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### Lady Raiders break school records



Three MT volleyball players have achieved personal milestones in the Blue Raider 3-0 victory (3-26, 30-22, 30-28) over Arkansas State (11-17, 4-8 SBC) on Sunday.

Junior setter Megan Sumrell broke the school record for assists of 3,295 held by Nidza Castillo. Sumrell reached 3,352 assists in last Sunday's game.

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### Student volunteers welcomed in Biloxi

Some students were partying; some were sleeping 'til noon. But Rachel Schenk, a Junior Entrepreneurship major, chose to spend her Fall Break a little differently, waking up at the crack of dawn and doing her part to mend the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Purricane Katrina are hard to come by. In her head-to-toe camouflage uniform to get past the ROTC, it's difficult to get past the hard-as-nails exterior. Once out of the uniform, though, her genuine sweetness radiates from her big, doe eyes with each positive word she speaks about her country, her experiences, and her desire to help people whenever she can.

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### 'Collage' application deadline extended

Collage, the literary and arts magazine of the Honors College, is now accepting applications for Spring 2006 staff members.

Staff members must maintain a 3.0 GPA, but they do not have to be members of the Honors College.

Interested students may pick up applications outside room 224 in the Paul W. Martin, Sr. Honors Building. Completed applications must be submitted by Nov. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Applicants should also submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an MTSU faculty member.

The following positions are available: managing editor, visual arts editor, assistant visual arts editor, literature arts editor, assistant literature arts editor, online editor, designer and several editorial review staff positions.

All staff positions will be chosen before final exams. Students chosen for staff positions will serve for one semester.

For more information, contact Bratton at collage@mtsu.edu or 898-5789.

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## Autumnal glory



The arboreal scenery off of East Main Street adjacent to the Murfreesboro City Square is in full flame, despite unusually high temperatures for mid-November.

Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer

## MTSU partners with Oak Ridge for research

### McPhee, laboratory officials sign Memorandum of Understanding

By Jeni Harju  
Staff Writer

MTSU President McPhee and officials from Oak Ridge National Laboratory signed an agreement to become partners in pursuing and enhancing research projects in the areas of science and technology on Mon., Nov. 7.

"The lab attracts world class scientists to its facilities, and it will give us the opportunity for our faculty and our students to work with colleagues in their field who are truly the best around the world," McPhee said.

Abdul Rao, dean of the College of Graduate Studies was deeply involved in the facilitating of this union.

According to Rao, a delegation of scientists from MTSU, including Rao, went to Oak Ridge in the first week of August on a day-long visit and made a presentation on the benefits of combining the strengths of MTSU and Oak Ridge. The memorandum on Monday was a result of that presentation.

Rao said that the collaboration between the two institutions allows for "the ability for our faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to work in Oak Ridge facilities during the academic year in

order to do some research," among other opportunities.

"The faculty [and] the scientists from Oak Ridge, will visit our campus and participate in teaching some courses and giving lectures of various cutting edge researches," Rao said.

"I also hope Oak Ridge will participate in being mentors to some of our undergraduate and graduate students, particularly doctoral students, as they develop their projects toward a thesis."

The signing also facilitated the existing relationships with Oak Ridge. According to Rao, there are about 12 MTSU faculty members who have had or currently have collaborations with Oak Ridge. Many students have already spent summers at Oak Ridge doing research.

The conjunction did not have difficulty finding support among faculty and political figures.



McPhee



Rao

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## Ethics dominate at state, federal level

### First draft of ethics legislation done, vote due in Jan.

By Dana Owens  
Staff Writer

With the first draft of the ethics bill complete, committee members look for input from fellow legislators before presenting the bill in special session.

The bill, which was created by a joint committee, will strengthen the state's ethics laws.

Legislators not on the ethic committee received a copy of the draft Monday from the Democratic and Republican caucuses and were asked to make recommendations. After a final revision of the bill on Nov. 15, it will be put before the general assembly for vote in January.

Sen. Jim Kyle, D-Memphis, said the current version of the bill is a good working draft and

legislators will make it better in the upcoming meeting.

Though the bill still needs "tweaking," Senate Majority Leader Ron Ramsey said the draft serves as a general outline for the bill.

The bill covers three broad topics including campaign finance laws, establishing a permanent ethics commission and increasing regulation and disclosure requirements for lobbyists.

The ethics committee, which has been meeting since the legislature was adjourned, was created in reaction to events such as the recent Tennessee Waltz sting in which the FBI exposed several officials in state government.

"Last year in January ethics wasn't even on the radar screen," Ramsey said, adding that the dishonesty in the legislature surprised everyone.

Ramsey said he understands

that politics deals largely with public perception, and that the bill will prove to the public that there are good, trustworthy people in the legislature.

According to Sen. Bill Ketron, R-Murfreesboro, there was a demand for the bill since Tennessee ranks near the bottom in the country for ethics.

Though Ketron is not a member of the committee, he is familiar with the draft and plans on providing input for the next meeting.

"We can make it the toughest bill in the country in regards to ethics, but it's the human factor that will never be passed,"



Ramsey



Kyle



Ketron

Ketron said, adding that if a person is dishonest, they will lie regardless of the bill.

The bill will in part shine light on the comfort zone between the lobbyists and legislators. Ketron said when lobbyists are sitting at a committee table, there is too much of a "good 'ol boy" system that should have never been allowed.

Other topics are likely to make their way into the bill by Nov. 15. Ramsey said there are issues from the Republican side of the committee that are not on the bill, but will probably become amendments.

Although the bill seems to be headed in the right direction, there are still some disputes left among party members. Kyle said Republicans are pushing for issues that are not in the nature of the bill such as electing an attorney general and reforming the election commission.

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### White House staff members begin classes on ethics

By Terence Hunt  
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON - White House workers, from presidential advisers to low-ranking aides, began attending mandatory lectures on ethical behavior and the handling of classified documents Tuesday after the recent indictment of a high-level official in the CIA leak case.

More than 3,000 employees from agencies and offices under the Executive Office of the President are required to attend the hour-long briefings over the next two weeks. The sessions this week are reserved for staff with security clearances.

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## Blair honored as collegiate teacher of the year

### Professor to serve as Southern Business Education Association leader

By Dale Martin  
Staff Writer

MTSU professor Robert Blair was honored as the 2005 Southern Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year on Oct. 29 at the annual SBEA convention in Franklin, Tenn. Blair is a professor of business education, marketing education and office management in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

The award is given each year to a current member of the NBEA/SBEA who has been a

member and been teaching in business education at the collegiate level for at least three years.

The award is given based on contributions, research, and overall achievement by the professor over the past five years.

"As an enthusiastic leader and remarkable individual is ensuring that the future of business education is a vital part of school life in our country," said Janice Harder, chair of the SBEA Leadership Awards Administrative Committee, in a recent press release.

The SBEA is one of five regional divisions of the National Business Education Association, which is the largest business education organization in the country.

"It was an honor to be recognized by my peers, especially across the region," Blair said.

Dr. Blair will serve as the president of the Southern Business Education Association during 2006, and his application will go forward to the national level, where he will be considered for the NBEA Teacher of the Year Award.

"It is an honor not only for him, but to the college as well. We have had several teachers win this type of award, and the honor that it brings to the college is very prestigious," said Jim Burton, dean of the college.

"This will bring recognition to the school because my application will be pushed forward to the NBEA," Blair said.



Photo courtesy of MTSU News and Public Affairs  
Robert Blair (left), professor of business education, marketing education and office management holds his award and poses with Dean Jim Burton.

Blair received his Doctor of Philosophy from Louisiana State University, his Master of

Business Education from MTSU and his Bachelor of

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# Federal funds helping with construction in Murfreesboro

## Middle Tennessee Blvd. will receive most money

By Andy Harper  
Staff Writer

Future projects are in store for the well-traveled roads of Murfreesboro following an appropriation of funds by a transportation bill passed by President George W. Bush last summer.

Middle Tennessee Blvd. between East Main Street and Greenland Drive is currently under design by the city in collaboration with MTSU, said Murfreesboro City Engineer Chris Griffith. The project is supervised by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, due to the funding by the transportation bill.

According to a press release from the office of Rep. Bart Gordon, Rutherford County alone was allotted more than \$20.7 million, thanks to the combined efforts of Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bill Frist.

"I'm pleased to have worked with Senators Lamar Alexander and Bill Frist to secure this funding to enhance the infrastructure and improve the quality of life in Rutherford

County," Gordon said in the press release.

Projects planned include the aforementioned road improvements to Middle Tennessee Blvd., as well as MTSU road improvements.

"Our county is home to one of the biggest and best universities in the state," Gordon said in the press release.

"Improving that entrance to the university is not only a logical thing to do aesthetically, but it also will improve the safety of students who drive, walk or ride bicycles along that route."

Gordon continued, "This project will put a new face on the university. It's exciting for students, university officials and the entire community."

Today, construction is well underway on many roads around the Murfreesboro area, most notably, Middle Tennessee Blvd.

"Currently the construction on the east side of Middle Tennessee Blvd. between East Main and Mercury is set to be completed by the end of the year," Griffith said. "Once the east side is complete, construction will flip over and start work on the west side. The last leg of the project will see a final result of a four to five-lane divide all the way from State Route 99 to the university."

Improvement plans included widening the route as well as installing "pedestrian friendly" landscaping, including tree-lined medians, sidewalk buffers, park benches, bicycle trails and enhanced lighting, according to the press release.

In a press release by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, it was cited that \$7.2 million is planned for construction of bicycle and pedestrian trails in Murfreesboro and \$6.4 million is planned for construction enhancements on North Tennessee Blvd.

Other projects include the finishing of Medical Center Parkway, specifically the section that connects Memorial Blvd. to Broad Street.

That section is finished paving with only a little work left off the roadway, Griffith said.

The only remaining construction concerning Medical Center Parkway is the development of three office buildings set to open within the next few months around the proposed hospital site, he said. There are also a few private developers looking for property close to the interstate. ♦



Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer  
Road work on Medical Center Parkway is finished. The section between Broad Street and Memorial Blvd. was completed on Tuesday.

# Older, Wiser Learners celebrate

## Non-traditional students applauded by Adult Services in celebratory week

By Andy Harper  
Staff Writer

Adult Services Center celebrates National Nontraditional Student Week this week with a series of inclusive adult student events, including an open house, essay contest and honorary society initiation.

"The National Week is set aside to celebrate nontraditional students," said Carol Ann Baily, director of the Adult Services Center. "We started with an open house on Monday that will continue until today [Tuesday]. People have been coming through each day, talking with us and having some spiced cider and goodies brought by the students."

According to Baily, today will be Nontraditional Student Day in the Keathley University Center. The Adult Services

Center will have an informational table for nontraditional students set up in front of the Bookstore between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"The table is to bring awareness to nontraditional students who may not know about us," Baily said. "Adult students can stop by and get a nontraditional student gift. We will also have information about our Older Wiser Learners (OWL) organization for nontraditional students."

Baily noted that the big event was on Thursday evening, when the Nontraditional Dinner will be held in the Adult Services Center.

"Thursday is our big potluck dinner. Every student who attends will bring a dish to share and the highlight of the evening is the induction of new members into the Pinnacle Honorary Society," Baily said.

An essay contest was another event that was a part of Nontraditional Student Week. The winning essay, "One More Minute: A Day in the Life of a Nontraditional Student," was written by Calley Stroud about

the trials of raising three children and going to school.

"Nontraditional students are classified as those students that have adult responsibilities," Baily said. "Things that would classify a student would be an age higher than 23, marital status and if a student is supporting children and going to school."

According to Baily, about 45 percent of the MTSU population is more than 23 years of age and approximately 2000 of the estimated 23,000 students have children.

"Some of these students are 18, 19 or 20 and have to juggle the responsibilities of school work and finding a babysitter," Baily said.

"The real difference between a nontraditional student and a traditional student is the amount of responsibilities. A traditional student comes to college at 18, leaves at 22 and holds the sole job of getting an education," Baily said.

"A nontraditional student may come at a later age, sometimes with kids and jobs, and

are looking to get more of an education than a college experience," Baily added.

Baily said that she has seen one particular student in his fifties come back after retirement. He not only got an undergraduate in history, he also continued onto a master's in history.

"It seems that nontraditional students are just more committed to getting finished, getting the good grades and really wanting to finish their degrees," Baily said. "Some student come back after they dropped once, some when they were younger, because of work or marriage, but they come back wanting to finish what they started."

"Really, the biggest problem with adult learners and nontraditional students is we can never see them [all] at one time," Baily said. "Which is why this week is so important, to get more people aware about Adult Services Center and to get to know the other nontraditional students at MTSU." ♦

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"Given the willingness that Congressman Bart Gordon's office, the members of state legislature, the President McPhee, and the director of Oak Ridge, Dr. Jeff Wadsworth, had, I think there was a common interest to get together and motorize this event," Rao said.

Not only did faculty support the collaboration between the two institutions, but the collaboration will be able to provide support for faculty and student research capabilities.

"Clearly with the support that that lab gets, and the tremendous equipment and

facilities it has, it provides us with another avenue of support for students and for faculty," McPhee said.

"I'm hoping that it will develop some collaborations, which are going to be between the faculty of the two institutions, where students are going to do research in the area of integral life sciences or any other applied sciences for which Oak Ridge has well cast facilities," Rao said.

"I think the Memorandum of Understanding is really a win-win for the university, for our students and also for the laboratory staff at Oak Ridge," McPhee said. ♦

### From Ethics bill, page 1

Ramsey said he would like the planned ethics commission to be more bi-partisan with appointments made by the Democratic and Republican caucuses rather than the speakers.

Ketron said he will recommend several issues to be on the bill that he previously sponsored

in legislator, such as open meetings, open records and a "revolving door" waiting period for legislators becoming lobbyists.

Members of the ethics committee will sponsor the final draft of the bill when it goes in front of the legislator for vote. ♦

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### From Bush Ethics, page 1

Andy Card, the president's chief of staff, and Harriet Miers, the White House counsel, attended the first lecture, given by Richard Painter, the White House attorney who handles ethics issues. Otherwise, people are to attend by alphabetical order.

The briefings were an outgrowth of the indictment of I. Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, on charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and lying to FBI agents in the leaking of the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame, wife of Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson. Libby's indictment says he got information about Plame's identity in June 2003 from Cheney, the State Department and the CIA, then spread it to reporters.

The leak case has been costly for Bush. His approval ratings have dropped to a record low for his presidency and there has been a sharp decline in the number of people who say they view him as honest and trustworthy. Just 36 percent now say Bush has lived up to his campaign pledge to restore integrity to the White House, according to a poll released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"There's a dark cloud hang-

ing over the White House. It's really a storm cloud," Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said at a news conference. He said Cheney, in particular, was involved in manipulating intelligence to sell the war in Iraq, was favoring big oil companies over consumers and was behind the leaking of classified information to discredit White House critics.

Reid and other Senate Democratic leaders sent Bush a letter asking him to pledge not to pardon Libby or anyone else should they be found guilty in the leak case. Libby has pleaded not guilty, and special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald is said to be still considering whether Karl Rove, Bush's top political adviser, illegally misled investigators.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan refused to discuss the possibility of a Libby pardon. "There is a legal proceeding that is going on relating to that individual," McClellan said. "Under our system there is a presumption of innocence. And we're not going to comment on it while it is continuing. And I'm certainly not going to speculate about it as well."

McClellan said Bush, at a meeting at Camp David more than a week ago, directed Card

and Miers to set up refresher briefings on ethics.

"The president takes the issue of the handling of classified information very seriously," McClellan said.

"The White House staff knows very well what is expected of them," the spokesman added. "They are expected to focus on the people's business and they are expected to adhere to the highest ethical standards. The president has made that clear for quite some time."

The briefings were to cover the proper handling of national security information, how the material is classified, by whom and for how long, who has access to it, how the material is

declassified, and the markings on ID badges that show security clearances, McClellan said.

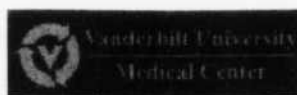
The Democratic National Committee dismissed the briefings.

"Given that Karl Rove is still reporting for work every day with his security clearance, I'm sure the American people will see these so-called ethics classes for the cheap political stunt that they are," said Communications Director Karen Finney. "If President Bush were truly serious about restoring ethics - not to mention his own credibility - he would have no problem keeping his word to fire anyone involved in the CIA leak scandal, starting with Karl Rove." ♦

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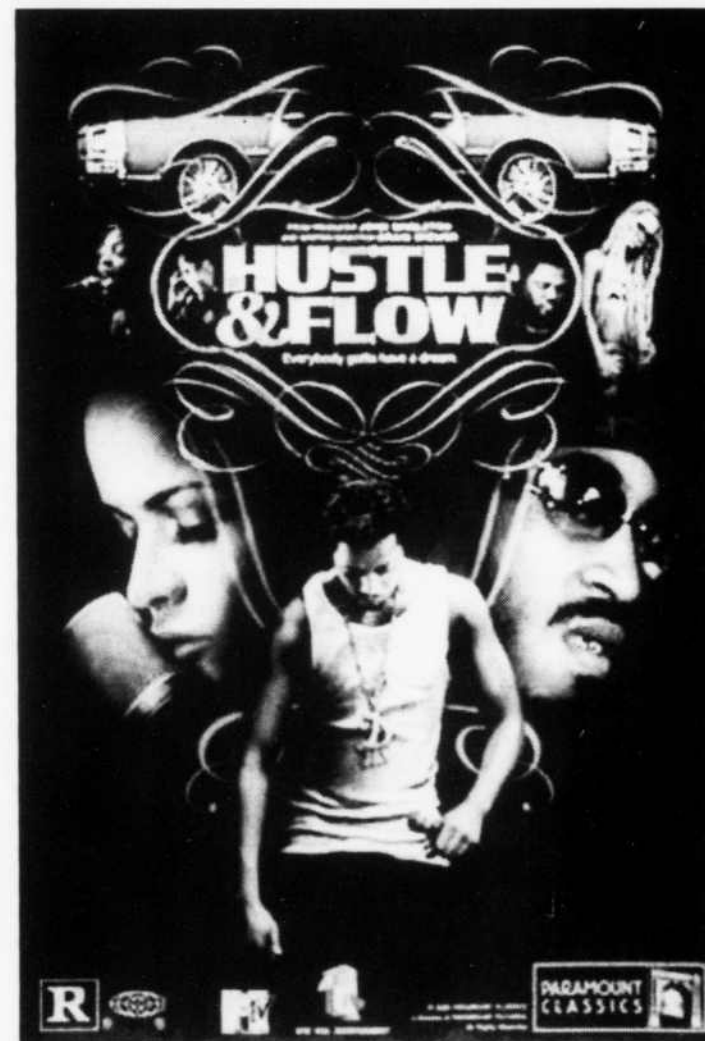
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# World Briefs

By the Associated Press

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## France declares state of emergency, reaches out to youths

PARIS (AP) — France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country's worst unrest since the student uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minister said the nation faced a "moment of truth" over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their children.

The extraordinary security measures, which began Wednesday and are valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews after nearly two weeks of rioting in neglected and impoverished neighborhoods with largely Muslim communities.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, tacitly acknowledging that France has failed to live up to its egalitarian ideals, reached out to the heavily immigrant suburbs where the rioting began. He said France must make a priority of working against the discrimination that feeds the frustration of youths made to feel that they do not belong in France.

"We must be lucid: The Republic is at a moment of truth," Villepin told parliament. "The effectiveness of our integration model is in question." He called the riots "a warning" and "an appeal."

## One killed, two wounded in Tennessee school shooting

JACKSBORO, Tenn. (AP) — A student killed and two other administrators at a high school Tuesday, officials said. The student was arrested.

The motive for the shooting at Campbell County High School, 30 miles from Knoxville, was not immediately known, Sheriff Ron McClellan told WVLT-TV.

"We don't know yet. I have the individual at the hospital," McClellan said. "These men are all fine Christian men, and I am at a loss for words."

Several students identified the shooter as a 14-year-old freshman.

Assistant Principal Ken Bruce was killed, according to state Education Department spokeswoman Rachel Woods. Principal Gary Seale, who was shot while trying to take the student into custody, was reported in serious condition, and Assistant Principal Jim Pierce in critical condition.

Parents rushed to the 1,400-student school to take their children home.

The school was locked down after the shooting, and students were evacuated and loaded onto buses. "They are searching each student as they are getting on the buses," said Roger Wallace, a driver at a pizza restaurant nearby.

## Poll: Four in five say Libby indictment important

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recent indictment of Vice President Cheney's top aide has struck a nerve with the American public.

Four in five, 79 percent, said the indictment of former Cheney aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby on perjury and other charges is important to the nation, according to a poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Pew noted that in September 1998, 65 percent said President Clinton's lies under oath were important. Clinton was impeached over his handling of an affair with Monica Lewinsky, but was acquitted by the Senate on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Libby was charged with lying to investigators and a grand jury during an investigation of his role in revealing the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame, wife of an outspoken critic of

the war against Iraq.

Most Americans, six in 10, say they do not think the news about Libby's indictment has gotten too much coverage.

## Attackers assassinate another lawyer in Saddam trial

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three masked gunmen in a speeding Opel assassinated a second lawyer in the Saddam Hussein trial Tuesday, casting doubt on Iraq's ability to try the case and leading a prominent war crimes prosecutor to urge moving the proceedings to another Arab country.

Adel al-Zubeidi, lawyer for former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, died when bullets were sprayed his car in a largely Sunni Arab neighborhood of western Baghdad. The shots also wounded Thamir al-Khuzai, attorney for another co-defendant, Saddam's half brother Barazan Ibrahim.

The brazen daylight attack on a major avenue came three weeks after the kidnap-slitting of another defense lawyer, Saadoun al-Janabi. His body was found Oct. 20, one day after the trial's opening session, where he represented Awad al-Bandar, a former official in Saddam's Baath Party.

No group claimed responsibility for the killings. An Iraqi government spokesman pointed to Saddam loyalists for the latest attack, while the dictator's lawyer blamed the Shiite-dominated government.

## CDC: Gonorrhea rates are down; syphilis, chlamydia are up

ATLANTA (AP) — Gonorrhea has fallen to the lowest level on record in the United States, while the rates of other sexually transmitted diseases — syphilis and chlamydia — are on the rise, federal health officials said Tuesday.

The seemingly paradoxical findings

can be explained by the cyclical nature of syphilis outbreaks and a rise in risky sexual behavior among gay men, researchers said.

The nation's gonorrhea rate fell to 113.5 cases per 100,000 people last year, the lowest level since the government started tracking cases in 1941, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At the same time, health officials saw increases in syphilis, which is far more rare but has been increasing since 2000. The rate of reported early-stage syphilis was 2.7 cases per 100,000 in 2004, up 29 percent since 2000.

The chlamydia rate rose to 319.6 cases per 100,000 in 2004, up about 6 percent from the year before. But researchers said it is not clear whether the rise represents a real increase in the prevalence of the disease, or simply reflects better awareness and detection.

All three diseases are caused by sexually transmitted bacteria.

## FCC clarifies Internet phone disconnection deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission won't require Internet phone service providers to cut off customers who don't have reliable 911 emergency call service.

The agency in a notice issued late Monday said providers that have not achieved full 911 compliance by Nov. 28, will not be forced to discontinue such service to any existing customers.

At the same time, the FCC said it expected providers to discontinue marketing Internet call service and accepting new customers in areas where the companies are not routing 911 calls to emergency response centers.

In May, the FCC ordered providers of Internet-based phone calls to certify that their customers will be able to

reach an emergency dispatcher when they call 911. Dispatchers also must be able to identify the caller's phone number and location.

The companies were given until late November to comply, and many providers worried that they would be forced to disconnect customers who didn't have full 911 service.

## Owens apologizes to Eagles, McNabb and fans

MOORESTOWN, N.J. (AP) — For once, Terrell Owens put aside his pride, admitted he was wrong and pleaded for a second chance with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The team appeared unmoved. A contrite Owens, hoping to overturn his dismissal from the Eagles, on Tuesday apologized to coach Andy Reid, quarterback Donovan McNabb, the team's owner and president, and fans.

"The mentality that I have, my greatest strength can also be my greatest weakness," Owens said, reading a statement outside his house. "I'm a fighter. I've always been and I'll always be. I fight for what I think is right. In doing so, I alienated a lot of my fans and my teammates."

"This is very painful for me to be in this position," he said. "I know in my heart that I can help the team win the Super Bowl and not only be a dominant player, but also be a team player. I can bring that."

His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said Owens made a public apology in hopes of returning to the Eagles immediately.

"We hope he plays again for the Philadelphia Eagles," Rosenhaus said. "We hope he plays right away. We hope he plays against the Dallas Cowboys" on Monday night.

Team spokesman Derek Boyko said the Eagles had no comment. ♦

## From Blair, page 1

Science in Business Education and Business Administration from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

With 18 years of experience, he is no newcomer to leading organizations. Blair is the former president of the Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Pi

Epsilon, the Tennessee Business Education Association, and the Murfreesboro Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

He served two terms as the vice president of the Tennessee Association for Career and

Technical Education and is also active in several other professional organizations.

"Dr. Blair is a devoted teacher, a strong service contributor to the Jones College, and an intellectually active researcher. He is a delight to

work with," Burton said.

Blair is currently doing research in economic literacy, as well as attendance and attendance policies, along with some colleagues.

The NBEA Teacher of the Year Award will be awarded in April 2006. ♦

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# Opinions



## From the Editorial Board

### Ethics reform not easily legislated

Ethics have skidded into the limelight in recent months, as evidenced by recent state legislation and mandatory White House presentations in an effort to curb corruption.

Tennessee is in the process of enacting an ethics bill that would address issues such as campaign finance law, disclosure regulations for lobbyists and the possibility of a permanent ethics commission. On the national level, staff members of the Executive Branch are being refreshed, whether they like it or not, in the ways of "ethical behavior," as if there were a simple definition of the phrase.

The classes come on the heels of the indictment of Scooter Libby on five counts of perjury, obstructing justice and lying. Libby's political missteps brought to center stage the possibility that not all who claim to be guardians of democracy are completely well-intentioned. Our upstanding president simply wouldn't stand for that. Obviously. And so, ethics classes. Can one really learn to be ethical in a class? Of course one can. All of those silly moralists who say ethics are a product of a life-time of worldview-shaping experience and deeply held convictions are simply stuck in the 20th century.

Not surprisingly, some residents of Capitol Hill are skeptical of the long-term effects of the classes, due to the hesitancy of President George W. Bush to take action against politicians allegedly involved in the leak of CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity to the press.

"Given that Karl Rove is still reporting for work every day with his security clearance, I'm sure the American people will see these so-called ethics classes for the cheap political stunts that they are," said Karen Finney, Democratic National Committee communications director.

"If President Bush were truly serious about restoring ethics – not to mention his own credibility – he would have no problem keeping his word to fire anyone involved in the CIA leak scandal, starting with Karl Rove," Finney added.

Ethical behavior, however, simply cannot be legislated. What can be enforced, though, is transparency in government dealings. State Senator Bill Ketrone, R-Murfreesboro, is wisely pushing to address this issue in the pending bill. He has sponsored legislation requiring open meetings and open records, and a policy that would enforce a waiting period for legislators who become lobbyists.

On the whole, the government is taking steps in the right direction, but must understand one thing: people are going to lie, cheat and manipulate, whether it's against the law or not. ♦

## Letters to the Editor

### In defense of Halloween's satire

To the Editor:  
I, for one, thought [the Halloween issue] was funny as hell, and a lot more entertaining than the stuff that normally makes *Sidelines*, like those asinine questions they asked the deans.

Heather Vandagriff  
Senior, Regents Online Degree

### MT: game turnout must increase

To the Editor:

When I attended MTSU, we were playing in the OVC against such teams as Martin and Morehead. We had good teams and some bad teams, but the students, for the most part, came to the game. Saturday was a great day for college football. I entered the stadium only to see none there.

I am pissed at our alumni and fans. The student turnout was the worst that I have seen in many years. I have never understood how someone can attend a college and not support their teams, win or lose.

We have our last home game this Saturday and, believe it or not, have a good chance of winning the SBC and making it to a bowl. Come out and support your school. Stand and yell; hell, boo if you want, but show up. It is free, and you may even have a good time.

DJ Denning  
Alumnus, 1997

### Fans should follow A&M's model

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Blue Raider Football Team! Arkansas State was my first opportunity to watch a game in person. It was a good few hours of entertainment, besides, as a student, it was free! I just wonder were all the others were?

Maybe we did things different in Texas, but a home game IS the event to attend. Even in high school, where you had to pay \$2 to attend, the stadium was always packed. Tennessee claims to be big on football; however, I wonder if my adopted state and school needs some lessons.

Since this is college, I'll compare my favorite college team. I am afraid to admit, but my blood runs Maroon. I have always stood behind Texas A&M. Winning or losing season, it makes no difference. If the Blue Raiders ever played them, I'm sorry, I would not be wearing Blue and White.

MTSU is far enough away, I'm sure they wouldn't mind us stealing some ideas. The night before the game, most college students are out partying, and probably getting themselves in trouble. The students at A&M, while it's still a party, have Midnight Yell Practice. They go to the stadium and practice the yells (called "cheers" in these parts).

On game day, the stadium is almost, if not, filled to capacity, and no matter the score, the yells continue. The whole student body remains standing the entire game. The idea is that every member of the student body stands the entire time ready to suit up and actively participate in the game, if and when the team needs them. The coolest thing would be if the MTSU and the coaches would take Jackie Sherrill's idea for a kickoff squad! I would try out for it!

At the end of the game, if A&M lost, the student body remains standing in the stadium. If they win, something else happens. Maybe we could all go back to The Horseshoe. Call it returning to the source all the unused luck and inspiration that the Raiders did not need.

I do not know if any of those things could work here, nor do I desire to say that Texas is any better than Tennessee. However, if the Blue Raiders can do so well with the stadium less than half filled, what can they accomplish with a little more support?

David Lyon  
Junior, College of Basic and Applied Sciences

## Alito's views on abortion detrimental to women

In 1991, a court of appeals struck down a portion of a Pennsylvania abortion law.

That law required spousal notification in order for a woman to receive an abortion. Samuel Alito, Jr., President George W. Bush's newest nominee for Supreme Court Justice, dissented in the case.

The law required women to give a signed letter to their doctor proving that they had consulted their spouses in order to terminate a pregnancy.

But there were some exceptions. A woman did not need to notify her spouse if it was not his child, if the pregnancy was a result of reported sexual assault, if she feared for her safety, or if trying, she could not locate her spouse or in the event of a medical emergency.

If the woman was believed to have lied in order to terminate a pregnancy, she could be prosecuted.

Alito would have upheld this law – a law that in the context of a reasonably good marriage would be unnecessary, and could prove a heavy burden in marriages that were not good.

It would seem likely that a woman married to someone she felt comfortable with would have no problems discussing options of a pregnancy before making her decision. Ideally, all married people would be open enough to and have no fear in discussing these things.

Unfortunately, American society is not there, and was not at the time of this case.

It is unrealistic to have an exemption that relies on reported sexual assault against a spouse.

It would be nice if every woman who endured this felt they had the ability to press charges. However, in a country where most cases of rape go unreported, it is unlikely for a woman to report her spouse. It appears, through the language of the law, that it would have been an option in Pennsylvania at the time, however, it was not until later that a man could be charged with sexual assault by his wife in all states.

According to the Wellesley Centers for Women Web site, there were only 17 states and the District of Columbia in which marital rape was a crime in 1996. Now, it is illegal in all 50 states.

It takes a long time for people to begin to view things differently. It has only been in the last 20 years that marital rape has begun to be viewed legally as a crime, and sometimes it takes even more time for society to realize the same thing.

We have gone from marriage implying consent to the need to have consent even in marriage.

The reasons for not reporting a marital rape would be the same as any rape, but



Sandi's Logic

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there is the added view of some that it is not possible for a man to rape his wife.

This law held to the idea that once married, a woman must conform to the wishes of her husband. If the man wants a child without consideration to the effect it will have on his wife, there would be ways to coerce her into not having an abortion.

Taking this into consideration, did Alito think at the time that he looked at this case that it was the responsibility of a wife to have children even if she did not want them? There is the exception for women who feared they would be harmed upon telling their spouses, but there is a flaw in this as well – if someone thought she was lying, she could be punished.

Who's word would be taken? If she had never reported abuse, would she be suspected of lying?

Domestic violence is widespread in the United States. According to the Department of Justice, more than 33 percent of all murders in 2000 were women killed by their partners.

Other areas of abuse should also be considered. Psychological and economic abuse should be considered just as damaging. There are several ways women are abused. Many times it is a mixture of various types, but what if physical abuse is not involved? Other forms of abuse are just as harmful. If a woman is dependent on her spouse for economic stability, he can use that against her. This would most likely be used with other forms of abuse, such as psychological abuse.

A man who mentally breaks his spouse is just as guilty of abuse as the man who physically harms her. The man who does either of these things is a bully, and that should be recognized in both cases.

We still live in a culture where women are victims of abuse, and for a state to contribute to her pain by making her wonder if people will believe what she has experienced is cruel.

The law also said that a woman must make every effort to locate her husband if she does not know where he is.

This is completely ridiculous. A woman's spouse has left her, and she doesn't know where he went. Isn't it bad enough that he is gone and she is pregnant, without making her attempt to track him down?

If a man has left his wife he should have absolutely no voice in her decision.

Alito wrote in his dissent that the law did not pose an undue burden to a woman, and at the same time agreed with the majority that it did serve a "legitimate" interest.

By supporting this law, Alito showed that he had no idea what the position could be like for a woman, and most likely he still doesn't. A man will never know what a woman must deal with during a pregnancy.

For some women, it is an exciting thing, but for others, it is a great burden. There are many factors that can lead a woman to an abortion, ranging from medical conditions to the economic effects.

Economic effects are not unreasonable to consider since, on average, women still earn less than men. Whether a woman will be a single parent with no indication the father will economically support the child is among the things considered during the decision-making process.

For some reason, it is deemed acceptable by some people in this country for a man to leave during a pregnancy and have no contact with the child. He can escape from paying child support as well. During the pregnancy, the woman is left to deal with the physical and emotional effects of pregnancy on her body. A man never has to deal with these things. She is then responsible for this child even if she receives no form of support from the child's father.

It is unreasonable for a society to give men a way to run from parenthood, and leave a woman to take care of everything for him. Women need the option to choose if they can handle the effects of pregnancy and parenthood. When a woman chooses to be a parent, it should be supported, but if she chooses not to, it should be supported as well.

It would be nice to live in a world where women could always discuss their options with their partners. However, our world is not always nice, and there are situations that occur some would like to ignore. Ignoring problems does not make them go away, and until the societal problems effecting women are dealt with, it would be unreasonable to force women to pretend they are not suffering with these issues.

Alito was the dissenter in this case. If he is placed on the Supreme Court, will he work to allow even more stringent policies on women to conform to his ideological view of this country? ♦

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## Secretive retreat influences U.S. industries, policies

Each year, a redwood forest in Monte Rio, Calif. plays host to the most powerful men in the world. CEOs of large corporations join the current president and cabinet members to discuss national policy, while relaxing for a three-week vacation.

This bourgeoisie summer camp, officially named the "Bohemian Grove," sounds harmless, but those attending engage in excess throughout their stay. During the event, alcohol abounds and rumors of prostitution and even homosexuality run rampant through the surrounding community.

According to the *Sonoma County Free Press's* Web site, the Grove's membership has included every Republican president since 1922, along with some Democrats. When initiated, new members are divided into various "camps," determined by the power and influence they command nationally. Some camps are more prestigious than others, as the "Hillbillies" tout residents like George W. Bush and Walter Cronkite, while Ronald Reagan resides in a higher camp, "the Owl's Nest." Henry Kissinger is ranked in the highest of all groupings,



Skeptical Overtones

Brandon Bouchillion  
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"Mandalay." Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, David Rockefeller and James Baker are only a few of the members, working hard to remain America's top 1 percent.

According to the site, a number of ritualistic events take place during the annual retreat at the Grove, most notable of which is the "Cremation of Care." For this ceremony, Bohemians in hooded robes ride on horses, as they carry a coffin containing a wooden skeleton. They place the effigy on an altar, which rests before a forty foot statue of an owl. With the wooden creature towering overhead, the altar and the coffin are set ablaze. This symbolic gesture, intended to represent the disappearance of our nation's cares and worries, begins the summer conference each July.

Such practices demonstrate the degree of seriousness with which Bohemians regard themselves, confident in their

role of dictating our America.

Another staple of the Grove's annual events are the "lakeside talks." Here, dialogues on public policy are held, as important issues can be addressed away from the public eye, absolved of any scrutiny. The rich and powerful also hear speeches on a variety of topics, such as international relations or industrial success, given by experts in each field. Those listening draw valuable insight into industry, giving them an edge on the common citizen, stabilizing their position of power.

The Grove wasn't always a tool for maintaining national influence. The Bohemian Club, which owns the grove, was founded by San Francisco journalists and writers as an excuse for late-night socializing. Presently, journalists are barred from the grove to protect the group's privacy. Jack London and Mark Twain were both early members. They, along with other writers, decided that Bohemianism was oppressive, since, when chosen as a way of life, it generally led to conditions of poverty.

Soon after this realization, the club was opened to a new and different type of member

– men of great financial wealth. The club's downfall became imminent as the rich men given membership to help foot the bill took control, running off the club's initial members.

So who cares about the Bohemian Grove? A handful of our political and industrial leaders are making decisions in secret which will affect the rest of us forever. Big deal.

The Grove is just one more way for the upper-class to stay in control, carefully plotting each next move, determined to maintain their premier status in society.

Can power remain pure when it rests in the hands of a select few for an extended period of time? Is it really democracy when control is rationed to the rich?

It's doubtful, but there are still those who fight, some by protesting this annual gathering. The Bohemian Grove Action Network, a protest group that stages a demonstration outside of the grove each July 14, is slowly but surely increasing awareness about this strange abuse of power. ♦

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## Helping hands from MTSU welcomed in Biloxi

ROTC student travelled to Mississippi during fall break to rebuild and clean up

By Sarah Lavery  
Staff Writer

Some students were partying; some were sleeping 'til noon. But Rachel Schenk, a Junior Entrepreneurship major, chose to spend her Fall Break a little differently, waking up at the crack of dawn and doing her part to mend the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

People like Schenk are hard to come by. In her head-to-toe camouflage uniform for ROTC, it's difficult to get past the hard-as-nails exterior. Once out of the uniform, though, her genuine sweetness radiates from her big, doe eyes with each positive word she speaks about her country, her experiences, and her desire to help people whenever she can.

She serves her country as a Civil Affairs Specialist in the Reserves, offering humanitarian aid in deployed areas. Her do-good instincts have been rewarded with a scholarship to MTSU to be involved in the ROTC, along with a tight-knit family of other students that, like her, have a desire to make a difference in America.

Instead of joining a sorority and paying to be involved in a comradeship, Schenk's chosen path has offered her a paid education, an opportunity to stay involved, focused, and at her physical peak.

As soon as the destructive hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, Schenk knew that,

somehow, she was going to get down there to help. Familiar to rolling up her sleeves and putting her strength and spirit into a good cause, Schenk prayed for narrowing down the trip's 50 applicants would, again, choose her.

Last year, she sacrificed her Spring Break to make a similar trip for the Habitat for Humanity, and since only 15 of the 50 applicants would be selected to journey into the heart of Katrina's damage, she knew her chances were slim. But once again, Rachael's desire to help was strong, and she, along with one other returning Humanitarian, was chosen.

The 15 selected strangers took the eight hour drive to Mississippi at night. The ubiquitous dark sky blinded the eager students from seeing what they were up against, but once the sun rose, Schenk knew they would have their work cut out for them.

With every tenth of a mile on the drive to their stations the next morning, with every passing of anything, the damage became unequivocally worse. People couldn't help but shout out, "Look at that!" at the location's undeniable, awe-inspiring wreckage.

Though the media did everything it could to present America with the damage Hurricane Katrina caused, Schenk says it was far worse than she expected.

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Photo by Lauren Roche | Contributor

Left to Right: Rachael Schenk, Joey Langford, Michelle Francescon, Tyler Neumann, Aaron Burcham, Rachel Edington, Melody Clarke, Justin Phalichanh and Amanda Poe pack up before heading down to Biloxi, Miss. to help clean up hurricane damage.

“ Before we left, all I heard was that they didn't want help; just send money, just leave it alone. But I went down there, and I did something.

-Rachael Schenk



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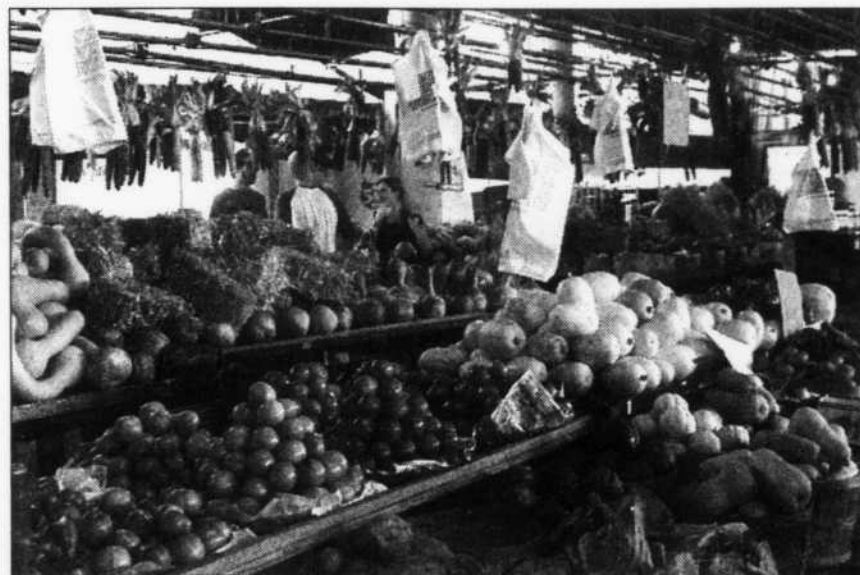
Early signs warned students of what to expect upon arrival in Biloxi.



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Top: October 21, 2005 Nashville, Tenn. - Customers come to the market for a variety of items like assorted fruits and vegetables such as the turnip greens being sold here.

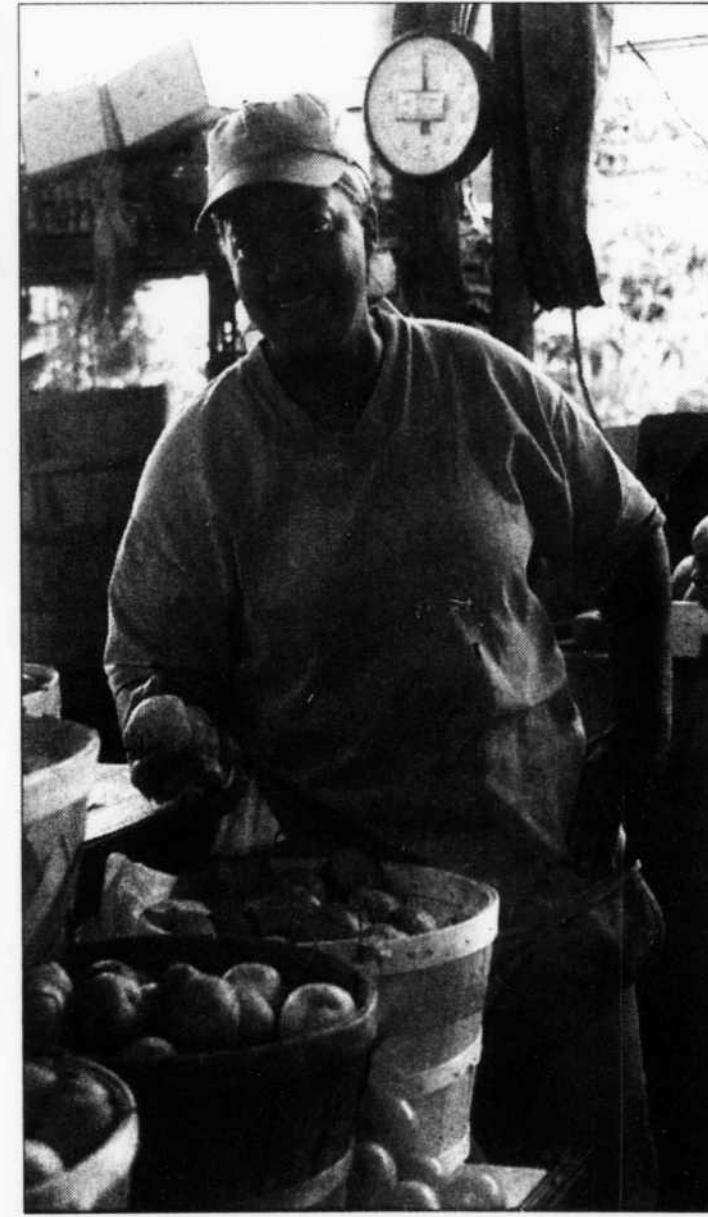
Right: There is an assortment for everyone at the market.



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Left: Annette Kell has a wide variety of mums that she sells at the Farmers Market. Kell's booth is Jimmy Kell Farms and has been at the market for five years.

Right: Margie Maxwell, of Maxwell Produce, sorts through pears as she talks about the last twenty years at the Farmers Market.



## Fresh Produce in Nashville

Due to loyal vendors, the Farmers Market offers a variety of products for all ages and tastes.

By Stephanie Mullins  
Contributing Writer

The Farmers Market has been a fixture for fresh produce in Nashville since 1828. Now in its fourth location, the market is situated next to the Bicentennial Mall and just below the capital building in downtown Nashville. The market houses farmers who sell their own produce and resellers. There are a wide variety of goods, from fresh vegetables and fresh fruit, to just about any flower or plant imaginable.

Since the market is located next to the Bicentennial Mall, it is a great place to just go spend a few hours relaxing and enjoying the fun, fresh environment that this part of downtown Nashville provides. People of all ages come to the market to get their fresh produce or plants, and to hang out in a great and slow paced environment. The farmers market also has a food court with a selection that ranges from Jamaican, Mexican, Greek, Chinese or pizza to list just a few.

Open all year round, the

market allows the produce of the season to be accessible while still fresh. On Friday's and Saturday's, a flea market is added to the mix. The flea market has vendors of all kinds, with items that range from fashion, to rugs, to toys. The farmers market is as diverse as the farmers market in its selection of products. The Nashville Farmers Market has something for everyone. Spending time at the market is a great experience that would brighten most days. ♦

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Instead of being displayed on top of mantles and snuggled safely inside cabinet drawers, the entirety of people's belongings were, instead, gathered in piles like garbage on their front yard. Inside, the houses were empty and the conditions unlivable, but their owner's surprisingly upbeat.

Schenk had been warned about imposing upon those affected by the damage. People told her that their help wouldn't be welcomed. But Schenk says that the people of Biloxi and Pascagoula, Miss. were nothing but gracious and receptive of the group's help, sometimes offering her team help before they had a chance to return the favor.

Residents offered them not only praise for their good deeds but home-cooked meals, a cold drink when the work was getting too tough, and even a bed to lie on for students who needed a break. Unreceptive is hardly the word to describe the people whose lives were torn apart in Katrina's path.

What does someone like Katrina Schenk—someone who has made a decision to devote her life to helping people's lives that have been affected adversely—take from Hurricane Katrina? This is where her hard-as-nails exterior becomes first impulse; deep down she has a heart-of-gold, someone whose driving impetus upon seeing the Hurricane's aftermath was that it was her duty as a soldier, as an American, and as a person, to get down there by any means necessary.

"I learned that people can't tell me what I can and can't do when it comes to my desire to help people," she says. "Before we left, all I heard was that they didn't want help; just send money, just leave it alone. But I went down there, and I did something."

There is an Alternate Christmas Break trip being organized to contribute to the aid in Mississippi and Louisiana. The next trip is primarily for ROTC students, but there is always the possibility that there will be room for more, and additional trips will be necessary in the future. ♦



Photo provided by Rachael Schenk | Contributor  
Back Left to Right: Parick Merritt, Katrina Stanifer, Joey Langford, Amanda Poe, Angela Cogdill, Rachael Schenk, Tyler Neumann, Aaron Burcham  
Front Left to Right: Melody Clark, Rachel Edington, Lena Miller, Michelle Francescon, Justin Phalichanh, Lauren Roche

## Annoying acne can be avoided with TLC

By Bridgette Buckles  
Staff Writer

Selecting skincare products and treatment methods for cleansing your skin carefully can be tough when thinking about all the needed essentials.

Skin treatments for acne that promise overnight results often capture the attention of acne sufferers hoping for quick results.

"I like using Fashion Fair skin products. That brand caters to the African American race," junior, entrepreneurship major Jamia Johnson says.

For those that need more than just over-the-counter products, the Rejuvenation Center in Murfreesboro has much to offer.

"We offer skincare consultation, special skincare and cosmetic products, chemical peels, relaxation facials, laser treatments, microderm-abrasion, acne clearing, and hair removal procedures. It all depends

on the individual and their skin type. The skin requires hydration in the winter and that's why we provide individual consultation. Some people have breakouts related to hormones or sometimes even stress. It is possible for a person to have flaky or oily skin combined. Our skin evaluation unit allows us to pinpoint the pores more clearly and see the surface of the skin," Gail Simms, Esthetician of the Rejuvenation says.

Water or moisture should be a high priority for healthy skin as well.

"My skin always gets a little dry around this time, so I try to keep it moisturized. Jergens Ultra Moisturizing Lotion works wonders for my skin," Johnson says.

Besides drinking water for healthy skin and using lotion to moisturize, others must pay attention to cleansers.

"I don't wash my face with soap of any kind or face cleanser because they break my skin out and I have sensitive skin," said Melinda Matthews, a sopho-

more nursing major.

"I think the biggest mistake people make relating to their skin is going to the tanning bed thinking that this will help their blemishes go away," Simms said, regarding poor skin treatment. "This creates more problems than before."

"Technology is giving us a lot. There is an acne-clearing device called the Zeno-device that is designed to use at home, but it is available in our center for use. You just apply the device directly to the blemish for 2 1/2 minutes and after to rebleemish it for two minutes, it should kill the bacteria in your skin. It's best that you do this two times a day and doing it properly should limit the blemishes," Simms says.

While acne is not a serious threat to physical health, it can affect confidence—a person just has to know when to go to get the proper treatment and skin care supplies right for their own skin. ♦

### MYTHS ABOUT ACNE



Acne attacks from above.

### BY EDGAR KÄNKERÖRE



Zit juice is a fossil fuel.



The riots in France started on a 14 yr old's face.



The only cure for acne is in the garden of Eden.

## Almost Horoscopes

**Aries** (March 21 – April 19) – You can't live solely off Bourbon and Chinese food. Try drinking some water (or at least bathing with it).

**Taurus** (April 20 – May 20) – Grab the bull by the horn this weekend. Yeah, you're gonna get so little action grabbing your own horn will be the only option.

**Gemini** (May 21 – June 20) – There are two people that think you should get really drunk together this weekend. Too bad alter egos don't count as real people. Go make friends.

**Cancer** (June 21 – July 22) – You don't ever have to worry about being called "chicken legs." But you do have some funny looking crab legs.

**Leo** (July 23 – Aug. 22) – Your mane is looking crusty. You should spend the weekend washing your hair. I can smell it from here.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) – Uh...go be a virgin this weekend. That means no sex for one weekend. Can you handle it?

**Libra** (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) – Go balance your checking account this weekend. It's gonna suck when you're overdrawn, loser.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) – I always make jokes about your secretive like personality, so this time I'll just let you know your secretive side sucks too.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) – Take aim with a bow an arrow and shoot up directly above your body. Do you believe in fate?

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) – Go hiking this weekend. When you think you won't make it to the top, just keep climbing (glad to get rid of you for a while).

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) – Go bare some water, water-bearer. Hey, guess you don't have the acne problem.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 – March 20) – Go fishing this weekend; if you eat what you catch, wouldn't that be sort of cannibal like? ♦



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## Sun Belt teams vie for New Orleans Bowl berth

By David Hunter  
Staff Writer

The race for the Sun Belt Conference title heats up as the season is coming to a close. All games are on Saturday.

**Florida International Golden Panthers (2-5, 1-3) at Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns (4-5, 3-2) 6 p.m. Comcast Sports Southeast Channel 27**

This will be the third meeting between the two teams. ULL leads the series 2-0; they scored 43 points in both wins.



Currently, ULL is on a three-game winning streak, while FIU got their first ever win over a SBC conference rival last week.

The Golden Panthers upset the conference leader Louisiana-Monroe 31-29. Two of those FIU players earned SBC Players of the Week for their performance.

On defense, linebacker Keyonvis Bouie had a career-best 19 tackles, and rejected an extra point the first ever in school history.

On special teams, wide receiver Julius Eppinger ran back two kickoffs for 62 yards, including a 41-yard

return that began the drive for FIU's last touchdown.

Last week, ULL beat four-time defending SBC champion North Texas 31-28.

**Troy Trojans (4-5, 3-2) at Arkansas State Indians (4-4, 3-2) 6 p.m.**

Both teams are for the fifth time. ASU has command of the series 3-1, including a 13-9 win last season.

The loser of this game will not be bowl-eligible with six losses of the season.

Last week ASU, the top offense in the SBC, was held in check in the 45-

7 loss to Middle Tennessee. ASU had only 48 yards rushing and 85 total yards in the opening half of the loss.

MT quarterback Clint Marks was named SBC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the win. He was 14-of-23 for 208 yards and three scores.

Troy knocked off FAU 28-14 last Saturday.

Troy is currently in 4th place in the standings, while ASU is second.

**North Texas Mean Green (2-6, 2-2) at Florida Atlantic Owls (1-8, 1-4) 12 p.m.**

Both teams are meeting for only

the second time in the school's history. FAU won last year's meeting 20-13.

The game will be played at Dolphins Stadium, instead of FAU's normal home of Lockhart Stadium. Lockhart Stadium received damage from Hurricane Wilma. This is the last home game for the Owls.

Last week, UNT received their third loss in a row, and was knocked out of the race to go bowling for the fifth consecutive year. ♦



## Saintil: Blue Raider playmaker

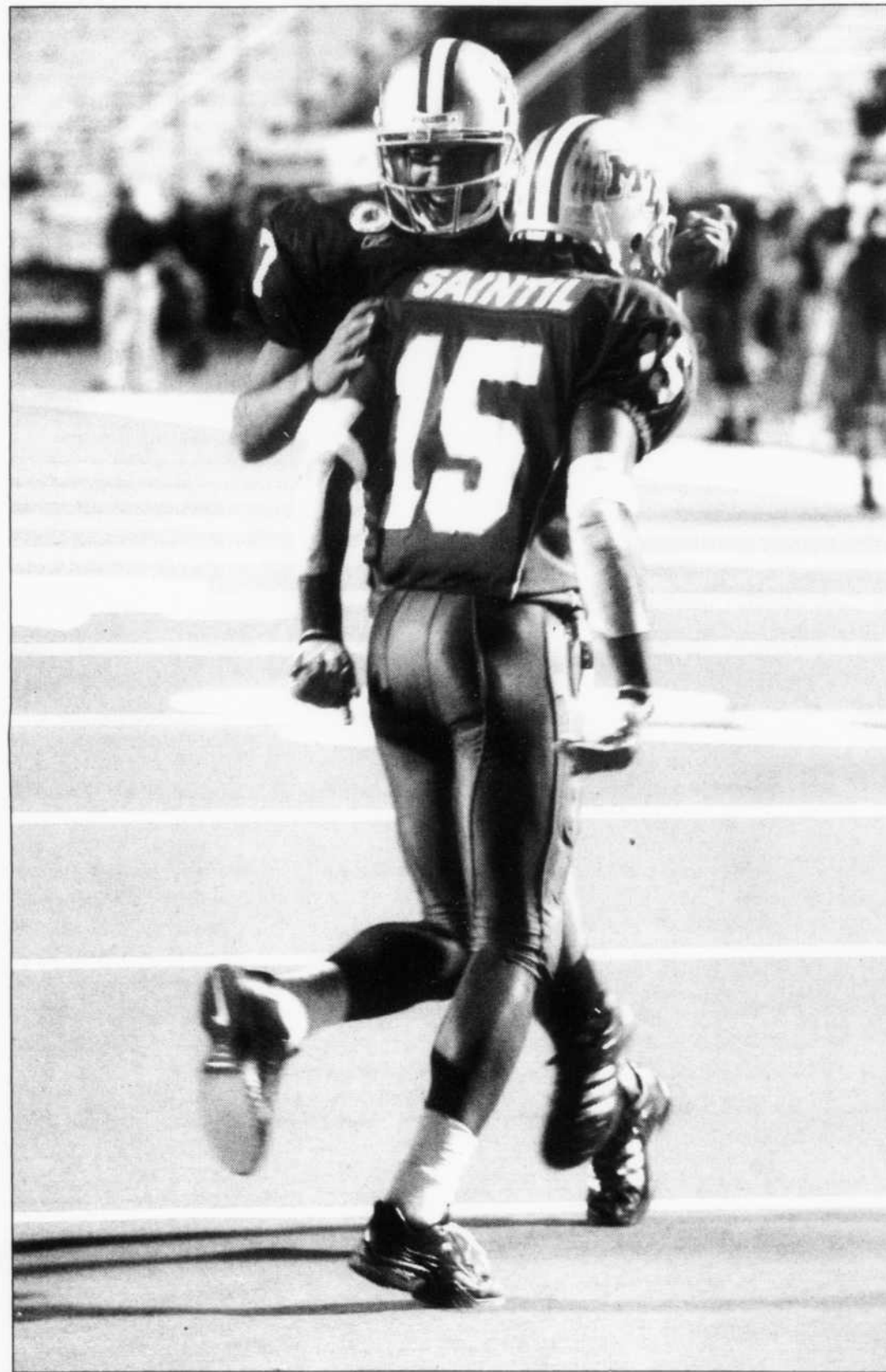


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Cleannord Saintil leads the Blue Raiders in total receptions with a total 39 catches, totalling 512 yards for the season.

By Jonathan Hutton  
Staff Writer

Playmaker.

Middle Tennessee senior wide receiver Cleannord Saintil has the word written on his taped wrists during football games.

"I'm just going out there and making plays," Saintil said. "I'm a football player. I've been playing this all my life. Every time we have to play somebody, I'm going out there and making plays and that's what I have to accomplish."

With fellow senior wide out Chris Henry out for the season with a broken leg, Saintil was forced to step up and has become the go-to-guy for the Blue Raiders. He leads all MT receivers with 39 catches for 512 yards and averages just over 73 yards receiving per game through seven contests.

But Saintil doesn't look at himself as the go-to-guy for MT. Saintil said he looks at it as having fun and doing what he is capable of doing.

"I really don't look at it like that," Saintil said. "I really look at it as just playing football and going out and having fun out there and going out there to win."

In last Saturday's 45-7 win over Arkansas State, Saintil exploded for five catches with 84 yards and a touchdown. The receiver found himself being covered man-to-man, and if a team decides to play man-to-man, Saintil, they might as well slap him in his face.

"That's what I like," Saintil said. "I feel like if a team defends us man-to-man, that's disrespecting the receiver. That's letting you know you're not good and that's letting us know our

quarterback's not good, so we came to practice really focused on Arkansas State and them playing man-to-man and we just went out there and did our job, made plays, everything in the air, that was our goal - come down with it."

Saintil's success in a man-to-man situation may come from playing as an inside receiver last season when Kerry Wright ruled MT's offensive game plan. This season, Saintil is the outside guy - the playmaker. He credits his knowledge of getting the package and knowing where to fit inside of an opponent's zone.

"That was a big transition," Saintil said. "In [Junior College] I played a little bit inside but it was mainly running the ball. When I got here, they really got me inside fully. I learned the coverage, like cover two, cover three. I got smart as a football player. I think that kind of helped my game. When I went outside, everything was so easy to me; I could find zones that I could sit in. Everything is coming slowly to me now so I'm starting to get that feeling like I usually have."

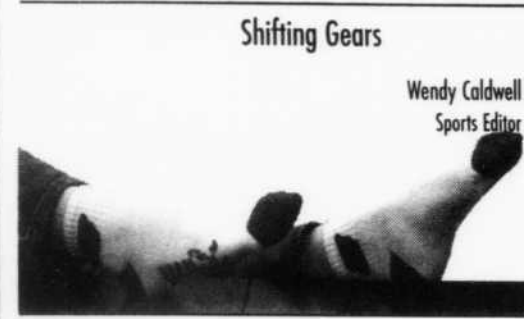
If Louisiana-Monroe plays Saintil man-up like ASU tried to do, Saintil will get the feeling once again. Saintil said that the main focus isn't on him, though. It's on getting to where the Blue Raiders want to be.

"Monroe just lost so that is really gonna open things up," Saintil said. "We may have a chance to go to a bowl game."

Saintil and the Blue Raiders (3-4, 2-2 Sun Belt Conference) will attempt to win their second home game of the season this Saturday when the Indians (3-5, 3-1 SBC) play against the Raiders at 3 p.m. ♦

## Edwards wins second race in a row

Victory places driver in third place in Cup Chase behind Stewart



Shifting Gears

Wendy Caldwell  
Sports Editor

Carl Edwards picked up his second consecutive victory in the Nextel Chase for the Cup Sunday at the Texas Motor Speedway in the Dickies 500.

Edwards' victory moved him up one spot from last week, putting him in a comfortable third place. Edwards is 77 points behind Tony Stewart, who is still leading the pool of drivers in the Chase for the Cup.

Mark Martin finished second in Sunday's race, moving him up one spot from last week overall. Martin, who drives the No. 6 Viagra car, is now in fifth place, 123 points behind Stewart.

Cup contender Matt Kenseth also moved up one spot, finishing third at the Texas Motor Speedway. Kenseth now sits in sixth place overall, 135 points behind leader

Stewart.

Casey Mears earned a fourth-place finish on Sunday. Mears is not a contender in this year's Chase for the Cup.

Jimmie Johnson stayed in second place overall as a fifth-place finish in Sunday's Dickies 500. Johnson is only 38 points behind Stewart with two races to go.

Stewart finished in sixth place but still maintained his first-place standing. Stewart is leading the pool of drivers in the Chase for the Cup with 6,255 points.

Denny Hamlin, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Elliott Sadler finished eighth and ninth, respectively, on Sunday. None of the drivers is a contender in this year's Chase.

Rounding out Sunday's top 10, Cup contender Kurt Busch moved up one spot from last week. Busch now sits eighth overall in the Chase, 281 points behind Stewart.

Greg Biffle fell one spot overall after Sunday's race. Biffle finished the Dickies 500 in 20th place and is now 122 points behind Stewart.

Ryan Newman fell two spots after finishing 25th on Sunday. Newman is now seventh

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The Middle Tennessee volleyball team has benefited from stellar defensive play all season, as seen by the defensive effort pictured above by Megan Sumrell (4) and Quanshell Scott (10).

## Lady Raiders break school records

Staff Reports

Three MT volleyball players have achieved national milestones in the Blue Raider 3-0 victory (3-26, 30-22, 30-28) over Arkansas State (11-17, 4-8 SBC) on Sunday.

Junior setter Megan Sumrell broke the school record for assists of 3,295 held by Nidza Castillo. Sumrell reached 3,352 assists in last Sunday's game.

Junior Andressa Lyra became the fifth player in school history to have more than 1,000 kills. She now has 1,011.

Sophomore Alicia Lemau'u has 1,000 digs after getting 20 in the game against Arkansas State. She was the fastest player in Blue Raider history to

have 1,000 digs.

MT has improved to 25-2 on the season with the win over Arkansas State. The Blue Raiders are now 9-1 in the Sun Belt, which is the best conference record since entering the Sun Belt.

Middle Tennessee now has won 11 matches in a row and 12 consecutive matches at home. MT has not allowed their opponent to win a game in the last four matches.

Now the Blue Raiders will focus on their match against Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11. Currently the Hilltoppers have a perfect 10-0 record in the conference. The Western Kentucky team is the only conference team to beat the Blue Raiders.

Middle Tennessee came

out slow against Arkansas State. The Blue Raiders hit .182 and committed seven errors in the first game, but still managed a win.

The Blue Raiders were given a hard game three by the Indians as MT found itself down 28-23. Middle Tennessee rallied to score seven unanswered points to win game three and the match. Lyra scored an ace and freshman Ashley Adams had two kills in the rally to win the game.

Lyra led the Blue Raiders with 13 kills and also had 11 digs for a double-double. Adams also had stats in double figures with 12 kills. ♦

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