Thanksgiving, and good luck if you try to shop the next day. I, of course, will be at work, dealing with way too many people. ♦

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Celebrity worship misguided, trite

Sandi's Logic



Sandi van Orden
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As I was listening to Chuck D the other night, I contemplated the obviousness of what he was saying.

He told those of us at Tucker Theater things we already knew, but probably had never thought

about. It's amazing how sometimes we need to hear people say what we already know.

Most, if not all of us, are aware of the way the media and society are fascinated with fame. It's at a point where it's almost crippling.

We all have our favorite bands, singers and actors, but should we try to imitate these people? Why would we want to be like someone we see on television?

When we see them or hear them, be it on television, radio or a picture in a magazine, we are only seeing what the artists, their managers, publicists and others that will make a profit from them want us to see. Performers sell images, and they make a lot of money doing just that.

So why does someone who got lucky occupy so much of our brain cells?

Our culture loves to know about celebrities. That will never cease to amaze me. It is more important in America to know what celebrities are doing than what is happening in a war that we are involved in.

All of this goes into another topic that was discussed on Tuesday: corporations turning citizens into consumers. Not that it is their fault. We all know that businesses want to make money and will do what it takes to raise profits.

But they use our infatuation with celebrities to sell. Performers are used to sell everything from shampoo to soft drinks to clothes to cars. The message is clear: If you want to be like your favorite celebrity, buy what he or she endorses.

I, too, have my favorite actors and bands, and there is nothing wrong with acknowledging talent. We should remember that celebrities are entertainers.

There are many great role models around us, and many people that we can learn from and want to be like. Most of those people are not celebrities. Think of all the people who have had a true impact on your life: teachers, friends, family and members of your community that you happen to cross paths with.

Think for a minute about how important these people were, and what they did that touched you. Now, does it make sense to look up to and respect them, or does it sound better to follow entertainers' examples?

We should be focusing on what is really important instead of what is happening in celebrities' lives. It may be more interesting to look into people's lives, but what is happening in an entertainer's life is not more important than what is going on in the United States and around the world. ♦

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Speaking of Which



David Cotton
Staff Columnist

In the cases that make international headlines, American military justice is often accused of either excessive leniency or scapegoating.

Understandably, the families of the dead thought the acquittal of a Marine pilot in 1998 who killed twenty people by hot-dogging his way right into a ski gondola full of tourists in Cavalese, Italy, was too lenient, especially after the Marine Corp dishonored itself in an attempt to destroy evidence of the pilot's callous and negligent actions.

On the other hand, last year after a friendly fire incident in Afghanistan left four Canadians dead, the American pilots who fired upon them were court-martialed. This occurred despite the fact that the blame actually rested on superior officers who held responsibility for allowing a friendly live fire exercise in the same area where pilots had orders to defend themselves against any seemingly hostile action.

Sometimes a court martial can contain both excessive leniency and scapegoating, as in the trial of Cmdr. Scott Waddle. In February of 2001, as commander of the USS *Greeneville*, Waddle allowed civilian guests to pilot his nuclear submarine into the Japanese fishing boat Ehime Maru, killing nine. While Waddle's negligence certainly played a part in the disaster, so did the fact that he was required to provide a day-long joy cruise for politically connected civilians, most of whom had ties to the Texas oil indus-

try. Rather than delving into why a group of rich politicians were enjoying a day cruise on a taxpayer-supported submarine so soon after President George Bush's election, the court of inquiry instead found Waddle to be in "dereliction of duty."

While Waddle's naval career was ruined, he now has a new career based on his self-perceived martyrdom, hawking his book *The Right Thing*, with its *Saving Private Ryan*-style cover art. At least the "right thing" Waddle refers to is his own testimony, not the sinking of the defenseless fishing boat.

So in other words, sometimes the "justice" in "military justice" is a relative term.

Our occupation of Iraq has provided some new headline-grabbing court-martials, including the case of Lt. Col. Allen B. West. As an officer in the Fourth Infantry Division, West was involved in the interrogation of a suspect believed to be connected to attacks on troops under his command. When frustration combined with a desperate need to protect his soldiers, West fired his sidearm near the suspect's head in an attempt to intimidate more information out of the suspect.

The U.S. military has justly declared it will not use such threats of physical harm on its prisoners, and disciplinary measures should be taken. But because no one was actually hurt in this incident, I have to say this is a rare case where leniency is actually warranted.

The My Lai massacre in the Vietnam conflict proved the American soldier to be as susceptible to and capable of the cruelties of war as any. But the My Lai massacre also showed us that a military unit is a tool that responds to its user. It wasn't the viciousness of the 19-year-

old privates that allowed the massacre but rather the orders they received.

West is no youthful private, but this is no massacre either. We must realize that colonels have superiors as well.

Let's start with the commander in chief. First, by initiating an aggressive war of opportunism based on reasons that seem to change weekly, the president renounced the long held tradition of *casus belli*, of having a particular justified cause for war. This was a tradition followed by the United States until now.

Just as revolutionary is the Bush administration's refusal to adhere to the Geneva Convention is the set of rules pertaining to prisoners of war. While admittedly neither the Taliban nor Saddam Hussein's regime honored these rules either, there is something to be said for being better than your enemy.

But if, as a nation, we have refuted our own ideals of wartime morality, then why demand our soldiers to do anything less?

The Bush administration chose to fight this war. West did not. He was ordered to attend. West never veered from his president's orders and did what he did out of loyalty to his men. So when the immorality of war becomes too troublesome, look not to the tool, but to the user.

Our president, who seems to view the U.S. military as much a toy as a tool, boasts to our enemies (both seen and unseen), "bring it on." We shouldn't persecute those who actually have to meet that challenge. ♦

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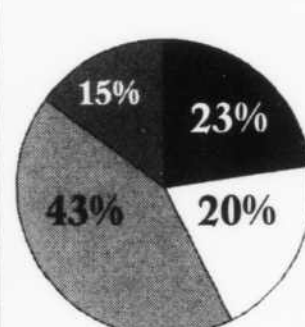
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "Have you ever, or do you know anyone, who has been hazed in order to join a campus group?" Here's what you said:



Be sure to visit www.mtsusidelines.com to vote in next week's poll: "Have you ever pirated software?"

We don't ask for our situation

Kacey's Corner



Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist

In life, there are many things we don't ask for, but we take them and run before they destroy us.

We are taught to shut up and take life like a man, with no weeping. Don't get me wrong: some of what we don't ask for are gifts. In fact, all of them are, just sometimes we have to work to recognize them as gifts.

We don't ask to be born into a world full of hate, but every

day babies are born. We don't ask about who our parents will be. Will they be parents at all, abusers or losers that leave us? Will they be rich or poor? Will they be nice or mean? Most people would have loved to choose who their parents would be, but that is not how life works. We should be grateful for our family while learning from their mistakes.

We don't ask to be a certain color, so why is race in our country an issue? Everyone should have equal rights because we are all part of the human race. We didn't ask to be in the culture we are in, but we are told we should be proud and respect who and what came before us. We didn't ask to be

handicapped or have a flaw, but we all have one. Most of the time, it gives us pain because we don't want people to see it. For a lot of people it is easy to hide, but for some, you can see it oh so clearly.

We don't ask to grow up, but being a kid all your life in today's world will kill us. Most of us creatures under heaven grow old, and grow apart from all we know and have learned. We are forced to find life's meaning for ourselves. We don't ask for death for others or ourselves, but it comes. We don't ask for illness of the mind and body. While the sick sometimes get better, some never do.

We didn't ask, but life gives us joy and heartache. Wishing it

will come or go away will never help. It will only leave us in a dream state away from life's true reality. What we don't ask for will make us while it also breaks us. It makes us humble because it breaks our spirit when we think we have conquered all of the battles life has to offer.

Just hold on tight, for this ride isn't over yet. Let's see what happens when we expect nothing, but then again expect everything.

Why? We don't ask. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Article highlights skeptical research

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Michaela Jackson's article, "Scientific Research: Integrity Versus Enterprise" for its focus on the importance of skepticism in scholarly research.

One of the missions of higher education is to develop citizens who critically analyze both the source and the message of information provided to them. Librarians at the James E. Walker Library are dedicated to helping students acquire, analyze and synthesize all forms of public information.

"Scientific Research: Integrity Versus Enterprise" provides student body with a solid introduction to the issues related to the ethical implications of research.

Rachel Kirk
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Columnist judgmental, untruthful

To the Editor:

Never in my time at MTSU have I read an opinion so condemning and judgmental as that of Jeremy Coseo on Nov. 19 ("Fringe benefits harmful, could result in carnage").

Coseo seems so caught up in his vivid imagery and sermon-style call to arms that he completely disregards the truth, his ethical responsibilities as a journalist and even proper use of the English language.

Overtly biased stereotypes like "environmental nuts" and analogies naming "fringe groups" as "wolves in the woods" are in very poor taste. Implying that environmentalists "care more for the environment than they do for people" is a serious misunderstanding. Environmentalists only care because they believe our natural resources sustain the entire human race. In this sense, they care for people (and our children) in the most obvious way.

Those associated with the American Civil Liberties Union and environmentalists are often called activists. That's because they know what they believe and why and actually care enough to be active about it. They are certainly not the "impressionable individuals who buy into propaganda" that Coseo describes.

It might actually be true that our government is "the best form ... under the sun", but Coseo chooses not to back up that claim. I wonder if he knows that our government implemented ideas contaminated with "the poison of socialism" to get us out of the Great Depression. Socialist countries like Sweden and Canada provide every person with health care and a college education. In our country, the poor don't have those opportunities. Many can't afford the education that would change their lives (and give them the skills to contribute to society). Poor children without health care die here in America everyday.

Finally, those with a more liberal point of view are not "waiting for the moment to pounce," "evil" or putting anyone at "risk of attack." The next time Coseo starts thinking about what we are "complacent of" or what needs to be "stood up against," he should look for some facts to support his zealous conservatism and leave the rhetoric behind.

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Chalking gives campus spice

To the editor:

I agree with *Sidelines'* editorial board's assessment that chalk writing is "nothing more than graffiti," but argue that such writings are not necessarily adverse, and certainly don't cause "the campus [to] look trashy."

Graffiti, in general, is a basic expression of one's thoughts, situation or, often times, simply a declaration of one's existence. Whether the Paleolithic art in France's Lascaux caves, a statement of devotion carved into the bark of a tree or chalking a "protest of opinion of a certain lifestyle," the dispersal of ideas and opinions onto the objects of one's environment is as ingrained in our nature as the shedding of leaves by a tree or the wind-blown seed dispersal of an orchid.

A campus left unmarked would be lifeless and abandoned like a ghost town. Arriving on campus would be as uncomfortable as entering a house with white carpeting. These scattered expressions confirm the intellectual vitality of MTSU's student body, which is exactly how a university, a community of scholars, is intended to be.

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Dean's positions anti-military

To the Editor:

Last Thursday when Callie Butler was busy praising Democratic candidate Howard Dean and his empty campaign promises, she forgot to mention his positions on being anti-military and pro-Saddam Hussein ("Dean the man for collegiates, the nation," Nov. 20). The former Vermont governor was a vocal proponent against the war in Iraq and still stands by his convictions (which is more than most of the Democrats running for president). While Butler says Dean is concerned about the environment and the quality of life, I did not see this concern at the sight of mass graves jam-packed with Iraqis.

Dean has also said he would not vote for the \$87 billion – which Congress passed with the support of many Democrats – to continue the war on terror in Iraq. If Dean was our president, our troops would not receive basic funding needed to operate. For some reason liberals insist that their calm, passive bodies are capable of calming murderous dictators. In a way they are right. After Democrats spend years "talking," a Republican president comes along and cleans up their mess.

In summary, if Dean was president, Iraq would still be under a harsh dictatorship. Basically, Dean is behaving as most far left liberals do. They root against America and for keeping tyrants in power. Butler, if you feel Howard Dean should receive your vote, remember a vote for Dean is a vote against protecting the homeland and national security and a vote in support of Saddam Hussein and other terrorists.

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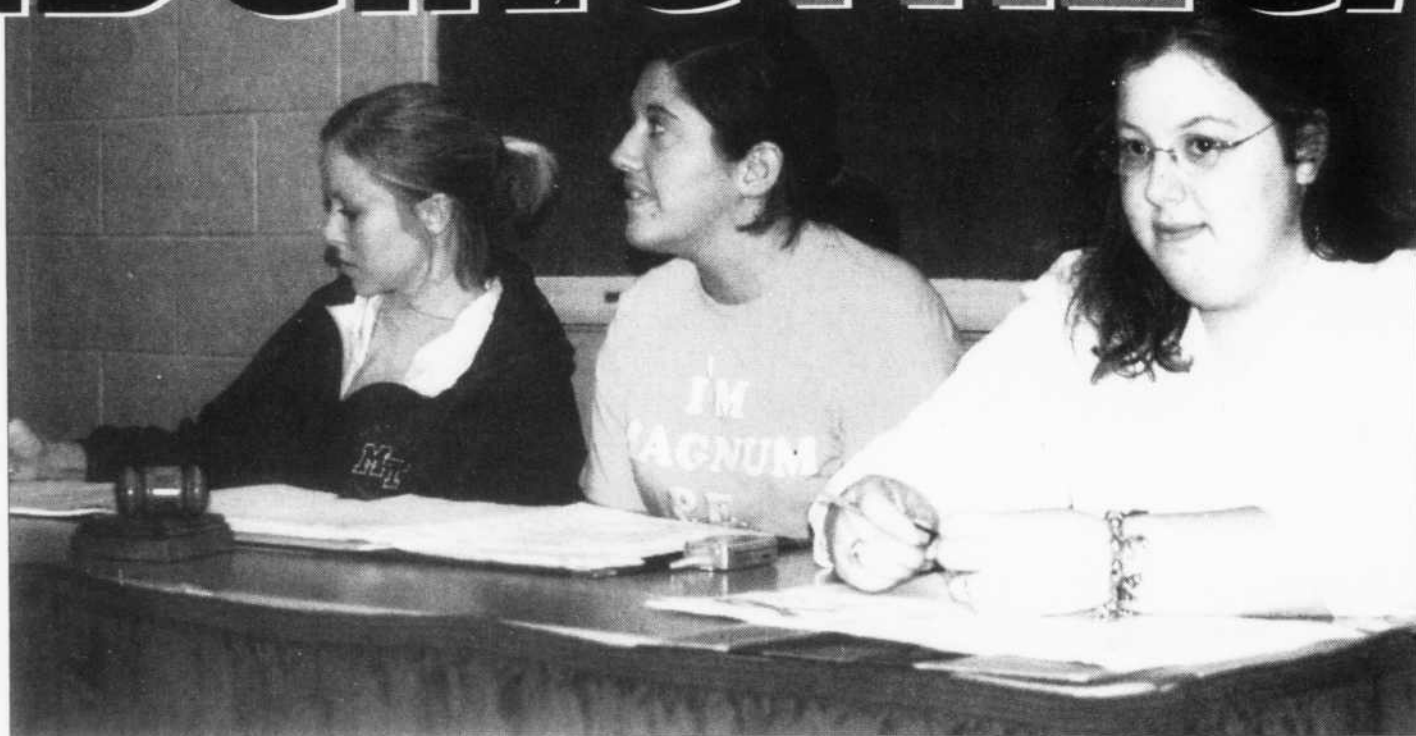


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Election Director Brittany Rogers, Executive Vice President Amanda Newman and Senator Ashley Elizabeth Graham represent MTSU students in governmental affairs.

By Trey Porter
Staff Writer

Have you been searching for an outlet to further your political agenda? Perhaps you want to make the campus dining experience free. Or maybe you have been searching for a way to fill up Floyd Stadium on Saturdays. Regardless of your vision, there's an outlet right here on campus just for you.

That outlet is the Student Government Association.

According to their brochure, SGA allows students to participate in governing by ensuring an exchange of ideas and opinions between students and the administration. The brochure further identifies the mission of SGA as one that seeks to protect the rights and interests of students, and improve the quality of student life at MTSU.

"It has increased my abilities in public relations and has given me the opportunity to network and meet people in and around the campus community," sophomore elementary education major Christy Stonecipher said.

Stonecipher, like many politicians on campus, has been involved with SGA since her freshman year. She got her foot in the door as a senator.

Every spring elections are held for student body president, executive vice president, vice president for administration and

public affairs, election commissioner and senators.

"I've always been interested in politics, always had the drive to be involved, so after serving as a freshman senator, I ran my sophomore year under the major of undeclared," Executive Vice President and Speaker of the Senate Amanda Newman said.

At the end of Newman's sophomore year, she was elected to her current position.

"I wanted to look back on my college years and say I made a difference," Newman said. "I've learned that you can't please everybody. ... interpersonal accomplishments, that's my reward."

Senators represent roughly 750 students from their respective colleges or majors. At-large positions are also attainable.

Anyone is eligible to run as long as they have and maintain a 2.0 GPA. The exception to this rule is for incoming freshman. Additional qualifications are available in the SGA office.

Aside from running for office, many people get involved with the SGA through committees. Traffic court, AIDS Quilt and the homecoming committees are just a few ways to get some experience in the MTSU forefront.

This year SGA has been dealing with a number of issues. The usage of Raider Funds off campus, improved marketing of the university, parking, Raider Express and student relations are all things that the SGA, under the leadership of President Michele

Butler, are working to accomplish.

Like almost all of the officers, Butler got her start early as a senator and worked her way up.

"After spending two years in the senate, I decided that I wanted to hold a larger leadership position and decided to run for vice president for administration and public affairs," Butler said. "Once again, I was not satisfied with second best; therefore, I made my decision to run for president."

The office of the president, according to Butler, requires the overseeing of all responsibilities delegated to the Student Government Association are faithfully performed. The president is also empowered to appoint all officials, assistants and committees necessary with the approval of the student senate.

"I work closely with the administration of the university and serve as a liaison between the administration and the students," Butler said.

Butler hopes the efforts of her and her colleagues make a lasting impact on MTSU. At the same time, she is thankful for the things SGA has given her.

"Being involved in the Student Government Association has without a doubt made me a better leader and given me the initiative to lead," Butler said.

To find out more, visit them in the Keathley University Center, Room 208A, or online at www.mtsu.edu/~sga. ◆

Dear Emily,

Torn between parents and romance

Dear Emily,

A few weeks ago I went on a church retreat, and ever since then, a certain young lady in my Bible class and I have been dating.

I had known her before the retreat as someone I talked to every time I went to church, but we were really able to get to know each other on the retreat.

Well, I'm pretty much crazy about her now, and I think our relationship really has a chance in the long run because, after all, we go to the same church, and it's pretty tough to find someone who holds the same beliefs as you these days.

Here's the problem: My mom and dad are moving to Texas and after I graduate in December, they want me to move down there so I can be closer to my family.

Mom is living with me in my apartment right now, and said she is going to drag me to Texas after graduation, even if I go kicking and screaming, because she thinks I will have a better life there.

Well, now that I've just met loads of new friends at church and happen to have a lady friend with mucho potential, I'm not sure I'm going to want to leave in December.

I mean, sure, long distance relationships can survive, but it would be really tough because she has about three semesters left here at MTSU.

I'm almost positive that my mother (and most of my family) would be pretty mad at me for not moving, but I would hope they would find a way understand. I'm just not sure how to go about bringing it up to my mom.

I could get a job here without a problem, and stick around for six months or so to see how things go with my lady friend.

Mom will probably give me some spiel about changing my life for a girl. What do you think about all of this? Should I move just because my family insists on it, or should I stay and find out how the relationship develops?

I would appreciate any help you could offer.

Thanks,
Moving Man

Dear Moving Man,

Here's the bottom line: It's your life.

You will soon be a college graduate. As such, you're certainly old enough to start making your own decisions.

It's understandable that your family wants to be close to you, but they can't expect you to rearrange your whole life in order to move with them.

If that's the way it works out eventually, great. However, just because they're leaving the area, doesn't mean you have to follow suit.

Your mom has given you her input, but it's up to you to make the decision. She can't force you to move halfway across the country if you're not sure you want to.

Remember, nothing has to be final. You can always change your mind.

If you choose to stay here and it doesn't work out, it won't be an irreversible mistake.

There might be a few hard feelings, but if your family really wants the best for you, they should be understanding of your dilemma and allow you to make up your own mind, as an adult.

One of my favorite poems is by John Greenleaf Whittier. He said, "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been."

Take advantage of this opportunity and don't let the possible regrets of "what might have been" drive you crazy.

If you move with your family, you will always wonder what might have happened with this girl, had you stayed here.

I disagree that you shouldn't let love or the possibility of love change your life. No, you shouldn't change who you are, but shouldn't we be willing to take chances for love?

Sometimes that means being flexible and taking things as they come, rather than trying to have your entire life planned out in advance.

One last piece of advice: Jim Elliott once said, "Wherever you are, be all there."

Whatever you choose to do, don't make yourself miserable regretting your decision.

I hope everything works out for you. ◆



A Nashville tradition

Pancake Pantry keeps patrons coming back

By Rachel Edwards
Contributor

A long line winds out the door and around the corner of a quaint brick building.

Many different people are here, all with the same idea in mind – and it's not to purchase tickets for the biggest concert of the season.

Instead, these people are waiting to eat breakfast.

"It's a Nashville tradition," says Dr. Jeff Shooks, a resident physician at Vanderbilt University Medical Center who's joined the throng of patrons waiting for a table.

The Pancake Pantry has been serving breakfast and lunch in Nashville since 1961.

At 9 a.m., many are still in bed sleeping. However, for those standing in line, cravings for the best breakfast in town are too much to bear.

"I'm dying to eat the Parisian pancake," says Paula Burch, a 10-year resident of music city.

Those waiting outside are treated to a pot of hot coffee. There's also a menu posted on the wall of the building so that once inside customers already know what they want to order. Numerous newspaper stands provide reading material for waiting customers.

When not reading the menu or newspapers, hungry patrons enjoy the company of friends and family they've asked to come along.

"He said it was good," says Dr. Carmine Oddis, a colleague of Shooks.

The Pancake Pantry is only open for breakfast and lunch and they specialize in – big surprise – pancakes. For just any restaurant, not many people would stand in line on a chilly, windy morning but this is different.

The atmosphere of the restaurant as well as the good service and wonderful food make this place stand out. Once inside, the hustle and bustle of the staff is clearly visible.

However, the waitresses are not the young women one normally sees in a restaurant, but veterans of the serving line of work. They are older women who make everyone feel right at home.

The atmosphere is that of an old '50s diner with tables set very close together and booths surrounding the perimeter along the walls. There are paintings and pictures covering the walls and the chatter of everyone enjoying their meals.

Once seated, customers are immediately faced with the task of narrowing down all the varied choices.

With options like French toast covered in a creamy cinnamon syrup, chocolate chip pan-



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cakes, raspberry delight (which comes topped with a dollop of whipped cream) and their grill cook's medley, a fried abundance of potatoes, green peppers, ham and cheese topped with over-easy eggs and salsa, the choice can be difficult.

Most patrons have their favorites. "I like the blueberry pancakes," says Dr. Pete Fong, another physician from VUMC.

The clientele isn't just locals, students and tourists. On any given day, one might spot Vince Gill or Garth Brooks in the Pantry. Jay Leno even called one of the waitresses when Garth Brooks was on *The Tonight Show*.

Nonetheless, everyone is treated the same, whether local, tourist or country star.

Another interesting aspect of the Pantry is the worker that won a Darwin Award. According to the Darwin Award Web site, an honor is given (posthumously) to "those who improve our gene pool by removing themselves from it."

Back in 1992, one of the Pantry's employees decided it would be the perfect place to rob. Early one morning, he climbed up on the roof and came to the exhaust chute that hangs over the Pantry's large flat grill.

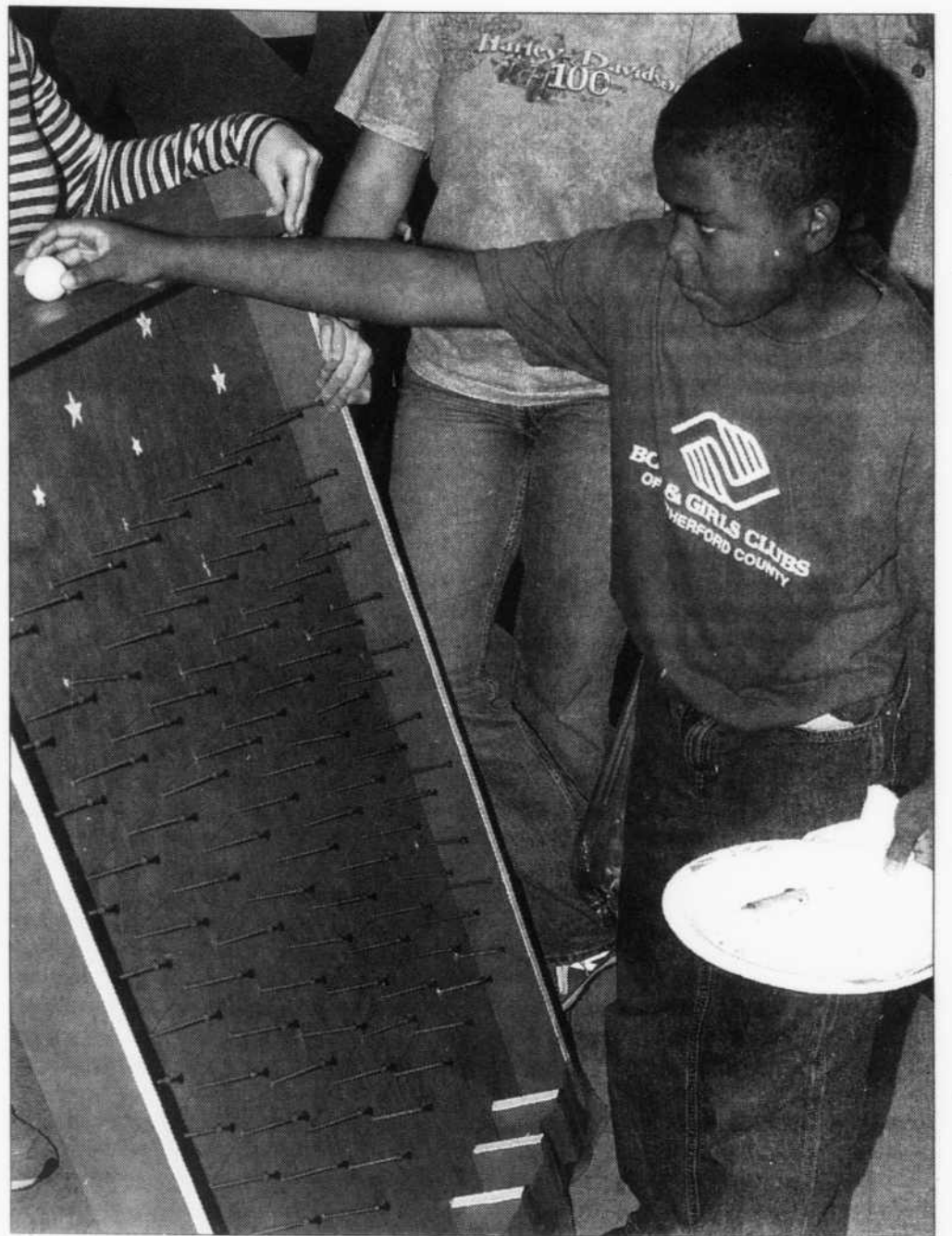
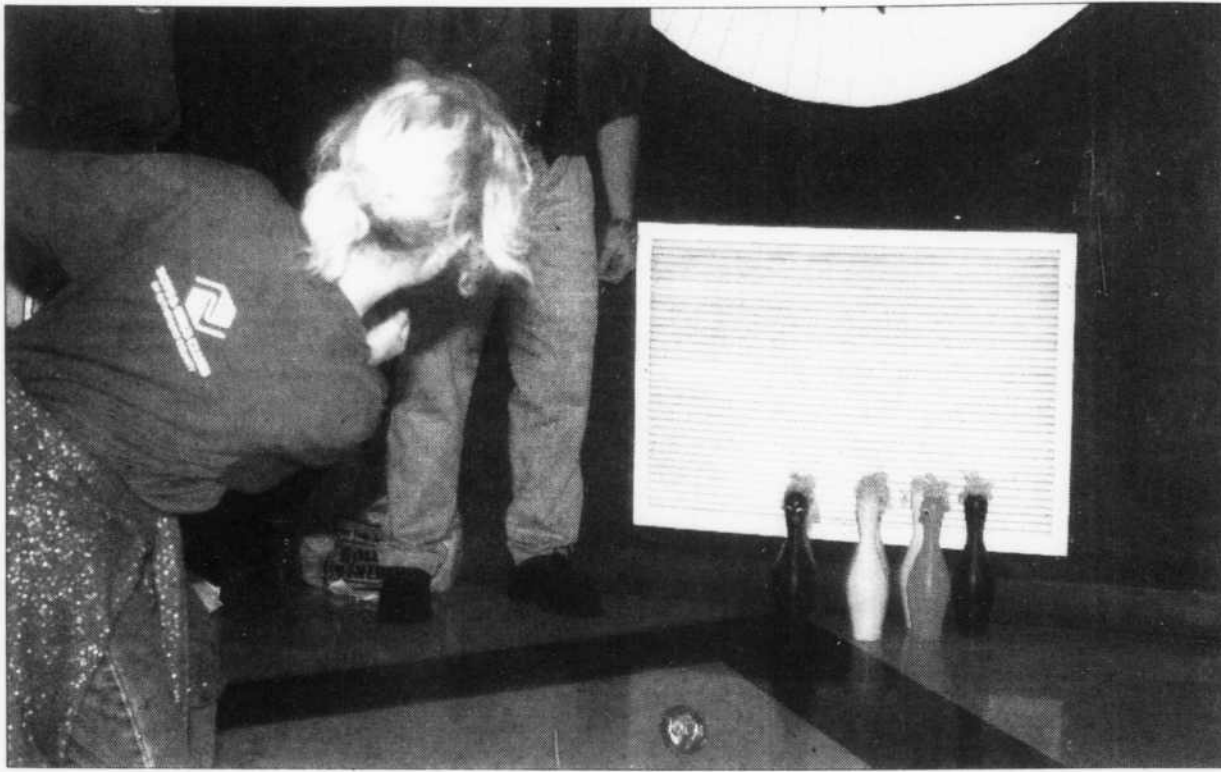
Realizing he couldn't fit down the tight hole fully dressed, he struggled, climbed into the chute and never came out (alive) again.

The opening crew – preparing for the morning rush – were horrified to find a naked man's legs dangling over the grill. It turns out, as he slid down the chute, he apparently slipped and caught his own arm under his chin, where he stuck. He died by suffocating himself.

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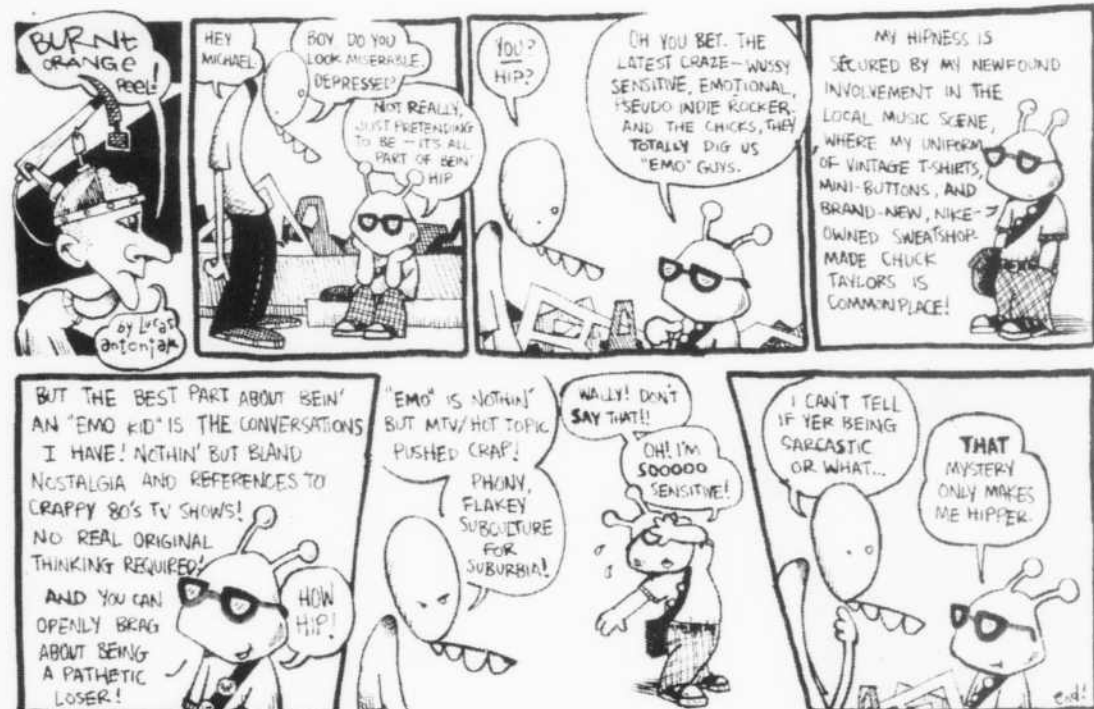
Juanita Thouin contributed to this story. ◆

Greeks bring fun



Photos by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

The Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority recently held their annual Boys and Girls Club fall festival at the Pike house on Greek row. (Top left) Whitney Hardinson plays a bowling game. (Bottom left) Juniors Laura Clark and Brooke Sweeney hand out food for Boys and Girls Club children. (Above) William Maloue plays plinko. Pledge Vice President Nate Dever says the fraternity looks forward to the event each year.



NOT EXACTLY MOM'S COOKING

College students eat strange things

By Erica Rodefer
Staff Writer

The threat "your professors won't hand-feed you when you get to college" is a tool high school teachers have used to send chills down the spines of innocent college-bound students for years.

There is some truth to this threat, though. No, your professors won't hand-feed you — and nobody else will either. So what are you supposed to eat?

It's no secret that sometimes students do things they previously weren't allowed to do when they are first set free from the watchful eye of their parents and the other constricting authority figures of their adolescences. Many students extend their newly found freedom to their food choices, as well.

Justin Cary, a freshman mass communication major, has eaten some unconventional foods since he started school at MTSU this fall.

"This was everything in our fridge," he said as he inhaled a sandwich consisting of ham, cheese, mayo, pineapple flavored applesauce and low-fat original Pringles on white bread.

"If you eat all of that, you'll be my hero," said one of his friends, while cheering him on.

He finished it in three minutes with a look of contentment on his face. This isn't the first time he's eaten something that seems less-than-edible for the sake of a dare.

"I've done this a few times," he said. "It's disgusting, but I still eat it because I don't want it to go to waste."

"But it was no worse than McCallie (the cafeteria on campus) food," Cary added.

Tom Ritter, a freshman aerospace major, sometimes joins Cary in such activities. He attempted to catch an Oreo that was flying out of a seventh floor window of his dorm in his mouth.

"Oh, I know it will hurt," he said. "But it will be worth it."

They aren't the only ones who admit to eating

unusual things in the name of pride.

Freshman Brad Ivey said he once got paid \$5 to eat a piece of pepperoni that had the contents of practically an entire shaker of salt on it. He also drank a mixture of pickle juice, mustard and "everything in liquid-form that was in the refrigerator."

"I don't turn down dares," Ivey said, "as long as it won't make me sick or end up in jail."

Others eat strange foods just make use of the scarce resources they have.

Freshman Patrick Merritt discovered one of his favorite snacks at a time when he was out of milk and couldn't mix a glass of Ovaltine.

"So I just ate a spoonful of the powder stuff by itself," he said. "It's good as hell."

Merritt eats the powder Ovaltine by the spoonfuls these days, and said that one time he ate half a can of the substance in one sitting.

Douglass Clark's problem isn't a shortage of food, but rather something to eat off of. Sometimes he resorts to using the disposable dishes he collects from various fast food establishments.

"I eat tons of Fruity Pebbles out of Subway cups because I don't have any bowls," Clark said.

Other students are more concerned with staying healthy while they are finishing their education.

Cindy Martin, a sophomore business major, said she only eats healthy food like fruits, vegetables, rice or sandwiches she prepares in her dorm room.

"I eat a lot of rice — a lot, a lot, a lot," she said.

"I never eat on campus," she added and expressed her concern with bad health reviews and just plain unhealthy food.

But the overall attitude of students seems to be, eat what you can find and if there's nothing handy fast food is always an option.

On her way out to get a bite to eat one girl (who wishes to remain anonymous) was asked what she was going to get.

"French fries," she replied. "What else is there to eat?" ♦

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Monday, November 24, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lady Raiders disappoint in-state rival Tech

By Crystal Perry
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders had a 65-52 victory over Tennessee Tech University (0-1) Friday in the Murphy Center.

Junior Patrice Holmes led them to this win by scoring a double double, 25 points and 10 rebounds.

"We were not attacking the zone in the first half," Holmes said. "So, we wanted to make sure we came out in the second half and started attacking the zone and getting to the free-throw line. I think we need to improve more on our defense and boxing out as well. We need to not turn the ball over as much, and we have to be smart in late game situations."

Other key players who made this game a victory included Tia Stovall, the only other Lady Raider to score in

double figures, with 11 points and eight rebounds. A few of the newcomers to score in the game were Krystle Horton with six points and Ditte Jakobson with three points.

At the beginning of the second half, MT went on a 9-4 run to extend their lead to 42-32 with 13:25 to play. Middle Tennessee also shot 47.2 percent from the field and 20 percent from the three-point line.

Ienna Baltimore and Casey Bradford paced Tennessee Tech 13 points each, and Baltimore was three of four from the three-point range.

After being at the free-throw line 10 times and hitting five in the first half, the Lady Eaglettes were sent four times and hit three in the second half.

The Lady Raiders blocked seven shots against the Golden Eagles, totaling more blocks than any single game last season. The Lady

Raiders began in the rebound department grabbing 37 boards and out-rebounding Tennessee Tech by nine.

"I am disappointed in the fact that we did not have enough opportunities until they were in a must-foul situation," head coach Stephany Smith said.

"As athletic and aggressive as we are, we were very stagnant against the zone," Smith said. "We had more opportunities in the second half to press in a full-court setting because we had more opportunities at the free-throw line. We did a better job of attacking the zone in the second half as well."

Middle Tennessee will host their second home game when the Southern Illinois University Salukis come to the Murphy Center for a 5:30 p.m. tipoff. ♦



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MT Krystle Horton squares up on a Tennessee Tech player. The Lady Raiders defeated Tennessee Tech 65-52 in their home opener.

MT wins on road to finish season

Seniors play last game of collegiate football career

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raider football team last Thursday night looking to come away with a victory to end the 2003 season.

The Blue Raiders won 24-14 to extend their streak to five straight wins in season finales.

Seniors Will Martin, Andre Hines and Wardell Alsop played their final game in a Blue Raider uniform.

After a scoreless first quarter in which the teams traded punts, and the Blue Raiders fumbled inside the Arkansas State 20-yard line, the Blue Raiders got on the board first. With 12 minutes remaining in the second quarter, senior Brian Kelly's 20-yard field goal made the score 3-0 MT.

Kevin Copeland ended the ensuing Indian drive with his second interception of the season, giving the Blue Raiders excellent field position at their own 13-yard line.

However, the Blue Raiders were forced to punt, giving the Indians excellent field position near midfield.

ASU running back Chris Easley then handled most of the work during the drive, eventually scoring on a 6-yard run with just more than three minutes remaining in the first half.

The first half ended after an MT fumble, an Indian punt and a missed field goal by Brian Kelly, making the halftime score 7-3.

The Indians increased their lead to 14-3 on the first drive of the second half. Elliot Jacobs completed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Jerome Segall with just more than 11 minutes on the clock.

The Blue Raiders answered the ensuing drive as Hines hit Alsop for a 57-yard touchdown to set up a Eugene Gross touchdown run. With just more than eight minutes remaining, the Indians led 14-10.



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MT linebacker Dennis Burke closes in on a Ragin' Cajun Nov. 15.

Martin's first interception of the game ended the next Indian drive. Martin picked off Jacobs' pass at the MT 30-yard line, returning it 59 yards to the ASU

11-yard line.

Two plays later, Gross ran for his second touchdown of the night, this time from three yards out. This scoring run gave

the Blue Raiders a lead they would not relinquish at 17-14.

The teams traded possession

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BCS picture getting brighter

By Colby Sledge
Staff Columnist

For all the doubters and haters of the Bowl Championship Series, here's your new rallying cry: "Wait 'til next year."

After losses by No. 2 Ohio State and No. 8 Texas Christian University this past week, the Sugar Bowl can all but pencil in No. 1 Oklahoma and current No. 3 University of Southern California, who will move into second place after defeating University of California-Los Angeles 47-22 on Saturday.

This week served as the one that seems to happen every year to save the BCS from possible chaos.

In 1998, the first year the BCS was implemented, three undefeated teams (not counting Tulane, who had no chance of an at-large BCS berth) headed into the final weekend of the season. Kansas State, then ranked No. 2, lost to Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship. No. 3 UCLA was then upset by Miami 49-45 to end the Bruins' perfect season.

That left the door open for top-ranked Tennessee, who defeated Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference Championship and went on to win the national championship over Florida State.

Last year, six teams were undefeated when the BCS standings were first released. Two weeks later, previous unbeaten Texas, Washington State and Georgia all lost on the same weekend. Oklahoma fell the following week to

complete the process, leaving Miami and Ohio State to battle in the Fiesta Bowl.

Last week's action cleared up the BCS picture considerably, but a few possible smudges still remain.

TCU's dream season fell to pieces in its 40-24 loss to the University of Southern Mississippi Thursday night. The Horned Frogs (10-1, 7-1 Conference USA) are bidding to become the first non-BCS conference school to receive an at-large bid to one of the four BCS bowls but now will most likely not even win their own conference.

Oklahoma University (12-0, 8-0 Big 12 South) remained the only unblemished team in college football with a 56-25 victory over Texas Tech.

Amazing yet true: In their five games against teams from the state of Texas (North Texas, Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech), the Sooners have outscored their neighboring state 276-44.

The only team left in OU's march to the national championship game is Kansas State (9-3, 5-2 Big 12 North), who the Sooners have outscored in the Big 12 Championship.

By the way, here's a fact that all the folks in Norman know by heart: Every BCS Champion has been undefeated.

Ohio State's dreams of defending its title abruptly ended in Ann Arbor, Mich., as Michigan snapped a two-game losing streak to the

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New Mexico State wins Sun Belt tourney

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

New Mexico State University captured its first Sun Belt Conference volleyball championship on Saturday with a 3-1 (30-23, 28-30, 30-26, 30-27) victory over defending champion Western Kentucky University.

The two teams battled until the end in what has become the fiercest rivalry in SBC volleyball in recent years.

"The last point was one of the best I've ever seen and kind of indicative of the way the matches between these two teams have gone the last few years," NMSU head coach Mike Jensen told www.wkusports.com. "Western

Kentucky is so good, and they battle you so hard. For us to come up the way we did and make those plays, I'm just so proud of my team."

With the win, the Aggies avenged a crushing loss to WKU in last year's championship match. NMSU took the first two games last year before losing the next three and the match.

The top-seeded Aggies (30-4) dominated the tournament in the same way

they dominated the regular season. After going undefeated in conference play, NMSU lost one game in three tournament matches while extending their overall winning streak to 24 matches.

NMSU's Trinia Cuseo was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Cuseo, who had 20 kills and six blocks in the championship game, finished the tournament with 45 kills.

"We were ready to win. We had done everything else this year, but winning today was topped it all," Cuseo told www.nmstatesports.com. "We have improved so much since last year, and that made today's match seem easier because our confidence was through the roof."

Cuseo was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Stevie Adams, who had 18 kills, and Morgan Reader, who posted a double-double with 56 assists and 13 digs.

"I think we have made a name for ourselves by playing teams that are tournament teams and beating them," Adams told www.nmstatesports.com. "The way we played today, we could battle anyone in the country and be successful."

ful." "Today, we solidified the idea that we could win the big matches," Reader told www.nmstatesports.com. "We wanted to go out and annihilate Western, and we did so."

Jessie Wagner and Amanda Schiff led the No. 2 Lady Toppers (28-7) with 16 kills apiece, and both players were named to the all-tournament team. University of Arkansas-Little Rock's Ivana Vracar and University of North Texas's Corinas Marginas rounded out the team.

No. 7 Middle Tennessee exited early from the tournament this season, falling to WKU 3-1 (24-30, 28-30, 31-29, 23-30) in the first round. The Lady Raiders captured a game against the Lady Toppers for the first time in three matches this season, but MT (14-19) was unable to overcome a 2-0 deficit and an injury to Dara McLean near the end of the third game.

"This team never gave up, and I am proud of them for that," MT head coach Lisa Kisse said. "We started the season

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Volleyball head coach Lisa Kisse talks to players during a game against Florida International earlier this season.

BCS: Battle for bowl bids heating up around NCAA

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Buckeyes and won 35-21. UM running back Chris Perry had 154 yards rushing and two scores, while quarterback John Navarre threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third.

OSU quarterback Craig Krenzel was 20 for 33 for 221 yards and two touchdowns, despite being temporarily knocked out of the game with a separated left shoulder.

The No. 9 Wolverines (10-2, 7-1 Big 10) earned an automatic Rose Bowl berth and opened the door for USC

(10-1, 6-1 Pac-10) to reclaim the No. 2 ranking.

If the Trojans defeat Oregon State (7-4, 4-3) next week, the title game is virtually set.

Barring any upsets, the only possible wrench that could be thrown into the BCS gears is painted purple and gold. No. 4 Louisiana State University (10-1, 6-1 SEC West) is the only true one-loss contender remaining after a 17-14 victory over No. 15 Ole Miss (8-3, 6-1).

LSU now must defeat Arkansas (8-3, 4-3) to clench a spot in the SEC

championship game, most likely against No. 6 Georgia (9-2, 6-2 SEC East), as long as the Bulldogs can take care of Georgia Tech (6-5, 4-4 ACC) this Saturday.

Should LSU claim the SEC Championship, there would certainly be plenty of cries in Baton Rouge, La., for the Tigers to play in what would amount to a home game in New Orleans.

Of course, considering its history, the BCS may have a few tricks left before this season is over. ♦

Netters: First round loss for MT

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with two freshman setters, the only team in the conference to do so, and that is a credit to this team."

KeKe Deckard had 23 kills to lead the Lady Raiders in the loss.

Deckard finished the season 553 kills

and broke the school record for career kills with 1,494.

NMSU's win automatically qualifies the Aggies for the NCAA tournament in December. The tournament bracket will be announced Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. on ESPNNews. ♦

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MT men's season opener Monday

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team opens the regular season Monday night against NAIA opponent Covenant College.

The Blue Raiders, who lost to Western Kentucky University in the Sun Belt Conference Championship last year, are looking forward to a new season and a new chance to claim an NCAA tournament berth.

"As a team, we are excited about the upcoming season, and the team has the determination and drive to meet their goals," MT head coach Kermit Davis said at the Sun Belt Media Days last month in New Orleans, La. "We came out of the Sun Belt Conference Championship game with a hunger to go back, and this team has carried that will to win throughout the off-season and into preseason practice."

Davis, the 2002 SBC Coach of the Year, led the Blue Raiders to a 16-14 record in his first season in Murfreesboro after MT was picked to finish eighth out of 11 teams in the preseason.

This season, the Blue Raiders were picked to finish second in the SBC East, a sign that perhaps MT may garner more attention from conference foes this year.

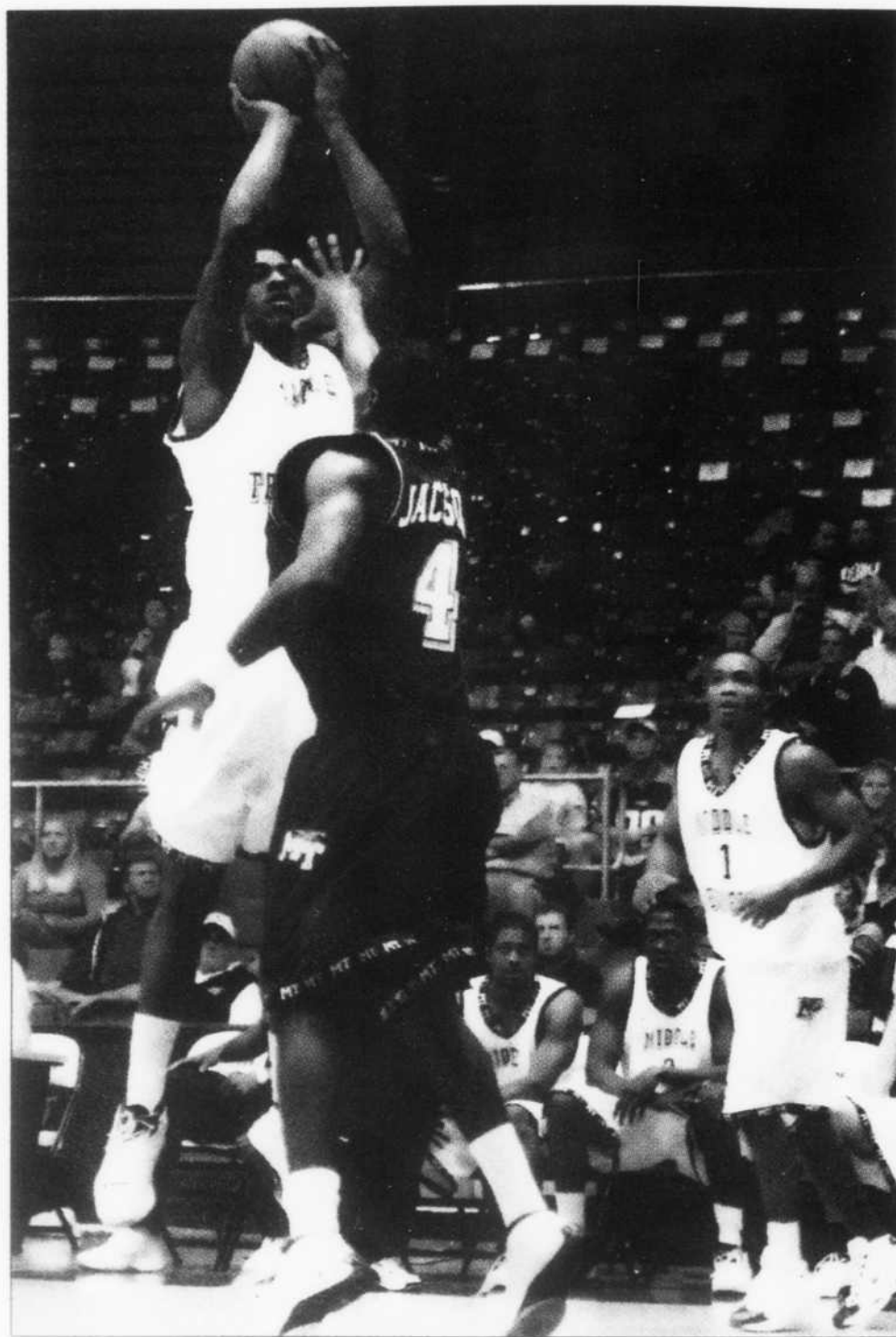
"I think we are carrying a lot of momentum this year from last season," senior guard Tommy Gunn said. "With the new guys coming in, I think they know we had a successful program last year, and I think they have the willingness and drive to continue that success."

Gunn, named Preseason First Team All-SBC last month, is the only returning starter and the unquestioned go-to player for the Blue Raiders this season. Gunn averaged 15.9 points per game last season and was voted First Team All-SBC in addition to being named to the All-SBC Tournament team.

"I think Tommy is the most outstanding player in the conference," senior forward Steven Jackson said. "He's very athletic, and I think he's going to compete for conference player of the year."

Covenant (4-5, 3-3 Appalachian Athletic Conference) is located in Chattanooga, Tenn., and is coming off a 57-51 loss to Brevard College on Saturday. The Scots' young roster features seven underclassmen and no seniors.

"We have to be patient with a team like



Steven Jackson guards Michael Cuffee during the Fan Jam Oct. 27.

Covenant College. That will be tough on someone like me because I am a risk taker," Gunn said, referring to the Scots' Princeton-style offense, which frequently uses backdoor cuts, back-screens and quick passes to find easy layups or open three-pointers.

The Scots have already played nearly one-third of their season due to their three-week holiday break from Dec. 21 until Jan. 9.

Tipoff is 8 p.m. in Murphy Center, where the Blue Raiders went 9-5 last season. ♦

Lady Raiders host SIU Salukis

By Jori Rice
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's women's basketball team (1-0) hosts Southern Illinois University (0-1) in a non-conference game today.

The Lady Raiders will look for another victory since their win over Tennessee Tech University 65-52 on Friday. First-team all-conference and Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year Patrice Holmes scored a double double, 25 points and 10 rebounds, in the game against TTU.

Tia Stovall was the only other Lady Raider to score in double figures with 11 points and eight rebounds. Krystle Horton, Crissy Givens and Ditte Jakobsen are the newcomers. Horton scored six points against TTU and was the lead scorer in the exhibition game.

MT garnered one vote in the Nov. 4 USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll. The Lady Raiders opened the season against an Ohio Valley Conference opponent.

MT will get ready for an opponent from the Missouri Valley Conference. Meanwhile, Southern Illinois will look to bounce back from a 73-64 season opening loss at Southeast Missouri State.

Danette Jones, a 5-foot-10-inch junior guard, tied a career-high 16 points to lead all Saluki scores in her start against the

SMSU Otahkians.

Prior to the last game, Jones had not been in the Saluki starting five since Jan. 28, when the Dawgs played MT. The Lady Raiders are one of four non-conference opponents from a year ago who will play the Salukis.

In the 2002-03 season, the Lady Raiders defeated SIU 87-63 on Jan. 28 in Carbondale, Ill. SIU will look to snap a streak of five losses dating back to the end of last season.

Head coach Lori Opp from Southern Illinois was not happy about the first game.

"We lost the game, and I'd rather not see us play like that again," Opp said to www.siusalukis.ocsn.com.

"We didn't handle their pressure well," Opp said. "You have to give credit to SEMO. They did a nice job on defense, and they caused us a lot of problems."

The Salukis turned the ball over 15 times and made 10 field goals in 23 attempts during the opening 20 minutes and had SIU in trouble from the start.

Katie Berwanger, a 6-foot forward, also tried to help with 13 points. Berwanger and Jones were the only players that had double figures.

Lady Raiders will tip off at 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy Center. The men's basketball game against Covenant College will follow the Lady Raiders' game. ♦

ASU: One win for the road

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throughout the rest of the quarter, with the final score of the night coming on a Nick McAfee touchdown reception with just less than two minutes remaining.

The score gave Hines his seventh career 200-yard passing game, with 306 yards on the night, and made the score 24-14 in favor of MT.

In addition to Hines' performance, Alsup hauled in five catches for 94 yards, both career highs.

Junior playmaker Kerry Wright caught eight passes for 119 yards in the game, giving him the record 1,280 receiving yards in a season in the Sun Belt Conference.

With the win, the Blue Raiders ended the season with a 4-8 record, 4-3 in the SBC. ♦

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