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Students hold anti-death penalty vigil



(Above) MTSU student Glenna Perry joins in on a singing of "Amazing Grace" at Thursday night's vigil sponsored by the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing.

(Right) Felix Rankins, left, and Casey Clark, both Murfreesboro residents who support capital punishment, also showed up at the vigil and watched from a distance.

Supreme Court grants stay of execution for Coe

Randall Ford
Staff Reporter

Some MTSU students and Rutherford County residents are speaking out against the upcoming execution of a convicted child rapist and murderer.

A group of about 20 people opposed to the death penalty held a vigil last week at the Catholic Student Center. The vigil even had some opponents of its own.



The Tennessee Supreme Court issued a stay of execution last week for Robert Glen Coe, who was to die by lethal injection Tuesday for the 1979 rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl. Justices ruled Coe, 43, should have more time to request that the U.S. Supreme Court hear an appeal of his 1981 conviction.

Following the decision, state prosecutors asked the Court to vacate the stay, but Supreme Court justices denied the request.

Now, Coe's lawyers will have until Oct. 29 to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider its Oct. 4 decision not to hear his appeal, according to an article in The Tennessean.

Ruth Ventrice is a leader of the local chapter of the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing, the primary sponsor of Thursday's vigil. Ventrice said the chance for an appeal gives her group some hope.

TCASK members are circulating three separate petitions -- one to protest Coe's execution, one to protest the execution of Phillip Workman, the next inmate expected to die, and a third petition to end capital punishment in the state. TCASK members argue it costs taxpayers more money to execute a prisoner than it does to support a life sentence.

"And it's not a deterrent to crime," Ventrice said. "People say, 'If you have this death penalty, people will think before they kill.' That just doesn't happen."

Many death penalty advocates argue the Old Testament adage, "An eye for an eye," Ventrice says the phrase is misinterpreted.

"If people look at what things were going on then, they'd realize the Bible mentions that as a way to prevent vengeance," said Ventrice, whose T-shirt at the vigil quoted Gandhi: "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

Felix Rankin, an onlooker who says he supports capital punishment and whose own T-shirt claimed "I'm the Christian the devil warned you about," said he came to the vigil to "see what was going on" and that he did not support TCASK's movement.

"They're doing a good job," Rankin said. "I wish the best for them. But we have bigger issues in Murfreesboro than capital punishment. The law is still good. You've got to have the law of the land. But we need to worry about getting our families right before we start forming organizations."

Rankin said it is important to remember how the

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Contest altered in lieu of arrests

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

The "Dare to Bare" contest has been reformed by the management of Club Millennium at 114 N. Church Street in lieu of three arrests made Oct. 9 involving indecent exposure. Two MTSU students were arrested.

Every Friday night since September 19, the night club has held the "Dare to Bare" contest. Of the five contests held, all included women and two nights featured men's contests also.

Previous to the arrests made Oct. 9, the women were allowed to dress as they wished and behave as they wanted within certain guidelines specified by the management before the competition. The nightclub now supplies the participants with a pair of white boxers and a white undershirt the women can alter to show as much as they like just short of exposing pubic hair or "any colored area of the breasts." Wearing G-strings also are not permitted.

The contest, much like a wet t-shirt contest, begins with patrons placing bids to win the role of pouring water over the participant of their choice. The top three winners, who are vying for cash prizes, are determined by the audience's response.

Despite the changes made in the contest, Friday night's featured entertainment drew a record-crowd of more than 400 to the club and brought bids as high as \$70 for the "water-pouring honor." The revisions

in the contest seem to have solved the problem of indecent exposure, because no citations were made by the plain clothes policemen that were in the club or the uniformed officers stationed outside.

While the men's competition was not held Friday, one is planned for Oct. 22. Although nothing has changed in their dress code of boxers or briefs, no problems are anticipated.

Yet, according to a spectator of past competitions, "When I went there, they did a guys' version that was a lot more vulgar than what the girls got arrested for."

"Guys act differently than girls and generally are just more vulgar," said Tanner Lawley, head of Club Millennium's security.

Lawley also commented that plain clothes police have been present at all the contests but had never said anything before about the contest.

"I guess this time they were tired of it or mad, but I don't want to say anything that would burn bridges," he said.

However, Lawley did find the arrests justifiable on the fact that the club was too understaffed at that time to closely monitor the stage or to make an effort to cover up the women.

The arrests occurred at 1:47 a.m. Oct. 9 when a female patron complained to Det. John Jones that the club was hosting a contest of women stripping.

"Upon entering the bar, I witnessed several females on stage dancing

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Victim's body still unidentified

Staff Reports

Rutherford County authorities are attempting to identify the body of a young woman found along Stones River Thursday morning. The body was discovered near a bridge on County Farm Road, said Capt. Chuck Thomas, but no identification was found on the body.

"It appears the body was dumped out here," Thomas said.

Thomas said the woman suffered "blunt trauma to the head" but no other injuries. No murder weapon was found.

Detectives are examining

missing persons reports from Murfreesboro and surrounding communities, but as of yet, the identification has not been determined.

While trying to identify the body, county medical examiners discovered a tattoo of a rose on the female's right ankle, and she was wearing a dolphin ring.

In addition, the female was wearing a blue, yellow and white Tommy Hilfiger polo-style shirt and Levi's button-fly jeans, Thomas said.

Officials said the woman appears to be Asian-American and

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Task Force revising Academic Plan

Brittney Gilbert
Staff Reporter

A task force met Oct. 10 to revise the Academic Master Plan initiated in September 1996.

The group -- made up of faculty, students, administrators, alumni, area business and professional leaders and representatives of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Board of Regents -- convened to discuss the accomplishments and future goals of the plan.

The task force identified three major goals in 1996 that are central to decision-making for the next 15 years.

The first is to pursue initiatives in the area of competitive advantage.

Achievements in this area to date are the development of the social work department, the renaming of the College of Education to the

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, the final stages of realization of Master's degrees in Fine Arts and Entertainment Technology and the providing of additional resources to the BERC and the Gore Center, according to a statement issued by Barbara Haskew, Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The second goal is the strengthen the academic core.

In this category, donations and MTSU monetary resources have aided in more than \$4 million in scholarships for students of high academic promise, Haskew said. Almost 14 percent of these students are African American, a nod to the Master Plan's objective to diversify the campus.

Similarly, MTSU has committed itself to diversifying its faculty and is working to place more African American faculty in the classroom.

General Studies programs will be improved

through communication across the curriculum and the integration of multicultural topics.

The one-year-old Honors College is receiving recognition, according to Haskew, and the Academic Affairs office plans to increase graduate assistants by five per year.

MTSU officials have followed through on their plans to increase library resources by \$125,000 each year for five years, and the student technology access fee has created wonderful opportunities for students, Haskew said.

Disappointments for the force in increasing the academic core include the heavy workload for graduate faculty and the pending approval for art and science facilities.

The Academic Master Plan's third priority of creating a student-centered learning environment has been less successful than the others, but there are plans for significant changes by the task force in the future, according to Haskew.

Two new bills passed for internal reform

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association passed two new items of legislation during the Oct. 13 meeting in the Keathley University Center.

The first item -- introduced by Talmadge Kirkland, senator for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences -- was an act creating a Senate Subcommittee to set minimum guidelines for the SGA Homecoming Chairperson.

"This act will create a consistent basis for the chairperson to go by in continuing years," said Kirkland.

The new legislation enacts that

a subcommittee will be formed this semester, setting guidelines of planning, organizing and the rules of homecoming for the chairperson to follow. The act was approved unanimously.

The second bill passed unanimously during the meeting was an item presented by Freshman Senator Ginny Barton to amend the Senate by-laws to require newly elected members to attend Senate workshops.

The workshops will prepare both previous and new members of the Senate during the beginning of the fall semester for their respective offices.

The intent of the bill is to

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On Campus

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. 19

The African American Student Association is hosting a discussion on AIDS in the black community from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in BAS S118. Cheryl Ellis, HPERS, and Shondora Dorse, Health Services will be speaking. For more information contact LaSonya Washington at 898-4487.

Oct. 25-29

Alumni Relations will have a table set up at Grad Fair in the KUC. Ask about the MT Blues Society created especially for you with mini-diplomas and mentoring in your field of interest. Contact Laurette Hughes in the Alumni Relations Office at 898-5785 for more info.

Oct. 26

A Study Skills and Test Taking Workshop, presented by the African-American Student Association, will be held from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in BAS S126. The facilitator for the event will be Teri Sharp from developmental studies. For more information, contact Genora Reed at 898-4085.

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 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@uscm.org.

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

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings 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.

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.



World News

Kyrgyzstan president denies that hostages were released

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — The president of Kyrgyzstan has denied a report that four Japanese geologists taken hostage in August have been released. Russian news agencies reported Sunday.

The Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies reported Saturday night that the geologists and a senior Kyrgyz military officer had been released. Their reports were picked up by The Associated Press.

But on Sunday, President Askar Akayev said talks on freeing the hostages were still underway, the news agencies reported.

The four Japanese, along with the military officer and eight others, were seized by Tajik militants who invaded Kyrgyzstan in August.

The aims of the militants were never clear, but Kyrgyzstan officials said the fighters want to establish an Islamic state on territory now belonging to Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Four of the hostages were released earlier this week.

47 injured on Hong Kong-bound jet

HONG KONG (AP) — A China Southern Airlines jet ran into strong turbulence and plunged 2,000 feet shortly before it landed in Hong Kong on Sunday. Forty-seven passengers were injured, seven of them seriously.

Eight people remained hospitalized late Sunday. The seven who were seriously hurt included one American and one Japanese, said Dr. N. K. Leung, chief executive of the government-run Princess Margaret Hospital.

The plane fell from 21,000 feet to 19,000 feet in about five to 10 seconds, said Wang Guixiang, president and director of China's National Civil Aviation Corporation.

Steve Au-yeung, a Hong Kong tour guide, said there was no warning from the crew before the plane suddenly plunged.



National News

North Carolina braces for third hurricane in two months

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Residents of eastern North Carolina evacuated beach towns for the third time in two months as Hurricane Irene churned up the coast Sunday, bringing heavy rains to a region still saturated by record floodwaters.

The greatest concern was rain, not wind, and the eastern coastal plain, inundated by Hurricane Floyd just four weeks ago, was especially vulnerable to more flooding. A flood watch was issued for the eastern third of the state, with up to 8 inches of rain predicted.

By midday, gale-force winds were reported at the coast in the southeastern corner of the state, and evacuation orders had been issued for several beach towns.

Irene was expected to come ashore near the South Carolina line about 10 p.m. EDT, according to the National Weather Service. At 2 p.m., it was 70 miles southeast of Charleston, S.C., heading northeast at 12 mph.

Sniping stalls work on budget, spending bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an election year ahead and the bitterness of impeachment still lingering, the Republican-led Congress and the White House intensified their partisan fire Sunday over the budget and national security.

Temper was still raw over the Senate's 51-48 rejection of a nuclear test ban treaty last week, a defeat President Clinton said was an example of "reckless partisanship."

Democrats backed him up Sunday. Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey said Republicans had acted on "blind rage" left over from Clinton's acquittal by the Senate last year.

"This was a second vote on impeachment," Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But a leading GOP opponent, Sen. John Kyl of Arizona, said the proposed ban was "indefensible" and offered no guarantee against testing by other countries, particularly rogue nations.



State News

Funeral held for officer killed in Memphis car chase

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Hundreds of police officers saluted fallen colleague Don Overton at a funeral for the officer killed in a car wreck during a high-speed chase.

Meanwhile, one of the four teen-agers charged with killing him appeared in juvenile court. Lorenzo Bates, 15, was ordered held without bond.

The other three, Quinton Sanders, 16, Derrick Dean, 15, and Vincent White, 16, remain hospitalized. Their injuries from the car wreck are considered serious but not life-threatening.

The four were charged with first-degree murder Thursday in connection with the Tuesday wreck.

Police said they were in a stolen car that crashed into Overton's cruiser while they were being chased by police. Overton was not part of the chase.

A Memphis radio station raised \$320,000 for Overton's family.

The money will supplement the pension his widow will receive, plus \$260,000 in death benefits.

Inmate found dead in cell at Mountain City prison

MOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn. (AP) — An inmate at Northeast Correctional Complex was found dead in the bed of his cell with a large neck wound Saturday night.

Terrell Wayne Nelson, 38, of Knoxville, had a single-inmate cell in a medium-security unit of the prison. Guards found him dead around 9 p.m. EDT.

The Department of Correction and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is investigating. The unit was secured to try to preserve the crime scene.

Nelson was serving a 60-year sentence for numerous charges, including rape, assault to commit rape, robbery, aggravated burglary, aggravated sexual battery and aggravated kidnapping. He was sentenced in 1986.

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victims' families feel.

"What if a person killed your relative?" he said. "Would you forgive them? Yes. But don't you think you would want the law to take corrective action, too?"

Not everyone agrees, however, that a death sentence is the best action to take.

Thirteen-year-old Tyler Morrissey, who came to the vigil with his family "to learn what is right and wrong," said he learned that it is wrong to kill anybody.

"I don't think it's right -- trying

to kill somebody to tell them not to kill," Morrissey said. "Two wrongs don't make a right. That's what my mom's always told me."

Glenna Perry, an MTSU student who attended the vigil, said she more strongly opposes the death penalty after having worked an internship in the federal public defenders' office.

"I met Coe," Perry said. "When you meet them and talk to them and get to have more than regular knowledge of them and their cases, you get to where you can picture them all and know what's going to happen to them. It's sad."

Coe admitted to kidnapping,

raping and sodomizing Cary Ann Medlin and then choking her and stabbing her in the throat 20 years ago. Coe told an FBI agent he became enraged when the child repeatedly told him, "Jesus loves you."

Coe recanted his admission shortly before his 1981 trial, and his attorneys used an insanity defense.

The jury returned its guilty decision in one hour.

In addition to Coe and Workman, Tennessee has 97 other men and two women on death row, but the state has not executed a prisoner since 1960.

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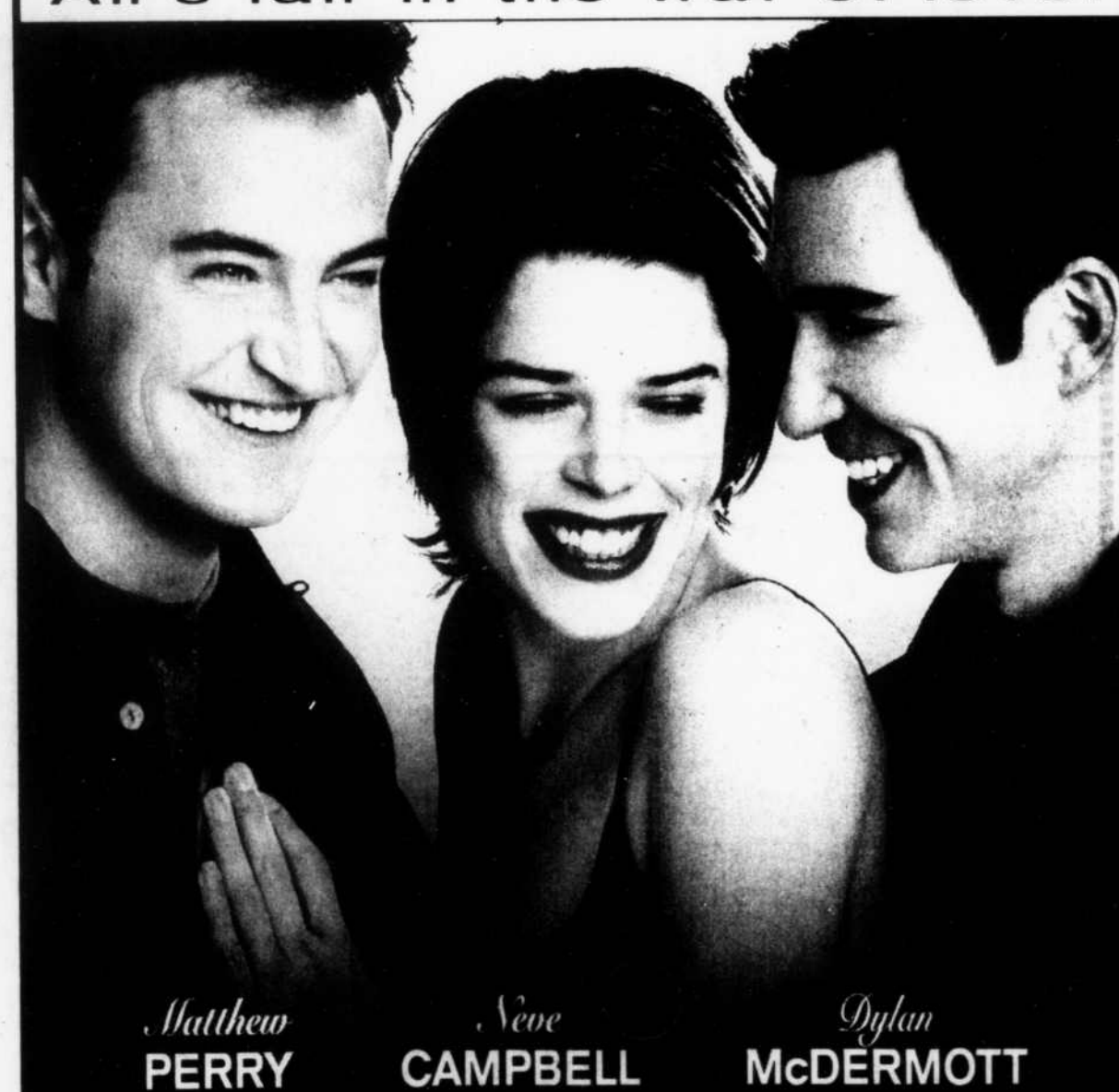
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Conference to be held to discuss Shudson's book

Rachel Pickel
Staff Reporter

Many students at MTSU will soon be able to meet the people they learn about in class everyday.

The John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies at MTSU will be hosting a conference on Nov. 12 and 13 to discuss a new book by author Michael Shudson. Shudson will be accompanied by a panel of distinguished scholars and journalists including such famous names as Elihu Katz, Stuart Blumin, Jay Rosen and Alan Wolfe.

These names are recognized as some of the world's most renowned thinkers.

Shudson's book, "The Good Citizen: A History of American Civil Life," discusses the meaning of citizenship in contemporary times. Shudson and other scholars from across the country will be at MTSU to discuss the role of the citizen as well as how people think about and respond to news media.

According to the conference coordinator, journalism professor Teresa Mastin, MTSU

hosts such a conference every three years on a different topic. Mastin said the conferences are designed to "bring MTSU to the forefront of current issues and ideas."

"We are very excited about this year's caliber of people," Mastin said.

Since part of the conference will be held on the MTSU campus, Mastin said there are several ways in which students might be affected. First of all, Mastin said several professors from various departments such as political science, history, sociology and journalism have been invited.

"Hopefully, they will take back with them to the classroom the things that they discuss at the conference," Mastin said.

In addition, Mastin says students do have the possibility to sit in on some sessions of the conference.

"I think it would be so interesting to actually see the people you learn about in a textbook every day," Mastin said.

Mastin also said if a student has read Shudson's book he or she might consider speaking to him and asking questions about the content and topic.

The conference is sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair and is organized by the Chair's director, David Eason.

The purpose of the chair is to provide programs of excellence centering on the First Amendments protections of free press and free speech rights for MTSU's College of Mass Communication. The Chair funds a variety of activities and media research.

Mastin encourages anyone who can, to attend. She says it would be a wonderful opportunity for any student, but especially for Mass Comm students.

"We have the best of the best this year," she said.

In order to attend, a reservation must be made no later than Oct. 29. The conference sessions on campus will be held 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Nov. 12. Lectures will be heard from Michael Shudson, Stuart Blumin, Kathryn Kish Sklar, Michael Delli Carpini, John Zaller, Nina Eliasoph, Elihu Katz, Tamar Liebes and John Keane.

For session or scheduling information or to make a reservation, contact coordinator Teresa Mastin at 904-8239 or tmastin@mtsu.edu.

Grad fair to be held in front of Phillips Bookstore

Heather Glass
Staff Reporter

For December graduates who need to get affairs in order but don't know where to start, Phillips Bookstore will be sponsoring a Grad Fair October 25-29 in front of the bookstore.

"I hope the grad fair will help students prepare for graduation and take care of their needs," said bookstore supply manager Kelly Dement, who organized the fair this year.

There will be representatives from eight MTSU offices with helpful information concerning graduation. Offices that are participating include placement, alumni, records, institution effectiveness, graduate schools, student publications and financial aid as well as Phillips Bookstore.

Each participant will provide a service for the students. For example, graduation invitations, diploma frames and class rings will be made available through the bookstore during the fair. Also, students will have their measurements taken for caps and gowns.

The placement office will help students find a job for after graduation. Records can answer any questions you may have concerning requirements for graduation. Students will also have the chance to purchase Midlander, MTSU's yearbook, through a student publications rep.

Financial Aid will conduct an exit interview required of those grads that took out a loan while Grad School representatives can provide you with information on continuing your education at Graduate School.

Institution Effectiveness will do surveys on seniors about their major and their plans after graduating. Alumni will also be present to establish relationships with graduating students.

The Fair will be Oct. 25-28 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 29.

Lectures debate technology

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Advances in technology have not necessarily been beneficial to society, according to the next two speakers in the Honors Lecture Series.

Kevin Smith's lecture, "Early Agriculture and the Myth of Leisure Time," will take place this afternoon at 3:40 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109A.

Smith will deal with the myth that foraging societies had more leisure time than early agricultural societies. He plans to dispel the notion that we are better off than we have been in the past and that primitive societies had less work to accomplish than more modern societies.

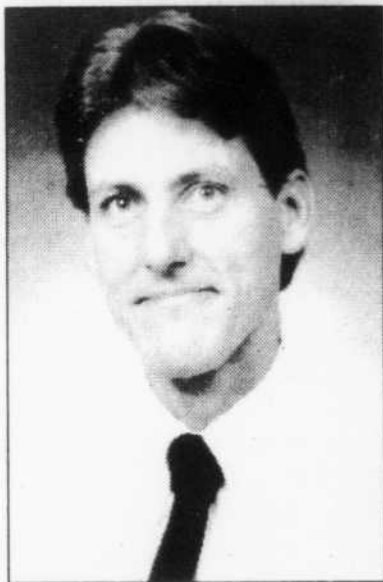
On Oct. 25, Wendell Berry's ideas will be discussed in Tom Strawman's lecture in the eighth installment of the Honors Lecture Series.

Berry, a former professor of English at the University of Kentucky, believes that modern work has become destructive and divorced us from our responsibilities with nature.

"We manipulate people through technology, exploit nature and now live in a culture of mediated experience," Strawman said. "We have forsaken agrarian principles, forgetting ideas of patience, nurturing, and our intricate knowledge of survival in nature."

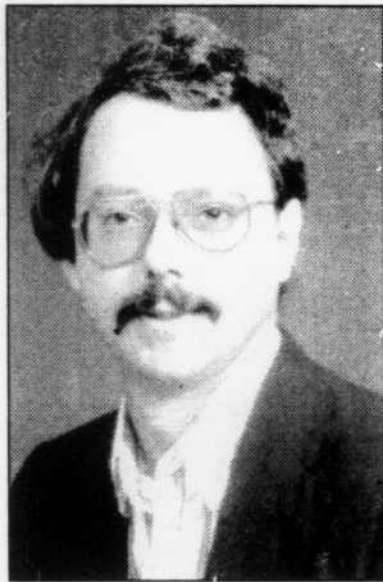
The lecture, "Wendell Berry and Jerry Mander: The Demise of Work as a Source of Pleasure and Knowledge," will take place in Peck Hall Room 109A at 3:40 p.m. on Oct. 25.

Berry believes that work is no longer pleasurable due to increases in technology, as Strawman will explain. Strawman also plans to discuss how technology heightened the roles of specialization and decreased accountability in every day life.



Strawman

"Berry believes we should be generalists and avoid specialization," Strawman said. "We should be well-rounded in every aspect of our lives. When we specialize our lives, all of our other



Smith

potentialities are dwarfed."

Berry, for example, has written three novels, eight books of poetry and six collections of short essays

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in a provocative manner," Jones said. "The females were called out one-by-one. As they each came out, the MC (master of ceremonies) began cheering them as they revealed their breasts and buttocks."

Jones charged two MTSU freshmen, Jamie Fisher and Rachel Novak, with indecent exposure and

charged Carey McCorkle, the club manager and owner, with criminal responsibility for the women's alleged behavior.

"I just think that this is what happens when you mix alcohol and young females," McCorkle said in defense that his responsibility ends where another individual's begins.

McCorkle, apologetic that this one contest led to arrests, said he hopes that the recent changes will prevent such an incident from

occurring again.

"Regardless of what people think, we run a business that brings money to Murfreesboro just like everyone else in the square. It's just that ours is at night and serves alcohol."

Neither Fisher nor Novak were able to be reached for comment. The hearing for the three individuals charged is slated for Nov. 4 in General Sessions Court. ■

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approximately 18 to early 20s in age.

Fingerprints from the victim have been checked by Nashville

police and will be examined by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, said Detective Lt. Preble Morton.

The information has also been entered into the National Crime Information Center, and detectives should know within a few days if

the woman's description matches any missing women nationwide.

Anyone with information on the incident or the victim should contact the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department at 898-7770. ■

SGA

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ensure senators are informed of their duties as leaders of the student government. Other business of the meeting included:

- A request by Kevin Travis, speaker of the house, for senators to save their legislation on to a

computer disk for the purpose of posting all legislation on the SGA website for any student to view, as well as to increase the communication among student organizations and the student government.

- Informing senators of an upcoming seminar on drug and alcohol abuse at 7 p.m., Oct. 19 in

KUC, Room 314. The seminar is sponsored by the MTSU Counseling and Testing Center and will be facilitated by Jim Leake of Cumberland Heights Treatment Center.

- Notifying senators of a joint meeting with the House of Representatives this evening at 5:30 in KUC, Room 322. ■

LECTURE

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as well as farming on his land in Kentucky using only animal power, instead of machinery fueled by chemicals.

"We lose accountability because of technology. We thought we freed ourselves from cycles. However, we are now chained to our machines," Strawman said. "Technology deteriorates our quality of life. We suffer in education and individuality. There are breakdowns in our cities. People

are just numbers."

Strawman does not believe we should totally ignore technology. However, he does believe we need to reverse some trends and develop only certain technologies, while using a much stronger moral compass than some of the early lecturers in the series mentioned.

"Everyone can harness solar energy. However, companies are not developing it because they cannot find a way to make it profitable," Strawman said. "Technology places no moral restraint on us, so now we believe

we are above moral restraint."

Strawman, an associate professor of English, has been with the MTSU staff for 10 years. He received a Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of Washington, which he studied for two years in Germany.

Smith, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, was unavailable for comment. He has been with the MTSU College of Liberal Arts since 1994.

He received all of his degrees from Vanderbilt University, most recently his Ph.D. in 1992. ■

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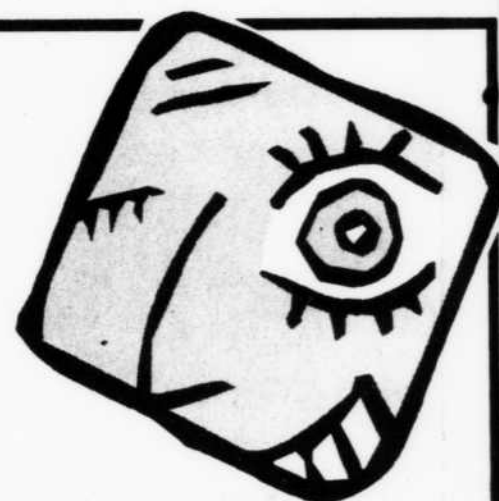
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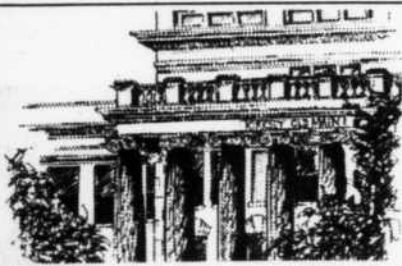
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1999

OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Controversy can lead to good dialogue

Capital punishment always has been a controversial issue, but most people never have had to deal with it on a personal level. Many hold uninformed opinions that never have had to stand up to scrutiny because state-ordered executions of convicted criminals do not happen very often, at least not in Tennessee.

However, with the swiftly approaching execution of Robert Glen Coe, many people are having to examine their beliefs and be prepared to defend them in conversations with friends, family, co-workers and classmates.

This is the case with the Sidelines editorial staff. While brainstorming for editorial ideas, it became apparent that we were not going to reach a consensus opinion on capital punishment. Of the editors present in the newsroom, four are opposed to the death penalty while three support it.

Some argue the "eye for an eye" mantra while others feel that human beings have no right to judge others and sentence them to death. Interestingly, people use their religious beliefs to support both sides of the debate. Even if they subscribe to the same religion (such as Christianity), both opponents and proponents can point to their faith (as well as the Bible) to back up their arguments.

Although our discussion of Coe's upcoming execution did not lead any of us to change our views, it made us realize how explosive these issues can be.

Controversial issues are useful for creating dialogue between people of differing opinions, but only if those people can express their feelings and listen to others' viewpoints with an open mind and respectful attitude.

You may never persuade someone to change his mind, but you have accomplished a great task if you can get him to at least understand why you hold the opinion that you do.

Lesli Bales
Editor in chief

Views from the Crowd

by R Colin Fly, Staff Columnist

Library not accommodating students

If you build it, they will come. However, they won't be able to stay. At least that's the message MTSU is delivering with their state of the art library.

It's a beautiful building, no doubt, and one of the pinnacle structures on the "upper class" side of campus. However, the library is just glitter and gold if students don't use it.

It is not the MTSU student's fault. Learning is a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year experience. How are students expected to learn when the library closes at 11 p.m. on weeknights?

Many major universities keep libraries open 24 hours during the week. Our library closes its doors at 5 pm on Friday. That's crazy. What about a Friday afternoon project? Some people like to finish all their work on Friday to have the entire weekend free.

It may take a dedicated staff and a higher hourly rate for employees, but don't you think it's worth it?

If you've ever been at the library near closing time, masses of people file out just before the doors close. During mid-term and final week the library should be

ground zero for studying. Students should be allowed to pull "all night" study sessions at the best resource of knowledge on campus.

What if you're a night owl? The library is not accommodating to your schedule at all. Most great papers and reports are finished (or begun) around 2 a.m. While you can never guarantee yourself an A, you can guarantee you received the grade with little help from our library.

While it is nice to know that the library is open over 90 hours a week, what about the remaining 78? I guess when a

professor questions the research on a paper and calls it a "half-hearted effort," you can retort with, "it's a half open library, so I guess I still deserve an A." Well, maybe not.

It might be a good argument, though.

We want to be a first class university. We want to be an elite school. Finally, we now have some of the research tools available, but it seems we aren't going to use them to our full potential. The U.S. Capitol building is a stunning site, rich in tradition in a picturesque setting, but it's the actions inside the

building that count. The laws that are passed, and the history that is made.

The University Library is a beautiful addition to campus. Each student can write his or her own history inside. However, with the current hours of operation, many students can only look at the architecture.

That's the view from the crowd. Luckily, e-mail never closes, so drop me a line with comments, suggestions or whatever is on your mind at MTSUViews@email.com, or contact Sidelines at stupubs@mtsu.edu.■

The Codebreaker's Almanac

by Dylan Ross, Staff Columnist

Columbus not the man we're taught to love

Like many of us, I probably have one really clear and distinct memory of Columbus Day. This would have been the time in first grade, when the class was enlightened by a version of one of America's favorite myths, a version that was even simpler and more cartoonish than the very myth we apparently celebrate every October.

You know the drill: Columbus, great man (and an entrepreneur, that wily wooer of queen and Church! He must have been the first American...), fearless explorer, and the father of the American spirit of discovery and the Big Risk that Pays Off.

But I can't really remember thinking about Columbus Day again over the next decade or so, until I read Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States" — which gave me the real skinny on Columbus, a story that was at odds with the myth I had been fed in school, the one that remained constant from first grade to my senior American History class.

And when I found out certain things about ol' Chris, like the fact that he violently oppressed and exploited the native populations wherever he traveled in America, or that he set off the chain of events that led to the introduction of slavery in the New World, I had a thought that would become my second Columbus Day memory.

This was the thought that, had I gotten the straight story in first grade, drawing a picture of this jerk's boat in celebration of a whole day named after the guy would have made me one irate six-year-old.

While my thoughts on the matter are a bit more mature than this initial reaction (but still critical), I think this brief anecdote says a couple of things about some tendencies that characterize the way we are conditioned, as Americans, to think about our history.

The first is that we are often, in a very real way, encouraged to think as little as possible about this history.

Not to say that we aren't pushed to see the events that shaped our world in a certain way: every Fourth of July, we are invited by cola companies and car dealerships to take part in a patriotic orgy of spending in celebration of our "freedom"...to choose Pepsi or Coke.

But for the most part, the more "historical" holidays, like Columbus Day, are seen as welcome breaks from our work. So they are definitely good in that regard. But these holidays still exist, and the fact that we celebrate something like Columbus' invasion of the Americas is a symptom of the fact that these holidays are anything but an opportunity to reflect upon our history as a diverse community of Americans.

And the model of history that we encounter throughout a good bit of our education makes such reflection rather difficult. This is a model in which myths take the place of facts. A model in which Columbus becomes a hero, American Indians are cast in the role of un-American adversaries to the growth of the nation and the Spanish-American War is seen as a struggle against tyranny.

This "mythological" language of history is not so hard to see through, but often, it is the only picture of American history with which we are presented. We aren't provided with the benefit of alternative interpretations of the processes that have shaped our society. Like many other things in this society, our history is often pushed upon us in small, tidy and unproblematic packages.

The reason for this treatment of history as commodity, surely enough, seems to be at home in a culture whose most powerful institutions exist primarily for the creation of profits for the fortunate few. This does not mean that we wouldn't rather have it any other way; indeed, I think most of us would. I think it's safe to say that we would rather have the facts, not myths. But the history we learn in school is not exactly a choice we are invited to make.

Finally, I think that Columbus Day is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our history and determine what it means for us. And in my opinion, such informed reflection would probably lead to steps like those taken in Berkeley, Calif. where Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of every October.

So celebrate Columbus Day next year by finding a way to turn the celebration of a great tragedy of global history into a celebration of humanity, hope for a world in which tragedies like this can't happen and our power to collectively decide just which aspects of our history we will value.■



From the Mailbox

Apology still needed

To the Editor:
Monday's "Sidelines" contained two letters by members of MTSU's faculty, both justifiably concerned with the irresponsible angle taken the previous week to report an incident between Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson and one of her students.

The response from "Sidelines" was less than sufficient. In place of the apology due Dr. Jackson, "Sidelines" readers were offered a very weak excuse, and it would appear that the matter has been dropped.

Partial justice was done by printing the letters of Dr. Claudia Barnett and Dr. Theodore J. Sherman, but a more wholehearted attitude is needed from the "Sidelines" staff to balance the consequences of the piece on Dr. Jackson. Letters to the editor are not front page material, and therefore do not balance a mistake in judgment which occurs on the front page. This is not an issue which affects MTSU faculty alone — "Sidelines" is not a clubhouse publication. A public apology is necessary and expected.

Sincerely,
Tim Enss, student

Greek life beneficial

As everyone has probably noticed, the Greek community has suffered this semester from negative publicity in "Sidelines." We can't deny facts, but I feel it is time that the students and faculty of MTSU hear a few good things about the Greeks and what they do for this campus. I wasn't sure at first how to put my feelings into words, so I have decided to simply share with you how being a Greek has had a positive influence on my life.

I came to MTSU looking for a fresh start: new friends, leadership opportunities and a chance to learn a little more about myself. After attending rush, I found a group of women with high ideals, individuality and sisterhood that I could never have imagined existed in a group of women. Over the past two years, I have grown tremendously — I have learned valuable communication skills, and most important of all, developed confidence in myself. As for my sisters — they will always be a part of my life.

One of the most common stereotypes of Greek organizations is that members buy their friends when they join a fraternity or sorority. My response — I am gaining a world of opportunities that I would never have had if I were not a Greek.

As for Greeks making new members conform to the standards of the group — men and women do not join and conform to standards after the fact. Individuals join because they already have similar ideals with a particular group. That is the point of fraternity and sorority rush — so that men and women can meet each group and decide what best suits their needs.

If you think about it, we are not that much different from other campus organizations. With any organization, there are members brought together by common goals. For me, joining the Greek system met my personal needs.

Try not to judge a group by the experiences of a few. People tend to do that because labeling is convenient. Being in an organization, especially a Greek organization, is all in what a person makes of their experience while involved with that group.

What a member contributes to the organization is what a member gets out of that organization in the long run.

I have made the most of my experience as a Greek, and every day I reap the rewards for my hard work.

Melissa Brink
Kappa Delta Sorority

Student was rude with Jackson

To Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson re: the "Sidelines" article on the alleged assault, rest assured that upon encountering the "whoop ass" quote, many readers thought the "whoop ass" quote, "That poor student" to "This ill-mannered, hot-headed student has little credibility — that poor professor!" Note to wanna-be victims: be nice if you want sympathy.

Re: titles — in Latin, "doctor" means "teacher." Educators used this title of respect long before the medical profession existed and have never stopped using it. Presumably the early MDs adopted the already-established title because it garnered respect. The (Associated Press) style manuals should be revised, and the general public should be educated accordingly.

Whether a student is intentionally rude or simply ignorant when addressing college instructors by a gender-based title instead of an academic one, it is appropriate for the instructor to politely correct the student.

Alice Mills, associate professor of biology

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Murfreesboro, TN

Strike up the band

Band organizes first student-produced show

Pam Hudgens
Staff Reporter

Gearing up for the last home performance, the MTSU marching band is working on a completely student-produced half-time show.

The MTSU marching band will perform this student-produced show Nov. 20 as part of the last home game against East Tennessee State University.

"For the first time, we're letting the upper-division music majors put the whole thing together," said Terry Jolley, associate director of the band.

There are 14 upper division music education majors who will oversee every aspect of the show: arranging the music, writing the drill and leading the band rehearsals.

The student producers are dividing the responsibilities between them. Some will arrange the music, others will write the drill and the rest will rehearse the band. All will help put the drill on the field.

"Up until now, at least at this school, the music education students have never had a chance to put anything together until they inherited a band," said Jolley. "They get to use this band to learn."

The band students are giving everyone a chance to be involved in the show by allowing anyone who wants to vote on the show's theme. The producers have narrowed the choices down to three main themes: latin, oldies rhythm and blues or television theme songs.

"We want to be even more crowd-

oriented," said Jolley. "We want to get the students more involved and at least get them to come to the games."

A latin-based show could include such Gloria Estefan hits as "Conga," an r&b show could include songs from James Brown, and the tv tunes could be from Sanford and Son, the Jeffersons, the Simpsons or Price is Right.

Jolley explained that it will take the students over 20 hours to transcribe each song, and there will be four songs in the show.

The producers have taken such classes as marching band techniques, conducting, band organization and arranging to help develop the skills needed to produce an entire field show. In these classes, they learn how to write drill, rehearse visual aspects, work through music and set up rehearsal periods.

"If we didn't have these classes, we would be lost by now," said drum major Mondale Rogers who will be writing part of the drill.

The students will only have two weeks to rehearse for the show.

Though they are faced with a hard task, the student producers are looking forward to this unique chance at gaining experience.

"Not many universities would let their students put a show together," said Stephen Givens, who will be helping with the rehearsing of the band.

"It's interesting," said band president LaVar Jerningan, who will be writing the drill for the second song. "It's fun trying to get the shape to conform with the music."

"I'm excited about the chance to be able to do this," said Brian T. Russell, who will help with writing either drill or music. "It's going to be a lot of pressure."

Jolley explains that while he realizes that the show is going to take a lot of work and time, he feels confident that they will get it done.

"I feel like they've got a hard job ahead of them," said Jolley, "but I feel like they've got the talent necessary to pull it off." ■



Photo by Nathan Robinson

The tuba section in the Band of Blue practices at Friday's rehearsal.

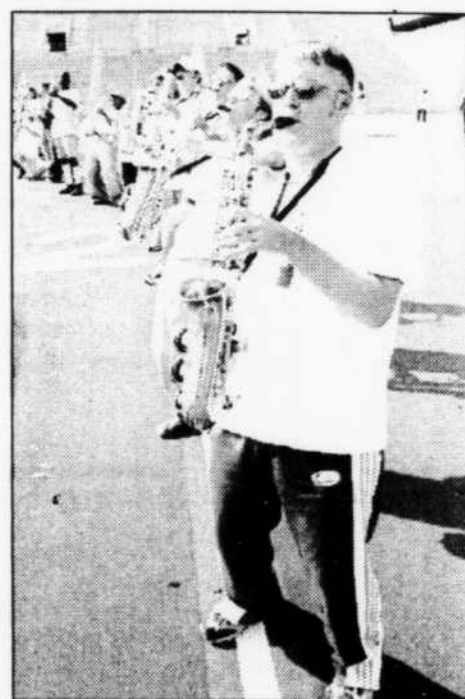


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Sophomore Jonathan Pope plays his sax during rehearsal for the last home performance.

To vote on the theme for the field show:

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Trendy Blend of Coffee and Culture

First art and music night held at Cyber Cafe

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

MTSU students sought relief from the frustration of midterm exams in a variety of activities at the Cyber Cafe Oct. 12.

In addition to the computers, the board games and the relaxed atmosphere usual at this definitely '90s version of a university cafeteria, Cyber Cafe offered a variety of special activities to suit the individual tastes of students.

MTSU Issues and Ideas presented "Coffee and the Bean." Kate Forman, from the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro, shared many interesting facts about coffee, the favorite of all products used to survive the challenge of all night study marathons.

According to Forman, coffee has been around for centuries. The people of Yemen used coffee as a medication or an aid to meditation in the sixth century. Considerable time passed before it achieved popularity as a beverage. However, coffee is now known all over the world in many different grinds and blends.

The first users of coffee did not agree on the way to use the bright red berries and the evergreen plant on which they grow, Forman said. Some users fermented the berries; others boiled the leaves and flowers to make a tea. Some of the early users of coffee soaked the beans in water and chewed them as a candy.

Although the world has now settled on the idea that coffee beans should be roasted, ground and then brewed, methods of brewing differ. European and especially Asian blends are much

stronger than the blends most popular in America. Forman discussed various methods of brewing coffee, and then distributed recipes to the audience.

As the coffee presentation ended, organizers were setting up for the first of a series of arts and music nights at Cyber Cafe. According to Jan Quarles, a professor in the College of Mass Communication, these evenings are part of an effort to encourage

delighting the audience with his guitar and harmonica playing as well as his vocal offerings.

Also performing at the open microphone were Larry West, Synthia Greenwell and Daniel Fitzsimmons. They presented a variety of musical styles.

As the singers and musicians performed, MTSU art student Matt Wolf exhibited his talent. Spectators watched while a lovely young woman and two beautiful

birds emerged from a blank canvas. Gray indicated that the highlighting of painters at work would be a regular part of the Tuesday evening activities and added that plans include the possibility of selling their art as part of the program.

The featured musical group for the evening was HomeBrew. This vintage jazz band with a swing twist consists of Justin Thompson on the guitar and singing, David Jellema on the cornet, Sammy "superstar" Baker on the drums and Wells Gordon on the bass. Their music was a mix of various forms of jazz, including both instrumental and vocal numbers.

Joshua Fleck entertained the audience during a break in HomeBrew's performance, and then HomeBrew finished the evening with some of the newest additions to their repertoire.

When the evening concluded at 11 p.m., about a dozen spectators were still there enjoying the music and the restful atmosphere.

The next event in the arts and music series at Cyber Cafe will be Oct. 19 from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. and will include Joshua Muncy on classical guitar and Martha Simpson on keyboard and guitar. There will also be another open microphone opportunity. ■



the development of an artistic community on campus.

The electric lights faded, and candles gave the cafe a coffeehouse atmosphere. Couples and singles sat at small tables or relaxed on the comfortable couches, talking in low voices as recorded music played softly in the background.

The live program began with an "open microphone." Everyone there was encouraged to sign up to perform. According to Jack Gray, master of ceremonies of the event, the open microphone is to be a regular feature of these musical evenings.

Gray, self-styled troubadour and time traveler, performed first,

In the eye of the storm...

Sidelines staffer gets first-hand look at Hurricane Irene

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter



the event organizer, had assured me. "Besides, we will be inland. Hurricanes just affect the coast."

The sky grew darker and darker, but even the radio weathermen did not seem to be concerned about Irene. In fact, once Irene came ashore in the Keys, weather radio insisted that the hurricane would soon be just a tropical storm.

Rain began to fall about the time I passed through Gainesville, Fla. It did not seem too bad, about like scattered thunderstorms in Middle Tennessee. At times, I could hardly see to drive, but at other times, the rain stopped completely.

I reached the hotel at 5 p.m. and spent the next couple of hours getting to know the people at the event. These were people I knew from WorldsAway, a virtual reality community on the Internet. This was the first time most of us had met face to face. The event participants who lived in Florida assured the rest of us that a Category 1 hurricane was not a serious threat.

My confidence in their statements evaporated, however, when I returned to my room. A message was waiting for me. The hotel management was warning me about the storm that was coming and telling me they had removed everything from the pool area and the room balconies. I soon realized they had also bolted and sandbagged the sliding doors.

They warned me to keep my drapes closed to prevent glass flying into the room if something blew against the windows. Of course, I immediately opened the drapes and watched the storm.

It was raining much harder. There was no lightning or thunder, but waving streetlights and neon signs made up for the lack of natural special effects. The trees were thrashing violently from side

to side, and the motel sign seemed about to fulfill the prophecy about things crashing through the windows. Many of the hotel guests were awake most of the night.

By morning, the residents of Central Florida had changed their opinion about little hurricanes. Thousands of households had lost their electric power, and the only prospering business was pizza delivery. Uprooted palm trees and assorted pieces of damaged buildings lay everywhere in yards, parking lots and streets.

The Red Cross announced the opening of two shelters in the area for persons who did not feel comfortable remaining in their damaged homes.

Shannon Fitzpatrick, a television reporter for Channel 2, the local NBC affiliate, reported the news from nearby Daytona Beach.

She was clinging to a railing high above the raging surf. She described the sea foam with which the wind coated her and her equipment as "Florida snow."

Fitzpatrick explained that hurricanes are supposed to lose speed once they are over land. Irene should have become a tropical storm long before she traveled from the Keys to Central Florida. Instead, she was still very much a hurricane, packing 75 to 80 mph winds, when she finally went back out to sea, off the coast of Jupiter, Fla. Once she was again over open sea, her wind became even stronger.

Irene did more damage in Central Florida than Hurricane Floyd did, according to Fitzpatrick. She added that this might have been because Irene had hit at high tide, while Floyd had passed by while the tide was out.

As Irene continued to move slowly down the coast, the hurricane ripped a barge loose from its moorings and hurled it into the bridge over the Banana River near the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral. The bridge lost almost half of the pilings that supported it, and repair of the bridge will take several months.

Fitzpatrick interviewed several local residents who complained because authorities had not warned them to evacuate.

Storm damage to bridges and causeways linking the coastal islands to the mainland had trapped people on the islands with no way to escape the fury of the storm.

The tide crested at eight to 10 feet, covering the highway in places along U.S. Highway 1A, which runs along Florida's eastern coastline.

As Irene continued up the Atlantic coast into the Carolinas, the evening weather forecasters predicted beautiful weather for Oct. 17.

I packed my car and started back to Murfreesboro. Florida residents were already talking about surfboards and jet skis. ■

Taking a stand



Approximately 120 people gathered to march in Thursday's Take Back the Night rally.

Photo by Nathan Robinson

Fraternity group helps keep drunk drivers off the road

Jennifer Wig
Daily Egyptian

Brad Honey stumbled as he stepped into Joe Bernat's car at 2 a.m. Sunday, avoiding possible death or injury by refusing to drive home drunk.

Bernat, the sober driver on call for the night, and Honey are members of the Southern Illinois University's chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which has established a program called Brothers Against Drunk Driving.

The program, which started Sept. 24, will continue for the remainder of the school year. BADD consists of three ATO members who are delegated to be

on call for any fraternity brother who needs transportation after a night of drinking alcohol.

The on-duty members act as chauffeurs Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

For Patrick Reilly, a junior in information systems technology and an ATO member, drunk driving is a personal issue.

"It was the first time my uncle beat my grandfather, [in a game of golf] so they went to the clubhouse and had a couple of drinks," Reilly said.

"It was more than my uncle could handle. They took two different cars. My uncle took a turn too quickly and hit a tree and died."

The fraternity also offers

assistance to a different sorority each weekend.

The weekend of Sept. 24 and 25, the Sigma Kappa sorority participated in the program. Kristina Baker, vice president of Sigma Kappa, said BADD allowed a carefree night for her sorority sisters.

"It gives all the girls a chance to go out without worrying about designated drivers," said Baker.

Don Elliott, community resource officer of the Carbondale Police Department, said most people in Carbondale have acted responsibly in regard to drunk driving.

"Our arrests for DUIs are down this year from previous years," said Elliott. "As of August, we've only

had seven DUI-related accidents." Tom Webb, ATO public relations officer, said that because drunk driving is one of many problems for college students, they want to set a good example.

"We want everyone, not just our brothers, to drive safely," said Webb.

"Eventually, we'd like to make it a campus-wide program."

Webb also said the fraternity is asking phone companies to donate cellular phones to increase efficiency, but it has received no responses.

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Murfreesboro, TN

Raiders fall to Peay in straight sets

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

The women's volleyball team lost three straight sets (11-15, 13-15, 9-15) to Austin Peay on Saturday.

Throughout the three games, both teams made some pretty impressive offensive and defensive plays. Yet when it came right down to it, one team was having fun, while the other was just going through the motions.

Admittedly, Erin Hillstrom, who lead the team with nine kills, two aces and 15 defensive digs, commented, "We didn't play like a team and I know we can play better than this — we just need to play together."

"Together" was the team's cheer going into the second game. Still, it was obvious to a couple of MTSU spectators that the team was anything but together.

"They were just out there and didn't fight for anything," said one spectator.

Another stated, "There was no strategy."

Although two weeks ago the Lady Raiders' record put the team in a good position to go for the OVC title, now their chances have diminished with their overall

record being 11-11 and 6-5 in the OVC. Unfortunately, it seems this sudden downfall has not been due to a higher level of opponents, but because of either an overabundance or lack of confidence within individuals of the team itself.

"We just have cut ourselves down. They didn't beat us — we beat ourselves, the same thing with Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee Tech, Moorehead and Tennessee State, which is so disappointing," remarked head coach Lisa Kissee.

After the game, the team was left very frustrated and visibly upset, some leaving with tears creeping into their eyes, and others walking off the court with their eyes set in determination. Perhaps this is what will really make the Lady Raiders champions — knowing the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat and then the redeeming glory of finishing strong together, win or lose. ■

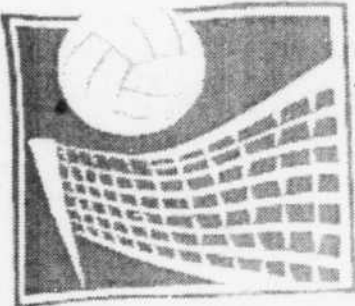
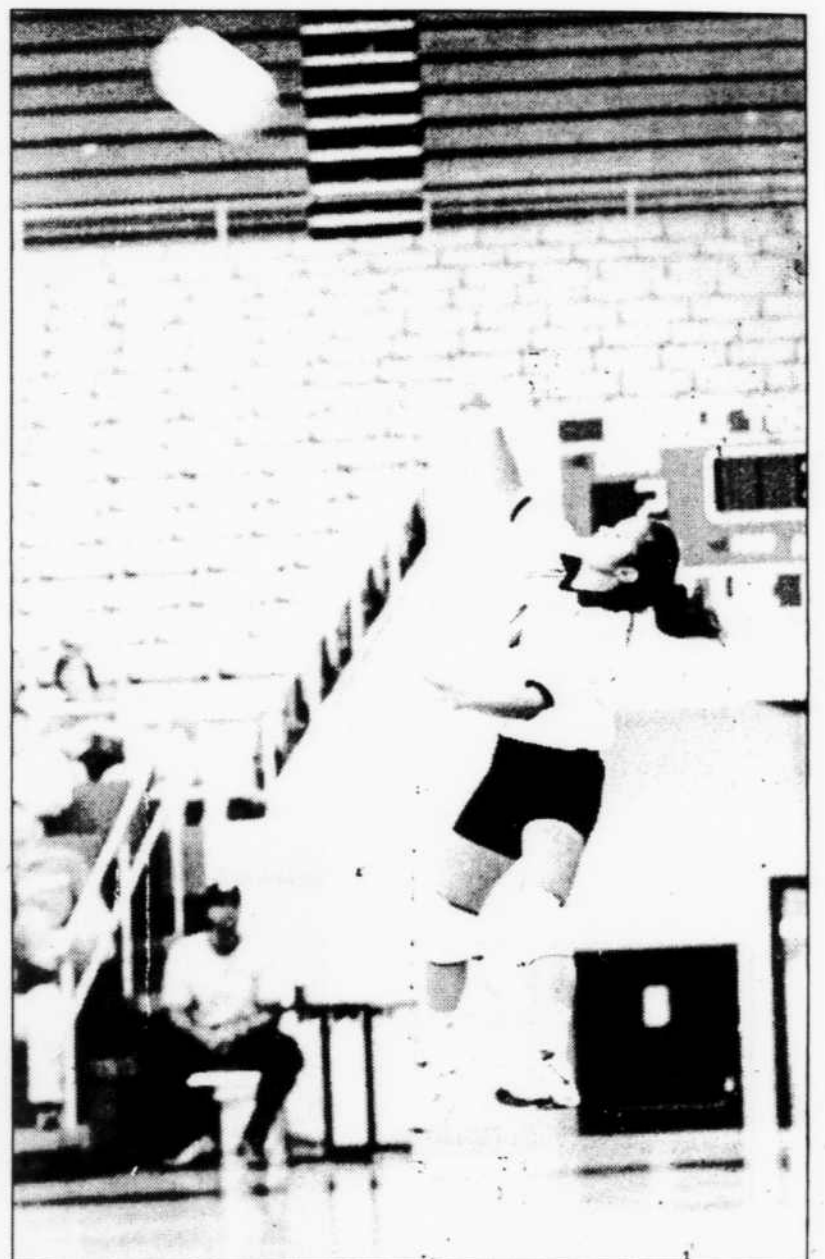
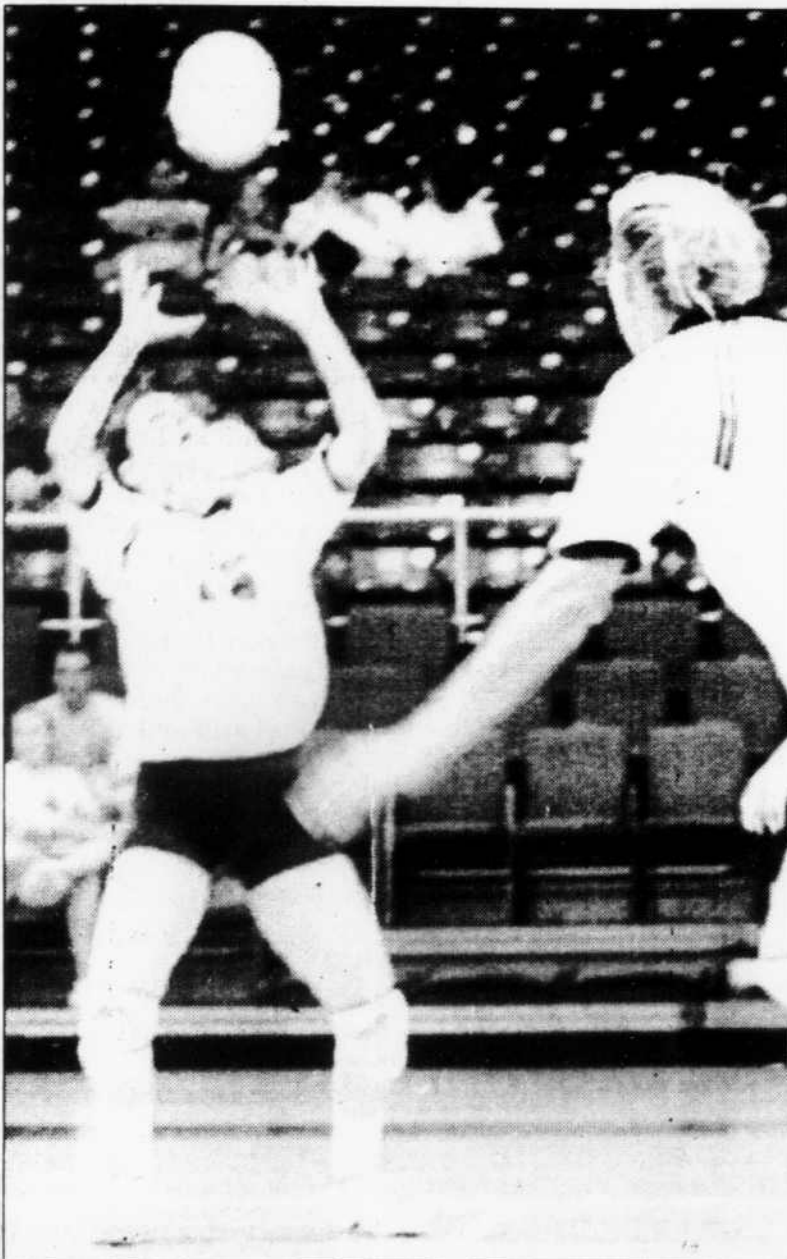


Photo by Derrick Wilson
(Left) Abby Hartup sets up a fellow Blue Raider (Right) Ku'u'ipo Simeona serves Saturday during the loss to Austin Peay



Bulldogs bite Raiders 42-18 loss leaves MTSU 1-6

Staff Reports

Tim Rattay passed for 406 yards and four touchdowns, and Billy Ray Tell ran for two more scores in Saturday's football contest as Louisiana Tech defeated MTSU 42-18.

Rattay completed 41 of 56 passes in his first game since injuring an ankle two weeks ago. Tell finished with 156 yards on 12 carries as Tech (3-2) won its third game in a row while dealing MTSU

(1-6) its fourth straight loss.

Tech's defense held the Blue Raiders to just 37-yards rushing.

Rattay threw touchdown passes of 15 yards to Sean Cangelosi and 24 yards to James Jordan.

Tech scored three more touchdowns in the third period — on a 71-yard run by Tell and Rattay's passes of 10 yards to Jordan and 10 yards to Cangelosi. At that point, Rattay was replaced by backup Brian Stallworth, who completed all three of his passes for

33 yards.

The Raiders were able to mount just one long drive in the game — a 71-yard march on four plays that ended with a 49-yard touchdown pass from Jamison Palmer to Kendall Newson with 2:18 left in the third period.

The other Raider touchdowns came on a 1-yard run by Dwone Hicks in the first period and an 80-yard fumble recovery by Kareem Bland with 59 seconds left in the game. ■

MTSU	0	6	6	6
Louisiana Tech	7	14	21	0
First				
Tech- Cangelosi 15 pass from Rattay (Pond kick) 10:50				
Second				
MTSU-Hicks 1 run (kick failed) 14:58				
Tech-Jordan 24 pass from Rattay (Pond kick) 8:40				
Tech-Tell 7 run (Pond kick) 3:23				
Third				
Tech- Tell 71 run (Pond kick) 14:19				
Tech- Jordan 10 pass from Rattay (Pond kick) 7:29				
MTSU- Newson 49 pass from Palmer (run failed)				
Tech- Cangelosi 10 pass from Rattay (Pond kick) 2:23				
Fourth				
MTSU- Bland 80 fumble return (kick failed) :59				

First downs	MTSU 20	La Tech 37
Rushes-Yards	21-37	34-200
Passing	284	439
Return Yards	91	44
Comp-Att-Int	51-43-1	44-59-2
Punts	7-42	3-33
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-58	9-65
Time of Possession	23:40	36:20

Individual Statistics

Rushing-	
Middle Tennessee, Palmer 7-23, Green 1-11, Hicks 3-6, Counts 9 (minus 3).	
Louisiana Tech, Tell 12-156, Pratt 5-34, Addison 7-29, Simon 2-22, Talase 1 (minus 5), Stallworth 6 (minus 30).	

Passing- Middle Tennessee, Counts 29-41-1 215, Palmer 1-1-0 49, H. Johnson 1-1-0 20.

Louisiana Tech, Rattay 41-56-2 406, Stallworth 2-2-0 33.

Receiving- Middle Tennessee, Calico 9-52, Newson 8-117, Palmer 4-43, H. Johnson 4-27, Green 3-15, Counts 1-20, Hatnot 1-5, Frost 1-5.

Louisiana Tech, Jordan 12-131, Daigre 9-113, Simon 9-62, Cangelosi 6-56, Tell 3-27, Stark 3-26, Berlin 1-11, Richmond 1-7, Newman 1-6.

Attendance-17,324

HHH plays Austin; Rock 'n' Sock Connection regain World Tag Titles

The Hookup:
wrestling commentary



Josh Ezzell
Sports Editor

What's up wrestling fans! It's time once again for the Hook Up.

Smackdown began with a meeting between Mankind and Vince McMahon. During this meeting, Mankind asked Vince to let the Rock 'n' Sock Connection wrestle one last time. Vince said that was fine with him, but he might have a hard time convincing The Rock to go along with it.

Shortly after this, Mankind told The Rock that McMahon wanted the Rock 'n' Sock Connection to wrestle one more time. The Rock said okay, but this would be the last time.

The tag team champs at the time, the New Age Outlaws, made their way to the ring and started talking about the Holly cousins, saying they would kick the Holly's asses at No Mercy.

Just as the Outlaws were beginning to roll, they were interrupted by someone — former Degeneration X partner Triple H.

Triple H made his way to the ring and apologized for cutting the Outlaws segment short. He then proceeded to talk about the wound on the left side of his face.

According to Triple H, the wound was the result of a rattlesnake bite he sustained on Raw. After moaning about the wound for a few minutes, he called Vince McMahon out.

McMahon finally made his way to the ring. When he did, Triple H blamed him for the deterioration of the company.

Finally, Triple H announced that he would give Austin the title and retire. He claimed that the belt meant more to Austin than life itself.

Right before a commercial break, Triple H's former DX partner, X-Pac, arrived at the arena. Kane bumped into him and told him to stay away from his match.

Kane faced the Acolytes in his match. He put forth a valiant effort, but he eventually lost as a result of three powerbombs. After the match, the Acolytes continued to beat on him. Eventually, X-Pac came to the ring with a chair, ending the Acolytes attack on Kane.

After the match, Chris Jericho and Curtis Hughes were spotted fighting in the back. Jericho promised to teach Hughes some respect.



Jericho won the match, thanks to Howard Finkel. Finkel distracted the referee while Jericho nailed Hughes with a chair.

As a consolation prize, Jericho offered the services of Finkel to Hughes. Finkel didn't seem to like it, but Hughes did.

"Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry attended his third therapy session. Unlike the first two sessions, his therapist this time was a man. Henry left because he was too uncomfortable.

In the next match, the Big Boss Man and the Big Show challenged Al Snow for the Hardcore Title. The Big Boss

Man pinned the Big Show after hitting Show with a nightstick.

During the commercial break, an ambulance picked up Triple H. Apparently he was having a seizure.

Hello Ladies! The Big Valbowski took on Stevie Richards, a.k.a. Dude Love, in the next match. Richards landed a "Stevie Kick" but was unable to win the match. He eventually succumbed to the "money shot." After the match, "The Big Valbowski" and Mr. Rocko put the "Testicular Claw" on Richards.

Another ladies man, Jeff Jarrett, was in Birmingham for Smackdown. He said that he would prove that he's the best Intercontinental Champion ever, and that men are superior to women.

Shortly after Jarrett's speech, Debra emerged and predicted that Chyna would defeat Jarrett at No Mercy.

Let's hop aboard the ho train! The Godfather was victorious against Mideon.

And now, for the main event. In the main event the New Age Outlaws battled the Rock 'n' Sock Connection for the tag team titles. The New Age Outlaws appeared to finally gain the momentum when Mr. Ass hit Mankind with a fame-asser.

Mr. Ass had the match won, but the referee was knocked out. Mankind rolled over on Mr. Ass and the referee woke up just in time to make the count; the Rock 'n' Sock Connection regained the titles.

Immediately after the fight, Triple H met Stone Cold face to face. Triple H didn't give the belt to Austin; he clobbered him with it. Triple H peeled off the supposed snake injury and proceeded to kick Austin while he was down.

Triple H said the belt meant more to him than it ever would to Austin. ■

MTSU Golf team finishes third

Staff Reports

The MTSU golf team, ranked 36th in the country, recorded its third straight top three finish by placing third at the Oral Roberts Classic. The Blue Raiders were five shots back of first place Texas-San Antonio.

The Raiders, who owned a two-round lead by four shots, turned in

a dismal 12-over par 300 in the final round to fall to third place behind the Roadrunners and Lamar.

A bright spot for the Raiders was the steady play of Sophomore J.R. Wade, who finished in a tie for fifth place overall with an even par 216. Wade, ranked 67th in the country out of 1,547 golfers, placed three spots ahead of senior Brett Alexander.

Alexander, who is rated no. 59, shot a two-over par 218 after starting the tournament with a round of 69.

True freshman Patrick Williams was 21st with a 223, while the Raider's other true freshman, Justin Miers, finished in a tie for 24th with a three-round total of 225. Senior Whit Turnbow completed the Raider scoring with a 235 to place in a tie for 66th. ■

Soccer team loses 6-0 to Jaguars

Staff Reports

MTSU's soccer team got more than it bargained for on Friday when it ran into the South Alabama Jaguars.

The Blue Raiders suffered a

painful 6-0, marking the worst loss of the year for the squad.

The Raiders dropped to 8-4-1 on the year, while the Jaguars improved to 9-4-1.

The Raiders could manage only four shots on goal while the Jags took 16. Jennifer Robb and Jessica

Busey both saw 45 minutes in goal, but neither could stem the tide of offensive firepower put forth by the Jaguars.

The Raiders continue its difficult road trip Sunday when they travel to Pensacola, Fla., for a match with West Florida. ■

Predators defeat defending champs Dallas Stars, 3-2

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Maybe Mike Dunham will start skipping training camp every year.

The Nashville Predators' goaltender missed three weeks of this season's camp in a salary dispute. But in just his second regular-season start, he stopped 36 of 38 shots Saturday and the Predators upset the Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars 3-2.

"It seems like it's better for Mike to miss training camp," said Nashville forward Ville Peltonen, who had a goal and an assist. "He's been in great shape. Mike's played unbelievable."

Dunham is 2-0-0, with the victories coming against league powers Toronto and Dallas his goals-against average of 2.00. He has given up just four goals on 77 shots.

Peltonen is also making a comeback of sorts. A shoulder injury cost him all but 14 games last season.

"It seems so long when you're not playing a year," Peltonen said. "It's great to be out there playing and practicing all the time."

The victory, Nashville's first at home after three losses, came on

the heels of a 5-1 defeat to San Jose in which the Predators had taken 52 shots. Tomas Vokoun played goal in that one, as the Predators began their experiment of alternating the two netminders.

"Tonight was a big win," said Dunham, who may benefit from the new system after missing half of last season with groin injuries. "We came out against San Jose and played well, and I think we picked it up where we left off."

The Predators had a 3-0 lead until two Mike Modano goals brought the Stars close. Dallas has just 18 goals in eight games, and only a late Modano score Friday had given Dallas a tie with the winless Boston Bruins.

"I don't think you can mount comebacks; it takes a lot of energy," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We played much better today. We had a lot of chances. Their goalie was good."

There was more bad news for the Stars. Forward Jere Lehtinen fractured his ankle in the second period and will be lost for 6-8 weeks. Defenseman Richard Matvichuk reinjured his left knee.

"Not only are we struggling on the ice, it seems like guys are dropping left and right," Dallas captain Derian Hatcher said.

Cliff Ronning put Nashville up

1-0 on the power play at 5:48 of the first, tipping Craig Millar's shot from the left point past Stars goaltender Manny Fernandez' stick. It was just the second time in six games the Predators had scored first.

Nashville's Greg Johnson and Scott Walker worked a give-and-go at 12:40 to make it 2-0. Walker skated into the right circle and faked a shot, but instead passed to Johnson in the slot. Johnson pushed the puck by a startled Fernandez for his first goal of the year.

Modano's frustration showed at the end of the period when he picked up an elbowing penalty in a shoving match with Walker.

It didn't get any better early in the second for the Stars, who fell behind 3-0 when Peltonen scored the eventual game-winner on a backhand from the slot. Dunham made a sprawling save on Modano's backhand moments later.

Later, Modano beat Dunham twice. But that was as close as Dallas would come.

"They played last night, so I think we caught them on their heels," Dunham said. "We took it to them in the first period, got some bounces, and held on for the win."

Titans come from behind to defeat Saints 24-21

Mary Foster
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Another second-half comeback for Tennessee. Another second-half collapse by New Orleans.

The Titans (5-1) rallied to win in the second half for the fourth time this season, while the Saints (1-4) lost a second-half lead for the fourth straight game in Tennessee's 24-21 victory Sunday.

Jason Fisk, a 300-pound defensive tackle, and cornerback Donald Mitchell intercepted passes in the closing minutes to secure the outcome as the Titans continued their best start since 1991, when they opened 7-1 as the Houston Oilers.

The Titans took their first lead of the game on the first series of the fourth quarter when Neil O'Donnell hit Kevin Dyson for an 11-yard touchdown that put Tennessee up 14-13.

With 5:12 left, Fisk grabbed a pass from Billy Joe Tolliver pass on the Saints 19 and returned it to the 10. A flag on Saints safety Scott Slutzker for piling on gave the Titans a first down on the 5, but the Titans stalled and Al Del Greco kicked a 19-yard field goal to put

Tennessee up 17-13.

On the Saints' next offensive play, Mitchell intercepted Tolliver and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown, making it 24-13.



The Saints, outscored 51-8 in the fourth quarter this season, then drove to their first fourth-quarter touchdown of the year when Tolliver hit Lamar Smith for a 4-yard score with 45 seconds left. Tolliver also passed to Brett Bech for the two-point conversion.

Tennessee had just 280 total yards and 15 first downs. The Saints had 409 yards, but offset those with 13 penalties for 103 yards.

The Titans, after setting an NFL record for 212 yards in penalties last week, had eight for 75 yards against the Saints.

Tennessee's first score of the game came in the third quarter when O'Donnell completed a 4-

yard pass to Lorenzo Neal to cut the Saints' lead to 10-7.

O'Donnell, who threw for six touchdowns in four starts coming into the game, was 0-for-10 with two interceptions until he finally completed his first pass with 4:16 was left in the first half. He finished with 12 completions on 25 attempts for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

Eddie George, who had just 277 yards rushing in Tennessee's first five games, rushed for 155 on 28 carries against New Orleans - an average of 5.5 per carry. Heisman winner Ricky Williams gained 35 on 17, an average of 2.1.

Tolliver, making his first start for injured Billy Joe Hobert, completed 28 of 45 passes for 354 yards.

The Saints took a 10-0 lead at the half, scoring on a 24-yard field goal in the first quarter and a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tolliver to Slutzker in the second quarter.

Another touchdown pass, from Tolliver to Andre Hastings, was called back by a penalty with 1:36 left in the half.

But a combination of penalties and miscues killed the drive as Williams ran for no gain on first-and-goal, and the final 12 seconds ticked off.

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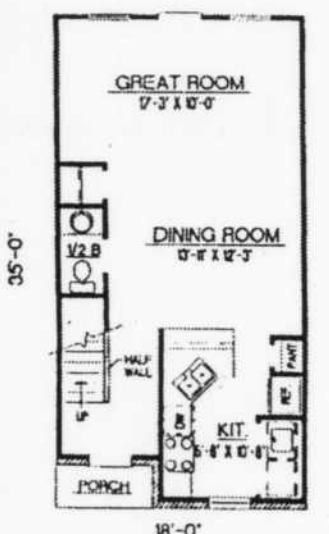
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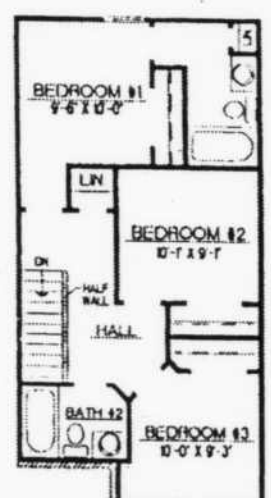
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Father and son face off when Florida State plays Clemson

Bobby Bowden goes for win 300 against son Tommy

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Associated Press

Bring on the Bowden Boys - it's time for college football history.

When No. 1 Florida State plays at Clemson on Saturday night, Seminole coach Bobby Bowden will attempt to become the fifth major college coach to reach 300 wins.

To join Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Joe Paterno on his first try, Bobby Bowden's Seminoles (7-0, 3-0 ACC) will have to beat a team coached by son Tommy Bowden.

It's the first father vs. son coaching matchup in major college football.

"We better be sharp next week or we'll get whipped," Bobby Bowden said following his team's less-than-impressive 30-10 win over Wake Forest on Saturday night.

A loss would not only delay No. 300, it would severely damage Florida State's run at a national championship.

"I think everyone knows who we're playing," Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler said after he totaled 435 yards - 252 passing, 183 running - in a 42-30 win over Maryland. "We just have to go out and prepare."

The matchup may seem one-sided, but Tommy's Tigers have a chance. Clemson (3-3, 3-1) has the ability to score against Florida State's unimpressive defense. The question is whether the Tigers' porous defense can slow Florida State's offense.

Peter Warrick, the Seminoles' star receiver, remains suspended because of his legal problems. Ron Dugans, now the team's top receiver, left Saturday's game with a bruised sternum and may not play.

Bobby Bowden said it would be a dream if the Seminoles win.

"It'll be a nightmare if we don't," he said. Then, referring to his wife, Ann, he said: "We got to go up there and play Ann's boy, not mine, but Ann's."

Several other games with national title implications are set for next Saturday: No. 2 Penn State at No. 16 Purdue; No. 3 Nebraska at No. 18 Texas; and No. 5 Tennessee at No. 10 Alabama.

In results of other Top 25 games Saturday, it was: No. 2 Penn State 23, No. 18 Ohio State 10; No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse 0; No. 6

Florida 32, Auburn 14; No. 7 Kansas State 40, Utah State 0; No. 8 Georgia Tech 38, Duke 31; and No. 10 Alabama 30, No. 25 Mississippi 24.

Also, it was: No. 16 Purdue 52, No. 11 Michigan State 28; No. 13 Texas A&M 34, Kansas 17; No. 14 Georgia 27, Vanderbilt 17; No. 17 Wisconsin 59, Indiana 0; No. 19 BYU 31, New Mexico 7; and No. 21 Southern Mississippi 24, Army 0.

No. 16 Purdue 52, No. 11 Michigan State 28

At West Lafayette, Ind., the Spartans (6-1, 3-1 Big Ten) saw their title dreams shattered by Drew Brees, who threw for 509 yards and five first-half TDs and added a scoring run in the second half.

Chris Daniels, the league's leading pass catcher, set Big Ten records with 21 receptions for 301 yards for the Boilermakers (5-2, 2-2).

"This is a very humbling game," said Michigan State coach Nick Saban, whose team ended Ohio State's perfect season bid last season. "We got slammed. I wasn't pleased with the way we played at all."

In I-AA, Appalachian State (4-2) upset top-ranked Georgia Southern (5-2) 17-16; and Richmond surprised Hofstra, ranked No. 3, 31-21.

No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse 0

At Blacksburg, Va., the Hokies (6-0, 2-0 Big East) moved to their best start since 1967 and showed they are a national title contender in handling the Orangemen (5-2, 2-1) their worst loss in 77 years.

The dominating win - Syracuse had 120 total yards - led coach Frank Beamer to boast, "We have the ability right now to get you in every way. I don't think we have a weakness."

He might be right. Michael Vick threw for 135 yards and one TD, Shyrone Stith ran for 140 yards and two TDs, and the defense scored twice on a fumble and interception returns.

It was the largest shutout loss by a ranked team in the 63-year-old history of the AP poll. The previous largest was No. 1 Army's 61-0 win over No. 6 Penn State in 1945.

No. 17 Wisconsin 59, Indiana 0

At Madison, Wis., Ron Dayne ran for 167 of the Badgers' school-record 705 total yards, and the running back became just the fourth player in Division I to record

four 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Wisconsin (5-2, 3-1 Big Ten) led 38-0 by halftime, and Dayne sat out the second half.

At Alliance, Ohio, Mount Union now owns the longest winning streak in college football history at 48 games after Saturday's 44-20 win over Otterbein.

The Purple Raiders, shooting for a fourth consecutive Division III national title, broke Oklahoma's 47-game streak set 42 years ago under coach Bud Wilkinson.

"These games, that's what you like to play for," quarterback Gary Smeck said after throwing for 282 yards and three TDs. "But I'm glad it's over. Now we'll get back in our routine. No more press conferences on Tuesdays."

A record crowd of 7,132 showed up at the 5,000-seat Mount Union Stadium.

At State College, Pa., Eric McCoo ran for a career-best 211 yards and Penn State (7-0, 3-0 Big Ten) held Ohio State (4-3, 1-2) to 143 total yards and sacked Steve Bellisari eight times in an easy 23-10 win.

The Nittany Lions gave Joe Paterno career win No. 314, tying him for third place with Stagg for most victories among major college coaches.

At Oxford, Miss., Shaun Alexander ran for 214 yards and three TDs as Alabama (5-1, 4-0 SEC) held off Mississippi (5-2, 2-2) 30-24.

Also, Jabari Holloway recovered Jarious Jackson's fumble in the end zone with 2:40 left to cap a 22-point comeback in Notre Dame's 25-24 win over USC. ... As a light snow fell, Steve Smith caught two TD passes and returned a punt 61 yards for another score in Utah's 21-15 upset of Air Force. ... Brian Allen scored on 37- and 20-yard runs in the fourth quarter as Stanford (4-2, 4-0 Pac-10) edged Oregon State (3-3-3, 0-3) 21-17.

Stanford is 4-0 in the league for the first time since 1970. ... Ryan Kealy threw for 194 yards and two TDs as Arizona State (3-3, 2-1 Pac-10) topped Washington (3-3, 2-1) 28-7. ... Arizona (5-2) won, too, as Ortege Jenkins threw for one TD and ran for another and Trung Canidate ran for 202 yards in a 34-21 victory over UTEP. ... Cal beat UCLA 17-0, the first time the Bruins were shut out since 1994. ... Arkansas beat South Carolina 48-14, extending the Gamecocks' losing streak to 17 games - 0-7 under new coach Lou Holtz. ■

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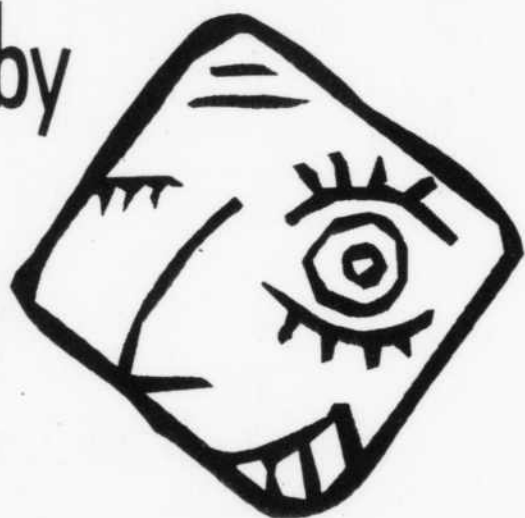
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