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Campus Briefs

Campus Freethought weekly meeting tonight in Peck Hall

Campus Freethought Alliance is holding a social meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 200.

The group meets every Wednesday evening. Tonight they will have games and food.

For more information, contact Amanda Cotton at freethnk@mtsu.edu.

Domestic violence exhibit on Knoll to promote healing

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the June Anderson Women's Center is presenting the Silent Witness Exhibit on the Keathley University Center Knoll today.

The traveling memorial is designed to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships through a display of domestic violence victims.

The display was created in 1990 by a group of women artists and writers to commemorate those who lost their lives that year in Minnesota due to domestic violence. Twenty-six free-standing wooden figures represent each of the victims - a 27th figure represents all the unknown victims.

The two-day display will be on the KUC Knoll from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tomorrow at 12:30 p.m., there will be a panel discussion on domestic violence in the KUC Theater.

Presidents perform at Tucker Theater tomorrow evening

The rock band The Presidents of the United States of America will hit the stage of Tucker Theater at 8 p.m.

The band is known for their quirky pop songs such as "Lump" and "Peaches." Tickets for the event are \$5.

Nursing and health career fair to be held in November

The 2003 Nurses/Health Career Day will take place Monday, Nov. 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m. lasting until 1:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of James Union Building.

Representatives from approximately 40 different organizations will be on hand to speak with students who wish to pursue careers in nursing or health related occupations.

Oldest known photos of Murfreesboro to be donated

Don and Sheryl Jones of Arvada Colorado will donate eight photographs valued at \$8,000 to Lisa Pruitt and the Gore Research Center on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Gore Research Center in the Learning Resources Center.

The photos are of downtown Murfreesboro that appear to date from the 1860s and '70s. ♦

McPhee's assistant filed complaint

By Kristin Hall
News Editor
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A former MTSU employee confirmed that her close friend, Tammie Allen, university President Sidney McPhee's administrative assistant, is currently in mediation with McPhee about the sexual harassment charge filed against him on Oct. 6.

A Tennessee Board of Regents official confirmed last

night that Allen filed the complaint against McPhee.

Carlene Henry, executive assistant to former MTSU President James E. Walker, who is now at Southern Illinois University, worked with Allen in the president's office during Walker's term from February 1991 through September 2000.

When asked about Allen and McPhee's relationship, Henry said in a phone interview last night, "They are in mediation, and as long as they are in medi-

ation, she's not at liberty to talk about it."

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

Henry confirmed she has spoken with Allen about the complaint, which Allen retracted on Oct. 14, and said, "What

do you do when it's the president?"

When questioned about whether there would be changes in his office staff, McPhee said, "That is related to the controversy and I am not able to speak about that."

In regard to Allen's absence from the president's office, Doug Williams, director of news and public affairs, said, "I haven't seen her around the university. I do not know. I would not be in the position to

know."

Last Thursday, Chancellor Robert E. Corlew III granted a temporary restraining order against the TBR from releasing copies of the complaint to the media.

The Tennessean and other news media organizations have requested copies of the complaint under the Tennessee Open Records Act.

According to TBR policy,

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Smoking banned within 20 feet of buildings



Photos by Jamie Lorange | Chief Photographer

Freshman Laura Dickens, a pre-pharmacy major, smokes a cigarette outside of Peck Hall while she waits for her English class to begin. A new policy prohibits smoking within 20 feet of any university building.

New policy cramping smokers' style

By Erica Rodefer
Staff Writer

A new smoking policy requires smokers to move further away from campus doorways and windows to smoke.

Smokers should move at least 20 feet from any "gate, entryway, arch, doorway, common path of travel, air intake or open window," according to the policy, which was signed by university President Sidney McPhee and put into effect campus-wide on Sept. 19th.

"It has become such a prevalent thing

for people to smoke around outside doors that it became difficult for folks to find a way into a building without encountering it," said Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs.

The policy was a result of a number of complaints from non-smokers on campus.

"People complained about essentially having to face a gauntlet of cigarette smoke to enter any building on campus," Glenn said.

"We know it's inconvenient for folks to stand outside, but we don't think as long

as they're outside that there's much more inconvenience to step away from the door," he added.

Enforcement of the new rule is the responsibility of the overseer of activities within individual facilities, rooms, etc., on campus, according to the policy.

"We aren't planning to hire personnel to walk about campus enforcing this policy," Glenn said. "We expect people to use their own good senses and judgment and comply with the policy."

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Law enforcement seminar held on campus

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Police officers from across the state met at MTSU to discuss terrorism, gangs and hate crimes in a seminar presented by Public Safety and the department of criminal justice.

Thirteen classes were offered over three days on the topics of hate crimes, homeland security in Tennessee, interrogation, explosives, bioterrorism and gangs and high profile groups.

A large range of experts were in attendance to instruct the officers, including the chief medical examiner for the state of Tennessee, District Attorney William Whitesell, special agents from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau and the Environmental Protection Agency, professors from MTSU and Scott Couch from Channel 5, WTVF.

Couch spoke on law enforcement and

the media, particularly on issues of how the media covers and gathers information on crime.

Couch said that the relationship between the media and law enforcement can be delicate, but that both parties share some of the same goals.

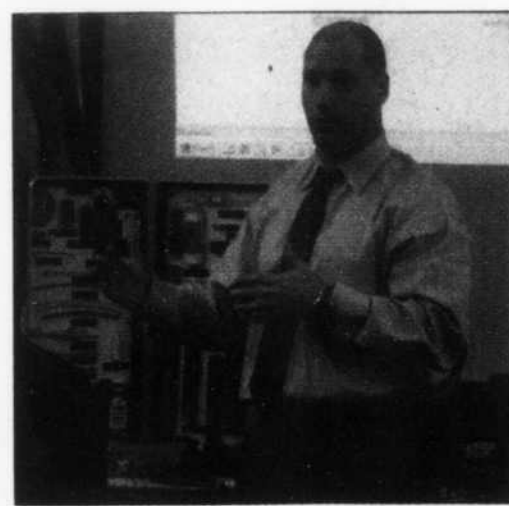
"I hope that this session will empower you to use the media to your advantage, to interact with them more effectively," he said.

Couch told the group that they should be aware that anything they do or say could be recorded and that police officers are held to a higher standard.

"You guys live in that type of world and you need to know that," Couch said.

He explained some of the terms that reporters use in order to get information from law enforcement, such as "off the record."

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Photos by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Special Agent Mark Hoback from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms lectured on investigating and tracing explosives at the scene of a crime at the seminar on Oct. 13.

Nursing shortage focus of lecture

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

Nursing professor Pam Holder focused on the impact of the nursing shortage on patient death during Monday's Honors Lecture.

Nursing is the nation's largest health-care profession. There are more than 2.7 million active registered nurses in the United States, but only 81.7 percent, or more than 2.1 million of them are employed in nursing. Those not employed in nursing may be employed as teachers instead.

Holder focused mostly on the studies that have been done over the past few years and explained the findings to the class.

Early predictions estimated that the employment opportunities for registered nurses would exceed all other occupations by 2008, and by 2010 the demand for nurses would be greater than the supply.

"That has already happened," Holder said. "The demand for registered nurses currently exceeds supply in 44 states."

Holder said the root of the shortage isn't lack of interest or students, but a lack of faculty to teach them. In 2001, nearly 6,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing programs because there were not enough teachers to teach them.

In Tennessee alone, 50 percent of all nursing faculty will retire within the next five years.

Holder listed four major impacts of the nursing shortage, including the overcrowding of patients in the emergency department and not enough nurses, cancellation of elective surgeries, a discontinuation of many clinical services and a limited ability of the health system to respond to any mass casualty report.

The shortage of nurses, while increasing the job market for those seeking employment, decreases the number of nurses working in hospitals. This means that the typical nurse-to-patient ratio is 1-to-8; ideally it would be 1-to-4.

Larger caseloads for nurses usually lead to a higher probability that medical errors will occur.

Also, patients that receive care from registered nurses instead of licensed practical nurses and nurses' aides had better outcomes and fewer medical complications.

"Those patients who were not cared for by registered nurses were at risk of dying," Holder

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McPhee: Regents continue investigation

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

Allen's attorney, Steven E. Sager, did not return repeated phone calls to his office yesterday.

"The court said they will be scheduling a hearing to determine whether the injunction would be permanent in 15 days," said Mary Morgan, director of communication for the TBR.

McPhee declined to com-

ment on the complaint yesterday in a phone interview, but he said he was trying now to focus on the university.

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

"The complaint was withdrawn, but even so under TBR policy we have an obligation to ensure the rights of all parties are protected," he wrote.

"Over the next several days, we will be discussing with the parties the next steps to take," Manning wrote.

"To even acknowledge these

allegations with a denial would, I believe, be contrary to the spirit of the mediation process," McPhee wrote in the Oct. 14 statement.

"I will say that I have not violated my wedding vows, that my wife and family are solidly behind me in this situation," he added in the statement.

Officials at the university and TBR could only speculate as to how this news would affect the university, but most remained positive.

"We certainly hope it will have a minimal effect," Morgan said. "These things are obviously very unfortunate. It is our hope that it can be resolved in a

way will be satisfactory to both parties and everybody can move ahead."

"My own personal opinion is that MTSU is a strong university," Williams said. "I think the university will certainly continue its forward momentum it has gathered over this time."

"Obviously my job is to do everything possible to move the university forward," McPhee said. "That's been my focus for the past 24-plus months. That's everything that I have been putting my energy and efforts toward at this point." ♦

Smoking: Ban issued following complaints

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However, the policy states that violations could be regarded as willful safety violations.

"We will probably post some signs around buildings to remind people, and I'm sure that as staff get used to the policy, they will remind people from time to time," he said.

"I was very pleased that President McPhee took on the challenge of developing and approving a smoking policy with his administration because the other one was out of date,"

Peggy O'Hara Murdock, physical education professor.

Murdock is part of the President's Commission on the Status of Women health committee one of several groups that recommended the policy to McPhee.

"I think we've really joined the 21st century," she said. "Things have really changed with regard to smoking policies and the health of employees and students when we looked at other universities."

East Tennessee State University, a Tennessee Board of

Regents school, has a similar ban on smoking around doorways.

Other universities across the country have even stricter smoking policies, the most extreme cases being Purdue and Calumet University in Florida with policies of at least 50 feet away from building entranceways, according to the October 21, 2002 edition of *Newsweek*.

Jonathan Simpson, a student smoker, said he had not been aware of the change in policy.

"All the ash trays are within ten feet of the doors so that's

where everyone smokes," Simpson said.

Weather is also a big factor in where people choose to smoke, he said. In rainy or cold weather smokers are more inclined to stay close to the buildings.

"I think most smokers would have any problem moving if somebody asked them, so I don't see why they have to have a major policy to enforce this," he said. ♦

Crime Log

Compiled By L.P. Anderson

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - 7:40 p.m.

Hit and Run

Scarlett Commons

An unidentified vehicle hit a parked car and then sped away.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - 10 a.m.

Theft

Alumni Memorial Gymnasium

Items valued at more than \$500 were stolen from an office.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - 4:44 p.m.

Theft

Kappa Alpha Fraternity House

Aggravated burglary occurred at the fraternity house.

Friday, Oct. 17 - 2:16 p.m.

Theft

Sims Hall

A white male with numerous tattoos walked toward Baird Lane with stolen drills and construction equipment.

Sunday, Oct. 19 - 5:02 p.m.

Theft

Sigma Nu Fraternity House

An unknown person broke into the fraternity house and stole some items. ♦

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said.

According to studies cited by Holder, increasing the number of nurses on hospital staffs with Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees by 10 percent decreases the risk of patient death and failure to rescue by 5 percent.

Only 43 percent of the registered nursing workforce possess baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degrees. Over 50 percent of nurses have associate degrees, and few of them continue their education after entering the workforce.

Holder did acknowledge that without the associate degree program, which was created in the 1950s to supplement the nursing workforce during an earlier shortage, the impact of the most recent shortage would be unimaginable.

While the level of education seemed to have an impact on surgical outcomes and complications, the years of experience that a nurse has had did not have a noticeable impact on mortality rates. ♦

Police:

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"What off the record means is that if you tell me something, I am not going to attribute that information to you," Couch said.

Couch said that good crime reporters develop a working relationship with officers.

"I've got a vested interest in you sharing information with me, not just today but in the future as well," Couch said.

As an anchor for a major metropolitan news station, Couch said that he is often under deadline and competing with other reporters for airtime.

Couch showed the officers tapes of his crime stories that he had to do under pressure and with severe time limits.

He recommended that officers not say, "No comment," when asked questions from reporters, but instead tell them up front what topics can be discussed. ♦

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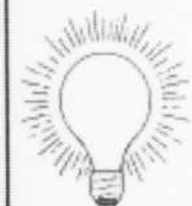
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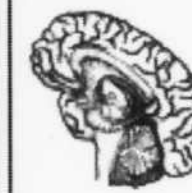
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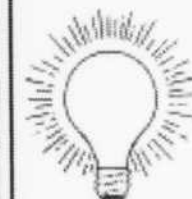
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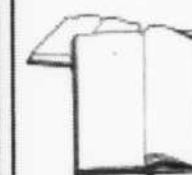
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Opportunity available for students to study in Cuba

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Interested students will get the opportunity to travel to and experience the Cuban way of life during the first summer session, May 16-27, 2004.

The trip, sponsored by the department of foreign languages and literature, is being led by Richard Morris, associate professor of Spanish and linguistics.

"There were trips to Cuba in 2000, 2001 and 2003, however the first two trips were done cooperatively with the Office of Campus Recreation, but that proved to be problematic for technical reasons so the trip is now sponsored solely by the department of foreign languages and literature," he explained.

Cuba has always been of interest to Morris.

"I created this program to give students a chance to experience something that most Americans cannot," Morris said. "Cuba has been off limits to U.S. citizens for a combination of political and economic reasons. At the same time, Cuba has become an isolated world unto itself. Visiting Cuba is a mental challenge for students, since it requires them to acknowledge a world that exists outside the frame of reference of the United States."

Morris has traveled to eight American countries and finds Cuba to be the most fascinating of all.

"Each time I visit Cuba is everything I expect and yet nothing I expect. Our shared

history with Cuba, which goes back hundreds of years, reveals as much about our own flaws as it does about Cuba's, and informs us about the present more than we may realize," Morris said.

"This trip was approved by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control and is covered under a special license," Morris said. "As long as the license is in effect students may go to Cuba legally as long as they engage in approved activities that are educational and cultural in nature."

Students will fly from Nashville to Cancun, Mexico and then to Havana, Cuba where they will spend the first six nights. The group will visit a school, a family health clinic, a salsa dance workshop and a baseball game at the Latin

American Stadium if the team is in town.

Students will also have many opportunities to meet the young people of Proyecto Espiral, a community club that does volunteer work. Proyecto Espiral is MTSU's unofficial host and will take the group on tours as well as enjoy group picnics with the travelers.

Students will also travel to Santiago, the second largest Cuban city which is on the southernmost coast on the eastern part of the island.

The group will spend two and a half days in the city before returning to Havana by airplane.

Spanish knowledge is helpful but not necessary. All of the course materials and tours will be in English.

The course that is going to be

offered, Spanish 3015 - Contemporary Cuba has no prerequisites and will be taught in English. The course may be counted towards the Latin American Studies minor and as an elective credit in any other degree program.

"It is possible that this course will be cross-listed so that students can earn credit in other related departments," Morris explained.

Morris emphasized that this is not going to be a classroom trip.

"Students will learn directly from Cuban specialists on a variety of culture-related topics such as history, art, music, politics, economics, agriculture, architecture, health and education," he said.

"Students will take a midterm exam as well as a final

while in Cuba as well as completing a final project after returning to the U.S."

The exams will be based on questions submitted by the students about facts learned during the trip. Students will keep a log and complete course readings on Cuban and Hispanic culture.

"Every visit to Cuba is both enlightening and humbling," Morris said. "I encourage free and informed thinking. It is up to each student to decide what he or she thinks of Cuba, it's people, its government and its culture."

For more information students can call Morris at 898-5902 or drop by his office in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building Room 332. Students can also send an e-mail to Morris at rmmorris@mtsu.edu. ♦

Online group urges boycott of recording industry group

By Jeff Wood
The Collegiate Times

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - The Recording Industry Association of America sued 261 alleged file sharers Sept. 8, launching the first wave of what could be thousands of civil lawsuits against other suspected offenders. As a result, the industry may be in for a bit of a scare this Halloween.

An online group calling itself the "Whose Nieuws Crue" is urging music lovers nationwide to stage a "Halloween Rave Against the Bullies" to protest

the RIAA's recent legal actions.

The group said the RIAA is the bully of the music industry, claiming "while the music industry moguls get rich, the average music artist goes broke. The music industry steals all of the money, controls what music is available and tries to control the artist."

Virginia Tech students are no strangers to the downloading issue.

"I think the recording industries have harnessed time to figure out how to make money off of it," said Maggie Webb, a junior

political science and international studies double major.

"They are being stubborn and impractical and thus they have gotten dangerously behind the times," she said. "I support the protest, but if these people get fined for copyright infringement with the raves, then I think they should be punished according to the law. That's the risk they're taking."

The raves, taking place Halloween night in cities across the country, will only include music downloaded off the Internet and are meant to kick off a nationwide boycott of

music from record labels the group believes rip off their artists.

The "Whose Nieuws Crue" has posted this message on several Web sites: "Every record label must sign the Music Artist's Bill of Rights! If a record label will not sign the Music Artist's Bill of Rights, we won't buy music from that record label!"

The RIAA's standpoint remains unchanged; music downloaded off the Internet offers the public access to copyrighted material without compensating the artists. The indus-

try said they feel justified in pursuing legal action because it has come "only after a multi-year effort to educate the public about the illegality of unauthorized downloading."

Junior communication major Christina Ward said she thinks the problem is that CDs are too expensive.

"They keep saying that it's because people download all this music," she said. "But maybe we download music because CDs are so expensive."

John Puford, a junior accounting and information systems major, said he too

thought prices were unreasonable.

"If they would make [albums] reasonably priced, say between \$7-10, this probably would never have been an issue," he said.

Tim Wong, a senior computer science major, said he thinks downloading music is wrong because it is an indirect method of stealing, but if he knew he wouldn't get caught, he may consider taking the music.

"If no one can tell who's stealing ... I would take a chance to get that music," he said. ♦

University of Illinois professor exposes online diploma mills

By Beth Hurtubise
Daily Illini

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - While some people benefit from Web sites that offer high school and college degrees through the Internet for little or no work, others - including one University of Illinois professor - are concerned that degrees provided by unaccredited institutions are making job applicants appear more qualified than they really are.

George Gollin, a University of Illinois physics professor, said online degrees were first brought to his attention in the form of pop-up Internet windows.

He said it was particularly annoying because the advertisements appeared two or three times a day and were difficult to ignore. Gollin called to complain, but ultimately just left a

message.

Upon receiving a response, Gollin learned that he could buy a diploma for a second doctorate degree from this company for a couple thousand dollars. They would also provide letters of recommendation and a transcript.

Gollin was concerned by this and decided to research Parkwood University and other unaccredited universities.

Every legitimate learning institution in the United States is approved by an independent agency called the Council of Higher Education Accreditation, Gollin said. The process of accreditation is lengthy, and must be repeated every five years.

Most of the organizations that sell diplomas through Web sites are unaccredited, he discovered.

Gollin said one organization

adds a disclaimer to its Web site that says: "I further understand that The University offers no classes, no curriculum, no lectures, no staff or faculty, no literature, learning materials, testing, or thesis or dissertation review."

"Some of these organizations are called diploma mills," Gollin said. "A diploma mill is an organization which will give what looks like an academic degree with little or no work involved."

At one such diploma mill, Gollin was asked to complete a 100-question exam in order to receive his degree.

"The first question was: 'What is the name of the house that the president lives in?'" Gollin said.

He purposely answered wrong to more than 75 percent of the questions. This score was high enough for him to receive

an arts degree with a 2.8 grade point average if he sent the organization \$1,000.

Gollin compiled over 100 pages of his research on his Web site, which was taken down after a man who ran one of the diploma mills began sending e-mails complaining about the site in early August.

Other organizations sent e-mails to the physics department head and administrators at Illinois, Gollin said.

He said the e-mails were very angry and the people who sent them were threatening to sue him.

"I asked to meet with administrators, lawyers and my department head to sort out the legal issues," he said.

"We had a meeting to respond to questions that he raised and decide how to safely portray his information," said Robin Kaler, university spokes-

woman.

"Some of his allegations and statements could have been considered personal attacks," Kaler said. "We agreed that a better place for his Web site would be at an accrediting agency."

Gollin said he contacted the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization to find a home for his research.

"They agreed to review it, copyright it and make it their own," Gollin said.

Alan Contreras, administrator of the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization, said the research was "really excellent work."

"From our point of view this research is a consumer protection action," Contreras said.

He said the main issue the state of Oregon is concerned with is whether a person is using a degree that they bought

from a diploma mill.

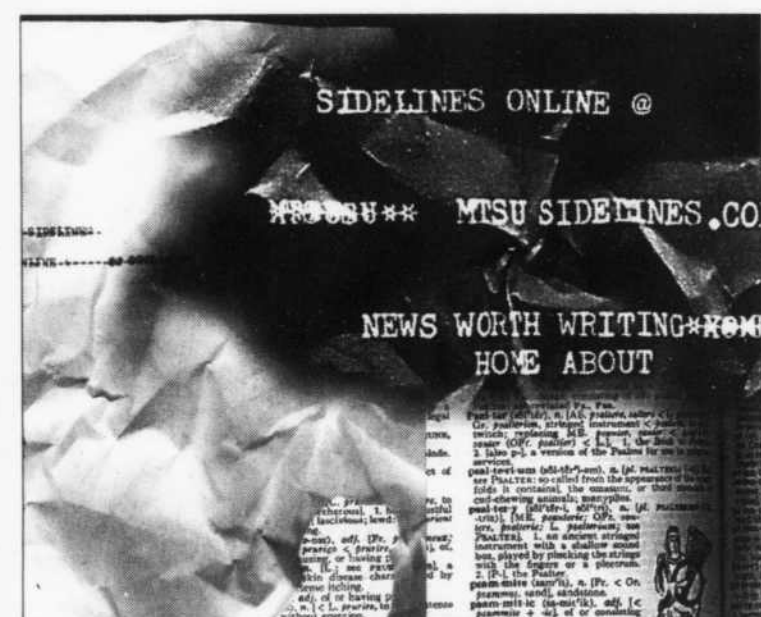
"You wouldn't want to bring your children to see a doctor that got his job with an unaccredited diploma," Contreras said.

These organizations have become a major issue because of the Internet, he said. Oregon has made it a misdemeanor to sell or use a fake diploma.

"In North Dakota, selling an unaccredited diploma is a felony," Contreras said, "but, as far as I know, there is no law against it in Illinois."

Gollin's research and information will soon be available at www.osac.state.or.us/oda, in the unaccredited universities section, Contreras said.

"I feel that I've come out of this well; I feel safer," Gollin said. "What I wanted to accomplish is to have information on these unaccredited schools available on the Internet." ♦



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From the Editorial Board Public needs to know details of complaint

The allegations that have surfaced against MTSU President Sidney McPhee, while as of yet unproven, are serious. The fact that the complaint was withdrawn has little bearing on whether the incident occurred and what should be done about it.

To the persons at the Tennessee Board of Regents conducting the mediation – the process needs to move swiftly, and the results should be made public immediately following the conclusion. McPhee is a prominent and important public official whose conduct is the business of the university community and the people of Tennessee.

As for McPhee, he needs to answer to the press as soon as the gag order is lifted. He has a responsibility to be upfront and honest in all matters – even those some may consider to be personal – and he must answer the questions facing him as soon as possible.

When answering the questions, he also needs to avoid Clintonian answers such as, “I will say that I have not violated my wedding vows.” Vague, unsubstantial responses such as these do nothing but muddy the waters and make it appear that McPhee has something to hide.

An answer to a sexual harassment charge is too vague if it is open to interpretation. While the gag order prevents McPhee from making a definitive statement, he should avoid such wishy-washy tripe in the future.

The above being said, it is much too early to rush to judgment on the issue. There has been no evidence brought to light to substantiate Tammie Allen’s claim, nor has there been any evidence that Allen fabricated it.

We still have much to learn on this important topic. If McPhee is exonerated as a result of the mediation, let’s hope that he can get his life and career back on track as best he can. If he is guilty of the charge – let the punishment fit the crime. ♦

Four Shots of Espresso



Alan Coulter
Staff Columnist

I’ve been at MTSU for four years, and by now I should have enough seniority to get into almost any class I need, unless there are unmet prerequisites.

However, at our fine university, this is not the case. As an English major, I can enroll in almost any English course if I register early enough, but what happens when I need to complete my writing minor with classes from other departments?

My interest in editing led me to take a class on the subject, but it’s offered through the College of Mass Communications. When I attempted to

enroll last semester, I was in for a surprise.

WebMT said I couldn’t register for it. I needed permission.

I checked the prerequisites, and all of them were met. (Thank you, previous forays into public relations and the recording industry program.)

I contacted the department, and they explained to me that I would need permission from the faculty member teaching the course.

Sometimes the most popular courses have such high demand that a waiting list is formed. This process made sense to me, so I gladly called the professor, who for the purpose of this column will be referred to as Dr. X.

Of course, Dr. X was not in his office, so I left a message and awaited his phone call. Not only would I learn about editing in his course, but the class would

also finish out my writing minor. That accomplishment would allow my last semester at MTSU to include only three English courses and a few electives. Low stress, right?

However, Dr. X called me back. He wasn’t as happy on the phone as he was in his voice mail recording. I knew right away that something was amiss.

“Well, you’re an English major, right?”

Thus, the downward spiral of doom began.

He continued to ask me if I had any interest in journalism at all, and I explained that I wrote for *Sidelines*, and felt that a class in editing would be great for me, regardless of my major. After all, any writer needs good editing skills. (I never thought I would say that.)

Dr. X explained that they didn’t appreciate English majors being in

the classes because of the class sizes. Plenty of journalism majors needed the slots.

At this point, my blood pressure started to rise, and I could feel the tension in my neck.

“I think you would be better off taking another course. Maybe magazine writing or something else that will fit your requirement,” he suggested.

At this point, I realized that MTSU may just be a university by name only. The very name “University” suggests that students come here expecting to have the options of obtaining a universal education, one in any subject and in any makeup that might interest them.

And besides, don’t we pay for the courses here? Who has the right to tell whom which classes we can and cannot take?

No offense to my jour-

nalism major friends, but English majors are just as capable of doing well and gleaning in journalism classes just as much as journalism majors are capable in English classes.

I believe the term discrimination comes to mind when one is denied services for no good reason, and that’s exactly what’s happening in the wonderful world of academia here at MTSU.

If MTSU is as student-centered as it claims, then heads of departments and faculty will gladly accommodate the crowd of more than 20,000 that help pay their salaries. Without the students actually learning what they need to learn here, then our education has been nothing but busy work and a social club. ♦

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Role of United States neglects issues at home

Cosmo’s Corner



Jeremy Cosco
Staff Columnist

Thomas Paine once said, “The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind.”

Paine obviously had more foresight than he’s given credit for. Because, in today’s world, those words still ring true.

Much to my chagrin, the United States has become like an overprotective parent to the world. When troubles arise, we’re there to step in. We keep the peace when some of our adopted young ones get into a fight, and we’re there to feed and take care of the sick when they need us. We’re the big toe on the foot of the world.

Do we ask for recognition and praise of our kind deeds? No – we do it because we believe it’s our responsibility.

It’s wonderful that we help those in need, but does it give us anything else besides a clear conscience?

One thing it’s given us is an increased interdependency with the foreign world. Yes, we are responsible for most of the humanitarian and peace keeping aid that is given, but we must get approval from the United Nations and share the credit.

When we do act on our own, we’re seen as arrogant imperialists. Who ever thought that kindness and generosity could bring animosity?

What do we do? If we are hated for our kindness, then why don’t we give it a break for a while? Let’s just see how long it would take before the world is knocking on our door pleading for help.

“America, please send your troops to keep the peace, please send us food to feed our hungry and please send us money to help our economy.”

The world has become a much smaller place with the advancements in technology and the intertwining of nations. Now every stone thrown in the Middle East makes waves throughout the world.

But not many Americans agree with our parental attitude towards the world, myself included. Many people I’ve talked with share the sentiment that we shouldn’t give so much of ourselves when it’s under-appreciated by our snobbish allies, and when there are so many things that we need to take care of in our own country first. Our reward for thinking globally is neglecting the problems at home.

This has been the course that the United States has taken for several years now. Letting the problems we face fester and sore while tending to the needs of others. Our leaders are guilty of malpractice and negligence of the ones they should care for the most.

Year after year every one of us gives the money that we’ve earned to somebody in Washington, D.C. to be chauffeured around in private cars and send the rest overseas. It angers me time and time again to see politicians running on

promises that they forget as soon as they’re elected.

Thomas Paine also said, “The elected might never form to themselves an interest separate from the electors.” But they have.

Politics has turned into a business just like any other. A business that stresses job security and retirement packages. That is not what politics is supposed to be. The people we elect are chosen on a verbal contract that they will carry through our wishes and look after our interests. But we’ve become so used to being lied to and misled that truth and honesty might seem alien to us.

When our nation was struggling for its independence, it was fighting to be its own nation, free from the influence and rule of others. Now, as we spread the fruits of democracy throughout the world, it’s no wonder some of it has come back to bite us in the name of Islamic jihad.

As George Washington said in his farewell address, “Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.”

The founders of our country knew what misfortunes could befall a society that overextended itself. It’s time for the leaders of today to remember these concepts and the promises they made to us before their elections. We put them in power and we can remove them from it just as easily. ♦

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Music is a form of art – greedy hands keep off

Human, All Too Human



Eric Blevins
Staff Columnist

Due to the recent to-do in *Sidelines* over copyright infringement on sound recordings, I thought I would offer a unique perspective on the issue.

I consider my view unique because I’m less constrained by our cultural conventions than other people I have heard argue this issue.

I believe that the most important aspect of the file sharing controversy is the art and people being able to experience that art. The proliferation of art is more important than the artists, governments that have laws against copyright infringement and businesses that exploit artwork, because art can transcend time and touch souls the way nothing else can. Therefore, I am against any effort to restrict peoples’ access to art.

Instead of trying to stop file sharing, the major record labels should be doing everything they can to get consumers to buy more albums. The labels’ products are better than the alternative. I would much rather have an album manufactured by a label than a burned compact disc, because the physical album is often a significant part of the work of art. Labels need to concentrate on releasing albums full of good music. One or two hits simply will not cut it anymore.

They also need to lower CD prices. Consumers should be able to buy albums for as little as five or six dollars. Digital video discs are a much newer technology and hold much more information than CDs, yet the price range of new DVDs reaches this low while that of new CDs does not.

Artists who have a problem with people illegally copying their art should be angry with their labels for manufacturing and distributing the art in such a way that causes people to seek cheaper, incomplete alternatives. They should not be angry with music lovers who obviously want to experience their art. The artists also need to realize that their labels victimize them far more than consumers.

Those who argue against file sharing and burning copyrighted music should know that, as wrong as this kind of theft may be, it pales in comparison to the theft committed by the huge corporations that control the industry. The individuals who run this industry are robbing artists and music lovers – the two most important parties of this controversy. If this problem were to be remedied, the problem of consumers copying protected material would probably not exist. For this reason, all efforts should be made to stop businessmen from reaping the rewards of the work of artists.

Think about it this way: the people most responsible for creating the art under consideration here should be the ones that prosper the most from the art’s proliferation. Those people are musicians, songwriters, producers and engineers, not record label executives. Unfortunately, the only way for an artist to approach the prosperity of an executive is to sell millions and millions of records and have a good record deal. This is the backwards system that capitalism produces.

It seems impossible to properly remedy this situation within the confines of capitalism, but there is much that labels and artists can do to improve the situation. This situation is the sad result of an economic system based on greed. ♦

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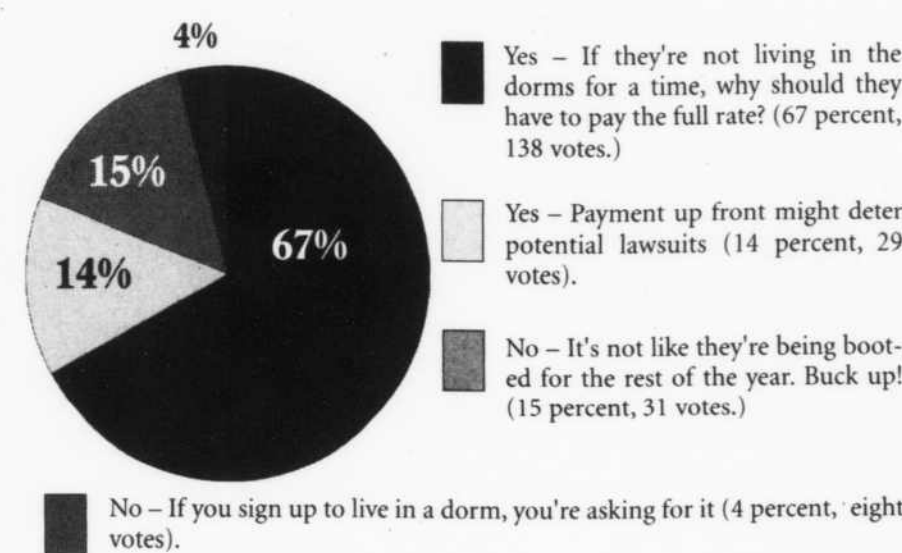
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State supreme court meets at MTSU

By Kristin Hall

The state supreme court met at MTSU on Monday to hear oral arguments in the case of *State v. Hester*. The court is the only one in the state to hear oral arguments. The case involves a dispute over the ownership of a piece of land in the city of Nashville. The court is expected to issue its decision in the coming weeks.

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Candidate aims to gain support of college crowd

Presidential hopeful criticizes Bush policies in conference call

By Jason Cox

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean criticized President George W. Bush's policies during a conference call with students and faculty at MTSU. Dean, who is running for the White House, said that he was disappointed in the way that the Bush administration has handled the war in Iraq and the economy.

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CNN executive discusses coverage of Iraq war

Role of embedded journalists examined

By Tiffany Brown

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Best place to play live music

FOOD & DRINK

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Best cup of coffee

Best mixed drinks

Best happy hour

Best beer

Best atmosphere (restaurant)

Best atmosphere (bar)

Best breakfast

Best Mexican food

Best oriental food

Best sit-down meal in town

Best service (restaurant)

Best service (bar)

Best drunk/stoned food

Best grab-and-go lunch place

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Best place to spend a Friday night

Best place to spend a Saturday night

Best place to spend a weeknight

Best place to pick up a date

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a FESTIVAL of memories

Rutherford County celebrates bicentennial birthday

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

Maybe you pass it on the way to school. There is always some comfortable busyness going on around it. Old timers sit a spell on benches around it. Mothers and children have picnics there and feed attentive squirrels.

The Rutherford County Courthouse is the center of the Main Street Square in Murfreesboro. Built in 1812, it still stands with its classical Corinthian columns and familiar clock that announces every hour. It's a symbol of yesteryear and a reminder of the county's history.

The courthouse will be the center of attention on Oct. 25. On that day, Murfreesboro will celebrate the Heritage Festival as Rutherford County turns 200 years old. As part of the festivities, County Executive Nancy Allen will host tours through the courthouse.

"I'll be talking about the history of the courthouse and probably a little bit about the renovations on the square that have happened throughout the years," Allen says.

"I'll tell a few stories about people like Mr. Brandon that still works there and is 97 years old. He remembers being younger and playing chess on

the balcony," she says with a smile. "And I'll tell a variety of stories of anecdotal nature."

The courthouse is full of stories. From 1818 to 1826, Murfreesboro was the state capitol. During the Civil War in 1862, Union soldiers nearly burned the courthouse while local Confederate civilians were imprisoned inside.

The civilians and the courthouse were saved by General Nathan Bedford Forrest's famous raid up Main Street.

Since then, renovations have been done on the courthouse several times. But it still serves as the meeting space for the County Commission and office space for the County Executive and other local officials.

The courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The Heritage Festival is a chance to celebrate the history of Rutherford County," Allen says. "To celebrate its founding to ... what it is today ... how it has grown and changed and where it is now."

"I hope that new people coming into Rutherford County will take the time to come," she adds.

Also participating in the celebration are Linebaugh Public Library, Murfreesboro Civic Plaza, Murfreesboro Center for

the Arts, Oaklands Historic House Museum, Bradley Academy Museum, Stones River National Battlefield, the Discovery Center and downtown Murfreesboro.

Each location will be holding unique and different activities.

From an antique auto show to Civil War reenactments, from children's activities and music to old-fashioned cook-offs, the festival coordinators say there will be a good time for all.

At 2 p.m., all locations stop to cut a cake and sing "Happy Birthday" for Rutherford County.

Also, visitors should come

prepared to shop. All of Main Street's unique restaurants and shops will be open for the special day.

Mona Vaughan, with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and one of the event's coordinators, says that the celebration is part of remembering what gives Murfreesboro its unique identity in the midst of an ever changing and expanding city.

"Main Street is an important part of the celebration because the Square is home to the Courthouse," she says.

"The Courthouse is a significant landmark in history,"

Vaughan says. "It's what makes Murfreesboro unique. We don't want to lose our uniqueness. I guess it's something we can hold on to."

"It's the same Square it has been since the Civil War. We want to keep it up so we don't lose that part of us."

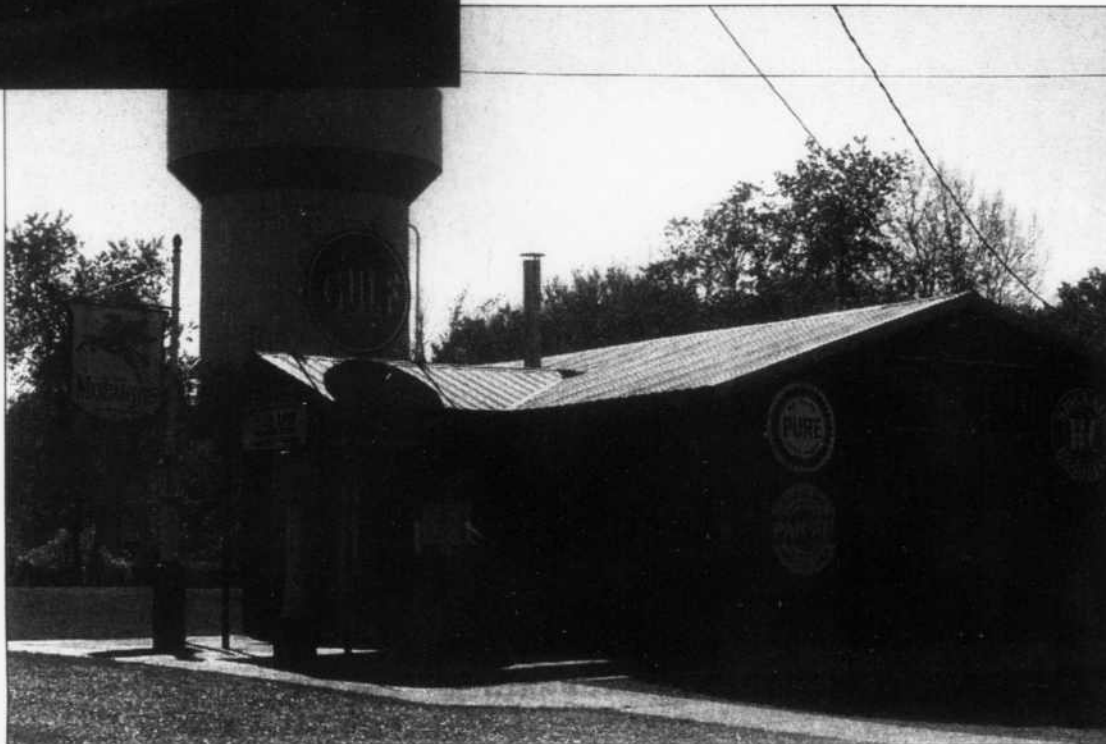
The Heritage Festival will be on Saturday and will last from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The event is free and museums will offer reduced admission prices.

To find a schedule of activities at participating locations, visit heritagefestival.dnj.com. ♦



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(Left) Stones River National Cemetery and (Top) Stones River National Battlefield along with Historic Cannonsburg (Bottom) will participate in the upcoming Heritage festival.



Dear Jonathan,
Well readers, it seems that some of you out there are thieves. According to a new study done by Business Software Alliance, 23 percent of college students have downloaded software without paying for it.

With this new information and the fact that I haven't gotten many e-mails in the past couple of weeks (except of course for the prank e-mails like, "Will my computer run Half-life 2?" and my favorite, "Itunez sux Kazaa Rulz. Woot Woot!!!!") I'm going to talk about free alternatives to some widely used programs.

First, let's talk about an office suite. If you do all your work on campus then you use Microsoft Office – and that's fine. However, I believe that this is one of the most pirated software programs out there. And with a \$200 price tag for students (more if you're not) it's pretty easy to see why. Or is it?

If you visit www.openoffice.org you will find one of the best – and free – office suites around. Not only will you get a writer application but also applications for creating presentations and making spreadsheets. Plus all your current MS Office files will work in OpenOffice. So why even try and steal Microsoft Office?

Next on the list is imaging software. One of the most pirated imaging software packages is Adobe Photoshop which is \$280 for students (again, more if you're not). If you are an art student relying heavily on Photoshop, then you should pay for it. Every graphic designer I know uses Photoshop (and Macs) and I think it will stay that way for a long time – not only at school but also in the work place.

However, if you are just looking for a good software package that is easy to use and powerful, then I suggest going over to www.gimp.org and getting the GIMP. GIMP stands for GNU Image Manipulation Project and it's a pretty popular program in the world of free software.

Now, don't think because it's free it's junk. A modified version of the GIMP called CinePaint (cinepaint.sourceforge.net) has been used for many high tech movies, including the *Harry Potter* series and *The Hulk*.

The last software package on my list may not be the most pirated but it probably gives you the most grief. That's right. I'm talking about Windows. If you know about "the blue screen of death" then you can understand why I dislike this operating system so much. It's buggy, there are a ton of security flaws and it's ugly. So, why not try another operating system?

The alternative to Windows is Linux. Linux is totally free, as is all the software it comes with. Many Linux distributions come with OpenOffice and GIMP already installed. It also includes programs to burn compact discs, play MP3s, surf the Internet, etc. You can also try out Linux without destroying all of your Windows data.

Go to www.knoppix.com to get a compact disc. You put the CD in your computer and restart it, and Linux should start right up. If you don't like it, just take out the CD and restart your computer. ♦

Send computer questions to jh2fj@mtsu.edu

Focus on the Child

'No Child Left Behind' plans to stay flexible

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

When Congress passed President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" act in January 2002, it was a strong move to create federal academic standards to combat problems with low test scores and quality control in America's public schools.

Recently, Ken Meyer, from the U.S. Department of Education, was invited by state Rep. Donna Rowland (R-Murfreesboro) to speak to teachers and education faculty from Middle Tennessee on what NCLB means for them and for local public schools. He spoke at Cason Lane Academy in Murfreesboro.

In addition to outlining the act and addressing concerns from public school teachers, he stressed the administration's mindset in developing NCLB.

"The intent of the law is to focus on the child," he said. "Not the school or the process, but to focus on the child."

Meyer said the history of NCLB lies in President Lyndon B. Johnson's Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. That act was the primary federal education law that prescribed public education standards and allowance for financial aid to those programs.

Meyer explained that NCLB allows for a significant amount of money to go to each state so that public schools have the resources to meet NCLB's academic standards for K-12.

Currently more than \$475 billion in federal funds are spent each year on education, more than is spent on the Department of Defense. Tennessee alone receives \$315 million to fund the implementation of NCLB.

"What we have found is that there are subgroups that have fallen behind," Meyer said. "The intent of the law is find who the subgroups are and provide resources to address the problems and bring these subgroups up to proficient levels."

Meyer said that federal authorities will not dictate how the act should be implemented. Each state is required to give an outline of how they plan for their public schools to achieve NCLB's standards, but the federal government makes no technical demands in this area, or where the money must be spent.

"There's a lot of flexibility in NCLB," Meyer pointed out. "There's money that can be shifted between Title II for teacher quality [development] or technology in education or innovative programs. The money can be moved around so

that at the local level, administration can make good decisions to address specific problems."

The importance of reading education was highlighted in Meyer's speech. He noted that currently one-third of college freshmen need remedial reading instruction.

Meyer emphasized that the president wants to make reading education in K-12 a first priority for his administration.

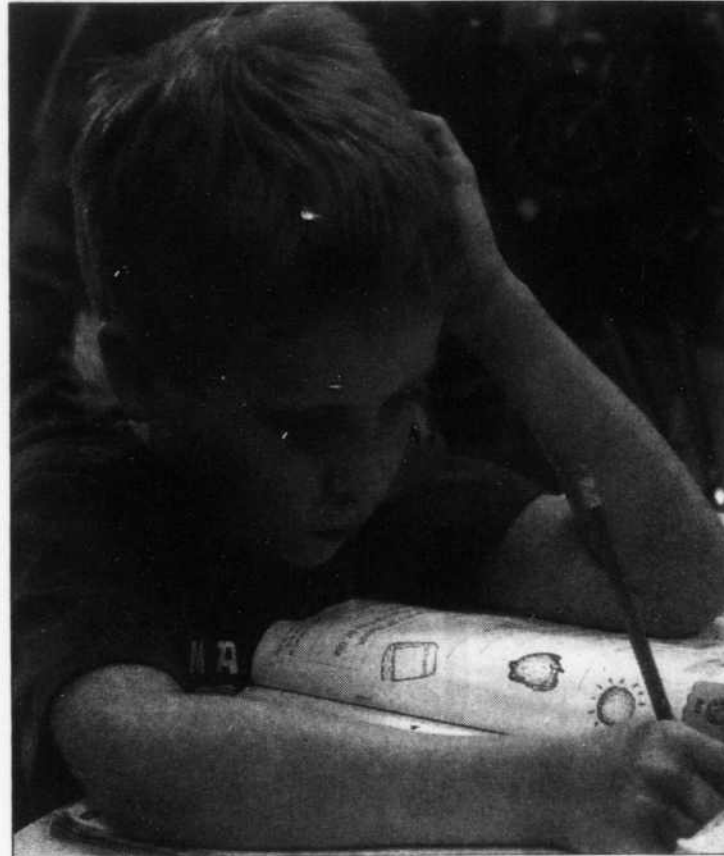
"Providing money for a reading-first initiative is a top priority of the president and his wife," Meyer said.

He went on to stress that the president's goal for the program is to create structural reading initiatives that are based on scientific research and utilize phonics.

"We all know that the fundamental part of learning is reading," Meyer said. "You can't get anywhere in other subjects if you don't know how to read."

Some educators greet NCLB with concern and wonder if the law will threaten their job security. They wonder if it will be a federal power grab or if students will have to learn in a rigid system in order to meet federal guidelines.

Linda Gilbert, associate director for instruction and professional development with



Seven-year-old Justin Harrell studies spelling in Mr. Cheeves second grade class at Northfield Elementary.

Murfreesboro City schools, said she is wary that NCLB will cause limitations in the classroom.

"I think what we are seeing is a constricting of curriculum and I think we're having to work very hard to avoid that, to

make sure, as the term goes, we're not teaching to the test," Gilbert said.

"There is nothing wrong with teaching the standards at which the test is supposed to be

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Goblins and ghosts and critters, oh my

Sororities host Halloween party for children

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Jim Cummings Hall will be overrun with little goblins, ghosts and princesses galore as Greek Life hosts its Annual Halloween Party on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. for children of faculty, staff and students at MTSU.

"The carnival has been going on for over four years," Wendi Cook, Panhellenic Activities director said. "Those invited include the faculty and staff and their children as well as those families who live in Womack Lane."

The carnival will be held in the lobby of Cummings Hall as well as the sorority chapter rooms.

Some of the scheduled games include a cakewalk, beanbag toss, Bozo game, tic tac toe, a fishing game and a Hula Hoop toss.

"Each Panhellenic sorority is making a game and collecting the candy and prizes," Cook said.

For the first time, the National Pan-Hellenic sororities are also participating in the festivities.

Organizations with chapter rooms that are not located in Cummings Hall will be paired with a sorority that does have a chapter room in Cummings Hall.

"This year we are teamed with Alpha Chi Omega [since they do not have a chapter room located in Cummings Hall]," Ginny Fones, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said.

"I really enjoyed seeing the Panhellenic spirit when the different sororities were grouped together last year at the Carnival," Megan McCauley, ZTA's Panhellenic Delegate, said.

Cook began looking at dates for the carnival at the beginning of the semester and invitations were sent out two weeks prior to the event. The sororities have been working on the games that they have planned for several weeks.

"I mainly plan the party as far as setting the date and getting everyone to participate," she added. "The sororities do the game planning and getting together the candy for the children."

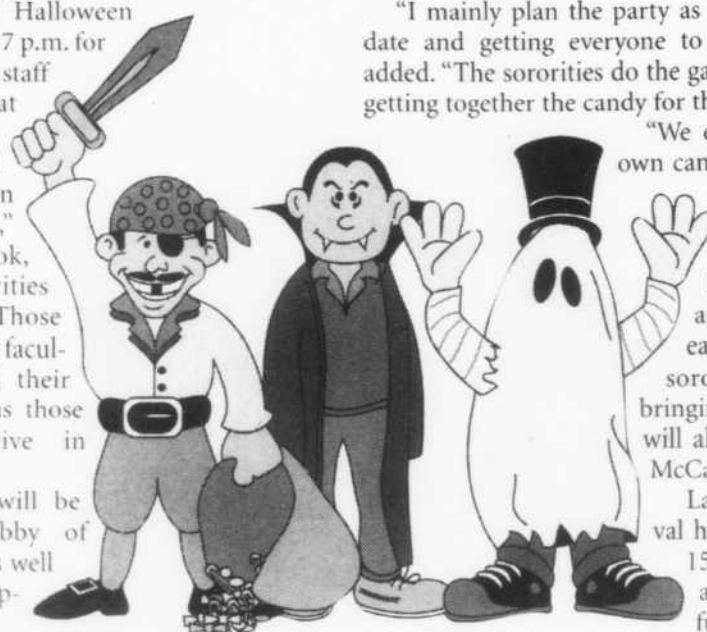
"We each provide our own candy and prizes for the kids. The event is put on by the Junior Panhellenic who are new girls from each sorority. Each sorority will be bringing a game and we will all be dressed up," McCauley said.

Last year the carnival had approximately 150-200 children and Cook is hopeful that that number

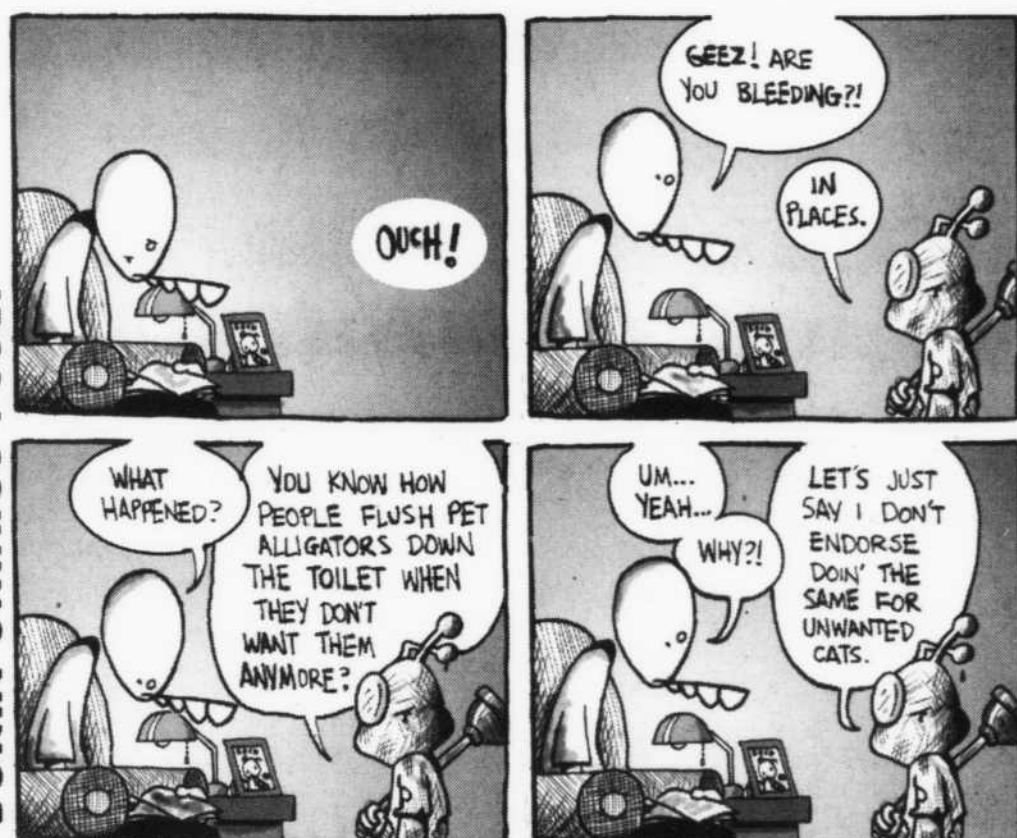
will increase this year.

"I think those who participate really enjoy the night. The carnival is a time for the students to show appreciation to the faculty as well as a time for families to get together in a safe environment," she said.

"My favorite part of the carnival last year was seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they won prizes. I also loved seeing them all dressed up in their cute costumes," McCauley said. ♦



BURNT ORANGE PEEL! by lucas antoniak



Child: Raising education standards

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based, but I think we need to make sure we wind up with well-rounded students that will make productive citizens," he added.

Dennis Farrell, director of Professional Development with Professional Educators of Tennessee, said he sees NCLB as in the trial and error stage for the first year, but that it holds a promise to raise the education standard in the U.S.

"The way the program has been designed up to this point, it really leaves a tremendous latitude," he said.

"It's not a federal program to determine how to operate it. The local systems determine how to implement a standard that is set at the state level. Locally, it can be implemented in many different possible ways," Farrell added.

Farrell noted that NCLB should not be considered as a negative on teachers or schools, but as a means of improvement and support.

"Part of what we're trying to do is to help everyone understand this law is not about tak-

ing the top 10 percent of teachers and fire everyone else," he said.

"This is about the fact we want to see teachers who are really below the average, to see them understand what they need to do to get better," he added. "It gives people the opportunity, if they have problems, to get them corrected."

Connie Smith of the Tennessee Department of Education said that as a result of attending the meeting she now thinks NCLB is extremely workable and believes it will provide options and support for teachers, schools and students.

"I thought it [Mr. Meyer's presentation] was excellent," she said. "I think [NCLB] is an excellent law and we're in support of it."

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MT kickers improve conference record 4-1

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer program earned its first victory over the University of North Texas on Sunday in a 4-3 overtime thriller.

Despite losing to the University of Denver 4-2 on Friday, the Blue Raiders now share the Sun Belt Conference lead with the Pioneers, with both teams holding a 4-1 conference record.

After Sunday's match, MT head coach Aston Rhoden talked excitedly about how far his team has come in just a year and a half.

"They worked, man ... they worked for this one," Rhoden said through chattering teeth after the Blue Raiders doused him in Gatorade. "North Texas beat us 6-0 last year, and here we are now winning this game in overtime. It just goes to show that we've got some kids in our program that history doesn't really mean anything to them. They're just going to go after it and go to win."

MT's victory over the Mean Green came less than 48 hours after the loss to Denver (12-2, 4-1), in which Pioneer senior forward Jenni Harris recorded her second career hat trick. Harris scored her first goal just six minutes into the game on a one-on-one breakaway. After a goal from Denver's Llane Grimditch, the Blue Raiders answered with tallies from Jessica Northcutt and Rebecca Rodriguez, tying the score at 2-2 in the second half.

However, Harris struck again less than three minutes after Rodriguez's goal before adding an insurance goal in the 76th minute to complete the hat trick.

Sunday's match began similarly for the Blue Raiders as UNT's Marilyn Marin scored her 14th goal of the season 10 minutes into the game off a long pass from Jessica Koschmann.

MT then created several scoring opportunities, including a wide-open shot from Claire Ward that sailed over the crossbar. Ward redeemed herself, however, when she placed a free kick over a wall of defenders in minute 32 to

tie the score.

Laura Miguez scored 19 seconds after Ward's goal to put the Blue Raiders up 2-1, the first time MT led UNT in their five meetings. The lead would be short-lived as Melinda Pina, the SBC's leading scorer, tied the score again less than two minutes later.

The offensive explosion continued for MT when Rodriguez found fellow freshman Brooke Ward deep in the goal box for a chip-in goal in minute 35. In all, the teams combined for four goals in less than three minutes.

Both teams then settled down for the rest of the first half. In the last few minutes of the half, Pina broke free down the left side of the field and slid her shot past both MT keeper Danielle Perreault and a sliding MT defender as all three players collided.

The score remained tied at 3-3 for the rest of regulation, despite several scoring chances for both teams.

See Soccer, 10



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

MT forward Jenny Cox tries to elude a North Texas defender on Sunday.

Blue Raider prevails against odds

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

Kenny Green of the Middle Tennessee golf team may have an ordinary name, but he is an extraordinary man. Green, who plays with a prosthetic leg from the knee down, has enjoyed success on the golf course since he began playing at the age of 12.

In September, Green won his second consecutive National Amputee Golf Tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

"It was a great feeling winning that first one," Green said. "But defending the title was weird, because I had never defended a title before. It felt great to win, especially at a course like Hazeltine."

Despite Green's shock at winning the tournament, he has been successful on the course in his stay at MT. In late September, Green fired a final-round 73, on his way to a 227 total, to help the Blue Raiders to a first place finish in the University of Louisiana-Monroe/Fred Marx Intercollegiate championship in Monroe, La.

"The gutsy effort of Kenny Green on the last 18 holes put us over the top," head coach Johnny Moore said. "Kenny was out there on one leg and playing very sore. He gutted it out and played like a champion today."

That 73 was the lowest collegiate round for Green, and was also good enough to put Green in a tie for 16th place overall at the tournament, his best finish as a collegian.

"My game has gotten a lot better," Green said. "Most of my time is spent playing, and I feel I have improved a lot in the last few months."

Despite his recent improvement, Green is no stranger to success on the golf course. He has won several amputee tournaments in Tennessee, Georgia and Kentucky, along with several other tournaments in his hometown of Clarksville, Tenn.

Green was also named the Clarksville-Montgomery County golfer of the year during his senior year at Clarksville High School in 2000. Green also lettered in basketball for two years in high school before deciding to concentrate on golf.

Some may be surprised by Green's suc-

cess due to the fact he wears a prosthetic leg, but it is something the junior management major has become accustomed to.

"I've had it all my life," Green said. "My umbilical cord was wrapped around my leg at birth, and my parents decided to amputate at six months. I got my first prosthesis at a year and a half."

With the exception of his prosthesis and his stellar play on the golf course, Green is like many other college students. He spends most of his free time with his fiancé, eating and spending time with family. Green's future plans include golf as well.

"I definitely see golf as a part of my life in the future," Green said. "I'm hoping to get to the next level, but if that doesn't work out then I would like to be involved as a teacher or manager of a course. Also, there will probably be several opportunities for me as an amputee, but golf will definitely be involved."

For now, however, Green plans to help the MT golf team in its pursuit of the USA



Photo by James Harris | Staff Photographer

MT senior Kenny Green chips a shot onto the green.

Fall Beach Classic next week and the Sun Belt Championship in April.

"We're very happy for Kenny," Moore said. "We're proud to have him at MT for all he stands for and all he represents." ♦

Grand jury to hear McNair DUI charge in late November

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steve McNair's case on drunken driving and weapons charges will go to a grand jury.

General Sessions Judge Leon Ruben ruled Tuesday that there was sufficient evidence for the case against the Tennessee Titans quarterback to move forward.

An official in the District Attorney's office said the grand jury could convene in four to five weeks.

McNair left with his lawyer after the hearing and did not talk to reporters.

McNair was pulled over by police while driving a sport utility vehicle in Nashville just after midnight May 22.

Officer Shawn Taylor said he saw McNair's vehicle swerve across the center line.

According to police, McNair's eyes were bloodshot, his breath smelled of alcohol and he acknowledged drinking.

"There was no doubt in my mind he was impaired and a dangerous driver," Taylor testified during the preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Defense attorney Roger May suggested that the officer arrested McNair only because he wanted to nab a celebrity.

Taylor acknowledged that he had talked to other officers about arresting a Titans player, McNair in particular. But what he meant, Taylor said, was that he would arrest anyone for drunken driving, no matter how famous they were.

"I used to joke and say, 'If it's

Steve McNair and he's drunk, he's going to jail,'" Taylor said.

Police said McNair's blood-alcohol level was 0.18 — well above Tennessee's limit of 0.10 at the time.

The level dropped to 0.08 on July 1.

The weapon charge involves a 9 mm handgun found in the SUV. McNair has a permit for the handgun, but an intoxicated person may not legally carry a loaded weapon.

The defense attorney also tried to persuade the judge to throw out the blood-alcohol test, saying the officer didn't have probable cause to stop McNair in the first place.

May said the police videotape of the arrest never shows McNair's SUV swerving across the center line.

The officer said McNair drove across the line twice before he turned on the videotape.

Prosecutor Dumaka Shabazz said May's questions were the first allegation he had heard that Taylor had other motives in arresting McNair.

"It's an issue I'm going to look over," Shabazz said. "But I think either way, even if the officer was out to get him, he saw evidence the defendant was intoxicated, and I think that's going to carry some weight."

McNair, who attended with his wife, did not speak during the hearing.

The Titans quarterback, who finished third in the NFL's MVP voting last season, currently is the league's top-rated passer and has led the Titans to a 5-2 record this season. ♦

Taking Sides

Salaries are too high in MLB

No need for a cap in baseball

The Hard Truth

Jerry Wilkinson
Sports Editor



The New York Yankees are playing in the World Series for the sixth time in eight years.

If you are not a Yankees fan, like myself, you are probably getting sick and tired of watching them Yankees in the post-season.

The biggest problem with baseball is not the use of steroids or any other illicit drug. It's that there is no salary cap in baseball.

Sure, it has been talked about, but every time the idea comes up, it is shot down.

The trade deadline for Major League Baseball is July 31. As soon as teams figure out whether or not they have a shot at the playoffs, they start picking up players for short term contracts to expand their rosters for a possible league cham-

pionship.

Herein lies the problem with the teams that can afford the "big money" players. While some teams cannot afford to pick up the high-priced players, other teams, like the Yankees, start building on their bullpen.

For a moment, let's imagine there were a salary cap. To make it fair, let's say that the cap for baseball is more than that of the NFL.

The salary cap for our baseball league will be \$100 million. Now, teams like the Yankees and the Braves can no longer afford to pick up the expensive players.

The solution to this problem sounds simple. Now, MLB is more competitive, and every team can have quality players, and if they choose to give a player a \$25,000,000 per year contract, they will have to play with the talent they can afford.

With only a handful of ball clubs that are able to pay these high salaries, many of the other ball clubs are usually utilizing players from their farm clubs.

Players like Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers and Roger

Clemens of the Yankees will only hurt their teams and not help them.

I am not sure what goes through a team owner's mind when he agrees to such an enormous fee for an athlete. I am not saying that I don't think that the player is worth nothing. In fact, the player should be reimbursed for their abilities.

The fact that a player is getting paid a multi-million dollar contract is what puzzles me.

In other professional sports, there are salary caps. The NFL has a salary cap for a reason just like the one I have explained.

If one team could afford all the best athletes, then what kind of fun would that be for the viewing audience to watch one team dominate the league?

MLB will probably not put a salary cap into place for a long time. Until then, we will keep watching the same teams in postseason play.

Since this probably won't change, I may as well become a Yankees fan. ♦

A Sports Almanac

David Hunter
Asst. Sports Editor



Every time the New York Yankees make the World Series, people start complaining about how the Yankees are buying championships. There needs to be a salary cap in the MLB just like in the NFL.

However, I do not think money has anything to do in winning championships. It takes players with talent and hard work to become one of the best. Guys like Bernie Williams, Derek Jeter and Andy Pettitte put their money where their mouth is, and that is why the Yankees have 26 titles.

There are some teams like the New York Mets and the Texas Rangers that were in the top five in payroll at the beginning of season.

Guess what? Both teams did not even come close to making

the playoffs.

On the other side, teams like the Oakland Athletics and the Minnesota Twins made the playoffs without having to open the checkbook to pay overhyped, overrated big name players.

The Athletics have done it for three consecutive years, while the Twins have been twice in a row.

Remember, the Twins were almost contracted by MLB, but they used it as motivation to make the playoffs in 2002. This year they proved it was no fluke by returning to the playoffs.

The Yankees are not the only team that spent big money to give them a chance to win championships. What about the 1997 Florida Marlins, who paid big money to get guys like Moises Alou and were able to win the title. However, one of the lowest paid guys on the team, Craig Counsell, scored the winning run in game seven.

Unfortunately, the owner got rid of most of the high-priced players after the series was completed. It's ironic that Marlins

used a different path of using younger, lower-priced players to earn the spot in the World Series, especially with the young pitching staff with players like Josh Beckett, Brad Penny and Dontrelle Willis leading the way.

Of course, the Marlins added some veteran leadership with catcher Ivan Rodriguez and Jeff Conine. Conine is the only player on the Marlins that also played on that 1997 championship team.

The Marlins were 20th in terms of payroll before the season began.

Don't forget about the Atlanta Braves. The Braves have been at least in the top 10 in payroll for the past 10 years or so. However, with all the division titles, the Braves have only one World Series ring to show for all their success.

In the end, it does not matter how much money a team spends to become one of the best. It goes back to the classic work ethic and determination for teams to bring home rings. ♦



Sports Briefs

News from around Middle Tennessee



Compiled by Jerry Wilkinson
Sports Editor

Winter Baseball Camp Dates Set

Middle Tennessee has set Dec. 29-30 for a Winter Baseball Camp at the Stephen B. Smith Indoor Training Facility on the Blue Raider campus.

Head coach Steve Peterson, as well as the rest of the Blue Raider coaching staff and several current players, will host a hitting camp Dec. 29 and a pitcher/catcher camp Dec. 30. Both camps are for kids ages 8 through high school seniors and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Camp registration begins each day at 8 a.m. at the Stephen B. Smith Clubhouse.

The cost is \$100 per camp. Players will be grouped by ages, and the camps are limited to the first 75 applicants who complete a registration form. For registration, visit goblueraiders.com on the baseball page or call 898-2961 for details.

Blue Raiders Basketball gearing up for 2003 season

The second year of the Kermit Davis era at Middle Tennessee gets underway on Saturday morning when the Blue Raiders take to the floor for their first official team practice for the 2003-04 season.

The squad will feature several new faces, but one thing will remain the same – Davis' demanding practice regimen.

"You just don't know who you have until you have gone through the grind," Davis said. "We have some young guys and newcomers that haven't been through all of this yet."

"I am very impressed with our incoming players. They have learned very quickly," Davis said. "We saw pretty quickly that the learning curve for some of these guys isn't going to be as long as we thought it could have been."

The team returns only three players who have ever seen action for the Blue Raiders. However, this group has been providing outstanding leadership for the younger players.

"We have very good senior leadership. Keith Connor and Steven Jackson had an excellent fall," Davis said.

The Blue Raiders practice schedule leads up to the team's only exhibition game on Nov. 4 against Global Sports. The team will take to the court for the regular season opener on Nov. 24 against Covenant College.

Lady Raider basketball opens practice Saturday

The four corners of a puzzle lay spread out on the floor as the Middle Tennessee Lady Raider basketball team begins practice on Saturday at 2 p.m. Now the team just has to interlock the centerpieces to see the full picture.

A sense of excitement and anticipation swirls around the Lady Raiders as full team practice gets underway, and the players are ready to get on the court. Middle Tennessee has been ready to

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MT netters lose on road in SBC matchups

By Chris Glasser
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee hoped to pick up some ground in the Sun Belt Conference last weekend when they took on SBC opponents Denver and New Mexico State at Alumni Memorial Gym, but the Lady Raiders came up short in both matches and dropped to the bottom of the SBC.

A late rally by MT wasn't enough to beat Denver on Friday, falling in a 3-2 match (30-28, 21-30, 27-30, 30-28, 10-15).

After losing the second and third games, MT battled back to win the fourth game on

two late kills from junior outside hitter KeKe Deckard. With the fifth game tied at 6, Olympia Hughes' kill gave Denver the lead they would never relinquish.

"They're a very consistent team with a good setter, and the outside hitters set great blocks," MT head coach Lisa Kisse said.

Senior Andrea Baron led the Pioneers (14-8, 5-3 SBC) with 20 kills, while Hughes finished with 18. Senior Karisse Baker led all scorers with 23 kills, while Deckard added 22.

On Sunday, NMSU extended their winning streak to a school record 12 straight matches with a 3-0 victory over the Lady

Raiders (30-19, 30-26, 30-24).

Nine service errors killed MT from the beginning and they were never able to recover as the Aggies completed the sweep and remained undefeated in SBC play. Abby Stines and Shari Hearne led the Aggies (18-4, 8-0 SBC) with 13 kills each, and Stevi Adams recorded 11 kills and 14 assists. Baker once again led MT with 12 kills as the Lady Raiders dropped to 8-15 and 1-6 in Sun Belt play.

The Lady Raiders will be on the road this weekend when they travel to the University of South Alabama on Friday and the University of New Orleans on Sunday. ♦

Soccer: Kickers beat UNT

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The Blue Raiders then took the only shot of overtime as Rachel Holmes took a pass from Christina Mascaro deep in the box and stuck it in, sending the home fans into a frenzy as the MT bench emptied and dove on Holmes and Mascaro.

"Our team just had the right outlook to just go in and finish the game early," Holmes said after the pandemonium had subsided. "Everybody was just pressing hard for the last two minutes to get it and to give whatever you got and finish it."

"We basically just said, 'Look, no mistakes.' One goal, and we win the game," Rhoden said just after the first half. "We can let it finish after 20 minutes,

or we can let it finish after two."

"Fortunately for us, Christina fought for a ball, and Rachel Holmes just gave that extra run and was able to finish it off," Rhoden said.

The golden goal was Holmes' first career goal.

The loss dropped UNT (10-4-1, 3-1-1) from first in the SBC into a tie for fourth with Western Kentucky University. WKU and UNT tied 1-1 last Friday.

The Blue Raiders (9-6, 4-1) now face WKU in a critical conference road game on Friday at 5 p.m. MT then returns home for its final home match of the season against Samford University on Sunday at 1 p.m. ♦



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MT setter Megan Sumrell and middle blocker Goldie Bilyeu look on as outside hitter Dara McLean attempts a save.

Briefs: Lady Raiders gear up for the 2003 basketball season

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get on the court. Middle Tennessee has been waiting to hit the court again since the final seconds of the Sun Belt Tournament, when the Lady Raiders fell 86-83 to Western Kentucky.

"The majority of the team came onto campus in July for off-season conditioning," head coach Stephany Smith said. "This team has a great work ethic, and the accountability of each players has really grown."

"This is the first time in my coaching career that everyone touching our program has the same mindset and the same goals," Smith said. "I am excited about the

season ahead, and this is the best team I have had since entering the coaching ranks."

Middle Tennessee begins their journey on Saturday when the team hits the court for their first official team practice at 2 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

Jackson-Short Fall in Quarters

Middle Tennessee's Kirk Jackson and Trevor Short dropped an 8-3 decision in the doubles quarterfinals Sunday at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Region III Championships in Memphis, Tenn.

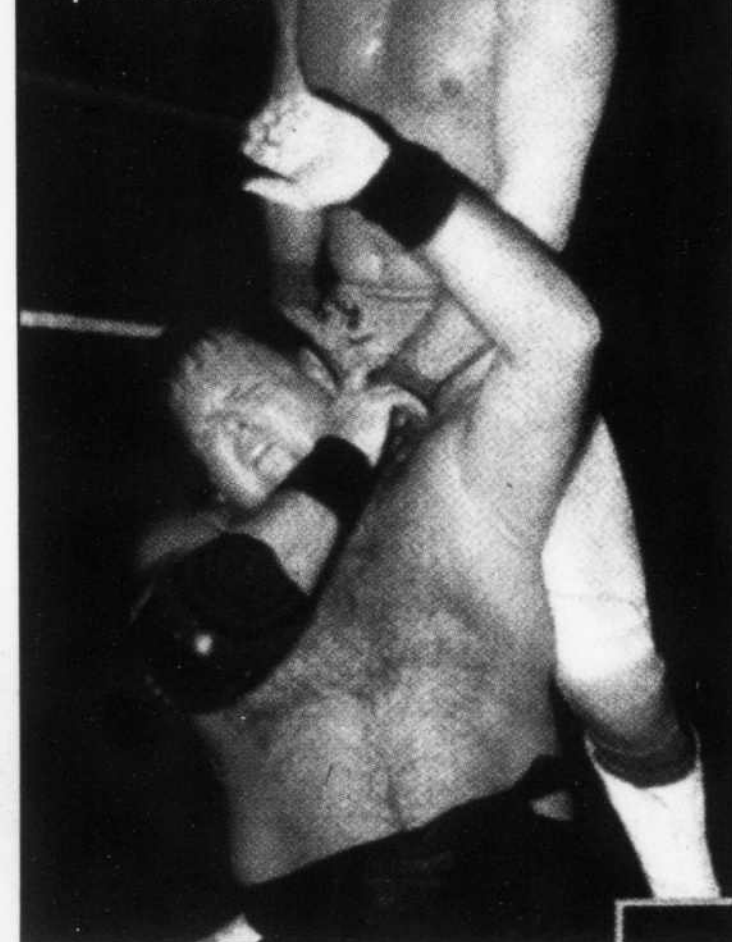
Jackson-Short lost to top-seeded and fourth-ranked Andrew Colombo and

Gabor Zoltan Pelva of Auburn. Jackson did not have his usual energy for the match after he and teammate Kai Schledorn were both hospitalized Saturday night with a viral infection. "Kirk and Trevor played real well in the tournament. It's a shame," Blue Raider head coach Dale Short said. "The illness really weakened Kirk, and once Auburn got ahead, he just didn't have the energy to put up much of a fight."

The Blue Raiders finish the fall season next weekend at the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La.

Full results for the ITA Region III Championships may be accessed at tennis-information.com. ♦

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