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# MTSU joins nationwide rally for peace



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A large crowd gathers as Thursday's peace rally on the Knoll commences.

By Amanda Maynard  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee Solidarity and MTSU Students for Environmental Action joined together for a nationwide hour of peace and solidarity Thursday on the Knoll.

The groups came together to honor the victims of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks and to collect signatures on a petition calling for peaceful justice - something more than 100 campuses nationwide did simultaneously.

A large crowd listened as faculty members and other students voiced their opinions on the attacks and how the nation should deal with them.

Professor of historical archeology Ron Messier addressed students on the importance of educating themselves about past incidents of terrorism.

"If history has taught us anything," Messier said, "it's that vengeance tends to spin out of control."

Messier also provided the crowd with a form of context in which to think about the radical Islamic mindset.

"We may be a beacon of light, but they don't see us as a beacon of light," he said.

The rally was not without dissidents, however, as one student voiced pro-war epithets during Messier's speech.

Student George Winters made an impromptu sign that read "Defend your liberty" as he paced along the Knoll behind Messier, occasionally demanding his turn to speak. Coordinators of the event reminded him they had permission to use the Knoll for one hour only, and they had not designed the rally to be an open debate.

The rally continued in spite of Winters' presence, with pro-

fessor of philosophy and member of Middle Tennessee Solidarity Michael Principe. He spoke of what he believed would be an unending cycle of violence that would be created by retaliation.

"This may be a chance for us to reflect about our policies abroad," Principe said, "and the consequences of those policies."

"This is a war of bad and bad," Principe added regarding Presidents Bush's statement that America would be entering a war of "good vs. bad."

Professor of history Pippa Holloway encouraged students to learn a foreign language and stop thinking of the United States as an island, so that the United States could become an international, interdependent being.

Students Sean Flannery and Audie Sheridan read articles on

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## 'Coping' forum offers insights

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

Implications of terrorism in America were the focus of a forum Thursday sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Four panelists presented their take on different aspects of the attacks.

Susan Sobel, assistant professor of psychology, stressed that grief in times after such major crises is normal, even for people not directly affected by the events.

"Grief can be a difficult topic," she said. "There's a wide range of responses because there is a wide range of relationships to this."

She said most people react to a crisis with any combination of shock, denial, anger, disbelief, confusion and a sense of loss of control or security.

"It's difficult to say someone is dealing in a normal or abnormal way," Sobel said.

If symptoms persist and interfere with daily life, however, she said the individual should seek professional help or additional support.

The healthiest way to cope with grief includes accepting and expressing feelings, allowing children to express their feelings, as well as returning to a routine and trying to contribute to the cause.

Pat Nation, professor and expert on sociology and criminology, spoke of the importance of understanding the mindset of a terrorist.

A major motivation of terrorists is culture, she said. Cultures where group membership is the focus of life, and not individuality, easily cultivate terrorist mindsets in people.

Nation said "True believers" are common among these cultures. They are possibly the most dangerous terrorists

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## WRECK THE HALLS PART I OF III

### Timeline of Events

July 1972	Building begins.
Nov. 1972	Memo indicating air make-up system (ventilation) would not be installed in either dorm.
Aug. 1973	Ezell construction complete.
Nov. 1973	Abernathy construction complete.
March 1974	Final inspections of both dorms complete.
Aug. 1974	Sam McLean, director of Housing and Residential Life, writes first memo about serious moisture problems in both dorms.
Aug. 1974	Ezell has been complete for one year.
Nov. 1974	Abernathy complete for one year.
July 1975	Charlie Pigg, director of Campus Planning, writes memo to Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs, about continuing moisture problems.  Harold Jewell, director of Physical Plant, writes memo to LaLance about moisture problems. Jewell calls for immediate action.
Oct. 1978	Judith Smith, dean of students, writes to LaLance urging immediate action concerning moisture problem.  Pigg writes to LaLance informing him that his attempts to fix the moisture problem were unsuccessful.  LaLance writes to Jim Craig, director of Housing and Residential Life, explaining Pigg will try adding humidistats to air conditioning system. Humidistats cause AC to kick in at certain humidity levels.
1979	Sam Ingram becomes president of MTSU.
Nov. 1979	LaLance writes to Pres. Ingram with outline of costs for Ezell and Abernathy annual maintenance. Improvements included handicap access and painting. LaLance suggests corrective action be taken about the humidity problems.
Dec. 1980	David Bragg, director of Housing and Residential Life, writes LaLance about moisture problems in both dorms. Bragg asks LaLance if having students sign waivers releasing the university of liability is an option.  LaLance writes handwritten note "President (Ingram) approved with understanding that no major project would be approved to deal with this problem as long as he is here."
Jan. 1981	LaLance writes to Bragg that Tennessee Board of Regents does not recommend waivers.
Feb. 1981	Bragg writes memo about plumbing/sewage problems.
Sept. 1985	Robert Curtis, director of Housing and Residential Life, writes to Pigg that for \$8,000, a ventilation system could be added to Ezell and Abernathy.
Nov. 1985	Curtis writes to Pigg that \$8,000 bid for ventilation system is too expensive. Handwritten note on memo says: "Pres. Ingram - Will put down plastic and look into less sophisticated ventilation system we can install ourselves."

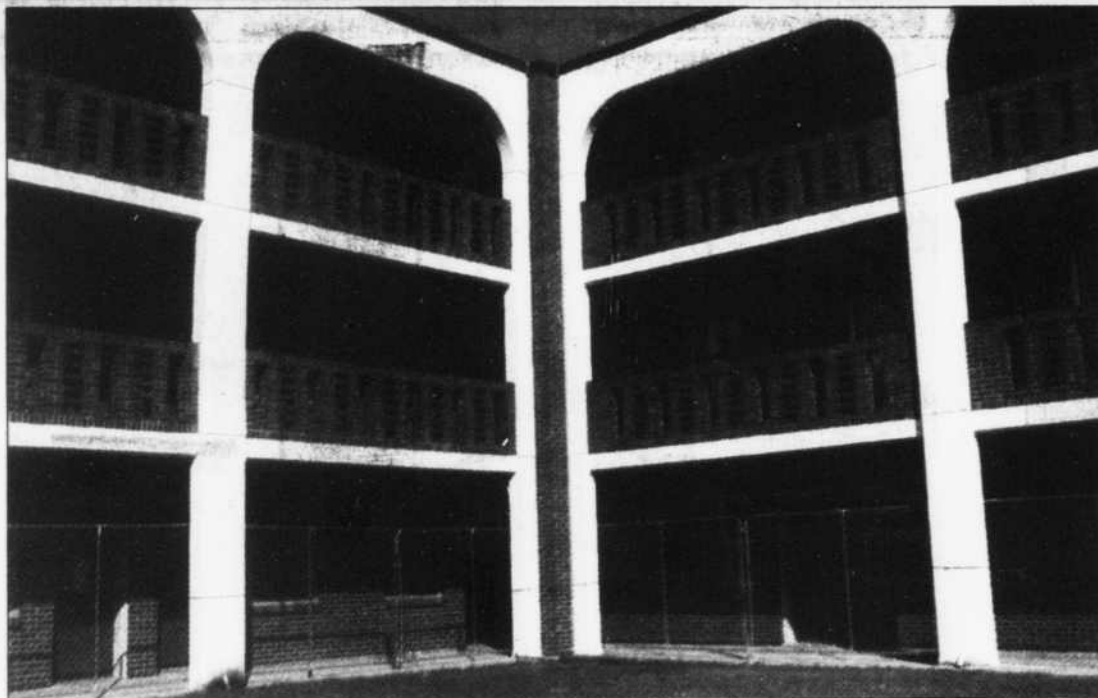


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Ezell and Abernathy halls were fenced off after students were evacuated in 1999. Concrete chunks were falling inside and outside both dorms.

Housing students were forced to move out of crumbling Ezell and Abernathy halls in 1999 but still have to pay the bill until 2011. Here's why.

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum  
Staff Writer

In August of 1974, just months after the new dormitories Ezell and Abernathy halls were completed, Sam McLean, then director of Housing and Residential Life, wrote a memo to the vice president of Student Affairs about a strange problem residents were experiencing.

"I am having to replace molded and mildewed leather goods, sewing machine covers, shoes, pocketbooks, and books that have occurred because of moisture in the J and K apartments (later named Ezell and Abernathy halls.) During the past weekend, a pair of shoes and a pocketbook mildewed over the weekend in a one bedroom apartment. ... The Head Resident's apartment has so much moisture that the furniture is warping and mildewing."

In March of 1999, almost exactly 25 years after McLean sent his memo, students living in Ezell and Abernathy were evacuated, not because of a moisture problem, but because chunks of concrete were falling

from the ceilings, endangering students below.

Draped in chain-link fencing like frail tombs, the dorms now sit empty and useless. The cost of knocking the buildings down is too high because asbestos that would require specialized removal lurks in deep corners.

Renovating the buildings so they are safe and up-to-date is estimated to cost more than \$6.5 million. Even if administrators decided to morph the dorms into general offices, which would allow state funds to pay for the extensive make over, the money simply isn't available.

Thirty years after ground was broken for the dorms, they stand vacant. Thirty years later, \$1.2 million, exactly half the dorms' total cost, is still owed.

Thirty years later, housing students pay for abandoned dorms. What happened?

### Close to home

Brooke Rodgers' first night as a resident assistant in Abernathy Hall in January 1998 was not a pleasant one. After returning to MTSU from the holiday break, two Abernathy

residents entered their dorm apartment late at night to find all their belongings waterlogged.

"I got a call in the middle of the night that there was a problem with one of my rooms," Rodgers said. "I went to the girls' room, and their beds were soaking wet. Apparently there was a drip in their shower over the break. All their stuff was destroyed."

The slow drip caused a high level of humidity in the apartment over the three-week holiday break. It appeared that all the moisture had been trapped in the bedroom and absorbed by objects therein.

The mattresses, which were saturated with water, had to be discarded like overworked kitchen sponges. Just as was described by McLean's memo in 1974, pictures, books, clothes, shoes, papers, bedding - everything was ruined by moisture and had to be discarded.

"That was my first experience with the poor construction of the buildings," Rodgers said.

Another serious problem

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## Forum: Audience questions media, government

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because they allow nothing to divert their attention from their perceived mission. Lack of understanding of these cultures puts the United States at a disadvantage, Nation said.

"It makes the U.S. more vulnerable because we haven't been socialized for that culture," she said.

Zaid Brifkani, president of the Student Muslim Association, said the terrorists – if they are indeed Muslim – are not representative of the Islamic faith.

Brifkani said nowhere in Islamic scripture is killing sanctioned.

"It is time for Americans to know Muslims and Islam more closely," he said.

Many Muslims, he said, are prisoners and victims of anti-American governments, such as the Taliban.

"Only love and peace can bring us all together and prevent terrorist attacks in the future," Brifkani said.

Lt. Col. Todd Overby, chair of the military science department, assured the crowd that, if needed, the military was mobilized and ready to do whatever the government asked.

He stressed the importance of trusting the government.

"We need to support the government we voted into office," Overby said, asserting that people dissatisfied with the government might find better living elsewhere.

After the four panelists con-



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

**Muslim Student Association President Zaid Brifkani speaks Thursday at a forum focused on coping.**

cluded their monologues, the audience voiced comments and questions – the majority of which concerned capitalism,

globalization, media and government propaganda and lack of proof that Osama bin Laden was responsible. ♦

## Rally: Pro-war students address the crowd

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the benefits of peaceful justice.

At the conclusion of the rally, Winters and three other students addressed the crowd informally.

"The attack was unprovoked," Winters said.

"If someone hits us, we should hit them back... to rid ourselves of an external threat to our country."

Another student voiced his disdain at what he said is America's apparent lack of aggressiveness.

"We're a slap-on-the-wrist nation. We used to be a slap-in-the-face nation," he said as Solidarity and SEA disassembled their public address system.

Despite the protests, members of both Middle Tennessee Solidarity and SEA were impressed with the outcome of the rally.

Coordinator Ryan Husak said, "Given our planning, the turnout was really great."

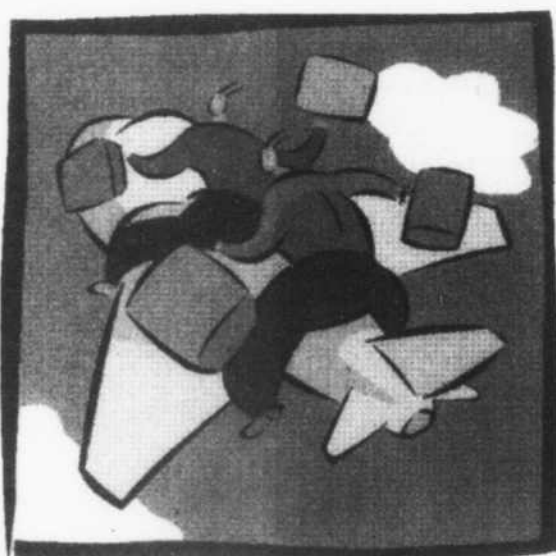
"We are raising awareness," SEA President Melissa Shelby said. "We really need to pay

attention."

Tables with information about the two groups were set up on the Knoll Thursday along with the petition and a "Call to Action" addressed to faculty, which stated "Let us use this present moment to educate ourselves and share this perspective with our communities and nation."

For more information on Students for Environmental Action, contact Melissa Shelby at melissaowl@hotmail.com or Middle Tennessee Solidarity at solidarity@sirendesign.net. ♦

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# Halls: Ezell and Abernathy dorms abandoned in 1999; \$1.2 million still owed to state

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with the hall leading directly to the evacuation the next year, which was directly related to the abnormal moisture levels, would come back to haunt university administrators.

"Chunks of concrete were falling constantly," Rodgers recalled. "One time a big hunk of it fell on somebody's bed, and if they had been in the bed, they would have been hurt. ... We'd have clean-up days and go around picking up chunks of concrete, and we'd laugh about how the buildings were falling apart."

## Don't ask, don't tell

Though students have plenty to say about the situation, other sources close to the Ezell/Abernathy fiasco have been less forthcoming.

"I would hesitate to talk much on that," said Robert LaLance, vice president of Student Affairs from 1975 to 1998, when asked about his knowledge of what went wrong with the defunct dorms. "We weren't fully aware of the moisture problems until several years after the buildings were completed."

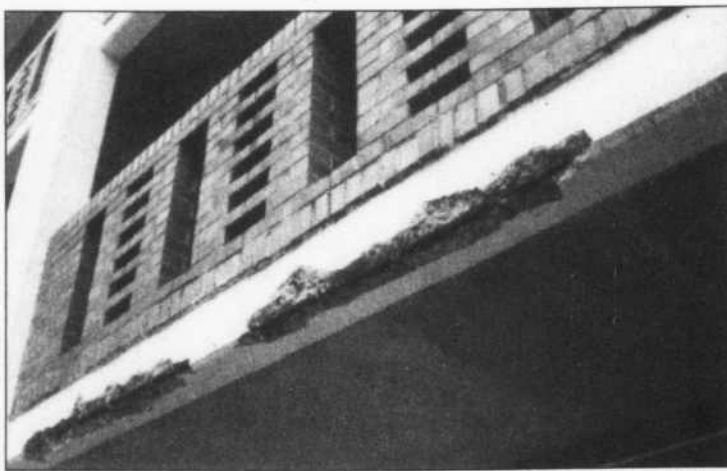
"It took us a while," he said. Dated university documents tell a different story.

LaLance wrote numerous memos about the dorms' problems beginning in July 1975, five months after the dorms' final inspection.

Upon further discussion, LaLance said, "We tried to keep the buildings open and tried to solve the problems. The alternative would have been to find money that wasn't there and charge the students."

In 1964, about 4,600 students attended MTSU with 30 percent living on campus. By 1970, attending numbers had nearly doubled to more than 8,000 with 38 percent living on campus. Administrators realized if the enrollment numbers continued to increase, there would be a housing shortage.

The halls were conceived to help solve the shortage, and the new buildings were designed with amenities in mind. They were apartments, complete with kitchens, individual bathrooms



File photo by Derrick Wilson

Concrete crumbles from the second floor of an outside hall of the Ezell and Abernathy complex.

and air conditioning – a luxury for students in the early 1970s.

The problems with both dorms were created by two unrelated decisions – one made by administrators and one by a subcontractor on the project. Most sources agree that these two decisions in tandem eventually led to the demise of the buildings.

The ventilation (air make-up) system, which sucks out stale air and humidity and introduces fresh air, was never installed.

"It is my understanding, one of the things cut out of the project ... was the ventilation system – by request of the owners, MTSU, and against the advice of the architect," said David Hays, associate vice president of Student Affairs.

"When we started making a list of things to omit," said Charles Pigg, then director of Campus Planning and one of three administrators who decided to omit the ventilation system, "the air make-up system was a reasonable thing to omit. It was the largest thing omitted in order to stay within the budget."

## Money, money, money

Cutting the air make-up system back in 1972 saved about \$26,000. At the time, a lot of talk went back and forth about what to cut from the budget, said Frank Kurzynski of Kurzynski and Associates, the consulting engineers who designed the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system and oversaw the subcontractors.

"One suggestion was to cut the air conditioning and install it later," recalled Kurzynski, "but the administration said 'No, we're putting in the air conditioning now.'"

Ezell and Abernathy would be the only buildings on campus with air conditioning outside of administrative buildings.

Kurzynski remembered that exhaust fans were installed in each bathroom in every apartment. Pigg concurred and added that exhaust fans were installed above each kitchen stove as well.

But this only worsened the humidity problem. Because air was being removed, but fresh air wasn't returned, a "negative pressure" condition resulted.

"If you have negative pressure and you're not introducing fresh air, the inside becomes like the outside," Pigg said. With the high humidity of Tennessee weather, conditions inside were often sticky.

"My daughter lived in those dorms, and even she complained about it," Pigg said.

Another issue adding to the debacle is the lack of paperwork in the university file showing proper approval to eliminate the air make-up system. The process of constructing buildings on state property works like this:

A contract is drawn up and must be approved and signed by the university president, the state architect, the project architect and the design engineer. In progress, changes often need to be made to the original building plans. To legally alter the origi-

nal contract, a change order is issued. The change order is a set of papers explaining the change, how much it will cost and outlining its specifications. These papers must be approved and signed by the university president, the state architect, the project architect and the design engineer once again.

There is no change order approving the omission of the air make-up system.

The university has five change orders on file. They range from the beginning of construction in 1972 to the end in 1974. The state architect's office has no additional change orders. Neither does TBR, MTSU Campus Planning nor Construction Administration.

This raises the question: Did the proper people approve the omission of the ventilation system? No one seems willing or able to answer this question.

Memos indicate that the project architect and design engineer, both private companies, did not recommend removing the ventilation system. Memos back and forth about the humidity problem span from 1974 to 1999.

## All talk, no action

McLean's original 1974 memo was followed by correspondence with virtually the same message for 25 years.

In July 1975, Robert LaLance, then vice president of Student Affairs, wrote: "I am herewith requesting that you proceed immediately with the necessary corrective action to remedy the excessive and chronic moisture problems which exist in J and K apartments."

In October 1978, Judy Smith, then associate dean of students wrote: "The problem of excessive moisture in J apartments continues unabated, and the residents are experiencing considerable inconvenience."

That same year, M.G. Scarlett retired as MTSU president and Sam Ingram took over the helm. In December 1980, David Bragg, then director of Housing and Residential Life wrote: "We are again experiencing some mildew problems in J apartments. In anticipation of complaints and possible claims for

damages, could you check with the State Board of Regents staff to determine if waivers could be signed by residents to eliminate our liability ...?"

LaLance wrote back that the board did not recommend waivers, and suggested buying dehumidifiers. Also with this memo to Bragg was a handwritten note by LaLance stating, "President (Ingram) approved with understanding that no more major projects would be approved to deal with this prob-

lem as long as he is here."

In April 1983, Pigg made moves to add the missing ventilation system in the crawl space below where the problem was most severe. Estimated cost: \$8,000.

But the plan was rejected.

The unnatural humidity problems would later contribute directly to the crumbling of the halls. An action completely unrelated to the air make-up system would later be highly affected by its absence. ♦

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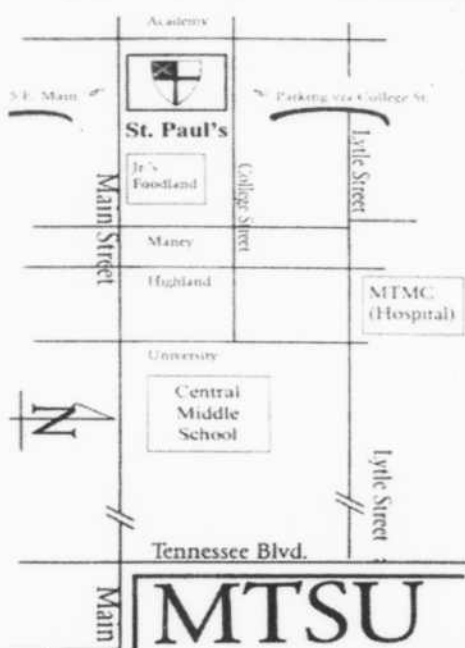
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# Chantek's not your everyday orangutan.

**UTC professor visits campus to tell of her primate child's communication skills**

By Angela White  
Staff Writer

Ever chatted with an orangutan?

Lyn Miles has made it her life's work to do just that.

She will talk about her relationship with Chantek, a 23-year-old orangutan who can communicate using at least 150 different words in American Sign Language, during her visit to campus Wednesday as part of Anthropologia: Anthropology in Action, a lecture series sponsored by the department of sociology and the department of anthropology in cooperation with the Middle Tennessee Anthropology Society.

Anthropologica will present two anthropologists this semester, Miles being the first.

The lecture series intends to present anthropology in a real-world setting and is targeted to a diverse audience.

Miles' Project Chantek not only makes for interesting anecdotes but also presents findings that have expanded scientists' knowledge of primate communication and intelligence relative to humans.

Miles raised Chantek from the age of nine months in a

trailer on the University of Tennessee Chattanooga campus, where she's an anthropology professor. Chantek stayed with her for nine years, and Miles raised him much like a human child. She toilet-trained him, gave him chores and an allowance and regularly took him to McDonald's.

In 1986 Chantek's living situation had to be re-evaluated. His size and strength were becoming too much for Miles' trailer, and he broke out several times. He would regularly steal candy from UTC's bookstore. He also reportedly scared a female student.

To Miles' disappointment, he was sent back to the Yerkes Regional Primate Center in Atlanta, where he was born.

Yerkes had other plans for him. The scientists there wanted him to sign less and, in essence, "put the animal back in him," as Miles put it.

They restricted Miles' visitation of Chantek, and an hour's visit in 1995 was the last time she saw him for two years.

Miles was not able to see him again until his transfer to Zoo Atlanta in 1997.

Time failed to make Chantek forget her. He moved her to

tears by calling her "Mother Lynn." He then called for a jail break, signing "get the key," referring to the key to his cage.

Chantek has certainly exceeded everyone's expectations, with the possible exception of Miles herself. She "adopted" Chantek with the intention of learning just how intelligent primates were.

Unlike other scientists who were doing similar experiments in a lab setting, Miles wanted to place a primate in a truly human environment — her home — to explore communication in a cultural context.

It worked. By the time Chantek was 10 years old, he had reached the cognitive level of a five-year-old and the linguistic ability of a two-year-old.

"Chantek comprehends hundreds, if not thousands, of words of English," Miles told Yahoo! Chat visitors last year.

Chantek was the first orangutan to do a live Web chat.

He also proved to not be randomly responding to stimuli, which has been the situation with some signing primates in the past.

"I found that Chantek initiated up to 60 percent of communication," Miles said. "I call it pragmatic anthropomorphism in teaching language to Chantek. I'm not teaching it to him in a vacuum."

Miles said she first learned that Chantek could understand English when he heard the sound of a cat on the car radio and signed "cat."

Chantek has displayed other human attributes as well.

"Chantek will clearly show a range of emotions we can identify," Miles said. "He will pout, sit and be very quiet. He'll even put his back to us to show us how he's feeling."

He also lies.

"Chantek tells at least three lies a week," Miles said. "He may ask me to eat something, and he'll tell me he's finished, but he's actually hidden it."

Reporter Julie Cohen of *Geographical*, a magazine published in the United Kingdom, learned of Chantek's tendency not only to lie, but to spare feelings, when she saw him pour out a bottle of water she had given him.

"He only likes Naya water," Miles told the reporter, "but he pretends to drink other brands to keep people happy."

Chantek is also an avid painter. One of his works has been displayed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C..

He likes to play games like Simon Says and Keep Away, and he can use about seven tools.

Chantek has even been the star of his own TV documen-

tary. The Discovery Channel's Animal Planet presented the hour-long program titled, "They Call Him Chantek" last year.

UTC granted Miles paid leave to do the film. She returned to the university last spring and is teaching again.

Miles is president of the Chantek Foundation, which strives to understand orangutan communication and intelligence.

The foundation aims to raise funds for a primate cultural center where primates like Chantek can live normal lives while surrounded by symbols, tools and computers.

"I and other scientists have a vision of a place where he and other primates can live, learning sign and living with each other and other primates," Miles said.

Zoo Atlanta is hoping to build the center soon, which also will allow the public to view the primates through glass. UTC's *University Echo* reported in April that the Chantek Foundation plans to hold a fundraiser next year to raise money for the center and for further research.

Miles received her doctorate in anthropology at the University of Connecticut in 1978. She is a professor in the department of sociology,



Photo provided

**Chantek signs the word "orange," requesting the color paint he needs for one of his paintings.**

anthropology and geography at UTC. She teaches courses in primate behavior, physical anthropology, language and cognition.

She is co-editor of *Anthropomorphism, Anecdote, and Animals*, as well as *The Mentality of Gorillas and Orangutans*. In addition, she has won a Student Government Association Outstanding Professor Award and a College of Arts and Sciences Research Prize.

"My Life with Chantek" will be presented on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Dining Room C of the James Union Building. ♦

## Study Abroad Fair hopes to promote international study

By Amber Bryant  
Staff Writer

Any student who's ever had an itch to study abroad will have access to a plethora of information Wednesday at the annual Study Abroad Fair.

Information on MTSU study-abroad programs will be available in the Keathley University Center second floor lobby from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The two primary study abroad programs through at MTSU — the Kentucky Institute for International Studies and the Cooperative Center for

Study Abroad — will both be on hand to answer questions.

They unite with the goal of finding a plan that is right for each individual student.

"If MTSU doesn't have what a student wants, another organization might. We don't want students to limit their study abroad experience," said Jan Walker, technical clerk for the International Programs and Studies Office.

All students and faculty members are encouraged to visit the fair, regardless of major or area of specialty.

Together the programs offer

study in more than 20 countries and grant credit in language, education, art, literature, business, economics, psychology, philosophy, as well as many other subjects.

If a student can't find a course that fits his or her major or minor, most courses will provide an elective credit.

Sign-up sheets will be available for students interested in learning details.

By providing an e-mail address and phone number, a student will be notified with the date and time an information session is to be held.

Most application deadlines are in February, so the fair has been planned early to give students plenty of time to consider applying, plan and save money.

Financial aid and scholarship information will be provided to quell the fear that participating is too expensive.

"It gave me a new perspective on the world," said Chris Berry, a junior anthropology major who traveled to Brazil this summer.

"It put me back a little (financially), but it was worth it."

The International Programs

and Studies Office promotes studying abroad as an unsurpassed learning experience, both culturally and personally.

Richard Pace, a study abroad coordinator and an associate professor of anthropology, believes that a student who has studied in a foreign country is also impressive to employers.

"We see it as a resume builder," said Pace. "A lot of employers look at a study abroad experience as something very valuable."

The MTSU Career and Placement Center will also be there to offer information on

jobs available overseas.

With the recent terrorist attacks on most people's minds, Pace expects students will be reluctant to even think about flying.

However, he is confident that all precautions will be taken to provide a safe journey.

Students should feel free to voice concerns about these or other issues before deciding not to join a study abroad program.

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From the staff

## Students should be university's priority

When times are tight, as they always appear to be here at MTSU, there is always talk of cutting corners and doing whatever necessary to save a dollar.

In investigating the history of Ezell and Abernathy halls, we now realize how, sometimes, it's better to splurge for quality up front.

In 1972, MTSU chose to omit the ventilation system in Ezell and Abernathy in order to save \$26,000. Due to this decision, almost 30 years later, students are still paying for this great cents-saving action. The school still owes \$1.2 million on the buildings, which students living on campus for the next 10 years will be paying, despite the fact that the dorms are standing empty.

The decision to cut the ventilation in the dorms may have appeared to be a good idea when the choice was made in 1972. But did those involved look forward and anticipate possible results of their action? Just as in any situation, it is best to prepare for problems and be aware of how to fix the problems should they arise.

In 1983, there was an \$8,000 proposal to help alleviate the problems in these buildings. The university, however, was not prepared or willing to pay this amount. Now look what happened. By spending about one-third of what the university originally saved, MTSU could now be renting rooms in Ezell and Abernathy instead of paying for them to sit vacant.

But money isn't the only issue here. Students' health and best interests are in the hands of the university officials who make these important decisions. Was saving \$26,000 really worth the risk it imposed to hundreds of students throughout the years?

MTSU is now setting up a committee to study the university's spending. They will try to eliminate wasteful spending and maximize the university's dollars. We hope that this committee has taken note of the great waste caused by trying to save a few bucks up front. When making decisions that impact the lives of almost 20,000 students, we hope the administration will keep the students' welfare and needs at the front of their minds. Our best interests should be the No. 1 priority, not saving a buck. ♦

## Draft reflects sexist attitudes



Atypical Woman

Angela White  
Online Editor

If Bush does indeed start a worldwide "crusade" against terrorism, we could be in for a long, hard war. This realization has brought forth a question our generation has not had to worry about until now: Will the draft be reinstated? And if so, will (and should) women be included?

Before we progress any further, here's a history lesson. The draft-card-burning days of the '60s were over by 1975, when men were no longer required to register for the Selective Service.

But when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1980, President Jimmy Carter requested that Congress reinstate registration. In addition, he asked Congress to amend the Military Selective Service Act, which required the registration of "every male citizen," to require women as well.

Congress said no. The draft was used to fill close combat positions, they argued, and since the Department of Defense did not allow women to fight in close combat, there was no need to draft them.

Three men who objected to the draft brought Congress' decision to court. In 1981 the Supreme Court ruled in *Rostker v. Goldberg* that not including women did not violate the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment, as the decision was "closely related to the congressional purpose in instituting registration, which is to prepare for a draft of combat troops."

Per President Clinton's request, the DOD reviewed this issue in 1994. But nothing changed, as women are still "excluded by policy

from front-line combat positions," according to the Selective Service System Web site.

The Equal Rights Amendment would have put an end to all of this. It would have terminated the DOD's restriction of women in close combat, made the current version of the Military Selective Service Act unconstitutional and placed a "strict scrutiny" constitutional standard on gender, thereby voiding the Supreme Court decision.

But the ERA was ultimately defeated in 1982, a year after the *Rostker* decision. Hence we are stuck with this inherently sexist yet constitutional law, along with many others.

The debate about women and the draft is a favored, though flawed, technique some men use in an attempt to catch feminists in a contradiction. They argue that women want the benefits of equality without the responsibilities. In essence, they claim women want their cake and to eat it too.

Sadly, some women are selfish and short sighted enough to think this way — after all, no one claimed all women were feminists. But those who have put some thought into this argument have developed several theories as to why women should, or shouldn't, be included in the draft.

The draft is a law made by men. Women had no say in its implementation and have little say about its continuance, as they still make up a disproportionate percentage of Congress. Therefore, until women are equally represented in this manner, they should not be forced to be involved.

The failure of the ERA in essence lets women off the hook. After all, if men (who, as noted above, dominate the federal legislative branch, as well as those of all the states) refuse to give us equal rights, we shouldn't be expected to take on equal responsibilities. We are not

willing to give our lives for a country that does not guarantee us equal pay for equal work, does not protect us from hate crimes such as rape and, in essence, treats us like second-class citizens.

If a draft is to exist, women should be fully included. There will be no restrictions on the basis that we're "distractions" to male soldiers or that we destroy "troop morale." Women should not be forced to deal with the "protective" tendencies of men (who essentially "protect" us from themselves, much like the Mafia) and should be given the same responsibilities and endure the same risks as any male soldier would be expected to withstand.

Most feminists would agree with at least one, if not all, of these theories, at least on some level. However, for many of us, it's a moot point.

Most feminists are pacifists. We spend our lives fighting for human rights in our own country and abroad (especially against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan). We do not do this simply to watch humans, whether military or civilian, die in masses. Therefore, most feminists do not support a draft, period, nor would we support the war in which the draft would be used.

Therefore, most feminists would not actively fight to be included in the draft. Instead, we would strive toward the elimination of the draft as a whole. Believing in human rights means believing that no person, regardless of gender, should be forced to give up one's life, especially for a cause one does not believe in.

Feminists believe that gender should not be a factor in determining who the government will and will not exploit. Ultimately, we will fight to preserve human dignity for both genders rather than fight to be included in an unjust practice. ♦

## Stats show porn is violent

By Charlton Wimberly  
Texas A&M University

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Pornography is as hard to find at Texas A&M University as beer and pizza. It is everywhere: in dorm rooms, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, on computers and at Blockbuster.

Many people maintain a "boys will be boys" attitude toward pornography. They think it is natural for guys to look at "dirty magazines" and that no one is hurt in the process. These people are wrong.

Pornography devalues human life and it is a direct contributor to violence against women.

In an interview the day before his execution in 1989, serial killer Ted Bundy explained how pornography set him on the path to murder. At the age of 13, he came across pornographic magazines in a dump near his home.

He was captivated by those magazines, and as time went by he gradually began using more explicitly sexual and even violent pornography. There finally came a point when pornography could not stimulate him any further.

"Once you become addicted ... you reach the point where the pornography only goes so far - that jumping off point where you begin to think maybe actually doing it will give you that which is just

beyond reading about it and looking at it," Bundy said.

Bundy did just that. After years of consuming pornographic images, he began luring women into his car, molesting them and murdering them. Bundy was finally apprehended after killing a 12-year-old girl and dumping her body in a pigsty.

Ted Bundy is not an anomaly. Of 36 serial murderers interviewed by the FBI in 1985, 81 percent admitted to extensively using pornography. Pornography plays a major role in many violent offenses — particularly those that are sex-related.

Pornography often leads to violence because it devalues human life. It leaves only a two-dimensional object whose sole purpose is gratifying its user. The fantasies users indulge in center around themselves and their desires. Men who use pornography eventually stop seeing the women in pornographic images as human. As women become less human, they become easier to use, and in some cases murder.

Obviously, every guy who opens a *Playboy* magazine is not going to become a murderer. Pornography use will, however, affect the way he views and relates to women.

There is also the danger that those who use mild porn, like *Playboy*, will

move on to more explicit pornography.

The National Council on Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity estimated there are 2 million sexually-addicted Internet users, many of whom spend 15 to 25 hours per week viewing pornographic Web sites. Addicts spend such large quantities of time on these sites because the videos and images they view never satisfy them — their use of pornography only leaves them wanting something more stimulating. Eventually, the only thing more stimulating may be real sex and violence.

Pornography has pervaded our society. It is an industry that generates huge amounts of money every year, and it is now more accessible than any other time in history.

The Internet has made it possible to view limitless numbers of sexually and violently explicit images at any time, in any place, at no cost and with total anonymity.

The United States needs to recognize the dangers that pornography poses to our country. Drunk on our own freedoms, we are more concerned with our perceived right to look at what we choose than with the men rotting in addiction and the women suffering violence because of porn. If we do not take steps to remove it from our communities, we will all pay the price for it. ♦

## MTSU errs by not canceling games

By Keith Cartwright  
Guest Columnist

Driving down Ventura Boulevard was anything but normal this past Friday. Living in Los Angeles, there are times that it's very easy to forget the fact that this is the United States of America. Nevertheless, as I made my way further down what is typically nothing more than a grid locked mess of slow moving traffic, I consciously became aware of what it really means to live in a proud country like ours.

Storefront after storefront was adorned with large and prominently displayed American flags.

Handmade signs with slogans like "I Love America" and "God Bless NY/DC" hung from light poles. Even more amazing were the hoards of people with red, white and blue candles and the thousands of others who joined them in chanting, "U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A." all the while, passer-bys honked their horns.

It's a moment in time I won't soon forget, if ever, because it was at that instant that I realized what it meant to be an American. The events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, which cannot be characterized with words, led me and millions of others to contemplate many things we grew to take for granted. Be it as it may, that seemingly innocent drive down Ventura afforded me for the first time in my life (as sad as it may seem) the opportunity to not only experience, but also understand what it truly means to be patriotic.

About 2,000 miles away, however, the Lady Raider soccer team made its way back to Murfreesboro, while the Blue Raiders men's tennis hosted a micro-version of their Fall Invitational. How silly and trivial it seems to be writing about sporting events at a time like this. On a day that I was better able to put into perspective what happened and quite possibly take a step forward into the unknown future a number of student athletes were undoubtedly saddled with the confusion of trying to sort through a myriad of emotions while riding on a bus — one they should have never been on to begin with.

While it is important for America to keep trudging forward during such difficult times, throwing student athletes into the mix and fray of competition was something, at least on that day, that I believe should have never taken place.

Keeping the glow from the Statue of Liberty beckoning bright was and still is important, but competing was the last thing those 18- to 22-year-olds

should have had on their minds. No, the soccer team didn't end up playing, but that doesn't change the fact that they rode seven hours across the state and into North Carolina only to discover the game would not be played as originally thought.

Considering students, like most Americans, spent much of Tuesday and Wednesday searching for answers to questions they never knew existed, they would have been better served Thursday and Friday trying to regain their composure in a classroom. It's been a little more than four months since I last walked on the campus, but if my memory serves me right, they are, after all, student athletes.

To that end, how ludicrous it is to fathom the notion of our university and athletic department setting such a precedent that they allowed themselves to host a sporting event when so many other institutions of higher learning decided to take a step back. In fact, having such audaciousness pointed out to me by a friend of mine was outright embarrassing.

My initial response was that of feeling disgusted, but as I let time pass and further thought about the decisions of this athletic department, I fully realize and believe that they would never intentionally put athletes, coaches, students or fans in harms way. Nonetheless, I have yet to understand the thought process of a department that I have steadfastly stood behind with unwavering support since August 1997, and so I am left with little more than a disenchanted vision of what was once was an athletic department that I thought could do no wrong. How naive.

When athletics becomes the end-all of our being as humans, something really is amiss. Taking a few days off of work and school or postponing a game or two isn't giving in to terrorism as some may think. It isn't about sulking, but rather a time to regain some much needed composure.

It was also a time to re-evaluate ourselves as people and as citizens of this great nation.

Unfortunately, for a number of student athletes it was a time lost upon them by the misguided drive and ambition of those around them — the same people they entrust with the daunting task of looking out for their best interests.

We can only hope that in the grander scale of things to come that the leaders of this country are better prepared to make the right and moral decisions in leading us forward. ♦

## Letter to the Editor Nurse gives thanks, praise

To the Editor:

Many thanks to all those who donated their blood or cash and worked diligently to make our blood drive a success on Monday. We were overwhelmed by your response and patience. But not over. We registered 175 people and probably turned away at least that many after the Red Cross supplies ran out. At final count, 138 completed the process, and we collected 119 productive units of blood. We had 50 first-time donors — a remarkable number. We collected more than \$1200 in cash — and still counting.

We apologize if you were unable to donate Monday. Be aware that we will need to sustain this participation for quite some time. We want to tell everyone that another drive will be held at MTSU Oct. 23 at the Keathly University Center. We know you will support that as well. Thank you so much.

Sheila M. Marquart, associate professor of nursing

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# TRUE OR FALSE?

**25% OF PEOPLE SAY THEY CAN DETECT THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN HOW EACH NOSTRIL PERCEIVES SMELL.**

**AMERICANS EAT APPROXIMATELY  
350 SLICES OF PIZZA PER SECOND.**

**7 OUT OF 100 AMERICANS HAVE  
FLOSSED THEIR TEETH WITH THEIR HAIR.**

**MEN BURP 4.7 TIMES PER DAY  
WHILE WOMEN BURP 2.1 TIMES PER DAY.**

**8% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE NOT  
WATCHED T.V. IN THE LAST WEEK.**

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**COLLEGE STUDENTS DRINK, ON AVERAGE,  
FEWER THAN ONE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PER DAY.\***


**ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR AMERICANS  
HAS APPEARED ON TV.**

**3.9% OF WOMEN DON'T WEAR ANY UNDERWEAR.  
6.4% OF MEN GO COMMANDO.**

\*SOURCE: CORE INSTITUTE 2000

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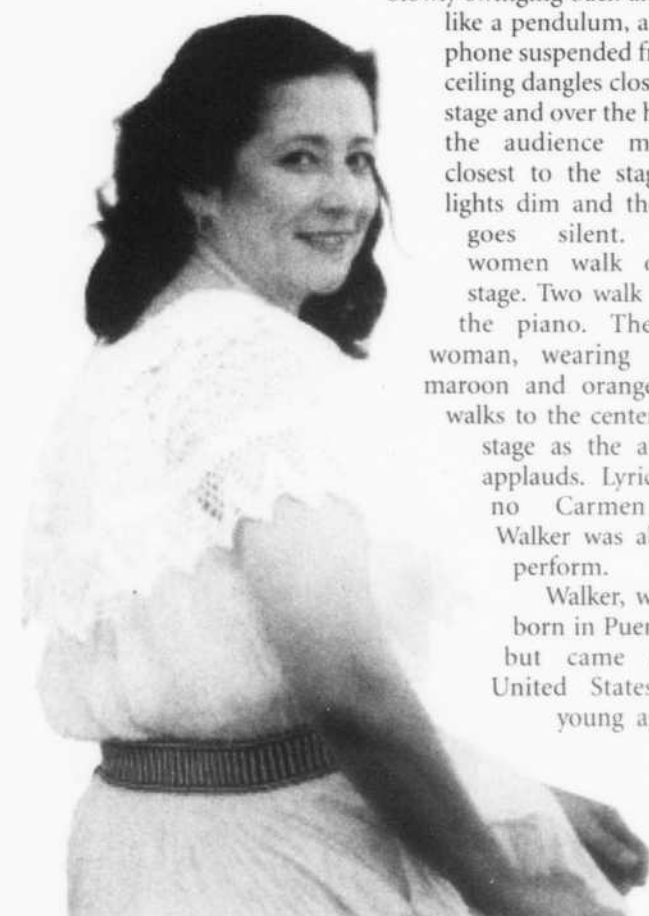
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## Spanish soprano creates magical music

By Jennifer Allen  
Staff Writer



A shiny black piano sits on the Wright Music Hall stage. Slowly swinging back and forth like a pendulum, a microphone suspended from the ceiling dangles close to the stage and over the heads of the audience members closest to the stage. The lights dim and the room goes silent. Three women walk out on stage. Two walk over to the piano. The third woman, wearing a red, maroon and orange dress, walks to the center of the stage as the audience applauds. Lyric soprano Carmen Diaz Walker was about to perform.

Walker, who was born in Puerto Rico but came to the United States at a young age, says

that singing has always been an important part of her life.

She sang a cappella style (four-part singing with no instruments) at church which "helped train her ear."

When Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti became popular during the 1980s, Walker said she began listening to opera and considered pursuing further training in music.

"My father acquired a record of Pavarotti when he was on a PBS special on TV," Walker said. "He would play it often, and I fell in love with that style of music."

Walker has been interested in Spanish music her entire life. She received a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in voice performance from the University of Florida and Louisiana State University.

At Florida, she met Valerie Trujillo, who is now an MTSU professor and her vocal coach.

During her studies, Walker says she learned the importance of promoting classical art songs in Spanish and zarzuela (Spanish operetta). She formed

a program incorporating boleros (popular Mexican ballads), art songs and zarzuela arias and recorded into a compact disc she called *Faro de Amor* (Love Light).

Walker's powerful voice, containing numerous emotions, fills the room during her performance at MTSU. With each song, a new character comes into focus, and her voice and expressions range from someone who is lamenting to a very jovial person. During the sadder songs, Walker looks as though she might cry.

One of her songs, *Arrullo*, is a lullaby. One can visualize a young mother watching her sleeping baby and brushing some of the baby's curls before looking up into the night sky. As she sings this song, Walker looks like she is cradling a baby.

"Singing is a demanding career to choose," Walker said. "You have to be extremely aware of your instrument, which includes more than just your vocal cords. It's your whole body, mind and spirit."

Walker doesn't have a

favorite song; she said they are "all like my relatives."

She wants the songs to take her audience on a trip where they will forget themselves. Her favorite types of audiences are those that get emotionally involved with the words and music. Every song has a new character, and if she does her job correctly, the audience will see around 20 different people, Walker said.

"Audiences who let themselves imagine with me and feel the magic of music, those are the ones I love most, she said."

As she continues to sing, more characters appear. The most powerful image comes during the song *Tango de la Menegilda*. With a maroon shawl hanging off her shoulders, Walker introduces a maid who goes from home to home stealing until one day she becomes the mistress of her own home.

As she sings this song, Walker takes on the smug and haughty persona of the maid who explains how she got where she is.

Walker is heading for Houston next to rehearse and perform the operatic role of Antonia, a sickly and enamored woman, *Tales of Hoffmann*.

"She dies because she sang one too many high notes," Walker says.

Walker said it's tricky being able to perform after driving from a little town in Arkansas to Murfreesboro and dealing with the temperature changes and storms. She said singers must be able to find a balance in their emotions and not let anything shake them. She says that good technical training helps a singer perform under any circumstances.

"These last few days have made me rather sad with all the problems America is facing," she said sadly. "Sometimes you wonder if perhaps you can contribute some beauty to this world in the midst of chaos."

"I hope my songs inspire people. I hope we can turn their focus off the tragedy, even if it's only for a moment, and dwell on something noble and good — music." ♦

## Yoga gives students 'natural high'

By Nathalie Mornu  
Staff Writer

Around suppertime on Wednesday evenings, MTSU students can fill more than their bellies. At no cost, they can fill their minds and hearts with the teachings of Kundalini yoga.

To the unschooled eye, yoga may look like pretzeling. In reality, most postures can be performed at a variety of levels of difficulty.

"Beginners can definitely handle it," Michael Fuller said. "When I first started to do yoga, I could barely touch my knees with my hands." The practice is non-competitive, with students working at their own level and pace.

Since last fall, the recording industry major has led free meetings, organized with the help of friends, to share what he has learned during three years of studying yoga.

"I hope to turn to myself by turning them on to yoga, by

tuning them on to the greater whole of human-ness," the junior said.

Before 1969, only special initiates in the monasteries of India, Nepal and Tibet learned the secrets of Kundalini yoga. When Yogi Bhajan came to the West with the purpose of sharing Kundalini's mysteries, he encouraged his students — among them Dharam Singh — to teach others. Knoxville-based Singh — who doesn't charge his students either — passed his knowledge on to Fuller. "I probably wouldn't be teaching if he wasn't pushing me to teach," Fuller said. Singh will lead this Wednesday's yoga meeting. Afterward, participants join a vegetarian potluck dinner.

MTSU an graduate CarolynAnne Copenhaver has attended classes taught by Singh.

"It's awesome," she said. "Dharam explains a lot of things."

"His classes are super high energy," Fuller added.

"Everybody always leaves vibrating high. The yoga gives you a natural high. It's a lot easier to sit down and smoke a joint, but this is totally healthy for you and there's no comedown period." The group meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Peck Forest (the area between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building).

A session starts with stretching and warming up the body to remove energy blockages.

Dressed all in white with a strand of sandalwood prayer beads around his neck, Fuller explains to the group that Kundalini is the energy of the whole universe contained within each person.

Yoga raises the energy to awaken the creative spirit, allowing the total potential of the person to be known. "You can actually use the techniques to move your energy," he said.

After the warm up, Fuller teaches the group spinal flexes

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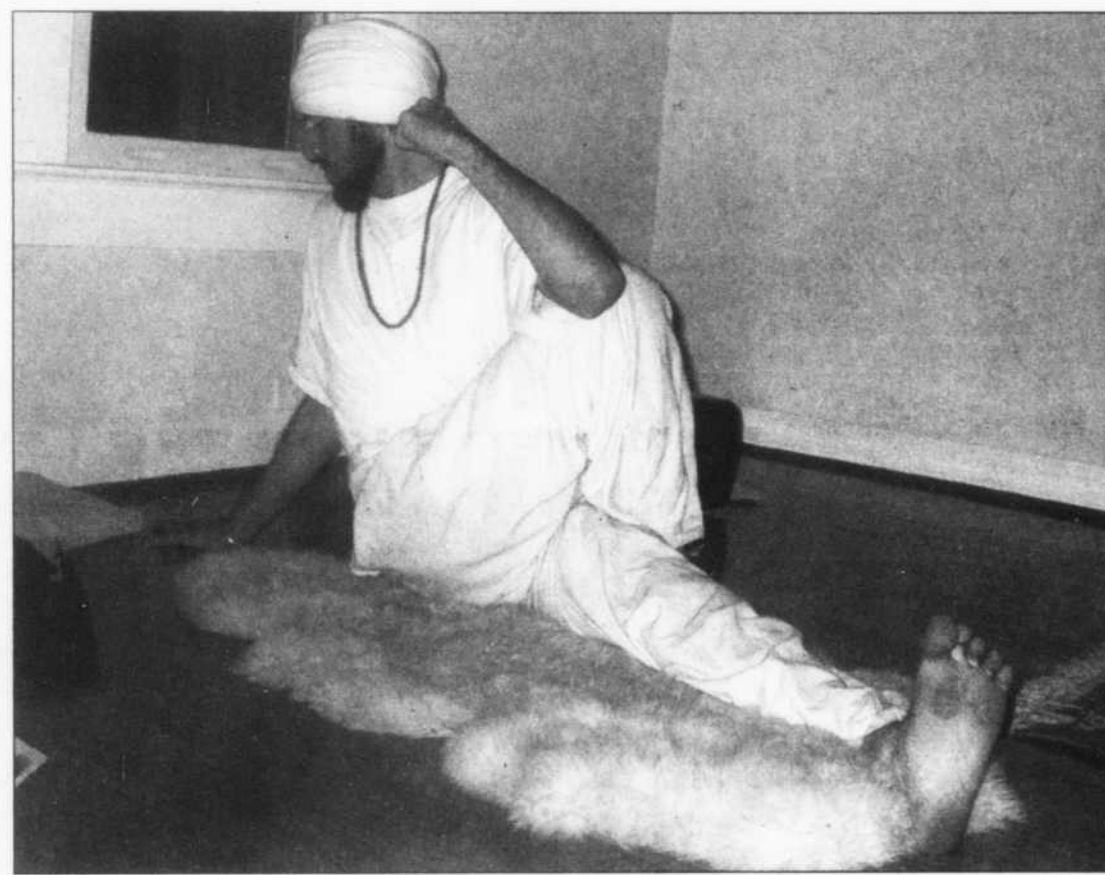
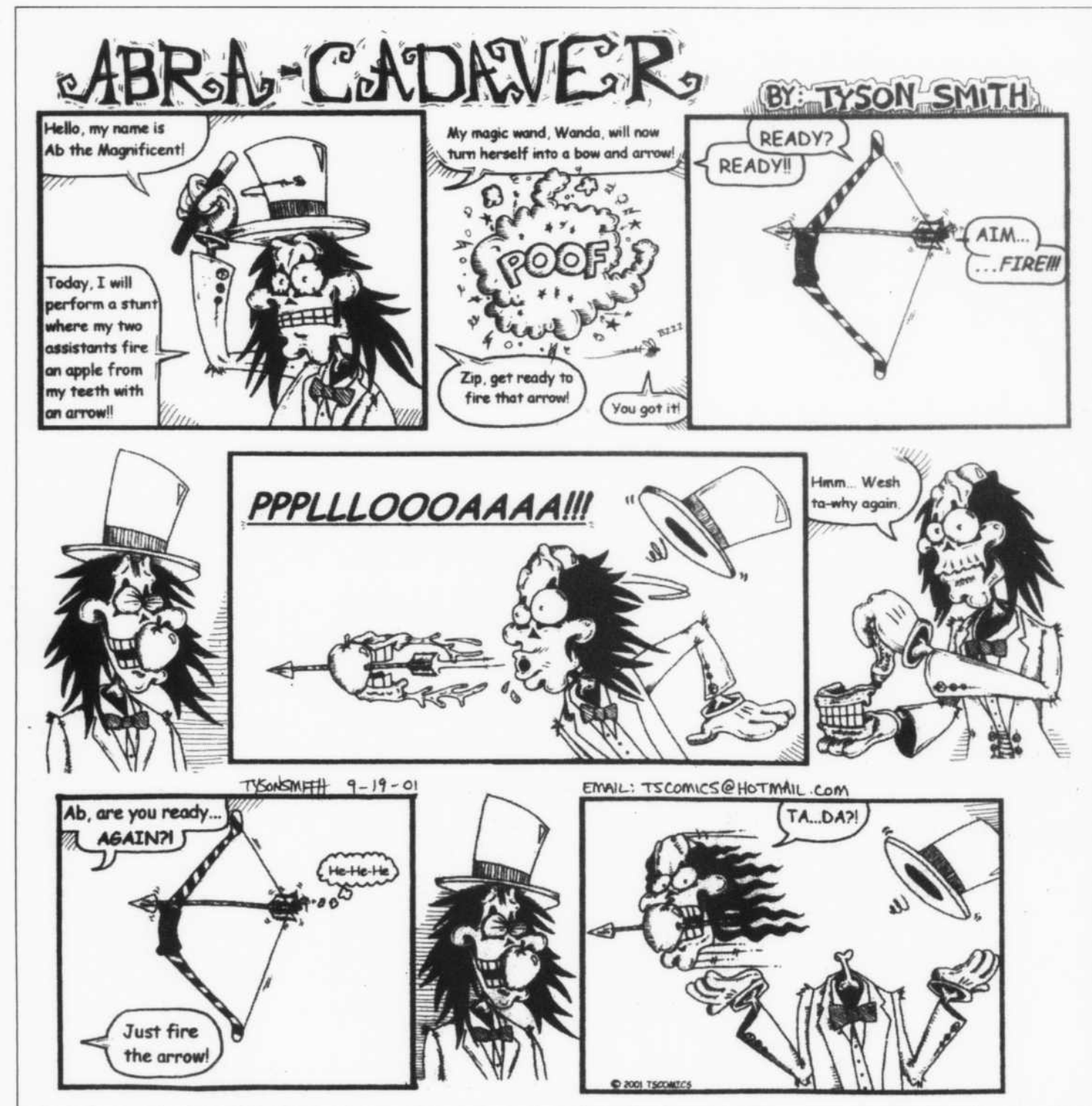


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Michael Fuller, yoga teacher, sits in a posture designed to open up the hip joints.



## Risque Renee..... Having the last word?

This is Risky Renee' dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft or hard as you like it.

Today's issue is for ladies. I received some help putting this together from a girlfriend name Tracy, so sit back and enjoy having the last word when a man comes on to you that you don't like.

Here are a few examples of some pick up lines.

Man: "Haven't we met before?"  
Woman: "Yes, I'm the receptionist at the VD Clinic."

Man: "Haven't I seen you some place before?"  
Woman: "Yeah, that's why I don't go there anymore."

Man: "Is this seat empty?"  
Woman: "Yes, and this one will be too if you sit down."

Man: "So, wanna go back to my place?"  
Woman: "Well, I don't know. Will two people fit under a rock?"

Man: "Your place or mine?"  
Woman: "Both. You go to yours, and I'll go to mine."

Man: "So what do you do for a living?"  
Woman: "I'm a female impersonator."

Man: "What sign were you born under?"  
Woman: "No parking."

Man: "Hey, baby, what's your

sign?"

Woman: "Do not enter"

Man: "How do you like your eggs in the morning?"

Woman: "Unfertilized."

Man: "I know how to please a woman."

Woman: "Then please leave me alone."

Man: "I want to give myself to you."

Woman: "Sorry, I don't accept cheap gifts."

Man: "If I could just see you naked, I'd die happy."

Woman: "Yeah, but if I saw you naked, I'd probably just die."

Man: "Your body is like a temple."

Woman: "Sorry, no church today."

Man: "I would go to the end of the world for you."

Woman: "Yes, but would you stay there?"

Ladies, these lines do work, and they are funny, but be careful. Some men will try to have the last word.

Fellas, if you don't like what we said, e-mail back at Risky\_R@hotmail.com and let me know how you reject women you're not interested in. Also, be on the look for the upcoming issue: Don't give advice to your friends, because they don't listen to it.

Talk to you next issue. ♦



## Yoga: Meditation exercises help students maintain sense of balance, discipline

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called the cow and the cat. On hands and knees, they alternately round then arch their backs.

The practice continues with *asana*, focused postures with mindful breathing. In the camel position, students on their knees bend backward with their hands on their ankles and hold the position. Fuller encourages the group during more challenging exercises. Afterward, students relax in the baby pose, face down with their knees tucked under their bodies, arms straight at their sides.

The "Breath of Fire," Fuller explained, is what separates Kundalini from other forms of yoga. Sounding like a chugging locomotive, he demonstrated the forceful exhalations that originate from the lower abdomen.

"You're pumping from your navel," he said, putting a hand to his laboring belly. "Your navel is pumping like a piston in a car." During the *kriya*, a Sanskrit word meaning action, participants perform energizing exercises that purify toxins from the blood and the body.

"These exercises get you in tune with your body," Fuller told the class. "You've got to know your body. You can't tran-

scend what you don't know."

Sometimes Fuller leads the group in chants. He also devotes a portion of the class to meditation, sometimes with *mudra*, or hand postures, and muscle locks called *bhandas*.

As he eats vegetarian phad thai at the Bangkok Café, Fuller explains more.

"The postures don't have to be perfect," he said. Participants should focus more on the breath or a mantra, a repeated chant or prayer, in order to steady the mind.

"Yoga means union," Fuller emphasized. "It's the object of self-realization. The object of yoga is to calm your mind." Becoming in tune with the body and the spirit allows the human psyche to unite with that of the universe.

"You have to see yourself as a microcosm of the macrocosm," he said.

Fuller twirls the noodles on his plate with a fork.

"Your mind is like a pool of water," he said. "Without discipline, thoughts are like waves that bring mud up." The agitation and suspended muck muddles clarity of thought. Practicing yoga calms the waves in the mind so one can see all the way to the bottom, he said.

For the pragmatist, yoga

does more than feed the soul. It keeps the body limber, which eases the body's aging process. Fuller believes yoga even helps ward off sickness.

It also has mental benefits. Most importantly, yoga teaches self-acceptance.

"You realize that you don't have to be perfect," Fuller said. "You're perfect as you are. You can't love other people if you don't first love yourself." Practicing also can impact the lives of both professionals and students.

"It's calming your mind, so you've got better concentration," said Fuller. "It's a total stress relief." Just a small amount of yoga exercise, he said can help one focus better on studies or help mentally prepare for an exam. Meditation has additional merit in Fuller's opinion. He raises a hand above his head, representing the positive highs that people experience. His other hand hovers over the table, representing negative lows. Like mood swings, his hands move up and down wildly.

"The ideal is to avoid the roller coaster and go the middle way, especially as life gets more chaotic," he said.

"Yoga is about total detachment," he explained. The physi-

cal plane causes suffering because it concerns itself with attachment. By attaining a higher spiritual plane, one experiences life as the harmony of yin and yang.

To achieve detachment and a higher spiritual plane, Fuller practices yoga daily, ideally for two and a half hours.

To a beginner, it might sound like biting off more than you can chew, but Fuller has no problem with the discipline it takes.

"Once you see the benefits of it," he said, "it becomes much easier. Once you see how beneficial it is, then you're more determined to practice."

The bill for the meal arrives, and he laughs as he recites from the slip of paper inside his fortune cookie:

"It's a nice day."

*The Yoga and Meditation Group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the area between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building.*

*Wear comfortable clothing you can stretch in and bring a blanket or mat. Dharam Singh will lead this Wednesday's meeting, and a vegetarian potluck dinner follow. In case of rain, call Michael Fuller at 907-2458 to find out where the group will meet. ♦*

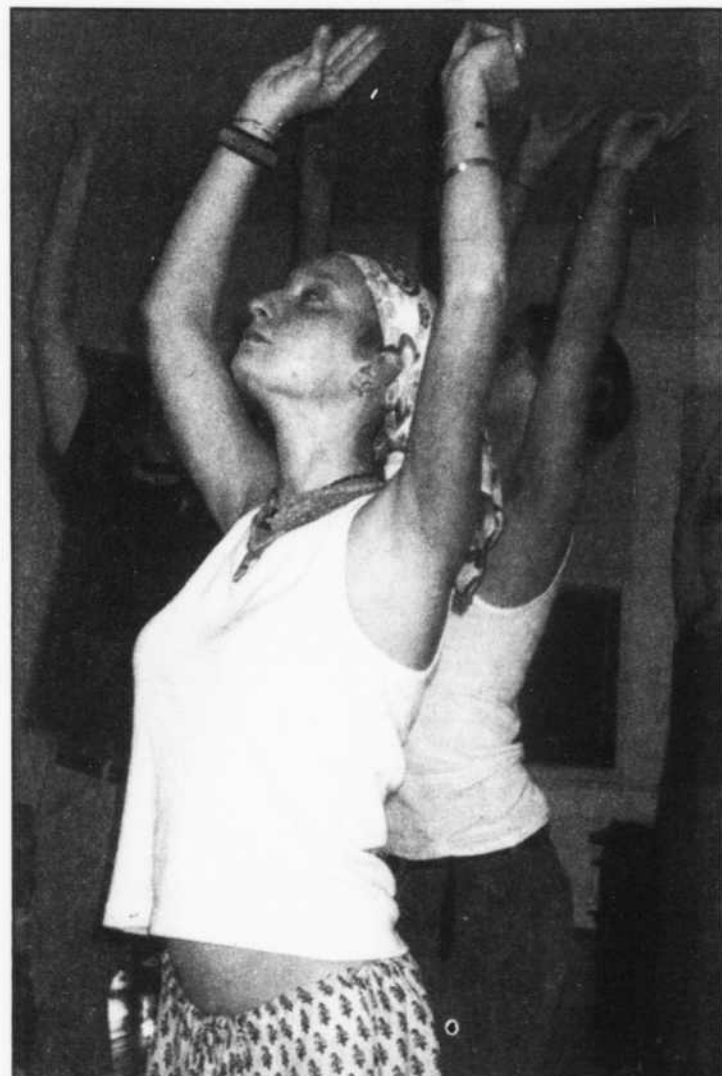


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Participants in the yoga class lean backward while touching their thumbs to their pinkies in a *mudra*.

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Maybe the NFL (No Fun League) should change its name to the NSL (No Sympathy League).

After canceling all of the action of Week 2 in the wake of terrorist attacks, the NFL promptly realized their problem. With no extra week between the conference championships and the Super Bowl this year, the NFL would have to cut a week of the season or cut the number of playoff teams.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has set an Oct. 15 deadline for deciding what the NFL will do, but for the moment they want to play a full season. They decided to play Week 2 action on Jan. 5-7, which was to be Wild Card Weekend. If the NFL cancels Wild Card Weekend, they'll lose somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60 to \$80 million in rebates to the television networks.

Canceling Week 2, with 15 games, would have been as much, if not more. So, the NFL is now scrambling like Neil O'Donnell. Push the Super Bowl back a week, even if it means changing the venue from New Orleans to Miami, Pasadena or elsewhere.

The National Automobile Dealers' Association will be in town the next week in the Crescent City, and they so far have been reluctant to change dates to accommodate the NFL.

They've booked 25,000 rooms for the event (I wonder how many alligator shoes and plaid pairs of socks will be there).

Both sides will enter negotiations this week, with the NFL sending Detroit Lions owner William Clay Ford, a major shareholder in Ford Motor Company, and New Orleans owner Tom Benson, who owns 33 car dealerships in San Antonio and New Orleans, as their prime delegates.

This whole scenario is shameful. Keep the games canceled, even if it means the Titans missed out on a sure win against Cincinnati, even if it means San Diego plays an extra game, even if it means a 7-8 team makes the wild-card.

When Pete Rozell carried on with the NFL after President Kennedy's assassination, analysts made the comment that the NFL was saying that they were bigger than the president or the country itself.

If Tagliabue carries on a full schedule and full playoffs, it means that the NFL can sympathize with the country, but can't put its money where its mouth is. ♦

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## Blue Raiders win first Sun Belt game

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

Not even a host of penalties and fumbles could keep Middle Tennessee from earning the first victory in Sun Belt Conference play Saturday night.

Led by running back Dwone Hicks' four touchdowns, the Blue Raiders handed Louisiana at Monroe a 38-20 defeat to climb on top of the Sun Belt Conference standings.

"We knew it was going to be tough coming in here, and it was," MT head coach Andy McCollum said at his post-game press conference. "It's great to get that first one."

MT scored on their first three drives and carried a 17-0 lead into halftime.

Then the potent Blue Raiders offense entered the second half with a touching display of charity work, turning the ball over three times to the Indian squad.

This amounted to a late rally by Louisiana at Monroe, with all three of their touchdowns coming in the second half.

"Our offense played a little sloppy tonight," MT running back Dwone Hicks told *The Tennessean*.

The team answered under adversity and a slew of penalties to take their first win out of the state of Louisiana under coach McCollum.

"They gave us what we wanted," MT quarterback Wes Counts told *The Tennessean*. "We got away from it for a little while, but we made a few adjustments."

The win came under unusual circumstances as the defense was asked to bail out the celebrated offense.

"We knew coming into the game that for us to win, the defense had to make plays," MT linebacker Scotty Brown told the *Daily News Journal*.

Jykine Bradley came away with his third interception of the year to lead the Sun Belt Conference. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation in interceptions.

"Defensive wise, we did what we were supposed to do," MT defensive end Tanaka Scott told the *DNJ*. "We stuffed the run and made them throw the ball. I'm disappointed with the two touchdowns we gave up in the fourth quarter, but it was a good win."

The offense, despite multiple second-half errors, kept right on moving. For the second straight game MT scored on their first drive, capping it off with a Kendall Newson touchdown catch.

Newson not only extended his catching streak to 35 straight games but also added his 12th career 100-yard game. Newson

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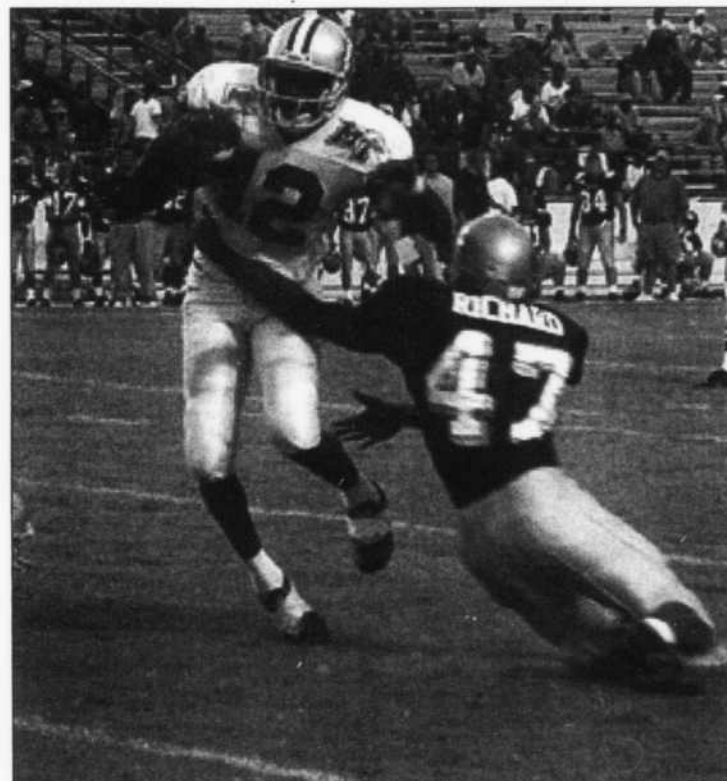


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Kendall Newson breaks a tackle in Saturday's game.

## MT soccer defeats SEC opponent

First SEC win in four years  
even out team record 2-2By Steven Finley  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team scored a huge home victory against a major conference foe Saturday with a 2-1 upset of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

The game was MT's first match up with a Southeastern Conference team since a huge loss to UT four years ago.

The Lady Raiders, who came into the game following a two-week layoff, were well rested and played swarming defense early in the first half.

The Tide, on the other hand, were unable to convert on any of their scoring chances, especially on their corner kicks which goalkeeper Emily Shrum shut down.

The Lady Raiders got the crowd involved early with some exciting offensive plays including one instance when they caught 'Bama's goalkeeper out of the box following a corner kick and narrowly missed a go-ahead goal.

Midfielder Lisa Langrish opened up the game's scoring with a penalty kick goal following a Tide foul in the penalty area. The goal was Langrish's second on the season and tied her with Danielle LaDuke for the team lead.

The Lady Raiders later pushed the score to 2-0 when Lindsey Bopp fed Emily Carter with a pass at the top of the 18-yard box. Carter then kicked a perfect chip shot that sailed over Tide goalkeeper Courtney Rogers's outstretched hands for the two-goal lead.

Shrum played excellent in goal, shutting Alabama out for 68 minutes. Her first half was marked by spectacular saves on 'Bama's scoring opportunities. The Crimson Tide out shot the Lady Raiders 21-14 in the game but could only manage one goal on the Raiders' goalie.

Alabama ended the scoreless run when forward Katie French intercepted a stray pass and charged down the left sideline.

She then lofted a high shot just over Shrum's reach pulling the Tide within one goal.

The Lady Raiders, however, were determined to send the Crimson Tide back to Tuscaloosa empty handed. They buckled down defensively and held off a late 'Bama rally.

The scenery was looking great for MT until the 88th minute when the Raiders suffered what could be a devastating injury.

LaDuke outran the Alabama defense down the right side and cut towards the middle to challenge the goalkeeper. LaDuke's initial shot was blocked, but she continued to hustle and recovered the rebound. On her second scoring try, she was taken down by an Alabama defender trailing the play and then collided with the keeper.

LaDuke stayed down following the play, and an ambulance and EMTs were needed to remove her from the field.

The exact extent of the injury is still unknown, but following the game, head coach Scott Ginn speculated on what it could be. "It seems like a fractured femur or dislocated hip," he said. "Unfortunately, if it's either one of those injuries, she's probably (out) for the year."

Play finally resumed after a 20-minute delay, and MT held off a late comeback attempt by Bama. Two minutes ticked off and the horn sounded much to the pleasure of the Lady Raider faithful.

"The team played really well, especially in the first half. As a team, we really played excellent, including the girls coming off the bench," Ginn said after the victory. "Beating Alabama was real big today. Almost as big as the football team's win over Vanderbilt."

The victory opens a five-game home stand for the Raiders in which they plan to improve upon their 2-2 record. This upset of the Crimson Tide could place the squad on the path to success this season. ♦

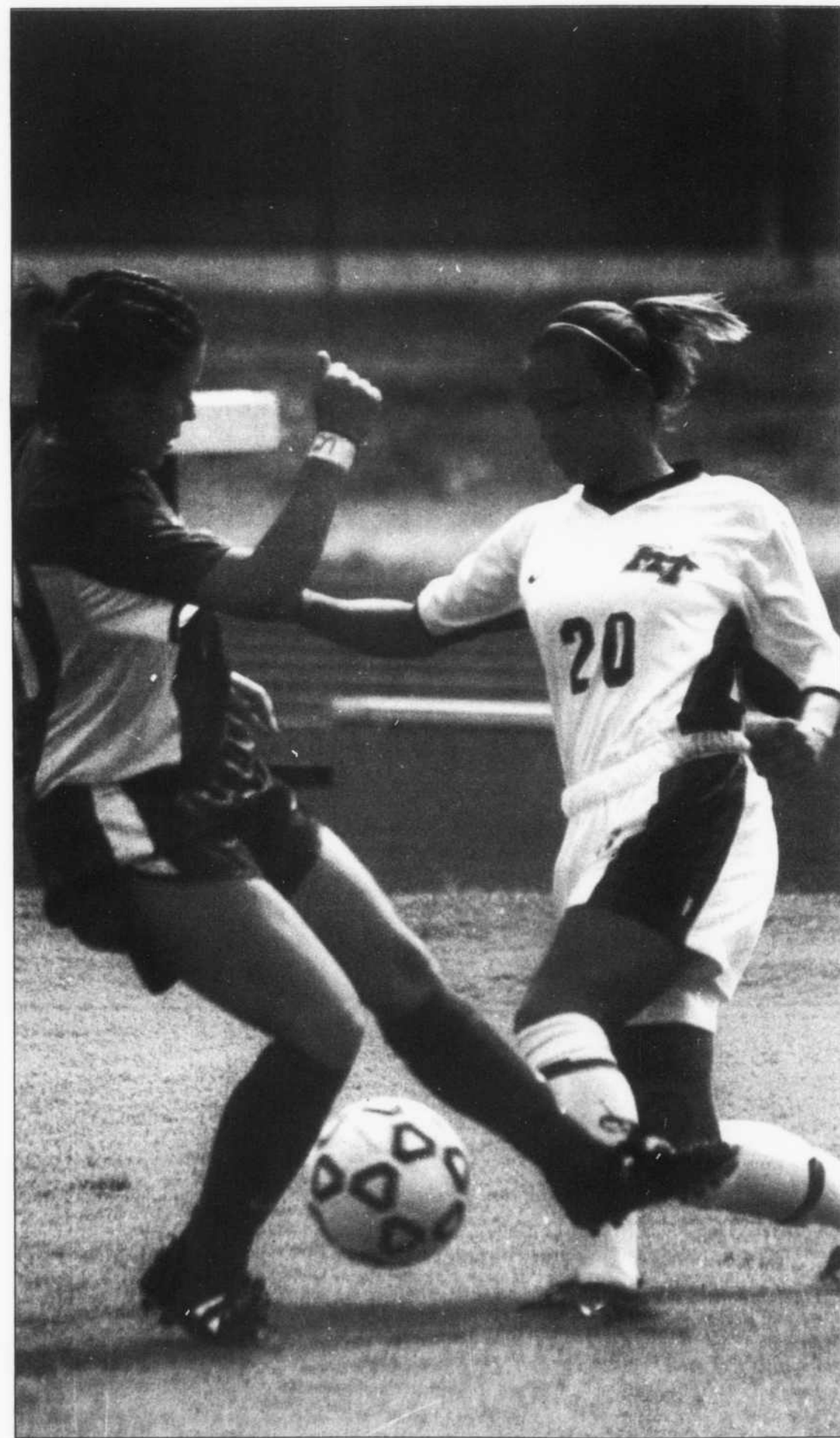


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Laura Miguez hustles to gain control of the ball while trying to avoid the Alabama Crimson Tide defender during Saturday's game at Lady Raider Field.

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## ■ Volleyball

Lady Raiders vs.  
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## ■ Men's Tennis

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## TUESDAY

## ■ Soccer

Lady Raiders vs.  
Murray State  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
4 p.m.

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## ■ Women's Tennis

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Lady Raiders vs. Florida  
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## SATURDAY

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Raiders at Louisiana at  
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Lafayette, La.  
7 p.m.

## ■ Volleyball

Lady Raiders vs. Western  
Kentucky  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
5 p.m.

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## SUNDAY

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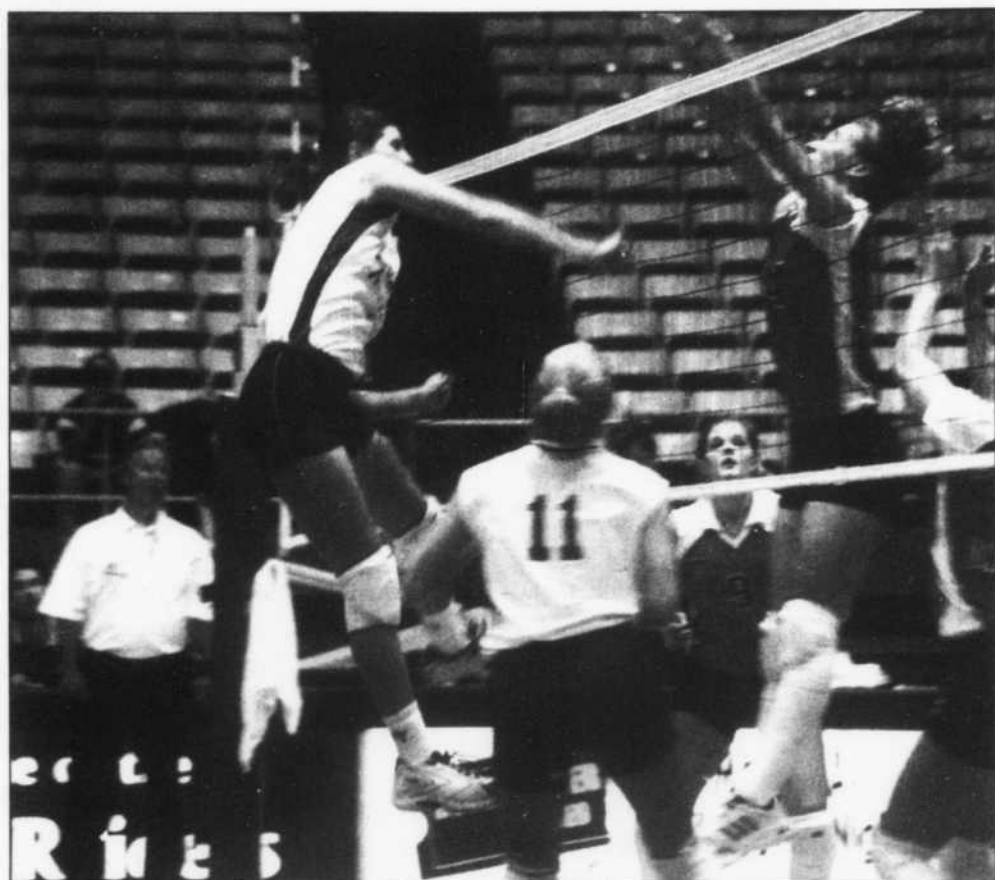
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## MT loses first SBC game



Jennifer Hignite spikes the ball during Tuesday's match against Belmont.

Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

### Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team lost its first Sun Belt Conference match to Florida International 30-24, 15-30, 30-24, 30-20, 9-15 Saturday night.

The Lady Raiders won game one, but the Lady Panthers came back and took game two. FIU used timely hitting and teamwork to take the second game.

MT rebounded and took game three, but FIU answered once again taking game four and forcing a fifth game.

Under new rules, the fifth game is only played to 15 points.

FIU won the decisive game to win the match.

Karisse Baker led the Lady Raider attack with career highs — 13 kills and three block assists.

Kelly Quinn had 24 assists and 12 digs. Shakeitha Deckard finished with seven kills, 35 attacks, two aces and 19 digs.

Caia Morstad tied a career high with two service aces.

All Sun Belt Conference Player Nirvana Koss led the Lady Panthers' attack with 28 kills and 20 digs to record her sixth double-double of the season.

Adriana Fundora-Braddock recorded her fourth double-double of the year with 13 kills and 15 digs for FIU.

The Lady Raiders record falls to 4-6 overall and 0-1 in the Sun Belt.

MT played Miami yesterday. Results of that match were unavailable at press time.

The Lady Raiders next match is tonight when they host Southeastern Conference opponent Arkansas.

Middle Tennessee added the Arkansas game to its schedule earlier this week.

To make up for the games canceled due to the tragedy in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania,

Middle Tennessee will host the University of Arkansas tonight at 6.

The Lady Raiders were scheduled to play in the Kentucky Tournament Sept. 14-15, but the Southeastern Conference chose not to play the tournament because of the tragic events.

"I think that was a good move, the SEC canceling all their games," Lady Raiders Co-Captain Kelly Quinn said in her captain's log.

The Lady Razorbacks Bank of Fayetteville tournament scheduled for the same weekend also was canceled.

"We just needed another match," Arkansas head coach Chris Poole said.

MT and UA have faced off on one other occasion, with UA beating MT.

The Lady Raiders will be back in home action with back-to-back conference games against Louisiana at Lafayette and Western Kentucky on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. ♦

## Football: MT wins despite many penalties

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now holds the school record in this category.

Not to be outdone, quarterback Wes Counts completed his first 11 pass attempts and moved into second place on the Blue Raider career touchdown passing list with 37.

He needs five more to eclipse

the record of 41 held by Teddy Morris.

As if the MT offense didn't have enough going for them, they put together a 99-yard drive in the second quarter for the longest drive in school history.

"That was a humongous drive," McCollum said in his post-game press conference.

"I thought that was a big key early, but I want to give credit to the defense for what it did early."

The Blue Raiders will take a 3-0 record back to Louisiana next Saturday in hopes of duplicating their success on the road against the Ragin Cajuns of Louisiana at Lafayette.

## MT soccer team plays Murray at home today

By Steven Finley  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team will play former conference opponent Murray State tomorrow at Lady Raider Field.

The Lady Raiders are trying to gain a foothold after suffering two hard fought one-goal losses in their first three matches.

Murray St., on the other hand, will be trying to bounce back from a 4-1 loss handed to them by No. 15 Kentucky.

Originally not on MSU's schedule, Kentucky was added after the Racers were forced to reschedule over this past week.

Expect the meeting between the Lady Raiders and the Racers to be tightly contested with the victor likely being the squad whose younger players step up and make the fewest errors.

Both teams are currently in the midst of a youth movement featuring only three seniors combined between the two teams.

To pick up a win against MSU, MT will have to step up their first-half play.

Passive mistakes in the opening half of their loss to Jacksonville St. put MT in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

The early 2-0 deficit could have also been attributed to the lack of early defensive pressure placed on the Gamecocks.

By the time Lisa Langrish scored in the 70th minute to make it a 2-1 game, too much time had passed to allow for a complete comeback.

The outcome for tomorrow's match may very well lie with the squad who dominates the opening half.

Both teams are undefeated after scoring first and leading at halftime. As in the game against JSU, it's difficult to stage comebacks after placing yourself at an early disadvantage.

If MT can reach the back of the net early in the contest and play well defensively a victory could very well be in order.

Another key to defeating the Racers is holding them to under 15 shots. Only one of their victories has come during a match where they did not reach that mark.

A list of players to keep an eye on includes Racers' sophomore midfielder Lindsey Gustafson. She unleashed a 5-point fury in a 6-0 blanking of Arkansas St. Her performance included 3 assists and a goal scored.

For MT, captains Megan

Holsten and Breann Nevins must get the squad to step up defensive pressure against an MSU offense that has put in a steady barrage of 13 goals thus far this season.

In goal, sophomore Emily Shrum will need to improve upon her .737 save percentage if the Racers get their 15 plus shots on goal.

Geri Thompson and Karen Fitzharris have split equal time in the box for Murray St. thus far. Both are equally talented with Fitzharris holding an undefeated record, while Thompson sports an impressive .50 goals against average and .900 save percentage.

The Racers' use of this tandem means the Lady Raiders will need to maximize shot selection and capitalize on scoring chances.

Giving the Racers an early confidence boost could spell trouble in the end.

The bottom line — With a two-week hiatus between matches, the Lady Raiders may come into the week a little rusty.

Expect head coach Scott Ginn to have his squad well prepared for today's key match up.

The game begins at 4 p.m. ♦

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## Blue Raiders place 10th at Vanderbilt

### Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee cross country teams competed second in the Vanderbilt Invitational Saturday.

The Blue Raiders finished 10th overall out of a 23-team competition and seventh out of 13 Division I schools participating in the event.

Geoffrey Lagat was held out of this event after an intense race at Western Kentucky last weekend.

Levi Sybert was the top finisher on the day for the Blue Raiders.

He took 13th place with a time of 27:26.20 in the 8K race.

"Levi ran a great race," said head coach Dean Hayes. "He continues to improve every week and he ran better here today than he did last year."

The next highest finishers for the MT team were Anthony McGary at 39th with a time of 28:13.32, Steve Safstrom in 58th at 28:41.72 and Josh Carroll at 83rd with a time of 29:37.38.

Carlos Gonzales was the only other Blue Raider to score. He placed 105th with a time of 30:16.53.

Others finishing the race for MT were Chris Hanson in 158th place, Sean Rabe in 167th, Brian Picklesimer in 176th and Brent Greer in 187th.

The Lady Raider squad wasn't quite as fortunate as the men's squad.

Only five runners were able to compete in the race. The MT runners failed to post a finish.

Only four runners in the entire competition completed the 5K course.

Kapreia Kirk was knocked down during the race and unable to complete the event.

"Something happened with Kapreia and she got knocked down and hurt a little bit," said Hayes.

"She's going to be okay and we're glad it's not more serious."

Placing for the Lady Raiders were Erin Russell in 138th place, Sabrina Smith in 204th place, Colleen Parker in 205th and Jameka Collins in 224th.

Both cross country teams will begin action Oct. 6 in Birmingham at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Invitational. ♦

# Tennis still alive in Intercollegiate tournament

### Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee tennis team competed in the Southern Intercollegiate Championships in Athens, Ga., this weekend.

Michael Staniak won a pair of matches in the consolation bracket of Division I singles Sunday to reach the semifinals.

Staniak began the tournament with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-7 (5) loss to Nikola Aracil of Murray State Friday.

He rebounded to defeat Piero Demichelli of Stetson, 6-2, 6-3 Saturday in a consolation bracket match.

Staniak began Sunday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Coemot Fischer of Tennessee Tech. Then he defeated David Nelson, in the quarterfinals Sunday afternoon.

Staniak takes on Auburn's Mark Kovacs in the semifinals this morning.

He needs to win two matches today in order to win the consolation bracket.

"This is a good opportunity for Michael," MT head coach Dale Short said. "We have several players playing well right now, and Michael has a good chance to win the backside of the draw tomorrow."

Trevor Short was one of the only Blue Raiders singles player still in the tournament yesterday. He and Daniel Klemetz were the only MT doubles team

still alive yesterday.

Short lost his match Sunday morning, 6-4, 6-2, to Wade Orr of Tennessee in the consolation bracket in Division II singles.

Short dropped his first match, a 6-0, 6-2 decision, to No. 12 seeded Jason Hazley of Louisiana State University on Friday in Division II singles play.

Short then won 6-1, 6-3 over Mercer's Michael Witting to advance to Sunday's play.

In doubles play, Short and Klemetz defeated Aguerrevere and Wawrzyniak of Tennessee Tech 8-4 late Friday evening in the doubles play.

Late Saturday evening, Short and Klemetz dropped an 8-2 decision to Romain Ambissir and Max Fomine of Mississippi State, eliminating them from the tournament.

Klemetz, ranked 18th in the ITA preseason poll and seeded third in the 128-player Division I singles draw, struggled but defeated Richard Magney of Memphis Friday afternoon, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, in his first singles match of the fall season.

Klemetz then dropped a 6-1, 6-2 decision to Roger Anderson of Georgia Tech Saturday morning.

Oliver Foreman defeated No. 6 seed Paco Antelo of South Florida, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 Friday for his third victory of the season.

Foreman also defeated the University of Alabama at

Birmingham's Andre van der Merwe 6-2, 6-3, in the second round before falling to Eleazar Magallon of Florida 6-7, 6-7.

Kirk Jackson posted a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Subash Patel of Mercer Friday morning and defeated Pablo Martinez of Troy State, 7-5, 6-3, Saturday morning.

Jackson's win streak ended Saturday afternoon with a 6-4, 6-2 loss to South Carolina's Carl Wermee.

Greg Pollack lost 6-4, 5-7, 4-6 in his first action of the tournament to Dale White of Armstrong Atlantic.

In other doubles action, the team of Foreman and Jackson dropped an 8-6 decision to the team of Atkinson/Nelson of South Carolina Friday.

Pollack and Staniak lost 8-2 to the duo of Armstrong/Ruiz of Mississippi State Friday.

"I'm not too worried about our overall team effort in this tournament, and I'm very pleased with the way Kirk and Oliver played," Short said. "If both of them can continue to improve and play well, it will make our entire team better throughout this season."

The Southern Collegiate Championships run through today at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex on the University of Georgia campus.

Results from matches late Saturday night and Sunday were unavailable at press time. ♦

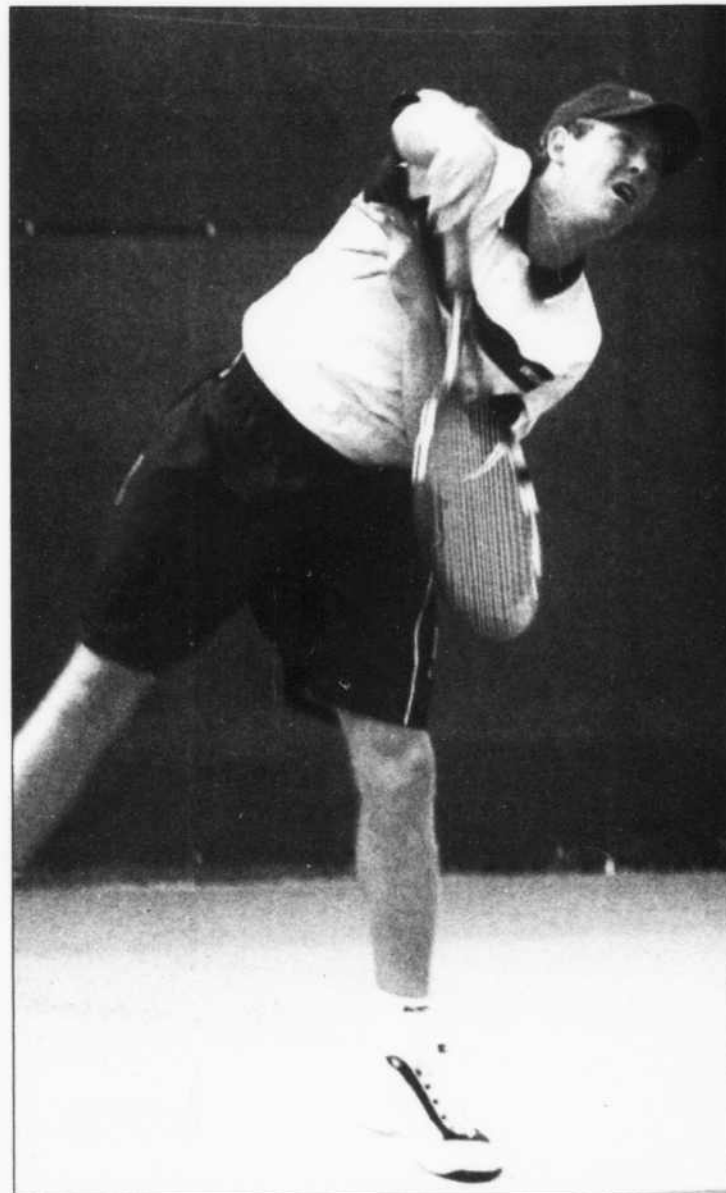


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Trevor Short made it to Sunday's competition in both doubles and singles at the Southern Intercollegiate.

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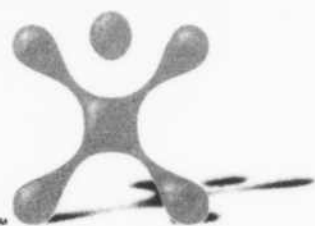
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