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Crisis plan developed by Student Affairs

Manual for
program lists
contact names
and numbers

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

MTSU's Division of Student Affairs has begun a new program to improve the campus' response to student emergencies.

John David Hays, dean of Student Life, said he saw the need to create a defined system for the way student crises should be handled by university authorities.

Earlier this spring, he

approached John Dickerson, assistant dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services, about creating such a program.

"For a long time, we knew there was a need for professional response to emergencies on campus," Dickerson said. He noted that an unsuccessful program had been instituted five to six years ago by the then dean of Students, Tom Burke.

Hays said he felt it was time to revisit the program.

"We need to look like we know what we're doing in a crisis — who needs to help whom," he said.

In the spring, Dickerson gathered a committee to improve the program. The committee was made up of various deans and heads of departments that would be directly involved

in managing a campus emergency.

Dickerson was able to create an emergency plan based on the model of several other colleges, including the University of Alabama.

"I used to work at the University of Alabama, so I was familiar with their program," he said. "I used their manual and changed it around a bit."

The manual for the program is largely a list of phone numbers and contact names. It is organized to indicate who are the appropriate persons to contact in an emergency and what steps should be taken in certain situations.

The Student Affairs Crisis Response, or the "Dean Program," creates levels of responsibility in a crisis. "Crisis"

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— John Dickerson
assistant dean of Judicial Affairs

includes cases such as physical injury, sexual assault, a suicide threat, a student death and emotional emergencies. In each case, there is hierarchy of who to call when.

"Housing is still the first response to an emergency," Dickerson said. "If additional assistance is required, housing may call the next person listed in the manual."

Dickerson and Hays see the function of the program and its

manual as a way to create cohesiveness between campus authorities. Both noted that it will allow things to go much smoother in a crisis situation when everyone who should be there has their assigned job to do, and no unnecessary contacts are made or needless confusion created.

The program includes extending the deans' job descriptions to after hours. A schedule is set for each dean to

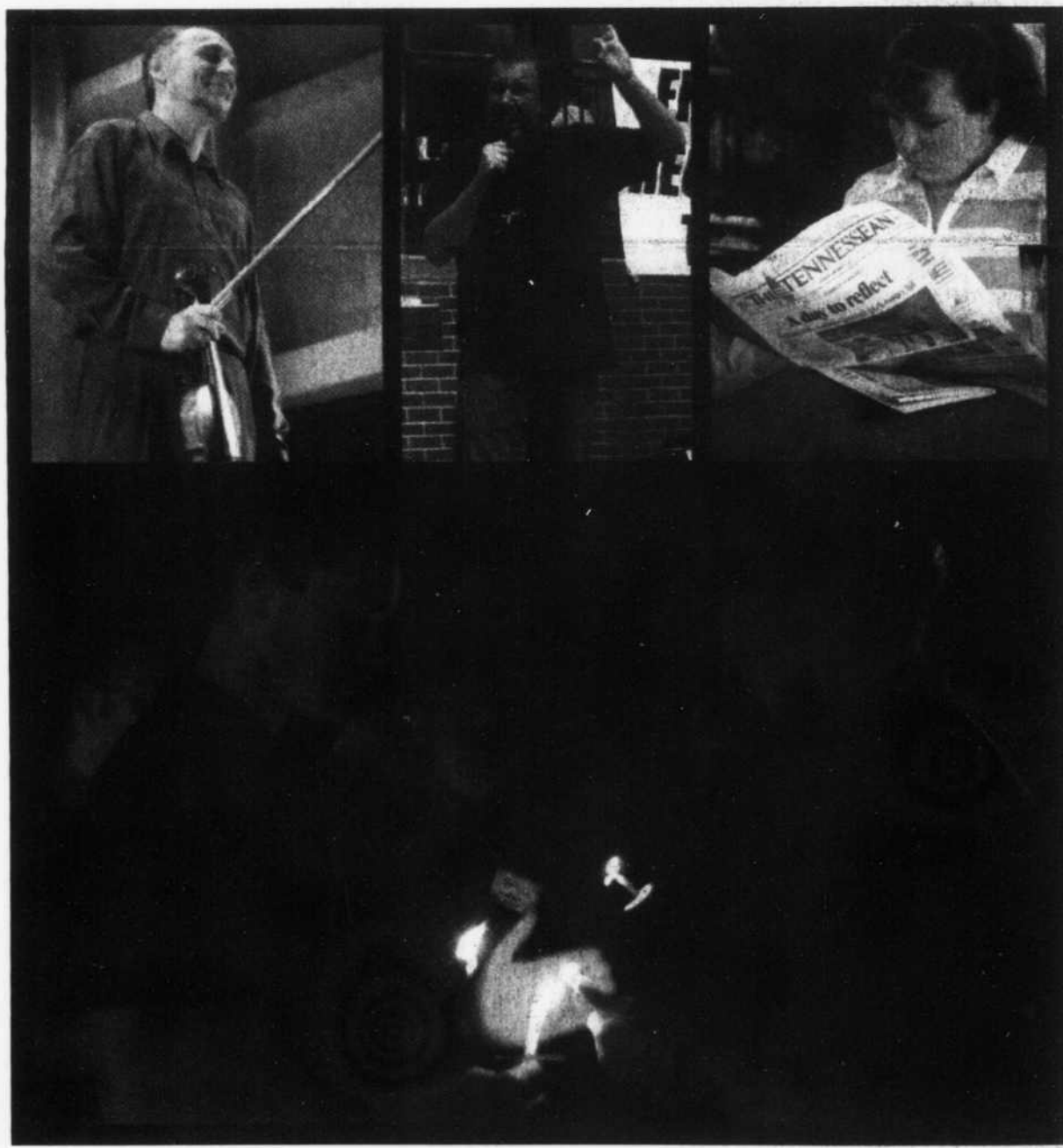
take a week to be on call after hours for emergencies. The dean for each week takes the responsibility to be on call from 4:30 p.m. until 8 a.m. each day of the week, and for 24 hours on the weekends.

"Our responsibilities are 24-seven," said Hays. "We expect to be wherever we need to be. Someone can call us in the middle of the night if they have to." The deans share a cell phone that serves as the on-call contact. Each week the cell phone is passed to the next dean scheduled.

Besides the immediate MTSU faculty, Dickerson has worked with the campus police department to familiarize them with the program. Police Chief

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Remembering Sept. 11



Violinist Stefan Petrescu stands before an audience at a Wright Music Hall memorial concert yesterday. Solidarity adviser Michael Principe leads a peace rally on the Knoll. Amanda Cothorn reads and reflects. Jay Chapman (right) lights Zak Mestancik's candle during the vigil on the Knoll.

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MTSU gets \$6.2 million from state

Faculty raises,
new profs
to be funded

By Jason Cox
Managing Editor

MTSU will have more than \$6 million to allocate as needed due to an influx of tuition and state revenues.

Included in the revenues are approximately \$4.5 million received from the 7.5 percent tuition increase; an operating increase of \$4.8 million from the state legislature, the first in more than four years; and Tennessee's share of a state-mandated 2 percent across-the-board salary increase, totaling nearly \$10 million in new revenues.

In turn, MTSU must put up almost \$1 million for the 2 percent pay increase, \$2.3 million to fund equity salary increases and \$500,000 for employee benefits, leaving a remainder of approximately \$6.2 million. Equity salary increases are those given based on salaries of similar positions at peer schools in surrounding states.

According to Mary Morgan, director of communications for the Tennessee Board of Regents, the appropriation from the legislature, which is significantly larger than that received by other TBR schools, is due to the large growth MTSU has experienced.

"The formula is based on enrollment and [MTSU] has had the largest enrollment growth," Morgan said.

Morgan said that the approximately \$24 million increase TBR schools have received, while significant, is only a portion of what the schools need to be financially comparable to those in nearby states.

"We would need about another \$111 million to have as much per student as our peer institutions in surrounding states have," Morgan said. "We're still way, way behind."

While MTSU President Sidney McPhee acknowledged more money is needed, he said he is appreciative of the increases that have come MTSU's way.

"This is really the first significant operating increase that we've gotten in five or six years," McPhee said. "I'm not one that would complain."

"We're really grateful that we have the opportunity to really get some things done at the university level."

McPhee said that, at MTSU, the \$6.2 million remainder represents about 4 percent of MTSU's total budget of \$157 million.

Morgan said the TBR has no guidelines for universities to spend their remaining funds. Instead, McPhee said, the university will use its own set of guidelines in using the remaining funds.

"We use a strategic plan to help guide us in allocating our resources," McPhee said.

Noting that a large majority of the fund last year went to Academic Affairs, McPhee said MTSU will be allocating "significant dollars for new faculty to help with the growth." He added that he hopes to hire 20 new faculty members this year.

McPhee also said he hopes to add resources to aid in academic advising, particularly that for undeclared students, improve library holdings and increase departmental operating funds. He also expressed a desire to keep and earn accreditations both for the university at large and individual departments.

"There are certain requirements [the accreditation organizations] have that are costly that we are going to be allocating additional dollars for," McPhee said.

Morgan said the equity increase allows schools such as MTSU to remain competitive with public universities of comparable size and composition in other states.

Most TBR schools will be implementing the equity increase, Morgan said.

The University of Memphis has implemented a merit program, which gives pay increases based on performance rather than salaries of peer institutions.

East Tennessee State University, in addition to an equity increase program, is doing a one-time merit-based 0.6 percent pay increase. ♦

Patriotic symbol stolen from bookstore



This American flag with an eagle on it was taken from the front lawn of Blue Raider Bookstore Tuesday afternoon. The flag is valued at around \$200.

Staff Reports

One day before the first anniversary of the worst attack on American soil, a symbol of national freedom and unity was stolen from the lawn of an off-campus bookstore.

A large American flag with an eagle on it was taken from Blue Raider Bookstore on Greenland Drive Tuesday around lunchtime, according to the store's general manager, April Barnett.

A BRBS employee witnessed a male in his early 20s pull up in front of the store on the side of Greenland, take the flag and attach it to his black truck, Barnett said.

"I'd just like to know what his motivation was behind this," she said. Barnett said the flag is

valued at about \$200, and that the store received it with a batch of similar ones about two weeks before school started in August.

The store notified the police, who, Barnett said, have yet to find the individual. A Murfreesboro Police spokeswoman said the offense would likely be categorized as larceny, a misdemeanor.

Barnett said the theft might not be financially devastating to the store, but that its significance is symbolic. She said the store just wants the flag back more than anything.

"We consider it to be a cowardly act by an individual," she said. "It's stealing an American flag. Who does that?"

Information regarding the stolen flag can be directed to Barnett at 890-7231. ♦

Nashville rally calls for peace in terrorism war

American culture to blame, activist says

By Kristin Hall
Staff Writer

During the Peace in the Park rally in south Nashville's Sevier Park Sunday, the gentle hum of grasshoppers was interrupted by the heavy beats of drums.

The beats came from gospel and spiritual music of local musicians, and the accompaniment by the audience with their own drums.

Thunderous beats also came from the speakers' emphasizing stomps on the wooden platform to illustrate the sound of America's army marching towards its enemies in the Middle East.

"We know that the solutions to our problems in this world are not going to come out of the end of a barrel," said Ed Sanders, an independent candidate for state governor.

The point of Peace in the Park is to avoid those marching footsteps that could lead us into an all-out war. Groups such as the Nashville Peace and Justice Center and the Green Party of Tennessee sponsored the event at the request of Peaceful Tomorrows, an organization formed by family members of Sept. 11 victims who oppose retaliation. Peaceful Tomorrows has encouraged nationwide rallies for peace during the days surrounding the anniversary of Sept. 11.

The event included a variety of local music from gospel to acoustic guitar to rock 'n' roll. Between the music, speakers from all walks of life took to the stage to explain how important it was that America continue to strive for peace.

Sanders, who heads the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, said that he felt challenged to understand how he, as an American, can be part of the solution and not the problem.

"We're a part of a global fabric and what we do for peace here today affects peace around the world," Sanders said.

The chair for the Tennessee Alliance for Progress, Carlton Cornett, continued Sanders' message for the audience.

"The peace of this world is the paradigm of eternal struggle," Cornett said.

He explained that compassion for humanity is the one of the underlying foundations for peace.

"One of the ways our culture fights against peace is by teaching us that having compassion for our feeling and our needs is wrong," Cornett said.

"The American tradition of the staunch individualist, the self-made man, the completely self-sufficient person, teaches us to think of other people as potential threats," Cornett added.

However, Cornett said that this way of thinking does not lead to compassion.

"It is only being immersed in humanity, being a person that needs other people, that we can know the limitations and frailties of humanity," he said.

The park is a few blocks down from the Islamic Center of Nashville, which also houses an Islamic school that teaches Islamic studies and Arabic up to eighth grade. The education director, Yassar Arafat, dispelled some of the myths about the Muslim religion.

"Islam condemns all forms of terrorism," he said, "and is a religion of justice and peace."

"We join our fellow citizens in mourning those who were killed or injured on that fateful day, Sept. 11," Arafat said.

Arafat asked that Americans give every person respect, understanding and tolerance during these difficult times.

"We should not give the terrorists what they want, which is to divide and conquer," Arafat urged.

"Patriotism, in my understanding, is love and respect, brings peace and harmony," he said, "not hate and racism."

In addition to the organizational booths at the rally, one table was selling olive-wood carvings made from the families who live in a small village in Palestine. These families are attempting to market their art after almost two years of little or no income. One of the speakers, George Qassis, a 27-year-old Palestinian Christian, was born in that village and is touring the country to raise funds for his family there.

"We have six to eight funerals each day in Palestine," he said, talking a little about his homeland.

Qassis brings a unique voice to Middle East politics as a non-violent Christian, and his talk at the peace rally touched on the hopes and goals of his people.

"We Palestinians have a dream of freedom," he said. ♦

Students recall a year ago

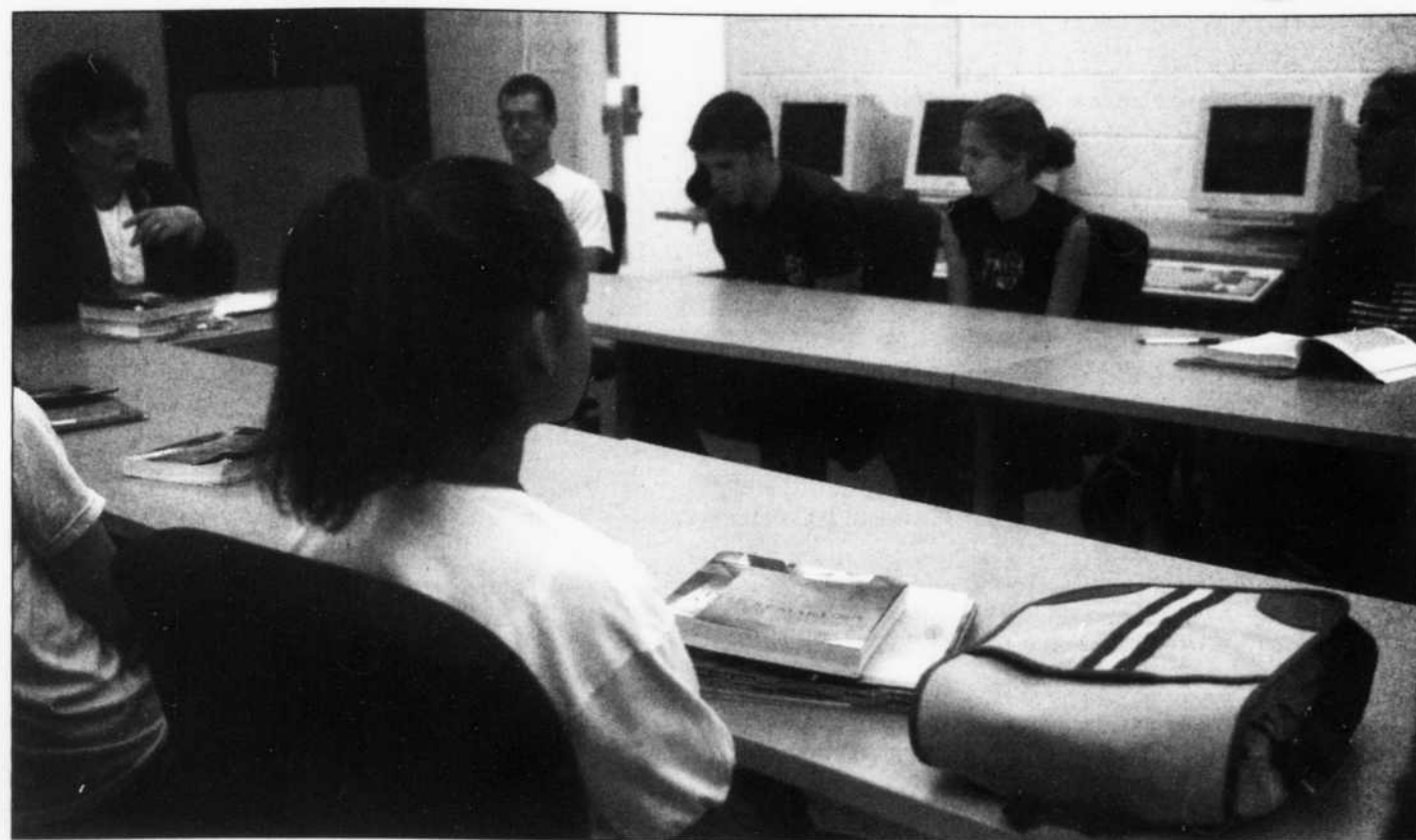


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Maria Clayton's English class gathers around a table to discuss where they were when they heard about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Clayton told the students their memories would stay with them forever.

Security: School, city forces unite to provide service in crisis time

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Jack Drugmand was enthusiastic about the new program and Dickerson's manual of contact information.

"[The program] makes it much easier for us," Drugmand said. "We'll actually have a contact to call. It will expedite things much quicker. I think it's a great system."

Murfreesboro city resources will also be able to be involved if an emergency proves severe. The Murfreesboro City Police will help when they are needed. Dickerson also said the Guidance Center, which has had a long working relationship with the university, will also be able to be involved when a student requires mental and emotional help.

"I feel like it [the program] will be successful," Hays said. "It helps us make MTSU a student-centered learning environment."

Committee members included Rick Chapman, Sarah Sudak, Doug Williams, Gerald Cuadill, Hays, Charles Norrid, Gene Fitch, Jan Tipps and Terry Logan. ♦

Females make salary headway

Pay hikes lead to more equal compensation

By Katie Subach
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) — Pennsylvania's female full-time, year-round workers show larger increases in earnings than their male counterparts, The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg said.

This does not mean, however, that women are making more money, said Sue Copella, director of the data center.

From 1989 to 1999, full-time female workers experienced an increase in earnings of about 13.1 percent, while men saw an increase of about 1.5 percent for the same time period, the data center reported.

"Their incomes increased at a larger percentage than males," Copella said. "It doesn't mean the women got bigger raises."

This data was taken from a study commissioned by the U.S. Census Bureau, Copella said. In the 2000 census, most people filled out a short census form, and some were randomly selected to fill out a longer form, she

said.

The longer form was able to provide information on topics such as educational background, economic and poverty status and housing, as well as travel time to and from work, Copella said.

The study discovered that female full-time, year-round workers took in median earnings of \$26,687 in 1999, which is an increase of \$3,084 from \$23,603 in 1989. Male full-time, year-round workers had a median earning of \$37,051 in 1999, an increase of \$541 compared to the 1989 amount of \$36,510. All 1989 figures are adjusted for difference in income type and inflation, the data center said.

Gretchen Cornwell, Penn State assistant professor of rural sociology and demography, notes some possible reasons for the study's results.

"The wage gap is getting smaller now that more women are employed in jobs that were once gender-segregated or traditionally viewed as male," she said.

Besides the shrinking earnings difference, women are putting in increased time at their jobs, Cornwell said.

"Since women have been working more continually, they have been able to develop the same work patterns as males

and are more likely to receive raises or get promotions in the workplace," Cornwell said. "When we look at young women in the workplace, we know they make close to what men make."

More information from this study will be released toward the end of the month, Copella said.

"Once the second set of data comes out, we will see that more women are working and are working as highly-skilled professionals," she said.

Copella noted some other possible explanations for the increase in earnings.

"More women work full-time now since 1990," she said. "Before, women may have chosen less specialized jobs than men, and this may account for why they had lower salaries."

The data center explained that women have historically worked more part-time jobs than males and consequently have not received tenure. This trend is on the decline, the center said.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and disseminates research briefs every two weeks on various topics relevant to the state. ♦

Parental rights to be decided by Utah court

Son placed in state custody after parents incarcerated

By Meagan Anderson
The Daily Universe
(Brigham Young U.)

(U-WIRE) — The parental rights of a mother and father are in jeopardy after the Utah Supreme Court convened Friday morning.

The argument in this case is whether the state of Utah has the right to terminate parental rights of a mother and father who do not live in Utah.

The parents in question, who have not been identified, are serving jail time in Texas and Oklahoma after being separately convicted of sexually abusing children.

The couple's 13-year-old son has been in Utah state foster care since 1998, when his older sister, who had legal guardianship, was unable to care for the boy and turned him over to the state.

The state of Utah has found

the boy's biological parents unfit and determined that their parental rights should be terminated.

Annina Mitchell, attorney for the state, said she is aware how sensitive this case is.

"The issue here is whether Utah has the right to terminate parental rights," she said.

Mitchell recognizes the boy's biological parents do have legal ground to oppose the ruling, but feels strongly that they should not maintain their parental rights.

"They can't hide behind the federal constitution," Mitchell said. "The boy is here and his parents are elsewhere."

According to Jim Shirley, attorney for the boy's mother, Utah has the authority to make decisions about the boy's foster care, but it does not have jurisdiction to terminate parental rights.

Utah officials say the boy's parents were notified of the termination proceedings but chose not to participate.

"Incarcerated parents communicate all of the time," said Martha Pierce, an attorney defending the boy's welfare.

The boy's parents could have communicated their concerns by telephone or by video

with Utah state attorneys but no contact was made, she said.

Pierce continued by saying that terminating the parental rights in this case is justified.

"Most parents in jail make arrangements for their children," Pierce said.

Upon entering jail, the boy's parents had made no long-term plans for their son.

"I make better arrangements for my children when I go to the movies. These parents were going to be gone much longer than two hours," Pierce said. "It seems to me that they didn't care."

As for the boy, he does not understand why his foster family cannot adopt him.

"They love him and he loves them," Pierce said. "They want to be a family and are frustrated that this is still going on."

The Utah Supreme Court has not ruled in this case, but a decision should be reached by the end of this year.

Mitchell said that Justice Richard C. Howe will be retiring in December. All cases he is working on, including this case, will be ruled on before he leaves the court. ♦

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Palestinian parliament convenes to vote on new Cabinet; Arafat willing to step down for peace

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat told the Palestinian parliament Monday that he condemns "every act of terror against Israeli civilians" and that he is willing to give up executive powers if asked.

It was not immediately clear whether he was seriously proposing stepping down or merely mocking his critics.

Arafat also said presidential, parliamentary and municipal elections would be held at the beginning of January. The United States has been seeking a delay in presidential elections in hopes of winning Palestinian agreement to installing a prime minister who would take over day-to-day affairs of government and turning Arafat into a figurehead. Arafat has resisted the idea of appointing a prime minister.

Addressing the Israeli public, Arafat called for new peace negotiations and said: "I would like to say that we want to achieve peace with you. We want security and stability for us and for you ... This peace is still ahead of us."

Arafat's appearance before the legislature, his first in 18 months, was considered a key test of his standing. He was seeking approval for a new Cabinet and for reform plans sought by the United States and Israel.

Pentagon says Taliban, not al-Qaida, suspected in assassination attempt against Afghan president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities in the United States and Afghanistan say the assassination attempt against Afghan President Hamid Karzai probably was engineered by the ousted Taliban regime, rather than al-Qaida terrorists.

"A lot of the violence — including, we may well find out, the assassination attempt on Karzai — are the product of remnants of the old regime that are still around, that are still trying to kill us and kill our allies and make way for terrorists," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Tuesday in an interview with AP Radio and AP Television News.

Another senior defense official later said on condition of anonymity that intelligence gathered so far points to Taliban.

Another U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Taliban's role in the attempt has not been definitively established. Another possibility includes the forces of the former prime minister, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, or old tribal enemies, officials have said.

Widespread election problems after failure of new voting technology stall Florida primary results

Another Florida election. Another race too close to call. And, once again, problems at the polls that left voters angry and confused.

A new \$32 million election system put in place after the 2000 Bush-Gore presidential debacle in Florida failed miserably in its debut Tuesday: Ballots jammed, machines malfunctioned and Gov. Jeb Bush ordered polls to stay open late.

Tuesday marked the busiest election day of the year.

Voters in 12 states determined fall lineups for six open governor's offices, three of the most competitive Senate seats and a few House seats that could influence control of Congress and the shape

of the remainder of President Bush's administration.

In New Hampshire, U.S. Sen. Bob Smith was defeated by Rep. John Sununu in the GOP primary. In North Carolina, Elizabeth Dole coasted to victory Tuesday in the Republican Senate primary and Erskine Bowles won the Democratic nomination.

Police raid Karachi apartment house, kill, capture Islamic militants in gunbattle

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Heavily armed police wearing body armor stormed a suspected al-Qaida hide-out Wednesday, killing two gunmen and capturing at least five others in a three-hour shooting battle, police said. One child was killed in the cross fire.

Five officers were wounded, two of them critically, police said. The federal Interior Ministry in Islamabad said all the gunmen were foreigners but did not say from what country. An intelligence officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the gunmen spoke Arabic.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the surviving gunmen could not speak Urdu, the Pakistani national language. He said police found a laptop and "literature" in the apartment and they suspected the gunmen were linked to al-Qaida.

Suspected Islamic militants kill state minister and a number of supporters in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Suspected Islamic militants gunned down a state minister and five of his supporters Wednesday as they campaigned for legislative elections in Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said.

Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, law minister for Jammu-Kashmir state, was killed in the village of Lalpora, nearly 70 miles north of Srinagar, a police officer said on condition of anonymity.

The suspected guerrillas detonated a land mine and opened fire as Lone arrived at the village, the officer said. The explosion blew up two vehicles, including the one in which Lone was traveling as he drove through his constituency, the spokesman said.

Lone belonged to the ruling, pro-India National Conference party. He died on the spot, police said. More than a dozen people were wounded in the attack.

Additional details were not immediately available.

The rebels have intensified attacks on politicians defying their call to boycott the elections to begin next Monday.

Bush administration warns of heightened security threat at federal buildings and landmarks for terrorist strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration raised the nationwide terror alert to its second-highest level, closed nine U.S. embassies overseas and heightened security at federal buildings and landmarks in America as new intelligence warned of car bombings, suicide attacks and other strikes linked to the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Americans were urged Tuesday to be alert but unbowed — go to work, to school, on trips — despite specific threats against U.S. interests abroad and less credible concerns that terrorists might attack America again.

After a hectic series of telephone calls and late-night meetings, President Bush's top advisers decided Monday to recommend raising the level from code yellow — "significant risk" of attack — to code orange — a "high risk."

Despite no evidence of a plot against the United States, the Sept. 11 anniversary and intelligence gathered in the last 48 hours — some from a high-ranking al-Qaida operative — prompted the decision.

Senate approves \$6 billion in drought aid with bipartisan vote, ignoring Bush objections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to provide almost \$6 billion for ranchers and farmers battered by the drought, ignoring President Bush's objections and highlighting the pressures lawmakers face as elections for congressional control draw near.

With crops and pastures withering across the West, Midwest and Southeast, the measure was approved by a bipartisan 79-16 margin. Thirty-one Republicans joined 47 Democrats and one independent in supporting the proposal, as senators showed little taste for opposing a new boost in farm assistance at the height of the campaign season.

"Help us with the drought," was the plea from agrarian states, said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the chief sponsor. "Provide us assistance. Do what is right."

Bush has said that to prevent reborn federal deficits from getting worse, aid for farmers and ranchers with parched lands should come from the \$180 billion, six-year farm bill enacted in May or from other budget savings. Daschle's plan would be financed by government borrowing, which would drive up projected red ink.

Nine U.S. embassies close, security at military bases tight on eve of Sept. 11 anniversary

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Nine U.S. embassies in Asia, Africa and the Middle East were closed, and U.S. military bases and embassies in Europe enforced tightened security Tuesday, the eve of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Shortly after dawn broke in New York Wednesday, Prime Minister Helen Clark planted trees on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy to commemorate the attacks.

"This date has been forever etched into our memories," Clark said. "The world will never forget the tragedy which took place. Those attacks were acts of utterly incomprehensible violence which shook us all profoundly."

In Australia, flags flew at half staff and people began laying wreaths at makeshift memorials early Wednesday.

House committee asks Justice Department to investigate Martha Stewart stock sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers asked the Justice Department on Tuesday to begin a criminal investigation into whether Martha Stewart lied to a House committee trying to determine if she received inside information before selling her ImClone stock.

Stewart's attorneys said they welcomed the committee's action because the Justice Department is the appropriate authority to address questions related to her stock sale.

Former ImClone chief executive Sam Waksal is one person so far charged in the federal investigation of ImClone Systems Inc.,

Stewart sold nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone stock on Dec. 27, a day before the company's application for federal review of its highly touted colon cancer drug was denied. ♦



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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board State funding flows like Boone's Farm

The news that MTSU would have approximately \$6 million to allocate to needed areas, in addition to raise pay for faculty and staff, sent joy across the flatlands of campus.

Rainbows spontaneously sprung from the sky, revealing the pot of gold at the end. The dance department performed a riveting dance while the university orchestra played a tear-jerking rendition of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" as students looked to the sky in amazement.

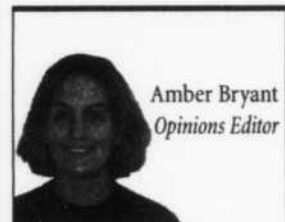
OK, so the last part was a scene from *The Shawshank Redemption* and it didn't play out exactly like that, but it is nevertheless a noteworthy event in MTSU's history.

For the past five years or so, state funding for higher education has gone from a drizzle to a drought. As our elected officials grandstand and rant about taxes, higher education funding has quietly slipped to among the lowest in the nation. The new sales tax has freed up a bone for the state to toss to universities for much-needed pay raises, maintenance and general university improvements.

The pay increases, in addition to a state-mandated raise that struggles to keep up with inflation, will include an equity raise, which is based on what comparable schools in real (read: well-funded) states are paying for the same position. Kudos to MTSU for going through the work to perform the study of peer institutions and trying to stay competitive with its neighbors. Acquiring and retaining quality faculty is a benchmark of a quality university, and MTSU is taking a major step toward that goal.

We can only hope and pray that more funds will be coming from the state, as the current amount is still not nearly enough to pull Tennessee higher education out of the grave the legislature dug for it (and we elect and pay these people). However, something is always better than nothing, and it's hard not to think that maybe, just maybe, things are finally getting back on the right track. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Battles prove parents undeserving of kids



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Divorce is one of the most awful things that can happen to a child, but custody battles make matters much worse.

Earlier this month, Patrick Garmyn kidnapped his 7-year-old daughter, Amelia, for the second time since he and his wife divorced. The child has been abducted a total of four times by both of her parents and now resides in a foster home.

Couples with this sort of moral immaturity shouldn't be having children in the first place.

Unfortunately, this kind of ruthlessly combat for custody is the norm for many children of divorced parents. When my sister and I were younger than four years old, my parents split and spent far too much time clashing heads over visitation rights. Some of these comparatively innocent verbal brawls happened right in front of us. Finally, my father gave up and accepted his bimonthly visits. I love my parents for ending the turmoil before it really started.

But I digress.

Many children aren't so fortunate.

It takes a special person (or people, depending on your social beliefs) to raise a child, and these kind of people are rarer than population statistics would have you believe.

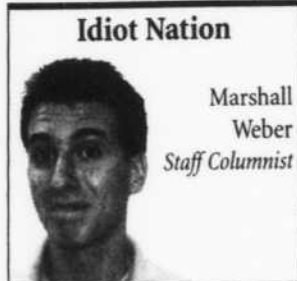
Somewhere along the way, the general public got the notion that making babies is for everyone who wants to give it the ol' college try. This is why we have abandoned, abused and alienated children.

This is why poor Amelia has two unfit parents and a lot of therapy to get through. They've both put their individual needs far above hers and they deserve to be in jail for child abuse.

A person shouldn't even attempt parenthood unless he or she is willing to give up most of his or her life until the child is of age. Even then, parenthood continues in the form of financial backing. Right, ma?

Kids are not an accessory. They also aren't a necessity. Perhaps society puts too much pressure on married couples to kick out a kid or two. Ignore them if you aren't mentally and emotionally equipped. Better you learn to disappoint than to take on another life only to ruin it. ♦

Porn isn't just for dirty addicts



Idiot Nation

Marshall
Weber
Staff Columnist

While perusing the aisles of the local video store, I happened upon a couple acquaintances of mine. In the spirit of small talk, I ask them what video they were renting.

"Porn," responds one through a toothy grin matched only by that of his mate.

The clerk, overhearing our conversation, asks which video, and then suggests a few other films they might select at their leisure, should (or shouldn't) they find their current

selection satisfactory.

Given the parlance of our times, not one among us found the situation the least bit odd or uncomfortable. It's true – in this day and age, smut reigns, and college campuses are no different. Almost every college or university network's bandwidth is used primarily for the downloading of porn.

With programs like Morpheus and Kazaa being launched faster than the courts can shut them down, it's never been easier to fill your computer screen with hours of titillating, girl-on-girl action, enabling you to skip the video store and bombardment of employee favorites altogether. Huzzah.

Of course, this begs the question, should we even be concerned? Were I to

hop about the campus conducting a poll, I'm sure the responses would vary greatly.

Luckily, Uncle Sam has saved me the trouble.

In 1967, Congress commissioned the most thorough study of pornography ever undertaken by any organization. Under the paternal eye of President Lyndon Johnson, the commission investigated the effect pornography was having on the citizens of our great nation, and found – to the surprise of many – that pornography could do no harm to individuals or to society.

The final report recommended the repeal of all obscenity legislation as it related to adults. In other words, we should all loosen our ties and let the smut flow like wine, a sug-

gestion that was ignored by Johnson's successor, Richard Nixon.

Of course, no one should let the government decide for him or her if he or she feels like porn is having a harmful effect on his or her person or his or her loved one.

If you think you or someone you know may be suffering from an addiction to pornography, there are Web sites that can offer answers.

One such site, www.no-porn.com, even features a simple yes or no quiz which can diagnose porn addiction, asking questions such as, "Do you dig through other people's garbage to find pornography?" and, "When you have childcare responsibilities, do you put a higher priority on masturbating

than you do on the welfare of the child(ren) in your care?"

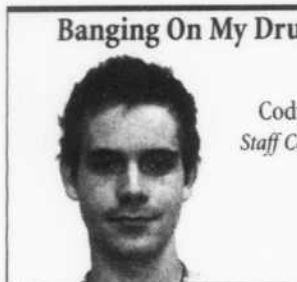
The only conclusion I can draw is that every person should decide for him- or herself if he/she feels pornography is a negative influence in his/her lives.

Some may only see pornography once and walk away scarred for life, while others may watch truckloads of video tapes and never feel the slightest twinge of guilt or remorse.

Some may even pick up some helpful tips, which they can use to improve their love lives, that is, if they can ever leave their room to get a date. ♦

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Interstate lessons in egocentrism



Banging On My Drum

Cody DeVos
Staff Columnist

When I'm driving down the highway, I like to stare at people in their cars.

Sometimes I craft little stories about these strangers in my head. This old woman is coming home from an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. This guy picking his nose doesn't realize that he's fathered an illegitimate child in Nebraska. This morbidly obese teenager with an Alaska license plate just got drunk at a family reunion and told everyone he was gay.

The stories entertain me for a few moments, and then my characters change lanes or speed off. I don't mind. I don't miss them when they're gone.

On any given day, you pass by a number of complete strangers and devote only microseconds of your attention to them – height, hair color, clothing and so on. Trying to remember every face you see today would be an exercise in futility. Even the particularly striking figures you come across (such as a morbidly obese teenager from Alaska) will only occupy as much brain time as you allot them. They're extras.

I recently read about a stage of human cognitive development called adolescent egocentrism: a youth's feelings that everyone in the world is as concerned about him or her as he or she is.

That is, everybody is focusing as much attention on you as you are on yourself.

The realization that this is a delusion – that you are, in fact, an extra or bit part in the mental movies of most people around

you – can be quite a slap in the face. The fact that nobody's rooting for you as you boldly walk from one building to another is initially disheartening. Still more astonishing is the thought that if you were given a stage upon which to shout your deepest fears, proudest moments and most tightly-clutched dreams, *Sidelines* wouldn't give it a byline.

Adolescence ends anywhere from age 18 to age 22. Most of us here have already shed the majority of our adolescent egocentric tendencies. But sometimes, I want to get some of them back. It's not that I want a stage or a byline. I'd just like to re-acquire the notion that everyone I meet is either pulling for me or trying to keep me down. The thought of 6 billion people trying to be the world's heroes doesn't seem so bad.

But I guess, in the long run, it's better to abandon those lofty teenage melodramas and find meaning and happiness in the company of family and close friends. At least you can be assured that they are legitimately pulling for you. And just because you're not the hero of everyone else's story doesn't mean that you can't still try to be the hero of your own.

For some people, adolescent egocentrism never ends. They must constantly project their struggles and glories out to everyone around them.

I think a lot of these people end up singing in emo bands or writing for *Scribbling Mob*. And considering that I really don't like emo bands or *Scribbling Mob*, I think perhaps it's best to avoid the stage altogether and stick to anonymously staring at strangers on the interstate.

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Some effort required



Filler

Brandon
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There was once a man who bought a guitar.

He had saved up for it for months. Ever since he went to a Dave Matthews concert, all he wanted to do was to stand next to Dave and play backup with the legend.

The man worked overtime for five months.

As he toiled for the extra hours, he daydreamed about how much satisfaction he would get by learning how to play his newfound instrument.

When he saved up the money, the man went to his local music shop and looked for his perfect fit. After many hours, he decided on a small, acoustic guitar. It looked exactly like the guitar that Dave played in his concert. The man had fallen in love with it.

And so the man bought the guitar and took it home with him. After a few days, he realized he couldn't play his new toy. He decided to put up his guitar and to never look at it again.

The story sound kind of silly, doesn't it? Why would anyone spend a huge amount of time saving for an instrument and then giving up on learning to play it after only a few days?

I often wonder why so many college students work so hard to get into school and then forget to attend class, do homework or study for tests.

It takes effort and hard work to get into any college, but it takes even more work to stay in.

Classes aren't the only thing people need to put more effort in.

In a world of sound bites, the Internet and instant mashed potatoes, nobody can seem to find the time to invest in anything.

I have heard people complain that they will go to a club or organization and feel completely left out. They said that every time that they went, the most attention given to them was a fleeting glance.

I agree that groups should be more inviting to new members if they ever want to grow as a group.

But sometimes acceptance requires a little more than a pretty smile and a nod. Just because someone belongs to a group doesn't mean that they get anything out of it.

It's just like an overweight man or woman who buys a Stair-Master and never uses it.

Just because he or she owns the exercise machine doesn't make him or her physically fit. It takes time and effort on the Stair-Master before any results are shown.

Don't get me wrong. If you feel that you've been left out of a club for a really dumb reason, like you smell or dress differently, then don't bother with them. Most of the time people like that won't ever accept you unless you completely adopt their beliefs and lifestyles.

Don't compromise what you believe just to get into a social clique.

Just remember, everything that is worth anything is worth putting time and effort into. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Hicks still deserves praise SGA wasting students' time

To the Editor:

I can't believe the Editorial Board (whoever that consists of) would attack Dwone Hicks ("Fan support, defense encourage Raiders," Sept. 9).

Andrico Hines is a good scrambling quarterback, but he is nowhere near as good of a runner as Dwone Hicks. Whoever wrote that editorial either wasn't really paying attention, or he or she doesn't know much about football.

The University of Tennessee had a defense that seemed to be everywhere at once, and also appeared to be one of the best defenses they've had in recent years.

I doubt we'll see too many other running backs do any better against UT than Dwone did. Dwone Hicks has been one of the biggest factors in getting our football program where it is today.

Not only that, Dwone is one of the nicest people you could meet. He sets a good example for everyone by not being arrogant about his success. Dwone has fought his heart out against two of the top defenses in the nation these past two weeks.

I'm upset to see that some people are already beginning to second guess him after only two games.

John McMackin

Artist raises ethical concerns

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the comic by Lucas Antoniuk, which commented on the "bloody fingerprints and urine" piece in the Faculty Art Show ("Burnt Orange Peel," Sept. 4).

I was quite saddened to read how dismissive he was to the piece as it relates to contemporary art, as well as using only a western aesthetic to critique the piece.

You see, modern art ended in the late 70s; we are in what is referred to as the Post-Modern Era. Most contemporary post-modern art does implement elements of cliché.

However, if Michael (Lucas) and Vincent had gone a little further than to read the media, they may have also noticed a title, Homunculus. What is homunculus? According to the 16th century alchemist, Paracelsus, a Homunculus is an artificial "little man."

To make a Homunculus you need certain spagyric substances that should be kept in a glass vial and afterwards placed to digest in horse dung for the space of 40 days.

At this time there will appear something to be living in the bottle. This is a man who has no body and is transparent. He must be fed with the arcanum of human blood, and kept for 40 weeks when it becomes thenceforth a true and living infant, having all the members of a child that is born from a woman, but much smaller.

Hmm, interesting, and there were little vials filled with bloody fingerprints and urine.

What do we use fingerprints for? Identification. And what can blood and urine do? They can also identify us through our DNA.

Now, if I really think about it, the homunculus sounds something like cloning, which is a very controversial, contemporary subject. So if I use a little critical thinking on my part and actually see the piece of art, I may conclude that the artist is making some statement on cloning and biotechnology.

Well, if the artist can make me question and think about the ethics of cloning, gene mapping and stem cell research, then I'd say it is a successful piece of art, not pompous pseudo-art.

I congratulate MTSU for hiring professors who are critical thinkers and who are setting the bar higher. The artist did not give me all the answers and just throw some pretty colors on the wall.

He made me think, and isn't that what you're suppose to do in an academia?

Donna Stack

To the Editor:

Having attended MTSU for far too many years, I've learned many difficult lessons when it comes to financial aid, Parking Services and, recently, the Student Government Association. In order to save some of you newer students much hassle and aggravation, I'm going to pass on my latest lesson learned.

I live in Coffee County, which is over an hour away. I have a 1-year-old daughter and a husband who works very hard in order to allow me time to take night classes. He often has to leave work early so I can make it on time to class.

On the second day of this semester, I received a parking ticket for having no campus permit. As most of you know, parking permits are included in tuition; therefore, if you've paid your fees you have a permit waiting for you.

I hadn't had the opportunity to pick up my permit, but I wasn't too concerned because, on the back of the ticket, it states plainly, "If you have a current parking permit, and park in a correct space, and receive a citation for No Campus Permit, bring the citation and your parking permit to the Parking and Transportation Services office within seven working days, and your ticket will be voided."

However, Parking Services closes at 4:30, and my classes start at 6. When I contacted Parking, they told me my only other option was to appeal to SGA, my student government. I thought I'd found the perfect solution. Unfortunately, when I checked the status of my appeal, SGA had rejected it, saying, "Student had time to get proper permit." So I'm now stuck with a \$30 parking ticket, for having no campus permit, when Parking Services is willing to void three of these per semester.

In all my years at MTSU, I have yet to discover what the actual purpose of SGA is, besides giving a few privileged students something to write on a future resume, but now I can certainly understand why nobody bothers to vote in their so-called election. Apparently, SGA actually stands for Students Goofing Around, and does little more than waste our time.

Kerri Marcum

Senior, criminal justice administration

Alliance debunking Christians

To the Editor:

In Kristin Hall's article, Mathew Pauley said, "The more confining to scripture you are, the smaller you make God" ("Freethought Alliance makes waves," Sept. 9).

Of course if people understood proper hermeneutics of the passages within scripture, they would find that God is a lot larger than confining Him to our own perceptions. They'll find that God's character maintains a consistency. God is omnipresent, omniscient and loving (though not equated with human passions).

Pauley also stated that the Campus Freethought Alliance "[faces] a false interpretation about what they stand for." If they really promote debate, then they should've had an opposing speaker with the same type of credentials as Ludemann.

According to the Webster-Merriam's dictionary, "debate" is "a regulated discussion of a proposition between two matched sides." If CFA considers audience members as the opposite side, most individuals aren't matched with the same credentials.

If they don't, there needs to be a second speaker for the other side.

If the CFA wants to promote objectivity, they should be offering it with debates, not one-sided forums. I hope Pauley means they will get another speaker with matching credentials when he says, "We have to one-up [Pigliucci's lecture]."

Because they didn't plan this ahead, it only reinforces my opinion of as being people who really want to debunk Christianity rather than promote free objective thinking.

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Sexuality isn't a filthy vice

Wit and Wonder



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Throughout mainstream American society, we are bombarded by images of sex and sexuality. Yet, at the same time, we are being sent a very clear message: Sex is dirty.

Sex is discussed in whispers and most often, unless referred to medically, outside of the public sphere. Masturbation lacks societal recognition. Those who do speak openly about sex and masturbation, particularly that which includes personal experiences, are often deemed out of line or crude.

Few outlets of information about sexuality exist and are easily accessible without warnings of damnation and descriptions of consequences — one of the only exceptions being adult bookstores on the outskirts of town that are forced to carry their own negative social standing. While it is important to maintain information sources that warn and educate the sexually active public, it is also equally important to have messages flowing within society that shed a positive light on human sexuality versus condemning it.

No more should we receive messages from the world around us that imply that being a sexually expressive person is bad or that discussing the subject is inappropriate. We need to break the silence and talk about our sexuality in all its wonder.

Many fear that opening dialogue about sex and incorporating positive messages would increase the number of sexually active teenagers and only promote sexually-transmitted disease and pregnancy within this age group.

This fear is misplaced. Opening up the subject of sex and creating a more flowing dialogue would create an atmosphere in which teenagers, as well as adults, could ask questions and share experiences more freely. Teen pregnancy and growing rates of sexually transmitted diseases are very often the result of ignorance and lack of information, because of our country's hush-hush policy on sex.

Parents should start talking to their children at younger ages about sex in order to be a resource to children as they sexually mature. Children need people to turn to for advice and guidance as they mature and grow, but making sex a "no-no" topic, something never discussed within the family, leaves children looking to the outside world, often the entertainment industry, for information.

Open communication about sex is also a key factor in the success of relationships. While there are romantic relationships that do not incorporate sex, those that do should always maintain an open line of communication.

Physical intimacy is a cornerstone of a relationship. Yet people, particularly women, are often socialized to not be verbal about sexual needs and desires. This only creates friction and problems in relationships. If a couple can discuss what move to go see or where to plan a little getaway, they should be able to discuss the sexual elements of their relationship with the same open dialogue.

Getting to know yourself as a sexual being is just as important as gauging your potential and harnessing your talents. Masturbation is a key factor in sexual development, but it still remains a forbidden topic and is even regarded as sinful. How is self-discovery and learning about one's own body sinful? Your sexuality is a key part of who you are. Living in a society that censors and undervalues this element is unhealthy.

Sexuality is something that connects us. It shouldn't be a barrier or an element of ourselves we keep guarded. If we can discuss religion, political thinking or ethics, we as Americans should be able to strike up the occasional conversation about what goes on between the sheets and what fantasies dance in our heads.

Society would see great improvement and interpersonal communication furthered if sex were discussed and more greatly understood. Sex isn't dirty, but allowing it to remain a forbidden word, carrying negative connotations, soils what should always be regarded as a fun, exciting and pleasurable act. ♦

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Corrections:

In yesterday's *Sidelines*, the photo on page four was incorrectly captioned. The photo was actually taken Sept. 12, 2001.

In Monday's issue of *Sidelines*, Bret Hooper was incorrectly listed as an instructor of mathematical sciences.

Sidelines regrets the errors.

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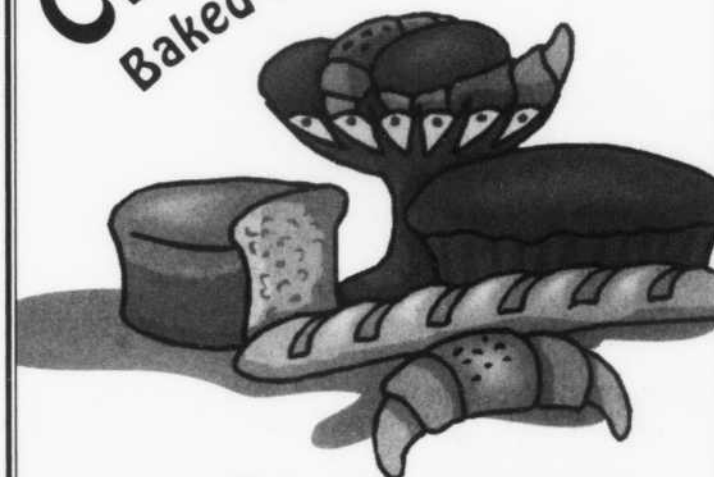
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lady Raiders take 3-2 loss to Mississippi State

MT's volleyball team ends winning streak Tuesday night

By Amy Jones
Staff Writer

After winning five straight matches, the Middle Tennessee volleyball team's 6-3 streak was cut after a 3-2 loss to visiting Mississippi State University Tuesday night.

The Lady Raiders began the night with a 30-20 game one win over the Lady Bulldogs but fell short in game two, 28-30. During the first game, the Lady Raiders had 20 kills and took a .333 attack percentage compared to the Lady Bulldogs' 10 kills and .053 percentage.

With a two-point win during

the second game, the MSU squad lost the third game 30-25. After winning the third game, the Lady Raiders lost the fourth and fifth games, 27-30 and 7-15, to lose the match.

In game five, the Lady Bulldogs' attack percentage stood at .450, which was the highest of any game during the match. The Lady Raiders staggered at .053 during the fifth.

"In game five, we just didn't play," said head coach Lisa Kisee. "They were not a competitive team and they were just waiting for a chance and we gave it to them."

Senior Erin Hillstrom led the night with a double-double, which included 22 kills and 12 digs. Hillstrom also hit a .514 attack percentage.

"Erin Hillstrom had a great game even though she was sick," Kisee said. "She is one of the hardest workers we have and you want kids like that to suc-

ceed."

MSU's Misty Hubenthal had 16 kills in five games played along with 12 digs. Jennifer Hadden slammed seven kills and 15 digs against the Lady Raiders.

"In games two and four we let up and had some mental lapses and made some unforced errors that were just enough to give them the edge," Kisee said.

Lady Raider KeKe Deckard took scoring on the team with 21 kills and put another double-double in the record books with 15 digs.

Senior Jennifer Hignite scored in double figures with 10 kills and a .269 attack percentage in five games.

MT will go back on the road Friday to Alabama to participate in the Auburn tournament at Auburn University. The Lady Raiders will face the host Lady Tigers Friday night at 7 p.m. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

No. 13 Karisse Baker gets ready for action as her teammate Erin Hillstrom sets the volleyball up. MT lost its match in five games this past Tuesday.

MT motocross rider goes for distance in event

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

As the speeding motorcycle flies through the dry dirt, the high-pitched whine of the revving engine makes a sound that forces everyone at a nearby small-town dirt track to stop and watch.

The bike screams up to a dirt jump, the wheels spinning, getting ready for liftoff. In an instant, the bike flies into the air, almost becoming a part of the sky.

But unlike a bird, it has to land. And it does, with the agility of a gymnast and the craziness of a daredevil.

For guys like Garrett Pair, it's all in a day's work. The Middle Tennessee sophomore makes a living at one of the most dangerous and physically demanding sports.

He's a pro-am motocross racer.

"You and the bike become one," the concrete industry management major said after a practice run earlier this week at Brown's Chapel motocross track outside McMinnville, Tenn.

"It's natural, a sweet spot in the air," said fellow racer and student Josh Hall, watching his training partner make one of many jumps among the twists and turns and bumpy "whoop-dee-dos" in one day's practice.

"The rider has to focus on getting the most momentum in the jump, and it also loosens you up and gives you time to rest."

"When I ride, it's all about the fun," Garrett said. "And to meet new people."

Pair races on the pro-

am series, but he hopes to make it on the professional circuit. After being on a Honda for the past 13 years, he now rides a 250cc Yamaha. He sports number 368 on his brand-new red riding jersey.

His bike is dressed up with sponsor logos, including Sloan's, a Murfreesboro motorcycle dealer, and Motul, the company that provides his high-test racing gasoline, as well as two other motorcycle industry companies, Pro Action Suspension and Works Connection, one of the largest motorcycle dealers in the Southeast.

Unlike bikes that are ridden on the highway, motocross bikes have to be set up to get the fastest speed and best control possible.

"It's about personal preference," said Garrett, referring to technical adjustments of the handlebars, seat and suspension systems, each adjusted to the individual rider.

Thrill Hill in Gaston, Tenn., near his Union City home, is his home track and one of his favorites. He's won in nearby Paris at an outdoor stadium event, and won again in the Illni Super Series in Illinois. He has also qualified for some indoor arena cross events nationwide.

His favorite professional riders include Keith Guyden, who's been training the 19-year-old Garrett for 10 years, and Kevin Windham, a professional rider who has won races in the 125cc and 250cc classes in motocross and supercross events.

Motocross races are outside and usually in smaller venues, like the national amateur championship at Loretta Lynn's ranch. Arenacross events are at facilities like Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

Supercross events tend to be at larger tracks, such as Daytona Speedway, and indoor major league facilities, like the Georgia Dome, where the NFL Atlanta Falcons play. Last year, the Georgia Dome hosted the largest crowd for a supercross event — more fans turned out for the event than most Falcon games in recent years.

Regardless of the varying size of venues, the varieties of motorbike racing share common features. They're all on dirt tracks and they all have tight turns,

jumps and bumps.

The big difference is that the length of the track varies with the size of the facility. The rural motocross track Garrett practiced on this week near McMinnville is a 1.38-mile circuit thanks to the wide-open outdoor space. The indoor arena tracks that seat thousands more fans are often half as long.

In Supercross, racers compete in heats, oftentimes more than once a night. In motocross, everyone races twice, winning points based on their finishing position to decide the winner of the event based on combined points.

Garrett knows it takes a lot of training and hard work to become one of the best at this sport. He works out at the Recreation Center three days a week to increase his endurance without bulking up. Other than going to class, he's on his motorcycle the rest of the time — even when he's hurt. This week, he was practicing with a dislocated shoulder from a recent race.

"He is serious about it," Hall said. "He is here (at the track) on days when nobody else is, and riding on all types of terrain."

This week the practice was on dry dirt, but he also likes to practice when it's muddy for those rainy day races.

Practice, Garrett knows — lots of it in all kinds of conditions — pays off.

"The experience makes you go faster," he said.

Two weeks out of the year, Garrett goes down to Hanes City, Fla., to train with James "Bubba" Stewart, the youngest rider and first African-American to win the 125cc motocross title. He managed this feat just this past season at the age of 16. He also finished second in the 2002 Supercross 125cc West regional standings.

"I get up and do exactly what they do," Garrett said of his training with his young teacher. There they ride mountain bikes, work out, and practice on the race course.

"He is a good technique rider both

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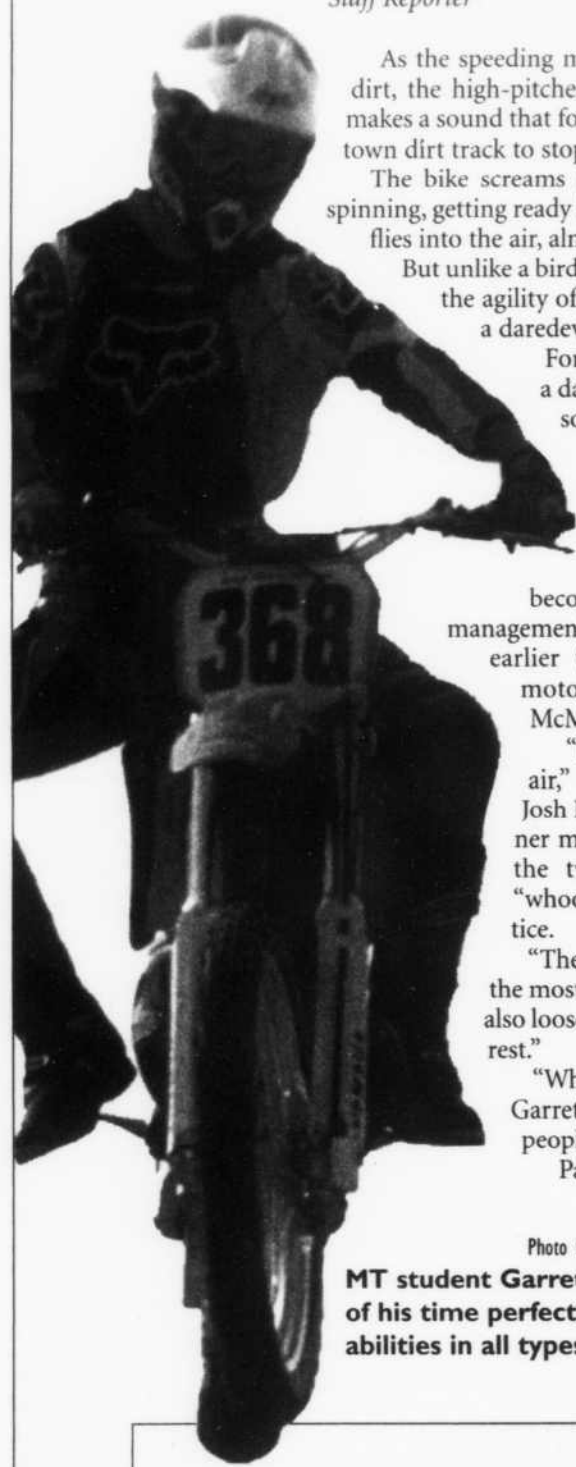
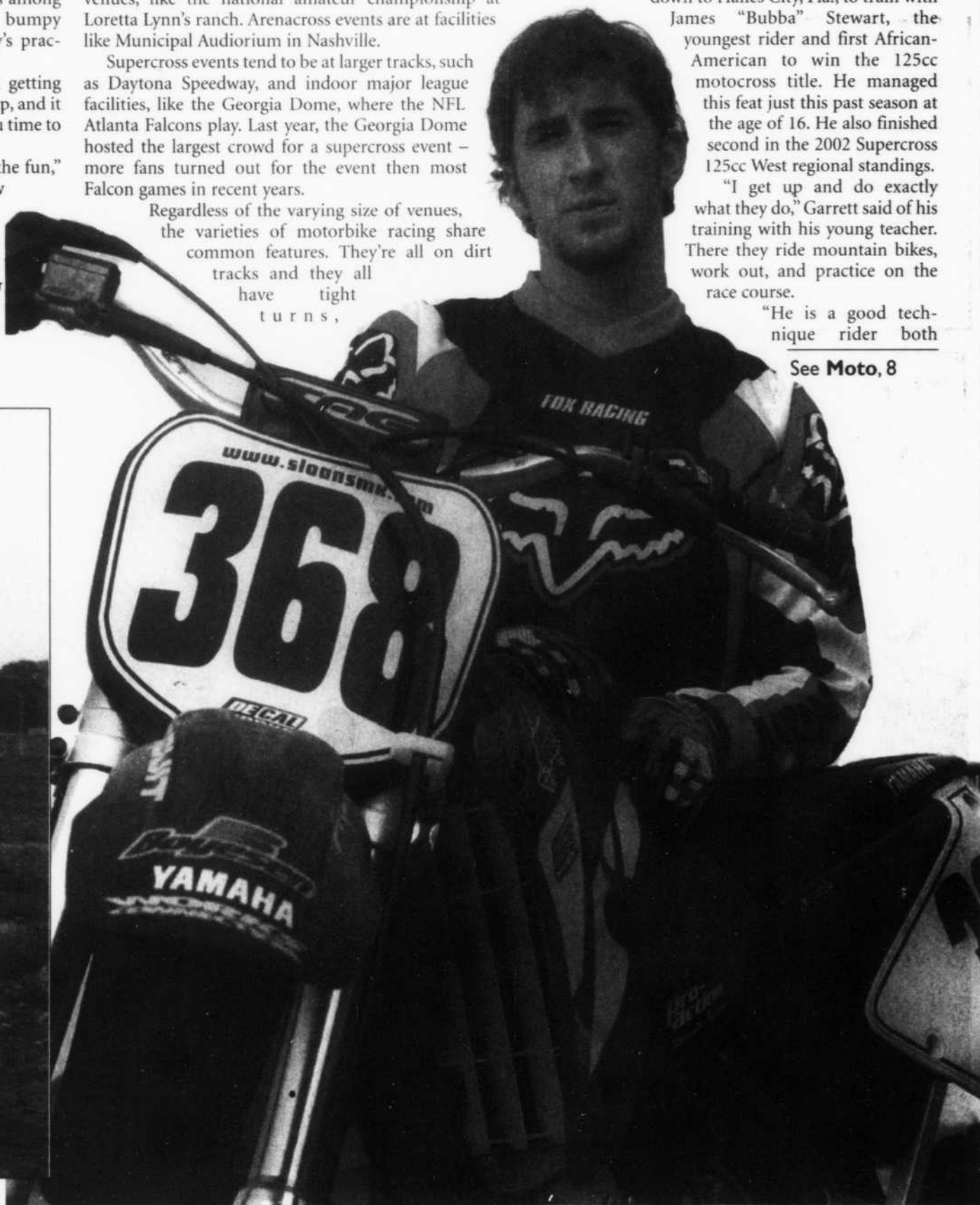


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer
MT student Garrett Pair devotes most of his time perfecting his motocross abilities in all types of weather.



Sports Briefs

Compiled by Brandon Morrison
Assistant Sports Editor

Braves player homers four

ATLANTA (AP) — Braves outfielder Andruw Jones became the 11th player in Nantional League history to homer in four straight at-bats, though the streak began three days earlier.

Jones hit a pair of solo homers off Pedro Astacio of the New York Mets before the streak ended with a two-run single in the fifth.

Angel under investigation

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Anaheim Angels ace Jarrod Washburn is under investigation by Anaheim police in an alleged sexual assault, the team said.

The 28-year-old Washburn has not been charged and the case has yet to be turned over to the Orange County district attorney's office, said Scott Boras, Washburn's agent.

Yankees' Wells takes a hit

NEW YORK (AP) — David Wells won't be disciplined by the New York Yankees for his early-weekend fight in a diner last weekend.

Wells was punched in the head and lost two teeth. His assailant was arrested and charged with assault and menacing. Wells will make his scheduled start Thursday.

Ramirez fined by manager

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Manny Ramirez was fined an undisclosed amount by Boston Red Sox manager Grady Little for not running out a grounder in Monday's game against Tampa Bay.

Cub faces fines for photo

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs catcher Todd Hundley was fined for missing the team picture.

Hundley and reliever Kyle Farnsworth were the only players to miss the picture. But Cubs interim manager Bruce Kimm said Farnsworth was excused because he had a doctor's appointment.

Commissioner in accident

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig was in a minor car accident but did not appear to be

hurt.

Laurel Priebe, vice president of marketing for the Milwaukee Brewers and Selig's son-in-law, said the accident occurred during a lunchtime trip Monday to his favorite fast-food spot, a custard stand in suburban Wauwatosa.

Webber claims innocence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Chris Webber, making his first public statement since being indicted on federal charges, said he did not lie to a grand jury and that he tried to help prosecutors in their case against a University of Michigan booster.

The All-Star forward was indicted Monday in Detroit on charges he lied about his dealings with Ed Martin, who admits lending the NBA star \$280,000 while he was still an amateur. Martin also admitted lending money to other Michigan basketball players.

Cavaliers get point guard

CLEVELAND (AP) — Needing another point guard after trading Andre Miller earlier this summer, the Cleveland Cavaliers acquired Mateen

Cleaves from the Sacramento Kings for forward Jumaine Jones.

Jordan gets shoe insert

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan was fitted with a shoe insert this week to deal with discomfort in his knee as he contemplates whether to return for another NBA season.

Sampras, Agassi pass Cup

NEW YORK (AP) — The all-American U.S. Open final between Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi took enough out of both players to keep them off the Davis Cup team.

Once the United States' top two players passed on the chance, captain Pat McEnroe chose Andy Roddick, James Blake, Todd Martin and Randal Fish to play France at Roland Garros, home of the French Open, next week.

Tennis players advance

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) — Top-seeded Marat Safin and second-seeded Tommy Haas advanced to round two of the ATP President's Cup.

Safin, ranked third, beat French qualifier Gregory Carraz, 6-2, 6-4, and Haas defeated Switzerland's Marc Rosset 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Pavel pommels Martin

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Top-seeded tennis player Andrei Pavel earned a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Alberto Martin in the opening round of the \$381,000 Romania Open.

Brazil whips on Germany

COSTA DO SAUIPE, Brazil (AP) — Holland's Sjeng Schalken beat Germany's Michael Kohlmann 6-2, 7-6 (0) in the first round of the Tennis Brazil Open.

Falcons sells out at home

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — For the first time in 10 years, the Atlanta Falcons have sold out three home games before their home opener, including Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears.

Suter retires from Sharks

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) —

Gary Suter, a four-time NHL All-Star defenseman, retired.

Suter, a two-time U.S. Olympic player, spent the past four seasons with the Sharks in a 17-year career that included stops in Calgary and Chicago. He won the Calder Trophy as the NHL's top rookie in 1985-86 with the Flames.

He played for the United States' silver medal-winning team in the Salt Lake City Olympics in February.

Hockey cutting down calls

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL would like its players to keep their hands to themselves. It also hopes officials will be more prudent in the use of their whistles.

So, for the third time in seven years, the league wants to cut down on the amount of obstruction and interference calls.

Commissioner Gary Bettman met with league general managers, coaches and on-ice officials for three hours at a Toronto airport hotel to discuss rules changes for the upcoming season. ♦

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MT gets ready to play pair of SEC soccer teams from Alabama

Sun Belt Conference Women's Soccer Standings

| | W-L-T | Pct. | H | A | N | Streak |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| North Texas | 4-0-0 | 1.000 | 4-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W4 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | 2-0-0 | 1.000 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | W2 |
| South Alabama | 3-1-0 | .750 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | W1 |
| Western Kentucky | 3-1-0 | .750 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | W3 |
| Denver | 1-0-2 | .667 | 1-0 | 0-0-1 | 0-0-1 | T2 |
| Arkansas State | 2-2-0 | .500 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | L2 |
| Louisiana-Lafayette | 1-2-1 | .375 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-0-1 | W1 |
| Middle Tennessee | 1-3-1 | .300 | 0-1-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | T1 |
| Florida International | 0-2-1 | .167 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1-1 | L1 |

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider soccer team will take on Auburn University and the University of Alabama this weekend. "There is just something about playing the big name schools that the little Davids [guys] always get up for," said Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden about the Auburn game. "I am hoping that we get up for this one and theirs too."

Last year, the Blue Raiders beat the Crimson Tide, 3-2.

"We beat them here last year so I'm sure they still remember that, and I am sure they will come ready to play," Rhoden said. "Hopefully, we will come out not too tired Friday night against Auburn."

Currently the Tigers are ranked No. 15 in the nation and fifth in the SEC.

The other three teams that are in top 25 in the SEC are the University of Kentucky (15), University of Tennessee (16) and the University of Florida (20).

The Tigers are the only team ranked in the top 10 in the SEC. They are in company with a slew of teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Although both the Crimson Tide and the Tigers find different paths to winning, they still play similar styles.

According to Rhoden, both teams play a 4-3-3 formation and play aggressively.

"This will be a good test for us because the top three

teams in the conference play the same style," Rhoden said about Sun Belt teams such as the University of Denver, New Mexico State University and Florida International University.

Last year the Crimson Tide finished 10th in the nation in scoring. The Tigers have only given up two goals in the past eight games, which goes back to last season.

The Tigers have eight freshmen players this year. However, this has had very little impact, according to Rhoden. He explained that the Tigers have one of the top recruiting classes in the country, which he feels they lack credit for.

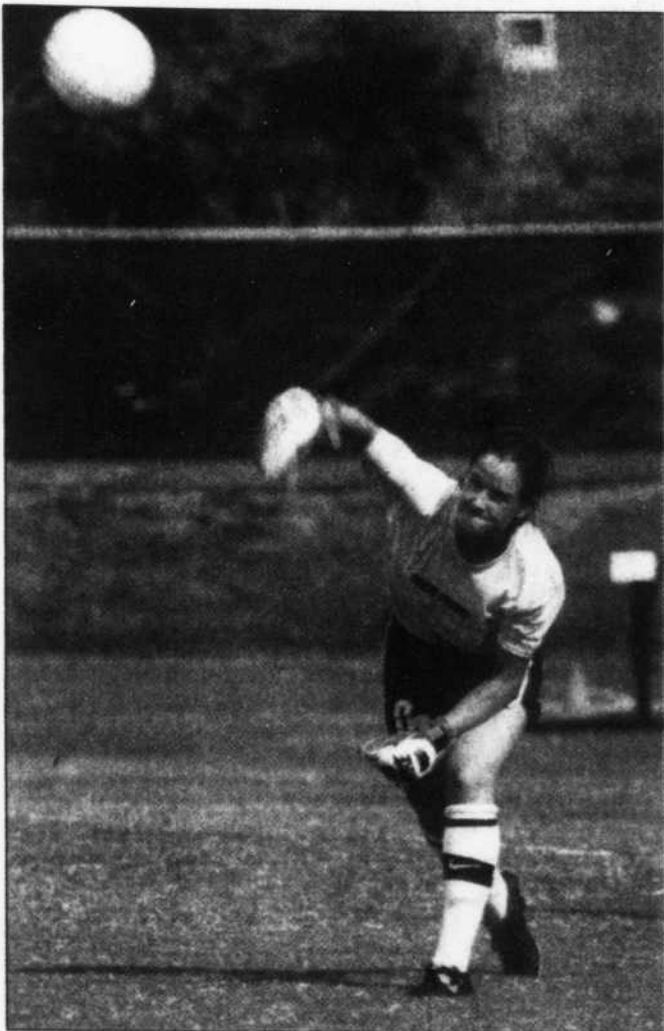
The Crimson Tide is currently in the same position.

"I think this year's freshmen class will be one that people will be talking about years down the road," said Alabama coach Don Staley.

This year Alabama has started off the season 3-1 with their only loss coming to the College of William and Mary.

"I think with the incoming freshmen, the returning starters and the maturity of some of our current players during the spring season, our offensive capabilities are increasingly enhanced," Staley said. "Our defense will continue to be solid. We've got several unsung heroes on defense, but they go out and shut down the other team's best player and get the job done."

Although the Tide have some new players this year,



File Photo
Emily Shrum will have to work to shut out Alabama.

little has changed. Four out of the top six on the Tide's arsenal have returned for another season.

"Hostile – not because of behavior, but because they're an SEC team," Rhoden said about the environment he is anticipating in Alabama.

However, these are not the only two SEC games for the Lady Raiders this year. The third was against the University of Southern Mississippi, which resulted in a 3-2 loss.

After playing this weekend, the Lady Raiders will host Alabama A&M Sept. 20. ♦

Volleyball club offers good times for all

By Justin Ward
Staff Reporter

The Volleyball Club promotes competition, fun and fellowship this year as they begin a new season of matches and tournaments.

Jackie Ingram, who is in charge of the athletic clubs at MT, started the Volleyball Club last year. It came about from the interest among girls who wanted to play volleyball, and from that interest Ingram formed the club for girls to be able to compete against similar clubs at other schools around the area.

During weekly practices, the players receive training and coaching from Eric Wright.

"Wright does a wonderful job in directing an effective practice," said Linda Billings, president of the club and a sophomore at MT.

The club competes with other schools around the region. Among the schools are the University of Tennessee, the University of Kentucky and the University of Georgia.

"Our goal is to always improve and have a good time," Billings said. "It is a way to play volleyball and meet girls who like to play volleyball, as well as a way to relieve stress."

Presently the club has approximately 15-20 members and welcomes everyone interested. There are no requirements to be a part of the club. Beginners are welcome, and there are no dues.

"I am really excited about this year," said Volleyball Club treasurer Kate Gladhill. "We have a lot of tournaments planned, and I just love playing volleyball. It is so much fun to meet new girls that have a common interest. We always have so much fun when we all come together and plays start to work. I hope that more girls come out and see how much fun it is."

Come see what the Volleyball Club is all about Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Recreation Center. ♦

Moto: Pair started racing at early age with father

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indoor and outdoors," Hall said. Pair got his first taste of riding bikes at a young age. "Dad had four brothers that rode," Garrett recalled. "For my sixth birthday, I got my first bike, then started racing when I was eight, then I have been full time since age 13." Even then, the traveling from race to race each week didn't excuse him from his studies. Garrett would do his homework in the backseat of the car. Not much has changed. When he heads off to his next race, the textbook he's studying for one of his MT classes will just be a little tougher – just like his training and competition nowadays. ♦



2002-2003 Football Notes and Standings

North Texas

Kevin Galbreath's 69-yard touchdown run on the third play of the game was the longest of his career and his first touchdown of the season.

His 144 yards rushing for the game tied a career-high he set against Middle Tennessee last season. Freshman Nick Bazaldua attempted and made the first kick of his career on a PAT at the 13:30 minute mark of the first quarter. The first field goal of his career came at the 4:00 mark of the 2nd quarter. Saturday was quarterback Andrew Smith's first career start. His first pass attempt didn't come until the :53 mark of the first quarter.

Wide receiver George Marshall had one catch for 15 yards and has now caught at least one pass in 13 straight games. UNT committed 11 penalties for 107 yards, which ties the most it committed during the 2001 season when it was flagged 11 times for 99 yards against New Mexico State University.

Arkansas State University

A change of attitude and at running back helped

Sun Belt Conference Football Standings

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | H | A | N | Streak |
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| | W-L | Pct. | Pts. | Opp | W-L | Pct. | Pts. | Opp | | | | |
| North Texas | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | .500 | 23 | 27 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | W1 |
| Arkansas State | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1-2 | .333 | 42 | 115 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | W1 |
| New Mexico State | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-2 | .000 | 37 | 68 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | L3 |
| Middle Tennessee | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-2 | .000 | 37 | 65 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | L2 |
| Idaho | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-2 | .000 | 35 | 87 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | L4 |
| UL Lafayette | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-2 | .000 | 18 | 66 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | L5 |
| UL Monroe | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-2 | .000 | 3 | 99 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | L3 |

the Indians to a much needed win.

Antonio Warren solved the rushing woes for the Indians. Warren responded to the change at running back with a whopping 193 yards and two rushing touchdowns on 32 carries. Corey Williams

recorded a school-record tying four sacks in the game, including two in the final minutes for the game to stop a potential Tulsa scoring drive.

Williams entered the game with 4.5 career sacks before his four sack effort on Saturday. The Indians managed just eight sacks in 2001 as a team. Saturday's effort landed the Tribe with six sacks.

New Mexico State University

Freshman quarterback Paul Dombrowski saw his most significant action of his career, completing 4-of-9 passes for 40 yards and a touchdown while leading the Aggies in rushing with 66 yards on 12 carries. He led the Aggies on a 10-play, 65-yard touchdown drive in the fourth quarter.

He accounted for 63 of the 65 yards of total offense on the drive, completing 3-of-4 passes for 34 yards and running four times for 29 yards. He capped the drive by connecting with Ronshay

Jenkins on a 26-yard touchdown pass on fourth and six. For the second consecutive game, the Aggies put up nearly identical yards rushing and passing. Quarterback Buck Pierce bruised his shoulder on the Aggies final possession of the third quarter and did not return.

He finished the game, 12-17 for 121 yards and ran 20 times for 62 yards. He has not thrown an interception this season and is now 29 for 43 for 328 yards and has run the ball 33 times for 126 yards. Dario Aguiniga booted a 36-yard filed goal on the Aggies first possession of the game and a 50-yard field goal on the first possession of the second half. He has now made 19 of his last 26 field goals. The 50-yard field goal was the longest of his career, bettering his 49-yard effort indoors against Idaho on Nov. 11, 2000. P.J. Winston and H.B. Briscoe extended pass-catching streaks in the first half. ♦



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