



SIDELINES



KUC game room closed for space

Heather C. Whitehead
Staff Reporter

MTSU's game room, on the third floor of the KUC, has been closed indefinitely.

Many students say the game room provided them relaxation and recreation between classes, and the location was convenient.

"In the spring, I would grab a snack, relax and play a game of pool, said sophomore James Riley. "Now I have to leave campus during my breaks."

"The Tennessee Business Enterprise for the Blind," which operated the game room and Mini-Mart, "was not making any real money," said Dr. David Hayes, vice president of Student Affairs.

The plan was to have pool and Ping-Pong tournaments, but there were no organizations that supported the game room for those activities.

Therefore, many of the "high hopes" for the game room fizzled because there was lack of support, Hayes said.

Over a year ago, MTSU representatives requested that Tennessee Business Enterprises for the Blind turn over the game-room space to be delegated for other much-needed uses.

Partial space of the former game room will be filled by the MTSU Counseling and Testing Center computers.

Tests the center administers are being given in the Business Aerospace Building and the library until the game-room space can be designated and is ready for occupancy.

The remaining area could possibly be used as additional space for the Multi-Cultural

Affairs office or a new Greek Life office.

On the other hand, there are many disgruntled MTSU students who lost one of their campus's retreats from classes.

"It was nice if I was in the KUC or in between classes," said student Matt Hutton. "I could get a snack, play games, shoot pool and have time to relax before or after a test."

Freshman Amber Morgan also expressed her disappointment.

"I was shown the game room on the CUSTOMS tour, and I am disappointed that it is no longer there," Morgan said.

"My roommate and I used to go play air hockey all the time," said student Ryan Smith. "Now we cannot find anything to do."

Dwight Johnson, manager of the Mini-Mart and an employee of Tennessee Business Enterprises, said the closing has made an impact on business at the convenience store.

"Sales have dropped drastically at the Mini-Mart since the game room has closed," Johnson said.

"I get lots of complaints from students. Now a lot of the students just sit around and study, and some are leaving campus to find recreation. They need a break from studying."

Student Rick Bidelman said the game room would probably be even more important to on-campus residents.

"It seems that they should at least have a replacement for the game room," Bidelman said.

"I do not live on campus, but if I did, I know that it would affect me a whole lot more."

Hayes advises that students who are upset about the game-room closing contact members of the Student Government Association. ■

Resident charged with assault from laser pointer

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

A Womack Lane resident was arrested and charged with assault on Monday, Sept. 20, after aiming a laser pointer at a police officer.

Officer Andrew Watts of the MTSU's department of public safety was patrolling the Womack Lane Apartments when he noticed a bright red laser beam on his chest, according to a report filed by Watts.

"At that point he did what any other officer would have done," said Sgt. Darrell Collins of public safety. "He ran."

Watts notified a dispatcher of his situation and joined Officer Matthew Foster for another drive through the area, according to the report.

Two white males approached Foster's patrol car and asked why the police were shining spotlights on their house.

Foster told them they were using the lights

to ensure that no vehicles were being broken into.

Foster then asked who had the laser pointer. Jesse Sowder, 25, of 1853 Womack Lane, told Foster that he had the pointer and "used it every time a police car went by." Sowder was then taken into custody by the officers and charged with assault.

Public Chapter 146 of the Tennessee State Senate, effective July 1, 1999, classifies the offense of pointing a laser device at a law enforcement officer as a Class A misdemeanor.

"Laser pointers can cause permanent damage to the eyes," Collins said. "It is considered assault if you aim a laser pointer at another person."

"We have had problems with this sort of thing in the past," Collins said. "It is especially prevalent at sporting events. If someone is caught aiming a laser pointer at players or spectators, the laser device will be taken, and that person will be shown the door." ■

Sentence overturned in MTSU sex death

Staff Reports

A felony-murder conviction was overturned last week for the man who said he killed an MTSU student in 1995. An appellate court has now convicted James Clayton Jr. of reckless homicide, a lesser charge.

Young, now 39, admitted to police that he was involved in the 1995 death of Joey Ladd, 19. Young said the death was accidental. Prosecutors maintained that the death was in malice and that Young had attempted to rape Ladd.

Ladd was strangled with a T-shirt during a sexual encounter with Young at Young's Bell Street apartment.

In a hearing for his original trial, Young testified that a bound and

gagged Ladd was strangled to death on Jan. 4, 1995.

Young then took Ladd's body to a ravine in the Almadale community, allegedly motivated by the fear that his homosexuality would be discovered.

Ladd's body was found five days later, and Young was arrested on Jan. 11.

Young had received a life sentence. The new conviction carries a two- to four-year sentence. He was acquitted of felony murder.

Young has already served four years. Sentencing for Young's new conviction is scheduled for Tuesday.

The Court of Appeals agreed to retry the case primarily because of references during the first trial to the defendant's sexual orientation. ■

All the way



Photo by Zack Millican

(Above) The brothers of Sigma Nu fraternity take the stage at Thursday night's Fight Song competition.

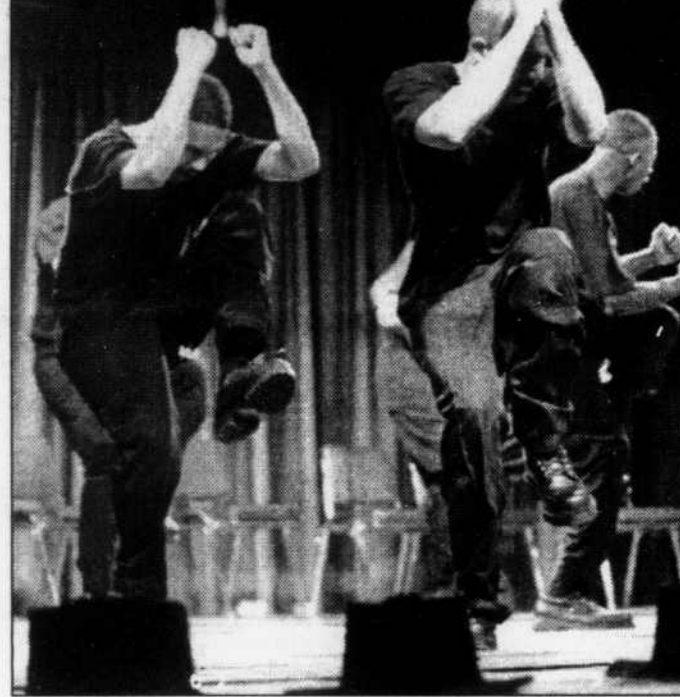


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(Above) Alpha Phi Alpha's members perform in Friday's Step Show, sponsored by the Panhellenic Council.

(Right) Homecoming Queen Trina Weddington poses with her escort during halftime at Saturday's game. Dustin Rawls won the title of Homecoming King.

The theme for Homecoming '99 was "I-A All the Way: A Football Fiesta." Homecoming events featured a chilifest, carnival, treasure hunt and a pep rally. The week's festivities closed with fireworks after Saturday's game against Troy State University. ■



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Senate approves new supreme court

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The 1999-2000 Student Government Association Supreme Court was unanimously approved by the Senate during last Wednesday's meeting at the Keathley University Center.

Chosen to serve on the Supreme Court are:

• Kristal Young, a previous board member on the Tennessee Association of Student Council a and a member of the Freshman Forum.

• Kristen Wright, a Freshman Forum member.

• Melissa Sowder, a Freshman Forum member.

• Candace Dillard, a member of the Homecoming Committee and the chairperson for the Chili Cook-off during Homecoming.

• Kyle Dodd, the vice-president of the Mock Trial Society and an All-American Attorney for Mock Trial.

• Russell Elam, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, committee member of "Up 'Til Dawn," a worker in the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office and an intramural official.

• Larry West, the president of the Native American Association and a former SGA House of Representatives member.

The appointed chief justices will be responsible for reading and

interpreting the text of the SGA constitution if required.

Also approved 13-0 during the meeting for a position as a Senator for the College of Education was Emmy Hickman, a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Other business of the meeting included:

• The next Town Hall meeting which is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. today at the Cyber Cafe on campus. The topics to be covered during the meeting will be financial aid, housing and parking.

• Senators also reported the results of the recent questionnaires distributed to students in their respective colleges.

Those in the College of Mass Communication requested upgraded computers, more course section offerings and doors that function properly.

Students from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences desire a 24-hour computer laboratory and a parking improvement while those questioned from the College of Business were interested in receiving book discontinuation notices. Results from the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education were not yet reported to Senators.

• Speaker of the Senate Megan Smith addressed the Senate's involvement in upcoming community service projects such as a campus clean-up and assisting with a Habitat for Humanity project in Murfreesboro. ■

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Oct. 4
Scarlett Commons Area Government is having an Open Mic Night from 7-10 p.m. in the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse. Food will be provided. Contact Ericka Pryer at 898-3196 for more information.

Oct. 6
The Urban Music Society will present Showtime "On the Yard" at the JUB. Headlining the show will be Bullet Proff Soul. Opening acts include: Malik, New Vogue, Christy Taylor, Keven McWilliams, Tha Realist, Soul Connection and the UMS Dancers. There will also be a special host. Admission will be \$3, and the show will start at 8 p.m. Nappy Wilson will DJ the after-party. For more information, contact the UMS publicity director Shawn Whitsell at 898-4532.

Oct. 7
The African American Student Association is holding a general interest meeting at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm, Room 103. Contact Ladoska Holt at 898-4770 for more information.

Scarlett Commons Area Government is having Poetry Night from 7-10 p.m. in the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse. It is open to all students who wish to share their poetry with others. Poets should sign up in the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse before Oct. 6 at 12 p.m. Food will be provided. Contact Erika Pryor at 898-3196 for more information.

Oct. 9
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River available to all students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$20 and only 18 participants will be accepted. Contact Mitch or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

Oct. 11-15
June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Events will be scheduled as follows: Oct. 11- self-defense demo, KUC courtyard; Mocktails and Rohypnol demo, Rec Center; Oct. 12- Info tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC; Anti-sexual Abuse Project at 7 p.m., Wright Music Hall (free play); Oct. 13- Clothesline Project 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., KUC courtyard; Info tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC; Take Back the Night at 7 p.m., KUC; Oct. 14- Clothesline Project at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., KUC courtyard; Info tables at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., KUC.

ONGOING
Lambda Association welcomes new students and

invites all to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195, or visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039 or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@usc.org.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings will be held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more info.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings will be held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

Who's Who applications can now be picked up in KUC 122 and 208. The due date is Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 122 or send them to Box 61. Interested students should apply now, or contact Gina Poff at 898-2454.



World News

No shortage of guns in Kosovo despite surrendered weapons

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Although NATO insists the Kosovo Liberation Army handed in its weapons before it officially disbanded last month, peacekeepers suspect both Serbs and ethnic Albanians maintain stocks of weapons, hampering efforts to restore peace in the troubled province.

The NATO-led peacekeeping command has been careful to avoid any public suggestion that the KLA, which the United Nations is transforming into a civilian organization, may have held back significant stocks of weapons. And neither have the peacekeepers publicly accused Serbs in the province of maintaining a stockpile of arms.

But weapons remain a widespread problem. During rallies in the Serb-controlled part of the town of Kosovska Mitrovica, men can be seen wandering through the crowd with hand-held radios and sidearms bulging discreetly beneath their jackets ■

Samaranch delays testimony to Congress

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said Sunday he can't testify this month at a congressional hearing into Olympic bidding scandals, but is willing to do so later in the year.

Samaranch said he would testify in December after the International Olympic Committee votes on a series of reform measures.

"I'm ready to go but only in the right moment," he said. "I have to go there with some solution in my pocket."

Samaranch sent a letter to Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., who had requested that he appear at an Oct. 14 hearing into excesses related to Atlanta's winning bid for the 1996 Summer Games. Upton had threatened to subpoena Samaranch if he declined to appear before the House commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigation ■

Italian town, ski lift company seek damages

TRENTO, Italy (AP) — The town of Cavalese and the ski lift company that operated a cable car clipped by U.S. Marine jet have filed nearly \$25 million in damage claims, an Italian news agency reported Sunday. The town has asked for \$9 million and the lift company for \$16 million, ANSA reported Sunday.

The 20 people aboard the cable car were killed when a Marine jet from a nearby military base sliced through the cable.

The requests for damages were submitted to the Italian Defense Ministry under an international convention that permits claims to be paid out by the NATO nation where the damage occurred. Under the same agreement, the host country and the country responsible then divide the costs.

The pilot, acquitted by a U.S. military court of manslaughter, was sentenced earlier this year for helping destroy a videotape of the flight ■



National News

Gore defends campaign manager in spite of report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore said Sunday his campaign chairman, Tony Coelho, is "doing a great job" and will stay on despite a government report that found questionable financial management while Coelho directed the U.S. pavilion at the 1998 world's fair in Portugal.

"He is staying, and I haven't seen this report, but I know him and he is going to continue doing the terrific job that he's been doing as my campaign chair," Gore said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Gore called Coelho a "close friend" and said he did not think Americans would see the charges as relevant to the campaign for the 2000 Democratic presidential nomination.

The State Department's inspector general found potential improprieties in Coelho's work as U.S. commissioner general for the world's fair in Lisbon in June 1996. The job, with the United States' Information Agency, included fund-raising for, as well as the design, fabrication and operation of the U.S. pavilion at the fair ■

Police investigating two accused of boy's murder

ROGERS, Ark. (AP) — Police say they are investigating the backgrounds of two men charged recently with the rape and murder of a 13-year-old boy.

"We've got the bad guys in custody and a strong case continues to develop," said Rogers Police Chief Tim Keck. "Right now, we're working on a complete background on both guys."

Prosecutors filed formal charges last week in Benton County Circuit Court against Davis Don Carpenter, 38, and Joshua Macave Brown, 22. Each man was charged with capital murder and six counts of rape in the Sept. 26 death of Jesse Dirksmith of Prairie Grove.

According to court documents, Brown told police that he bound and gagged the boy and strapped him to a mattress at the apartment Brown shared with Carpenter in Rogers.

Authorities say the boy asphyxiated. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty ■

Sosa hits Number 63 at Cubs-Cardinals game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Sammy Sosa homered for the first time in 18 at-bats, hitting No. 63 shortly after Mark McGwire hit his 65th in the Cubs-Cardinals game Sunday.

Sosa hit a three-run shot to left in the third inning off St. Louis' right-hander Larry Luebbers.

Sosa and McGwire have homered 42 times on the same day the last two seasons, but this was only the fifth time they had homered in head-to-head competition.

Sosa, who led the home run derby 59-54 on Sept. 9, connected about a half-hour after McGwire homered for the sixth time in seven games in the first inning.

Sosa's last homer was Sept. 28 against Philadelphia against Anthony Shumaker. He has 30 homers on the road, one fewer than his club record set last year ■



State News

Tennessee arrest rate for women shows increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The number of women arrested in Tennessee has shot up and more females are committing violent crimes, a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation study has found.

"They used to come through for bad check writing," said Gary Lukowski, chairman of the TBI Statistical Advisory Center, which recommended that the study be done. "They gradually have become more violent. More are repeat offenders."

The study showed a 47 percent increase in arrests of women between 1995 and 1997, from 17,312 to 25,401. The number charged with violent crimes increased by 25 percent, from 1,205 to 1,511. The number of arrests for assault climbed by 91 percent, the highest increase of any violent offense ■

Anti-tax group confident of income tax defeat

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — An organization that was formed to fight a state income tax is finished before it really got started. Former Tennessee Republican Party chairman Tommy Hopper said he is so confident state legislators won't adopt a state income tax that he is folding the independent political action committee he created three weeks ago to fight the tax.

Hopper of Jackson said he and his partner in the Tennessee Republican Victory Committee are returning the \$40,000 in contributions they say the committee raised from citizens opposed to an income tax.

"After many, many meetings during the last two weeks, we concluded that the governor's own supporters and even contributors are beginning to see the need for spending reform and beginning to recognize that misinformation, rather than information, has been forthcoming from the Capitol," Hopper said in an e-mail to reporters ■

Child care center closed after incident

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A child care center on church property was closed after four children wandered into a roadway last week. The state Department of Human Services decided to revoke the day care's license, citing prior concerns at the facility.

The child care center's name was not immediately available. Its operators surrendered their license over Thursday's incident. The Ridgeview Baptist board of directors had voted to boot the day care center which rented space at the Ridgeview Baptist Learning Center on church property.

The Rev. Maston Jackson said the church had hoped to give parents time to make other child care arrangements for the more than 100 children who used the center.

But the center voluntarily surrendered its license after the church board learned DHS was going to serve official notice of its order to shut the facility down.

Jackson offered no excuse for the child care worker he said was guilty of a lapse in supervision. That worker was fired ■

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Lecture claims media shows distorted view of African Americans

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

In an acceptance speech at the Essence (magazine) awards, Lauryn Hill said, "I want to thank Essence for being responsible journalists and responsible media people for showing the difference between perception and reality."

Does the media really show reality?

Maybe, maybe not. In a lecture for the African American Lecture Series entitled, "The Black Man in the Evening News," Teresa Mastin of the journalism department will address why she believes that the media doesn't depict blacks, specifically black men, in a manner that is 100 percent accurate.

Mastin will refer to the negative stereotypes of black men in the news and ask the questions, "Why?" and "What can we do to change this?"

Mastin will refer to two historic situations in the news: the Karner Commission issued by President Lyndon Johnson, which researched the media's role in the riots of the late 1960s and stated that the media did not do a good job presenting blacks, and the Rodney King beating of the early 1990s.

Mastin will use these events to examine how the media's role has not changed.

Mastin said the media presents blacks in two main areas: crime and politics.

According to one study, "nearly half of the coverage depicts blacks as threats or non-contributing members of society," Mastin said.

She also pointed out that the news always shows black political figures asking the government for some form of aid, as if black leaders are always begging and as if other races of people don't do

the same.

Mastin will also point out the fact that when a black man commits a crime and it is presented on the news, some people tend to think that all black men are this way.

However, when whites commit crimes, people tend to believe that it doesn't represent the whole race of people.

"The bottom line is, I'm going to try to help people understand so we can begin to face this matter head on."

Mastin said that it's not just blacks being unfairly depicted. She said many stereotypes exist for other races as well, and the media plays a large role in this.

Her given examples were that sometimes Asians are believed to be workaholics with no social lives, and Hispanics are often viewed like blacks.

"I want to help people become more aware on a deeper level so that we can encourage positive change," she said.

Although Mastin firmly believes that the media is failing to do a good job when it comes to coverage of a black man in the news, she doesn't believe that it's always done on purpose.

"I don't think it's consciously done on purpose," she said.

She said reporters have this inaccurate image of what a black person is or what a blacks should look like so when they see blacks that actually look like this particular image they have, they interview them.

"I think it would be easier for them to see a wider range of mechanics 'than African Americans,'" she said, referring to the restricted view that some have of African Americans.

However, Mastin doesn't put all the blame on other races. She admits that some African Americans stereotype themselves



Mastin

as well as others.

Mastin said that although people may have diverse backgrounds and high levels of education, they still hold on to racial stereotypes because they are constantly bombarded with them on the news.

She said the media has a responsibility but doesn't fulfill this responsibility because they are out to earn good ratings and good money.

"Clearly, they haven't learned anything," she said.

Mastin's lecture can be heard at the African American lecture series on Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 103A.

Mastin has been at MTSU since August 1998 as a public relations figure.

Her areas of study are African Americans in the media and women in health.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Ambassador College and her master's from California State University-Fullerton, both in Southern California.

She has a Ph.D from Michigan State.

Women's film series cancelled by lack of interest

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Women and Film, the monthly film series spearheaded by Women's Studies student Brooke Rodgers was quashed due to lack of student interest.

"Women and Film," not to be confused with the English course of the same name taught by Dr. Linda Badley, was intended to be a film series and discussion held the second week of every month that focused on cinema directed by, starring or concerning women, according to Rodgers.

The first film was slated to be "Oleanna," directed by David Mamet. Not a single student attended the film that deals with sexual harassment.

Rodgers tried it again the following month, and again the room was empty.

Advertising for the event was sparse yet concentrated, with flyers posted around campus and announcements made in women's studies classes.

Rodgers brought the attendance issue to the attention of June Anderson Women's Center Director Dr. Candace Rosovsky and at that point decided to cancel the series.

Rodgers said that she thinks no one came because students are too busy.

"If people are going to be involved, there have to be social or academic incentives."

We come to college thinking we are going to be involved in everything, and we have to make priority choices."

"Professors can give extra credit for these things, but we wanted people to come out because they were genuinely interested," Rodgers said.

The idea of the Women and Film series, which planned to also screen such staples as "Daughters of the Dust" and "The Joy Luck Club," is not completely abandoned, according to Rodgers, and she hopes to start it up again at a later time.

There is an annual women's film series held during Women's History Month that is produced by Women's Studies professors Dr. Badley and Dr. Elyce Helford. Movies for this series are as yet undecided.

Campus women who are interested in participating in a discussion group are encouraged to join the Every Woman's Group, a small discussion group of activist MTSU women. Topics in the past have included daycare on campus, Tennessee laws that affect college women and the general lack of interest in women's issues at the university.

Interested participants can contact the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193 for further information and meeting times. ■

Student input needed for general studies planning

Jenny Cordle
Staff Reporter

Imagine thinking of the most important aspect of college education as merely an impediment, an assumption made by many students.

The typical student's opinion about general studies boils down to the view that some courses just aren't necessary.

However, this view of liberal education is what keeps John Hinni striving to protect the importance of general studies education that he defines as the subject matter and skills that enhance the humanity of students for life after work.

Hinni, dean of university

studies at Southeast State Missouri University, visited MTSU and spoke to administrators, faculty and several students Thursday about current and future trends in general education at a forum Thursday, Sept. 30. Hinni explained the fundamentals of general education and its increasing importance in the world of college students.

He began by explaining Aristotle's definition of a liberal education.

"Aristotle's idea was that a liberal education provided people with what they needed to have a successful life, to have a worthy government and a worthy community to grow and develop," Hinni said.

Aristotle also defined illiberal

education as "the training of slaves to do the work."

Hinni placed particular emphasis on Aristotle's definitions in order to explain his outlook on life now that he has retired.

"It seems to me that I have spent much of my life as a slave doing the work and not enough time enriching myself or other people."

"It's not true that students today want what they need to know about higher education in order to get a job," Hinni said.

Hinni was the first elected dean of undergraduate general education in the United States and has been involved in general education for 20 years. With this

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School of Nursing screens for depression

Staff Reports

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Mental health professionals from MTSU's Counseling and Testing Center and the School of Nursing will hold a free screening from noon to 3 p.m. at Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 109.

Participants will learn about the signs and symptoms of depression and manic-depression, test their mood in a free confidential self-test and talk with a counselor.

Clinical depression, according to the School of Nursing, is

a treatable disorder that leaves you feeling so bad you forget how to feel good.

Depression and manic-depression (also called bipolar disorder) strike more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment, even though treatment can help 80-90 percent of those affected.

Studies show at least 10 percent of Americans will experience major depression at some point, and some researchers say this figure could be as high as 25 percent.

Common symptoms of depression include feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, restlessness and irritability,

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Manic-depression symptoms include feelings of euphoria or agitation.

Common stressors in college life include greater academic demands, adapting to a new environment, changes in family relations, financial responsibilities, changes in your social life and awareness of one's sexual identity and orientation.

National Depression Screening Day, held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week, was developed by Dr. Douglas Jacobs, a Harvard psychiatrist, in 1991.

For more information regarding depression screening at MTSU, contact Anita Kinslow in the School of Nursing at 898-2443.

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sort of history under his belt, Hinni served as a motivator for administrators of MTSU.

According to Hinni, 95 percent of institutions from 1980-1990 formed general education programs.

"A single institution can change higher education if you are ready and willing to put your souls into it," Hinni said.

It is easy to assume that the above statement is primarily

directed at administrators and faculty at MTSU because students have the mindset that they cannot be a force in changing the way they are educated.

General Studies Director William Badley expressed his concern for this growing problem.

"I don't know if students realize the power they have to shape policies," Badley said. "We want students' input to see that they are involved and to provide them with what they need."

"General studies, which is one-third of a student's education,

provides students with the ability to adapt to the future, something that many disciplines do not give, and one that general studies is not given credit for."

Approximately 50 percent of graduates work outside of the discipline focused on in college, Badley said.

"Skills that go beyond have not been emphasized. It is the importance of general education that has been shuffled aside in an attempt for specificity."

Hinni predicted that the lack of emphasis will be eliminated in the years to come as parents, faculty and the government become more interested in liberal education. More emphasis will be placed on intellectual skills and common learning, he said.

Badley suggested that students get involved since education directly affects their future.

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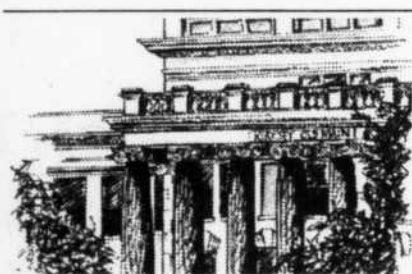
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5 ■ SIDELINES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1999

OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

University's money could have been better spent

Somehow the post-game fireworks as part of Homecoming seemed inappropriate after the embarrassing loss the Blue Raiders suffered to Troy State. But the homecoming game, and the rest of the Raiders' season for that matter, illustrates a larger issue.

The university and the athletic association have spent years promoting the hype of MTSU's move to I-A, spending millions on the new stadium, recruiting and a new mascot. All of this time and money seems to be a waste, especially considering that we are currently 1-4 and 112 out of 114 in the I-A division.

We weren't exactly a powerhouse in division I-AA. Still the idea of moving into the "Big League" seemed like a wise idea to the university.

Other sports programs could have used the attention and funding, and could have made better use of the resources. Why did we spend all the effort on an athletic program that has yet to prove itself? We haven't had a winning season since 1996 and haven't been in the playoffs since 1994.

The answer is simple. The university is willing to spend money on anything that will boost the school's image and make MTSU's name more well known.

But instead of investing in the football program, why didn't the university focus on another sport with a better record — possibly the basketball program. Our basketball program, both men's and women's, has proven in the past that it has the potential to dominate the OVC. All that's lacking is support, both financially and spiritually.

The football team may improve, but it's track record isn't spurring much confidence. Hopefully, the program will improve, or else the students' money has been squandered by the bad judgement made the administration.

Jamie Evans
Managing Editor

Going off on a Rant by Matthew Gross, Staff Columnist

Presidency choice should be clear

As 1999 winds down, and President Clinton becomes a lame duck sitting President, the press has started to turn its eye toward the 2000 Presidential election, an event that was started in on earlier only by the political parties themselves. Not that any self-respecting member of the public actually has started to care yet, but I'll give my two cents

worth anyway.

OK, I'll start off by saying that with the exception of two or three people in this upcoming race, all of the candidates are once again people I would only vote for if someone worse ran against them. In 1996, I voted for Bob Dole as the lesser of three evils (I sure as hell never wanted Clinton and the thought of Ross Perot in the White House still gives me the creeps). 2000 is probably going to end up being the same, but at least getting to there is going to be an entertaining ride.

On the Democratic side, Al Gore is not going to run unopposed as many thought would happen when 1999 began. When the Clinton impeachment trial began, many in the party thought that the scandals of the current President would rub off on his protégé, dooming them in the general election. Adding insult to injury, Gore himself almost got in trouble by soliciting donations on his work phone, possibly violating federal law.

Many names were circulated for possible candidates, with two names repeatedly coming to the top. Since Mayor Ed Rendell of Philadelphia has his sights firmly set on the governor's race in 2001, that left former Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey.

Now don't get me wrong, I like Bill. He's a good guy who really gets behind his stance on issues. But he's a liberal.

Yeah, the dreaded I-word. "Liberal". And to be frank, the late '90s have become a repeat of the '80s, with no one saying the words "greed" or "yuppie" aloud, and being "liberal" is not the best thing to be in today's America. Plus, the majority of the Democratic party is rallying around Al Gore now, giving him the money and publicity. This is his campaign to lose.

So Bill, I hope you enjoy telling your kids stories of your days on the basketball courts and in the Senate, because come August 2000 and the Democratic National Convention, that's where you will be.

On the flip side are the Republicans. To be honest, this year's crop still make me embarrassed to be a card-

carrying member. When will they realize that the majority of their party is not the right wing? The silent majority of Republicans are not the rich members who monopolize the GOP's political leanings with their sizable cash donations but are comprised of hard-working middle class folks who want to see some government oversight without the government interfering in all of our everyday affairs and telling us how to run our lives each day. As much as we care for our fellow Americans, we don't believe our tax dollars are meant to be used to prop up every American who thinks he's entitled to them.

While Bush has proposed legislation, no major piece of legislation that he initiated has been enacted in Texas during his tenure.

So we feel out of touch with Pat Buchanan and the man who took over leading the Christian Coalition when Pat Robertson left - see how out of touch he is? I can't even remember his name! As for Elizabeth Dole, I admire you for your brains and your guts, but the United States government is not the American Red Cross. You have no real political experience, even with your husband being in the Senate for over 30 years.

Another factor against Elizabeth is her gender. I know this will get me screams of protest from readers accusing me of being a male chauvinist, but to be blunt, non-European societies traditionally frown upon women in power. I can't see a Middle Eastern or Asian strongman backing down from Liddy Dole in any confrontation. So my apologies now to a very bright and talented woman who will come way short of being nominated to run for her party for President.

This leaves three other well known choices. Steve Forbes, sorry, nice try once again, but what do you have

for us past a new tax system? And do most people really want a flat tax? While the idea of lowering everyone's tax rate to 15 or 17 percent is nice, the elimination of all deductions would actually increase the tax burden on the lower and middle class. Sorry, I can't support that, and neither will the majority of the Republican party. Thank you for playing, and we have some lovely parting gifts for you backstage.

The race that will be the most entertaining to watch will be Gov. George W. Bush (TX) vs Sen. John McCain (AZ). The governor is running on his father's name and goodwill, as history has been kind to the 41st President in hindsight. Bush's name draws instant recognition, and it's popular as an alternative to Gore. Since before his formal announcement, he has been leading all political polls taken.

However, let's look at the facts. Before he became governor six years ago, Bush had no real experience. His only work was in two businesses - one oil, the other baseball, both of which lost money under his tenure. While Bush has proposed legislation, no major piece of legislation that he initiated has been enacted in Texas during his tenure. And I still believe in character.

A President should not be a criminal or a former criminal. Bush's refusal to answer on the question of his possible use of cocaine makes him appear untrustworthy. I refuse to support such a candidate.

Which is what leads me to John McCain. McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, has consistently stood up for what he believes in. It was John McCain who managed to bring the major tobacco companies to their record \$5 million plus settlement with the U.S. government, threatening to pressure the Justice Department to go ahead to trial if they did not. Not only that, he made sure the funds would be used as intended and not diverted for other government projects.

When asked his views, McCain has already stated that he intends to bolster the defense budget because our armed forces cannot fight a two front war at their current operational levels. He also has stated that he intends to make sure Medicare and Social Security are solvent and come up with a middle-class tax cut, even at the expense of other "pork" projects.

Considering his track record, I know he'll back up his words and not back down. That leaves McCain the sane, logical choice of a candidate. ■

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Views from the Crowd by R Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Football problematic at I-A level

Football is a vital part of any campus and in Middle Tennessee. Let's put MTSU, University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and the professional sports of the Mid-State region under the microscope.

MTSU finished homecoming activities as a Division I-A school for the first time this past weekend. Did it feel different? I mean, we've hyped up the move for so long, it's almost melodramatic. We've got Arizona's and Mississippi States on our schedule; doesn't that make you excited? Wait, those teams will not come to Murfreesboro. I don't blame them.

It's a catch-22 for the Blue Raiders. If we win, then the team never puts us on their schedule again. Who wants to lose to a program that's ranked 113th by Sports Illustrated? If we lose, they continue to book us at their home and we continue to get paid large sums of money to pad

prominent team's records. Forget moral victories, the only stat the country looks at is checks in the win column. The fewer we have, the lower we drop. We need conference affiliation badly, so if it is the Sun Belt, then we need to take it.

Vanderbilt scheduled us for games in 2001 and 2002. That's really good for both programs, but Vanderbilt will not visit Floyd Stadium. We play both at Vanderbilt. Plus, the Commodores will want the wins to puff their record to get to bowl games. If they continue to play the style they're playing now, they have a chance to be legitimate bowl contenders by 2001, if not sooner.

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It does bring up a good question. What about MTSU, do our athletes receive help? Do tutors edit and revise papers without the students' knowledge?

Or do we have strict guidelines in place concerning what a tutor can and cannot do? These are important ethical questions that need to be asked on every college campus.

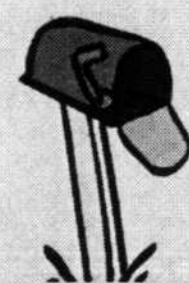
The Titans' defensive end, Jevon Kearse, admits to taking money from an agent while at the University of Florida. Hockey, or football players on skates, in the mid-state also has problems. The Nashville Predators' winger, Sergei

Krivokrasov, is under fire for allegedly abusing his wife, while goalie Mike Dunham hurt the team by holding out for massive amounts of money that was not necessarily deserved.

What's next in the sports world? How corrupted do we have to be to win? Why do we establish rules if we only plan to break them? Is it more about the money, the wins, or the real winners and losers, the fans?

I'm confused and disappointed with the way we look upon our winners in society. Winners no longer seem to be the people who play by the rules.

That's the view from this crowd. Contact me via the Internet at MTSUViews@email.com with comments or suggestions, or drop a line to my boss at Sidelines, in care of the editor, at stupubs@mtsu.edu. ■



From the Mailbox

Parking situation really not as bad as perceived

Kudos to Steve Cagnina! We commend you on your decision to report on the real parking situation at MTSU. Students don't even have to walk - a great portion of the budget goes toward providing a convenient shuttle service that runs more than enough buses throughout the day and evening.

But if the truth be known, most MTSU students could use the walk!

Best Regards,
Mary Anne McGlaun and Vanessa Hillis

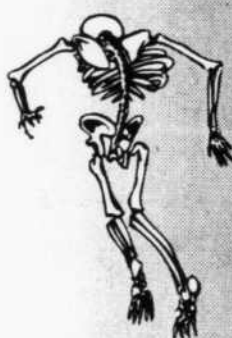
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Murfreesboro, TN

Break out your Bagpipes! Crowd of 10,000 attend Scottish festival



Photo by Robin Wallace
Drew Messick, 12, from Huntsville Ala., dances the Pas de Basques in the novice level of the Highland Dance Competition on Saturday.

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

Amidst the flurry of homecoming festivities, another celebration at MTSU captured the spirit — the spirit of Scotland. The Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration transformed the intramural fields into a city of tents and tartans on Saturday. The day's continuous demonstrations, competitions and displays re-enacted an ancient tradition, the Scottish Highland Games.

Although a fence marked the perimeter of the games, nothing could contain the soulful skirl of bagpipes that greeted me long before I reached the gate. Once I entered the fairgrounds, the allure of so many attractions left me bewildered as to where to start. Consequently, I just wandered through the sea of kilts trying to take in as much as I could. Over 65 clans, families claiming descent from a common ancestor, occupied tents adorned with flags bearing coat-of-arms, crests and Celtic symbols. Each clan filled their booth with Scottish maps, portraits of ancestors, weapons and instruments, as well as genealogy and tartan reference books. One clan, which offered their resourceful services of knowledge, helped me determine what tartan, a woolen cloth woven in different colors and patterns, belongs to my clan, the Wallace's. I then ventured over to the many vendors, whose wares included items like compact discs, kilts, instruments, jewelry, sheet music and swords.

Tom Owen, a MTSU freshman, stated that, "Vendors here have a lot more stuff available than any stores, with a variety of colored tartans and books, especially on bagpipes, which are really hard to find."

From there I followed the delicious smell of Scottish food to the tents and trailers serving a range of unique baked goods to hot meals. "It reminds me of what it was like when I was in Scotland — the foods smell just like it did over there," remarked Annie Brown, a

MTSU sophomore.

Perhaps the best testimony to the success of this year's Scottish celebration came from May Cellum, a native Scot. "We just came Tuesday from Scotland to visit my sister, who married an American. So I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I definitely can say that these games are very authentic. The weather was especially a treat, usually back home it pours at the Highland Games — sometimes so much that the games are cancelled," she stated in a very thick Scottish accent, the same way it sounds in the movies.

The Highland Games began as a way for clan chiefs and the king to test the strength and ability of their warriors. Although the games were held to determine the best men-at-arms, the gatherings evolved into a festive occasion, much like it is today.

Yet, I did not know what to think when I saw the competition of men throwing telephone poles, otherwise known as the caber toss. In this event, the athlete lifts the caber, a pole that is 19 feet long and about 120 pounds, balancing it in a vertical position while it rests against his shoulder. Running to build momentum while keeping the caber balanced, the athlete then throws the caber "head over heels." The object is to have the end that was in the athlete's hands land straight ahead, which is a perfect score. Points are deducted if the caber falls to the right or left and each athlete gets three chances to get the most points. The purpose of this event was to establish the warrior with the most accuracy, which meant a lower number of casualties, since the warfare tactic was to throw a log against the castle to allow the other warriors to scale the wall.

A more well-known competition, which was used as a test and a training tool to develop stamina and agility, is Highland dancing. Saturday's competition brought 54 dancers from as far away as Montana to compete for the trophy in their age group. Different levels of dancers performed various dances of difficulty, one such dance is known as the sword dance. The origin

of this dance goes back to Malcolm Canmore, who was the king of Scotland during the 1000s. It is said that when he defeated an enemy, he crossed his sword and sheath on the ground and danced over them. This then turned into a superstition among warriors, who before every battle would do the sword dance. If the warrior did not touch the sword with his feet during the dance, it meant he would be victorious, if he did

President John Mauld Jr. and were followed by several welcoming speeches by clan presidents. Richard Pollock, president of clan Pollock, attested to the growing interest in Scottish heritage by announcing that there are members in their clan from 14 different countries outside of the United States. A tribute was then played by a solo bagpiper for all those clan members who have passed away in the

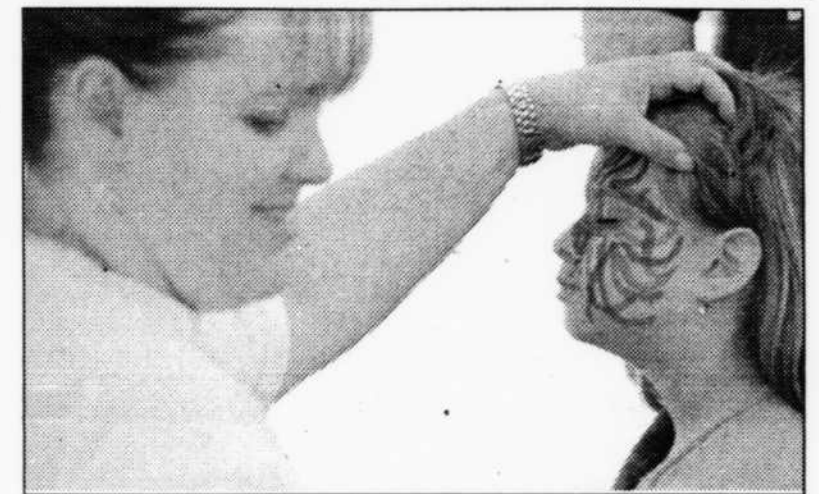


Photo by Robin Wallace
Celtic face painting was one of the activities at the Children's tent.

touch it, he would be wounded, and if he kicked the sword it meant he would be killed in the ensuing battle. But the focus of these Highland dancers is about having a good time.

"I watched my sisters, who started first, and it looked fun, so I wanted to do it too," exclaimed an enthusiastic 8-year-old, Sean Higginbotham.

Highlighting the day was the Parade of Tartans and the welcoming ceremony. The Lovat-Cameron, Louisville-Nashville, and Knoxville pipe and drum bands lead the clans to the reviewing stand, where each clan was announced and recognized for special honors. The welcoming ceremony began with the presentation of the colors and the singing of the national anthems of Canada, England and the United States by the Tullahoma Accapella Singers. Welcoming comments were given by the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration

Flowers of the Forrest Memorial. The ceremony closed with Alex Beaton singing *Land of Light*.

Throughout the day various demonstrations and performances were given, which added to the bustling, light-hearted atmosphere. Sheep dog handler Alan Miller of Kentucky gave demonstrations with his dogs, sheep and ducks, while Ted Sheldon of Hixson, TN, showed how to make pewter items. Besides the strolling pipe and drum bands, Scottish music poured from the entertainment stage where Alex Beaton, The Secret Commonwealth and Smithfield Fair performed.

As concisely summed up by MTSU sophomore Adrian Edsall, "It's a great turnout for those Americans who are proud of their Scottish heritage. One good thing about the Highland Games is that everyone gets involved and goes back to trace their heritage." ■

Blue skys or grey, these girls want to dance



Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

Come rain or shine, these women have a passion. There is always time to dance.

Blue Moves Modern Dance Company will be performing "Yard Art" on Tuesday, Oct. 5 on the lawn of MTSU's Art Barn.

Angela Armstrong, Blue Moves dancer and graduate teaching assistant, said this year is the

second in which Blue Moves has performed at the Art Barn.

"We felt it was worth it to dedicate our time to recognize and support the arts," Armstrong said.

The dancers will perform despite any weather Mother Nature may provide.

"Rain doesn't scare us," Armstrong said. "Weather conditions are no matter."

Armstrong said that dancing outside is both spiritual and rewarding.

"I think there's a real connection between dancing and the earth. It brings a heightened sense of emotion," Armstrong commented.

"Yard Art" will feature three dances choreographed by the dancers.

The first dance is a comical interpretation by Julie Shavers. It features hobos journeying to the big city, and will be performed to Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again."

Amanda Cantrell Roche's dance, "Foiled," was inspired by the recent birth of her daughter. The dance explores life from the time of conception to adulthood. The dancers plan to use aluminum foil as costumes.

"We try to pick out things that are unusual," Armstrong said.

The dancers will also perform a dance choreographed by Armstrong. Featuring the music of the Beastie Boys and Tom Waits, the dancers will represent beautiful bugs. Humans will eventually come along and spray them with bug spray. Armstrong said that this is an environmental awareness dance.

The dancers also request

audience participation and encourage everyone to attend this free performance.

Audience members will be asked to supply random words and pick out music. The dancers will try to interpret these words through dance.

Audience members will also have an opportunity to perform.

An 8-by-12 backdrop was set up on Sunday outside the Art Barn. Passers-by will be able to paint art designs and messages until just before the performance. It will be displayed during the performance for public interpretation.

Blue Moves Modern Dance Company formed 10 years ago as an auditioned group who branched from the MTSU Performing Arts Company. Blue Moves focuses on the art of modern dancing.

Performing members of Blue Moves include Angela Armstrong, Holly Cannon, Kristen Hubbard, Amanda Cantrell Roche, Christy Rose, Julie Shavers and Meg Sniderman.

"There is a demand for art and education, and we should support this department along with others," Armstrong said. ■



Photos submitted

Man's best friend marks his territory

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Do people own pets or vice versa? This hilarious question is one to explore at the MTSU

Theatre's production of A. R. Gurney's "Sylvia," directed by theatre professor Dale

McGilliard that will be running through Saturday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m.

"Students get in free so this is a great cheap date and a great way to take advantage of your student fees," said Sylvia's publicist and theatre professor, Richard Hansen.

The play about a stray dog who moves into the home of a married couple is presently one of the most produced in the United States, according to director Dale McGilliard.

The production, which opened Oct. 1, is being held in the small yet intimate Studio Theatre of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building. Therefore seating is limited.

The cast includes Amy Moyers as Sylvia, a dog; Rob Shumate as Greg the husband to Kate, who is portrayed by Heather Jensen. Bob Roberts takes on the task of three characters as Tom, Phyllis and Leslie.

McGilliard calls the production "pure enjoyment and pure entertainment that will warm your heart."

"One of the fun things about the play is that it forces you to look at identities," said Hansen. "(Sylvia) wears human clothing, not a dog suit, but wears them to suggest how a dog might wear it."

Production personnel include students and MTSU staff. They are Melissa Goldhammer, assistant director; Alexis Cooley-Cruger, stage manager; Steven T. Jones, scenic

designer and technical director; Melissa Cannon, costume designer;

Sparkle Ritter, lighting and sound designer; and Jennifer Brown-Smith, make-up and hair designer.

The play whose title role was originated by stage and film actress Sarah Jessica Parker at the Manhattan Theatre Club in New York in 1995 takes place in an apartment in New York City with a combination of scenes



indoor and out.

The cast and crew have been working on Sylvia since the third day of classes with auditions bringing out 45 people, making the casting staff choose one out of ten auditioners, according to McGilliard.

Sylvia is the first in a series of plays to be produced in the 1999-2000 academic calendar. Remaining shows include November's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "A Raisin on the Sun" in February, "Lysistrata 2411 A.D." in April, which is also directed by McGilliard, and the children's theatre production of "The Princess and the Pea" in May.

All shows will be entered in the American College Theatre Festival. Season subscriptions remain available for \$20 from the Speech and Theatre Department at 898-2640.

General admission tickets for "Sylvia" are \$5, half-price for students and free to those bearing an MTSU student ID. For reservations call 898-2103. ■

Study abroad program provides alternative to traditional education

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Studying abroad offers Middle Tennessee students the chance of lifetime and an advantage in their future careers.

They not only get to travel to exotic regions of the world, but they also earn college credit at the same time.

MTSU offers a wide variety of classes in such countries as France, Spain, Ecuador, Japan, England, Russia and Germany, to name a few. About 150 to 250 students participate in the study abroad program each year, and all MTSU students are eligible.

Short term programs last from the end of the fall until the beginning of the spring semester, roughly the month of December. While the summer programs offered last between three and six weeks.

MTSU students can receive credit for a variety of subjects including English literature, drama, theater, nursing and history.

"The biggest part that we like to push is that it makes students more marketable [to future employers]. Ten percent of students go abroad, putting them ahead of the 90 percent left," Angie Melton, coordinator of international affairs, said. "Also, it is cheaper to study abroad as a student."

Junior Brian Chance studied for an entire summer semester at the University of Mainz, Germany.

The German-English Literature

double major spent five months in Germany and earned 12 credit hours.

"All the classes were taught in German," Chance said. "The nice part about the classes were that they were pass/fail, so I didn't have to worry about how the grades would affect my GPA when I got back home."

Chance studied German literature, grammar and culture as well as German history. However, he also spent nearly a month traveling throughout Europe.

"I had a chance to visit Berlin, Munich, Cologne, Amsterdam and Prague. However, Germersheim [where the campus is located] was a very unique town," explained Chance. "The 2,000 students on campus were mainly studying translation and interpretation, and the town only had a population of 20,000 so there was a lot of diversity."

Senior Jaime McCollough went to King's College in London, England over the course of five weeks. While there, she studied Charles Dickens to fulfill her British Literature class.

"We had lots of free time to roam," McCollough said. "We went to class two days a week, and we went on a field trip once a week. The rest of the time you could go and explore the city yourself."

McCollough visited Bath and Edinburgh, Scotland, but she chose to spend most of her time in London.

"There was so much to do in London alone that I wanted to stay in the city as much as possible," McCollough said. "I watched

several plays and went to a variety of different museums and galleries. There was something to do everyday."

McCollough explained the tube was vital to exploring London.

"You use the tube and buses almost daily," she said. "Plus, the people drive like maniacs there, too."

She felt the experience was unique because she learned to be dependent upon herself for everything, from finding the tube to learning the city as well as making class.

"I didn't know anybody, so I didn't know what to expect. But, I've made friends that I keep in close contact with. It was definitely worth the time and money."

McCollough earned three credit hours for the class.

Senior Joe Holley went to Japan earning 12 credit hours at Kansai Gaidai University, which is between Osaka and Kyoto, Japan.

"It's really not as expensive as people think. A semester overseas costs almost exactly as much as at does at MTSU," Holley said. "Housing and tuition were roughly the same; the only extra expenses were for the ticket for the flight over and spending money."

Holley lived with a Japanese family while studying in Japan. He also had the option of choosing a dorm, but felt the experience of living with a family would be more rewarding.

"Studying overseas changes your perspective on everything," Holley said.

Holley also spent weekends traveling, seeing the largest statue

in the world of Buddha in Nara as well as seeing some of the most beautiful religious architecture in the world at Tenri.

"It is very important to make sure students preparing to study abroad get their passport and applications for school in early. Everything takes much longer than expected," Holley said. "Also, bring lots of spending money and count on meeting interesting people."

Other study abroad programs are offered for a variety of majors.

The University of France-Comte allows juniors to study French for one or two semesters in the beautiful countryside of France.

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The MTSU program is associated with the Corporate Center for Studying Abroad and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies.

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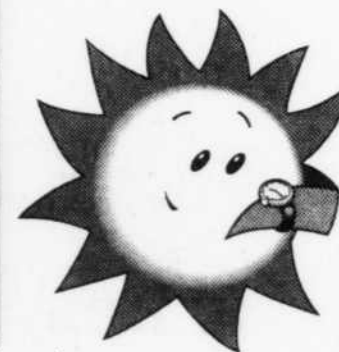
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Trojans humiliate Blue Raiders First Raiders homecoming loss since 1987, 48-31

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

If defense wins championships, don't expect MTSU to be flying any championship flags any time soon.

Troy State came in wanting to continue their winning ways of power running, and they did, right? Wrong.

The Blue Raider defense surrendered more than 399 yards Saturday for the fifth consecutive week when they gave up 542 against the No. 4 ranked I-AA team in America, Troy State.

MTSU football games had previously been dubbed the "Fight on Faulkinberry," but after the defensive performance during the homecoming game, it can now be dubbed the "Follies on Faulkinberry." The usual running Trojans turned to the air to win this game 48-31.

"Our bread and butter is the power running game, but they did a good job of putting eight or nine guys on the line," TSU head coach Larry Blakeney said. "We wanted to burn some clock to keep [MTSU's] offense off the field."

The Raiders allowed TSU quarterback Brock Nutter to throw for 390 yards and complete 20 of 29 passes for three touchdowns. Nutter took advantage of the Raider defense, or lack thereof, and was able to orchestrate 11 plays which resulted in a gain of more than 20 yards. Eight came before the third quarter.

"They came up and stopped our running game, so we had to open up the offense and throw the ball more," Nutter said.

"We gave up big plays. We can't give up big plays and expect to win," linebacker Eugene Shaw said.

The run defense and the front seven for MTSU seemed to be solid early, but the secondary choked when pushed to the limit. The Raiders are looking for changes.

"We just have to find a new cornerback that can get over there and compete. If they just do what they have been coached to do, then we have a chance not to give those big plays," Coach Andy McCollum said.

"We are going to go back to work

and find someone that can get it done."

MTSU is looking for answers on the defensive side of the ball. However, a leader has not yet emerged from the silver and blue crew. The defense, though they may care about their performance, does not seem to be willing to step up and take a stand.



"We need to find someone that will get mad, but we don't," Coach Andy McCollum said. "We need someone that will step up and get pissed off."

The Raiders did not beat themselves in the same way as they did last week with big penalties, because they were not flagged any Saturday. However, they turned the ball over three times. Of those turnovers, two came by way of Wes Counts interceptions and another by a Counts fumble. Troy State was able to score touchdowns off two of them, while one of the interceptions was thrown in the endzone from the Troy State 20-yard line.

"The last two weeks, we beat ourselves," Shaw said. "Give them credit, though. They played a hell of a game."

Offensively, the Raiders started the game with a bang. On the

opening drive, MTSU marched down the field and put seven points on the board as Wes Counts connected with Rashaad Craft for a 20-yard pass.

On the ensuing kick off, Troy State's Eric Sloan ran 70 yards to the Raider's 23. MTSU's defense stood tough and forced the Trojans to kick a field goal.

On its next possession, MTSU drove 80 yards on seven plays to score. Counts hooked up with Hansford Johnson for 52 yards to the TSU 27. Four plays later, Johnson caught another pass for a 14 yard gain and a touchdown.

Two possessions later, Troy State's big play barrage began. Wayne Thomas rushed for a 40-yard gain before Nutter completed pass plays of 23 and 24 yards to score a touchdown and pull the Trojans to within four.

MTSU took the ball on the very next possession and scored another touchdown. Palmer rushed for 52 of his 82 yards on this drive including a 30-yard run. In eight plays the Raiders drove 80 yards to take a commanding 11 point lead.

Troy State went three and out for the second time in the first half before MTSU ran five plays and punted. The punt, however, was fumbled by Sloan, and MTSU recovered at the TSU 28. Three plays later, Keegan Ray would add a field goal and stretch the MTSU lead to 14. That would be the last of the MTSU lead.

With eight minutes remaining in the first half, Nutter completed a 65-yard pass for a touchdown. After Counts' interception, Nutter connected with Pop Williams for 51 yards setting a Lebaron Black touchdown run.

The Raider lead was then a thing of the past, with the score tied at 24.

TSU's next possession started with Nutter popping the ball to Williams for a gain of 24. That was followed by a Nutter touchdown strike of 23 yards allowing TSU to take a 31-24 lead into the locker room at halftime. The lead would never be relinquished.

TSU's Thad Buttone fumbled on their first possession and gave MTSU a chance to score again, but Ray pushed a 37 yard field goal

wide right.

After another Counts turnover, in the form of a fumble, Nutter completed a 31-yard pass that put Troy State in position for a 10-yard reverse by Mareno Philyaw.

The seemingly insurmountable lead of 14 points for the Trojans would be cut to seven when MTSU drove 78 yards in less than three minutes. Counts found Hansford Johnson for a touchdown pass of 22 yards. However, Troy State would come right back and score with a field goal of 32 yards by Lawrence Tynes.

After a 33 yard pass from Nutter to Adrian Moore, Thomas would break runs of four and 11 to score a touchdown to add the final touches to a disappointing Middle Tennessee loss.

In the game Jamison Palmer rushed for 82 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown. Kelverrick Green also added 63 yards on six carries. Wes Counts went 26-43 for 331 yards and three touchdowns. He threw two interceptions and was sacked three times.

Kendall Newson caught eight passes for 138 yards and Hansford Johnson caught eight passes, as well, for 124 yards. MTSU's second leading receiver, Tyrone Calico was held to three catches for 22 yards. He was not given a chance to use his physical ability and size to make any catches deep in the TSU secondary.

MTSU's lack of execution was a focus on Saturday, but that's up to the players to handle.

"The coaches call the plays and the players have to make them work," Palmer said. "We executed better [in the first half] than we did in the second half, but that's the difference between winning and losing."

"The coaches put us in position to make plays, and we just didn't make them," Cornerback Jermaine Francis said.

The defense was the story in this game and the coaching staff is looking for a defense with an attitude to emerge from this group.

"We've got too many nice people on defense right now," McCollum said.

Shaw added, "It stops right here." ■

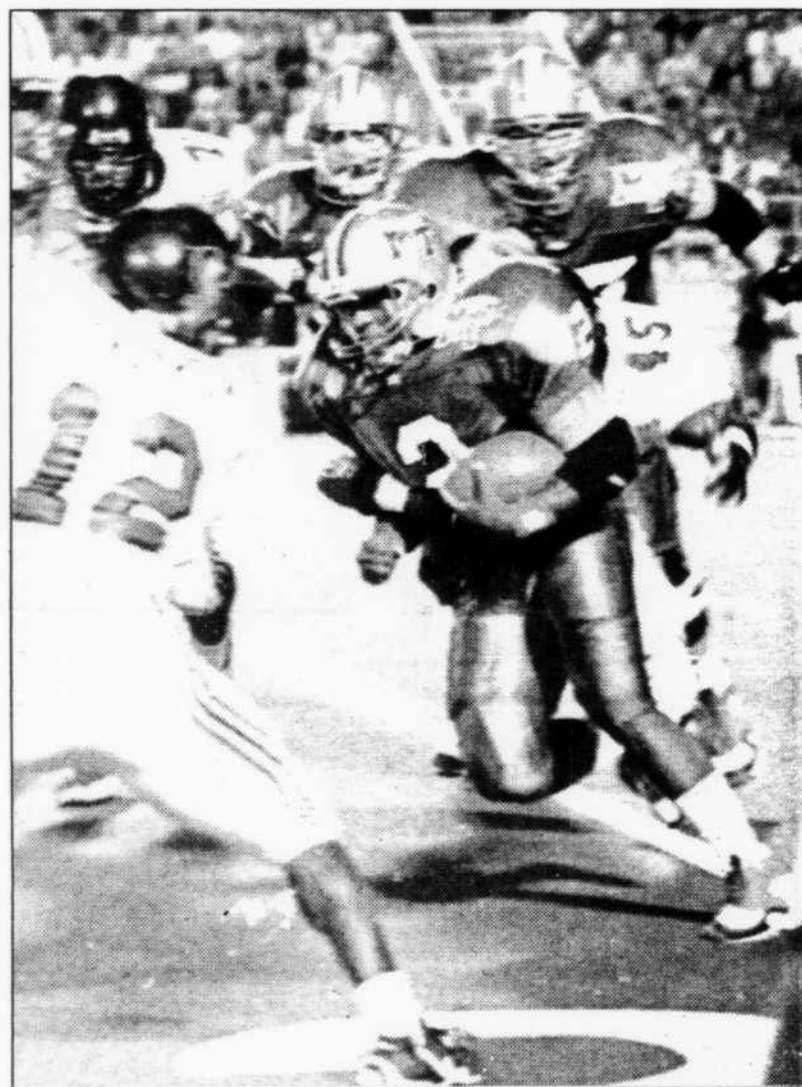
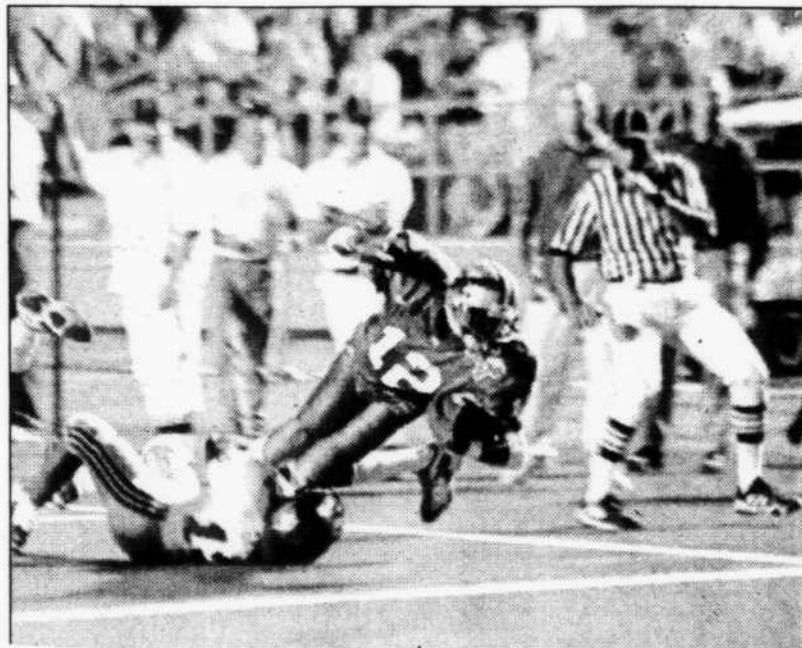


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(Top) Kendall Newson stretches for more yardage as a Trojan brings him down (Bottom) Kelverrick Green plows ahead during the loss

Golf team finishes third in first tournament

Coach Moore believes team performed well

Stephen Heiman
Staff Reporter

Golf Team Places Third in First Tournament of the Year

The first day of the Precept Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at the Cuscowilla Golf Club in Eatonton, GA left a smile on the face of MTSU golf coach Johnny Moore.

The Blue Raiders had a five shot lead over some powerhouse teams that have burned MTSU over the past several years. Three of the team's members were within five shots of the individual lead, and all of this was all accomplished in weather conditions that resembled Hurricane Floyd rather than a warm Georgia sun.

The first day was cut from 36 hole play to just 18 holes due to weather conditions. The course itself was a 6847 yard, par 70, tight rolling course that called for length and accuracy.

"We played extremely well the first day considering the conditions and that this was our first tournament of the year. However, the second day was a little different," stated head coach

Johnny Moore.

Indeed it was. Day two, the final round, did not smile as kindly on the Blue Raiders as the first one had. After posting a first round of 70, Matt McWilliams proceeded to step on a fire ant hill on the first tee box. He had to be treated medically for the next three holes but still managed to post a 5-over-par 75.

Sophomore Hunter Ingram came out on fire in the first round and scored a blistering 71. Ingram struggled in the second round and ended up with a straggling 78.

The one guy who hung in there and kept the ball in play in the final round was J.R. Wade. His two rounds of 71 were created by some fine long iron play especially in the second round. Wade hit 14 out of 18 greens in regulation in the final round compared to the nine he hit in the first round.

"I was most impressed with Wade's play," Moore said. "He went out on the course and got the job done. Senior Brett Alexander played steady, but I expect Alexander to always be consistent every time he tees it up. We did not play bad, but we know we can play better. All in all, Alabama-Birmingham just ran over us."

UAB, led by Chris Devlin, put on a "go low show" with a scorching 36 hole finish.

Devlin shot two 66's to finish 8 under par and capture the individual title.

Moore replied that a "132 two day total was amazing considering the horrendous conditions."

MTSU has to feel solid with its third place finish. The Precept field was extremely tough, and they hung in there and proved to a lot of teams that they were a contender. The Blue Raiders beat five teams: Georgia State, South Alabama, Tulane, Southern Mississippi, and Troy State. MTSU had not defeated any of these teams in recent years.

The Blue Raiders head down to Memphis on Sunday, Oct. 3rd for their next showdown. The players that will be traveling are as follows: seniors Brett Alexander and Whit Turnbow, sophomores J.R. Wade and Hunter Ingram, and Patrick Williams and Justin Miers making their freshman debut for the MTSU golf program.

On a side note, junior Matt McWilliams has been temporarily suspended from the team due to a violation of team class-attendance rules. ■

Moosemen sting Georgia Tech, 56-0

Staff Reports

The Moosemen defeated Georgia Tech 56-0 Saturday in Atlanta.

For the first 30 minutes of the game, MTSU was riddled by knock-ons, silly passes to nobody and a general disregard for possession. The Moosemen gained the lead at the 10 minute mark as Lance Houia set up Cayo Nicolau

for a score under the post.

Chris Ryan, Aaron Adoff and Brian Turman pushed Georgia Tech, despite giving up several hundred pounds. Tomek-Przybyszewski put down a try in the closing minutes, making the halftime score 21-0.

In the second half, the Moosemen got the downhill run and after a slow start, mounted enough pressure to open the game up. Przybyszewski scored after a

back row move, and Houia made a nice run to set up Barnes for another try.

Adam Kibler put down two tries under the post after he supported two long movements. One try was the result of the loose play of Chris Ryan and Brian Turman. Nicolau added another try after a nice back line movement. The defense held the shut-out streak for the season in tact, just barely as Georgia Tech missed three easy penalty kicks. ■

Lady Raiders defeat Murray State, 3-2

Brian Albertson
Sports Information

MTSU's volleyball team picked up its second win in as many nights with a 3-2 (15-2, 15-6, 9-15, 13-15, 16-14) victory over Murray State. With this win, MTSU improves to 10-7 overall, 5-1 in the OVC. Murray State falls to 8-6 overall, 4-3 in the OVC.

Lady Raiders slip against Eastern Illinois

Staff Reports

MTSU's chance to win the OVC soccer title grew very dim after a 2-1 loss at Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers took control of the match early when Cara LeMaster gave her squad the lead with only 3:20 expired in the contest. Twenty-one minutes later,

LeMaster made the score 2-0 by drilling a shot past MTSU goalkeeper Jennifer Robb from the left side of the field.

The Blue Raiders would tally their only score of the match at the 41:16 mark as freshman Sheri Robbins netted her seventh goal of the season off of a corner kick from Megan Holsten.

Neither team would net a goal

in the second stanza, giving the Lady Panthers the outright lead in the OVC with a 2-0 record. Middle Tennessee falls to 2-1-1.

For the Blue Raiders to have a chance to win the league following the loss, the Panthers must lose two of their three remaining OVC matches. The Blue Raiders final OVC match is slated for Oct. 22 at Morehead State. ■

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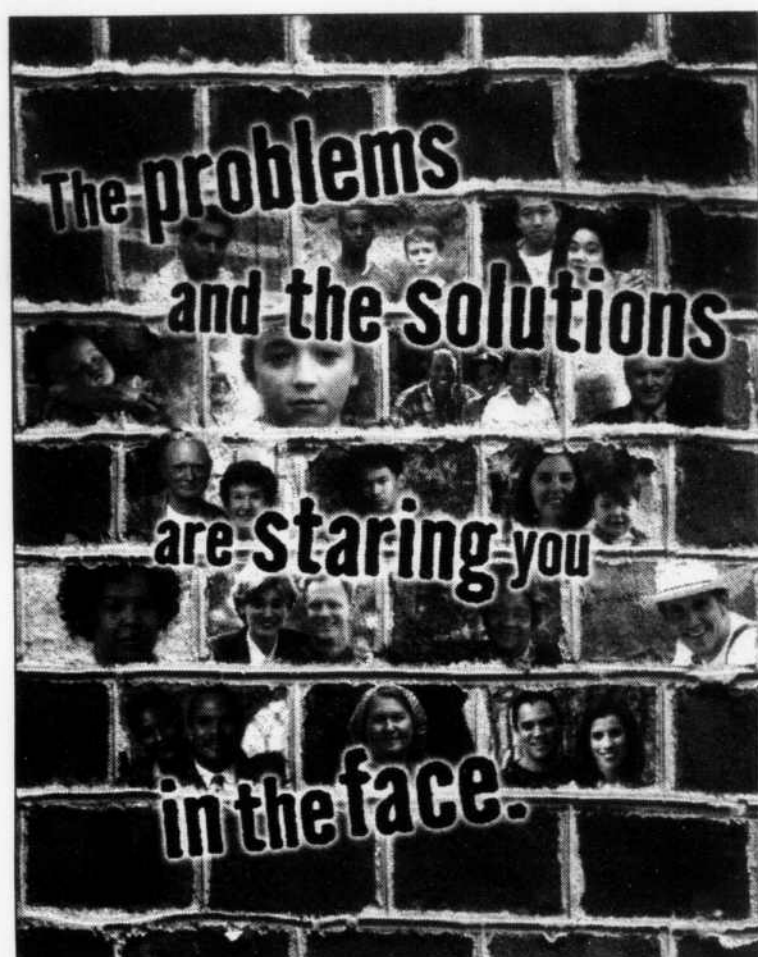


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BACKPACKING

Rock lays the smack down; Jarrett embarrassed

The Hookup: A wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell

Sports
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Dogg, but he was too late; he also suffered an ambush at the hands of Hardcore and Crash Holly.

Shortly after the match, Vince McMahon announced that the British Bulldog would fight Triple H for the title in the main event, and The Rock would be the special guest referee.

Hello ladies! You know, "The Big Valbowski" might not be as big as you might have thought. G-TV showed him shoving Mr. Rocko into his pants.

This angered Mankind. Mankind said that either he would get Mr. Rocko back or "The Big Valbowski" would meet Mr. Socko.

A lady who has had problems with Val Venis in the past, Terri Runnels, held the Terri Runnels Invitational Tournament. The tournament pitted Matt and Jeff Hardy versus Edge and Christian. The tournament is a best out of five; whoever wins gets \$100,000 and Terri Runnels' services.

Edge and Christian took the

lead in the series by winning the first match.

In the next match D'Lo Brown took on The Big Show. D'Lo dominated, but he was unable to score the victory because Prince Albert, who was a special guest commentator during the match, attacked The Big Show.

Like an idiot, Prince Albert jumped at The Big Show from the top rope. He suffered a powerbomb for his efforts.

Prince Albert's buddy, Droz, attacked D'Lo Brown. Out of nowhere, "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry entered and saved D'Lo.

After the violence ended, Henry admitted that he had an addiction—sex. He then said that sex has cost him his fiancé and his friendship with D'Lo Brown. He also said that he needs professional help.

The next match involved three tag teams: X-Pac and Kane, the Acolytes and the Dudley Boyz. The Acolytes were the first team out;

Faarooq shoved referee Mike Kiota out of his way.

Shortly after the Acolytes were disqualified, Kane pinned Buh Buh Ray Dudley. The Acolytes are obviously sore losers. After their match, they attacked Kane and X-Pac.

Next up was Mr. Male Chauvinist pig himself, Jeff Jarrett. He brought a bunch of household items to the ring and told Chyna that she could have a rematch, but it would be a good housekeeping match.

After this, he challenged Heather Kozar and Cindy Margolis to a handicapped match. Just as things were about to get ugly for these ladies something happened—Debra, Jacqueline, the Fabulous Moolah, Mae Young and Lilian Garcia let Jeff Jarrett know that they weren't going to take any more of Jarrett's crap.

As usual, Jarrett started beating women; as usual, Chyna hit him from behind. He landed

outside and the women beat him with household items. Jarrett was not the only one getting whooped; Jerry "The King" Lawler was attacked by The Fabulous Moolah and Mae Young.

Next, Mankind called out Buh Buh Ray, who had been wearing The Rock's Rock and Sock connection jacket; he got Buh Buh Ray, D-Von and "The Big Valbowski."

With the help of Stevie Richards, Mankind got The Rock's jacket back, but he lost it when "The Big Valbowski" grabbed him by his jewels.

And now for the main event. In the main event the British Bulldog battled Triple H for the Heavyweight Title with The Rock as the special guest referee.

Both men had pinfall opportunities, but The Rock didn't care who won the match. The Rock finally got sick of watching those two jabronis and delivered a "Rock Bottom" and "People's Elbow" to

Triple H. The Rock then took the championship belt with him as he left.

An angry Triple H went after The Rock in the back. They were shortly joined by the British Bulldog. The Rock and the British Bulldog battled, leaving Triple H alone with the belt.

He took his belt and went to his dressing room, but he was greeted by someone before he could enter—Stone Cold Steve Austin. Stone Cold laid him out and Smackdown was over. ■

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