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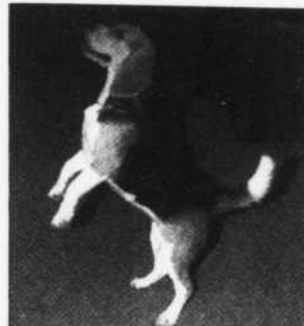
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Investing urged in market downturn

By Latrice Williams
Contributor

As America slowly recovers from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in Washington and New York, consumers are losing confidence in the economy and financial experts worry this may be a sign of a recession.

Actually, it may be exactly the right time to be getting into the stock market – or at least to start thinking about it for the future, say many financial

advisers.

"The ones who are hurt are those who didn't plan," said David Ross of Ross Planning, a financial consulting firm in Murfreesboro.

Although the U. S. economy was already showing signs of weakness before the attacks, financial advisers are saying consumers should take advantage of the deteriorated market.

On the other hand, investors may not know what to do with their investments because of the

sluggish economy.

John Lee, an MTSU finance professor, said there is a lot of uncertainty. With the interest rates being low, the odds are slim for the market to perform well, he added.

"Normally, we would say 'yes' to people moving retirement funds into bonds," said Betsy Wells, a registered representative with Transamerica Financial Advisors who thinks the market might be too volatile for most investors right now.

But MTSU finance professor Thomas Strickland said investors such as professors thinking about their retirement portfolios should not have to shift savings into bonds. Rather than panic and shift their investment strategies, he advises they consider preserving their accumulated retirement savings by staying in the market.

"Right now, if people start selling their investments into bonds, they're most likely selling at a loss," said Laura Bickel,

a financial planner with Edward Jones Investments in Murfreesboro.

Even though the value of an investment can go up or down, Bickel suggests to buy low and sell high because investors are in it for the long haul. When the market recovers, the values of shares go up.

"If someone sells their retirement for bonds, then they're buying at a higher price," said Kim Mankin, also a financial consultant for Edward Jones.

They have to buy at "stomach" highs and lows, she added – the riskiest price that investors can tolerate.

Factors such as how much risk an individual can tolerate, as well as their age and long-term outlook, should be considered. "Case by case we have to see how each person is," she said.

"The older a person gets, the more they want to go toward

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President appoints efficiency committee

By Ernie Gray
Staff Writer

To tackle the challenge of university growth amidst a state-funding crunch, MTSU President Sidney McPhee has initiated a committee to monitor university spending.

The Committee on Institutional Efficiencies will determine a course of action for a campus that is quickly outgrowing its resources, McPhee said.

"The university has grown significantly during the past 10 years," McPhee said. "And while that has been positive, it is also a challenge because the resources from the state have not matched the growth that we have experienced."

The committee will discuss and recommend ways for MTSU to cut costs by improving the efficiency of current programs.

"A number of ideas are currently being discussed," McPhee said.

The ideas include enrollment capping and reduction and consolidation of programs.

The restructuring process also may require job cuts or changes in hiring practices, he said.

"If these [ideas] are implemented, there will certainly be an impact on personnel," McPhee said.

McPhee is concerned about all aspects of the institution and said he wants to move forward with both improvement of facilities and improved recruitment and retention of faculty.

"Our faculty salaries are not competitive with surrounding states," he said. ♦

Highland Games bring Scottish family, customs to Middle Tennessee



By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Scottish heritage, family and tradition were on hand Saturday for the Sixth Annual Tennessee Highland Games.

The gates of MTSU's intramural fields at 8:30 a.m., and the sound of bagpipes and smell of meat pies and funnel cakes immediately poured from the tents.

More than 40 Scottish clans, or families, manned tents adorned with coats of arms, maps, tartans and literature full of information on their respective lineages.

According to www.siliconglen.com, "The games go back to contests of strength held among the clans in ancient times, a way for the chiefs and kings to choose the strongest men to serve as their warriors."

The games center around several contests: the caber toss, stone throw, tossing of the sheaf and haggis toss, to name a few. In each, an individual must rely on his or her own strength to win – a testament to the Scottish

tradition of fierce independence.

Other contests, while not focused on strength, are a major attraction of the games.

In the Highland Dance competition, boys and girls compete to see who is the best at the Scottish Lilt, a graceful, balletic dance style; the Highland Fling, an ancient victory dance said to have been done on the shield of a defeated warrior; and the Sword Dance, an ancient pre-battle dance performed over crossed swords said to be a bad omen if the swords were displaced or touched.

Contests of strength and grace were only a portion of the daylong festivities. A major emphasis of the games is placed on family and tradition, as evidenced by elaborate family tartans – distinct and colorful plaid patterns belonging to a specific clan – and the parade of tartans and booths with clan information.

"Festivals are fun. ... You build relationships," said Charles Scott, chieftain of Clan Scott, this year's honored clan. The emphasis

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Photos by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

(Above left) Drum Major Bud Hisky from Memphis stands at attention during the closing ceremony at Saturday's Memphis Tennessee Scottish Celebration. His band played *Taps*, *Amazing Grace* and *Auld Lang Syne*.

(Above) A piper stands at attention beneath a radiant sun Saturday afternoon. More than 60 pipers were on hand throughout the day.

U.S., Britain launch missile attack in Afghanistan

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) – American and British forces unleashed missile attacks yesterday against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps inside Afghanistan, broadening the war against terrorists blamed for the attacks that murdered thousands in New York and Washington.

"We will not waver, we will not tire," said President Bush, speaking from the White House as Tomahawk cruise missiles found targets halfway around the globe. "We will not falter,

and we will not fail."

In a chilling response released less than two hours later, bin Laden vowed that Americans "will never dream of security or see it before we live it and see it in Palestine, and not before the infidel's armies leave the land of Muhammad."

He spoke in a videotaped statement prepared before the attacks. A spokesman said both bin Laden and the leader of the Taliban ruling council of Afghanistan had survived the missile attacks.

At the Pentagon yesterday, the nation's top uniformed military officer said the initial

strike involved 50 Tomahawk cruise missiles, launched from ships. Gen. Richard Myers said 15 bombers and 25 strike aircraft, both sea- and land-based, also were involved in the military operation. The strike came at 12:30 p.m. EDT – nighttime in Afghanistan.

Myers, sworn into office less than a week ago, termed the strike "the early stages of ongoing combat operations" against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and bin Laden's Al Qaeda network.

He said the attacks included B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers as well as ships and submarines

that have been deployed in the region in the days since Sept. 11. Bush spoke less than an hour after the first explosion could be heard in Kabul.

Power went off throughout the city almost immediately after the first of five thunderous blasts.

Bush said the military strike would be accompanied by the delivery of food, medicine and other supplies needed to sustain the people of Afghanistan. That was expected to start soon.

The president announced the assault in a nationally televised appearance from the White House Treaty Room and

readily acknowledged that in the wake of the attacks on New York and Washington, "I know many Americans feel fear today."

He said the government was working "around the world and around the clock" to provide security.

The State Department issued a worldwide caution to Americans warning of the possibility of "strong anti-American sentiment and retaliatory actions against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world."

Bush said the military effort was only part of a campaign

against terrorism, "another front in a war that has already been joined through diplomacy, intelligence, the freezing of financial assets and arrests of known terrorists by law enforcement agents in 38 countries."

"We did not ask for this mission, but we will fulfill it," he said.

The administration has labored to build an international coalition of support for its offensive, and Bush declared, "We are supported by the collective will of the world."

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Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor
Dan Stacey with Seven Nations, a Celtic-rock band, performs at Saturday's Sixth Annual Highland Games on the intramural fields.

Highland: Clans focus on family pride

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on heritage and family is the driving force behind the success of the games, he said.

Scott and Tim Young of Clan Wallace agreed.

"It's just a sense of pride and heritage of where we come from, of our ancestors and what they tried to accomplish," Scott said.

"With all the effects going on lately, it means a whole lot more. Now it's more of an issue to think about what your ancestors went through for freedom," Young said.

Lois McGregor, from McMinnville, Tenn., said this year's games evoked mixed emotions for her because she lost a brother earlier in the week.

"We always move forward," she said. "I think it gives [my children] a sense of where their heritage is. It has been a positive activity that my children can get into."

No family gathering would be complete without food and music, both of which were in abundance.

More than 60 individual traditional bagpipers played throughout the day and joined together at the opening ceremony to perform a special rendition of *Taps* and *Amazing Grace*

in memory of the victims and rescue workers in New York and Washington, D.C.

The A Capella Singers and folk singer Alan Ross performed prior to a concert by Seven Nations, an independent Celtic-rock band from Orlando, Fla.

Several vendors offered traditional Scottish foods, such as meat pies, scones and shortbread, as well as the quintessential American funnel cake.

And for those who wished to take a piece of Scotland home with them, merchant tents lined the outskirts of the field, offering Scottish-themed T-shirts, ties, sweaters, flags, toys, books and almost anything else imaginable.

Hope-Vere Anderson, an auctioneer from Scotland, comes to the United States once or twice a year to auction authentic Scottish goods, including jewelry, books, coins, art, weaponry and housewares.

"These [items] are all from Scotland," he said, pointing out some of the more expensive items — namely a flint-lock pistol from the 1800s.

"We get them out of estates and auctions in Scotland," said Anderson, a 1982 MTSU graduate. A 10 percent premium on each item is paid by the buyer and goes to the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration

Fund for the next year's festival.

John Mauldin, Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration president, was relieved that the weather cleared up for the festival.

"We had some real concerns last night with that wind and rain," he said. "We were out here before daylight trying to get everything put together. Thankfully, it wasn't so catastrophic that we couldn't get everything repaired. I think having the sunshine come out instead of the clouds makes a big difference. I'm very pleased with it," he said.

Carol Ann Montgomery, of Clan Montgomery, said her family enjoyed their second year at the games.

"We came here last year to check the games out, and when we walked around, we saw a lot of people wearing the Montgomery tartan." She said her family's clan had no tent, but they felt they needed to represent their heritage also.

"We went to the clan and said, 'You know, this is a really good place to be.'"

Montgomery said she enjoyed the games for "two important things: men in kilts and good shopping. They have it here." ♦

Attacks: Bush: 'I gave them fair warning'

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair seconded that a short while later. In a speech to his own nation, he said of the Taliban, "They were given the choice of siding with justice or siding with terror. They chose to side with terror."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder also expressed his support, and the Russian foreign ministry said all means must be used to fight terrorism. Russian President Vladimir Putin has become an important supporter of the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism, opening Russia's airspace to U.S. deliveries of humanitarian aid and helping lobby Central Asian nations to lend their backing to the operation.

Administration officials said Bush had telephoned Putin, and that Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State

Colin Powell had placed calls to more than a dozen foreign leaders in all.

Congressional leaders, told in advance of the strike, issued a joint statement of support. "We stand united with the president and with our troops and will continue to work together to do what is necessary to bring justice to these terrorists and those who harbor them," said the statement by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was receiving regular updates about the military operation and shuttling between the White House residence and the Oval Office.

As the hour for the missile strikes approached, Fleischer said Bush had remarked, "I gave

them fair warning, and they chose not to heed it."

He said the strike was aimed at the Taliban, the ruling regime that harbors bin Laden, long identified by administration officials as the mastermind behind last month's attacks in the United States.

The president had issued a series of demands in the days following the strikes at the World Trade Center and Pentagon — all of them ignored.

"Now the Taliban will pay a price," he vowed. "Today we focus on Afghanistan, but the battle is broader."

American troops have been streaming into the region for weeks. After Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld visited neighboring Uzbekistan on Friday, U.S. military forces started arriving at a former Soviet air base in Khanabad, about 90 miles north of the Uzbek-Afghan border. ♦

Investing: Snacks can be turned into cash

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bonds," Wells said. On the other hand, long-term saving is good asset allocation for people in their 20s, 30s or 40s, said David Wellborn, investment consultant for SunTrust Securities.

But bonds, which are usually a very safe investment, are risky in the current situation, Lee said.

"It is a matter of timing," he said.

By the same token, "it is not about the timing as much as time in," Ross said.

In other words, an investor's strategy and outcome depend on what is going on at the moment the individual comes into the market vs. how long they have been in the market.

"The time in the market is so powerful the earlier a person starts," said Smyrna stockbroker Betty Norville. Therefore, this is a good opportunity for students to buy low and begin building a

portfolio.

Students have 20 to 40 years to be in the market, Wells said, and they will do better in stocks than in any other investment vehicle.

"Take advantage of the down market," Wellborn said. "It is a good time if you're buying and want a long-term investment horizon."

Now is an excellent time to start building a portfolio, Mankin said — as long as the individual has an earned income.

"If you are working, the first place you want to invest is with an employer," Wells said. If the employer matches the amounts of investment, it is best to put the maximum they will allow.

"Students have to be comfortable to leave it there for three or five years," Wellborn said.

If students don't have extra money to be investing now, he suggested they set money aside

next year or for a number of years before going into the market.

Ross, for example, started investing in stocks and mutual funds when he was a freshman in college, and Mankin said a number of high school and college students have come to her office in the past week.

"Students can invest as little as \$25 a month," she said, noting that's a candy bar and a Coke a day.

"Whenever they want, they can set up automatic deduction from a checking or savings account for as little as \$10 a month," Ross said.

Although it depends on how much money is set aside, students shouldn't put next semester's tuition in the market, he advised.

"It is not insured and students (would) have to accept (the) risk." ♦

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OVERNIGHTS WITH BOB PARLOCHA

From the staff

Yesterday's bombings: They asked for it

Please note that 63 percent of the staff agrees with the following declaration. Thirty seven percent does not.

Yesterday was a turning point in our nation's history. Rather than hide behind strong words, we have followed them up with the first stage of what will (hopefully) be several crippling attacks. In fact, we hope this attack actually consisted of a very, very small percentage of the total tonnage of munitions that we will eventually use to destroy the Al Queda threat forever.

We hope they bomb the country until it is a flatter than a sanded two-by-four. Then the United Nations should pay Jack Nicholas and/or Arnold Palmer to create hundreds of golf courses and make it the world's only state economy entirely dependent on the most Western of sports – golf. Seriously.

What better way to make the myopic fanatics in the Taliban cringe than to force them to witness the Westernization of their former stronghold?

President Bush gave the Taliban ample time and opportunity to hand over Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants. They have brought this punishment upon themselves. While it is unclear whether the common class of Afghans are innocent victims (Did the government make it known that the county would soon be under attack? If so, they should have fled to the areas of Afghanistan controlled by the Northern Alliance), we are providing for their welfare by airlifting tons upon tons of supplies to refugee camps.

Our fair nation has been more than accommodating by providing warning of the attacks and by caring for a population that is guilty by association. In the coming months, we may have to reconsider our kind ways.

People (and we use that term loosely when describing the members of the Taliban) who are punch-drunk on their own power and ideology cannot use rational thought to dictate their actions. The only argument they understand is force.

Congratulations to the United States, who yesterday delivered an outstanding opening statement. ♦

New Antichrist appears in a new era

Banging on My Drum

Cody De Vos
Staff Columnist



These days, a guy can't brush his teeth without someone accusing him of being the Antichrist. And he certainly can't materialize mysteriously in the form of Jesus of Nazareth before a crowd of 6,000 in Nairobi without drawing his share of detractors.

This is what 88-year-old British scholar and artist Benjamin Creme claims a being known only as Maitreya did June 11, 1988. Creme says Maitreya began communicating with him telepathically in 1959, sharing thoughts on

social problems and human suffering. He also says Maitreya has miraculously appeared at various religious ceremonies worldwide, taking on the guise of whichever deity was appropriate for the occasion. According to Creme, Maitreya has been waiting for the right time to appear to the world in a television/radio/telepathic broadcast during which he will propose a new system of worldwide social and economic philosophy.

When your chief hobbies consist of showing up at church dressed like Jesus and heralding your own new world order, you run the risk of being called the Antichrist. It certainly doesn't help when you claim you inhabit a body you built for yourself 2,000 years ago, prefer to be known as the World Teacher and openly call

yourself the Messiah.

Naturally, Christian fundamentalists are quick to place Maitreya in the Potential Antichrist Club, which boasts members ranging from Napoleon to Hitler to John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. Because he has his own "false prophet" preparing the world for his emergence, he may even qualify for V.I.P. status.

On the other hand, Maitreya's social teachings seem more akin to the idealistic ramblings of a high school kid who has just finished reading *The Communist Manifesto* than anything workable or dangerous. And, despite claiming to be the Savior for all religions and those with no religion, he has made it clear that he doesn't want to establish a new religion. He doesn't even want an office in the new world

government. He just seems to want everybody to get along.

People throughout history have believed their time was the time of Armageddon and have always sought out an Antichrist to call their own. Our age is no different – the Left Behind book series is a cultural phenomenon and everybody from Arnold Schwarzenegger to Winona Ryder is battling Satan on the silver screen. The remarkable thing about our generation is that we seem to be looking for someone to hate more than someone to believe in.

I can't say whether or not Maitreya is one of Satan's minions (I would have to believe in Satan first); he seems to believe that he is on the opposing team. As of now, all

Maitreya has going for him is a zealous old British man, a handful of unsubstantiated rumors and a neat Web site (www.shareintl.org). That hasn't stopped people from all walks of life from denouncing a man whose only instructions as of yet have been to love thy neighbor and help those in need.

Maitreya may be evil incarnate, he may be humankind's savior or he may just be nuts. But in very complicated times, the Antichrist is telling me to be kind, meek and just to my fellow man while my nation's most prominent Christian leader is telling me that God is smiting our country because of its kindness towards gays and people of different religions. Would it be anti-Christ not to listen to the Antichrist this time? ♦

Anti-Columbus movement misguided

By Robert Jallall
The Technician (U-Wire)

RALEIGH, N.C. – Columbus Day falls on the eighth of this month, the second Monday. Officially recognized by Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s, Columbus Day is experiencing somewhat of a decline, if not because of popular ignorance, then because of controversy surrounding Christopher Columbus' treatment of Native Americans during his four voyages to the Americas.

Columbus Day was originally established to recognize Columbus' key role in spurring European exploration that eventually led to the colonization of North America and the establishment of the United States. Columbus' exploits were inflated to the point of legend in the 1800s when writers such as Washington Irving produced romanticized portrayals of Columbus.

As a result, most today still hold the grade-school image of Columbus as an intrepid explorer repre-

sending Western ideals of progress, discovery and innovation.

Those who protest Columbus Day, primarily Native American groups and their sympathizers, assert that Columbus is undeserving of national recognition in light of the genocide carried out against Native American populations resulting from his voyages.

To be sure, Columbus did indeed commit horrible acts during his visits to the Caribbean. Noticing that some of the first natives he encountered were adorned with gold jewelry, Columbus captured and forced them to lead him to gold. On his second voyage, after failing to locate significant gold deposits in Haiti, Columbus seized more than a thousand natives for forced labor (to look for non-existent gold) and for the slave trade (to make up for not finding gold).

Unable to resist the Spaniards (who possessed superior equipment and weaponry), the native population turned to mass sui-

cide – men and women killed themselves and their infants. The colonizers who followed Columbus established encomiendas (similar to plantations) where the native population was literally worked to death. After the systematic enslavement, mutilation and murders Columbus, his men and his immediate successors committed, the Arawak Indian population on the island was completely wiped out. Columbus' actions are quite on the level with some of the worst personalities in history.

However, historical context provides some explanation of Columbus' actions. At the time, European nations were already active in slave trades around the world. Spain was also rife with religious fervor after its campaign against the Moors; thus, it was particularly easy for the highly religious Columbus to view Native Americans as "godless savages" and treat them as such.

While context does explain how Columbus

could commit such horrible acts, context does not make Columbus' acts any less savage or less evil (even by Biblical standards, Columbus' actions were evil).

Other personalities, such as Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Andrew Jackson and Napoleon, committed similar acts that are understandable given a historical context but still inexcusable.

The claims, though, that Columbus should not represent the birth of the United States and Western ideology are a bit disingenuous. Columbus did indeed spark progress and innovation that led to the formation of the American ideal. It is perfectly fine for Columbus to be remembered as a symbol of our ideals. It is not fine to forget the atrocities that happened for the sake of Western ideals. Ignoring the negative would be disingenuous.

The kind of trade-off that celebrating Columbus Day represents has always been present in Western idealism. Though a few

thousand Native Americans might feel upset about the trade-off, 270 million free Americans cannot feel the same way. Columbus' efforts to get Spain and the rest of Europe to colonize North America quite simply led to the formation of the United States. As Lenin once said, "You cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs."

A certain amount of historical naïveté is acceptable among grade-schoolers. However, the same naïve historical outlook is not acceptable among adults. In addition to being a symbol of American triumph, Columbus is a symbol of genocide in the very real sense of the word (systematic extermination of a race).

Adopting an unromanticized view of Columbus, and indeed any other significant American, does not mean succumbing to political correctness or being unpatriotic. It means being realistic about how, why and at what costs Americans are where we are today. ♦

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For Argument's Sake

Jason Cox
Asst. News Editor



In an attempt at staunch nationalism, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took a long stride in alienating its strongest ally.

On Thursday, Sharon openly criticized the United States for its efforts to build coalitions with Arab countries in the Middle East.

Sharon implored President Bush not to repeat the "terrible mistake of 1938," when the Munich Agreement allowed Nazi Germany to overtake Czechoslovakia and warned Bush "not to appease the Arabs at our expense; we cannot accept it."

While these remarks could be understandable if the relationship between the United States and Israel was more tenuous, this is an outrageous and unacceptable remark for Sharon to make toward the United States. Since Bush took office, he has steadfastly supported Israel in its continuing struggle with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, even going as far as to ban PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat from the White House.

This was a sharp detour from former President Clinton's policy, which welcomed Arafat and pushed toward a peaceful compromise between Israel and the PLO.

Diplomatically, the United States has been the best friend of Israel, which has found itself at odds with nearly every neighboring country at some point during its 53-year history as a nation-state.

In the classic role of the best friend, the United States has stood by Israel even if it was considered to be wrong by most of the world. Even as Clinton tried to work with both the PLO and Israel, it was clear which side the United States ultimately favored.

Under Sharon, Israel has taken an aggressive approach toward Palestinians in the town, with soldier shootings of Palestinians being a routine occurrence. Sharon has demanded attack-free periods before he will sit at the bargaining table with Arafat, yet refuses to stop ordering attacks by his own military.

Sharon, a former military leader, is perhaps the worst person to be in office during a time such as this. He is a true ignoramus: stubborn, arrogant and completely blind to the negative impact on his people from his policies.

In contrast to past leaders who have made at least a meaningful overture toward peace, Sharon has

treated the Palestinians with zero regard and has only offered an impossible condition for peace talks.

Israel has occasionally acted as the kid on the school playground who would pick on others, knowing that the big kid (the United States) would be around to have their back if they got into trouble. Israel has carried out its threats, as its air force and special forces are regarded as some of the best in the world.

In an international battle against terrorism, Israel has a very strong interest. It is understandable that it does not want the effort to be focused exclusively on eliminating Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda.

However, the words that Sharon spoke against the United States were ill-timed and quite stupid. Sharon suffers from a tunnel vision that will only hurt his country's world standing and the people who live in Israel.

Sharon has since apologized for the remarks, saying his reference to the Munich Agreement was not relevant to today's situation, but his apology will do little good. The fundamental trust that Bush and Sharon had built is irreparably damaged.

There will always be a bastion of doubt in the State Department concerning Israel. Sharon has established that the biggest threat to U.S.-Israeli relations is himself. ♦

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The pageant world is one that I have had mixed feelings about for a while. As a young girl, I wanted nothing more than to be Miss America. However, my mother never let me compete in such pageants because she felt it would affect my attitude and self-image. At the time, I thought she was being terribly unfair, but now I thank her.

Although the people involved say it's not all about beauty, I have to disagree. If it's not about beauty, then why do they wear so much makeup to hide flaws, false eyelashes to enhance their eyes, parade around in swimsuits to show physique and worry about how they will appear in public 24/7? Of course it's about beauty. Otherwise, it wouldn't be called a beauty pageant.

In a world where we have perfection and beauty slapping us in the face every where we turn, pageants are not exactly the best medicine for those who are not pageant material. It's another thing that makes someone feel inferior, unattractive and unacceptable. I have friends who are very involved in the pageant process, and though I support them in their endeavors, I don't really agree with the premise. Sure, it's a wonderful esteem-builder for those who win, but what about the rest? I think it's time our society moved away from superficial prizes and on to more meaningful things.

Heather Brown

We double-dog dare you to write an informed, grammatically correct letter.

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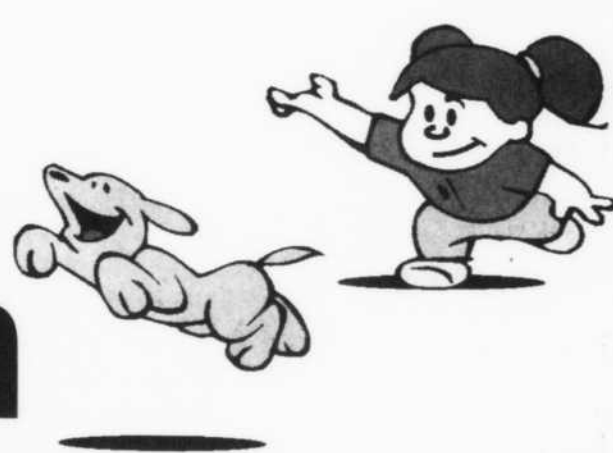
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.



Doggoned competition



Dogs strut their stuff, strive for title

By Nathalie Mornu
Staff Writer

Big red signs bolted to the cement block walls of MTSU's Livestock Center post the prohibition "No Dogs Allowed." Nevertheless, this weekend the building was filled with the wagging tails of dalmatians, collies, dachshunds, poodles and other purebreds — as well as the twitching bobtails of pedigrees like weimaraners and Brittany spaniels.

"We have about 1,150 dogs



Photo by Leslie Fike | Staff
Clinton Williams, 9, won his first show with Jenny, his Boston terrier.

entered," said Jacque Delaney, show chairman for the Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club all-breed dog show, which took place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dogs, their owners and handlers traveled from across the nation to compete for "Best in Show," the top award.

Although the contests took place in the eight large rings of the Livestock Center, there was plenty to watch elsewhere Saturday morning as handlers readied their dogs for a turn at the prize.

Murray Newton from Columbia, Tenn., pulled back on his Afghan hound's leash as she growled and lunged at a cowed German shepherd passing by. Newton then bent over Morgan, combing her and murmuring. The two-year-old sat on the stockyard's dirt floor, causing Newton to cry out.

"Get up! Get up!" he said, quickly brushing her haunches with his hands and whipping out his comb again.

Nearby, two miniature pinchers were so riled up barking and growling at passing dogs that they were literally shaking their carriers. Owner Ruth Riley, from Brownstown, Ind., stopped them by covering the cage fronts with a blanket.

"They don't bite," Riley said, "but they're aggressive. They do that until they get out of the cage and then they're fine." Pint-sized Brady had just won "Best New Male" in his breed, and Riley was waiting for the photographer.

For photographer Sue Baines, traveling from her hometown of Washington,



Photo by Leslie Fike | Staff
A beagle practices with its handler before competing.

N.C., practically every weekend is nothing new. "I've done that all my life because I used to be a professional dog handler," Baines said. "I do all my own [processing] because labs are sloppy, expensive and generally don't do a good job."

To get a dog's attention, Baines squeezes a foot-long squeaky rubber clothespin, then

flings it high in the air. The intrigued pooch follows it with its gaze, giving Baines a perfect pose.

"[People] all joke with me because I have to have long, skinny toys," Baines said, explaining that only that style will fit into the narrow pockets of her camera bag.

In a hall off the main room, Wellsville, Ohio, resident Suzanne Bratt put finishing touches on six standard poodles. Wearing a stylist's gown, the groomer explained that poodles older than one year show with a Continental trim, the hind portion of their bodies shaved except for bracelets trailing at the ankles, two puffy rosettes on the rump and a pompom at the tip of the tail. Ideally, a poodle should have a majestic-looking ruff, like a lion's mane.

As she talked, Bratt wrapped small bunches of fur near the scalp of two-year-old Percy's head to help give it height. Before show time, she will fluff and spray it to make it look big and airy. At the next table, Yentl, also two, had blue plastic wrapped around her ears to prevent the fur from dragging in the dirt. Keeping it clean would help it puff out better later.

Walker, an energetic English springer spaniel, had his ears



Photo by Leslie Fike | Staff
Suzanne Bratt grooms her poodle, Zoe, as well as other competitors Percy, Yentl, Paris, Stade and Hercules.

wrapped in red medical tape for the opposite reason: to make the faintly curly hair as flat as possible in keeping with the preferred look for the breed. Owner Cheryl Mika, from Tullahoma, Tenn., also had wrapped the ears to make sure they stayed clean.

"This is the first time I've come here and the last," Mika said, complaining about organizers holding the show in a venue with a dirt floor. "This is where you get anthrax — from dirt that has livestock on it."

Owners and handlers primped pooches right up until the moment came to enter the ring, spritzing them with texturizer and brushing them under blow dryers. One witness

saw a groomer vigorously comb out a collie, then use the implement on her own glossy hair.

The morning's competitions wound down, and people took a lunch break. Those who wandered to the concession stand found the standard menu: cheeseburgers, barbecue sandwiches and — what else? — hot-dogs.

"Best in Show" was awarded yesterday evening. Winners are chosen throughout the two days from more than 100 breeds to go on to the final seven categories: toy, sport, non-sporting, hound, terrier, herding and working. The winners from each of the seven categories go on to compete for the "Best in Show" title. ♦

Miss Black and Gold dedicated to building esteem through music

By Terri Hutzler
Staff Writer

The secret to success is to do common things uncommonly well. That is the philosophy Ashley Brooks lives by.

Brooks is a junior with a piano performance major and a business administration minor. She holds the titles of Miss MTSU, Miss Bluegrass Festival and Miss Black and Gold.

Before last year, Brooks wasn't an active pageant participant. She decided to run for Miss Black and Gold on a whim because she thought it would be fun. From Miss Black and Gold she went on to become Miss MTSU. After Brooks was voted Miss MTSU, she went on to compete in the Miss Tennessee pageant, where she was third runner-up.

Brooks said she had so much fun in these competitions that only three weeks after the Miss Tennessee competition, she decided to enter another pageant, the Miss Bluegrass Festival. Again, Brooks was crowned, giving her a third title. The Miss Bluegrass is a preliminary pageant to the Miss Tennessee competition, so Brooks will be competing for Miss Tennessee again next year.

The platform is a very

important part of the pageant. Brooks' platform is using music to build self-esteem in children. Brooks teaches piano lessons on campus and has worked with people of all ages.



Ashley Brooks

Through her own experience and research she has done, Brooks has come to believe that music can play a major role in boosting self-esteem.

"Many kids may not be up to par on the academic side of school, but when it comes to the arts, that's where they find their niche," Brooks said.

According to Brooks, her main purpose for competing is to learn more about herself through performing and inter-

viewing, meeting a variety of people and obtaining scholarship money to further her education. She said each pageant gives away a substantial amount of money, and she encourages girls to compete. The pageants also give one the opportunity to represent her university, title or community and to become involved in community events and meet the people. Brooks said being involved in these pageants has allowed her to expand her boundaries and horizons.

This year's Miss Black and Gold pageant will be held Oct. 15 at the Wright Music Building. The pageant is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and will have nine contestants this year. From there, the winner will go on to compete in the state level of the Miss Black and Gold pageant, where Brooks, who holds the state title right now, will hand over the crown to the new Miss Black and Gold. There is a regional and national competition for Miss Black and Gold should the contestant make it past the state level.

There are several events in the pageant that each girl is judged on. Each contestant will have a personal interview with the judges. She will compete in

the casual scene, the swimsuit competition where she is judged on physical fitness, the talent competition and the evening gown competition where she is judged on poise and beauty. The scores from each section are recorded and tallied, and the girl with the highest points total wins.

Brooks encourages all girls to become involved in pageants. She believes pageants allow a girl to step out of her comfort zone into the community and speak about a subject that she feels very passionately about. Brooks said this is a way to get the community involved in projects as well.

On a personal level, Brooks said competing in the pageants has taught her that you definitely have to be secure with yourself.

"You are judged on everything from grades to physical fitness," Brooks said. "You have to know that you are fine, no matter what the judges say."

Brooks also has a bit of advice for the college student who loves to procrastinate. She said she read this quote in a book one time and it just made sense.

"A dream is only a dream, but a goal is a dream with a deadline." ♦

Risquee Renee on making love

Do you truly know how to make love? Unfortunately, the answer to this question is more often no than yes.

To truly make love to someone, you have to make their mind climax as well as their inner treasures.

Understand that when you physically make love to a person, the effects associated with that session can wear off over a period of time and can easily be replaced, but to make love to the mind can last beyond expectations.

Speak from the heart. The No. 1 way to make love to someone without ever physically touching them is to talk to them.

Example: If someone speaks to you in a calm sensual hypnotic way and tells you how you touch them in a way that no one has while reflecting on examples from your friendship which gives you proof that they aren't just running game, you would remember every word of it because they did it with sincerity.

The unspoken conversation. Not to contradict what I just said for No. 1, but some of us talk too much. Why not take a moment of time and make love with your eyes only.

Example: Take your partner to a natural place (park, outside around trees, by a waterfall, etc.) and tell them for 15 or 30 minutes that you're going to be absolutely silent. Then look at them with deep eyes of warmth and security. Fall into their eyes until you can see the rings of eye color change from shade to shade. Use your eyes to talk to them as you admire their features and feel free to make hands gestures in order to enhance your eye-to-eye conversation (but no sexual physical contact). This is the second best way to mentally make love.

Continuously admitting your love for them. Many times we start off telling loved ones that we care, but then we stop. If you love someone, express your feelings as often as you think about it because you never know when it could be the last time you could tell them. This will also give the person security about your relationship. Making mental love this way is so easy, yet it's the one way that is least likely to be used.

The presence of giving support. Even though this is No. 4 on the list, it is just as important as No. 1. You have the capability to make love to your partner's mind by just showing up.

It's hard to find words to express the way a person feels when someone is there for them, even when you don't ask them. It's times like this that stick with people forever.

Example: they show up at a play you're in, they come to your game, you're ill and they stop in to check on you, they come to graduation, they found out you were having a bad day and came to see if they could bring light to it or maybe it's just a regular old day and they show up to say hi. Time is priceless, but when someone chooses to give you their time, that is love.

These are just four ways to mentally make love. This issue is to be continued.

Hit me up gentlemen at Risque_r@aol.com and tell me what the remaining six ways should be.

Please respond only if you truly know how to totally make love. Ladies, your e-mails are just as important.

In the meantime, let's put some of this into practice, but do it only if you want to be in love totally. ♦



Media
Blitz

R. Colin Fly



Senior Staff Writer

Staring
blankly at
'Sidelines'

Sidelines premiered Thursday - no, not this newspaper (that premiered in 1916), the ESPN original entertainment series that follows the ups and downs of the Texas A&M football team.

It starts out with "in Texas, football is a way of life, blah, blah, blah..."

Where did ESPN get this statement? Florida is the best college football state in the country. No. 1 and No. 2 reside there. California boasts the No. 1 and No. 2 high school programs in the nation.

NFL football is intensely played everywhere but Texas. Hello America's team, welcome to America's basement. The Cowboys and Redskins are so bad that if they were in a western movie, neither side would be able to kill each other. Monday night football next week (Dallas-Washington) might be the worst thing since *Darkstalkers* held the time slot.

But I digress. The new ESPN series is melodramatic and lame despite the wonderful intentions. If you missed the Thursday night airing, I'll key you in on the highlights.

11 p.m. - *Sidelines* begins, opens with a comment from a former A&M student that kind of looks scary. He's bald, 300 pounds with a long goatee and lots of tattoos. I would have pegged him as a convict.

11:09 - First shot of head coach R. C. Slocum. First colloquialism used, "dagum."

11:10 - Slocum uses the word "assimilates." Unfortunately, he uses it incorrectly.

11:14 - The saga of Michael de la Torres begins. He's suffering from heat exhaustion and says to the camera, "My national premier and this happens."

11:18 - Torres redeems himself with Titans apparel. Obviously there are closet Titans fans in Texas.

11:20 - Chunk talks on a Nokia cell phone with a Texas A&M faceplate. Nokia, connecting people ... and sponsorships.

11:24 - Commercial for the show in the middle of the show.

11:28 - Midnight Yell has cheerleaders shouting, "Yell ya'll."

11:29 - Chunk boasts that they sold more than 70,000 shirts for a stadium of 82,000. Question: What about the other 12,000? Are they stupid or left out?

11:30 - Previews for next week's riveting episode.

That's all I've got. If you want to watch something actually intended to be funny, try *Inside Schwartz*. It's worth 30 minutes of any other sports event on television. ♦

Media Blitz appears every other Monday. R. Colin Fly can be reached at slsports@mtsu.edu.

Blue Raiders hang on for win

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team withstood an Idaho second-half rally to secure its third Sun Belt Conference victory 70-58 Saturday night in Floyd Stadium.



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

An MT defender lags behind the diving Idaho receiver.

With the halftime score favoring the Blue Raiders 42-10, it seemed inconceivable that this conference battle would end in a nail-bitter. But it took defensive back Johnathan Shaw's late interception in the end zone to secure the victory for MT.

"[Idaho] did something we weren't ready for," Shaw said. "I had to help my team out. I just had to go up and get it."

The Vandals used a 32-point halftime deficit as motivation for a 42-point second-half performance, turning an apparent blowout into a NCAA record-setting performance. The two teams' combined score of 128 points was a NCAA record for combined points in a game.

"It's good for us," MT wide receiver Tyrone Calico said. "But on the defensive standpoint, that's a record we don't want to put up."

The Blue Raiders' defensive statistics put them in the middle of the pack in conference rankings, and the second-half blitz executed by the Vandals pin pointed why. The Vandals passed for 637 yards and collected 760 yards total offense.

"Idaho's offensive line did a tremendous job keeping people in and protecting the quarterback," head coach Andy McCollum said. "[Idaho] is a great offensive football team. That's why they were top in America last year."

"We just caught a team that was clicking pretty dang good."

The Blue Raider offense was clicking as well, tacking 70 points on the Floyd Stadium scoreboard.

"The receivers made yards

after the catch," McCollum said. "That was the key to the game."

Calico got redemption for his performance against the Ragin' Cajuns last Saturday, when he was held without a catch, ending his 25-game reception streak. Calico returned to Murfreesboro to score on nearly every one of his five receptions. He finished the game with 160 yards and three touchdowns.

"[The offense] went back to the drawing board," Calico said. "I know I had to redeem myself from last weekend."

The second-largest crowd in MT history watched quarterback Wes Counts break three Blue Raider records. Counts eclipsed Teddy Morris' record of 41 career touchdowns, collecting a total of 44 touchdown passes by game's end.

He broke two more MT passing records in the process. Counts now holds the record for most touchdown passes in a game with six and the most passing yards for a Blue Raider with 459.

"We did a tremendous job leading [MT]," McCollum said. "This week the offense pulled us through, and that is what team is about."

Idaho nearly made the record-setting performance for MT a mute point with their second-half push.

"[The] defense is hurt right now, as they should be," McCollum said. "But, then again, we're a 5-0 as a team."

The Blue Raiders also secured their eighth straight victory in Floyd Stadium, with a scoring average of 41.1 points a game at home that promises to rise after the 70-point performance.

"I'm glad we didn't scrap our offense from last weeks [game] because we just scored 70," McCollum said.

Dwone Hicks, who has his name in the circle for many national honors, played a key role in this offensive outburst. He rushed for 169 yards on 22 carries and added three touchdowns to a resume that is already one of the best in the nation.

His biggest run may have come after Shaw's interception. On MT's ensuing offensive play, Hicks went 62 yards for the touchdown, giving the Blue Raiders breathing room from an encroaching Idaho offense.

"It was rough on us," Hicks said. "But we overcame that, and we got a win."

MT will travel to Denton, Texas, to take on Sun Belt Conference opponent North Texas Saturday. Game time is 3:05 p.m. ♦

MT defense falls apart in second half

By Michael Edwards
Staff Writer

After going a week thinking the Middle Tennessee defense had finally come of age after shutting down the Louisiana-Lafayette offense, reality set in midway through the third quarter of Saturday's game against the Idaho Vandals.

The Blue Raiders took a 42-10 lead to the locker room, and things seemed to be well in hand. It was like a different team came out after halftime.

"In the first half, we did a pretty good job," senior defensive back Jykine Bradley said after Middle Tennessee's 70-58 win over Idaho. "They did a good job of adjusting at halftime. They didn't give up, that's the bottom line."

The Blue Raiders gave up 760 yards of total offense, and 637 of those came through the air. The arm of Brian Lindgren reeled off 49 completions in 71 attempts.

For many quarterbacks those yards can make up half a season, but against this Blue Raider defense, it was one game. The Vandals ran 99 offensive plays in the game. MT did manage to intercept the Vandal quarterback two times, once by Michael Woods and once by safety Jonathan Shaw.

"You saw what can happen in the second half with their offense," Bradley said. "Once they got going, it was hard to stop. They have a real good offense and good receivers and quarterback."

Head coach Andy McCollum

and his players stressed the fact that they still managed a win, even with the horrific defensive performance.

"It's a good win because we're 5-0," McCollum said. "We'll take this film and learn from our mistakes. I know the defense is hurt right now, but we're 5-0 as a team."

The Blue Raiders remain unbeaten on the season after their eighth straight overall victory. Their last loss came against Mississippi State last season in Starkville, Miss.

"They've got some good athletes, probably the best we've seen this season with the exception of Washington," Idaho head coach Tom Cable said. "They were one of the best offenses we've seen."

The game's scoring totals

combined to be the most points scored in a Division I-A football game between two I-A teams. The 128 total points surpassed the old 124-point mark.

"We went in knowing this team is explosive offensively," McCollum said. "That's why they were picked to win [the Sun Belt Conference]. We just beat a good football team."

The defense for Idaho didn't fare much better. The only difference is that the Vandals lost. Middle Tennessee ran up 685 yards of offense, but that didn't deter a Vandal linebacker from making a positive comment for his team.

"I think we did a good job, and the defense got better. We are hungry for a win," defensive lineman Brandon Kania said.

Perhaps the most startling

statistic of all is the total yards, offensive yards plus kick-return yards. If there was a unit that played worse than the MT defense, it had to be the MT kickoff coverage team. The Vandals totaled 185 yards on seven returns. That's an average of a little more than 26 yards per return. So in the end, the total yardage for the Vandals was 945 - more than a half mile.

"We've got to have some guys step up and make plays," McCollum said of the Blue Raider defense. "That was a great offensive football team. In the second half, they were clicking, but that's no reason for us not to play better than we did. We've got some young guys who have to grow up and make plays." All in all, the two teams put up 1,732 total yards. ♦



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

The Middle Tennessee football team huddles around coach Andy McCollum after Saturday's record-breaking 70-58 Sun Belt win against Idaho.

Lady Raiders win one, lose one in weekend SBC contest

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team beat Arkansas State 18-30, 30-28, 30-24, 30-21 Friday and then lost to Arkansas-Little Rock 30-26, 21-30, 22-30, 33-31, 14-16 yesterday at Murphy Center.

In the first game against ASU, MT scored the first point, lost the next three and then kept it tight for a little while. After an 11-11 tie, ASU led by as many as seven and as little as five.

MT won the first two points in the second game. The rest of

the match featured five ties, and three lead changes.

In the third game, MT came out of the gates with a 7-2 lead, scoring seven of the first nine points. The lead then fluctuated between five and seven points for the rest of the match.

The final set stayed close with MT leading the whole time and scoring nine of the last 13 points in the game.

Katie Thiesen led the Lady Raider attack with 18 kills on 39 attacks and one service ace. Erin Hillstrom had a career high four service aces along with 10 digs. Kelly Quinn also had a steady

performance with 13 digs and 21 assists.

As a team, the Lady Raiders had many ups and downs in the service department as they recorded 13 service aces along with 14 service errors. MT also had a .143 hitting percentage.

The first game against UALR featured 12 ties and eight lead changes, including two consecutive Thiesen aces.

The second game was all Lady Trojans. They jumped out to an early 7-2 lead, and the Lady Raiders never caught up. MT trailed by as much as nine and got as close as six.

"They figured us out, and we were taken by surprise," assistant coach Tara Miller said.

According to Miller, the one thing in particular that UALR figured out was that Thiesen had a high kill point, which led to eight Thiesen errors.

The Lady Trojans started out the third game taking the first six points. The Lady Raiders quickly recovered by getting as close as two. MT lost the set on a Shakeitha Deckard attack error.

"After the third set, we realized that this is not a position we should be in and that this is

a very beatable team," Miller said.

The fourth game started off all MT. UALR recovered, going on a 9-3 run to lead 23-19 after trailing 16-13. The Lady Raiders concluded the set with a 7-2 run to win the game.

The final game was a repeat of the third set, except this time, UALR jumped out to a 9-2 lead. MT recovered to take the lead at 11-10 and pushed it to 14-11. The Lady Trojans managed to pull off the last five points to win the match.

Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 22 kills and 42 attacks for a

.333 attack percentage. Hillstrom added five kills, 20 attacks, two service aces and five digs. Thiesen had 12 kills and 34 attacks.

As a team, the Lady Raiders conquered the service game with 15 service aces to only seven service errors. MT also broke their season record in attacks with 173.

The Lady Raiders' record drops to 6-11 overall and 2-3 in the Sun Belt Conference.

MT returns to action in a Sun Belt match-up with Denver Friday in Denver. ♦

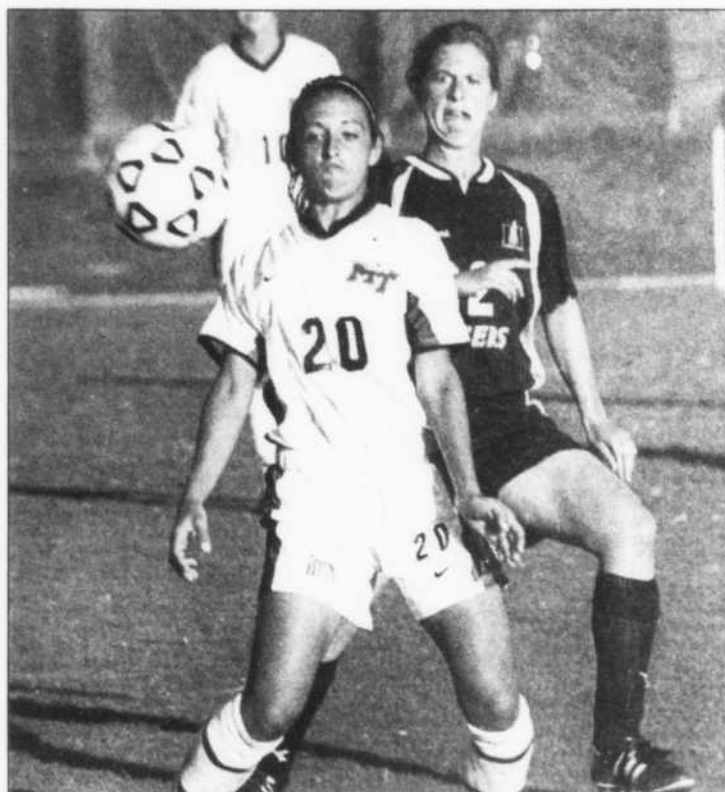


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Laura Miguez prepares to bump the ball off her chest.

Blue Raiders win rainy Sun Belt game 5-2

By Steven Finley
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team improved its season record to 5-4 with a 5-2 Sun Belt Conference win Friday at rain-soaked Arkansas-Little Rock.

Forward Danielle LaDuke recorded her second consecutive hat trick in the victory.

The Trojans opened the match by scoring the first goal, but LaDuke quickly tied it back up with a goal in the 24th minute.

Both teams settled down and played great defense for the rest of the first half. Neither squad could find the back of the net again, and they went to the break tied at 1-1.

Part of the blame for the low scoring in the first half could be

attributed to the horrendous weather. Both teams dealt with pouring rain, a sloppy field and an 18-degree drop in temperature during the match.

The second half opened with LaDuke picking up her seventh goal of the season and second of the night just four minutes in.

The goal gave MT a 2-1 lead and LaDuke her third multi-goal game of the season.

Jenny Cox upped the lead to 3-1 with her second goal of the season in the 61st minute. Cox, who made her season debut this past Sunday, continued to show little rust and now has three points in only two games.

The Trojans made a game out of it when they closed the gap to 3-2 with a Jennifer Heinrichs goal in the 70th minute.

"I was happy that we came

back to cut the lead to 3-2, but we had two major defensive breakdowns that cost us two goals late," Trojan head coach Greg Hess said.

The first of those major breakdowns allowed LaDuke to cement her hat trick and the win with her third goal of the contest.

The second led to a Laura Miguez goal in which LaDuke picked up her very first career assist.

The Blue Raiders then shut out the Trojans for the final three minutes and walked off the muddy field victorious.

"Our forwards played really well, and we were able to get a victory," MT head coach Scott Ginn said. "The conditions were miserable, raining and the temperature dropped about 20 degrees during the match. It was

tough, but we played well and got the win."

The game solidified LaDuke as a prime contender for Player of the Year honors in the Sun Belt Conference. With nine regular season games plus the Sun Belt tournament remaining, LaDuke seems primed to smash the Blue Raiders single-season goal record.

The team has finally found its niche with the return of Cox. The offense is now putting the ball in the back of the net, and the defense is playing up-tempo while making fewer mistakes.

MT will meet Arkansas State on Sunday. The Lady Indians will try to avenge last year's 4-2 Blue Raider victory.

The Blue Raiders will seek to continue their hot goal-scoring streak and try to improve upon their .500 conference record. ♦

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The University Rules Committee annually reviews MTSU's promulgated institutional rules. This material appears in the 2001-2002 edition of the *Student Rights & Responsibilities* publication. Proposals for changes to existing rules, or for the creation of new rules, must be submitted no later than October 15, 2001, to Dr. David Hays (MTSU Box 30). Regulations appearing in the *MTSU Traffic & Parking* pamphlet are also a part of the University's institutional rules. Proposed additions to these rules must be submitted to Ms. Connie Hagberg (MTSU Box 147), also no later than October 15, 2001.

Proposals are to be typed and must contain the following information: (1) the text of the rules as it now appears; (2) the text of the rule as proposed; and (3) a statement of rationale which supports the proposed change. Item (1) should be disregarded if the proposal is for a new rule. Proposed rules changes must be submitted on the following media: (1) a hard copy of the proposed change; (2) on a Macintosh compatible disk in MS Word; or by email to jhays@mtsu.edu.

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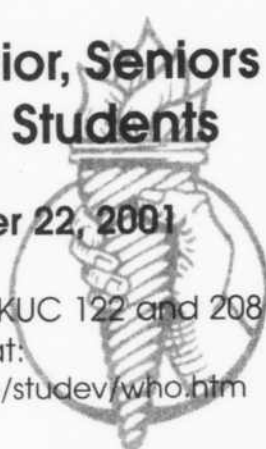
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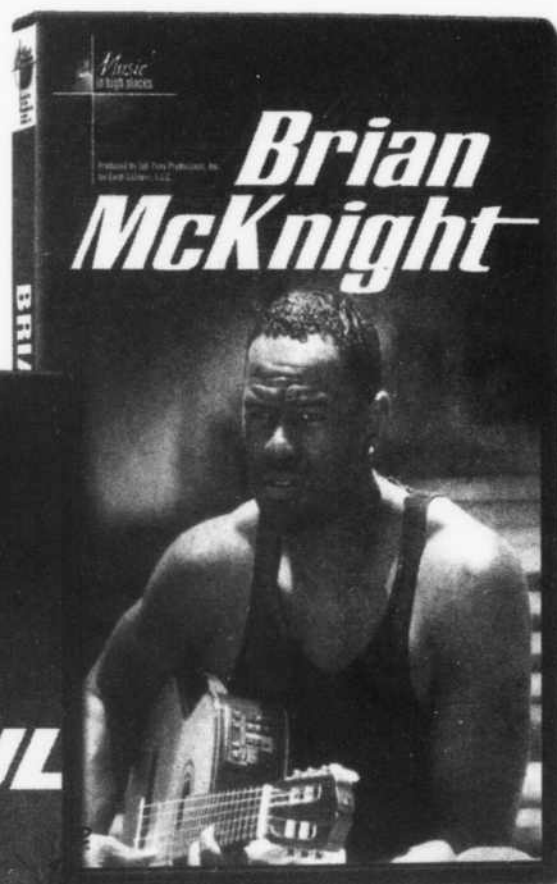
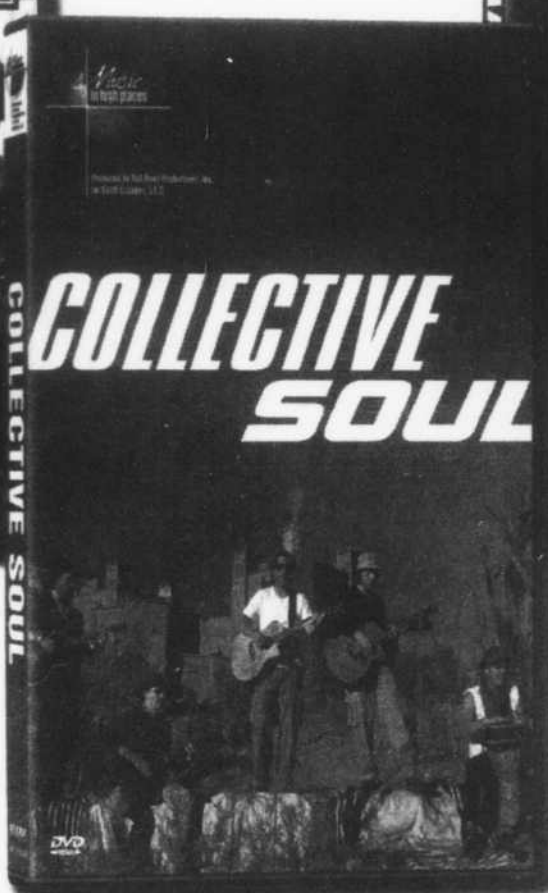
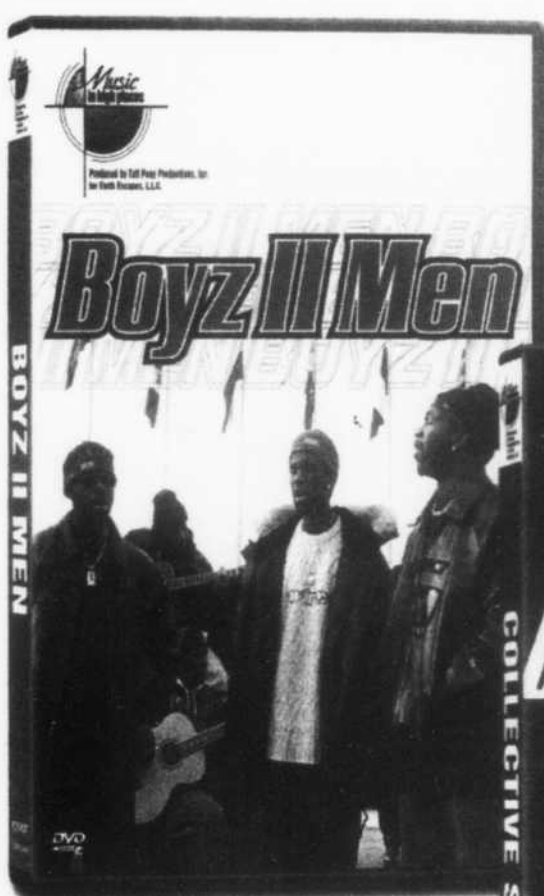
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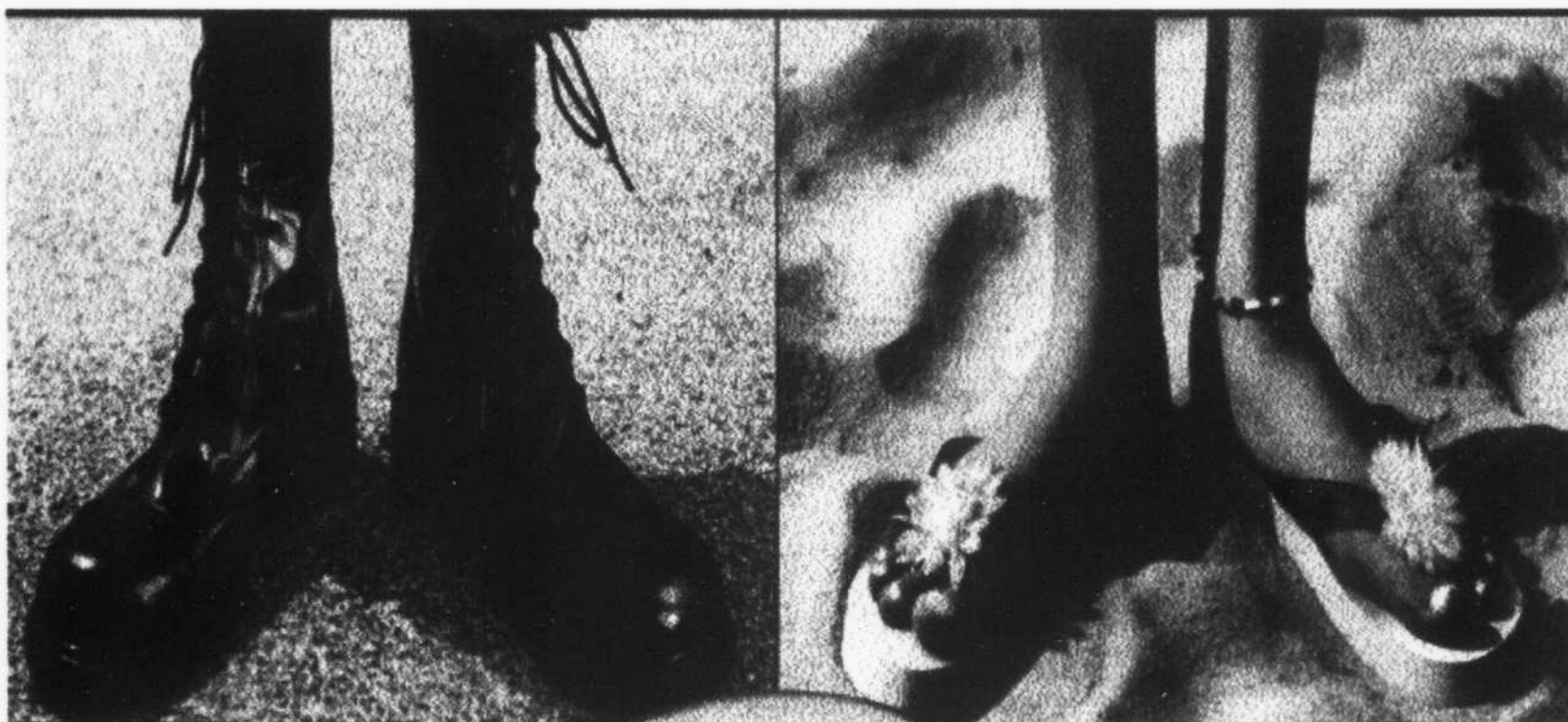
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