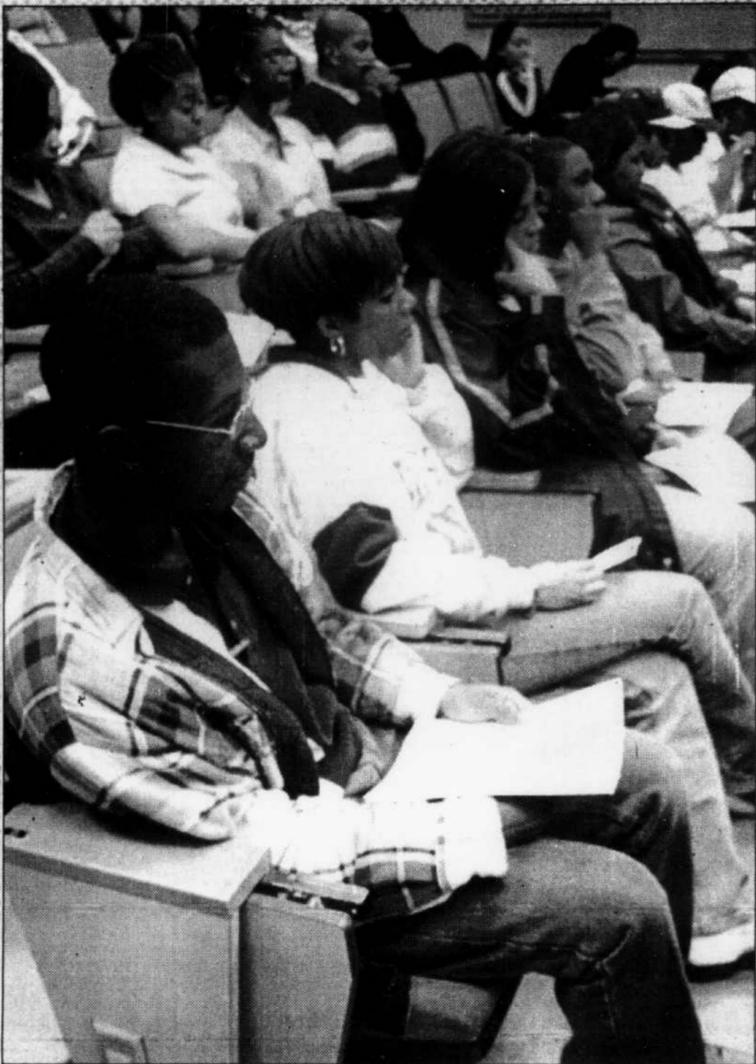


SIDELINES

Interesting...



Alonzo Black, a fine art major, and other students listen as African American Student Association President Genora Reed addresses those attending the organization's general interest meeting last Thursday. Photo by Zack Millican

Speaker to discuss political strife of African Americans

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

Michael McDonald, Davidson County election administrator, will attempt to tackle the political problems African Americans face and have faced in the past in his lecture, "Impact of Family, Community and Ancestry on African American Politics."

The lecture is the next installment of the African American lecture series titled "Family Community and Ancestral Links."

McDonald's lecture will be held Tuesday in Peck Hall, Room 103A, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

McDonald said although there have been obstacles, there have been many significant events



McDonald

throughout history that show African American achievement in political expression, including the Voting Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Plessy vs. Ferguson trial and the Great Migration.

McDonald said the Great Migration had a positive political impact because blacks had the freedom to move North. He pointed out that race relations weren't necessarily a lot better in the North; however, just being free to move was a great statement of the political progressiveness of blacks.

He added that the Emancipation Proclamation gave freedom to blacks but didn't provide any homes or jobs.

McDonald said political empowerment will come with the growth and development of family structure. He said the number of single-parent homes has a lot to do with lack of political motivation in individuals. According to McDonald, political structure will strengthen as family structure strengthens.

"Typically, when the nuclear family is intact, it translates into job opportunities and education," he said.

McDonald also added that a family is just as much an institution as the Supreme Court, the White House or a university.

McDonald later pointed out

the role the black church plays in the African American community.

"I think it's safe to say that, traditionally, the black church was considered a family," he said.

He added that the church has taught politics to its members through its own political structure and sometimes by promoting the awareness of socio-political issues in the community, city, state and nation.

McDonald feels that voting, owning a business, participating in activist writing or just speaking out about political stand points are all forms of political empowerment. Though some may not see these forms as real forms of political power, McDonald believes that any form of political expression is political empowerment.

McDonald, a 1979 graduate of MTSU, was also the first African American SGA president. He received an associates degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's in political science.

He earned his master's degree in public administration at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He later worked in the governor's office in Illinois, went to the John Marshall School of Law, interned with the U.S. District Court and clerked for the Illinois Attorney General's Office, which led him to his current job. He was also ordained as a minister at Vanderbilt in 1996.

Tennessee Tech student diagnosed with meningitis

Health officials say freshmen at high risk

Randall Ford
Staff Reporter

A Tennessee Tech student has been diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, a potentially fatal disease.

Meningococcal disease can be spread by such means as kissing, sharing eating utensils or drinking glasses, and coughing or sneezing in someone's face. It is an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Tech officials say they do not know how David Lee Cavanaugh, 18, contracted the disease and say his is

the only case they know of, even though the illness can be contagious.

Cavanaugh was still in guarded condition in Baptist Hospital's intensive care unit Sunday afternoon.

The occurrence of meningitis among 15- to 25-year-olds has doubled in the past eight years, according to a July issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

More than 80 cases were reported at academic institutions during the 1998-99 academic year, the publication reported.

Shandora Dorse, a physician's assistant in MTSU's Health Services, said the symptoms are similar to those experienced by flu patients.

"Usually the symptoms are fever, severe headache, body ache, nausea, vomiting, overall lethargy or feeling tired and just run down," Dorse said.

Dorse said meningitis, which can be caused by a

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Deadline set for Who's Who program

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The deadline is approaching for juniors, seniors and graduate students to apply for the 1999-2000 Who's Who Among American University and College Students.

The annual publication, which nationally recognizes outstanding students from numerous collegiate institutions, will feature a maximum of 99 MTSU students.

According to Gina Poff, director of Student Development, the program is an excellent reward for students who have shown involvement in the university by allowing them to be acknowledged among other students in the nation.

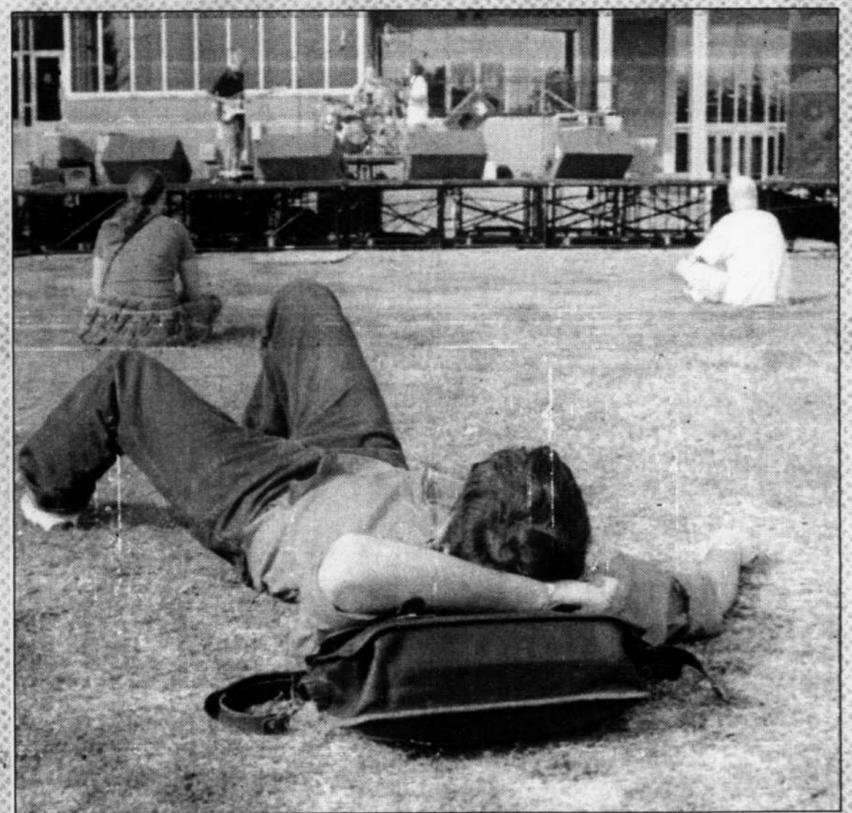
"Being included in the Who's Who program is an achievement that looks great on a resume, and employers look for accomplishments such as this," said Poff.

Rob Patterson, a senior marketing major who was featured in last year's program, said that "to be recognized as one of the outstanding students is not only a great resume builder, but also helps to build your self-esteem."

Patterson, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, a Student Ambassador and a past Student Orientation Advisor, said being chosen for Who's Who can make students feel good about themselves for reminding them that they are active and involved with the university.

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Just kickin' it



Mike Weinstein, a senior recording industry major, listens to Bacchus & Toxic Melody at last Friday's Music on the Knoll concert. This Friday, Rippe 5 takes the knoll at 3 p.m. Photo by Zack Millican

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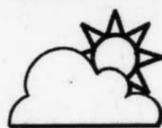
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Various activities on campus mark Sexual Assault Awareness week. See page 6.

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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

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

Oct. 11
The Society of Professional Journalists is holding a meeting at 5 p.m. in Mass Comm, Room 151, to discuss general business and officer elections. Anyone interested in learning about the nation's largest organization of working news people may attend. Contact Kevin Koelling at 904-8193 for more information.

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

Oct. 13-14
Let Every Woman is sponsoring "Scribbling Mob Show," a performing art show, at 8 p.m. in the BDA Studio Theater. Contact Beth Anderton at 898-4045 for more information.

Oct. 14
Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism is hosting a video-lecture entitled "Ayn Rand's Theory of Free Will" in KUC 314 at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Luc Travers at 893-9531 or mtsu99@aol.com.

ONGOING
Lambda Association invites all students to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

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

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30

p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

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

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

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

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

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Looking Forward," an ongoing support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The meetings will be held every Thursday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m., beginning Sept. 30. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

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

The Raider Coordinating Council of Organizations is accepting applications for 1999-2000. The organization is looking for campus leaders who want to be part of planning and executing programs and events for all student organizations. Applications are due Oct. 20 in KUC, Room 306. For further information, call the Office of Student Organizations and Community Service at 904-8418.

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bacteria or a virus, can be treated with antibiotics if it is diagnosed within 24 to 48 hours. Otherwise, it can be deadly.

"It affects the central nervous system," Dorse said. "It can have a loss of hearing, a loss of speech and it can even have decreased use of the limbs."

Dorse said freshmen and on-campus residents are the most vulnerable for meningitis.

"People who live in close congregation together, as in a dormitory or boarding house, do tend to be more susceptible, as you would be for anything because you

are all together," she said. "Freshmen do, for some reason, seem to be at increased risk for meningitis, especially if they live on campus."

Thomas Burke, MTSU dean of Student Life, said if such an infectious disease were to begin spreading on campus, the university would attempt to stop the disease before an outbreak occurs.

"If there's something highly contagious like that in a residence hall then obviously, you'd want to shut down that residence hall before it affects too many people," Burke said. "And in the extreme cases of problems like that, the whole institution has to be shut down."



World News

Schroeder's party seen as stabilized in Berlin vote

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats recovered from a string of losses and held their own in local elections in Berlin on Sunday, according to television exit polls.

The conservative Christian Democrats, led by Berlin mayor Eberhard Diepgen, posted gains in the German capital and remained the dominant party in local government, exit polls showed.

At a time when Schroeder's austerity plans have unsettled Germans, Berliners appeared to opt for the more reassuring figure.

"We want a modern city, but we want a city where Berliners feel good and have a clear future," Diepgen said as the results came in.

Forecasts based on early returns put the Christian Democrats at about 40 percent, a gain of three percentage points over the last election four years ago.

The Social Democrats were in second place with just more than 22 percent, virtually unchanged from the last election.

Yeltsin receives treatment for flu

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin received hospital treatment for the flu and his temperature was returning to normal Sunday, the Kremlin said.

Yeltsin, who was hospitalized Saturday, has been plagued by various health problems in recent years. Each new illness has prompted renewed speculation over whether he is fit enough to lead Russia.

Presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin said Sunday that Yeltsin was receiving treatment and his fever was falling, according to the Interfax news agency. He did not provide details on the treatment or say when the president might be released from Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital.

Yeltsin did not give any additional powers to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin — a sign that the illness was not serious, Interfax reported. Russia's first elected president has been in and out of the hospital for years, undergoing multiple bypass surgery in 1996 and repeatedly receiving treatment for pneumonia and respiratory infections. This past year he also has suffered from back pain. He was last hospitalized in February for what doctors said was a bleeding ulcer.

Britain remembers 40 dead in rail crash

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of people sang hymns and prayed in a supermarket parking lot in west London on Sunday, remembering 40 people killed nearby when two passenger trains collided.

Worshippers at churches across the country said special prayers, while forensic experts sifted through the charred remains of one carriage of the Great Western express train that collided with another train on Tuesday, two miles west of London's Paddington Station. The rush-hour collision was Britain's deadliest in a quarter-century.

A preliminary report released Friday indicated the second train, owned by Thames Trains, passed through a red signal light before colliding with the Great Western train. On Sunday, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott said a train warning system that automatically prevents trains from going through red lights will be installed on all high-speed lines.



National News

Six college students killed by sleeping driver

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Six college students getting out of their cars or walking along a highway on their way to a fraternity party were killed early Sunday by a pickup truck whose driver who had fallen asleep, police said.

The accident happened just after midnight about two miles west of the Texas A&M University main campus, said police Maj. Mike Patterson.

The victims — four students from Baylor University, one from Texas A&M and one from Southwest Texas State — were among a group of people who were going to a party at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house along a four-lane highway. Some had just parked on the road shoulder and the pickup sideswiped two parked cars and struck a third.

Witnesses said parties at the fraternity often draw large crowds of people who must park on the shoulder of the highway, which has a 65-mph speed limit.

The victims were identified as Emily Hollister, 18, Tricia Calp, 18, Dolan Wastel, 22, and Erika Lanham, age unknown, all Baylor students; William Flores, 22, of Southwest Texas, and Ted Bruton, 21, of Texas A&M.

Southern Party holds state convention

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. (AP) — The political group that wants to form a Southern nation held its first North Carolina convention, at which supporters were urged to raise money, recruit members and elect candidates to local office. But just over 30 people attended the daylong session Saturday at an old Hillsborough Inn.

For the Southern Party to grow, its members need "to become mayors of towns, to become (members of) boards of education, to become county commissioners, to become state senators, or state legislators," state chairman Douglas Schell said.

The party must collect at least 52,000 signatures from registered voters in coming months to get on the state's ballots. And the N.C. Southern Party has about \$500 in the bank, said Schell, a business professor at UNC Pembroke who was born and raised in Philadelphia. The party intends to spend about \$250,000 in the 2000 elections, he said.

Based in Houston, the Southern Party held a national organizational meeting in August in Flat Rock. It hopes to be established in all 11 states of the old Confederacy.

Kroger, union continue talks on planned strike

CINCINNATI (AP) — A union representing Cincinnati-area workers in the nation's largest grocery store chain continued negotiations Sunday after calling off a planned strike.

Kroger Co.'s five-year contract with the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1099 expired at midnight Saturday.

Steve Jagers, a spokesman for Cincinnati-based Kroger, confirmed Sunday that negotiations were ongoing but declined to comment. Union spokesman John Marone said Saturday that the decision to strike would be on a meeting-to-meeting basis. He could not be reached for comment Sunday.

The contract being negotiated covers 8,400 employees in Kroger's grocery and meat sections in southeastern Indiana and the Cincinnati area. Drugstore and general merchandise division employees have a separate contract.

State News

Six doctors resign from Memphis mental hospital

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Allegations of mismanagement by six doctors who quit their jobs at the Memphis Mental Health Institute are being investigated by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

Last month most of the medical staff turned in resignations, effective Friday, claiming mismanagement by the facility's superintendent. The doctors said Pete Davidson, who is now on leave, undermined doctors' ability to coordinate patient care and placed the facility in jeopardy of federal court sanctions.

Documents released by the state Friday revealed that the doctors also questioned whether a patient who recently died there received adequate care.

Other doctors, including four under contract from a private health services firm, will work at the hospital until the review is complete and problems are corrected.

Deputy Mental Health Commissioner Ben Dishman said the department hopes to have a report from the independent reviewer within a few weeks. Dishman also confirmed the facility is investigating the patient's death but said the probe was fairly routine.

Police suspect arson in fire in home of slain man

SPARTA, Tenn. (AP) — The house where a White County mentally disabled man was murdered four months ago has burned to the ground.

Authorities suspect arson but say the fire Thursday night did not destroy evidence vital to the murder case. The home, owned by Patricia Lewis and called the House of the Rising Sun by those who frequented it, was used for fortune telling.

Last week police arrested the victim's mother Mary Remley and three of her friends for the June beating death of 38-year-old Fred A. Mooney. Police think Mooney was killed at the house two days before his mother reported him missing. His body was later found hidden in a cave miles away.

Also charged with first-degree murder were Patricia Lupie Lewis, her boyfriend Greg Barnes and her 16-year-old son Kenneth Lewis. All four were given court-appointed attorneys Friday.

Bond halved for man suspected in stabbing death

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. (AP) — A judge has halved bond to \$250,000 for a man who will be tried a second time in the stabbing death of a Montgomery County woman.

In July, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals ruled there wasn't enough evidence of a sexual assault to justify the felony murder conviction and automatic life sentence of Leslie Brian Willis for the 1990 death of Jamie Marable.

The panel sent the case back for a new trial, this time on second-degree murder charges.

Appellate Court judges said they think Willis, a construction worker, killed Marable and is guilty of second-degree murder.

Willis remains in a state prison awaiting trial, which was set for May 8. Willis' attorney, public defender Mike Jones, had asked Circuit Judge Robert Wedemeyer to lower the bond to \$25,000.

But the judge said Willis is a threat to the community and he wouldn't lower it any further.

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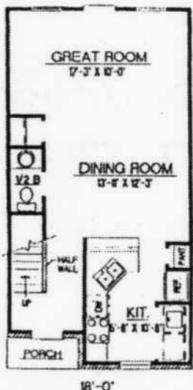
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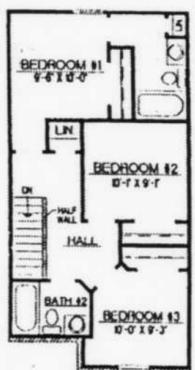
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Asians looking to advance in space exploration

Ginny Parker
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Throughout the Cold War, Asia kept pretty much to the ground as the United States and Soviet Union staged their ballyhooed battle for the moon. Now Asian nations are quietly caught up in a space race of their own.

While Japanese astronauts have traveled to outer space aboard American and Russian craft, China could soon become the first Asian nation to launch a man or woman there. And North Korea, though impoverished by famine, claims to have put into orbit an unmanned satellite singing the praises of its Great Leader.

Most ambitious of all has been Japan, which has sent a satellite around the moon, has a probe on its way to Mars and is the only Asian country to join the U.S.-led international space station.

But as the race speeds up, Japan is having some trouble staying ahead.

"Until now, Japan's just been honing its space

technology," said Fujio Nakano, author of a newly published book on the nation's space industry. "From here on out, we have to get into mass production, commercial development."

Like the Cold War space race, Asia's ambitions are motivated more by strategic factors — albeit with a post-Cold War twist of commercialism — than by lofty scientific goals.

China, with a new rocket and a refurbished space center, is seeking to improve its satellite communications and develop space-based weapons. It is also counting on a highly secretive manned space program to put it on a technological par with the West.

In North Korea's case, whether the communist nation actually put a satellite into orbit last summer or was merely testing a long-range ballistic missile remains a matter of some debate.

But it is clear the politically isolated and otherwise backward country is rapidly improving the range and capabilities of its rockets — and using that progress to extract concessions from the outside world.

Last month, Washington lifted long-standing

economic sanctions against North Korea in an attempt to persuade the Pyongyang regime not to test long-range missiles.

The move was prompted by U.S. fears that North Korea was preparing a missile more powerful than the one it apparently lobbed over Japan last year. Experts say the improved Taepodong II would be able to reach Alaska and Hawaii.

Japanese officials prefer not to comment on whether they are being drawn into a regional space race.

But government reaction to the new threat from North Korea indicates that is indeed the case.

Tokyo has vowed to launch the nation's first spy satellites in 2003 and, with the help of the United States, set up a state-of-the-art regional missile defense system.

"Without that (North Korean) missile, none of this would have happened," said Hideshi Takesada of Japan's National Institute for Defense Studies.

Still, the stress on strategic satellites is a new and controversial one for Japan. The nation currently

relies entirely on U.S.-gathered intelligence, and a pacifist constitution combined with public wariness make it difficult to expand Japan's military role.

Until now, science has been the focus of Japan's space program, which has successfully put a satellite in orbit around the moon and docked two satellites in space by remote control — a first, according to NASDA, Japan's space agency.

But the program has been plagued by bureaucratic wrangling, cost overruns and technical difficulties.

From rockets shutting down on the launch pad to the delayed liftoff of the country's first lunar probe, Japan's space program has had trouble lately just getting off the ground.

Its latest attempt to launch a satellite was delayed for the third time last month.

"We've had some problems," admitted Tatsushi Izumi of the Science and Technology Agency's Space Policy Division.

He said Japan is trying to do too much with its \$2.4 billion space budget. "We need to prioritize our goals."

Indonesian personnel accuse peacekeepers of killing policeman

Slobodan Lekic
Associated Press

DILI, East Timor (AP) — International peacekeepers clashed with a contingent of armed men Sunday, exchanging fire in a town that straddles the border between East Timor and Indonesian-controlled West Timor.

A senior Australian army officer said two militia members may have been wounded.

But an Indonesian security official accused peacekeepers of killing an Indonesian policeman in the exchange and wounding two others.

If Indonesian police were involved, it would be the first direct clash between international troops and Indonesian forces since the deployment of foreign peacekeepers to East Timor on Sept. 20.

The clash, apparently triggered by confusion over the location of the border, was

the third firefight in the past four days, and some fear Indonesian-trained militants have launched a guerrilla campaign to partition East Timor.

The Indonesians said the shootings took place in West Timor, but the Australians said it happened in East Timor.

Officers from both sides said it started when an Australian patrol approached the village of Motaain, which straddles the border between the two halves of the Southeast Asian island.

"The patrol returned fire, possibly hitting two militia members," said Col. Mark Kelly, chief of staff of the peacekeeping force.

But an Indonesian police officer in Motaain said policemen belonging to a mobile brigade unit had fired warning shots to let the Australians know they wrongly had crossed over to the western side of the island.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Australians shot back, killing a policeman and wounding two others.

Witnesses told The Associated Press they saw the dead man's body in a hospital in the nearby town of Atambua.

Reporters who accompanied the Australian convoy said the peacekeepers and Indonesian officers later compared maps.

The Indonesians' map, based on a chart dating back to Dutch colonial times, showed Motaain in West Timor. A newer Indonesian-drawn map used by the Australians placed the town in East Timor.

A film shot during the talks showed an Australian translator saying the local Indonesian army commander, Lt. Col. Sidjid Yuwyno, confirmed that the patrol was 100 yards inside East Timor, and that the Australians had not fired first.

The border issue is extremely sensitive. Indonesian military recently warned peacekeepers not to enter West Timor after peacekeeping chiefs said their troops might do so in pursuit of militia gangs.

Benedict College clamps down on students after fight

TMS Campus

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Benedict College officials closed the institution's campus and confined students to their rooms after a fight broke out and police received reports of gunfire.

Officers arrested and charged four men with disorderly conduct after Tuesday's brawl, which started near the college's library when one man hit another in the head with a radio. Those two men — believed to be the catalysts of the conflict — fled before police arrived. It is not clear if any of the men were students.

School officials said that when police and county paramedics responded to an emergency call reporting gunfire, they found 200 people had gathered to watch the fight. The crowd grew hostile,

forcing paramedics to return to their ambulance while police officers calmed everyone.

Police officials could not confirm whether shots were fired, and no gunshot wounds were reported. Two of the four men arrested and a woman were taken to a local hospital after the fight. All three were treated and released.

School officials held a student forum Wednesday to discuss the incident and announced plans to more rigorously enforce the college's attendance policies and dress code to better convey the seriousness of getting a college education.

School officials said any students involved in the fight would be brought before a jury made up of faculty and students and could face sanctions ranging from community service to expulsion.

WHO'S WHO

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Thomas Roddy, a senior industrial organization psychology major, was also included in last year's edition.

"The program is a great honor and a way to be recognized by the students, faculty and administrative staff," Roddy said.

Roddy is the president of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, a member of the Raider Coordinating Council of Organizations and served as an

SOA for two years.

Students who apply for the program are chosen anonymously by a selection panel composed of faculty, administrators and SGA representatives.

Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student with a minimum grade point average of 2.8.

Applications are due Oct. 15 and are available in the Office of Student Development in Room 122 of the Keathley University Center or in the SGA office, KUC Room 208.

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Racially stereotypical ad yanked from New Mexico game programs

James Barron
The Daily Lobo

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A supermarket ad running in the University of New Mexico's football program twice in September sparked controversy in the black community, prompting the university's athletic department to remove the ad from future programs.

The ad, which is part of Furr Supermarket's "We Love Food, You Love Food" campaign, depicts a black football player carrying a watermelon next to information about the store's free video rental promotion.

It ran in the football team's programs for the Sept. 12 game against New Mexico State University and the Sept. 19 game against Northern Arizona University.

Darren Dunn, UNM's director of marketing, said an athletic department member saw the ad during the first game, but said the university could not take any action because the programs were printed for the first two games.

Dunn said the ad has been replaced by another Furr's ad which says, "You love the Lobos, We Love the Lobos," with the o's appearing as partially eaten cookies.

Bill McGillis, UNM's associate athletic director, said the athletic department, Furr's Supermarket and the Rick Johnson & Company Inc., which developed the ad, responded quickly.

"We regret that the incident occurred," he said. "We too were appalled when we saw the ad."

We took immediate action with Johnson and Furr's, and the ad was pulled immediately and a new ad was provided."

Debbie Johnson, president of Rick Johnson & Company, Inc., said the agency takes full responsibility for the ad. She said it was a part of a 30-ad series, and was designed by a 24-year-old man.

"He wasn't around for the negative stereotypes," she said. "It didn't occur to him it was negative."

While the ad was pulled from circulation, it angered some UNM students and staff members.

The Black Student Union posted the ad on its Web site and asked people to comment on how it makes them feel. UNM student Everett Wheeler-Bell wrote a letter to African American Student Services, calling it "a continued pattern of racial insensitivity," at UNM.

"It seems funny that when 'South Park,' a controversial cartoon, mocks Jews and portrays whites as 'trash,' there is a social upheaval discussing the offensive nature of the cartoon," Wheeler-Bell wrote. "On the other hand, when blacks are offended by a football player carrying watermelon in 'free video rental' ad, we are accused of being hypersensitive. The reality of the issue is that many blacks are still affected by racism daily."

Black Student Union president Guy Harris said the agency should have caught the ad's potential insensitive nature.

"They have a marketing staff, people from above who look at and approve the program and deal with those issues," he said. "Are they not aware of their efforts to be in contact with the black community? If all these people who are working on their own, if they have ever had sensitivity training or heard of the stereotype of Blacks and watermelons? None of them could figure out or even ask if this would be taken badly by the black community? It's not a little mistake."

Johnson said the ad was seen with the entire series, and slipped by the agency's management.

The watermelon was used in three or four other ads, including one with a football player kicking it. Johnson said similar incidents have occurred involving young ad designers who were not aware of the racial insensitivity of an ad.

"It didn't stand out that it would be offensive," she said. "It was gross negligence on not picking up on that. We changed it immediately and have spoken to the local leaders with NAACP."

Dunn said the ads were given to the UNM marketing department on a disk, but nobody reviewed the ad before it was printed. He said all advertisements are now viewed before printing.

"We should have noticed it," he said. "It was unnoticed until it was printed. We'll definitely be more proactive and look at our sponsors' advertisement."

Harris said the athletic department has not given the Black Student Union or African American Student Services an apology.

"They are paid thousands of dollars to look at ad content and we would hope they do their jobs well," Harris said. "You wouldn't have a Chicano carrying a bag of beans. What is this? Is this just incompetence, or just laziness or both? You're dealing with so many more issues behind it. These people are paid to do a cutting job."

Sundquist staffer readying income tax bill for session

NASHVILLE (AP) — A bill that would give Tennessee a state income tax is being drafted by a staffer for Gov. Don Sundquist in anticipation of a special legislative session on tax reform next month.

The plan is to have a bill ready in case it is needed, said Jack Kopald, the assistant commissioner of operations and legal counsel for revenue who is writing the legislation.

"It may be (the administration) wants a bill," Kopald told the Nashville bureau of The Knoxville News-Sentinel. "Let's work on a bill so we will have a better product."

Sundquist has said the state faces a \$382 million shortfall next year without tax reform and he would support a state income tax if the Legislature recommended one. He is expected to call a special session on tax reform in November. A special session earlier this year failed to produce any major tax changes.

Sundquist spokeswoman Beth Fortune said an income tax is just one option for tax reform.

"We are looking at all different options and different proposals," she said.

The Business Tax Study Committee has been holding hearings on tax reform for nearly two months and plans to make a recommendation by the end of the month. It wraps up a series of hearings outside Nashville on Tuesday in Memphis.

Revenue Department Deputy Commissioner Mike Cole said

no decision on an income tax rate has been made. However, the most likely option appears to be a 4 percent income tax, reduction of the state sales tax from 6 percent to 4 percent, removal of the sales tax on food and repeal of the Hall income tax on investments and dividend income.

"That does seem to be the most popular one," Cole said. "It would put you on a foundation to have a much better system to grow with."

Cole said revenue officials are trying to determine the best date — Jan. 1 or July 1 — to implement an income tax, should one pass. If the Hall income tax was repealed, the new tax would need to be effective in January to coincide with the Hall tax cycle.

"It would be a real challenge and we would have a lot of sleepless nights if we had to do something by January 2001," Cole said. "But hey, we could do it."

Even if an income tax bill is introduced, there is no guarantee it will pass, particularly in the Senate. An income tax was discussed during the special session last spring, but the idea went nowhere.

Sen. Micheal Williams, R-Maynardville, has said he will file a motion to adjourn if Sundquist calls a special session. Williams is strongly opposed to an income tax. Sundquist has responded that he will continue to call lawmakers into special session until they address tax reform. ■

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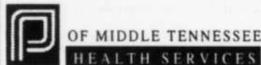
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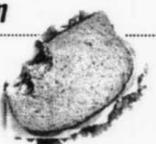
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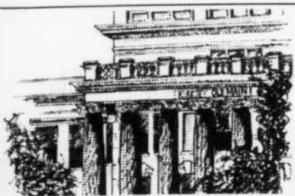
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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Editorial

Despite annoyances, things will get better

We've all heard the cliches before: it's always darkest before dawn, it'll get worse before it gets better, etc. etc. And, as with most other things, these sayings hold true for MTSU.

People can find several things on campus to complain about right now. There's the football team's losing record. There's the constant construction decorating the campus with what seems like miles of ugly orange fencing. There are temporary outages of hot water for residents in the dorms and brief time periods when Frank is down for repairs.

These situations are not all negative. Although these things may inconvenience or annoy us right now, rest assured. It's going to get better.

Doesn't anybody remember the Braves of the '90s?

That team went from worst to first and almost everyone jumped on the bandwagon when they did.

Every sports team has periods of rebuilding and readjusting. This is the Blue Raiders' first year in Division I-A. Chin up! All is not lost.

Steamline construction may make this campus an eyesore for now, but one day it will be nothing but a faint memory. And campus will have reliable heat and hot water to show for it.

Think of the braces many of us had to wear in our junior high and high school days. Let's face it: these silver brackets weren't the most attractive things.

But if you endured taunts of "metal mouth" for a couple of years, you probably emerged from the experience with teeth as straight as the caps in most stars' smiles.

The situation with the atrocious Art Barn is the only thing that doesn't seem to be getting any better no matter how bad it gets. But that's an editorial in itself...

As for the rest of campus, hang in there. It'll all be okay in the end. ■

Leslie Bales
Editor in chief

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Students miss KUC game room

The more things change, the more distant the agenda seems to be between the students of MTSU and the powers that govern over them. Education is an encompassing experience, even if parts of that experience do not turn a profit.

Case in point, the MTSU game room. Now I understand that the Mini-mart and game room was not making any real money, but the people who stumbled to this third floor "convenience" market were a menagerie of the lost, the freshman, or those who had a special, unique world carved out for them on campus. These were the students who found an hour in their day to support the Tennessee Business Enterprise for the Blind and maybe to cue a game of nine ball.

A friend introduced me to the game room after a freshman English class one morning. From that point on, many a day I missed Introduction to Mass Comm or the rest of my schedule to watch ESPN's Sportscenter and chat with students over a wide variety of subjects.

Everyone who used the room regularly seemed to have their own table, their own view and their own perspective. It was never a good place to study. More importantly, it was never meant to be.

However, it was a fun place to hang out, partly for the cheesy atmosphere, partly for the retreat into the depths of the KUC while still being in the center of campus. No walk to any portion of the campus was more than ten minutes away. Though we who stayed and watched the big screen television never could muster up the energy to make that next class on time.

We got to eat and watch, think and laugh and hide. Hide from the troubles of the day and the outside world. Hide from our problems. It was simple and concise. When we left, we were reminded to return our trays to the cafeteria with a handwritten, scotch taped sign. How old school is that? It's ironic. It's sad. The students lose.

Now, we are shoed to the Cyber Café or to a spacious recreation center or some other designated site that is "new" and "improved." Maybe the students should be allowed to decide where they want to retreat to and not leave that decision to the powers that be. Remember Chicago hasn't torn down Wrigley Field, why should MTSU lose the game room? How about leaving the television and the tables for old time's sake?

Alas, all things do change; KDF plays country music, professional sports are actually in Nashville and tuition rates continue to rise. It's all a part of change. However, it was the game room that brought students together in the odd sort of way that allows friendships to develop. It was the simplicity of the room that lured students in and once there, forced us into conversation. It's the experience that those of us who cared will miss.

I guess that's a more nostalgic view from this dusty seat in the crowd. I'd love to hear your sad songs and waltzes, so e-mail me with comments, suggestions or whatever is on your mind at MTSUVIEWS@email.com or Sidelines at stupubs@mtsu.edu. ■

Bookstore not to blame for high prices

Steve Cagnina
Staff Columnist

Ok, how many of you out there have had this experience?

You are in line to sell back your over priced, full of I-will-never-remember-this-after-I-am-done-with-this-lousy-class-information. You inevitably meet the infamous "elderly lady." You know, the one that seems to appear ONLY at buyback time. The old lady tells you that this book — this basic math book of yours, has been discontinued.

And that's when you flip out. You yell, "But this math hasn't changed in a thousand years! What the hell! Did they suddenly find a way to improve upon $a + b = c$?"

The old lady, of course, just stares at you. The rumination of the universe, or just plain emptiness, could be going on in her head. All you know for sure is that you just got screwed and she doesn't care. And you are sure she ain't the only one!

And you naturally blame Phillips bookstore. But in reality, they did not screw you. The bookstore has to maintain a certain markup to keep in business. Yes, the books are overpriced pieces of crap — but the cause of that price is not the bookstore.

It's the bloodsucking publishers and the academic community who just goes right along with them. Publishers make the wholesale price on academic books so ridiculous that the retail price has no choice but to be obscene.

Do you think that book prices would drop if all educational institutions just said instead on wholesale prices being at reasonable levels, or they would go to wholesale methods — like the Internet? I do. It's obvious the publishers are making a ton of cash — and they spread it around just enough to bribe the right people so that, in the end, the poor student has to pay their outrageous prices. What is the student going to do? There is no free market here. He or she has to use the textbook assigned. They can't find a cheaper one and tell the professor — "I think this one's a better deal." And best of all — who gets blamed? Not the bloodsucking publishers. Not the publishers, a.d.m people enjoying all those free lunches given by the publishers, a.d.m those complimentary gifts, etc. Nope, the poor campus bookstore, who is in the unfortunate position of being the messenger.

The message giver — they are planning right now to update their editions — because if there are too many used books around, no one is buying new books. And after all, in the end, this is the bitter truth: college is more for bloodsuckers of all kinds, rather than the student. Follow the money, and you always find the truth. ■



From the Mailbox

Assault article sensational

To the Sidelines Editor:

How dare you print a biased, sensationalistic, libelous attack on an esteemed member of our academic community.

Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson has earned your respect. She is a dedicated teacher, she has served on numerous university committees, she has even served as chair of the English Department, and yet you choose to print an article in which you present her as a pariah.

In an obvious breach of journalistic ethics, your "reporter", Jamie Evans, has ignored Dr. Jackson's side of the story. Not only did he neglect to quote her or to say he tried to contact her for comments, but he did not speak to witnesses — of whom there were several.

Instead, he based his entire story on the words of an inarticulate and angry student who claims, "If it would have been a man, I would have whooped his ass," and expects us to believe that Dr. Jackson "tried to whoop [him] for calling her Miss instead of Doctor." Mr. Evan's own refusal to address Dr. Jackson as "Doctor" further demonstrates his bias and his utter lack of respect for this university's faculty.

The fact that Murfreesboro police have now decided NOT to act on the student's testimony, not to, as EVANS predicts, "pick Jackson up" and "book" her, proves not only that there's another side to the story, but that the tree is the truth.

Imagine an oak tree growing in the forest. Now imagine that same tree, reduced to a stack of firewood. Dr. Jackson's reputation is the tree and "Sidelines" is the chain saw.

Mr. Evans' story, however, would make better kindling.

Jamie Evans should be removed from the "Sidelines" staff, and you, the editor or a newspaper whose mission you have blatantly ignored, should apologize to Dr. Jackson — on the first page, in large type.

Sincerely,
Dr. Claudia Barnett

Kudos to Jamie Evans, Staff Reporter, and the "Sidelines" editors for an outstanding piece of yellow journalism. I'm referring, of course, to the front page article with the headline "Professor accused of assault." While the article includes several quotes by Mr. Bradley Miller, the student who has accused Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson of assault, not once does the article mention that Dr. Jackson had three witnesses who corroborated her version of the incident. Nor does the article even mention that there were witnesses to the incident. Nor does the article indicate whether the reporter interviewed Dr. Jackson, which shows the reporter was not interested in Dr. Jackson's perspective.

Why did the editor not tell the reporter to ask about possible witnesses?

Why did the editor not tell the reporter to interview Dr. William Connelly, the chair of the Department of English, with whom one of the complaints was filed?

Why did the editor not tell the reporter to talk to the student who was in Dr. Jackson's office during the incident, since that student was a witness?

These are basic questions that any competent journalist and editor would never have to answer. But Jamie Evans and Leslie Bales (Editor-in-Chief) must answer these questions.

Further, what transpired in the decision-making process that allowed such sloppy investigating and reporting to be published? Was it the need to make a deadline? The need to fill space? Or was it that here was a good, juicy story about a professor assaulting a student?

What's disturbing is the damage this indifferent, reckless and sloppy reporting could have on Dr. Jackson's career. In the Department of English, Dr. Jackson is highly respected for her high standards, her unflinching attention to detail and her commitment to her students. But now that "Sidelines" has seen fit to tarnish that spotless reputation by printing groundless accusations from a disgruntled student. The "Sidelines" article has defamed Dr. Jackson's character and reputation, and the reporter and editors owe Dr. Jackson a written and public apology.

Yours,
Dr. Theodore J. Sherman
Associate Professor of English

Editor's note:

Staff reporter Jamie Evans several times by telephone, leaving her two messages. Sidelines' only mistake in running the article "Professor accused of assault" was the failure to mention that Jackson could not be reached for comment.

According to The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual, "Use Dr. in first reference as a formal title before the name of an individual who holds a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy degree." AP's explanation for this is "... because the public frequently identifies Dr. only with physicians ..." Therefore, it is Sidelines' style to use Dr. as a title only when identifying a medical doctor.

With the exception of the two quotes from student Bradley Miller, all information in the article was compiled from the complaint filed with MTSU Public Safety. This complaint is public record. No libel was committed.

Article insulting women in physics mistaken

Dear Editor:

As a female faculty member in the physics and astronomy department at MTSU, I found Steve Cagnina's comments in the Sept. 30 issue of "Sidelines" to be incredible.

His perception of our department is so out of line with my own experience that I am compelled to comment.

Mr. Cagnina states that "the department is just trying to teach you that women and numbers don't mix. It's just a reality in their community." I would like to offer the following evidence, both statistical and anecdotal, to refute the assertion that this is our attitude:

1) A large fraction of students enrolled in introductory physics and astronomy courses at MTSU are female. My personal experience and that of my colleagues is that women do not drop these courses at a higher rate than men do, nor do they perform more poorly.

As a specific example, in Dr. Victor Montemayor's Physics 231 class last spring, the average grade earned by the 30 females in the class was 2.85 out of a maximum 4.0, while the average for the 42 males was 2.48. Grades in physics courses are much more strongly correlated to the amount of time and effort spent in studying and doing homework than they are to gender.

2) Representation of women in the field of physics has been steadily increasing as a result of efforts by the physics community to tap the intellectual resources of all previously neglected segments of the population.

Although only six percent of U.S. physicists are women, nearly 20 percent of bachelor's degrees in physics are now awarded to women. Over the last decade, the fraction of women among MTSU's physics graduates has also averaged nearly 20 percent.

3) My colleagues in the department have always, without exception, treated me with respect.

At other institutions, I have experienced sexist behavior ranging from discouragement from applying for jobs to an inability to keep one's hands where they belong during scientific discussions to subtle (and not so subtle) remarks that demean women. I have found the MTSU physics and astronomy department to be remarkable in the absence of such behavior.

The physics and astronomy department does not practice "testosterone prejudice." If women in any of our courses feel that they are being treated unfairly on the basis of their gender, I would encourage those women to discuss their concerns with our department chair or with me.

Sexism is simply not tolerated in our department. However, the publication of vague accusations of sexism with no specifics or documentation does not allow us to remedy the situation if a problem exists and is unfair to both our department and our students. Mr. Cagnina's remarks are a disservice to the entire MTSU community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Martha Weller
Professor, physics and astronomy department

Students should support their team, not others

If tolerance is a virtue, then my tolerance is about gone. As I was sitting at the homecoming game last Saturday, I overheard several students sitting in front of me discussing football. Not MTSU football, but football with a capital O (Orange that is).

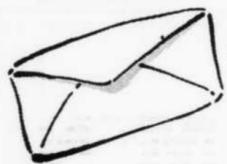
As I leaned in to listen to what they were saying, I heard, "I don't really care much about this football team; I only care about UT." At first I disregarded the statement, but as time went on I became fumed. If I could go back in time, I would break in to say, "Then why the heck don't you transfer there?"

I think there are too many people on this campus who need to do a little transferring. Why am I writing this letter to vent about this? Because when I see a person sporting another school such as UT, I see them as complete idiots who I would rather see hit I-40 than stay here and litter my sight with other school logos and athletic wear.

Since arriving at MTSU's campus, I have fallen in love with everything that has to do with this university. I am proud that our athletic department has taken our program to the next level. You have to start somewhere, but these morons are becoming an eyesore to people like myself. I wish these people would take the high road up I-40 and stay put.

John Cook
Computer Information Systems

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Murfreesboro, TN

Empowering Sexual assault awareness week offers variety

Emily Natalio
Staff Reporter

MTSU will be participating in the nationwide Sexual Assault Awareness Week this week.

Each day will have events to help students prevent any sexual assaults.

On October 11, the MTSU Martial Arts Club will be holding a self-defense demonstration on the KUC courtyard.

They will be giving instruction on "simple, quick things that people can pick up," Gena Poff, director of Student Development, said.

Anyone is welcome to walk by between classes to learn a little about self defense.

The fourth annual "When a Kiss Is Not Just a Kiss" play will be held at Wright Music Hall at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12. This interactive play, performed by seven actors, is about freshmen experiencing the new adventure of college. These seven actors are members of the Anti Sexual Abuse Project, from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

They will present many different scenarios that can be seen in many different ways.

One example is when a student takes a freshman to a place where they can "talk" after they have

been drinking. The topic of choice for this scenario is date rape. Everyone wonders if the sex was consented or not.

Candace Rosovsky, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, said "When a Kiss Is Not Just a Kiss" is a "wonderful, ambiguous play."

On Oct. 13 and 14, the Clothesline Project will be held in the KUC Courtyard from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday. The Clothesline Project displays feelings expressed by victims of sexual assault.

The AIDS quilt inspired the Clothesline project. Poff described this event as a way to "decorate in whatever way to say the message of how they feel, how they felt, and how they are recovering. It is the person's inner feelings."

Also displayed in the courtyard will be the Clothesline Project T-shirts of 1998. Information about Clothesline Project participants will remain confidential. For more information on the Clothesline Project, call 898-2193.

On Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. will be the "Take Back the Night" march and rally. The event will begin and end at the KUC Courtyard. The estimated length of this event is one hour.

This march is "a way of taking back the night they were sexually

assaulted or raped," Poff said. "It will touch on the areas that assaults have happened. It will educate those who do not realize the danger areas on campus, so they can realize something has happened there."

Rosovsky added that this "is a national program that has been in cities and on campuses for well over 20 years. The metaphor is to take back the right to be safe. Because nights are the least safe time for women.

"Traditionally this campus, what we have done in the past, stop at placed on campus where there have been rapes or assaults or stalking or domestic violence have happened and honor the particular women that have been assaulted at that point."

They do not use the person's real name for confidentiality purposes, but their story and outcome will be told.

On Oct. 17, Nashville Cares will be hosting their AIDS walk at the Bicentennial Mall starting at 2:30pm.

All money raised by this walk be used for AIDS patients and their families. The money will be used on permanent housing, meals and AIDS education workshops and programs. The walk will be three miles throughout downtown Nashville.

For more information call the

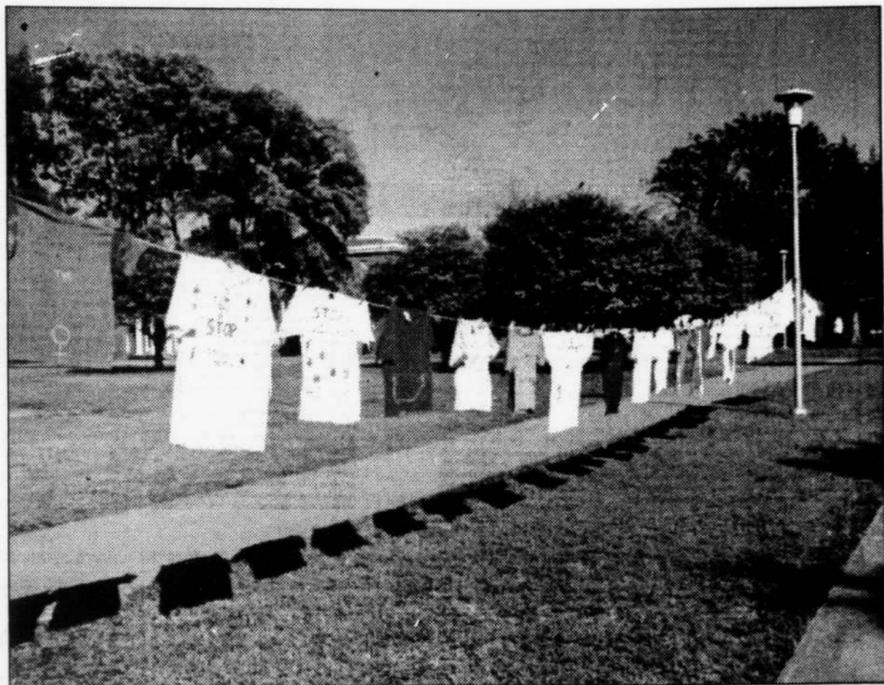


Photo by Michelle Schafer

The Clothesline project visually expresses emotions of victims, friends and family of sexual abuse.

Walk Hotline at 259-4866.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Week," Ms. Poff said, "is a serious problem that everyone needs to be aware of. It is really important for men to know how to not be the assulater, but the same thing can happen to men just as easily. That is something they do not want to report; that is probably why it is under-reported."

Racing toward a dream

Dan Craft
Daily Egyptian

Armed with only a motorcycle engine and a shop full of tools and supplies, about 30 students at Southern Illinois University once disappeared into a garage. They would emerge a year later with a fully functional race car.

Welcome to the life of the university's Formula Racing Team. The team consists mostly of mechanical engineering majors, who work year-round to design, fabricate and assemble an open-wheel race car. They race each May against colleges and universities from around the world.

"The real work is in getting the car conceptualized and built, not the racing," said Dave Freeman, the team's captain and a senior in mechanical engineering from Reynolds. "Getting out on the track is a great time, though."

SIUC has taken part in the competition, which occurs in the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., each May for the last three years. According to the rules for SAE-class cars, students must redesign their car every year. While the car's frame can be used for two consecutive seasons, new engine and suspension setups are required every year, so the team constantly is working on two cars, one for the current competition and one for next year.

"We spend about 35 to 40 hours a week doing some sort of car-related work," said Randy Decker, assistant captain for the team and a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Naperville. "Whether I'm working on next year's frame, putting new tires on the latest car or calling around for sponsorship, there's always something to be done."

About 90 percent of the car is designed and built by the students. Even the engine, which comes from a 600cc Honda motorcycle, is heavily modified. On the latest car, students added a custom-made turbocharger and a new fuel system to the motor.

Greg Moroz, the senior laboratory mechanic at the Central Research Shop, said the experience team members gain in the many different aspects of engineering pay off after graduation.

"Coming out of this program, they are going into the industry as leaders with a well-rounded view of what it takes to go from an abstract idea to a finished, fully functional product," Moroz said.

"They know how to machine a piece of metal or operate a welder. They can apply many of the principles learned in the classroom."

While a car is driveable after a year, Freeman said they usually run better in their second year, because early bugs can be ironed out.

"The fact that we have to change the car so much from year to year means a lot of work, but we can improve it every time," Freeman said.

The team pulled in Rookie of the

Year honors the first year and improved their scores two years ago. Mechanical troubles hampered their performance last May.

"We were working on the car until about two hours before race time last year," Decker said. "Things just wouldn't click for us."

Team members also hope to participate in other competitions, including one in England. The big obstacle to that competition is funding, said David Van Mittendorf, a senior in mechanical engineering from Butler and the other assistant captain.

"It costs an awful lot to get us over there with the car," Mittendorf said.

"The teams that come to Michigan from overseas literally pull their car out of a crate, start the motor and get right out on the track. We're still looking for enough money to get us over there."

Current sponsors include the College of Engineering and the Center for Advanced Friction Studies, alumni groups and area businesses. Groups such as Boeing Aircraft, Autometer Gauges and Eibach Springs also support the team because they know team members are getting great training, said Ben Grodjek, a senior from Monmouth who heads the public relations efforts of the team.

"It doesn't apply as much to me, seeing as I'm the lone recreation major on the team," Grodjek said. "But it offers great connections in the engineering field, which is perfect for most of the team members."

The team is also trying to qualify for a spot in the SCCA autocross category, which would allow them to race the car more often.

"Everybody who puts in time on the car gets to drive it, but there's only so much time at the actual races," Freeman said. "Getting into the autocross would give more people a chance to drive in an actual racing setting."

When both cars are operational, the team sometimes blocks off a parking lot near the SIU Arena and pits the two cars against each other. Such demonstrations are especially effective for showing the team to prospective sponsors, Grodjek said.

"We ran in front of a parents group from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and they were so impressed that they gave us \$700 on the spot," Grodjek said. "It's that kind of support we really need."

The team is growing as word of its existence spreads, Decker said. Almost 40 students signed on at the beginning of the year, and about 15 show up regularly to work on the car.

"A lot of people dropped out when they found out that we work on the car mostly on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons," Decker said.

"We don't have much of a social life on the weekends, but being a part of the team is really worth it."

From 'Hymn Books to Hit Songs'

Exhibit in University Library displays history of Tennessee Music

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

From gospel to rock, Tennessee's history of music covers more than Elvis Presley, and the University Library has the proof.

The library Special Collections Room formally opened an exhibit Friday featuring artifacts spanning the last 150 years from the music industry in Tennessee.

The exhibit opened with a reception featuring 30 MTSU students and faculty members performing music from items in the exhibit. Cheerful student ambassadors in their distinctive blue blazers greeted the approximately 150 people in attendance and served them cake, cookies and lemonade.

The standing room only audience, composed mainly of faculty, alumni and guests from the community, sat spellbound in the atrium of the university library while the performers serenaded them from the second floor and the beautiful curved staircase. With only seven cases for display, the exhibit is small but intense, according to Alan D. Boehm, librarian for special collections.

Paul Wells, director of the Center for Popular Music, was responsible for choosing the items to display. Wells indicated that he tried to provide a balance between the various historical periods, between the products of large corporations and small-time operators, between black and white musical traditions and between different media.

Wells said that he sorted through the many hundreds of



Photo by Zack Milligan

A crowd gathers to see the "Hymn Books to Hit Songs" at the library Friday.

musical artifacts in the center's collection to build the exhibit.

"There were too many choices of everything," he lamented.

According to Boehm, the oldest artifact in the collection is the only known copy of The Eclectic Harmony, a songbook produced in Shelbyville in 1847. Boehm explained that the author would have used this book when he conducted nine-week singing schools in the Shelbyville area in the middle 19th century. Singing schools were important community events in the 19th century. They

taught religious music using shaped note harmony in an attempt to improve the quality of singing in the Protestant churches.

Another of the oldest items on display is a binder's volume of sheet music. Boehm said that these books were collections of music by middle to upper class people, usually women, in the 19th century. They provide historians with examples of the sheet music that was circulating during that era. By comparing several of them it is possible to determine what music was the most popular.

"Printed music is the only way for us to get a glimpse into the lost world of 19th century music," said Charles K. Wolfe, English professor.

Sound recording did not become possible until 1870, and even then, the music business in Tennessee remained regional, according to Wells. While northern music from Cincinnati and New York was able to reach Tennessee through the extensive river trade, Tennessee music did not travel the other direction.

Elvis' first record, "That's All Right," produced by Sun Records, would not have been available outside the Tennessee region, Wells said.

It was only when Sun Records sold his contract to RCA and he recorded "Heartbreak Hotel" that he received national recognition.

RCA produced the record in New York, but Tree Music in Nashville produced the sheet music.

The popularity of "Heartbreak Hotel" caused RCA to move a large part of their business to Nashville, giving a huge boost to the popular music industry in Tennessee. Both the 78 record of "That's All Right" and the sheet music to "Heartbreak Hotel" are in the exhibit.

Boehm said that the exhibit is important to MTSU students because it gives them a glimpse into history. Displays of this kind can trigger student's historical imagination; Boehm insisted that this is part of the teaching role of the university.

"The library should be the conceptual center of the university, not just a place to get a book, use the net or photocopy something," Boehm said. "These materials exemplify that."

"These artifacts belong to the people of Tennessee," Boehm added. "They should be available to them."

Ann Smith, a visitor to the reception from the community, agreed. "I am excited that the library made this exhibit available to the community. I think it is wonderful," Smith said.

Gail O'Neill, a 1992 graduate of MTSU, said she really enjoyed the reception, the music and the chance to see the beautiful new MTSU library.



Photo by Zack Milligan

Some of the items on display dated back to the middle 19th century.

Sharing Ideas



Photo by Zack Millican
Bobbie Ann Mason, Sharon Olds, and Kate Cambell chat before the writers symposium on Thursday.

Women have new way to absorb menstrual flow

Bridgette Doseburian
FSView

TALLAHASSEE — Students may think they know what a woman's choices are when it comes to menstruation. However, many of them probably aren't familiar with the latest product on the market for keeping a woman clean on "those days."

That new option, "Instead SoftCup," created by Ultrafem, is proclaimed to be "the first real alternative in feminine protection in more than 60 years."

The Instead SoftCup is a soft, disposable cup worn internally that molds to a woman's body and creates a personal fit. It looks like a pink condom attached to a matching pink O-ring of roughly the same diameter as a tennis ball. The SoftCup is inserted and pushed behind the cervix, where it catches fluid much like a rain gauge.

The condom-like cup pulls down from the ring as it fills with fluid, and Ultrafem claims it can be worn for up to 12 hours; twice as long as a tampon. Ultrafem also claims that one of Instead's greatest assets is that the wearer can have sex or participate in any other strenuous physical activity, safely and cleanly, while using the SoftCup.

FDA approved, the product is made of a non-absorbent,

nonirritating thermoplastic material, so it molds to the woman's internal shape. It contains no latex, so those women with latex allergies may use it. The SoftCup is safe for women of all ages; including virgins, except those who use an IUD (intrauterine device) for contraception, or those who have had Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). Women who have recently been pregnant or those who have a tilted uterus should check with their physicians before using Instead.

Some of the messier intricacies of the product were definite turnoffs, many students said. For example, when told that it is important to remove the SoftCup perfectly horizontally to avoid "spillage," Florida State University sophomore Ashley Golding said, "Eeeew."

And even though the company says it's fine to engage in sex during menstruation with the SoftCup inserted, many students said, "thanks, but no thanks."

"I'm sure (a woman) still would not have that ultra-fresh feeling. The whole concept grosses me out," sophomore Caryn Stevens said.

For more information about the Instead SoftCup, call 1-800-622-7774. Starter kits cost \$3.95 and include two SoftCups and an instructional video.

"A video?" asked FSU sophomore Michelle Tamayo. "That one must fly off the shelves." ■

Melting Away Migraines

Marci Zitner
FSView

More than 24 million Americans suffer from those notorious headaches known as migraines.

Those looking to rid themselves of their pain have resorted to everything from avoiding caffeine to giving themselves shots. However, a new option has come to the attention of doctors and patients: a peppermint-flavored wafer called Maxalt or Rizatriptan Benzoate.

Developed by pharmaceutical giant Merck, the new drug is available only through prescription for the acute treatment of migraine attacks in adults. Like other drugs in its class, it relieves migraines by reducing the swelling of blood vessels surrounding the brain; blocking the release of substances from nerve endings that cause more pain, and interrupting pain signals.

Though available in common tablet form, the unique wafer dissolves on the tongue within seconds. No liquid is required to help digest Maxalt, so it can be taken at any time, anywhere.

"They just hit me like that," sophomore Kristen Barnes said.

Barnes, who takes prescription pills for migraines, is very pleased with Maxalt. "If I were somewhere where I couldn't get water, and I could just reach into

my purse; that would be very convenient," she said.

When looking into Maxalt as an option, patients are asked to consider if their current medication is as effective as they would like. Some question migraine sufferers should ask themselves are: Have my headaches changed in frequency or severity? Does my current medication deal with migraine side effects such as nausea and sensitivity to light and sound? If my current medication is a pill, am I tired of taking them?

"I've always been bad at taking pills. Given the option of mashing one up and swallowing it in apple sauce versus a little dissolvable pill; I'd choose the wafer," sophomore Rhea Davis said.

If a migraine sufferer is unsatisfied with their current methods of migraine relief and is looking for a new option, it is suggested that he or she see a doctor. From there they should be as detailed as possible about the headache's condition to determine if Maxalt would be appropriate. The general public can get more information about Maxalt at www.merck.com/product/usa/maxalt/cns.

"When a migraine gets terrible, I have to give myself a shot, though I'd rather just deal with the pain. I don't like peppermint, but I'd take it over a needle in the leg," said student Carrie O'Donnell, a migraine sufferer. ■

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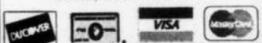
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SPORTS

8 SIDELINES

Murfreesboro, TN

MTSU women's tennis wins big

Tina Hojnik receives United States Tennis Association wildcard

Chad R. Wood
Sports Information

The Lady Raiders and Lady Blazers each earned three titles at the Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders Fall Invitational on Sunday.

Middle Tennessee's Tanja Buchheim, Niger Kaur and Michaela Gridling picked up their first tournament titles of the year. Kaur won her respective flight for the second consecutive year at the Fall Classic with a straight sets win over Ana Kolar from Georgia State 6-4, 6-0 in flight five.

Buchheim also won in straight sets to claim flight three over Mojca Pavlinic from Georgia State 7-5, 6-1.

Gridling made it a clean sweep over the team from Atlanta with a three hour marathon win over Georgia State's Jovana Kriskapa 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

"We began to understand what it means to be a team," commented head coach David Thornton. "It was evident when the rest of the girls rallied behind Michaela (Gridling) during her match."

Thornton went on to say, "The team concept is so important for us to understand right now. Those three girls really got after it and I'm proud of the way they overcame adversity on this court this weekend."

Taking the most prestigious win on Sunday was UAB's Monica Schmid, who defeated Virginia

Tech's Ines Khelifi in flight one in straight sets. Schmid also teamed with Keahetswe Mogonedwa to take the flight one doubles title.

Mehdi Belbacha and Olle Nystrom moved into the round of 16 at the Reebok/ITA All-American Championships pre qualifying event in Austin, TX. The All-American is the second leg of the Collegiate Grand Slam and features over 400 participants. Nystrom also advanced in doubles with Oliver Foreman.

Lady Raider tennis newcomer Tina Hojnik has received a wildcard entry into a United States Tennis Association Challenger being held in Nashville later this month.

The \$25,000 event will be at the

Centennial Sportsplex and will feature some of the world's top professionals. Switzerland's Emmanuelle Gagliardi is the highest ranked player in the field at 65 in the world.

"This is a great opportunity for her," said head coach David Thornton. "She will be competing against some of the worlds best. This will show her what she can be striving toward."

Hojnik, a freshman from Slovenia, just competed in her first collegiate tournament last weekend and earned her first win over Clemson's Catherine Galvin. ■

1999-2000 MTSU Womens's Tennis Schedule

Oct. 15-17	Indiana Fall Invitational	Bloomington, IN
Oct. 29-31	South Carolina Fall Tournament	Columbia, SC
Nov. 5-7	Rolex Regional Tournament	TBA
Jan. 15	Austin Peay	Clarksville, TN
	Belmont	
Jan. 22	Vanderbilt	Nashville, TN
Jan. 30	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA
Feb. 5	Tennessee	Knoxville, TN
Feb. 11	Mississippi	Oxford, MS
Feb. 12	Memphis	Memphis, TN
Feb. 18	Mississippi State	Starkville, MS
Feb. 20	Auburn	Auburn, AL
Mar. 4	Troy State	Murfreesboro
	Alabama-Birmingham	
Mar. 5	Arkansas State	Murfreesboro
Mar. 8	Louisville	Murfreesboro

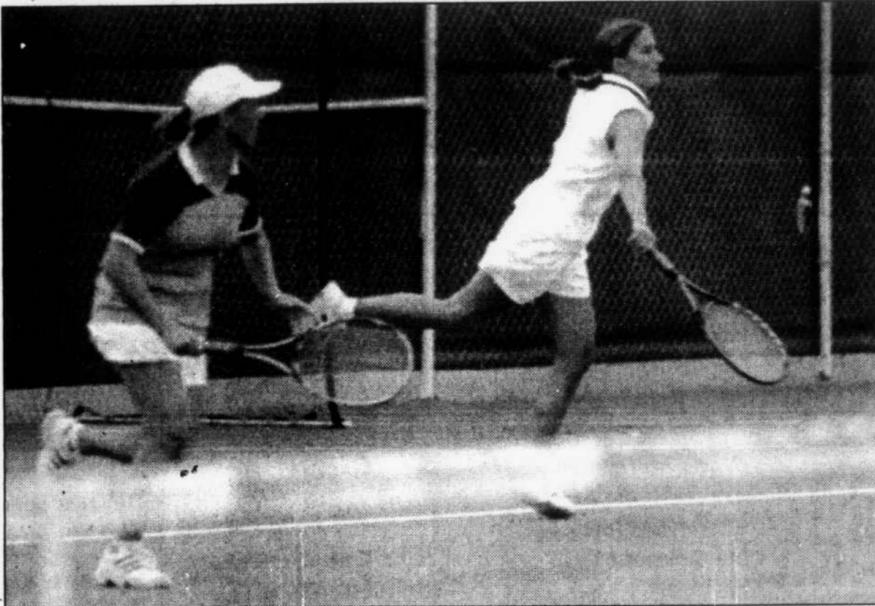


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(Left) Michaela Gridling & Sarah Grohnert in action against Ball State (Right) Sarah Grohnert returns a volley



Razorbacks roast Raiders

MTSU loses third straight, 58-6

Harry King
Associated Press

Arkansas did what it was supposed to do with a 58-6 win over MTSU Saturday night.

Over the game's first 17 minutes, Arkansas' Cedric Cobb returned a kickoff 95 yards, while Chrys Chukwuma broke tackles and jumped over defenders, Carlos Hall blindsided the quarterback, Jamel Harris intercepted a pass and Boo Williams outjumped a defender on a 30-yard touchdown pass.

It was 21-0 with 3:34 to play in the first quarter, and the Razorbacks (3-2) were on their way to the rout.

The Blue Raiders (1-5) are in their first year in Division I-A and have 65 players on scholarship—20 less than their opponent. They started the game giving up almost 42 points a game, last among the 114 teams in Division I-A, and Arkansas led 44-0 at halftime.

The Blue Raiders tried hard, but they gave up long plays and long drives—80 yards in 14 plays and 86 yards in eight plays in the first half.

Middle Tennessee's first-half highlight came when Kelverrick Green took a short snap in punt formation and fooled the Razorbacks for 4 yards on fourth-and-one from the Blue Raiders' 20.

Arkansas gained 333 yards in the first half, and the Blue Raiders helped with three turnovers while netting 76 yards.

Cobbs, in the deep spot on the kickoff return team for this first

time this year, set the tone on the opening kickoff. Cobbs started right under control and turned upfield at the 20. Glen Jones raked his fingertips down Cobbs' back at the Arkansas 30 before Cobbs accelerated away from him. Kareem Bland's desperate grab for him at the other 30 near the right sideline did not bother Cobbs.



The Razorbacks' first touchdown drive included an 18-yard run by Chukwuma, a 13-yard pass from Clint Stoerner to Williams, a fourth-down conversion made possible by Cobbs' speed and a 13-yard run by Cobbs. On third down, Marvin Caston slipped out of the backfield and caught Stoerner's 4-yard scoring pass backing into the end zone.

Hall's sack preceded Harris' interception, and Chukwuma broke two tackles on a 13-yard scoring run that made it 21-0. ■

MTSU Softball looks impressive

Lady Raiders 5-0 at Middle Tennessee Fall Classic

Bleu Holden
Staff Reporter

MTSU softball fans have a lot to be excited about after seeing MTSU go 5-0 last weekend at the Middle Tennessee Fall Classic.

The Lady Blue Raiders, who lost only two members from last year's school best 38-22 squad, got the weekend off to a good start Friday by defeating South Carolina-Aiken 6-3. Stacy Preator, one of five newcomers on this year's team, struck out five in 2 1/3 perfect innings before junior Courtney Wallace finished the game, striking out four and giving up three runs.

In Friday's other game, MTSU pulled out a 2-1 victory over a tough Lady Bucks team from Motlow State. Two freshmen led the way, with Kelly Cormier pitching a complete game four-hitter and Kip Phillips going 2-for-4 at the plate with a stolen base.

Senior third baseman Tamara Davis made some nice defensive plays late in the game to help preserve the team's lead.

The offense really took off in the first game of Sunday's triple-header. Davis led the team with three hits, with three others managing two hits apiece in the 8-2 win over Cumberland. Wallace, an 18-game winner from a year ago, struck out four while

pitching the complete game.

In their 6-0 loss, Volunteer State became the second team to catch the wrath of the MTSU freshmen. Stacy Preator picked up her second win with 11 strikeouts in the complete game shutout. Phillips went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The MTSU ladies finished off the tournament with a 13-4 win over Lee College. Phillips had another strong showing at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. She was one of six Lady Raiders finishing the game with multiple hits.

Coach Karen Green was pleased with the team's offensive production over the weekend, as

the team hit .406.

"I was pleased with the freshmen," Green said. "Kip Phillips was strong offensively."

Phillips hit .583 for the weekend with four RBIs, six runs scored and four stolen bases. Kerry Allen hit .556 with a team-high six RBIs.

The games gave Coach Green a chance to see how her team would perform in different situations and also to see some newcomers in action.

"I'm pleased that we went 5-0, but I'm not satisfied," she said. "We still have a long way to go."

The softball team begins their season at the Troy State Invitational February 18-20. ■

Golf team surprised with National Ranking

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

Pleasantly surprised. That was how golf coach Johnny Moore felt when he found out his Blue Raider team was ranked 37th in the Sagarin College Rankings.

"I'm stunned and surprised at the way we've played," Moore said. "It's the highest we've ever been ranked."

The Blue Raiders did win a national championship in 1965. However, the title was at the Division II level as opposed to Division I.

"I don't think we've ever been in the top 100," Moore said.

Chances are the Blue Raiders will move up in the rankings due

to the fact that the current list was announced prior to the team's first place finish in the Hillman-Memorial Invitational.

While last year the team looked for Brett Alexander to be the go-to performer on the course, this season has been a bit different.

"Each tournament round someone different has come up big for us," Moore said. "All of them are playing with a lot more confidence now."

Namely J.R. Wade, who is currently ranked 93rd—two spots ahead of Alexander—out of 1,597 collegiate golfers.

"J.R. Wade has really stepped it up this year," Moore said.

The sophomore from Glasgow, KY, is averaging 72 strokes per round. ■

MTSU soccer wins 2-0 at Belmont Wednesday

Staff Reports

MTSU's soccer team returned to the win column on Wednesday evening with a 2-0 victory at Belmont.

The win raises the Blue Raider's record to 7-3-1 while Belmont falls to 5-5-0.

It was the usual suspects doing the damage for the visitors as Sheri Robbins netted another penalty kick goal for the Raider's and Hailee Walsh scored unassisted; both scores coming in the second period.

The Raider's took 13 shots in the contest with Robbins and Walsh combining for 12. Beth

Maskey was the only other Blue Raider to take a shot.

The Raiders defense continued to stifle the opposition, allowing only eight shots from Belmont. Goalkeeper Jennifer Robb turned away two shots and picked up her fourth shutout of the year.

With the win, the Raider's picked up their first victory in 14 days. The team tied Southeast Missouri 2-2 Sept. 26 and dropped an OVC contest to Eastern Illinois on Oct. 1.

However, the win keeps the Blue Raiders on pace to break the school record for wins, which the team set last year with 10.

The Blue Raiders return to action Oct. 12 at Samford. ■

WWF: the Rock and Sock Connection terminated?

The Hookup: A wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages: Sidelines proudly presents The Hook Up.

Smackdown kicked off with a tag team match between Kane/X-Pac and Mideon/Viscera. X-Pac got into trouble early, but instead of tagging Kane, he tried to fight the opponents himself.

Kane finally got into the match when he touched X-Pac from behind. Kane knocked Viscera out of the ring, chokeslammed Mideon and got the win.

After the match, X-Pac got into Kane's face and started yelling at him. The argument stopped, when they were attacked by the Acolytes.

X-Pac's Degeneration X buddy, the Hardcore Holly, was in action against Road Dogg. The Road Dogg was rolling, but Crash Holly stopped the momentum by stepping into the ring. Mr. Ass took care of Crash, but it was too late; Hardcore Holly had already picked up the win.

After the match, the Hollies went over the announcer's table and started talking bragging. The New

Age Outlaws responded by kicking some ass.

In the Rock's first appearance of the night, he said that the British Bulldog could do two things at No Mercy: nothing and like it. Next, he addressed Val Venis.

It seems as though The Rock does not like Val Venis stuffing his pants with Mr. Rocko. He said that Venis' action is similar to one whipping his/her ass with the Constitution. He then went on to say that he would lay the smack down on the "Big Valbowski."

Former tag team champions Jeff and Matt Hardy faced Edge and Christian in the third match of the Terri Runnels Invitational. This match would be different than the previous two matches though; it would be a Texas Tornado match, which means all four wrestlers are in the ring at the same time.

Edge and Christian seemed to have the match won when they put a stacked-up suplex on Matt Hardy, but Jeff Hardy saved the day when he landed a Centon Bomb on Christian. Matt and Jeff Hardy won this match, but Edge and Christian lead the tournament 2-1.

It seems as though Jeff Jarrett has finally found something for women to do besides cook and clean—mud wrestle. He ordered Miss Kitty to wrestle Ivory in the mud. In order to win, a participant had to get the other participant's bra off. Ivory won.

Afterwards, the Fabulous Moolah and Mae Young attacked Jeff Jarrett. He threw them in the mud, but while gloating, Chyna

kicked him from behind; he landed in the mud.

In the next match, the British Bulldog faced Mankind. The British Bulldog pounded Mankind, but the Bulldog was unable to win the match. Neither man won; they battled all the way to the back.

Stone Cold Steve Austin is trying to stomp a mudhole in Triple H's ass. Jim Ross and he put pictures of Triple H on pumpkins and shot them.

Triple H responded by getting a rattlesnake, putting it in a bag and smashing it with a sledgehammer.

Two big men, the Big Show and The Boss Man, squared off on Smackdown. The Big Show won by disqualification when the Boss Man hit him with a billy club. Next, the Boss Man tried to handcuff the Big Show, but the handcuffs wouldn't fit. As a result, the Boss Man endured a chokeslam.

And now, for the main event. In the main event The Rock faced "The Big Valbowski." Val Venis put up a good fight, but he made one fatal mistake: he moved when Mankind tried to hit him with a chair.

Because of the chair shot, The Rock was out cold. "The Big Valbowski" went for the pin, but The Rock kicked out at two.

The Rock was pissed. He delivered a "Rock Bottom" to both Mankind and Val Venis. After the "Rock Bottom" he pinned Val Venis and won the match.

Obviously displeased, Mankind ripped off his Rock and Sock Connection jacket while he argued with The Rock. ■

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MTSU women's Rugby shut-out Vanderbilt 15-0

Ayne Cantrell Special to Sidelines

After bringing home second place in the Heart of Dixie Tournament in Huntsville, Ala., on Sept. 24, the MTSU women's rugby team went on the road again to beat Vanderbilt in Nashville on Oct. 2.

The Lady Moose completely dominated the game, shutting out

Vanderbilt 15-0.

MTSU team co-captain Shannon Bustillos, who recently made the South's All-Star team from which players will be selected for an exhibition rugby game for the 2000 Olympics, scored twice during the first half but missed both conversion kicks.

During the second half, rookie Amanda Monree scored her first try for the Lady Moose. Also exhibiting outstanding play in the

MTSU win were rookies J.D. Goss, Emily Rockwell and Jamie Charlet and veteran players Kristy Estes-Adoff and co-captain Lori Woodruff, who took the reins as scrum half.

"For the first time this season, we really gelled as a team. I was really proud of all the rookies," said Stacey Provanzio, club team president. "Our forwards stepped up and got to the ball, and they blocked three kicks." ■

Volleyball team loses second straight

Brian Albertson Sports Information

The Middle Tennessee women's volleyball dropped it's second straight road match at Eastern Kentucky 1-3 (7-15, 5-15, 19-17, 13-15). With the loss, Middle Tennessee falls to 5-3 in the OVC, 10-9 overall. Eastern Kentucky improves to 7-12 overall, 3-5 in the OVC.

Kelly Smith and Katie Thiesen each finished with a team-high ten kills.

Smith, currently ranked 19th in the country in blocks, added six in the losing effort, two solo and four assisted.

Four Lady Raiders finished with double-digits, led by Debbie Wolfe's 12. Kelly Smith, Abby Hartup and Ku'u'ipo Simeona all finished with eleven digs. Simeona also managed 12 assists and three

kills. Lindsay Pritchard came off the bench for five blocks and four kills. LaTresa Cunningham, who moved back into the starting line-up, finished with six kills and two blocks.

The Lady Raiders continue their road swing with a match against Tennessee Tech on Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m. This will mark the first of two meetings this season between the two skills. ■

NASCAR postpones race

Mike Harris Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) - A steady rain Sunday forced NASCAR officials to postpone the UAW-GM Quality 500 to Monday.

Hoping the weather might push through in time to run the race as scheduled on Sunday at Lowe's Motor Speedway, officials waited until two hours after the scheduled 1 p.m. EDT start to make the call.

The 500-mile event on the 1 1/2-mile oval was rescheduled for 11 a.m. Monday.

It is the first time in the 40-year history of the suburban Charlotte track that the fall race has been postponed. The last Winston Cup event postponed by rain was in April of 1998 in Martinsville, Va.

"The worst part about rain is the sitting around," said driver Ward Burton. "You can only play so many card games, tell so many jokes and take so many naps. You can only look up at the sky and shake your head so many times."

"NASCAR has the weather radar on the side of their transporter, and people will wear out a path to it. That 'nice weather for ducks' joke gets pretty old pretty quick too."

Jeremy Mayfield, who finished third and second earlier this season in rain-shortened races in Darlington, S.C., said, "Rain at a racetrack isn't any fun at all. It's a bad deal for the teams, the fans and the racetrack. But there isn't a whole lot anybody can do about it."

But Mayfield prefers starting a race when the odds of finishing it are good, rather than having a race shortened by bad weather.

"In April, all we had to go was one more lap and we win the race. Jeff (Burton, the winner) was sitting there all torn up, and he couldn't have gone any further. If we'd gotten back to green, he was done too, and we felt we were the best car out there."

"The Southern 500, who knows? Jeff was good, but so was Ward and so were we. The sad part about that is there was going to be one heck of a shootout between those three cars at the end of that race."

When the 334-lap race does get underway, Bobby Labonte will be on the pole with Rusty Wallace alongside.

Dale Jarrett, who owns a 251-point margin over Labonte in the Winston Cup standings, will start ninth, while Mark Martin, who is third, 25 points behind Labonte, is fourth in the 43-car field. ■

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Vols put bite on Bulldogs, 37-20

Tom Sharp
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Georgia came into Tennessee's Neyland Stadium ready to proclaim itself a challenger in the tough Southeastern Conference Eastern Division.

The Bulldogs left knowing they may have gotten better, but they're still not quite there after Tennessee beat them 37-20, the Volunteers' ninth straight victory in the series.

Tennessee stayed No. 6 in The Associated Press rankings. Georgia fell from tenth to No. 14.

"It's pretty obvious there's a big discrepancy between the way they played tonight and the way we played," said Georgia coach Jim Donnan, whose team came into the Tennessee game unbeaten for the third straight year.

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said his team continues to get better.

"I don't know if we've turned a corner or not," Fulmer said. "We played with a lot of passion tonight."

The Vols were led by Tee Martin's three rushing touchdowns and 273 yards passing, the second best passing game of his career.

Tennessee was in command of the game before a pair of quick Georgia touchdowns early in the fourth quarter, the second on Jamie Henderson's 49-yard interception return, cut the Vols' lead to 30-20.

"Things were starting to get interesting at that point," Fulmer said.

Tennessee's Leonard Scott quickly took care of things, however, with a 100-yard kickoff return that deflated Georgia's hopes for a rally.

"Our kickoff coverage stinks.

It's been bad all year," Donnan said. "That was depressing for that to happen. It's poor to get that kind of momentum and then let them take the kickoff back."

Scott, the NCAA 60-meter sprint champion in track, shook off one tackle, set up the last Bulldog with a shot at him for a Vol blocker, and blew by for the score.

"I finally got a chance to do that," the redshirt freshman said.

Martin led the Vol offense to 458 total yards, its best performance since the season-opener against Wyoming. He completed 21 of 35 passes for 283 yards, with a touchdown and two interceptions. He left in the fourth quarter with a slight concussion and an injured hand or wrist. The extent of his injuries was not immediately known.

"He's a warrior, an absolute warrior," Fulmer said. "I wouldn't trade him for anybody, although the kid on the other side was pretty good, too."

The kid on the other side, Quincy Carter, completed 20 of 34 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs. Freshman Terrence Edwards had five catches for 98 yards and a 27-yard touchdown.

Cedrick Wilson led the Tennessee receivers with eight catches for 107 yards.

"I was happy to see the wide receivers step up," Wilson said. "We executed much better tonight. Coach (Randy) Sanders gave us a chance to make plays and we did."

The Bulldogs had been averaging 191 yards a game on the ground this year, but Tennessee held them to 54 yards on 30 carries. Jasper Sanks, who had gone over 100 yards three straight games, had 37 yards on eight carries.

"We really didn't try to run the ball after we got down 21-7," Donnan said.

Tennessee took control with a 21-point second quarter for a 28-7 lead at the break, then added the only points of the third quarter on a safety when Georgia punter Wynn Kopp fell on a high center snap at his own goal line to make it 30-7.

Carter led the Dogs on a 71-yard drive to score on his 4-yard pass to Javaris Johnson with 14:16 left to play to cut the lead to 30-13.

On Tennessee's next series, Henderson's interception return made it 30-20 with 12 1/2 minutes left, still plenty of time left for the Bulldogs to rally.

But Scott took care of that on the ensuing kickoff.

Martin's scoring runs and a 10-yard TD pass to Jamal Lewis capped first-half drives of 63, 82, 65 and 82 yards. The last touchdown came with 24 seconds left in the half.

"Tennessee was just hot there in the first half," Donnan said.

Tennessee's victory forges a three-way tie atop the SEC East between the Vols, Florida and Georgia.

NOTES: Martin's 283 yards passing were the second-highest total of his career ... He moved into seventh place on UT's career passing list with 3,406 yards, passing Tony Robinson, Dewey Warren and Bobby Scott. ... The safety in the third quarter was Tennessee's first since the Arkansas game last year. ... Georgia's Jamie Henderson intercepted two passes and leads the team with five ... Henderson's interception return for a touchdown was the first for Georgia since Ronald Bailey returned one against Kentucky in 1997 ... Quincy Carter has throw 163 consecutive passes without an interception, thirteen short of Eric Zeier's school record. ... Tennessee fumbled the ball five times in a steady rain, but lost only one. ■

Rams 42, 49ers 20

ST. LOUIS (AP) - As usual, the Rams-49ers game was decided by brilliant quarterbacking and a receiver wearing No. 80.

The Rams beat San Francisco 42-20 on Sunday to break a 17-game losing streak against the 49ers and improve to 4-0.

Kurt Warner threw five touchdown passes, and Isaac Bruce caught four.

St. Louis also got help from Tony Horne, who put the game away with a 97-yard kickoff return

late in the third quarter.

Warner threw TD passes of 13, 5 and 42 yards to Bruce on St. Louis' first three possessions as the Rams took a 21-3 lead. Warner was 10-of-10 for 177 yards before Lance Schulters intercepted a pass at midfield.

Late in the first half, he found Jeff Robinson for a 22-yard score that made it 28-10. Warner added a 43-yarder to Bruce in the fourth quarter, finishing 20-of-23 for 323 yards. ■

Bears 24, Vikings 22

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Neither the Chicago Bears nor the Minnesota Vikings returned to form Sunday.

The Bears upset the Vikings 24-22, forcing five turnovers and turning three into touchdowns.

The Vikings scored on an 18-yard TD catch by Chris Walsh with two seconds left and the Vikings were offside on the onside kick.

Barry Minter intercepted Randall Cunningham's tipped pass at the Bears 18 with

three minutes left.

Jeff Jaeger missed three field goals for Chicago. The Bears forced Jim Kleinsasser to fumble twice deep in Chicago territory, recovering one in the end zone for a touchdown.

Bears quarterback Shane Matthews was brilliant before pulling his hamstring while scrambling on the first play of the fourth. He completed 19 of 28 passes for 184 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. ■

Bengals 18, Browns 17

CLEVELAND (AP) - When the Cleveland Browns drafted Tim Couch instead of Akili Smith in April, Smith promised to get even. On Sunday, he kept his word.

Smith threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Carl Pickens with 5 seconds left Sunday, rallying the Cincinnati Bengals to an 18-17 victory over the winless Browns.

Smith lobbed the ball to Pickens, who caught it over Ryan McNeil.

Smith lead the Bengals 80 yards in 10 plays in

the final two minutes.

Smith completed 25 of 41 for 221 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Dillon piled up 168 yards on 28 carries. But Smith made the deciding throws at the end, completing his first four throws to get the drive going.

A pass interference penalty on Corey Fuller put the ball at the 2-yard line, setting up the winning throw. Couch completed 15 of 22 for 164 yards with one interception. ■

Eagles 13, Cowboys 10

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Philadelphia Eagles finally found the end zone. Just as astonishing, they won a game.

Doug Pederson hit Charles Johnson for a 28-yard touchdown against a reeling Dallas defense, and the Eagles came back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Cowboys 13-10 Sunday.

Johnson caught a pass over the middle on a third-and-7 and sprinted for the goal.

Bobby Taylor's interception of a scrambling

Troy Aikman sealed the victory with 39 seconds left.

Philadelphia's long-awaited TD came on Pederson's 11th completion of the game in 29 attempts. Reviled almost as much as the Cowboys in Philadelphia before the TD, Pederson threw for 145 yards and wildly pumped his arms after Norm Johnson's extra point sailed through for the final margin.

Duce Staley ran for 110 yards on 22 carries for the Eagles. ■

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