

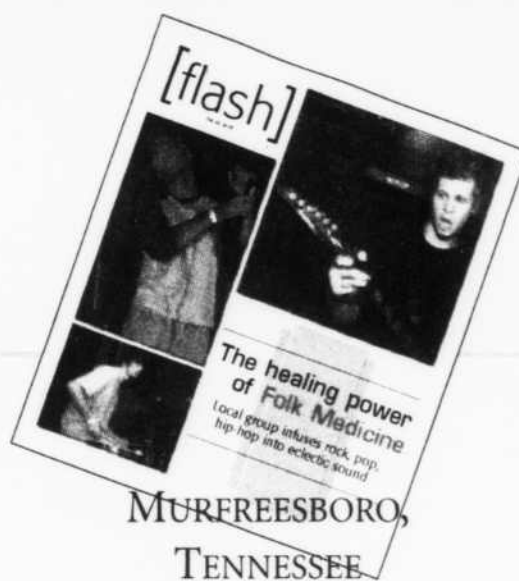


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## Campus Briefs

### Trunk or Treat held Thursday afternoon

Alpha Delta Pi, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are sponsoring a trick or treat event geared toward children and adults with disabilities. The event will be in the MTSU Livestock Center Parking Lot on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

SAE and ADPi have done this event together for the past four years. This year Pi Kappa Phi was asked to help out as well.

PKP's official philanthropy is Push America, an organization created by PKP to assist people with disabilities. For more information about Push America, visit [www.pushamerica.org](http://www.pushamerica.org).

For more information about Trunk or Treat, contact Brandy Pounds at 496-5582.

### Fraternity helps Make a Difference Day

Sigma Nu fraternity raked leaves, cleaned gutters and assisted the elderly with housework as part of Make a Difference Day on Saturday.

The fraternity members and candidates helped the elderly with such tasks as cleaning out attics, dusting fans and hooking up television and stereo equipment.

Make a Difference Day takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. It is a national event which encourages neighbors to help neighbors.

Tennessee Realtors Association and Sigma Nu alum Dave Patton sponsored the event.

### Career Achievement nominations due

The Career Achievement Award Committee is accepting nominations for the 2003-2004 Career Achievement Award, a \$5,000 stipend from the MTSU Foundation.

The award will be presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated profound, sustained and high-quality contributions in the areas of teaching, innovation, publication and research/creative activity.

The recipient must be a full-time faculty member with a minimum of 10 years of service to MTSU at the rank of full professor or 15 years of full-time service to the university.

Nominations are due by Nov. 17.

For more information, contact the office of the Executive Vice President and Provost at 898-2880 or Bella Higdon, award committee chair, at 898-2322.

### Career Day to be held on Monday

The 2003 Nurses/Health Career Day will be in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on Nov. 3. Representatives from 40 different organizations will be on hand to speak with students who wish to pursue careers in nursing or health-related occupations. ♦

## Release of complaint delayed

### County judges recuse themselves

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

All of the judges in Rutherford County have recused themselves from the hearing involving the temporary injunction against the Tennessee Board of Regents regarding the sexual harassment complaint against university President Sidney McPhee.

Chancellor Robert E. Corlew III of Rutherford County issued the restraining order Oct. 16 to stop the TBR from releasing the complaint, which was withdrawn on Oct. 14. Several news organizations in Tennessee have requested the details under the Tennessee Open Records Act.

The woman's attorney, Steven Sager of Murfreesboro, filed the restraining order

almost two weeks ago, but the scheduled date for the hearing has been changed.

"I recused primarily because the case has a deep involvement with MTSU," Corlew said. "My family has a deep involvement with MTSU."

Corlew Hall, the freshmen dorm on the north side of campus, is named after Corlew's father.

"I felt it would have an appearance of conflict," Corlew

said.

Chancellor Tom Gray of Gallatin has been assigned to hear the case, *Jane Doe v. TBR*, but the hearing date has not been set.

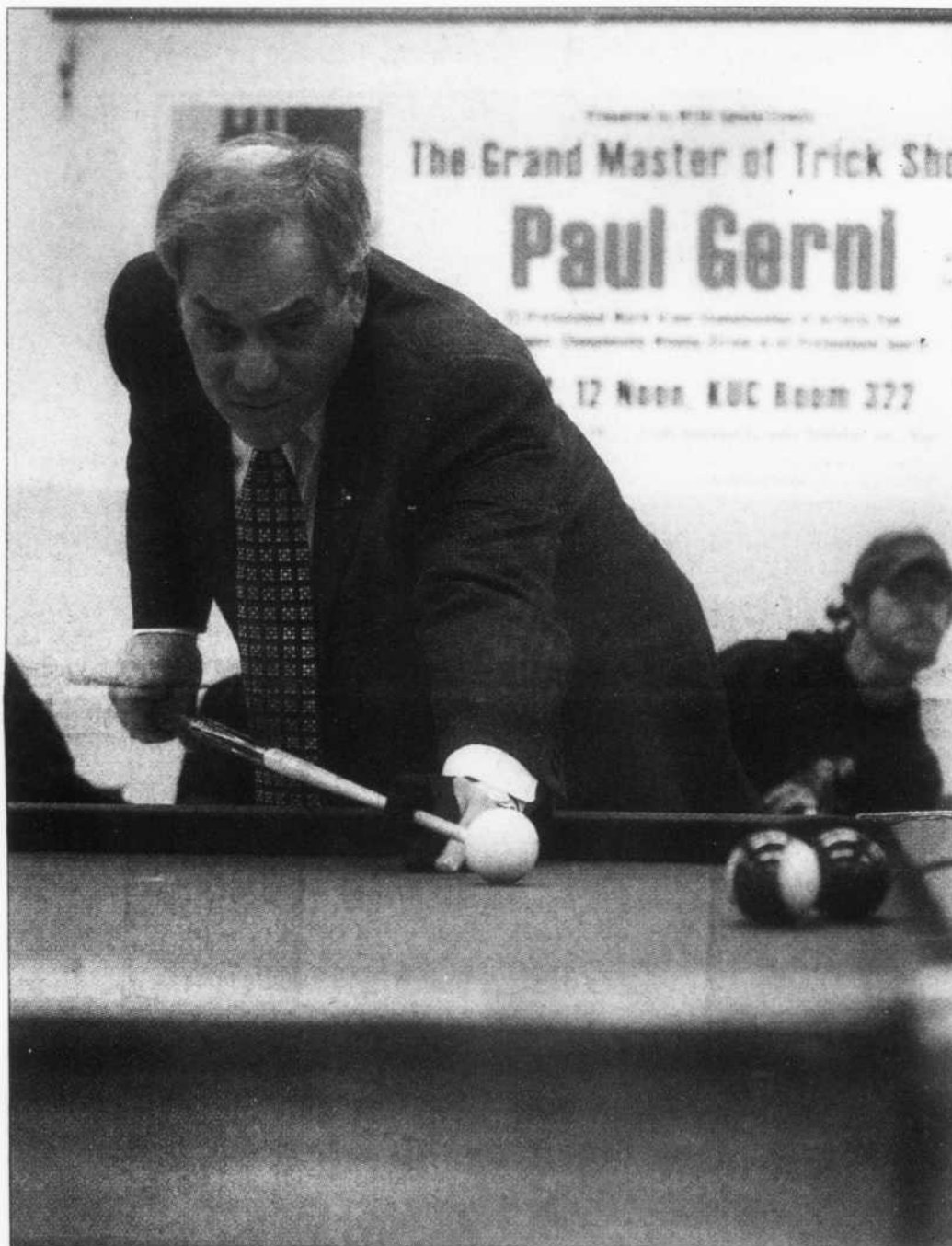
According to TBR policy, harassment claims will be "conducted in such a manner to protect the confidentiality of both parties," however, "complete confidentiality cannot be guaranteed."

Although the complaint has

been withdrawn, TBR Chancellor Charles Manning said that TBR is still continuing with the investigation into the complaint.

In a statement released on Oct. 14, McPhee said that he has "chosen to follow Board of Regents regulations with regard to a mediation process in the hope that this situation can be resolved without a public controversy or legal action." ♦

### Pool shark



Paul Gerni, a master of trick pool shots, performed for students at the Keathley University Center on Monday. Gerni holds the world's official records for most balls pocketed in one legal stroke, making 27 balls in 1998.

Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

## Honor society begins food drive

By Michaela Jackson  
Staff Writer

With numerous social activities happening all the time, the foundation of the Greek system, public service, is often forgotten by the organizations.

In the midst of the social din, however, one campus chapter, Xi Beta, of the Order of Omega Honor Society, has found a way to get back to its roots.

Now through Nov. 5, Xi Beta is hosting the "Yes, you CAN make a difference" yes, you CAN drive to aid the Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville in preparation for their busiest season of the year.

According to Meredith Anne Higgs, faculty advisor for the Order of Omega, the goal of this project is to include not only the Greeks, but to "bring the campus together to touch the community."



Members of the developmental studies department put together a donation for the Order of Omega food drive.

Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

Omega's goal is to raise 1000 cans of food.

Higgs does not see this as far-fetched.

"Think if everyone on campus donated two cans of food," Higgs said.

To encourage participation of student groups and academic and administrative departments, Omega is offering special recognition to any student or group that can raise 100 cans of food or more.

Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, which services 37 counties and 16,212 square miles, is always in need of assistance in the form of either

donated non-perishable food items or volunteered hours.

The "Yes, you CAN make a difference" campaign offers students across the campus and throughout the community the opportunity to help make the holiday season more enjoyable for the less fortunate.

Donations should be brought to the office of Greek life, located in the Keathley University Center, Room 326. Cans should be separated in groups of 10 and double-bagged, with the name of the contributing organization or

See Food, 2

## Stalking, beating went unreported

### Student hunted, attacked in dormitory

By L.P. Anderson  
Staff Reporter

An MTSU employee recently broke a university policy when she failed to tell campus police that a student repeatedly stalked and attacked a resident of Corlew Hall, MTSU police Lt. Darrell Collins said.

An unidentified black male hunted freshman Nello Montesi, 18, through the dormitory on the evening of Oct. 9, Collins said Tuesday. The student repeatedly caught Montesi, assaulting him in a laundry room and twice in a hallway, the lieutenant added.

Jennifer Danylo, an area coordinator at MTSU, talked with Montesi shortly after he filed a complaint with a Corlew Hall desk assistant that night, Collins said. Danylo also filed a report of the attacks, the lieutenant added.

But Danylo never informed campus police of these fights, Collins said, adding a university policy requires that dormitory officials report to campus police an assault occurring on campus.

"We were disturbed that we did not get a call we ought to have got," the Collins said. "It's an annoying situation, and they need to at least follow the guidelines."

Fearing the unidentified student's reprisals, Montesi asked

the area coordinator not to report his beatings to campus police, Danylo said during a telephone interview Tuesday. Danylo is area coordinator of Womack Lane Apartments and Scarlett Commons, she added.

"In instances such as that, we go with a student's wishes," Danylo said.

Danylo was ignorant of a university policy requiring that she inform campus police of assaults occurring on campus, she said, adding this is her fourth year as area coordinator.

Housing officials at MTSU, which includes area coordinators, receive "extensive" training in July, Danylo said, adding these employees are versed in administrative and "situational" duties during their training.

Danylo had received training for her position, said Margaret Lawler, associate director of Housing and Residential Life at MTSU. Lawler is Danylo's supervisor and trains area coordinators, she added Wednesday.

Lawler said "it depends" whether Danylo and other area coordinators receive training in university policies. She would not say under what conditions employees receive this education.

"I'm not going to make a comment about that," Lawler added.

After responding to Montesi's complaint, Danylo told the student to return to his room within Corlew Hall and lock the door, according to a

See Stalking, 2

## Building evacuated after gas line erupts

By L.P. Anderson  
Staff Reporter

Another gas line erupted Monday near the College of Mass Communication, requiring that students and professors evacuate the building, Monday.

The leak occurred as a construction crew sank a cable into the ground between the building and the site of the future Honors College, MTSU police Lt. Darrell Collins said Tuesday.

That accident marks the second gas leak and evacuation of the Mass Communications building since the semester began.

But busted gas lines are evils that often accompany work crews, said Dale Collins, operations supervisor for Atmos Energy Corp. The company provides gas to the university.

"Crews dig down, and unfortunately do a fair amount of third-party damage on a site," the operations supervisor added

during a telephone interview Tuesday.

The corporation repairs several busted gas lines at work sites each year, he said.

Atmos Energy Corp., MTSU police and the Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to the leak at 11:54 a.m., the lieutenant said.

Police then cordoned off the area surrounding the leak and shooed students and teachers from the near-by building, he said, adding that construction crews resumed work when the gas company sealed the line roughly 40 minutes after police arrived at the scene.

The name of the construction company could not be verified yesterday.

No injuries occurred during the accident, the lieutenant said.

"You don't want to see one of those things explode," Collins added. "A gas explosion makes a hell of a mess." ♦





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William Shulman, professor of criminal justice, discusses the arbitrariness of the death penalty at the Honors Lecture on Monday.

# Death penalty fairness target of honors lecture

Use of capital punishment arbitrary, prof says

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

Associate professor of criminal justice administration William Shulman discussed the randomness of the death penalty in America's court systems during Monday's Honors Lecture.

"The arbitrariness of the death penalty has not even come close to disappearing," Shulman said.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that the court systems were not properly separating out what they considered the "worst of the worst" to receive the death penalty.

Because of this, all death penalty cases were reduced to life sentences and 1,500 inmates were released across the United States. The states were forced to rework the trial system.

Before 1972, the guilt and sentencing phases of a trial were executed at the same time. This meant that while the jury was given the proper evidence to decide a person's guilt, they were not given any information such as prior convictions or the life the person lived before the murder occurred.

Because the information was limited only to evidence, the jury never heard any variables that could aid them in sentencing a criminal, Shulman explained.

Now first-degree murder trials are separated into two phases. The first phase is when the jury decides guilt or innocence. If found guilty, the jury determines sentencing.

During sentencing, the prosecution can show aggravating circumstances, or reasons that the defendant should be put on death row.

The defense shows mitigating circumstances, or the reasons the defendant should be allowed to live.

While the changes have made the system better, Shulman still believes that the system for delivering a death sentence is not perfect.

Shulman first pointed to structural problems of how the death penalty is decided.

His first point was that the law defines first-degree murder as premeditated murder. The state of Tennessee defines premeditation as thinking about the act and reflecting on the action before committing it.

"This definition is not precise enough," Shulman argued.

Shulman explained that with this definition, the prosecution could charge anyone with premeditation. By picking up a weapon, a person has thought about committing the act before doing it.

The second structural problem with the death penalty, according to Shulman, is the prosecutor's power to charge a defendant and seek the death penalty. The prosecuting attorney has the right to decide if to charge, what to charge and what sentence to demand.

Some prosecutors do not believe in the death penalty, but others believe in it vehemently.

Almost 30 percent of Tennessee's 97 death row inmates come from Shelby County. A much smaller number of death row inmates lived in Davidson County.

Shulman said he is deeply disturbed by what he perceives

as "geographical coincidences" in the death penalty.

The final structural problem Shulman discussed was the jury's decision itself.

A recent study found that most jurors want to know whether the defendant will be dangerous in the future, but some states, including Tennessee, do not include that factor as aggravating or mitigating circumstances, Shulman explained.

Also, the jury's decision is supposed to be guided and narrowed down so they can look at a few facts, but the mitigating evidence can be anything that the defense wishes to show.

Shulman said that the defense needed to show any evidence necessary, but he wondered how that helped narrow the facts for the jury.

"In that regard it is no wonder that states differ wholly on their application of the death penalty," Shulman said.

California has the largest death row population, but they have only executed one person since 1976, despite having 586 prisoners in death row. Texas is the second largest, with 450 people on death row, 40 of whom have been executed.

In Virginia, there are 31 on death row and eight have been executed.

Also, Virginia has a time frame of two years and one month between the time of sentencing and execution. Tennessee's time frame, and the average time frame, is ten years.

The trials of the snipers who killed a number of people in Virginia and Washington D.C. is currently being held in Virginia.

"It's no big secret why Virginia is the place," Shulman said. ♦

## Stalking: Victim withdraws from university

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police report.

Instead, Montesi left campus "to escape further injury," and filed a complaint against the student to campus police a week later, the report added. Montesi could not be reached for comment on this article.

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As of Thursday, Montesi is still enrolled at MTSU, a clerk at the university Records Office said Thursday. But the student told campus police that he is withdrawing from MTSU, Collins said.

Montesi did not want to

return to the university from his home in Memphis to prosecute the unknown student, he added.

"We're not pleased with the actions," Collins said. "But what are we to do?" ♦

## Food: Contributions accepted until Nov. 5

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person written in permanent marker on the outside of each bag. Contributions will be accepted through Nov. 5 at 1 p.m.

The Order of Omega, which has also participated in such service projects as Operation Christmas Child and the Angel Tree program, is bringing the

Greek system back to "what it's really all about," according to Higgs.

"We need more campus involvement as a whole," Higgs said.

"This is great," she said. She sees it not only as a chance to feed the hungry, but to bring "service, quality, and honor to the university."

For additional information

regarding the Order of Omega, or the food drive, contact Higgs at 898-2550 or Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life, at 898-5996.

For more information regarding the local Second Harvest Food Bank, visit their Web site, [www.secondharvest-nashville.org](http://www.secondharvest-nashville.org) or call them at 329-3491. ♦

## Crime Log

Compiled By L.P. Anderson

A partial listing of incidents filed by the MTSU Police Department between Oct. 22 and Oct. 27 included:

Wednesday, Oct. 22, - 2:41 p.m.  
Murphy Center  
A motor scooter was stolen.

Thursday, Oct. 23, - 1:19 a.m.  
Health Services Parking Lot  
Daniel Cothorn, 19, of Hoffman, was arrested for allegedly drinking alcohol as a minor.

Friday, Oct. 24, - 4:01 a.m.  
Fraternity Row  
An unidentified drunk person was roaming through the woods near the fraternities.

Saturday, Oct. 25, - 8:35 p.m.  
Kirksey Old Main Parking Lot  
A vehicle smashed into a parked car and then drove from the parking lot.

Sunday, Oct. 26, - 2:24 p.m.  
Sigma Nu Fraternity House  
Medication was stolen from a student's room inside the fraternity house.

Monday, Oct. 27, - 11:28 a.m.  
Cummings Hall  
A female student spotted a male standing in a shower stall.

Monday, Oct. 27, - 12:07 p.m.  
Murphy Center  
A student reported that his vehicle had been struck by another vehicle a few days ago.

Monday, Oct. 27, - 12:38 p.m.  
Nicks Hall Parking Lot  
Ander White, of Nashville, was arrested for allegedly driving on a suspended drivers license. ♦

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# Feds ready plan to track international students

By A.J. Frank  
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will announce regulations next week that will include an additional visa fee for all international students.

The \$100 fee will cover the cost of adding them to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, a database created to track all international students within the country.

Officials say the government hopes to have the final system up and running next fall.

"In 1997, an immigration reform act was passed that mandated an international student tracking system," says Rebecca Brown, director of the

International Studies Office at the University of Virginia. "Before [Sept. 11, 2001], the federal government wanted to charge students and it was regulated that a fee of \$100 could be imposed."

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 brought the tracking system to the forefront of government policy, according to Brown.

"After [Sept. 11, 2001], the student tracking base was put on the fast track because one of the hijackers was on a student visa," Brown says. "On January 30, 2003, federal law mandated that Universities (sic) must be in compliance of the act and they are now readdressing the fee issue."

Homeland Security officials explain that the fee will finance efforts to ensure that interna-

tional students who receive student visas arrive on campus and that they meet the conditions of their visas.

The fee is twice as high as originally projected.

Many believe that this fee may be high, but also is reasonable.

"I think that the fee is justified because this is a privilege for the international students to come to the United States," says Richard B. Tanson, senior international student and scholar advisor.

"I'm not sure that all Americans would be willing to bear the cost to implement the system. It may be excessive, but it is not outrageous."

The government has proposed that colleges and universities collect the proposed \$100

fee from their perspective international students and then make the payments to the Department of Homeland Security.

Some disagree with the proposed fee collecting process.

"My perception is that colleges and universities across the country are against being made a tool of the federal government," Brown says. "If the government feels that they have to collect these fees, they are the ones that should be doing it, not colleges and universities."

The university works closely with NAFSA, the Association for International Educators, an advocacy group that helps advocate educator's views to the government.

NAFSA also keeps educators informed of the regulations

imposed on international students so that the university can help the students stay legally in the United States.

"We have had the same position on the fee for a while now," NAFSA Director of Press Relations Ursula Oaks says. "The main thing that we are concerned about is the mechanism that has developed for collecting the fee is workable and does not create a barrier for potential students."

International students around UVA, like others across the country, will be required to pay the \$100 fee and register in the national database, though they are as yet uncertain of the procedures they will follow.

Some expressed concern regarding the government's upcoming announcement.

"I do not think it is a very good idea because I do not see how it benefits the international student," says first-year College student Huan Le, an international student from Vietnam. "They have to pay money but they don't really get anything out of it."

The government will take final suggestions from colleges following a proposal period and will attempt to have final regulations in effect by next fall.

"International students represent the most law-abiding and hard-working group of international visitors in the country," Brown says.

"If the goal of the government is to make the U.S. safer, most people feel that the time and attention would be better spent elsewhere." ♦

# Doctors allowed to discuss marijuana as medicine

By Jessica Cambridge & Erin James  
Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Pro-medicinal marijuana groups are cheering over the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that physicians can discuss the treatment option of medicinal marijuana with their patients without risking prosecution.

"The Supreme Court's decision not to take the case is probably the most significant court action on the medical marijuana front in two decades," said Robert Kampia, co-founder and executive director of the Marijuana Policy Project, a lobbying group whose goal is to replace marijuana prohibition with a regulated system.

Kampia, a former undergraduate student government

president, and Chuck Thomas, Penn State alumnus, founded MPP in 1995.

"My goal is to end marijuana prohibition, and it takes an organization to do that," Kampia said.

Recently, the high court upheld the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals case of *Walters v. Conant*.

Doctors will now be able to recommend marijuana for medical reasons, but physicians can still be prosecuted if they help their patients acquire the drug.

Nine states have made marijuana legal if recommended or prescribed by a physician, but federal law stipulates that marijuana is illegal in all circumstances.

"We've never thought that doctors should be punished for talking about a medical option

with their patients," said Krissy Oechslein, assistant director of communications for MPP.

Ellen Nagy, marketing manager for University Health Services, said the facility does not see patients with conditions that can be treated with medicinal marijuana, so the center will not be affected by this ruling.

Centre Community Hospital spokeswoman Maureen Karstetter said the hospital also would not be directly affected by the Supreme Court's ruling since the hospital does not employ oncologists or cancer specialists.

Patients who seek the medical benefits of marijuana can use an alternative pharmaceutical drug called Marinol, the pill version of THC, one of the 60 active components of marijuana.

The Drug Enforcement

Administration cites Marinol as an effective drug to treat nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy and lack of appetite in AIDS patients.

"The medical marijuana [Marinol] is a tablet form, so you would have the desired effect, the increase in appetite, but it wouldn't give you the euphoria that the smoked type would," said Tom Miller, a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy, 116 W. College Ave.

Although other CVS pharmacies have rarely dispensed the drug, the State College CVS where Miller works, has never filled a Marinol prescription.

"Around here I don't see many, if any, prescriptions for it," he said.

However, the Supreme Court's ruling involves not only public health concerns, but also the First Amendment's right of

free speech.

If the Supreme Court had ruled in favor of the Bush administration, state power to legalize medicinal marijuana would have been limited.

"It would have essentially made the state medicinal marijuana laws mute," Bruce Mirken, spokesman for MPP, said.

Some Penn State students evaluated the impact of the ruling.

"It could just lead to a legalization of [marijuana]. I'm not a fan of the legalization of marijuana in any way," Mike Shotto, junior political science major, said.

Another Penn State student said she is also reluctant to accept marijuana as a legitimate medical option.

"I'm totally against them being able to prescribe [mari-

juana]. It's a drug that will be and can be abused by people. I think it's blurring the line too much on what can be legal," Lauren Teti (freshman-marketing) said.

Other students understand the benefits marijuana could provide.

"I'm in favor of it because my grandma had glaucoma. I can see how it can have some medical benefits," Rebekah Smith (senior-animal science) said. Smith added that if her grandmother had chosen to use marijuana for medicinal purposes, it would have alleviated some of her pain.

Amanda Gold, junior psychology major, said she supports the use of medicinal marijuana if the doctor thinks that the drug is necessary. ♦

# MIT students unveil file-sharing alternative

By Jason Amirhadji  
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Amid a continuing campaign by the Recording Industry Association of America to crack down on Internet users suspected of illegal file sharing, two students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology unveiled Monday a new system to legally distribute music to students and faculty on campus.

The Library Access to Music Project uses the campus television cable system to broadcast music to listeners, who can go online and sign up to customize the playlist on any one of 16 available music channels. Currently musical selections are available from over 3,500 CDs

by classical and popular artists such as the Beatles, Britney Spears, Coldplay and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Unlike digital music distribution systems over the Internet, such as iTunes and Rhapsody, LAMP broadcasts over an analog medium and is therefore subject to less restrictive copyright laws similar to those that govern radio transmissions, according to an MIT press release.

The project cost approximately \$35,000, or 60 cents per student, and was funded by iCampus, a collaboration between MIT and Microsoft Research. The majority of the cost, \$25,000, went toward acquiring the music and licenses necessary for distribution. The physical equipment that

runs the system was purchased off the shelf for \$10,000.

The students who designed the project are releasing the source code royalty-free so that other colleges and even local communities could implement similar systems.

Until then, other institutions are exploring new ways of dealing with illegal file-sharing.

Over the summer, the Board of Visitors at the Virginia Military Institute recommended that their honor council look into file-sharing as a possible violation of the student honor code, which would result in expulsion.

The council currently is reviewing the issue and is expected to make a decision by the end of the year, VMI spokesperson Ken White said.

Recently, as part of its normal system maintenance, the Information Technology department at VMI also has installed a controlling system to disable many common forms of file-sharing, which has been very effective, White added.

"File-sharing slows down the system enough that it affects students," he said. "It's all but taken care of any potential violations."

If the council were to adopt such a resolution, White said he did not expect many cases would be brought up as a result.

"This is a tough one to police," he said. "It would be extremely rare for a student to be charged for downloading music over the school network."

Back home, the university also applies a single sanction to

students convicted of an honor offense, which could include illegal file-sharing, Honor Committee Chair Carey Mignerey said.

"The honor committee is of the position that file sharing could be considered an honor offense as a form of stealing," he said. "The system is already equipped to deal with these situations."

Even if a student were convicted of illegally acquiring copyrighted material over the Internet, the jury would have to decide that it was a significant offense to warrant expulsion, Mignerey said.

"Seriousness would have to be established by a case-specific student jury," he said. ♦

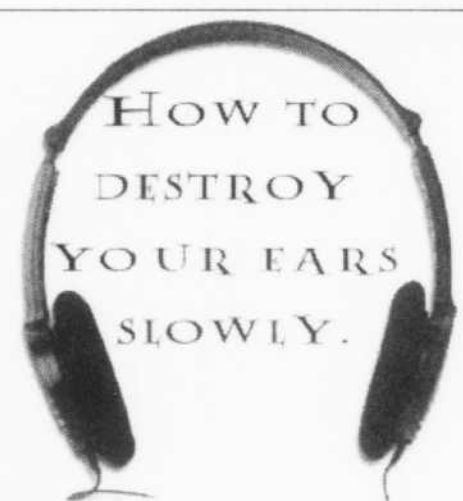


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## From the Editorial Board AC should have told campus police

A story on page 1 of today's issue details the story of an MTSU student, Nello Montesi, who was repeatedly stalked and assaulted in Corlew Hall and the subsequent fiasco over whether area coordinator Jennifer Danylo should have reported the incident.

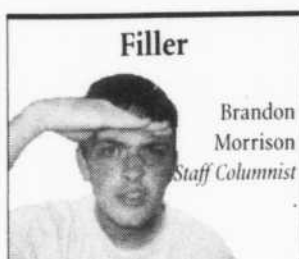
While Danylo, who chose not to report the assaults based on the student's wishes, acted honorably in trying to keep with the student's wishes, the Editorial Board feels that Danylo had an ethical obligation to notify Public Safety, in addition to a procedural duty.

It is understandable that Montesi wouldn't want to report the incidents in fear of his safety, but these are the same sort of fears that abused people everywhere go through. Danylo is supposed to be trained to notify campus police in cases such as these (she claimed ignorance of the policy). What does this say about the training area coordinators receive, especially considering that Danylo has been an area coordinator for four years?

The type of random harassment Montesi received is not just a danger to him; it's a danger to the entire campus. Danylo, as a housing official, is obligated to do everything in her power to ensure the safety of on-campus residents. Campus police are powerless to seek out the perpetrator and stop this kind of thing from reoccurring if they don't know about it.

Despite what Montesi thought were his best interests at the time, he and the campus as a whole would be safer without the guy that committed these crimes. It does no one any good to keep the assault silent, and Danylo should have recognized that. If she was not told about it in her training over the years, Housing and Residential Life needs to get its act together and make sure area coordinators know exactly what to do when (not if) such an incident happens again. ♦

## Film-ercials: Marketing or homogenization?



Filler

Brandon Morrison  
Staff Columnist

Last night, Fox aired, along with the premiere of 24, the first of their new "film-ercials," short films geared towards selling products that run in place of traditional commercials.

*The Donation*, a 6-minute movie produced by Ford Motor Company, features the automaker's F-150 truck in a nonstop action set with spies, car chases and kidnappings. In addition to the movie, Ford paid Fox enough to run the rest of 24 commercial-free.

"It's all about keeping viewers tuned to shows," Jean Rossi, president of integrated sales for Fox Entertainment Group, said to *USA Today*.

Fox isn't the only television station trying out film-ercials. NBC ran the first of their "One Minute Movies" with the premiere of *Will and Grace* and *Coupling*. ABC is planning to run a "Micro" miniseries between prime-time shows at the beginning of 2004.

The idea of changing commercials from 30-second sales pitches to a slightly longer, more entertaining sales pitch isn't a bad idea.

With the exception of Super Bowl ads, most television ads are horrendously bad and couldn't possibly convince anyone to buy anything, even if they were already considering the purchase. With the onset of film-ercials, many critics complain these ads blur the line between the show and the commercial to the point where a viewer can't tell which is which.

Embedded advertising isn't such a horrible thing. In the early days of television, TV show hosts regu-

larly pitched products in between acts. Some shows even make embedded advertising fun and exciting. *The Price is Right* has peddled everything from laxatives to cars by having contestants guess on how much one would have to pay for the items.

However, selling prime ad space in larger blocks isn't without its dangers. This trend in advertising has the potential to homogenize television programming even more than before. If only one or two advertisers are filling commercial space previously filled by eight to 10 different advertisers, that's seven or eight companies that have to find some other way to advertise.

According to *Advertising Age*, a watchdog of advertising spending, the top five advertisers in the United States in 2002 were General Motors Corp., AOL Time Warner, Procter & Gamble Co., Pfizer and Ford Motor Co.

These companies spent a combined \$14.1 billion on advertising; \$5.4 billion of that went to television advertising.

These massive companies and others like them have the potential to push other companies into other, potentially more invasive forms of advertising.

Granted, not too many people are going to fight to have more commercials interspersed throughout primetime television. Advertising already litters the landscape, cluttering it with unnecessary gimmicks and sales pitches.

However, once a few major advertisers start to hog the airwaves, other advertisers will have to find other ways to push their product.

Hopefully, they'll decide to move their television advertising to daytime hours.

Most will probably turn to spam e-mail, junk mail and telephone calls during

dinner and other insidious advertising methods more annoying than the AFLAC duck.

Advertising already has a stranglehold on popular culture. Ad agencies have sold themselves to companies and convinced them that, without pushing their product constantly, the company is doomed to failure.

Unfortunately, we seem to have been duped as well. Most of us tend to judge a product on how good their ads are, not on how well their product performs.

This creates an endless cycle between advertisers and consumers that won't go away without a major overhaul of how everyone thinks about the products they buy or sell. ♦

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## Slavery still alive in U.S.



Ramblings of a Madwoman

Shana Hammaker  
Staff Columnist

The United States has a problem with slavery.

I don't mean have a problem with the memory of slavery, or the after-effects of slavery.

And no, I'm not talking about reparations for slavery.

I'm talking about the problem of slavery that still exists in America today. I'm referring to the 100,000 to 150,000 individuals who are being held and worked as slaves in the United States right now.

Many of these slaves work in the agriculture industry.

In the past six years, five slavery rings have been busted in Florida's lucrative agriculture industry. These rings were brought to light largely through the tireless efforts of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a migrant farm workers – many former slaves themselves – who are fighting to improve working conditions in the fields and to abolish slave labor.

Not that these things are hard to find, if you know where to look.

Laura Germino of the *CiW* told *National Geographic* in a September 2003 article on 21st century slavery:

"The slaves in Lake Placid (Florida) were invisible, part of our economy that exists in a parallel universe."

"People were playing golf at the retirement community, and right behind them was a slave camp."

Two worlds, speaking different languages."

Three of the five slavery rings busted in Florida involved tomato pickers in the Immokalee area. Yum! Foods, parent company of Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and other restaurants, is a major purchaser of tomatoes from Florida, a fact which prompted student organization Middle Tennessee Solidarity to petition to remove Taco Bell from campus dining. Perhaps partially due to their efforts, Taco Bell is no longer on campus.

Last spring, two organizers from the *CiW* visited our campus to gather support for their fight. During the discussion, one farm worker and organizer, Lucas Benitez, told us through his translator how migrants are tricked into becoming slaves.

Those who attempt to cross the border into America are frequently approached by coyotes (individuals who smuggle people across the border for profit).

The cost for crossing isn't cheap. It cost approximately \$1,000 per person before Sept. 11, 2001, and it's now closer to \$2,000, since crossing is more difficult.

Many aren't aware of the costs and few have that much to pay up front. The coyotes tell them they can pay it off over time.

However, as soon as they're smuggled over the border, they wind up in the hands of their slave masters, who pay the coyotes and now own the slave.

The slave masters say that the slaves can go free after they've paid off their debt, but Benitez told us, most of the slaves never see their pay and have no idea how much money they earn for their labor in

the fields or how much they owe.

The slaves are guarded by men with guns as they toil in the fields and as they sleep at night.

Beatings are common.

The experiences of another *CiW* organizer and former slave, Julia Gabriel, are described in *National Geographic*:

"She picked cucumbers under armed guard in South Carolina for 12 to 14 hours a day; she saw fellow captives pistol-whipped into unconsciousness."

After she escaped, Gabriel went to work with the *CiW* so she could help others like her.

They've had some success.

Like a modern-day underground railroad, they help slaves to escape their captors (many of the *CiW*'s 2,000-plus members are former slaves), help bust slavery rings and are raising awareness through efforts like their nationwide boycott against Taco Bell.

Now, fittingly, they are going to be awarded for their work.

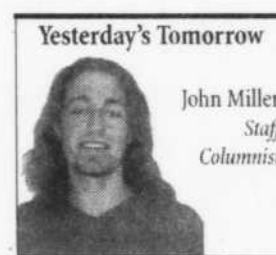
Benitez, Gabriel, and Romeo Ramirez, another *CiW* leader, are going to be awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in November.

This award is huge for the *CiW*, and it shows that more attention is being paid to the issue of modern-day slavery, but that doesn't mean that the fight is over.

The *CiW* cannot end slavery without the help of every American. ♦

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## Plastic surgery risky



Yesterday's Tomorrow

John Miller  
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As I sat at home watching TV for the first time in what seemed like weeks Thursday, I came across a show called *Extreme Makeovers*. It intrigued me, so I decided to watch some of it between commercials.

For those of you who have never seen the show, the premise is the producers select someone who is not happy with some aspect of his or her life, and make him or her over – usually involving plastic surgery.

At the start of the show, the two participants are introduced and talk all about their everyday, mundane lives. Then, they explain why they want to be on the show and what about their lives they wish to change. Next, they are flown to New York to meet with one of the best plastic surgeons in the world.

During the consultation, the doctor raves about the miracles of plastic surgery and what the results "could" be. Through the marvels of computer technology, their final outcome is able to show the contestants what their final outcome "may" be.

The two participants, who are usually female, are then left to decide whether they wish to undertake the procedure. Most surprisingly, the two women both decide to proceed with the operation. For a free trip to New York and \$10,000 in plastic surgery, who could say no?

These two definitely couldn't, so away they went into the operating room to have those fun blue lines drawn on them. After a couple of hours, they emerged wrapped like mummies. Six weeks after the swelling and the pain have subsided, the women return home to show off their "extreme makeover."

For these women, their experience with plastic surgery was a positive one. However, that's not always the case.

While the doctors did explain the possibility that the operation may not turn out as expected, it didn't seem to concern any of the participants.

However, there are great risks involved with such operations. In fact, one in 5,000 people who undergo liposuction, for example, actually die from complications, as reported in the *Journal of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons*.

Even though 1:5,000 seem like pretty good odds, there are also many people each year who are disfigured because of such surgeries.

This begs the question: Are the benefits are worth the risk?

Undoubtedly, thousands of people each year undergo plastic surgery and are satisfied with the results. But will changing your appearance, however great or small the degree, change your self worth?

If someone decides to have plastic surgery, he or she should take into account that changing the way he or she looks on the outside may not change the way he or she feels on the inside. ♦

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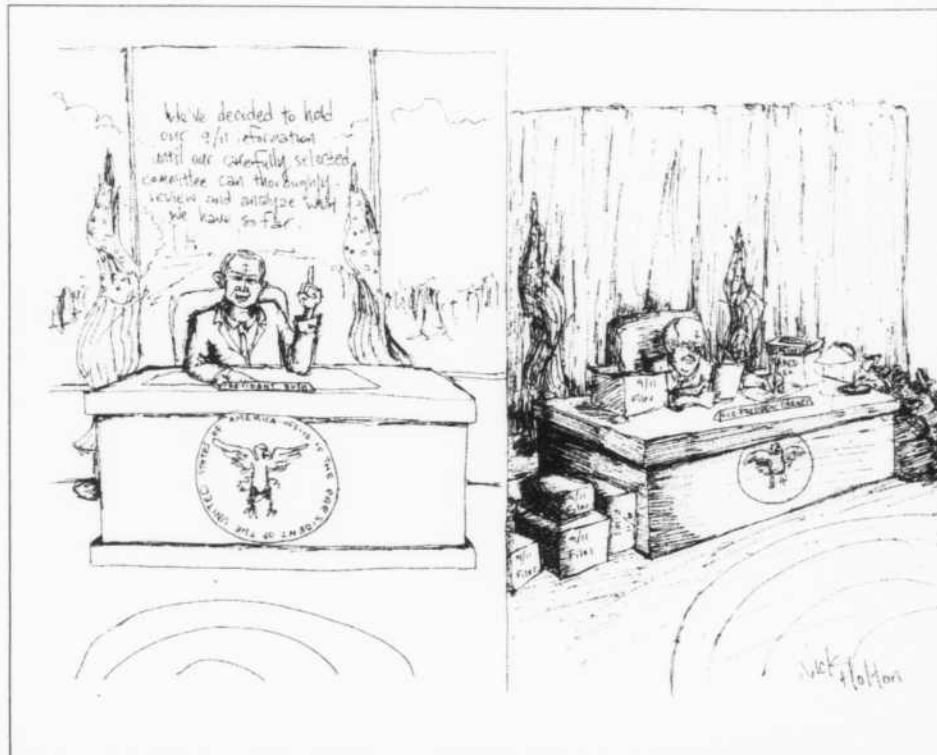
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# Responsibility suffering in U.S. society

## Common Sense



Randall  
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stand as a beacon of liberty?

We have already reached the stages of complacency and apathy. Now dependency slowly continues to creep in as politicians continue to institute socialist programs in an effort to buy more votes.

The individual is disappearing in society. No longer do we accept responsibility for our own actions; instead, we point the finger of blame at someone else and demand the government take care of us.

American culture has followed Alexander Tyler's theory almost to the letter. In light of this, how can we as a people prevent taking the final step beyond dependency into bondage?

The answer lies in the individual. Individual liberty, responsibility and optimism can and will lead America away from government dependence.

Booker T. Washington understood the value of the individual. He once said, "Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him."

Welfare programs, unemployment handouts and prescription drug plans do not place responsibility on individuals. They only further strengthen the shackles of dependency by telling us that we are not capable of caring for

ourselves.

Many social programs began during the Great Depression of the 1930s as a temporary helping hand to those in need. Soon, these handouts came to be viewed as a right or entitlement, and politicians fearing their jobs continued to sign the checks. Individuals were sapped of their optimism, innovation and personal freedom.

Some reading this column will label me as heartless, but I have just as much compassion for the downtrodden as anybody. However, there is a better way to help those in need than government handouts.

The onus falls on each and every individual to love his or her neighbor and to treat others the way he or she wants to be treated. Those in need are much better served by their local community, who certainly cares for them more than politicians in Washington. The role of government should be to protect our freedoms and liberties; to encourage individual choice and responsibility so that a nurturing, optimistic environment is available to lead people out of the bonds of dependency and into self-confidence and achievement.

As we proceed into another election year, don't ask yourself who will provide the best government-funded prescription drug bill when deciding for

whom you vote. Ask yourself who will do the best job empowering the individual to once again live free of crippling government interference, and who will protect our liberties from those who would take them away.

Government is not bad – it is a necessary part of every successful society to maintain the rule of law. However, when a people collectively look at the government to solve their problems, society is quickly drained of hope, freedom and responsibility.

America is not great because of our government; America is great because of hard-working individuals who seized the opportunity to succeed in a free society.

That society is now in danger, and we as individuals must once again take responsibility for our families, our neighbors and ourselves.

If current trends continue, then just as other nations have fallen before, so will America. Don't let the last beacon of liberty stop shining. The challenge is issued to our generation. How will you, as an individual, respond? ♦

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# Church should resist change from revisionists

By Kin Easter

Guest Columnist

The Nov. 2 ordination of Reverend Canon V. Gene Robinson as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire will be a first in church history. An openly practicing homosexual has never served the highly esteemed office.

No one could question his ability to minister the needs of those in his diocese. The University of the South alumnus has served New Hampshire faithfully as a priest since 1975.

One could question his ability as a bishop to "guard the faith, unity and discipline of the whole Church" as explicitly stated in the catechesis of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*.

But, to many, that's not really important. Rather, the Episcopal Church of the United States should not prohibit Robinson from being a bishop simply because of his sexual orientation. New Hampshire and the rest of the national church would perhaps benefit from a dose of diversity in its clergy and teachings.

It's not really a big deal to modify Anglican theologian Richard Hooker's three-legged stool of scripture, tradition and reason, which Anglicans have adopted since the 17th century. "Personal experience" ought to be added as the fourth leg.

Never mind the conservatives in the ECUSA, typically the American Anglican Council, who wish to seek a separate and orthodox province formally recognized by the See of Canterbury. The likelihood of lawsuits between dioceses and parishes over property is not a major concern for revisionists.

Let's overlook the increased risks Christians will face in predominantly Muslim countries. Radical fundamentalists now have another excuse to tie a gasoline-filled tire around a Christian's neck and watch him or her slowly burn to death.

To the white, liberal, American Episcopalian, it doesn't matter if brown Anglicans suffer as martyrs. They are used to living in squalor. Eventually, they will die off from disease and hunger.

The 1998 Lambeth Conference must be ignored because there the worldwide primates passed a resolution stating that homosexual practice is incompatible with scripture.

Then again, who cares about the rest of 77-million-strong communion? The 2.3 million U.S. body has to be on the cutting edge and take unilateral action. Remember, we're a developed country. We didn't drop out of trees like many other Anglicans around the world. Forget about the Latin, African, South American and Asian countries.

What's important now is that a core belief is being reinterpreted as a dogmatic social agenda. Hooray. The ECUSA is now an equal employment opportunity provider for openly practicing homosexuals who wish to be bishops.

But in all seriousness, the majority of the Anglican Communion is not seeking to discriminate based on sexual orientation. Tennessee Bishop Bertam Herlong said, "The approval and blessing of sexual intimacy, heterosexual or homosexual, outside of traditional marriage of one man and one woman is not a question of justice or civil rights, it is a question of morality."

But Robinson has attempted to portray his conservative opponents as dogmatic homophobes and theological Neanderthals. In his nonchalant way, he told the "Halfway to Lambeth" conference, organized by the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, that Jesus' silence during his trial before his crucifixion was a model for Robinson through the past few months.

This was a sly remark against those in the 2003 General Convention last July who opposed Robinson's ordination. He was supposedly the little Christ up against a self-righteous group of Pharisees. Still, he repeatedly said he doesn't want those with traditional, family values to leave the Episcopal Church.

After their emergency meeting at Lambeth Palace nearly two weeks ago, the provincial leaders said that Robinson's consecration threatened the unity of the communion.

Pope John Paul II warned Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the titular head of the Anglican Communion, that this will pose an obstacle between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

Nonetheless, everything will continue as planned. Robinson refuses to give up his personal ambition for the sake of unity and will thus go through with his ordination.

The rest of the church be damned. Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, Robinson and other revisionists will win their so-called moral victory. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Marijuana use comparable with alcohol, so why is only one demonized, illegal?

To the Editor:

It's no wonder our government has lost all credibility with the younger generation and American citizens as a whole. Current and past presidents have used some of the same substances that have sent others straight to prison.

So, what message are we really sending our children?

Why doesn't the government bombard the airways with TV ads displaying the dangers of using heroin or cocaine the same way they do with anti-marijuana ads?

They say that our young citizens are abusing cannabis more than any other drug. They use the number of drug treatment submissions to base this statement on.

Most of those that undergo this "drug treatment" were forced to enter treatment in lieu of other criminal sanctions.

We need to use social and healthcare solutions for those who need help and quit making criminals out of the adults who wish to use cannabis in the privacy of their own home.

America can't afford to spend another 30 years demonizing and incarcerating those who prefer cannabis over alcohol.

Scott Russ  
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### Gay ministers not 'small and petty' issue

To the Editor:

I am very disappointed with Callie Elizabeth Butler's column on homosexuality ("Homosexuality doesn't justify division," Oct. 23). Her hasty statements and total neglect of even mentioning the major opposing view make her lack of sufficient research quite obvious.

Despite what Butler makes it out to be, the issue of homosexuality is not as simple as an issue of intolerant, conservative, ignorant Christians who bash others. She even states that policy in question on gay ministers is a "small and petty issue."

One would have to be completely unmindful of the true nature and size of this matter to come to such an oversimplified conclusion. Homosexuality is a huge issue, and the debate is still raging across our nation. Butler completely ignored the fact that most Christians believe homosexuality is morally wrong.

I'm not saying all homosexuals should be kicked out of churches – most people don't believe that.

As for the issue of whether or not a gay minister should be allowed, consider the responsibilities of a pastor of a church. Ministers are people just like everyone else. They are open to the same temptations, and sometimes they give in to them. However, they are also the key role model to every person in their congregations.

So, if a church indeed believes homosexuality is wrong, how can it survive with a gay minister who believes it's acceptable? And even if the minister believes homosexuality is wrong, what kind of example is he or she setting by continuing to live in that way?

By accepting such a leadership position, pastors agree to be held to a higher standard in order to set that moral example.

The topic is much more difficult than some would have us believe. Before ranting about an issue of such magnitude in the future, please take a look at the opposing side of the issue.

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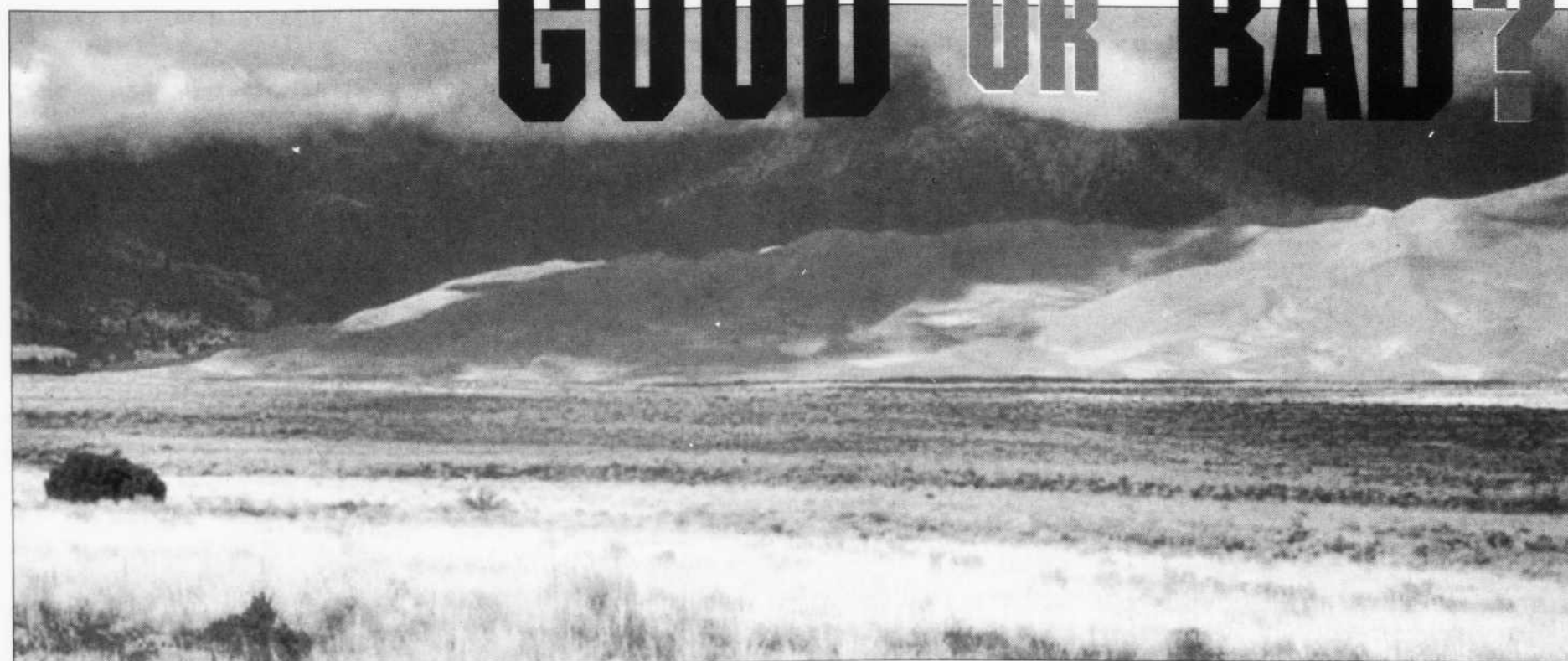
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## MODIFYING THE FOOD CHAIN: GOOD OR BAD?



Wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans and canola are all genetically engineered products we unknowingly consume almost every day.

By Petroula Makrinakis  
Staff Writer

It can be found in any aisle of a grocery store and is brought to dinner tables across the nation. Many consume it, unaware of its nature. It is food that has been genetically engineered.

Genetic engineering involves the insertion of one organism's genes (e.g. plants and bacteria) into the DNA of another organism to create a new variety.

Bruce Cahoon, assistant professor of biology, says four widely used plant products – corn, cotton, soybean and rapeseed (canola) – are often genetically engineered. Wheat is also modified, but not as often as the others.

"If you consume processed food products, it's probably going to contain a product from one of those [most widely used]," Cahoon says.

Soybean is the oldest genetically engineered food product on the market; it was introduced in the late 1990s.

"I'm not sure that people realize it's so widely used," Rebecca Seipelt, assistant professor of biology, says.

"I can understand if you are ignorant of the technology, why you would be scared of it."

— Bruce Cahoon  
Assistant professor of biology

If genetically engineered food is already on the market, then what are some issues that consumers face and why does it stir up such controversy?

"This hits home for a lot of people; I can understand if you are ignorant of the technology, why you would be scared of it," Cahoon says.

He goes on to say that it is mostly fueled by ignorance of the subject and emotional appeal of anti-genetically modified/engineered groups. The fear stems from what some view as lack of sufficient long-term data.

Seipelt and Cahoon say there are several advantages associated with genetically engineered food. The food can have a longer shelf life in order to feed more people. It can be more nutritious, such as golden rice – genetically engineered to

have vitamin A. Also, the use of genetically engineered crops can also lower the use of pesticides.

Nonetheless, the controversy remains. Seipelt says the greatest concern is the introduction of allergens. However, there is no proof of any risks to human health.

Opponents of genetically engineered foods point to the issue of labeling. Currently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration does not require labeling, which means there is no way of knowing if the food contains any genetically engineered products.

"You need to know what is in the food, especially if an allergen is involved," Seipelt says.

She further explains that if you know what is in the food and are allergic to it, then you can avoid eating it.

The industry, however, is fighting the use of labels. They worry that consumers, already cautious, may avoid the foods that contain genetically engineered products, causing a loss of money for many farmers and companies.

"Labeling is not a bad idea, but it may be a deterrent to buying certain foods," Cahoon says.

Although labeling would allow consumers to make instant and easy decisions as to what they put into their bodies, there is another way to know if foods have genetically engineered products.

Several Web sites list all the brand names of genetically engineered foods on the market. One such site is [www.truefoodnow.org/gmo\\_facts/product\\_list](http://www.truefoodnow.org/gmo_facts/product_list).

"Genetic engineering is the latest manipulation [of plants], but it is the hardest to understand," Cahoon says.

He believes research is important to understanding the pros and cons. He says understanding will equip consumers with knowledge to make the right decision for themselves and their families. ♦



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Laura Petty, one of the center's volunteers, arranges some of the toys and clothes available in the clothing room of the Murfreesboro Pregnancy Support Center.

## Alone, scared, pregnant

*The pregnancy support center offers help and hope*

By Juanita Thouin and Cassandra Boller  
Staff Writers

At first, Heather rationalized her missed period. Maybe she had an infection, or a cyst on her ovaries. The problem certainly couldn't be the unthinkable; she'd faithfully taken a birth control pill every evening for two years.

But when two weeks passed and still no period, she knew something was up.

A home pregnancy test confirmed her worst fears – she was pregnant.

"I was terrified," Heather says.

Breaking the news to her boyfriend, who currently attends MTSU, proved even more emotional.

"He wasn't accepting," she says.

Heather didn't know what to do. She didn't really want an abortion but felt trapped.

That's when she made a trip to the Murfreesboro Pregnancy Support Center.

The center conducted a free pregnancy test – one more accurate than a home test – and found she was, indeed, expecting a child.

"They comforted me," Heather says of the support center counselors. "They made me feel everything is okay."

According to Vickie Edwards, the center's executive director, the center's goal is to walk women through the process of being pregnant and to help

them make choices they will be proud of.

"We offer life affirming solutions," Edwards says.

Typically the center sees about 200 patients a month. Most of these are teens or young adults ranging between 15 and 25 years of age.

Edwards says that about half of the women initially come for a pregnancy test. On average, 40 percent turn out to be pregnant and 30 percent are thinking of abortion.

A majority of the center's clients are single mothers.

"They didn't tell me what to do," Heather says. "They just told me the options."

"We have lots of experience about the options available to girls," Edwards says.

Counseling is the most important way in which the center helps pregnant girls. Often girls are shunned from their families or youth groups for their condition. The center can help to mitigate the pain of rejection.

"Girls can come if they just need someone to talk to," Edwards says. "The Center is safe and confidential."

The Pregnancy Support Center is a non-profit organization with a staff composed mostly of volunteers. The volunteers are extensively trained in crisis counseling. This training consists of at least

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## Health services available on campus



By Devora Butler  
Staff Writer

There are many places on campus with which students should become familiar. However, few are as important a resource as the Student Health Services Center.

Located in the McFarland Health Services Building, the center is staffed with 12 full time medical staff and occasional part-time staff.

Rick Chapman, the center's director, speaks proudly of the campus health facility's quality clinics and programs.

One such clinic is the Women's Health Center.

Chapman says a full range of services for women, including birth control pills at reasonable cost, are offered. He would like to see more women take advantage of the clinic's resources.

There are a range of vaccinations offered at the facility. For entering freshmen and sophomores, Chapman strongly recommends the meningitis vaccination. Although a bit costly at \$85, he believes that because students live in close quarters with others and their bodies are tired and worn down due to class schedules and studying, this preventative measures is worth the cost.

"All students should lay a guilt trip on their parents to pay for the \$85 vaccine," Chapman says.

The vaccine is effective for five years.

Chapman is especially proud of the fact that the Federal Aviation Administration medical physical is now offered by the center. Staff physician Pat Spangler has been credentialed to administer the medical examination that is required for pilot licensure.

Chapman is also excited about the innovative, upcoming "Blue Raider Cold Pack" program. For a only a minimal fee, a student can stop by the office, without seeing a provider, and pick up a "pack" which will contain a pain reliever, decongestant, antihistamine, cough suppressant and throat lozenges.

"We see an awful lot of students who have not tried anything to treat their symptoms," Chapman says.

Chapman says these "cold packs" will equip students to try home treatment first. Then, if symptoms persist, they should visit the Health Center for medical assistance.

Other campuses, such as Vanderbilt University and the University of Alabama, report much success with the cold pack program.

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## Blue Raiders on two game conference trip

By Colby Sledge  
Staff Writer

As the Middle Tennessee soccer team enters the final weekend of the regular season, several issues remain unresolved in the Sun Belt Conference standings.

The Blue Raiders (10-6-1, 4-1-1) face the University of South Alabama in Mobile on Friday before traveling to the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Sunday. Depending on the outcome of those two matches – and practically every other SBC game this weekend – MT could finish as high as second or as low as fifth.

Given the high stakes involved, MT head coach Aston Rhoden isn't concerned about his team losing focus as the season winds down.

"One of our initial goals for this season was to finish within the top two of our league," Rhoden said. "Winning these two games ensures that we accomplish that goal. We're going into it realizing that these two teams – not just one, but both of them – could prevent us from accomplishing one

of our goals."

Both USA and ULL are coming off nearly identical losses to Denver University and the University of North Texas last weekend. The Jaguars (6-10-2, 3-3-0) were defeated 6-0 at Denver before dropping a 3-0 decision to the Mean Green on Sunday, while the Ragin' Cajuns (6-10-1, 2-4-0) lost 3-1 at UNT on Friday before a 7-0 defeat at the hands of the Pioneers.

Despite their recent losses, Rhoden expects intense matches from both teams with the SBC tournament on the horizon.

"These are conference games," Rhoden said. "Everybody knows in our league that you get up for a game, and you see what actually happens after the fact," he said. "There's also the possibility that maybe [USA and ULL] are not happy with their performance and they feel they need to come out and justify for themselves how good they are."

The Blue Raiders will have a bitter taste in their mouths from last year, when they lost at home to USA 3-2 before falling to the Ragin' Cajuns 3-1 to finish the regular season 8-11-1. MT then lost in the first round of the SBC tournament to UNT 3-1.

Friday's game against the Jaguars provides an added twist for the Blue Raiders. Should MT win, the team would finish the month of October with a 7-1-1 record, which would mark the best month in MT soccer history. The Blue Raiders won six games in October 2001.

A big reason for MT's recent success has been the scoring punch of freshman Rebecca Rodriguez. Rodriguez has scored six of her team – leading 12 goals in the last five matches, including two against Samford University in Sunday's 4-1 victory.

"Rebecca is just a very exciting player," Rhoden said. "She loves to score good goals, bad goals, trash goals – it doesn't matter. She just loves to score. When you have a player like that on your team that can come into the game and energize the team as a freshman, that's a wonderful thing to have."

Rodriguez and the rest of the Blue Raiders face the Jaguars Friday at 7 p.m. before wrapping up the regular season against ULL Sunday at 1 p.m. ♦



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MT midfielder Jessica Northcutt tries to steal the ball from a New Mexico State player on Oct. 18.

## Fan Jam brings first look at players

By Crystal Perry  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee basketball teams had their tipoff of the season with the annual Fan Jam Monday night.

As an introduction, several activities took place with entertainment from the Band of Blue, the dance team, the cheerleaders and MT mascot Lightning. Several fans and team members moved their way to the floor as they prepared for the group shooting competition. The objective of the game was to try to get to seven baskets shooting from the elbow. For the finals, they had to try to make five three-point baskets.

Another exciting game for the fans and students was to try to dribble down the court with their right hand and back with their left. The first to go all the way through won. Several prizes were given away for the winners of these competitions.

One of the many activities was the intrasquad scrimmage with the Blue Raiders. The Blue squad defeated the White squad with a score of 18-10. The Blue had senior Tommy Gunn leading the team with seven points, while the White team had Marcus Robinson leading with four points. Players like Ben Britt, Bryan Smithson and Tommie Gunn made several three pointers.

Immediately following the scrimmage game was the slam-dunk contest. The players had 30 seconds to make a successful dunk.

The contestants were Bryan Smithson, Tommy Gunn and Alex Weekes.

On the first dunk, Weekes slammed the ball one-handed through the rim by his elbow. Smithson followed, making 23 points, and Gunn tied the score with Weekes 27-27. Weekes came back in the finals, making a perfect score of 30.

Gunn also scored a perfect 30, winning the competition.

"Weekes was my motivation," Gunn said. "He gave me that look like, 'Hey, you are not going to win this one this time.' Once he gave me that look, the competition side came out of me."

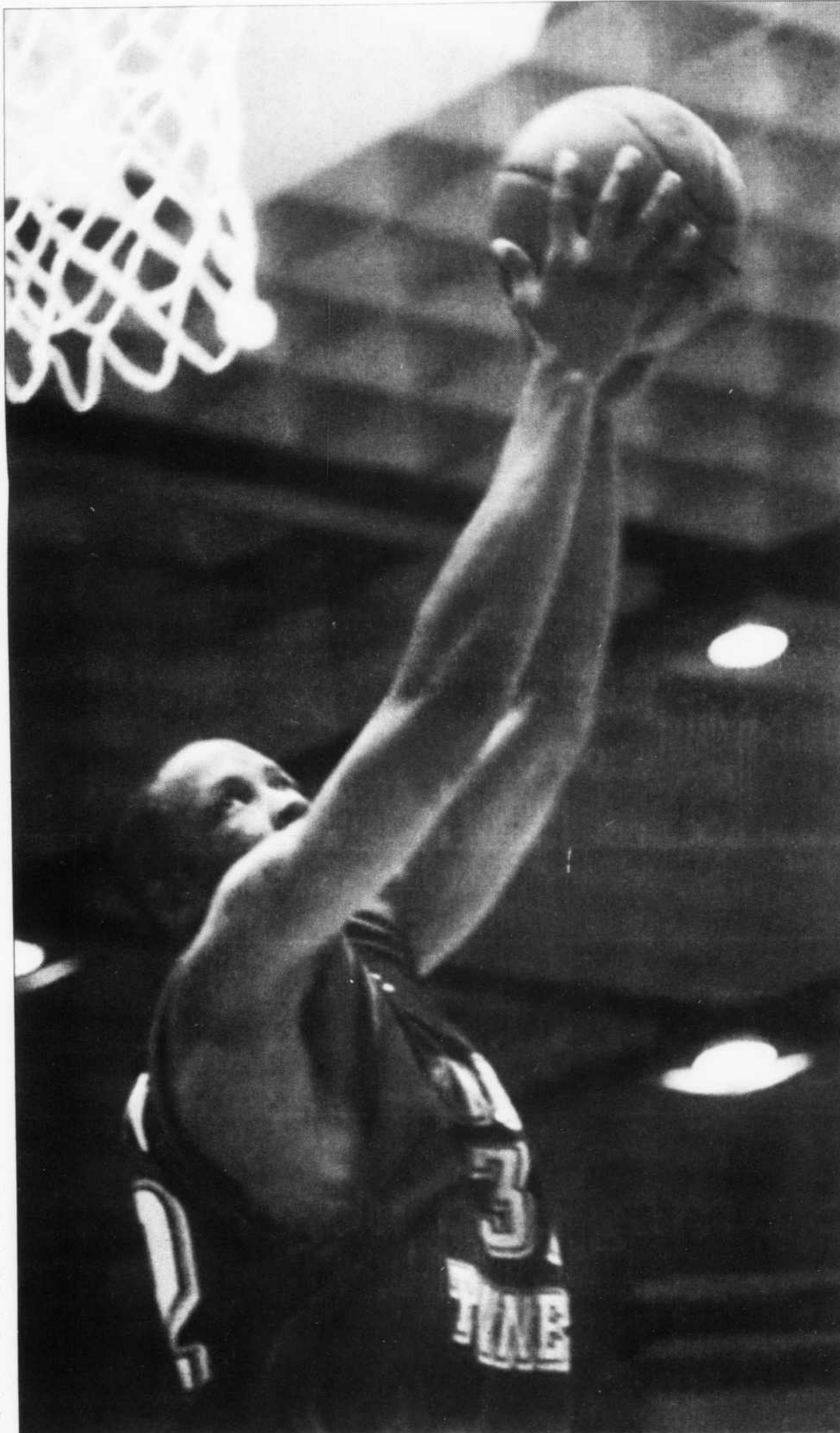


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MT guard Tommy Gunn dunks the ball in the Slam Dunk Contest at Fan Jam Monday night.

In the Lady Raiders' scrimmage game, the Blue team defeated the White team 29-16. Freshman Krystle Horton scored the first basket in the scrimmage. Horton also ended the scrimmage with 10 points. Key players leading the Blue team were Ciara Gray and Eboni Kirby. The White had Krystle Horton, Tia Stovall and Patrice Holmes.

In the three-point competition, the Lady Raiders and the Blue Raiders had 45 seconds to make as many three pointers as possible. The competitors for the Lady Raiders were Keisha McClinic, Ditte Jakobsen and Patrice Holmes. McClinic won

the three-point crown for the women with nine points.

The Blue Raiders had Wes Durrant, Mike Dean and Ben Britt. Durrant won the competition for the Blue Raiders. McClinic and Durrant came face to face for the finals.

McClinic lost in the final round 7-5. Durrant took the overall championship.

"Trying to win is my motivation," Durrant said. "We practiced hard, and this helped us get prepared for the season."

From the looks of things, this year is going to be even better than before with all the support from the fans on Monday night.

## Claire Ward brings grass roots to MT

By Colby Sledge  
Staff Writer

When Claire Ward first arrived at Middle Tennessee, she kept to herself. She had trouble adapting to the style of play. She struggled while learning a different position.

Now, it's hard to imagine the Blue Raiders without her.

"It was strange at first, because we speak the same language, but we couldn't understand each other," Ward said. "I just used to stand there and be quiet, and I think that affected me in training as well, but now I feel more comfortable with them."

The Blue Raiders never would have heard of Ward, however, if it hadn't been for the help of a former player. MT head coach Aston Rhoden called Lisa Langrish, an English player who played for MT in 2001, to discuss several players that had shown interest in playing overseas.

"We called [Langrish], just as a reference, to say, 'Well, what do you know about this girl, because she sent us stuff; what do you know about this girl?' because even though they're national team players, it's still good to have someone tell you about them," Rhoden said. "It turns out she knew all of them, but she knew one that we didn't know."

The one they didn't know was a defender from Ayr, Scotland, who was currently playing national and international soccer. The one they didn't know had captained the Ayr United Club to every possible championship in Scotland.

The one they didn't know was Claire Ward.

After talking with her, Rhoden and the coaching staff decided to offer Ward their final scholarship, which she readily accepted. Less than four months later, she was in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where she was immediately faced with some difficulties – namely the lack of popularity of her beloved sport in the United States compared to Scotland and the rest of the world.

"It's different, because usually you play soccer, then go home or go to the pub and watch soccer," she said. "Now, as soon as we finish training, that's it – no one talks about soccer until the next time we're training again. I have posters up on my wall of soccer players, and [the other players] are like 'Get those off your wall.'"

At least one of those posters undoubtedly displays Henrik Larsson, one of the most popular soccer players in Scotland. In fact, Ward's jersey No. 7 is a direct tribute to Larsson, who wears the same number for the Glasgow Celtic club, one of the two major clubs in Scotland. The other is the Glasgow Rangers club, a subject that you don't want to approach with Ward.

A brief background of Scottish football is required to understand just how intense and sometimes deadly the rivalry is between these two clubs. Religion plays a major role: the Celtics are a traditionally Catholic club, while the Rangers are Protestant. This combination of the two overriding aspects of most Scots' lives often leads to a love of one team and a hatred of the other.

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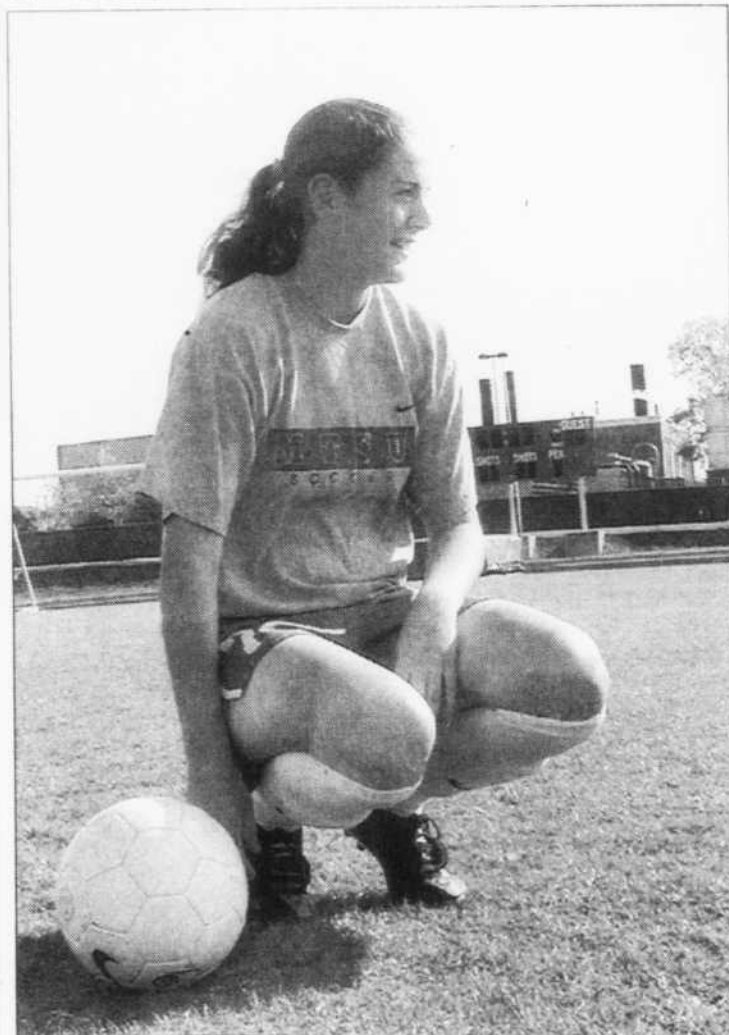


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MT midfielder/forward Claire Ward has found her place at Middle. She has started all 17 matches this season.



# Seniors honored at Middle-UNT game

By Colby Sledge  
Staff Writer

Courtney Mitchell and the Blue Raiders baseball team were recognized during Saturday's football game for their respective outstanding achievements on the diamond last year.

Mitchell, a senior co-captain for this year's softball team, won the 2003 NCAA Division I Softball Doubles Title and was honored during the first half of the University of North Texas-MT game.

Mitchell, a Mount Juliet native and former Ezell-Harding standout, hit 27 doubles last season, tying her for third all-time in the NCAA record books for doubles in a season.

Mitchell became the first Lady Raider softball player to ever win a national statistical title and only the second MT athlete to

ever lead the nation in a statistical category. She was presented with a plaque commemorating her achievements by MTSU President Sidney McPhee.

The doubles title caps a tremendous year for Mitchell, who was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association First Team South All-Region Team as well as the First Team All-Sun Belt Conference team.

She also captured SBC Newcomer of the Year honors after transferring from the University of Arkansas and promptly became the second-ever MT player to average over .400 for a season or a career.

Mitchell hit .419 with seven home runs and 32 RBI.

Members from the Blue Raider and Lady Raider track and field team were honored for taking the SBC championships for the third year in a row.

The MT baseball team was honored at halftime for their first Sun Belt Conference championship and their 11th appearance in the 2003 NCAA tournament last season.

The Blue Raiders compiled a 33-27 record last year and defeated Western Kentucky University 8-5 to claim their first-ever SBC tournament title.

The team lost to Mississippi State University 10-4 in its first tournament game before falling to the University of Missouri 13-7 in an elimination game.

The team was presented with watches commemorating the SBC title by MT baseball head coach Steve Peterson and Athletic Director Boots Donnelly.

Both teams will begin their seasons in February, with the Blue Raiders opening the season at home against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne on Feb. 20. The Lady Raiders' schedule has not yet been released. ♦



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Blue Raider Courtney Mitchell receives an award from MT President Sidney McPhee before the game.

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## Ward: Settling in at Middle

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"People get stabbed and get shot and things because of it," Ward said. "So I don't like being called a 'Blue Raider'."

Indeed, the rivalry reaches so deep that even the colors of the teams are involved. The Celtics wear green, while the Rangers wear — of course — blue. The color change was a bit of a shock to Claire and her family.

"[Rhoden] told me on the phone one day just before I was going to sign, and I'm like 'I don't know if I can sign now,'" Claire said. "I didn't know if my dad would let me be a Blue Raider."

Claire also had to adjust to the differences in styles of play between Europe and America. Her father, Francis Ward, clarified the distinction with the same wit Claire displays.

"The big difference in games is that here we play football, but over there you run," he said with a laugh.

"They run too much over here," Claire agreed. "I don't like to run much."

Rhoden explained the Wards' playful distaste for American soccer.

"In soccer in Europe, even though it's built on physical abilities, a lot of the speed comes from speed of thought and speed of execution as opposed to pure physical speed," Rhoden said. "In most American teams, a lot of it is pure physical speed and athleticism. Speed of thought is compromised for that, so I think that's the adjustment that she's had to make."

For the most part, Ward has made that adjustment, improving her fitness while starting all 17 matches this season. She has

also added two goals from midfield, a position she had never played before coming to MT.

Finally, Claire had to connect with her new teammates, a process that led to some interesting experiences and some unnecessary ones, in her opinion.

"How did they help me? Um, they made a fool of me?" she said, laughing. "At first they used to take me to all these places, saying 'Oh, Claire's never been here, let's go here,' to places that you would never take people to just because it was American, like Wendy's or something. They'd say 'Oh, you've never seen it, let's go in!' I'm like, OK, I've seen a burger before. Just funny things like that."

"She thought the girls were very 'girly' at first," Francis said. "But she found people very, very friendly, and she seems to have settled in."

Overall, both Claire and the Blue Raiders have benefited from her first season at MT.

"I think she has brought a lot of composure to the team, because she doesn't get flustered on the ball, and she hardly makes hurried or rash decisions with the ball," Rhoden said. "She helps dictate the flow of the game for us."

"I've gotten a lot fitter," Claire said. "I've learned to play a new position. I've had to change the way I play back home. Back home, people who are good with the ball and their feet are the better players. Out here, you have to be quick."

"She's adding fitness to the football now," her father agreed.

Or as we Americans would say, she's adding strength to the soccer. ♦

## MT looks to improve SBC record

By Chris Glasser  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee will attempt to stay a game behind North Texas in the Sun Belt Conference standings when they travel to Utah State on Saturday.

The Blue Raiders are coming off a tough loss to the Mean Green last Saturday at Floyd Stadium. NCAA leading rusher Patrick Cobbs ran for 133 yards and a touchdown, and wide receiver Joel Nwigwe caught two long touchdowns from Scott Hall as the Mean Green took an early lead that MT was never able to recover from, falling 33-28.

North Texas took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Cobbs' 3-yard touchdown run. MT was forced to punt on their next drive, but Robert Billings' punt was blocked, and North Texas lineman James Mitchell recovered it in the endzone to give the Mean Green an early 14-0 lead they would never relinquish.

"They made the big plays, and we didn't," said head coach Andy McCollum said of the Mean Green (5-3, 4-0 SBC), who took over sole possession of first place in the conference while the Blue Raiders (2-6, 2-1) dropped into a tie for second with Utah State.

One of the few bright spots from last Saturday's defeat was wide receiver Kerry Wright and the return of quarterback Andrico Hines to the starting lineup.

Wright continued to rack up numbers, catching a career-high 10 passes for 144 yards. He leads all SBC receivers with 46 catches for 879 yards and six touchdowns.

Hines made his first start since injuring his back Oct. 4 in the game against Temple and played well, finishing 22-33 for 252 yards and running for two touchdowns. However, he was under constant pressure from the Mean Green defense, which sacked Hines 3 times and forced him into many quick throws.

Utah State (2-6, 2-1) will be riding high going into Saturday's game against MT after shutting out Arkansas State last week 49-0. Quarterback Travis Cox, who leads the SBC in total offense, completed 14 of 21 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns, while the Aggie defense forced seven turnovers, including six interceptions.

The MT defense will need to put pressure on Cox, who is averaging 217 yards per game and has thrown 12 touchdowns com-

pared to just six interceptions.

"He makes plays and gets the ball into the hands of the right people," McCollum said.

One of those right people is tight end Chris Cooley, who leads the Aggies with 34 catches for 406 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Injuries to key players continue to hit the Blue Raiders. Safety Brandon Lynch was lost for the season after going down with a broken foot two weeks ago. The Blue Raiders will also hope to have running back Don Calloway return, who missed last week's game with an injury. MT is already short at the position after backup Kevin Davis went down with a torn ACL two weeks ago.

Whoever plays, expect both offenses to be productive this weekend. Utah State ranks No. 2 in the SBC with 224 yards passing per game while MT rank No. 3 with 219 per game.

In the first meeting between the teams last season, MT racked up 492 yards on offense and forced four Aggie turnovers in a 45-28 win.

With both teams tied for second in the SBC, Saturday's 2 p.m. game will determine who will stay alive in the race for the SBC championship and a trip to the New Orleans Bowl.

"You'll see the leaders of this team come out this week," Wright said. ♦

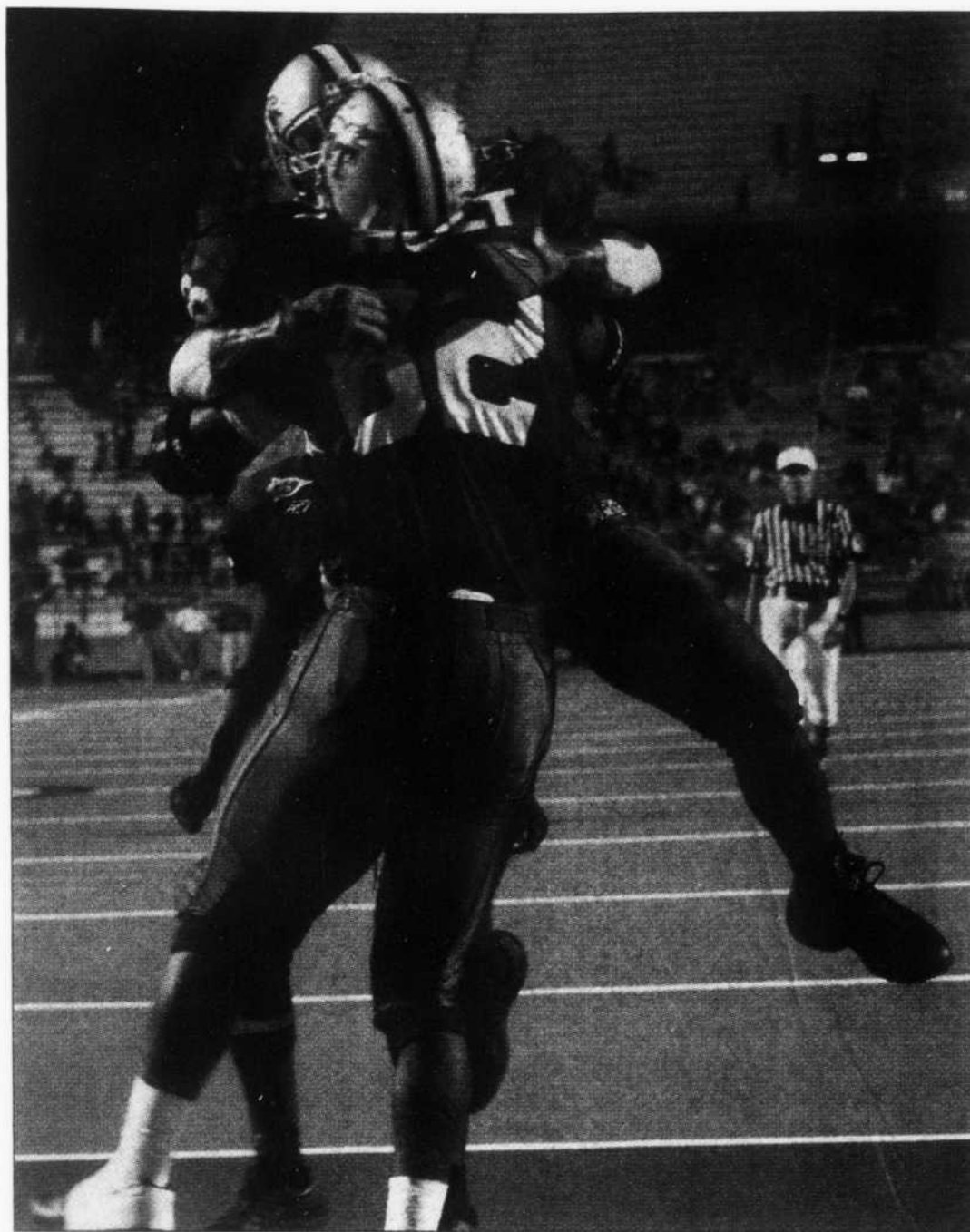
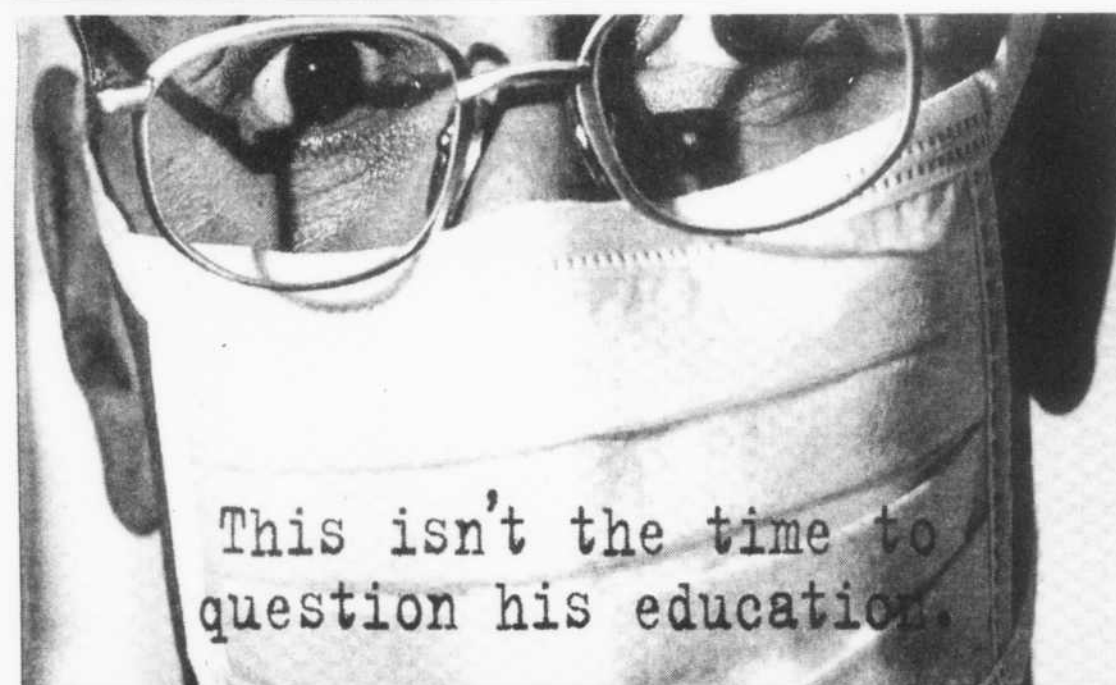


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MT wide receiver Jerrin Holt celebrates with a fellow Raider after a touchdown.

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### HOUSING REAPPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR FALL 2004 AND SPRING 2005



The Housing and Residential Life Office is now accepting housing reapplication forms from returning students for the Fall 2004/Spring 2005 academic year. Students are encouraged to reapply for housing as early as possible, particularly if they are requesting to move to a different location on campus next year, as new assignments are made by application date.

Students requesting to remain in their same location on campus next year will be given first priority as long as their reapplication and \$200 prepaid rent deposit are received by the deadline. The deadline for students living in on-campus housing to reapply for housing with priority for the 2004/2005 academic year is **Friday, February 27, 2004 at 4:00 PM**. Students need to complete a reapplication form which is available in the Housing and Residential Life Office.

Students will need to pay the \$200 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor; returning the reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, whose hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Students also have the option of reapplying for housing with priority online at [www.mtsu.edu](http://www.mtsu.edu). Housing is found under **STUDENT AFFAIRS**. The \$200 prepaid rent can only be paid by using Mastercard or Visa, or by completing an online check. There will be an additional \$10 nonrefundable service fee charged for any processed payments online.

To obtain a **HOUSING REAPPLICATION FORM**, please come by the Housing and Residential Life office during office hours, 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, in the Keathley University Center, Room 300.

For additional information or questions, please contact Housing and Residential Life during office hours at 898-2971